

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



DUSTIN D. HEUERMAN, SHERIFF

LETTER FROM THE SHERIFF

2021 was a year of both accomplishments and challenges. While we experienced many of the same challenges in 2021 as we did in 2020 due to COVID-19, we were also able to take some steps back toward normalcy. We were able to host events like “Coffee with a Cop” again as well as reconnect with residents face-to-face within their neighborhoods, listening to any concerns they had while also collaborating with them on how to best address those concerns. We also welcomed many new employees to the Sheriff’s Office – employees who are passionate about serving all of us who live in Champaign County!



Keeping employees and inmates safe and healthy continued to be a priority, especially as the omicron variant of COVID-19 became widespread. While much of the world relaxed protocols for COVID-19, our correctional facilities continued with strict guidelines to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While we did see some progress with the Illinois Department of Corrections accepting inmates from us who were sentenced to their custody, that again slowed toward the end of 2021. We also saw an increase in inmate population due to arrests for violent crimes in the community.

While some municipalities in Champaign County experienced an unprecedented amount of gun violence, areas served by the Sheriff’s Office for primary police services saw a 20% reduction in shooting incidents when compared to 2020. Proactivity by deputies resulted in numerous illegally possessed firearms to be seized. We continued to collaborate with municipalities in Champaign County to offer any needed support as they battled increased numbers of gun violence while also ensuring we did not compromise the high level of service we provide the unincorporated areas of Champaign County. We continue to collaborate with other police agencies and community organizations to form a plan to mitigate any potential gun violence 2022 might bring.

One of our major accomplishments for 2021 was taking over fifteen years of infrastructure conversation and solidifying a plan to move forward with both jail consolidation and Sheriff’s Office relocation. Both will allow us to provide more effective and efficient services. Once completed, the jail consolidation will allow us to better meet the needs of our inmates while providing a safer facility for both employees and inmates. Relocation of the Sheriff’s Office will allow us to better move forward into the future within a facility that is conducive to growth and advancement of our operations, leading to better service for the residents and visitors of Champaign County.

I’m excited about the foundation we’ve laid in 2021 and look forward to working with you in 2022!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dustin D. Heurman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dustin D. Heurman
Champaign County Sheriff

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MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Mission

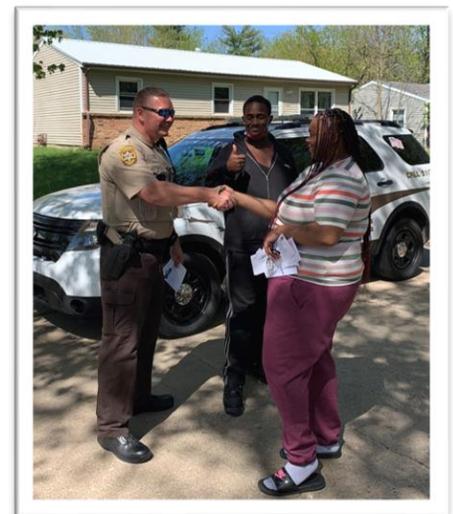
It is the mission of the Champaign County Sheriff's Office to provide a high level of professional and ethical service to all people living in and visiting Champaign County without bias or discrimination; to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois; to exceed state, federal and industry standards; and to collaborate with community stakeholders to accomplish community initiatives and combat community-identified problems.

Law Enforcement Division Objectives

- To serve all residents and visitors of Champaign County equally without bias or discrimination.
- To be as transparent as possible to the communities we serve.
- To use technology and data to provide the most efficient, effective, and professional service possible.
- To collaborate with other local departments and community organizations to meet common goals.
- To hire and retain professional, ethical, and diverse employees.

Corrections Division Objectives

- Provide a safe & secure environment adequate for meeting inmate needs within the correctional center without bias or discrimination.
- Use technology to more efficiently and accurately process and evaluate inmates upon intake.
- Adequately address the needs of an increasingly "special population" of inmates.
- Collaborate with relevant stakeholders in pursuit of alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders.
- Partner with community organizations to develop programs to help reduce recidivism upon release.
- To hire and retain professional, ethical, and diverse employees.



ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dustin D. Heuerman, Sheriff

Originally from Effingham County, Sheriff Heuerman started his career as a Deputy Sheriff in 2005 with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and has lived in Champaign County since 2008 when he took a position as a Deputy Sheriff with the Champaign County Sheriff's Office. Prior to being elected Sheriff in 2018, he was a college professor overseeing the criminal justice program at Lake Land College.

Sheriff Heuerman has experience in private security, 911 telecommunications, plain-clothes narcotics investigations, uniformed patrol, and administration.

Sheriff Heuerman has an Associate of Arts in criminal justice from Lake Land College, a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in criminology from Indiana State University, and a Doctor of Education in community college leadership from Ferris State University.



Shannon Barrett, Chief Deputy

Chief Deputy Barrett started her service to Champaign County as a Probation Officer. She served in that role for 6 years, and then as a police officer for the City of Urbana for 15 years. In 2018, she became the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office when Sheriff Heuerman took office. In her position, she supports the Sheriff in an administrative role and is responsible for providing leadership and oversight to all divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Barrett has a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Illinois at Springfield.



Teresa Schlein, Executive Assistant to the Sheriff

Born and raised in Champaign County, Teresa started with the Sheriff's Office in 1989 and has served four Sheriffs – Sheriff Brown, Sheriff Madigan, Sheriff Walsh, and Sheriff Heuerman. In addition to keeping the Sheriff organized, Teresa is involved with assisting the Sheriff in budget preparation and managing human resource issues, among other duties. If you've ever called to speak with the Sheriff, chances are good you have spoken with Teresa first!

Teresa has an associate degree from Parkland College.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP



Shane Cook, Captain

Captain Shane Cook currently serves as the Law Enforcement Captain. In this role, he is responsible for providing leadership and direction to Law Enforcement, Investigations, Court Security and Records. Captain Cook served in the US Army for 8 years prior to joining law enforcement for the Rantoul Police Department in 1999. He came to the Sheriff's Office in 2004 and has served a variety of leadership roles since then, including METRO SWAT member, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Services Lieutenant, Jail Superintendent, and a variety of training instructor roles.

Captain Cook graduated from the FBI National Academy in March of 2017.



Tony Shaw, Patrol Lieutenant

Lt. Shaw currently serves as the Patrol Commander. He started in corrections in 1996 and moved to patrol in 1999. In addition to Patrol Lieutenant, Lt. Shaw has served in several leadership positions while at the Sheriff's Office, including Street Crimes Unit member, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Investigations Sergeant and Lieutenant of Administrative Services.

Lt. Shaw has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice sciences from Illinois State University.



Curt Apperson, Investigations Lieutenant

Lt. Apperson currently serves as the Investigations Lieutenant. He also oversees the Court Security Division. He started in Master Control in 1992 before moving to patrol in 1995. In addition to Investigations Lieutenant, Lt. Apperson has served in several leadership positions while at the Sheriff's Office, including Illinois State Police Drug Task Force, Investigations, Patrol Sergeant and Street Crimes Unit Sergeant.

Lt. Apperson has an associate degree from Parkland College.



Dave Sherrick, Administrative Services Lieutenant

Lt. Sherrick currently serves as the Administrative Services Lieutenant, which includes providing oversight to records, civil process, and special projects. He started in corrections in 1999 before moving to patrol in 2000. In addition to Administrative Services Lieutenant, Lt. Sherrick has served in several leadership roles while at the Sheriff's Office, including Investigations, FBI Safe Streets Task Force member, Investigations Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant. In his free time, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club.

Lt. Sherrick has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Illinois State University.

CORRECTIONS LEADERSHIP



Karee Voges, Captain/Jail Superintendent

Captain Karee Voges currently serves as the Corrections Captain and Jail Superintendent. In this role, she is responsible for providing leadership and direction to the Corrections Division. Captain Voges started at the Sheriff's Office in 2003 as a Master Control Officer. She became a Correctional Officer in 2006, was promoted to Sergeant over field training in 2011, to Lieutenant of Operation in 2013, and to Captain and Jail Superintendent in 2014.

Captain Voges has an associate degree from Parkland College and is a Certified Jail Administrator through the National Institute of Corrections.



Ryan Snyder, Support Services Lieutenant

Lt. Snyder currently serves as the Support Services Lieutenant for the jails, which includes oversight of the jail management system, phone and visitation systems, FOIA requests, inmate grievances and officer training. Lt. Snyder started with the Sheriff's Office as a Master Control Operator in 2006. He became a Correctional Officer in 2008, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013, and to Lieutenant in 2015. Prior to becoming the Support Services Lieutenant, Lt. Snyder served as the Operations Lieutenant. Lt. Snyder has been instrumental in implementation of a new jail management system and in COVID-19 mitigation strategies.



Jenna Good, Classification Lieutenant

Lt. Good currently serves as the Classification Lieutenant for the jails, which includes providing oversight for the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates by appropriately reviewing each inmate who comes to the jail for placement within the facility. She also oversees inmate discipline. Lt. Good started in 2006 as a Master Control Officer before becoming a Correctional Officer. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2012 and to Lieutenant in 2013.

Lt. Good has an associate degree from Danville Area Community College and a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University.

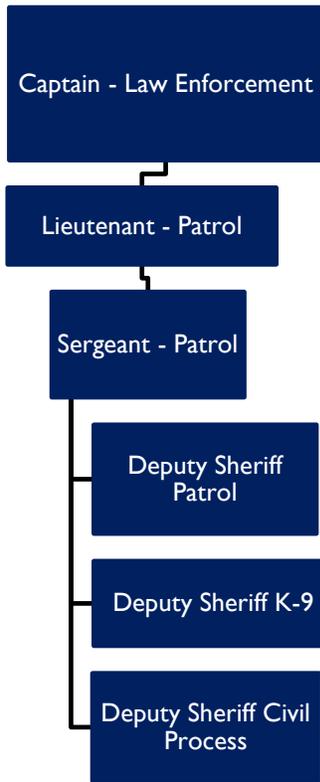


Josh Sapp, Operations Lieutenant

Lt. Sapp currently serves as the Operations Lieutenant for the jails, which includes providing oversight to daily jail operations. He served 4.5 years as a Correctional Officer followed by 8.5 years as a Sergeant. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2020.

Lt. Sapp has a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Justice Administration and a minor in Fire Administration from Western Illinois University.

PATROL DIVISION



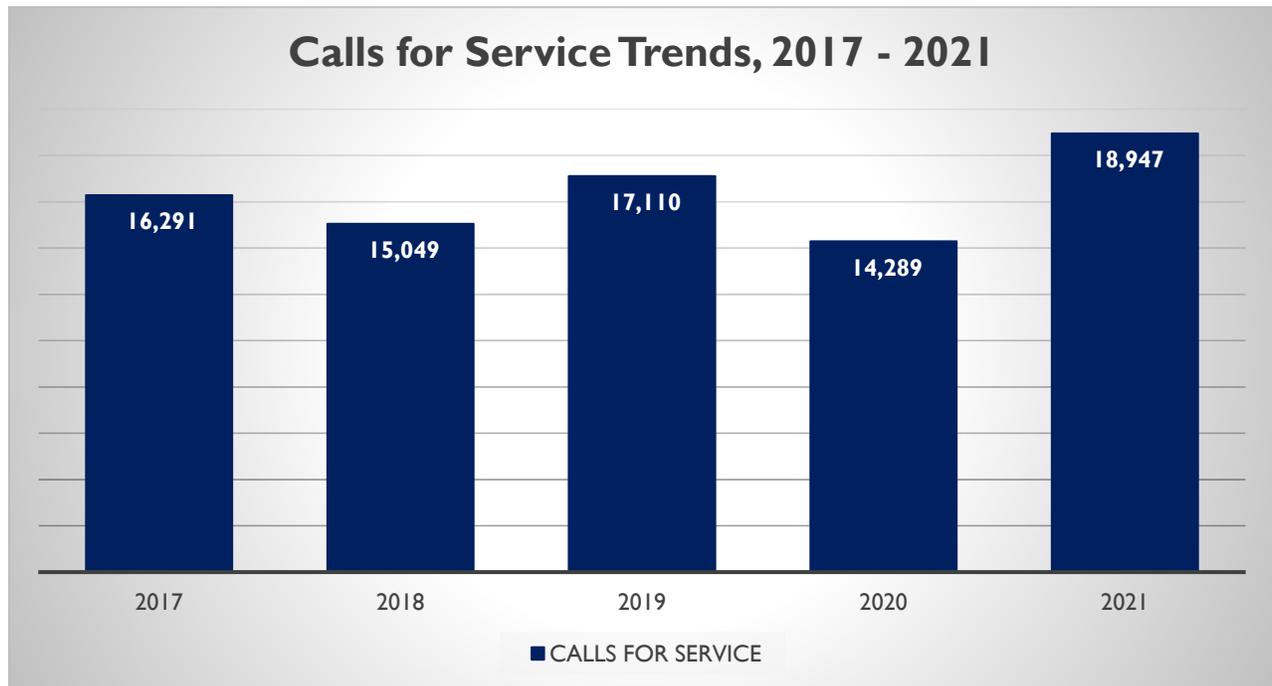
Under the leadership of Lt. Tony Shaw, the Patrol Division is responsible for providing law enforcement services to Champaign County. We serve as the primary law enforcement agency for approximately 50,000 residents in unincorporated areas of the county. We also contract with several villages in Champaign County for patrol services.

As deputy sheriffs have jurisdiction county-wide, we also provide assistance to other police departments in the county when requested. The Patrol Division is made up of four teams that work 12 hours each. There are 8 shift Sergeants (2 Sergeants on each shift) and 32 patrol deputies. Deputies respond to emergency and nonemergency calls for service in their assigned beats, conduct proactive activities like foot patrol and traffic stops, and are frequently engaged in community-based activities and events. The Patrol Division is also responsible for civil process service and K-9 deputies.



Patrol Statistics – Calls for Service

The Sheriff's Office saw an increase in calls for service in 2021.

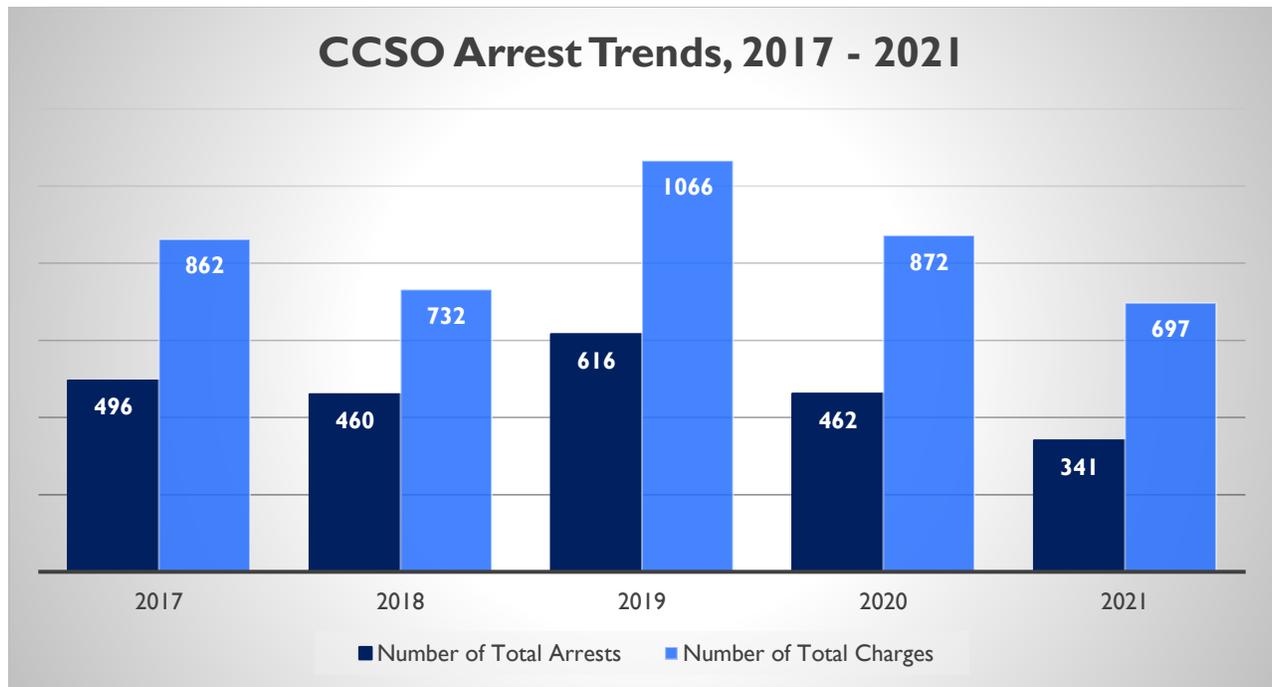


** These statistics do not include civil process service or traffic stops. Those statistics are illustrated in separate sections of this report.*

Of the 18,947 calls for service, the following reasons topped the list:

- Residential/Business Alarm (5%)
- Report of Domestic Altercation (verbal or physical) (5%)
- Meet Complainant (various reasons) (4.6%)
- Check Welfare (3.8%)

Patrol Statistics – Arrest Trends



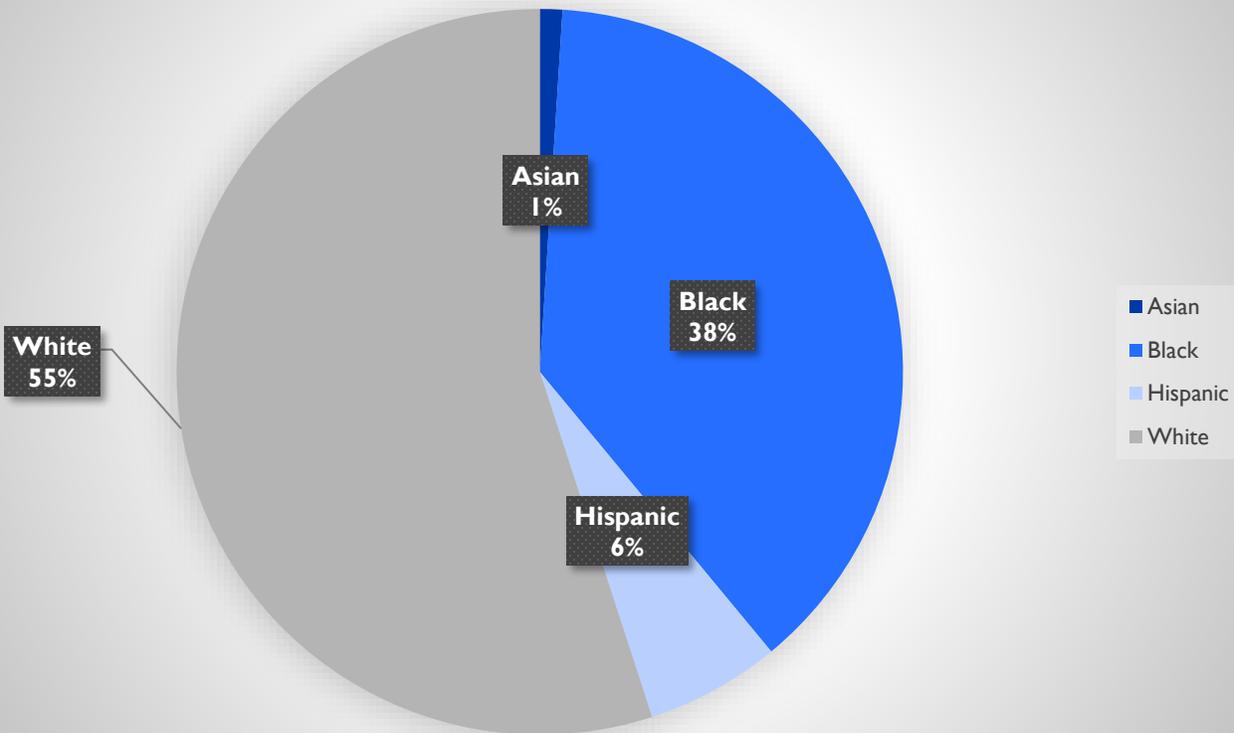
**This is the number of physical arrests throughout the year. Individuals may have been charged with multiple offenses, which is shown in the next graph.*

There were 697 charges as a result of the 341 arrests. The following charges topped the list:

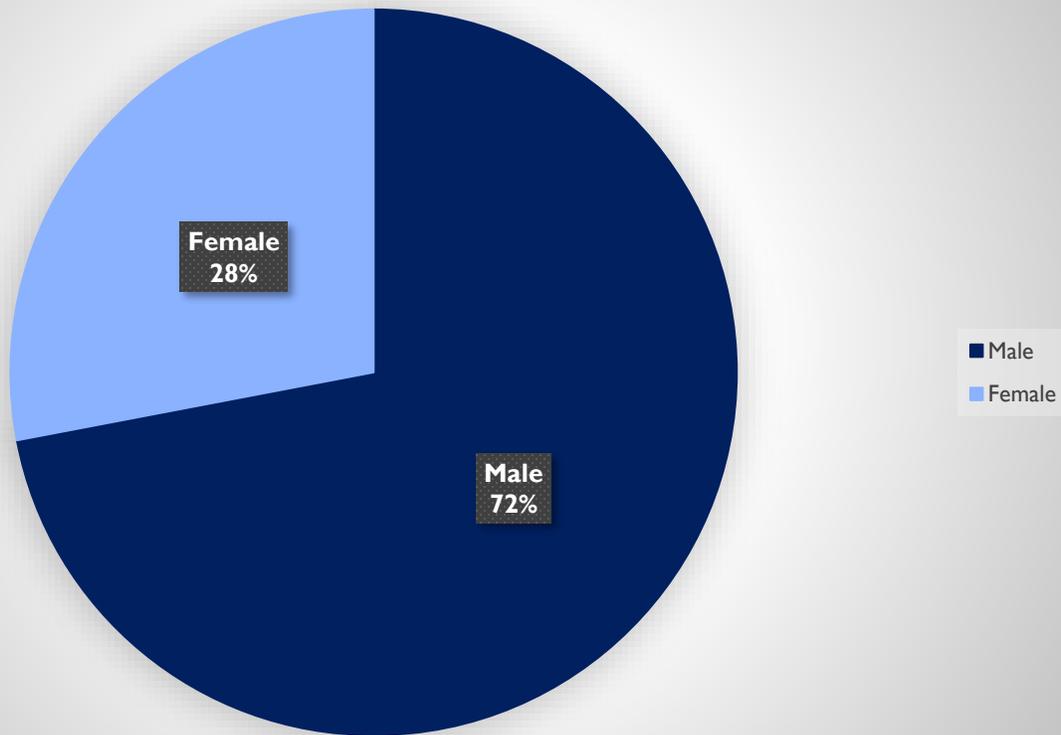
- Arrest on Warrant (34%)
- Domestic Battery (11%)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (4%)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (3%)
- Resisting or Obstructing Corrections Officer/Police Officer/Fire Fighter (2%)

(NOTE: Many arrestees are charged with multiple offenses, so these might not be the sole reason for arrest.)

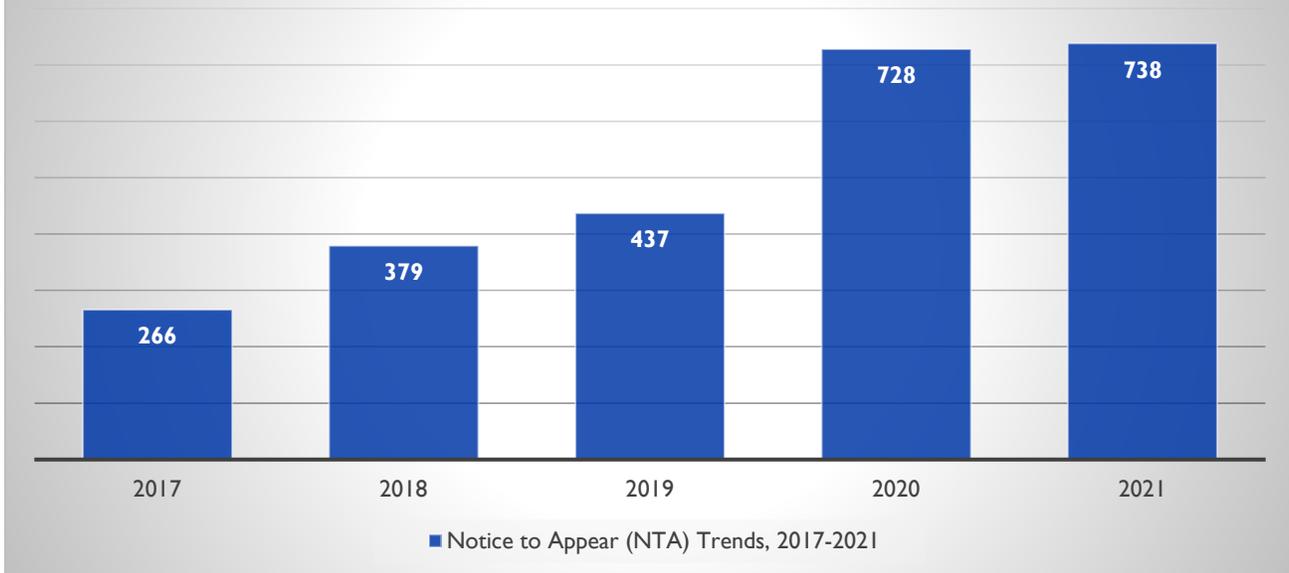
CCSO Arrests by Race, 2021



CCSO Arrests by Gender, 2020



Notice to Appear (NTA) Trends, 2017-2021

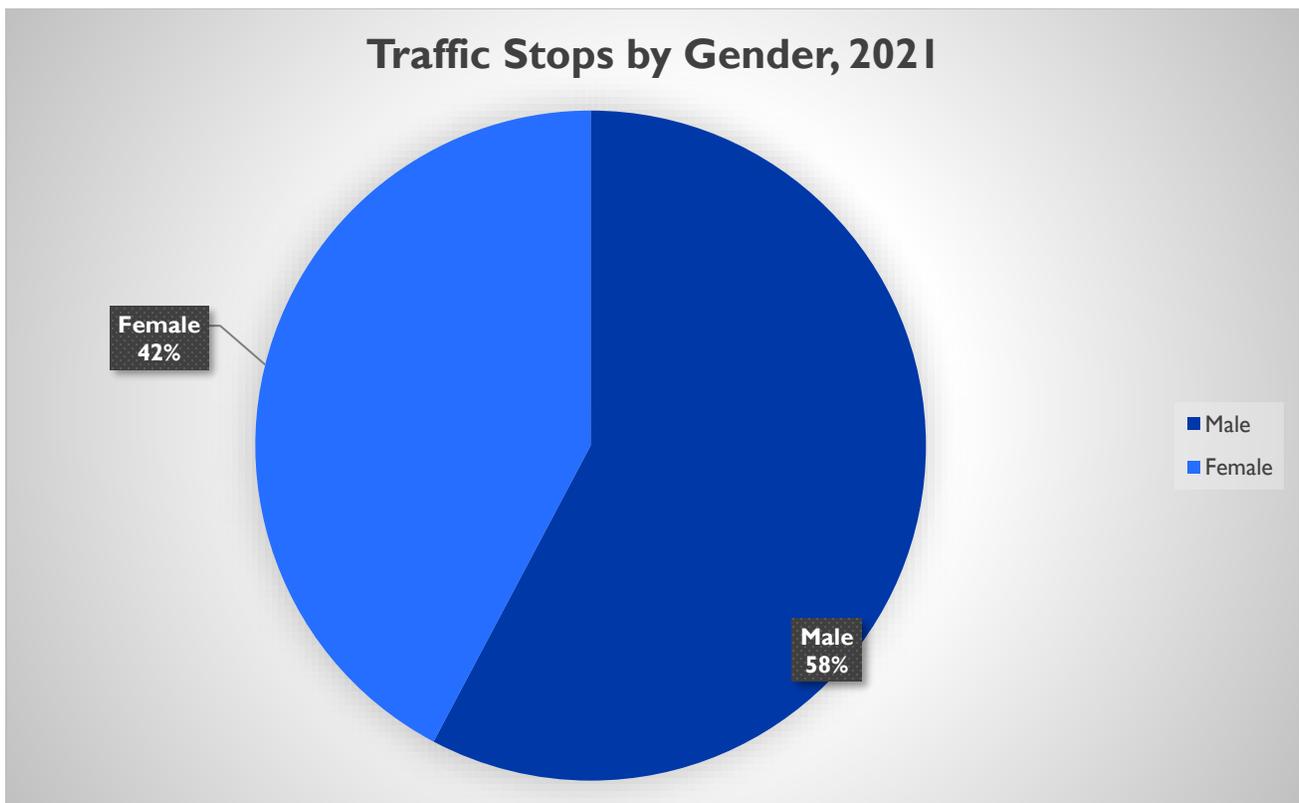
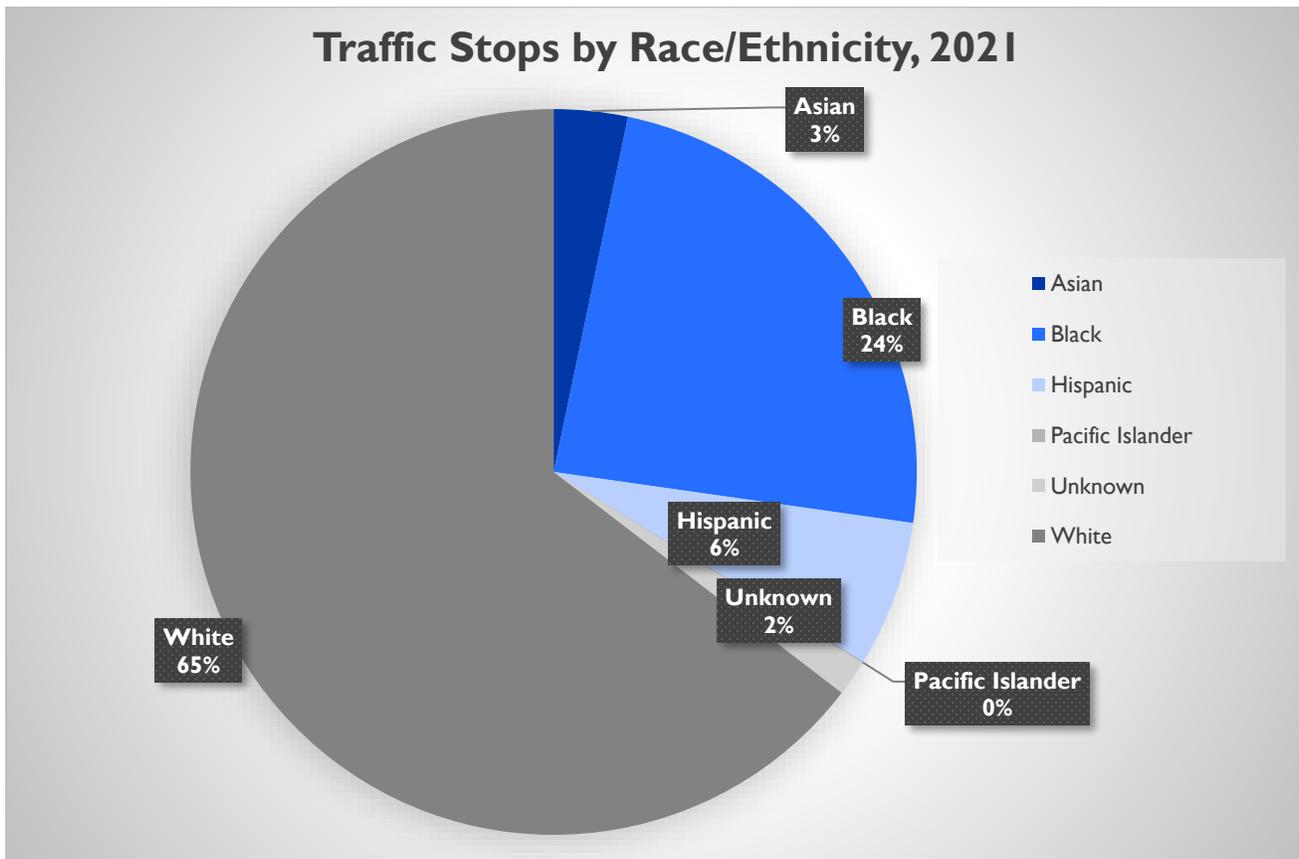


CCSO Deputies also issued 738 Notices to Appear in lieu of making a physical arrest. Of these, the following charges topped the list:

- In-state warrant (13%) (*due to COVID-19*)
- Driving with a Suspended or Revoked License (13%)
- No Valid Driver's License (5%)
- Illegal Transportation of Cannabis (3%)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (2%)

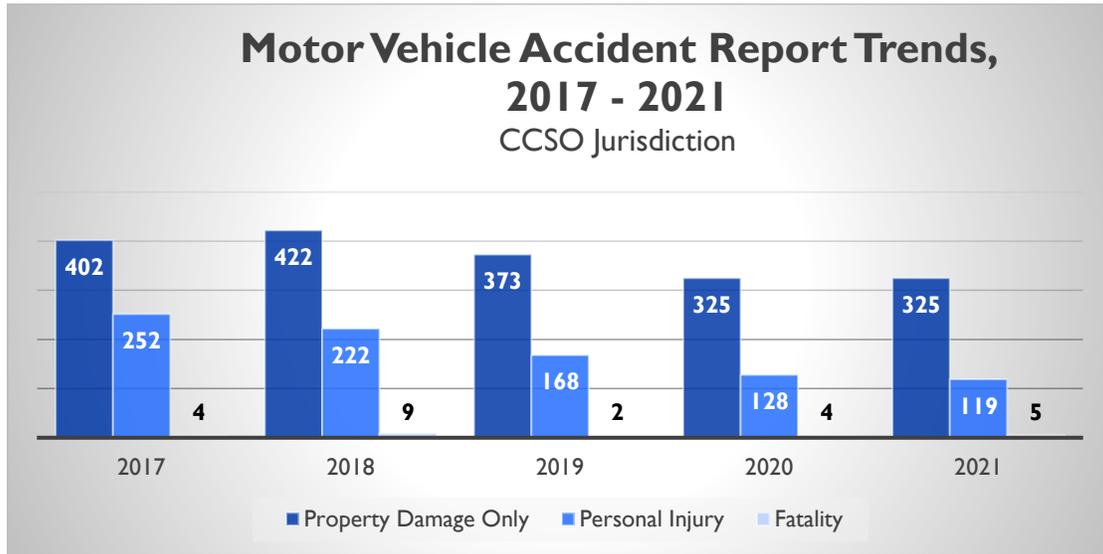
Patrol Statistics – Traffic Stops

Sheriff's deputies also issued 1,475 traffic citations and 1,756 traffic warnings in 2021.



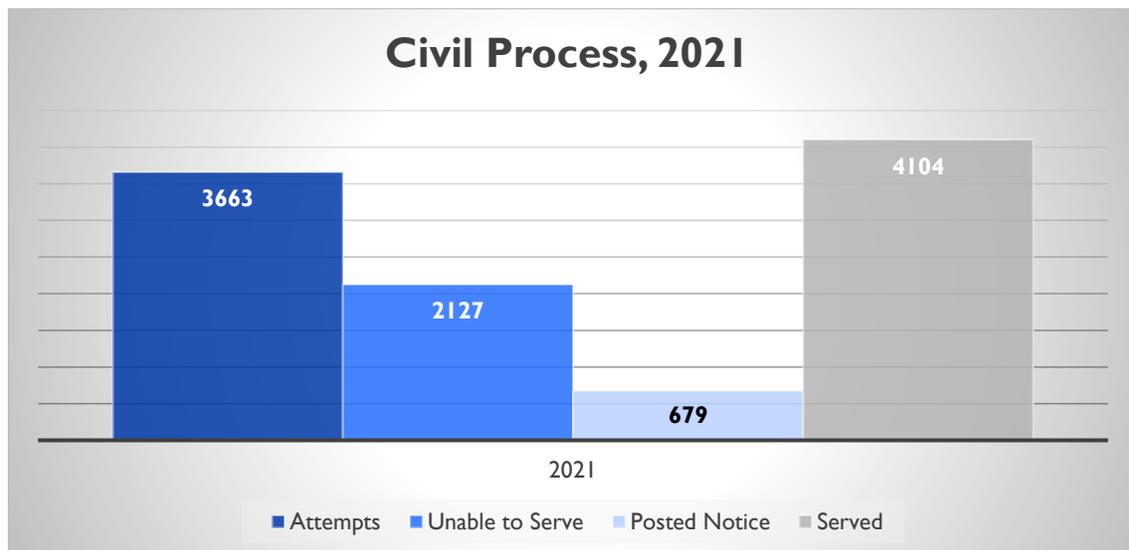
Patrol Statistics – Motor Vehicle Accidents

In 2021, Sheriff's deputies responded to 449 motor vehicle accidents on roadways within the county where CCSO is the primary law enforcement agency. Accidents on State routes, U.S. routes and Interstates are routinely handled by the Illinois State Police, therefore would not be counted in this number even if CCSO assisted with the accident. CCSO also does not generally investigate motor vehicle accidents that occur within the city limits of Champaign, Urbana, Mahomet or Rantoul unless extenuating circumstances exist.



Civil Process

One unique function of the Sheriff's Office is civil paper service. The Sheriff's Office has two full-time Civil Process Servers, who are also sworn deputies, responsible for serving all civil papers in Champaign County. These might include orders of protection, eviction notices or summonses to appear in court.



K-9 Patrol Deputies

The patrol division has three K-9 deputy positions. Court Security also has a K-9. These canine assets are routinely used for locating illicit contraband and tracking for missing persons. There is one K-9 on day shift and one K-9 on each of the night shifts. In 2021, we said “goodbye” to K-9 Harley and K-9 Arco as they entered retirement and said “hello” to K-9 Gaz.

In 2021, the Sheriff’s Office K-9 team used the K-9s 85 times for various tasks such as detecting controlled substances, searching for missing people, tracking suspects who had fled a crime scene and searching for firearms that had been discarded. As a result, 2.9 kilograms of marijuana/cannabis were seized, 5.1 grams of cocaine were seized, 99.3 grams of methamphetamine were seized, 11 grams of heroin were seized, and nine firearms were located.

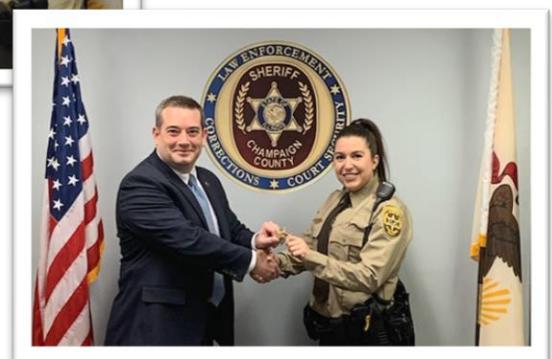


Personnel Changes

In 2021, Sheriff Heuerman promoted two deputies to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations to Sergeants Wertz and Beasley.

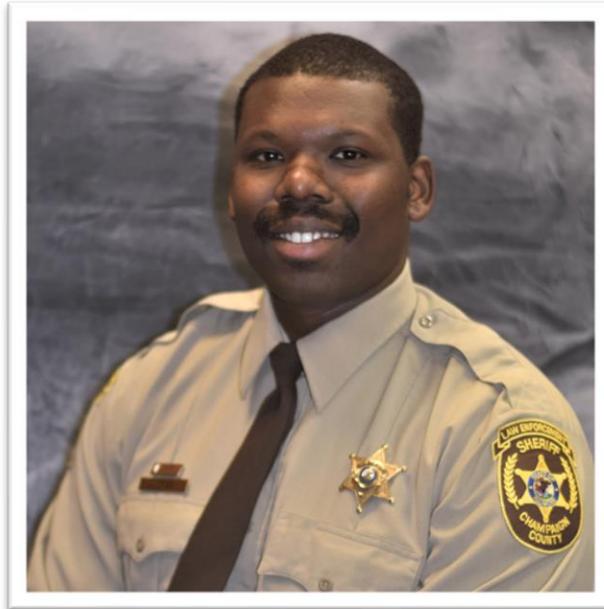


Sheriff Heuerman also swore-in eight new patrol deputies in 2021: five deputies who are getting their start at CCSO, one deputy who transferred from the Court Security division, and two lateral transfers from other departments. Once hired, deputies go through a rigorous field training process that lasts for months. New deputies are also required to attend a 14-week, certified police academy before starting their field training. A variety of topics are covered, including Illinois law, community policing, combating implicit bias, effective communication/de-escalation techniques and control tactics, among others. It takes approximately eight months and \$40,000 to get a new deputy ready for solo patrol.



Deputy of the Year

Investigator Deron Brize was the Sheriff's Office's Deputy of the Year. Deron was recognized for his exemplary work and dedication to the residents and visitors of Champaign County.



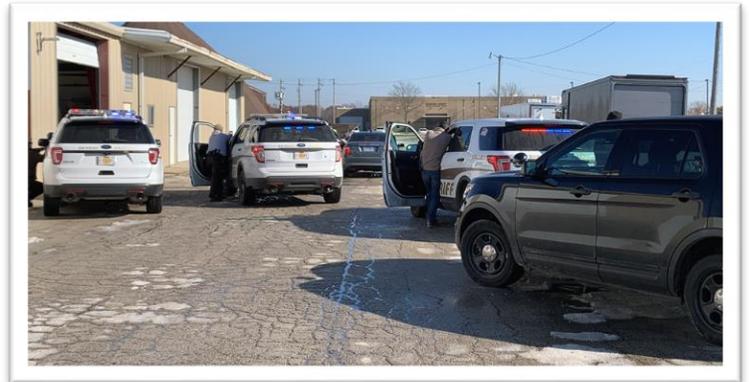
Training

In addition to initial law enforcement academy training, each deputy is required by law to complete reoccurring, mandated training in various topics, including:

Use of force updates
Law updates
Firearms qualifications/refresher
Taser qualifications
Civil rights
Constitutional & proper use of authority
Cultural competency
Human rights
Procedural justice
Mental health awareness
Sexual assault
Officer wellness
Reporting of child abuse/neglect
Psychology of domestic violence

The Sheriff's Office has also invested in training beyond what is mandated by law. Some of this training includes:

- De-escalation scenario training
- Recognizing implicit bias
- Traffic stop scenario training
- Firearms simulator training
- Control tactics
- Crisis intervention training
- Leadership training for supervisors

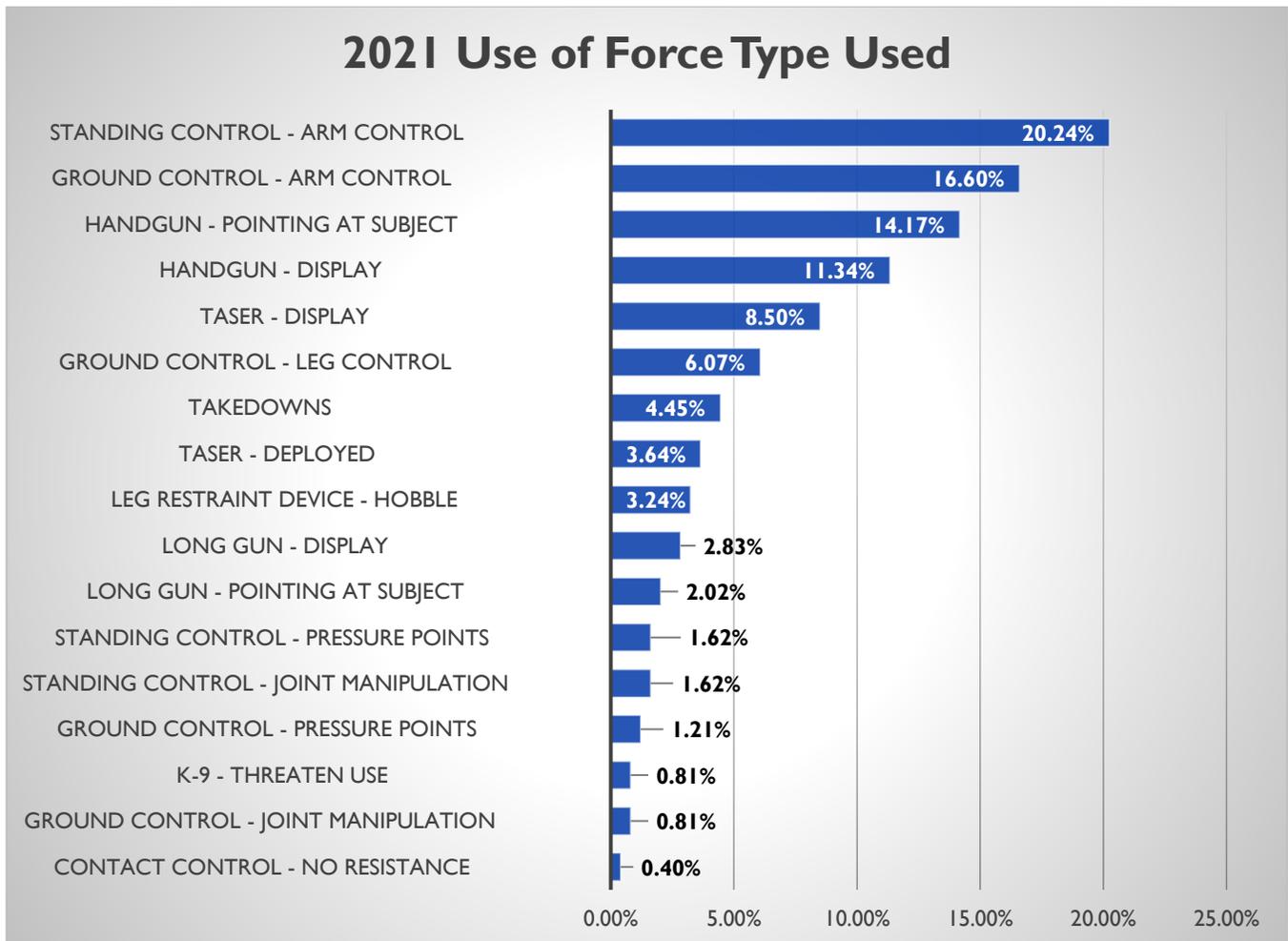


Deputies serving in specialty positions (CSI, Investigations, K-9, School Resource Officer, etc.) receive additional training to be proficient in their responsibilities.

Use of Force

Of the 25,868 calls for service, traffic stops, and paper services handled by deputies in 2021, there were 108 incidents (0.42%) that required what would be considered a “use of force” above that which is usually needed during an incident or arrest. As you can see, not all of these involve physical contact between the deputy and another person. The most common reasons for increased show/use of force are due to a high safety risk during an incident or because of a person resisting arrest.

The below graph shows the use of force that was used in these incidents. More than one type of use of force may have been used in a single incident.



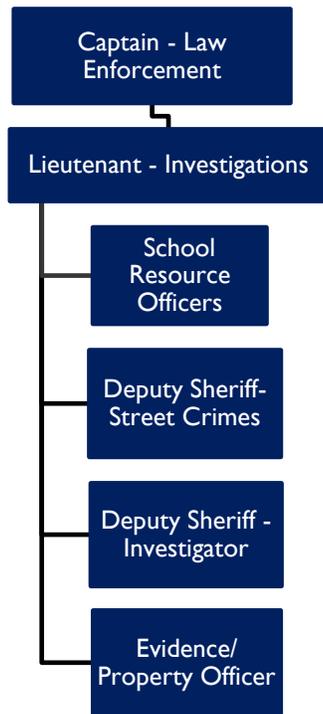
Of these 108 incidents, 29 (27%) resulted in either a reported injury or minor injury to either the deputy or the suspect. No significant injury or death occurred.

Deputy – Minor Injury, Apparent – 7 (6%)

Suspect – Minor Injury, Apparent – 9 (8%)

Suspect – Injury reported, Not evident – 13 (12%)

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

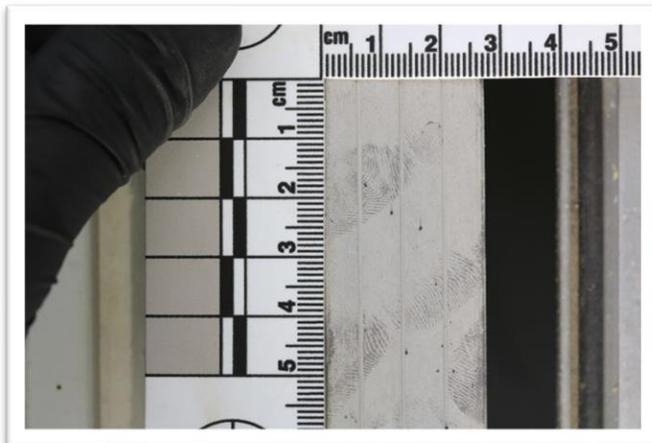


Under the leadership of Lt. Curt Apperson, the Investigations Division is responsible for the investigation of a variety of crimes that occur in areas of the county where the Sheriff's Office serves as the primary police agency. They also provide support to other local departments upon request. The Investigations Division has five full time Investigators and an Evidence/Property Officer.

In addition to criminal investigators, the Sheriff's Office also has a deputy assigned to the Street Crimes Task Force, which is a multijurisdictional task force with Urbana Police Department, Champaign Police Department and University of Illinois Police Department. One of the major priorities of this task force is to work toward reducing violent crime in Champaign County.

Crime Scene Investigations

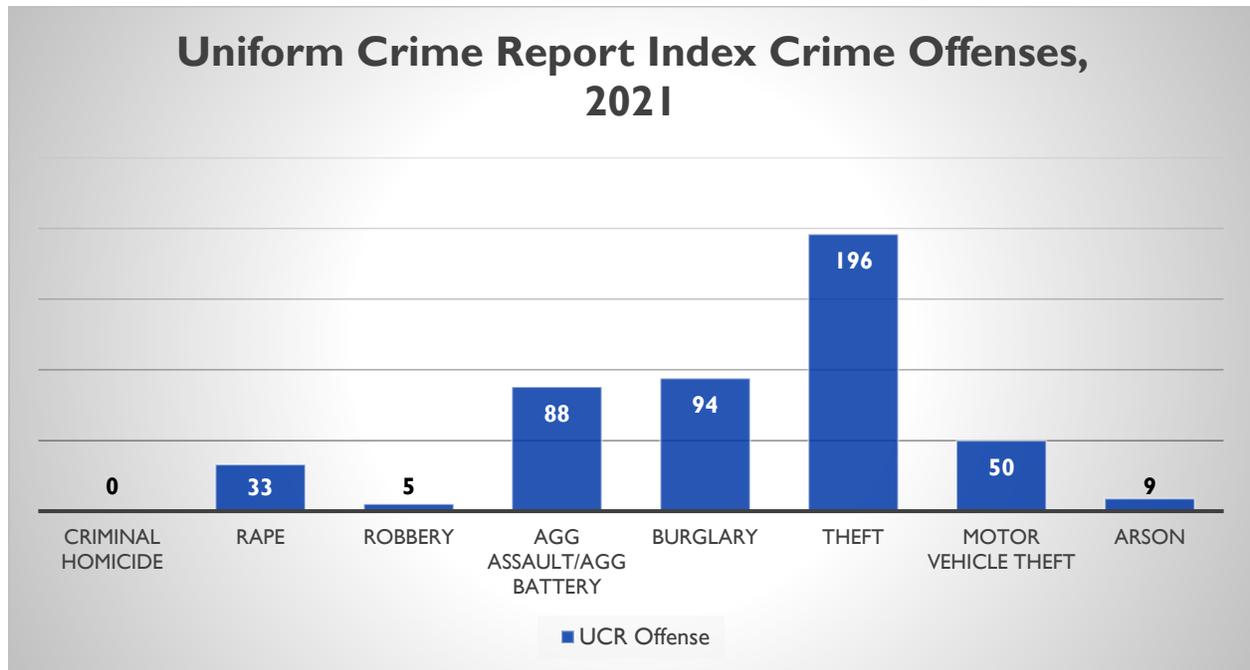
Five deputies from the Investigations and Patrol Divisions also have specialized training as Crime Scene Investigators and are utilized to collect evidence from crime scenes when needed.



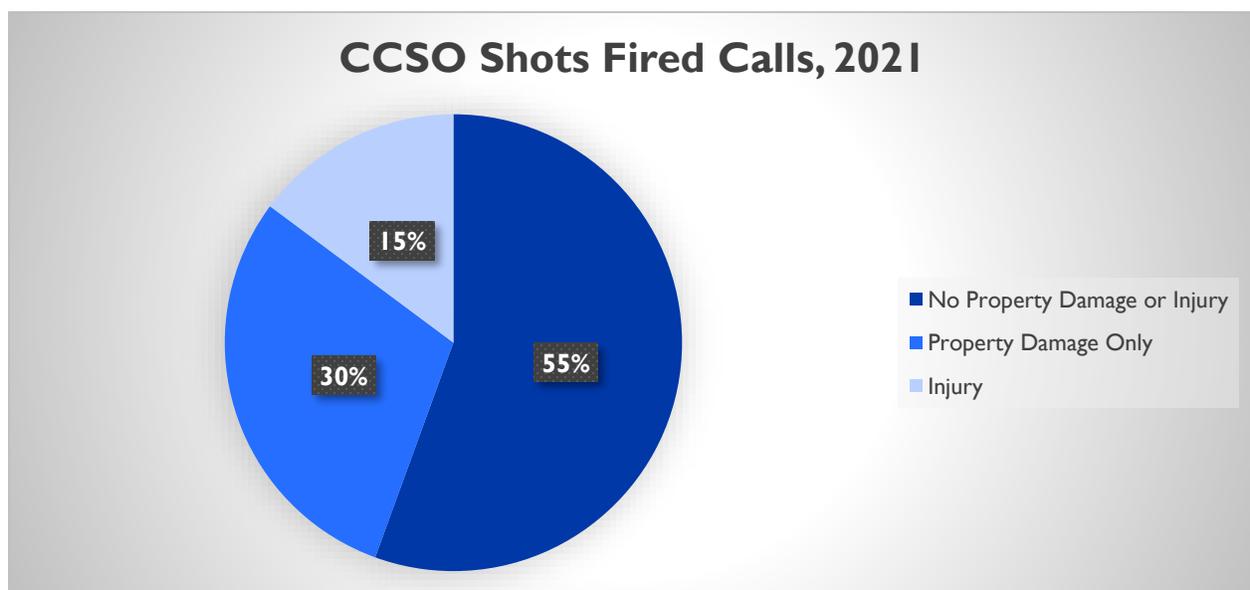
Investigations Statistics

Deputies and Investigators investigate hundreds of cases each year, including property crimes, crimes against persons, financial crimes, and homicides. Some cases are automatically assigned to the Investigations Division while others are referred to Investigations by the Patrol Division. This is generally due to the complexity of the case.

There were 517 Uniform Crime Report offenses investigated between the Investigations and Patrol divisions in 2021.



The Sheriff's Office also investigated 27 incidents in 2021 where there was evidence of shots being fired (property damage, shell casings, injured persons, etc.) in county jurisdiction.



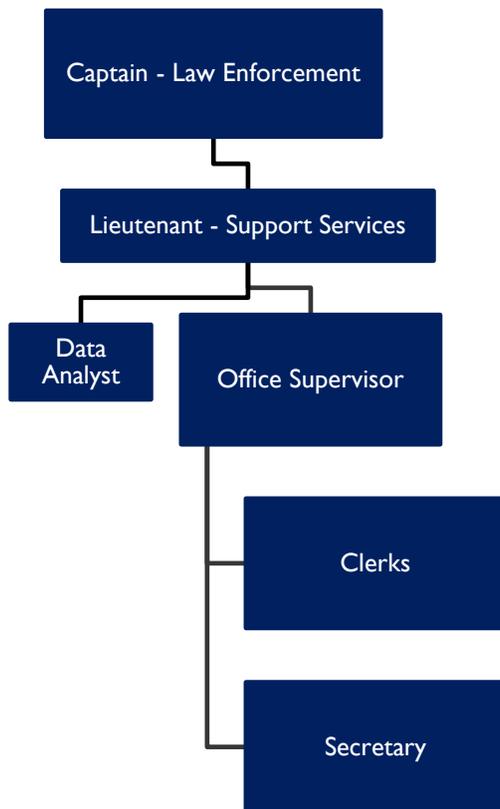
School Resource Officers

The Sheriff's Office has two School Resource Officers (SRO). The role of a SRO is to not only be present in schools in case of an incident, but more importantly to create a mentoring relationship with students through day-to-day contact. Deputy Franzen has served the Unity school district since 2005 while Deputy Hallett has served the St. Joseph & Prairieview-Ogden school districts since 2019.

These SROs also coordinate with the school districts to help prepare plans in the case of an emergency. Both Deputy Franzen and Deputy Hallett are active in the school districts both on and off duty.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

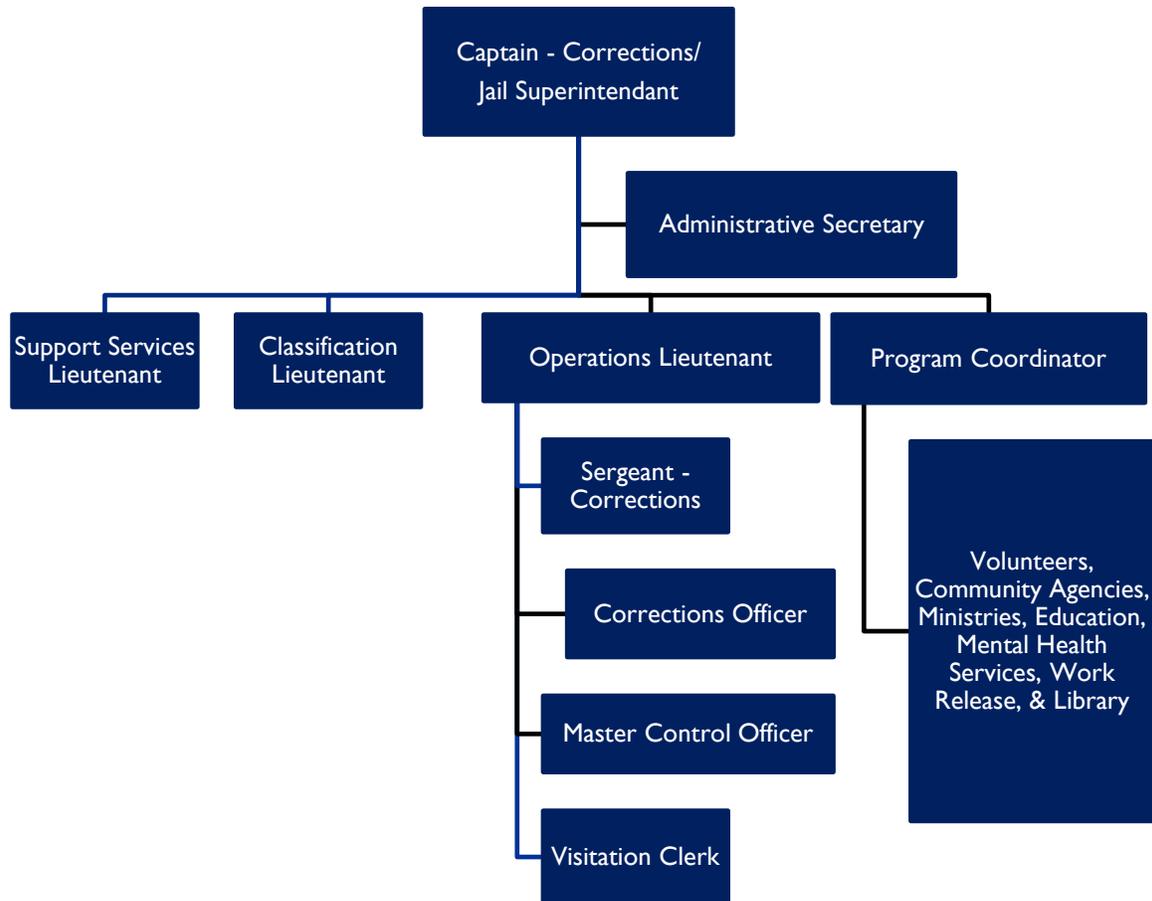


Under the leadership of Lt. Dave Sherrick and Office Supervisor Sarah Goodwin, the Administrative Services Division is likely the first point of contact someone will have when coming to the Sheriff's Office. In addition to this vital customer service role, the Division enters, processes, and maintains Sheriff's Office records including warrants, traffic citations, orders of protection and other civil papers. The Administrative Services team works diligently to ensure accurate records are processed in a timely fashion.

In 2021, the Administrative Services Division processed 6,910 civil papers, 3,471 warrants and 3,231 traffic citations and warnings, among accomplishing various other tasks.



CORRECTIONS DIVISION



Under the leadership of the Jail Superintendent, Captain Karee Voges, Champaign County has two facilities for inmates – the Downtown jail and the Satellite jail. All those arrested in Champaign County on state charges come to the Champaign County Jail. Over the last few years, the jail has seen an increase in mental health and medical needs of inmates, which it is required by law to address. While the Sheriff's Office does not have a say in who is arrested by other departments or who is remanded to custody by a Judge, we are required to adequately address inmate needs while in custody as well as provide a safe and secure environment for both inmates and correctional staff.



The jails continue to operate under strict COVID-19 protocols to mitigate the COVID-19 virus. We also continue to struggle with timely acceptance by outside agencies of inmates who have been remanded to the custody of the Department of Human Services or sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Personnel Changes

In 2021, Corrections had several personnel changes. Congratulations to Correctional Officers Wall and Key for entering retirement!



Sheriff Heurman swore in fourteen new Correctional Officers. Once hired, these officers attend a five-week corrections academy and undergo months of field training at the jails before being released on their own.



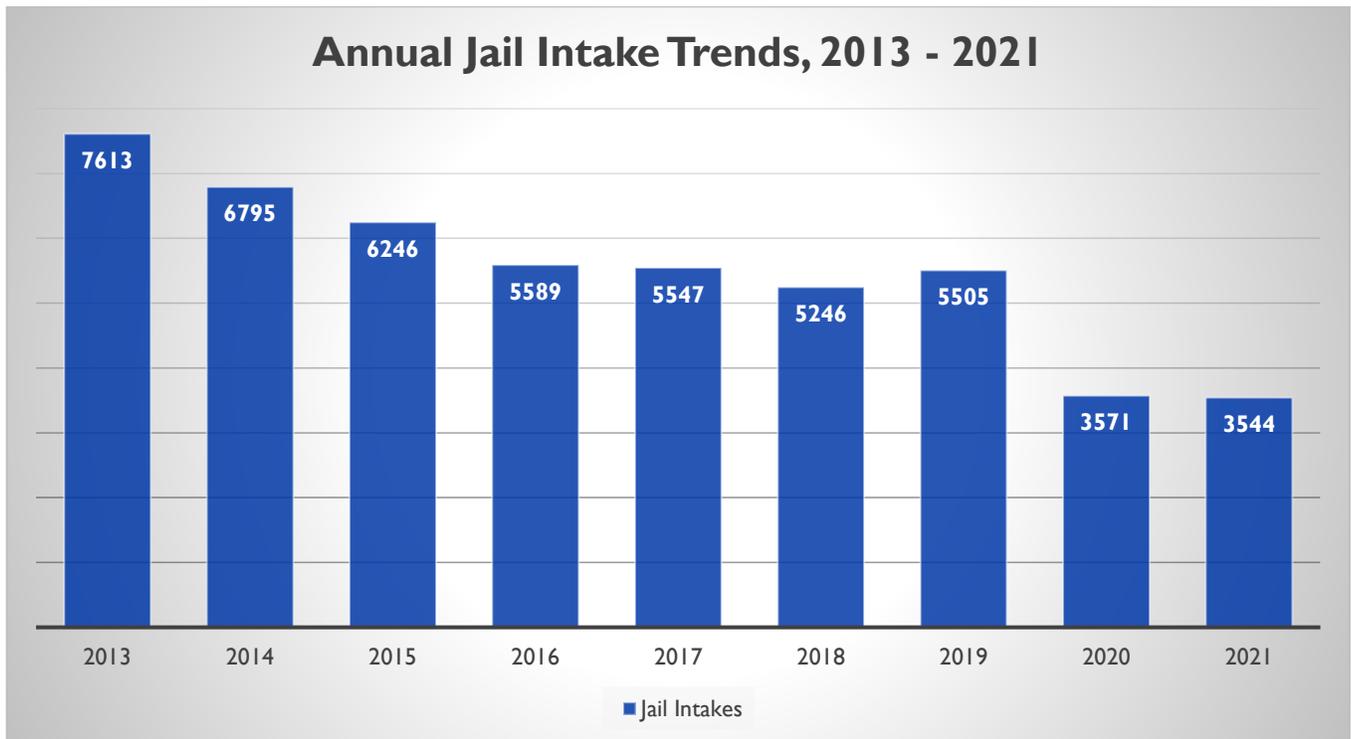
Corrections Statistics

A total of 3,544 inmate bookings were processed in 2021. 2,780 of these were arrests made by law enforcement officers in Champaign County and 764 were the result of sentencing. Many of the arrestees who are brought to the jail by law enforcement either bond out immediately or shortly after arraignment when their bond is set.

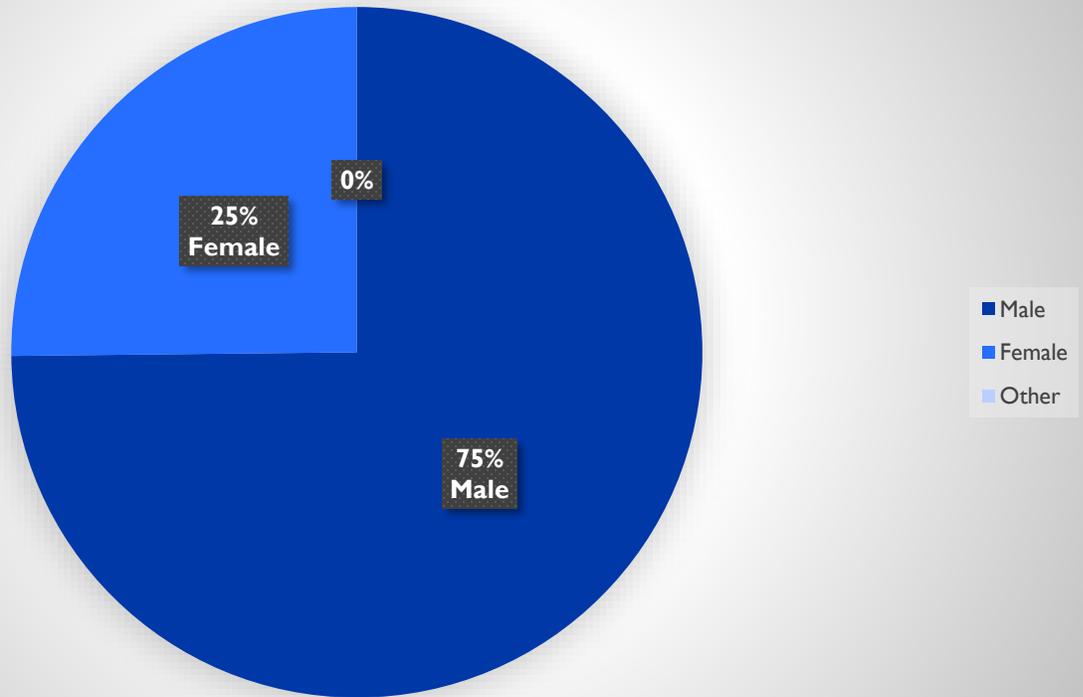
The top charges in 2021 were:

- Domestic Battery/Aggravated Domestic Battery (24%)
- Driving Under the Influence (13%)
- Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer
- Out of County Warrant

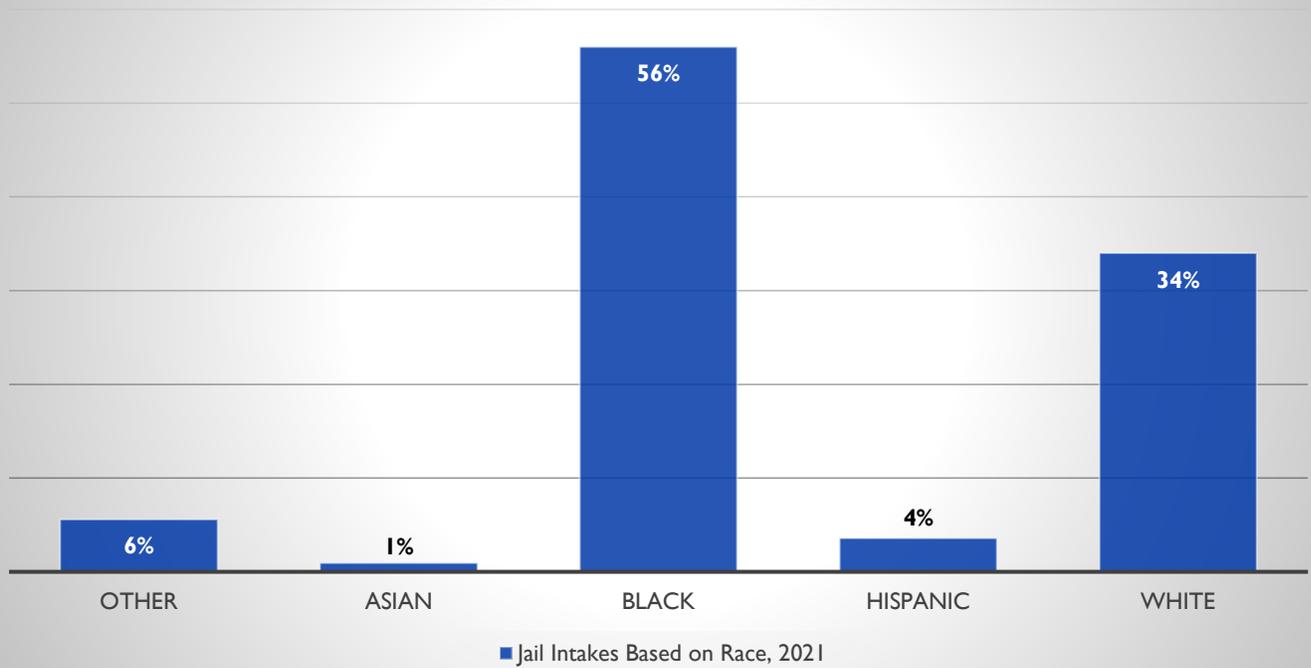
(NOTE: In many cases arrestees were charged with multiple offenses per arrest.)



Jail Intakes Based on Gender, 2021

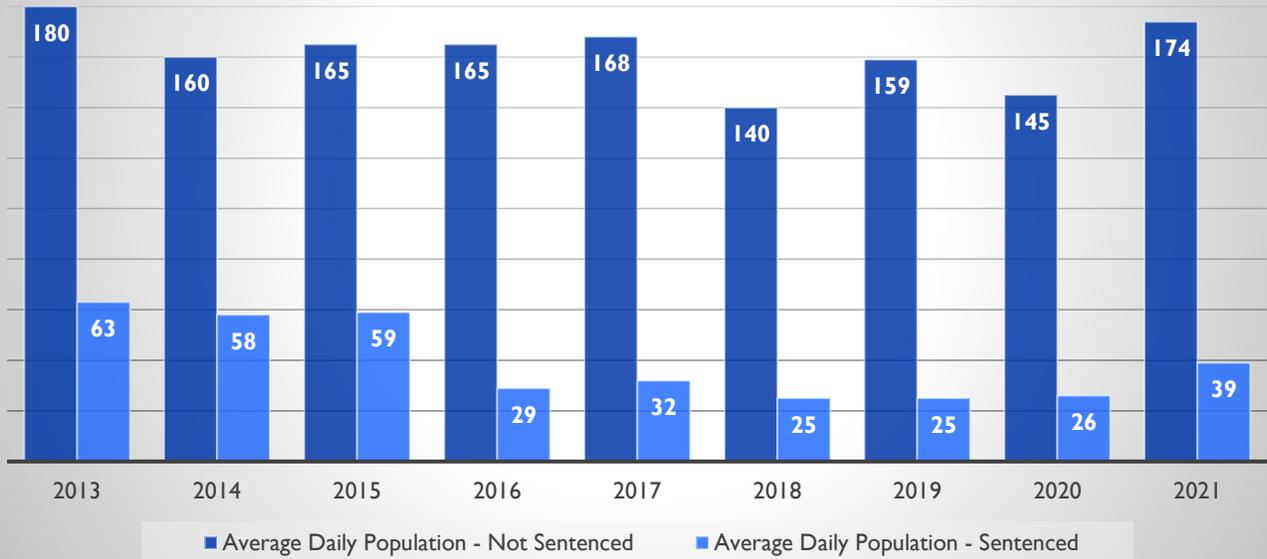


Jail Intakes Based on Race, 2021

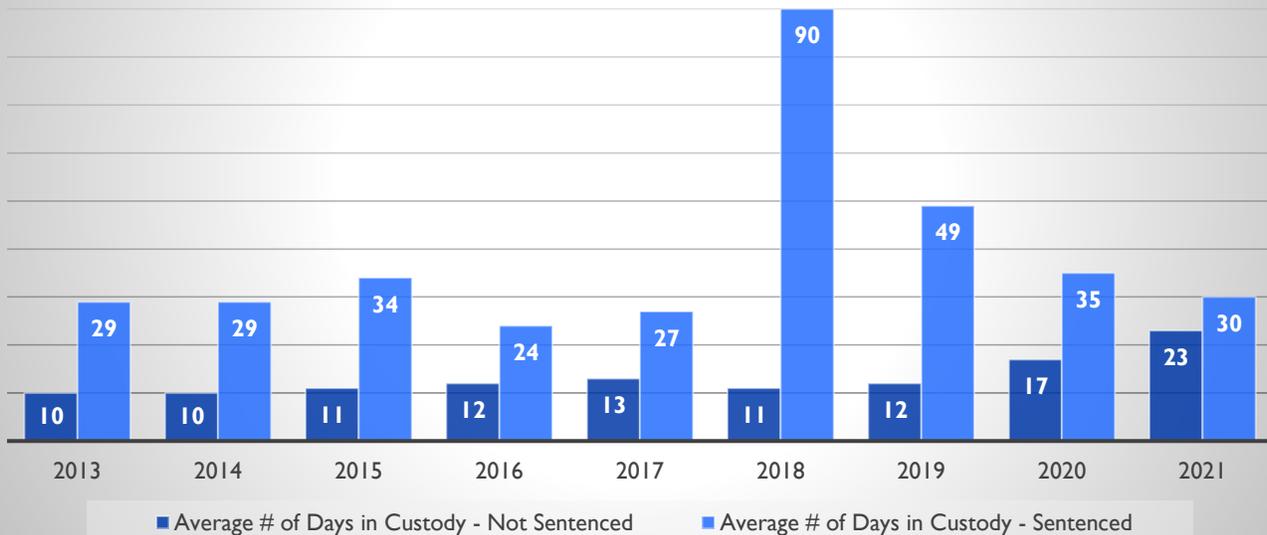


Average Daily Population Jail Trends, 2013 - 2021

(Does not include electronic home detention)



Average # of Days in Custody Trends, 2013 - 2021



Electronic Home Detention (EHD)

Some offenders who are sentenced by the Court can participate in our EHD program. This program is for nonviolent offenders and allows the offender to still work in the community while serving their sentence at home. Coordinated by Officer Kevin McCallister, the location of offenders in this program is electronically monitored and participants are held accountable for strict guidelines, including random checks by Sheriff's Office staff. If found to be in noncompliance with the established, agreed upon rules of the program, the offender will spend their remaining sentence in the jail.

The average number of EHD clients per month in 2021 was 24. The average length of sentence for someone on EHD in 2021 was 39 days.

Who's In Jail?

It can be very difficult to get the "whole picture" of arrestees that come to the Champaign County Jail. Except for those arrested for federal crimes, every person who is arrested in Champaign County is brought to the Champaign County Jail. Most arrestees who are brought to jail are released in a short amount of time. Some, however, are required to see a judge before their bond is set so the judge can determine their public safety and flight risks. These include anyone charged with a felony or domestic battery. The majority of those who spend extended time in jail are charged with violent felony offenses.

Below are some reports from 2021 that help show the jail population.

(NOTE: We are still fine-tuning our reporting to accurately list the amount of bond set. If a report shows bond as "Not Set," the actual bond can be looked up on the [Jail Records Portal](#).)

Here is a link to everyone who was arrested and brought to the Champaign County Jail in 2021:

[2021 Inmate Bookings](#)

Here is a link to those who are currently in-custody at the Champaign County Jail, along with how long they have been in custody (updated daily):

[Jail Census Report](#)

Here is a link to those who were brought to the Champaign County Jail within the last 24-hour period (updated daily). It also shows if the person was brought in on a warrant or original charge:

[Inmate Bookings Report](#)

If you are interested in the jail population, and the offenses for which people are arrested, regularly checking these documents can be a great source of information.

Corrections Programs

The philosophy of Champaign County Corrections is that programs should be offered for inmates who want to leave jail in a better state than when they came to jail. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 continued to see a temporary reduction in programs being offered to inmates. This helped us to reduce the chances of the COVID-19 virus entering the general population of the jail.

Below are programs typically offered at the jail.

MEN'S PROGRAMS

- Christian Church Services
- Christian Bible Study
- GED
- Anger Management
- Movie Critic Class/Discussion
- Bilingual Bible Study
- Mindfulness Training
- GROW (*Mental Health & Wellness Support Group*)
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Celebrate Recovery (*faith-based addiction recovery*)
- Individual Bible Study
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- Muslim Prayer Session
- The Power of Man (*religion-based transformational session*)
- Parenting Class
- Money Management Course

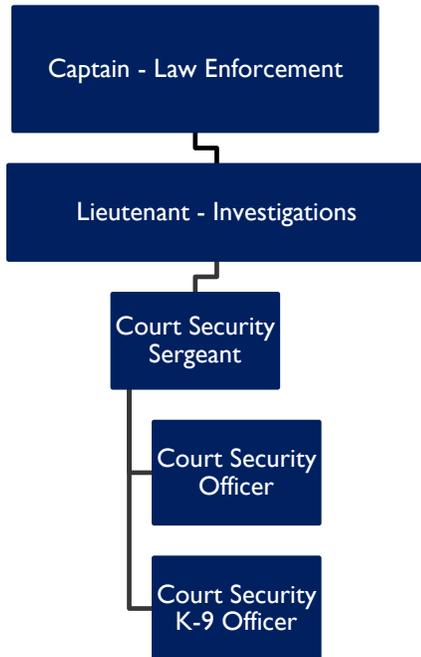
WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

- Movie Critic Class/Discussion
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Christian Church Services
- The Art of the Kingdom (*religion-based art project*)
- Christian Recovery Program
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Parenting Class
- Zentangle Art Class

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROGRAMS

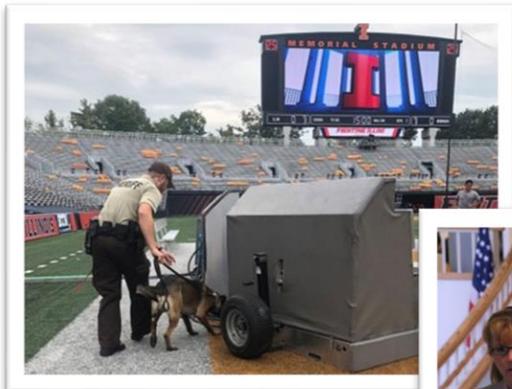
- Food & Nutrition
- New Jail Ministry
- Muslim Class
- Motivational Interviewing
- Barber
- Business class
- Writing class

COURT SECURITY DIVISION



Under the leadership of Lt. Curt Apperson and Sgt. Michelle Mennenga, the Court Security Division is responsible for maintaining a safe courthouse. By law, the Sheriff is required either to attend or have a representative present in every county court proceeding that occurs in Champaign County.

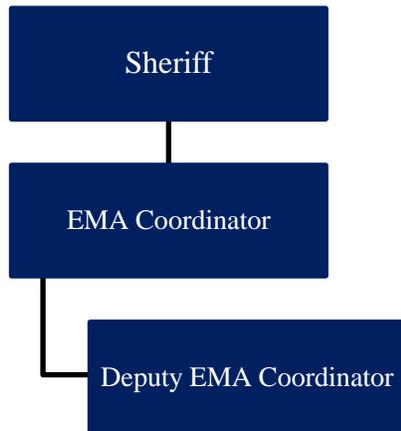
There are thirteen Court Security Officers covering eleven courtrooms and the screening area at the front doors of the courthouse. Court Security also includes an explosives K-9 which can frequently be seen patrolling the inside and outside of the building. As one of only two explosives detection K-9s in the area, our K-9 also assists neighboring departments helping to ensure special events are safe.



Personnel Changes

In 2021, CCSO welcomed Keith Welch and Chris Gore to the Court Security Division!

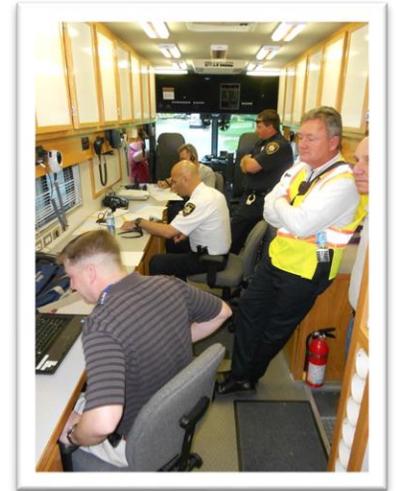
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



In Champaign County, the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) falls under the leadership of the Sheriff. EMA has two full time employees.

One of the major functions of EMA is to coordinate with municipalities in Champaign County for emergency/disaster

preparedness. EMA also works closely with the local hospitals and other healthcare facilities to help them prepare for emergencies.



Champaign County EMA has a mobile command center that can be on location of an emergency or disaster in a short amount of time and helps support a coordinated response. EMA also maintains one of the two Emergency Operations Centers in Champaign County, which is activated during times of disaster or emergency.

Highlights from EMA in 2021 include:

- 831 total volunteer hours for training and incident response.
- Distributed over 165,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to local first responders, hospitals & schools.
- Helped facilitate 15 “weather aware” community events for safe operations.
- Helped coordinate communication throughout the County for 16 different potentially severe weather events.
- Obtained reaccreditation of the County’s Emergency Operations Plan.



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GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

As we look forward to 2022, the Sheriff's Office has several goals, many of which are a continuation from 2021. While impossible to highlight all of them here, below are a few things we will work on in 2022:

- Increase recruitment of diverse employees;
- Increase employee training;
- Work with elected officials and other community stakeholders to reduce amount of gun violence in the community;
- Enhance social worker position to reduce law enforcement response to “persons in crisis;”
- Reduce the number of accidents on Champaign County roadways;
- Increase community policing in rural areas of the County;
- Increase community engagement and collaboration;
- Establish an Explorers Post to help mentor and engage Champaign County youth;
- Publish a public data portal with regularly updated CCSO statistics;
- Prepare for infrastructure changes for the correctional centers and Sheriff's Office.

