

# CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Serving Clinton County since 1839

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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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 2024 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 completing my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as your Sheriff, I want to highlight some of the positive departmental changes that this administration made during 2024:

- Jail Administrator Captain Tom Wirth retired after serving for 28 years with the Sheriff's Office. A search was made for a new Jail Administrator. Tim McGuckin, a 20-year Sergeant with the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office, was hired as our new Jail Administrator. Captain McGuckin brings years of invaluable experience to our agency, along with many expertise's that are needed here in Clinton County in areas such as Use of Force, Underwater Search and Recovery, Corrections Procedures and Training.
- Implemented electronic technology for all employee scheduling and departmental policy and procedures.
- Implemented electronic technology for all Road Patrol and Corrections Field Training programs.
- Added one new budgeted Road Patrol Deputy position increasing Road Patrol staffing levels.
- Implemented Police One Academy, an online training program, for all certified Deputies and Corrections, enhancing training opportunities for staff in those divisions.
- Developed and wrote all policies and procedures for the Animal Control Office which previously had no policy and procedures to operate on.
- Rewrote the entire employee Code of Conduct manual.

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 Support Team 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 work to make Clinton County a 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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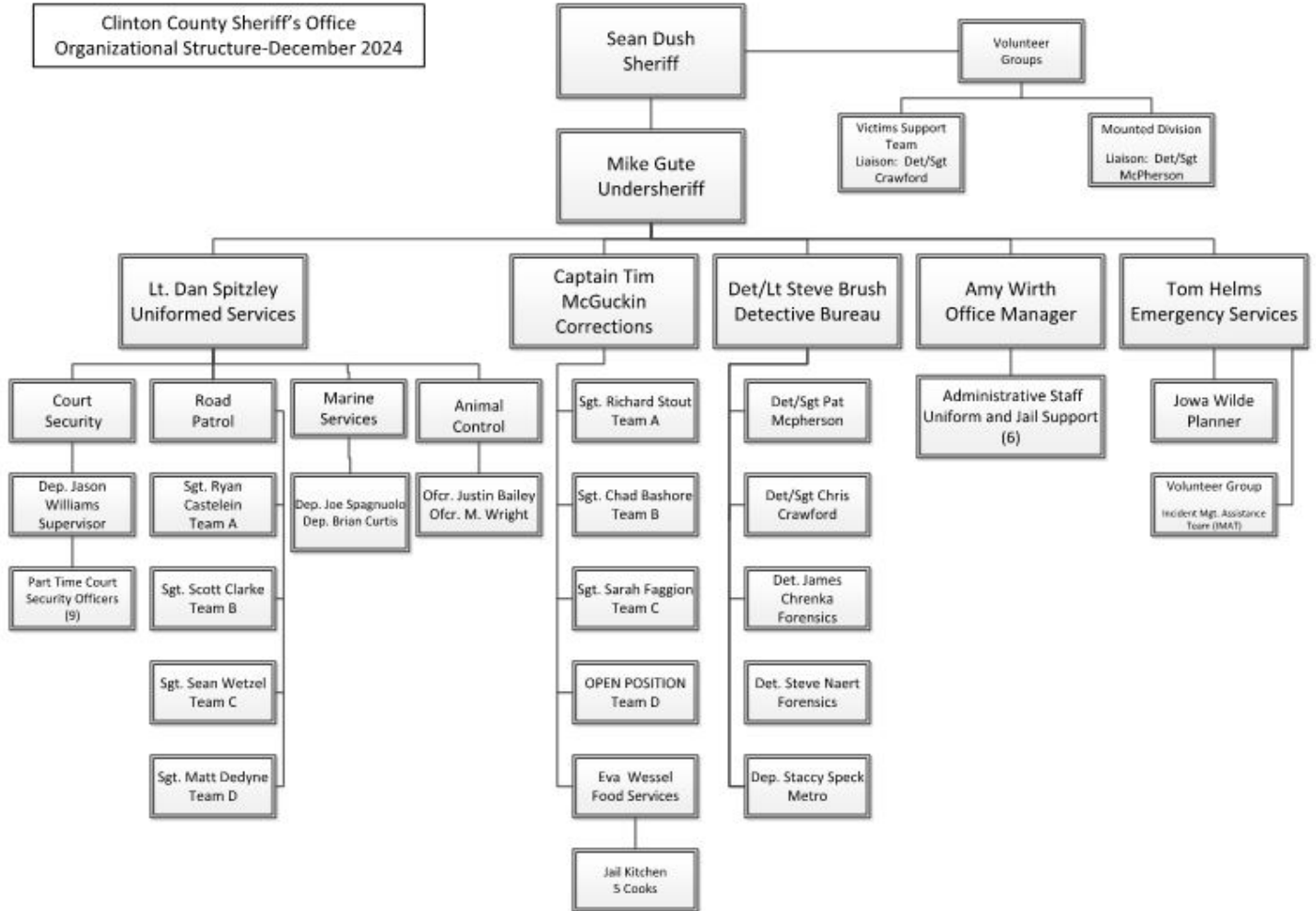
## **FOREWORD**

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 2024



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS  
2020-2024**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Traffic Citation	3,196	3,786	5,117	4,357	4,960
Verbals	824	923	4,377	3,208	3,668
Traffic Stops	4,020	4,366	6,548	8,669	9,912
Drug Arrests	49	54	52	42	30
Driver Suspended	206	219	251	195	159
Drunk Driving	125	123	118	91	114
Seat Belts	17	23	34	28	0

**TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS  
2020-2024**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Property Damage Crash	388	478	531	483	372
Personal Injury Crash	107	123	110	81	88
Fatal Crash	7	4	4	8	6
Car Deer	892	956	1,026	1,030	1056

**COMPLAINT ACTIVITY  
2020-2024**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Self-Initiated	15,010	14,263	16,612	16,530	18,453
Calls for Service	6,997	7,486	7,812	7,352	7,653
<b>TOTAL</b>	22,130	21,831	24,496	23,889	26,106
Written Reports	2,544	2,816	3,160	3,190	3,418

<b>Violation of Controlled Substance Act Drug Arrests by Township 2024</b>	
<b>Bath</b>	0
<b>Bengal</b>	0
<b>Bingham</b>	1
<b>Dallas</b>	0
<b>DeWitt</b>	3
<b>Duplain</b>	1
<b>Eagle</b>	3
<b>Essex</b>	1
<b>Greenbush</b>	3
<b>Lebanon</b>	0
<b>Olive</b>	2
<b>Ovid</b>	4
<b>Riley</b>	1
<b>Victor</b>	1
<b>Watertown</b>	9
<b>Westphalia</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>Drunk Driving Arrests By Township 2024</b>	
<b>Bath</b>	1
<b>Bengal</b>	3
<b>Bingham</b>	13
<b>Dallas</b>	5
<b>DeWitt</b>	13
<b>Duplain</b>	4
<b>Eagle</b>	16
<b>Essex</b>	3
<b>Greenbush</b>	13
<b>Lebanon</b>	4
<b>Olive</b>	8
<b>Ovid</b>	10
<b>Riley</b>	4
<b>Victor</b>	7
<b>Watertown</b>	10
<b>Westphalia</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>

## 2024 JAIL DIVISION

- During 2024, the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 1,703 individuals. Of that number, 1,257 were male, 442 were female, 4 unknowns.
- The average daily count for the year was: 107 locals and 1 boarder, for a Daily Average total of 108.
- Approximately 122,976 meals were served from the kitchen.

<b>JAIL REVENUE 2020-2024</b>					
	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>
Transport Inmates	\$853	\$600	\$1,137	\$609	\$1180
Work Release Room & Board	\$1,000	0	0	0	0
CL CO Inmate Room & Board– Direct	0	0	0	\$3,193	\$683
CL CO Inmate Room & Board Congress Collection	\$37,893	\$53,472	\$34,092	\$20,333	\$12,962
Lodge Prisoners	\$243,827	\$42,088	\$42,111	\$103,888	\$110,495
Jail Medical Reimburse – Direct	\$16,548	\$15,203	\$17,551	\$12,618	\$10,253
Jail Medical Reimburse – Congress Collection	\$467	\$49	\$52	\$7	\$1153
Jail Inmate Telephone	\$64,104	\$46,101	\$21,308	\$28,995	\$136,175
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$364,692</b>	<b>\$157,513</b>	<b>\$116,251</b>	<b>\$169,643</b>	<b>\$272,901</b>

<b>Other Revenue 2024</b>	
Social Security Reimbursement for 2024	\$5000
Bond Fee	\$353
Booking Fee	\$4596

## **2024 VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM**

The Victim Support Team is a group of dedicated volunteers trained to assist Police Officers, Fire Departments, and EMS agencies in dealing with victims to provide immediate crisis intervention. This assistance is utilized in events of sudden or unexpected death that occurs due to car crash, suicide, fire, homicide, illness, drowning, or other traumatic incidents. The advocates also provide victim assistance when there is not a death in situations like criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, breaking and entering, and house fires. The Advocates strive to offer comfort, compassionate support, and sympathy to the victims and victims 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.

For the budget year of 2024 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.

The team is led by Coordinator Vicki Wieber. Coordinator Wieber has been a volunteer advocate for over 30 years and has been the team's coordinator since 2005.

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, Brenda Olson, Peggy Haviland, Sue Moe, Bob Pung, Eveline Ritter, James Sheldon, Peg Vining, and Joann Webster.

The above team members have collaboratively accrued 156 hours in monthly meetings. 80 hours at the annual conference. 30 hours at a mass casualty incident debrief. This is in addition to the 204 hours spent on call outs. The above team members accrued 523 hours of volunteer time for the Clinton County Victim Support Team.

One call of 2024 to highlight that the Clinton County Victim Support Team responded to was a tragic mass casualty incident that occurred in Wacousta. 8 team members responded to this tragedy. The team members assisted almost 40 victims/witnesses in this matter. The people the team assisted was spread out over multiple locations. Some were located at the scene; some were at a few local residences close to the scene, and the rest were at area hospitals being treated.

The advocates that responded to this matter were on scene for a combined time of almost 50 hours. Due to the matter consisting of multiple victims and the victims and family members being spread out though 3 different counties this made response and assistance very difficult. The advocates pulled together and assisted all the victims and family members that they could.

This tragic mass casualty incident highlights the dedication the Victim Support Team has to serving victims and victims' families in their time of emotional need. At the time of this incident there were only two advocates on call. 8 advocates responded, one left a family wedding an hour or two away.

Looking forward to 2025 the Clinton County Victim Support Team is adding 4 new members to the team. This will bring the team up to a total of 14 members. The 4 new members will be trained by the team coordinator initially. They will then respond to calls alongside 2 veteran advocates until they are comfortable to go out on calls as the second advocate. When the Michigan Sheriff Association has an opening at the Victim Support Team training the new advocates will be signed up to attend the training.

<b>2024 INCIDENTS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CALL OUTS</b>
HOMICIDE	1
KIDNAPPING/ASSAULT	0
CSC	1
BREAKING AND ENTERING	0
SUICIDE	8
DOMESTIC	0
FATAL CRASH	7
PERSONAL INJURY CRASH	0
DEATH NOTIFICATIONS	17
HOUSE FIRES	1
HOSPITAL CALLS	0
COURT APPEARANCE	0
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	0
<b>TOTAL CALL OUTS</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS SPENT AT CALLS</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>TOTAL TRAINING HOURS</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>TOTAL MEETING HOURS</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>TOTAL MILES TRAVELED</b>	<b>4732</b>

## Clinton County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division 2024

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 2024 the Mounted Division consisted of 27 members who were involved in 47 different events for a total of 2,027 hours of service. They completed 165 hours of training and another 460 hours supporting the Mounted Division for a total of **2,652** 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 year the Mounted Division assisted the Village of Elsie with security at the Dairy Fest for 164 hours of service; the 4-H Fair for 187 hours of service; and the City of St Johns with security at the Mint Festival for 137 Hours.

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.



## 2024 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 of minimizing 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.

### 2024 CORE and Enhancement Training

PBT – Life Loc	Taser
FOIA Management	Meth Investigation Lab Cleanup
Field Training	SFST Update
Mental Health	Liquor Law Enforcement
Armorer's Course	Street Survival
Firearms Instructor Courses	Legal Update
Crash Investigation	LEIN
Hostage Negotiations	Domestic Lethality Assess Trng
Interview Techniques	School Violence Training
Laser & Radar Operator	Abandoned Vehicle Update
Marine School	Below 100
Evidence Training	Drone Training and Certification
Criminal Investigation	
Records Management - OSSI	
Control & Defensive Tactics	
Forensic Interview Techniques	
Ethics and Professionalism	



## CLINTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2024 Annual Report

### Program Overview

In 2024 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 was 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.

### 2024 MAJOR EVENTS

In 2024 the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was active for a total of 9 days (down from 18 days in 2023) due to both minor and significant incidents.

Emergency Management responded to the following incidents in 2024:

- January 11 – 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.
- August 26 – Strong Storms- The EOC was activated for 3 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed. As a result of storm damage throughout the county on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>, IMAT deployed for damage assessment. No significant events occurred within Clinton County and no resource requests were submitted requiring Emergency Management support actions beyond the initial damage assessment.
- November 4 – Elections- The EOC was activated for 2 days to monitor the elections situation and coordinate communications as needed. No significant events occurred within Clinton County requiring Emergency Management support actions.

## 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Social Media Outreach – As in the past, Emergency Management continued to increase its social media outreach in 2024. 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.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, AED (all adult and pediatric), Stop the Bleed, BBP, Fire extinguisher training. Emergency Management continued to conduct Clinton County employee training sessions in 2024.
- Emergency Exercises – Throughout 2024 Emergency Management participated in several emergency preparedness exercises with local, regional, and state partners. Participating or conducting emergency exercises with our partners allows us to test our emergency response plans, assets, and resources in a controlled manner where shortfalls can be discovered and corrected before an actual emergency incident or event.
- Emergency Management Training - Throughout 2024 Emergency Management personnel, to include IMAT, participated in several professional training events and conferences focusing on safety, emergency preparedness, and continuing professional development education. This training allows Clinton County Emergency Management to stay informed on ever changing best practices in the Emergency Management field.
- Community Outreach - Emergency Management participated in the following community outreach activities in 2024:
  - May 1 – DeWitt Showcase – Emergency Management participated in the event by bringing our large emergency response truck, Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), our 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.
  - June 4 – Leonard Elementary School- Emergency Management assisted a local FEMA Youth Preparedness Council member with a safety talk for kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students and with preparedness information and giveaways for the students. Emergency Management also brought our large emergency response truck, Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), and sUAS (drone) equipment, for the students to explore and ask questions. A sUAS (drone) demonstration was also given during the presentation.

- July 13 – Elsie Dairy Days – Emergency Management participated in two parades and handed out candy to parade goers.
- July 26 – August 1 – Emergency Management was at the Clinton County 4H fair with our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP). 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. Emergency Management also flew numerous sUAS (drone) flights throughout the week to ensure there were no obvious public safety concerns. Excessive heat and humidity were concerns for animals and those attending the 4H fair throughout the week. Emergency Management worked with 4H leadership to provide weather briefings, announcements on the fairgrounds, and by setting up and maintaining a cooling station using Emergency Management resources accessible to all in attendance at the 4H fair. While out on the fairgrounds August 1<sup>st</sup>, Emergency Management was flagged down to respond to, and care for a juvenal female fair participant experiencing a heat emergency. Emergency Management was able to provide care for the juvenal until Clinton Area Ambulance arrived on scene to take over. No other emergencies occurred during the event requiring Emergency Management action. During the week Emergency Management used various opportunities to train new IMAT members on Emergency Management equipment and procedures. Emergency Management received numerous positive feedback from 4H staff, St Johns Police Officers, and the public about having a presence during the fair.
- August 6 – St Johns Police National Night Out (NNO) - Emergency Management participated in the event by bringing our large emergency response truck, our UTV, a search and rescue K-9, our sUAS (drone) equipment, and community preparedness information and giveaways.
- September 7- Ovid Parade- Emergency Management participated in the Ovid Carriage Days parade and handed out candy to parade goers.
- October 29 – St Johns Big Boy – Emergency Management participated with other local first responders and community partners in a “Trunk or Treat” fundraising event for “The Voice for Clinton County’s Children”. Emergency Management participated in the event by bringing our large emergency response truck, Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), emergency response pickup, our UTV, our sUAS (drone) equipment, and community preparedness information. Emergency Management IMAT members dressed in costume and handed out candy and giveaways to

participants. Emergency Management also provided external area lighting for the event area to ensure the safety of all due to extremely dark conditions.

- October 31 – Emergency Management participated with other local first responders at the St Johns Fire Department during the annual downtown trick or treating event. Emergency Management IMAT handed out candy to children during the event.
- November 7 – Emergency Management participated at the Clinton County RESA career fair at DeWitt High School. This event was open to Clinton County 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from all school districts within the county. Emergency Management IMAT displayed our large emergency response truck, small emergency response truck, UTV, 2 K-9 search and rescue dogs, our sUAS (drone) equipment, and our Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP). Students were able to explore the Emergency Management equipment, ask questions about the equipment, and ask questions regarding a career in Emergency Management.
- December 6, 7 and 13 – Three Christmas light parades – Emergency Management decorated our UTV and a trailer in a Christmas theme to participate in the St Johns, Ovid, and Westphalia light parades.
- 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. Additional IMAT responsibilities include the transportation, set up/demobilization and operation of Mobile Incident Command Post, sUAS (drone) flights, 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. IMAT is also trained to be the subject matter experts of the MICP as well as all other Clinton County Emergency Management equipment and assets.

## **2024 IMAT RESPONSES**

In 2024 Clinton County Emergency Management Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) responded and assisted with several incidents/events within the county.

- January 3 – IMAT assisted with technical advice on a diesel spill. A physical response was not necessary.
- January 17 - IMAT assisted the Clinton County Special Operations Team (SOT) with on scene support during a high-risk warrant arrest attempt lasting over 13 hours. IMAT provided the Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP) as well as other Emergency Management assets and resources.
- January 30 – IMAT assisted with technical advice at the scene of a tractor tank trailer accident which caused a massive milk spill on the roadway and adjacent ditch(s) of M-21 near US127. IMAT coordinated with multiple agencies during this incident including the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).
- April 20 – IMAT assisted with technical advice for a tractor tank trailer accident which caused a large milk spill on the exit ramp and adjacent ditch(s) of I69 at Webster Rd.
- May 18 – IMAT assisted the Clinton County Sheriff's Office at the scene of a mass casualty vehicle/pedestrian accident on Wacousta Rd. in the village of Wacousta. IMAT provided the Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP) as well as other Emergency Management assets and resources during this incident which lasted several hours.
- September 17 – IMAT 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.
- December 9 – IMAT assisted the Clinton County Sheriff's Office at the scene of a motorhome fire/fatality at the US127 rest area. IMAT provided the Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP) as a warming area and a place to shelter from the weather for on scene investigators.

## **GOALS AND CHALLENGES FOR 2025**

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 a steady uptick in 24/7 Emergency Management/IMAT calls it has become increasingly difficult to manage 24/7/365 callouts and ensure a guaranteed

response with only one full-time employee. Emergency Management will continue to request the addition of one full-time non-grant funded employee to assist in meeting our mission.

Grant Funding Reductions – With the consistent reduction in Federal grant funding, and rumors of elimination of some Federal grant programs, Clinton County Emergency Management is suffering a negative impact. With reduced Federal funds Emergency Management is unable to continue the level of building and sustaining of Emergency Management capabilities we have had in the past two decades. The reduction, or elimination, of Federal grant funding also threatens the fully funded part-time Emergency Management Regional Planner position as well as the partially funded full-time Emergency Manager position. The loss of any or all Federal funding would drastically impact the ability to continue the basic required level of service to Clinton County.

School Safety and Preparedness – Emergency Management will continue to build and sustain partnerships with all Clinton County school districts in 2025. 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 assist in the creation of 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 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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

Clinton County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) – Emergency Management is required to review and update the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) every four years. In addition to the Clinton County EOP, Emergency Management is required to review and update any EOP support plans, of which Clinton County currently has two, Bath Township and DeWitt Township. The completed and approved Emergency Operations Plans are then forwarded to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division for approval. The entire process can take several months from start to finish and will begin early in 2025.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – The Clinton County LEPC is a federally mandated group coordinated by Emergency Management. LEPC is responsible for the review of emergency response plans for chemical accidents. The LEPC works with local governments, industries, and the public to identify and manage chemical hazards. In early 2025 Emergency Management will be updating how our LEPC operates, our bylaws, our meeting practices, more efficient reporting, and how we provide information to the public. These updates are expected to take several months to complete, however the outcome will be a streamlined and efficient LEPC that is more in line with other Michigan county LEPC's.

## 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>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Firearms Registered	4,043	4,435

<b>Other Services</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
CPL & Employment Fingerprinting	904	\$27,490
Sex Offender Registry	84	\$2,450
Police Report Requests	285	\$4,526
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	68	\$0
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	1045	N/A
Subpoenas Processed	761	N/A
Sheriff Sales (mortgage) Adjournments	20 351	\$37,092
Personal Protection Orders	70	N/A
Records Checks	499	N/A
FOIA Requests	224	\$6973

**2024**  
**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 2024 there were 3,172 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 992 Complaints
- 382 Animals picked up
- 55 Citations (dog running at large, unlicensed dogs, and animal cruelty)

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$75,320 Dog License fees
- \$760 Kennel License fees
- \$5,505 Other Fees
- \$2,075.02 Contributions

**2024**  
**UNIFORM DIVISION**

The Uniform Division provides direct Law Enforcement services to all Clinton County residents. They respond to all emergency calls for service, and provide traffic enforcement on all secondary roadways, highways and expressways. They transport prisoners, provide court security and conduct safety education programs as well as numerous other enforcement responsibilities.

During 2024 Deputies issued 4960 traffic citations and responded to 1522 traffic crashes. Of these the Sheriff Office crash Investigation Team investigated 6 fatal crashes and 2 serious injury crashes as well as assisting another local agency with 1 fatal crash investigation. Including the mass casualty fatal hit and run crash in Watertown Twp that resulted in 2 fatal injuries and 14 others with various injuries from life altering to minor. They arrested 114 intoxicated drivers and 159 suspended drivers, issued 0 seat belt violations and arrested 30 individuals for possessing illegal narcotics.

All Deputies are trained in basic crash investigation with 3 Deputies having specialized crash reconstruction training. The uniform division also has certified Deputies in radar and Laser speed detection/measurement, Intoxilizer 9000 and Preliminary Breath Testing, Firearm and subject control tactics. We have crime scene technicians, hostage negotiators and several members on the County Special Operations Team. We have instructors in various disciplines including defensive tactics and subject control, CPR, AED, Firearms and Standard field sobriety.

Recently we were fortunate to add an additional Road Patrol Deputy to our staff. Deputies continue to operate in single person patrol vehicles. We are fortunate to have a staff of highly trained and professional individuals who are committed to public service and perform their duties in a highly effective manner.

<b>UNIFORM CRIME REPORT – ACTUAL OFFENSES</b>		
		<b>2024</b>
CSC		21
Robbery		0
Intimidation/Stalking		10
Domestic Assault		59
Felonious Assault		16
Simple Assault		19
Arson		0
Breaking and Entering		26
Homicide		0
Kidnapping		1
Larceny		77
Stolen Vehicles		19
Fraud/NSF		67
Retail Fraud		40
Malicious Destruction of Property		26
OWI		115
VCSA		29
Accident Reports		1,565
All Others (warrants, driving offenses, liquor violations, etc.)		1,327
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,417</b>
	<b>UNIFORM DIVISION STATS</b>	
		<b>2023</b>
		<b>2024</b>
• Calls for service	7,352	7,653
• Self-Initiated Calls	16,530	18,453
• Total Calls Responded to	23,889	26,106
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,190	3,418
	<b>Traffic Crashes</b>	
		<b>2023</b>
		<b>2024</b>
• Car/Deer	1,030	1,056
• Property Damage	483	372
• Personal Injury	81	88
• Fatal	8	6
	<b>Total Accidents</b>	<b>1,602</b>
		<b>1,522</b>

# CLINTON COUNTY COURT SECURITY 2024 YEAR END REPORT

The following is a summary of activity for the Clinton County Court Security for 2024. Multiple areas of activity are tracked throughout the year.

## 2024 TOTALS

	Total Screened	Inmates Handled	Arrests	Probation Arrests	Warrant Arrests	Felony Warrants Signed	Misc. Warrants Signed	Walk-In Arraignments	Fingerprint/DNA Testing
January	6504	83	18	2	2	15	20	8	25
February	7348	112	14	2	0	6	16	16	16
March	5628	119	6	2	1	13	9	12	10
April	5609	105	14	5	0	8	20	19	24
May	5716	95	12	1	3	5	19	12	15
June	5421	56	15	1	2	6	21	7	15
July	5967	72	10	0	3	12	15	21	21
August	5851	78	11	5	2	10	6	13	14
September	5606	108	20	2	1	0	0	7	6
October	6223	130	16	2	1	0	0	3	26
November	5114	87	9	3	1	0	0	2	10
December	4601	104	8	2	0	0	0	6	10
Year Totals:	69588*	1149^	153	27	16	75**	126**	126	192

\* The number screened has continued to increase since the policy changed to screening all entrants into the courthouse.

^ Arrest numbers do not reflect the number of people taken into custody from sentencings, only those taken into custody for warrants, probation violation warrants and parole detainees.

\*\* Due to a policy change in District Court, as of September, Court Security staff were no longer responsible for signing warrants.

The following are additional highlights of CSO activity for 2024:

- The courthouse underwent several renovation projects that impacted security operations. Starting in the spring, all the boilers in the building were replaced in a month-long effort, requiring continuous coordination between court security and contractors. Key coordination points included managing contractor use of the prisoner elevator and addressing noise concerns with the Circuit and Family Court dockets. Another major renovation began in late summer, a three-phase project that affected all three building entrances. The second phase resulted in the closure of the sally port. A plan was developed in collaboration with court security and jail personnel to route prisoners through the north entrance to the third floor holding area. This phase was completed without any prisoner security incidents. During the third phase, the south entrance was closed, and screening was moved to the north entrance. Additional security staff were scheduled, ensuring no issues arose from the relocation of screening. The final major project of the year involved replacing the concrete floor of the maintenance garage, which required storing maintenance equipment in the sally port. This project was still ongoing at the year's end.

- Security staff responded to several alarms throughout the year. Two of these were weather-related, requiring employees to be relocated to the garden level. In another instance, the building was evacuated following a smoke alarm activation. CSOs cleared all floors, secured the south entrance, and assisted fire department personnel in locating and clearing the affected area.
- Court security staff responded to multiple medical emergencies on the courthouse grounds.
  - One incident involved a court employee who was discovered by security semi-conscious after suffering from a seizure. She was transported to the hospital by ambulance.
  - Two incidents where prisoners were transported by ambulance and accompanied to a local hospital by security staff.
  - Two incidents where court visitors suffered from medical emergencies and required further medical attention.
  - One incident involved the report of a person who appeared unconscious in the parking lot. Two CSO's responded and were able to wake the woman. She was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. Further investigation led to her arrest for possession of controlled substance.
- Court security assisted in the investigation of two vehicle accidents in the parking lot.
- Court security responded to 3 domestic related incidents in the parking lot. All were resolved without any need for enforcement action.
- Court security staff was requested and attended several County Board of Commission meetings, including all Planning and Zoning meetings that were held after hours.
- Court security staff worked two Saturdays in order to provide security for emergency Neglect/Abuse hearings held in Family Court.
- Court security staff worked after hours for two elections.
- Court security staff was tasked with providing extra manpower for several high-profile trials/hearings that garnered significant attention from the media and general public. The extra staffing allowed these events to occur with no significant issues.
- Staffing continues to remain an issue. Dep. Jeff Hudak stepped down from the lead security officer position and went to part-time, Dep. Jon VanCore retired at the end of the year, Dep. Steve Relyea resigned, and Dep. Brian Fox went from part-time to as needed. Dep. Mike Philipps and Dep. Nate Gute were hired to fill part-time positions. Dep. Mike Carey and Dep. Tim Horan were hired to work as needed positions and Dep. Jason Williams took over as lead security officer.

Issues for 2025:

- Staffing continues to be an issue.
- Several high-profile cases are expected to be heard in court this year, which will further strain staffing levels.
- Under the Chief Judge's direction, a review of the most recent court security audit, including recommendations for actions to further progress towards compliance will occur.
- Review/update training for courthouse employees.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION  
YEAR END REPORT  
2024**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE BUREAU**

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

In 2024, the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau investigated 234 complaints (17% increase from 2023). These complaints included 48 investigations of Criminal Sexual Conduct (20% increase), 10 Death Investigations, 32 investigations of Child Abuse (6% increase), 48 Frauds (60% increase) and 77 complaints forwarded to our office for investigation by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Adult Protective Services (42% increase). Additional investigations included Larcenies, Malicious Destruction of Property, Stolen Vehicles, Home Invasions, Breaking & Entering, Arson, Missing Persons, Child Sexually Abusive Material, Stalking, and Kidnapping.

The 2 forensic electronics Detectives work out of the Sheriff's Office, however, are both attached to the Michigan State Police ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) and support that task force with statewide operations as needed. In 2024, The Clinton County Sheriff's Office took in 113 Devices and Account Data Sets for analysis during the year to include Cellular Devices (cellphones), Tablets, Computer HDD/SSD, Social Media and Various Cloud Account Data, and other peripheral storage devices. Of those 113 devices/data sets, 80 were for Clinton County Sheriff's Office cases while 33 were for other Law Enforcement Agencies in and around Clinton County. The 113 devices account for a 47% increase from 2023.

The Sheriff's Office continues to support the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Task Force with (1) full-time Detective that is embedded with the Michigan State Police. In 2024, TCM investigated 11 complaints in Clinton County recovering heroin, fentanyl, meth, and crack cocaine resulting in charges of possession and/or delivery of controlled substances while seizing cash and 15 firearms.

**CASES OF NOTE FOR 2024**

In April, the Sheriff's Office conducted a Criminal Sexual Conduct investigation involving a minor. A 38-year-old male was arrested and convicted of 11 felony counts including CSC 1<sup>st</sup> degree, CSC 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Aggravated Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Activity, and Accosting a Minor for Immoral Purpose and sentenced to 25-60 years in prison.

In May, the Sheriff's Office investigated a Mass Casualty Event involving a Hit and Run driver that struck 16 pedestrians with her vehicle, killing 2, and injuring many others. The driver has been charged with 16 felony counts including 2 counts of Homicide Murder-Second Degree, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Injury, and Fail to Stop at Scene of a Crash of Death/Serious Injury. The Defendant is awaiting trial.

In July, the Sheriff's Office conducted a Criminal Sexual Conduct investigation involving minors. A 64-year-old male was arrested and charged with 21 felony counts including CSC 1<sup>st</sup> degree, CSC 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Aggravated Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Activity, Accosting a Child for Immoral Purposes, and Using a Computer to Commit a Crime. The Defendant is currently awaiting trial.

## 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 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.

