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REPORT

ANOKA COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF JAMES STUART

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HISTORY OF THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

The Office of Sheriff was established over thirteen hundred years ago when the Anglo-Saxons first inhabited present-day England. They set up systems of local self-government and appointed chiefs to lead them. These chiefs were known as "Shire-Reeves" or what are now known as "Sheriffs."

Throughout the centuries, the Office of Sheriff adapted to changes in society. Modern sheriffs must also adapt to meet the needs of their constituents. However, the Sheriff's ultimate duty has remained constant – "*Keeper of the County*".

On June 30, 1857, J.C. Frost was appointed as the first Anoka County Sheriff by the County Board of Commissioners. He served one year. He was defeated in 1858 by Thomas Henderson. Thus began a succession of elected Sheriffs over the next 150 years. They are as follows:

1857 to 1858 J.C. Frost - appointed

Elected

1858 to 1862 Thomas Henderson

1862 to 1864 W.G. Randolph

1864 to 1868 Thomas Henderson

1868 to 1872 James Frost

1872 to 1874 M.V. Bean

1874 to 1884 James Frost

1884 to 1892 Chares W. Lenfist

1892 to 1898 John Tierney

1898 to 1900 George W. Merill

1900 to 1902 John Tierney

1902 to 1909 John Palmer

1909 to 1914 John Casey

1914 to 1930 U.S. "Red" Pratt

1930 to 1946 O.M. "Oscar" Olson

1946 to 1960 L.A. "Mike" Auspos

1960 to 1987 Ralph "Buster" Talbot

1987 to 1995 Ken Wilkinson

1995 to 2002 Larry Podany

2002 to 2011 Bruce Andersohn

2011-present James Stuart

Since 1857, Anoka County has grown considerably with over 352,000 residents today. The once rural county is part of the seven-county Metropolitan area and is comprised of 21 cities and townships, covering 440 square miles.

A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF STUART

MISSION STATEMENT

“To protect and serve
the community in a manner
that preserves the public trust.”

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report for the Anoka County Sheriff's Office!

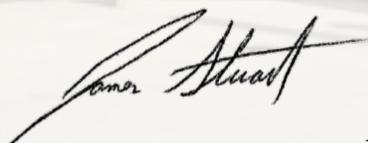
As an office, we provide this document to allow our community partners the opportunity to see what *your* sheriff's office has accomplished over the past year. Our office has six divisions with numerous specialty units within each division. Every division serves *all* of Anoka County, and beyond. As you read through the materials, I hope that it gives you a feel for the committed hearts of service within our team members. Chief Deputy Kevin Halweg and I continue to be proud of all our team members who routinely pursue excellence and put service to others above self. We hope that you also feel proud of your sheriff's office team as we come together to serve you, and our community.

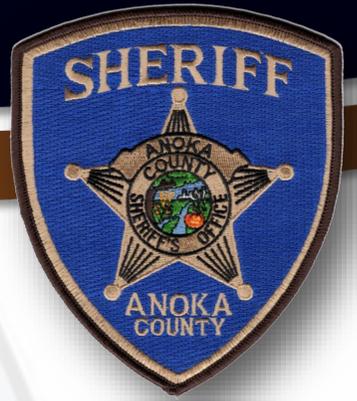
This report also allows you to see the many different “Hats” that our team members wear as they perform their public safety duties in service to you. It outlines some of our recent operational and staff initiatives, our many community outreach efforts, and a sampling of the unique ways in which we strive to create positive impacts in our region.

Those impacts cannot happen without strong relationships. I greatly appreciate the many ongoing community partnerships throughout the region that allows us all to work together to make positive impacts in our community. As your sheriff's office, we will continue to proudly seek to *exceed* your expectations as we honor our mission statement: “*To protect & serve the community in a manner that preserves the public trust.*” To us, these are not just words, but a solemn promise to you.

It remains our goal to creatively provide superior public safety services that enhance the lives of our community members. I am hopeful that this report provides a brief glimpse into those services.

Please enjoy the report and thank you for your support and partnership!





FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Sheriff
James
Stuart

**Sheriff's
Secretary**
Kelly Haigh



Chief
Deputy
Kevin
Halweg

Resource Manager
Jayne Faust
Employee Relations/
Financial Management



JAIL DIVISION
Commander Dave Pacholl

Lieutenant
Sheila Larson
Dave Tedrow

Inmate Management
Public Fingerprinting
Booking Facility
Video Imaging
Inmate Programming
Inmate Medical Services
Warrant Entry/
Verification
Records Management



PATROL DIVISION
Commander Paul Lenzmeier

Lieutenant
Derek Schuld

Patrol & Police Services
Local Investigations
Crime Prevention &
Safety
School Resource Officers
Community Service Officers
Recreational Enforcement
K-9 Unit
SWAT Team
Marine Unit
UAS

Volunteer Services
Reserve Unit
Patrol Services
Recreational Enforcement
Special Events
Chaplains
Explorers



**ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION**
Commander Wayne Heath

Lieutenant
Andy Knotz

Information Management
Computer Systems
Fleet Management
Public Information
Emergency Management
Critical Incident Review
Risk Management
Policies & Procedures
Contracts/Grants
Gun Permits
Background Investigations
Internal Affairs
Training
Range



**JUSTICE SERVICES
DIVISION**
Commander Shelly Orlando

Lieutenant
Ron Bouley

Civil Process Unit
Court Security Unit
Prisoner/Transport Unit
Warrant Apprehension
Records Management



**CID DIVISION
CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIONS**
Commander Bryon Fuerst

Lieutenant
Brent Erickson
Dan Douglas

Investigative Services:
Homicide/Death
Sexual Assault
Child Pornography
Child Abuse
Human Trafficking
Arson
Hazardous Waste
Computer Forensics
Cell Phone/PDA Forensics
Video Forensics
Polygraph Services
Victim Services
Fraud Unit
Drug Task Force
Crime Scene Unit



**MIDWEST REGIONAL
FORENSIC LAB**
Director Scott Ford

Q.A. Manager
Shawn Gallagher

Quality Assurance
Latent Prints
Drug Chemistry
Alcohol Testing
Evidence Intake

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office provides overall support services for all Sheriff's Office divisions and members. It consists of six full-time licensed staff, nine full-time and nine part-time civilian employees.

Budget and Finance

Although the Administration Division's budget accounts for only approximately 10% of the overall Sheriff's Office budget, it is responsible for the oversight of the entire Sheriff's Office budget. The overall budget encompasses all divisions, services, staffing, and several different physical facilities. The 2019 Sheriff's Office budgeted revenues were \$9,886,621 with budgeted operating expenses of \$36,541,065. The actual revenues were \$10,321,788 with actual operating expenditures of \$34,771,583 resulting in a Net County Share of \$24,449,795. The Sheriff's Office Resource Manager and Accountant take a major role in budget and finance oversight for the entire office.

Human Resources/Labor Relations and Payroll

The Administration Division is responsible for Human Resource Management. The Resource Manager oversees these functions and is responsible for the recruitment, testing, selection, and retention of all Sheriff's Office personnel, as well as all labor relations and payroll functions. 2019 continued to be a busy year for recruitment and selections. Each year there are a variety of vacant positions requiring different and diverse qualifications of applicants. Filling these openings with qualified candidates can be challenging. The following positions were processed and filled in 2019: 15 detention deputies; 2 deputies; 3 detectives, 1 record technician; 6 community service officers; 1 court security officer; 1 background

investigator, 2 forensic scientists, 2 property room technicians. There were also 14 internal position transfers and promotions in 2019.

Background Investigations

Background investigations are conducted for a variety of purposes, but primarily for employment. The investigations are done to ensure that the people hired are qualified, have appropriate education/training, have no history that would disqualify them from employment in a position of trust, and bring a strong work history to their employment at the office. In addition to employment backgrounds, the division also does background investigations for those municipalities that contract with the office for law enforcement services. These background investigations range from basic employment backgrounds to investigations for liquor license applications. In 2019, a total of 280 background investigations were completed.



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Operating Budget

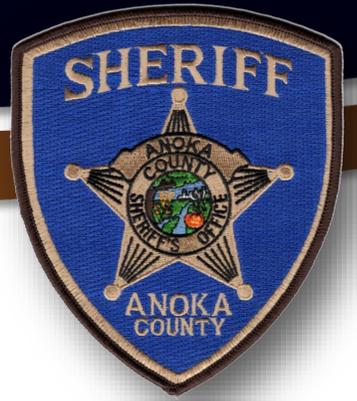
300+
Full and Part Time
Employees

47
New hires

280
Employment
background
investigations

3,861
Permits to carry

795
Permits to purchase



Training

The Training Unit is responsible for ensuring that all civilian and sworn staff have the training needed to perform their jobs. In 2019, the division coordinated, hosted, or sent staff to more than 4,115 hours of training. The coursework can vary from use of force, firearms, and report writing to very advanced forensic interviewing, specialty driving, and leadership coursework. The office is also a host training site that partners with training vendors from throughout the nation to provide training to law enforcement from around the region.

Information Technology

Technology continues to play a larger role in the daily operations of the office. Technology includes personal computers and squad laptop computers, body worn camera systems, in-squad camera systems, complex scientific instruments, complex video and audio recording systems, and many software applications that assist our staff in performing their jobs. The division acts as the liaison between the office and Anoka County Information Technology and ensures that our staff have the technology available to them necessary to accomplish their duties.

Firearm Permits

The Gun Permit Unit issues and maintains firearm permits for the purchase and carrying of weapons pursuant to state and federal statutes. All firearms permit applicants must pass a comprehensive background check. In 2019, the office issued 3,861 permits to carry and 795 permits to purchase a firearm.

Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for the maintenance, development, and implementation of policies for the office. It is also responsible for the investigation into allegations of wrongdoing made against employees. The division strives to maintain the Sheriff's Office core values of Honor, Sacrifice and Pride as well as the mission statement of the office, "To Protect and Serve the Community in a Manner that Preserves the Public Trust."

Public Information

The Public Information Unit acts as the public information conduit of the office. The division has a Public Information Officer (PIO) who acts as a spokesperson for the office. The PIO handles communication with the media or other parties seeking information about the office, its functions or major incidents handled by the office. The division also ensures that information released pursuant to requests for government data, is done in compliance with state statute. The Office's presence on social media platforms, used to engage with the communities we serve, is also handled by staff of the division.

Firearms Range

The office also has a firearms training range that is overseen and operated by staff of the division. The range is used by members of the office who are authorized by license and by law to carry firearms. Range training uses include proficiency qualifications and training to enhance the skills of our armed/licensed staff. When not in use by the members of the office, the range is rented out to other governmental law enforcement agencies for use by their staff. Two range masters maintain the facility and oversee the safety of training being held at the range.

In addition to the firearms range, we also house and use a MILO Firearms Training Simulator for the training of licensed peace officers.



MIDWEST REGIONAL FORENSIC LAB

The Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory (MRFL), is a Sheriff's Office partnership between Anoka, Sherburne and Wright counties and is located at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office in Andover. The laboratory is comprised of four scientific areas of testing, Biology, Drug Chemistry, Toxicology, and Latent Prints. Additionally, the laboratory has property intake staff to manage the intake, return, and movement of evidence throughout the laboratory.

In 2019, the Regional Forensic Lab took in a total of 2,305 new cases resulting in 3,459 requests for service. The Drug Chemistry Section of the laboratory experienced the largest increase in requests for service in 2019; increasing just over 3% over 2018 requests for service. The Biology Section of the laboratory experienced a decrease of just under 20% in the number of requests for service compared to 2018. Both the Latent Prints Section and the Toxicology Section experienced a decrease in requests for service by about 15% compared to 2018.

2,305
New Cases

3,459
Requests for Service

The Regional Forensic Lab had many success stories in 2019. The laboratory applied for and received two federal grants from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

- The DNA Backlog Grant in the amount of \$145,244 to purchase an additional liquid handling robot in the Biology Section of the Laboratory.
- The Coverdell Grant in the amount of \$25,801 to help cover the costs to remodel expansion laboratory space for the Drug Chemistry Section of the Laboratory.

In September, the laboratory held its fifth annual Forensic Science Week celebration in which all of our partner agencies law enforcement personnel, county attorneys' offices, defense attorneys, public defenders, and judges were invited to spend a day with our scientists for section specific presentations and hands on demonstrations within each section of the laboratory.

REQUEST FOR SERVICE BY AREAS OF TESTING

Areas of Testing	% of Requests	# of Requests
Biology	41%	1420
Drug Chemistry	47%	1618
Latent Prints	8%	291
Toxicology	4%	130
TOTAL	100%	3,459

Biology

Using the 2018 DNA Backlog Grant, a new Forensic Scientist position was filled in early June. In 2019 she was trained in serology and was able to help decrease the number of backlog serology cases and we plan to train her in DNA analysis in 2020.

Additionally; with the grant funds received from the 2018 Forensic DNA Laboratory Efficiency Improvement and Capacity Enhancement Program, Promega representatives were hired to help in Validations.

Validations are a process that tests the procedures and the capabilities of the kits and instruments used in forensic DNA casework to ensure that they meet certain scientific criteria. We validated a Y-screen procedure for use in serology to reduce the amount of manual microscopic sperm examinations by scientists. Manual microscopic sperm examinations are time consuming, so implementing the Y-screen procedure will help the laboratory process Criminal Sexual Conduct cases more efficiently; however, it will not be implemented in casework in 2020 due to us not having enough trained DNA scientists. The Biology Section also validated two new QuantStudio 5 Real-Time PCR instruments along with a quantitation kit called PowerQuant. The kit replaces our current quantitation kit called Plexor HY and the QuantStudios replace our current 7500 Real-Time PCR System. The QuantStudios and the PowerQuant kit will be implemented in casework in the first half of 2020.





DNA

CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) is the National DNA database maintained by the FBI and is a computer software tool that laboratories can use to store and routinely search DNA profiles. An Offender Hit or Arrestee Hit is generated when a Forensic profile (a DNA profile from an evidentiary cases match one another, a Case-to-Case Hit is generated. Following is a breakdown of hits obtained by the Biology Section for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

CODIS HITS			
Hit Type	2017	2018	2019
Case-to-Case	82	144	138
Offender	68	88	56
Arrestee	0	2 (WI & SD)	2 (ND & IN)

Drug Chemistry

The section has reduced the turn around time by 37 days over the course of 2019.

There has been a large increase in the submission of e-cigarettes/vape pens. The majority contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), however, some of them have also contained nicotine, and one that even contained methamphetamine.

A case of suspected marijuana was submitted that the owner claimed was hemp that he had purchased. The plant material looked like marijuana and tested positive for marijuana. The defense sent it out to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's approved laboratory and it was determined to be hemp. Hemp is essentially marijuana with a THC content of less than 0.3% THC. A method was developed to determine the THC content in plant material and is in the final stages of validation.



HPLC used in quantifying purity

Latent Prints

The Latent Print Section added a new Forensic Scientist I trainee – Katrina Diaz. She was hired in November of 2019 when Forensic Scientist II Ryan Coller retired. Katrina will first train in Serology and then complete training as a Latent Print Examiner. Her latent print training is expected to be completed sometime in 2021.

The Latent Prints Section received 110 requests for analysis and 194 requests for processing bringing the total to 304 requests in 2019. The Latent Prints Section completed 112 requests for analysis and 199 requests for processing for a total of 311 requests in 2019.

A latent print processing request usually consists of non-porous (ex. Drug packaging – plastic bags) or porous (ex. Paper envelope) items that need to be processed with a physical or chemical method to visualize any ridge detail that may be present. A latent print analysis request usually consists of photographs or lifts of ridge detail from a crime scene or item processed by the submitting agency.



Evidence Intake

In 2019 the MRFL property room hired two new property technicians, Caity Mahan and Kayla Skoglund. Part of Kayla's job is to assist with the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI), in collecting and submitted kits to the laboratory. Both Caity and Kayla attended Evidence Management training at the Maple Grove Police Department.



Caity Mahan

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) includes Fraud Prevention Investigation (FPI), the Anoka-Hennepin Narcotics and Violent Crimes Task Force (AHNVCTF), the Crime Scene Unit (CSU), and Major Crimes Detectives Unit. All of the division services are provided county-wide; regardless of whether the Sheriff's Office is the primary patrol service provider for the city. FPI handles economic assistance fraud investigations in conjunction with Human Services and the County Attorney's Office. The AHNVCTF investigates narcotics trafficking crimes and assists with violent crime investigations in Anoka County and northern Hennepin County and is comprised of officers from multiple agencies in those counties. CSU provides evidence collection and processing services for all agencies in Anoka County. The Major Crimes Detectives Unit provides general felony level investigative services and specialized investigative methods to all of Anoka County.

Fraud Prevention Investigations (FPI)

FPI is comprised of two Deputy Investigators. In 2019 they completed 742 investigations, this resulted in a savings of \$1,322,332 and the discovery of overpayments of \$1,300,874 to clients. FPI programs are required to have a cost benefit ratio above \$3.00. Their cost of savings ratio was \$8.82. FPI is consistently one of the highest performing units in the State of Minnesota regarding their ratio and savings/overpayments.

Anoka-Hennepin Narcotics and Violent Crimes Task Force (AHNVCTF)

The AHNVCTF has investigators from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, Anoka PD, Blaine PD, Champlin PD, Columbia Heights PD, Coon Rapids PD, Fridley PD, Maple Grove PD, Ramsey PD, Rogers PD and a seasonal Crime Analyst from the National Guard. The AHNVCTF also has a crime analyst assigned to the North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking

DRUGS SEIZED	
Drug	Weight
Marijuana	76.45 lbs.
Methamphetamine	94.03 lbs.
Heroin	10.36 lbs.
Cocaine	14.24 lbs.
Prescription Tablets	358

Areas (HIDTA) Investigative Support Center in Minneapolis.

Anoka County CID Lieutenant, Brent Erickson, is the AHNVCTF Commander.

The day to day operations of the AHNVCTF are supervised by a CID Detective and a Blaine Sergeant.

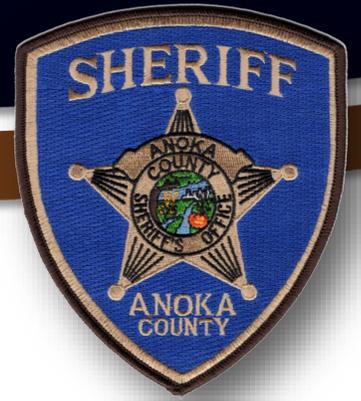
There were 864 new cases assigned, 317 search warrants executed, and 204 arrests made during the year. There were four Marijuana grow operation (558 plants) in 2019, and there were no Meth Labs processed. Total drug seizures include: 6459.7 grams (14.24 lbs.) of Cocaine, 4698.18 grams (10.36 lbs.) of Heroin, 34,681.29 grams (76.45 lbs.) of Marijuana, 42,655.27 grams (94.03 lbs.) of Methamphetamine and 358 Prescription Tablets. In addition to the narcotics seizures, the AHNVCTF also seized 43 firearms and over \$840,666.33 in cash in 2019. The task force detectives spent 915 hours in trainings throughout the year and made a total of 26 presentations throughout the communities.

Crime Scene Unit (CSU)

CSU consists of six Crime Scene Detectives that were supervised by Sergeant Jessica Slavik. CSU Deputies provide 24-hour crime scene processing services for Anoka County law enforcement agencies. Their specialties include photography, finger print evidence collection, DNA evidence collection, blood stain pattern analysis, trajectory analysis, impression collection & analysis and crime scene mapping. They also regularly conduct public speaking and education to other law enforcement and groups.

CSU ACTIVITIES	
Activity	2019
Training Attended (hours)	1044
Training Given (hours)	856
Evidence Exams	93
Person Crimes/Deaths	152
Property Crimes	56
Traffic Related Incidents	30





Major Crimes Detectives

CID has 18 Major Crimes Detectives, 15 of which are assigned to general investigations. These detectives investigate all non-natural deaths, sexual assaults, and most major child abuse cases in Anoka County. Detectives also investigate a multitude of other felony level crimes, including robberies, assaults, kidnappings, terroristic threats, burglaries, sex trafficking, arson, and other incidents. CID also has a number of specialties that detectives become experts in.



These include computer forensics, cell phone, video and digital forensics, special victims screening, polygraphs operations, human trafficking, arson, elder abuse and overdose investigations. CID Detectives are hired or promoted from any Anoka County law enforcement agency.

CASES INVESTIGATED BY CID	
Offense	2019
Homicides	4
Sex Crimes	495
Malicious Punishment of a Child	57
Obscenity/Pornography	57
Solicitation	12
Felony Assaults	80
Overdoses	24
Suicides	29
Terroristic Threats	22
All Other Misc. Cases	575
TOTAL CASES	1355

CID CASE LOAD BY CITY

City	% of Cases	2019
Andover	14%	183
Anoka	9%	126
Bethel	0%	2
Blaine	8%	114
Centerville	1%	8
Circle Pines	2%	23
Columbia Heights	8%	103
Columbus	1%	18
Coon Rapids	16%	217
East Bethel	4%	58
Fridley	10%	136
Ham Lake	5%	60
Hilltop	1%	9
Jail	0%	2
Lexington	1%	9
Lino Lakes	2%	30
Linwood	1%	15
Nowthen	1%	16
Oak Grove	2%	25
Ramsey	4%	57
Spring Lake Park	5%	67
St. Francis	2%	32
Outside Agencies	3%	41
TOTAL CASES	100%	1351

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Personnel Updates/Significant Events

2019 continued to be a year of providing exemplary service for the citizens of Anoka County. Lieutenant Brent Erickson was assigned as the Commander of the AHNVCTF.

Lieutenant Dan Douglas replaced Lieutenant Brent Erickson and is now the Lieutenant of CID. Bill Jacobson, a sergeant from Centennial Lakes Police Department, was hired and assigned to CID as a detective. Cullen Czech, from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Patrol Investigations, was promoted to CID detective. Matt Aker, from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, also assigned to the AHNVCTF as a detective, was promoted to detective with CID.

Detective Chris Johnson was assigned to the new grant funded SAKI (Sexual Assault Kit Initiative) program. Vanessa Ellingson was also hired by the Alexandra House as an advocate housed out of CID to provide services related to these cases. The purpose of the program is to test all unsubmitted sexual assault kits that were identified in a 2015 survey.



Anoka, Hennepin, Washington, Ramsey and Dakota Counties teamed up and applied to join the Wisconsin High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. This is a program that grants access to federal monies to help combat drug trafficking and related crimes. In mid-2016 the five counties were given HIDTA status and included in the Wisconsin HIDTA group forming what is now called the North Central HIDTA group. Forensic Analyst Kelly Madson continues to be a great asset to not only the Anoka County Sheriff's Office but to several outside agencies as well.

Human Trafficking Investigations continue to rise in Anoka County. Detectives Mike Schantzen and Maggie Titus continue to investigate and conduct public speaking events involving Human Trafficking.

Detective Mike Schantzen was assigned to the Human Trafficking Task Force being overseen by the Minnesota BCA.

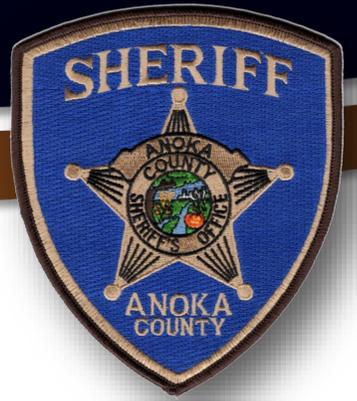
The Prescription Drug Take Back Program continues to be a success. To date, over 32,201 pounds of prescription drugs have been taken in through the program.



Across the division, CID personnel continues to provide training, education and collaboration with many law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. CID staff presented numerous times to officers and administrators countywide regarding the *Officer Involved Shooting* process and policy that was developed by them in 2018.

Significant Cases Investigated

In January, CID Detectives responded to a call of a male that had been shot in the 6100 block of 5th St NE, in the City of Fridley. Officers arrived and located the victim. The victim was transported by ambulance to the Hennepin County Medical Center. On the way to the hospital, the victim succumbed to his injuries and died. The victim had what appeared to be several gunshot wounds to his arms and torso. Throughout the investigation, two suspects were identified. Both suspects were located during the execution of a residential search warrant in the City of Fridley. Both suspects were placed under arrest and booked at the Anoka County Jail. Multiple items of evidence were located at the original scene, including cell phones, fired shell casings and a firearm, which were located inside and outside of the minivan where the shooting occurred. Other items of evidence were obtained after the autopsy and the residential search warrant, which included fired bullets, cell phones and other miscellaneous items. The extensive investigations also tied the suspects to a shooting/robbery that occurred in Minneapolis a week prior to the Fridley murder.



Significant cases continued...

In February, a male called 911 to report that he had shot and killed his wife. Officers arrived and found the female victim had been shot and killed inside the home. Upon officer's arrival, the suspect came out of the house without incident and was placed under arrest and booked at the Anoka County Jail. The victim was located with apparent gunshot wounds in an upstairs bedroom, deceased. When questioning was attempted the suspect declined and requested a lawyer. On February 11th, a formal complaint was completed charging the suspect with 2nd Degree Murder. The suspect was placed in custody at the Anoka County Jail on February 8th. On April 14th a grand jury indictment was unsealed. Over two days, CID and CSU Detectives, as well as members of the Blaine Police Department provided testimony to the Grand Jury. After deliberations, the grand jury returned the indictment charging the suspect with 1st Degree Murder with premeditation and intent.

In July, CID Detectives responded to Columbia Heights on a report of a shooting. Officers with the Columbia Heights Police Department were dispatched to an address in the city of Columbia Heights, on a report of a person who had been shot. Officers arrived and located a 62-year-old male in the front yard with what appeared to be two gunshot wounds to his upper body. The male was transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center with critical injuries. Officers learned from witnesses at the scene that the male was shot with a shotgun by his son who was still on the premises upon their arrival, the suspect was taken into custody. In a post Miranda statement, the suspect admitted to shooting his father twice in the back with a shotgun. He stated that he did not intend on killing his father, however he wanted to hurt him to teach him a lesson. The suspect stated that he knew the gun he used had the ability to kill. After a thorough investigation, the case was submitted to the Anoka County Attorney's Office for criminal charging and the suspect was ultimately charged with 1st and 2nd Degree Assault.

In August, CID Detectives responded to East Bethel to assist with an aggravated robbery. Deputies with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to the Subway

restaurant located in the city of East Bethel for a robbery that had just occurred.

Deputies arrived in the area within minutes of the call and were advised that the suspect had left the business location driving eastbound on 237th Ave. NE in a white PT Cruiser style vehicle. Anoka County Sheriff's Office deputies checking the area however were unable to locate the vehicle. Through the course of the investigation, interviews were conducted with two employees and surveillance video was collected from the business. During a review of the surveillance video by deputies a potential defendant was identified. In conducting follow up, a six-person sequential photo lineup was presented to the victim who was able to positively identify the suspect who was previously identified by law enforcement. There was a probable cause, pickup and hold for defendant in which a custodial arrest was made with the assistance of the Ramsey County Sheriff's office. The defendant was ultimately charged with 1st Degree Attempted Aggravated Robbery.

In November, Detectives responded to assist with a fatal fire investigation in Spring Lake Park. Detectives learned that neighbors had reported the fire and that there were loud explosions from the inside. Neither of the two residents were seen leaving the home after the fire was reported. Once the fire was extinguished, two victims were located inside of the home. After an investigation was conducted by Detectives and the State Fire Marshall it was determined that the fire started in the garage and it was not criminal in nature.

In December, Detectives responded to a shooting in the city of Spring Lake Park that occurred with several people wounded and one person deceased. After investigation by Detectives, it was learned that the incident was between two suspected gangs in which an altercation took place in the parking lot of a business which resulted in shots being fired. A suspect has been identified and is currently in custody in an unrelated case of a parole violation. A search warrant was conducted at the potential suspects home where several items were collected and are currently being tested at the lab. Witnesses in the case have been uncooperative and very few details have been provided to law enforcement. This investigation remains ongoing.

JAIL DIVISION

Jail Information

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office provides jail services to all law enforcement agencies located within Anoka County. We only hold adult offenders. We do not hold or process juveniles. The adults in our facility are generally pre-trial offenders. Sentenced offenders are transferred to the Anoka County Workhouse, another county jail or to a State Prison. Our detainees have generally been charged with committing misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony crimes within Anoka County. However, the Jail also holds individuals for the United States Marshals Service. These individuals have been charged with crimes ranging from white collar offenses to terrorism.

Our jail is operated using a "Direct Supervision" philosophy. Direct Supervision is a method of managing behavior. Simply put, we expect rational, reasonable behavior from our detainees. To accomplish this goal, the Detention Deputies actively supervise and work with the detainees in our facility. We utilize a system of rewards and consequences to obtain the desired behavior. Positive behavior is rewarded. Negative behavior may result in the loss of privileges or disciplinary action.

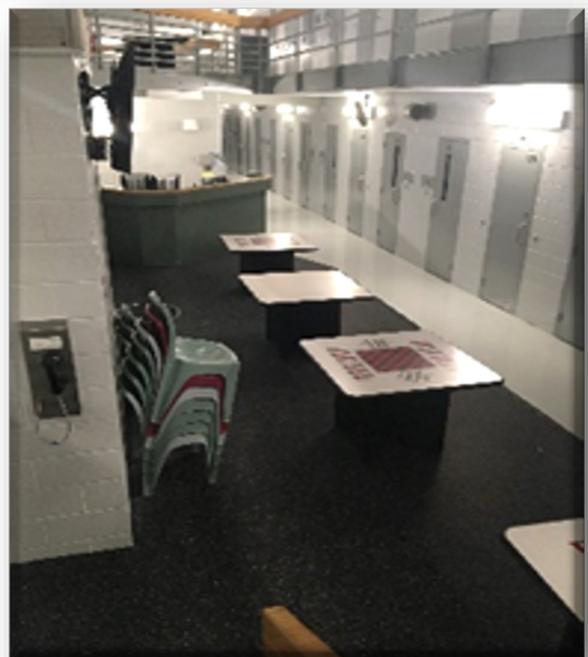
Jail Design and Capacity

The Jail is a high-rise facility that opened in 1982. Our original capacity was 139 beds: 112 male beds, 11 female beds, and 16 disciplinary male beds. The facility has been upgraded several times since it opened to improve public safety, enhance facility security, increase bed-space and to better meet the needs of law enforcement and our community. The facility is currently licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections to house 238 adult detainees: 120 general population (medium security) male beds, 60 flex beds for minimum and medium security male beds, 24 maximum security male beds, 8 male protective custody beds, and 26 female beds. We also have 8 male disciplinary beds and 3 mixed use medical beds that are not included in our overall capacity.

From a design standpoint, the jail consists of: an intake and release area, 6 male housing units, 3 female housing units, a kitchen, a laundry, an infirmary, programming and exercise space, and professional and social visiting areas.

Consulting Company Jail Assessment

The Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Anoka County Administration interviewed and hired a firm to conduct a needs assessment. The firm conducted an in-depth analysis of the Anoka County Jail, Anoka County Workhouse and the local criminal justice system. Their final report indicated the jail faced significant capacity issues. They also found substantial concerns involving facility design, officer safety, inmate safety, inmate movement, observation, communication and visibility. They also noted that the resolution of these issues within the current physical plant would be difficult, costly and in many cases, impossible. Ultimately, their recommendation was to expand or replace the existing jail facility.





Staff Spotlight

In 2019, the Jail established a Special Response Team (SRT) to handle violent and potentially dangerous situations. The team completed a unit shakedown each month, recovering contraband and exercising their ability to evacuate 60 inmates out of a housing unit in under two minutes. The team also conducted numerous successful cell extractions throughout the year. The team is equipped and prepared to handle; noncompliant cell extractions, vehicle extractions, barricaded subjects, day space capture/removal, riot control/suppression, mass inmate movement, Jail evacuations, Jail shakedowns, hostage situations and downed officer rescue.



Jail Special Response Team

Warrants

The record technicians working in the Warrants Office play a critical role in the success of the Jail Division. They are excellent ambassadors for the Sheriff's Office and do a wonderful job when interacting with members of the public.

The warrants personnel are responsible for the processing of all warrants issued by the courts. Processing includes entering warrants into both the state crime information computer and national crime information computer. There is also a clearing process that must be performed when an individual is arrested on a warrant or the court quashes (dismisses) a warrant. This data entry work must be done with 100% accuracy.

In addition to the data entry duties, the warrants personnel are also responsible for coordinating with Jail staff for walk-ins (individuals turning themselves in on their outstanding warrant), other agencies on extraditions, bail/bond information, and daily prisoner transports. The Warrants Office averages about 3,000 active warrants at any given

time. In 2019, warrants personnel entered 6,662 new warrants, a slight decrease from 2018. They also cleared 6,824 warrants and quashed 1,414 warrants. Staffing the warrant desk can sometimes be a significant challenge due to the necessity to cover the phones and national criminal information computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Jail Records

Jail records and administrative personnel also played a key role in the success of our division in 2019. The records staff processes all records generated by or related to the detainees housed in the jail facility. This includes all electronic records as well as hard-copy files. These individuals are also responsible for submitting detainee records to the state, calculating detainee out-dates, processing court related information, working with other justice partners to create more efficient work processes and handling data requests. In addition, they help coordinate the transport of detainees into and out of the facility.

We are happy to report that as of the end of 2019, all records positions were staffed. However, we do anticipate some turnover in 2020 due to upcoming retirements.

Statistical Overview

A look at the Jail's detainee population numbers showed continued growth in key metrics. The Average Daily Population (ADP) was down slightly from 2018. In 2018 the ADP was 218, and in 2019 the ADP decreased by 7 to 211. Despite this decrease, we continue to struggle to find space for our female detainees and appropriate classification/special housing beds for our male detainees.

A total of 10,595 adults were processed into the Jail facility in 2019. Of these individuals, 7,781 were males, and 2,814 were females.

211

Average Daily Population

7,781

Males processed into the Jail

2,814

Females processed into the Jail

JAIL DIVISION

New Technology

Guardian Watch/Tour System

The jail purchased a new watch/tour system in 2019. What is a watch/tour system? Jail staff are mandated to check on the well-being of everyone detained in our jail facility at regular intervals. A watch/tour system is used to document these checks.

Before this system, the process was very time consuming. Jail staff needed to leave their workstation, walk through their assigned area, return to the workstation and manually type in their observations. This process was cumbersome and took staff away from other important duties.

The new system utilizes a hand-held device about the size of a large cellphone. This device allows staff to enter data on-the-fly as they are touring their assigned areas. They do not need to return to their assigned workstation to enter data.



We painted our 26-bed female housing unit and the adjacent hallways. This area had last been painted approximately 15 years ago and was badly in need of updating.

We were also able to make some physical repairs and operational improvements to the first-floor sergeants office. The walls were painted, and new carpeting was installed to replace some badly worn flooring. The office space was also redesigned to make it more efficient. It now has two complete workstations, more counter space and an overall more functional layout.

The jail elevators also received some much-needed attention in 2019. The existing flooring had been peeling up creating a significant trip hazard. The flooring was removed only to reveal that the wood underlayment was rotting. This made it necessary to completely remove all flooring and underlayment in both elevators and replace them with new. New underlayment was installed as well as a new slip-resistant flooring.

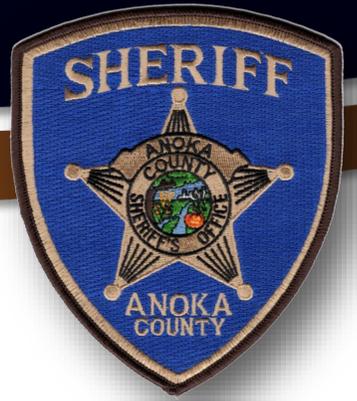
Facility Improvements

Physical Plant Upgrades and Improvements

Several significant improvements were made to the jail facility in 2019.

The jail added a medical screening area to jail intake near our garage sally port. Obtaining accurate and timely information from new detainees being processed into the jail is critical for their health. This new medical screening area will be staffed by RN's from the jail Correctional Health unit. Having RN's conduct the screenings increases the accuracy of the assessment. Also, having non-uniform staff perform the intake tends to increase the cooperativeness and openness of the detainees.





CHALLENGES AND RESOLUTIONS

The Jail facility has faced and addressed several significant challenges in 2019.

Population Issues

The jail has seen a continued increase in bed-space and housing issues in our current facility. Issues ranged from a simple lack of beds up to more complex issues involving inadequate space for the various classes of detainees and detainees with medical issues and/or special needs.

- **Female Detainee Population**

Female detainees still make up the fastest growing population within the jail. The facility can hold up to 26 female detainees. However, we were exceeding that number daily.

- **Male Detainee Population**

It became necessary to board out male detainees at other jails almost daily during 2019 due to a lack of beds and classification space in our current facility.

As a result of careful coordination with the Justice Services Division of the Sheriff's Office we have been able to minimize the number of boarded inmates and ensure their prompt movement to and from other facilities.

Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) Inspection

The DOC is responsible for inspecting and licensing jails in Minnesota. During their 2019 visit, they again noted several challenges and deficiencies within our jail facility.

- **Jail Staffing**

Staffing was still not in compliance with Minnesota Jail 2911 Standards. The DOC had established a minimum staffing level for our facility. We were unable to meet that standard due to staff turnover. Causes of the turnover ranged from retirement of staff members and moving on to other job opportunities.

We continued to work feverishly to hire the necessary staff to bring us in compliance. This was a challenge since we did our best to ensure we were hiring quality candidates to work in our jail.

Despite staffing gaps, our existing personnel have done a terrific job of stepping up and filling the vacancies until new staff can be hired.

- **Facility Age and Design**

They also noted that our facility is the oldest jail in the metro area. It has an undersized booking area, property room, health services area, kitchen and laundry.

Sheriff's Office Open House

Jail staff took full advantage of the opportunity to participate in the Sheriff's Office Open House. It was a terrific opportunity for them to interact with the public in a positive manner outside of the jail setting.

They took turns staffing a child ID and fingerprinting area and the detention center located at the main office. Capturing the children's data and prints provided the opportunity for a positive interaction between the children and law enforcement. It also gave parents critical information that can help identify their child in the event they are lost or missing. While working the detention area, jail staff were able to educate adult attendees of the open house on jail operations and management.

Everyone very much enjoyed participating. In fact, some of our deputies really got themselves into the spirit of the occasion while interacting with our younger guests.

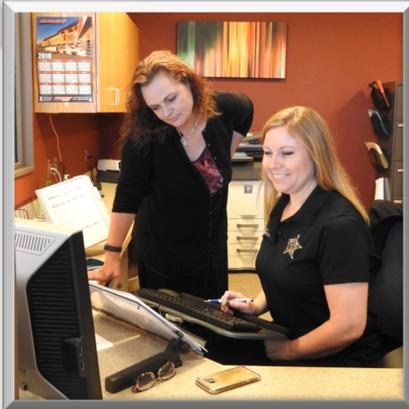


JUSTICE SERVICES DIVISION

The Justice Services Division is comprised of the Civil, Court Security, Records, Prisoner Transport and Warrant Apprehension Units of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office.

Civil Unit

The Civil Unit is responsible for serving legal process papers in Anoka County. These include Domestic Abuse Orders for Protection, Harassment Restraining Orders, Mortgage Foreclosure Notices, Subpoena's etc. The Civil Unit processed over 5,400 papers in 2019. We continue to see Mortgage Foreclosures decrease, with 176 Mortgage Foreclosure Sales in 2019 as compared to 225 in 2018.



Heather Rivers & Lisa Lallak

5,400+

Civil papers processed

176

Mortgage foreclosures processed

The part time staff provided 4,273 hours of staffing court rooms or at the checkpoint.

Guard details occur when an inmate from the jail has a medical need, which cannot be treated at the jail. In 2019, we had 108 guard details, constituting 1,547 hours of regular on-duty coverage and 381 hours of overtime worked covering the details. This was quite a bit lower than last year's overtime to cover the guard detail which was 800 hours.



Court Security Unit

Our Court Security Unit is responsible for safety and security at the Courthouse located in downtown Anoka. There are 18 court rooms and a security checkpoint that are overseen by our staff. In 2019, mid-year the Court Security unit added another full-time licensed position to its staff to bring the total to 12 licensed deputies. The remaining staff consists of 6 detention deputies and approximately 14 part time licensed officers, along with two sergeants. In June we welcomed Sgt. Anne Bluml to the team. Sgt. Bluml came to courts from the patrol division. She replaced Sgt. Andy Knotz who received a promotion. For 2019, Court Security's full-time staff provided coverage for 28,329 hours.



28,329

Hours of courtroom security provided



Records Unit

The Records Unit is responsible for entering all the incident reports into a records management system and transcribing all documents relating to calls for service and crimes. The Records Technicians worked a total of 709 hours of overtime in 2019. The majority of the overtime was for transcription purposes (516 hours). During 2019, Record Technicians approved 17,685 reports and processed 5,879 citations. They also typed 752 supplements, which totaled 2,402 pages and 2,628 statements, which totaled 21,781 pages. As you can see, the Records Technicians are kept very busy with their workload.

11,695

Incident reports

6,688

Citations and warnings processed

Transport Unit

The Prisoner Transport Unit provides transports to inmates based upon court orders, extraditions, medical appointments etc. The Prisoner Transport Unit also travels to jails and prisons around the state to pick up inmates for court, writs, and warrant arrests. The Prisoner Transport Unit also assists in transporting mentally ill persons to and from court from mental health facilities throughout the state. The four Transport Unit Deputies conducted a total of 4,149 transports throughout the year. The largest number of these transports is for warrant pickups that may take place in any county throughout the State of MN, as well as neighboring states. The Transport Unit worked a total of 1,316 hours of overtime in 2019. This is an increase from 2018 when they worked 965 hours of overtime.

4,149

Transports completed

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR TYPING

Statements	2,628
Supplements	752
TOTAL	3,380



Kelli Hill, Linda Johnson, Judy Kasberger, Tracy Ward, Kelly Ruff, Kelly Kirchner, Joy Sabin, Brenda Kowski, Marci Hackett

We are also very grateful to our two Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP), who assist us by coming in and performing tasks within our Records and Civil Units. In 2019 our RSVP volunteers put in 296 hours of their time.



Deputies Schell, Kvam, Plattner, Donarski, Ivory



Warrants Unit

The Warrants Apprehension Deputy is utilized in serving warrants within Anoka County as well as assisting in Court Security or Transport when needed. In 2019, the Warrants Apprehension Deputy began working with the US Marshals to be more efficient and effective in warrant arrests. The Warrants Apprehension Deputy spent 58 hours assisting the US Marshals in the areas outside of Anoka County. The US Marshals assisted our Warrants Deputy in Anoka County for a total of 44 hours. The Warrants Deputy spent a total of 1,122 hours attempting warrant arrests.

168

Warrant arrests

PATROL DIVISION

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division provides contracted law enforcement services to 8 communities in the northern portion of Anoka County. These communities include Andover, Ham Lake, East Bethel, Oak Grove, Columbus, Linwood Township, Nowthen, and Bethel. There are approximately 75,000 residents in this 270+ square mile area and in 2019 we responded to 35,000 calls for service. The Patrol Division includes a Commander, Lieutenant, 9 Sergeants, 64 Deputies, an Administrative Assistant, a Crime Prevention Coordinator, and a Crime Prevention Assistant. Additionally, there are part time Community Service Officers, volunteer Special Deputies, Chaplains, and Explorers. In addition to providing primary patrol services for the aforementioned communities, the Patrol Division has a number of specialty units that provide coverage for all of Anoka County's 21 Communities. These units include 4 K9 teams, SWAT Team, Marine Unit, UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Unit, Honor Guard, and Mobile Field Force.

75,000

Residents in the patrol area

35,000

Calls for service

Patrol Statistics

The division was very busy in 2019 with a 16% increase in calls for service from 2018. Thefts and burglaries also saw increases in 2019. The patrol statistics below represent all contract serviced communities. Of the calls for service in 2019, the City of Andover had 16,759, the City of Ham Lake had 8,061, The City of East Bethel had 6,230, the City of Columbus had 3,057, the City Bethel had 283, the City of Nowthen had 1,982, the City of Oak Grove had 3,719 and Linwood Township had 1,930. Along with the increase in the number of calls for service, our patrol investigators also saw an increase in the number of cases assigned in 2019. There were 570 cases assigned in 2019. Nearly a 50% increase in the number of cases assigned from 2018. The following tables include calls for service and are an example of some of the activities tracked by the Patrol Division.

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CONTRACT CITY

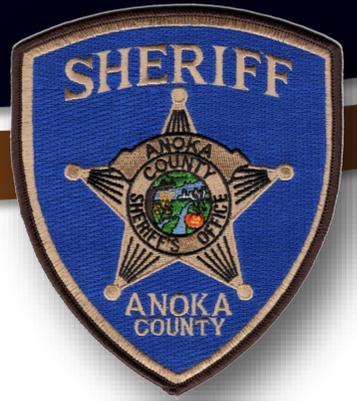
City	% of Calls	2019
Andover	40%	16,759
Bethel	1%	283
Columbus	7%	3,057
East Bethel	15%	6,230
Ham Lake	19%	8,061
Linwood	5%	1,930
Nowthen	4%	1,982
Oak Grove	9%	3,719

PATROL ACTIVITIES

Offense	2019
Traffic Arrests	3,390
Thefts	1,018
Misdemeanor Arrests	588
Warrant Arrests	329
Damage to Property	274
DUI Arrests	218
Felony Arrests	263
Domestic Assault Arrests	136
Gross Misdemeanor Arrests	106
Burglaries	123

Fleet

The Patrol Division purchased 2 Dodge Chargers for marked squads in 2019. This was a significant change as the division has been driving Ford sedans as marked squads for over 20 years. Overall the deputies are very happy with the performance and the functionality of the new squads. With Ford discontinuing Interceptor sedans in 2019, law enforcement is having to make changes to their squads. The SUV style squad is becoming the new normal.



UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System)

In 2019 our UAS pilots flew over 74 missions and documented numerous successful flights. These flights were either locating suspects or finding individuals. A notable use of the Z30 was monitoring a suicidal person who was armed with a rifle in the City of Ramsey. The pilot was able to launch and monitor from a significant distance

in which the subject had no idea he was being watched. The subject gave up peacefully and was transported to the hospital on a hold.



Matrice 210

Equipment upgrade for 2019

We purchased the Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual (M2ED). This aircraft is a significant upgrade due to the increased capabilities of use. The unit is equipped with a standard camera and a FLIR camera in which the two images are blended together for better situational awareness. The unit also has a light and speaker attachment. We are now able to illuminate a dark environment for both indoor and outdoor use. The speaker gives us the capability of giving audible commands from the unit. This is one way communication as the unit doesn't receive audio. The program continues to be a success and this technology continues to change the way we search for missing and wanted individuals.



Mavic Air

Recon Robot

The division purchased a new tool in 2019, a Recon Robot to assist with searching. This new tool has been used frequently with success. Deputies are now able to clear rooms and open areas without entering them and putting themselves at risk.



K9 Unit

The Patrol Division K9 Unit is comprised of 4 K9 teams.

Deputy Troy Edmond and his partner, Nieko, have been working together since 2016. Deputy Cole Bangerter and his partner, Heinz, have been working together since 2017. Deputy Matt O'Connor and his partner, Eli, have been working together for just over a year. Deputy Jesse Cutler and his partner, Diesel, also started working together just over a year ago. All K9's are certified in narcotic detection and apprehension. The Patrol Division delivers 24-hour coverage of K9 Unit services to all of Anoka county.



Deputy Edmond and K9 Nieko



Deputy Bangerter and K9 Heinz



Deputy O'Connor and K9 Eli



Deputy Cutler and K9 Diesel

PATROL DIVISION

S.W.A.T. Team



It was an honor for the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of Anoka County in 2019. It also proved to be a somewhat "Typical" year for callouts. In 2019, we responded to a total of 18 calls for service. Of these, 14 were "High Risk" warrant services and 4 were tactical callouts. Of note this year was the ease with which the team could be notified. The Active911 messaging system has been reliable and very user friendly unlike the old pager system and "phone tree" that we used to utilize. The Active911 system can be used by supervisors from a smart phone to send messages to the entire team from wherever they may be.

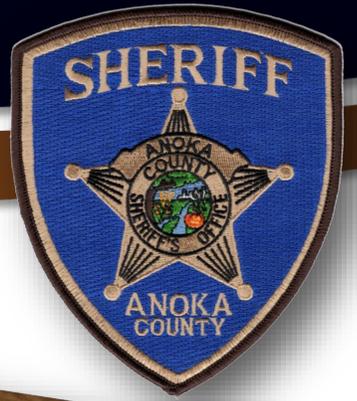
In addition to the callouts, the SWAT Team trains together on a monthly basis. Members of the team also attend training on an individual basis throughout the year to keep their skills honed. In June, the team went up to Camp Ripley to train for an entire day and to utilize some of the unique training venues that they have to offer.

2019 also brought about several changes to the SWAT Team. Detective Jeff Piper resigned from the team after 5 years of service. Investigator Cullen Czech was promoted to the position of CID Detective which meant a leave from the team after 6+ years of service. Cullen promises that he will be back when he becomes eligible. Both of these team members and their unique skills will be missed! With the loss also comes opportunity. After an entire day of tryouts and another day of interviews, Deputy Jake Bayer was selected to the team in September and Deputy Nate Arcand was selected in October. Deputy Tony Nelson was also selected to become our newest sniper and is looking forward to an intensive week of training in Chicago in the beautiful month of March!



The acronym SWAT stands for Special Weapons and Tactics. To enhance its tactics, the SWAT Team utilizes many tools to safely resolve situations. One of those tools is a robot that we acquired several years ago. Because of old age and a lot of hard use, that robot is coming to the end of its useful life. Because of this, the SWAT Team was authorized to purchase a new robot at the end of 2019. This purchase was carefully made after much research which included Demo's of several different robots and their capabilities. The new robot is much more than an audio and video platform. It will be able to open doors, pick things up, see things with a camera up to 9 vertical feet, be utilized during explosive breaching and many more things. We look forward to taking delivery of this new vehicle in 2020 and expect it to serve us well for many years to come.





Every year, the SWAT Team attends a training conference at Camp Ripley that involves 13 metro teams encompassing approximately 170 tactical operators. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office and Anoka Police Dept. were "Hosts" for this conference in 2019. Preparations for this conference started approximately 18 months prior to the start date. During those 18 months, each member of both teams were tasked with things associated with the conference. As you can imagine, this is a very large undertaking that involved many moving parts. The conference was held from Sept. 22nd to Sept. 25th ending with a banquet and awards ceremony. Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved, the conference went very well.



2019 Anoka County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team

PATROL DIVISION

Marine Unit



The Marine Unit is comprised of Deputies, Detention Deputies, Detectives, and Sergeants. In 2019 the Marine Unit responded to 3 call outs. Of those 3, there was 1 whole team call out for a drowning on Lake George in the city of Oak Grove. The Marine Unit had 8 local training days and 4 training days in the City of Gilbert.

In 2019 the team focused on call out operational changes and protocols. The team began to develop more practical and efficient operations by way of utilizing side scan sonar imaging techniques on initial searches when the rapid deployment of a diver was not available and or beneficial for the situation at hand. Not all environments support this technique, but when found to be an option it has proven to provide better incident documentation and preparedness for the divers performing the recovery.

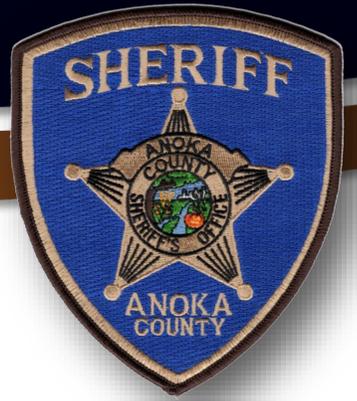
The team was also outfitted with a mobile SCUBA tank cascade filling station. The apparatus is carried by the primary pulling unit for the Marine Unit response trailer. It now allows for the team to be almost entirely self-sufficient with a continual supply of air to its divers.

The Marine unit also saw two of its members retire from their duties and two members step into a new role with the team. One of the units retiring members, Deputy Jim Dussl, had been with the team since it's infancy in 1986. His 33-year dedication to the team makes him the longest standing member. Multiple members were sent to educational courses for the medical effects of SCUBA diving as well as a course certification to become a rescue diver.

The unit responded to the following significant event in 2019:

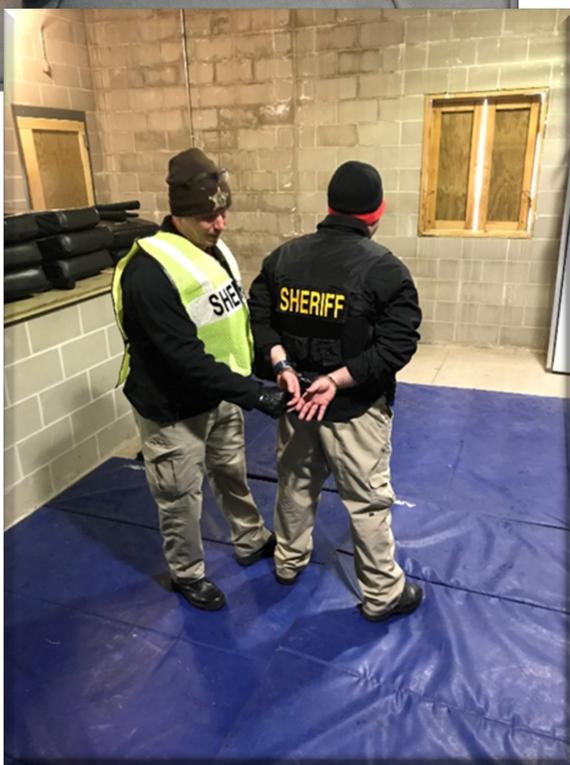
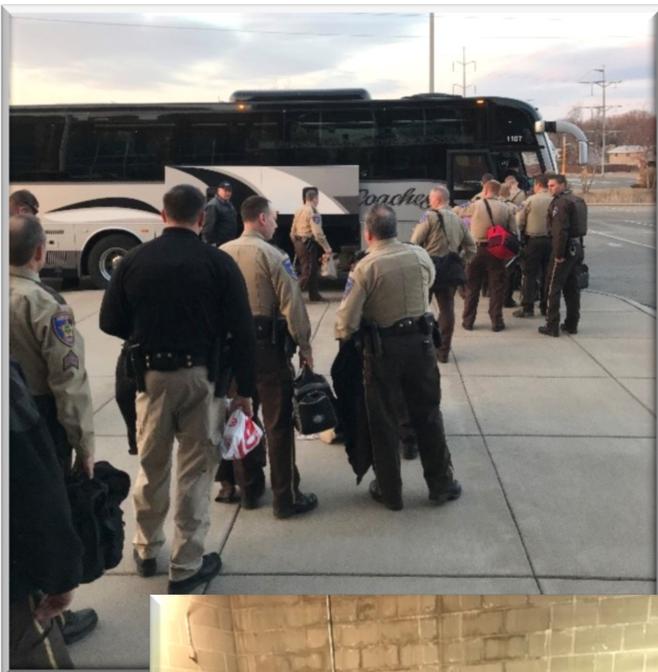
On 06/15 and 06/16 2019 The Marine unit was called to Lake George on a reported drowning. Information received was that two males had been boating and jumped in the water for a swim. When they went to swim back to their boat it had drifted further than anticipated. One male ultimately reached the boat and boarded. The motor then failed to start and he was unable to drive the boat back to the other male before he was last seen above water. Units performed an initial search using multiple side scan sonar units prior to night fall. The following morning the area was side image scanned and a potential target was identified. Two primary divers from the unit performed the recovery of the male in over 25 feet of water. The scanning team had surface marked the male within feet of his location.





Training

In 2019 the Patrol Division had two separate training days at Camp Ripley using their training facility. Half of the division went on one day while the other half went the next. The division was able to get all the mandatory use of force training completed in 1 day. The division was also able to train on active shooter response, room clearing, civil unrest and traffic stops.



PATROL DIVISION

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Y UpRoar Programing:

This summer our office partnered with the Andover YMCA's UpRoar Program which serves kids in grades sixth through eighth. The Uproar program is designed as an experience-based enrichment program that encourages older kids to explore, increase understanding, and build independence. We had the opportunity to host the UpRoar kids three times during their summer program.

- June 25: "Policing Mechanics" Deputy Ninow answered questions like: Why do you search someone before putting them in a squad? How do you search someone? What should I do if I am stopped by the police? Why do you carry a gun and a Taser? 28 students spent the morning with us asking a lot of questions and developing a better understanding of why law enforcement does things certain ways.
- July 9: "Crime Scene: The Real CSU" Detectives Piper and Arthur presented an overview on how the Crime Scene Unit responds to crime scenes. What type of things they look for and collect, and how it needs to be processed. 35 students attended and had a lot of questions about trajectory, processing blood spatters, lifting finger prints, and dead bodies.
- August 20: "MILO Simulator Training" Deputies Weller and Beck toured 16 kids through our building and answered questions. Their last stop was the MILO Range and they showed the kids how it worked and explained how deputies make decisions based on the actions of others. The kids loved seeing MILO in action. After, we treated the kids to a pizza party in our Community Room.



Kids Summer Safety Series:

During the Kids Summer Safety Series we hosted over 200 children and spent 5 fun-filled afternoons with them. We had another successful year partnering with the Andover YMCA. The Y provides us with a great space, extra counselors, and a large group of kids. This year we had increased participation from non-Y kids. Our classes this year were:

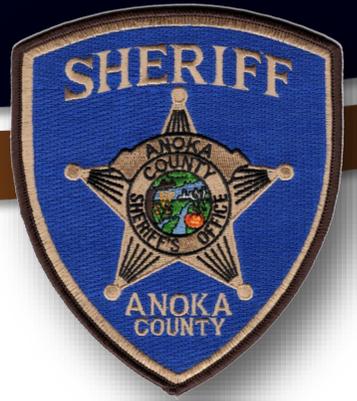
- Fire and Traffic Safety with Andover Fire and Drew from the Anoka Hennepin School District
- Be Aware, Alert & Safe with Magician Brian Richards and Basic First Aid with Allina
- Self-Control and Bully Prevention with Climb Theatre
- Bike Safety and BMX Show with Rich Wieber and Animal Safety with the ACSO K9

We ended the season with a pizza party for all the participants and the deputies who helped make this year such a success.

Home Alone:

Due to the high-demand for this class, we increased our offerings to three this year and were able to host 75 kids; classes filled up within hours. Three times this summer we spent the entire day with 25 students reviewing tons of prevention and safety topics – everything from drawing up our fire escape plans to what-to-do if they come home and something looks "off" outside or inside the home. Our partnerships with Andover Fire, Allina, AC Emergency Management made for a diverse presenter list, and a fun-filled and educational day. In addition to the class, the kids got a tour of our facility and a surprise K9 demonstration and visit.

Even with increasing the number of classes we offered this year, we still have a significant waiting list. In order to remedy that, in 2020 we are offering a "Home Alone Class for Parents" to make sure they have prepared their child appropriately. This class was originally created for the Anoka County "Lunch and Learn" series and being it was so well received, we decided to offer it to the general public.



Squad Car Storytime:

This year we continued our Squad Storytime tradition. We visited 10 daycare centers to read "A Day at the Police Station". We also partnered with the Ham Lake Library to do a "Reading With a Deputy" event.

Senior Fraud Seminars:

Frauds continue to be prevalent in the senior community. This year we hosted six "Protecting Against Fraud for Seniors" events at five different senior living communities.

Night to Unite/Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups:

Deputies, with the help of eight Command Staff, six Reserves, and three Explorers visited 105 parties on Night to Unite this year. It was a beautiful night, jammed full of activity. Night to Unite has proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable opportunity to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in pursuit of safer communities. Community benefits often extend beyond this single evening event as neighbors get to know each other and public safety agencies that serve them. Night to Unite was designed to promote participation in the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. In 2019, we added five new Neighborhood Watch groups bringing our total to over 200. Many neighborhoods have created "Virtual Crime Watch Groups" through social media platforms like Next-door and Facebook. Information shared in our Friday Updates often appear on these platforms; specifically scams we alert residents to.



Camera Registry:

The Camera Registry was launched at the end of 2018. The program got off to a slow start and we re-launched it in mid-2019 with greater success. This year we added forty homes to the program. We have also mapped the cameras and requested deputies add camera addresses to the registry if they see them while patrolling.

Scout Tours:

In March and October, we host Scouts for a tour and to discuss with deputies some of the topics required to earn their merit badges. This year we hosted 12 Troops with 116 Scouts. In October, the Crime Scene Unit agreed to host a special night for older Scouts to learn how a crime scene is processed. Four Troops took advantage of the invitation and were very pleased with the presentation.

CAST:

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office partnered with Fishing for Life for another successful CAST Fishing Event. This year we had 72 children paired up with our 29 fishing guides. Fish were caught, trophies given out and memories were made. Oak Grove Fire Department came out to grill hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone and all left with full bellies and smiles on their faces.

Vacation Checks:

This continues to be one of our most popular services. Last year 106 residents requested we check on their homes while they were on vacation.

Investigator Support:

To assist Patrol Investigators, support was given on 151 cases; everything from gathering 911 audio, squad video, and body camera. Twenty Tri-County Crime Alerts were also sent out, plus twenty-four line-ups were completed.

Car Seat Checks:

In addition to attending 10 car seat clinics throughout the county to support Safe Kids Anoka County, our unit also provided 51 individual car seat checks to residents in our jurisdiction.



PATROL DIVISION

Reserve Unit

2019 was another year of personnel changes within the Reserve Unit. We lost five Special Deputies from the Unit with one of them having the opportunity to be hired within the Sheriff's Office as a Community Service Officer. We had an aggressive recruitment initiative and we were able to add seven new Special Deputies to the unit. We ended 2019 with a total of 16 Special Deputies on our roster, up from 14 in 2018.

The Reserve Unit is a valuable community asset, essential with connecting with the community. The primary function of the Reserve Unit is to support the Sheriff's Office with its main focus on Special events such as the Anoka County Fair, Ham Lake Snow Bowl, Andover Family Fun Fest along with numerous other community events such as parades and city festivals. Special Deputies also support the Patrol Division by providing additional support with non-emergency calls, assisting with TZD impaired traffic enforcement details, recreational safety education/enforcement, traffic control, and vehicle lockout, to name just a few.

In 2019 the Reserve Unit provided 3434.5 hours of volunteer time to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Anoka County. That breaks down to an average of 215 hours per person which equates to 5.4 weeks of a full-time job per person in addition to their normal daily jobs, college and family lives outside of the Reserve Unit.

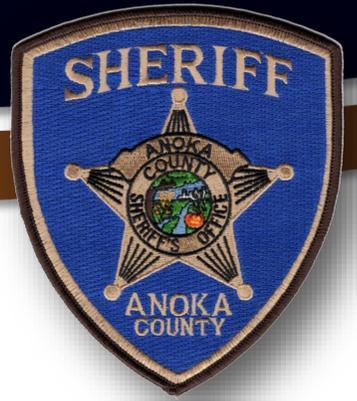


SPECIAL DEPUTY ACTIVITY HOURS

Admin	68.75
Training Role Playing	506.75
Meeting	273.50
Patrol	686
Ride Along	133
Special Event	1244.75
Training	126.50
TZD	321.50
Water	73.75
TOTAL	3434.50

Chaplains

The Sheriff's Office has a Chaplain program with four Chaplains serving all of Anoka County. In 2019 our Chaplains were requested 11 times throughout the year. The call breakdown was 4 medicals, 1 homicide, 1 suicide, 2 SIDS, 1 fire and 2 Fatal crashes. Our Chaplains respond to any request for their presence regardless of denomination or belief. They are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Explorers

Law Enforcement Exploring is a hands on program open to young men and women who have completed 6th grade through the age of 20, who are interested in a career in law enforcement. At the end of the 2019 calendar year, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #444 consisted of 17 total explorers and 7 Advisors. This was the first year without Deputy Ninow who resigned from her position as one of our senior advisors. We missed the leadership and expertise she brought to her assigned training topics. Our group participated in approximately 20 scenario-based training sessions that lasted anywhere from 3-5 hours in length covering law enforcement related topics such as use



of force, search and arrest, domestics, bomb response, burglary, interview and interrogation, and crime scene processing.

For the first time in several years, explorers and officers from the Fridley Police Department joined us in our annual mini-Rochester training day which is held at the sheriff's office the week before the state conference. Having more agencies

participate in this unique training opportunity eliminated down time for the explorers and offered more trained police officers to provide feedback on each event.

At the yearly state conference in Rochester, our post placed in Street Decisions which is designed to test the use of force decision making process that patrol deputies may encounter during normal day to day operations. This is a very dynamic event that forces the competitors to make simulated life or death decisions in seconds. The advisors were extremely proud of the effort and commitment put forth during the conference.

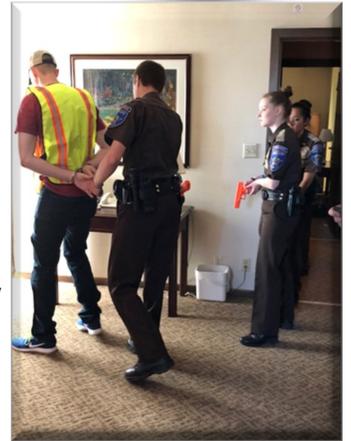
The end of the 2019 season saw the graduation and departure of approximately half of our exploring post which created vacancies that needed to be filled. Interviews were conducted in October. We invited 12 new explorers onto our post who represent each high school in the county. Each new explorer has done well to meet

and exceed the expectations we have of our new explorers. With the influx of new personnel, we purchased a number of new uniform items and equipment that will last us for many years to come.

Throughout the entire year, the Explorers participated in several events including Adopt a Highway, Polar Plunge, Ham Lake Snow Bowl, Anoka County Fair, Andover Funfest, ACSO Open House, Nite to Unite, Salvation Army bell ringing and the 3M Golf Tournament.

They have worked close to 1000 hours of community service in and around the county, making them an important fixture in our mission to protect and serve. In December of 2019, our explorers purchased food and Christmas gifts for a local family in need. This event was very well received and will become an annual activity for our post.

2020 is going to be an exciting year for our post as our new explorers are a committed group willing to put in the time and effort to truly learn about the wide range of activities and services we provide here at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the post, contact Sgt. Derek Peters at (763) 324-5164.



2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 22

Donut Boy

February 9

Ham Lake Snow Bowl

February 23

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

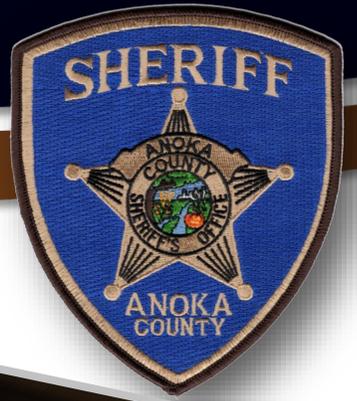
May 16

Law Enforcement
Memorial Service

June 21

Torch Run for Special
Olympics





- June 22
Patriot Ride
- June 28
Legacy Day
- July 13-14
Andover Fun Fest
- July 19-20
East Bethel
Booster Days
- July 23-28
Anoka County
Fair
- August 2
CAST Fishing
Event
- August 3
Heroes Walk 4 Women
- August 7
Night to Unite
- August 16
Cop on Top

August 20
Back to School, Shop w/ a
Cop

August 21
Battle of the Badges Blood
Drive

September 13
Sheriff's Office Open House

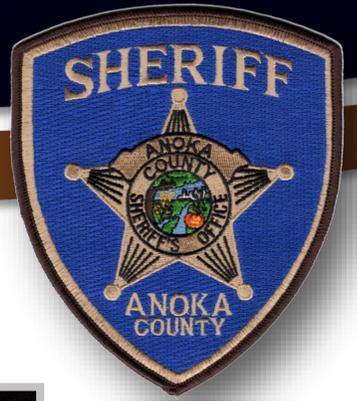
September 19
National Forensic Science
Week

September 22
Columbus Fall Festival

September 22
Nowthen Heritage Festival

September—October
Citizen's Academy





October
Purple Lights Initiative

October 27
Anoka Halloween Parade

December 3
Santa Night

December 14
Shop with a Cop at Walmart

December 20
Hope 4 Youth Out of the Cold



2019 OFFICE AWARDS

RESPONSE TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT REPORT

Office Commendations

Deputy Eric Derner
Deputy Michelle Lanman
Deputy Ross Lorinser
Deputy Justin Miller

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

Office Commendations

Detective Christopher McCall
Detection Joseph Price

KIDNAPPING & ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

Medal of Meritorious Service

Unnamed Juvenile

Office Commendation

Detective Maggie Titus

RESPONSE TO UNCONSCIOUS MALE

Lifesaving Awards

Maureen Skinner, ACCAP
CSO Joseph Ramaley

RESPONSE TO SHOTS FIRED FOLLOWING A TRAFFIC STOP

Medals of Valor

Deputy Cole Bangerter
Fridley Officer Patrick Faber
Blaine Officer Reginald Larson & K9 Partner Rex
Blaine Officer Daniel Stefczak
Deputy Christopher "Gordy" Vitek

PROACTIVE PATROL DUTIES

Office Commendations

Deputy Eric Derner

YEARS OF SERVICE:

30 Years

Debra Eskierka
Jeffrey Myers

25 Years

Steven Cater
Eric Herschberger
Wayne Hunt
Richard Kreyer
Sheila Larson
Shelly Orlando
Thomas Strusinski

James Stuart
Shawn Young

20 Years

Nathan Bubar
Geraldine Dubay
Todd Diegnau
Brett Froslee
John Henrichsen
Andrew Knotz
Laura Landes
Lynn Ochsner
James "Pete" Psyck

Brian Torborg
Jerrod Wengler
Matthew Woitell

15 Years

Eric Donarski
Kelli Hill
Brenda Kowski
Anthony Mendoza
Bryan Pierson
Ronald Spets

10 Years

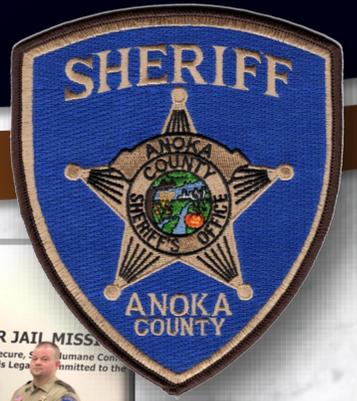
Barbara Dupay
Cullen Czech
Troy Edmond
Kirk Erickson
Rebecca Johnson
Lucas Meverden
Ann Slotsve

5 Years

Nathan Arcand
Cole Bangerter
Eric Derner
Chad Erickson
Shawn Gallagher
Patrick Geertsema
Curt Grabmeier
Ashley Johnson
Matthew Madson
Michael Mingo
Matthew O'Connor
Jason Pederson
Roni Ronyak
James Schilling
Christopher Yantos
Chad Zabel



2019 Award Recipients



November



2019 OFFICE ROSTER

Sheriff James Stuart
Chief Deputy Kevin Halweg
Sheriff's Secretary
Kelly Haigh

ADMINISTRATION

Commander Wayne Heath
Lieutenant Andy Knotz
Sergeant Tim Day
Deputy Chris Beck

Resource Manager

Jayne Faust

Accountant

Cindy Hedberg

Technical Analyst

Roni Ronyak

Training Coordinator

Kelly Wellman

Gun Permits

Ed Egly, Coordinator

Julie Fjellman

Joseph Hughes

Shannon Schultz

Background Investigators

Ed Egly

Bill Hammes

Bruce Hatton

Craig Hendrickson

Scott Knealing

Paul Sommer

Dave Westberg

Range

Mark Peterson

Jim Plattner

MIDWEST REGIONAL

FORENSIC

LABORATORY

Lab Director Scott Ford

Quality Assurance Manager

Shawn Gallagher

Forensic Scientists:

Biology

Anne Ciecko, Lead

Becky Dian

Brenda Hummel

Jessica Slater

Drug Chemistry/Toxicology

Steve Banning, Lead

Matt Bune

Amanda Vukich

Latent Prints

Scott Henderson, Lead

Anthony Johnson

Katrina Diaz

Property Room Technicians

Caitlyn Mahan

Kayla Skoglund

Lourdes Swanson

CRIMINAL

INVESTIGATIONS

Commander Bryon Fuerst

Lieutenant Brent Erickson

Lieutenant Dan Douglas

Principal Administrative Assistant

Ashley Johnson

Case Aide

Laura Hudson

HIDTA Crime Analyst

Kelly Madsen

Detectives

Nate Arvidson

Justin Bloch

Cullen Czech

Ryan Franklin

Bill Jacobson

Chris Johnson

Gabe Lee

Chris McCall

Pat Nelson

Gary Patterson

Joe Price

Mike Schantzen

Jim Schilling

Scott Schlender

Jeff Schoeberl

Maggie Titus

Tessa Villegas

Crime Scene Unit

Sergeant Jessica Slavik

Detectives

Mike Arthur

Bradley Baker

Todd Diegnau

Chris Fahey

Jeff Piper

Shane Werneke

Fraud Prevention Unit

Deputy Jordan Mabraten

Deputy Rollie Sorensen

Anoka-Hennepin Narcotics and Violent Crimes Task Force (AHDTF) Team Lead

Detective Tom Strusinski

Program Assistant

Jill Maust

Deputies

Matt Aker

Jon Tschida

JUSTICE SERVICES

Commander Shelly Orlando

Lieutenant Ron Bouley

Principal Accounting Clerk

Sue Paulsen

Administrative Supervisor

Kelli Hill

Records Technicians

Linda Johnson

Judy Kasberger

Kelly Kirchner

Brenda Kowski

Ashley Lengyel

Kelly Ruff

Joy Sabin

Resa Shermer

Tracy Ward

Civil

Sergeant Rick Kreyer

Deputies

Luke Christofferson

Gerry DuBay

Bryan Pierson

Civil Specialist

Heather Rivers

Records Technicians

Lisa Lallak

Transport/Warrants Deputies

Eric Donarski

Kevin Ivory

Wendy Plattner

Ed Rice

Steve Schell

Thomas Kvam

Court Security

Sergeant Anne Bluml(& Transport)

Detention Sergeant Matt Woitel

Deputies

Jill Ahart

Jeffrey Brown

Nicholas Duren

Jim Dussl

Larry Eckman

Hollias Erickson

Brett Froslee

Curt Grabmeier

William Hammes

John Henrichsen

Curtis Hoeke

Daniel Irish

Gregory Koss

Anthony Kvam

Brian Mevissen

Terence Nightingale

Patrick O'Hara

James Penaz

Mike Pudlick

Caitlyn Sandstad

Gary Voit

Mike Wahl

Philip Wege

Fredrik Wiborg

Detention Deputies

Jeffrey Boelter

Brandon Cahill

Steven Cater

Patrick Cosgrove

Brian Elmer

Brent Foss

Jamie Hill

Shawn Young

JAIL

Commander Dave Pacholl

Lieutenant Sheila Larson

Lieutenant David Tedrow

Principal Administrative Assistant

Angela McDaniel

Detention Sergeants

Christina Brynteson

Bradley Crego

Nicole Menne

Lucas Meverden

Dave Nordland

Timothy Smith

Eric Stafford

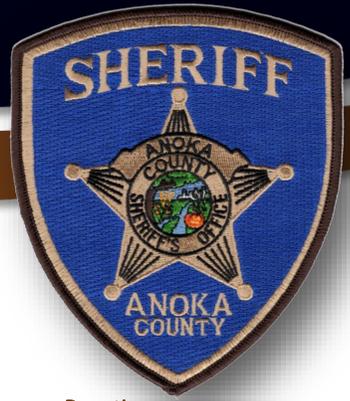
Carrie Wood

Detention Clerk

Don Fields

Administrative Supervisor

Ann Slotsve



Records Technicians

Jacinda Anderson
Trena Belanger
Dawn Brasch
Barbara Dupay
Jill Martin
Jesse Novy
Shauna Silbernagel

Program Coordinators

Melanie Hehr
Jill Hlavinka

Detention Deputies

Daniel Allen
Hunter Arvidson
Michael Blessing
Steven Boskowitz
Nicholas Bownes
Nathan Bubar
Matthew Buckley
Daniel Bullock
Melanie Carlson
Steven Cater
Brenden Cheney
Shannon Coulter
Josephine Dennis
Jeremiah Drinkwine
Douglas Edwards
Carl Erickson
Kirk Erickson
Jonathan Evans
Jordan Fields
Brent Foss
Patrick Geertsema
Bryan Graham
Denise Hazelton
Bryan Hermanson
Lillian Heymer
Rebecca Johnson
Robert Kannegaard
Brandon King
Meng Kong
Thomas Kordiak
Matthew Kramar
Kelleen LaNore
Dale Leslie
Joann Maro
Logan McEnelly
Cassandra Miller
Michael Mingo
Jeffrey Myers
Lynn Ochsner
Jared Pace
Thomas Pacholl

Chris Pagel

Nicholas Parker
Justin Parks
Jason Pederson
Kevin Peterson
Jacob Peterson
Joseph Pyhtila
Ethen Purdy
Jesse Rasmussen
Kayla Rasmussen
Christopher Rice
Eric Rosier
Dilanger Salfer
Dhondup Shokta
Charles Sohn
Ronald Spets
Zoran Stojkovski
Bradley Swanson
Chadd Thorpe
Michael Turnbom
Jai Vang
Noushelong Vang
Nikole Wendt
Jerrod Wengler
Amanda Yurek
Chad Zabel

PATROL

Commander Paul Lenzmeier
Lieutenant Derek Schuldt

Principal Administrative Assistant

Debbi Eskierka

Sergeants

Joshua Hatton
Eric Herschberger
Wayne Hunt
Andrew Lindberg
Anthony Mendoza
Derek Peters
John Pilz
Michael Slavik
Dave Wiley

Investigators/Deputies

Nick Johnson
Sean Merritt
Tony Nelson
Steven Strecker

Crime Prevention Coordinator
Laura Landes

Specialist

Missi Reeder

Patrol Deputies

Justin Alderink
Nathan Arcand
Cole Bangerter (K9 Heinz)
Jeff Barrett
Jacob Bayer
Joshua Berggren
Travis Bolles
Joseph Burk
Brian Collier
Jason Corlew
Jesse Cutler (K9 Diesel)
Patrick Darsow (K9 Brodie)
Eric Derner
Dan Dewey
Mike Dold
James Dudgeon
Troy Edmond (K9 Nieko)
Robert Elmer
Chad Erickson
Christopher Fjeld
Peter Grover
Nick Heinemann
Michael Hlavinka
Matthew Hoefs
William Jacobson
Anne Jeske
Marnae Klungseth
Brandon Kohler
Michelle Lanman
Brek Larson
Ehren Lentsch
Derick Lien
Ross Lorinser
Matthew Madson
Jon Mathisen
Justin Miller
Freddy Munoz
Justin Nelson
Matthew O'Connor (K9 Eli)
Grant Olson
Christopher Pierro
Pete Psyck (K9 Croc)
Shane Quinn
Ryan Rakotz
Mike Redman
Justin Sabo
Tanner Shipman
Brian Torborg
Gordy Vitek
Justin Weller

Travis Wold

Christopher Yantos
Robert Young
Daniel Zimmerman
School Resource Officers
Cory Bowker
Ryannaon Ninow

Community Service Officers

Donald Cebula
Kaylyn Fahrendorff
Jonathan Fajardo
Ben Fischer
Katherine Harris
Bryan Johnson
Kyle Meinke
Benjamin Powell
Joseph Ramaley
Lyric Thompson

Marine Unit

Team Leaders

Sergeant Dave Wiley
Sergeant Andrew Lindberg

Detectives

Mike Schantzen

Deputies

Justin Alderink
Luke Christofferson
Jason Corlew
Jim Dussl
Chris Fjeld
Brett Froslee
Curt Hoeke
Justin Nelson
Mike Wahl
Detention Deputies
Steve Cater
Patrick Cosgrove
Jerrod Wengler

S.W.A.T. Team

Team Leaders

Lieutenant Brent Erickson
Sergeant Tim Day
Sergeant Josh Hatton
Sergeant Anthony Mendoza
Sergeant Derek Peters
Sergeant John Pilz
Detectives
Nate Arvidson
Chris McCall

Deputies

Nathan Arcand
Jeffery Barrett
Jacob Bayer
Cullen Czech
Pat Darsow (K9 Brodie)

Brek Larson

Tony Nelson

Bryan Pierson

Pete Psyck (K9 Croc)

Brian Torborg

Jon Tschida

Rob Young

Justin Weller

Negotiators

Deputy Chris Beck

Detective Chris Fahey

Deputy Steve Strecker

Detective Maggie Titus

Paramedics

John Brosius

Dan Johnson

Joe Lawrence

Mike Morelock

Scott Oberlander

Reserves

Coordinators

Sergeant Andy Knotz

Sergeant Dave Wiley

Assistant

Deputy Jon Mathisen

Commander

Matthew Saldana

Sergeants

Mark Erickson

Darren Mitchell

Tristan DeMorett

Special Deputies

Chris Bastyr

Matthew Beyer

Christine Bosley

Cole Brownfield

Kandi Gunia

Luis Hernandez Aquilar

Matthew Hoyhtya

Cory John

Nicholas Long

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Holly Schultz

Mitchell Seybold



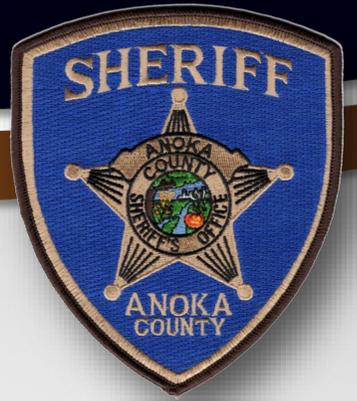
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