

# Kenosha County Sheriff's Department



## 2019 Annual Report

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## Sheriff's Introduction

When most people think about a law enforcement agency they probably think about getting pulled over for a traffic violation. While traffic enforcement is an important aspect of what we do, anyone at the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department can tell you that traffic enforcement is only one aspect of what goes on here.

Our deputies, of course, conduct traffic stops, but they are also responding to a vast range of calls, assisting our citizens in everyday issues through life's twists and turns. Our deputies are responding to neighbor problems, burglaries, robberies, fights, family issues, car crashes, child abuse complaints, etc. Those are just our patrol deputies. We also have deputies who transport inmates around the county, state, and court. Deputies serve civil process (evictions, repossessions, subpoenas), have positions in the county high schools (School Resource Officers), and teach kids how to be safe and responsible (Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Deputy Friendly).

Our deputies are also involved in special teams which require extra time and commitment. Some of those teams include the Tactical Response Team, Dive Team, ATV Unit, Bicycle Unit, Honor Guard, Sheriff's Bomb Squad, and Marine Unit.

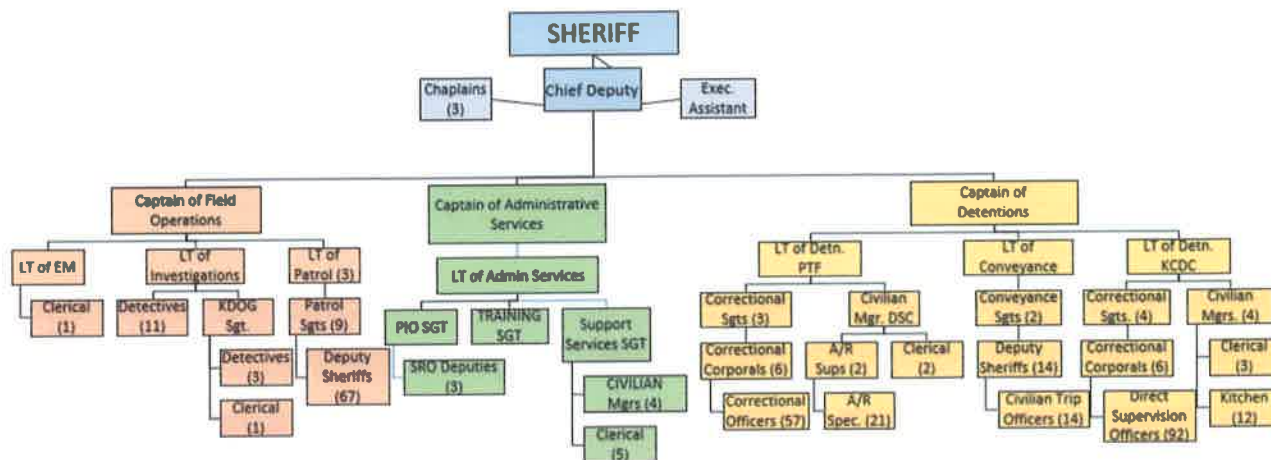
That is a brief description of our sworn staff's functions. Two-thirds of the Sheriff's Department's budget is in the corrections area. Corrections are also two-thirds of our staff. Our corrections staff is responsible for maintaining the records, security, and health of hundreds of inmates in our two jail facilities. Kenosha County has the third-largest jail in the State of Wisconsin.

Contained in this report are more details of the tasks the employees of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department accomplish every day, incidents that are far beyond issuing a traffic citation. Hopefully, a traffic stop is the only encounter citizens will have with most of our staff. I am proud of those who work at this department and proud of the service they deliver to Kenosha County's citizens.

Sincerely,

David G. Beth  
Sheriff – Kenosha County

## Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Organizational Chart



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

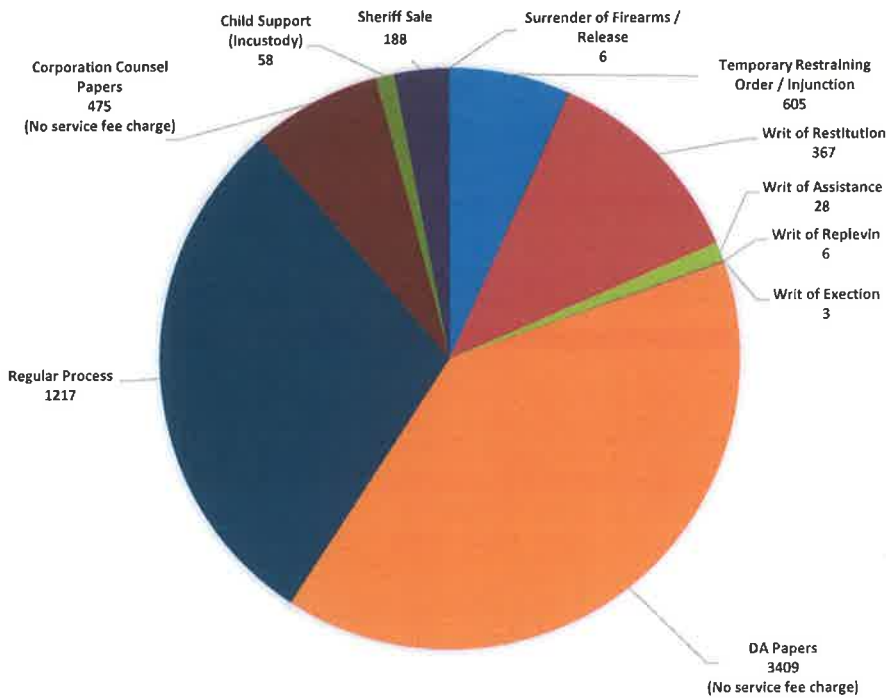
### Civil Process Summary

Wisconsin State Statute 59.27(4) requires the sheriff of a county to:

“... serve or execute all processes, writs, precepts, and orders... delivered to the sheriff.”

In short, this means that the Kenosha Sheriff's Department serves subpoenas, custody papers, evictions, foreclosures, and multiple other court papers. Involved in that, is repossessing property and moving people and their possessions out of premises from which they have been evicted. In 2019, the Civil Process deputies and clerks were responsible for the following:

## 2019 Civil Process Summary



Category	Services
District Attorney (No service fee charged)	3409
All Other Documents	1217
Temp Restraining Orders And Injunctions	605
Writ of Restitution	364
Corporation Counsel (No service fee charged)	475
Sheriff Sale	188
Child Support Agency	58
Writ of Assistance	28
Surrender of Firearms	6
Writ of Replevin	6
Writ of Execution	3

Total Evictions (Not requiring the removal of personal property)	250
Total Evictions (Requiring the removal of personal property)	65
Total services:	6359
Total Revenue from services:	\$108,920
Total Revenue not charged for services:	\$155,560

## Civil Service Commission

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has civilian oversight through the Kenosha County Civil Service Commission. Members of the commission are:

Cathryn Bothe  
Lena Cooksey  
Jim Hawkins

Dr. Thomas Radmer  
Thomas Santarelli

## **Emergency Management**

The mission of Emergency Management (EM) is to mitigate known hazards, prepare for, respond to, and recover from both natural and man-made disasters that may occur in Kenosha County. The office exists under the requirements of Wisconsin State Statute 323, mandating that every county shall designate the head of Emergency Management within their authority. The Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management (KSDDEM) shall support in the administration of federal laws and regulations under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III and the Homeland Security Act.

The various responsibilities of Emergency Management are: developing and updating countywide emergency plans, educating the public, conduct disaster, and exercise drills; while advising local municipalities during a catastrophe. Emergency Management coordinates damage assessments, maintain the Kenosha Countywide outdoor tornado siren system, procuring resources during emergencies, retain the plans of all Kenosha County facilities storing extremely hazardous materials over a threshold, and maintain an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

### **Events**

On March 27, 2019, KSDDEM invited Kenosha Countywide elected officials and significant community stakeholders to an Open House in the Kenosha County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Ms. Randi Wind Milsap, General Counsel for the WI Department of Military Affairs, provided a ninety-minute presentation on "Legal Topics in Emergency Management," primarily focused on local government's legal responsibilities during and after local disasters. The majority of high-ranking Kenosha County elected officials were in attendance, and they gained a great deal of knowledge from Ms. Milsap.

On April 10, 2019, KSDDEM participated in the 2019 Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill. The Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management coordinated with Kenosha City/County Joint Services 911 Dispatch Center to activate the countywide outdoor tornado sirens, Kenosha Sheriff's EM Director sent public alert messages (via AlertSense IPAWS System), at 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm.

On July 2, 2019, at 1100 hours, KSDDEM's director coordinated a meeting to re-establishing working relationships between the Kenosha County institutions of higher

learning. Carthage College, the University of Wisconsin at Parkside, and Gateway Technical College were present, and all parties agreed to renew resource sharing MOUs during emergencies and report to the EOC Level 1 and 2 Activations during critical incidents.

On August 1 – 4, 2019, Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management, City of Kenosha, and the US Coast Guard composed a comprehensive IAP (Incident Action Plan) for Kenosha hosting the Tall Ships Challenge. This event welcomed 30,000 people to view and tour domestic and international tall sailing ships docked in the Kenosha Harbor.

### ***Planning***

KSDEM conducted an annual review and update of the Kenosha County Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) consisting of 24 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) and the Annex for Recovery Support Functions (RSF). KSDEM updated 13 off-site and created five new EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act) plans for Kenosha County facilities containing extremely hazardous materials and created five new plans.

### ***Outreach***

KSDEM participates in several Kenosha County and SE Wisconsin events while developing preparedness presentations for assisted living facilities, local hospitals, churches, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools.

Kenosha Sheriff's EM staff conducted active shooter presentations at Bethany Lutheran Church, Friedens Lutheran Church, St. Mark Catholic Parish, Northlake Engineering, Ariens | CO, and the Kenosha County District Attorney's Office. These presentations generated discussions and future implementations of emergency action plans regarding active shooter situations after law enforcement building assessments while establishing safety practices during critical incidents.

On April 10, 2019, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, the KSDEM staff coordinated with the National Weather Service's Annual Severe Weather Presentation at Gateway Technical College's Kenosha-Campus with an attendance of eighty-five (85), people.

On April 23, 2019, the Kenosha Sheriff's Tactical Response Team (i.e., SWAT Team), Bristol Fire and Rescue, and Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management Staff



conducted an active shooter drill at Bristol Grade School during school hours. After eighteen months of planning and preparation among Bristol School's Administration, law enforcement, fire, and parent groups, the drill provided safety environment where teachers and students calmly evacuated to their designated staging areas or sheltered and place.

During the Spring 2019 and Fall 2019 school year, the Kenosha Sheriff's EM staff attended and evaluated Saint Joseph Catholic Academy, Silver Lake Grade School, Bethany, Friedens, and Shoreland Lutheran Schools campus lockdown drills. All students, staff, and administrative personnel professionally conducted themselves while adhering to ALICE protocols under advanced threat assessment parameters.

Kenosha County Public-Private Partners program provides ten workshops during a calendar designed for public and private sector organizations to attend presentations and workshops from local and regional experts sharing their knowledge and experiences in their various professions.

### ***Exercises***

On August 19, 2019, KSDEM and WEM conducted a functional exercise at Ocean Spray Inc., in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The exercise involved a simulated chemical release within the plant. The effects of the simulated chemical release challenged the local community to activate its Emergency Plan, develop a command structure, communicate with all the mutual aid agencies (Fire, EMS, Hazmat, Emergency Management, and local Hospitals) responding, and develop a decontamination plan.

On November 15, 2019, the Kenosha Sheriff's SWAT Team and Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management Staff conducted an active shooter drill at the Kenosha County's District Attorney's Office. After months of planning and preparation, the DA's staff members participated in a simulated "controlled," active shooter scenario. The DA's staff took appropriate actions during the drill and followed predetermined active shooter precautions where employees safely evacuated the building to designated staging areas or sheltered and place.

## ***Grants***

KSDEM secured grant-funded money EPCRA Computer HazMat Equipment Grants specifically for the Kenosha County Hazardous Materials Team. KSDEM acquired grant-fund monies for the Kenosha Sheriff's Mobile Field Forces, Bomb Squad, and Kenosha Fire Chiefs and Captains Association.

## ***Summary***

The Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management continues to make every effort in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery planning to assist the residents of Kenosha County before, during, and after catastrophes.

## **Honor Guard**

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department takes great pride in our community and our department. Regularly, the Sheriff's Department is called on to have representation at various events. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Honor Guard represents the department at events such as local parades, the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, and other engagements. The Honor Guard also attends funerals for fallen officers throughout the State of Wisconsin, as well as funerals for employees and retirees of the Sheriff's Department.

In 2019, these funerals included fallen Illinois State Police Trooper, Christopher Lambert, Milwaukee Police Officer, Matthew Rittner, Mchenry County Deputy, Jacob Keltner, Racine Police Officer, John Hetland, and retired Kenosha County Deputy Frank Andrekus #23.

## **DETENTIONS DIVISION**

The Detentions Division of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the operation of the county jail system and it's supporting functions. Under the auspices of the Sheriff of Kenosha County, the Detentions Division controls the operation of the Adult Pre-Trial Detention Center and the Kenosha County Detention Center providing safe and secure housing to all persons remanded to the custody of the Kenosha County Sheriff.

## Average Daily Population

- Average Daily Population: 718
- Total Number of Bookings 7,659
- Total Number of Releases: 7,699

### 2019 Average Monthly Populations for BICE /USM

	BICE	USM	Monthly Total
January	175	53	228
February	168	51	219
March	193	50	243
April	180	49	229
May	183	42	225
June	185	41	226
July	179	41	220
August	182	41	223
September	160	38	198
October	161	37	198
November	147	36	183
December	141	40	181
Average population per day			214

## Detentions Programs

The Detentions Division of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department services the secure detention needs of the criminal justice community, together with the public safety needs of the citizens of Kenosha County. This is accomplished by providing housing for pretrial detainees in a system of modern linear confinement, and sentenced persons in a direct supervision environment. All incarceration is managed by policies that hold inmates accountable for their behavior. This system of safe and appropriate housing of detainees is the product of Objective Inmate Classification, which determines risk levels. This safe and secure confinement includes responsible management, aided by community-based programming providing practical life skills exposure. This creates a perpetual goal of releasing persons from confinement back into the community in a condition no worse than when they first arrived.

***Electronic Monitoring***

The Electronic Monitoring program is used to track and supervise the locations of individuals who have been released to home confinement.

<b>2019 Electronic Monitoring Average Daily Population</b>	
January	19
February	25
March	22
April	19
May	18
June	15
July	12
August	12
September	12
October	13
November	13
December	10
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>16</b>

***Work Crew Program***

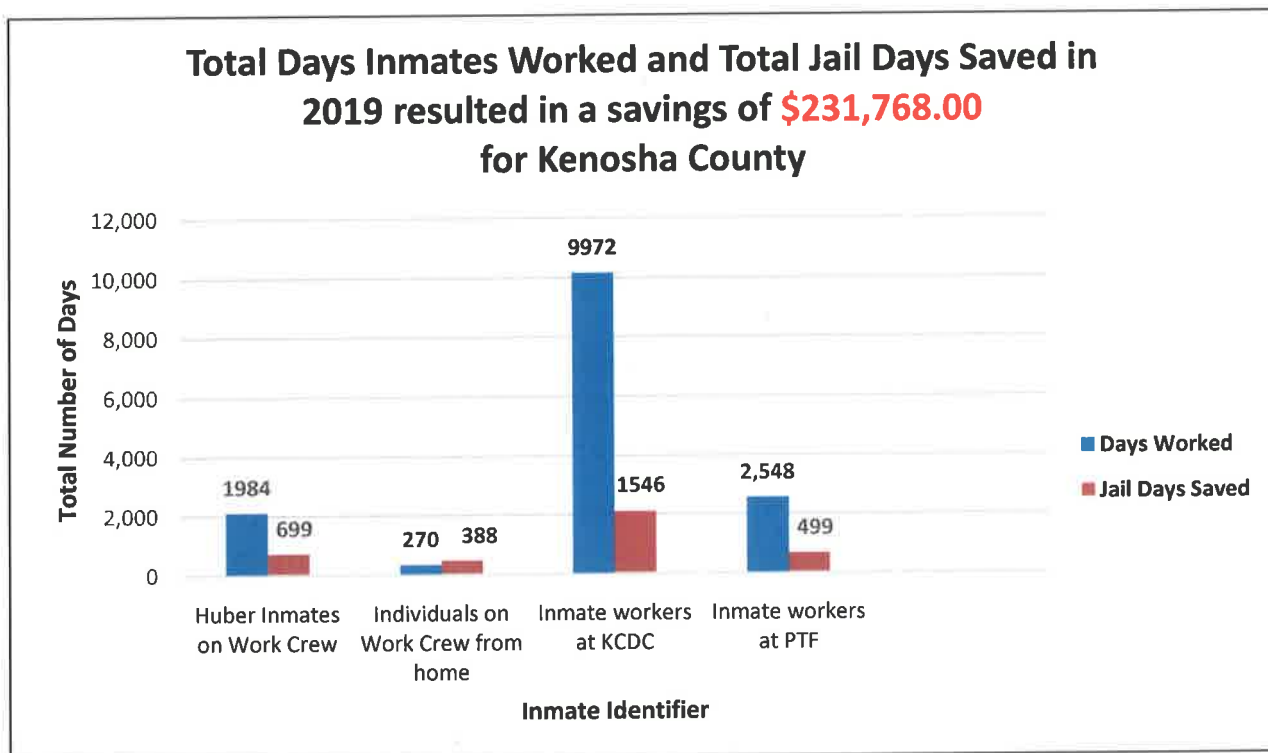
Primary Purpose of The Community Service Work Crew Program is to alleviate overcrowding in the County Jail, while at the same time, serving the community.

To have a successful program there has to be 100% cooperation with Circuit Court Judges, District Attorney's office, Clerk of Courts, Municipality Courts, and Jail staff. The program also relies upon non-profit locations with supervisors and two Direct Supervision Officers to enforce the program rules.

There are four types of people who participate in the work crew program.

1. Huber inmates who are unemployed;
2. Non- Huber sentenced inmates (used only inside for inmate workers);
3. People who are unable to pay a fine (person convicted of a forfeiture in which they were given time to pay a fine by the courts and the alternative would be serving County Jail time); and
4. Probation referrals.

The individuals that are assigned to outside non-profit organizations are allowed to work at no cost to the community while working towards repaying the debt accessed by the courts. The current jail days/workdays ratio used by the courts is ten days in the County Jail would be five days served on the work crew.



### Living Free 2019

The Living Free Program is an 84-day intensive educational/group therapy program directed to 36 Males and 15 Females at a time. The program is available to all inmates on a volunteer basis. The Program is also offered to some inmates as an Alternative to Revocation (ATR) of Probation. Participants have three two-hour classes daily and homework that must be completed to graduate. All participants are expected to follow the Kenosha County Detention Center and Program rules. Instruction is provided by the following community agencies: Women and Children's Horizons, Moore and Associates, Hope Council, Kenosha County Job Center, Kenosha County Health Department, and Walkin' in My Shoes. The type of instruction provided includes Life Skills, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault Education, Job Readiness, Anger Management AODA, Parenting, Maleness to Manhood, Criminal Thinking, Overcoming Problems

Effectively, Employment Skills, and Health classes. Also provided are AA, NA, and Bible study groups.

	Total Participants
Males participating in the Living Free Program <i>Graduated—44</i>	110
Male ATR's in the Living Free Program	1
Females participating in the Living Free Program <i>Graduated—10</i>	45
'Female ATR's in the Living Free Program	0
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>155</b>

### ***Educational Services***

Kenosha County Detention Center provides classes for Kenosha Unified School students by providing a classroom as well as two KUSD teachers. One of the teachers is a Special Education teacher and the other is a General Education teacher. Students participate in classes from 8:45 to 11:00 am and 1:00 to 3:15 pm daily. Teachers also visit students weekly at KCJ. They work with students up to the age of 21. They also run a summer school class with one teacher position. Inmate students are provided the same curriculum as regular KUSD students. Upon entry to the program, students' transcripts are assessed and a graduation plan is put into action. Students may graduate by earning traditional credits or the ITED alternative diploma. If students will not be returning to KUSD, they provide GED preparation but do not administer any GED testing.

Kenosha Unified School Male & Female 2019	66 Participants
Graduated KUSD 2019	21 Graduated

*\*This number does not include students that were in the KUSD program at KCDC but were released to their schools and graduated from there.*

### ***Wisconsin Community Services***

The Kenosha Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program provides supervision for persons charged with a first OWI with injury, homicide by OWI, and/or a second or subsequent Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offense. The program is an effort to get the offender into treatment as soon as possible after an arrest. Compliance with the

program requirements and treatment may result in a reduced jail sentence. The Kenosha Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program is aimed at reducing the rate of recidivism for repeat drunk drivers.

## ***Program Statistics***

There are numerous statistics available on the OWI Program, below are those of most frequent inquiry:

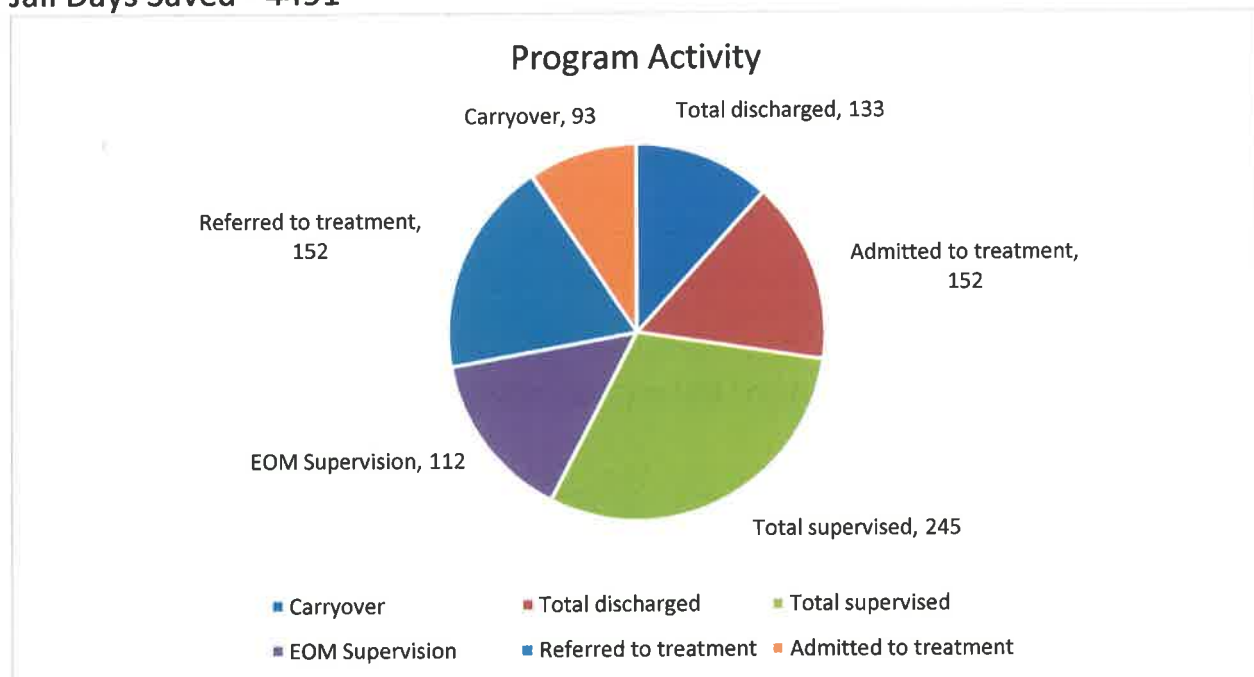
### **Recidivism rates:**

- Re-arrested during supervision—4
- Re-arrested after supervision completed (within the same county)—0

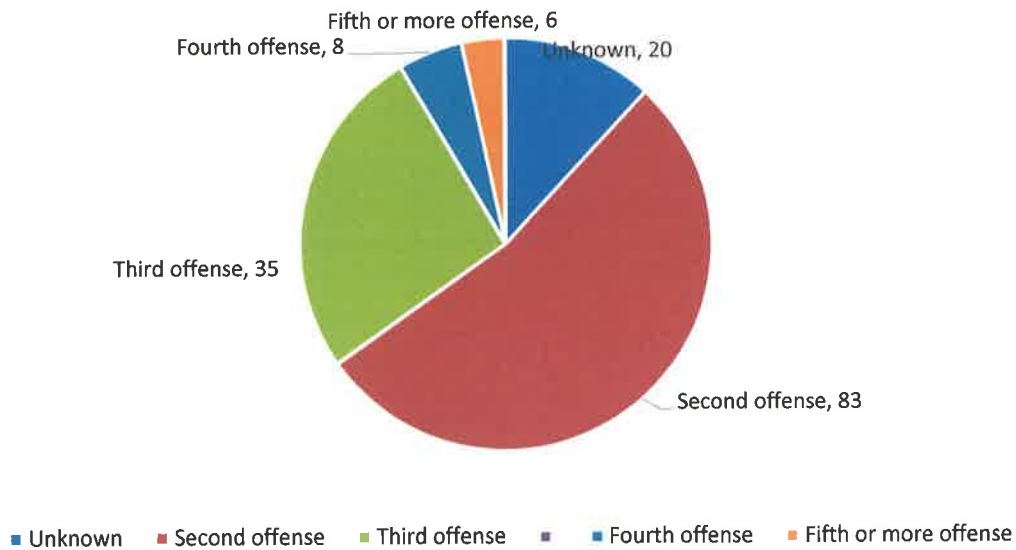
### **Gender**

- Male— 115
- Female—37

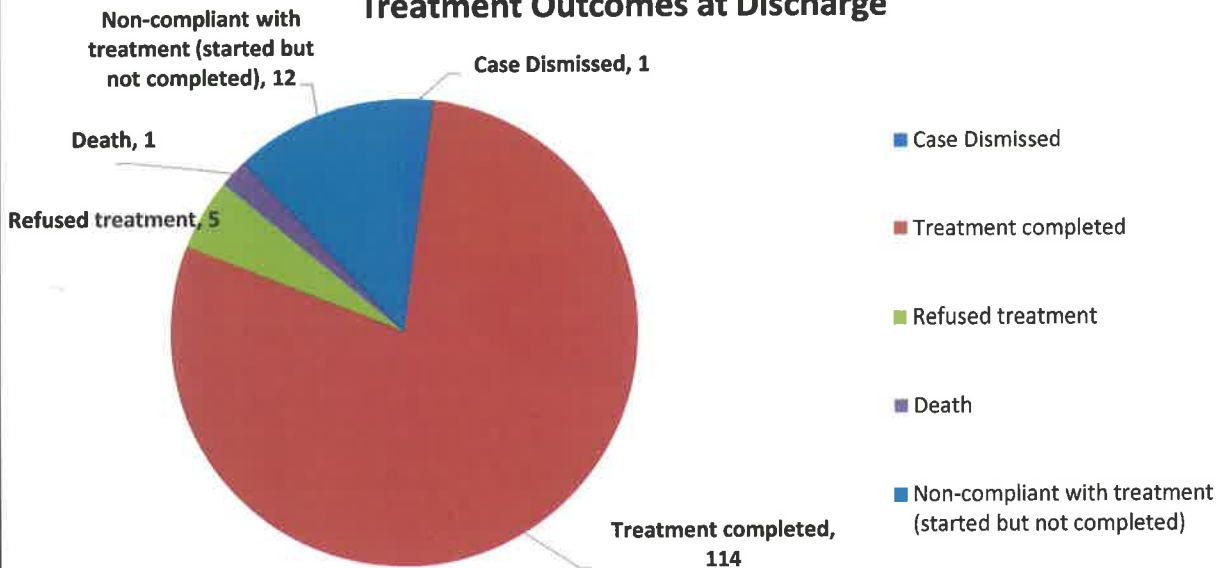
### **Jail Days Saved - 4491**



### Offenses at Time of Admission



### Treatment Outcomes at Discharge





## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

### **Bomb Squad**

The Kenosha County Bomb Squad is made up of members from the Sheriff's Department (3 FBI certified bomb techs) and Kenosha Police Department (2 FBI certified bomb techs). The bomb technicians are all graduates of the FBI Hazardous Devices School located at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. The Kenosha County bomb squad is one of six, FBI certified bomb squads in the State of Wisconsin. The Bomb Squad maintains its skills with monthly training and advanced training put on by the FBI, ATF, and the IABTI (International Association of Bomb Technician and Investigators).

Members of the Bomb Squad participated in the 2019 Raven's Challenge Exercise. The exercise was run by the ATF and US Army at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in North Vernon, IN. Raven's Challenge is an interagency, counter IED exercise that incorporates scenarios focused on interoperability capabilities between public safety bomb squads and military explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) units in operational environments. Our bomb squad members were paired with a Canadian EOD unit for the exercise.

In 2019, the bomb squad was awarded a \$33,000 Homeland Security grant and was able to purchase a new bomb suit.

The Bomb Squad had 26 call out/activations in 2019. The Bomb Squad did also respond to calls for service in both Racine and Walworth Counties. The calls in 2019 involved a variety of calls ranging from homemade IED's, suspicious packages, recovery of military ordinance, swat team assists, dignitary protection, and bomb threats.

Calls out of note in 2019 were homemade firework labs in the Village of Salem Lakes and another in Union Grove. Both required collection and disposal of explosive materials.

The bomb squad was tasked with dignitary protection for the Vice President of the United States during his visit to Uline in Pleasant Prairie.

The Kenosha County Bomb Squad put on demonstrations for the public which include, the Kenosha County Fair, the Kenosha Safety Fair. The Bomb Squad also gave in-service training to all KSD sworn staff.

### **Detective Bureau**

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau is a part of the Operations Division of the Sheriff's Department. It is comprised of eleven detectives and one Lieutenant. Detectives are trained in a wide variety of specialties to include: fraud/white collar crimes, fire investigation, accident investigation/reconstruction, death investigations, burglary, robbery, and theft. Detectives are assigned to major cases as well as assisting patrol deputies with investigations utilizing a variety of databases, resources, contacts, and techniques. Here are a few of the major cases handled by the Detective Bureau in 2019.

#### **Attempted Homicide/Sexual Assault**

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, KSD detectives were contacted and asked to respond to 12216-280<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A female had fled the residence and called 911 after being battered and sexually assaulted. It was reported by the victim that firearms were involved. The male refused to exit the residence. Due to the circumstances, KSD TRT was activated to respond to the scene. The male eventually exited the residence and was taken into custody. The male was charged with: Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Assault, Substantial and Aggravated Battery, Strangulation and Suffocation, False Imprisonment, Failure to Comply with Officer, and Disorderly Conduct all with Use of Dangerous Weapon enhancer.

#### **Triple Homicide- Intoxicated Use of Vehicle**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, KSD detectives were contacted and asked to respond to a fatal injury crash involving two vehicles in the 21600 block of STH 50. After further investigation, it was determined an eastbound vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed rear-ended another eastbound vehicle. The crash caused three fatalities and two patients with serious injuries. The operator of the vehicle causing the accident was reportedly drinking prior to the collision. The man was convicted of three counts of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Motor Vehicle, one count of Injury by Intoxicated Use of Motor Vehicle and was sentenced to 32 years in Wisconsin State Prison that will be followed by 17 years extended supervision.

### **John Doe Homicide Investigation**

In May 2019, KSD Detectives were contacted by the Wisconsin crime lab with information possibly identifying an unknown homicide victim that was in a shallow grave in Kenosha County in 1988. New, cutting edge, tests were conducted on the evidence in this case, and in 2019, after 31 years, the victim was identified as Robert L. Schwartz from Sherman Oaks, California. Upon the completion of a comprehensive follow up investigation, the case was closed as the primary suspect was deceased. Retired Kenosha County detectives that were a part of the original investigation attended a televised press conference for this announcement.

### **Cargo Trailer Thefts**

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, three Kenosha County Sheriff's Detectives received a regional award from the Midwest Cargo Security Council. They were formally recognized at a conference held in Countryside, Illinois. The award was given in collaboration with federal and local agencies in Illinois for efforts in the arrest and continuing prosecution of several members of an organized crime group responsible for multiple interstate cargo trailer thefts.

On December 11, 2019, these same three Detectives were nationally recognized with the Law Enforcement Award by the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA Americas) at a national conference in Nashville, TN.

### **Homicide – Racine Police Officer John Hetland**

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Detective Bureau responded to Teezer's Bar in Racine to take over a Homicide investigation from the City of Racine Police Department. Off duty, Racine Police Officer John Hetland was shot and killed attempting to stop a subject robbing the bar with a semi-automatic handgun. The suspect was masked and fled before law enforcement response. Detectives interviewed and re-interviewed witnesses, conducted canvases, and assisted in evidence collection. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 a suspect was identified with a strong link to DNA evidence. The suspect was apprehended in Milwaukee later that day and is charged with first-degree intentional homicide, robbery, and felon in possession of a firearm pending a jury trial in 2020. KSD Detectives worked side by side with numerous agencies including but not limited to the Kenosha Police Department, Kenosha Drug Operations Group, Racine Police Department, Racine County Sheriff's Department, Mount Pleasant Police Department, Sturtevant Police Department, Milwaukee Police Department, WI HIDTA, WI Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (Crime Lab),

Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Probation and Parole, Indiana State Police, City Of Highland Park Illinois Police Department, along with Federal agencies US Probation and Parole, ATF, and FBI.

### **Fatal Fire Investigations**

On July 5<sup>th</sup> KSD Detectives were contacted and asked to respond with Kenosha County Fire Task Force to fatal fire investigation in Wheatland Mobile Home Park. Wheatland Fire Department had responded to a structure fire and upon extinguishing the fire a deceased male was located in the residence. The subject had died as a result of the fire. The subject was identified as the owner and through the investigation, it was determined the cause of the fire was accidental.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> KSD Detectives were contacted and asked to respond with Kenosha County Fire Task Force to a second fatal fire investigation. Bristol Fire Department along with numerous other agencies responded to a residential fire in the Lake George area of Bristol. The caller reported people were still inside the residence. One of the occupants along with two dogs were able to escape the residence. The second occupant was evacuated by the Fire Department and transported to the Hospital. The subject was later pronounced deceased. The fire was determined to be accidentally caused by the mishandling of smoking materials.

### **Serious injuries- Hit and Run Accident**

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, KSD Detectives were contacted and asked to respond to a serious injury hit and run a head-on crash involving two vehicles in the 11900 block of 259<sup>th</sup> Ave. The driver of one of the vehicles had fled the scene and six people were transported from the scene to area hospitals. Two of those patients were 17 years old. The suspect was identified, later located and taken into custody on 4 counts of Hit and Run causing Injury and 2 counts of Hit and Run causing Great Bodily Harm.

### **Theft of Hemp**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Detective Bureau responded to 9701 320<sup>th</sup> Ave. in reference to reported thefts of agricultural hemp. During the investigation, thefts were reported to be occurring and ongoing at the farm over the course of the week following the initial report. Four specific thefts were identified to have occurred at the property. KSD patrol was able to apprehend and issue charges on one specific group of persons. The investigation was able to reveal 3 additional separate groups of persons responsible for the remaining three thefts. Of those three additional identified groups, convictions for the felony thefts were obtained on one group of involved suspects. The second group was identified and charges were issued on involved persons. For the final theft, items of evidentiary value were obtained at the

scene and sent to the WI State Crime Lab for potential DNA results. The investigation into the fourth group is ongoing. Felony charges of theft and criminal damage to crops used for commercial purposes were requested based on the complaints obtained from the property owner.

### **Summary of 2019**

The listed cases serve to highlight the investigations conducted by the Detective Bureau in 2019. The detective bureau has accomplished numerous investigations that have not been listed. The Kenosha Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau continues to train in current technology, techniques, and resources to better serve the community in regards to the investigation of crimes.

The Detective Bureau received approximately one thousand cases to conduct follow-up on during 2019. The Detective Bureau was also responsible for over three hundred electronic assistance related cases that do not result in arrests. They encompass producing CD's for interviews that are made from suspects being questioned by various officers and departments; downloading and archiving department related photographs from incidents that occur; providing copies of squad videos to various entities and also providing assistance to other agencies as well as the Kenosha Sheriff's Department itself with Jail Related Global Tel Link phone calls.

### **Kenosha Drug Operations Group**

In 2019, the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) continues to target mid-to-high level drug trafficking organizations/dealers operating around the Kenosha and southeastern Wisconsin area. With the ongoing problem the heroin/opioid, cocaine, and marijuana in our area, KDOG continues to identify and investigate large-scale drug traffickers. KDOG is seeing that most of the drugs are coming from the Chicago and Milwaukee metropolitan areas. KDOG has seen an increase in methamphetamine use and sales compared to 2018. KDOG continues to work with other agencies in southeastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois on several joint investigations of Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's). KDOG also continues to share drug-related intelligence with other agencies outside of Kenosha.

In 2019, the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) initiated 120 drug cases. These cases resulted in 170 felony arrests and 17 misdemeanor arrests. KDOG conducted 28 search warrants and 101 controlled purchases of drugs. KDOG investigations resulted in the seizure of approximately \$64,170.00 of drugs and cash. The numbers above are a bit down from 2018 because KDOG has been investigating larger cases and DTO's that require investigation time.

**2019 Highlight**

On Thursday, September 5, 2019, at approximately 0600 the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) and the Racine County Metro Drug Unit assisted the City of Waukesha Police Department in serving two “knock and announce” search warrants at two locations within Kenosha County. These two search warrants discovered a marijuana/THC operation used to produce THC vape cartridges. The total street value of the seized THC product is estimated to exceed 1.5 million dollars. These simultaneous search warrants were within the Village of Paddock Lake and Village of Bristol.

These search warrants were the result of a City of Waukesha Police Department investigation that identified a subject as a large scale supplier of Marijuana/THC and THC vape cartridges who lived in Kenosha County. The Racine County Metro Drug Unit was included in this investigation due to a past investigation with a member of the family. Kenosha Drug Operations Group members along with members from both Racine Metro and Waukesha P.D. made entry into the Paddock Lake residence and secured four people inside of the home. Two off the four were taken into custody and transported to the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department. KDOG members along with Racine County Metro Drug Unit assisted in a thorough search of this residence. At the Bristol location, KDOG members and the Racine County Metro Drug Unit assisted the City of Waukesha PD making entry and secured the location. No persons were located within the residence and a thorough search of this residence was completed.

Items seized from the first residence include:

- Approximately \$59,000 in US Currency
- Eight Firearms and ammunition
- 0.6 Grams of Cocaine
- 10.6 Grams of Marijuana
- Nine pills identified as Xanax
- Nine cellular telephones
- Miscellaneous drug paraphernalia including scales and packaging materials

Items seized from the second residence include:

- Approximately 31,200 vape cartridges filled with 1 gram THC each
- Approximately 98,000 vape cartridges unfilled
- 57 Mason jars filled with approximately 1616 ounces of refined liquid THC
- Approximately eighteen pounds of Marijuana
- \$351 in US Currency

- Three money counting machines
- Thousands of empty vape cartridge boxes/packaging
- Miscellaneous drug paraphernalia used to produce the filled cartridges

The first subject taken into custody is being held in the Kenosha County Jail on the following charges

- Manufacture, Distribution, or Delivery of Marijuana/THC more than 10,000 Grams
- Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute, or Deliver Marijuana/THC more than 10,000 Grams
- Keep/Maintain a Drug House
- Unauthorized use of Individuals Personal Identifying Information

The second subject taken into custody is being held in the Kenosha County Jail on the following charges

- Felon in Possession of a Firearm
- Possession of Cocaine 2nd Offense
- Felony Probation Hold

This DTO investigation continued for several months after the search warrants. KDOD was able to identify about 18 subjects involved with this case. Of the 18 subjects, we charged 8 people with drug-related charges for their involvement. In the case. Others involved in this case may still be charged.

## **Marine Unit**

In 2019, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department had 14 active members in the Marine Unit. Our vessels include a 25-foot SAFE Boat and a 17-foot Lund. We accumulated 240.75 patrol hours in our area waterways. The Marine Unit issued 20 citations and 7 warnings for various violations including slow no-wake violations, PFD violations, and operating without a valid safety certificate violations. We conducted 46 safety inspections while on patrol. Our primary operation was on Lake Michigan, but we also patrolled Lake Shangri-La and several lakes in the Village of Salem Lakes. The Kenosha Sheriff's Marine Unit does receive some reimbursement for expenses related to the water patrol.

## **Patrol**

The Patrol Division for the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department had 58 deputy sheriffs assigned to three shifts in 2019. The department has a Traffic Interdiction Unit (TIU) which allows deputies to concentrate enforcement in specific areas.

- 20 Deputies Assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Shift and 4 supervisors

- 24 Deputies Assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift and 4 supervisors
- 14 Deputies Assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift and 4 supervisors

This staffing level not only covered all six districts of the county, but also covered the contracted municipalities for the Villages of Bristol, Somers, Salem Lakes, and Paddock Lake. Deputies responded to 58,846 calls throughout the year.

In 2019, the three patrol shifts made a total of 15,256 arrests. A total of 10,797 traffic citations were issued and a total of 847 county and village ordinance violations were written. On the criminal side, 767 felony arrests were made and 1211 misdemeanor arrests were made.

### **Contracted Law Enforcement Services**

The Villages of Bristol, Paddock Lake, and Salem Lakes contract their Law Enforcement services through the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department for the protection of the village residents and businesses. The deputies can patrol all sections of the villages and maintain high visibility which works as a deterrent of crime for the community. Each of the village halls provides office facilities for the deputy's use. Deputies are committed to policing the community and having a positive impact on residents and businesses alike.

#### ***Village of Bristol***

Deputies have been providing contracted patrol services for the village since June 2008. During 2019, deputies responded to 5,425 calls for service and issued 788 citations which encompass various traffic violations. Deputies also issue Village Ordinance violations that occur within the village and enforce parking violations. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

#### ***Village of Paddock Lake***

Deputies have been providing contracted patrol services for the village since 1981. In 2019, deputies responded to 3,334 calls for service and issued 448 citations which encompass various traffic violations. Deputies also issue Village Ordinance violations that occur within the village and enforce parking violations. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.



***Village of Salem Lakes***

Deputies been providing contracted patrol services for the village since 2017. During 2019 deputies responded to a total of 8,890 calls for service and issued 500 citations that encompass various traffic violations. They also issue Village Ordinance violations and enforce parking violations. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

***Village of Somers***

In 2016 Somers incorporated as a Village. At the end of the year, they contracted with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement needs. During 2019 deputies responded to a total of 14,132 calls for service and issued 713 citations which encompass various traffic violations. They also issue Village Ordinance violations and enforce parking violations. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

**Sworn Staffing**

KENOSHA SHERIFF ANNUAL SWORN STAFFING								
	Deputies	Detectives	Sergeants	Lieutenants	Captains	Chief Deputy	Sheriff	TOTAL
<b>2010</b>	76	14	12	8	2	1	1	<b>114</b>
<b>2011</b>	76	14	12	9	2	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2012</b>	76	14	12	9	2	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2013</b>	76	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2014</b>	76	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2015</b>	79	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>118</b>
<b>2016</b>	79	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>118</b>
<b>2017</b>	81	14	14	8	3	1	1	<b>122</b>
<b>2018</b>	84	14	14	8	3	1	1	<b>125</b>
<b>2019</b>	86	14	14	9	3	1	1	<b>128</b>

**K-9 Units**

The K9 units are responsible for assisting the Patrol Division and other Police Agencies in the county with narcotic sniffs, tracking of wanted and missing persons, protecting their handlers, and many public demonstrations each year. The unit has been in

existence since it was re-introduced in 2005. The community engagement of this unit is immeasurably valuable.

The members of the K9 units are Deputy Tifft with K9 Riggs, Deputy Lanctot with K9 Klaus, and Deputy Kasulke with K9 Arlo. These teams continue to provide faithful service to the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Kenosha County now and for years to come.

### **Tactical Response Team**

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Tactical Response Team is a 26 man team consisting of:

- One tactical commander
- One assistant commander
- Four team leaders
- 4 man Sniper element (including 1 sniper team leader)
- 6 man TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services) element
- 13 man entry element.

Under the supervision of the Sheriff's Department, it is comprised of officers from the Kenosha Sheriff's Department, the Kenosha Police Department, and the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department. The TEMS group is comprised of paramedics from the Village of Bristol Fire Department, Village of Salem Lakes Fire Department, and the Village of Pleasant Prairie Fire Dept. TEMS is under the direction of Kenosha EMS Medical Director Benjamin Feinzimer and Assistant Kenosha EMS Medical Director Benjamin Kessel. The Tactical Response Team trains a minimum of 8 hours per month in various tactical specialties. Members are also required to qualify once per month with their primary rifle and handgun. The Tactical Response Team is tasked with supporting the patrol division, conducting high-risk warrants, dignitary protection, barricaded gunmen, rural operations, hostage situations, and active shooter incidents

In 2019, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Tactical Response Team expanded the training of Kenosha Police Department Officers and Kenosha Fire Department

members in Rescue Task Force techniques. The training included the formation of RTF teams, team movements, tactical priorities, and radio communication.

For the year of 2019, the Tactical Response Team conducted a total of six high-risk search warrants. One warrants were on behalf of the Kenosha Drug Operations Group, and four warrants were on behalf of the Kenosha Police Department.

The Tactical Response Team responded to six tactical incidents.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 deputies of the Kenosha Sheriff's Department responded to 12216-280<sup>th</sup> Ave to report on a female who had been assaulted and battered at gunpoint. The female was able to flee the residence and the armed suspect was still inside the residence. The Tactical Response Team was requested to assist. The Tactical Response Team established a perimeter, eventually made contact with the suspect, and coordinated his surrender.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Tactical Response Team assisted the Kenosha Drug Operations Group with a high-risk warrant related to a weapons investigation. Upon service of the warrant, several suspects were taken into custody, and weapons were recovered.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Tactical Response Team was activated at the request of the Kenosha Police Department to assist with a homicide investigation at 10914-66<sup>th</sup> Street. Evidence at the scene indicated the possibility of the suspect still being on the scene and barricaded inside the house. The Tactical Response Team responded and cleared the residence. The suspect was not located. The Tactical Response Team provided tactical support to investigators as leads were followed upon.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Tactical Response Team conducted a high-risk warrant at 6403-22<sup>nd</sup> Ave related to the homicide investigation. Investigators obtained information that suspects were believed to be at this residence. The Tactical Response Team served the warrant and the suspect was not located.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Tactical Response Team and Bomb Squad were requested by the Walworth County Sheriff's Department to assist with a possible hostage situation in the Village of Darien. The situation was resolved by Walworth County SWAT.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Tactical Response Team was requested by the Pleasant Prairie Police Department to assist with a homicide investigation at Cheddar's Restaurant located at 10366-77<sup>th</sup> Street. The Tactical Response Team supported the investigation by conducting several area searches, clearing several vacant houses that were under construction, and assisting with several vehicle contacts.

On September 21, 2019, the Tactical Response Team was requested by the Kenosha Police Department to assist with a suicidal subject, believed to have hostages, at 4122-30<sup>th</sup> Ave. The suspect was threatening to confront police to make them shoot him, had been drinking, and was upset. The suspect's parents were inside the house and reported that the suspect had barricaded both the front and rear doors. The Tactical Response Team established a command post that included members of the Crisis Negotiations Unit. Contact was made with the suspect's parents and they were allowed to exit the residence. For several hours, the Tactical Response Team attempted to establish contact and negotiate with the suspect. Chemical munitions were also deployed into the house. The Tactical Response Team then made entry and located the suspect hiding in a bedroom. The suspect was taken into custody.

On 10/23/19 the Tactical Response Team was activated to take part in the Security Detail for the visit of Vice President Pence at the U-line factory in Pleasant Prairie. The Tactical Response Team worked with the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, Kenosha Sheriff's Department, and the US Secret Service in providing security for this event.

The Tactical Response Team also took part in multiple community presentations/demonstrations to include: Back to School w/a Cop, COPS Survivor Program, "Growing w/Bristol" event, Kenosha Private/Public Partners, Kenosha County Safety Days, Kenosha Job Faire and various parades.

## Personnel

<i>New Employees</i>	
Deputy Sheriff	Correctional Officers
Brian Koschnitzke Genoa Cole Tanner Hollrith Julia Mancl Kevin Conlon Jeremy Fromm David Paff Benjamin Dorval Thomas Tritschler Kyle Matson Jeanean Kaelber Jonathon Booth Bradley Treiber Joseph Vyhnanek Nicholas Brooks Yacoub Museitif Tyler Brady Frank McGrath Charles Eisenberg Michael Duncan Kelsey Schwuchow Gage Granger	Jeremy Preischel Charles Koba Kailan Davenport Karina Manjarrez Griselda Reyes-Lopez Zachary Burnside Chad Loesch Jeanean Keske Gerald Bester Shantell Frank Michael Hellquist Juan Moreno Jesse Barrios Alexander Van Hoof
Direct Supervision Officers	Civilian Clerical
Angelica Dutter Aubree Bacon-Nevith Samuel Maldonado Joseph Hartnell Kortez Woods Kassie Pirk	Sherry McKeever, Administrative Secretary Alyssa Werfelmann, Administrative Assistant Amanda Huffman, Accounting Associate
Admissions Release Specialists	Casual Employees
Kassie Street Phyllis Erickson Nicole Jones Jamie Eibl	Sarah Leslie, CO Drew Bayles, DSO Jose Mayorquin, DSO Frankie Russell, Jr., DSO

	Griffin McCormick, Cook Steven Walton, Cook

## **Promotions**

Captain Bill Beth  
 Lieutenant Neil Paulsen  
 Lieutenant Tony Gonzalez  
 Sergeant John Wilke  
 Sergeant Chase Forster  
 Sergeant Alexander Sanchez  
 Corrections Sergeant James Parker III  
 Detective Joseph Zarletti  
 Detective Jonathan Scifres  
 Detective Daniel Bella

## **Retirements**

Captain Kenneth Weyker  
 Sergeant Frank Iovine  
 Detective David Smith  
 Detective Peggy Martin  
 Detective Kenneth Santelli  
 Deputy Stephen Boldus  
 Deputy Paul Studrawa  
 Programs Manager David McRoberts  
 Correctional Officer Robert Pallamolla  
 Correctional Officer Rhonda Moore  
 Correctional Officer Todd Thompkins  
 Direct Supervision Officer Edna Gross  
 Direct Supervision Officer Zola Davis  
 Direct Supervision Officer Jamie Smith  
 Direct Supervision Officer Jacqueline Hawley  
 Administrative Secretary Cheryl McCrary  
 Administrative Assistant Sr., Sharon Taylor