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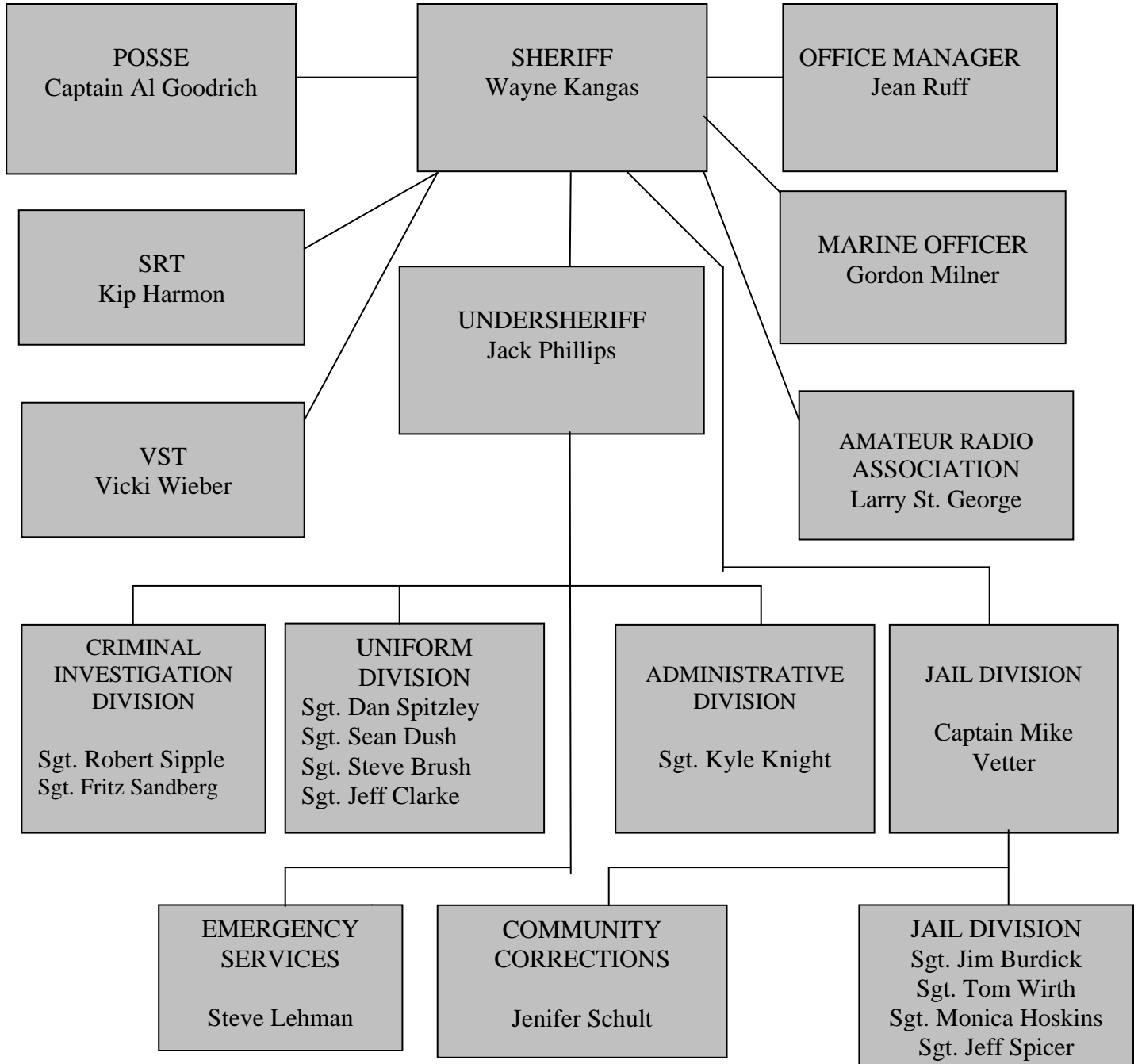
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OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF 2008



Clinton County Sheriff's Office

2008 Annual Awards

Each year an awards presentation is held honoring civilians and deputies for their outstanding actions and investigations.

These awards honor the employee of the year, as well as Departmental Citations, Commendations, Certificate of Appreciation, Traffic Enforcement, Safe Driving Certificates and Civilian Commendations.

Employee of the year was selected by a panel representing a cross section of members of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, chaired by the Undersheriff. This year's award was presented to Deputy Eric Thompson.

2008 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Deputy Eric Thompson

DEPARTMENTAL CITATION

Deputy Scott Clarke

CITIZEN LIFE SAVING AWARD

Mike & Dorothy Mather

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATION

Sergeant Jeff Clarke
Sergeant Sean Dush
Deputy Scott Clarke
Deputy Doug Alward
Deputy Ryan Castelein
Steve Lehman
Larry St. George
C/O Chad Bashore

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Craig Thelen – MIS Director
Kathi Weigold – MIS
Jean Ruff
Rachel Sutliff
Nicki Zarzyski
Stephanie Dush
Andrea Cupples
Teri LaForest
Sue Kellogg - Civilian
Mr. Edward Lonier - Civilian

SAFE DRIVING

Sheriff Wayne Kangas

YEAR IN REVIEW

2008

- All Jail Housing Agreements with D.O.C., US Marshall and SST were maintained, additional housing agreements were with Kalamazoo and Isabella Counties maximized Jail Revenue.
- A new model was developed for the Cognitive Behavioral Program to allow greater flexibility in allowing inmates to participate and complete the class.
- The Community Corrections advising board was strengthen with the active involvement of Circuit Judge Lisa Sullivan and Judge Michele Rick.
- The computer Forensic Analysis Training has proven to be very effective in addressing Internet crime, additional training is scheduled for 2009.
- All Core Training issues were completed in 2008.
- The goal of training first responders in ICS 100 and 700 has been completed.
- Traffic Safety Enforcement resulted in the most effective Traffic Safety Program in the State of Michigan.

OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

2009 GOALS

- Acquire new palm print systems using Federal Grant to enable us to comply with new Federal requirements
- Maintain existing housing agreements and contracts for Clinton County Jail.
- Develop new procedures for the processing and retention of evidence.
- Review and renew our medical contract for Jail Health Services.
- Train all Officers in the New School Violence Response Plan.
- Maintain the high effectiveness and efficiency of our Traffic Safety Enforcement effort.
- Redefine/Restructure S.R.T. goals and responsibilities
- Work on developing procedures for paperless processing reports with Prosecutors Office.
- Continue to work towards increasing numbers of participants in the Cognitive Behavioral Class.
- Train Corrections Officers and Sergeants in the cognitive Behavioral Classes
- Expand programming for local inmates to include tutoring and other educational opportunities.
- Redefine/Restructure Emergency Management goals/objectives.

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 a 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, Courtney Smith-Atkins, Aaron Baker, Sandy Billingsley, Amanda Burkett, Nicki Dabney, Jackie DeSander, Peggy Haviland, Shelly Haviland, Sharon Huntley, Katy Johnson, Louella Kingsbury, Barb Kolp, Judy Minner, Shelly Redman, Mary Simison, Terry Simison, Edwin Snook, Ellen Snook, Peg Vining, Wendy Ward.

VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

TYPE OF INCIDENTS	2008
Homicide	0
Kidnapping Assault	0
Rape	0
Breaking and Entering	0
Suicide	6
Domestic	0
Fatal Accidents	3
Personal Injury Accidents	0
Death Notifications	10
House Fires	2
Hospital Calls	1
Court Appearance	0
Other Police Departments	1
Total callouts	23
Time spent on callouts	121

SHERIFF'S POSSE **(Mounted Division)**

The Mounted Division is a volunteer organization with prime responsibility to support Clinton Counties Law Enforcement effort through the Sheriff's Office. The role of the Mounted Division continues to evolve into a direct support function with the primary focus on supporting the Clinton County Emergency Management Plan, including Division completion of FEMA ICS 100 and 700 to meet the federal requirement for Federal grant money.

Annual goals for the Mounted Division focused upon training modules including Incident Command Systems, Department Use of Force Policy, Firearms Field Training and Qualification, Mounted Crowd Control and Field Training, CPR & First Aid Certification, Traffic Control Training, and Radio and Communications Training.

In 2008, 29 members of the Mounted Division were involved in 38 events. The Mounted Division volunteered over 3,775 hours of service working foot patrol, horse patrol, parades, training and administrative hours that included monthly meetings of the membership.



CLINTON SPECIAL RESCUE TEAM

The Clinton County Special Rescue Team (SRT) had a roster of 36 personnel for 2008.

The SRT responded to 3 call outs for the year:

- January – Underwater evidence recovery in Wacousta
- June – Assist CAFR with Urban Search and Rescue in response to a tornado.
- December – Assist in recovery of two vehicles in a drainage ditch in Fowler, MI

The SRT received a response vehicle from the Special Operations Team, which will be utilized for Underwater Rescue, and Recovery and Ice Rescue operations.

LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE:

The SAR unit held a drill at the Sleepy Hollow State Park. Land tracking techniques were used, as well as the GPS units. Lieutenant Lewis conducted a class on the proper equipment to be carried by personnel.

UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY UNIT:

The URRU acquired an additional underwater communications unit and a 500lb lift bag for underwater recovery. URRU personnel participated in underwater search and recovery training during the Sleepy Hollow exercise.

ICE RESCUE:

Commander Harman taught a re-certification class in 2008. Practical certification and re-certification training was held at the Howe Rd. gravel pit.

CONFINED SPACE RESCUE:

The SRT conducted a drill at the Michigan Milk Plant in Ovid. A safety consultant from Pittsburg, PA observed the drill. He was very impressed by the team.

GOALS FOR 2008 CLINTON COUNTY SPECIAL RESCUE TEAM

- Recruit additional personnel for the team
- Complete certification class for ice rescue
- Complete re-certification class for personnel trained in ice rescue
- Train SRT in damage assessment
- Mutual aid training with other underwater rescue/recovery teams
- Complete class in confined space rescue for untrained personnel
- Complete refresher class in confined space rescue
- Begin training with Capital-area Dive Team
- Organize hazardous materials personnel into a Decontamination Unit
- Train new personnel in land search and rescue techniques.
- Train in multiple disciplines with the Metro/Regional Response Team
- Begin training with Clinton County Mounted Division in Land Search techniques

CLINTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 2008

Clinton County has participated in Michigan's Community Corrections Act (*Public Act 511 of 1988*) since 1990. The key objective of this Act is to provide counties with funding and resources to reduce prison commitment rates of nonviolent felons, improve the functionality of local jails and to decrease recidivism among offenders.

The guiding principle of the program is to maintain public safety while providing offenders with rehabilitative opportunities. This is obtained by earned release, which is accomplished through participation in jail-based programs such as, community service work, Cognitive Behavioral classes, substance abuse treatment and residential substance abuse treatment.

Significant Highlights and Accomplishments of the Community Corrections Program for 2008:

- ❖ The State of Michigan funded the program with a little more than \$100,000.
- ❖ This funding supported programs such as: Case Management, Community Service Work, Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment, Cognitive Behavioral Classes and Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment.
- ❖ The Cognitive Behavioral Class curriculum was changed to the Thinking Matters curriculum to allow for more local inmates to participate and complete the class.
- ❖ A total of 178 local offenders participated in the Community Corrections Program.
- ❖ 1622 bed days were saved by offender participation in earn-release and/or alternative placement programming.
- ❖ From the saved bed days alone, the Community Corrections Program saved the county approximately \$57,000.
- ❖ Reducing the number of jail bed days served by local inmates made it possible to rent more jail beds to other counties and jurisdictions.
- ❖ The Community Service Work Program provided trustee labor to various governmental and non-profit agencies throughout the county.
- ❖ This year saw a more involved and stronger Community Corrections Advisory Board, which now includes Circuit, District, and Probate Court Judges, local Law Enforcements Representatives, County Officials, County Prosecutor, local attorneys and other members throughout the county.
- ❖ The continuing partnership between the Community Corrections/Sheriff's Office and Community Mental Health provided hundreds of hours of services and enhanced the delivery of professional mental health and substance abuse assessments and treatments to jail inmates.

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:** instructors within the Sheriff's Office cannot teach specialized training that. 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.

2008 CORE and Enhancement Training

PBT – Life Loc	Ethnics and Professionalism
FOIA Management	Taser
Precision Driving	CBRNE Defensive Opps
Mental Health	Mobil Field Force
Armorer's Course	Incident Response to bombings
Firearms Instructor Courses	
Accident Investigation	
Hostage Negotiations	
Interview Techniques	
Laser & Radar Operator	
Marine School	
Evidence Training	
Criminal Investigation	
Records Management - OSSI	
Control & Defensive Tactics	
Forensic Interview Techniques	
WMD Terrorism Awareness	
Radiological Nuclear Awareness	



**Clinton County Sheriff
Office of Emergency Management
2008 Annual Report**

In 2008, the Clinton County Office of Emergency Management remained tasked with administrating not only an effective local emergency management program, but also a regional homeland security grant. Clinton County currently participates on the Region 1 Homeland Security Planning Board, which oversees the expenditure of the Region 1 Homeland Security Grant.

The most important responsibility of this office consists of holding monthly EOC Staff meetings, where our Local Planning Team provides input regarding which programs are implemented, which equipment is purchased, what training is needed, and how many exercises we conduct. All in all, the Office of Emergency Management obtained over \$202,900.00 in grant monies in 2008 to accomplish these goals.

2008 Achievements:

- Administrated the prioritization of Clinton County's share of the regional SHSP grant in the amount of \$64,502.71
- Prioritized projects in the LETPP portion of the Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$43,455.43.
- Conducted National Incident Management System classes to Emergency First Responders, thereby maintaining Homeland Security Grant eligibility for numerous jurisdictions and departments throughout the county.
- Conducted a Full-Scale exercise (Airex-08) at the Capital City International Airport on June 8, 2008.
- Maintained the Regional Planner position in Clinton County with \$48,000 of regional funding. The regional monies were fronted by Clinton County.
- Ensured the new Special Operations Team response vehicle was put into service.
- Purchased (locally) a generator for the fuel depot to supply fuel to emergency vehicles in the event of a power outage.
- Participated in the Strategic National Stockpile Drill in Ithaca to test local capabilities and State procedures in distributing supplies from a regional "node."
- Updated 4 sections of the County Emergency Action Guidelines to reflect current capabilities.
- Continued efforts to address the sustainability of Clinton County's Homeland Security equipment.
- Remained a part of the www.Do1thing.us oversight committee, and continued with local emergency preparedness activities.
- Tested the newly developed Standard Operating Procedures for both the activation of the EOC, and the EOC support staff.

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 CCW permits, 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

Purchase Permits	2008	Revenue
Explosive Permits	1	
Individual Handgun Permits	1,405	
Dealer Permits	144	
Handgun Registrations		
Individual Registrations	1,262	
Dealer Registrations	151	
Other Services		
CCW & Employment Fingerprinting	786	\$11,790
Notary Service Requests	446	\$1,338
Police Report Requests	1,331	\$6,654
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	40	
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	2,001	
Subpoenas Processed	1,402	
Sheriff Sales (mortgage)	235	\$16,750
Personal Protection Orders	102	

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 2008 there were 6,712 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 1,220 Complaints
- 631 Lost & Found Animals
- 96 Animal bites investigated
- 86 Citations (dog running at large or unlicensed dogs)
- 38 Kennels inspected and licensed

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$126,850 Dog License fees
- \$2,040 Kennel License fees
- \$7,124 Other Fees
- 632 Animals picked up

UNIFORM DIVISION

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

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

The deputy's continue to function as one of the most effective traffic enforcement units within the State of Michigan. During the past year, deputy's issued 14,102 traffic citations. This is the most ever issued by the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. They also arrested 244 drunk drivers, issued 660 seat belt violations and 122 subjects were arrested for possessing and selling narcotics. The Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team investigated 15 crashes, 9 fatal, 6 serious injuries and assisted 2 other agencies. The Clinton County Sheriff road patrol ranks in the top five for all Sheriff's Department on a consistent basis over the past several years. Six of the past nine years one of our officers was recognized as the top O.U.I.L. Enforcement Officer for Sheriff's Offices statewide.

Every Deputy has been trained in basic traffic accident investigation and we have three 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 Tech, Hostage Negotiators, Firearms Instructors, Laser Instructors, Defensive Tactics Instructors, PBT Instructors, CPR, A.E.D. Instructors, Taser, Pepperball 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		
	2007	2008
CSC	17	19
Robbery	1	2
Felonious Assault	9	21
A & B	97	89
Stalking	8	8
Arson	4	4
B & E – Forced Entry	52	68
B & E – Entry without Force	32	31
B & E – Entry without Authority	3	5
Homicide	1	2
Kidnapping	0	0
Larceny from building	13	20
Larceny from coin machine	2	2
Larceny from vehicle	41	47
Larceny of motor vehicle parts	5	12
Larceny – all other	61	74
Motor vehicle theft	22	21
Fraudulent activities/NSF	93	62
M.D.O.P.	94	85
Retail Fraud	8	55
VCSA	162	122
OUIL	236	244
Accident Reports	1,731	1,750
All Others (warrants, traffic offenses, liquor violations, etc.)	1,610	1,709
TOTAL	4,304	4,452
UNIFORM DIVISION STATS		
• Calls for service	12,616	13,131
• Self Initiated Calls	19,000	20,028
• Total Calls Responded to	31,616	33,160
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,792	3,724
Traffic Crashes		
• Car/Deer	957	956
• Property Damage	595	643
• Personal Injury	173	145
• Fatal	6	6
Total Accidents	1,731	1,750

DETECTIVE DIVISION

CASES OF NOTE FOR 2008:

- The Detective Bureau investigated a series of business break and entering throughout Clinton County, where the perpetrators were cutting power and phone lines to the businesses disabling security, and video surveillance systems. Working with Detectives from multiple State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Mid-Michigan, Clinton County Detectives with the assistance of hidden surveillance cameras and search warrants for cell phone records were able to assist in identifying four subjects that are currently charged in Mecosta County. These charges are attempted murder, including prosecution for multiple business breaking and entering in numerous jurisdictions, resulting in organized crime involving criminal enterprise charges.
- The Detective Bureau conducted a month long investigation using hidden surveillance cameras, and GPS surveillance equipment. The detectives were able to follow and apprehended two subjects at a residence in the City of Lansing, who were in the process of cutting up stolen copper wire and were responsible for numerous larcenies of scrap metal totaling over \$25,000.00 at a Watertown Township business.
- Detectives conducted a surveillance at one of the Park and Ride lots on the US 127 corridor in Clinton County that had been experiencing numerous Larcenies from vehicles, including the cutting off and stealing of catalytic converters, a stop on a suspicious vehicle lead to the arrests of several subjects out of Whitmore Lake Michigan who had a vehicle equipped with electric saws, power jacks and other tools needed to remove catalytic converters from vehicles. They also had several cut off catalytic converters in their possession that were identified as coming from vehicles in three other counties, and are suspect in numerous more catalytic converter larcenies from Detroit to St Johns.
- Detectives investigated an Attempted Murder/ Stabbing complaint at the St Johns VFW Hall. Four subjects were arrested who were all identified as Illegal Immigrants. One of the four subjects a 21-year-old male from Mexico was charged with Attempted Murder. The office of US Immigration and Customs deported the other three male subjects back to Mexico.
- The Detective Bureau was requested by the Chief of Police in the City of Dewitt to lead the investigation of a 46-year-old Florida man who shot at his estranged wife, a Dewitt City Police Officer, and also shot a Dewitt Township Police Officer. The Officers while defending themselves and the subjects estranged wife shot and killed the subject. The investigation was presented to the Clinton County Prosecutor and was ruled a Justifiable Homicide.

- Detectives from Clinton County Sheriff's Office conducted a joint prostitution sting in which several prostitutes were arrested after posting advertisements on Craig's List for their services. This entailed research, coordination, execution and follow-up of the operation, which was headed by the Detective Bureau. It culminated in the pleading guilty by all of the persons arrested.
- Internet Child Predators have been increasingly targeted for investigation. Multiple arrests have been made after perpetrators have come to various locations to have sexual relationships with minor children. The Detective Bureau has used under-cover officers and Internet chat rooms to apprehend these offenders. Multiple search warrants have been executed and computer equipment has been seized and forfeited to help fund the operations.
- The use of computer forensics has also become a focus in the Detective Bureau. Prior to having the capability to do forensics in-house the wait period for a computer to be returned from evaluation was measured in years. The turn around time is now measured in days and the Sheriff's Office has aided and supported the other Police Agencies in the county with their caseloads. This has greatly decreased the waiting period for those county victims seeking resolution of their cases.

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, trailers, 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.

- During the past year, 196 students were trained and certified in Boat Safety.
- One livery was inspected along with 26 boats.



JAIL DIVISION

- During 2008 the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 3,147 individuals. Of that number 2,681 were male and 466 were females
- The average daily count for the year was 80 locals and 99 boarders for a total of 179 averages per day.
- The kitchen staff prepared a total of 201,810 meals with an average cost of \$1.01 per meal. This is because the cost of food has increased approximately 10% during 2008.
- The kitchen/laundry did over 18,000 loads of inmate laundry, 54,750 racks of food trays and dishes.
- The county jail continues to provide inmate programs to include religion, substance abuse, anger management, recreation and parenting classes. The jail has been able to maintain the same level of Mental Health Services through Community Mental Health.
- For the 6^h year in a row the county jail has a 100% compliance inspection from both the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.



2008 JAIL REVENUE	
Out County Inmate Housing	\$1,360,185.28
Mid-Michigan Credit Bureau – Housing and Medical	\$56,615.92
Work Release	\$10,835.00
Inmate Phone System	\$68,554.51
Housing and medical collected at the jail	\$21,602.02
Transport to prison	\$1,051.29
Bonding Fee	\$3,610.00
Booking Fee	\$14,260.00
Total	\$1,536,714.02