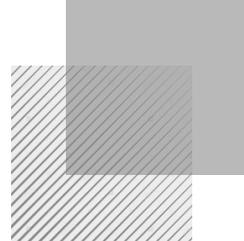




**JOHNSON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT
2021**

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2021 IN REVIEW

The Office of Sheriff is the only elected peace officer in local government and carries out many specific, important duties promulgated by Iowa law. Aside from being the law enforcement agency for rural residents and the contract towns, Sheriffs are responsible for the operation of a county jail. They carry out civil process services, maintain sex offender registry records, issue gun permits, and serve mental health commitments. In addition to being an elected official, the Sheriff is the administrator of a multi-pronged organization that connects with numerous aspects of the justice system while playing a crucial role in county government. The paradox of the Office of Sheriff is that it is a partisan office charged with representing all citizens while carrying out their duties absent the influence of party politics.

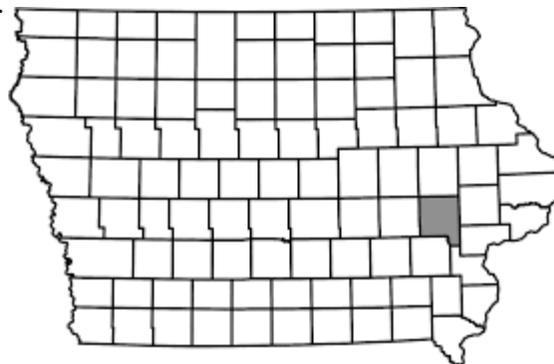
It is paramount that a Sheriff remain objective, fair, and respect the boundaries of the office established by Iowa law.

Being a new Sheriff, or any new elected office holder, one of your first orders of business is making the changes necessary to carry out the mission of your office. This means selecting great people to fill key roles, communicating your values and expectations to the staff, and following through on your goals and intentions. The staff and the public are fortunate that the Sheriff's Office had a great foundation to build on with the departure of the previous administration.

We have made a considerable amount of operational, organizational, and administrative changes to the Sheriff's Office over the past year while upholding our reputation of being a trusted and progressive law enforcement agency. A few highlights from the last year are the creation of the JFACT, or Joint Forensic Cyber Team, our enhanced investigations response to domestic violence, and the fledgling GPS monitoring program for pretrial domestic violence offenders. We will continue to be innovative in our approach to public safety while maintaining the high level of trust and respect that we have earned with the communities we serve.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is committed to serving victims and providing respectable public service to all of Johnson County. We will continue to hire great people and support them through quality training, professional leadership, and effective communication.

2021 was a big year for our office and I'm excited about the momentum that carries us through 2022.



Sincerely,

The Office of the Sheriff

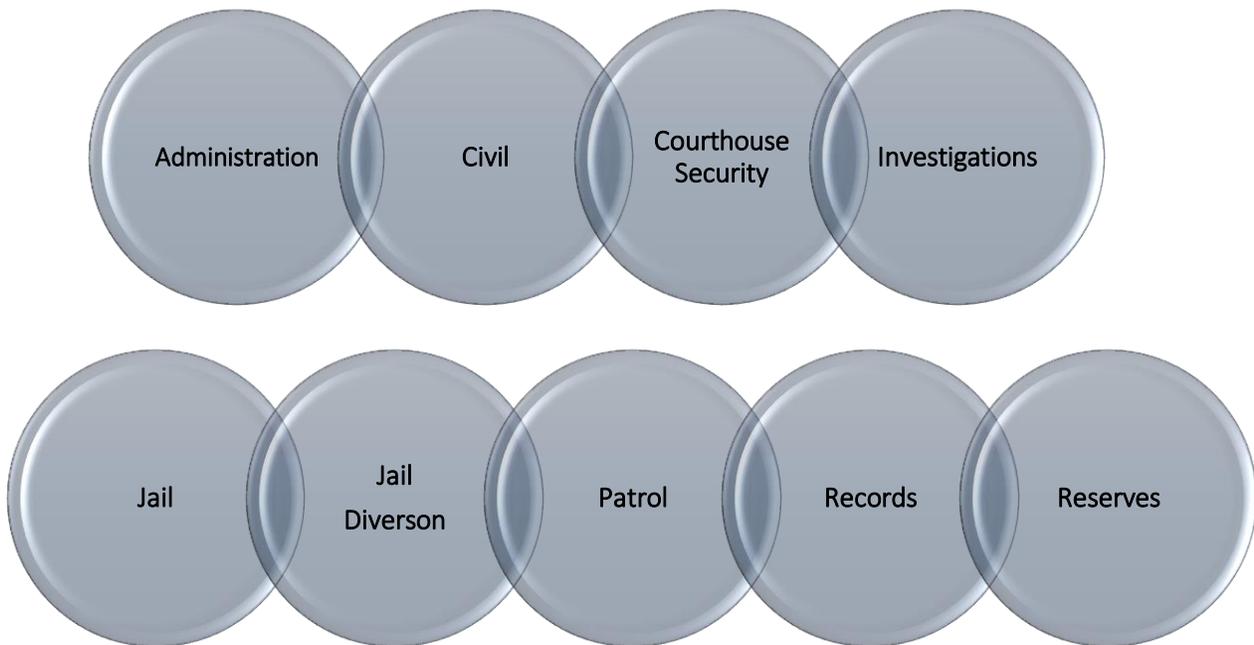


The Sheriff is the county’s principal peace officer for the unincorporated areas of Johnson County who is elected into office every four years. Sheriffs are the only elected law enforcement officer in the State of Iowa. Duties are varied and for the most part defined by the Iowa Code to include:

- Enforce the law of the State of Iowa
- Enforce county ordinances
- Conduct criminal investigations
- Provide law enforcement services to the County’s Courthouse
- Supervise the county jail and the custody of incarcerated offenders
- Carry out civil process services
- Maintain the Sex Offender Registry
- Patrol all areas of the county
- Respond to any and all disasters within the county
- Assist other Law Enforcement agencies
- Issue gun permits
- Serve mental health commitments

Staff

The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office employs 91 full-time employees, 4 part-time employees, and 28 Reserve Deputies. In 2021 five employees retired after serving a cumulative 119 years with the Sheriff’s Office. During 2021 six Deputy Sheriffs were hired as well as one Control Center Operator, one Civil Clerk, one Records Clerk II, and 2 Reserve Deputies. Employees of the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office work within one of the nine divisions:

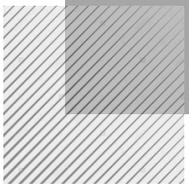
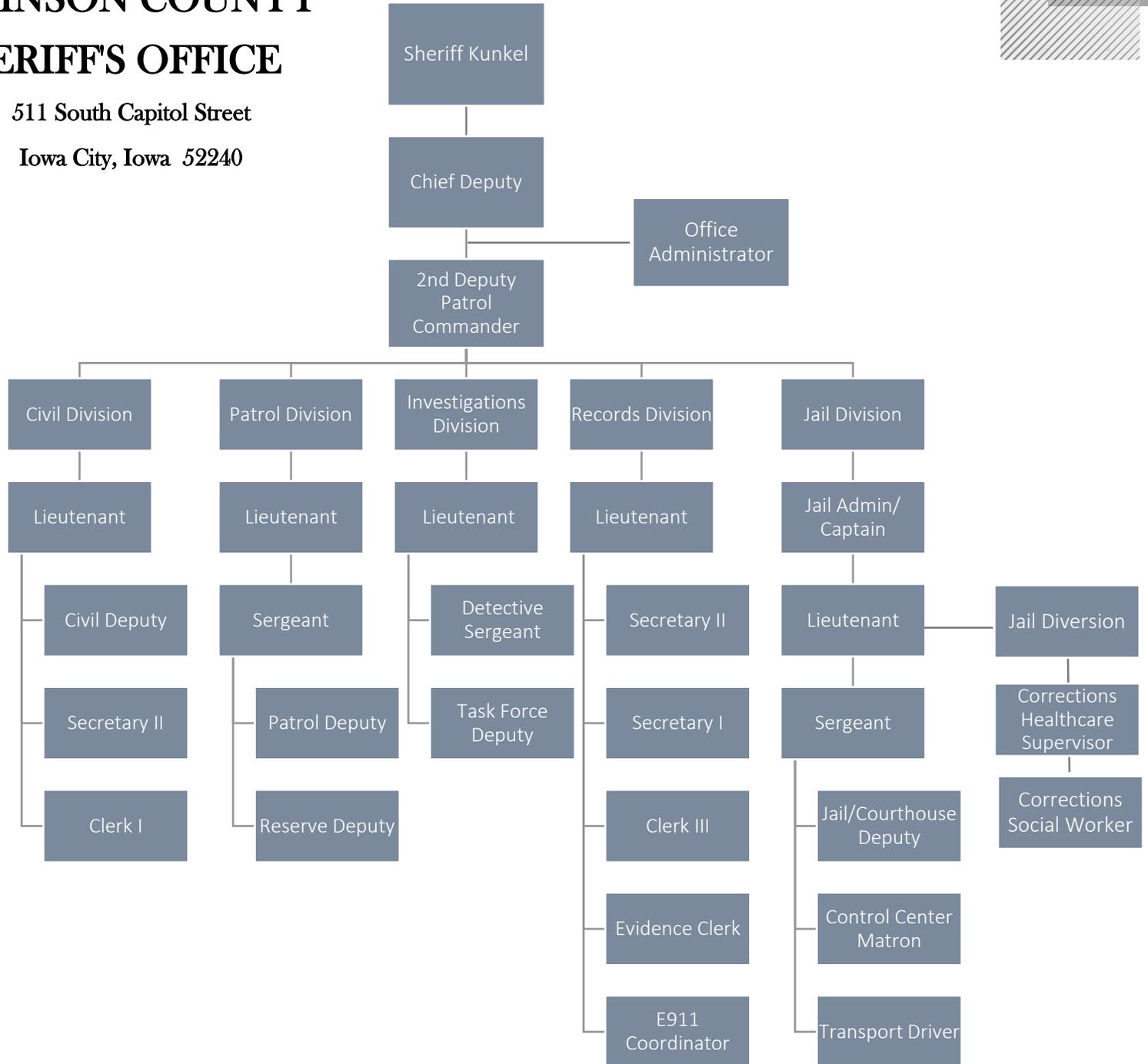




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Patrol Division

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office provides primary law enforcement protection for the unincorporated areas of Johnson County. The Patrol Division also provides contractual law enforcement protection for Hills, Lone Tree, Oxford, Shueyville, Solon, Swisher, and Tiffin.

Deputies are responsible for patrolling 36 miles of interstate highways, 54 miles of state highways, and 909 miles of county roads. Specialty units within the Patrol Division include:

K-9 Unit

Sheriff's Emergency Response Team

Water Search and Rescue

Water Patrol

Johnson County Bomb Squad



K-9 Echo & Deputy Lenz

Echo is a Belgian Malinois born September 9, 2017 in Massachusetts for Canine Tactical of Iowa. He is a cloned canine, chosen for his high hunt drive and trainability. Echo is currently number 10 of 15 and five of the cloned canines are with law enforcement agencies in Iowa. He and his handler, Deputy Jesse Lenz, were trained in Chariton Iowa by Canine Tactical of Iowa and continue their training monthly. Echo is trained in narcotics, tracking, building searches, article searches, apprehension, and officer protection. He started his career at ten months old with the Johnson County Sheriff's office in July of 2018.

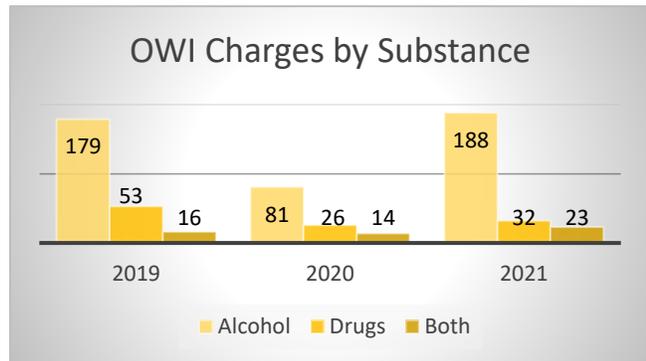
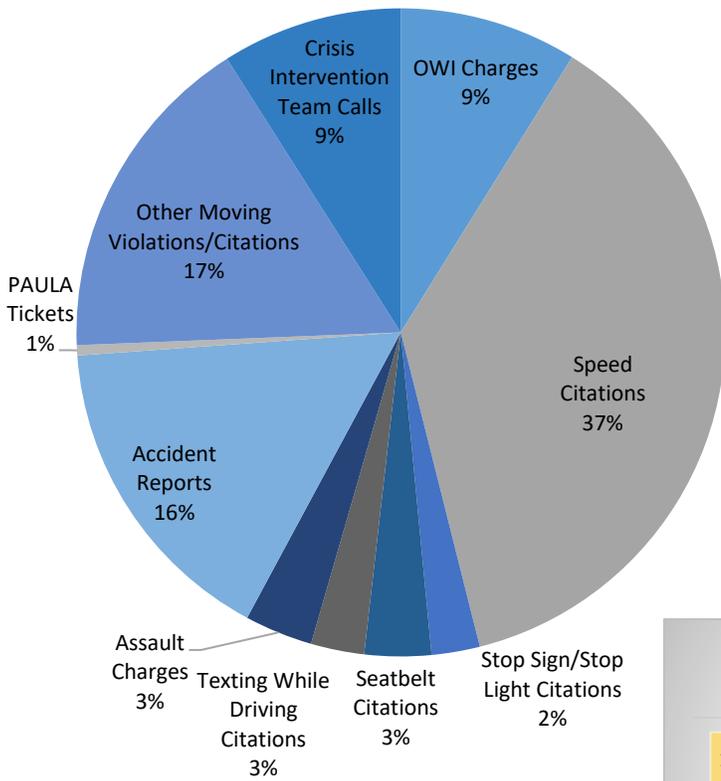


K-9 Bo & Deputy Campbell

Bo is a Belgian Malinois born June 16, 2019 in Mexico for Northern Michigan K-9. He and his handler, Deputy Kyle Campbell, were trained at Northern Michigan K-9 and continue monthly training. Bo is trained in narcotics, tracking, building searches, article searches, apprehension, and officer protection. He started his career at 15 months old with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in August of 2020.



Patrol Activity 2021



3 year Patrol Activity Trend	2019	2020	2021
OWI Charges	248	121	243
Speed Citations	1,032	822	1,021
Stop Sign/Stop Light Citations	122	100	66
Seatbelt Citations	125	72	91
Texting While Driving Citations	98	25	73
Assault Charges	83	73	93
Accident Reports	503	382	439
PAULA Tickets	42	30	14
All Other Warnings	5,525	2,746	5,136
Other Moving Violations/Citations	391	283	456
Crisis Intervention Team Calls	214	179	247
Total	828	779	872

Investigations Division

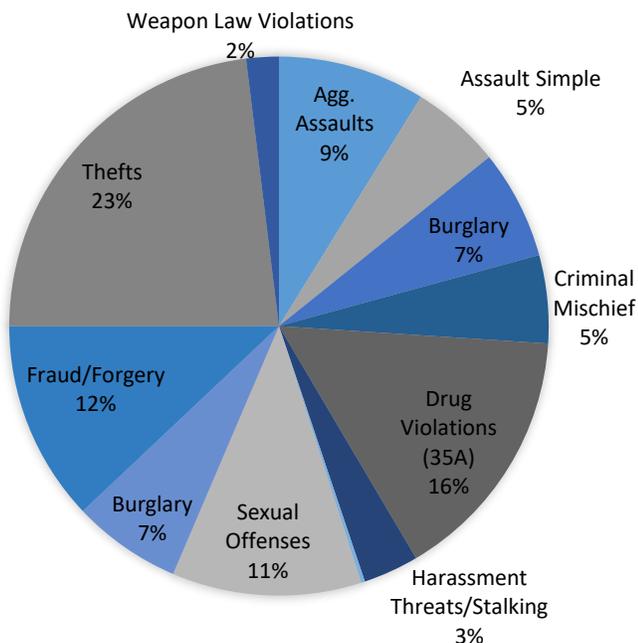
The Investigations Division is comprised of five Detective Sergeants and one Detective Lieutenant. Detectives within the division manage any in-depth investigations that may require additional specialized training. Some of these investigations include burglary, robbery, sexual assault, fraud, murder, and arson. The Investigations Division also investigates any suspicious or unattended death in coordination with the Johnson County Medical Examiner’s Office.

2021 brought a couple of significant changes to the Investigations Division as part of our effort to better service the public and crime victims. The division expanded by one detective which helped form the Joint Forensic Analysis Cyber Team or JFACT, a collaboration with the Iowa City Police Department and the University Of Iowa Police Department. The Sheriff’s Office also followed through on its goal of supporting victims of intimate partner violence by enhancing the response to domestic assaults. Two detectives are now assigned to follow up on reports of domestic violence to ensure victims are supported and offenders are held accountable. As part of the effort to better serve victims and survivors the Sheriff’s Office converted an existing office into a soft interview room to provide a more private and appropriate space for interviews.

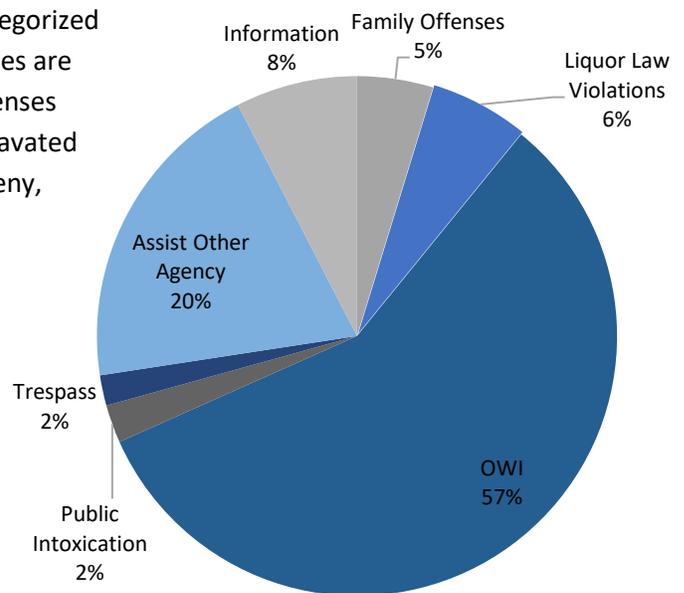
Detectives also saw an increase in property crimes, including thefts and frauds. Many of these crimes involved theft of unemployment benefits and scams that targeted seniors. In many of these cases victims were asked to purchase gift cards or provide thousands of dollar in cash to suspects.

The Iowa Code requires all law enforcement agencies to submit reports of crime and arrests to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) are categorized into Group A and Group B offenses. Group A offenses are serious crimes and separated into violent crime offenses (criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime offenses (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson).

2021 GROUP A OFFENSES



2021 GROUP B OFFENSES



Group B Offenses are considered less serious offenses such as liquor law violations, disorderly conduct trespass offenses and all other arrests not covered by Group A.

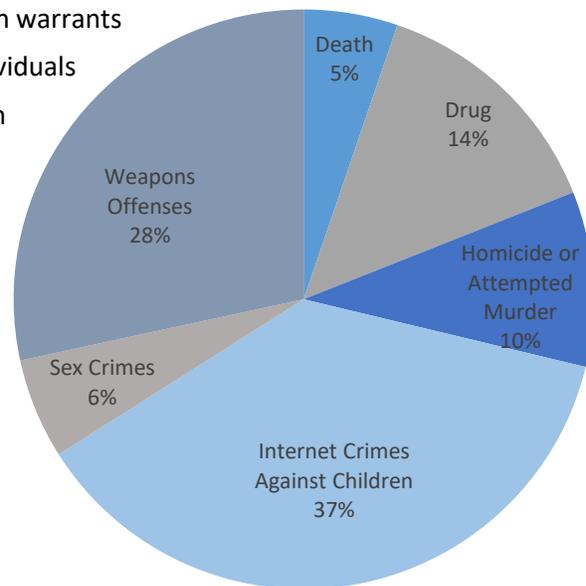
Group A Offenses	2019	2020	2021
<i>Violent Crimes</i>			
Aggravated Assaults	72	56	77
Assault Simple	29	28	47
Criminal Mischief	51	72	46
Drug Violations (35A)	165	106	135
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	39	19	29
Kidnapping	1	2	2
Murder	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0
Sexual Offenses	42	42	99
<i>Property Crimes</i>			
Animal Cruelty	NA	NA	2
Arson	8	1	2
Burglary	109	96	57
Fraud/Forgery	64	81	105
Thefts	127	158	201
Weapon Law Violations	19	23	17
Total	727	684	819

Group B Offenses	2019	2020	2021
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	9	2	2
Family Offenses	19	11	20
Liquor Law Violations	20	16	26
OWI	251	122	243
Public Intoxication	26	12	10
Trespass	6	7	8
Assist Other Agency	96	214	84
Information	71	65	32
All Other Offenses	330	290	399
Total	828	739	824

JFACT

2021 was the inaugural year for the Johnson County Forensic Analysis Cyber Team (JFACT). JFACT began in July as a collaborative effort between Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, Iowa City Police Department and the University Of Iowa Police Department. The JFACT provides forensic digital evidence examination services for a variety of crimes and to investigate Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases involving victims or suspects in Johnson County. The team is currently composed of investigators from partnering agencies and credentialed by the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists as Certified Forensic Computer Examiners.

In the first six months of operation the team processed more than 91 terabytes of data. While most cases JFACT assists are related to Johnson County, the team also processed data for 16 other agencies including the Davenport Police Department, Iowa Department of Public Safety, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The team executed 164 search warrants related to ICAC investigations and referred nine individuals for state or federal prosecution while participating in investigations involving victims, suspects or law enforcement agencies around North America, Europe, and the Middle East.



Examined Evidence By Case Type	2021*
<i>Offense Type (6 Most Common)</i>	
Death	29
Drug	76
Homicide or Attempted Murder	54
Internet Crimes Against Children	206
Sex Crimes	31
Weapons Offenses	157
<i>*Statistics for July 2021-December 2021</i>	

Examined Evidence By Type	2021*
<i>Evidence Type (6 Most Common)</i>	
Cloud	90
Computer	39
External Drive	64
Media	18
Phone	360
Video	15
<i>*Statistics for July 2021-December 2021</i>	

Jail Division

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office operates the only jail in the county. In 2021 the Jail turned 40 years old. The original jail, constructed in 1899, was located behind the Johnson County Courthouse on South Clinton Street. In 1979 construction began on the existing jail and was completed in 1981. The "new" jail housed 46 inmates but remodeled within a few years. All cells were double bunked increasing capacity to 92. Jail overcrowding remains a problem to this day and inmates are transported to other facilities where Johnson County pays a daily housing fee. Over the last 20 years (2001-2021) the Johnson County Sheriff's Office has paid over 15 million dollars to house inmates out of county.



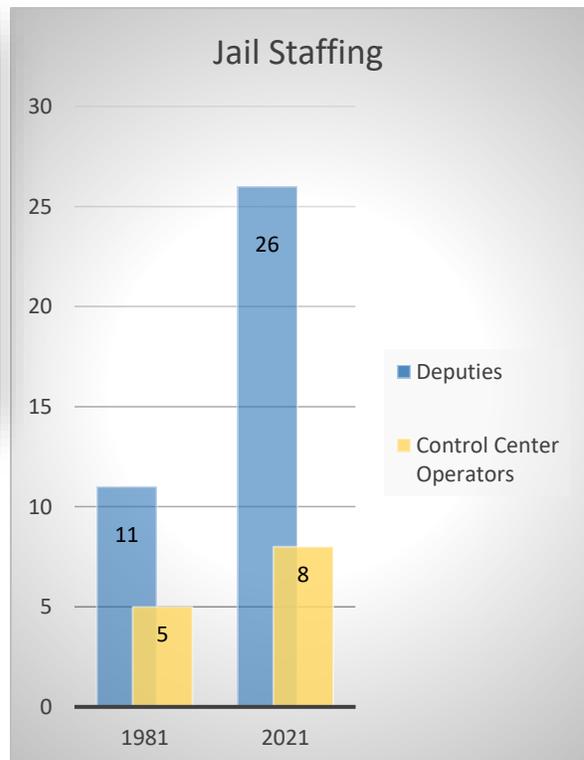
Original Jail was constructed behind the Courthouse and utilized from 1901-1981



Construction on the current jail on South Capitol Street began in 1979 and was completed in 1981.

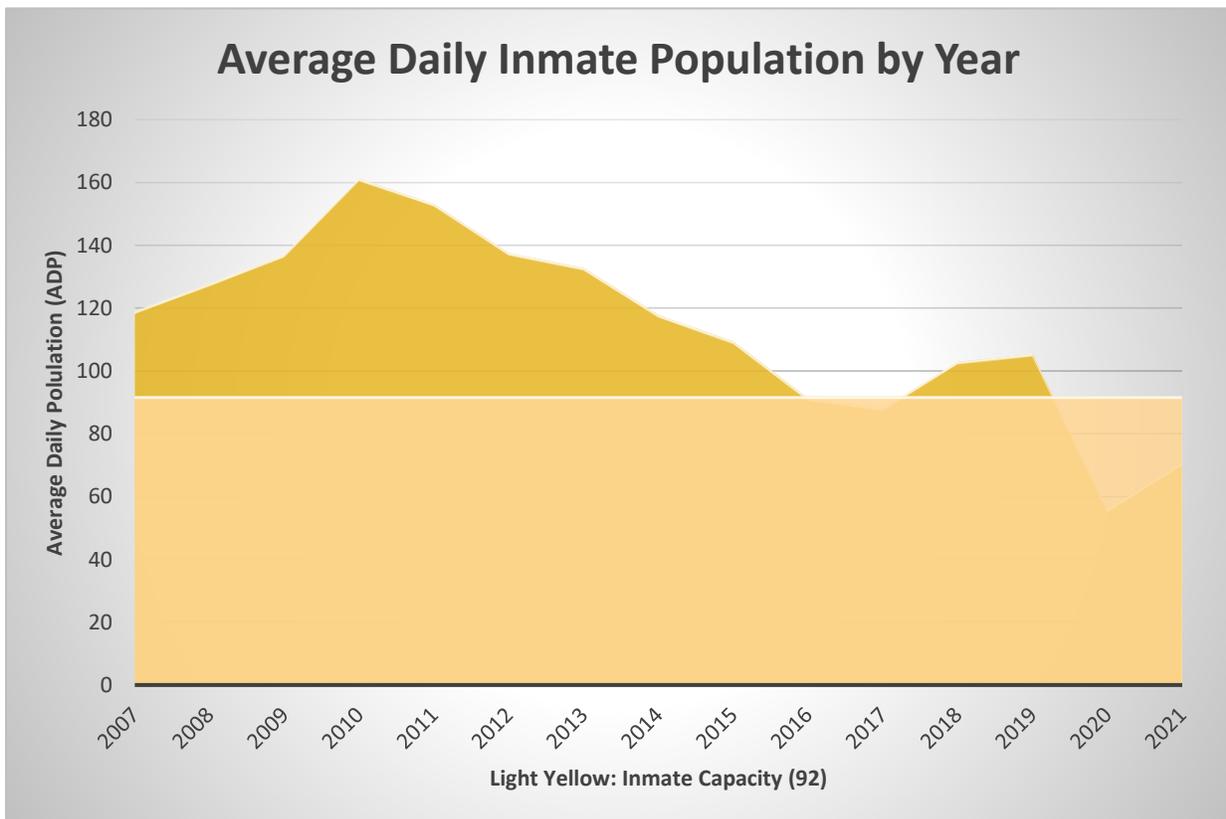


In 1981 the "new" jail was staffed by 11 Deputies and 5 Control Center Operators. Today the Johnson County Jail staffs 26 Deputies and 8 Control Center Operators to cover shifts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



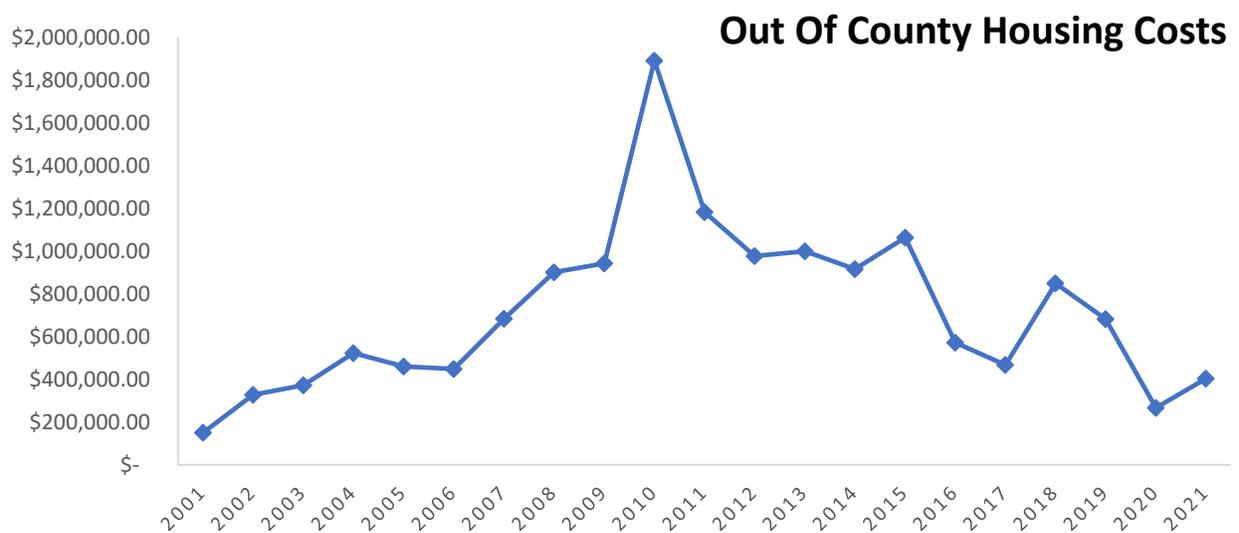
Jail Division Statistics

Jail Population	2019	2020	2021
Average Daily Jail Population	106	56	71
Jail Bookings	5,387	3,119	4,206
Total	5,493	3,175	4,277



Transports	2019	2020	2021
Transports/Warrants	236	118	179
Transports/Juvenile	90	32	20
Transports/Mental	151	126	133
Transports/Overcrowding	369	178	325
Transports/Court Order	360	118	149
Other	22	32	36
Total Transports	1,228	604	842
Total Mileage	109,404	55,423	78,123
Mileage Rate	\$63,454	\$31,868	\$43,749

Out of County Housing Costs	Paid	Total	Average Daily Population
2001	\$150,300.00	\$150,300.00	
2002	\$328,260.00	\$478,560.00	
2003	\$373,320.00	\$851,880.00	
2004	\$522,585.00	\$1,374,465.00	
2005	\$459,835.80	\$1,834,300.80	
2006	\$448,775.00	\$2,283,075.80	
2007	\$683,955.00	\$2,967,030.80	119
2008	\$900,595.00	\$3,867,625.80	128
2009	\$943,281.00	\$4,810,906.80	137
2010	\$1,891,215.00	\$6,702,121.80	161
2011	\$1,181,934.50	\$7,884,056.30	153
2012	\$977,320.00	\$8,861,376.30	138
2013	\$998,837.00	\$9,860,213.30	133
2014	\$916,682.41	\$10,776,895.71	118
2015	\$1,063,675.80	\$11,840,571.51	109
2016	\$572,825.00	\$12,413,396.51	91
2017	\$467,575.00	\$12,880,971.51	88
2018	\$848,525.00	\$13,729,496.51	103
2019	\$682,360.00	\$14,411,856.51	105
2020	\$266,245.00	\$14,678,101.51	56
2021	\$403,635.00	\$15,081,736.51	71

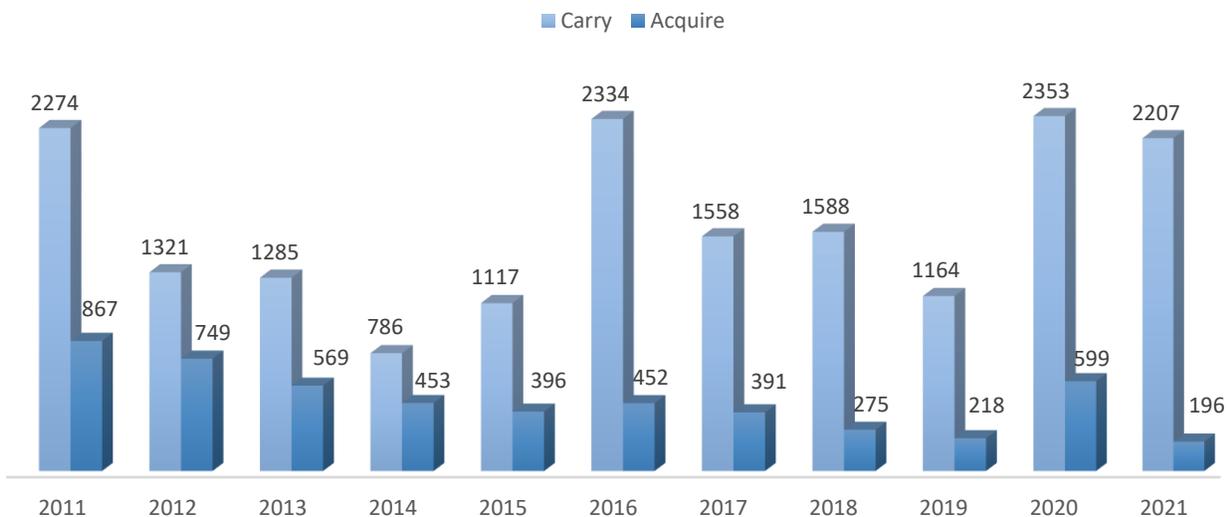


Records Division

The Records Division maintains all of the records for individuals booked into the jail, investigative reports, and accident reports. Records processes all firearm permit applications for residents of Johnson County and maintains the Iowa Sex Offender Registry information for any sex offenders that reside, work, or travel in Johnson County.

Significant Statistics	2019	2020	2021
<i>Firearm Permits</i>			
Issued – Permit to Carry	1,164	2,353	2,207
Denied – Permit to Carry	17	50	24
Issued – Permit to Acquire	218	599	196
Denied – Permit to Acquire	4	16	3
<i>Public Requests</i>			
Fingerprinting	326	361	426
Police Reports	59	62	72
Accident Reports	369	278	267
Records Checks	519	383	384
DVD's	397	334	548
Liquor License Application	49	23	55

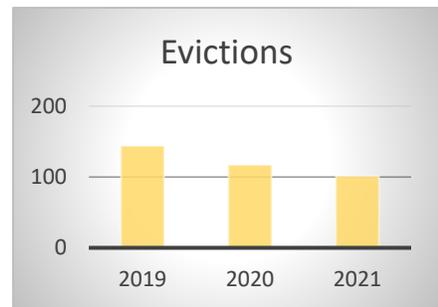
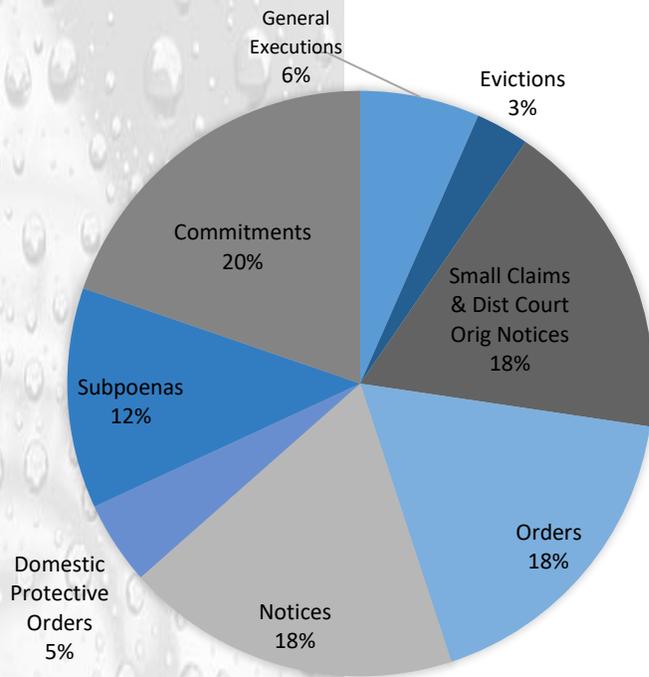
Number of Permits Issued by Year



Civil Division

The Civil Division executes and serves legal process documents such as subpoenas, garnishments, writs, and no contact orders. They also conduct Sheriff's Sales on foreclosed properties and handle evictions.

2021 CIVIL ACTIVITY



Significant Statistics	2019	2020	2021
<i>Service Categories</i>			
General Executions	445	265	226
Real Estate Sales (Foreclosures)	28	14	18
Condemnations	4	0	3
Evictions	144	117	101
Small Claims & Dist Court Orig Notices	794	595	609
Orders	519	513	603
Notices	863	508	634
Domestic Protective Orders	160	173	158
Subpoenas	378	249	417
Commitments	692	748	675
Other	2,576	2,054	2,324
Totals	6,603	5,236	5,768

Reserve Unit

2021 Training Summary

- Provided in-house ILEA module training for all non-certified staff.
- All firearms-qualified Reserve Deputies attended spring and fall ranges.
- Defensive tactics, Taser and CPR recertification were completed.

2021 Volunteer Activities

- Patrolled on foot and bike during the Lone Tree Fall Festival.
- Directed traffic at three town festival parades and races.
- Patrolled on foot and bike during Solon Beef Days (partially paid).
- Patrolled on foot and bike and directed traffic at the Johnson County Fair.
- Assisted full-time deputies with boat patrol on Coralville Lake.
- Provided security and officer presence at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge.
- Provided personnel during a call-in for security to cover the JCSO and Courthouse for a protest.
- Supplemented full-time deputies by working extra patrol shifts.
- Provided personnel to serve as role players for SERT Team training.



2021 Paid Activities

432.25 hours excluding Coralville Lake contract

- School events – 24.25 hours – Includes 11 hours for Iowa City Schools that ICPD could not cover.
- Provided numerous Reserves to support the UCI Cyclocross World Championships (41 hours).
- Provided Reserve Deputies at Kinnick Stadium holding cells during football games (189.75 hours).
- Assisted Coralville PD with security for celebrity visit (6 hours).
- Provided traffic control for GranGable bike ride (11.5 hours).
- Covered town festivals in Solon, Tiffin and Swisher.
- Staffed the 1080 hour Coralville Lake contract.



Recognizing Great Work

Several employees of the Sheriff's Office were recognized with awards for noteworthy actions during 2021. We are pleased to share their accomplishments.

Lieutenant Katrina Rudish

Lieutenant Katrina Rudish was presented with an award from the United States Attorney Office for her role in investigating human trafficking. Lt Rudish, along with investigators from Iowa City Police Department, Coralville Police Department, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations, and Federal Bureau of Investigations, worked on a county wide task force that successfully lead to the conviction of six individuals for human trafficking of multiple victims, including minors.

The collective investigation that occurred in our county would not have been possible without the work of these dedicated investigators, including Lt Rudish. The award acknowledges our dedication to effectively serve and respond to victims of sex trafficking.

Deputy Austin Jiras, Deputy Jerald Stimmel and Reserve Deputy Adam Johnston

On January 16, 2021 at approximately 5:10 P.M. Deputy Jerald Stimmel, Deputy Austin Jiras and Reserve Deputy Adam Johnston responded to Sam's Market in Solon, Iowa, for an unknown medical emergency. Deputies arrived on scene and observed an elderly man who had collapsed. The deputies quickly assessed that the man was in cardiac arrest and had sustained a serious head injury from the fall. Deputies immediately began lifesaving procedures by applying an AED, which delivered multiple shocks, and performing CPR until the Solon Fire Department arrived. The deputies and Solon Fire Department continued working on the man until Johnson County Ambulance Service arrived and provided advanced life support.

Deputy Stimmel, Deputy Jiras, and Reserve Deputy Johnston's immediate response saved the patient's life and any delay would have led to a tragic outcome.

Deputy Austin Jiras

On April 16, 2021 at 5:29 A.M. Deputy Austin Jiras responded to 1824 Racine Ave NE, Solon for a report of three individuals who were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning. When Deputy Jiras arrived and attempted to enter the home he was met with a powerful odor of natural gas. Recognizing the dangerous environment inside the home he returned to his squad car and donned an air pack. Deputy Jiras, who is also a member of the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department, is trained to wear an air pack and keeps a spare pack in his patrol car.

Deputy Jiras entered the home where he first assisted the male caller outside. He then returned inside where he located an incoherent female in the living room and assisted her outside. By this time Solon Fire Department had arrived and Deputy Jiras and Solon Fire Fighters reentered the home and removed an unconscious female from the third floor.

All three of the victims were transported to the hospital and have fully recovered. There is no doubt that Deputy Jiras' readiness, quick actions and remarkable courage were instrumental in saving the lives of these citizens.

Johnson County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brad Kunkel and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office were recognized by the Iowa Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve as a Patriotic Employer. Sheriff Kunkel was nominated for the award by Deputy Garmoe who was on active deployment. The award acknowledged Sheriff Kunkel's ongoing commitment to support those employees who serve our nation in the Guard and Reserve.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is proud to employ over a dozen current or former military members.

Sheriff Brad Kunkel

The Johnson County Coalition Against Domestic Violence observed Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) by awarding the Pat Meyer Vision Award to an individual and a business or organization in Johnson County for their work to prevent or eradicate domestic violence or their support of domestic violence survivors. Meyer founded the first domestic violence shelter in Iowa City and was the first director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

JCCADV recognized Johnson County Sheriff Brad Kunkel for supporting domestic violence survivors during his law enforcement career and beyond.

Lieutenant Rebecca Moses

Lieutenant Becky Moses was recognized for her actions during a medical emergency at Kinnick Stadium. On September 18, 2021 at 1:53 P.M. while working the Iowa Football game at Gate B of Kinnick Stadium, officers observed a male collapse and go unconscious while waiting in line. Officers quickly determined the man was not breathing and Lt Moses began CPR. Officers Peck, Hotz, and Hamblin also performed CPR and utilized an AED until medical staff arrived. The patient was transported to University Of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics via ambulance where he was treated for a heart attack and eventually released from the hospital.