



Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is primarily charged with the investigation of felony crimes, as well as some misdemeanor crimes that are complex in nature, or involve suspects or witnesses residing outside Ozaukee County. The division may, at times, work in a joint effort as a “task force” with other local, state, or federal agencies when a crime or series of crimes in a specific geographical area of the state is/are being committed by one or more persons identified as being responsible for those crimes.

The division’s statistics show that the majority of crimes are against property (burglary, theft, felony damage to property, etc.); however, sexual assaults involving victims under 18 years of age seem to be occurring more frequently. These crimes, when they involve young children, are investigated in concert with the Department of Social Services and usually involve the Juvenile Office.

The Detective Bureau also handles all death investigations, including homicides, suicides and traffic crash fatalities. The bureau has also created a CORE committee of area police representatives and agents from the Department of Probation and Parole to oversee the new sex offender release program that was mandated by law in 1997.

The committee is responsible for assessing potential threat to the community in order to determine the appropriate level of community notification. The Detective Bureau registered ten parolees/probationers in 2000.

PROPERTY BY TYPE AND VALUE - 2000

	<i>STOLEN</i>	<i>RECOVERED</i>
Jewelry and precious metals	\$17,775	\$3,435
Stolen motor vehicles	39,500	39,500
Currency, notes, etc.	8,520	0

Tools & construction equip.	85,627	2,923
Firearms	6,347	5,707
Electronics	26,885	3,051
Sporting goods, rec. vehicles	40,075	5,649
Home and garden	2,886	657
Consumables	1,445	200
Other	5,174	545
Total	\$234,234	\$61,667

Juvenile Office

It is the intent of the juvenile office to promote a juvenile justice system capable of dealing with the problems of juvenile delinquency. It is believed that this approach will protect the community, impose accountability for violations of law, and equip juvenile offenders with the competency to live responsibly and productively.

The juvenile office attempts to control delinquency through prevention and apprehension. There are two aspects to delinquency prevention: preventing the original delinquent act, and preventing further delinquent acts after apprehension.

To this end, strong ties have been established with Ozaukee County's Department of Social Services and District Attorney's Office, the courts, schools, and citizen groups. These ties ensure an appropriate police and aftercare disposition. Minor offenders are handled in a protective yet firm manner. Parents are alerted to the antisocial behavior of the child, regardless of the of the offense, and are also made a part of the consequence process. More serious offenses require referrals to juvenile court, either through citation or through a Social Services juvenile court referral. Both look to the juvenile office for continued input.

A strong partnership also exists between the Sheriff's Department and Social Services' child protection unit. A detective and a protective caseworker will respond jointly to and investigate reports of suspected abuse and neglect. This cooperation avoids duplication of efforts, causes less trauma for the victim, and enhances the decision-making process.

The current juvenile officer, Detective David Guss, carries a caseload of general investigations in addition to his work in the juvenile office. He also serves on the board of the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association, and is the editor of its newsletter. Detective Guss is also a member of: the Wisconsin and Ozaukee County Juvenile Officers Associations, the sexual abuse treatment team committee, the Sheriff's Department's sex offender registration/community notification unit, and the Sheriff's Department's gang unit.

The juvenile officer speaks to youth and adult groups upon request of schools and community organizations. Topics include criminal and traffic laws, alcohol and drug offenses, child abuse, and gang issues.

JUVENILE COURT REFERRALS – 2000

Arson	0	Forcible rape	0
Other sex offense	1	Burglary	5
Theft	8	Motor veh. theft	3
Battery	4	Forgery	3
Criminal damage to property	1	Weapon violation	4
Controlled sub. violation	15	Liquor law violation	31
Disorderly conduct	14	Runaway	49
All other offenses	19		

Totals:

2000 157

1999 221

1998 164

1997 200

1996 183

Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Group (MEG Unit)

The MEG Unit is comprised of officers from law enforcement agencies throughout Ozaukee County. Currently the unit operates with six agents, one of whom is a limited-term employee funded through a federal grant. Five agents are from the Sheriff's Department and county municipal departments. This group operates as a specialized section of the Detective Bureau. The Detective Lieutenant is the project director and grant expeditor.

The unit investigates criminal drug activity occurring in Ozaukee County and frequently works with drug units in Milwaukee, Washington, Waukesha and Sheboygan Counties, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Justice/Division of Narcotics Enforcement and its federal counterpart, the Drug Enforcement Administration.

In 2000, the Wisconsin Narcotic Officer Association (WNOA) honored the Ozaukee County MEG Unit with the Drug Unit of the Year Award. WNOA is comprised of drug unit officials from around the state. The unit held six drug presentations and training programs in 2000 for area law enforcement officers, schools, private industry and the Department of Social Services. The presentations focus on drug identification, drug user identification, and the laws governing illegal use, possession and delivery of controlled substances and narcotics.

In 2000, the MEG Unit executed ten search warrants and seized eight vehicles. The duties of the MEG Unit are covert and cannot be readily discussed without compromising its effectiveness. Refer to the following statistics for a breakdown of some enforcement data.

MEG UNIT STATISTICAL REPORT - 1996 through 2000

Case Statistics

Cases Persons

Generated Arrested Charges

2000 77 93 148

1999 78 97 140

1998 126 107 218

1997 137 88 160

1996 137 76 206

Seizures in Grams¹

Marijuana Cocaine Crack Psi.² LSD* Opium Meth.³ MDMA⁴ Heroin

2000 15474 68.8 1239.5 21.0 10 0 0 0 6.3

1999 4884 8.6 184.6 0 2 0 0 0 9.8

1998 3994 1.9 0.0 18.2 8 1.8 1 11

1997 4731 23.0 4.8 7.4 157 4 1

1996 6336 70.1 2.4 74.8 0

Civil Process Division

The Civil Process Division is in charge of the intake, service and return of all civil papers brought to the department for such service. There are many different types of civil papers to be served, ranging from subpoenas to seizures of property. This division also handles all foreclosure sales, evictions and repossessions. The Patrol Division assists with these duties as needed.

The Sheriff's Department served 1,521 items of civil process in 2000. The civil process served by the Sheriff's Department brought \$23,384 into the County Treasury. Process is served at no charge to county departments and other entities as required by law. The division also held 17 foreclosure sales on property valued at \$4.2 million, and handled 16 evictions.

Bail bonds, fines and forfeitures are collected by the Sheriff's Department and turned over to the courts. In 2000 a sum of \$211,776 in traffic fees and \$254,572 in miscellaneous fees were collected.



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February 2, 2001

To the honorable Board of Supervisors of Ozaukee County,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The year 2000 was a very progressive year for the Sheriff's Department. It was a year in which we were able to expand our services to the citizens of Ozaukee County.

Early in the year, we purchased five artificial external defibrillators for our patrol division. These units are deployed on a daily basis in our patrol vehicles, and will increase our ability to better serve our citizens.

In March, we opened our new jail addition. This addition increased our capacity from 156 beds to 261 beds. The addition will allow us to continue our out-of-county inmate boarding program. The \$3.5 million expansion will ultimately be paid for through this program, and the extra beds and staff will already be in place when needed by our inmate population.

Also in March, Governor Tommy Thompson honored the Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program, its founders, teachers, and our jail staff by identifying this as a model program for other jails in the state. The governor made \$150,000 available statewide for county jails to use to implement a program similar to ours.

We held our first Sheriff's Citizen Academy in Spring. This is a nine week program held one evening each week to share police practices and procedures with citizens of Ozaukee County. This sharing of information creates a better informed citizenry and provides a very positive effect on our officers and, ultimately, this agency.

Our drug task force was chosen by the Wisconsin Narcotics Officers Association as the drug unit of the year. This selection was based on the work of the members of our drug task force and their success throughout the year as compared to all other drug units in the state. The presentation plaque hangs in the Detective Bureau as a proud reminder of the efforts of the drug task force.

The past year was very exciting and rewarding for the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department. As always, you are invited to visit us at any time. We would be privileged to show you our operations and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

MAURY STRAUB
Ozaukee County Sheriff

Patrol Division

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department's Patrol Division consists of 18 patrol deputies and three patrol sergeants who provide patrol services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These services include coverage of 501 miles of interstate, state, county and town roads.

The Patrol Division provides full law enforcement services for all townships, unincorporated villages and municipalities that do not maintain a law enforcement agency. The population of these areas is 20,193. The Patrol Division also assists other law enforcement agencies within the county as requested.

The Patrol Division responds to and investigates all criminal activity reported or observed, including domestic violence, disturbance, death, burglary, theft, damage to property, weapon, sexual assault, other assault, fire, mental illness, missing/runaway persons, motor vehicle theft, narcotics, rescue, robbery, suspicious person/vehicle/circumstances, trespassing, wanted person, 911, alarms.

PATROL DIVISION STATISTICS - 2000

Incidents 8,375

Traffic related 790
Criminal related 702
Assist other agency 437
Assist citizen 418
Rescue Calls 313
False Alarms 311
Dogs, Animals & Livestock 304
False 911 Calls 279

Motor Vehicle Crashes 910

Involved vehicles 1,268
Injured persons 225
Fatalities 4

Traffic Citations 2,347

Speeding 1,015
Revoked/Suspended/No drivers license 280

Equipment violations 274
Registration/Title violation 242
Operation while intoxicated/related 199
Failure to Stop/Yield 168

County Ordinance Citations 439

Underage alcohol consumption 221

Disorderly conduct 100

False Alarms/False 911 Calls 40

Warnings 3,581

Speeding 2,177

Other Traffic 520

Disorderly conduct 205

Equipment violations 115

Trespassing 105

15 Day Repair Notices 851

Registration violation 272

Headlight 238

Tail light 99

Custodial Arrests 551

While responding to calls for service of a wide variety, patrol officers are also called upon for the service of civil process and arrest warrants, as well as various special assignments, including D.A.R.E., training, conducting background investigations, and county fair duties.

Snowmobile Patrol

The Snowmobile Patrol program was initiated—and is partly funded—by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The purpose of the program is to increase law enforcement presence on the snowmobile trails to ensure compliance with state and local laws, and to serve in a public safety awareness role. The Snowmobile Patrol's purpose mirrors that of the patrol division in many respects.

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department has two snowmobiles that were purchased with the assistance of the DNR to assist in carrying out the intentions outlined above. The snowmobiles are operated by deputies and special deputies who are certified law enforcement officers. The officers involved with the Snowmobile Program are alert to situations where enforcement or assistance is called for.

Special Deputy Program

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department offers the opportunity for individuals to serve their community through the Special Deputy Program. The Special Deputies are part-time, sworn officers who assist the Patrol Division in areas such as security, traffic control, crowd control and other police duties at special events. Some of the special events served by the Special Deputies during the past year include the Ozaukee County Fair, Waubeka Flag Day, Port Washington Fish Day, the Grafton Christmas Parade, the Belgium Jaycees Picnic, Breakfast on the Farm, the Run for the Son, and the sesquicentennial wagon train.

The Special Deputies are certified law enforcement officers and maintain their certification through monthly in-service training sessions. In addition to their part-time duties, the Special Deputies donate a considerable amount of time assisting the full-time officers on patrol. The Special Deputies logged 477 hours of paid service in 2000, and donated over 40 hours of their own time on patrol.