

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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To the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Clinton County:

On behalf of the dedicated members of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, I am very proud to present the 2023 Annual Report. This report details a sampling of all of the accomplishments that were made by our exceptional staff who provide the highest level of service to all of Clinton County. Thanks to an extremely supportive county Administration and Board of Commissioners our staff was able to deliver another year of positive public safety impacting all of Clinton County.

After now completing my 2nd year as your Sheriff, I want to highlight some of the positive departmental changes that this administration made during 2023:

- Developed a training program for corrections staff which consists of multiple different trainings throughout the year and offers variety and a diverse type of trainings to our staff.
- Trained correctional staff on Fentanyl cleanup by sending them to an 8-hour course hosted by the Michigan State Police. Also developed a policy on Fentanyl cleanup.
- Streamlined the report writing process even further by stopping the use of several forms and replacing them with a case jacket, which makes for a better tracking of all reports.
- Evidence room continues to be purged and organized; this process will take upwards of a year.
- Proposed and approved purchase for a Body Scanner to be housed in Correction's Division.
- Implemented Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance program for all county inmates potentially saving the county approximately 90% off of medical bills.
- Developed and implemented a county wide AVI training team consisting of police, fire, and EMS personnel.
- Applied for a RAP grant through MMRMA for reimbursement of county funds for the cost of both Body Worn Cameras and In-Car cameras, saving \$22,500.
- Applied for a RAP grant through MMRMA for reimbursement of county funds for the cost of the body scanner, saving \$50,000.

- Installed new In-Car Cameras and trained staff on the use of BWC. New policy was created and implemented for both.
- Changes made at the Office Manager position—which created streamlining of all Administrative positions.
- Installed a new Inmate Communications system resulting in a better system with many upgraded features which brings in more revenue to the county as well.

In this report you will find information about every division within the Sheriff's Office. This report is only a snapshot of what the Sheriff's Office accomplishes daily throughout Clinton County. There are things that our personnel do every day that make a difference and often go unnoticed. We take pride in that. The Sheriff's Office is truly blessed to have the community's trust and support.

As public servants, we value all lives above our own and we are always ready to go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that our community and its citizens are protected. We cannot do this job alone. We value our partnerships with other local law enforcement, fire, and medical agencies all across Clinton County, along with Central Dispatch. We also want to thank our volunteer groups (Victim's Services and Mounted Division) who dedicate so much of their own time to assist the Sheriff's Office in so many areas.

It is often said that the Sheriff's Office responds to our citizens worst day, every day. Our personnel see these challenges as opportunities to serve and make a difference. I am thankful that we have a well-trained department that is poised to take on any challenge to better the community. The men and women of the Sheriff's Office demonstrate professionalism and compassion while humbly serving this fine county. I want to thank them all for their daily sacrifice to serve.

We also recognize there is always room for improvement, and we will continue to look for ways to become better. We look forward to continuing to our work to make Clinton County as safe place to live, work and play. Thank you again for entrusting us to serve all of you, the residents of Clinton County.

Sheriff Sean Dush

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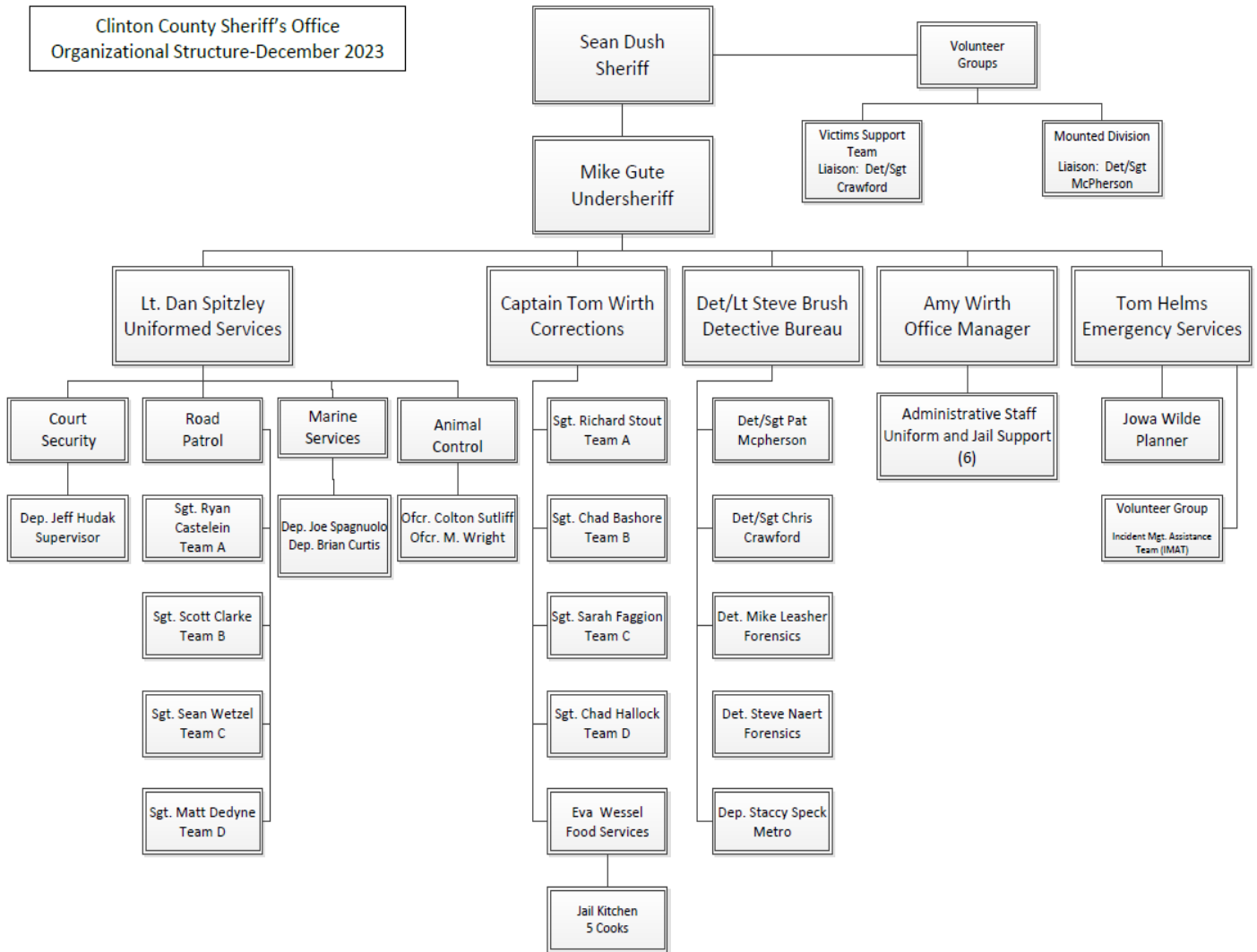
FOREWORD

The Statistical data in this report came primarily from information maintained by the Department's Administration Division, Central Dispatch, and the Michigan State Police.

Additional information on the content of this publication can be obtained by contacting the Office of Clinton County Sheriff, 1347 East Townsend Road, St. Johns, MI, 48879.

“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 2023



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
2019-2023**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Traffic Citation	8,627	3,196	3,786	5,117	4,357
Verbal's	4,677	824	923	4,377	3,208
Traffic Stops	14,197	4,020	4,366	6,548	8,669
Drug Arrests	74	49	54	52	42
Driver Suspended	423	206	219	251	195
Drunk Driving	227	125	123	118	91
Seat Belts	81	17	23	34	28

**TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS
2019-2023**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Property Damage	546	388	478	531	483
Personal Injury Accident	115	107	123	110	81
Fatal Accidents	7	7	4	4	8
Car Deer	882	892	956	1,026	1,030

**COMPLAINT ACTIVITY
2019-2023**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Self-Initiated	20,669	15,010	14,263	16,612	16,530
Calls for Service	7,575	6,997	7,486	7,812	7,352
TOTAL	28,848	22,130	21,831	24,496	23,889
Written Reports	3,432	2,544	2,816	3,160	3,190

Violation of Controlled Substance Act Drug Arrests by Township 2023	
Bath	0
Bengal	0
Bingham	12
Dallas	0
DeWitt	11
Duplain	1
Eagle	1
Essex	1
Greenbush	1
Lebanon	1
Olive	3
Ovid	4
Riley	0
Victor	0
Watertown	7
Westphalia	0
Total	42

Drunk Driving Arrests By Township 2023	
Bath	3
Bengal	1
Bingham	10
Dallas	2
DeWitt	10
Duplain	2
Eagle	13
Essex	2
Greenbush	10
Lebanon	1
Olive	7
Ovid	5
Riley	3
Victor	7
Watertown	16
Westphalia	2
Total	94

2023 JAIL DIVISION

- During 2023, the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 1,651 individuals. Of that number, 1,218 were male and 433 were female.
- The average daily count for the year was: 113 locals and 6 boarders, for a Daily Average total of 119.
- Approximately 132,495 meals were served from the kitchen.

JAIL REVENUE 2019-2023					
	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Actual 2023
Transport Inmates	2,111	853	600	1,137	609
Work Release Room & Board	7,075	1,000	0	0	0
CL CO Inmate Room & Board– Direct	0	0	0	0	3,193
CL CO Inmate Room & Board Congress Collection	31,914	37,893	53,472	34,092	20,333
Lodge Prisoners	742,677	243,827	42,088	42,111	103,888
Jail Medical Reimburse – Direct	25,856	16,548	15,203	17,551	12,618
Jail Medical Reimburse – Congress Collection	1,564	467	49	52	7
Jail Inmate Telephone	117,340	64,104	46,101	21,308	28,995
TOTALS	928,537	364,692	157,513	116,251	169,643

Other Revenue 2023	
Social Security Reimbursement for 2023	1200
Bond Fee	300
Booking Fee	5,765

2023 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.

Advocates of the Victim Support Team complete a 20-hour course over a weekend to learn how to lend support to the victims of violent crimes and assist families during a crisis. The advocates also must complete 12 additional hours of training every year to stay compliant as an advocate. The advocates have a monthly meeting, and advocates are on call 24 hours a day and respond anywhere in Clinton County. On some occasions the advocates are requested to assist other county advocate teams. This request can require a response for an advocate to travel a few hours outside of Clinton County. All the advocates time for training and call outs is voluntary and there is no reimbursement for fuel or mileage.

Until the budget year of 2023 the Victim Support Team has been 100% self-funded through an annual flower sale fundraiser. This fundraiser pays for advocates to go to the annual Victim Advocate Conference hosted by the Michigan Sheriff Association. Along with the conference cost the fundraiser pays for all attending advocates lodging for the conference. Other costs the fundraiser covers are minor office supplies and advocate coats and shirts.

In the fall of 2023 Sheriff Dush allowed the team to use money from the agencies uniform budget to purchase advocates appropriate winter coats embroidered with the Clinton County Victim Advocate logo. This addition has made the advocates look very professional and uniform.

The team is led by Coordinator Vicki Wieber. Coordinator Wieber has been a volunteer advocate for 30 years and has been the team's coordinator since 2005. Along with Coordinator Wiebers dedicated service to the Clinton Victim Support Team she has also sat on the Victim Advocate board for the Michigan Sheriff Association for almost 20 years. This role as board member and coordinator accounts for countless hours a year of volunteer time to make the Clinton County team and the Michigan Sheriff Association Victim Advocate board a success.

The team is supported by Det/Sgt Crawford who is the Liaison Officer from the Sheriff's Office. Det/Sgt Crawford is assigned to the team to address training needs, operational evaluations, and any other team concerns.

The Clinton County Victim Support Team is staffed and supported by Aaron Baker, Renae Carrow, Brenda England, Peggy Haviland, Sue Moe, Bob Pung, Cynthia Pung, Theron Richardson, Eveline Ritter, James Sheldon, Peg Vining, Joan Webster, and Stephanie Halfman. In January of 2024 Sam Weber and Crystal Weber will complete the training and will join the team.

The above team members have collaboratively accrued 196 hours in monthly meetings. 88 hours at the annual conference. 16 hours at a mass casualty incident victim accountability training. This is in addition to the 188 hours spent on call outs. The above team member accrued 488 of volunteer time for the Clinton County Victim Support Team.

2023 INCIDENTS

NUMBER OF CALL OUTS

HOMICIDE	0
KIDNAPPING/ASSAULT	0
CSC	0
BREAKING AND ENTERING	0
SUICIDE	6
DOMESTIC	0
FATAL CRASH	2
PERSONAL INJURY CRASH	0
DEATH NOTIFICATIONS	22
HOUSE FIRES	1
HOSPITAL CALLS	1
COURT APPEARANCE	0
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
TOTAL CALL OUTS	33
TOTAL HOURS SPENT AT CALLS	188
TOTAL TRAINING HOURS	104
TOTAL MEETING HOURS	196
TOTAL MILES TRAVELED	8153

Clinton County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division 2023

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 2023 the Mounted Division consisted of 30 members who were involved in 55 different events for a total of 1,905 hours of service. They also completed 165 hours of training and another 1015 hours supporting the Mounted Division for a total of **3,085** hours for the year. The Mounted Division normally 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, and the Clinton County 4-H Fair. This fall, the Mounted Division was called out to assist in the search for a missing child near Wacousta and put in 188 Hours during the effort. The Mounted Division trailer responded to the scene and provided support with a golf cart and Ranger.

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

This year, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners awarded the Mounted Division with enough money to replace their trailer which had far exceeded its end of useful life and the unit is eternally grateful. Without this money, we would not have been able to replace this vital piece of equipment.



2023 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.

2023 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 Management 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2023 Clinton County Emergency Management continued building and sustaining capabilities for our first responders and county residents, as well as preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies. This is accomplished with one full-time employee, one part-time grant funded employee (subject to grant restrictions and rules), and 11 non-paid, professional Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) volunteers.

2023 Major Events

In 2023 the EOC was active a total 18 days due to both minor and significant incidents. Emergency Management responded to the following incidents in 2023:

- February 20 – Winter Storm/Ice- The EOC was activated for 4 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- March 4 – Winter Storm- The EOC was activated for 4 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- April 4 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 1 day to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- June 25 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 1 day to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- July 19 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 2 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- July 25 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 2 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- August 11 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 1 day to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. These severe storms threatened the patrons of the St. John's Mint Festival. No significant events

occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.

- August 18 – Elsie Dam Failure- The EOC was activated for 1 day to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant needs or resources were requested requiring Emergency Management support actions.
- August 24 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 2 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.

2023 Accomplishments

- Social Media Outreach – Emergency Management continued to increase its social media outreach in 2023. Social media continues to allow Emergency Management to quickly reach tens of thousands of residents to provide preparedness tips and 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.
- 1st Aid, CPR, AED (all adult and pediatric), Stop the Bleed, BBP, Fire extinguisher training. Emergency Management conducted several training sessions in 2023.
- Community Outreach - Emergency Management participated in the following community outreach activities in 2023:
 - March 14 – Reading Month – Emergency Management participated in the event by reading to kindergarten students at a local elementary school.
 - June 1 – DeWitt Showcase – Emergency Management participated in the event by bringing our large emergency response truck, Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), our CCEM sUAS (drone) equipment, and community preparedness information and giveaways. Those in attendance were able to explore our equipment and learn about what we do to serve our community. Emergency Management also partnered with Michigan Operation Lifesaver “See Tracks? Think Train!” for this event to provide lifesaving educational materials.
 - July 30 – August 4 – Emergency Management was at the Clinton County 4H fair with our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP). This was the first year Emergency Management participated in the 4H fair. Throughout the week Emergency Management staffed the MICP to monitor weather conditions, enact emergency response plans if needed, be the liaison with the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office Mounted Division, and function as a resource for 4H fair staff and fairgoers. No emergencies occurred during the event requiring Emergency Management action. Emergency Management received numerous positive feedback from 4H staff and the public for having a presence at the fair.

- August 1 – St Johns Police National Night Out (NNO) activities. Emergency Management participated in the event by bringing our large emergency response truck, a search and rescue K-9, our CCEM sUAS (drone) equipment, and community preparedness information and giveaways. Emergency Management also partnered with “Saxby the Squirrel” who is a local child friendly fictional character who promotes preparedness to children and adults.
- October 31 – Emergency Management participated with other local first responders at the St Johns Fire Department in a pumpkin decorating contest designed to raise money for a local charity. Each entity designed and decorated a pumpkin for the public to vote on for the “best entry”. The pumpkin with the most votes in the form of donation money won bragging rights for a year. This event was held at the same time as the St Johns downtown trick or treat event. Emergency Management also passed out candy to children during the event.
- November 2 – Emergency Management participated in a Clinton County RESA career fair at DeWitt High School. This event was open to Clinton County 8th and 10th grade students from all school districts within the county. Emergency Management displayed our large emergency response truck, our CCEM sUAS (drone) equipment, and our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP). Students, and community preparedness information and giveaways. Cub Scouts and parents were able to explore our equipment and learn about what we do to serve our community. This event was also used as a training event for our IMAT team.
- November 2 – Cub Scout group / IMAT training- Emergency Management hosted an informational event for a local Cub Scout group by displaying our large emergency response truck, our search and rescue K-9, our CCEM sUAS (drone) equipment, our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), our portable emergency shelter, and community preparedness information and giveaways. Cub Scouts and parents were able to explore our equipment and learn about what we do to serve our community. This event was also used as a training event for our IMAT team.
- December 1, 2 and 8 – Three Christmas light parades – Emergency Management decorated our small emergency response truck and a trailer in a Christmas theme to participate in the St Johns, Ovid, and Westphalia light parades. IMAT members passed out candy canes to spectators at each parade.

- December 6 – Emergency Management participated with county law enforcement agencies in the annual “Shop with a Cop” event at the St Johns Walmart. Emergency Management displayed our decorated small response truck and Christmas “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” themed float.
- Continued building and sustainment of Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) –These volunteers are comprised of local, credentialed, emergency management professionals as well as a few members in training. IMAT is mainly tasked with providing emergency scene support for on-scene incident commanders. A few other IMAT responsibilities include transportation, set up/demobilization, and operation of Mobile Incident Command Post, sUAS (drone) missions, general scene support, decision making advice for incident commanders, Clinton County EOC interface, and interfacing with other local, state, and federal partners. IMAT is also able to augment all functions and positions within the EOC if needed.

2023 IMAT responses

In 2023 Clinton County Emergency Management Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) responded and assisted with four incidents/events within the county.

- January 17 – IMAT assisted law enforcement searching for an elderly woman who had gone missing, off road, in her vehicle. IMAT provided our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP).
- February 2 – Assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support and assistance during a high-risk arrest in DeWitt Township.
- February 13 – Assist Clinton County Special Operations Team and Michigan State University Police with resources and scene support during the Michigan State University active shooter incident.
- March 7 – Provide on scene support and assistance with our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), Emergency Management sUAS (drones) and pilots, to the Gratiot County Sheriff’s Office during the search for an elderly man who had gone missing.
- March 19 – Call regarding a small tractor trailer diesel spill on I-69 in DeWitt Township Fire Department’s service area.
- March 25 - Provide on scene support and assistance with our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), Emergency Management sUAS (drones), pilots, and Zumro inflatable shelter to the Gratiot County Sheriff’s Office during a massive organized, day long, search for an elderly man who had gone missing. Emergency Management also provided a professional search manager for

guidance and direction of the organized search. Other IMAT members assisted in the coordination of searchers from multiple professional and volunteer organizations as well as maintaining the command post, scene, and Clinton County Emergency Management assets.

- April 13 – Emergency Management participated in a training event for Clinton County Central Dispatch by providing our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP). This training allowed the staff to become more familiar with the MICP and functions in a controlled non-emergency environment.
- May 8 – Called to provide Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support and assistance during a high-risk arrest in Eagle.
- June 22 – Small diesel spill from a tractor trailer on North US-127 at Maple Rapids Rd. Emergency Management coordinated response and cleanup plans with MI EGLE.
- July 19 - Calls regarding a tractor tanker large milk spill on US-127 North of St Johns.
- July 22 - Assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support and assistance during a high-risk barricaded subject in DeWitt Township.
- July 22 – Standby to assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support and assistance during a high-risk arrest in St Johns.
- July 28 – IMAT call to assist in search for missing elderly male in DeWitt Township.
- August 12 - Provide sUAS overwatch for St Johns Police during the 2023 Mint Festival parade. IMAT sUAS team was deployed to monitor rooftops and the parade areas for any potential safety issues.
- August 18 – Elsie Dam failure. EM investigated scene and make ensure all agencies received notification. No resources or needs requests made by the village of Elsie or township.
- August 22 - Assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support and assistance, sUAS (drones), Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP) during a high-risk barricaded gunman in Bath Township.
- August 25 – IMAT on standby to assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with a high-risk arrest in DeWitt Township. IMAT not needed.

- October 2 - Assist Clinton County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and St Johns Police with a suspicious situation investigation by providing Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP).
- October 8 – Called to assist Clinton County Sheriff's Office with a missing person believed in danger due to weather, lack of proper clothing, and intoxication. IMAT not needed; person located before IMAT response.
- October 9 & 10 - Called to assist the Clinton County Sheriff's Office with a missing autistic toddler. IMAT provided a professional search manager, Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), Zumro portable shelter, Emergency Support Function (ESF) coordination, volunteer reception center set up and staffing, resource management, logistics and planning, and scene management.

- Note: This incident was the largest emergency event in scope and scale Clinton County Emergency Management has ever been tasked with and spanned over 28 hours straight. This event required constant large-scale management and coordination of numerous first responding agencies from throughout Michigan, numerous professional search and rescue organizations, and hundreds and hundreds of self-deployed volunteers. Without the dedication of our professional Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) non-paid volunteers the Emergency Manager would not have been able to meet the needs of this emergency event. Two IMAT volunteers are also paid county employees and have the same training, professional credentialing, and experience as the Emergency Manager. A special thank you to Clinton County Administration for allowing those two employees to assist in the coordination of this emergency event.

After the event, three weeks were needed for the Emergency Manager, working alone, to clean and inspect all equipment, restock depleted supplies, rehome donated items, and generally return all Emergency Management resources and assets to a mission ready deployable state.

- October 28 – Called regarding missing 93yo female in Elsie believed to be in danger due to weather and her age. IMAT not needed; female located before IMAT response.
- November 9 - IMAT on standby to assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) and St Johns Police with a high-risk arrest, barricaded subject in St. Johns.
- December 7 – IMAT needed regarding a tractor tanker large milk spill on US-127 North M-21 in St Johns.

- December 30 - Assist Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support and assistance during a high-risk barricaded subject near Maple Rapids. IMAT was called off just before arriving on scene – subject taken into custody.

Goals and Challenges for 2024

Emergency Management Staffing – With one full-time Emergency Manager, one part-time grant funded employee (subject to grant restrictions and rules), and 11 non-paid Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) volunteers, 24/7 emergency management staffing remains a challenge. With the steady uptick in 24/7 Emergency Management/IMAT calls it has become increasingly difficult to manage callouts and ensure a guaranteed response with only one full-time employee.

School Safety and Preparedness – Emergency Management will continue to build and sustain partnerships with all Clinton County school districts in 2024. We will accomplish this by remaining a resource and point of contact for school safety guidance including the sharing of ever evolving 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.

Employee Emergency Preparedness - Emergency Management, at the direction of Clinton County Administration, will continue working toward a goal of creating a “safety culture” through employee preparedness. To accomplish this goal, Emergency Management will work on preparedness activities such as hosting CPR, First Aid, AED, Stop the Bleed, and other lifesaving trainings for county employees, maintain an active presence on the Court Security Committee and the county Safety Committee. Emergency Management will also create building emergency response plans for all Clinton County owned buildings. Emergency Management is tasked with designing and conducting future emergency drills at all Clinton County owned buildings and properties.

Continue Building New Public Safety and Community Partnerships- Emergency Management will continue attending various local meetings with public safety officials and community partners to become more active in relationship building and pre-event planning as well as educating those groups in the capabilities and mission of Clinton County Emergency Management.

Sustaining and Building IMAT Capabilities – In 2024 Emergency Management will continue to sustain and build capabilities within the Emergency Management Incident Management Team (IMAT). IMAT will continue to train and exercise as well as stay up to date on the latest principles and laws affecting Emergency Management. Emergency Management will continue maintaining and augmenting existing equipment, replacing equipment which has reached end of useful life, and by adding new equipment and technologies to enhance and increase IMAT capabilities all while maintaining a constant “mission ready” status.

Community Outreach – In 2024 Emergency Management will continue to participate in 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 2024 Emergency Management will continue to reduce identified gaps in our Emergency Support Functions (ESF’s) and Emergency Operations Center Team. Doing so 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, recruiting more members and contact lists within the ESF.
- Emergency Management will facilitate training events for ESF's and EOC team members.
- Requesting additional county funded Emergency Management staffing.
- Recruiting other vetted and properly trained volunteer personnel to augment the EOC team and Emergency Management 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

2023
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

	2022	2023
Firearms Registered	3,090	4,043

Other Services	2023	Revenue
CPL & Employment Fingerprinting	953	\$28,735
Sex Offender Registry	82	\$0
Police Report Requests	266	\$4,643
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	705	\$105
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	938	N/A
Subpoenas Processed	611	N/A
Sheriff Sales (mortgage)	37	\$4,714
Adjournments	372	
Personal Protection Orders	59	N/A
Records Checks	497	N/A
FOIA Requests	187	\$1354

2023
ANIMAL CONTROL

The Clinton County Animal Control consists of two full-time Animal Control Officers. Their primary responsibilities are investigating dogs and livestock running at large, handling lost and found pets, investigating animal bites, and investigating animal welfare (abandonment, cruelty, and neglect) complaints. They are also responsible for monitoring and caring for the animals held at the Clinton County Animal Shelter. In 2023 there were 3,284 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 744 Complaints
- 320 Lost & Found Animals
- 117 Animal bites investigated
- 18 Citations (dog running at large, unlicensed dogs, and animal cruelty)

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$79,845 Dog License fees
- \$920 Kennel License fees
- \$2,570 Other Fees
- \$613.45 Contributions
- 360 Animals picked up

2023
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.

During the past year, Deputy's issued 4,384 traffic citations. They also arrested 91 drunk drivers, 195 suspended drivers, issued 23 seat belt violations and 40 subjects were arrested for possessing and selling narcotics. The Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team investigated 10 fatalities, 5 serious injuries and assisted other agencies with 4 crashes. They also completed 23 crash data recording downloads.

Every Deputy has been trained in basic traffic accident investigation and we have 3 officers certified as traffic accident reconstructionists. 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.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT – ACTUAL OFFENSES		
		2023
CSC		22
Robbery		0
Assault/Stalking		19
Domestic Assault		60
Arson		0
Breaking and Entering		36
Homicide		0
Kidnapping		1
Larceny		60
Stolen Vehicles		17
Fraud/NSF		73
Retail Fraud		17
Malicious Destruction of Property		51
OWI		94
VCSA		42
Accident Reports		1,602
All Others (warrants, driving offenses, liquor violations, etc.)		1,097
	TOTAL	3,191
	UNIFORM DIVISION STATS	
		2022
		2023
• Calls for service	7,812	7,352
• Self-Initiated Calls	16,612	16,530
• Total Calls Responded to	24,496	23,889
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,160	3,190
	Traffic Crashes	
		2022
		2023
• Car/Deer	1,026	1,030
• Property Damage	531	483
• Personal Injury	114	81
• Fatal	4	8
	Total Accidents	1,675
		1,602

2023

Deputy Sheriff / Court Security

Here is a summary of Clinton County Court Security for 2023. The totals for items that are tracked are included in the table that is attached at the end of this report. Following are additional highlights for 2023:

- Courthouse screening process changed in October, when everyone entering Courthouse for any reason was screened. The daily count for individuals screened increased significantly.
- Court Security staff continued training courthouse staff in safety/security issues, assisted in Courthouse wide tornado and fire drills for Courthouse staff.
- Court Security staff responded to eight (8) medical emergencies at the Courthouse as follows:
 - Two involved (2) inmates already in custody
 - Three (3) involved individuals after being taken into custody at the Courthouse (sentencings or arrested on warrants)
 - One (1) involved an attorney in court during a hearing
 - Two (2) involved individuals who were at the Courthouse for personnel business.

Five (5) of those were transported from the Courthouse by ambulance, two (2) were seen by paramedics but refused transport, and one (1) left with a family member. Court Security staff rode in ambulance to the hospital with three of the prisoners until relieved by road patrol. On one of the public incidents, Court Security staff staffed with a disabled child until family members arrived to take the child.

- Responded to two (2) overdoses in the Courthouse parking lot - Narcan administered to one. Both transported from Courthouse by paramedics.
- Court Security staff responded to 5 domestic related complaints in the parking lot. All were resolved without any further enforcement or charges being sought.
- Court Security staff assisted in 3 accident investigations in the courthouse parking lot.
- Court Security staff initiated 3 felony complaints - all 3 involved the possession of narcotics at screening station and resulted in felony drug charges being issued for all 3.
- Court Security staff attended and/or monitored several Board meetings at the request of the Board of Commissioners because of high attendance and the nature of topics/issues being discussed.
- Court Security was called back on 2 different Saturdays to open and staff the Courthouse for emergency Neglect/Abuse hearings in Family Court - as requested by Judge Sullivan.

- At the request of the County Clerk, Court Security staffed the Courthouse after-hours during the most recent elections - because of threats and concern for possible election related issues.
- There were several high-profile hearings and trials that had extremely high attendance by the public and family of the victims/defendants - which necessitated increased Court Security staffing. Because of the increased staffing, planning and coordination with the Sheriff Office, there were no issues or incidents that occurred.
- Staffing issues continue to remain a problem - Mike Carey retired. Andy Schlegal was hired to fill Mike's position but left a few months later for other employment. Difficulty in finding replacement to fill the open position.
- On average, Court Security is finding approximately 25 prohibited items a week when screening the public - mostly knives, scissors, or pepper-spray. Those legal items are held onto at screening and returned when the individual leaves the building. Illegal drugs were found/seized from 3 individuals (charges issued). Additionally, 3 handgun loaded magazines were found and held onto. Individuals from the public secured 4 firearms in the lockboxes in the Security office while doing business in the Courthouse - all were legal CPL holders.
- Court Security staff test the various panic alarms monthly. During several of the tests, we identified issues with inoperable alarms, which in turn identified issues with the wireless alarms and the company that monitors them. Worked with Information Technology Department to resolve those issues.
- Provided downloaded video recordings from the Courthouse security camera system 6 times as follows: 4 for criminal incidents/cases (2 outside the Courthouse, 2 inside), and 2 for FOIA requests by defense attorneys.

ISSUES FOR 2024

- Staffing and compensation continue to be an issue for a variety of reasons.
- There are several Circuit Court jury trials that are scheduled at the end of Jan and during Feb that will require additional staffing - one is the Olsen murder trial where there is high community interest and attendance at all previous hearings.
- Continue and complete updates to the Court Security Manual.
- Continue to implement necessary changes identified by the Courthouse Security committee.
- Continue training new and current Courthouse staff in security and safety related issues.

2023 ACTIVITY

	Total Screened	Inmates Handled	Arrests	Probation Arrests	Warrant Arrests	Felony Warrants Signed	Misd. Warrants Signed	Walk-In Arraignments	Fingerprint/DNA Testing
January	4015	161	28	4	2	10	12	17	17
February	3405	125	18	7	3	13	15	17	12
March	4468	168	25	8	5	8	8	13	17
April	3572	154	15	1	0	11	14	15	15
May	3690	135	18	3	2	7	9	8	18
June	4089	93	18	5	2	9	16	12	33
July	3217	158	15	2	0	10	9	8	16
August	4677	132	15	4	4	9	15	12	15
September	3003	96	11	2	2	7	5	8	11
October	6804	126	19	3	2	13	9	12	21
November	5968	121	17	3	2	8	18	10	14
December	5274	102	18	3	4	5	18	12	22
Year Totals:	52182	1571	217	45	28	110	148	144	211

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
YEAR END REPORT
2023**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau is comprised of (1) Detective Lieutenant, (2) Detective Sergeants, (2) certified forensic cellphone/computer examiner Detectives, and (1) Detective assigned to the Tri-County Metro Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force that covers Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton Counties.

In 2023, the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau investigated 200 complaints. These complaints included 40 investigations of Criminal Sexual Conduct, 10 Death Investigations, and 54 complaints that were forwarded to the Sheriff's Office by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services involving crimes against children or vulnerable adults. Additional investigations included several reported Breaking & Enterings, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Vehicles, Larcenies, and Threats.

In June 2023, the Sheriff's Office added a 2nd forensic cellphone/computer Detective that has been training with the Michigan State Police ICAC Division. Together, the Sheriff's Office cellphone/computer Detectives examined 76 devices in 2023. 45 of these devices were examined for Clinton County Sheriff's Office cases, while 31 devices were examined to assist other agencies.

The Sheriff's Office continues to support Tri-County Metro with (1) Detective assigned full-time to the task force. In 2023, TCM investigated 20 complaints in Clinton County that resulted in arrests and seizures of different narcotics and firearms.

CASES OF NOTE FOR 2023

The Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation into a daycare provider in Dallas Twp. involving Criminal Sexual Conduct of children. A 19-year-old male was arrested and charged with multiple counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct of minors and is awaiting sentencing.

In October, the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau lead the investigation into a missing 2-year-old child in Eagle Twp. While the list is not inclusive of every agency that assisted during the search, primary operations were conducted by the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Clinton County Office of Emergency Management, Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Corrections ERT, Michigan Attorney General Office, and Delta Twp. Fire Department. Multiple other police and fire departments, as well as various search and rescue groups also responded with personnel and assets such as watercraft, K-9s, drones, and thermal imaging capability. It was estimated by search management that over one thousand searchers participated between 10-9-23 and 10-10-23 looking for the child. Assisting the Capitol Area and MSP Dive teams were dive teams from Oakland County, Lapeer County, Washtenaw County, and Van Buren County. Assisting the numerous Law Enforcement and search and rescue K-9's were nearly 20 additional nationally certified search and rescue k9s (live and HRD) and close to 30 National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR) certified SAR technicians, 7 experienced search managers, 1 drone team, and 1 resource coordinator from outside the local area. These were provided by the Michigan Professional Search and Rescue

Council (MiPSARC) that included All Counties Search and Rescue, Alliance K9 Search and Rescue, K-9 One Search and Rescue, Lapeer County Search and Rescue, Michigan Independent Search and Rescue, Michigan Search and Rescue, Midland County Search and Rescue, and Wolverine State Search and Rescue. The child was located deceased in the Looking Glass River after a 2-day search, ruled accidental drowning.

MARINE PATROL

The primary goals of the Marine Program are 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 two part time deputies. The Deputies are a certified Police Officers and 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.



Departmental Changes Made in 2023

- Redesigned a document to be used by both court and corrections personnel for information relating to a subject being placed in jail. This form takes the place of 4 forms that were previously used and is now fillable and able to be sent to an email versus handwritten and faxed.
- Developed a training program for corrections staff which is now being run by CO Mike Fleischer. This training consists of multiple different trainings throughout the year and offers a variety and diverse types of trainings to our staff.
- Trained correctional staff on Fentanyl cleanup by sending them to an 8-hour course hosted by the Michigan State Police.
- Created a Fentanyl clean up policy and purchased clean up equipment and solution.
- Streamlined the report writing process even further by stopping the use of several forms and replacing them with a case jacket, which makes for a better tracking of all reports.
- Evidence room continues to be purged and organized; this process will take upwards of a year.
- Developed new onboarding procedures for new employees to ensure proper tools and training given for success.
- Proposed and approved purchase for a Body Scanner to be housed in Correction's Division
- BCBS Inmate Insurance Program implemented saving 90% on inmate medical costs.
- Developed and implemented a county wide AVI training team consisting of police, fire, and EMS personnel.
- Applied for a RAP grant through MMRMA for reimbursement of county funds for the cost of both BWC and In-Car cameras, saving \$22,500.
- Applied for a RAP grant through MMRMA for reimbursement of county funds for the cost of the body scanner, saving \$50,000.
- Installed new In-Car Cameras and trained staff on the use of BWC. New policy was created and implemented for both.
- Changes made at the Office Manager position—which created streamlining of all Administrative positions.
- Installed a new Inmate Communications system resulting in a better system with many upgraded features which brings in more revenue to the county as well.