

Kalkaska Sheriff Office

2015 Annual Report



The Kalkaska Sheriff Office is comprised of the Correctional Division, Law Enforcement Division, Investigative Division, Special Operations, Reserve Unit, Central Dispatch, Animal Control, Emergency Management, Court Security, Record Division and Administrative Division. The Sheriff oversees forty nine employees plus the reserves that work in these various divisions.

MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to serve, protect and respect the residents and visitors of Kalkaska County through leadership, professionalism and integrity.

VISION

Create a safe community in which to live, work and play. The Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office will accomplish this through continued excellence with proactive law enforcement, cooperation and community partnerships.

The office of the Sheriff shall maintain a safe, secure and cost effective jail that recognizes the dignity of all individuals while adhering to all constitutional standards and regulatory guidelines.

VALUES

Professional Responsibility

All employees of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office are expected to:

- Strive to meet the responsibilities of their assigned job duties, to be responsible for their actions and accountable to their supervisors and the citizens they serve.
- Set goals and precisely measured objectives within a time limit that supports the achievement of these goals.
- Know the laws and rules that will aid them in performing their duties and serving the public.
- Strive for individual improvement.
- Be able to detect problems within their job assignments and be capable of making decisions in response to those issues such as problem solving, crime reduction, traffic safety, and police partnerships.
- Enhance their level of technical knowledge, training, and education.

Community Responsiveness

All employees of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office must:

- Understand that service is the primary purpose of our profession.
- Exhibit a compassionate and responsive attitude toward the community and express a genuine desire to satisfy the needs of the citizens of this county.
- This can be accomplished through establishing partnerships within the community to

- reduce crime, make our roads safer and provide assistance to the public.
- Understand that community support results from trust and confidence that has been established within our community.

Integrity

All employees of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office must:

Understand that the integrity of county law enforcement must never be compromised. The public demands and we must accept that the integrity as a law enforcement officer must be above reproach. We must constantly strive to reach the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Dedication

All employees of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office must understand that:

- They should strive to obtain individual goals for self-improvement.
- They are expected to perform at their highest potential by seeking individual objectives in reaching their goals with the maximum effort.
- They are expected to have pride in themselves and take ownership in their work performance.

Cooperation

All employees of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office must understand that:

It will be expected that all employees of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office, will lead by example and be willing and able to assist any police or public agency when requested. We must recognize that the cooperation of all law enforcement agencies is essential for effective, efficient, and responsive law enforcement.

Innovation

The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office will value innovation from all levels. The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office will strive to keep pace with the latest methods and technology through continuous training and education. All employees must understand the importance of creating a work environment that encourages innovation, input, and participation.

Sound Fiscal Management

Careful management of our financial resources demonstrates our respect for the citizens. Sound fiscal responsibility ensures accountability to the public and focuses resources for efficiently achieving the goals of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office.

Office Goals

The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office and each member will strive to:

1. Provide the best in quality service to earn the highest respect and confidence from the citizens in Kalkaska County.
2. Provide public service through individual attention with empathy, integrity and professionalism.
3. Identify areas in which public safety can be enhanced.
4. Be leaders in the area of responsibility and accountability by exercising the maximum effort toward reaching the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office mission.
5. Treat all citizens and fellow employees in a fair and equitable manner.
6. Reduce crime, make roadways safe, and provide assistance to the public in the most professional manner.
7. Be conscious of how they manage their resources and to focus their activities with the greatest impact on the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office priorities.
8. Utilize the best available technology to meet the demands of its employees and the citizens that they serve.

As members of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office we must constantly be cognizant of our future expectations. We must work together, plan and strive for excellence realizing that the daily decisions that are made will reflect on the future of our Office.

A Year in Review

2015 will be a year for the history books in Kalkaska, A year of change that came with great joys and great losses. The Kalkaska County Sheriff Office started 2015 under the leadership of Sheriff David Israel. Sheriff Israel had hailed from River Rouge as the police chief and wandered up to Kalkaska County where former Sheriff Canon hired him to run the Kalkaska Sheriff Office Detective bureau. Sheriff Israel then was elected as Sheriff in 2009 where he faithfully led the Sheriff Office until he decided it was time to hang his hat up and retire after 44 years of police service. Sheriff Israel retired February 28, 2015.

Upon Sheriff Israel's retirement, Undersheriff Abe DeVol, who had been Sheriff Israel's Undersheriff since 2009, was appointed as the Sheriff. Sheriff DeVol unsurpassed commitment to the community and to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff DeVol had visions of building on Sheriff's Israel's goals and utilizing technology and transparency to bring the Sheriff Office more in touch with the community. Some of the projects Sheriff DeVol started were the weekly "hot sheet" which was a recap of the past week's events to keep each member of the department informed on what was going on and a document to pass onto the media to publish for the communities benefit of what was happening. Sheriff DeVol also was proud to launch the Kalkaska Sheriff Office Facebook Page. Sheriff DeVol had many long term goals for the department and looked forward to accomplishing these goals for his community. Sheriff DeVol's untimely death left a huge hole in the department and in the community. His death is still fresh in our hearts and minds as we carry on to do our service for the citizens and visitors of Kalkaska County.

Pat Whiteford was appointed by Sheriff DeVol March 9, 2015 to be DeVol's Undersheriff. Upon DeVol's death Undersheriff Whiteford assumed command of the Sheriff's Office and under took the task of picking up the pieces and moving forward. On December 29, 2015 Pat Whiteford was appointed the Sheriff of Kalkaska County. Sheriff Whiteford with the support of the command staff continues to move forward and service the community and it is his goal to move forward in continuing the vision of Sheriff DeVol and create a partnership with the community based on transparency and communication.

In addition to the three Sheriff's in 2015 there were two dispatchers, two corrections officer and a deputy hired in 2015 to replace employees that had resigned or retired.

2015 Divisional Duties and Statistics

Even though there has been many changes in the early months of 2016 this report will reflect 2015 employees and their divisions.

I. Correctional Division

- A. The Correctional Division is led by Sergeant Rich Gillisse and consists of 8 full time correction officer, two part time correction officers and two cadets. The Correction staff are responsible for:
 - 1. Security of the inmates
 - 2. Movement of the inmates
 - 3. Feeding of inmates
 - 4. Medical needs of the inmates
 - 5. Inmate visitations
 - 6. Fingering printing needs of the public
- B. Under the supervision of Sergeant Gillisse is the Community Corrections program which is run by Corrections Officer Todd Harger. Officer Harger oversees the following programs:
 - 1. Work Release
 - 2. Work Crew
 - 3. Tether release
 - 4. Rehabilitation programs
 - 5. Urinalysis Screening
 - 6. Preliminary Breath Test Screening
- C. Statistics from the Jail
 - 1. Number of inmates housed in 2015: 952
Males: 720 (76%) Females: 232 (24%)
 - 2. Average daily number of inmates: 47
 - 3. Highest number of inmates in a day: 79 (July 4th)
 - 4. Lowest number of inmates in a day: 37 (December 31st)
 - 5. Preliminary Breath Tests given in 2015:
 - 6. Urinalysis given in 2015: 2832
 - 7. Fingerprints (non-incarcerated): 292
 - 8. Telephone calls taken by Corrections staff
 - 9. Inmates seen by medical staff:
 - 10. Inmates taken to outside medical facilities:
 - 11. Visitors to Inmates: 3000*
 - 12. Inmates transported to Prison: 21
- D. Statistics from Community Corrections
 - 1. Inmates released on Tether:

2. Work Crew Hours: 2416.25
3. Inmates released for work release:
4. Bed days saved
 - A. Inmates attending Thinking Matters: 662
 - B. Inmates attending Female Enrichment: 230
 - C. Trustee: 96
 - D. Animal Control: 48
 - E. Work Crew: 94
 - F. Treatment: 418
 - G. Tether: 2993

II. Law Enforcement Division

- A. The Law Enforcement Division is headed by Sergeant Harry Shipp and consists of six Road Patrol deputies which include the department K-9 Roslyn and Deputy Kevin Schaub, one Traffic position and two Townships officers.
- B. Statistics from the Law Enforcement Division
- C. Overall Complaints Taken by the Kalkaska Sheriff Office:
 1. Felony Complaints: 209
 2. Felony Arrests:
 3. Misdemeanor Complaints: 1147
 4. Misdemeanor Arrests:
 5. Civil/General Complaints: 2303
 6. PDA: 305
 7. PIA: 102
 8. Traffic Stops: 1748
 - a. Citations issued 983
 - b. Verbal warnings 1235
 - c. Accidents
 - d. Car deer
 9. Miles driven: 166,875
 10. Property Checks: 3584
 11. Township time allocation
 - a. Bear Lake: 790.75
 - b. Blue Lake: 528.5
 - c. Boardman: 916.5
 - d. Clearwater: 1452.75
 - e. Cold Springs: 434.5
 - f. Excelsior: 374
 - g. Garfield: 231.25
 - h. Kalkaska: 4559.25

- i. Oliver: 91.25
 - j. Orange 429.25
 - k. Rapid River: 526
 - l. Springfield: 313
12. Administration Time: 3544.25
- A. Administration time consists of doing all the reports and paperwork required after a complaint is taken or an arrest is made.
13. Out of County Time: 451.75
14. Training Time: 926.5

III. Special Operations

- A. Special operations consist of ORV, Snowmobile and Marine Patrol. Our special operations division also holds Marine and ORV safety classes.
- B. Statistics from special operations
 - 1. ORV hours
 - 2. Snowmobile hours
 - 3. Marine Patrol hours
 - 4. ORV accidents
 - 5. Snowmobile accidents
 - 6. Marine accidents

IV. Reserve Unit

- A. The Sheriff's reserve unit is made up of volunteers from the community who donate their time to assist with special events in which extra man- power is needed by the Sheriff's Office these events are listed in the special events section of this report. Without the volunteer time of these individuals the level of service our community and visitors receive would not be possible.

V. Investigative Division

- A. The investigative division consists of Detective Sergeant Scott Griffith who oversees large investigations and oversees the Deputy assigned to the Traverse Narcotics Team.

VI. K-9 Program

- A. The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office K-9 program is run by Deputy Kevin Schaub.
- B. Deployments: 73

VII. Central Dispatch

- A. Sergeant David Wagner oversees the Kalkaska Central Dispatch which consists of six full time and two part time dispatchers.
- B. Statistics from Dispatch
 - 1. Law Enforcement Dispatches
 - a. Kalkaska Sheriff Office : 4719
 - b. Michigan State Police: 862
 - c. Village of Kalkaska: 671
 - d. Department of Natural Resources: 56
 - 2. Fire Department Dispatches: 837
 - 3. E.M.S Dispatches: 2818
 - 4. Rescue: 783
 - 5. ALS/Northflight: 13
 - 6. County Road: 122
 - 7. State Highway: 74
 - 8. Warrants Confirmed: 785
 - 9. LEIN ENTRIES
 - A. CCH for Corrections: 1712
 - B. CCH for Gun Permits: 380
 - C. Courts: 551
 - D. Missing Persons: 12
 - E. Abandoned Vehicles: 0
 - 10. Animal Control: 373
 - 11. Warrants/PPO's/ Bond Conditions/Probation orders: 928
 - 12. Typed reports: 2859
 - 13. Dictated Reports: 439
 - 14. Tickets Entered: 1153
 - 15. Traffic Stops: 5032
 - 16. 911 calls received: 7578
 - 17. SMART 911 hits
 - 18. Administrative Calls:42329
 - 19. Traffic stops taken
 - 20. Warrants/Bond Conditions and PPO's entered

VIII. Animal Control

- A. The Kalkaska County Animal Control consists of Deputy Chuck Hill and Clerical Assistant Sara Crawford.
 - 1. Dog at Large complaints
 - 2. Animals at Large
 - 3. Canine Intake : 293
 - a. Canine adoptions: 127

- b. Canine owner claim: 146
- c. Euthanized Owner Surrender: 2
- d. Euthanized Unclaimed: 6
- 4. Feline Intake: 107
 - a. Feline adoptions: 75
 - b. Feline owner claim: 2
 - c. Euthanized Owner Surrender: 6
 - d. Euthanized Unclaimed: 5
- 5. Kennel Inspections: 12
- 6. Phone calls to Animal Control: 3031
- 7. Visitors to Animal Control: 2568

IX. Emergency Management

- A. Mark Laskowski is the Kalkaska County Emergency Manager responsible for the planning and oversight of operations during a large disaster in Kalkaska County.

X. Court Bailiff's

- A. The Court needs at least two deputies for the security and safety of the court staff and visitors of the court. The Court Bailiff's are responsible for the movement of inmates and the safety and security of court staff and visitors to the court.

XI. Records Division

- A. Sylvia Rios is the Kalkaska Sheriff office Records Clerk
- B. Records Division Statistics
 - 1. Papers received: 1236
 - 2. Papers Served: 1082
 - 3. SOR registrations:
 - 4. Warrant requests processed:

XII. Administrative Division

- A. The Administrative Division includes the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant, a part time Administrative Assistant and Crime Victim Advocate.
- B. Statistics
 - 1. CPL Applicants: 320
 - 2. Handgun registrations: 666

XIII. Hunters Safety

- A. The Kalkaska Sheriff Office assists in the operation of the Hunters Safety Program
- B. Hunters Safety Instructors

1. Regan Foerster
 2. David Wagner
 3. Abe DeVol
 4. Angie Lappin
 5. Michael Hearn
 6. David Sheppard
 7. Pat Modus
- C. Students Certified: 63

XIV. Sheriff Drug Take Back Program “POD”

- A. The POD program was started on April 8, 2015
- B. 316 pounds of narcotics were turned into the Kalkaska Sheriff Office and then turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

XV. Special Events

- A. Winter Festival – The Kalkaska Sheriff Office assists with traffic control
- B. Trout Festival – The Kalkaska Sheriff Office assists with traffic control for the parades and fireworks along with foot patrol at the Fairgrounds for the carnival.
- C. Torch Lake 4th of July – The Kalkaska Sheriff Office in conjunction with the Antrim County Sheriff Office, Michigan DNR, Michigan Parks and Recreations and the Michigan State Police join together to patrol the south end of Torch Lake to ensure a safe holiday both on and off the water.
- D. Kalkaska County Fair
- E. Halloween – The Kalkaska Sheriff Office provides extra patrol in populated areas for the safety of our children Trick or Treating, we also set up candy check points in Rapid City and South Boardman
- F. Iceman Cometh - The Kalkaska Sheriff Office assists with traffic points.
- G. Tiffany Ferguson Memorial Run – The Kalkaska Sheriff Office assist in traffic control for the event.

XVI. From the Office of the Sheriff

There were many changes throughout 2015 that take the understanding, commitment and patience of our staff and community. I want to thank the members of the Kalkaska Sheriff Office and the Citizens of Kalkaska County for the understanding and support they have given. We will strive in years to come to perform the tasks and duties of the Office of the Sheriff to the best of our abilities.

Thank You,

Patrick Whiteford, Sheriff