

IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2022 Annual Report

2022 Staff



Left To Right: Deputy Alex Ehlers & K9 Nera, Sergeant Micheal Stehr, Deputy Brady Van Egdome, Deputy Jared Clausen & K9 Blitz, Sheriff Wade Harriman, Deputy Robert McMillen, Chief Deputy Frederick Anderson, Deputy Korey Van Wyhe, Deputy Kirk Kinnaman & K9 Kiera (Not Pictured: Sergeant Corey Trucke)



Standing—left to right: Dispatcher Sandy Tollufsen, Dispatcher Brandi Reiss, Civil Deputy/Jail Lead Lena Hawthorne, Jailer/Dispatcher Dana Goodman, Jailer Katie Hayden

Sitting—left to right: Jailer Zach Brown, Jailer Kyle Schiernbeck, Jailer Nathaniel Tarr

(Not pictured: Part Time dispatcher Stacy McGee)



MISSION STATEMENT



Through collaborative efforts and partnerships, the Ida County Sheriff's Office guards the life, property, and constitutional rights of all and pursues justice with compassion and respect for all our citizens to ensure a safe and secure county.

VISION

The Ida County Sheriff's Office, trusted and respected by the entirety of our citizens, proactively and cooperatively serves our county by providing exceptional law enforcement services that help enable the safety, security and well-being of all citizens

VALUES

- 1) **Integrity:** We conduct ourselves with uncompromised honesty, honor and ethics
- 2) **Human Dignity:** We acknowledge and recognize the value, worth and rights of all citizens
- 3) **Justice:** We serve our county in an unbiased and impartial manner, applying equal protection under the law
- 4) **Professionalism:** We are accountable to ourselves and the public for the quality of our service, and we seek to continually improve ourselves, our agency, and our community relationships.
- 5) **Leadership:** We entrust and demand our members to lead ethically and responsibly within the organization and the county we serve.



Wade Harriman, Sheriff

Citizens of Ida County:

On behalf of the men and women of the Ida County Sheriff's Office it is my honor to present to you our 2022 annual report. The past year presented your sheriff's office with unique challenges, and many opportunities to serve.

As the Sheriff of Ida County, it is my distinct privilege to lead the employees of the Sheriff's Office. Each and every one of us is dedicated to serving and protecting the citizens of our great county. We come to work every day with steadfast determination to carry out the mission of the Sheriff's Office

in a professional and unbiased manner. We come to work each day knowing that we are putting ourselves in harms' way. We stand between those we serve, and those who seek to victimize. We do this because our oath demands it, and we do it willingly.

The past few years have been very difficult years for the law enforcement community broadly speaking. We are still recovering from the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic that adversely affected our ability to interact with those we serve. We have witnessed our ability to recruit new officers nationwide become increasingly challenging after incidents like the murder of George Floyd. Because of these issues, and the inherent dangers in our profession, it is imperative that we invest in our employees. I believe those of us in administrative positions have a solemn obligation to invest in our employees. We have to invest in their training. We have to invest in their pay and benefits, and we have to invest in their personal well-being, both on and off duty.

As you review this 2022 annual report please keep in mind the hard work, dedication and commitment displayed by the employees at the Sheriff's Office that made it possible. If you find that you have any questions or concerns about this report, or anything pertaining to law enforcement, please reach out to me directly. I can be reached by email: wharriman@idacountysheriff.us or by phone at the Sheriff's Office. 712-364-3146.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wade A. Harriman

Frederick Anderson,

Chief Deputy

School Resource Officer



What a year this has been! This past year I was assigned to one of the most intimidating assignments of my career, School Resource Officer for the OABCIG and Ridgeview School Districts. It has been over 33 years since I was in school. It felt as though I had stepped back in time and began my first day of high school all over again. Not knowing if the students or the staff would accept me. Plus the stress of this being a new program and the success depends on how I develop the program. This was a new journey that no one in the Ida County Sheriff's had ever encountered.

I began my assignment on November 29, 2021 after the Thanksgiving break. I started out with the Ridgeview High School in Holstein in the morning. My anxiety was put at ease when I met with Josh Sussman, high school principal. I was given the full tour of the building and introduced to the staff. The school found me a location that I could work from when in the building and I was ready to go.

Next up was venturing out among the students. I could tell that I did not fit in right away by the looks and the whispers. Some would look at me and say, "Hi", some would look quick and try to avoid eye contact and some would just look at the ground and keep walking. The students were wondering why is a cop in the school? Who was I looking for? Who was in trouble? It was from that point I was on a mission to fit in and start breaking down the barrier between police officers and students.

That afternoon I went to OABCIG High School. I was more at ease with this district since my children had attended the school and I am a substitute bus driver for the district. With that being said, the reaction I received from the students was much like the students at Ridgeview. Although some knew me as their bus driver, they did not connect me with my profession as a police officer.

My role as a school resource officer is broken down into three areas. This is called the School Resource Officer Triad. The most important role I play in the school is the safety of students, staff and visitors. The SRO triad consists of law enforcement officer (20%), informal counselor/mentor (40%) and law enforcement related education (40%).

Since last November, I have utilized all three areas of the triad. As a law enforcement officer, I have dealt with assaults, illegal drugs, vaping, harassment, child abuse/neglect, welfare checks and truancy issues to name a few. On the mentor/counselor side, I have helped with students mental health, talking with students about the consequences of their actions and assisted with a mental health committal. The final piece of the triad is law enforcement related education. I have been involved with several opportunities. We have had several classes on forensics, such as fingerprinting, evidence collection technics with the OABCIG High School TAG and Middle School TAG students. I was able to arrange for a tour of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the State Medical Examiner's Office for a small group of students at OABCIG that were interested in a career in those fields. In October, I presented a class to the faculty at Ridgeview on Active Shooter Response. We have conducted classes on firearms safety with the Ridgeview Outdoor Education class. I have spoken with elementary students about respect at the OABCIG District and have talked about impaired driving and field sobriety testing with the OABCIG high school health class.

Fast forward to today. Integrating to the school environment has been smooth. I feel that I have been accepted by both the students and staff. I have a good working relationship with the administration. The students are becoming more comfortable with my presence and many have asked me questions about laws or being a police officer. My presence has given many a sense of security while at school. I am looking forward to evolving the program and providing a safe and positive environment for both districts.



Michael Stehr,

Sergeant

Patrol Supervisor

My duties as a Patrol Supervisor is to oversee the day to day operations of the Patrol Division within the Sheriff's Office. I also supervise the operations of the K9 division and set up training for the Department. Some of my duties besides working my normal patrol shift is scheduling, setting up training for the K9 Deputies, and training for the Patrol in general.

The Patrol Division consists of myself, 6 sworn Deputies, and 1 certified reserve Deputy. The department is in the process of training 2 additional reserve officers but they have not met their requirements to be a certified reserve Deputy at this time, but are hoping they will be finished with their training in early 2023.

The K9 division of the Sheriff's Office in 2022 had 3 Deputies and their partners. These Deputies and their partners are responsible for their normal patrol duties and also drug interdiction with their K9 partners. In 2022, a large amount of narcotics have been taken off the road. Also, at the end of 2022, we had 2 K9's retire within the agency. Deputy Alex Ehlers did retire his K9 partner Nera, and Deputy Kinnaman did retire his K9 partner Kiera. Deputy Kinnaman did replace Kiera with his new K9 partner Ghazi.

In the year of 2022 we did respond to approximately 4,397 calls for service and made over 1600 traffic stops. There were several calls in 2022 that stand out unfortunately four being major incidents that the Patrol had to deal with in 2022. In March, the Patrol got a call of shots fired in the town of Battle Creek. One person had been shot. Deputies were able to move that person to get medical help. The suspect did barricade himself inside his house, which resulted in an over 6 hour standoff. Also, in November, we did respond to a murder in the town of Galva. The suspect was arrested on scene and is awaiting trial.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office committed ourselves to doing more training to keep up with changing times and making sure Deputies are prepared for challenges that they will face in the future. I was appointed Training Coordinator, in the spring of 2022, and since then, we have done training every other month of some sort. We have worked on some active shooter training, and had a training simulator come to the county for Deputies to work with. Just to highlight a few of the trainings that we have done in 2022.

Corey Trucke,

Sergeant

Communications Supervisor Jail Administrator

If you ever wondered what an unpredictable job might be like, come hang out with me for a day. I work half-time for the Sheriff's Office and supervise 5 full time dispatchers, 4 full time jailers, 2 part time dispatcher/jailers. I also oversee the operations of our communications center and jail on a day to day basis. In addition, I do work on patrol (as time allows or call volume demands). I believe that, especially in a small county like Ida County, "that's not my job" is a statement that is never acceptable. I might go from responding to a fight to scheduling staff, doing payroll, or fixing an IT related problem all in the course of one shift. This is a demanding position, and I enjoy every minute of it. The Jail and Communications staff make this job fun, and I sure couldn't do my job without them.



As a half-time Sheriff's Office Employee, I spend the other half of my time working as the Ida County EMS Director. This is a new position as of July, 2021 and I am responsible for responding to EMS calls county wide Monday-Friday 8a-5p in order to augment our volunteer EMS coverage. I also set up ongoing training/continuing education for county EMS workers, provide CPR instruction for Public Safety workers in Ida County, and assist EMS service directors with compliance, quality assurance, and training. I also am a medical examiner-investigator

Statistics

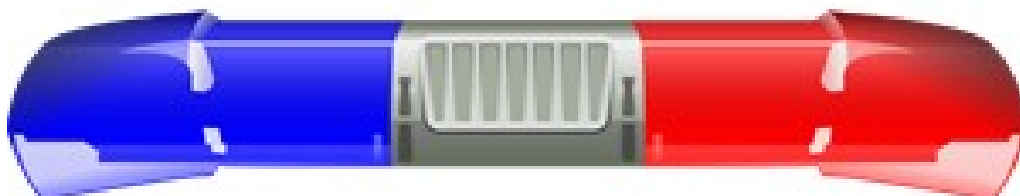
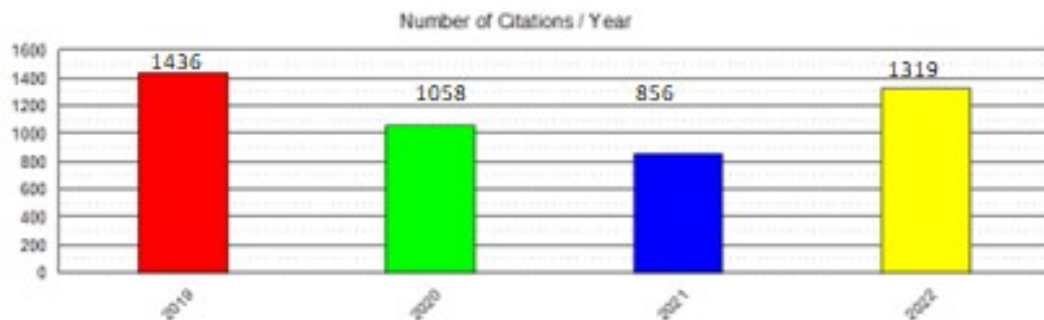


TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE			
2019	2020	2021	2022
8693	7953	7098	7069

ARRESTS			
2019	2020	2021	2022
309	288	248	255



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2022 INCIDENTS



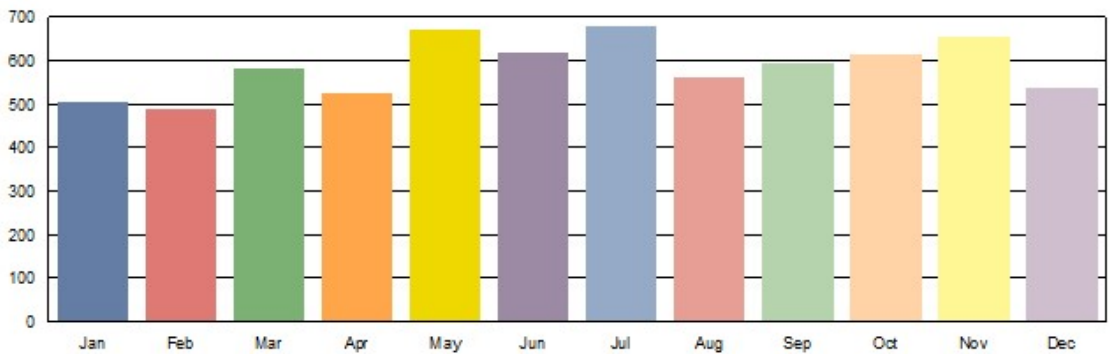
MISCELLANEOUS	3	90C - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
1050PD/HIT & RUN - 1050PD: HIT	1	90D - DRIV UNDER INFLU	19
11C/SEX ASSLT - SEXUAL AS-	5	90G - LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	4
13A - SERIOUS ASSAULT	1	90J - TRESPASSING	2
13A/ATTPT MURDER - ATTEMPT-	1	90Z - ALL OTHER OFFENSES	11
13A/DOMESTIC - AGG DOMESTIC	1	ACCT - TRACS ACCIDENT IM- PORT	124
13B - SIMPLE ASSAULT	6	ASSIST OTHER AGY - ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
13B/DOMESTIC - DOMESTIC VIO-	11	CHLD END - CHILD ENDANGER- MENT	1
13C/STALKING - STALKING	1	DEATH REPORT - DEATH RE- PORT	3
220 - BURGLARY/B&E	2	DWLB - DRIV WHILE BARRED	8
23D - THEFT FROM BUILDING	9	DWLS - DWLS	3
23F - THEFT FROM VEHICLE	2	FIRE - FIRE	1
23G - THEFT VEHICLE PART	2	HARASSMENT - HARASSMENT	3
23H - OTHER THEFT	8	INFO - INFORMATION ONLY	6
240/LMV - MOTOR VEHICLE	1	NO CONTACT ORDER - VIOLA- TION NO CONTACT ORDER	12
240/OTHER - LMV/OTHER	1	OP AFTER REVOKED - OP AFTER REVOCATION	5
250 - COUNTERFEIT/FORGERY	1	PURSUIT - PURSUIT	1
26B - CREDIT/ATM FRAUD	3	RESTRAINING ORDR - RESTRAIN- ING ORDER	2
280 - STOLEN PROPERTY	1		
290 - VANDALISM	12	Total Number of Incidents:	324
35A - DRUG/NARC VIOLATIONS	36		
35B - DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOL	7		
520 - WEAPON LAW VIOLATION	1		
90A - BAD CHECKS	1		

PATROL

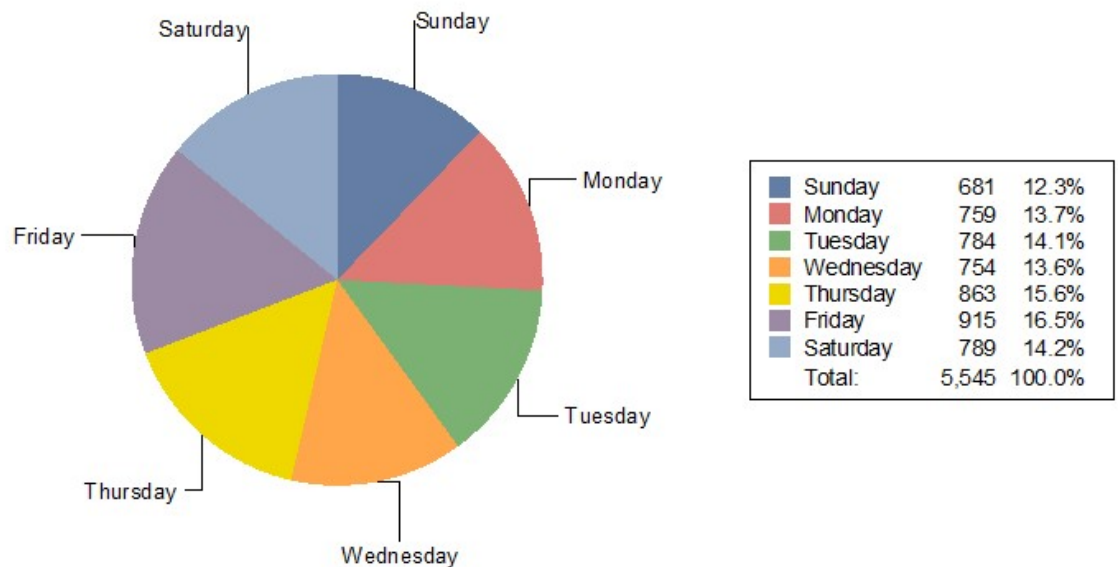


PATROL HOURS BY AREA	
RURAL AREA	1955 HOURS
IDA GROVE	2822 HOURS
HOLSTEIN	1652 HOURS
BATTLE CREEK	920 HOURS
GALVA	782 HOURS
ARTHUR	615 HOURS
JAIL DUTIES	55 HOURS
OFFICE	176 HOURS
OUT OF CO	47 HOURS

Calls by Month



CFS by Day of Week



Communications Center

2022 brought more change to the communications center. We updated our radio console to be fully integrated with the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System, which allows us to more efficiently enable responders from different agencies to speak to each other in emergencies and allow for better cross-agency coordination.

We also upgraded the 911 phone system to a system that has more redundancy and increased location tracking functionality.

Along with all of that comes immense training for our Communications Dispatchers. 2022 was a busy year, full of change.

STAFF:

Corey Trucke, Sergeant/Communications Supervisor

Brandi Reiss, Full Time

Norma Nichols, Full Time

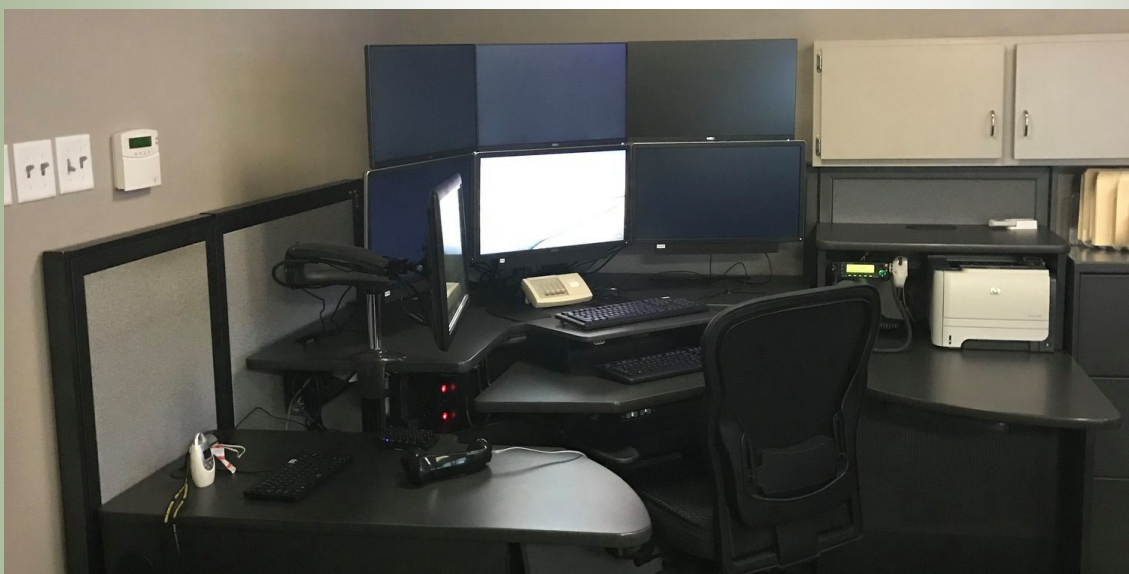
Sandy Tollufsen, Full Time

Angela Lamb, Full Time

Dana Goodman, Full Time

Stacy McGee, Part Time

Total Calls For Service Per Year*			
*Excludes calls that do not generate a public safety			
2019	2020	2021	2022
8693	7953	7098	7069



2022 marks a year of change in the Ida County Jail. July 1, 2022 marked the hiring of full time jail staff. Due to the increase in medical and mental health needs of our inmate population it became necessary to staff jail staff twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. This change ensures the safety of our staff, inmates, and significantly lowers liability on the county by properly supervising inmates.

STAFF:

Corey Trucke, Sergeant/Jail Administrator

Lena Hawthorne, Lead Jailer/Civil Deputy

Kyle Schiernbeck, Full Time Jailer

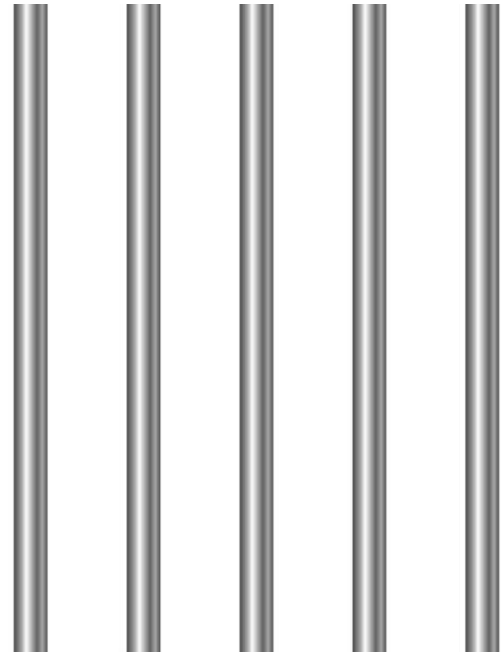
Zachariah Brown, Full Time Jailer

Katie Hayden, Full Time Jailer

Dana Goodman, Full Time Jailer

Stacy McGee, Part Time Jailer

Nathaniel Tarr, Part Time Jailer



	Number Booked In	Number Released	Total Days Served
Adult Males	195	194	1,551
Adult Females	56	55	274
Juvenile Males	0	0	0
Juvenile Females	0	0	0
Total	251	249	1,825

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION 2022 = 5

Jail

CIVIL

WEAPON PERMITS ISSUED BY YEAR

2019	2020	2021	2022
86	162	121	64

CIVIL PROCESSES BY YEAR

2019	2020	2021	2022
820	560	644	670

STAFF:

Lena Hawthorne, Civil
Deputy/Jail Lead

The Civil Deputy is responsible for the following:

- ⇒ Processing all civil processes and weapons permits
- ⇒ Billing appropriate entities for all civil and jail related fees
- ⇒ Immediate supervision of the Ida County Jail
- ⇒ All Sheriff's Office related billing and accounting
- ⇒ Record retention and record requests





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