

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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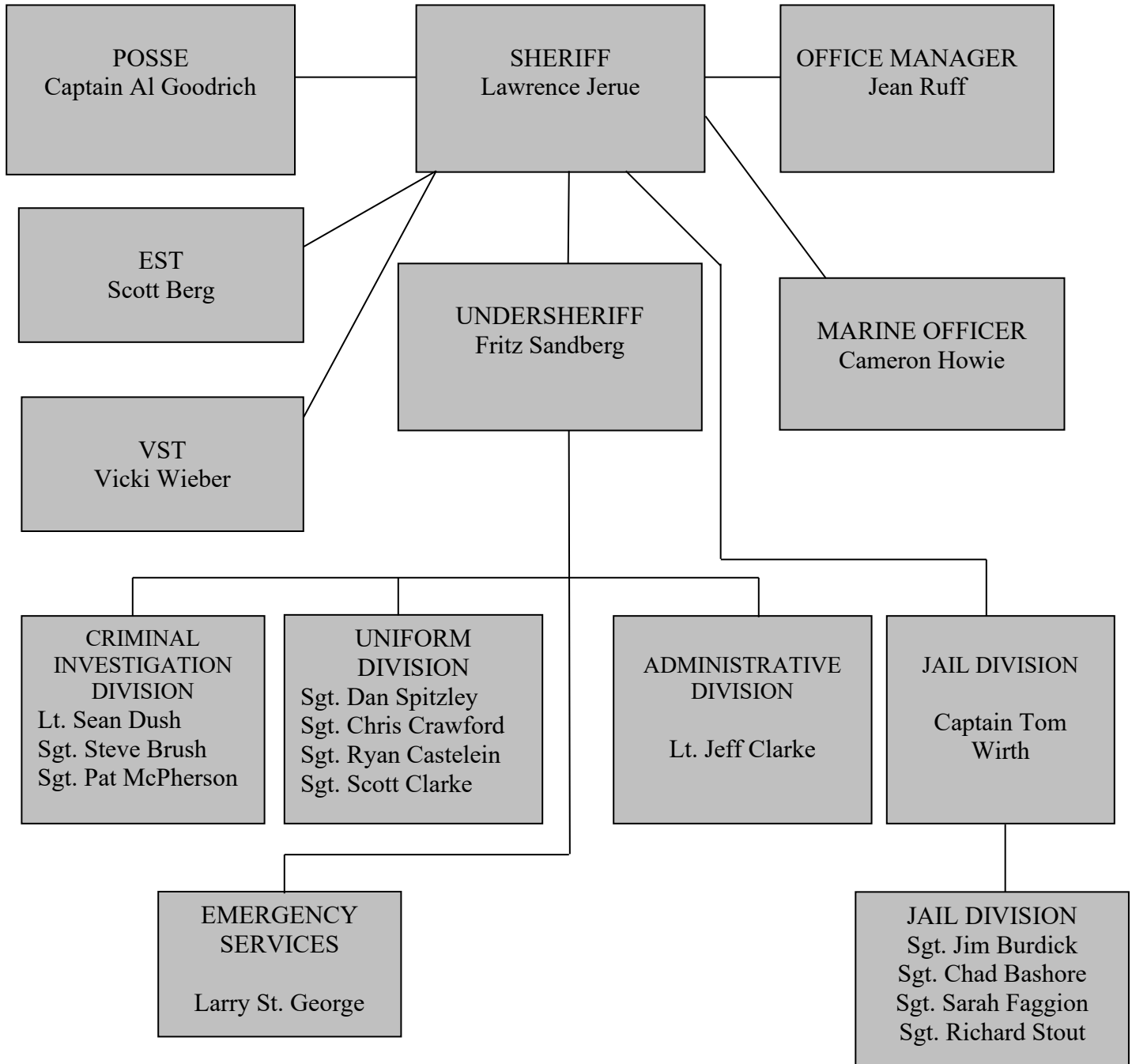
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“The mission of the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office is to provide for the protection and preservation of public safety and property; and the effective and efficient operation of a secure and humane correctional facility.”

OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

2018



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
2014-2018**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Traffic Citation	10,306	10,655	10,708	9,488	9,812
Verbal's	5,529	4,978	5,110	5,302	5,942
Traffic Stops	15,744	15,501	13,569	14,251	15,674
Drug Arrests	148	161	168	162	207
Driver Suspended	569	537	411	573	543
Drunk Driving	198	167	162	184	201
Seat Belts	123	86	123	118	119

**TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS
2014-2018**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Property Damage	548	561	438	547	616
Personal Injury Accident	147	113	737	132	121
Fatal Accidents	5	1	12	1	8
Car Deer	739	725	650	715	857

**COMPLAINT ACTIVITY
2014-2018**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Self-Initiated	19,538	20,358	21,795	23,071	23,709
Calls for Service	8,391	7,925	7,961	7,929	7,669
TOTAL	27,929	28,332	29,756	31,159	31,505
Written Reports	3,415	2,933	3,480	3,426	3,480

Violation of Controlled Substance Act Drug Arrests by Township 2018	
Bath	11
Bengal	0
Bingham	25
Dallas	3
DeWitt	45
Duplain	4
Eagle	26
Essex	3
Greenbush	18
Lebanon	2
Olive	11
Ovid	8
Riley	1
Victor	3
Watertown	44
Westphalia	1
Total	205

Drunk Driving Arrests By Township 2018	
Bath	6
Bengal	1
Bingham	31
Dallas	12
DeWitt	33
Duplain	5
Eagle	26
Essex	0
Greenbush	13
Lebanon	7
Olive	16
Ovid	11
Riley	5
Victor	6
Watertown	24
Westphalia	4
Total	201

2018 JAIL DIVISION

- During 2018, the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 4,220 individuals. Of that number, 3,263 were male and 951 were female.
- The average daily count for the year was: 155 locals and 72 boarders, for a Daily Average total of 227.
- Approximately 246,375 meals were served from the kitchen.

JAIL REVENUE 2014-2018					
	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018
Transport Inmates	1,599	747	1,282	1,601	1,509
Work Release Room & Board	4,700	12,825	7,600	4,925	15,600
CL CO Inmate Room & Board– Direct	0	0	835	0	1,890
CL CO Inmate Room & Board Mid-Michigan Credit Bureau	41,274	45,350	40,266	46,548	33,267
Lodge Prisoners	1,465,671	1,516,607	968,480	973,073	715,569
Jail Medical Reimburse – Direct	16,933	12,830	39,336	18,911	27,911
Jail Medical Reimburse – Mid Michigan Credit Bureau	1,332	2,566	418	73	269
Jail Inmate Telephone	56,829	38,356	43,626	135,679	117,895
TOTALS	1,588,338	1,629,281	1,101,843	1,180,810	913,910

Other Revenue 2018	
Social Security Reimbursement for 2018	16,400
Bond Fee	0
Booking Fee	6,609

VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM

The Victim Support Team is a group of dedicated volunteers trained to assist Police Officers in dealing with victims to provide immediate crisis intervention in the event of sudden, unexpected death that occurs due to car crash, suicide, fire, homicide, illness, drowning, or other traumatic incidents. The Advocates strive to offer comfort, compassionate support and sympathy to the surviving family members.

Each member of the VST spent 20-hours over a weekend to learn how to lend support to the victims of violent crimes and also assist families during the initial crisis. They are available 24 hours a day to assist police agencies within Clinton County. The team is responsible for their program costs including cellular phones, pagers and vehicle expense. They receive minimal financial support from the County. The team meets on a monthly basis and is supported by Lt. Sean Dush who is the Liaison Officer from the Sheriff's Office assigned to address training needs, operational evaluation and other organizational concerns.

Clinton County Victim Support Team Members: Vicki Wieber—Coordinator, Advocates—Aaron Baker, Sonia Alagna, Peggy Haviland, James Sheldon, Peg Vining, Bob Pung, Evelyn Ritter, Nikki Maneval, Terri Body, Chad Hallock, Cindy Pung, Ther Richardson and Kelly Tews.

VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

TYPE OF INCIDENTS	2018
Homicide	0
Kidnapping Assault	0
CSC	0
Breaking and Entering	0
Suicide	3
Domestic	0
Fatal Accidents	1
Personal Injury Accidents	0
Death Notifications	14
House Fires	1
Hospital Calls	0
Court Appearance	0
Other Police Departments	0
Total callouts	19
Time spent on callouts	92 hours

Clinton County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division 2018

The Sheriff's Office Mounted Division is a group of volunteers whose members are deputized by the Sheriff under special duty status with limited police powers and are available for call to duty at any time to assist with scheduled events, training exercises, and emergencies. The unit operates under a 501c3 non-profit status with the primary responsibilities of promoting the Office of the Sheriff, supporting law enforcement efforts in Clinton County, and upon the request of the Sheriff assisting our law enforcement mutual aid partner agencies. The Mounted Division meets monthly at the Sheriff's Office to discuss events and training needs. The Mounted Division is led by a member of the unit picked by the Sheriff with the rank of Captain and a Liaison from the Sheriff's Office sworn full time staff.

In 2018 the Mounted Division consisted of 31 members who were involved in 36 events and volunteered 2,926 hours of service in support of the Sheriff's Office. The Mounted Division provides a uniform presence at local high school football and basketball games, numerous parades and other events including Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Shop with a Cop, Fill a Cop Car in support of the local food bank, the Capital area School Safety Picnic and the Clinton County 4-H Fair.

The operating budget for the Mounted Division comes primarily from a country western show they host every year in October. They receive additional funds by way of donations given for some of the events they are involved with.

In September 2018, the Mounted Division participated in cross discipline team training with the Clinton County EST. This training was a search and rescue effort focused on utilizing both teams in an effective manner to locate missing persons in a large corn field setting. The training was a success and has better prepared both teams for such an emergency situation.





Clinton County Emergency Services Team 2018 Annual Report

The Clinton County Emergency Services Team (EST) is composed of 18 volunteer members. EST members are trained in several disciplines including:

- Ground Search and Rescue
- Incident/Scene Support
- Surface Water and Ice Rescue
- Search Management

EST responded to several requests for assistance and participated in multiple exercises throughout the county in 2018. Some of the exercises included: cornfield search and rescue, night search and rescue, search management, ice rescue and Special Operations Team drills and activations. EST also provided assistance to local emergency response agencies for various community outreach programs, which included deployment of the Incident Command Post and associated equipment.

In early 2018, EST was confronted with a very difficult and challenging mission when one of our own team members had barricaded himself in his vehicle at an abandoned school in the St. Johns area. Our team member, Ryan Martin, was a combat veteran who struggled with PTSD. On that cold and snowy day, EST, negotiators and SOT responded in an attempt to keep Ryan from taking his life. Several hours into the negotiation, the phone grew silent and our team member was found by SOT with a single self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest. EST responds to several crises throughout Clinton County, but to respond to one of your own teammates was extremely difficult. Ryan’s search and rescue vest hangs in honor underneath and American Flag in our equipment barn at the Sheriff’s Office in remembrance of his selfless service to his country, his state and his community.

EST will continue to build on its foundation of creating a professional team and will focus on recruitment and SARTECH II certification during 2019.

2018 EST Program Hours by Discipline

Discipline	Hours
Administration	184.85
Incident Support	86.21
Public Relations	217
Search and Rescue	239.48
Training	910.19
Total Hours	1637.73

2018 TRAINING

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office has in place a training program for all staff members to keep abreast of the changes taking place in the criminal justice field to enable them to perform their duties in meeting criminal justice standards and requirements.

Our three phase training program involves the following process:

1. **Sheriff's Office Core Training:** Training that is identified and developed using a Training Committee comprised of personnel from each division within the Sheriff's Office. An analysis of each job responsibility and duty is reviewed to identify the essential skills, knowledge and abilities required to perform their duties in an effective and efficient manner.
2. **Clinton County Law Enforcement Core Training:** Heads of each law enforcement agency in Clinton County working together to implement common training for the law enforcement officers in Clinton County. The concept to minimize training costs is met by utilizing trainers from each of the agencies to provide quality training, which is evaluated by the attendees and agency heads.
3. **Enhancement Training:** Additionally designated members of the Sheriff's Office are sent to courses that certify them as instructors on specific topics. Upon completion of their training they have the responsibility to provide instruction to other members of the Sheriff's Office in their area of expertise.

2018 CORE and Enhancement Training

PBT – Life Loc	Taser
FOIA Management	Meth Investigation Lab Cleanup
Precision Driving	SFST Update
Mental Health	Liquor Law Enforcement
Armorer's Course	Commercial Vehicle Enforce
Firearms Instructor Courses	Legal Update
Accident Investigation	LEIN
Hostage Negotiations	Domestic Lethality Assess Trng
Interview Techniques	Medical Examiner Training
Laser & Radar Operator	School Violence Training
Marine School	Abandoned Vehicle Update
Evidence Training	
Criminal Investigation	
Records Management - OSSI	
Control & Defensive Tactics	
Forensic Interview Techniques	
Ethnics and Professionalism	



Clinton County Emergency Services 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2018 Clinton County Emergency Services continued to make outstanding strides in its mission to build partnerships and develop and sustain the capabilities our responders and residents need to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

2018 Major Events

In addition to several smaller events, Clinton County Emergency Services responded to the following large incidents in 2018

February Flooding – 2/20/18 Looking Glass River reached a record high level. Several areas flooded. Several roads closed. A local state of emergency was declared. EOC was active for 3 days.

Elsie EB Ridge Dairy Fire – 2/26-27/18 A massive hay storage facility caught fire and burned for several days. Emergency Services coordinated scene support, assisted with incident management, care and feeding of responders from 5 counties representing over 20 departments.

April Ice Storm – 4/14-16/18 An Ice storm caused widespread power outages and extremely dangerous driving conditions. Prepared for sheltering, EOC coordinated Crisis Communications.

Pewamo Steenblik Dairy Fire – 8/14-15/18 A massive hay storage facility caught fire and burned for several days. Emergency Services coordinated scene support, assisted with incident management, care and feeding of responders from 4 counties representing over 17 departments.

2018 Accomplishments

- Crisis Communications Plan – Completed version 1.0 of the Clinton County Crisis Communications Plan. The plan describes how Clinton County agencies will work together to provide coordinated, clear, concise, consistent and correct information to the proper people at the proper time to help them make the best decisions they can to respond to and recover from crisis situations.
- Active Assailant Task Force – Formed the Active Assailant Task Force. This group consisting of representatives from the Police Chief's Assn., the Fire Chief's Assn., EMS, Dispatch, and Emergency Services meets to coordinate preparedness for active violence incidents in the County. Plans, training, and an exercise timeline have been coordinated for 2019.

- Social Media Reach – Emergency Services has more than doubled its social media reach in 2019 on Facebook and Twitter. This has enabled us to quickly reach tens of thousands of residents to provide information during a crisis. We have used this tool very effectively in 2018 providing Crisis Communications information during both small and large events. This capability is a critical tool in crisis communications.
- Grant Project Highlights –
 - **Ballistic Vests** - Emergency Services was able to provide new ballistic vests to the Clinton County Special Operations Team to protect them during high-risk incidents.
 - **Computer Forensics Workstation** - Emergency Services was able to provide the Sheriff's Department with a new Computer Forensics Workstation. This will help sustain their capability to provide both computer and cell phone forensics to area law enforcement.

Goals and Challenges for 2019

Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) – Emergency Services, in partnership with the Active Assailant Task Force, will continue to help standardize training, leverage partnerships, and work towards implementing the nationally-recognized ASIM program. ASIM is a program that helps Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS Agencies work from a common platform to more effectively respond to Active Violence Incidents.

School Safety Preparedness – Emergency Services will continue to promote partnerships with area school districts to ensure that 100% of school buildings have an active school safety team and a proper Emergency Operations Plan. We will continue to share best practice information and help our schools comply with new statutory requirements. We will also continue to encourage whole-community school safety partnerships between school districts and their stakeholders.

Crisis Communications Improvements – Emergency Services will continue to improve Clinton County's capability to effectively communicate with the public, responders, and stakeholders in the whole community in crisis situations. Improvements in this area can save lives, protect property, and give people the information they need when they need it. Effective crisis communications helps people make good decisions in preparation for or response to potentially dangerous situations. To this end we will strengthen partnerships with county departments, response agencies, and other stakeholders. We will use all the technology at our disposal including mass notification systems, social media, and other information systems to achieve this goal. We will strengthen plans, conduct training, and exercise this capability regularly.

2018
CENTRAL RECORDS

Central Records has the responsibility to respond to all requests for Administrative Services for the public. They are directly responsible for registering and processing all visitors to the confined areas of the jail. **They respond to over 50,000 incoming calls to the Sheriff's Office,** respond to requests for information, process all criminal complaints, criminal histories for other agencies, compile information in the criminal records management system, fingerprint responsibilities for all Concealed Purchase License, pre-employment and firearm inspections. They provide information on a variety of subjects to the general public and perform a critical support service to the public and the Sheriff's Office.

CENTRAL RECORDS ACTIVITY SUMMARY

	2017	2018
Firearms Registered	5,381	4,535

Other Services	2018	Revenue
CPL & Employment Fingerprinting	788	\$11,820
Notary Service Requests	155	\$345
Police Report Requests	1,084	\$5,420
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	168	N/A
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	1,910	N/A
Subpoenas Processed	1,150	N/A
Sheriff Sales (mortgage)	49	\$2,450
Personal Protection Orders	92	N/A
FOIA Request / Records Checks	997	N/A

2018
ANIMAL CONTROL

The Clinton County Animal Control consists of two full-time employees. Their responsibilities are investigating complaints of dogs and farm animals running at larges, handling lost and found pets, investigating animal bites, and investigating animal welfare and neglect complaints. They are also responsible for monitoring and caring for the Clinton County Animal Shelter. In 2018 there were 4,478 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 883 Complaints
- 353 Lost & Found Animals
- 104 Animal bites investigated
- 100 Citations (dog running at large, unlicensed dogs and animal cruelty)

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$98,235 Dog License fees
- \$1,120 Kennel License fees
- \$5,683 Other Fees
- 460 Animals picked up

2018 UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division is responsible for providing direct law enforcement services to all county residents. They have the primary responsibility to provide traffic enforcement on all secondary county roads, in conjunction with traffic enforcement on State highways and expressways.

In addition, they respond to all emergency calls for service, provide court security, serve civil process, transport prisoners, and conduct safety education programs, along with a variety of other enforcement responsibilities.

The deputy's continue to function as one of the most effective traffic enforcement units within the State of Michigan. During the past year, deputy's issued 9,812 traffic citations. They also arrested 201 drunk drivers, 543 suspended drivers, issued 119 seat belt violations and 205 subjects were arrested for possessing and selling narcotics. The Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team investigated 8 crashes, 8 fatal, 3 serious injuries and assisted other agencies with 8 crashes. They also completed 19 crash data recording downloads. The Clinton County Sheriff road patrol ranks in the top five for all Sheriff's Department on a consistent basis for traffic enforcement. Over the past several years, one of our officers has been recognized as the top O.U.I.L. Enforcement Officer for Sheriff's Offices statewide and all Law Enforcement Agencies.

Every Deputy has been trained in basic traffic accident investigation and we have 3 officers certified as traffic accident Re-constructionists. Additionally, the division has certified Laser Speed Measurement, Preliminary Breath Test, Firearm and Pressure Point Control Tactics Instruction. We have officers trained as Crime Scene Tech, Hostage Negotiators, Firearms Instructors, Laser Instructors, Defensive Tactics Instructors, PBT Instructors, CPR, A.E.D. Instructors, Taser, Pepper Ball Instructors, Standard Field Sobriety Testing Instructor and Simunition Instructors.

The deputies continue to operate as single person cars, allowing us to maximize our Law Enforcement efforts. The assignment of a single officer to a vehicle on night shifts is very rare in law enforcement agencies today. We are very fortunate to have a staff of highly trained officers committed to public service and who perform their responsibilities in a highly effective manner.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT – ACTUAL OFFENSES		
		2018
CSC		35
Robbery		1
Assault/Stalking		14
Domestic Assault		58
Arson		0
Breaking and Entering		41
Homicide		1
Kidnapping		0
Larceny		62
Stolen Vehicles		12
Fraud/NSF		77
Retail Fraud		10
Malicious Destruction of Property		28
OWI		201
VCSA		205
Accident Reports		1,564
All Others (warrants, driving offenses, liquor violations, etc.)		1,524
	TOTAL	3,833
	UNIFORM DIVISION STATS	
		2017
		2018
• Calls for service	7,929	7,669
• Self-Initiated Calls	23,071	23,709
• Total Calls Responded to	31,159	31,505
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,426	3,480
	Traffic Crashes	
		2017
		2018
• Car/Deer	715	857
• Property Damage	547	616
• Personal Injury	132	121
• Fatal	1	8
	Total Accidents	1,397
		1,602

2018

Deputy Sheriff / Court Security

It is the responsibility of the duly sworn Deputy Sheriff's assigned to court security to ensure a safe and secure working environment for the courthouse employees as well as the citizens who conduct business in the Clinton County Courthouse. Among the various responsibilities of these Deputies include but are not limited to; screening of all persons entering into the secured courtroom areas, maintaining custody of all prisoners appearing at scheduled court hearing, maintaining order within the courtroom and upon conclusion of criminal trials taking defendants, found guilty, into custody.

MONTH	SCREENING COUNT	INMATES HANDLED	COURT REMAND CUSTODY
JANUARY	5,250	134	51
FEBRUARY	4,807	143	55
MARCH	5,679	158	46
APRIL	5,407	143	40
MAY	5,973	141	62
JUNE	5,668	121	39
JULY	5,627	153	34
AUGUST	5,710	162	44
SEPTEMBER	5,079	146	46
OCTOBER	5,505	163	35
NOVEMBER	5,307	144	35
DECEMBER	4,950	109	37
YEARLY TOTAL	64,962	1,717	524

DETECTIVE DIVISION CASES OF NOTE FOR 2018

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated 205 criminal complaints in 2018 and an additional 128 cases that required cyber investigation and forensic analysis of cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices. This makes a total of 333 cases investigated in 2018. In 2018 a total of 65 cases resulted in suspect identification / arrest including many for very serious felony offenses. The Detective Bureau investigated 42 Criminal Sexual Conduct cases and the majority of these cases involved children. Overall Criminal Sexual Conduct cases were up from a total 36 in 2017. The Detective Bureau also investigated 15 Child Abuse cases and 38 Home Invasion cases. There continues to be an abundance of Fraud cases being reported and the majority of these crimes are targeting the elderly. The vast majority of these crimes trace back to another country. The Detective Bureau also investigated, reviewed, or followed up on a total of 73 Medical Examiner Death Investigations in 2018. Overall the total amount of crimes investigated in 2018 was down from 2017, yet the amount of violent crimes investigated were up from 2017.

CASES TO NOTE FOR 2018

- In February of 2018, the Detective Bureau began investigating a Criminal Sexual Conduct allegation that 13 years old child was sexually assaulted in Victor Township by a friend's father while she was at a sleep over. According to this victim the suspect provided her and his own daughter with alcohol before sexually assaulting the victim. During the course of this investigation, two more 13 year old children came forward alleging that they were also provided alcohol and sexually assaulted by the same suspect while at a sleep over with the suspect's daughter. The suspect in this case was charged with multiple counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct and providing alcohol to minors and he is currently awaiting trial.
- In February of 2018, the Detective Bureau began investigating an incident where two subjects from the Lansing area went to the door of an elderly male in Lebanon Township and told him they needed gas and while the victim was trying to help these two suspects they assaulted him and robbed him at gun point. The Detective Bureau was able to identify these two suspects and in an interview with one of the suspects, he confessed to his involvement along with the second suspect's involvement in this crime. In addition, this suspect confessed to Home Invasion & Attempt Murder in Ottawa County in which a resident was shot while these same two suspects were attempting to rob one of the occupants of the home. Both suspects were convicted and are currently serving very long prison sentences.
- In June of 2018, the Detective Bureau began investigating a Criminal Sexual Conduct allegation involving a minor who was the daughter of the suspect's ex-girlfriend. During the course of this investigation, two more minors reported that when their Mother was dating this suspect he also sexually assaulted them. The suspect in this case was arrested on a multiple county felony warrant and subsequently interviewed by the Detective

Bureau. The suspect confessed to sexually assaulting all three of these children and also confessed to sexually assaulting another child that was also a daughter of an additional ex-girlfriend. The suspect has pleaded guilty and is currently awaiting sentencing.

- Between June and September of 2018, the Detective Bureau was investigating multiple Home Invasion Cases that occurred in rural Clinton County. In September, a suspect was developed and eventually arrested on a multiple county Felony Warrant for some of these Home Invasions. The suspect in this case had a very long criminal history and was on bound from Eaton County for robbing a bank when he was arrested by the Clinton County Detective Bureau. The suspect was interviewed by the Detective Bureau and confessed to 17 Home Invasions in Clinton County as well as Home Invasions in multiple surrounding Counties. This suspect has pleaded guilty and is currently awaiting sentencing.

MARINE PATROL

The primary goals of the Marine Program is to provide boater safety for 12-16 year olds, conduct inspections of boat liveries, provide for enforcement of the Marine Safety Laws and to address the Sheriff's responsibility for the recovery of all drowned bodies as mandated by P.A. 139, 1947.

Funding for this program is through a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Funding provides for a 75% match to provide for reimbursement for officer's wages, fringe benefits, and equipment needs, supplies and materials. Equipment for the program consists of a 14-ft. boat, trailer, and 25-hp motor and associated equipment.

Program responsibilities are assigned to a part time deputy. The Deputy is a certified Police Officer also certified as a Boating Safety Instructor by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Duties for this program are conducted during the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with enforcement patrols concentrated on weekends and holidays.

