

Kalkaska Sheriff Office

2024 Annual Report



The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office is comprised of the following divisions; Corrections, Community Corrections, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Investigative, Special Operations, Reserve Unit, Central Dispatch, Animal Control, Court Security, Records and Administration. The Sheriff oversees forty-nine employees; as well as, reserve officers 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.
- Have knowledge of 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.

Oath of Office

Each officer takes an Oath of Office in which they swear or affirm to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and that they will faithfully discharge the duties of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office in the capacity they are assigned.

A Year in Review

2024 has been a busy year with prepping to move out of the annex and onto the main County Campus on Birch St. The new dispatch center renovation, new radio tower and renovation of the Law Enforcement squad room have been significant projects that were structurally completed. Proposals for IT equipment including new dispatch technology were completed and accepted by the Board of Commissioners. This project is funded through a millage the voters passed in August specifically for dispatch equipment and operations.

Additionally, we were able to obtain new Tahoe's and Durango's through the Enterprise Fleet program that has significant savings in vehicle maintenance along improved safety of the newer vehicles.

Staffing this year started with a dispatcher's shortage but we were able to hire good candidates' mid-year that has put us one short of full staffed finishing out the year. The other divisions remained well staffed throughout the year.

2024 Divisional Duties and Statistics

This report will reflect current employees with 2024 Statistics

I. Correctional Division

A. The Correctional Division is supervised by Sergeant Mike Tilley and consists of five full time corrections deputies and a booking officer. The Corrections 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. Fingerprinting needs of the public
7. Court Room security
8. Breath and Urine Testing

B. The Community Corrections Program is supervised by Sergeant Mike Tilley.

Sgt. Tilley 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 453
Males: 332 Females: 120
2. Average daily number of inmates: 28.55
3. Preliminary Breath Tests given: 5,107
4. Inmates on Soberlink: 33
5. Urinalysis Screens performed: 1,339
6. Fingerprints (non-incarcerated): 354
7. Inmates seen by medical staff
 - A. Sick Call: 0
 - B. Screenings: 0
 - C. Assessments: 3,019*

*3 to 8 assessments are performed by Corrections staff on each inmate at intake based on cooperativeness. These are then passed on to medical staff.

8. Inmates taken to outside medical facilities
 - A. Medical: 16
 - B. Dental: 3
 - C. Optical: 0
 - D. Inmates Transported by Ambulance: 5

- 9. Visitors to Inmates: All visitation done in Wexford County
- 10. Inmates Transported to Prison: 15

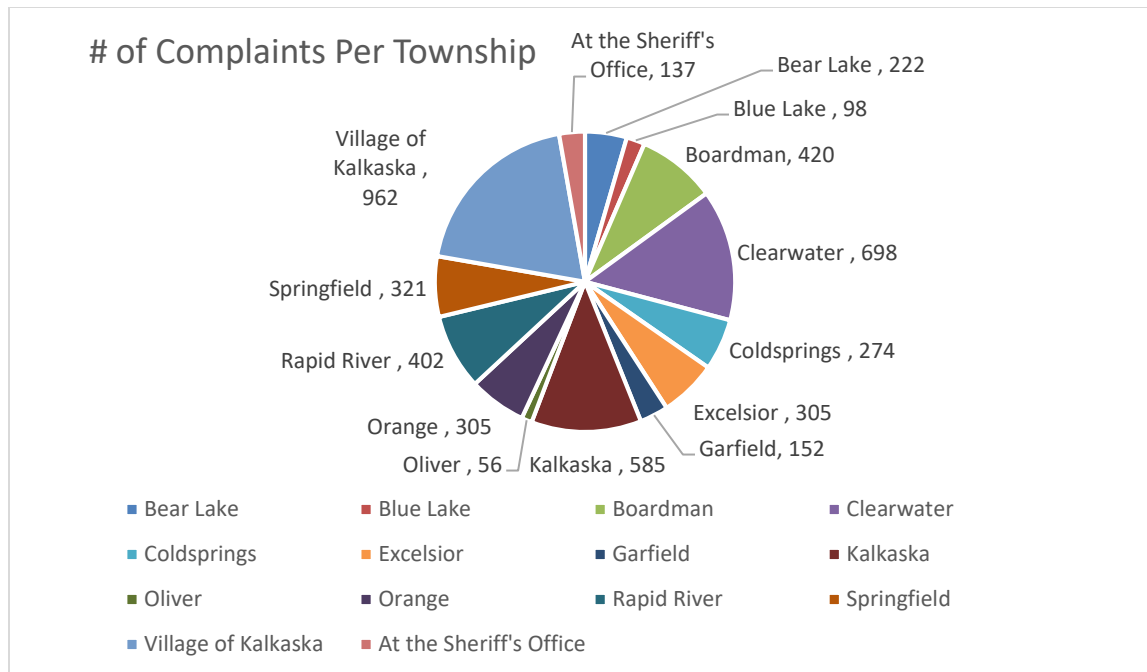
D. Statistics from Community Corrections

- 1. Inmates released on Tether: 0
- 2. Work Crew Hours: No work crew
- 3. Inmates released for work release: 2
- 4. Bed days saved:
 - A. Inmates attending Thinking Matters: 0
 - B. Inmates attending Female Enrichment: 0
 - C. Trustee: 80
 - D. Animal Control: 0
 - E. Work Crew: 0
 - F. Substance Abuse Treatment: 91
 - G. Tether: 0
- E. The Kalkaska County Jail is working with Wayne State University to collect data related to the Stepping Up initiative through the K6 and R.O.D.S surveys. The goal of this initiative and data collection is to identify and work toward reducing recidivism rates that are attributed to mental health and substance abuse disorders.
 - 1. K6/RODS surveys performed: 24

II. Law Enforcement Division

- A. The Law Enforcement Division is supervised by Sergeant Kyle Beaver, Sergeant Kevin Schaub and Sergeant Paul Belanger. The division consists of nine Road Patrol Deputies which includes one Traffic position and two Townships Officers and a School Resource Officer.
- B. Statistics from the Law Enforcement Division:
- C. Overall Complaints Taken by the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office: 5054
 - 1. Arrests: 419
 - 2. Felony Complaints: 280
 - A. Criminal Sexual Conduct Investigations: 28
 - B. Assault Including Robbery: 203
 - C. Burglary Theft: 225
 - D. Homicide: 0
 - 3. Misdemeanor Complaints: 1,015
 - A. O.U.I.D. or O.U.I.L.: 47
 - 4. Civil/General Complaints: 3,759

5. PDA: 571
6. PIA: 94
7. Traffic Stops: 3,056
 - a. Citations Issued 737
 - b. Verbal Warnings 1,855
8. Miles Driven: 319,347
9. Property Checks: 2,557
10. Township Time Allocation
 - a. Bear Lake: 363
 - b. Blue Lake: 147.25
 - c. Boardman: 2,210.75
 - d. Clearwater: 1,275
 - e. Coldsprings: 342
 - f. Excelsior: 507
 - g. Garfield: 176
 - h. Kalkaska: 7,039
 - i. Oliver: 116.50
 - j. Orange 359.25
 - k. Rapid River: 618
 - l. Springfield: 371
11. Complaints Per Township
 - a. Blue Lake: 98
 - b. Boardman: 420
 - c. Clearwater: 698
 - d. Coldsprings: 274
 - e. Excelsior: 305
 - f. Garfield: 152
 - g. Kalkaska: 585
 - h. Oliver: 56
 - i. Orange: 305
 - j. Rapid River: 402
 - k. Springfield: 321
 - l. Bear Lake: 222
 - m. Village of Kalkaska: 962
 - n. At the Sheriff's Office: 137



12. Administration Time: 1,597.75

A. Administration time consists of preparing all reports and paperwork required for each complaint and/or arrest.

13. Out of County Time: 947

14. Training Time: 1,0875.5

15. Out of State Extraditions: 3

16. Friend of the Court Transports: 18

17. Community Mental Health Transports: 29

III. Special Operations

Special Operations includes Marine (MSG, MSNW,) Off Road Vehicle (ORV,) and Snowmobile (SM) Patrols. The three components are funded by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement in four separate grants. KSO provides “In-Kind” supporting resources such as administrative, clerical, equipment, office space, storage facilities, and training. All four DNR LE Grants have the primary mission of ensuring the safe, responsible, legal use of Kalkaska’s waterways and natural resources for residents and the visiting/vacationing public. Special Operations deputies also conduct Safety Certificate Classes for all three activities.

Special Operations is staffed by three, part-time “Special Operations” Deputies. Law Enforcement authority is granted by the Sheriff for the express purpose of enforcement of MCL Statutes and Local Ordinances specifically pertaining to Marine, ORV, and SM.

A. Statistics from PY 2024 Marine Safety Grant: (Note: Seasonal operation, April – September)

1. Chart B-1; Statistics by body of water

PY 2021 PATROL SUMMARY BODY OF WATER OR LOCATION	PATROL HOURS	NUMBER OF RBS CONTACTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS-CITATIONS				NUMBER OF WARNINGS			PFD WARN , >6YRS * = TICKET	# OF COMPLT	ACCIDENTS	
			BUI	C,R	NAV	REG	C,R	NAV	REG			#	Hrs
BEAR LK.	37	160	0	0	4	0	0	38	8	2	0	0	0
BLUE LK.	9	60	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	1	0	0	0
CRAWFORD LK.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST LK.	11	33	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0
MANISTEE LK.	12	37	0	0	2	0	0	10	4	1	0	0	0
MANISTEE RIVER	15	60	0	0	2	0	0	10	1	4	1	0	0
SKEGEMOG LK.	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
STARVATION LK.	22	94	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	1	3	0	0
TORCH LK.	90	999	2	0	4	0	0	220	28	3	8	0	0
TORCH RIVER	89	945	2	0	4	0	0	345	34	3	8	0	0
TWIN LK.	17	66	0	0	0	1	0	7	2	0	0	0	0
LOG LK.	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	0
TOTALS:	Box ONE	2,482	2	0	27	3	0	660	82	25	22	0	Box Two
	312												0

*Note: RBS = Recreational Boating Safety, observe operating in safe, responsible manner, legally registered

2. **Chart B-2.** MSG hours worked by category.

BOX 3. ADMIN. 58HRS	BOX 4. MAIN'T OR OTHER DEPT. ASSIST 62 HRS	BOX 5. LIVERY INSPECTIONS & VESSELS INSPC'T: 450 HRS TOTALS: 18 LIVERIES INSPECTED – TOTAL OF 176 W/C INSPECTED, PASSED	BOX 6. BSC CLASSES & # OF PARTICIPANTS: 0 CLASSES – 0 HRS	Box 7. SAR 0-CASES,0-W/C, 0- PERSONS, 0 HRS
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TOTAL HOURS (ADD BOXES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,6 & 7 FROM ABOVE) 570

3 Summary of Statistics MSG 2023:

- Total Marine Hours Worked: 450 Hours
- Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Checks: 2,482
- Citations, Arrests: 32
- Warnings:757

1. **Chart C-2;** MSNW hours worked by category.

BOX 2. ADMIN. HRS. 85 Hours	BOX 3. MAINTENANCE HOURS 22 HOURS	BOX 4. PUBLIC OUTREACH	BOX 5. COURT, SPECIAL EVENT HRS.
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TOTAL HOURS (ADD BOXES 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 FROM ABOVE) 567 Hours

2. Summary of Statistics MSNW 2021:

- Total Marine SNW Hours Worked: 567 Hours
- MSNW Contacts: 3,180
- Citations, Arrests: 28
- MSNW Warnings: 65

B. **Statistics from PY 2023 ORV:** (Note, dates of PY DNR Grant October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024)

1. **Chart C-1;** Statistics by Township

PATROL SUMMARY TRAIL OR LOCATION	PATROL HOURS	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	NUMBER OF TICKETS	NUMBER OF WARNINGS	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	ACCIDENTS	
						#	ADDITIONAL HOURS
BEAR LAKE TWP.	56	236	5	38	1	1	2
BLUE LAKE TWP.	71	457	10	106	3	0	0
BOARDMAN TWP.	65	228	1	22	7	0	0
CLEARWATER TWP.	9	19	0	1	3	1	0
COLDSPRINGS TWP.	56	228	2	70	3	0	0
EXCELSIOR TWP.	62	240	5	26	5	0	0
GARFIELD TWP.	22	83	0	16	1	1	1
	224	671	10	113	11	0	0

KALKASKA TWP.							
OLIVER TWP.	115	618	25	187	3	0	0
ORANGE TWP.	27	121	9	30	2	2	2
RAPID RIVER TWP.	43	189	8	47	4	0	0
SPRINGFIELD TWP.	42	193	9	40	7	1	2
TOTALS:	BOX ONE						BOX TWO
	789	3,283	84	746	50	6	9

2. **Chart C-2;** ORV hours worked by category:

BOX 3. TRAINING HOURS 80	BOX 4. EQUIPMENT MAIN'T. Hrs. 208	BOX 5. SPECIAL EVENTS HRS. 78	BOX 6. PROG. ADMIN. 107
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TOTAL HOURS (ADD BOXES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 FROM ABOVE) 1,271

3. ORV Summary of Statistics FY 2024:

- Total ORV Hours Worked: 1,271
- Contacts, Compliance Checks: 3,283
- Citations Issued: 84
- Warnings: 746
- Complaints: 50
- ORV Crashes: 6

C. **Statistics from PY 2023 SM:** (Note, dates of PY DNR Grant Mid-December, 2023 through March, 2024)

1. **Chart D-1;** Statistics by Township

PATROL SUMMARY TRAIL OR LOCATION	PATROL HOURS	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	NUMBER OF TICKETS	NUMBER OF WARNINGS	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	ACCIDENTS	
						#	ADDITIONAL HOURS
BEAR LAKE TWP.	28	85	0	12	0	0	0
BLUE LAKE TWP.	40	239	0	25	1	0	0
BOARDMAN TWP.	19	81	0	12	0	0	0
CLEARWATER TWP.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLDSPRINGS TWP.	18	63	0	7	1	0	0
EXCELSIOR TWP.	13	37	1	6	0	0	0
GARFIELD TWP.	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
KALKASKA TWP.	44	133	0	12	1	0	0
OLIVER TWP.	26	117	1	22	1	0	0
ORANGE TWP.	16	90	0	13	5	2	5

RAPID RIVER TWP.	3	11	0	1	1	0	0
SPRINGFIELD TWP.	16	22	0	1	3	1	1
TOTALS:	Box One	883	2	110	12	3	Box Two
	225						6

2. Chart D-2: SM Hours Worked by Category:

Box 3. COURT HOURS	Box 4. EQUIPMENT MAIN'T. HRS.	Box 5. SPECIAL EVENTS HRS.	Box 6. OTHER PROG. ADMIN.
0	92	0	49

TOTAL HOURS (ADD BOXES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 FROM ABOVE) 372 HOURS

3. SM Summary of Statistics PY 2024:

- Total SM Hours Worked: 372
- Contacts, Compliance Checks: 883
- Citations Issued: 2
- Warnings: 110
- Complaints: 12
- SM Crashes:

IV. Reserve Unit

- A. The Sheriff's Reserve Unit is comprised of volunteers from the community who donate their time to assist with special events requiring extra man-power and attention. These events are reflected in the special events section of this report. The level of services provided by this agency would not be possible without the volunteer time of these individuals.

V. Investigative Division

This was the seventh full calendar year for Detective Regan Foerster. Detective Foerster was charged with both operating the Detective Bureau, managing the Evidence Room which included a full audit *and* moving the entire Evidence Room to a new location, and continuing the role as a System Administrator for our Flex system that has been in use since Spring 2021. This past year the Detective Bureau conducted more Criminal Sexual Conduct investigations that demand time/effort/focus due to their nature and also provided direct assistance to several neighboring agencies with investigative efforts within Kankaska County. To follow you will find a list of notable cases that were undertaken and demanded a prolonged amount of attention due to their level of severity and importance.

244000033: On January 3, 2024 Erika Kibby reported that her vehicle was stolen as it was parked at another residence and Erika suspected Scott Barkovich stole the vehicle. Deputy McCormack conducted a diligent investigation and developed leads that ultimately resulted in a tip that the vehicle was being held at a residence off of Croy Lake Road. Deputy McCormack arrived at this residence and observed a vehicle on a flatbed trailer that matched the make, model and color of that which Erika reported stolen. Assistance was provided with search warrants for the property and vehicle as well as digital evidence from

those known to be involved. From this we were able to establish that it was Scott Barkovich who took the vehicle and it also implicated the involvements of other persons as well.

244002750: On July 25, 2024 Deputy Rohring and Deputy Kniss were dispatched to a truck verse semi crash at the intersection of US-131 and Twin Lake Road. Upon arrival the officers found that the driver was a Cody Hockridge and the deceased passenger of the truck was Timothy Alberts. Deputy Hawkins conducted the Accident Investigation, which was assisted by the Detective Bureau. From on-scene measurements, observations and dash cam videos from the involved semi-trucks it was determined that the truck operated by Cody Hockridge accelerated through the intersection and stop sign and struck the south bound semi-truck in the cab/gas tank area that resulted in the death of Timothy Alberts. The Detective Bureau continued to investigate this incident and found that Cody Hockridge had a .296BAC when he arrived at Munson Medical Center. It was also found that Cody picked up Timothy in Kalkaska and drove around the backroads of Kalkaska County in the time leading up to this fatal crash. During this Cody struck several fixtures at residences posted by the roadway. This path of travel was determined by Timothy's Life360 user information.

A warrant was sought for Cody for these arrests and Cody opted to evade law enforcement. Full nation-wide extradition was authorized by the Kalkaska PAO and efforts were even taken to see if Cody was at his mother's residence in Tennessee. The MSP Fugitive Team was also tasked with attempted to locate Cody but was ultimately unsuccessful in their efforts. The time came for a media release identifying Cody as a wanted person. Part of this was the implementation of a new Tip Management system that is part of our Motorola Flex package. Through this system tips from the public were received, screened, analyzed and ultimately investigated based on validity and other known factors. Cody was ultimately apprehended in a hide that was constructed under the floor of a residence on Nothstine Road in Mancelona, Michigan. This apprehension was due to a tip from the public that was acted upon by the Antrim County Sheriff's Office.

244004939: On December 19, 2024 Deputy Xaver was dispatched to KMHC because a subject was currently in the ER receiving medical treatment for stab wounds. James Huffman reported that he was stabbed by Kyle Armstrong during an altercation they had in the driveway at a residence off of Butler Road. The Detective Bureau provided assistance with search warrants and evidence collection as well as follow-up interviews and contacts with those directly involved and witness to this incident. At this time this case remains in the judicial process

Cold Cases: The Detective Bureau has undertaken review of current cold cases that exist with the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office. As part of these efforts cold cases are reviewed, assessed for potential new investigatory efforts, and then steps are taken to explore what new information or evidence can be obtained moving forward. One cold case continues to be investigated and an additional cold case is being prepared to be reopened.

From these continued efforts additional progress has been made on a particular cold case. The continued collaborative efforts between the MSP Crime Lab, a private genealogy laboratory, the Michigan State Police and Michigan State University have resulted in furtherance in this investigation but it is still ongoing.

New Investigative Equipment

The Detective Bureau utilized the allocated funds to purchase evidence processing equipment that will better serve the Detective Bureau and Road Patrol Division with their investigative efforts. Beyond the normal necessary materials funds were allocated and used to purchase a Milwaukee Pack Out system to provide secure, durable and efficient transport of equipment for Evidence Technicians and Traffic Crash Investigators. We were also able to purchase a second DSLR camera, for the Road Patrol Deputies to have unlimited access to its use, a Macro Filter for photographing fingerprints and other small, fine objects and all the memory storage needed for these large, evidence quality images.

In addition to the new equipment the Detective Bureau has continued our enrollment as a member of MAGLOCLN which is part of the RISS Program. These intelligence services were utilized throughout 2023 in various ways, have been critical in producing evidence and leads in various criminal investigations and continue to be a worthwhile asset to our agency. To also note, MAGLOCLN provided \$300 in funding for investigative services that resulted in the identification and apprehension of the wanted suspect in KSO Incident #234004544 as detailed above.

Training

Sergeant Paul Belanger and Detective Regan Foerster were selected, attended and completed the 3-day MSA MISSION Investigator training that was held at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office. This training provided for the skills, procedures, case examples and networking to prepare both officers for success when called upon by MSA for a MISSION Investigation.

Detective Regan Foerster attended a 1-day Cryptocurrency Intelligence & 2-day LE Intelligence trainings that were offered *free of charge* and part of MAGLOCLN. These trainings provided information on how to conduct investigations that involve cryptocurrency as well as open source information methods that can be utilized for various types of investigations.

Traverse Narcotics Team

The Traverse Narcotics Team conducted several drug-related investigations in Kalkaska County in 2024 resulting in significant sentences for the offenders. These investigations often continued from Kalkaska County to other parts of our region. A new detective was assigned to the team this year and quickly underwent, completed and implemented all the necessary training that is required of new personnel. The Narcotics Detective continues to target and produce solid investigations that help curb and reduce the underground criminal activity in our county and region they serve.

Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team

There were 8 activations for the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team in 2024 that Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office Operators responded to. All of these activations resulted in a safe resolution. Deputy Ngirarsaol continues to be a leader on this team and take their efforts from beyond our county to serve the NMMA in the best capacity they can. Deputy Creighton is the other Operator with NMMA ERT representing the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies Tony Ngirarsaol and Brian Creighton preformed trainings pertaining to close quarters combat, field movements, Firearms training, callout procedures, and perimeter movements. Included with this training, the team was familiarized with the tactical vehicles and equipment. The Deputies had trained extensively on close quarters combat, involving hundreds of different room layouts and scenarios, involving hallways, closed doors, locked doors, threat assessment, as well as multiple scenarios incorporating several aspects of training. Some of this training was conducted at a facility owned and operated by Oakland County Sheriff's Office specifically for such uses. The Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team had extensively progressed the skill set of all Officers on the team, and looks forward to another year of training.

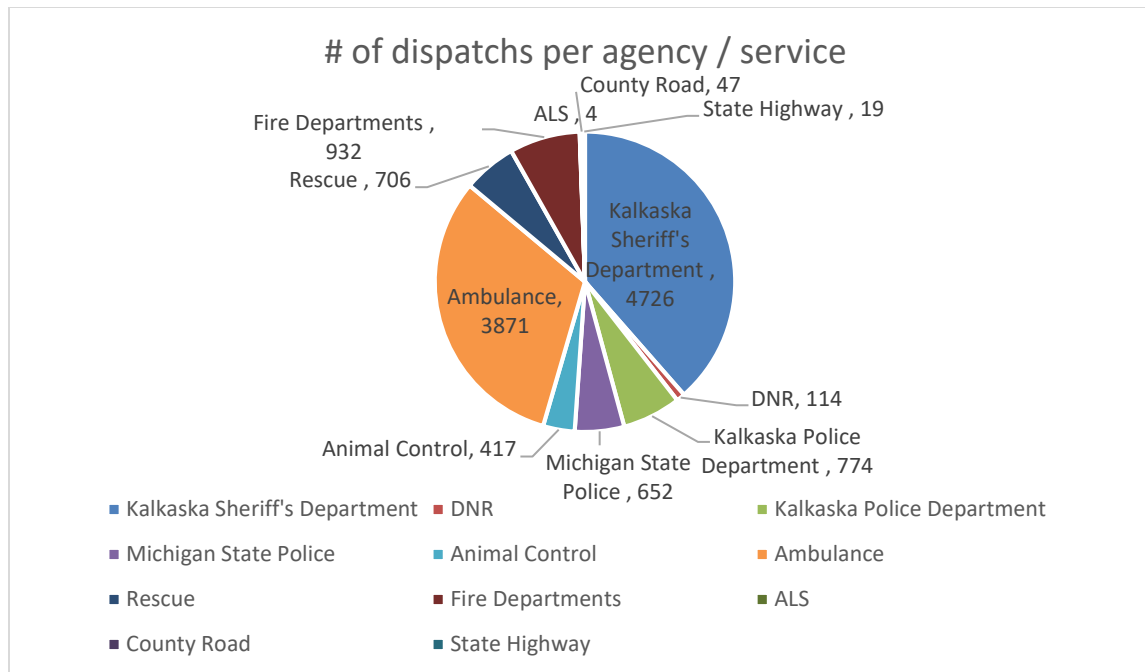
VI. Central Dispatch

Sergeant Scott Griffith and Sergeant Barb Gonzales oversee the Central Dispatch Division.

A. Kalkaska Central Dispatch Center which consists of seven full time dispatchers.

B. Statistics from Dispatch

1. Law Enforcement Dispatches
 - a. Kalkaska Sheriff's Office: 4,726
 - b. Michigan State Police: 652
 - c. Village of Kalkaska: 774
 - d. Department of Natural Resources: 114
2. Fire Department Dispatches: 932
3. E.M.S Dispatches: 3,871
4. Rescue: 706
5. ALS/Northflight: 4
6. County Road: 47
7. State Highway: 19
8. Coast Guard / MSP Helicopter: 1
9. Other (Red Cross, Railroad, ect): 17
10. Warrants Confirmed: 470
11. LEIN ENTRIES
 - A. CCH for Corrections: 15
 - B. CCH for Gun Permits: 0
 - C. Courts: 70
 - D. Missing Persons: 6
 - E. Abandoned Vehicles: 200
12. Animal Control: 417
13. Warrants/PPO's/ Bond Conditions/Probation orders: 278
14. Typed Reports: 125
15. Dictated Reports: -
16. Tickets Entered: 668
17. Traffic Stops: 5,108
18. 911 Calls Received: 14,755
19. Administrative Calls: 17,73



VII. Animal Control

A. The Kalkaska County Animal Control consists of Deputy Stephanie Stoll

1. Animals at Large:
 - a. Canine Intake: 178
 - b. Canine Adoptions: 110
 - c. Canine Owner Claims: 66
 - d. Euthanized Owner Surrender: 5
2. Feline Intake: 85
 - a. Feline Adoptions: 86
 - b. Feline Owner Claims: 3
 - c. Euthanized Owner Surrender: 2
3. Kennel Inspections: 16
4. Phone calls to Animal Control: ---
5. Visitors to Animal Control: ---

VIII. Emergency Management

A. Kalkaska County Emergency Managers, Mike Thompson and Doug Pratt are responsible for the planning and oversight of operations during large disasters in Kalkaska County.

IX. Court Bailiff's

A. Deputies Terry Williams, Harry Shipp Jr and David Barlog are responsible for the movement of inmates to and from the jail; as well as, ensuring the safety and security of the court staff and visitors to the court.

X. Records Division

- A. Rashelle Wirtz is the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office Records Manager.
- B. Records Division Statistics
 - 1. Papers Received: 716
 - 2. Papers Served: 498
 - 3. FOIA Requests: 229
 - 4. Reports/CCH processed: 674
 - 5. SOR registrations: 446 SOR registration requirements also require offenders to immediately report any changes involving employment, address, phone number, email and vehicles.

XI. Administrative Division

- A. The Administrative Division is comprised of the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Bonnie McKinney.
- B. Statistics
 - 1. CPL Fingerprint Applications: 185
 - 2. Employment / Expungement Fingerprints: 90 Manual/Ink
 - 3. Handgun Registrations: 1960

XII. Hunter's Safety Courses

- A. The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office assists in the operation and education of the Hunter's Safety Program.
- B. Hunters Safety Instructors:
 - 1. Regan Foerster
 - 2. David Wagner
 - 3. Michael Hearn
 - 4. Steve Porter
 - 5. Harry Shipp
 - 6. Ray Farrier
- C. Students Certified: 43

XIII. Sheriff's Drug Take Back Program – Prescription and Over-the Counter Drug Drop Off Program (POD)

- A. The purpose of the program is to provide a secure, convenient, and environmentally safe option for the disposal of unused and unwanted medications (both prescriptions and over-the-counter). The receptacle for drug disposal is located in the lobby of the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office.
- B. The POD program was started on April 8, 2015.
- C. Since inception the collection of 4,547.9 pounds of narcotics were deposited in our drop off receptacle and subsequently turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

XIV. Special Events- Trout Festival, Torch Lake, County Fair, Halloween and the Iceman Cometh

- A. Trout Festival – The Kalkaska Sheriff’s Office assists with traffic control during the parades and fireworks; as well as, provides foot patrol at the Fairgrounds for the carnival and flea market.
- B. Torch Lake 4th of July – The Kalkaska Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with the Antrim County Sheriff Office, Michigan DNR, Michigan Parks and Recreations and the Michigan State Police partner together to patrol the south end of Torch Lake to ensure a safe holiday both on and off the water.
 - 1. Statistics from the 4th of July:
 - O.U.I.L: 1
 - Disorderly: 1
 - M.I.P.: 0
 - Parking Citations: 1
 - Misc. Arrest: 1
- C. Kalkaska County Fair – As the County Fair continues to grow we provide additional Law Enforcement to ensure traffic safety
- D. Halloween – The Kalkaska Sheriff’s Office provides extra patrol in populated areas to ensure the safety of our children while Trick or Treating. We also provide candy check points in Rapid City and South Boardman.
- E. Iceman Cometh - The Kalkaska Sheriff Office assists with traffic points.

XV. Other Statistics

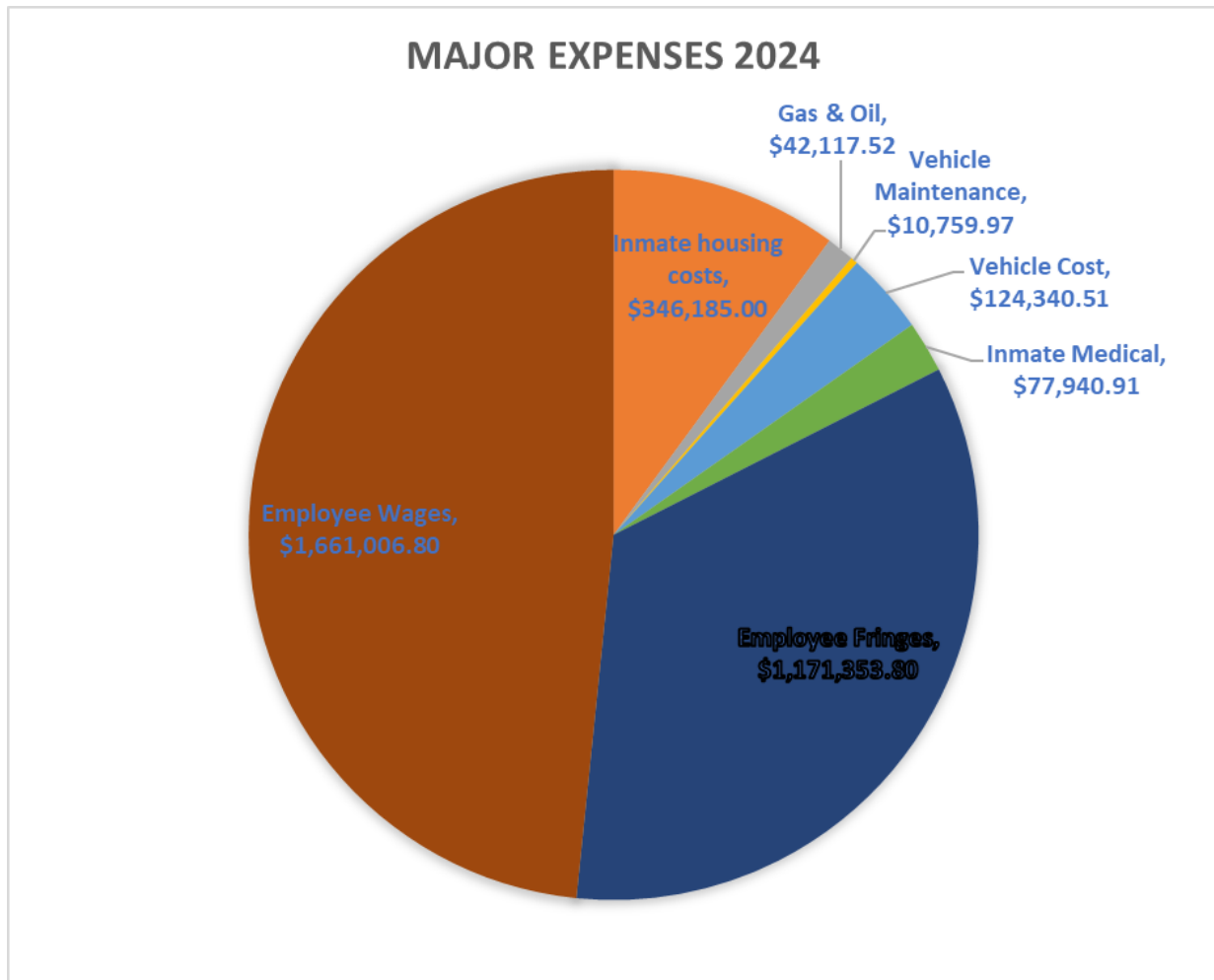
- A. Busiest Day Law Enforcement: Monday followed by Sunday.
- B. Busiest Time of Day Law Enforcement: 11 a.m. through 5 p.m.

XVI. Financial Information

- A. The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office operates from a line item budget set forth by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners. Our 2024 total operating costs were \$4,386,786.18 which includes 16 separate budgets managed by the Sheriff. The chart below reflects the operating costs/budget of each of our divisions. (These amounts are pre-audit and may not reflect final budget figures)

Account	2024 Expenditures
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,147,523.82
Fleet	\$ 177,713.31
Court Services	\$ 147,178.64
Administration	\$ 857,034.63
Township Deputies	\$ 107,138.67
Community Corrections	\$ 41,992.83
OHSP	\$ 3,794.32
Marine Patrol	\$ 11,017.15
Snowmobile Patrol	\$ 10,281.99
Secondary Road Patrol	\$ 99,709.32
ORV Patrol	\$ 41,297.06
Zero Tolerance	\$ 56,442.54
Hunter Safety	\$ -
Corrections	\$ 941,100.86
Dispatch	\$ 633,601.98
Animal Control	\$ 110,959.06
Total	\$ 4,386,786.18

The pie chart below reflects the breakdown of the larger expenses within our budget such as wages, fringes, inmate medical, inmate housing, vehicle expense, gasoline and vehicle maintenance.



From the Office of the Sheriff

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office staff for their hard work and dedication to the professions they have chosen and for the services they provide to the citizens and visitors of Kalkaska County.

We struggled with Dispatch staffing at the beginning of the year but ended strong and remained strong in the other divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

We focused on training and continuing education for all staff including myself again this year with additional financial support from MCOLES. We stayed extremely busy this year with construction and planning for the move of Law Enforcement and Dispatch. These projects have been very time consuming but the end product, that we expect to complete in 2025, will be well worth the effort. These projects have been to increase the efficiency of operations by moving all governmental services to one campus.

I would also like to thank all of the citizens of Kalkaska County for their support of Law Enforcement and other public safety staff. We continue to be shown in a negative light through our national media and it is comforting to know that our community supports the necessity of the jobs we do.

I look forward to serving you for many years to come and I welcome the challenges and opportunities in my leadership role as Sheriff of Kalkaska County.

Thank you,

Pat Whiteford, Sheriff