

# **MANITOWOC COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**



**Manitowoc County Sheriff**  
***Daniel Hartwig***



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# Message from the Sheriff

***To the Citizens and County Board of Manitowoc County,***

*Thank you for taking the time to read the 2022 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Annual Report.*

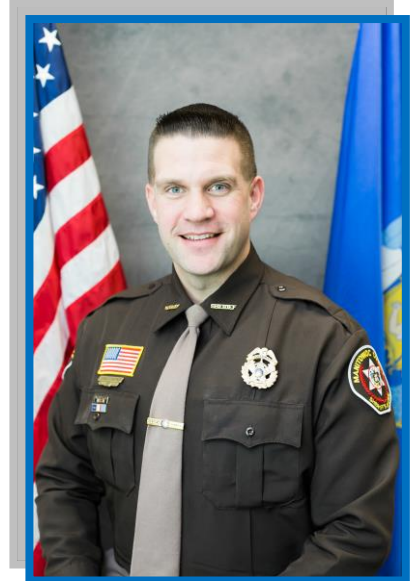
*I want to start by thanking the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer for supporting a wage adjustment for our correctional staff for 2023. Staffing our jail in 2022 was a struggle, and we recognized that a change was needed to recruit and retain staff in our correctional facility.*

*This past year also brought great opportunities to the Sheriff's Office. I strongly support increasing and enhancing our partnerships with Federal, State, and local governments. Our office was presented with an opportunity to help support the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) with the "meals on wheels" program. Our jail kitchen supported this vital program to help provide high-quality meals to those in need in Manitowoc County. This endeavor resulted in over 31,000 meals coming from our kitchen. We look to continue supporting this effort into the future.*

*We have increased our technological capabilities this past year as well. In July, we started our new Drone Team. Currently, we have 12 trained pilots with five drones supporting our public safety mission. In the short existence of this program, our office has assisted in over 30 events in the community, including but not limited to, missing children, fire scenes, motor vehicle accidents, crime scenes, and suspects at large. This valuable piece of technology has been a great addition to the service we provide to our citizens and our fellow local first responders.*

*We look to you for your continued support as we progress our office into the future for the greater good of the people of Manitowoc County.*

***Sheriff Dan Hartwig***



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# Mission Statement

The mission of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office is to work in partnership with the community to provide public safety while respecting and protecting their constitutional rights.

In furtherance of this mission, we are committed to our employees and the following values, which are represented by the law enforcement star we wear while serving the citizens of Manitowoc County with



# Operations – Patrol Unit

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Patrol Unit is responsible for enforcing and upholding both State and local laws, responding to calls for service, citizen assists, initial criminal investigation, accident investigation, security checks and community engagement events.

The Patrol Unit is comprised of the following;

- ✦ **3 - Lead Shift Lieutenants**
- ✦ **6 - Lieutenants**
- ✦ **25 - Patrol Deputies**
- ✦ **2 - K9 Deputies (Leon and Rocky)**

The patrol unit currently works three eight-hour shifts. Each shift is supervised by a Lead Lieutenant and two additional Lieutenants who report to the Lead. The entire unit is included under the Operations Division which is led by Major Jason Orth.



Manitowoc County has a total area of 1,494 square miles of which 589 square miles is land. The Sheriff's Office has primary jurisdiction for all of the unincorporated towns, six of the villages, and all inland lakes within Manitowoc County including Lake Michigan and its shoreline. Deputies are the initial response to most incidents within Manitowoc County which can be anywhere from citizen assist requests to major emergency situations. Besides their normal responsibilities, many deputies assist with agency training and are a part of the Sheriff's Office specialty teams.

## Operations – Patrol Unit



### Manitowoc County 2022 Traffic Patrol Statistics

	Traffic Citations	Warnings (Written)	Ordinance Citations	OWI Arrests	DNR Citations
<b>Year Totals</b>	<b>2238</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>34</b>

### Enforcement Efforts Past 5 Years Statistics



	Citations & Ordinance Citations	OWI Arrests
<b>2018</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>190</b>

## Operations – Patrol Unit Crash Investigation



### Manitowoc County 2022 Vehicle Crash Demographics

	Car v. Deer	Property Damage	Injury	Fatal
<b>Year Totals</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>11*</b>

\*Includes all jurisdictions within Manitowoc County

### Crash Investigations Past 5 Years Statistics



	Crashes	Fatal Crashes*
<b>2018</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>11</b>



# Operations – Patrol Unit Continued

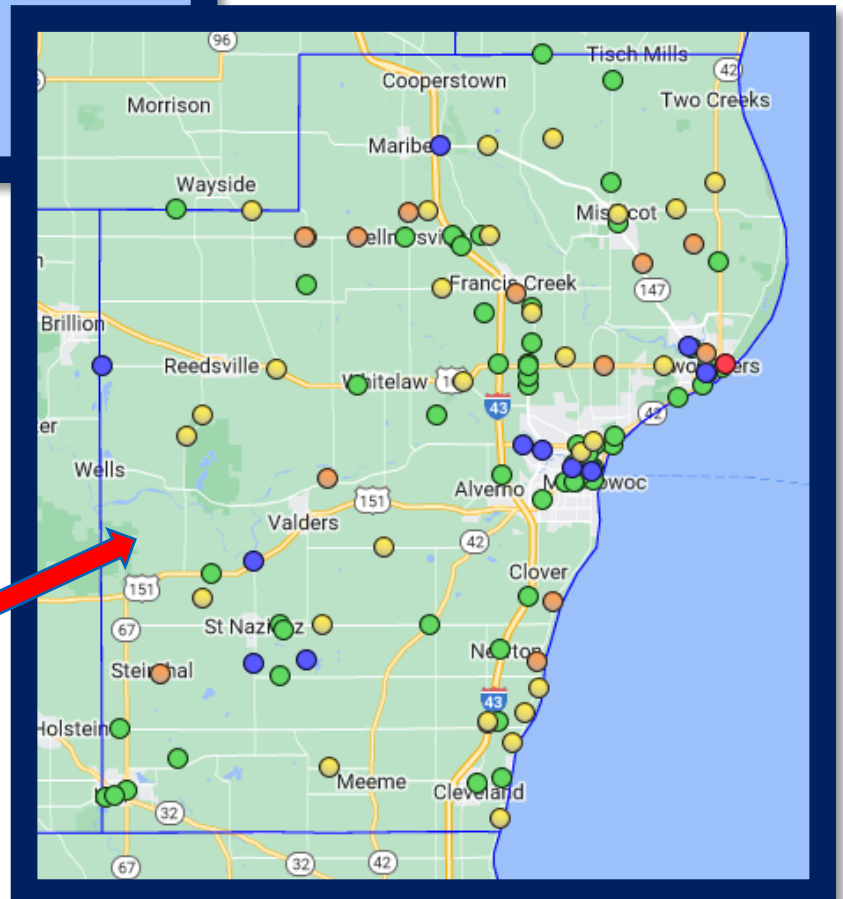
● Fatality 
 ● Injury (A) 
 ● Injury (B) 
 ● Injury (C) 
 ● Property Damage

## Fatal and Injury Accidents

Crashes	187
Fatal	11
Injuries	243

## Impaired Driver Related

Crashes	116
Fatal	1
Injuries	62



# Manitowoc County

## Crime Statistics

### Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Offense Comparison January 2019 - December 2022

Group A Offense	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average (2019-2022)
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	1	0	0.75
Rape	1	2	4	0	1.75
Sodomy	0	0	1	1	0.5
Fondling	6	8	10	1	6.25
Incest	0	0	0	2	0.5
Statutory Rape	5	3	1	1	2.5
Aggravated Assault	33	24	28	19	26
Simple Assault	108	85	85	74	88
Intimidation	9	6	5	17	9.25
Kidnapping	1	1	1	1	1
Robbery	0	1	1	1	0.75
Burglary	37	32	29	29	31.75
Theft - Shoplifting	1	4	1	2	2
Theft From Building	18	13	10	10	12.75
Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	2	1	0.75
Theft From Motor Vehicle	12	8	6	7	8.25
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	6	6	23	11	11.5
Theft - All Other Larceny	59	62	42	50	53.25
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	17	8	6	9.25
Stolen Property Offenses	2	9	8	5	6
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	6	8	4	6.25
Fraud - False Pretenses	34	40	32	33	34.75
Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	1	0	2	0	0.75
Fraud - Impersonation	7	7	2	5	5.25
Fraud - Identity Theft	26	42	36	33	34.25
Embezzlement	3	2	2	0	1.75
Blackmail	4	9	4	4	5.25
Destruction/Vandalism	75	74	52	52	63.25
Weapon Law Violations	22	22	24	17	21.25
Prostitution	1	0	0	0	0.25
Prostitution - Assisting	2	0	0	0	0.5
Drug/Narcotics Violations	203	171	264	196	208.5
Drug Equipment Violations	170	115	178	118	145.25
Pornography	12	11	4	7	8.5
Animal Cruelty	1	2	0	1	1

# Manitowoc County

## Crime Statistics...Continued

### Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Crime Counts by Incident Arrest Date - January 2022 - December 2022

Crime Category	Offenses	Victims	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
Total	708	744	343	23	366
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	116	116	73	4	77
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	2	2	4	1	5
Sex Offenses - No forcible	3	3	1	1	2
Assault Offenses	110	110	68	2	70
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	253	289	48	4	52
Robbery	1	1	2	0	2
Burglary	29	33	4	0	4
Theft/Larceny	81	94	17	3	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	6	4	0	4
Stolen Property Offenses	5	5	2	0	2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	4	1	0	1
Fraud Offenses	71	81	1	0	1
Embezzlement	0	0	2	0	2
Extortion/Blackmail	4	4	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	52	61	15	1	16

# Manitowoc County

## Crime Statistics...Continued

	<i>Offenses</i>	<i>Victims</i>	<i>Adult Arrests</i>	<i>Juvenile Arrests</i>	<i>Total Arrests</i>
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>	339	339	222	15	237
Weapon Law Violations	17	17	9	0	9
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	314	314	209	14	223
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	7	7	4	1	5
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Group B Arrests</b>			676	11	687
Bad Checks			0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy			0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct			40	2	42
Driving Under the Influence			159	1	160
Family Offenses Nonviolent			8	0	8
Liquor Law Violation			0	0	0
Peeping Tom			0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property			4	1	5
All Other Offenses			465	7	472

# Operations – Investigation Unit

The Investigative Unit falls underneath the Operations Division which is overseen by the Major of Operations. The investigative unit is comprised of both the Detective and Metro Drug units. Within 2022 the Detective unit was able to add an additional detective and a Criminal Support Specialist (CSS) to assist with the caseload and evidence management. The Detective unit is comprised of a Lieutenant of Detectives who oversees five detectives and the civilian CSS. The members within this unit are all cross trained investigators who specialize in certain areas of expertise.

During 2022, the most investigated cases were as follows:

## ***Most Investigate Crimes***

- Sexual Assaults
- Fraud
- Child Pornography
- Death Investigations
- Property Crimes





## Operations – Drug Task Force Unit

The Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force (DTF), is comprised of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (lead agency) and both the Manitowoc Police Department and Two Rivers Police Department. Full-time personnel assist with the DTF which has been in place since the early 1980's. Many new challenges involving health and safety drug threats were encountered in 2022 along with significant Methamphetamine and Fentanyl drug seizures.

The City of Manitowoc continues to be the jurisdiction where the majority of the DTF investigations take place. While the prescription medication caseload has decreased, DTF investigations have been directed toward Methamphetamine and Fentanyl distribution.

In 2022, the DTF conducted fourteen drug-related search warrants. They initiated approximately 137 drug-related cases with 52% of the cases involving Methamphetamine. ***Fentanyl related cases continue to increase and pose the most significant health and safety threat to the community.***

The investigators conducted numerous drug related presentations that provided current drug trends and information sharing allowing the community to remain vigilant.

The DTF has two Federal Task Force officers that are partially funded. **Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Marshal Service** resources were utilized on numerous cases. These additional resources provide the DTF with the ability to enhance investigations and the ability to refer large-scale drug distribution cases to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. This cooperative relationship has been vital to numerous local investigations.

***The DTF will continue its efforts directed toward the most significant drug threat in the community and assist local, regional, state and federal law enforcement agencies with information and intelligence gathering.***

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## Metro Drug Narcotic Seizures

	2020	2021	2022
Amphetamines (gm)	720.37	1114.583	1533.011
Amphetamines (DU)	22	23.25	221.5
Crack Cocaine (gm)	0	25.5	.27
Crack Cocaine (ml)	0	0	0
Cocaine (gm)	20.61	167.05	178.53
Hallucinogen-other (gm)	42.57	133.52	2876.68
Hallucinogen-other (DU)	214	180.75	46
Hashish (gm)	0	0	0
Hashish Oil (oz)	0	0	0
Heroin (gm)	434.02	134.32	15.72
LSD (DU)	0	7	0
Marijuana (gm)	4,859.29	5364.049	9490.269
Marijuana plants	16	12	0
Marijuana (ml)	9.5	395	166
Morphine (DU)	8	0	32
Morphine (ml)	0	35	0
Narcotics-other (DU)	55	307.2	702.257
Narcotics-other (gm)	196.67	846.927	1041.5
Opium (DU)	0	0	0
Opium (gm)	0	0.1	0
Other Depressants (DU)	21	19	22
Other Drugs (gm)	0	1.49	545.761
Other Drugs (DU)	304	218	118.5
Other Stimulants (DU)	0	0	5

DU = Dosage Unit

Metro Drug Cases	2020	2021	2022
	119	154	137



Cases Involved	2020	2021	2022
Heroin	36%	8%	10%
Prescription	8%	1%	2%
Marijuana	11%	3%	2%
Cocaine	1%	1%	1%
Methamphetamine	34%	43%	52%
Fentanyl		38%	30%
Other	10%	6%	3%

Metro Drug Search Warrants	2020	2021	2022
SWAT Full Team Assist	1	0	1
SWAT Partial Team Assist	0	0	0
No Assistance from SWAT	15	16	14
Total Warrants	16	16	15

## Drug Disposal Program

	2020	2021	2022
Pounds Collected	1638	2077	2,111

# K9 Unit

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office currently has two K-9 teams, which are K-9 Leon with his handler Deputy Chris Hemauer and K-9 Rocky with his handler Deputy Jon Schwede. Both of our K-9 teams are dual purpose with patrol and narcotic capabilities.



Some of the patrol capabilities consist of tracking, building searches, area searches, and crowd control. Some of the narcotic capabilities consist of sniffs on



vehicles, postal packages and assisting school personnel with locker searches. Our K-9 teams are also very involved in our community with demonstrations and public engagements.

Our K-9 teams train a minimum of 16 hours per month to keep their skills refined as well as attend annual certification trainings.

During 2022 our K-9 teams were responsible for locating and assisting in the following:

2022 K9 Statistics					
	MTSO	Other L.E. Agencies	Other Agencies	School Sniffs	Total Calls
<b>Calls For Service</b>	61	46	25	11	143
	Marijuana	Cocaine	Methamphetamine	Heroin	
<b>Drugs Confiscated</b>	29g	5g	48g	4g	

# Civil Process

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Unit is comprised of two full-time sworn process servers and one civilian support staff assistant. The process unit's duties include:

- ★ Service of civil documents
- ★ Writ of Assistance (removal)
- ★ Writ of Restitution (eviction)
- ★ Writ of Replevin (repossession)
- ★ Writ of Execution (seizing and sale of property)
- ★ Temporary Restraining Orders and Injunctions
- ★ Jury Questionnaires
- ★ Court Subpoenas
- ★ Letters and Notices
- ★ Child Support
- ★ Sheriff's Sales and Postings



The Civil Process unit works closely with the Manitowoc County Corporation Counsel regarding civil and legal matters. They also assist with the service of legal papers from outside counties within the State of Wisconsin and other states.

<b>2022 Civil Process</b>	
<b>Legal papers received for service</b>	<b>1,380</b>
<b>Writ of Assistance</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Writ of Restitution</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Writ of Replevin</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Sheriff Sale Postings</b>	<b>33</b>

# Jail Division

The Jail Division's mission is to enforce the safety and security of all inmates and staff. The operational capacity of the facility is 199 inmates. During 2022, the Jail Division's training unit saw an unprecedented workload through the training of over 10 new team members.

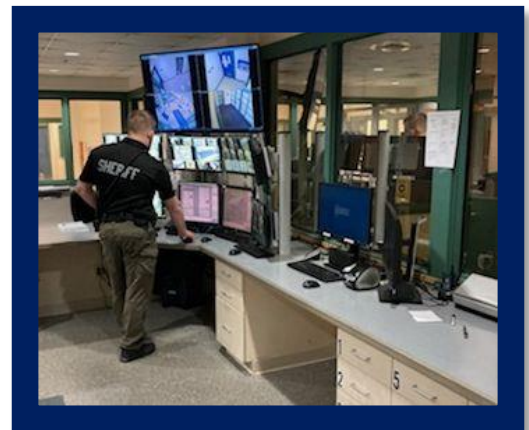
**The Jail Division is comprised of the following Team members:**

- 1 Major
- 2 Lieutenants
- 11 Sergeants
- 37 Corrections Officers
- 3 Full-time nurses
- 7 Kitchen Staff
- 32-hour contracted mental health nurse
- Grant funded AODA counselor



**The following programs are offered to the inmates incarcerated in the Manitowoc County Jail:**

- GED/HSED
- AODA Group
- EMP Program
- Individual Mental Health Counseling
- Religious Programs
- Employment Counseling
- Making Reading Memories
- Drug Court
- Life Skills (Coping and Parenting)
- Welding
- Work Skills





## Jail Division

### 2022 Monthly Bookings and Average Inmate Population

	Male	Female	Monthly Total
Jan 2022	117	49	166
Feb 2022	125	46	171
Mar 2022	137	44	181
Apr 2022	122	42	164
May 2022	120	51	171
June 2022	122	58	180
July 2022	131	54	185
Aug 2022	154	63	217
Sept 2022	146	44	190
Oct 2022	125	36	161
Nov 2022	118	46	164
Dec 2022	113	44	157
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>2107</b>

### 2022 Monthly Average Population

	Male	Female	Monthly Average
Jan 2022	113.65	32.45	146.10
Feb 2022	122.46	32.29	154.75
Mar 2022	140.10	32.39	172.49
Apr 2022	136.47	29.80	166.27
May 2022	131.10	35.61	166.71
June 2022	124.97	42.17	167.14
July 2022	129.10	33.00	162.10
Aug 2022	137.77	37.74	175.51
Sept 2022	155.33	43.20	198.53
Oct 2022	146.35	34.20	180.55
Nov 2022	145.80	32.97	178.77
Dec 2022	143.26	32.48	175.74
<b>2022 Average</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>170</b>

# Reserve Deputies

The Manitowoc County Reserve Deputy Program is currently comprised of retired and current law enforcement officers as well as those individuals right out of college looking for future full-time employment as a law enforcement professional. Our reserve deputies provide assistance with a multitude of different functions and responsibilities for the Sheriff's Office which include:

- **Prisoner Transport (Mental Health, Prison, Jail, Court Appearances)**
- **Security Guard Duty**
- **Community Events**
- **Traffic Control**
- **Manitowoc County Fair**
- **Scene Security**
- **Summer Festivities (Picnics / Races / Parades etc.)**
- **Background Investigation**
- **Bailiff Duties**
- **Investigation Assistance**
- **Role players for training scenarios**



During 2022 the reserve deputies combined to work 4,830 hours and 16 non-county events where they are contracted by a business or organization for security.

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office is grateful for these individuals and the important role they play in the day to day operations and success of the agency.

# Volunteers

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Program is overseen by the Major of Support and currently has nine volunteer team members.

We can't say enough for how grateful we are to have these individuals who are willing to volunteer their time assisting the agency with daily tasks. Some of their assignments include:

- ★ **Disabled vehicle checks**
- ★ **House checks**
- ★ **Manitowoc TRIAD Meetings**
- ★ **Squad maintenance transport**
- ★ **Assist with deliveries and pickups for items and equipment that assist with daily operations of the agency**
- ★ **Local ballot distribution**

During 2022, these nine volunteers donated 2,190 of their personal hours in helping out the sheriff's office. These volunteer hours not only significantly help to reduce the daily workload on our staff but also saves our taxpayers money. Since conception of the program, volunteers have donated over 125,500 hours!

Thank you to each and every one of you for helping make a difference in our community and your continued dedication to the Sheriff's Office! Your daily efforts do not go unnoticed!



# 2022 Officer of the Year

Detective Brandon Radke was honored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles when he was nominated as the “2022 Eagles Officer of the Year” for his dedicated service to the community in the areas of law enforcement and crime prevention.

Yearly, officers are nominated by their peers for this award. Those recipients who are honored to be nominated for the officer of the year award have not only demonstrated an exemplary work history but also must exceed standards in the following areas:

- ★ Appearance (how they represent the uniform)
- ★ Overall Attitude
- ★ Public Relation Skills
- ★ Job Performance
- ★ Sheriff's Office Involvement
- ★ Ability to work well with others

Detective Brandon Radke has been employed with the Sheriff's Office for approximately 10 years. During his employment he has held positions as a patrol deputy, Swat Team and Dive Team member, field trainer, and instructor. Brandon has established himself as a leader and positive influence within the agency due to his personality, knowledge, experiences and dedication to this profession and the agency.

Brandon demonstrates a passion for this career through his treatment of others, his professional and dedicated approach to investigations, his eagerness to always try to improve himself and those around him and his passion for justice through thorough investigations. He also demonstrates; enthusiasm for the job and the people around him (coworkers and community), communication skills (ability to strike up a conversation with anyone), professional demeanor and character (investigative skills and attention to detail), and an ability to adapt and work in a group atmosphere. Brandon continues to demonstrate all these qualities and more as he accepts and takes on more responsibilities within this organization.

Congratulations, Detective Brandon Radke on this award and your accomplishments!



# 2022 Corrections Officer of the Year

Corrections Officer Gina Behrensprung was honored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles when she was nominated as the “2022 Eagles Corrections Officer of the Year” for her dedicated service to the community in the area of corrections.

Yearly officers are nominated by their peers for this award. Those recipients who are honored to be nominated for the corrections officer of the year award have not only demonstrated an exemplary work history but also must exceed standards in the following areas:

- ✦ Appearance (how they represent the uniform)
- ✦ Overall Attitude
- ✦ Public Relation Skills
- ✦ Job Performance
- ✦ Sheriff’s Office Involvement
- ✦ Ability to work well with others

Gina has worked her 17-year career at the Sheriff’s Office in Corrections. She has been involved in many aspects of the Sheriff’s Office, taking the initiative in many behind-the-scenes duties which include: electronic monitoring, background checks, and fingerprint processing.



Gina brings many strengths to the Sheriff’s Office. However, her most significant contribution is that of a mentor for our staff. One of our team members commented that Gina, “is always willing to help fellow officers and to go the extra step for others”. Her presence makes her very approachable to her coworkers. Gina continues to do the best she can for our community and is a shining role model for others to follow.

We are honored to have Corrections Officer Gina Behrensprung on our team at the Sheriff’s Office and are proud to announce her recognition as our Corrections Officer of the year.

Congratulations, Corrections Officer Gina Behrensprung on this award and your accomplishments!



# Snowmobile and Boat Patrol

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Boat and Snowmobile units are utilized for monitoring the trails, rivers and waterways within Manitowoc County to provide education and to uphold the State recreational laws within Wisconsin. These programs are often funded anywhere between 60 to 80% annually through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Sheriff's Office snowmobile and boat units are comprised of both full-time and reserve deputies that perform the enforcement of the State of Wisconsin's recreation laws that apply within Manitowoc County.



## *Snowmobile Patrol*

Manitowoc County currently has over 248 miles of snowmobile trails that are divided into six sections. Unfortunately, due to the lack of snow accumulation the snowmobile trails did not open in 2022.

## *Boat Patrol*

The boat patrol unit provides education and enforcement to those utilizing the waterways within Manitowoc County. These include the rivers, inland lakes as well as Lake Michigan. During 2022, the Manitowoc Sheriff's Office Boat Unit worked 288 hours. During this timeframe the following types of enforcement were complete:

- ★ Written Warnings – 42
- ★ DNR Citations – 29

The primary focus of both recreational patrol units is to provide education to those utilizing the Manitowoc County waterways and trails, to ensure an enjoyable experience for all, and provide enforcement to help keep everyone safe while in a boat or on a snowmobile



# Specialty Teams – SWAT /CNT TEAM

## SWAT Team

The multi-jurisdictional SWAT team includes members from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (lead), Manitowoc Police Department, Two Rivers Police Department, and Two Rivers Fire Department. This team is a designated unit of law enforcement officers and tactical emergency medical support (TEMS) that is specifically trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents.



This includes, but is not limited to, hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. As a matter of office policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where public and officer safety issues warrant the use of such a unit.

During 2022, the SWAT team cooperated in extensive training to help prepare the team for actual call-out requests. The SWAT team was requested on nine separate instances during 2022 for situations involving search warrants, armed subjects and barricaded subjects.

## Crisis Negotiators Team (CNT)

The CNT is a joint agency county-wide team comprised of seven negotiators from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, Manitowoc Police Department, Two Rivers Police Department and Mishicot Police Department.

Each team member is responsible for completing the basic negotiator training as well as bi-monthly team training. During the monthly training the team reviews past call-outs, reviewing their equipment and procedures, and work through team scenarios.

In 2022 the CNT was activated on three call-outs.

## Specialty Teams – *Dive & Recovery Team*

The Dive Team performs search and recovery operations in Lake Michigan, small lakes and other bodies of water within Manitowoc County. The team consists of nine members, four of which are recent additions to the team in 2022. The nine members include eight from the Sheriff's Office and one from the Manitowoc Police Department, allowing for a joint operation.

During 2022 the team trained monthly from May through October along with one ice dive in the winter. Training, teamwork, experience and knowledge of the equipment are important aspects that make this team successful. The team was also able to purchase a side scan sonar for the Sheriff's Office boat and two full face dive masks with communications.

The team was utilized on two separate call-outs to assist the Manitowoc Police Department in the recovery of two deceased individuals as well as a vehicle. The recoveries were successful allowing closure for the families.

Annually the team completes training to maintain certification in ice dive, deep dive, night dive, and search and recovery training on in-land lakes, ponds and Lake Michigan.



## Specialty Teams – *Drone Team*

In July of 2022, the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office created an Unmanned Aerial System team. The purpose of the Drone Unit is search and rescue, crash reconstruction, fugitive apprehension, assisting local Fire Departments/EMS, and Manitowoc County building inspections. Twelve members have completed and passed the testing in accordance with the FAA Part 107 guidelines.

Within its first six months the team received 32 on-duty pilot calls to assist deputies and other law enforcement agencies. The drone was used to photograph crash scenes, search for individuals both lost and wanted, provide a security survey of an event site, provide lighting for a high risk traffic stop, searched lakes for potential victims, checked a fire scene for hot spots and photographed scene, gathered video evidence, and was utilized with an interpreter over the loudspeaker to give instructions to an armed suspect.

Initial training for the team included a 40 hour video to prepare for the Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Test to become FAA UAS certified pilots. Pilots then participated in an additional 8 hours of training to familiarize them with the drone and basic flight maneuvers. Advanced training covering high altitude flight, payload delivery, visual observer flight, and night search tactics with thermal imaging was also completed.



## Specialty Teams – *Honor Guard*

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was formed by six agency members in 2012. Since then the team has continued to progress not only with their knowledge and experience, but also with the uniform that was hand selected by all original team members. Currently the Honor Guard Team consists of seven members which include four patrol deputies, one detective, one jail sergeant and one patrol lieutenant.

In 2022, the Honor Guard Team responded to a total of eight team call-outs, seven of them being partial team call-outs and one being a full team call-out. The team trained for a total of 10 hours, primarily prior to each event that they participated in.

The call-outs included the following:

- ★ Category II Funeral – Officer Macullen Schnell
- ★ Flag Presentation – Women's Police Conference (Elkhart Lake, WI)
- ★ Flag Presentation – Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (Manitowoc)
- ★ WI Law Enforcement Memorial – Sunrise Guard mount/ceremony (Madison)
- ★ WI Law Enforcement Memorial - decommissioning ceremony (Madison)
- ★ Colors Presentation – Swearing In ceremony (Manitowoc County Court House)
- ★ WI Law Enforcement Memorial - rededication (Madison)
- ★ Category II Funeral – Line of Duty Death Steven Nothem (Kiel PD)





# New Positions Added in 2022

In 2022 the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office added three new positions to our team which included a civilian Criminal Support Specialist, a Detective and a Professional Standards Lieutenant.

## Criminal Support Specialist

The Criminal Support Specialist works as an evidence room manager and a certified evidence technician. The CSS's duties include the daily intake of evidence, sending items to the WI State Crime Lab, handling the intake and release of firearms as it relates to surrenders and property returns. The CSS is also trained and certified to assist Law Enforcement on scene and Search Warrants to maintain the chain of custody of the evidence. Over the last year, the evidence room went through a complete remodel to aid in the efficiency and organization of the evidence room.

## Professional Standards Lieutenant

The Professional Standards Unit consists of a lieutenant who oversees the training and development of employees at the Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Sean Littlefield was selected to fill this spot from his prior position of lead 3<sup>rd</sup> shift lieutenant. The Professional Standards Unit falls underneath the supervision of the Major of Support. Responsibilities of this position include:

- ★ Hiring process
- ★ In-house training coordinator
- ★ Oversight of the field training programs
- ★ Social media/events coordinator
- ★ Public information officer
- ★ Internal affairs
- ★ Reserve deputy program
- ★ Wellness Team
- ★ Training equipment inventory

## Detective

The primary purpose of this position is to investigate white collar crimes (fraud/theft); however, can also be utilized as a general purpose detective, assisting with any overflow of case work. The addition to the Detective Unit has benefited the agency through workload distribution, schedule and training flexibility, the opportunity for further specialized training to occur within the Sheriff's Office, and to assist the Metro Drug Unit.

# Training Unit

The addition of the Professional Standards Lieutenant position has opened up the doors to establish a training program that is more encompassing, allowing for team members the ability to gain their 24 hours of annual certification training through our agency, attending our training courses, with our trainers.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office trainers put on the following in-service training sessions for its members:

## Jail

- ★ In-service #1 - Fire Evacuation / Stun-Tronics / Defensive Tactics (12 hrs)
- ★ In-service #2 – Conducting searches / Restraint chair application / Medical review and suicide prevention (12 hrs)
- ★ In-service #3 – Pepperball certification / Drug identification / Defensive Tactics / Professional communication (12 hrs)
- ★ CPR / Blood borne Pathogens / Narcan (4 hrs)

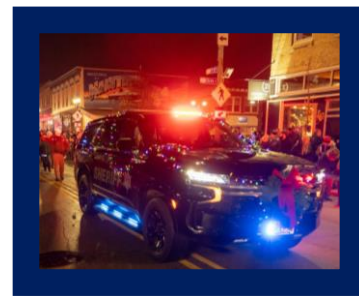
## Patrol

- ★ WI State Annual Pistol Qualification (2 hrs)
- ★ In-service #1 – Firearms / Rifle qualification / Tactical shield familiarization (8hrs)
- ★ In-service #2 – Firearms / Pepperball certification (8 hrs)
- ★ EVOC – Emergency vehicle operations course (4 hrs)
- ★ CPR/ Blood borne Pathogens / Narcan (4 hrs)
- ★ WI State Pistol and Rifle Qualifications / Low Light Shooting (2 hrs)

Not only have we provided our team members with in-house training but continue to look for ways to enhance our training program by sending individuals to outside specialty trainings. This allows for growth, expertise and knowledge which can be brought back to the rest of the agency.

We look at ways to advance our knowledge and experience through training that encompasses scenarios with the goal of being prepared for real life situations.

# Community Involvement



## Sheriff's Office in the Community

*Kiwanis Reading with a Cop*

*Job Fair*

*County Fair*

*L.E. Memorial*

*Parades*

*Cops & Bobbers*

*Touch the Trucks*

*National Night-Out*

*Trunk of Treat*

*Snowfest*

*Paws for Laws*

*Lights of Christmas*

*Shop with a Cop*

*MYBA Fall Event*

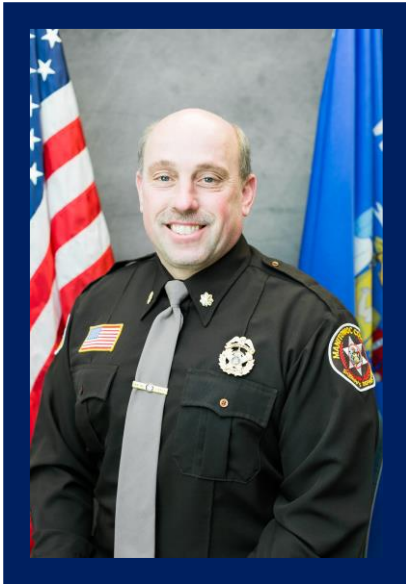
*DARE Program*

*Special Olympics Fundraiser*

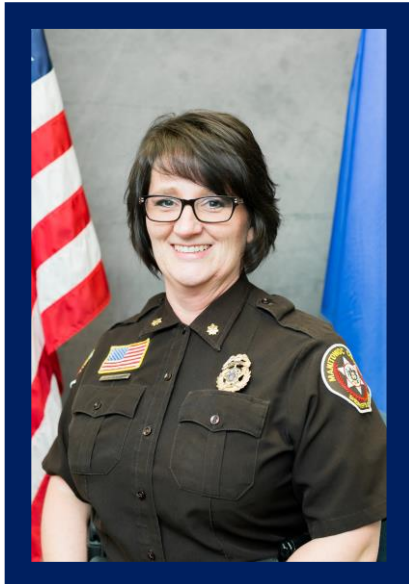
*Meals on Wheels*

*Drug Take Back*

## Retirements



**Larry Ledvina**  
30 years of service



**Joy Brixius**  
30 years of service



**Kurt Messman**  
28 years of service

*Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office  
and the citizens of our community.*



**Randy Johnson**  
19 years of service





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