

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2009



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FOREWORD

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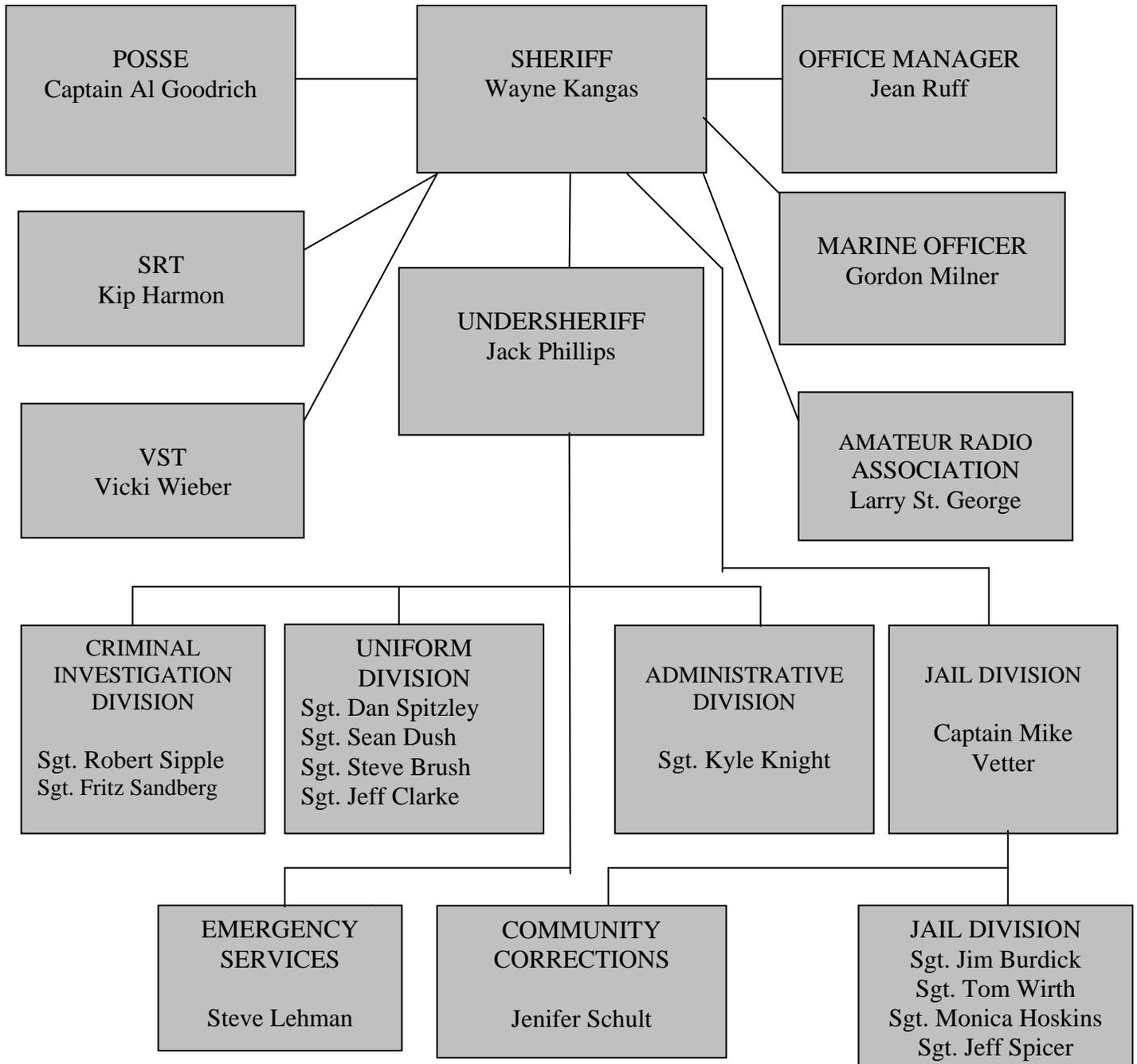
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OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

2009



Clinton County Sheriff's Office

2009 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 Sergeant Jeff Clarke.

2009 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Sergeant Jeff Clarke

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Officer Rebecca Thoma
Heather Barrett-Southwell – Civilian
Halie Platte – Civilian
Kevin Auten - Civilian

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATION

C/O Chris Domeyer – C/O of the Year
Deputy Scott Clarke
Sergeant Jeff Clarke
Sergeant Sean Dush
Deputy John Vance
Captain Al Goodrich

SAFE DRIVING

Deputy Kyle Foerster
Deputy Tracy Barber
Deputy John Vance
Sergeant Bob Sipple
Deputy Mark Vermillion
Deputy Eric Thompson

CITIZEN LIFE SAVING AWARD

Michael Jackson

YEAR IN REVIEW

2009

- 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.

OFFICE OF CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

2010 GOALS

- Maintain high level of efficiency and effectiveness of our Traffic Safety Enforcement effort.
- Maintain existing housing contract for the Clinton County Jail and explore new housing agreements.
- Develop new protocols and procedures with Clinton County Schools to assure we continue to improve our Emergency Response Plans with our School Safety Alliance Partners.
- Expand our Crime Prevention watch group to represent and increase participation in all Townships in Clinton County.

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 Sgt. Kyle Knight 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, Courtney Smith-Atkins, Aaron Baker, Sandy Billingsley, Amanda Burkett, Nicki Dabney, Peggy Haviland, Shelly Haviland, Katy Johnson, Louella Kingsbury, Barb Kolp, Judy Minner, Shelly Redman, Mary Simison, Terry Simison, Edwin Snook, Ellen Snook, Peg Vining, Wendy Ward and Mary Binchmeier.

VICTIM SUPPORT TEAM ACTIVITY SUMMARY

TYPE OF INCIDENTS	2009
Homicide	0
Kidnapping Assault	0
Rape	0
Breaking and Entering	0
Suicide	1
Domestic	0
Fatal Accidents	3
Personal Injury Accidents	0
Death Notifications	8
House Fires	0
Hospital Calls	0
Court Appearance	0
Other Police Departments	0
Total callouts	12
Time spent on callouts	109 hrs

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, pursuant to federal grant fund stipulations.

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

In 2009, 32 members of the Mounted Division were involved in 117 workday functions and training events. Last year, the Mounted Division donated more than 3,500 hours of service and training to the County. Volunteer Services included foot patrol, horse patrol, parades, training, administrative hours and monthly general/board meetings. Additionally, in 2009 the Mounted Division donated several thousand dollars to local charities.





Clinton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps 2009 Annual Report

In 2009 The Clinton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) logged over 250 hours of volunteer service providing emergency communications preparation and service to the citizens of Clinton County.

The Clinton County ARPSC continued its partnership with the Lansing Area SKYWARN network to provide mutual severe weather spotting in the Clinton and Ingham County area. Fortunately, 2009 was a quiet year for severe weather. The Clinton County ARPSC activated only four times in 2009 for severe weather events.

In March of 2009, the Clinton County ARPSC hosted the annual SKYWARN severe weather spotting training class; a National Weather Service meteorologist teaches this class. Amateur radio operators, as well as firefighters and other first responders were in attendance to learn how to identify and properly report severe weather.

In the fall of 2009, the Clinton County ARPSC activated the D-Star digital radio repeater. This equipment was part of a regional homeland security project to provide redundant digital communications links between Emergency Operations Centers in the region.

For 2010, the Clinton County ARPSC's objectives are to formalize a regular training 'net' each week to sharpen their communications skills, continue to improve emergency communications capability by using new technologies, and maintain our partnerships with area emergency communications groups.

CLINTON COUNTY SPECIAL RESCUE TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The CCSRT had a roster of 36 personnel for 2009.

Captain Pat Zeeb announced his retirement from the team. Pat Zeeb will stay on as a consultant with no command responsibilities.

Vacancies were filled in the following command positions:

Captain: Tom Lewis
Lieutenant: Larry St.George
Lieutenant: Tom Hovey
Sergeant: Ryan Acre

The SRT responded to 3 call outs for 2009

The recovery of a stolen vehicle in Keyes Gravel Pit, Round Lake and Krepps Road, the subject that located the vehicle is an MSP Trooper assigned to the Underwater Recovery Unit. He realized it was in Clinton County and had knowledge of the SRT and contacted Cmdr Harman. A joint team recovery was implemented. Vehicle was floated by using air bags and then towed to the shore by a wrecker. Vehicle was turned over to DeWitt Twp Police for further investigation.

Missing 18-month-old child from a residence with water on the property. The child was located inside the residence in a closet.

A boat adrift in middle of Alward Lake was recovered and an investigation of the area determined that he boat was from the rental livery and was not tied up properly.

LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE:

Capt Lewis attended an instructor course through the National SAR organization. He conducted several courses for the SRT, along with a basic course for the Mounted Division. A practical exercise was conducted at the Sleepy Hollow State Park with SRT and Mounted Division. Personnel will attend a class on SAR management in the spring of 2010.

UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY UNIT:

With the retirement of Captain Zeeb to be at the end of 2009, Cmdr Harman began research of a possible merger of the URRU into the Capital Area Dive Team. This team has personnel from the Lansing PD, Ingham and Eaton Counties. After approximately a year of work through all entities the merger was completed. The criteria for the Capital Area Team was full time law enforcement personnel only, this limited Clinton County's personnel to Cmdr Harman. Openings and testing will be made for 2010.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

A third wireless communication unit was purchased along with a surface station. A river search system was assembled. This system consists of a wire rope along with fiber ropes that allows a diver to be pulled from side to side by surface personnel paying out line on each pass. This allows for a very precise search. 4) J-Hooks and chains for vehicle or large object recovery.

ICE RESCUE:

Cmdr Harman conducted a class for new personnel, as well as an update for current personnel.

CONFINED SPACE:

Captain Lewis conducted a class for new personnel along with update for current personnel. The team conducted training scenario at the Michigan Milk Producers complex in Ovid. The MMPA had their safety consultant come in from Pittsburg, Pa for the exercise. The consultant was very pleased with the SRT performance.

EQUIPMENT:

The 1985 Suburban SRT1 was retired and sold. Equipment was divided to SRT 3 and the main station. CAFR put a Blazer at station 4; equipment from SRT 3 was placed in that vehicle for coverage on the east side of the county. SRT1 was retired and a new 28' trailer was built for use as a command post. SRT personnel were chosen to deliver and operate the CP1 on call outs. The SRT has decided that the venture into Haz-Mat technician response is not viable. The equipment that is not out of date may be reassigned to another Region 1 team. The semi tractor-trailer will not be needed in the future. Research has begun for a replacement vehicle that is more suitable for the team's needs.

PERSONNEL:

As with any volunteer unit, the personnel turn over is ever present. The team lost 4 people due to employment conflicts. Cmdr Harman has received 5 applications for new personnel for spring of 2010.

CLINTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 2009

Clinton County has participated in Michigan's Community Corrections Act (*Public Act 511 of 1988*) since 1990. The goal of this Act is to supply counties with funding and resources to decrease the prison commitment rates of felons, improve local jail utilization, and reduce the number of repeat offenders. The chief objective of the local program is to preserve public safety while providing offenders with rehabilitative opportunities through participation in jail-based programs and the potential to earn days off of their sentence.

Significant Accomplishments of the Community Corrections Program for 2009:

- ❖ Reducing the number of jail bed days served by local inmates made it possible to rent out an additional 300 jail bed days to other counties and jurisdictions.
- ❖ An entire grant rewrite was submitted into the State Office of Community Corrections to make Clinton County's program more efficient and in line with the State's goals and standards.
- ❖ The Community Service Work Program provided trustee labor to various governmental and non-profit agencies throughout the county, including the County's clean-up days.
- ❖ The State of Michigan funded the program with close to \$80,000.
- ❖ This funding supported programs such as: Case Management, Community Service Work, Screening and Assessment, Cognitive Behavioral Classes, Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment, and Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment.
- ❖ 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.

2009 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
2009 Annual Report**

The Clinton County Office of Emergency Management led several important projects in 2009.

Effective incident management continues to be a high priority for Clinton County. Clinton County continues to be a leader in Incident Command System (ICS) training. Nearly all of the responders in Clinton County have received the federally mandated NIMS training. This capacity was enhanced in 2010 through the acquisition of a new 28' Mobile Incident Command Post. This vehicle provides a climate-controlled shelter to conduct incident command and hostage negotiation operations. The vehicle is equipped with audio-visual and communications equipment necessary to conduct prolonged responses and maintain situational awareness. Because this vehicle was designed and built in Clinton County, we were able to keep grant dollars in Clinton County and realize a significant cost savings over a specialty vehicle produced elsewhere.

Clinton County Emergency Management utilized homeland security grant funds to build capability in terrorism and crime prevention through the acquisition of explosives detection K-9, computer forensics training and covert audio surveillance equipment. Homeland security funds were also utilized to sustain emergency communications capability by upgrading the county amateur radio repeater system and upgrading hand-held public safety radios.

Clinton County Emergency Management also continued its involvement with the www.Do1Thing.us community preparedness campaign by holding the chair and vice-chair positions. The www.Do1Thing.us campaign has expanded its reach in 2009 through Internet marketing, television, radio, and billboard advertising.

Homeland Security grants continues to be distributed regionally. The Emergency Management office continues to represent Clinton County's interests by actively participating with the Region 1 Homeland Security Planning Board.

In 2010, the Clinton County Office of Emergency Management's objectives are to continue sustaining current emergency management capabilities by replacing and upgrading equipment as needed, providing training opportunities, conducting exercises, and participating with our local and regional partners in their exercise programs. The County Emergency Action Guidelines (EAG) will also be revised to meet 2010 State of Michigan and NIMS requirements.

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	2009	Revenue
Explosive Permits	0	
Individual Handgun Permits	1,617	
Dealer Permits	77	
Handgun Registrations		
Individual Registrations	1,489	
Dealer Registrations	85	
Other Services		
CCW & Employment Fingerprinting	921	\$13,815
Notary Service Requests	482	\$1,446
Police Report Requests	1,167	\$5,835
Abandoned Vehicles Processed	26	
Individuals Screened for Entry into Jail	1,823	
Subpoenas Processed	1,385	
Sheriff Sales (mortgage)	280	\$14,000
Personal Protection Orders	119	

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 2009 there were 6,129 dog licenses sold in Clinton County.

- 1,237 Complaints
- 542 Lost & Found Animals
- 112 Animal bites investigated
- 88 Citations (dog running at large or unlicensed dogs)
- 37 Kennels inspected and licensed

Listed below is the revenue for Animal Control:

- \$120,630 Dog License fees
- \$1,920 Kennel License fees
- \$5,212 Other Fees
- 706 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 12,880 traffic citations. They also arrested 192 drunk drivers, issued 740 seat belt violations and 107 subjects were arrested for possessing and selling narcotics. The Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team investigates 5 crashes, 4 fatal, 1 serious injury and assisted 1 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. Seven of the past ten 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		
		2009
CSC		10
Robbery		1
Assault/Stalking		22
Domestic Assault		89
Arson		1
Breaking and Entering		53
Homicide		1
Kidnapping		0
Larceny		112
Stolen Vehicles		15
Fraud/NSF		40
Retail Fraud		17
Malicious Destruction of Property		64
OWI		192
VCSA		107
Accident Reports		1,693
All Others (warrants, driving offenses, liquor violations, etc.)		1,235
	TOTAL	3,652
UNIFORM DIVISION STATS		
	2008	2009
• Calls for service	13,131	12,189
• Self Initiated Calls	20,028	19,480
• Total Calls Responded to	33,160	31,672
• Written Reports generated by responses	3,724	3,423
Traffic Crashes		
	2008	2009
• Car/Deer	956	1,058
• Property Damage	643	504
• Personal Injury	145	127
• Fatal	6	4
	Total Accidents	1,750
		1,693

***This data was gathered from the first complete year of OSSI**

DETECTIVE DIVISION

CASES OF NOTE FOR 2009:

- The Detective Bureau investigated the suspicious death of a 27-year-old Zimbabwean man living in the United States on an expired student visa, who was found partially submerged in the Grand River, in Eagle Township of Clinton County. After conducting numerous interviews with the victim's family, friends, and acquaintances along with searches of several residences and vehicles this case remains open and suspicious as to the cause and manner of Death that remains undetermined.
- Detectives investigated the overdose death of a 24-year old St. John's man who was found deceased in his residence in Bingham Township of Clinton County from an overdose of Heroin. A 22-year old St Johns man was subsequently arrested for Delivery of controlled substances causing Death, and was convicted of Assault/Bodily Harm less than Murder.
- The Detective Bureau investigated numerous complaints received from the Clinton County Department of Human Services (Child Protective Services Division) including a case involving a 1-year-old Maple Rapids child with numerous old and new fracture injuries. Detectives arrested a 23-year-old Maple Rapids man who was convicted of Aggravated/Felonious Assault causing great bodily harm.
- The Detective Bureau investigated numerous complaints involving Breaking and Entering into pole barns and garages on the west side of Clinton County, primarily in Eagle and Westphalia Townships. Two subjects out of Eaton County were arrested and are responsible for: Twelve separate Breaking and Entering in Clinton County, and numerous others in Eaton and Ionia Counties.
- The Detective Bureau worked with Road Patrol Deputies on an investigation that culminated in the arrest of several subjects for possession of Methamphetamine. This led to search warrants being conducted at residence in Clinton and Ionia Counties, leading to more arrest and the confiscation of components for operating Methamphetamine Labs. In all 40 people were identified as being part of an organization that produced and sold Methamphetamine.

Multiple Cyber Crime cases were investigated during the year, which included:

- Soliciting minors to perform sexual acts. Several offenders were incarcerated for up to 8 months. In addition, cases were referred to other Counties where offenders had done the same type of act, although they were prosecuted within those jurisdictions. Incarceration for these individuals ranged from 6 months to 10 years.
- A case of production of child pornography was referred to Las Vegas Metro Police Department. This case involved undercover chatting and telephone conversations by a female officer with the offender. This case was ultimately referred to that agency and revealed a nation-wide child pornography distribution and manufacture network.

- The Detective Bureau also assisted multiple other agencies, both within and outside of the County. These cases ranged from Fraud, Drug Manufacture, Child Pornography, Child Rape and Homicide.

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, 225 students were trained and certified in Boat Safety.
- One livery was inspected along with 26 boats.



JAIL DIVISION

- During 2009 the Clinton County Jail booked in a total of 3,044 individuals. Of that number 2,434 were male and 610 were females

- The average daily count for the year was 97 locals and 84 boarders for a total of 182 averages per day.
- The kitchen staff prepared a total of 206,000 meals with an average cost of \$1.04 per meal.
- 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 9^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.

2009 JAIL REVENUE	
Out County Inmate Housing	\$1,153,899.50
Mid-Michigan Credit Bureau – Housing and Medical	\$45,376.54
Work Release	\$18,770.00
Inmate Phone System	\$57,132.62
Housing and medical collected at the jail	\$25,628.68
Transport to prison	\$1,411.95
Bonding Fee	\$2,590.00
Booking Fee	\$18,360.00
Total	\$1,323,169.29