

Kenosha County Sheriff's Department



2020 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.

We all know that in 2020, our department made world news. We supported the Kenosha Police Department in protecting the scene at the Jacob Blake incident. This event grew into civil unrest, riots, and even visits by our past and current President. It was a focal point in the Presidential Debates. Our department and other supporting agencies emerged from the burned rubble in some parts of our city, to be currently called the "Kenosha Model" of dealing with civil unrest currently used in other parts of the State and Country. We have now been asked to train other agencies across the country.

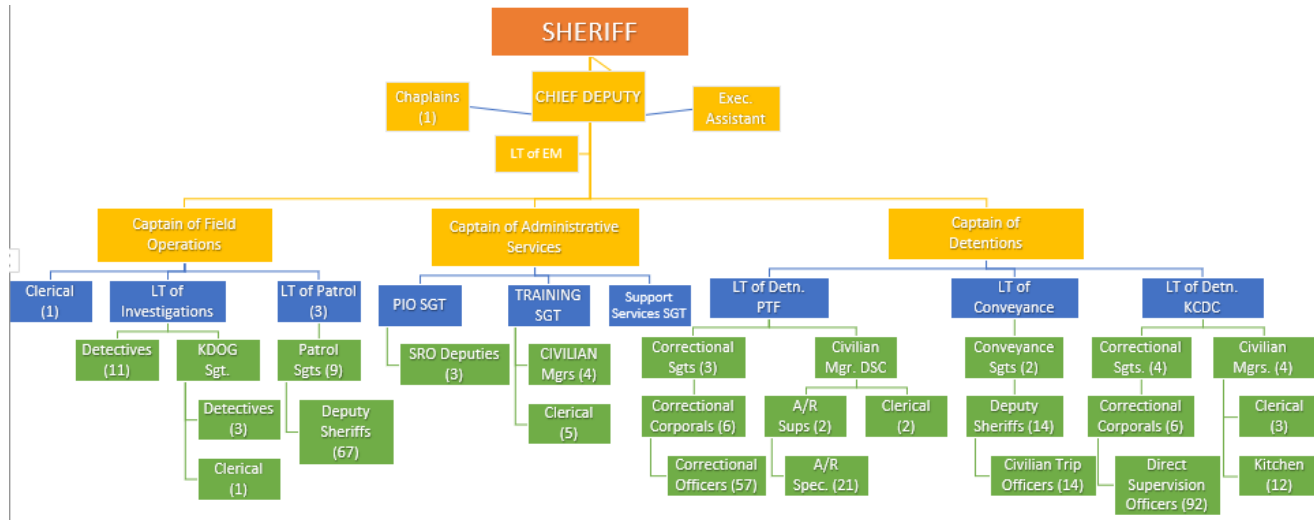
That is a brief description of our sworn staff's functions. Two-thirds of the Sheriff's Department's budget is in the corrections area. Corrections are also two-thirds of our staff. Our corrections staff is responsible for maintaining the records, security, and health of hundreds of inmates in our two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

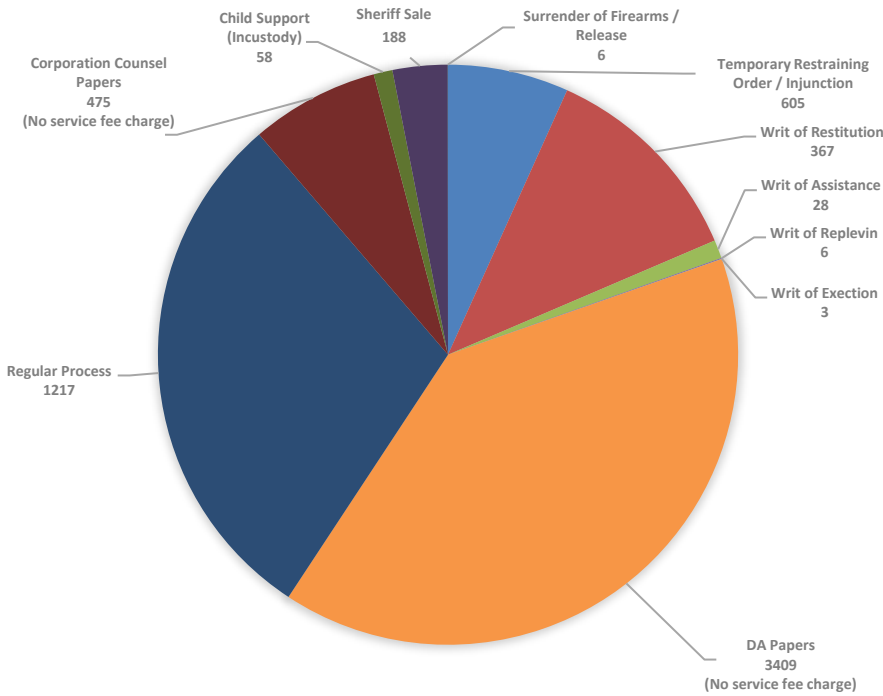
Civil Process Summary

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 2020, the Civil Process deputies and clerks were responsible for the following:

2020 Civil Process Summary



<u>Category</u>	<u>Services</u>
District Attorney (No service fee charged)	2583
All Other Documents	956
Temp Restraining Orders And Injunctions	580
Writ of Restitution	218
Corporation Counsel (No service fee charged)	218
Sheriff Sale	119
Child Support Agency	50
Writ of Assistance	6
Surrender of Firearms	1
Writ of Replevin	4
Writ of Execution	3
Civil Bench Warrant	1

Total Evictions (Not requiring the removal of personal property)	128
Total Evictions (Requiring the removal of personal property)	34
Total services:	4,901
Total Revenue from services:	\$74,090
Total Revenue not charged for services:	\$135,240

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

Kenosha County Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management's Mission 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 emergency management's 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 (KSDEM) shall support 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, maintains the Kenosha Countywide outdoor tornado siren system, procures resources during emergencies, retains the plans of all Kenosha County facilities storing extremely hazardous materials over a designated threshold, and maintains an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Events

On Friday, January 10, 2020, the shoreline along Lake Michigan experienced erosion due to high winds and record-high water levels, resulting in damage to properties, infrastructure, and recreational areas. A State of Emergency was declared on Friday, January 24, 2020. KSDEM assisted in assessing Kenosha Countywide damages and coordinating an in-person visit from FEMA to tour the damaged areas. KSDEM compiled information FEMA needed from the Villages of Somers, Pleasant Prairie, City of Kenosha, Carthage College, and Kenosha County Parks. KSDEM set up the FEMA Grants Portal for all of the applicants to submit data.

In March 2020, the Coronavirus Pandemic began to affect Kenosha County, and on Thursday, March 12, 2020, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser issued a Declaration of Emergency in Kenosha County. KSDEM coordinated the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The distribution has grown to include over 90 businesses such as hospitals, EMS services, dental offices, funeral homes, Kenosha County-owned facilities, and schools. KSDEM distributed approximately 830,000 units of PPE supplies to the community in 2020.

On Sunday, May 31, 2021, protestors demonstrated in the City of Kenosha regarding the Minneapolis, Minnesota Officer-Involved Death of George Floyd. The protests continued for three days resulting in damage to property and arrests. Kenosha County Division of Emergency Management activated the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) at a level two response consisting of summoning specific stakeholders assigned to the EOC for 24 hours for three consecutive days.

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, a weather event resulted in an F0 Tornado in the Village of Salem Lakes. Kenosha County's outdoor tornado sirens were activated, and residents were able to take shelter. KSDEM partially activated the EOC at Level 3 Status (i.e., monitoring the situation). Kenosha County residents sustain moderate property damages, and there was no loss of human lives.

On Sunday, August 23, 2020, KSDEM assisted the City of Kenosha during civil unrest due to a Kenosha Police Officer Involved shooting that led to protests and riots over three days resulted in property damage and arrests. KSDEM activated the EOC for two weeks. The EOC coordinated state and federal requests for assistance to support crowd control, riot team, intelligence, armored support vehicles during the City of Kenosha's Civil Unrest.

On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, KSDEM assisted with President Donald Trump's visit to Kenosha. The KSDEM's EOC was activated as a Level 2 status and remained active during President Trump's Visit to Kenosha, Wisconsin, coordinating under dignitary protection protocols.

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 fourteen off-site plans and created ten new EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act) plans for Kenosha County facilities containing highly hazardous materials and created five new plans.

Outreach

On Thursday, January 8, 2020, Kenosha Sheriff's Emergency Management staff conducted an active shooter drill at the Kenosha County Courthouse. The drill

enhanced the workforce's preparations to respond to potential active shooters gaining access to the Kenosha County Courthouse.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers Declared a Statewide Public Health Emergency locking down social gatherings, indoor meetings, closing businesses, and limiting public and private events. There were no community outreach events.

Exercises

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Grants

KSDM secured grant funded EPCRA Computer HazMat Equipment Grants specifically for the Kenosha County Hazardous Materials Team.

KSDM secured Emergency Management Planning Grant funding to support Kenosha County emergency management projects, including but not limited to mitigation, preparedness, response, outreach, and recovery activities.

KSDM secured additional EPCRA funds for the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee to undertake State of Wisconsin statutory requirements for EPCRA and fulfilled WEM required under WEM Directive 2007.2 EPCRA Planning Grant Funding.

Summary

The Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management continues to make every effort to prevent, mitigate, prepare, respond, and recovery planning to assist Kenosha County residents 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 2020, the Honor Guard assisted in the virtual Law Enforcement Memorial, and funeral services for Dispatcher Joan Zarletti, and retired Deputy Nick Trombley.

DETENTIONS DIVISION

The Detentions Division of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the operation of the county jail system and its 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: 522
- Total Number of Bookings 4,491
- Total Number of Releases: 4,663

2020 Average Monthly Populations for BICE /USM

	BICE	USM	Monthly Total
January	135	47	182
February	146	50	196
March	161	51	212
April	0	48	48
May	0	44	44
June	0	43	43
July	0	45	45

August	0	53	53
September	0	58	58
October	0	68	68
November	0	70	70
December	0	63	63
Average population per day			90

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.

2020 Electronic Monitoring Average Daily Population	
January	12
February	13
March	20
April	21
May	17
June	15
July	19
August	20
September	17
October	13
November	14

December	13
Average Daily Population	16

Work Crew Program

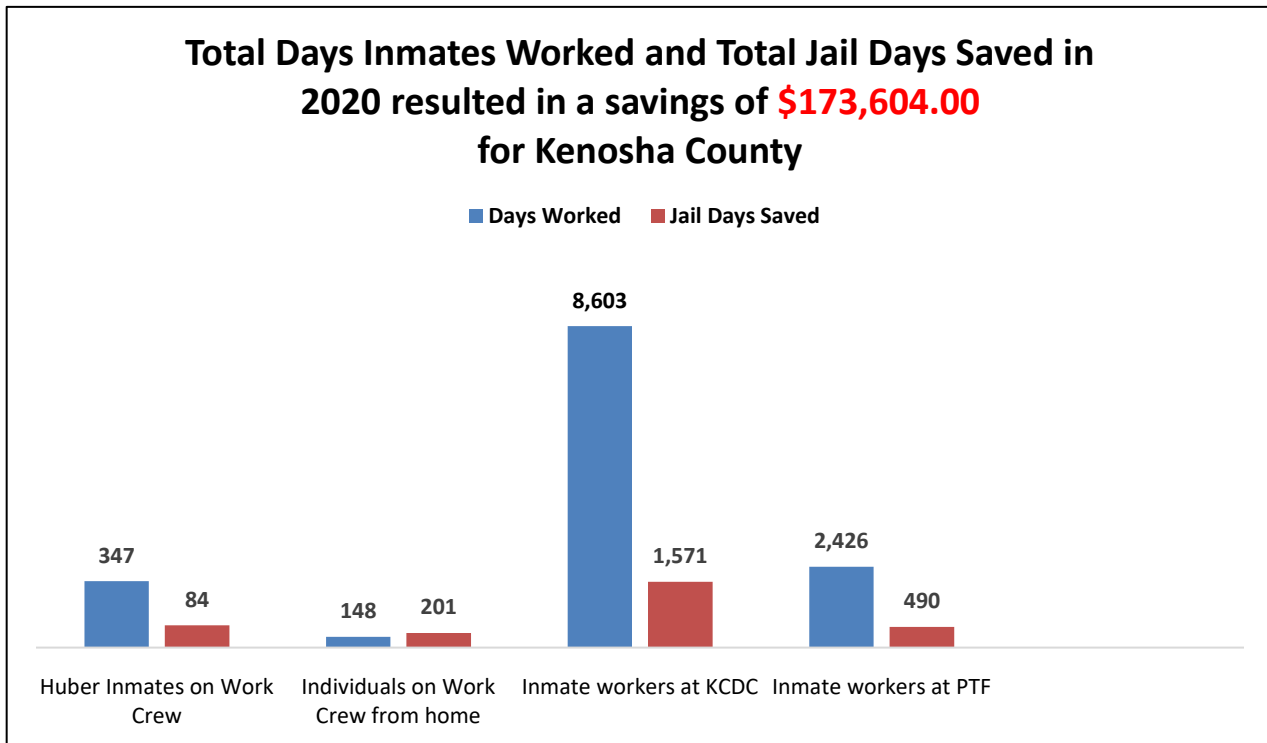
The primary purpose of The Community Service Work Crew Program is to alleviate overcrowding in the County Jail, while at the same time, serving the community.

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 2020

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—46</i>	96

Male ATR's in the Living Free Program	0
Females participating in the Living Free Program <i>Graduated—18</i>	78
Female ATR's in the Living Free Program	0
Total Participants	174

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 2020	47 Participants
Graduated KUSD 2020	16 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:

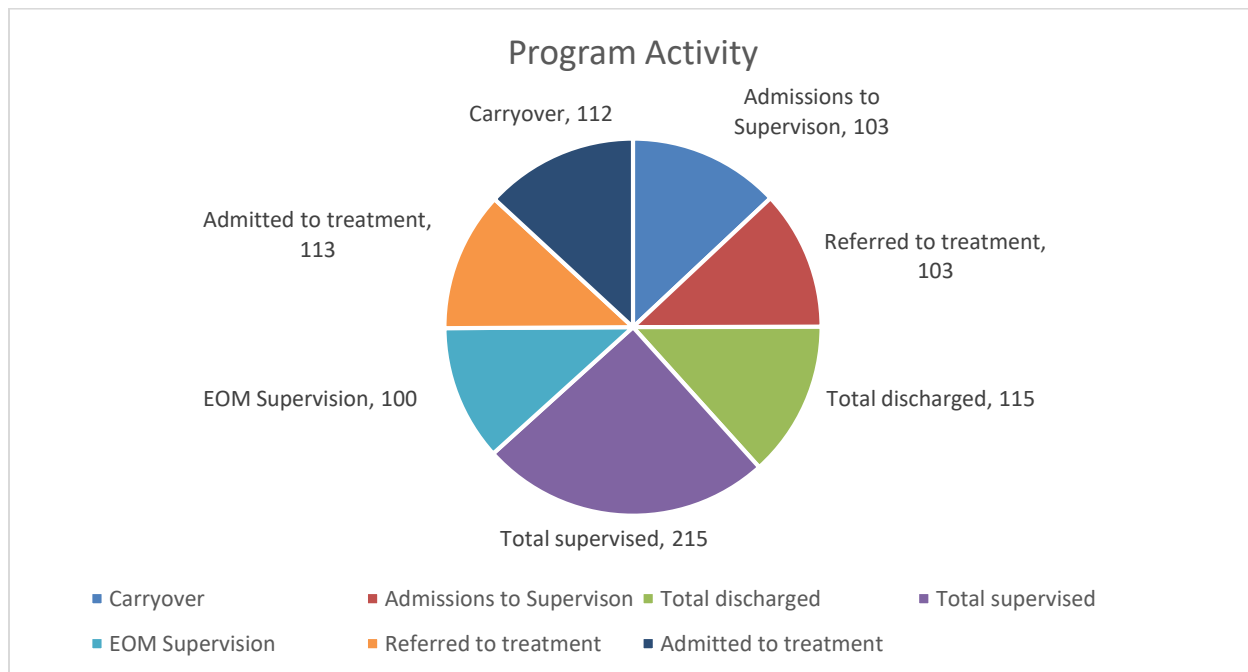
Recidivism rates:

- Re-arrested during supervision - 1
- Re-arrested after supervision completed (within the same county) - 0

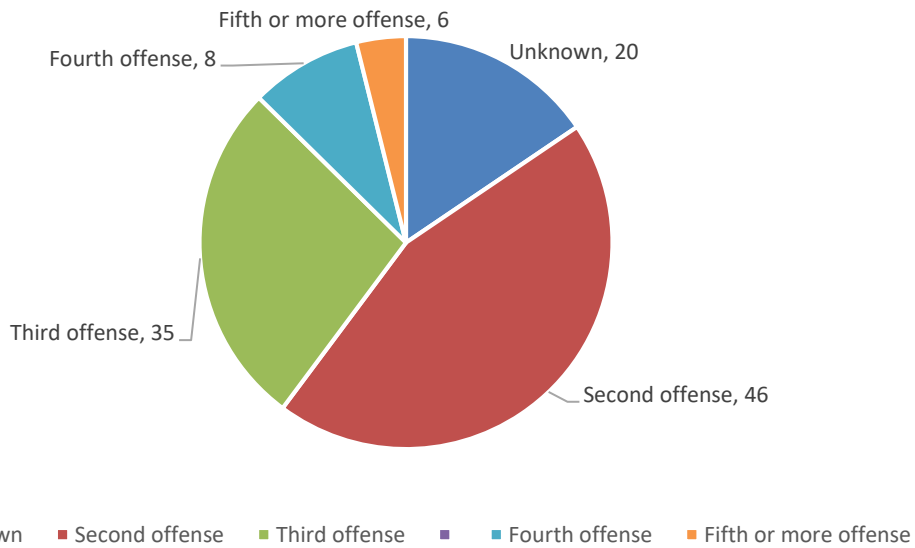
Gender

- Male— 79
- Female—24

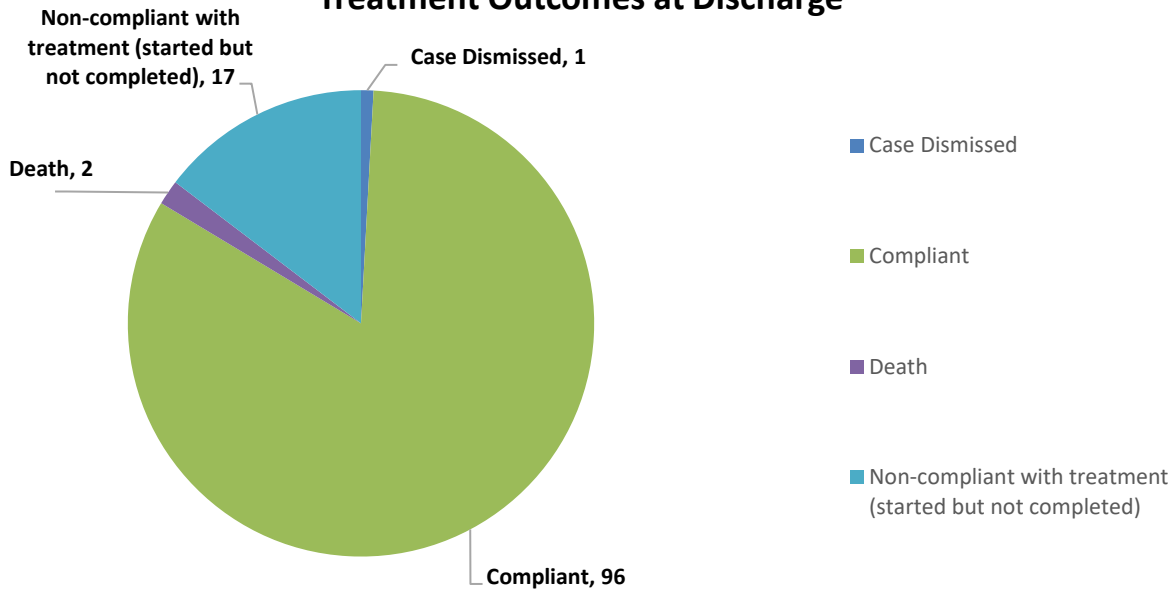
Jail Days Saved – 5303



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). We have two KSD members waiting to attend the FBI certification course. 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. Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Kenosha Sheriff's Department have a memorandum of understanding that makes the bomb squad a part of the Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT). Our bomb squad ALERT region is Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth Counties. We respond to bomb calls in all three counties.

The Bomb Squad maintains their skills with monthly training and advanced training put on by the FBI, ATF, DHS, and the IABTI (International Association of Bomb Technician and Investigators).

Members of the Bomb Squad participated in fewer training exercises in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bomb Squad members did attend a training taught by the ATF and Homeland Security before the lockdowns were put in place. The bomb squad maintained our training hours by attending numerous online training during the Covid 19 pandemic.

In 2020, the bomb squad was awarded \$66,000 in Homeland Security Grants. The grants were used to purchase a bomb suit and a new x-ray system. The equipment was purchased to replace outdated equipment.

The Bomb Squad had 33 call out/activations in 2020. The Bomb Squad did also respond to calls for service in both Racine and Walworth Counties. Assist agency requests were made by the Walworth County Sheriff's Department, the Racine Sheriff's Department, Racine Police Department, the FBI, the US Secret Service, and the Twin Lakes Police Department.

The increased number of bomb squad calls was directly related to the civil unrest that took place in August of 2020. The bomb squad responded to hoax devices, suspicious

packages, suspicious vehicles, modified fireworks, and other devices in the first week of unrest.

The Bomb Squad was tasked with dignitary protection for the President, Vice President, and Former Vice President of the United States during visits to our response areas.

Detective Bureau

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau is a part of the Operations Division of the Sheriff's Department. It is the General Assignment portion of the Detective Bureau 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. The following is a summary of some of the accomplishments and the major cases handled by the Detective Bureau in 2020.

Detective Roll Call Trainings

In January 2020, detectives with the KSD Detective Bureau formulated a plan and submitted it to supervision to instruct and assist newer and veteran deputies with "Roll Call Detective Trainings". This was based on a recognized need in the areas of reports, scene investigations, and evidence collection. This training involves detectives arriving before deputy roll calls early morning to late at night to conduct half-hour sessions on specific topics. The training includes PowerPoint presentations and discussions with investigators and deputies. It has already gone a long way in providing deputies with the tools for more thorough investigations. On December 15th, 2020, two of the detectives involved received a Certificate of Merit in recognition of this new initiative for training.

Semi vs. Pedestrian

On January 3, 2020, KSD detectives responded to the area of I-94 just north of Russell Road on the Illinois State Line for a report of a pedestrian struck by a semi-truck. A deceased female was located. She sustained numerous injuries. It appeared from the dashcam video provided by the semi-truck that she was walking in the traffic lane of the interstate prior to her being struck by the front passenger side of the truck. No charges were issued.

Pfeiffer Trailer Thefts

On January 15, 2020, KSD detectives investigated multiple theft complaints by Mr. Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Trailer. One complaint involved four separate purchases of trailers utilizing a fraudulent credit card at Pfeiffer Trailer Sales located at 20970 75th St, Village of Bristol, County of Kenosha, and the State of Wisconsin. The business sold four trailers, and although the credit card that was used to pay for all four of the trailers originally was accepted, on 09-03-19 the money was taken from the business account and refunded to the credit card company.

The business owner advised that when he investigated it, all they would tell him at Chase/Visa is that fraud was reported on the credit card and the money was refunded to its owner who they considered the victim of fraud. The business owner advised that the only thing known about the credit card owner was that on his merchant receipt it shows an apparent fictitious name. The total loss of the trailers was over \$20,000.00. The Detective assigned the investigation, through investigative efforts, identified the suspect as an individual from Chicago Illinois. Criminal charges are filed with the District Attorney's Office. A separate complaint at Pfeiffer Trailer Sales involved the fraudulent purchase of a 2019 American Hauler trailer to an individual utilizing a fraudulent name and credit card. A subsequent investigation involving the Michigan State Police and Pennsylvania State Police followed as it was learned the suspect had been purchasing several trailers across the Midwest and upper east coast utilizing fraudulent credit card numbers.

As a result of the investigation, three suspects (all from the Detroit, Michigan Area) were identified as suspects, and charges are pending through the District Attorney's Office.

Pandemic Schedule

In April 2020 -Sheriff Beth declared an emergency for the first time in decades at the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, all sworn personnel were utilized to staff a 12-hour schedule. All Lieutenants and detectives were back in uniform and had patrol duties. They returned to their regular schedule on May 26, 2020.

Reckless Injury

On May 2, 2020, a KSD detective responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash that occurred in the 1500 block of 45th Avenue. A male subject was transported to the hospital for his injuries. The KSD detective took a written statement from the brother of the injured male and he stated two vehicles were driving at a high rate of speed past

his house. He and his brother walked toward and stood in the street when the vehicles came back racing towards them. They yelled at the vehicles to slow down which they did. He believed them to be leaving the area and started to walk back to his residence when his brother was still standing in the street. One of the vehicles then turned around and drove straight into his brother flipping him into the air which resulted in numerous injuries. The driver of the vehicle has charges pending.

Fatal Vehicle Accident – CTH 50 and CTH B

On June 3, 2020, KSD detectives responded to a motor vehicle crash located on STH 50 and CTH B. Three patients were transported from the scene to the hospital via rescue. The impact was substantial. Through a lengthy investigation and accident reconstruction with the use of video surveillance, the driver of the speeding vehicle was charged with 2nd Degree Reckless Homicide and sentenced to eight years in prison followed by extended supervision.

Homicide

On August 15, 2020, KSD detectives responded to a homicide investigation regarding a deceased individual that was in a residence. The victim had significant head trauma. There was no one else in the residence at the time. During the investigation, Detectives received information that a relative of the victim had gone to the home pretending to be a census worker just before the homicide and the victim did not recognize him. The KSD detectives interviewed the relative and items from his residence were sent to the crime lab where he was then considered the main suspect in the homicide. The relative suspect was on probation. The suspect was ultimately charged with 1st Degree Intentional Homicide among other charges. He later admitted to committing the homicide in court and is awaiting sentencing for this crime.

Presidential Visits

On September 1, 2020, President Donald Trump visited Kenosha as city and state leaders braced for the impact of his presence on a fragile community in the wake of a Kenosha Police officer-involved shooting that left an African-American man paralyzed. On September 4, 2020, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden came to Kenosha in the wake of the Kenosha police shooting of Jacob Blake. Kenosha County Sheriff's Detectives were part security detail at the site visits.

The KSD Detective Bureau's involvement with the riots included collecting intelligence along with several detectives assigned to various aspects of traffic and special teams

such as the Tactical Response Team, Bomb Squad, and Crowd Control along with traffic detail.

Fatal Vehicle Accident – CTH Q and CTH MB

On October 28, 2020, KSD detectives responded to a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at the intersection of CTH Q and CTH MB. They observed a white tractor-trailer that was still partially in the traffic lane with an injured driver. They also observed a vehicle on its passenger side southeast of the intersection with severe damage. The male driver was deceased, and a female passenger was taken to the hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. It appeared that the tractor-trailer was turning south when the vehicle crashed into the tractor-trailer.

Double Fatal Vehicle Accident – STH 31 and 35th Street

On December 1, 2020, KSD detectives responded to a fatal accident at STH 31 and 35th Street. On arrival, a vehicle had significant damage to the front and passenger side of the vehicle. Further north was another vehicle that had sustained extensive front-end damage. The driver of the first vehicle and the passenger of the second vehicle was deceased. KSD detectives were informed the first vehicle was turning left and was struck by the second vehicle. It was reported by witnesses that the person in the second vehicle was driving recklessly.

KSD Detectives Certificate of Appreciation

On December 15, 2020, the entire KSD Detective Bureau received a Certificate of Appreciation for the overwhelming investigation in the homicide of an off-duty Racine Police Officer. The suspect was located and arrested in a very short time frame after the homicide. The KSD Detective Bureau continued to complete the investigation for months after the arrest to ensure all loose ends were tied for court prosecution. In September 2020, the defendant was quickly found guilty on all charges.

Summary 2020

The listed cases serve to highlight the investigations conducted by the Detective Bureau in 2020. 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 regarding the investigation of crimes.

The Detective Bureau received approximately one thousand cases to conduct follow-up on during 2020. 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 2020, 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 of heroin/opioid, cocaine, and marijuana in our area, KDOG continues to identify and investigate large-scale drug traffickers. In 2020, Kenosha County has experienced a drastic increase in the use and manufacturing of Methamphetamine. 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 April of 2020, Sgt. John Wilke was appointed as the new Commander of the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) and KSD added a deputy to the unit. KDOG continues to work collectively with all surrounding agencies at all levels, local, State and Federal. In 2020 the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) initiated 129 drug cases. These cases resulted in 241 felony arrests and 11 misdemeanor arrests. KDOG conducted 28 search warrants and 101 controlled purchases of drugs. KDOG investigations resulted in the seizure of approximately \$34,380 of narcotics. Additionally, 29 firearms were seized.

2020 Highlights:

On 02/26/2020 KDOG was able to serve two search warrants on the target residences and local business where controlled buys occurred. One of the targets was located and taken into custody. Search warrants were served with evidence of drug sales located. Warrants were requested for the other target who was not located.

This case was a bit different for us with the way the targets were selling the cocaine. Not only were they accepting USC, but they were also trading cocaine for Wisconsin Food Assistance cards / Quest cards. The targets were accepting individual food assistance cards and providing half of the value of the cards with that amount of cocaine. In other words, 50 cents on the dollar worth of cocaine was given to the buyer who was turning over their card. KDOG worked with The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Office of the Inspector General. With their assistance KDOG was able to conduct control buys using quest cards provided into the targets. DHS also was able to identify fraudulent activity at other local businesses in the Kenosha Area where the targets were using the traded food assistance cards to buy merchandise. This led to an additional 29 charges of fraudulent activity. Of the 29 charges, there were 21 felonies and 8 misdemeanors filed along with several drug charges on the target who was taken into custody.

On Wednesday, March 18th, 2020, at approximately 1000 hours, the Kenosha drug operations group (KDOG) conducted a field arrest (buy/bust) and search warrant. Assisting in the operation were members of the Kenosha police department's gang unit, patrol officers, and DEA – Milwaukee agents. This investigation was conducted by KDOG detectives with the partnership of agents from the DEA Milwaukee office.

KDOG was able to set up a buy/bust of Uzorma C. Ihediwa (M/B 07/16/80). Mr. Ihediwa has been the subject of a joint investigation for several months for selling counterfeit prescription pills that tested positive for Fentanyl. Upon Mr. Ihediwa's arrival at the above location, he was taken into custody without incident. At which time a subsequent search warrant was conducted by DEA Milwaukee at his residence in South Milwaukee.

Mr. Ihediwa was in possession of approximately 200 counterfeit prescription pills at the time of his arrest. The pills were tested and contained Fentanyl which was a contributing factor in two previous overdose deaths in the Kenosha Area. This is still currently being investigated to see if there are any connections to any overdose investigations in our area.

DEA Milwaukee Agents advised upon the completion of the search warrant at Mr. Ihediwa's residence in South Milwaukee they discovered approximately 2000 more pills along with approximately two pounds of marijuana. The pills discovered in Mr. Ihediwa's possession and residence tested positive for Fentanyl.

Finally, over the last year, there has been a large rise in street drugs (Cocaine, meth, THC) testing positive for Fentanyl, making illegal street drugs even more dangerous and addicting causing several fatal and non-fatal overdoses.

Marine Unit

In 2020, 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 81.5 patrol hours in our area waterways. The Marine Unit issued 4 citations and 3 warnings for various violations including careless operation of a watercraft, navigation rule violations, and safety violations. We also conducted several safety inspections while on patrol. Our primary operation was on Lake Michigan, but we also patrolled Silver Lake 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 2020. The department has a Traffic Interdiction Unit (TIU) which allows deputies to concentrate enforcement in specific areas.

- 22 Deputies Assigned to 1st Shift Patrol and 4 supervisors
- 24 Deputies Assigned to 2nd Shift Patrol and 4 supervisors
- 12 Deputies Assigned to 3rd Shift Patrol 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 47,813 calls throughout the year.

In 2020, the three patrol shifts made a total of 10,267 arrests. A total of 6,252 traffic citations were issued and a total of 238 county ordinance violations were written. On the criminal side, 770 felony arrests were made, and 1,332 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 to 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 2020, deputies responded to 4,596 calls for service and issued 447 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 2020, deputies responded to 2,686 calls for service and issued 166 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 have been providing contracted patrol services for the village since 2017. During 2020 deputies responded to a total of 8,497 calls for service and issued 262 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 2020 deputies responded to a total of 12,541 calls for service and issued 800 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
2010	76	14	12	8	2	1	1	114
2011	76	14	12	9	2	1	1	115
2012	76	14	12	9	2	1	1	115
2013	76	14	12	8	3	1	1	115
2014	76	14	12	8	3	1	1	115
2015	79	14	12	8	3	1	1	118
2016	79	14	12	8	3	1	1	118
2017	81	14	14	8	3	1	1	122
2018	84	14	14	8	3	1	1	125
2019	86	14	14	9	3	1	1	128
2020	86	14	15	9	3	1	1	129

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 Tiff 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 30-man team consisting of:

- One Tactical Commander
- One Assistant Commander
- Four Team Leaders
- Four-man Sniper Element (including a Sniper Team Leader)
- Seven-man TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services) Element
- Thirteen-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, the Village of Pleasant Prairie Fire Department, the Village of Salem Lakes Fire Department, and the Village of Somers Fire Department. TEMS is under the direction of Kenosha EMS Medical Director Benjamin Feinzimer and Assistant EMS Medical Director Benjamin Kessel.

A separate group within the Tactical Response Team is the Kenosha County Crisis Negotiations Unit. This group functions under its own Commander but reports to the Tactical Commander during an incident. The Crisis Negotiations Unit consists of 12 officers from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department, who are trained in the negotiating of critical incidents.

The Tactical Response Team trains a minimum of 8 hours per month in various tactical specialties. Members are required to qualify once per month with their primary rifle and handguns as well as yearly qualifications in specialty weapons. The Tactical Response Team strives to stay current with tactical trends and challenges facing law enforcement.

The Tactical Response Team is tasked with supporting the patrol division, conducting high-risk warrants, dignitary protection, barricaded gunman, rural operations, hostage situations, and active shooter incidents.

In 2020, the Tactical Response Team conducted a total of thirteen high-risk search warrants in the County of Kenosha. Two warrants were assisting the ATF with federal

search warrants in the City of Kenosha, six search warrants were in support of the Kenosha Police Department, four warrants were in support of the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG), and one warrant was on behalf of Racine Police Department for an address in the City of Kenosha.

The Tactical Response Team was activated for 13 incidents in 2020:

On January 2nd, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated for a request to support Walworth County Sheriff's Department SWAT with an armed barricaded subject. The Tactical Response Team was responsible for rescue operations and perimeter relief. This incident was resolved peacefully with the surrender of the subject.

Also, on January 2nd, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated at the request of the Kenosha Police Department for a potential hostage situation. While activation was being conducted, the situation was peacefully resolved by the Kenosha Police Department.

On February 29th, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated at the request of the Kenosha Police Department for a reported hostage situation at 7624-40th Ave. TRT Command staff provided operational support with Kenosha Police Department supervisors while the team was assembling. While staging TRT personnel, the subject exited the house and surrendered to Kenosha Police Department.

On April 8th, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated to assist the Kenosha Police Department with a reported armed barricaded subject. When KPD patrol responded to a shots fired call at 4916-36th Ave they received information that the shooter had fled into apartment #3. The Tactical Response Team responded to assist and eventually conducted an entry and search of the residence.

On May 30th, 2020 the Tactical Response Team responded to a request for mutual aid from the Milwaukee Police Department to provide tactical support for Civil Unrest occurring in the City of Milwaukee.

On May 31st, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated to support Kenosha Police Department and Kenosha Sheriff's Department patrol personnel with civil protests in the City of Kenosha.

On June 1st, 2020 the Racine County Sheriff's Department requested the tactical support of the Tactical Response Team when protestors were assaulting the Racine Police Department. Upon the arrival of the Tactical Response Team, the crowd had disbanded and left the area.

On June 1st and June 2nd, 2020, the Tactical Response Team was activated to support patrol operations related to civil demonstrations in the City of Kenosha.

On June 2nd and June 6th, 2020 members of the Tactical Response Team were deployed to the City of Milwaukee based on a mutual aid request for tactical support related to civil demonstrations.

From August 23rd to September 7th, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated to assist with the civil unrest occurring in the City of Kenosha. The Tactical Response Team played a large role in the establishment and operation of Tactical Command. Tactical Command was responsible for tactical support and operations in the City of Kenosha during the civil unrest. We worked with members of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the United States Marshal's Service, the Wisconsin National Guard, the Kenosha Fire Department, and Crowd Control/SWAT teams from over 21 different agencies in the State of Wisconsin. Tactical missions included: Officer down response, shots fired incidents, crowd dispersal, tactical support of crowd control, tactical support of patrol, scene security, and deployment of specialty munitions.

On September 14th, 2020 the Tactical Response Team was activated to provide tactical support to Kenosha County Crowd Control Units, the Kenosha Police Department Civil Disturbance Response Team, and the patrol unit due to a large group of protestors that had gathered at the Kenosha County Courthouse. This crowd remained peaceful and required no intervention from TRT or Crowd Control Units.

In 2020 the Tactical Response Team was involved in three dignitary protection details due to the 2020 Presidential Election. TRT was activated and deployed on two visits by President Trump and one visit by Presidential Candidate Biden.

The Tactical Response Team continues to take part in several community events and presentations. In 2020, TRT conducted three presentations related to Active Shooter Response and was involved in the Community Job Faire at UW-Parkside.

Personnel

<i>New Employees</i>	
Deputy Sheriff	Correctional Officers
Jake Stanek Darion McNeil Christopher Bischoff Christopher Palik Samantha Wells Melissa Luna	Francisco Santos Zaide Estrada HaileeAnn Abair Deundrae Jackson Manuel Mandujano, Jr. Kaelan Aker Christopher Bonn Bryanna Frazier Danny Lopez Kevin Moore Matthew Prorok Matthew Malacara Vincent Young
Direct Supervision Officers	Civilian Clerical
Huntr Sanderson Andres Colon Joseph Bailey Joseph Barrera Mary Jane Rivera Sara Greene Shantilya Fiador Neil Munger Destiny Poe	Jasleen Kaur, Fiscal Services Manager Kerri Baars, Accounting Associate
Admissions Release Specialists	Casual Employees
Erin Silverstein	Megan Kurth, CCE Jennifer Tomahsah, CCE Robin Hunt, CCE Shelby Riley, CCE Ryan Farrell, CCE Melanie Larsen, CCE

Promotions

Sergeant Kenneth Krenz
Sergeant Ryan Markowski
Corrections Corporal Pablo Martini
Corrections Corporal Ryne Gillet
Corrections Corporal Leona Dobbs
ARS Supervisor Andrew Orth
Detective Tyrone Johnson
Detective Brandon Ergish

Retirements

Fiscal Services Manager Nancy Otis
Sergeant Raymond Merlin
Corrections Corporal James Reid
Corrections Corporal Tim Haney
Detective Scott Stanek
Administrative Assistant Stacy Wade
Accounting Specialist Kim Manna
Correctional Officer Debra Shimkus
Admissions Release Specialist Jill Vernezze
Admissions Release Specialist Brigitte Miller
Relief Cook Stana Dzinovic
Relief Cook Keith Gardner