

PENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF



2018
ANNUAL REPORT

Citizens of
PENNINGTON COUNTY



Sheriff
Kevin Thom



Chief Deputy
Willie Whelchel
Care Campus



Captain
Tony Harrison
Patrol



Captain
Corey Brubakken
Investigations



Commander
Rob Yantis
Pennington County Jail



Chief Deputy
Brian Mueller



Commander
Joe Guttierrez
Western SD Juvenile
Services Center



Captain
Wade Anderson
Pennington County Jail



Captain
Brooke Haga
Pennington County Jail



Captain
Marty Graves
Warrants, Civil,
Transport,
Courthouse Security

Sheriff's Message



By working collaboratively, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office has accomplished a great deal in the last eight years that I have served as Sheriff. As I now embark on my third four-year term, I continue to challenge Sheriff's Office employees to think outside the box and come up with creative, cost-effective ways to solve problems. We work hard every day to build and maintain strong relationships locally, across the state, with tribes, and at the federal level.

After years of work and planning, the Care Campus opened in the fall of 2018. Working with the staff, building committee, county commission, police department, City of Rapid City, Behavior Management, and Rapid City

Regional Hospital, we purchased and renovated the old National American University building across from the Public Safety Building. We are in the final stages of consolidating under one roof the Detox, Safe Beds, Crisis Care Center, Health and Human Services, drug and alcohol treatment services, and the RCPD Quality of Life Unit. This will create efficiencies and improve services for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

In 2018, we fully implemented body worn cameras for all our deputies. We raised awareness about our methamphetamine epidemic by releasing weekly numbers of felony drug arrests. The 24-7 Sobriety Program

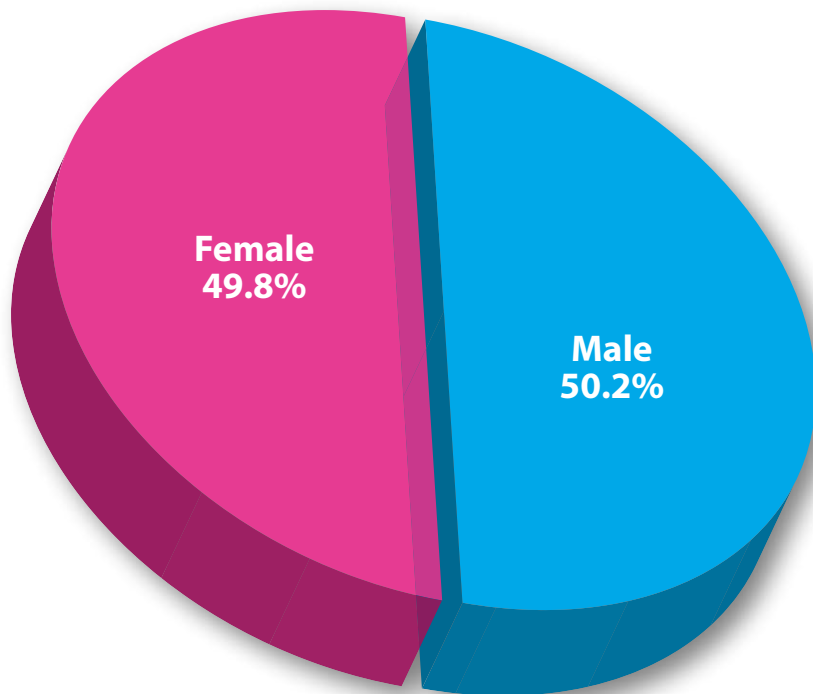
moved to a better, long-term location. We have a new home for the fleet maintenance shop. We implemented many MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Initiatives in an attempt to slow the growth of our jail population. And in the last few weeks of 2018, we accepted a bid to expand the antiquated jail kitchen, laundry, and staff and administrative areas to meet the needs of our growing jail population.

We look forward to another busy year of providing professional, cost-effective services for the citizens and visitors of Pennington County.

Best,
Sheriff Kevin Thom

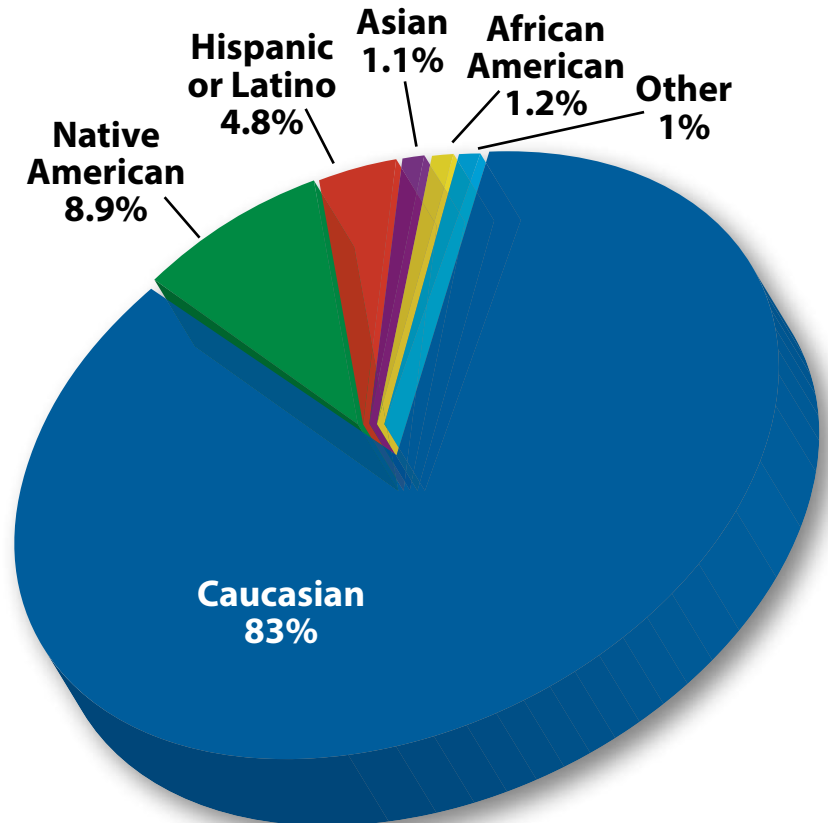
About Us - Pennington County DEMOGRAPHICS

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Median Age: **38.8 years**
 Median Income: **\$52,245**
 Median Home Price: **\$211,000**
 Persons in Poverty: **15,515 or 14.5%**
 Education: **93.5% high school**
 29.6% bachelors or higher

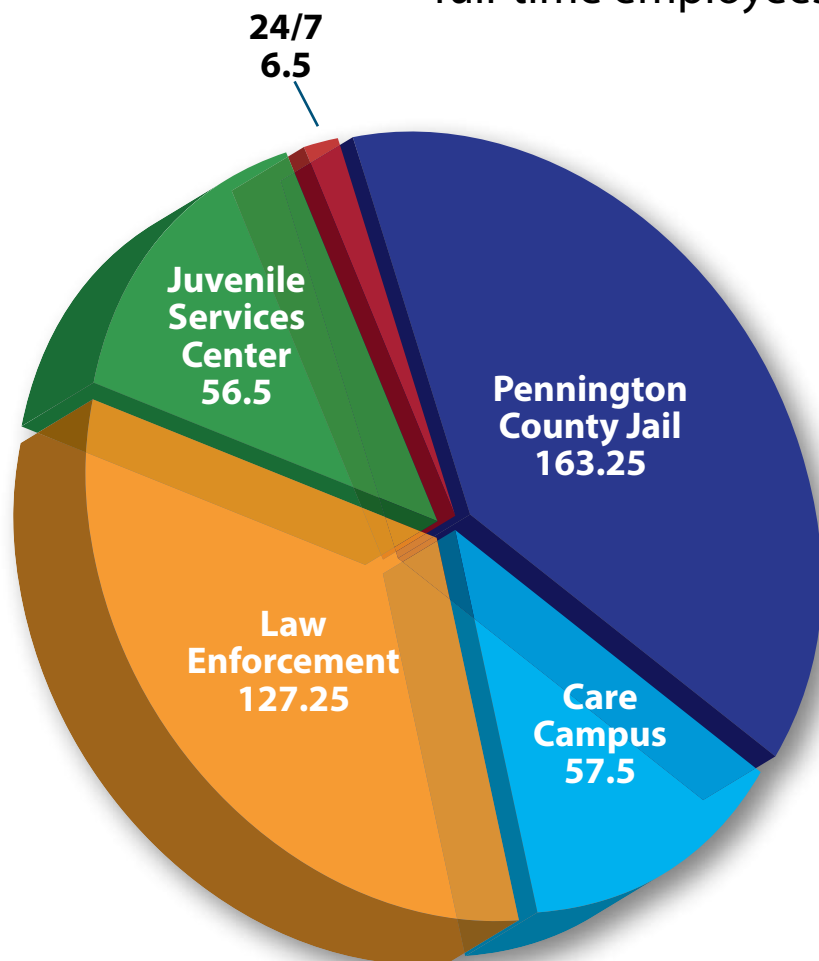
Area: **2,776 square miles**
 2017 Total Population: **110,141**



* Source: Black Hills Knowledge Network, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, 2013-2017, Home Price Source: Zillow

Employees By DIVISION

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office has 411 full-time employees and 150 volunteers



Total 2018 County
Budget
\$95,786,811

Sheriff's Office Budget
\$33,307,440

46% of the Sheriff's
Office budget is
supported by
outside revenues

35% of total 2018
County Budget

42 SUPERVISORS KICKED OFF THE SECOND ROUND OF AN 88-HOUR ADVANCED LEADERSHIP COURSE



Flexible scheduling options were extended to non-post staff. Retirement and tax planning educational sessions were offered.

12 employees were promoted to supervisory positions.

24 employees advanced their duties or rank.

222 employees completed the annual physical agility test. 43% exceeded the standard at or above the 80th percentile of the Cooper Standards.

10 employee or new team member recognition ceremonies were held. These included family involvement and support.

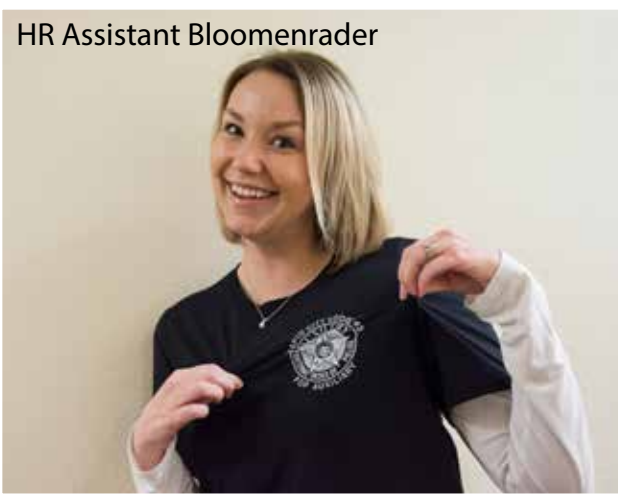
Training Coordinator Malone



- Employee Assistance Program: financial, counseling, legal, child care, etc.
- Chaplains Program with on and offsite support to employees and families
- Onsite gym
- Local wellness center discounts
- 100% covered preventative medical and dental care

- Discounts on weight loss planning
- Multiple advanced training opportunities
- Internal applicant only career advancement
- Employee career continuing growth opportunities
- Generous retirement benefit with supplemental options
- 10-hour shift and/or flexible schedule options for select positions

HR Assistant Bloomenrader



- Educational benefits
- Paid time off to enjoy the beautiful Black Hills
- Spouse and significant other support groups
- Employee recognition events
- Staff Employee Psychologist

Training Coordinator Boal



**Boating
PATROL**

52 Hours spent in boat
174 Contacts made
19 Verbal warnings
12 Written warnings
0 Arrests

**UTV
PATROL**

43 Hours spent on UTV
186 Contacts made
5 Verbal warnings for not
possessing trail passes
0 Arrests



Deputies spent the summer months patrolling Sheridan Lake, Pactola Reservoir and the Mickelson Trail. The goal is to raise visibility and help when needed to ensure citizens follow the laws on land and water.

Sturgis Rally RECAP

Pennington County Rally Tally	2016	2017	2018
Calls for Service	1,222	1,586	1,715
Accidents	29	21	22
Injury	16	11	6
Non Injury	13	10	16
DUI Arrests	10	10	5
Fatalities	1	0	0



Nine certified law enforcement officers were hired and sworn in as special Rally Deputies



In 2018, with anticipated motorcycle gang activity during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the Sheriff's Office worked jointly with the Rapid City Police Department to operate a Rally Task Force. Each deputy worked with a police officer to raise visibility and reduce response time throughout Pennington County.



BODY RECOVERED

In July, hiker found in rugged terrain near Mt. Rushmore. Search and Rescue recovered the body.

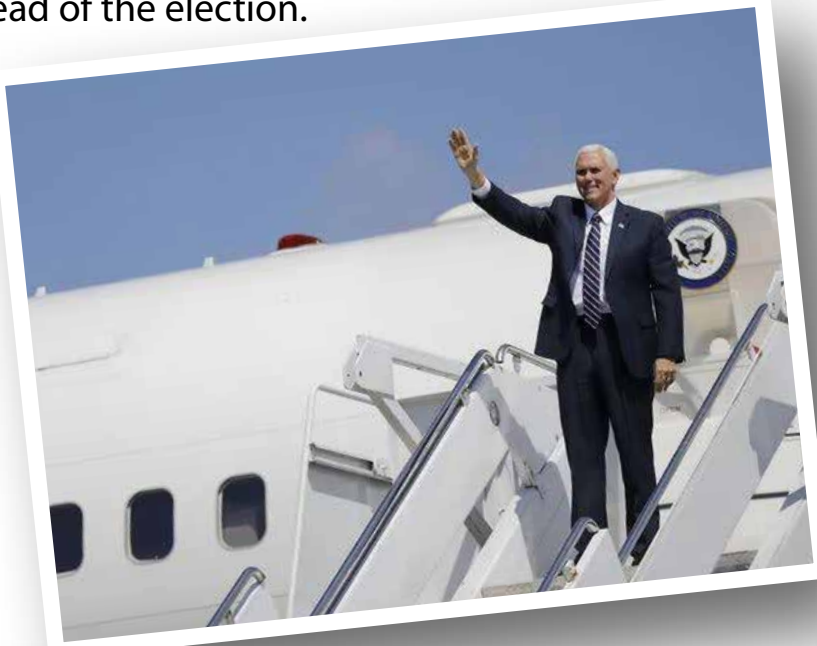


BADLANDS RESCUE

In August, students traveling from Hudsonville, Michigan helped a PCSO deputy make a human ladder to rescue a woman with broken ankle in the remote Badlands.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

In November, PCSO deputies assisted the Secret Service during Vice President Mike Pence's visit. The Vice President arrived at Rapid City Regional Airport for a Republican campaign rally ahead of the election.



CHRISTMAS EFFORTS

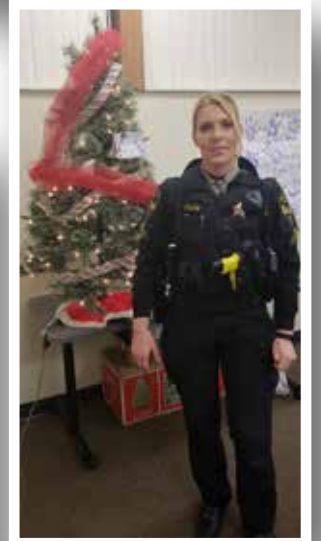
benefit local children



Reserves and
Deputies shopping
at Cops and Kids
event at Target



Sheriff's Secret Santa program led by Deputy Vic Gust at Kohl's



Deputy Carmen Visan
annually leads the gift
drive for Children's
Home Society



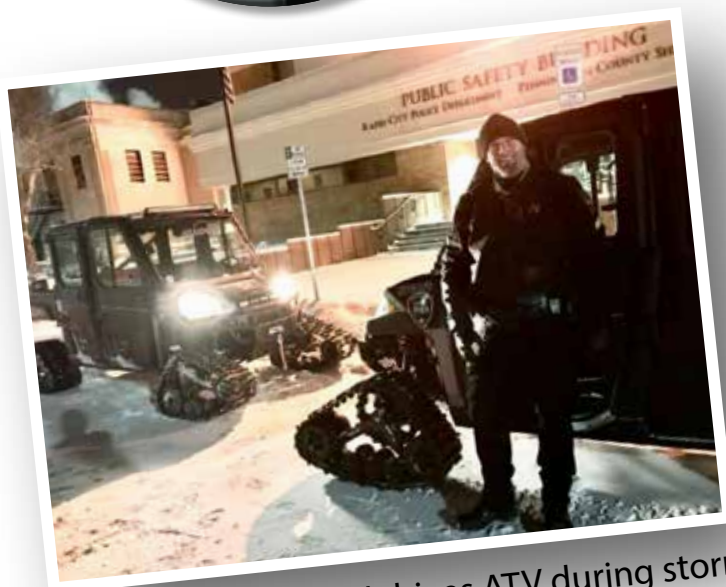
Captain
Tony Harrison

The Patrol Division is the largest of the law enforcement branches in the Sheriff's Office. Two lieutenants, eight sergeants and 46 deputies handle tens of thousands of calls for service annually. These men and women will be out working 24/7/365 no matter the weather.

In 2018, the Patrol Division implemented body worn cameras. Each call for service is electronically recorded by a camera worn on the deputy's outer vest or jacket.

An average day in the life of a deputy:

- Traffic enforcement
- Responding to citizen calls
- Civil process
- Warrant service
- Proactive policing
- Crash investigation
- Preliminary death investigation
- Criminal investigation ranging from theft to assault and evidence collection
- Jail transport
- Community outreach



Deputy Jason Mitzel drives ATV during storm



Deputy Jennifer Dingman charges a body camera

Calls for Service

	2016	2017	2018
Citizen Initiated	28,266	28,009	29,705
Deputy Initiated	11,441	16,140	14,614
Total	40,165	44,238	44,319

Deputies made **222** DUI arrests during the 2018, a **29.5% decrease** from 2017.

2,438 24-7 Sobriety Program violators were arrested and transported to the Pennington County Jail, a **44% increase** from the previous year.





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

Hill City: Josh Kunde, Doug Kimball, Chris Tegnazian • **Keystone:** Chris Plawman • **New Underwood:** Jeff Jones
Wall: Jake Tweeten, Lisa Pelton, Robert Schoeberl, Sergeant Randy Harkins

The Sheriff's Office had two teams of volunteers for the 2018 United Way Day of Caring. One team worked on the new Love, Inc. building on Omaha Street by painting, jackhammering and removing debris. The other team painted and sealed a citizen's deck.



16 | Community SUPPORT

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Deputy Kristina Weckman and Sergeant Chris Hislip at Corral Drive 9-11 Freedom Walk



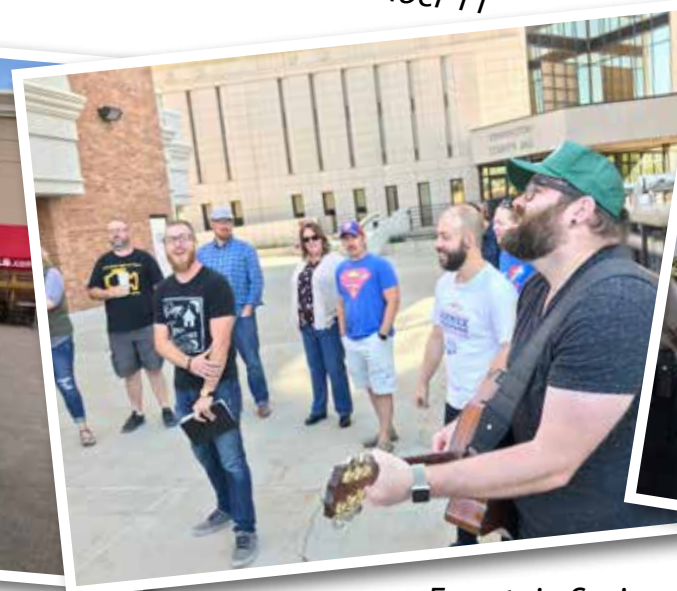
Investigators Nick Nelson and Jeff Andrews get high fives from children on September 11



Corrections Week recognition by Pennington County Commission, May 14



Scheel's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day barbeque, June 18



Fountain Springs Church prays for staff and inmates





Law enforcement breakfast from the Physical Therapy Center, Feb. 28



Ditech goodie bags for Police Week, May 14



Cards and letters from school children



Cookie from National American University



Marco's Pizza delivery



Lunch from Premier Home Mortgage

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PCSO booth at the Black Hills Sports Show



Deputies meet with Cub Scouts overnight at Emergency Management Center



Captain Harrison with Wall High School government class at State Capitol in Pierre during legislative session



Detox teams compete at Big Brothers Big Sisters bowling. The team raised the most money for the third year in a row.



Camp Postcard at Outlaw Ranch



Juvenile Services Center volunteers at Club for Boys

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Community Outreach Coordinator, Erik Brings White at November coat drive



Orange jail Crocs recycled and donated to disabled children in Jamaica



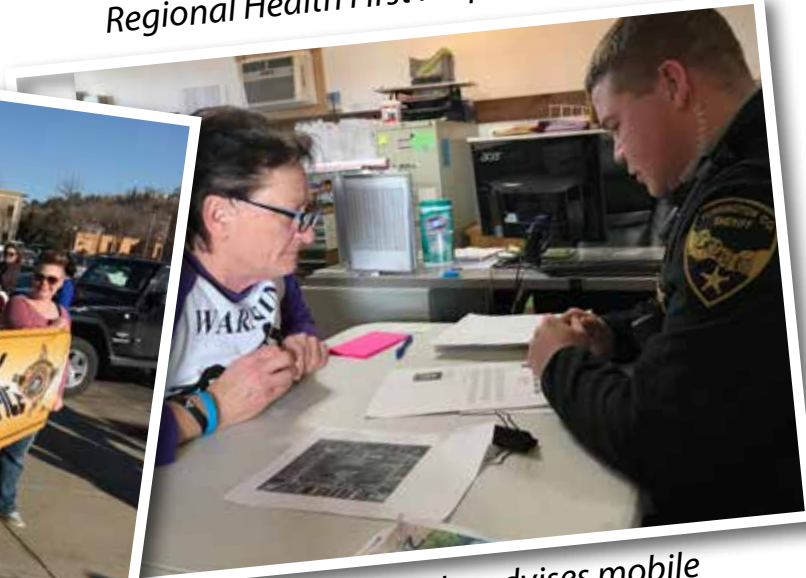
Search and Rescue demonstration at Regional Health First Responder Day



Volunteers remodel new Love, Inc. office



Investigators participate in CASA Child Abuse Prevention March through Rapid City



Deputy Christian Raby advises mobile home court manager on safety issues in our neighborhood engagement program

20 Pennington County Sheriff INVESTIGATIONS

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**Captain
Corey Brubakken**



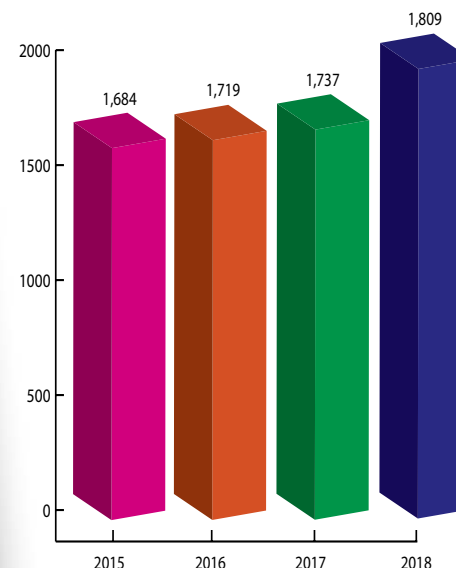
Captain Corey Brubakken heads the Criminal Investigations Division, a group of deputies responsible for the investigation of crimes against people and property. The division is further specialized into teams focusing on domestic violence and sexual assault.

The team consists of two sergeants, eleven investigators, two victim specialists, one crime intelligence analyst, one computer forensic examiner, two Rapid City Police Department detectives and two staff assistants who work on domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

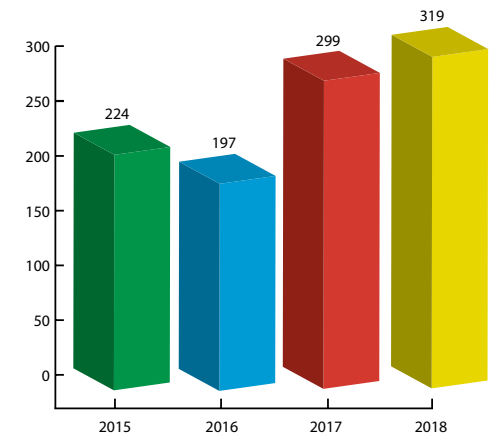
The Sheriff's Office partners with the Rapid City Police Department and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation to share duties with the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit (ICAC) and the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team (UNET). Investigations also handles coroner duties and oversees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



Domestic Violence



Sexual Assault



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

Reported Crime Data*

	2017	2018	% change 2017-18
Murder	0	2	
Sexual Assault	119	166	39.5%
Aggravated Assault	70	72	2.8%
Robbery	1	4	
Burglary	101	98	-3.0%
Theft	415	421	1.4%
Stolen Vehicles	32	42	31.2%

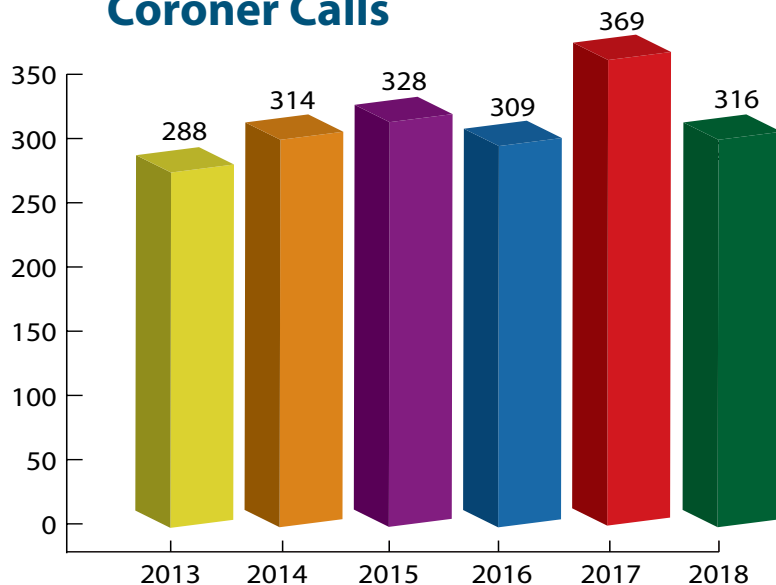
*Statistics represent reported cases in Pennington County. Some crimes may have occurred in other jurisdictions.

Overall Crime Data in Pennington County**

	2017	2018
Murder	7	7
Sexual Assault	299	319
Aggravated Assault	373	428
Robbery	74	70
Burglary	626	579
Theft	2,575	2,318
Stolen Vehicles	369	342

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

Coroner Calls

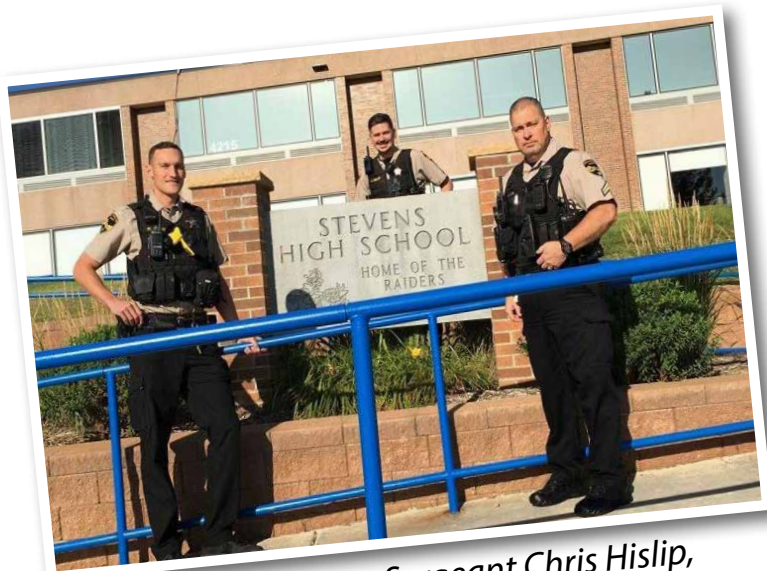


The Sheriff's Office serves as county coroner with deputies certified to act as deputy coroner in the event of a death. The coroner investigates deaths that are a result of an accident, homicide, suicide or a natural death that occurs outside the care of a medical provider.

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At the request of school districts, in 2018 the Pennington County Sheriff's Office added school resource officers at Douglas High School and Hill City High School. Sergeant Chris Hislip now manages nine School Resource Deputies who are also stationed in Rapid City and Rapid Valley. It is a proactive approach to improving safety in our schools, forging positive relationships with students and preventing tragedy.



Deputy Cody Rhoden, Sergeant Chris Hislip, Deputy Mike Ghents at Stevens High School



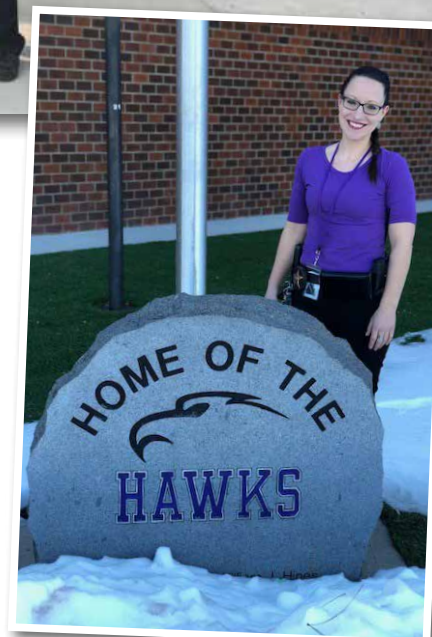
Hope Beardan,
Vic Gust,
Jayson Herra,
Gunnar Grass



Deputy J. Marcus Isakson at Hill City High School



Deputy Brandon Akley at East Middle School



Deputy Kristina Weckman at Southwest Middle School

The Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team continues its vital mission of identifying, disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations in our community. The task force is comprised of city, county and state investigators who work under the authority of the Attorney General's

Office to enforce state and federal laws.

The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors by countering the negative effects of illegal drug use and distribution.

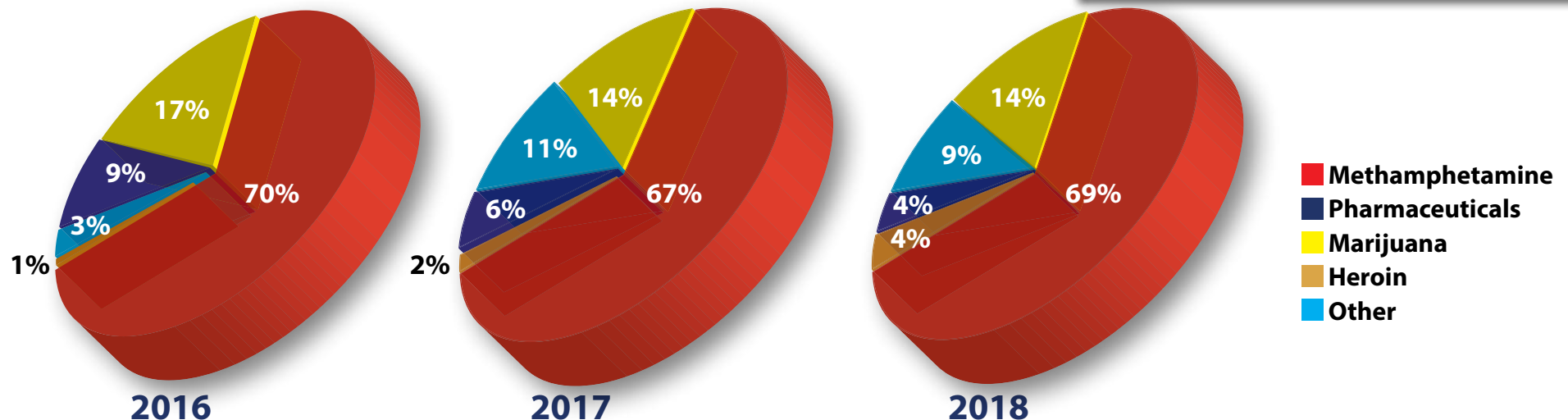
Two investigators from the Sheriff's Office are part of the team, including supervisor Sergeant Taylor Sperle. Following a record year in 2017, there were 1,220 Meth arrests in Pennington County in 2018 - up 37% over the previous year.

Drug possession arrests

Methamphetamine.....	1,220
Marijuana	238
Pharmaceuticals.....	78
Fentanyl	1
Cocaine	41
Heroin	70
Other	108*

*Bath Salts, LSD, Hashish, Mushrooms and PCP

Number of search warrants executed	Currency and property seized	Firearms seized
73	\$203,500	99





Investigators raise awareness for Domestic Violence #PurplePower



Denim Day for Sexual Assault Awareness, April 25



Tough Enough to Wear Pink efforts to support breast cancer awareness in Juvenile Services Center and Care Campus



25 | Coffee With A COP

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Breaking down barriers one cup at a time!

The Sheriff's Office held the third annual Coffee with a Cop event on the National Coffee with a Cop Day, October 3. 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.

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



The mission of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) is to safeguard our children online. With the increasing use of computers and mobile devices, children are more vulnerable than ever to online predators. Partnered with the Rapid City Police Department and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigations, the ICAC unit includes an investigator and a forensic analyst from the Sheriff's Office.

Using their forensic expertise, the unit also provides public education about the dangers

lurking on the Internet. Members are also tasked with monitoring the growing threat of human sex trafficking in our area.

ICAC continues to see a decline in the number of peer-to-peer cases. Mirroring a national trend, predators are moving away from these networks because of law enforcement. ICAC continues to receive more cybertips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 2018, South Dakota received 374 cybertips statewide.

In 2018, ICAC focused on team training and the purchase of new equipment to allow examiners

to bypass pass codes on iPhones. The ability to access previously inaccessible data has been instrumental in solving crimes in Pennington County and across the state.

The added efficiencies allowed the ICAC Unit to examine 141 computers and 494 cell phones containing 139,703 gigabytes of data, for online exploitation of children in Pennington County. The team issued 56 subpoenas and 48 search warrants, provided technical support in 172 cases and performed 237 preview exams.

In 2018, the ICAC Unit conducted public presentations to train more than 14,000 people in Western South Dakota and 400 law officers and prosecutors in the state.



Possession/Distribution/
Manufacture of Child
Pornography Cases

2016 - 55

2017 - 48

2018 - 54

Solicitation of a
Minor Cases

2016 - 39

2017 - 30

2018 - 30

27 | Polar Plunge And TORCH RUN

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Talk about a cool event! The Polar Plunge raised \$93,000 for the Special Olympics South Dakota. The money was raised by 390 "plungers" who jumped into a pool filled with 40 degree water on a brisk April day in Rapid City. The Pennington County Sheriff's Office had 24 jumpers who raised \$6,642. For the third consecutive year, the fundraising event was held at Black Hills Harley-Davidson. The 2018 fundraiser marked the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics South Dakota and the 30th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which presented the event. All the money raised stays in the area and supports the Special Olympics and the 2,500 participants. Two local groups, Rapid City Storm and Rapid City Flame, had more than 450 athletes compete in local and state competitions. Please visit www.sosd.org.



Our correctional staff and community based organizations and volunteers remain committed to improving the lives of inmates while maintaining public safety. The inmate GED (General Education Diploma or High School Equivalency Certificate) was restored in 2018 and receives statewide news coverage. Most importantly we are making a quantifiable change in the lives of individual inmates. For more than 20 years, we proudly maintain our accreditation with the American Correctional Association.

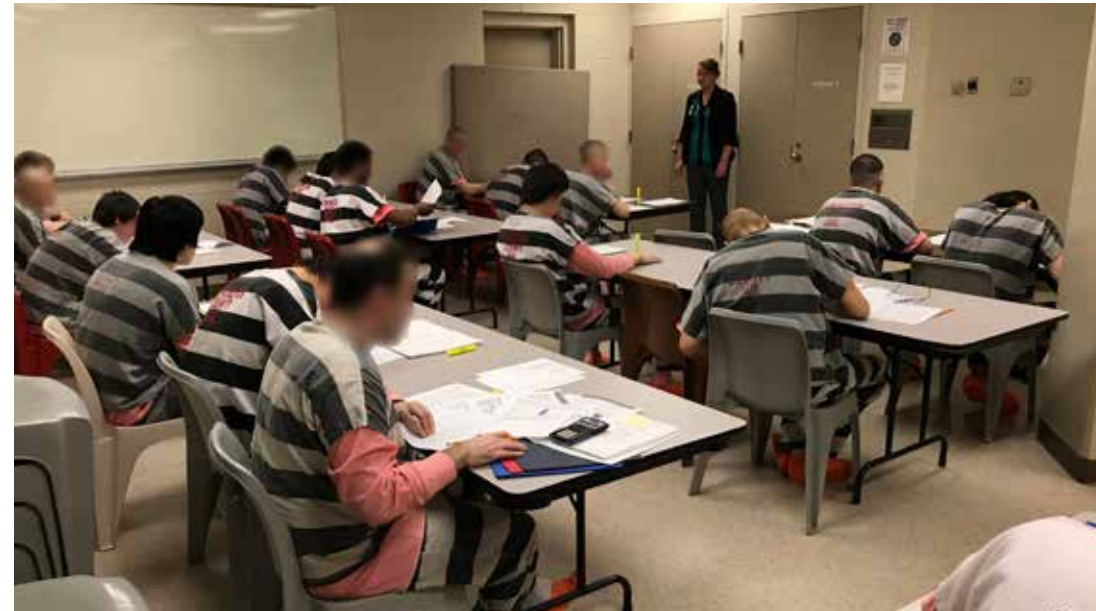
Every three years the American Correctional Association conducts an audit of accredited facilities. In March, the Pennington County Jail was audited and commended for impeccable staff who displayed pride in their assigned areas and a "remarkable" collaboration between all areas of the facility (security, medical, maintenance etc.). Security control was excellent and systems were remarkable. Food service was orderly and accommodated diets in a meaningful and fiscally responsible way. Inmate programming, such as the Drum Group, was "awesome." Classification reflected diligence in understanding the inmate population. Medical staff was praised for being very organized and competent with excellent accountability. Mental health was praised for their sincere care of mental health issues.

Of the 58 applicable mandatory standards, the Pennington County Jail was awarded a score of 100%.
Of the 295 applicable non-mandatory standards, the jail was awarded a score of 100%.

**Commander
Rob Yantis**



Pennington County Jail recognized for 100% accreditation



General Education Diploma GED program

Average Daily Jail Population

614

Electronic Monitoring

Jail Work
Release

40

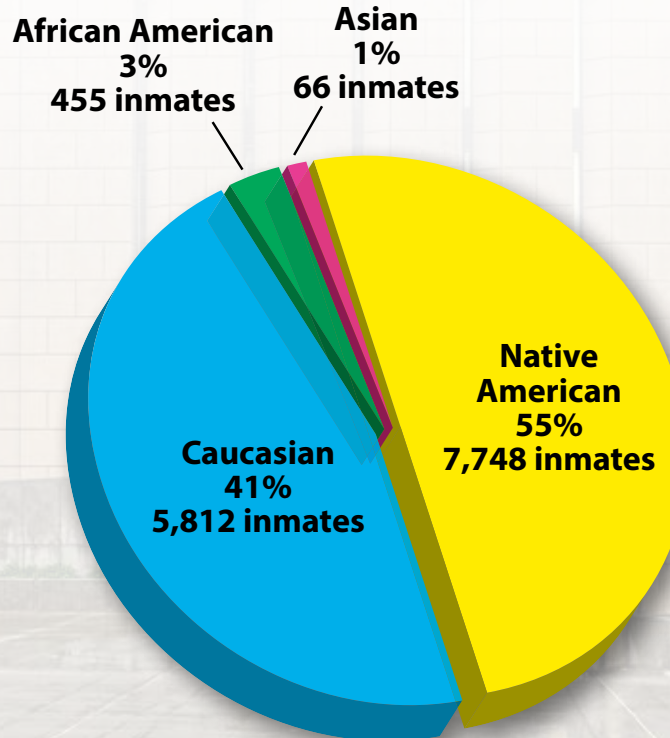
Pre-trial

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Total Inmates: 14,081

Total Days: 239,471

Racial Demographics

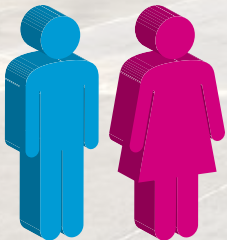


Captain Brooke Haga supervises support operations including medical/mental health, work release, electronic monitoring, trustees, programming, maintenance and food service



Captain Wade Anderson supervises security operations including housing, booking, release, control room and is the liaison with courts and law enforcement

By Gender



Males 69% Females 31%

Average Length of stay

2018: 17.01 days

(vs. 10 days in 2015

15 days in 2016 and

15.4 days in 2017)



Antiquated laundry and kitchen facilities in line for expansion and improvement

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Inmate Booking

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

13,424 people were booked at the Pennington County Jail in 2018

Video Court

We have offered video court for more than 18 years at the Pennington County Jail. It reduces the need for inmate transports to the courthouse, and conserves court and correctional officer resources while ensuring public safety.

6,959 video court appearances by inmates in 2018



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. A total of 361 inmates participated in our electronic monitoring program in 2018. Of those, 288 successfully completed the program. 311 individuals were placed on pre-trial electronic monitoring.

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.

Now in its sixth year, the Jail Inmate Garden produced 25,526 pounds of fruits and vegetables including 1,420 pumpkins. Inmates learn about gardening, participate in the process and help feed others in jail and the community. For the first time, female inmates participated in the planting. Male inmates handled the harvesting and preparing the gardens for 2019.

Master Gardner and former Correctional Officer Bill Ateyo and Leo Spear are in charge from seedling to the big community pumpkin giveaway.

Pumpkin Giveaway

Jail kitchen

Cornerstone Rescue Mission

Women's and Children's Mission

Working Against Violence, Inc (WAVI)

10,878 lbs.

11,130 lbs.

2,454 lbs.

649 lbs.

380 lbs.

Total for 2018

25,526 lbs.



Lt. Casey Munsch, Jail Commander Rob Yantis, Captain Wade Anderson, Captain Brooke Haga, Correctional Officer Tami Rosser, Lt. Kathleen Houston in pumpkin patch



Former Correctional Officers Leo Spear and Master Gardener Bill Ateyo plan and supervise the jail garden



Tribal Outreach

- Participated in almost 30 events within the Oglala and Rosebud Sioux Tribal Reservations and in Rapid City talking about the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge and the outreach strategy
 - Almost 500 warrants reviewed in warrant resolution outreach

Case Processing

- Hired Jail Release Coordinator in June and began building Jail Review Team to identify individuals who could be safely released from jail and/or referred to an alternative setting pending court process
- Began implementing a case management plan to reduce case processing delays
- Piloted a Court Notification System in August with reminders for upcoming court hearings
 - Nearly 600 individuals received reminder calls
- Coordinated with the HOPE Center to provide messages to individuals with no working number or current address
 - Almost 700 notifications sent to the HOPE Center

Community Supervision

- Launched Pretrial Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program in June as an alternative to jail
 - Almost 300 individuals referred to Pretrial EM
- Began Community Work Program in August as an alternative to jail for sentenced individuals
 - More than 30 individuals referred to community work

Pretrial Alternatives

- Implemented the Arnold Foundation's Public Safety Assessment (PSA), evidence based tool that measures the likelihood of an individual to re-offend prior to the next court appearance and/or fail to appear for scheduled court appearances, in June. PSAs are completed at the point of booking for all individuals referred to the jail for Pennington County charges.
- Hired Pretrial Release Specialist in May to oversees the PSA process
- Opened Care Campus in September housing Safe Solutions Program, a short-stay sobering center. A Case Manager was hired to engage with individuals using the beds regarding their needs. The Sheriff's Office and Police Department now refer non-violent individuals under the influence to the Safe Solution Program instead of jail. The goal is to offer services to individuals without a criminal charge.
 - More than 500 individuals used a Safe Solution bed
- Young Adult Diversion Program transitioned to a fully funded Pennington County State's Attorney's Office program to ensure long-term sustainability
 - Almost 350 young adults referred to the program



Program Director
Lucas Oyler

33 | 24-7 Sobriety PROGRAM

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24-7 Sobriety Program moved to 111 New York Street on June 28, 2018. The 3,000 square foot facility has plenty of parking and a 10 year lease.

Pennington County uses a variety of technologies to monitor compliance including twice daily breath testing, SCRAM ankle bracelets, drug patch, urinalysis testing and ignition interlock devices. The 24-7 program can be used by judges as a condition of bond, condition of sentence or in 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 has seen a steady increase in urine analysis tests as a result of the methamphetamine epidemic. The year began with 384 people doing weekly urine testing in January and ended with 512 people testing weekly in December. October saw the highest number of urine tests with 539 people.

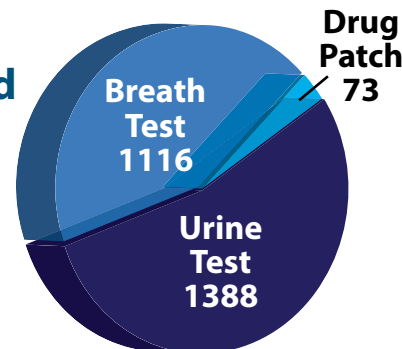
PBT Stats (Preliminary Breath Test)
1117 Participants
142,102 tests passed
99.68% pass rate

Urinalysis Stats
1390 Participants
42,703 tests
38,739 tests Passed
99.11% pass rate

Number of Individuals Tested in 2018

Average daily tests

519



34 | Pistol PERMITS

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On the first floor of the Public Safety Building, Captain Graves oversees the Warrant and Civil Divisions, which handle pistol permits, foreclosures, self-turn-in services, and the locating and apprehending of suspects with outstanding arrest warrants. Captain Graves is also in charge of courthouse security and the transportation of inmates locally and across the state.

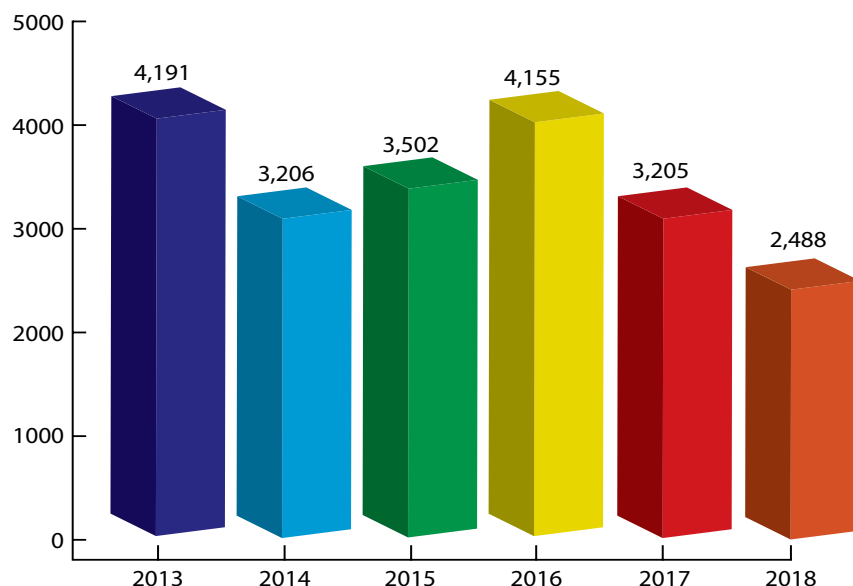
***Captain
Marty Graves***



2018 Pistol Permit Applications

Received **2,488** Denied **75** Regular Permit **2,227** Enhanced **167** Gold **19**

Total Applications



Concealed pistol permit applications reached an all-time high in South Dakota in 2016. Applications at the Pennington County Sheriff's Office reflect that trend with continued decreases over the last several years.

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.

Civil deputies handle Sheriff's sales, foreclosures and evictions as ordered by the court. They notify individuals when they face legal action in a court of law or administrative court. They deliver documents including 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 Office annual budget.

Papers Served

2016 - 9,853
2017 - 10,454
2018 - 9,401

Money Collected: Executions

2016 - \$237,850
2017 - \$198,228
2018 - \$234,012

Tax Warrants

2016 - \$96,020
2017 - \$156,826
2018 - \$170,431

Civil Fees

2016 - \$177,965
2017 - \$253,124
2018 - \$221,706

Sheriff's Sales on Executions

2016 - 9
2017 - 5
2018 - 3

Foreclosures

2016 - 82
2017 - 74
2018 - 86



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

The Warrants Division is responsible for locating and apprehending suspects who have outstanding arrest warrants. They also offer self-turn-in services. They are tasked with all extraditions, bringing back wanted felons, processing warrant data, and the movement of wanted subjects throughout the country.



Front row from left: Rusty Schmidt, Jodi Glasgow, Stephanie Born, Michelle Fankhauser, Kari Smith, Robin McCool-Deneke, Wendy Johnson
Back row: Jon Edwards, Sergeant Todd Battest, Captain Marty Graves

Extraditions

141 Fugitives

were brought back from other states.

2018 Warrants Processed

- Felony 2,771
- Misdemeanor 6,574
- City 385
- Other 142

Total Warrants Received

2016 - 8,734

2017 - 9,122

2018 - 9,872

*Increase of 750 over 2017

Total Warrants Served/Cleared

2016 - 9,229

2017 - 8,853

2018 - 10,027

*Increase of 1,174 over 2017

Warrant Fees Collected

2016 \$154,359

2017 \$146,491

2018 \$148,761

2018 Self-Turn-Ins

1,149 People

1,278 Warrants Cleared

Transport

Our deputies handle two types of transports: locally and across the state.

Local - On a daily basis inmates may need to be moved for medical appointments, evaluations or court appearance.

Local Transports

2017	9,602
2018	9,714

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

Trips across the state

2017	7,179
2018	7,238

** 42 Special trips to Health and Human Services Center/Avera*

2017 Total Transports	16,781
2018 Total Transports	16,994



Courthouse Security

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

Considering that an estimated 600-800 people enter the Pennington County Courthouse daily (and more during trials and 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.



Back Row from left: Bob Sanders, Nick Novak, Eric Petersen, Kurt Weber, Aaron Cox, Mike Bock, Jack Thomas, Glenn Miller, Kent Holland, Josh Lavene

Middle Row: Taylor Erickson, Matthew Chalk, Brian Burgner, Gunner Hanzel, Aubrey Ballard, Neal Hofer, Mark Steele, Eric Mendez, Michael Cole

Front: Jane Cheesman, Marika Schuft, Matt Sargent, Marty Graves, Misti Walker, Christine Heying



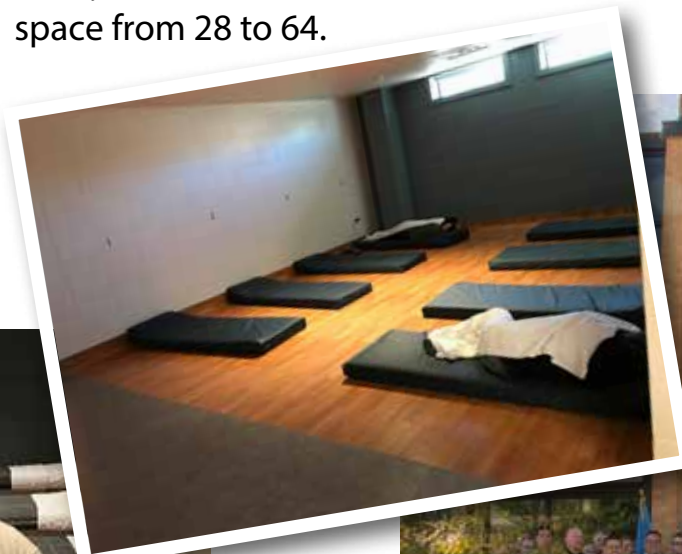
The Care Campus officially opened September 26, 2018 at 321 Kansas City Street. The 70,593 square foot building now houses Safe Solutions, Detox, Behavior Management's Crisis Care, Health and Human Services and the Rapid City Police Quality of Life Unit. All of our outpatient treatment services are now also at the Care Campus.

While the second floor is being remodeled, residential addiction treatment beds remain at the 725 North Lacrosse Street location. In 2019, these services will move to the Care Campus, increasing bed space from 28 to 64.

*Chief Deputy
Willie Whelchel*



Safe Solutions mats
for men and women



Detox supervisor Justin Hansen



DETOX

4,065 Detox admissions

1,065 people used Detox

SAFE SOLUTIONS BEDS

8,593 Safe bed admissions (beds turn-over multiple times each day)

4,755 at LaCrosse facility with only seven male beds
(Jan 1 - Sept 25)

3,838 at Care Campus with 46 male and female beds
(Sept 26 - Dec 31)

ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES

96 Individuals in 12-hour DUI class

422 Treatment assessments

561 Admissions for treatment services

36% Increase in Intensive Meth Treatment Program services

BMS CRISIS CARE

379 total intakes
(September 26-December 31)



CARE
CAMPUS

Restoring Mind, Body & Spirit



The Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center (WSDJSC) continues to operate as one of the premier Juvenile Detention Facilities in the country. It has been accredited by the American Correctional Association since 1999 and serves as a regional facility for Fall River, Custer, Pennington, Lawrence, Butte and Harding Counties. Each county is part of a Joint Powers Agreement that oversees the operation.

The 105-bed facility is 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. It is one of three detention facilities in the country to house federal juveniles.

The Juvenile Services Center offers electronic monitoring as an alternative to secure detention 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.

238 juveniles participated in electronic monitoring in 2018 for an average of 20.3 days.

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

**Commander
Joe Gutierrez**





Former Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne visited the youth at WSDJSC

Arise Youth Center

Total clients:
334

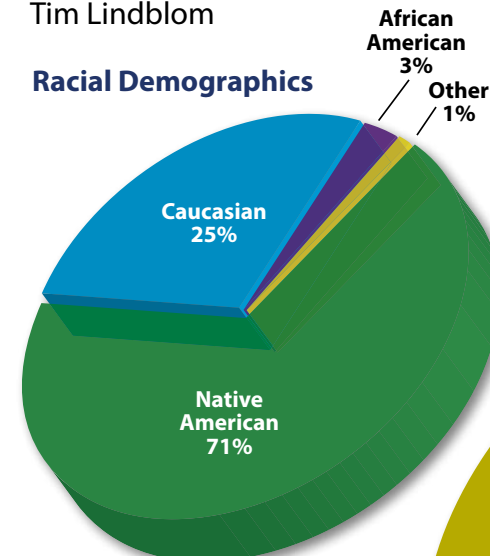
Average length of stay:
11.8 days

Average daily population:
10.47 per day

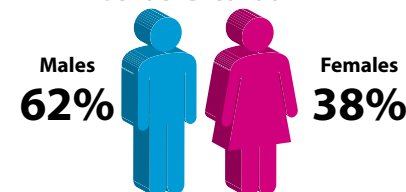
Average Daily Population	37.73 detainees
Average Length of Stay	32.43 days
Local detainees	19 days
Federal detainees	121 days
Bureau of Prisons	134 days
US Marshal	66 days

Lieutenant Heather Wood, Commander Joe Guttierrez and Sergeant Tim Lindblom

Racial Demographics

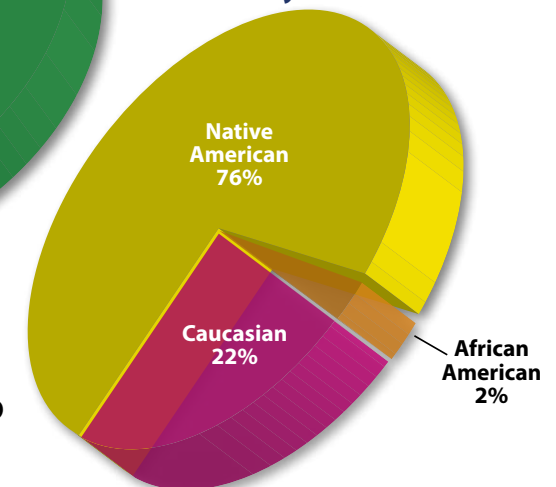


Gender Breakdown



447 detainees - Average Age 17

Pennington County Only Detainees





From left: Dr. Roger Belisle, Tim Malone, Training Manager Tony Verchio, Patty Garland, Mischelle Boal

In 2018, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office hosted the Reid Method of Interview and Interrogation, Rifle Armorer Course and Shotgun Armorer Courses. We coordinated the initial training for the PepperBall system fielded in Jail and Patrol divisions. All selected deputies, correctional officers and support staff completed ethics training. We also conducted seven new hire trainings.

The Training Office works with all divisions ensuring we meet all accreditation and certification requirements, including 40 hours annually for sworn correctional officers and 40 hours every two years for sworn deputies.



CPR training with AED (automatic external defibrillator)

Total training hours Pennington County Sheriff's Office employees - 47,941



Nurses train on wound care



Jail staff train with new pepper ball launcher



Axon training on body-worn cameras

The Special Response Team was activated 12 times in 2018. These included two high profile dignitary details with the 2018 Western Governors' Association Annual Meeting hosted by Governor Dugaard and the visit by Vice President Mike Pence in November.

One of this year's critical call-outs was a hostage event that was resolved in Box Elder. A suspect shot at an officer, took people hostage, let them go and then barricaded himself in a home. These types of events are dangerous and underscore the team's purpose of saving lives and protecting both citizens and law enforcement in violent situations.

The Special Response Team includes 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 SRT has responded to 155 call-outs since the teams' inception in 1990.
Notable calls:

- 1991 Stevens High School active shooter hostage situation
- 1992 Rushmore Holiday Inn hostage situation
- 2007 Central High School incident
- 2014 Silver Street hostage situation

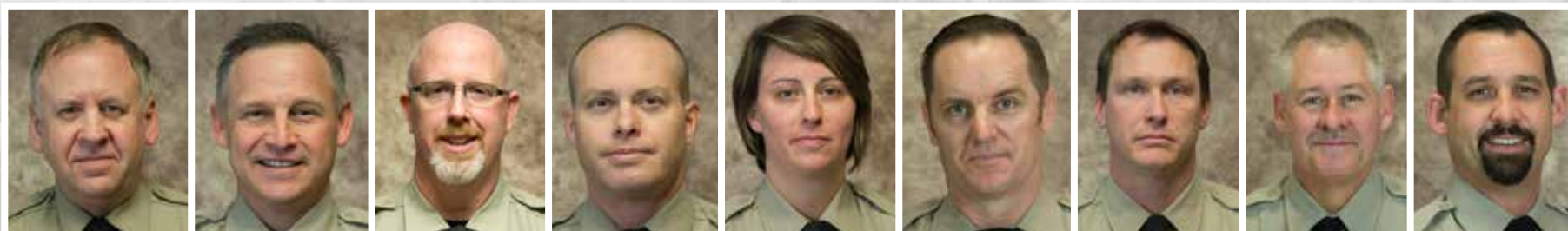




Sworn in February 2018 from left: Doug Noyes, Lance Palmer, Chad Strobel, William Christopherson, Jake White, Adam Mooney



Judge Heidi Linngren swears in new reserve deputies



Mark Bartik Thad Fitch James Hogue Jason Lind Alyssa McGhee Joe Prouty Patrick VanLoan Donald Lampert Gerad Strong

16 men and women volunteered to serve as reserve deputies. Most have full-time jobs and still find time to give back to the community by serving and assisting the Pennington County Sheriff's Office carry out our mission. The PCSO could not accomplish all that we do without

the help of these dedicated volunteers. They assist with a variety of special events including the Central States Fair and annual Motorcycle Rally. In 2018, reserve deputies provided 1,536.3 hours of service.

Staff in law enforcement and corrections face an extraordinary amount of stress on the job. A Sheriff's Chaplain serves as a support system in times of crisis. These volunteers are available day and night. It's well-known that many deputies are guarded by nature and can have trouble opening up about their trauma to a psychologist or other mental health professional in a formal environment. Our Chaplains are available for weekly coffee and snacks, cookouts and the popular employee Christmas party. In 2018, they hosted a regional conference of chaplains.



2018 Chaplains

Denny Dickson
Bryan Faltynski
Ted Huffman
Becky Piper
David Piper
Gerad Strong



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

2018 was another busy year of change for our non-profit, professional, volunteer Search and Rescue team with 81 calls for service--six more calls than in 2017. PCSAR started the year with the largest recruitment class ever, selected from more than 60 applications. Given the large time commitment, they finished the recruitment cycle with eight new recruits entering probationary status in November. Volunteers put in a total of 4,904 hours responding to calls and training, saving county taxpayers more than \$21,434 for their services.

The year was full of technical calls. The team assisted Custer and Meade Counties with rescues. Two of our most technical calls were fatal accidents in Custer County in December.

One involved a vehicle that went over a 50 foot cliff. The second was a tractor that rolled 75 feet down a steep hill after a snow and ice storm.

Wildland fire season in the Rocky

Mountain Region was busy for the team. PCSAR worked ten incidents, mostly in Colorado. The support provided allows the team to receive extra income to supplement their annual budget.

In the summer of 2018, a new Rescue 2 vehicle was welcomed by the team. This truck replaced the 1996 Chevy 3500 pickup that had been housing vertical and wilderness rescue gear. With a

custom box designed to hold equipment in an efficient and organized manner, this pickup will meet PCSAR needs for years to come.

2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Building fire	3
Wildland support	10
Rescue	13
Search	13
Extrication	30
Winter rescue	1
High angle rescue	5
Water rescue	5
Aircraft emergency	2
Assists	3
False alarms	6
TOTAL	91

47 | Rapid City/Pennington County **RESCUE TEAM**

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The Rapid City/Pennington County Water Rescue Team responded to 12 calls in 2018. They assisted with May flooding and a September rescue at Sheridan Lake. They recovered evidence, removed vehicles from the water and saved three victims from drowning.

The 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. In 2018 three fire fighters joined the team. It takes more than a year to become fully certified in the required training.



Ice dive and training with remote operated vehicle at Pactola in February



48 | Program EXPLORER

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The Explorer program gives young men and women exposure to a career in law enforcement. It also builds character through physical fitness, leadership and community service.

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

New Sergeant
Rookie of the Year
Explorer of the Year
Top Gun

Tyler Phelps
Jace Cannan
Kyle McSherry
Nicholas Koehler



Our 15 Explorers participated in several community events:
Disaster Awareness Day
Central States Fair
Sheriff's Secret Santa
Motorcycle Rally
Boat Patrol





WE  **VOLUNTEERS**



49 | Senior VOLUNTEERS

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The Pennington County Sheriff's Office has a quiet force of people who serve our community week after week with no financial gain. These volunteers walk in humbly and leave gently, always challenging us to live life to the fullest. They defy the notion that age brings inactivity. In 2018, our ten senior volunteers served almost 1,000 hours. From making phone calls to welcoming guests, our incredible team does it all. We are thankful for their gift of time. We couldn't do our jobs without them!

RETIREMENTS



Dave Oster, 29 years - Training Officer



Krystine Blosser, 27 years - Correctional Officer



Fred Magnavito, 15+ years - Psychologist



Sgt. John Weygaerts, 13 years
- Correctional Officer



Brain Walker, 13 years
- Correctional Officer



Billy Jackson, 13 years
- Detox Tech



Paul Carroll, 8 years
- Transport Officer

50 | 2018 AWARDS

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Sergeant Ken Wilson, Sheriff's Commendation Medal



Deputy Ethan McManigal, Meritorious Award



Deputy Matt Scharn, Meritorious Award



Deputy Amanda Swanson, Meritorious Award, Red Cross Hero Award



EMT Mary Feiner, Meritorious Award



Deputy Jamin Hartland, Noon Optimist Award



Deputies Rusty Schmidt and Tana Tallon, Distinguished Service Award



Sheriff Kevin Thom, Western Dakota Tech 2018 Outstanding Public Servant



Deputy Scott Sitzes, Meritorious Award, Child Protection Council Award



Forensic Computer Analyst Hollie Strand, 2018 Visionary Voice Award



SECOND FLOOR OF THE CARE CAMPUS

The site for a long-term residential drug treatment services program is estimated to be completed in 2019 in the upstairs of the Care Campus at 321 Kansas City Street. Thanks to a generous anonymous \$2.2 million donation, this will increase from the current 28 to 64 drug treatment beds. The goal is to reduce the inefficient “revolving door” approach to drug treatment with better results for taxpayers.

JAIL KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY EXPANSION

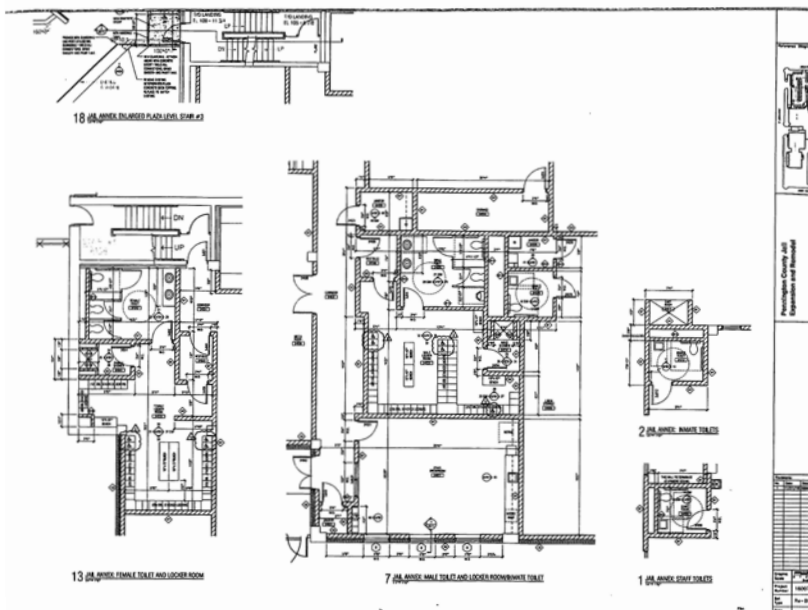
Construction begins in 2019 to update and expand the 1990 facility in order to better accommodate the 750,000+ meals per year that feed jail and juvenile inmates and those at the Care Campus. The \$5,282,500 project’s estimated completion is February 2020.

MACARTHUR SAFETY + JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Efforts in 2019 will focus on a jail population review team, an automated court notification system to better help people show up for court dates and analyzing and modifying ongoing efforts to safely reduce the jail population.

ACQUIRE DRONE

Training and implementation starts early in the year on a drone. It could be used in any major incident, search and rescue, civil disturbance or Special Response Team call-out. The drone can provide an operational picture as an incident unfolds--an eye from the sky that can help with deputy safety.



Our Mission:

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

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