

PENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF



2017
ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission

Promoting safety and justice to improve the quality of life in our community.



www.pennco.org/sheriff



Sheriff's Message

2017 was another busy year for Sheriff's Office employees. Our annual report demonstrates our commitment to keeping the community safe and spending your tax dollars wisely. Strong community support coupled with the dedication of Sheriff's Office staff make for a winning combination.

Notable in 2017, we were awarded \$1.75 million from the MacArthur Foundation for smart strategies to safely reduce our jail population. It has been years of work to get to this point and I expect good things to come. On the crime front, the methamphetamine problem continues to grow. Our arrest statistics have identified a progression from predominantly marijuana arrests to meth arrests.

We are out in the community more than ever. Our employees are helping where needed, on the roads, in our schools and in specific neighborhoods. The jail garden continues to set the standard for a valuable work release program that directly benefits the inmates and the citizens of Pennington County. And we remain committed to raising funds for Special Olympics.

It is my absolute pleasure to serve Pennington County. I am honored to lead this great organization. I thank all our employees who provide crucial services to citizens. Our goal is to treat others as we would want to be treated—with respect and dignity.

Thank you for the trust and support.

*Best,
Sheriff Kevin Thom*



Citizens of
PENNINGTON COUNTY



Commander
Joe Guttierrez
Western SD Juvenile
Services Center



Chief Deputy
Brian Mueller



Commander
Rob Yantis
Pennington County Jail



Sheriff
Kevin Thom



Captain
Corey Brubakken
Investigations



Chief Deputy
Willie Whelchel



Captain
Tony Harrison
Patrol



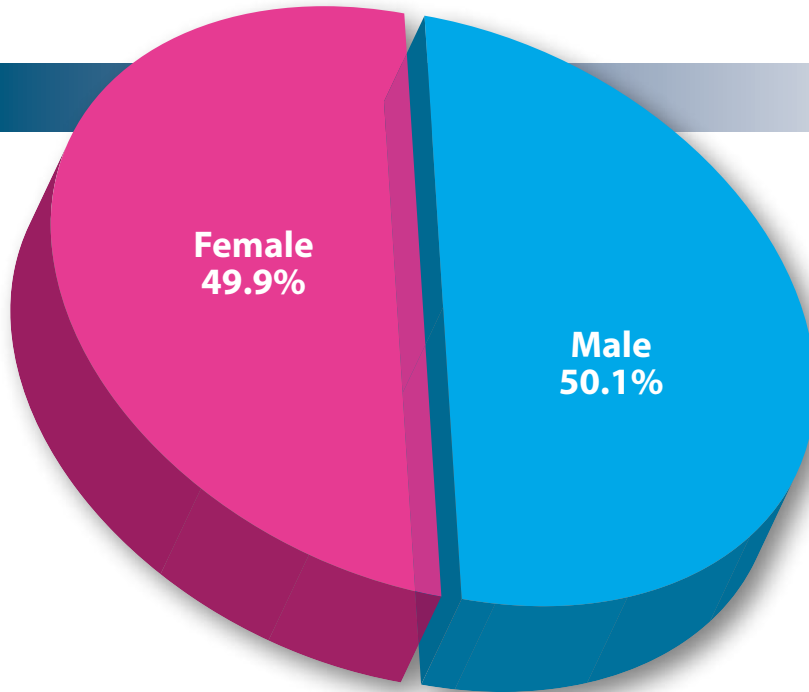
Captain
Brooke Haga
Pennington County Jail



Captain
Marty Graves
Warrants, Civil,
Transport,
Courthouse Security

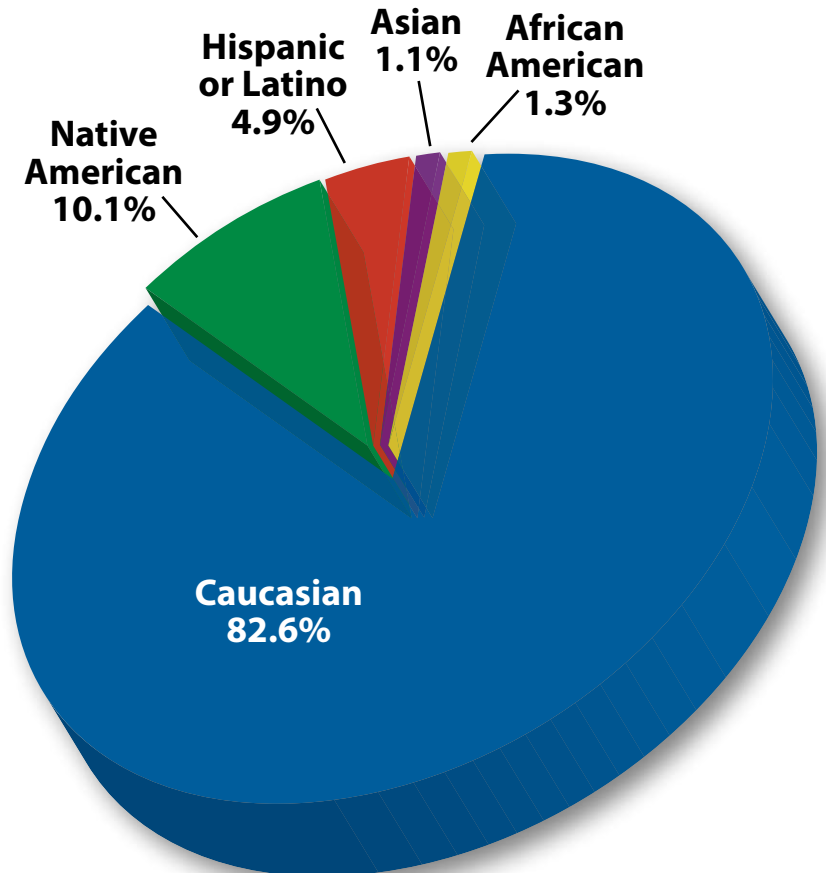


Program Director
Brenda Wood
City/County Alcohol and
Drug Programs



Median Age: **38.6 years old**
 Median Income: **\$51,508**
 Median Home Price: **\$190,600**
 Persons in Poverty: **14.5% (15,515)**
 Education: **91.5% high school graduates**
 30.2% bachelor's degree or higher

Area: **2,776 square miles**
 2016 Total Population: **109,372**



Chaplain and Reserve Deputy Gerad Strong, Deputies Jason Mitzel and Jayson Herra at Canyon Lake Park



TIMELINE

May 2015 awarded SJC planning grant of \$150,000

April 2016 awarded additional \$150,000 as Partner Site

October 2017 awarded \$1.75 million to implement criminal justice system reforms and safely reduce Pennington County's jail population

STRATEGIES

Tribal Outreach

- Issue state and/or tribal identification
- Community service and jail service opportunities on reservation
- Warrant resolution
- Unilateral extradition

Case Processing

- Implement case management plan
- Adhere to national standards on case aging and processing
- Accelerate case process and reduce failures to appear
- Better data reporting

Community Supervision

- Post-sentence community work

Pre-trial Diversion

- Pre-trial electronic monitoring
- Pre-trial risk instrument
- Cite and release
- Safe solutions facility
- Young adult diversion program

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Sheriff Thom with Oglala Sioux Tribal Officer



Members of Safety + Justice Committee



SAFETY+JUSTICE CHALLENGE

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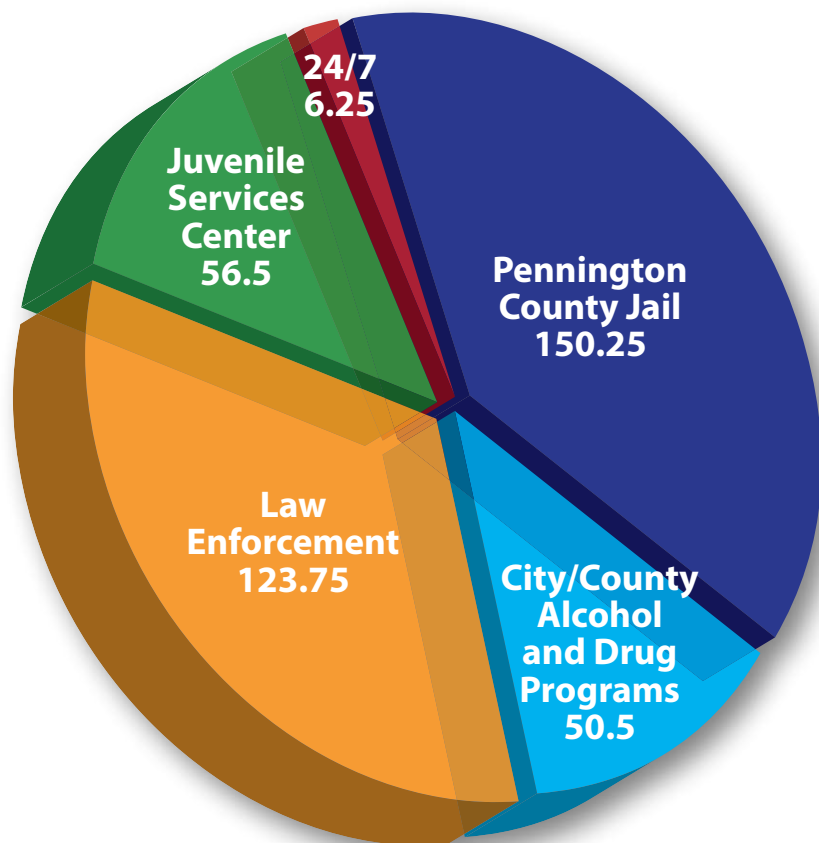
SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED JUDICIAL SYSTEM



Seventh Judicial Circuit

Employees By DIVISION

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office has 389 full-time employees and 143 volunteers.



Women have increased representation on the law enforcement side. Native American hiring increased from 2 to 11 (450%) in 2017.

Total 2017 County
Budget
\$88,818,518

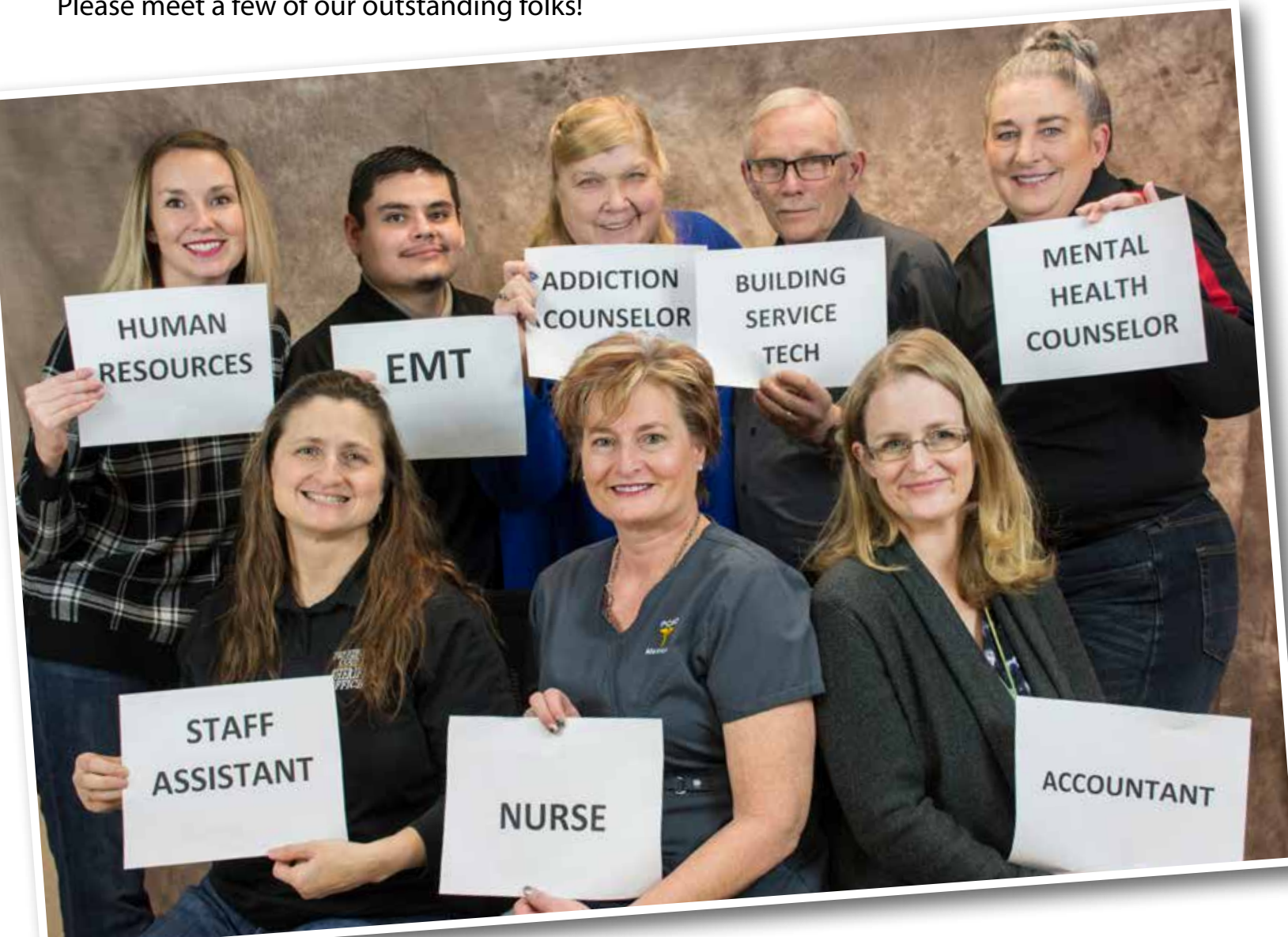
Sheriff's Office Budget
\$31,925,211

**45% of the Sheriff's
Office budget is
supported by
outside revenues*

36% of Total 2017
County Budget

NURSES, COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS, OH MY!

Often the community is surprised to hear we employ more than Correctional Officers and Deputy Sheriffs. 33% of our staff are customer service specialists, data gurus, treatment specialists and many others who serve outside of the badge. Our non-sworn employees are vital to our successful operations and in 2017 we wish to highlight our appreciation. Please meet a few of our outstanding folks!



Non-sworn employment opportunities: Nurse, EMT, Detox Technician, Booking Technician, Control Room Operator, Mental Health Counselor, Addiction Counselor, Administrative Assistant, Staff Assistant, Accountant, Human Resources, Building Services, Teacher, Victim Specialist, Uniform and Equipment Manager, Computer Tech, Training Manager, Program Manager, Mechanic, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, Case Manager, Forensic Computer Analyst, 24/7 Technician, Civil Deputy, Transport Officer, Public Information Officer

9 | Meet Some Of Our **STAFF MEMBERS**

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Meet Kim

Human Resources Assistant, serving nearly 400 employees and more than 2500 applicants annually. Hired in 2009, Kim feels the Sheriff's Office is her family and takes pride in assisting folks in career success.

Meet Carl

Detox Tech serving those afflicted by drug and alcohol addiction. Carl took advantage of our employer sponsored EMT Certification Courses in 2016 and was promoted. Carl enjoys his job because he gets to help others and every day brings something new.



Meet Carrie

Staff Assistant at the Juvenile Services Center for the last 6 years. Carrie was in the health care sector and wanted a change. She heard Pennington County was a great employer and thought the job would offer a lot of variety. With a social services background, the job is a perfect fit!



10 | 2017 Year In REVIEW

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Boating PATROL

18 shifts worked
65.25 hours spent in the boat
264 contacts made
18 verbal warnings issued
25 written warnings issued
1 BUI arrest

UTV PATROL

15 shifts worked
35.5 hours spent on the UTV
206 contacts
14 verbal warnings for not
possessing trail passes



Reserve Deputy Thad Fitch with UTV on Mickelson Trail

(From left) Don Lampert, Thad Fitch, Shawn Stalder, John Campbell, Brandon Akley, J. Marcus Isakson, Jeff Jones



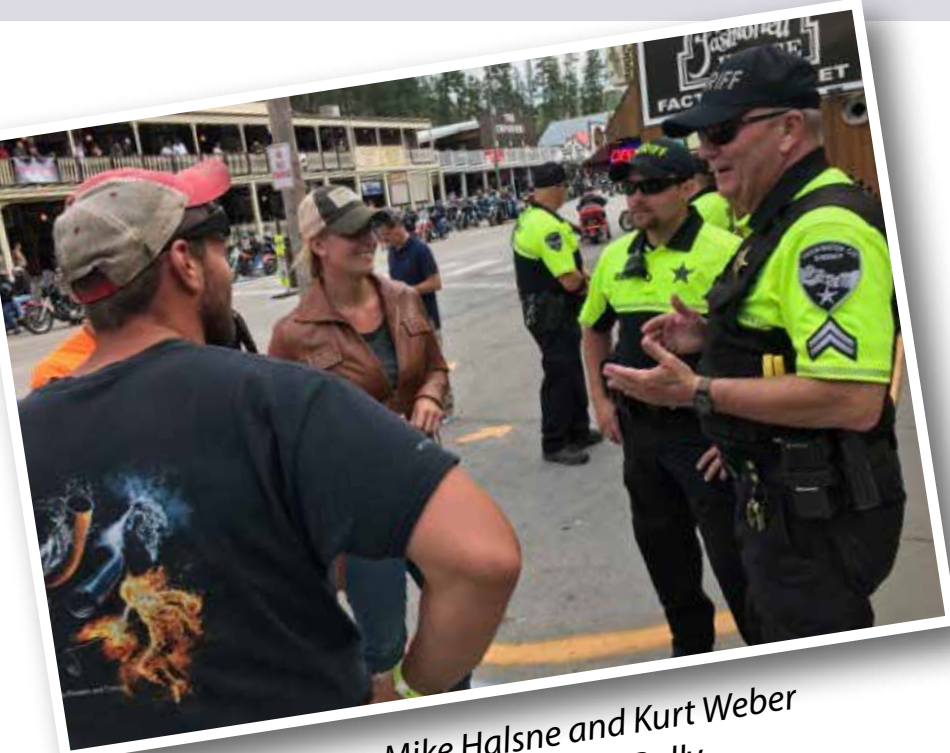
Boat patrol at Pactola Reservoir

Sturgis Rally RECAP

Pennington County Rally Tally	2015	2016	2017
Calls for Service	1,111	1,222	1,585
Accidents	69	29	21
Injury		16	11
Non Injury		13	10
DUI Arrests	6	10	10
Fatalities	2	1	0



Deputies have big presence on Main Street in Hill City



Deputies Mike Halsne and Kurt Weber in Keystone during Rally



Deputies Jake Tweeten and Mathew Scharn patrol in Hill City

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Jail Garden

PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY

Our 4th annual event was a hit! People throughout Pennington County took home 1,228 pumpkins – almost nine tons of pumpkins and produce!

Cookies and juice were also served with deputies, correctional officers and Box Elder police officers helping to carry the load.

Pumpkins were also donated to the Rapid City Landfill for a youth education event.



(From left) Gretchen Sitzes, Brooke Haga, Leo Spear, Wade Anderson, Bill Ateyo, Brian Mueller, Rob Yantis

Bears and goats and

DONKEYS AND ...

Deputies are called out on a myriad of animal calls.



Deputy Brandon Dirksen

Halloween

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Special Response Team sealed a neighborhood on Halloween night for the capture of an armed fugitive. Days later the team returned to the mobile home park to allow the neighborhood children to enjoy Halloween with free candy and tours of our equipment.

*James Johns, Tony Harrison,
Andy Becker*



Christmas gifts to the **COMMUNITY**

Deputy Hope Bearden organized an event for kids in several rural neighborhoods. 130 presents were donated to needy children!

(From left) Kirk Buchholz, Santa, Hope Bearden, and Christian Raby



14 | United Way DAY OF CARING

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*Standing from left: Tony Harrison, Darnell Hubbard, Mark Hughes,
Ryan Cook, Patty Garland, Tony Verchio
Seated: Tammy Ellison, Rhonda Fairbanks, Mischelle Boal, Karen Olson*

*(From left) Willie Whelchel, Brian Mueller, Steph McCoy, Rob Yantis,
Sarah Vogel, Kevin Thom, Helene Duhamel and Joe Guttierrez*



The Sheriff's Office annually participates in the United Way Day of Caring, a day set aside to assist the community with various projects.

This year we had two teams. One helped an elderly Rapid City woman clean her front and back yard. Another team planted trees at the Youth & Family Services' Fullerton Farm in Box Elder.

**Captain
 Tony Harrison**

On July 9, 2017, it was 106 degrees. On December 31, 2017 it was -21 degrees. Deputies work in the county 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, no matter the weather. The patrol division is responsible for preserving life, ensuring safety and just being there for the citizens of Pennington County. The Patrol division is the largest of the PCSO Law Enforcement branches and consists of one Captain, two Lieutenants, seven Sergeants, one Corporal and 46 Deputies.

An average day in the life of a deputy includes:

- Traffic enforcement
- Responding to calls for service generated by county citizens
- Civil process
- Warrant service
- Proactive policing
- Crash investigations
- Preliminary death investigation
- Basic criminal investigation for crimes ranging from theft to assault as well as the collection of evidence in preparation for potential court proceedings
- Jail transports
- Community outreach

*Sgt. Chris Hislip
 and Deputy Shawn
 Stalder at the Fair*



*Three people died in mobile home fire on
 Sturgis Road, July 2017*



16 | Calls For SERVICE

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As Pennington County grows, so does the workload for our patrol. Calls for service are generated by citizens or deputies.

Deputies also arrested and transported 1,691 24/7 violators to the Pennington County Jail.

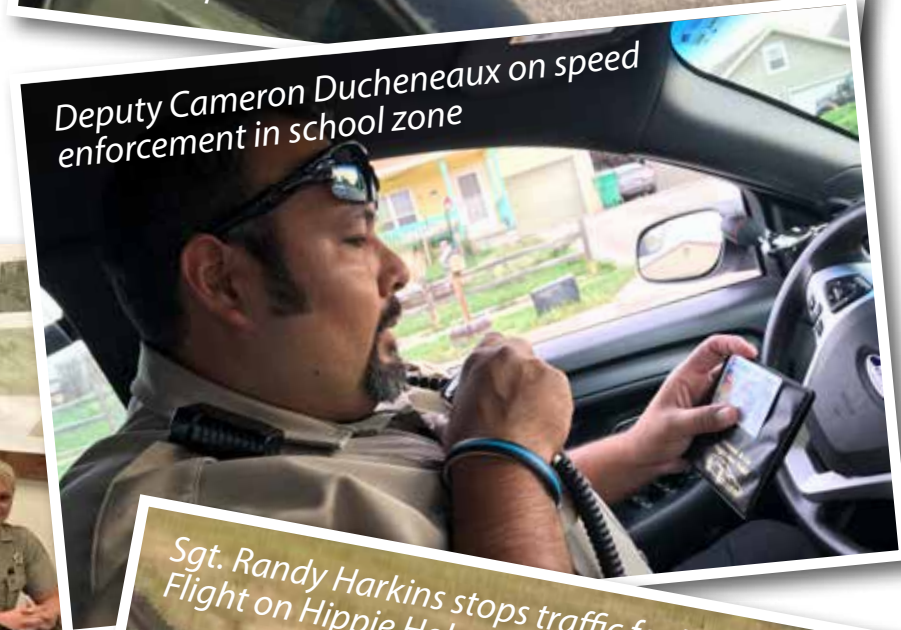
Calls for Service Numbers

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citizen Initiated	24,899	28,266	28,724	28,099
Deputy Initiated	7,786	10,081	11,441	16,140
Total	32,685	38,347	40,165	44,239

Deputies made 315 DUI arrests last year, a 4.8% decrease from 2016.



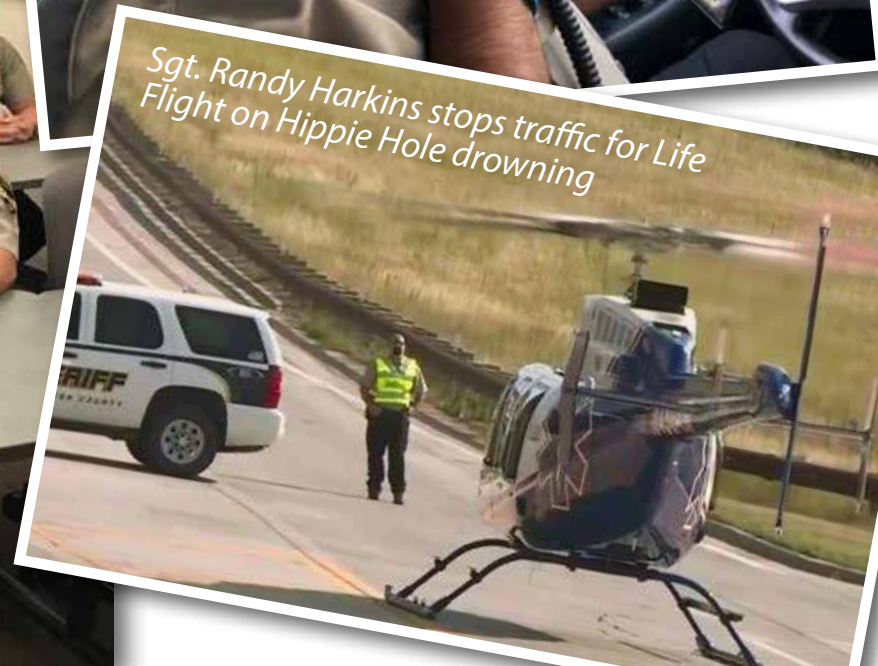
Deputy Cody Rhoden
on DUI stop



Deputy Cameron Ducheneaux on speed
enforcement in school zone



Sgt. Paul Stevens at afternoon shift briefing



Sgt. Randy Harkins stops traffic for Life
Flight on Hippie Hole drowning



The Sheriff's Office had nine deputies graduate from the Law Enforcement Academy in Pierre in 2017. Deputy Brian Burgner above.



From left:
Mathew Scharn,
Christian Raby,
Brandon Dirksen.



Retired RCPD officer Mark Black gives diploma to son, Deputy Sam Black.



Deputies Sam Black, Justin Grable, Dawson Baker, Leonard Jacobs, Matt Pond.

18 | Community SUPPORT

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Scheels barbeque



School children and others send cards and goodies during law enforcement week

Pizza Ranch delivery for #NationalPoliceWeek



Four small towns in Pennington County partner with the Sheriff's Office
to staff and maintain law enforcement services:

Hill City, Keystone, New Underwood & Wall



From left: Christopher Plawman, Randy Harkins, Christopher Tegnazian, Doug Kimball, Danni Owens, J. Marcus Isakson, John Campbell, Jacob Tweeten.

20 | Out In The COMMUNITY

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Deputy Jason Mitzel allows kids to jump in, turn on lights and siren



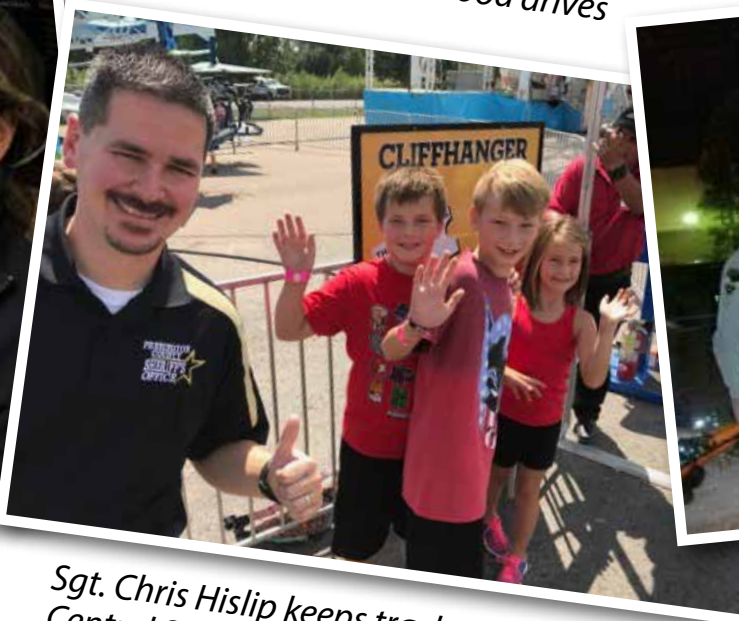
JSC Commander Joe Gutierrez participates in Guns n' Hoses and other blood drives



Capt. Corey Brubakken hands out bagels and coffee for KOTA Care & Share Food Drive



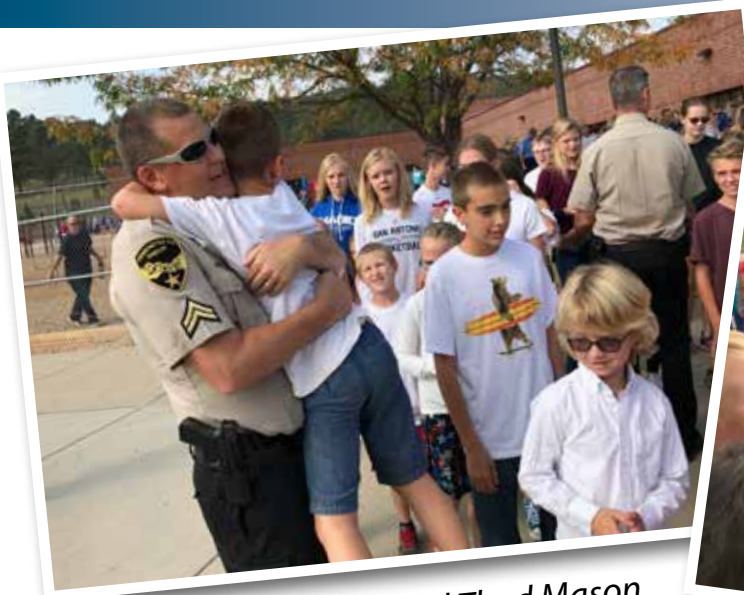
Melanie Strong serves lunch at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission



Sgt. Chris Hislip keeps track of kids at Central States Fair



Jail Wagon and Grinch in Rapid City's Festival of Lights Parade



Trent Nelson (above) and Thad Mason (right) give high fives and hugs at Southwest Middle School 9/11 Day



Shawn Stalder, Smokey Bear and Jeromey Smith



Captain Corey Brubakken with students.



Christmas Cops & Kids shopping event



WAVI Walk a mile in her shoes Corey Brubakken, John Olson and Dave Kinser in red heels

22 Pennington County Sheriff INVESTIGATIONS

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Captain Corey Brubakken heads the Criminal Investigations Division, a group of deputies responsible for the investigation of crimes against people and property. The division is further broken down into two specialty teams designed to address domestic violence and sexual assault.

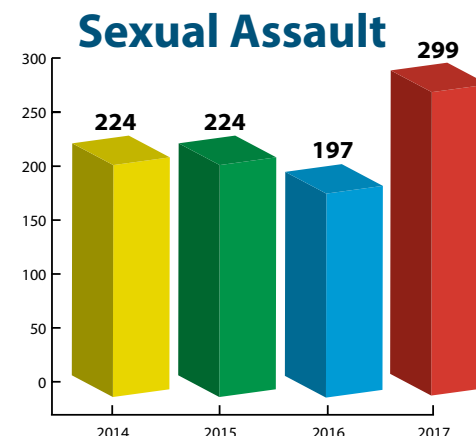
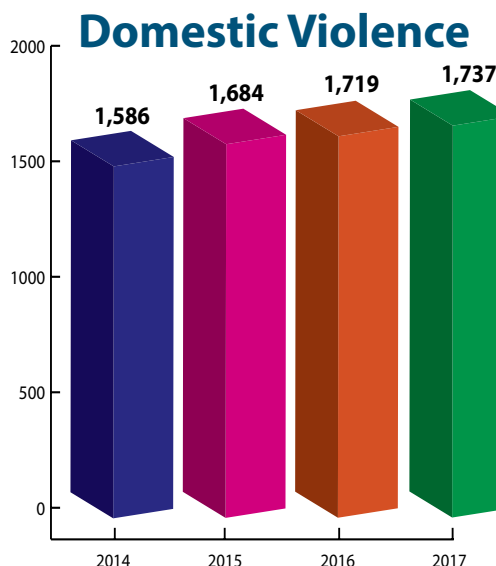
The team is made up of 13 investigators, two victim specialists, one crime intelligence analyst, one computer forensic examiner and two Rapid City Police Department detectives who

assist with domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

The Sheriff's Office also partners with the Rapid City Police Department and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation to share duties with the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit (ICAC) and the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team (UNET).

Investigations also handles coroner duties and oversees the School Resource Deputy Program.

**Captain
Corey Brubakken**



Single cases including Box Elder, Rapid City and Pennington County.

Reported Crime Data*

	2014	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016-17
Murder	1	1	1	0	
Sexual Assault	63	74	55	119	
Aggravated Assault	52	69	61	70	14.8%
Robbery	7	4	6	1	-83.3%
Burglary	86	88	86	101	17.4%
Theft	402	389	414	415	.2%
Stolen Vehicles	22	28	23	32	39.1%

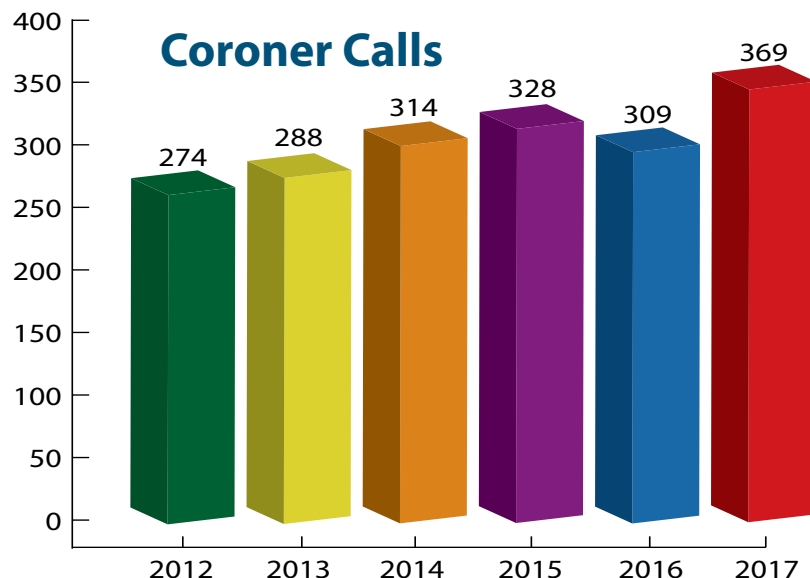
*Statistics represent crime data in Pennington County only. Some crimes may have occurred in other jurisdictions.

*** 2017 sexual assault data for the first time captures more sexually related crimes. (Using the old criteria there would be 54 sex assaults in 2017).

Overall Crime Data in Pennington County**

	2015	2016	2017
Murder	10	3	7
Sexual Assault	224	197	299
Aggravated Assault	317	272	373
Robbery	82	93	74
Burglary	551	594	626
Theft	2,383	2,693	2,575
Stolen Vehicles	254	257	369

**Includes Box Elder, Rapid City and Pennington County combined



The Sheriff's Office serves as county coroner and currently has 31 deputies certified to act as deputy coroner in the event of a death. The coroner investigates deaths that are a result of an accident, homicide, suicide or a natural death that occurs outside the care of a medical provider.

24 | Coffee With A COP

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Making friends with law enforcement!

The Sheriff's Office held a second Coffee with a Cop event in October of 2017. The program is part of a national initiative to help law enforcement make lasting connections with the communities they serve. Coffee with a Cop is a great opportunity to ask questions, bring concerns or simply get to know a deputy one cup at a time.

Special thanks to Dunn Brothers Coffee for providing the venue and the delicious coffee.



Domestic Violence AWARENESS MONTH



September Addiction Recovery Month
Staff at CCADP wear Recovery shirts in September.

Breast Cancer AWARENESS

25 Raising AWARENESS

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Denim DAY for Sexual Assault Awareness

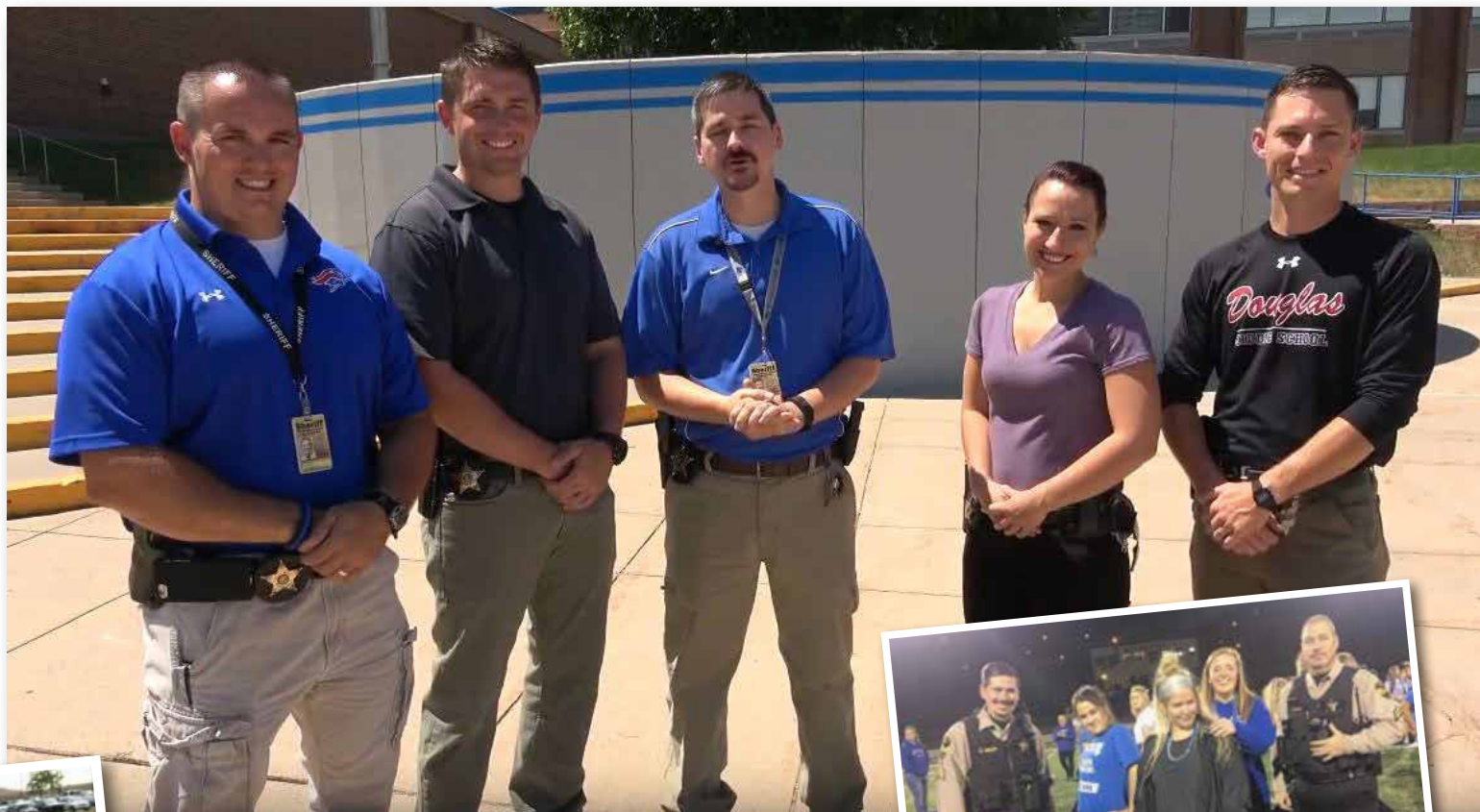


26 School Resource DEPUTIES

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School resource deputies work to build positive relationships with staff and students with a focus on addressing issues at the lowest level possible. Our number #1 priority is the safety and security of staff and students on campus. Many situations are resolved without the completion of a formal police report. Our presence, visibility and mentorship help alleviate problems before they happen.

School Resource Deputies from left: Victor Gust (Douglas), Brandon Akley (East Middle), Sgt. Chris Hislip (Stevens), Kristina Weckman (Southwest Middle), Jamin Hartland (Douglas).



ALICE: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. In cooperation with the Rapid City Police Department we have trained approximately 17,000 students and nearly 2,000 staff members. ALICE provides options during a crisis situation, with an emphasis on how to survive during a violent intruder situation.



Sgt. Chris Hislip and Deputy Mike Ghents at Stevens Raider football game

The UNET continues in a vital role enforcing state and federal drug laws. The unit includes investigators from city, county and state law enforcement agencies. It is overseen by the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation. Two investigators from the Sheriff's Office are part of this team, tasked with reducing the flow of drugs into our community.

893 Meth arrests — up 20% in 2017. As marijuana use continues to drop, methamphetamine use continues to climb.

Other drug possession arrests

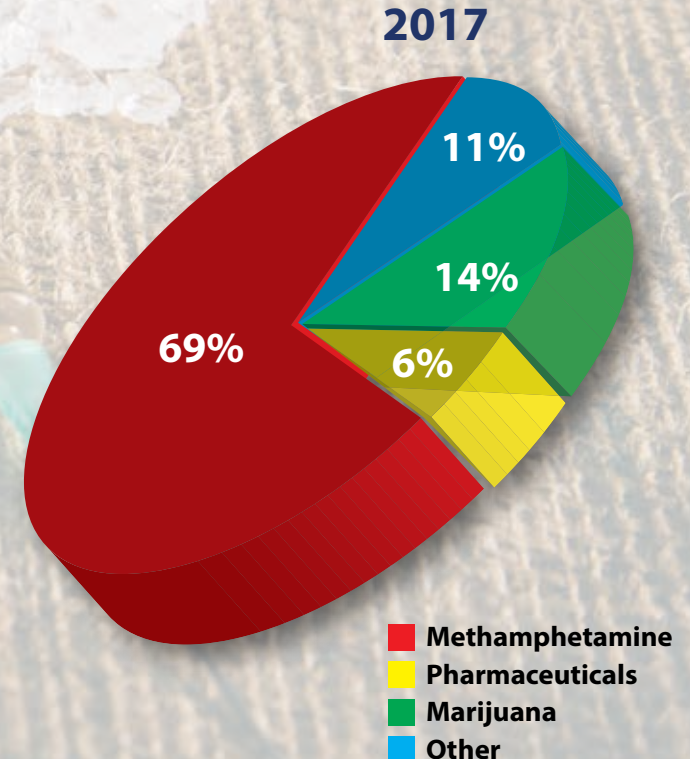
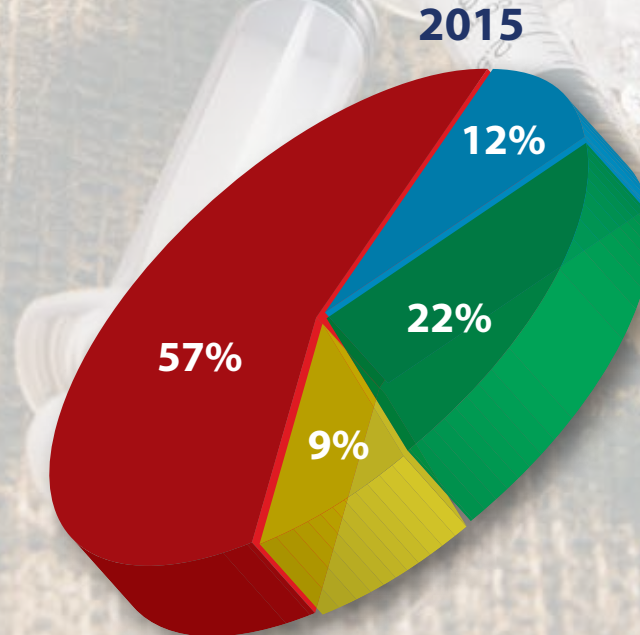
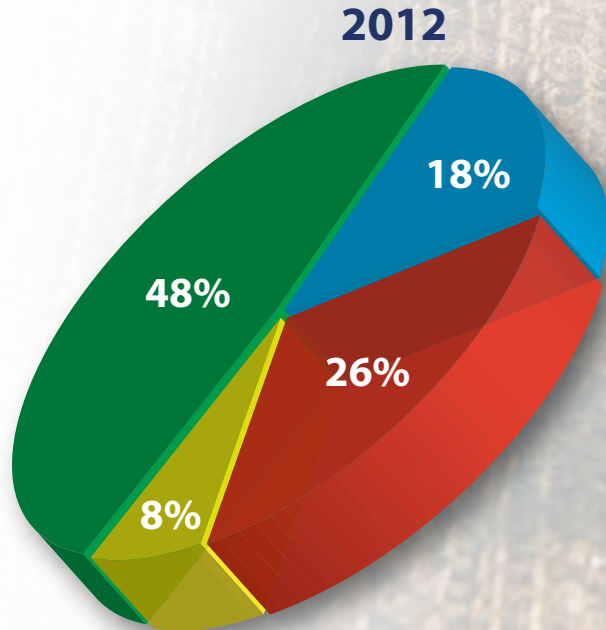
Marijuana	222
Pharmaceuticals.....	84
Cocaine	54
Heroin	30

**Search warrants
executed**

43

**Currency and
property seized**
\$413,904

**Firearms
seized**
118



Pie charts represent all arrests in Pennington County.

28 | ICAC INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

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The mission of ICAC is to safeguard children online. Children are increasingly using the internet and computers at a younger age, making them vulnerable to online sexual predators. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) is primarily focused on the investigative response to offenders who use the internet and other communications systems to sexually exploit children.

The unit also provides public education about the dangers of

the internet along with sharing their computer forensics expertise with other law enforcement agencies. Members are also tasked with monitoring the growing threat of human sex trafficking in our area.



Partnered with the Rapid City Police Department and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, the ICAC unit includes an investigator and a forensic analyst from the Sheriff's Office. In 2017, 104 subpoenas and 87 search warrants were issued.

109 computers and 480 cell phones containing 73,518 terabytes of data were examined for online exploitation of children.

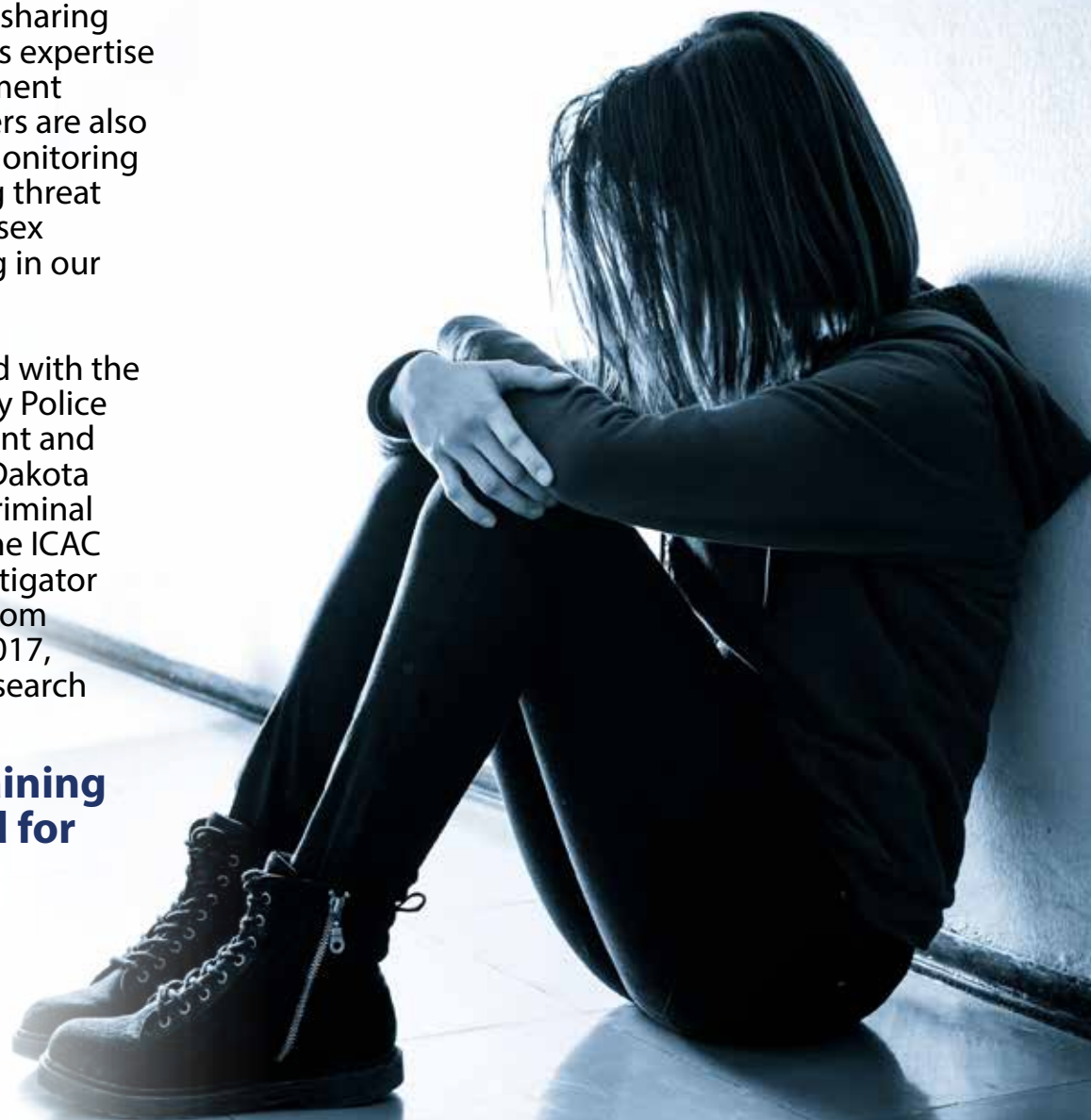
Possession/Distribution/
Manufacture of Child
Pornography Cases

2015 - 71
2016 - 55
2017 - 48

Solicitation of a
Minor Cases

2015 - 24
2016 - 39
2017 - 30

In 2017 the ICAC Unit conducted public presentations to train more than 14,000 people and 600 law officers and prosecutors in South Dakota.



29 | Polar Plunge And TORCH RUN

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The Sheriff's Office was proud to be part of a record breaking event! The Rapid City Polar Plunge raised close to \$100,000 to benefit South Dakota Special Olympics.

A record 412 people took the philanthropic plunge into ice cold water at Black Hills Harley Davidson. The Sheriff's Office raised \$5,478 in 2017.

Funds benefit Special Olympic athletes at all levels of competition.



Steph McCoy, Kate Wellensiek, Mary Feiner, Willie Whelchel in water



Jail wagon in Central States Fair to promote Special Olympics



Torch Run with law enforcement escort through downtown Rapid City

30 | Pennington County JAIL

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Our correctional staff and community based organizations and volunteers remain committed to improving the lives of inmates while maintaining public safety. For more than 20 years, we proudly maintain our accreditation with the American Correctional Association.

This year we expanded on-site visitation hours and added new video technology to allow better access to family and friends. A new jail body scanner helps to ensure a safe environment within the facility. As jail populations increased, more cell blocks were added. With every change, our competent staff continue to adapt and maintain the highest level of professionalism.

*Commander
Rob Yantis*



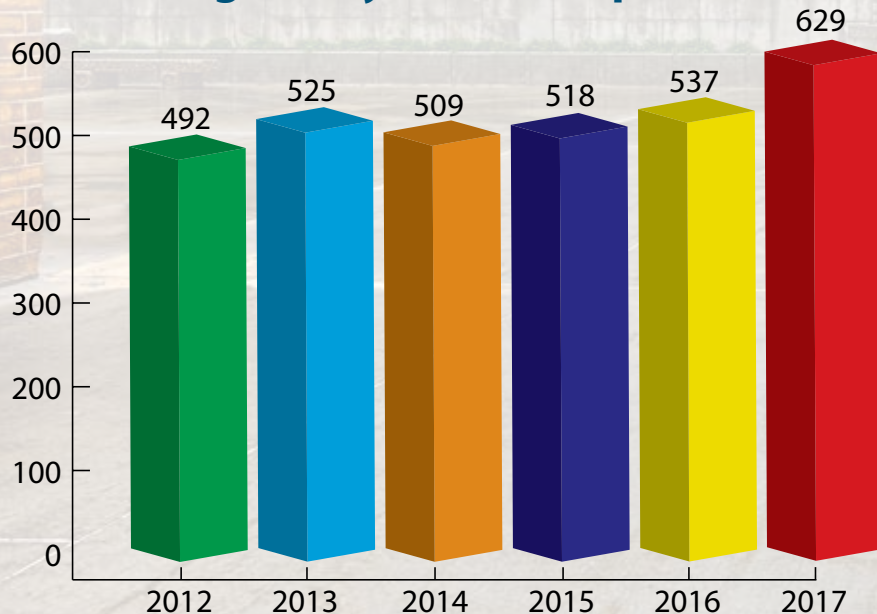


**Captain
Brooke Haga**

Supervises support operations including medical/mental health, work release, electronic monitoring, trustees, maintenance and food service.

Total Inmates: 13,687
Total Days: 226,332

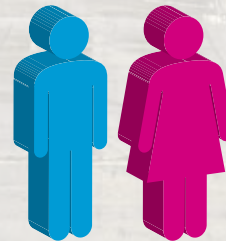
Average Daily Inmate Population*



*Includes electronic monitoring

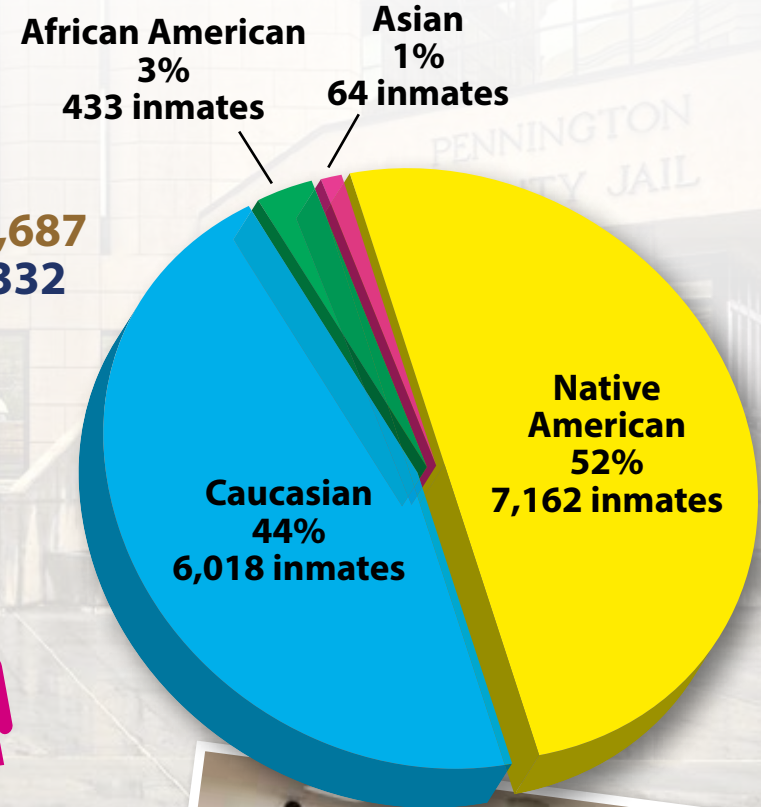
Average length of stay -15.4 days
(vs. 10 days in 2015 and 15 in 2016)

By Gender



Males 71% **Females 29%**

Racial Demographics



Inmate Booking

Individuals arrested and brought to jail go through new body scanner. They are fingerprinted and photographed during the booking process. If not immediately released on bond, the inmate is placed in the jail housing units.

13,122 people were booked at the Pennington County jail in 2017.

Video Court

We have offered video court for 17 years at the jail. It reduces the need for inmate transports, conserves court and correctional officer resources while also ensuring public safety.

4,998 video court appearances by inmates in 2017.



Electronic Monitoring

It costs an average of \$80 per day to house an inmate in the Pennington County Jail. Electronic monitoring programs exist to reduce the skyrocketing costs of incarceration. 486 inmates participated in our electronic monitoring program in 2017 including 40 pre-sentenced inmates. Of those 385 successfully completed the program.

In order to participate, inmates must be sentenced to the work release program. They pay \$15 per day. As an incentive for following the rules, inmates are reimbursed \$5 per day.

The electronic device allows real time tracking to ensure the individual is complying with the terms of release. Previously we relied on random job checks and urinalysis tests to supervise inmates.

Each day that an inmate stays at home offsets annual inmate population growth and extends the life of our facility. Inmates can continue to work, pay taxes, access community services and maintain family connections.

Growing Character and Harvesting Hope

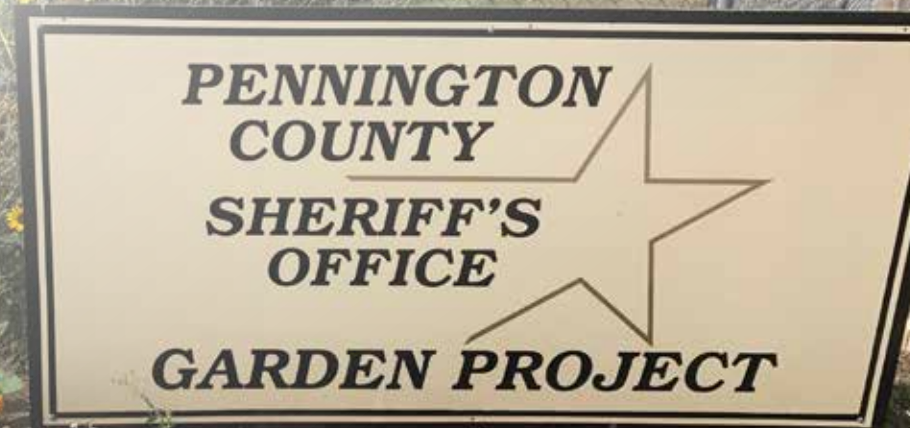
Tended by inmates, the Pennington County Jail Garden in Box Elder produced more than 31,909 pounds of fruits and vegetables in its fifth year. Master Gardener Bill Ateyo considered it a good year despite a month of water restrictions and a lack of timely rains. Jail trustees learned the art of planting and gardening and feeding a family with fresh produce.

Nearly half of the produce was given to local church groups, food banks and the pumpkin give-away. Another chunk was sold at cost to the vendor to offset food costs at the jail.

Pumpkin Giveaway	16,350 lbs
Other Vegetables	1,265 lbs
C.B.M. Jail Food Vendor	12,449 lbs
Cornerstone Rescue Mission	623 lbs
Women's and Children's Mission	266 lbs
Working Against Violence, Inc. (WAVI)	79 lbs
Food Pantries	357 lbs
Church Groups.....	200 lbs
Youth Education, Rapid City Landfill	260 lbs



*Gardener Leo Spear,
 Sheriff Kevin Thom,
 Master Gardener Bill
 Ateyo*



34 Pennington County Sheriff CIVIL DIVISION

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Civil deputies are tasked with notifying individuals when they face legal action in a court of law or administrative court. These delivered documents may include summonses, complaints, subpoenas, writs or other legal paperwork from the courts, attorneys or citizens. Fees brought in by the civil division support the Sheriff's budget.



From left: Tammy Ellison, Dave Olson, Tana Gajeski, David Douma, Liz Thompson, David VanDenHemmel, Mark Hughes, Marty Graves, Lisa Bellew, Cindy Fullen

Papers Served

2015 - 10,001
2016 - 9,853
2017 - 10,454

Money Collected: Executions

2015 - \$248,413
2016 - \$237,850
2017 - \$198,228

Tax Warrants

2015 - \$93,470
2016 - \$96,020
2017 \$156,826

*63% increase

Civil Fees

2015 - \$133,777
2016 - \$177,965
2017 - \$253,124

*42% increase

Sheriff's Sales on Executions

2015 - 4
2016 - 9
2017 - 5

Foreclosures

2015 - 80
2016 - 82
2017 - 74

35 | Pistol PERMITS

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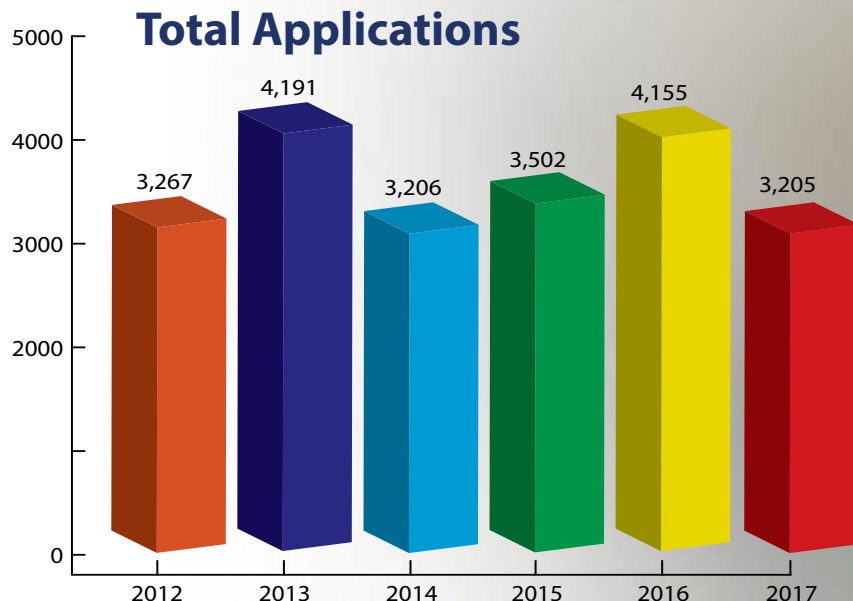
Concealed pistol permit applications reached an all-time high in South Dakota in 2017—100,728 permits. Applications at the Pennington County Sheriff's Office decreased 23% from 2016, dropping back to 2014 levels.

South Dakota has three types of concealed carry permits: regular, gold and enhanced. The regular permit is recognized in 31 states. The gold permit is also recognized in the state of Wisconsin. The enhanced permit is recognized in five additional states—Nevada, Nebraska, Minnesota, Delaware, Wisconsin and South Carolina.

Applications must be filled out IN PERSON at the Public Safety Building. Carrying a concealed pistol without a permit is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by one year in county jail or \$1,000 fine or both.

2017 Pistol Permit Applications

Received **3,205** Denied **81** Regular Permit **2,977** Enhanced **131** Gold **16**



Go to <https://sdsos.gov/services-for-individuals/concealed-pistol-permits/default.aspx> to find requirements for a concealed pistol permits or to check state reciprocity.



36 Pennington County Sheriff WARRANTS

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Located on the first floor of the Public Safety Building, the Warrants Division is responsible for locating and apprehending suspects who have outstanding arrest warrants. They also provide self turn-in services.



From left: Robin McCool-Deneke, Aaron Pritzkau, Autumn Nilsen, Todd Battest, Marty Graves, Michelle Fankhouser, Chris Varcoe, Steph Born and Jon Edwards

Extraditions

174 Fugitives

were brought back from other states.

2017 Warrants Processed

- Felony..... 2,514
- Misdemeanor 6,081
- City 399
- Other 128

Total Warrants Received

2016 - 8,734

2017 - 9,122

*Increase of 388 over 2016

Total Warrants Served/Cleared

2016 - 9,229

2017 - 8,853

Warrant Fees Collected

2016..... \$154,359

2017..... \$146,491

2017 Self turn-ins

1,127 People

1,246 Warrants Cleared

Transport

Our deputies handle two types of transports – local and across the state.

Local – Inmates may need to be moved for medical appointments, evaluations, or court appearances on a daily basis.

Local Transports

2016	11,353
2017	9,602

Across the state – Our transport bus makes two round trips per week to the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. Expenses are offset by offering these services to other counties and the state.

Trips East

2016	6,951
2017	7,179

2016 Total Transports	18,304
2017 Total Transports	16,781

*2016 numbers include
video court **1,262**

Courthouse Security

The Sheriff's Office is also charged with providing security for 12 judges who preside over 10 courtrooms, along with courthouse personnel and the general public.

Considering that an estimated 600-800 people enter the Pennington County Courthouse daily (and even more when there are multiple trials or jury selection), screening individuals who enter the courthouse is one of the most effective ways to ensure public safety.

Deputies also continue to provide security to the Pennington County Administration Building.



From left back row: Neal Hofer, Mark Steele, Trent Musfelt, Bill Hageman, Mike Bock, Nick Novak, Jack Thomas, Darnell Hubbard, Eric Petersen
Middle row: Vanessa Skaare, Eric Mendez, Mike Cole, Josh Lavene, Crystal Pichler, Rusty Schmidt, Kent Holland, Bob Sanders, Paul Carroll
Front row: Jane Cheesman, Matt Sargent, Marty Graves, Mark Osborne, Misti Walker, Marika Schuft

38 | 24/7 PROGRAM

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Administered by Lucas Oyler, the 24/7 Sobriety Program is located on 108 E. Main Street in Rapid City. It began as a pilot project in January 2005. In 2007, the program expanded statewide. Currently all but five counties have participating sites. Pennington County uses a variety of technologies to monitor compliance including twice daily breath testing, SCRAM ankle bracelets, Drug Patch testing, Urinalysis testing, and Ignition interlock device testing. The 24/7 program can be used by judges as a condition of bond, condition of sentence, or for child custody cases. It is also used by both Probation and Parole officers to monitor compliance. The program benefits offenders by allowing them to maintain employment, family obligations, and community ties.

**Program Director
Lucas Oyler**



After 12 years, long-time program director Tessia Johnston stepped down. Tessia grew the program and introduced it as a model across the country. Here she demonstrates the fitting of an ankle bracelet on a local reporter.



By The Numbers

**Average Daily
Participants**

617

(up from 599 in 2016)

**DUI
Offenses 44%***

**Non-DUI
Offenses 56%***

PBT Stats

1,210 Participants

146,860 Test Administered

99.30% Pass Rate

Urinalysis Stats

1,180 Participants

30,451 Tests Administered

98.88% Pass Rate

**Program Director
 Brenda Wood**

CCADP offers coping skills and services to manage risk factors for individuals with high risk substance abuse and criminal behaviors. Program Director Brenda Wood operates two facilities at separate locations in Rapid city. Both are accredited by the State of South Dakota Division of Behavioral Health through the Department of Social Services. At the end of 2017, after 28 years, with the Sheriff's Office, Wood resigned from her position.

725 North Lacrosse Street (CCADP)

Typical services provided by CCADP include: assessments, detox treatment, safe beds and counseling.



*Back row from left:
 Lori Sargent, Mary Feiner,
 Brenda Wood, Savanna
 Starkey, Catalina Bennett,
 Kherdine Weber, Linda
 Pratt, Kate Wellensiek.*

*Front row:
 Sharlene Pawelski,
 Gaylene Gibbons,
 Brenda Sehr*



Phone (605) 394-6128
Hours of operations: Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm
Detox Facility is open 24/7 for admissions

4,083 admissions for treatment services including detox
3,538 safe bed admissions
100 individuals in 12-hr DUI Class
368 treatment assessments
939 Urinalysis/sweat patch tests under federal contract

40 | Western South Dakota JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER

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The Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center (WSDJSC) has been accredited by the American Correctional Association since 1999. It serves as a regional youth detention facility for Fall River, Custer, Pennington, Lawrence, Butte and Harding Counties. Each county is part of a Joint Powers Agreement that oversees the operation of the juvenile center.

It is a 105 bed facility currently staffed to hold up to 41 juveniles ages 10-20 who have committed felony or misdemeanor offenses. The Juvenile Services Center continues to provide education and

structured programs in life skills and vocational and career development. Detainees can also take advantage of mental health, anger management, chemical dependency and sex offender services.

Average Age: 16.5 years old

Average Daily Population: 35 detainees

Average Length of Stay

Local detainees: 16 days

Federal detainees: 152 days

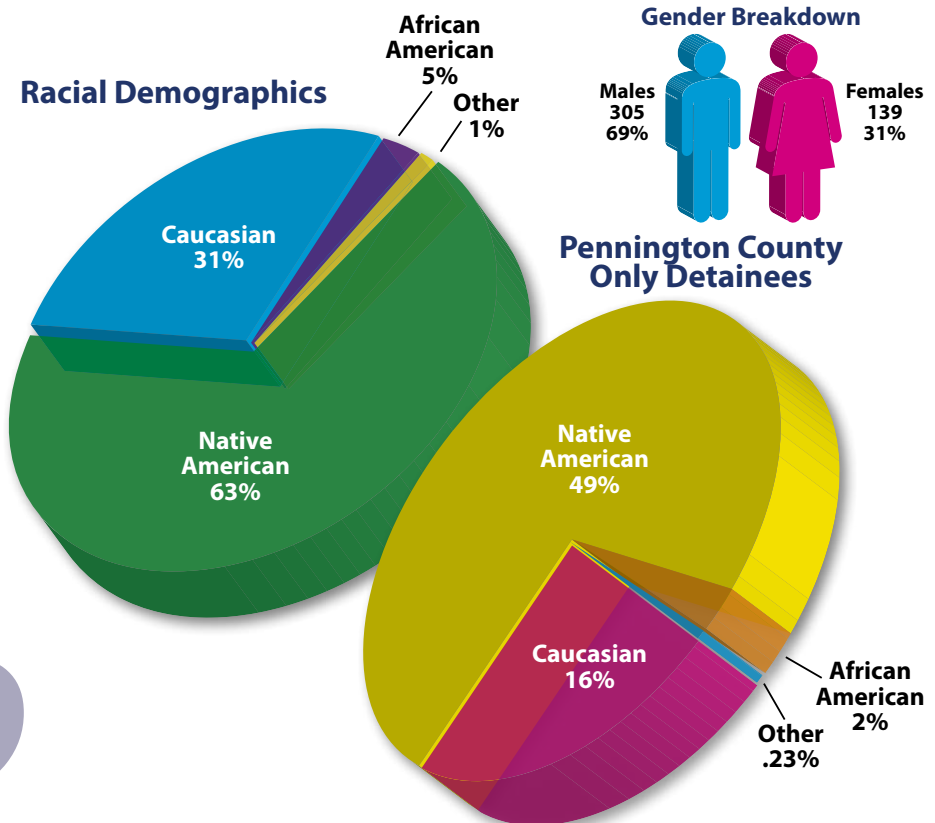
**Commander
Joe Gutierrez**



The Juvenile Services Center offers electronic monitoring to include home detention and community monitoring. In both cases, the juvenile may remain in the community while they await court or serve a sentence. They may be returned to detention if additional contact with law enforcement occurs and a new arrest report has been completed.

263 juveniles participated in electronic monitoring in 2017, up from last year. Due to changes in state law, rather than serving a sentence, most juveniles are now ordered to community monitoring instead of home detention.

“I have been in many facilities in my tenure and the Juvenile Services Center in Rapid City was one of the most impressive facilities in the country from the cleanliness of the facility, the programs they offer, to the staff in the way they interacted with the youth.” Eileen Gerry, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington DC.



Arise Youth Center, operated by Lutheran Social Services in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, is located at JSC. The center serves as an intake facility for those who have allegedly committed non-violent, low level offenses and cannot be immediately released to a parent, guardian, or custodian.

Shelter care is an overnight setting for youth who cannot be released home but do not require detention. Youth can stay for up to 30 days.

Total clients:
279

Average length of stay:
11 days

Average daily population:
8 per day

42 | Pennington County Sheriff's TRAINING

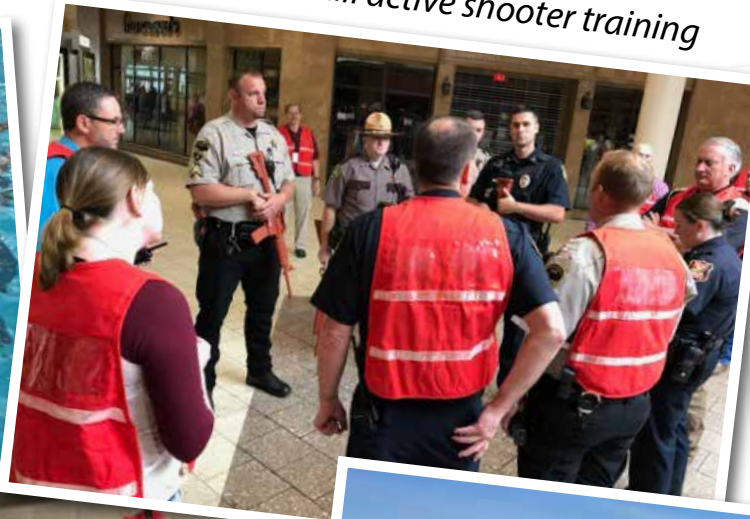
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Training is essential to every law enforcement agency. The Sheriff's Office provides comprehensive training for all four divisions. Training must be constantly updated to adapt to the times and changing laws and regulations, from problem solving skills to the newest investigative techniques to deputy/correctional officer safety.

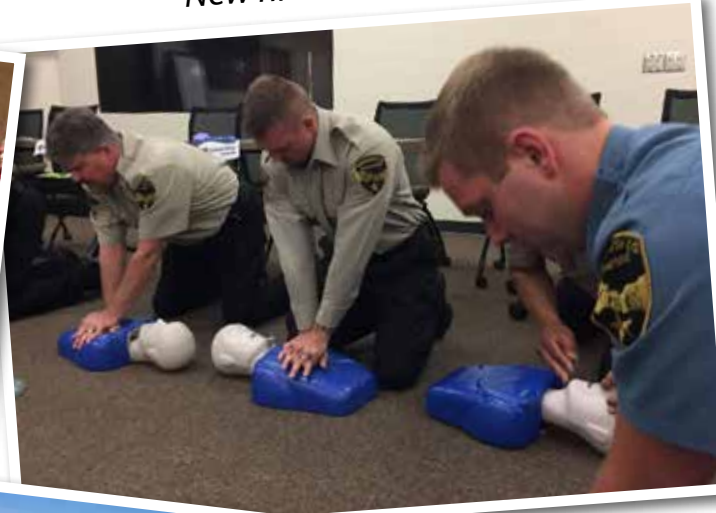
Water training at Roosevelt Swim Center with SD Game, Fish & Parks



Rushmore Mall active shooter training



New hire CPR training



Firearms training at the range



Total training hours
Pennington County
Sheriff's Office
employees

54,085

43 | SRT SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

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The Special Response Team was activated 11 times in 2017. It is a highly trained team with members from the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Rapid City Police Department, Rapid City Fire Department, and Emergency Communications Center. It works closely with the South Dakota Highway Patrol SWAT Team.

The team is activated to apprehend dangerous fugitives and barricaded subjects, in hostage situations and for civil disturbances. As the only major tactical team in Western South Dakota, SRT provides assistance to neighboring areas and states if needed.



44 Reserve Duty PROGRAM

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These men and women are a group of volunteers who care a great deal about our community. Most have full-time jobs and still find the time to make a difference by volunteering to assist the Pennington County Sheriff's Office in carrying out our mission. The PCSO would not be able to accomplish all that

we do without the help of these dedicated volunteers. They assist us with a variety of special events including the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and the Central States Fair. In 2017 reserve deputies provided 1,413 hours of service.



Mark Bartik



Thad Fitch



James Hogue



Jason Lind



Alyssa McGhee



Mathew Pond



Joe Prouty



Patrick Van Loan



Donald Lampert



Gerad Strong

45 Senior VOLUNTEERS

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Sherri Tolley and Lila Sharp



Tommy Lou Nickels



Greg Schmidt

Our Senior Volunteers are the hidden force behind so much of what we do at the Sheriff's Office. They live by the quote from Eleanor Roosevelt, "I could not at any age, be content to take my place in a corner by fireside and simply look on."

In 2017 our 15 Senior Volunteers served almost 1500 hours.

They welcome our guests, serve our staff and give of their time to the community.

We could not be more thankful for this team and all they do for us! Volunteering helps them stay young and stay connected.



Dave VanDenHemmel with Ginger Nelson

46 Pennington County SEARCH AND RESCUE

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In 2017 our dedicated team ran 75 calls for service—up from 72 in 2016. In July we received a new rescue truck. The purchase was made with a combination of fundraising, county funds, and a significant donation from a long-time team member. The overall cost of the truck was \$177,000 and it took almost a year to build.

Wildland fire season was busy throughout the US and our area was no exception. PCSAR supported wildland fires in Wyoming, Montana, and South Dakota.

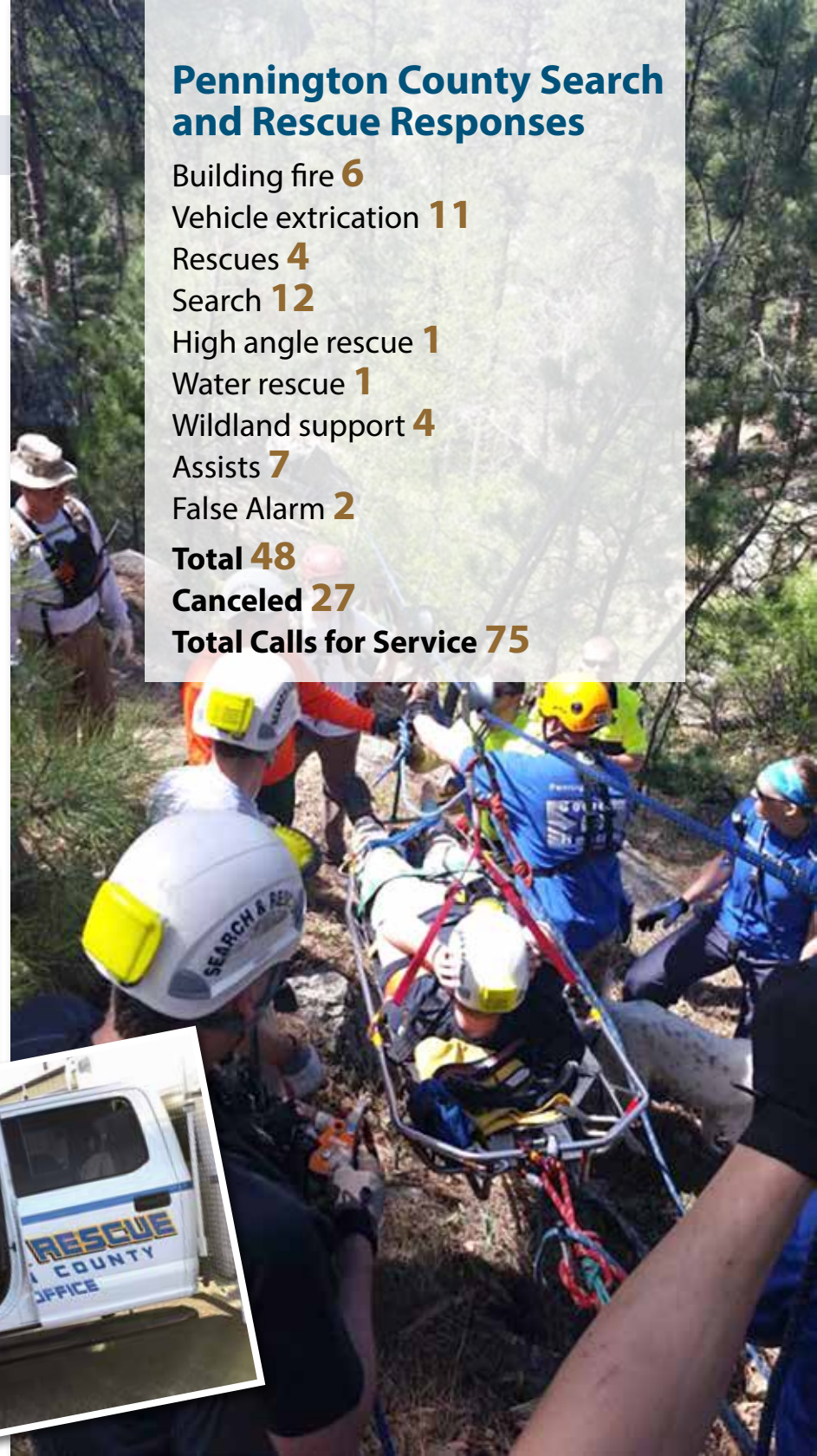
The team gained four new team members and we currently have eight trainees who have almost completed their training. Volunteers put in a total of 4,679 hours responding to calls and training, saving county taxpayers more than \$100,000 for their services. Several members worked with a master dog trainer from the Border Patrol on search and navigation skills. Team members also participated in multiple county-wide exercises including the Tri-Annual Airport Exercise and various vehicle extrication classes.

Pennington County Search and Rescue Responses

Building fire **6**
Vehicle extrication **11**
Rescues **4**
Search **12**
High angle rescue **1**
Water rescue **1**
Wildland support **4**
Assists **7**
False Alarm **2**
Total 48
Canceled 27
Total Calls for Service 75



The Pennington County Search and Rescue team is always looking for volunteers. Please contact Lieutenant Kraig Wood at (605) 394-6113.



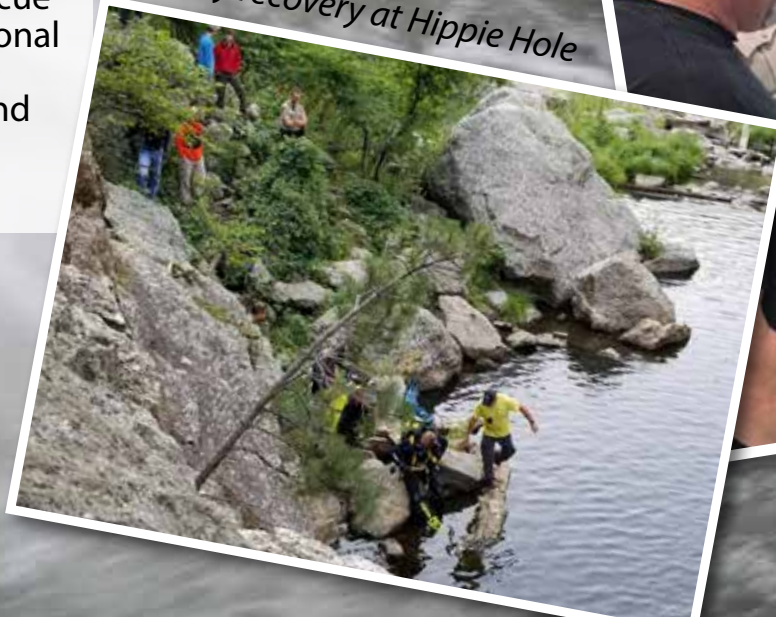
The Rapid City/Pennington County Water Rescue Team exists to support the community in water accident management. Operational capabilities include underwater rescue, swift water rescue, victim or equipment recovery, investigation and evidence recovery, ice rescue, and ice diving.

The team includes members from the Sheriff's Office, Rapid City Fire Department, Rapid City Police Department, and Search and Rescue. The Water Rescue Team responded to nine calls for service in 2017. The team assisted in the recovery of a drowning victim in Ziebach County in June and a recovery from Hippie Hole in August.

2017 marked the addition of four new members to the team. The Water Rescue Team upgraded major pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE)—new buoyancy compensators, dry suits, and life vests. A remote operated vehicle, ROV, is now part of our arsenal.



Body recovery at Hippie Hole



Training at Roosevelt Swim Center with new Remotely Operated Vehicle

48 Explorer PROGRAM

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Explorers serve up free hot dog meal at Disaster Awareness Day in Main Street Square.



The goal of the Explorer program is to give young men and women a hands-on look at a career in law enforcement and to build character through physical fitness, leadership and community service.

We encourage youth between the ages of 15-20 to apply to be part of the Explorer program. Contact Lieutenant Kraig Wood for details: (605) 394-6113.

Explorer of the Year
Sergeant Promotion
Top Gun
Fitness Award

Kyle McSherry
Kyle McSherry
Blake Bendt
Tyrone Ware

Community Service Events:

- Disaster Awareness Day
- YFS Kids Fair
- Central States Fair
- State Cross Country Meet
- Neighborhood clean-up near Keystone
- Disaster Awareness Day



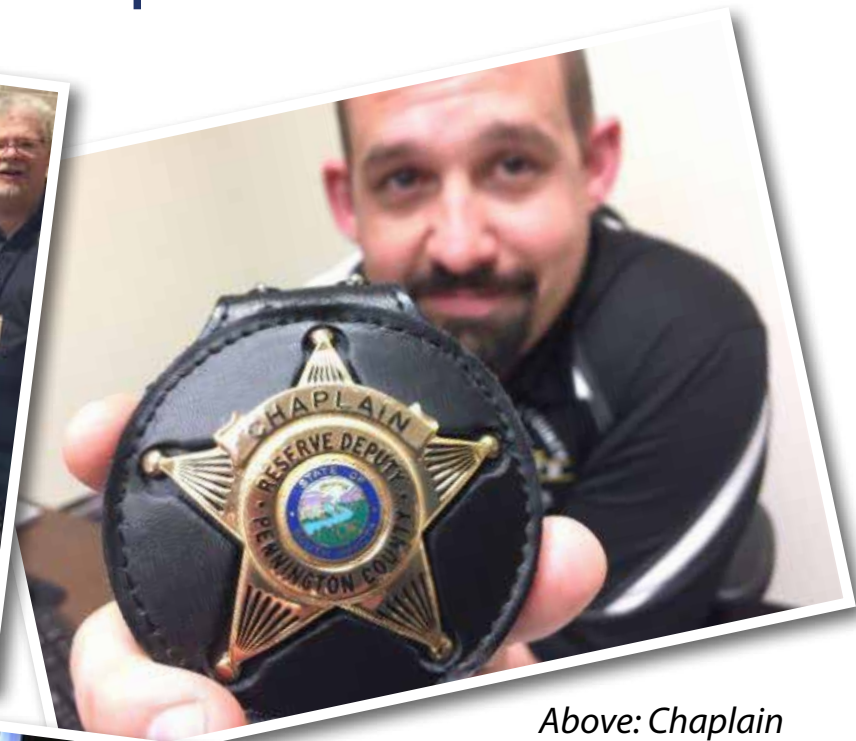
Christmas party at Meadowood Lanes

49 | Pennington County Sheriff's CHAPLAINS

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Day and night, our chaplains can be called upon to provide emotional support, guidance and crisis intervention for staff and the community. They provide nourishment for body and soul with cookouts, Christmas party, and weekly coffee and snacks.

Right: Gerad Strong, Kraig Wood, Marty Graves, Denny Dickson man grill



Above: Chaplain and reserve deputy Gerad Strong



Left: Gerad Strong, David Piper, Bryan Faltynski, Ted Huffman



Not pictured: Denny Dickson, Rebecca Piper and James Castleberry also serve

50 Awards And RETIREMENTS

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AWARDS



Psychologist **Fred Magnavito** recognized for 26 years service by Department of Social Services & National ASPPB Service Award.

School Resource Officer **Mike Ghents** receives Optimist Club Respect for Law Award for his work with kids.



Deputy **Anthony White** again receives Mother's Against Drunk Driving Service Award for 132 DUI arrests as patrol deputy in 2017.



Donna Burney
13 years - JSC Educator



Tessia Johnston
12 years - Director 24/7



Chris Stickler
12 years - Reserve Deputy



Adrian Carlson
8 years - Deputy



Darnell Hubbard
6 years - Deputy

Retirements



Jay Evenson
34 years - Patrol Captain



Brenda Wood
28 years - CCADP Director



Peggy Severson
27 years - Jail Captain



Barb Erickson
27 years - Staff Assistant



Jeff Sorenson
24 years - Correctional Officer



John Paulin
24 years - Jail Sergeant



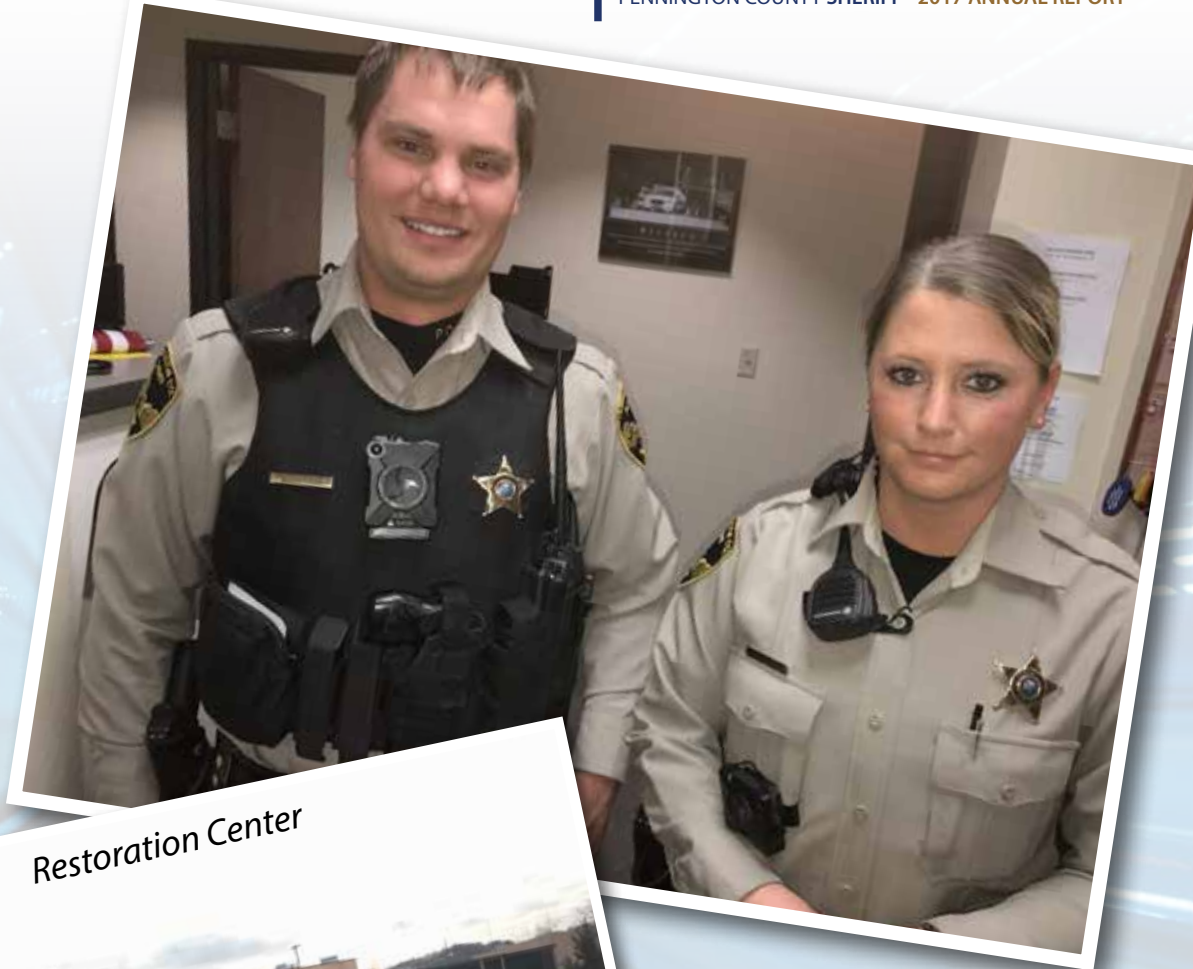
Deb Hauer
20 years - Accountant



Gary Popp
14 years - Building Tech

2018 looks like a busy year with our many projects.

- The MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge is center stage. The Pennington County Sheriff's Office with the Rapid City Police Department and Seventh Circuit Court are smartly developing ways to safely reduce our jail population.
- The Jail renovation project is moving forward with new laundry and kitchen facilities and increased administration space.
- The Restoration Center across the street from the Pubic Safety Building should be operational in the spring of 2018. It will offer safe beds, detox and crisis care under one roof. The vision is a state of the art, one-stop shop to deliver behavioral health services. The Center will house Pennington County Health and Human Services and City/County Alcohol and Drug Programs under one roof.
- By the summer of 2018, deputies will wear body worn cameras in the field to further increase transparency.
- Research is underway on acquiring a drone to help in our law enforcement efforts.



Restoration Center

Above: Deputies Josh Kunde and Kylie Kintigh demo new body cameras



Jail Kitchen





Kevin Thom - Pennington County Sheriff

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