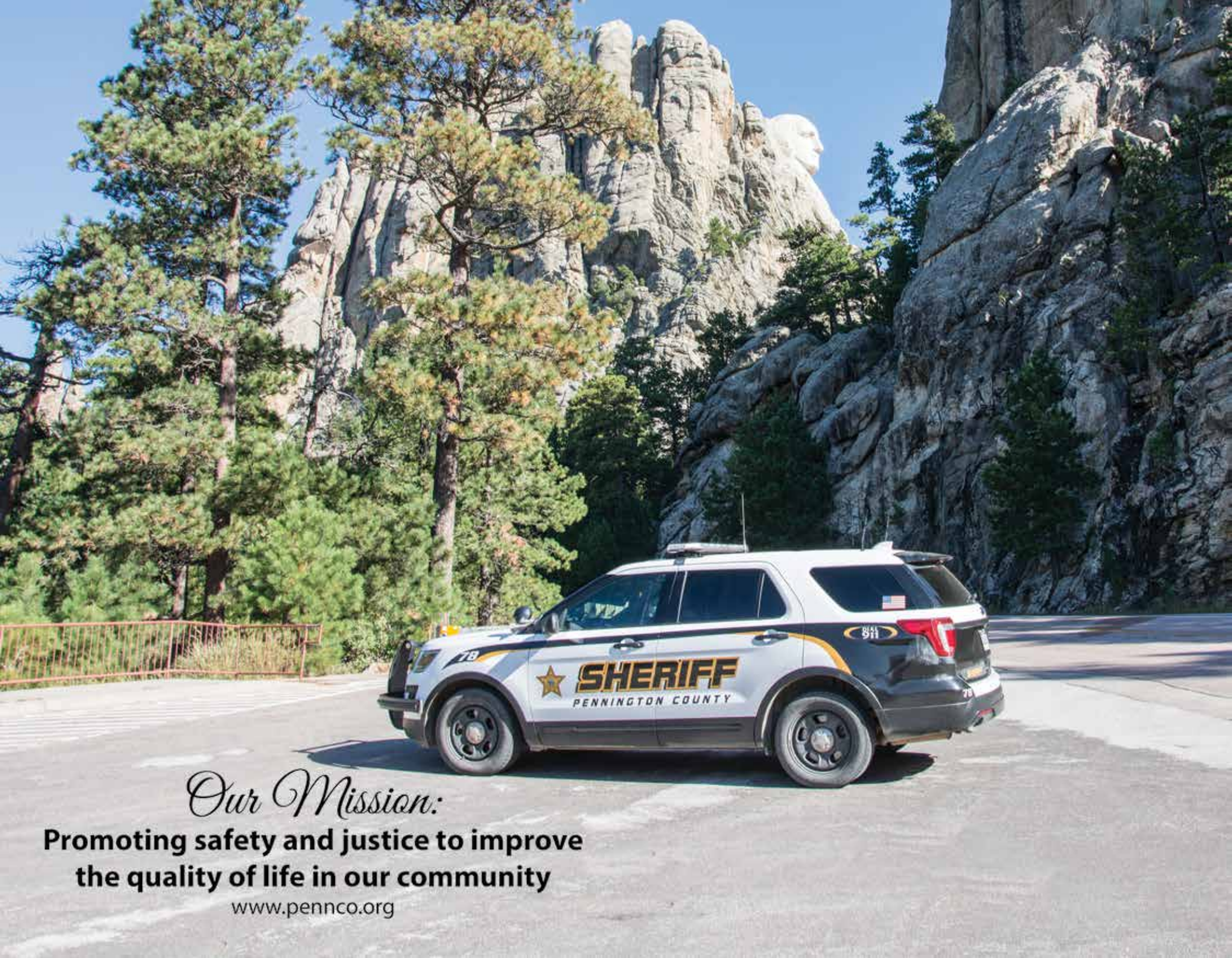


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Our Mission:

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

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Citizens of PENNINGTON COUNTY



Sheriff
Kevin Thom



Chief Deputy
Willie Whelchel



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
Marty Graves
Warrants, Civil,
Transport,
Courthouse Security



Director
Deanna Nolan
Care Campus Clinical



Captain
Wade Anderson
Pennington County Jail



Captain
Brooke Haga
Pennington County Jail



Director
David Oster
Care Campus Housing



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The methamphetamine epidemic continues to play a costly role in Pennington County. It is filling our jail and causing violence in our community. Thanks to new state resources on illegal drug use prevention and the opening of our 64 residential addiction treatment beds, we hope results impact the meth crisis. The MacArthur Foundation continues to support us in cutting edge efforts to look for smarter solutions.

After years of work, in 2019 the Pennington County Sheriff's Office completed the Care Campus. With the second floor addiction treatment beds now finished, the full mission of the facility is being realized--the right services at the right time, all under one roof. Our goal is to safely reduce the jail population by creating efficiencies, improving services and minimizing the inefficient "revolving door" approach to drug treatment with better results for the taxpayer.

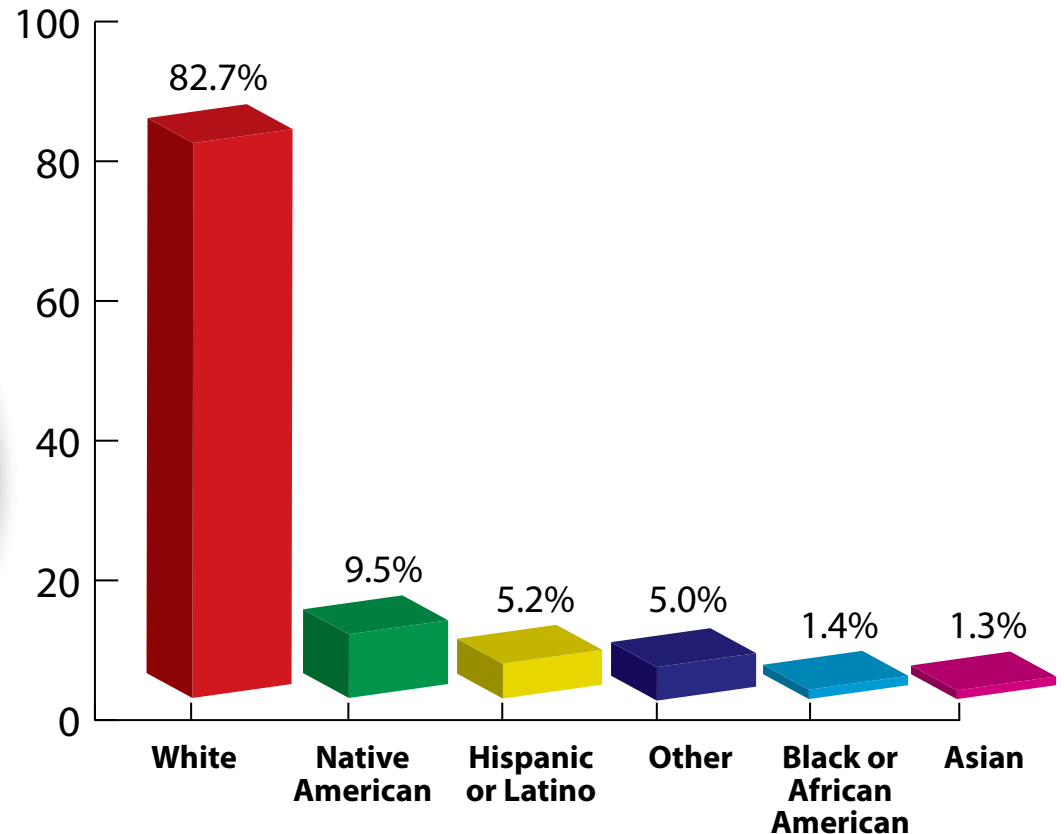
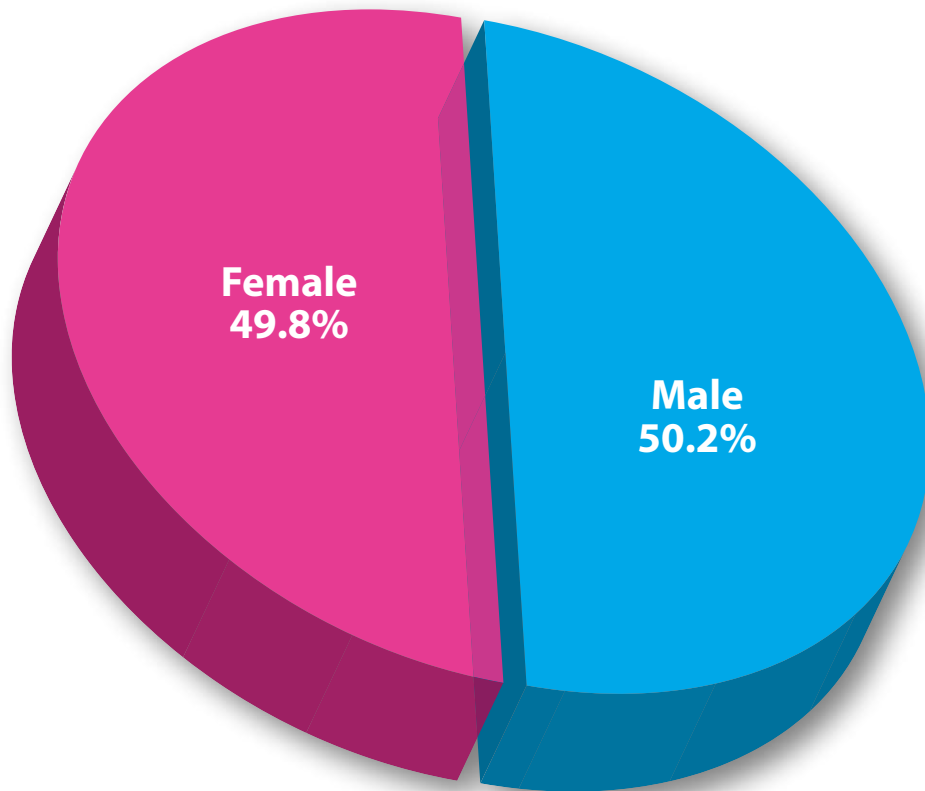
2019 was marked by long and thorough searches for missing persons. The terrain and weather were major obstacles. We leaned on Pennington County Search & Rescue and other volunteer organizations to continue to provide a stellar and critical service to the region.

I am proud of our staff who continue to serve with valor and professionalism. I applaud them for their active roles in our schools and communities. They never lose sight of our mission to promote safety and justice and to improve the quality of life in our community.

Finally, a sincere thanks to the citizens of Pennington County who continue to allow me to serve as your Sheriff. It is my honor and privilege.

Best,
Sheriff Kevin Thom





Area: **2,776 square miles**

2017 Total Population: **110,141**

Median Age: **40.1 years**

Median Income: **\$59,006**

Median Home Price: **\$191,000**

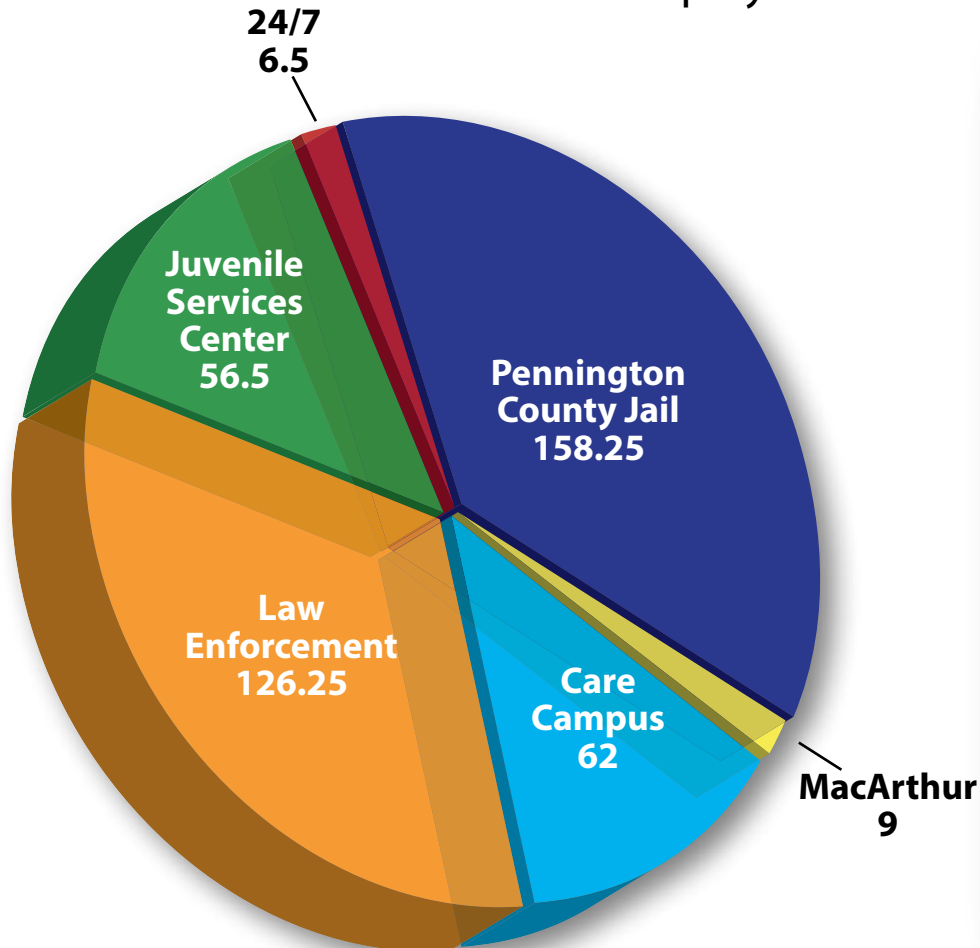
Persons in Poverty: **14,997 or 13.8%**

Education: **94% high school**

33.4% bachelors or higher

Employees By DIVISION

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office has 421.5 full-time employees and 200 volunteers



Total 2019 County
Budget
\$94,717,114

Sheriff's Office Budget
\$34,706,380

37% of total 2019
County Budget

47% of the Sheriff's
Office budget is
supported by
outside revenues



This year, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office piloted an employment opportunity with Western Dakota Technical Institute's Criminal Justice Program. The program provides the PCSO with an opportunity to staff current positions with students in a part-time capacity around their school schedules. This provides needed work experience for students to be successful upon graduation and a consistent pool of quality applicants for the PCSO. Since inception the PCSO has hired 12 students to work within the Jail and Care Campus.

Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center Corporal Collette Lucas announces her 2020 retirement following more than 20 years of service in corrections. She is one of eight females holding supervisory rank in our correctional facilities. Corporal Lucas is an exceptional example of a successful career of service to our community.



In 2019, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office recruited 89 new employees. This included the addition of paramedics to our medical team. Opening the nursing vacancies to those with paramedic certifications proved to be a successful fit for our facilities. Their field experience and skill level paired well with the needs of our population served. Adilene Martinez-Jones and Laura Anderson were the first two welcomed to the team.



Thomasadia Young Bull Bear transitioned to an Addiction Counselor position with the Care Campus, following 12 years of service as a Detox Tech. She has a true compassion and desire to assist clients in receiving the services they need to be successful. The Pennington County Sheriff's Office is pleased to have seen an increase in Native Americans seeking careers in public safety over the last four years.

Native American Hires: 2016-2, 2017-7, 2018-23, 2019-17

10 | 2019 Year In REVIEW

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Boating PATROL

58.25 Hours spent in boat
335 Contacts made
38 Verbal warnings
14 Written warnings
0 Arrests

UTV PATROL

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



Deputies spend summer months patrolling Sheridan Lake, Pactola Reservoir and the Mickelson Trail, helping when needed and ensuring citizens follow the laws on land and water. This 2019 season was limited since boat ramps were frequently closed because of rain and flooding.

Sturgis Rally RECAP

Pennington County Rally Tally	2017	2018	2019
Calls for Service	1,586	1,715	1,939
Accidents	21	22	23
Injury	11	6	10
Non Injury	10	16	13
DUI Arrests	10	5	9
Fatalities	0	0	1



The Pennington County Sheriff's Office hires extra help during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally to proactively work in our contract communities of Wall, Hill City and Keystone. The Deputies are visible in bright yellow and reduce response times during this high traffic, busy tourist period.

Eight were hired and sworn in as Rally Deputies

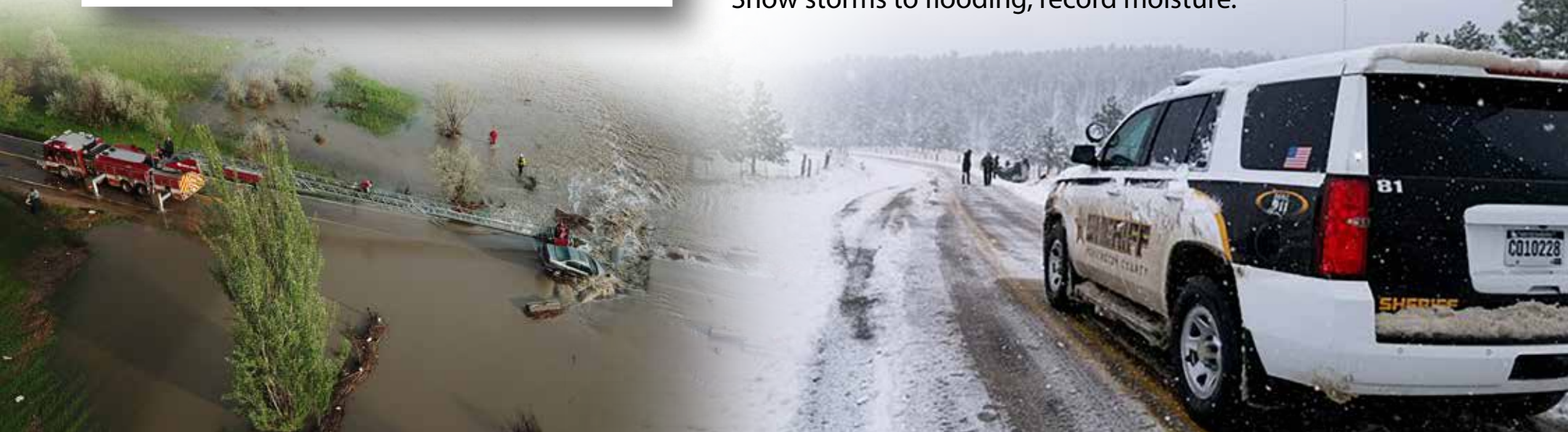
MISSING PERSON CASES

Serenity Dennard, 9, ran away from the Black Hills Children's Home on February 3. Hunter Larry Genzlinger, 66, was lost October 1. Ground, air and K9 searches covered more than 7,460 miles.



WEATHER CHALLENGES

Snow storms to flooding, record moisture.



BABY RESCUE

Deputies Weckman and Schwartz comfort a child involved in a high speed chase on June 11.



CHRISTMAS EFFORTS

Cops N' Kids

Sheriff's Secret Santa

Black Hills Children's Home Gifts





***Captain
Tony Harrison***

2019 was marked by extreme weather: spring snows, flooding, short summer and early winter. It brought unique challenges to our patrol division including flooding over many county roads. Our deputies kept busy with traffic enforcement and calls for service.

Twenty new deputies joined the Pennington County Sheriff's. As a result, training was a big focus this year including basic training, the Law Enforcement Academy in Pierre and the Sheriff's Deputy Training Officer program.

Our patrol division is made up of 35 deputies, seven sergeants and two lieutenants, although in 2019 there were three lieutenants because one was deployed with the National Guard.



Deputy Rhoden and Sergeant Cook work the midway at the Central States Fair.

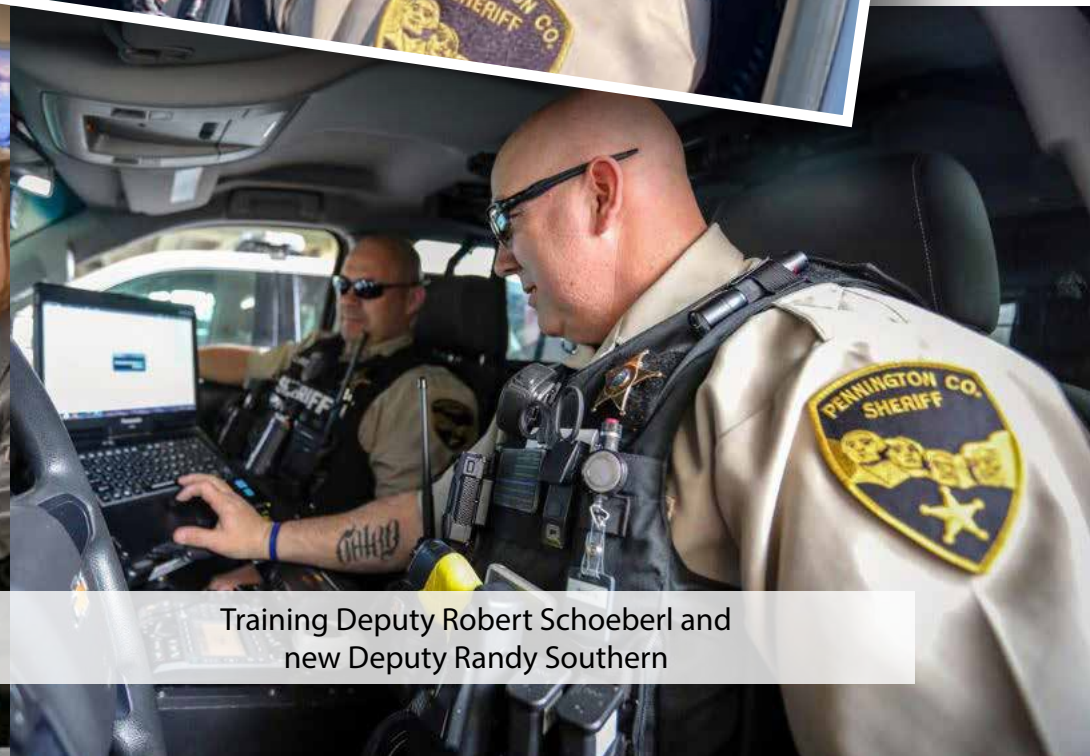


Captain Harrison and Sheriff Thom on July 4 enforcing fireworks laws and 11 pm curfew.

Calls for Service	2019
Citizen initiated	31,850
Deputy initiated	11,334
Case Reports	6,837
Arrests	5,280
Vehicle Stops	7,750
Citations	1,017
Warnings	4,175
DUI	284
Total	68,527



From left: Reserve Deputy Thad Fitch, Reserve Deputy and Chaplain Gerad Strong, Deputy Ethan McManigal, Sgt. Chris Hislip and Explorer Janae Olson



Training Deputy Robert Schoeberl and new Deputy Randy Southern

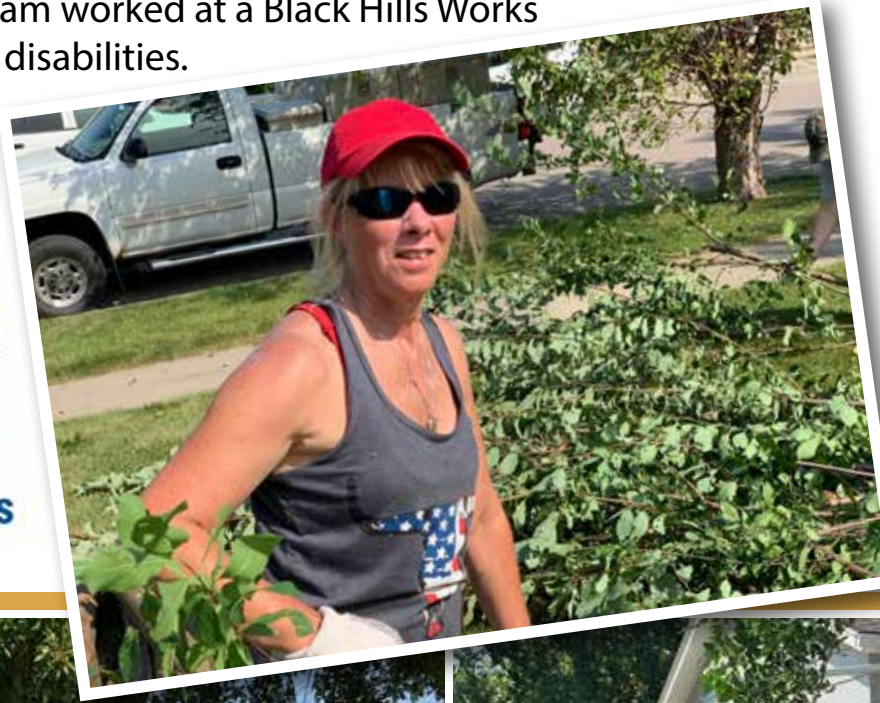


Four small towns in Pennington County partner with the Sheriff's Office to staff and maintain law enforcement services:

Hill City, Keystone, New Underwood & Wall

From left: Jeff Jones (New Underwood), Jake Tweeten (Wall), Glenn Miller (Wall), Gordon Larsen (Wall), Sgt. Randy Harkins, Chris Plawman (Keystone), Josh Kunde (Hill City), Jeff Andrews (Hill City), Doug Kimball (Keystone)

The Sheriff's Office split into two teams of volunteers for the 2019 United Way Day of Caring. One team worked on a residence removing debris and lawn care. Another team worked at a Black Hills Works group home for individuals with disabilities.



United Way of the Black Hills





Deputies meet with Scout Pack 33 for indoor camping at Emergency Management Center, February 22



Care Campus and investigators have three teams bowl and raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters, April-May 2019



Flowers for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from Captain Tony Harrison and patrol, April 17



Investigators participate in CASA Child Abuse Prevention Walk through Rapid City, April 17



Deputies Bearden and Weckman at Camp Postcard at Outlaw Ranch



Mutual agreement with US Army, Partnership for Youth Success, May 30



Sgt. Randy Harkins serves lunch to reservation youth enjoying day in hills, paid for with Safety+Justice Challenge funds, June 19



Three middle schoolers get experience as Junior Deputies for the day, Feb 15



Patrol tours for local day cares and Youth & Family Services



Sheriff Kevin Thom with Jerry's famous bacon donut, supports South Dakota Retailers on National Donut Day, June 7



Honor Guard Deputy Kylie Kintigh at Law Enforcement Memorial in Pierre, May 15



Deputy Jennifer Dingmann made a little girl's dream come true at her birthday party

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Calvary Lutheran Church delivery, February 24



Westminster Church Valentine's delivery February 14



Cabela's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day barbecue, May 13



Meals and goodies delivered from community for Police Week, May 13 -17



Cards and letters from Rapid City school children



Deputy Amanda Swanson and others at Patriot Day at Southwest Middle and Corral Drive Elementary, September 11



WAVI First Responder Day, October 8



Corrections Week recognition by Pennington County Commission, May 8



Banana bread and coffee from Hisega community



Rush Hockey and Rushmore Plaza Civic Center host Badge Buddies-- School Resource Officers and at-risk students enjoy all home games

***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 13 investigators, two victim specialists, one crime intelligence analyst, one computer forensic examiner, two Rapid City Police Department detectives and two staff assistants who assist with 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.



Reported Crime Data*

	2017	2018	2019
Murder	1	1	0
Sexual Assault	139	138	139
Aggravated Assault	73	54	65
Robbery	1	1	2
Burglary	104	97	79
Theft	430	433	340
Stolen Vehicles	36	44	46

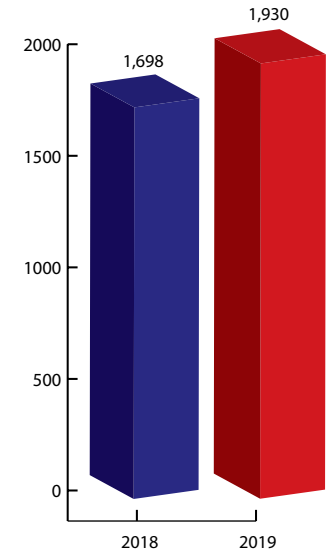
*Statistics represent reported cases in Pennington County. Some crimes may have occurred in other jurisdictions.

Overall Crime Data in Pennington County**

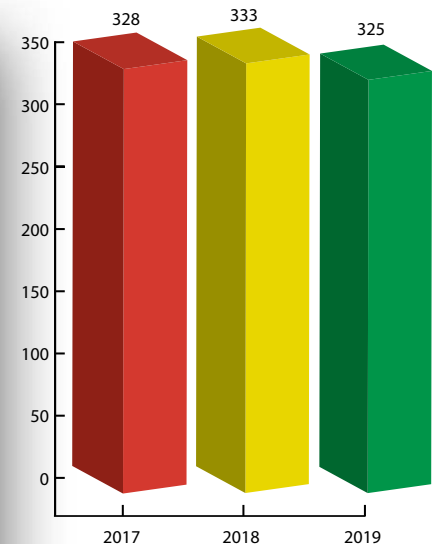
	2017	2018	2019
Murder	8	6	5
Sexual Assault	328	333	325
Aggravated Assault	402	413	441
Robbery	74	67	77
Burglary	615	586	612
Theft	3,002	2,375	2,608
Stolen Vehicles	377	352	416

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

Domestic Violence



Sexual Assault



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



Judge Heidi Linngren swearing in deputy coroners who handled 355 coroner cases in 2019.

24 | Victim Specialist PROGRAM

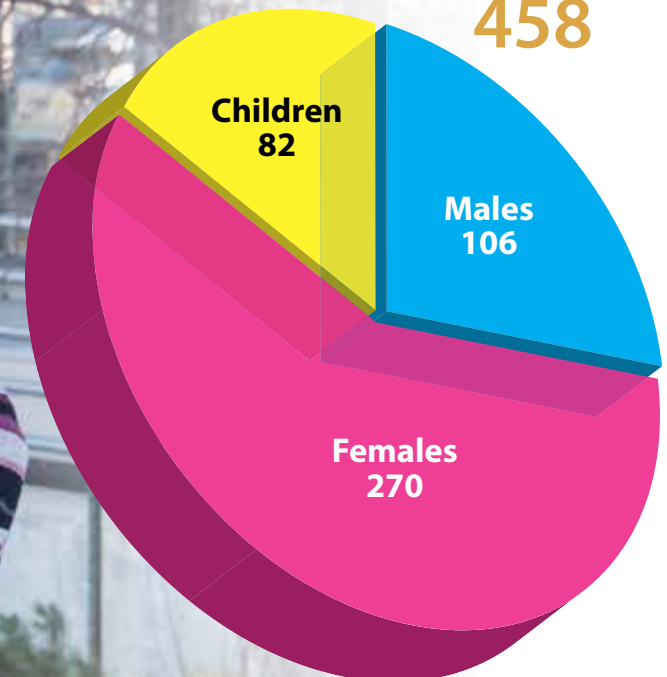
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The Pennington County Sheriff's Office and Rapid City Police Department established the joint Victim's Assistance Program in 2016. A Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds two full-time Victim Specialist positions and 80% of the PCSO Victim Specialist Program.

Victim Services Provided

- Sexual assault services - **49**
- Crisis Counseling (in-person) - **55**
- Follow up Contacts - **278**
- Information/Referrals - **125**
- Criminal Justice Support - **138**
- Emergency Financial Assistance - **8**
- Emergency Legal Advocacy - **37**
- Transportation Assist - **17**
- Other Services - **82**

Violent Crime Victims Served **458**



Victim Specialists Scott Hultgren and Teresa Kenrick

With the assistance of a state funded grant, the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team has added additional drug agents to help identify, disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations in our community. PCSO Sergeant Taylor Sperle supervised this multi-agency task force, which also consists of three PCSO Investigators. UNET works in close cooperation with federal

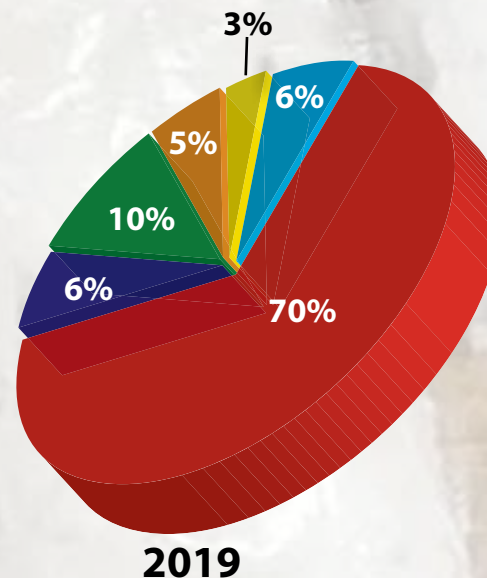
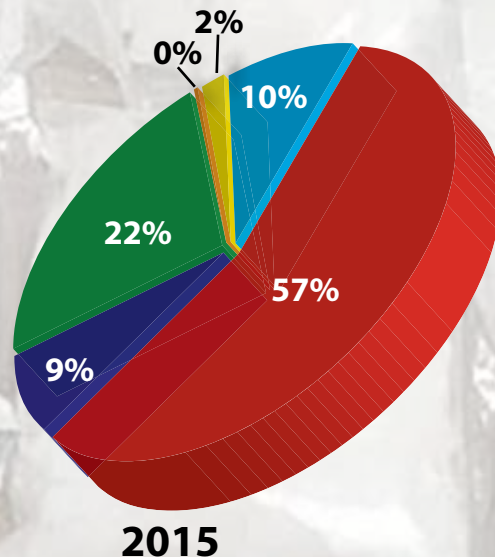
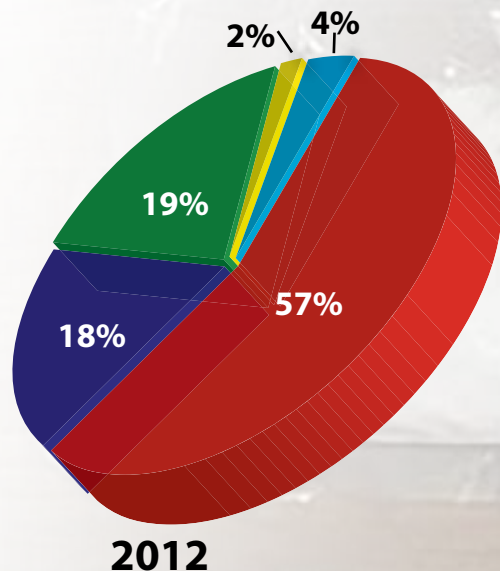
law enforcement agents, the South Dakota Attorney General's Office and the United States Attorney's Office. UNET strives to educate the community while also holding drug traffickers accountable through federal and state prosecution. Meth and heroin usage are continuing to increase in Pennington County from previous years.

Drug possession arrests

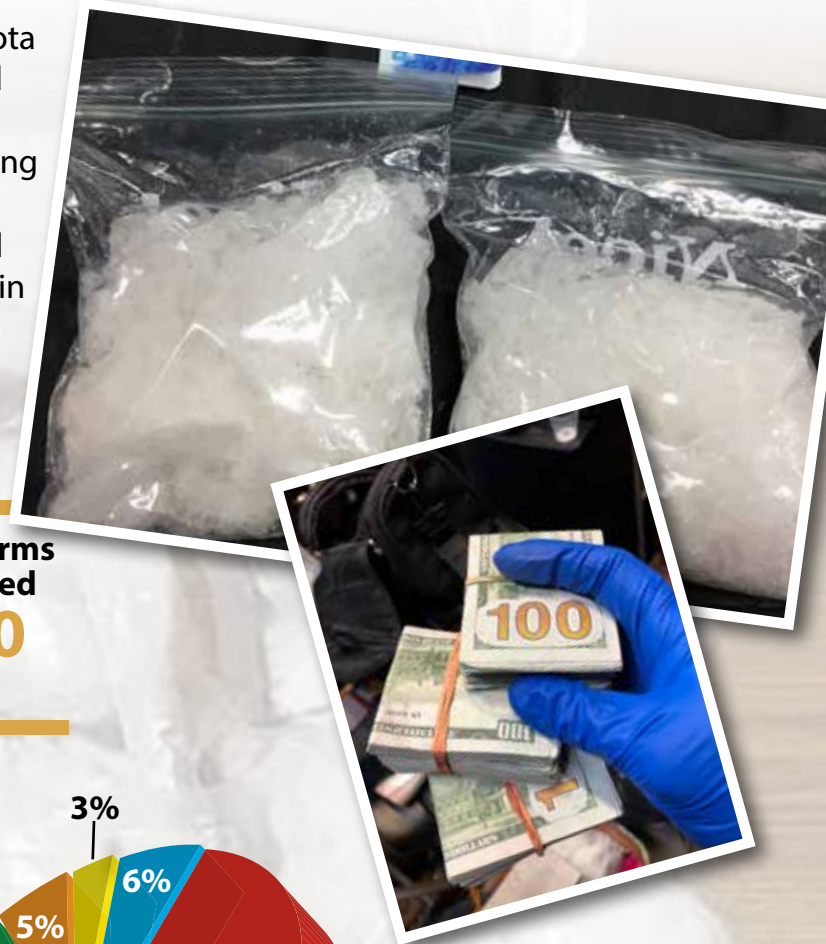
Methamphetamine.....	1,207
Marijuana	168
Pharmaceuticals.....	107
Fentanyl	5
Cocaine/Crack.....	54
Heroin	90
Other	110*

Number of search warrants executed	Currency and property seized	Firearms seized
118	\$326,505	50

*Bath Salts, LSD, Hashish, Mushrooms and PCP, MDMA/Ecstasy



■ Methamphetamine
■ Pharmaceuticals
■ Marijuana
■ Heroin
■ Crack/Cocaine
■ Other





Wearing purple every Friday in October to support Working Against Violence, Inc. and their efforts to raise awareness for domestic and sexual violence



Tough Enough to Wear Pink efforts to support breast cancer survivors in law enforcement, Juvenile Services Center and Care Campus



Breaking down barriers one cup at a time!

The Sheriff's Office held the fourth annual Coffee with a Cop event on the National Coffee with a Cop Day, October 2. 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.



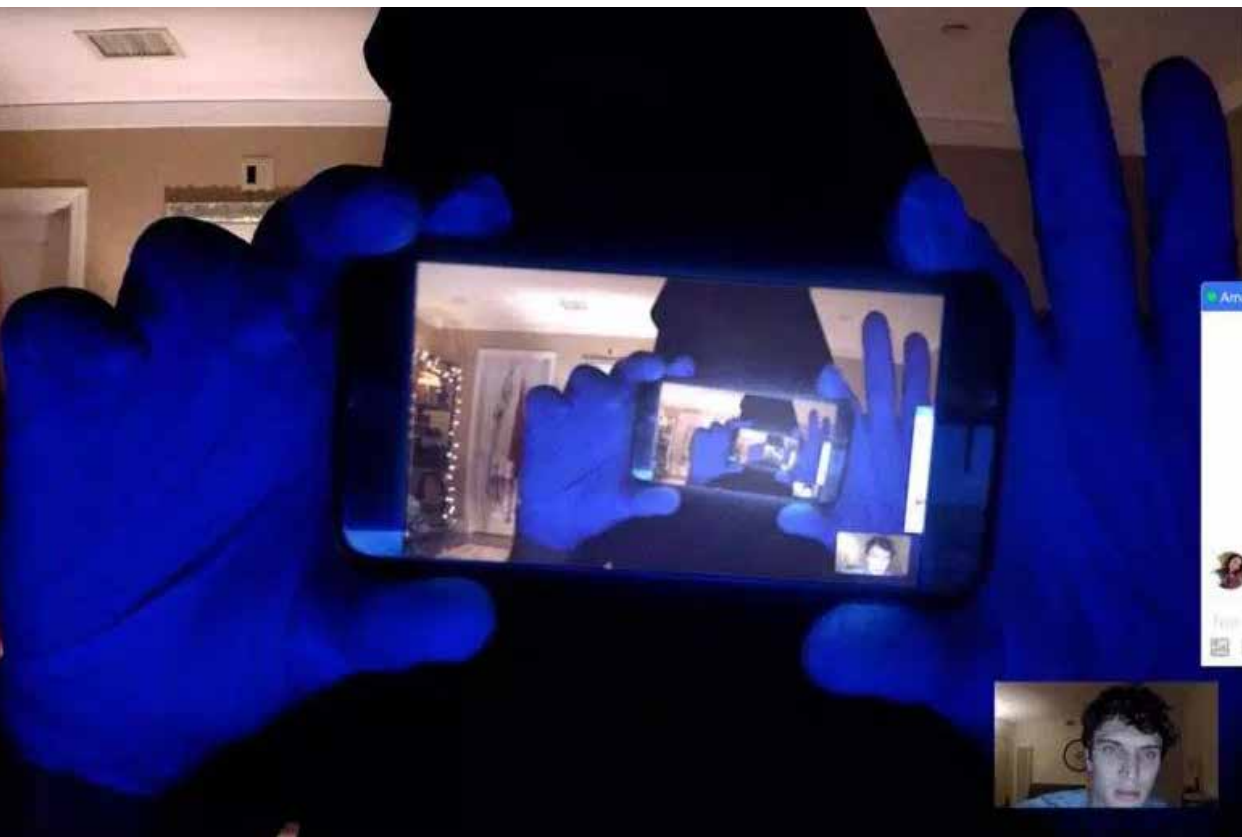


Internet crimes against children are on the increase in South Dakota and across the nation. The ICAC Unit, a cooperative effort with the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Rapid City Police Department and South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, investigates all cases in western South Dakota involving on-line sexual exploitation of children.

Many cases are reported to local law enforcement. ICAC also generates proactive investigations on individuals who are sharing contraband images or enticing victims.

The unit has seen an increase in the number of cybertips received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The South Dakota ICAC Task Force

received and investigated 410 cybertips in 2019. ICAC conducts computer forensic examinations on all devices seized in connection with criminal investigations and provides expert testimony in the field of digital evidence and digital investigations.



114 hard drives and 406 cell phones containing 86,000 gigabytes of data were examined for online exploitation of children. The team issued 84 subpoenas and 50 search warrants and provided technical support in 290 cases.

Possession/Distribution/ Manufacture of Child Pornography Cases	Solicitation of a Minor Cases
2017 - 48	2017 - 30
2018 - 54	2018 - 30
2019 - 84	2019 - 15

In 2019 the ICAC Unit conducted 85 presentations to train more than 8,000 people in Western South Dakota and 358 law officers, 192 prosecutors and 1,722 other professionals.

It turned out to be a beautiful and successful day for the Polar Plunge in April. 263 plungers raised \$72,863 for Special Olympics South Dakota. For the fourth consecutive year, the fundraising event was held at Black Hills Harley-Davidson. It marked the 51st anniversary of Special Olympics and the 31st anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

All the money raised stays in the area and supports Special Olympics South Dakota 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. Go to www.sosd.org.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office had 23 jumpers who raised \$3,860.



**Commander
Rob Yantis**



The Pennington County Jail remains committed to improving the lives of inmates with public safety in mind. Inmate programming continues to develop by addressing educational, cultural, spiritual, and behavioral needs. At a minimum, it is our goal to ensure that inmates are released in better condition than when they arrive. Dedicated staff embrace positive incarceration trends and truly make a difference in the lives of inmates and the families that they encounter.

When appropriate, enhanced jail diversion returns arrestees to their families and their support groups where they can remain gainfully employed. When release is not an option, trustee opportunities and programming help to show inmates a way forward. The Jail works diligently to relieve system inefficiencies that enable community stakeholders to engage inmates more quickly in order to balance justice and growth in a way that positively impacts their lives.

Average Daily Jail Population
(including electronic monitoring)

645

Total Inmates: 14,081
Total Days: 235,286

Average Length of stay (days)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
10	15	15.4	17.01	17.46

By Gender



Males
66%

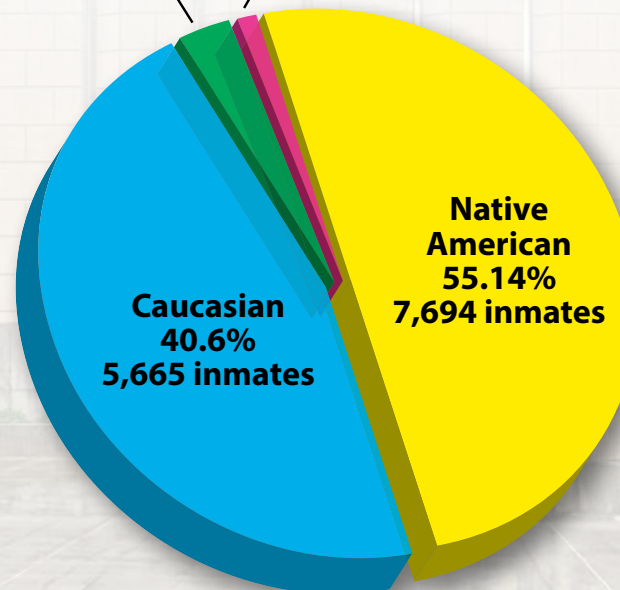


Females
34%

Racial Demographics

African American
3.78%
528 inmates

Asian
.48%
67 inmates



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



Captain Wade Anderson supervised housing, discipline, booking, release, control room and is the liaison with courts and law enforcement.



Five inmates graduate with General Education Diplomas GED



Captain Haga introduced new cultural programming in 2019 including Native-based Seven Directions

Inmate Booking

Individuals arrested and brought to jail go through the 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.

13,299 people were booked at the Pennington County Jail in 2019

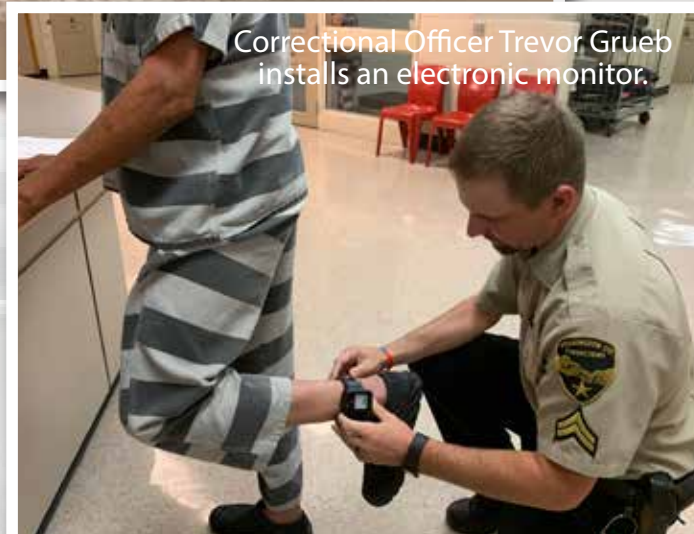
Video Court

We have offered video court for more than 19 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.

6,822 video court appearances by inmates in 2019



Correctional Officer Kasey Ballard handling intake with an inmate.



Correctional Officer Trevor Grueb installs an electronic monitor.

Electronic Monitoring

It costs an average of \$85 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 236 inmates participated in our electronic monitoring program in 2019. Of those, 173 successfully completed the program. There were 559 orders for pre-sentenced inmates to wear electronic monitors during court proceedings.

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.

A cool, wet spring impacted the Jail Garden in 2019, requiring several plants to be replanted and producing lower yields. Minimum security inmates harvested 20,973 pounds of fruits and vegetables. The inmates enjoy being outside and learning new skills. They are involved in the whole process from soil preparation to planting, crop rotation, drip irrigation and harvesting. The best part is they help feed their fellow inmates and the rest of the community.

Master Gardener Bill Atyeo and Leo Spear are former correctional officers. They work all summer until the popular community pumpkin giveaway (1,130 pumpkins).

Pumpkin Giveaway
Other Vegetables
Jail Kitchen
Cornerstone Rescue Mission
Women's and Children's Mission
Working Against Violence, Inc (WAVI)
Youth & Family Services

8,830 lbs.
12,143 lbs.
13,406 lbs.
1,309 lbs.
361 lbs.
155 lbs.
745 lbs.



Captain Brooke Haga, Correctional Officer Tami Rosser, Lt. Kathleen Houston, Sergeant Ken Wilson and Sergeant Joe Edwards



Master Gardener Bill Atyeo supervises, mentors and teaches crew of inmates and those on work release



Leo Spear keeps accounting for each crop harvested



Above: The Outreach Team at Oglala Pow Pow
Below: Outreach event at the Oglala Lakota Nation's Pow Wow



Below: NCN Training at I.Am.Legacy



Tribal Outreach and Community Engagement

A team continues to solidify relationships with three neighboring reservation communities.

In 2019, Pennington County launched the Criminal Justice Community Engagement Workgroup, incorporating a community perspective into justice system processes and reform efforts currently underway. Aligned with Community Engagement was a cultural-based training by the National Compadres Network (NCN) that was open to both the community and justice system stakeholders.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The Care Campus had the largest impact on jail reduction during 2019. In just one year of operation, the Care Campus had 32,059 intakes, which included 22,362 admissions to a Safe Solutions bed – a short-stay sobering program for non-violent individuals. The Care Campus is also an alternative to jail for individuals identified by Law Enforcement to have a non-violent, low-level offense. Individuals that enter the Care Campus with Law Enforcement do so without a charge, resulting in a system diversion.

The Community Work Program, a community service program used in lieu of jail stays, had 187 participants referred. These individuals completed 5,509 hours of community service at the Pennington County campuses, Feeding South Dakota, Humane Society, Cornerstone Rescue Mission, and at Western SD Community Action.

Case Processing

Since the Jail Review Team launched, 499 cases were reviewed and a total of 122 individuals were approved for release by the Judiciary. These 122 releases accounted for 2,327 jail bed days saved.

An effort has been underway to review and resolve active warrants. To date, a total of 1,141 warrants were resolved through a warrant review by the State's Attorney's Office, through outreach and engagement with the community, and through a warrant resolution hotline (1-800-262-2149).

Pennington County launched a court reminder system to include phone calls, text messages and messages at The Hope Center for individuals that may not have an active phone number. A total of 16,674 individuals received some sort of court reminder in 2019.



Supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation



Program Director Lucas Oyler

The 24-7 Sobriety Program offers a variety of technologies to promote behavior modification. We monitor alcohol and drug compliance including twice daily breath testing, SCRAM ankle bracelets, drug patches, urine analysis testing and ignition interlock devices. New this year is a remote breath unit.

Our services 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 urinalysis tests as a result of the methamphetamine epidemic.

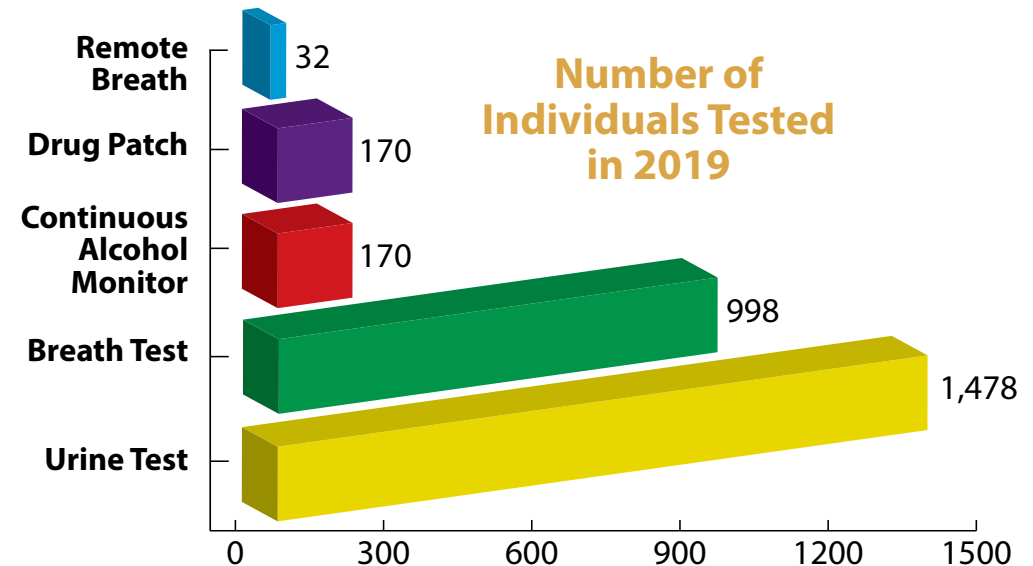
PBT Stats (Preliminary Breath Test)

998 participants
132,388 tests
131,846 tests passed
99.59% pass rate

Urinalysis Stats

1,478 participants
37,022 tests
36,585 tests passed
98.82% pass rate

2,889 24-7
violators taken to
the Jail, a **18.5%**
increase from the
previous year.



36 | Pistol PERMITS

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**Captain
Marty Graves**

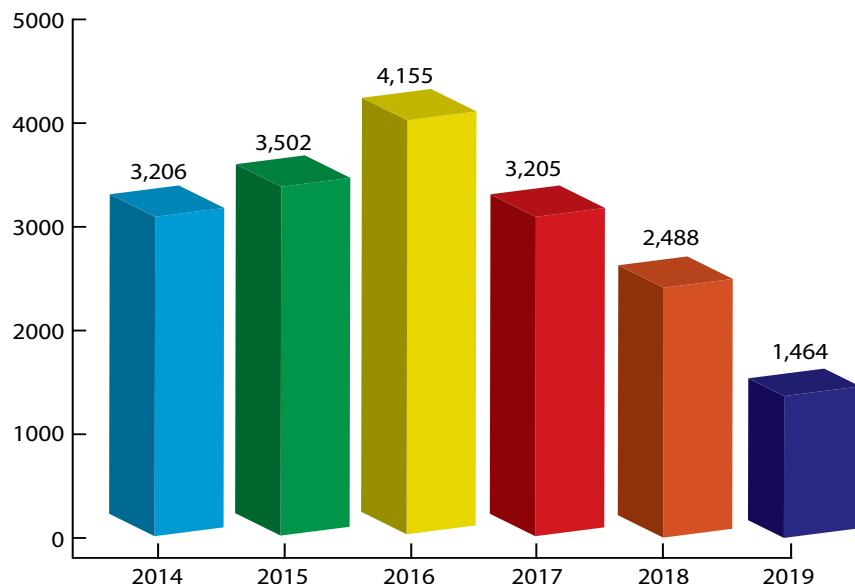
On the first floor of the Public Safety Building, Captain Graves oversees the Warrant and Civil Divisions, which handle pistol permits, foreclosures, self-turn-in services, and the locating and apprehending of suspects with outstanding arrest warrants. Captain Graves is also in charge of courthouse security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



2019 Pistol Permit Applications

Received **1,464** Denied **46** Regular Permit **1,248** Enhanced **159** Gold **11**

Total Applications



South Dakota law changed July 1, 2019, to allow concealed carry without a permit. Pistol permits reflect that change.

Concealed pistol permit applications reached an all-time high in South Dakota in 2016. Applications at the Pennington County Sheriff's Office have decreased since then with a sharp drop in 2019.

South Dakota still offers 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 six additional states: Delaware, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, South Carolina and Washington. Applications for these permits must be filled out **IN PERSON** at the Public Safety Building.

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 Office budget.



From left: David VanDenHemmel, Lisa Bellew, David Douma, Cindy Fullen, Captain Marty Graves, Tammy Ellison, Sgt. Ed Shulz, Liz Thompson, David Olson, Tana Gajeski

Papers Served

2017 - 10,454

2018 - 9,401

2019 - 10,616

Money Collected: Executions

2017 - \$198,228

2018 - \$234,012

2019 - \$155,852

Tax Warrants

2017 - \$156,826

2018 - \$170,431

2019 - \$122,484

Civil Fees

2017 - \$253,124

2018 - \$221,706

2019 - \$219,769

Sheriff's Sales on Executions

2017 - 5

2018 - 3

2019 - 8

Foreclosures

2017 - 74

2018 - 86

2019 - 46

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



From left: Sgt. Jeromey Smith, Michelle Fankhauser, Captain Marty Graves, Rusty Schmidt, Jodi Glasgow, Jon Edwards, Stephanie Born, Wendy Johnson, Abbee Hall, Robin McCool-Deneke.



During Operation Fall Clean Up in September, the Warrants Division spent a week with video crew from Live PD Wanted



Extraditions

138 Fugitives

brought back from other states

2019 Warrants Processed

• Felony	3,583
• Misdemeanor	6,624
• City	204
• Other	155

Total Warrants Received

2017 - 9,122
2018 - 9,872
2019 - 10,566

*Increase of 694 over 2018

Total Warrants Served/Cleared

2017 - 8,853
2018 - 10,027
2019 - 10,400

*Increase of 373 over 2018

Warrant Fees Collected

2017\$146,491
2018\$148,761
2019\$131,029

2019 Self-Turn-Ins

1,021 People
1,129 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

2018	9,714
2019	10,914

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

2018	7,238
2019	7,391

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

2018 Total Transports	16,994
2019 Total Transports	18,367

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.



A new MCI D4000 2019 prisoner transport bus was acquired to replace a 10-year old jail transport bus with more than 400,000 miles. Our deputies travel across the state twice weekly.



Back row: David Riley, Jack Thomas, Mark Steele, Bob Sanders, Eric Mendez, Eric Petersen, Aaron Cox, Mike Bock, Nick Novak, Matthew Chalk, Brandon Dirksen

Middle row: Gunner Hanzel, Brett Casey, Heath Lowry, Taylor Erickson, Aubrey Ballard, Brian Burgner, Kent Holland, Joy Banerjee

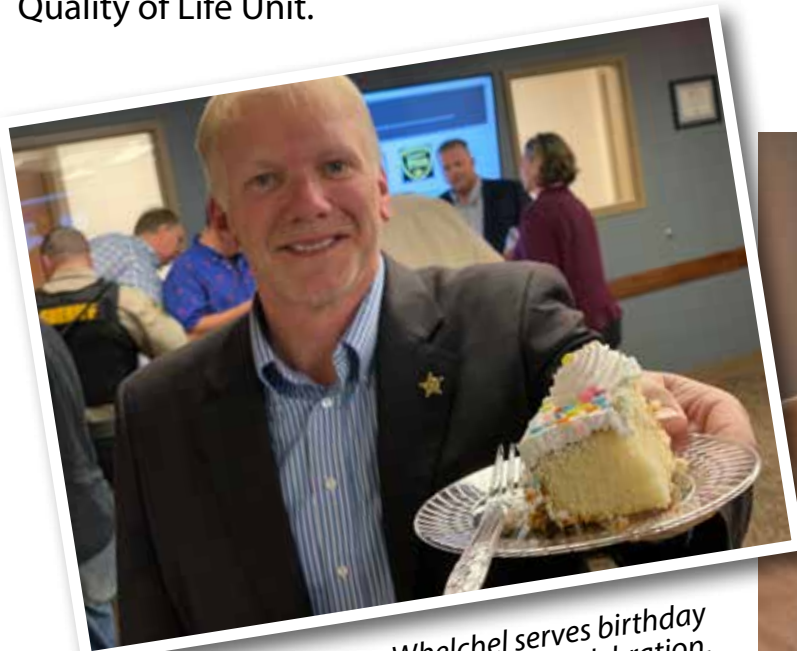
Front: Christine Heying, David Switzer, Marty Graves, Jason O'Cilka, Jane Cheesman

The Care Campus celebrated a first birthday in September and opened the residential addiction treatment beds in October. The 70,593 square foot building now houses 64 addiction treatment beds and counseling, Safe Solutions, Detox, Behavior Management's Crisis Care, Health and Human Services, Lutheran Social Services and the Rapid City Police Quality of Life Unit.

**Chief Deputy
Willie Whelchel**



Restoring Mind, Body & Spirit



Chief Deputy Willie Whelchel serves birthday cake at the one year anniversary celebration, September 26



Ribbon cutting on second floor opening of residential addiction treatment beds, October 16. From left, City councilman Richie Nordstrom, County Commissioner Gary Drewes, Governor Kristi Noem, Commissioner Deb Hadcock, Mayor Steve Allender, Sheriff Kevin Thom and Elevate President Tom Johnson.

DETOX

5,998 Detox admissions

SAFE SOLUTIONS BEDS

19,297 Safe bed admissions (beds turn-over multiple times each day)

ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES

115 Individuals in 12-hour DUI class

594 Treatment assessments

115 Admissions for residential treatment services

97 at LaCrosse facility with only 28 beds (Jan. 1 - Oct. 22)

54 at Care Campus with 46 male and female beds (Oct. 22 - Dec. 31)

157% Increase in Intensive Meth Treatment Program services

BMS CRISIS CARE

1475 Total intakes

TOTAL

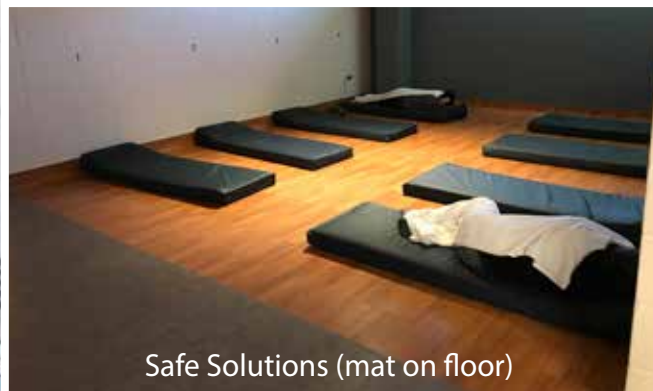
26,770 Facility admissions - January 1-December 31 - Detox, Safe Solutions and Care Campus



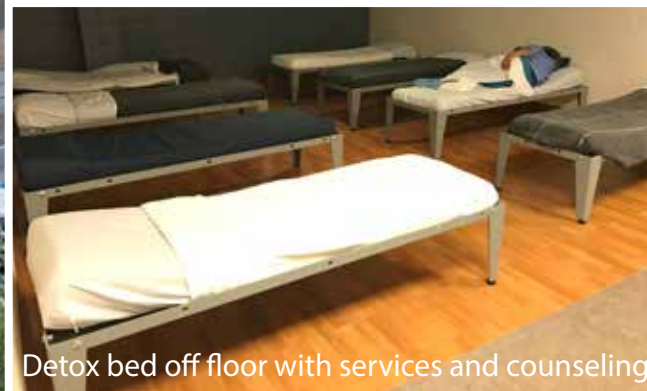
Deanna Nolan
Clinical Director



David Oster
Housing Director



Safe Solutions (mat on floor)



Detox bed off floor with services and counseling



Residential addiction treatment dorm rooms



**Commander
Joe Gutierrez**



JSC Administration

The Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center serves as a regional youth detention facility for Pennington, Fall River, Custer, Meade, Lawrence, Butte and Harding Counties. Each county is part of a joint powers agreement that oversees the operation of the juvenile center.

The WSDJSC is a 105-bed facility currently staffed to hold up to 41 juveniles ages 10-20 who have committed felony or misdemeanor offenses and are either going through the court system, awaiting placement to other treatment facilities, or serving a sentence.

The Juvenile Center staff provide

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

The Juvenile Services Center is one of three detention facilities in the country to house federal juveniles and offers electronic monitoring to include home detention and community monitoring.

156 juveniles participated in electronic monitoring in 2019 for an average of 19 days.

The WSDJSC has been accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA)

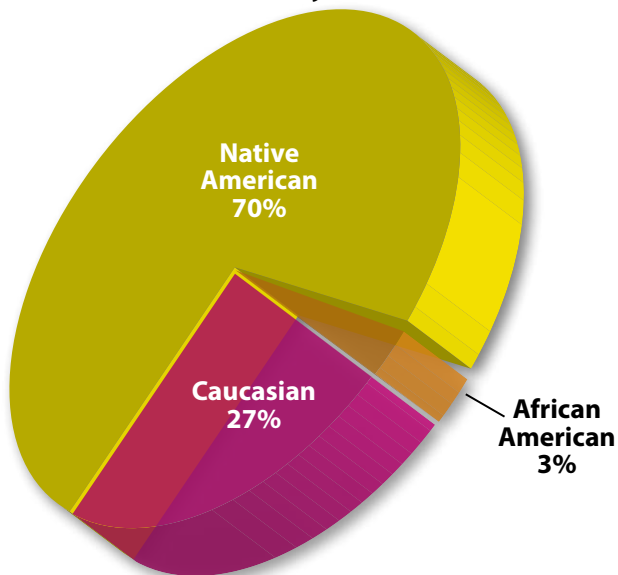
since 1999 and recently scored 100 percent on their mandatory standards to earn re-accreditation for another three years. Commander Gutierrez was recently appointed the chairperson of the ACA Corrections / Detention committee for the current term.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Lutheran Social Service since 2013 to run the Arise Youth Center (AYC) which is located on the Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center campus. The Arise Youth Center offers alternatives to detention services such as a Reception Center, Shelter Care, and an Evening Reporting Center. They also have a grant to house and work with homeless and runaway youth.



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Pennington County Only Detainees



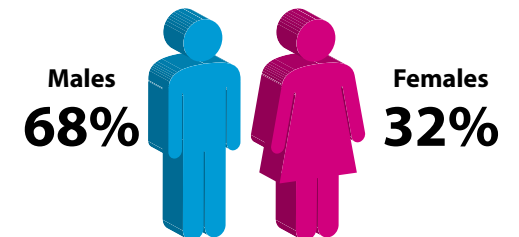
JSC Employee of the Months for 2019

Arise Youth Center

Total clients: 336

Average length of stay: 12 days

Gender Breakdown



468 detainees - Average Age 17

Average Daily Population	37.03 detainees
Average Length of Stay	29.34 days
Local detainees	12 days
Federal detainees	153 days
Bureau of Prisons	178 days
US Marshal	52 days

The Sheriff's Office provides essential and comprehensive training for all four divisions. Training in law enforcement is constantly

updated to adapt to changing laws and regulations. Accreditation standards require 40 hours annually for each sworn correctional

officer. South Dakota law mandates 40 training hours every two years and domestic violence training every four years for sworn deputies.



Firearms training in firing range



Interview and interrogation techniques



Credible Leadership Development - training for supervisors throughout organization



CPR training and recertification with AED (automatic external defibrillator)

TRAINING HOURS

Care Campus	3,169
24-7	105
Jail	14,227
JSC.....	5,308
LE.....	13,449
TOTAL.....	36,258



Defensive tactics

The Special Response Team was activated eight times in 2019. One of this year's critical call-outs was a New Year's Day hours-long stand-off with a man suffering from mental illness. He shot multiple rounds from a home but negotiators continued to calm him and convince him to eventually give up without injury. The South Dakota Counselors recognized the Pennington County Sheriff's Office and Rapid City Police Department with a state award for our handling of the situation.

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 hundreds of call-outs since the team's inception in 1990.



New Year's standoff in Rapid City



Scenario training at Ellsworth Air Force Base



46 Reserve DEPUTIES

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Thad Fitch

Jason Lind

Doug Noyes

Donald Lampert

Mark Bartik

James Hogue

Joe Prouty

Patrick VanLoan

Gerard Strong

Nine men 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 we do

without the help of these dedicated volunteers. They assist with a variety of special events including patrolling our lakes and trails, Central States Fair and Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. In 2019 reserve deputies provided 1,075.5 hours of service.



2019 Chaplains

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

Stress is part of the job when employed with the Sheriff's Office. That's why Chaplains are there in times of crisis for employees and staff. These volunteers are available day and night.

Our Chaplains are available for weekly coffee and snacks, cookouts and the popular employee Christmas party.

Christmas party



Grillers at the annual Chaplain barbecue



Chaplain and Reserve Deputy Gerad Strong at Rapid City's Night to Shine, a prom for the special needs community.

48 | Search and RESCUE

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The year 2019 was the busiest on record for Pennington County Search and Rescue. PCSAR had 156 calls for service, an increase of 70% over 2018. The all-volunteer team logged over 6,000 hours responding to long, challenging calls, training and participating in community activities.

February - Search begins for 9-year-old Serenity Dennard, Rockerville

April - Night rescue of two young boys in the Open Cut, Lead

July - Man pulled from 150-foot ravine during thunderstorm, Badlands

August - Two rescued from train derailment, New Underwood

October - Search begins for missing hunter Larry Genzlinger, Deerfield

2019 also marked a change in team leadership. While Shawn Gab stepped into the role of Team Leader, James Dietz and Tiana Shuster became Assistant Team Leaders.

The team added two drones and the Sherp Pro to its response efforts. With five foot tires and room for 7-10 occupants, the Sherp can navigate previously impassible terrain.



Search and Rescue SHERP



New Drone



Shawn Gab organizes one of the missing person searches in October



Rope rescue at Open Cut in Lead to rescue two boys, April 7

2019 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Vehicle Extrication	56	Water Rescue	19
Search	47	Wildland	2
Carry Outs	10	Winter Rescue	13
High Angle Rescue	4	Total	156

Join Pennington County Search and Rescue. Contact Lieutenant Dustin Morrison at (605) 394-6113.

Rapid City/Pennington County WATER RESCUE TEAM | 49

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The Rapid City/Pennington County Water Rescue Team responded to 26 calls in 2019 with several longer deployments to Pine Ridge and Eagle Butte. The team handled evacuations, conducted water rescues, recovery of victims trapped in

vehicles in moving water, assistance calls and humanitarian missions delivering food and water to flooded neighborhoods.

The team includes members from the

Sheriff's Office, Rapid City Fire and Rapid City Police Department. Operational capabilities include underwater rescue, swift water rescue, victim or equipment recovery, investigation and evidence recovery, ice rescue and ice diving.



Rescue of two injured, pinned railroad workers in a train derailment in New Underwood, August 3

50 | Program EXPLORER

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The Explorer program gives young men and women exposure to a career in law enforcement. It 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 Dustin Morrison for details: (605) 394-6113.



Explorers of the year Norma Probst is pinned by Deputy Jodi Glasgow

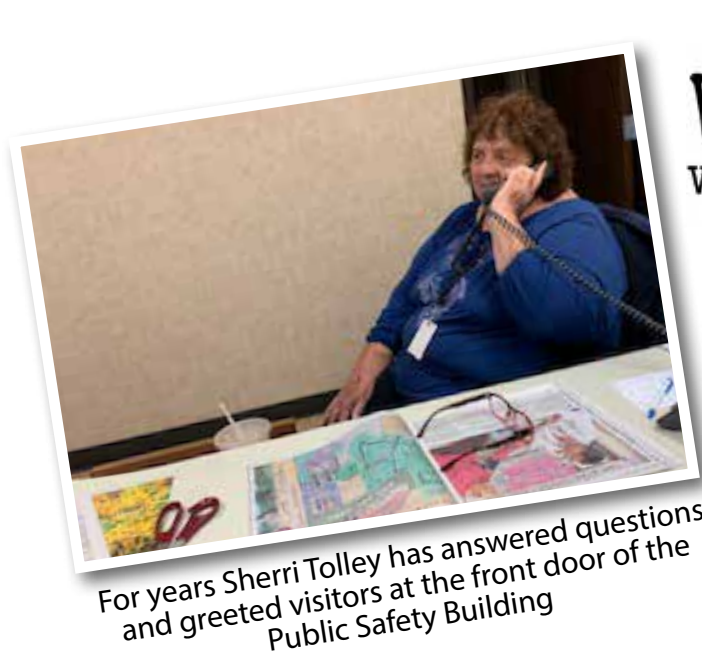


In front from left: Otto Sitzes, Brandi Sorensen, Jace Canaan, Tyler Phelps
Standing: Deputy Jodi Glasglow, Deputy James Waldrop, Matthew Standing, Kyle McSherry, Justin Ellis, Joazlyn Millhouse, Aaliyah Johnson, Norma Probst, Janae Olson, Shawn Johnson, Deputy Amanda Swanson, Deputy Brian Burgner, Sheriff Kevin Thom

Our 19 Explorers participated in several community events:
Disaster Awareness Day
Central States Fair • Sheriff's Secret Santa
Motorcycle Rally • Boat Patrol



Sheriff Kevin Thom welcomes new group of Explorers



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 2019, 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



Mike Ghents, 22 years
Deputy



Marika Schuft, 11 years
Staff Assistant



Dan Wardle, 15 years
Sergeant



Mark Osborne, 22 years
Sergeant



Misti Walker, 26 years
Transport Corporal



Matt Sargent, 25 years
Sergeant



Linda Pratt, 21 years
Addiction Counselor



Joel Hartman, 10 years
Correctional Officer



Delbert Long, 16 years
EMT Specialist

52 | 2019 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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Pennington County Sheriff's Office,
Hero Award from Central States Fair



Investigator Jesse Fagerland,
Child Protection Council Award



School Resource Officer Vic Gust,
Noon Optimist Award



Rusty Schmidt and Tana Tallon, Top Cop
recognition, Washington DC, May 12



Deputy Gordon Larsen,
Meritorious Award



Deputy Anthony White,
Meritorious Award



Deputy Gordon Larsen,
Red Cross Hero Award



Sgt. Chris Hislip,
Patriotic Employer Award



Deputy Cameron Ducheneaux,
Mothers Against Drunk Driving appreciation



Detox Tech Torrian Webb,
Meritorious Award



Captain Harrison accepts South Dakota
Counselors Award to PCSO, Sioux Falls, June 14



PIO Helene Duhamel, appointed by
Governor to State Senate



The Sheriff's Office had nine deputies graduate from the Law Enforcement Academy in Pierre in 2019. Above Randy Southern, Sheriff Kevin Thom, Governor Kristi Noem and Kelsey Schwartz, March 1



Deputy Randy Southern doing push-ups for Veteran Suicide Awareness, receives Courage and Inspiration Awards



Jacob Fredericksen, Brian Austin and Alix Whittle graduate from the Academy, June 7. Fredericksen and Austin are recognized with Blue Courage Awards



Matthew Bowman, Josh Lavene, Adam Mooney and Thomas Mossman, November 15

54 | School Resource DEPUTIES

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Under the guidance of Sergeant Chris Hislip, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office has ten School Resource Officers in Rapid City Area Schools, Douglas School District, Hill City and Wall. It is a proactive approach to improve school safety, forge positive relationships with students and staff, and prevent tragedy.



Box Elder Police Officer Gunnar Grass, Deputies Jayson Herra, Vic Gust and Hope Bearden at Douglas School District



Deputy J. Marcus Isakson, Hill City Schools



Deputy Kristina Weckman at Southwest Middle, Corral Drive, Meadowbrook and Black Hawk Elementary Schools



Deputies Cody Rhoden and Thad Schmit, Stevens High School



Deputy Brandon Akley at East Middle, Valley View and Rapid Valley Elementary



Deputy Lisa Anderson Pelton at Wall Schools



JAIL KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY EXPANSION

The facilities built in 1990 will be updated and expanded to accommodate the 750,000+ meals per year that feed those at the jail, juvenile services and the Care Campus. It includes expanded area for the staff. The \$5,282,500 project's estimated completion is March 2020.



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MACARTHUR SAFETY + JUSTICE CHALLENGE

2020 will focus on sustaining jail reduction efforts, identifying areas that may need revision, and planning for sustainability into the future specific to three main strategies:

- Tribal outreach and relationship development
- Case processing
- Alternatives to incarceration



Sheriff's Office staff welcome athletes at the Lakota Nation Invitational

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Sheriff's Office continues its commitment to community engagement, to build relationships and trust with all those we serve in Pennington County.



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