

# CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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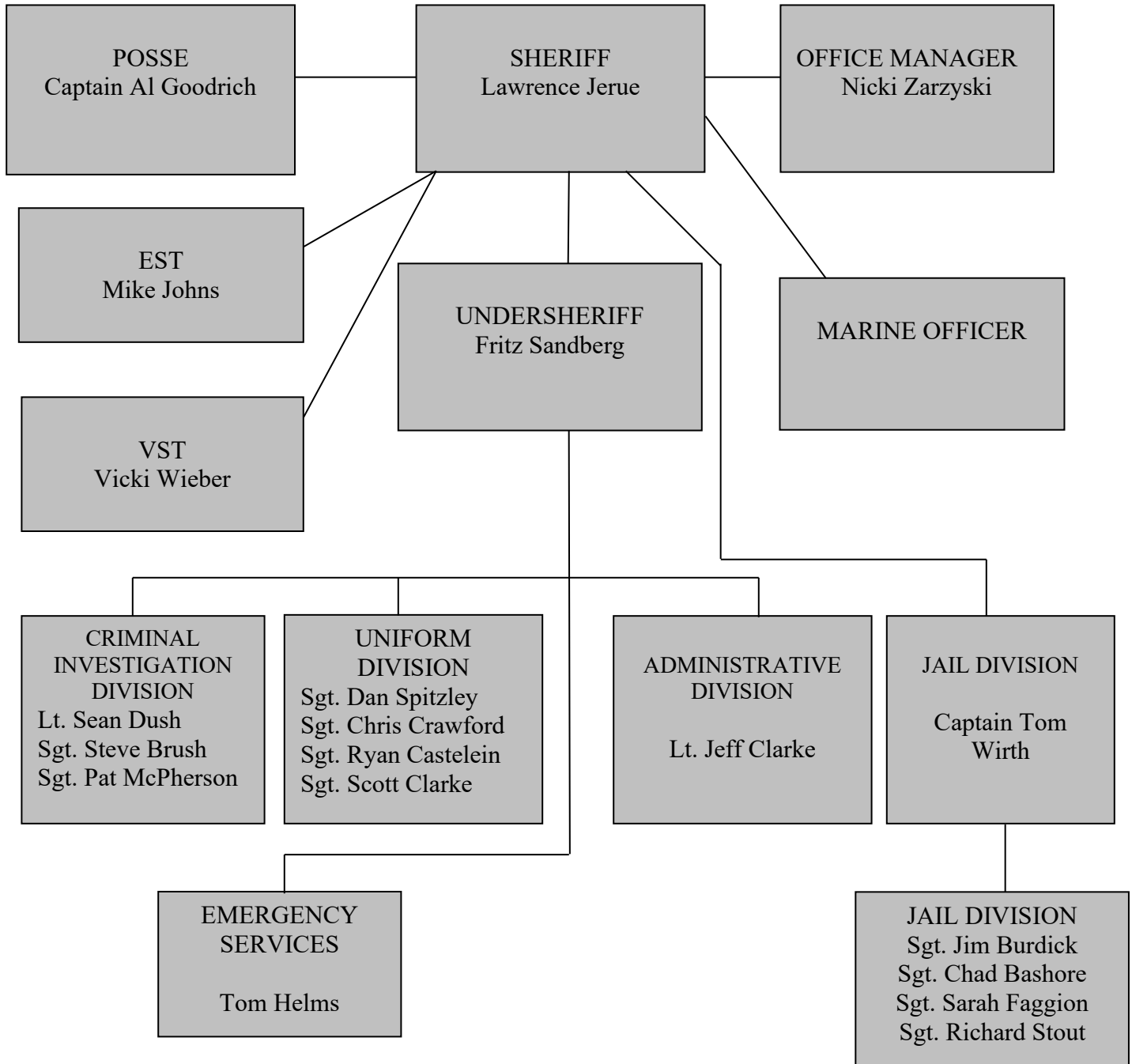
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# OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

## 2019



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS  
2015-2019**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Traffic Citation	10,655	10,708	9,488	9,812	8,627
Verbal's	4,978	5,110	5,302	5,942	4,677
Traffic Stops	15,501	13,569	14,251	15,674	14,197
Drug Arrests	161	168	162	207	74
Driver Suspended	537	411	573	543	423
Drunk Driving	167	162	184	201	227
Seat Belts	86	123	118	119	81

**TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS  
2015-2019**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Property Damage	561	438	547	616	546
Personal Injury Accident	113	137	132	121	115
Fatal Accidents	1	12	1	8	7
Car Deer	725	650	715	857	882

**COMPLAINT ACTIVITY  
2015-2019**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Self-Initiated	20,358	21,795	23,071	23,709	20,669
Calls for Service	7,925	7,961	7,929	7,669	7,575
<b>TOTAL</b>	28,332	29,756	31,159	31,505	28,848
Written Reports	2,933	3,480	3,426	3,480	3,432

<b>Violation of Controlled Substance Act Drug Arrests by Township 2019</b>	
<b>Bath</b>	4
<b>Bengal</b>	1
<b>Bingham</b>	13
<b>Dallas</b>	0
<b>DeWitt</b>	12
<b>Duplain</b>	4
<b>Eagle</b>	6
<b>Essex</b>	0
<b>Greenbush</b>	5
<b>Lebanon</b>	0
<b>Olive</b>	7
<b>Ovid</b>	0
<b>Riley</b>	3
<b>Victor</b>	2
<b>Watertown</b>	15
<b>Westphalia</b>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>

<b>Drunk Driving Arrests By Township 2019</b>	
<b>Bath</b>	6
<b>Bengal</b>	2
<b>Bingham</b>	34
<b>Dallas</b>	14
<b>DeWitt</b>	38
<b>Duplain</b>	7
<b>Eagle</b>	29
<b>Essex</b>	2
<b>Greenbush</b>	16
<b>Lebanon</b>	9
<b>Olive</b>	16
<b>Ovid</b>	11
<b>Riley</b>	5
<b>Victor</b>	7
<b>Watertown</b>	26
<b>Westphalia</b>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>

## 2019 JAIL DIVISION

- During 2019, the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 3,705 individuals. Of that number, 2,844 were male and 861 were female.
- The average daily count for the year was: 163 locals and 55 boarders, for a Daily Average total of 218.
- Approximately 240,900 meals were served from the kitchen.

<b>JAIL REVENUE 2015-2019</b>					
	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2019</b>
Transport Inmates	747	1,282	1,601	1,509	2,111
Work Release Room & Board	12,825	7,600	4,925	15,600	7,075
CL CO Inmate Room & Board– Direct	0	835	0	1,890	0
CL CO Inmate Room & Board Mid-Michigan Credit Bureau	45,350	40,266	46,548	33,267	31,914
Lodge Prisoners	1,516,607	968,480	973,073	895,097	742,677
Jail Medical Reimburse – Direct	12,830	39,336	18,911	27,911	25,856
Jail Medical Reimburse – Mid Michigan Credit Bureau	2,566	418	73	269	1,564
Jail Inmate Telephone	38,356	43,626	135,679	117,895	117,340
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,629,281</b>	<b>1,101,843</b>	<b>1,180,810</b>	<b>913,910</b>	<b>928,537</b>

<b>Other Revenue 2019</b>	
Social Security Reimbursement for 2019	9,200
Bond Fee	0
Booking Fee	5,744

## **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, Cindy Pung, Ther Richardson, Tracy Wright and John Wright.

### **VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

<b>TYPE OF INCIDENTS</b>	<b>2019</b>
Homicide	0
Kidnapping Assault	0
CSC	0
Breaking and Entering	0
Suicide	4
Domestic	0
Fatal Accidents	3
Personal Injury Accidents	0
Death Notifications	11
House Fires	0
Hospital Calls	0
Court Appearance	0
Other Police Departments	0
<b>Total callouts</b>	<b>18</b>
Time spent on callouts	<b>86 hours</b>

## Clinton County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division 2019

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 2019 the Mounted Division consisted of 32 members who were involved in 40 events and volunteered 4,306 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 October 2019, the Mounted Division was requested to assist in providing security at an airplane crash site in Watertown Township. Members took up positions and held them for over 24 hours while the scene was processed and cleared. The Mounted Division also provided security at the Clinton County 4-H fair where The Incredible Dr. Pol came and put on a presentation to the crowd.





## Clinton County Emergency Services Team 2019 Annual Report

The Clinton County Emergency Team (EST) is composed of 19 professional volunteers along with three K9's in training. EST members devoted hundreds of hours of training throughout the year in the following disciplines:

- Ground Search and Rescue
- Search Management
- Lost Person Behavior
- Safe Vehicle Operation
- Stop the Bleed/CPR-AED/First Aid
- Incident/Scene Support

EST had several requests for assistance throughout the year for lost/missing or overdue subjects, scene support for the Special Operations Team/Negotiations Team exercises and activations. The team also did several community events during the year. Some of them include touch a truck, superhero 5K run, trunk or treat, Christmas holiday parades, and faith fest.

In early October, EST was called out to assist with scene support for a plane crash near the Capital City Airport. This was a multi-agency / multi-jurisdictional response. EST members were able to map and plot out the plane's flight path from take off to its final resting location using data from the filed flight plan and information from the National Transportation Safety Board team members.

The EST command staff underwent a few changes in 2019. Scott Berg stepped down as the team commander and has taken on the position of safety officer. Mike Johns was appointed team commander.

As we move forward into 2020, EST will be working to increase awareness among county first responders, continue team member recruitment, participate with multi agency/resource training and exercises and assist the dispatch center or the EOC as needed.

### **2019 EST Program Hours by Discipline**

Discipline	Hours
Administration	330.0
Incident Support	103.0
Public Relations	230.5
Search and Rescue	225.75
Training	1101.0
K9	425.0
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>2415.25</b>

## 2019 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.

### 2019 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	Below 100
Criminal Investigation	Drone Training and Certification
Records Management - OSSI	
Control & Defensive Tactics	
Forensic Interview Techniques	
Ethnics and Professionalism	



## Clinton County Emergency Services 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

### ***PROGRAM OVERVIEW***

In 2019 Clinton County Emergency Services continued building and sustaining capabilities for our first responders and county residents, as well as preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies.

### ***2019 Major Events***

In 2019 the EOC was activated a total 32 days as a result of both minor and significant incidents.

In addition to several smaller incidents, Clinton County Emergency Services responded to the following large incidents in 2019:

- January Extreme Cold- 1/27/19-1/31/19- A polar vortex of extreme cold temperatures hit the mid-west and affected the entire state of Michigan. EOC was activated for 5 days. County schools and many businesses were closed for 4 days. EOC prepared for sheltering, coordinated crisis communications and partnered with tri-county to open warming centers.
- February High Wind Storm- 2/28/2019- High winds affected the State of Michigan causing multiple power outages, some in Clinton County. EOC prepared for sheltering, coordinated crisis communications and partnered with tri-county to open warming centers.
- Shiawassee County Tornado -3/14/19- A storm produced an EF2 tornado in Southeast Shiawassee County. Emergency Services responded with scene support equipment and personnel to assist with EOC operations and damage assessment for 1 week after the storm.
- July Extreme Heat- 7/17/19-7/20/19- Extreme heat along with a few severe storms affected lower Michigan. EOC monitored and prepared for severe weather, coordinated crisis communications and partnered with tri-county to open cooling centers.
- September 11 Severe Storms 9/11/19- Severe weather affected Lower Michigan producing damaging winds and tornados. Clinton County was not affected however Emergency Services did provide support and damage assessment (both ground and sUAS surveys) to Eaton County Emergency Management and The National Weather Service.
- October Plane Crash 10/3/19- A small charter plane crashed during final approach at Capital City Airport, 5 fatalities, 1 survivor. Emergency Services coordinated scene support, assisted with incident management, care and feeding of responders.

## 2019 Accomplishments

- Courthouse Safety and Security – Emergency Services worked with the Courthouse Security planning team to develop plans for employee emergency notifications, sheltering and evacuation plans for the courthouse. Emergency Services designed and facilitated a full scale exercise, involving a tornado warning scenario, which involved emergency sheltering of all courthouse employees and visitors to test the plans.
- School Safety – Emergency Services continued to make school safety a top priority in 2019.
  - Emergency Services developed a “Best Practice” guide which was endorsed by all Clinton County Law Enforcement leadership and distributed to all school districts within Clinton County.
  - Emergency Services continued to provide Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) guidance to school districts within Clinton County. All schools now have approved EOP’s in place.
  - Emergency Services also continued to attend many school lockdown drills and offer guidance to school administrators.
- Active Shooter Incident Management – Emergency Services worked with the Active Assailant Task Force to design planning and response strategies to active violence incidents within Clinton County. Emergency Services, working with the Active Assailant Task Force, developed and facilitated table top and functional exercises to test the plans.
- Social Media Reach – Emergency Services has more than doubled its social media reach in 2019. This has enabled us to quickly reach tens of thousands of residents to provide information during a crisis. This tool continues to be very effective in providing crisis communication information during both small and large events. This capability remains a critical tool in crisis communications.
- Grant Project Highlights – Using Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding, Emergency Services was able to sustain our capability to conduct or participate in video conferencing, remote information sharing, and situational awareness by replacing outdated video equipment in the Emergency Operations Center.

## *Goals and Challenges for 2020*

**School Safety and Preparedness – Emergency Services will continue to sustain partnerships with all Clinton County school districts in 2020. We will accomplish this by remaining a resource and point of contact for school safety guidance including the sharing of new “best practices”, and by helping school leadership interpret and comply with new statutory requirements. We will also continue to remain engaged with each school by attending school safety planning meetings, conducting regular site visits and attending lockdown drills throughout the school year.**

Sustaining and Building EST Capabilities – In 2020 Emergency Services will continue to sustain and build capabilities within the Emergency Services Team. Emergency Services will continue maintaining or augmenting existing equipment, replacing equipment which has reached end of useful life, and by adding new equipment to enhance and increase EST capabilities as well as maintain a constant “mission ready” status.

The Emergency Services Director and staff will participate in more EST activities and remain engaged in the sustainment and future development of the team and its members whenever possible and at the direction of the Sheriff’s Office liaison and EST volunteer leader. This will include:

- Regular participation in EST meetings.
- Sharing relevant training opportunities with the Sheriff’s Office liaison and EST volunteer leader.
- Participating in EST training at the direction of the Sheriff’s Office liaison and EST volunteer leader.
- Participating in EST emergency response incidents or events at the direction of the Sheriff’s Office liaison and EST volunteer leader.

Community Outreach – In 2020 Emergency Services will participate in multiple community outreach events throughout Clinton County, and our region, to promote Emergency Preparedness, community engagement and an understanding of who we are and what we do for Clinton County.

Sustaining and Building Depth within Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Support Functions – In 2020 Emergency Services will reduce identified gaps in our Emergency Support Functions (ESF’s) and Emergency Operations Center Team. This is absolutely critical to meet the needs of any long term emergency incident or disaster we may face in the future. This will be accomplished by:

- Actively engaging ESF leads to recruit more members and contact lists within the ESF.
- Emergency Services will facilitate training events for ESF’s and EOC team members.
- Recruiting other vetted and properly trained volunteer personnel to augment the EOC team and Emergency Services Director as needed.
  - Other Clinton County Employees with Emergency Management training and experience to function as a Deputy Emergency Manager as needed.
  - Other State and Local Emergency Managers.
  - Existing or future EST members with proper training and experience.

**2019**  
**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**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Firearms Registered	4,535	5,423

<b>Other Services</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
CPL & Employment Fingerprinting	628	\$9,420
Notary Service Requests	77	\$231
Police Report Requests	1,420	\$8,095
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	141	N/A
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	2,313	N/A
Subpoenas Processed	1,086	N/A
Sheriff Sales (mortgage)	43	\$2,150
Personal Protection Orders	98	N/A
FOIA Request / Records Checks	1025	N/A

**2019**  
**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 large, 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 2019 there were 4,700 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 959 Complaints
- 333 Lost & Found Animals
- 185 Animal bites investigated
- 101 Citations (dog running at large, unlicensed dogs and animal cruelty)

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$102,110 Dog License fees
- \$1,040 Kennel License fees
- \$4,670 Other Fees
- 534 Animals picked up

## 2019 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 deputies continue to function as one of the most effective traffic enforcement units within the State of Michigan. During the past year, deputy's issued 8,627 traffic citations. They also arrested 227 drunk drivers, 423 suspended drivers, issued 81 seat belt violations and 74 subjects were arrested for possessing and selling narcotics. The Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team investigated 7 crashes, 8 fatalities, 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 or more 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 Techs, Hostage Negotiators, Firearms Instructors, Laser Instructors, Defensive Tactics Instructors, PBT Instructors, CPR, A.E.D. Instructors, Taser, Pepper Ball Instructors, Standard Field Sobriety Testing Instructors 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.

<b>UNIFORM CRIME REPORT – ACTUAL OFFENSES</b>		
		<b>2019</b>
CSC		23
Robbery		0
Assault/Stalking		24
Domestic Assault		56
Arson		0
Breaking and Entering		19
Homicide		1
Kidnapping		1
Larceny		58
Stolen Vehicles		18
Fraud/NSF		56
Retail Fraud		12
Malicious Destruction of Property		31
OWI		228
VCSA		76
Accident Reports		1,559
All Others (warrants, driving offenses, liquor violations, etc.)		1,648
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,810</b>
<b>UNIFORM DIVISION STATS</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
• Calls for service	7,669	7,575
• Self-Initiated Calls	23,709	20,669
• Total Calls Responded to	31,505	28,848
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,480	3,432
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Traffic Crashes</b>		
• Car/Deer	857	882
• Property Damage	616	546
• Personal Injury	121	115
• Fatal	8	7
	<b>1,602</b>	<b>1,559</b>
<b>Total Accidents</b>		

# 2019

## **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.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SCREENING COUNT</b>	<b>INMATES HANDLED</b>	<b>COURT REMAND CUSTODY</b>
JANUARY	4,932	128	54
FEBRUARY	5,340	131	31
MARCH	5,477	158	51
APRIL	5,562	143	38
MAY	6,312	147	47
JUNE	5,117	143	49
JULY	5,745	178	55
AUGUST	5,728	175	49
SEPTEMBER	5,427	191	47
OCTOBER	6,250	180	64
NOVEMBER	5,064	164	47
DECEMBER	5,600	152	44
<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	<b>66,554</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>576</b>

## **DETECTIVE DIVISION CASES OF NOTE FOR 2019**

### **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

The Detective Bureau investigated 186 criminal complaints in 2019 and an additional 107 cases required cyber investigation and forensic analysis of cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices. This makes a total of 293 cases investigated in 2019 which is a decrease from 333 cases in 2018. In 2019, a total of 39 cases resulted in suspect identification / arrest including many for very serious felony offenses. The Detective Bureau investigated 39 Criminal Sexual Conduct cases and many of them unfortunately involved children. Criminal Sexual Conduct cases were down slightly in 2019 from 42 cases in 2018. Property crimes were also down in 2019 with a noticeable reduction in Home Invasion cases. Detectives also investigated, reviewed, or followed up on 100 Medical Examiner Death investigations in 2019. In addition, in 2019 the Department of Human Services began sending many more DHS Referrals to local law enforcement than they have in years past. In the past the referrals the Detective Bureau would receive were believed to be criminal in nature or they would not be sent. As of 2019, a policy change was made & according to multiple DHS employees, they are now required to send all DHS Referrals to law enforcement. This has put an extra burden on the Detective Bureau and many of these referrals are found to not be criminal in nature.

### **CASES TO NOTE FOR 2019**

- In 2019, the Detective Bureau investigated an overdose death that occurred on Shepardsville Rd. in Ovid Township. A 33 year old man died of Methadone toxicity after overdosing on Methadone he purchased from a 32 year old acquaintance from Swartz Creek. The investigation showed the male acquaintance obtained the Methadone from his 58 year old mother by means of her treatment through a pain clinic in Flint, and arranged the sale to the victim. The 32 year old male was charged with Delivery of a Controlled Substance Causing Death and his 58 year old mother was charged with Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance Causing Death. Both have agreed to plea deals and have been sentenced.
- In 2019, the Detective Bureau investigated a Criminal Sexual Conduct case involving a 42 year old father who repeatedly sexually assaulted two of his biological daughters in the Village of Elsie, Duplain Township. It was learned that this father had been sexually assaulting the older daughter for many years prior to the younger daughter reporting the abuse. Both daughters were interviewed at the Voice for Clinton County's Children and both daughters gave vivid details of the abuse which resulted in their father being charged with multiple counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees. The father was sentenced to 15 to 50 years in prison for these assaults.
- In 2019, the Detective Bureau resubmitted items to the MSP Crime Lab from the unsolved 2006 Thomas and Viola Hefton homicide. With the advancement in DNA technology, items from this case were resubmitted for DNA analysis and the crime lab

was able to identify multiple DNA profiles from the items submitted. As a result of this new DNA information, the Detective Bureau has been making contact with people of interest in this case requesting DNA swabs to be taken and these swabs have been sent to the crime lab to be compared against the DNA profiles from the items that were submitted. The Detective Bureau has obtained DNA samples from the majority of the people of interest in this case and we are waiting on the results from the MSP Crime Lab. In addition, there are still people of interest that the Detective Bureau is working to obtain DNA samples from and once these samples are obtained they will also be submitted to the crime lab for comparison.

- In 2019, the Detective Bureau investigated a Criminal Sexual Conduct case involving a 6 year old child. The child disclosed to her father and his wife that her Mother's boyfriend had sexually assaulted her while he was babysitting her at his parent's home in Olive Township. The child was also forensically interviewed at The Voice for Clinton County's Children and also disclosed the same details during this interview. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to the sexual assault and was then lodged in the Clinton County Jail. The child's biological mother attempted to get the child to change her story by asking the child to say that the assault never happened in hopes of getting her boyfriend's charges dropped. The Detective Bureau suspected this by listening to jail conversations between the suspect and the victim's Mother. The mother was subsequently interviewed and confessed to doing this and she was charged with Witness Tampering and was arrested on that charge. The suspect was sentenced to 8 to 15 years in prison and the victim's mother is 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.

