

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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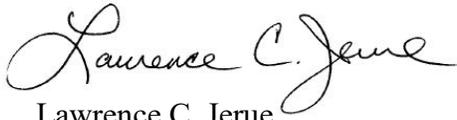
In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic Clinton County declared a local state of emergency in March of 2020. The state of emergency has continued long into 2021. The State of Michigan also declared a state of emergency.

I would take this opportunity to recognize all the Men and Women of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office for their OUTSTANDING performance during these very difficult times. Their commitment, dedication and professionalism is recognized by all and greatly appreciated.

During this pandemic we have not had a single inmate contract Covid-19 while in our custody. Without hesitation our first responders have bravely responded to every call for service and aid to our citizens. Our civilian staff has continued to meet the needs of our community in a safe and secure manner. Our court officers have worked diligently to monitor all persons entering the courthouse complex to insure the health and safety of all within the building.

As previously stated this has been an extremely challenging year, one of the most difficult times I've experienced in my 45 year career, however I'm tremendously proud of not only our staff but the entire county government in the way that everyone has risen to the challenge and succeeded in delivering superior service to our community. Thank you to one and all!

Respectfully,

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Lawrence C. Jerue

Clinton County Sheriff

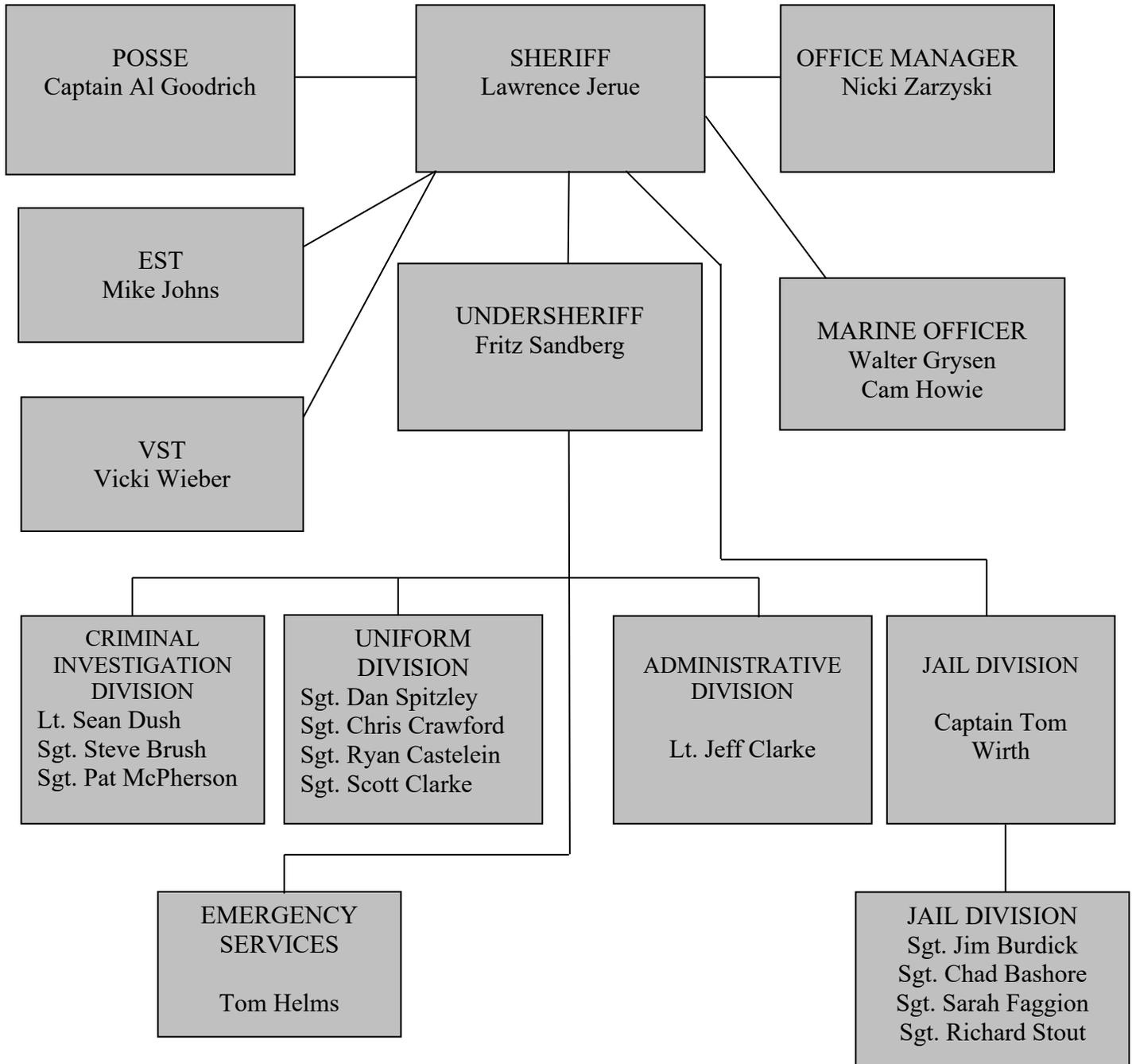
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“The mission of the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office is to provide for the protection and preservation of public safety and property; and the effective and efficient operation of a secure and humane correctional facility.”

OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF 2020



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
2016-2020**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Traffic Citation	10,708	9,488	9,812	8,627	3,196
Verbal's	5,110	5,302	5,942	4,677	824
Traffic Stops	13,569	14,251	15,674	14,197	4,020
Drug Arrests	168	162	207	74	49
Driver Suspended	411	573	543	423	206
Drunk Driving	162	184	201	227	125
Seat Belts	123	118	119	81	17

**TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS
2016-2020**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Property Damage	438	547	616	546	388
Personal Injury Accident	137	132	121	115	107
Fatal Accidents	12	1	8	7	7
Car Deer	650	715	857	882	892

**COMPLAINT ACTIVITY
2016-2020**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Self-Initiated	21,795	23,071	23,709	20,669	15,010
Calls for Service	7,961	7,929	7,669	7,575	6,997
TOTAL	29,756	31,159	31,505	28,848	22,130
Written Reports	3,480	3,426	3,480	3,432	2,544

Violation of Controlled Substance Act Drug Arrests by Township 2020	
Bath	1
Bengal	0
Bingham	21
Dallas	0
DeWitt	3
Duplain	3
Eagle	2
Essex	1
Greenbush	6
Lebanon	1
Olive	1
Ovid	3
Riley	3
Victor	2
Watertown	2
Westphalia	0
Total	49

Drunk Driving Arrests By Township 2020	
Bath	3
Bengal	3
Bingham	21
Dallas	2
DeWitt	12
Duplain	4
Eagle	6
Essex	0
Greenbush	11
Lebanon	6
Olive	18
Ovid	6
Riley	6
Victor	9
Watertown	17
Westphalia	2
Total	126

2020 JAIL DIVISION

- During 2020, the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 1,648 individuals. Of that number, 1,247 were male and 401 were female.
- The average daily count for the year was: 108 locals and 16 boarders, for a Daily Average total of 124.
- Approximately 133,590 meals were served from the kitchen.

JAIL REVENUE 2016-2020					
	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020
Transport Inmates	1,282	1,601	1,509	2,111	853
Work Release Room & Board	7,600	4,925	15,600	7,075	1,000
CL CO Inmate Room & Board– Direct	835	0	1,890	0	0
CL CO Inmate Room & Board Mid-Michigan Credit Bureau	40,266	46,548	33,267	31,914	37,893
Lodge Prisoners	968,480	973,073	895,097	742,677	243,827
Jail Medical Reimburse – Direct	39,336	18,911	27,911	25,856	16,548
Jail Medical Reimburse – Mid Michigan Credit Bureau	418	73	269	1,564	467
Jail Inmate Telephone	43,626	135,679	117,895	117,340	64,104
TOTALS	1,101,843	1,180,810	913,910	928,537	364,692

Other Revenue 2020	
Social Security Reimbursement for 2020	5,400
Bond Fee	120
Booking Fee	3,597

VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM

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

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

Clinton County Victim Support Team Members: Vicki Wieber—Coordinator, Advocates—Aaron Baker, Sonia Alagna, Peggy Haviland, James Sheldon, Peg Vining, Bob Pung, Evelyn Ritter, Nikki Maneval, Cindy Pung, Ther Richardson, Tracy Wright and John Wright.

VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

TYPE OF INCIDENTS	2020
Homicide	0
Kidnapping Assault	0
CSC	0
Breaking and Entering	0
Suicide	5
Domestic	0
Fatal Accidents	1
Personal Injury Accidents	0
Death Notifications	19
House Fires	0
Hospital Calls	0
Court Appearance	0
Other Police Departments	0
Total callouts	25
Time spent on callouts	104.5 hours

Clinton County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division 2020

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 2020 the Mounted Division consisted of 33 members who were involved in 4 call-outs and 2 events for a total of 256 hours of service. They also completed 175 hours of training and another 307 hours supporting the Mounted Division for a total of 738 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, the Capital area School Safety Picnic and the Clinton County 4-H Fair.

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

This year, the Mounted Division was called upon twice to assist in search and rescue operations in coordination with the Clinton County EST. The Mounted Division makes it a point to try to train with EST during the year because they are normally counted on for manpower for search and rescue operations.





Clinton County Emergency Services Team 2020 Annual Report

The Clinton County Emergency Team (EST) is composed of 20 professional volunteers along with two K9's in training. EST members devoted long hours of training throughout the year as a group and as individuals during the Covid pandemic in the following disciplines:

- Ground Search and Rescue Techniques
- Search Management
- Lost Person Behavior
- Safe Vehicle Operation
- Incident Command Independent Study Courses
- Incident/Scene Support

EST had several requests for assistance throughout the year for lost/missing or overdue subjects, scene support for the Special Operations Team/Negotiations Team activations, assistance during an evidence search along with mutual aid requests from Kent County.

Some members of the team continued their education by attending the National Traffic Incident Management Program (TIM) and Enrolled in Michigan's Professional Emergency Management (PEM) program.

The EST team has taken on some additional responsibilities' this past year. During the big ice storm in January, a few members received training in the dispatch center on basic Non-Emergency functions like placing calls for downed wires to the power companies, updating the map of road closures and other tasks that were needed. The team has two members on the Emergency Operation Center team in the role of Emergency Support Functions (ESF) for Search and Rescue.

As we move forward into 2021, EST will be working to increase awareness among county first responders, continue team member recruitment, participate with multi-agency/resource training and exercises, and assist the county in any way that is needed.

2020 EST Program Hours by Discipline

Discipline	Hours
Administration	225.0
Incident Support	35.0
Public Relations	45.0
Search and Rescue	410.0
Training	950.0
K9 Training	400.0
Total Hours Volunteered	2,065.0

2020 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.

2020 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	

*Due to COVID-19 a vast majority of the training was completed via online training.



Clinton County Emergency Services 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Despite a global pandemic in 2020, Clinton County Emergency Services continued building and sustaining capabilities for our first responders and county residents, as well as preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies.

2020 Major Events

On March 12, 2020 the EOC was activated in response to a global pandemic caused by the corona virus (COVID-19) and a local state of emergency for Clinton County was declared. The State of Michigan also declared a state of emergency. Federal, State and Local planning and response meetings took place 7 days a week for several months, this, in conjunction with the activation of the EOC, caused many challenges including staffing. Emergency services utilized county employees and volunteers to fill the need to sustain operations. The EOC has remained active well into 2021 in response to this event.

The EOC was activated a total 305 days because of both minor and significant incidents (291 for COVID-19 and 14 for other events).

In addition to several smaller incidents, Clinton County Emergency Services responded to the following large incidents in 2020:

- January Winter Storm/Wind/Flooding- 1/10/20-1/19/20- A winter storm along with rain and high winds caused flooding and power outages in certain areas of Clinton County. The EOC was activated for 9 days to monitor the situation and coordinate communications as needed.
- February Natural Gas Leak- 2/29/20- 3/1/20- A high pressure Consumers Energy gas line was accidentally struck during construction at the ITC facility in Saint Johns. EOC prepared for potential evacuations, sheltering, coordinated crisis communications, and partnered with tri-county to potentially open warming centers.
- High Wind Event - Fowler Area - 6/10/20- A brief storm producing extremely high straight-line winds passed through the Fowler area causing multiple trees and downed power lines. Emergency Services responded for damage assessment and crisis communications.
- President Trump Visit to CIRA - 10/27/20- President Trump visited the Capitol International Regional Airport. The EOC monitored the event for any issues that may have developed and to react, as necessary.

- 11/3/20 Elections – The EOC was in Monitoring and Assessment Mode in conjunction with the State of Michigan EOC to monitor and react to any issues that may have developed from election day.

2020 Accomplishments

- COVID-19 Response – Emergency Services worked with various Local, State, Federal and private entities to react and respond to the COVID-19 crisis. This response was made easier due to all of the preplanning and partnerships that were created well in advance of the Global Pandemic.
- Social Media Reach – Emergency Services continued to increase its social media reach in 2020. This was in part due to the continual push of pertinent information related to COVID-19. Social media has enabled us to quickly reach tens of thousands of residents to provide information during a crisis. This tool continues to be very effective in providing crisis communication information during both small and large events. This capability remains a critical tool in crisis communications.
- IPAWS Integration – Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) is a national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System, and on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio. IPAWS was brought online for Clinton County by Emergency Services in January of 2020. This was accomplished by merging the IPAWS system with our existing mass notification system (RAVE Mobile Safety) which allows us to notify tens of thousands of people in Clinton County of any emergency situation.
- Grant Project Highlights – Using Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding, Emergency Services was able to sustain our capability to detect, monitor and respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive events (CBRNE) to include terrorism by adding a sUAS. This sUAS can also be using in search and rescue operations, damage assessment, public outreach events, training and by providing situational awareness from the air to local and regional first responders during an active emergency event.

Goals and Challenges for 2021

Many of the goals and challenges for 2020 were not able to be fully reached due to the global pandemic and COVID-19 response. These goals and challenges will continue to be a priority for Emergency Services in 2021 until they are fully realized.

School Safety and Preparedness – Emergency Services will continue to sustain partnerships with all Clinton County school districts in 2021. We will accomplish this by remaining a resource and point of contact for school safety guidance including the sharing of

new “best practices”, and by helping school leadership interpret and comply with new statutory requirements. We will also continue to remain engaged with each school by attending school safety planning meetings, conducting regular site visits and attending lockdown drills throughout the school year.

Sustaining and Building EST Capabilities – In 2021 Emergency Services will continue to sustain and build capabilities within the Emergency Services Team. Emergency Services will continue maintaining or augmenting existing equipment, replacing equipment which has reached end of useful life, and by adding new equipment to enhance and increase EST capabilities as well as maintain a constant “mission ready” status.

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

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

Community Outreach – In 2021 Emergency Services will participate in multiple community outreach events throughout Clinton County, and our region, to promote Emergency Preparedness, community engagement and an understanding of who we are and what we do for Clinton County.

Sustaining and Building Depth within Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Support Functions – In 2021 Emergency Services will reduce identified gaps in our Emergency Support Functions (ESF’s) and Emergency Operations Center Team. This is absolutely critical to meet the needs of any long-term emergency incident or disaster we may face in the future. This will be accomplished by:

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

2020
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

	2019	2020
Firearms Registered	5,423	3,709

Other Services	2020	Revenue
CPL & Employment Fingerprinting	827	\$15,330
Notary Service Requests	0	\$0
Police Report Requests	836	\$4,181
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	0	N/A
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	582	N/A
Subpoenas Processed	789	N/A
Sheriff Sales (mortgage)	20	\$3,549
Adjournments	116	
Personal Protection Orders	70	N/A
Records Checks	257	N/A
FOIA Requests	173	\$478

2020
ANIMAL CONTROL

The Clinton County Animal Control consists of two full-time employees. Their responsibilities are investigating complaints of dogs and farm animals running at large, handling lost and found pets, investigating animal bites, and investigating animal welfare and neglect complaints. They are also responsible for monitoring and caring for the Clinton County Animal Shelter. In 2020 there were 3,860 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 642 Complaints
- 282 Lost & Found Animals
- 170 Animal bites investigated
- 67 Citations (dog running at large, unlicensed dogs and animal cruelty)

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$76,150 Dog License fees
- \$1,000 Kennel License fees
- \$3,550 Other Fees
- \$2,635 Contributions
- 308 Animals picked up

2020 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 3,196 traffic citations. They also arrested 125 drunk drivers, 206 suspended drivers, issued 17 seat belt violations and 49 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 6 crashes. They also completed 20 crash data recording downloads. Over the past several years, one or more of our officers has been recognized as the top O.U.I.L. Enforcement Officer for Sheriff's Offices statewide and all Law Enforcement Agencies.

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

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

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT – ACTUAL OFFENSES		
		2020
CSC		26
Robbery		1
Assault/Stalking		24
Domestic Assault		69
Arson		0
Breaking and Entering		26
Homicide		0
Kidnapping		1
Larceny		59
Stolen Vehicles		10
Fraud/NSF		53
Retail Fraud		39
Malicious Destruction of Property		31
OWI		126
VCSA		49
Accident Reports		1,394
All Others (warrants, driving offenses, liquor violations, etc.)		684
	TOTAL	2,592
	UNIFORM DIVISION STATS	
		2019
		2020
• Calls for service	7,575	6,997
• Self-Initiated Calls	20,669	15,010
• Total Calls Responded to	28,848	22,130
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,432	2,544
	Traffic Crashes	
		2019
		2020
• Car/Deer	882	892
• Property Damage	546	388
• Personal Injury	115	107
• Fatal	7	7
	Total Accidents	1,559
		1,394

2020

Deputy Sheriff / Court Security

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

MONTH	SCREENING COUNT	INMATES HANDLED	COURT REMAND CUSTODY
JANUARY	6,020	184	42
FEBRUARY	5,314	185	49
MARCH	3,187	88	29
APRIL	0	0	0
MAY	0	0	0
JUNE	1,327	1	21
JULY	1,608	0	16
AUGUST	1,853	2	21
SEPTEMBER	2,388	2	22
OCTOBER	2,135	3	19
NOVEMBER	1,396	4	7
DECEMBER	1,3190	1	12
YEARLY TOTAL	26,547	470	238

DETECTIVE DIVISION CASES OF NOTE FOR 2020

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated 152 cases in 2020 and an additional 42 cases that required cyber investigation and forensic analysis of cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices. This makes a total of 194 cases investigated in 2020 which is a decrease from the 293 cases investigated in 2019. The decrease in cases is most likely attributed to the Covid 19 pandemic and the way the pandemic affected society. Many of the Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases and Child Abuse Cases are reported through mandated reporters and with the Covid 19 pandemic many of the places that employ mandated reporters were either closed or unavailable during most or all of 2020. In addition, now that schools and medical services are beginning to open we are expecting an increase in these types of cases because the children victims have been unable to speak to mandated reporters either at school or those in the medical field. The Detective Bureau investigated 34 Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases in 2020 which is down from 39 cases in 2019. In addition, the Detective Bureau investigated 23 child abuse cases. Detectives also investigated, reviewed, or followed up on 103 Medical Examiner Death Investigations.

CASES TO NOTE FOR 2020

- In February of 2020 the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau investigated a late Criminal Sexual Conduct complaint from 2001-2002. The now 32 year old male victim reported that he was involved in a sexual relationship with his middle school counselor during 8th and 9th grades while attending St. Johns Public Schools. The suspect resigned her position at St. Johns Middle School after being arraigned with 6 counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st degree. She was bound over to Circuit Court during the Preliminary Hearing in June and she is currently awaiting trial.
- In March of 2020 the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau investigated a late Criminal Sexual Conduct complaint that involved multiple victims from the same family who were sexually assaulted starting in the 1980's. Two of the victims were the suspect's nieces and the third victim was the mother of the two nieces. The two nieces were sexually assaulted as children and their mother was sexually assaulted by the suspect in May of 2019 while she was visiting her sister in law and the suspect. After the sexual assault in May of 2019 was reported the two nieces also came forward with what had happened to them. The suspect was arrested and charged with multiple counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct and was bound over to Circuit Court at the Preliminary Examination and is currently awaiting trial on these charges.
- In 2020 the Detective Bureau continued working on the Hefton double homicide case from 2006. The Detective Bureau was able to locate multiple suspects and/or persons of interest and obtain DNA samples from these individuals to be compared to the DNA from the crime scene. These samples are currently at the crime lab and we are hoping one of these samples will be a match. Some of the samples were obtained in other states where other law enforcement agencies assisted in obtaining these samples at our request. This case remains open and the Detective Bureau will continue to work every lead that comes in. In addition, some of the suspects in this case have not been located and the Detective Bureau will continue trying to locate them in hopes of obtaining a DNA sample from them.

MARINE PATROL

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

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

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

