IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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SHERIFF'S WELCOME

CITIZENS OF IDA COUNTY:

I AM PROUD TO PRESENT THE 2020 IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT. AS IN YEARS PAST, I THINK YOU WILL FIND IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES THAT YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUES TO BE AN AGENCY THAT IS PROACTIVE, PROGRESSIVE AND COMMITTED TO THE MISSION OF PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF IDA COUNTY.

2020 PRESENTED CHALLENGES THAT NONE OF US IN LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD HAVE FORESEEN JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DRAMATICALLY AND FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED THE MANNER IN WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION DELIVERED SERVICES TO THOSE WE ARE SWORN TO PROTECT AND SERVE.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADAPTED TO THE NECESSARY CHANGES, AND RESPONDED TO THE CHALLENGES CREATED BY COVID-19 IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER. WE MAINTAINED OUR VIGILANCE AND ENSURED THAT AT NO TIME WAS PUBLIC SAFETY JEOPARDIZED.

OUR STAFF CAME TO WORK EACH DAY AND FACED DOWN UNCERTAINTY TO THEIR OWN HEALTH. AND THEY DID SO WILLINGLY BECAUSE THEY TOOK AN OATH TO PROTECT AND SERVE OUR CITIZENS. I AM PROUD OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM, AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR STEADFAST DETERMINATION TO SERVE.

AS YOU REVIEW OUR STATISTICS FROM 2020 I THINK YOU WILL ONCE AGAIN BE IMPRESSED BY THE RANGE OF DUTIES CARRIED OUT BY YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. I THINK YOU WILL SEE THROUGH THOSE NUMBERS THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TAKES SERIOUSLY OUR OBLIGATION AND COMMITMENT TO PROTECT AND SERVE.

I AM SURE THAT 2021 WILL PRESENT ITS OWN UNIQUE CHALLENGES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE PREPARED FOR WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY IN THE COMING YEAR, AND WE WILL CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO FIND BETTER WAYS TO SERVE YOU.

I AM HONORED TO SERVE YOU AS IDA COUNTY'S 20TH SHERIFF. THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS BEEN MY LIFE'S WORK! I BEGAN HERE AS A 22-YEAR OLD DEPUTY SHERIFF IN 1997. IN JANUARY 2021, I WAS SWORN IN FOR MY 7TH TERM AS YOUR SHERIFF. THE TRUST YOU HAVE PLACED IN ME IS HUMBLING AND I PROMISE I WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO ME IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY. I ALWAYS HAVE, AND ALWAYS WILL, HAVE AN OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR THOSE I SERVE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

WADE A. HARRIMAN

MISSION STATEMENT

THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO PRESERVING, PROMOTING, AND SECURING A FEELING OF SECURITY AND SAFETY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY THOUGH THE PRACTICE AND DELIVERY OF LAWFUL AND PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

THIS MISSION IS A COMMITMENT TO QUALITY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERFORMANCE FROM ALL MEMBERS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL MEMBERS UNDERSTAND, ACCEPT, AND BE ALIGNED WITH THE OPERATION DECISIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTIVES WILL BE BASED. DIRECTIVES INCLUDE RULES, REGULATIONS, OPERATING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES.

THIS MISSION REPRESENTS THE COMMITMENT O THIS ADMINISTRATION TO THE CONCEPTS OF QUALITY WORK PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO WORK CONSISTENTLY IN A QUALITY MANNER IN THE DAILY PERFORMANCE OF THOSE DUTIES, JOB RESPONSIBILITIES, AND WORK TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MISSION.

QUALITY MANNER MEANS THAT PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES COMPLY WITH THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR THIS AGENCY AND FOR EACH MEMBER ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AGENCY. EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS INCLUDE THE OATH OF OFFICE, CODE OF ETHICS, AGENCY RULES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, DIRECTIVES, GENERAL AND SUPERVISORY ORDERS, WORK PRODUCTIVITY, AND PERFORMANCE BEHAVIOR.

EACH MEMBER IS REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS MISSION AND PUBLICLY REGISTER HIS OR HER COMMITMENT TO IT AND THE CONCEPT OF QUALITY SERVICE.

CODE OF ETHICS

THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS A SOCIAL CONTRACT AND A PLEDGE TO THE CITIZENS WE SERVE THAT WE WILL CONDUCT OURSELVES IN A MANNER ABOVE REPROACH. ALL SWORN EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THIS PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICS WHEN THEY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

OUR CODE OF ETHICS IS AS ENFORCEABLE AS ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL RULE OR REGULATION. ALL SWORN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF AND SIGNED THE CODE OF ETHICS. THE CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

SIGNIFICANT STATS

PATROL DIVISION

THE PATROL DIVISION OF THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF' S OFFICE PROVIDES EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY RESPONSE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS FOR THE SHERIFF' S OFFICE

THE PATROL DIVISION IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR. THE PATROL STAFF CONSISTS OF 1 SERGEANT, AND 7 FULL TIME DEPUTIES. THREE OF WHICH ARE K9 HANDLERS.

THE PATROL DIVISION TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN SERVING THE CITIZENS OF IDA COUNTY. IDA COUNTY IS 1 OF 2 COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF IOWA THAT OPERATES A UNIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM. NOT ONLY DOES THE PATROL DIVISION RESPOND TO CALLS IN THE RURAL AREA OF THE COUNTY, BUT WE ALSO PROVIDE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO THE 5 COMMUNITIES WITHIN IDA COUNTY. THOSE COMMUNITIES ARE IDA GROVE, HOLSTEIN, BATTLE CREEK, GALVA, AND ARTHUR.

THE PATROL DIVISION IS FOCUSED ON KEEPING THE ROADS OF IDA COUNTY SAFE BY ENFORCING ALL TRAFFIC LAW WITHIN IDA COUNTY. WE DO THIS BY CONDUCTING TRAFFIC STOPS ON THE STREETS, ROADS, & HIGHWAYS WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION, AND BY OUR PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND IN THE FIVE COMMUNITIES

EACH DEPUTY IS REQUIRED TO INVESTIGATE THEIR OWN CASES; HOWEVER, WE DO HELP EACH OTHER OUT WHEN IT IS A LARGE CASE, OR WHENEVER ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED. OVER THE PAST YEAR, SEVERAL BURGLARY, THEFT AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF CASES, HAVE BEEN SOLVED BECAUSE OF OUR HARD WORK AND DILIGENCE. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS TAKE A LOT OF TIME AND REQUIRE GREAT EFFORT FROM OUR DEPUTIES. THE PATROL DIVISION ALSO TAKES DRUG ENFORCEMENT VERY SERIOUSLY BY EMPLOYING THREE K9 DOGS. THE K9 ROLE IS TO HELP DETECT DRUGS AND GET THOSE DRUGS OFF THE STREETS OF IDA COUNTY. THE K9S ALSO ASSIST IN MANY OF THE SEARCH WARRANTS THAT ARE DRUG RELATED IN THE COUNTY.

THE PATROL DIVISION IS PROUD TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF IDA COUNTY.

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PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY LOCATION

ACCIDENTS	2018	2019	2020
PROPERTY DAMAGE	176	196	124
PERSONAL INJURY	19	32	26
FATALITY	2	1	1

PATROL DIVISION

DEPUTY EHLERS & K9 NERA

K9 KIERA

DEPUTY CLAUSEN & K9 BLITZ

DRUG CHARGES 2018/2019/2020

MANUFACTURE/DELIVER/POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1	1	1
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION	2	3	1
POSS. W/ INTENT TO DELIVER	1	4	4
POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	6	9	2
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	20	7	14
MFR/DELV/POSS W/ INTENT MARIJUANA	0	2	1
SALE/MFG I,II,III	1	0	0
DRUG TRAFF 5GM-100KG METH	1	0	7
POSSESSION <5G METHAMPHETAMINE	1	2	1
POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE	6	4	13
POSSS CONT SUB MARIJUANA 2ND	0	1	2
POSS CONT SUB 2ND	5	2	2
POSS CONT SUB 3RD	5	9	9
POSS CONT SUB MARIJUANA 3RD	0	2	0
GATHER WHERE CTRL SUB USED	4	0	0
GATHER FOR USE OF MARIJUANA	2	0	0
POSS DANGEROUS DRUGS	0	1	0
POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	56	45	74
CONTROLLED SUB SCHD IV/V	1	1	3
NO DRUG TAX STAMP			5
DRUG TAX STAMP VIOLATIONS			6

JAIL/COMM. DIVISION

THE IDA COUNTY JAIL IS STAFFED BY THREE FULL TIME JAILERS. WHEN THERE IS NO JAILER ON DUTY, THE DISPATCHER AND DEPUTIES ON DUTY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING AN ORDERLY JAIL AND CONDUCTING SCHEDULED CHECKS. JAIL STAFF ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL INMATES. JAILER LENA HAWTHORNE IS CROSS TRAINED AS A DISPATCHER.

THE IDA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK BY 4 FULL TIME DISPATCHERS AND 3 PART TIME DISPATCHERS. DISPATCHERS DIRECTLY COORDINATE THE RESPONSE FOR 5 FIRE DEPARTMENTS, 3 AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND 2 FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES, ALONG WITH PROVIDING DISPATCH FOR THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND COORDINATING WITH THE IOWA STATE PATROL, IOWA DOT MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT, AND IOWA DNR CONSERVATION OFFICERS. ADDITIONALLY, DISPATCHERS WORK WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTIES TO ENSURE THE PROPER HELP GETS TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED.

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JAIL ADMINISTRATOR,
COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

LENA HAWTHORNE
HEAD JAILER

AVERAGE JAIL STAY 9 DAYS

JAIL/COMM. DIVISION

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911 CALLS RECEIVED
2,262

AVERAGE EMERGENCY DISPATCH TIME
26 SECONDS

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRANSFERS
97

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRANSFERS
113

IDA COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

CIVIL DIVISION

THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT AT THE IDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS A SUPPORT POSITION THAT ASSISTS NOT ONLY ALL OTHER DIVISIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO THE CLERK OF COURTS, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY. THE CIVIL DEPARTMENT CONSISTS OF ONE PERSON WHO WEARS MULTIPLE HATS. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INCOMING PAPERS FROM THE COURTS, ROUTING THEM TO WHERE THEY NEED TO GO, AND ENSURING THE GET PROPERLY DISTRIBUTED. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAPERWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE FILED WHEN SOMEONE IS ARRESTED, EITHER ON NEW CHARGES OR ON A WARRANT, AND FOR MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS DONE PROMPTLY AND ACCURATELY. SHE ALSO HANDLES WEAPONS PERMITS FOR THE COUNTY, THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, AND GENERAL CLERICAL WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED. SHE IS THE PERSON THAT GETS ALL REPORTS, EITHER ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT, TO REQUESTING AGENCIES. IN ESSENCE, SHE HAS A DAY TO DAY ROLE THAT CHANGES RAPIDLY AND FREQUENTLY. SHE IS THE FACE IN THE WINDOW WHEN YOU COME INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO THE SHERIFF OR A DEPUTY OR IF YOU JUST NEED GENERAL INFORMATION.

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CIVIL DIVISION

CIVIL PAPERS SERVED 557

NATURE OF PROCESS

APPLICATION FOR CONTEMPT	15
NO CONTACT ORDER	22
NOTICE TO QUIT	7
ORIGINAL NOTICE PETITION	46
ORDER	26
PROTECTIVE ORDER	13
SUBPOENA	20
SUMMONS NOTICE	15
GENERAL EXECUTION	70
MITTIMUS	34
ORIGINAL NOTICE	29

VALID WEAPON PERMITS 1,207

	NEW	RENEW	ACQUIRE	TOTAL
2018	121	120	12	253
2019	86	48	8	142
2020	162	102	18	285