Law Enforcement Division Annual Report 2013

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2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• The Emmet County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for 2012 outlined goals for 2013. The following slides list the 2013 goals and the results of these projects.
Create two front line supervisor positions

**GOAL:**
- Two current Deputy Sheriff positions will be promoted to the rank of Corporal.

**RESULTS:**
- A supervisor is assigned to each patrol shift
  - maintaining 24 hour supervisor coverage 7 days a week, excluding paid leave
- Improved communication, productivity, and accountability
- Even distribution of front line supervisor administrative tasks
  - Decrease required amount of supervisor in-office time
  - Increase supervisor patrol time
  - Increase hands on supervision in the field
- Expand opportunities for advancement
  - Maintain high morale level
  - Motivation for quality work product
  - Retain quality employees
Proactively Promote Dog Licensing and Vaccination

**GOAL:**
- Partnership with external agencies/departments to provide reduced cost vaccination/licensing opportunity for Emmet County dog owners.
  - Emmet County Treasurer’s Office
  - Little Traverse Bay Humane Society
  - Local Veterinarians
- Reduce number of unlicensed/unvaccinated dogs in the county
  - Contact with unlicensed dog owners indicate cost is a deterrent to compliance.
  - Provide a “one stop shopping” opportunity for dog owners to have their dogs vaccinated, identification chip inserted, and licensed
  - Expected results:
    - Increase number of licensed dogs
    - Improve Public Safety and animal well being
    - Educate dog owners on the importance of vaccination and licensing, promoting future compliance

**RESULTS:**
- Partnership formed with ECSO Animal Control, Little Travers Bay Humane Society, Emmet County Treasures Office, and Pellston Veterinary Clinic.
- Program offered opportunity for citizens to obtain license, vaccination, and identification chip insertion at greatly reduced rate of $30.00.
  - Humane Society administered all fees and promoted the program
  - Emmet County Treasures Office accepted a straight $10.00 license fee for neutered or non-neutered dogs licensed by program
  - Pellston Vet Clinic provided veterinarian services and facility for the spring clinic
  - Jensen’s Vet Clinic provided veterinarian services and facility for the fall clinic
- Two clinics were conducted, Spring and Fall.
  - a total of 70 dogs benefited from the program
- Future clinics planned for 2014.
Child Safety Seats Program

GOAL:
Reduce traffic injuries and deaths to children riding in a motor vehicle.

- The cost of a new seat is a factor in a citizen’s decision to use a defective seat.
- 75% of parents/caregivers do not install a seat properly, (NHTSA 09/2012)
- Child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers, ages 1-4. (NHTSA 2012)

RESULT:
- The Sheriff’s Office received an Office of Highway and Safety Planning grant.
- The Sheriff’s Office obtained funding to provide 100 Child Safety Seats to those in need.
- Our citizens can make an appointment, and will receive a new convertible child safety seat. The citizen will also learn how to properly install their seat into their vehicle.
Road Patrol Operations

GOAL:
Improve efficiency of operations
  – Building Maintenance/Furniture replacement
  – Records Division
  – Evidence Processing/Media Storage

RESULTS:
• We worked with Maintenance to take care of numerous issues at the road patrol building. We received funds to replace broken chairs.
• Staff moved and organized files and equipment into the Pellston Airport storage facility.
  – We now comply with retention schedules for files kept at the road patrol building/airport storage building.
• Command Staff developed a system for digital media storage.
  – The digital media (video, audio, photographic) is maintained as evidence and logged to allow for a chain of custody.
Emergency Preparedness

GOALS:
• Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)
• Vehicle First Aid Kits
• Incident Command Training

RESULTS:
• Obtained a grant through the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department for AED batteries and pads.
• Updated vehicle emergency trauma kits.
• New supervisors attended updated incident command training.
Coordination with other agencies

GOALS:

- Michigan State Police
  - Coordinate law enforcement road coverage due to their re-assignment away from Emmet County.
- Women’s Resource Center
  - Improve law enforcement response to sexual assault investigations.
- Emergency Operations Center
  - Re-Contact EOC to obtain an updated emergency safety plan for Emmet County properties.

RESULTS:

- Michigan State Police
  - A schedule of Trooper assignments is obtained and kept at the road patrol. This allows our staffing to maintain coverage when no Troopers are available.
- Women’s Resource Center
  - Command Staff has started a dialog with the Women’s Resource Center about improving response to sexual assault, improving communication, and coordinating response.
- Emergency Operations Center
  - Meetings have been on-going to complete the security policy for Emmet County.
2013 Training Received

• The Sheriff’s Office specializes deputies in several disciplines, including Evidence Technician, Accident Investigator, School Resource Officer, Dive Team and Emergency Response Team Operations.
• The training program also must provide yearly basic training in CPR, first aid, blood borne pathogens, defensive tactics, driving, hazardous materials, building searches, firearms, TASER and rapid response to an active shooter.
• Advanced Law Enforcement Refresher Training obtained through membership with Kirtland Community College Law Enforcement Training Consortium provides all of this training.
• Deputies attended 374 hours of training provided by the consortium in 2013.
The following courses were attended by Deputies in 2013

- Enhanced Domestic Violence Investigation
- Updated Datamaster (OWI Investigation)
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement
- K-9 Handler Training
- TASER Re-Certification
- Nebulus Ice Rescue Device
- Stop Stick Operation (Vehicle Tire Deflator)
- Speed Measurement Operator Training
- PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification
- Firearms Training
- Chemical Spray Training
- Active Shooter Response Training
- Risk Management for Critical Incidents
- Incident Command
Special Programs
2013

• Victim Services Unit

• School Resource Officer

• Emergency Response Team
Victim Services Unit
2013

- The Victim Services Unit (VSU) was created by Sheriff Wallin in 2003.

- 2013 VSU Activities:
  - 34 calls for service
  - 117 Victims Assisted
  - 2 Meetings
  - 4 New Advocates
  - 2 Co-Coordinators, attended additional training
  - 27 Advocates received updated training
  - 1044 Miles driven by VSU members.

- Wendy Keubler named as Coordinator in 2013.
- Area fire departments are using VSU as well and are contacting Central Dispatch with direct requests.
- McLaren Northern Michigan has also allowed more access to their hospital by members to better assist people in crisis.
School Resource Officer
2013

- The School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned to the Pellston and Alanson Public School Districts.
- The SRO also provided services to Petoskey Concord Academy during 2013.
- The SRO is an important part of the school community. The SRO provides police services on school campuses.
- SRO participates in all school lockdown drills and emergency planning.
- SRO coordinates annual emergency response training and building familiarization for office members.
- SRO teaches Teaching Educating And Mentoring (T.E.A.M.) safety lessons.
- The SRO is also available to counsel students and their parents on school law and safety.
- SRO provided Drug Awareness training for faculty members at Alanson Public Schools.
- SRO participates in community programs, such as Shop With a Hero and Substance Abuse Free Environment, SAFE. These programs build positive relationships between law enforcement and youth.
Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team

• During 2013 the Sheriff’s Office contributed 2 deputies to ERT Team 1
  – Team 1 consists of twelve counties, seventeen officers and two paramedics. Team 2 and Team 3 offer an additional 20 officers when needed. This mutual aid compact allows services to be brought into each county as needed with fiscal responsibility being spread out to each agency. Therefore, a critical incident will not deplete local budgets of smaller agencies and municipalities.
  – Certification testing is done annually to keep standards high within the team on skills ranging from firearms, physical fitness, knowledge of criminal law, use of force/control and communication.
# 2013 ERT Activations

## May 10, 2013
- The Emergency Response Team 1 assisted Emergency Response Team 2 during a high risk search warrant. Grand Traverse Sheriff Deputies were investigating a larceny of firearms complaint after breaking and entering incidents were reported. Their investigation lead deputies to a home near Grawn in Grand Traverse County.
- The search warrant was executed without incident. Multiple subjects were found inside the house. ERT assisted locating a runaway juvenile as well.

## May 13, 2013
- The Emergency Response Team 1 assisted the Kalkaska County Sheriff’s Office during a search and apprehension of a subject wanted for ramming his vehicle into the Kalkaska County Jail.
- The Kalkaska County Sheriff’s Deputies investigation lead them to believe a male was in a wooded area in Oliver Township. The investigation showed the suspect to be in possession of firearms.
- The ERT approached the suspected area and located the subject in his vehicle. ERT took the subject into custody without incident. A search confirmed the suspect had firearms in his possession.

## June 12, 2013
- The Emergency Response Team 1 assisted the Emmet County Sheriff’s Office during a report of a male shooting a shotgun after arguing with his mother.
- The Emergency Response Team assisted deputies by securing the scene, evacuating the victims, and attempting contact with the offender. The offender fled the scene prior to ERT response. Spent shotgun casings were located on scene by ERT members.
- Investigators later located the suspect, and took him into custody for felony and misdemeanor charges.

## October 15, 2013
- The Emergency Response Team 1 assisted the Presque Isle County Sheriff’s Office during a report of an intoxicated, barricaded, suicidal subject in a residential area of Onaway. The subject was wanted for domestic violence, possession of firearm while intoxicated, as well as other firearm related charges.
- ERT assisted by securing the scene during the investigation. ERT assisted with interviews as well. ERT made contact with the subject, and took the subject into custody without incident. ERT then assisted by securing the scene while investigators sought additional search warrants for the residence.
SUMMARY OF BAILIFF
POSITIONS
2013

• The Sheriff’s Office has two deputies assigned to bailiff duties. Bailiff duties include county building security, transporting prisoners to and from court, court room security, non-sufficient fund checks, prisoner transports to outside facilities and limited civil process.
• 813 prisoner transports were conducted by the Sheriff’s Office in 2013. A total of 737 hours were spent on prisoner transports. A vast majority of prisoner transports are handled by the bailiffs.
• Investigation of bad check complaints are also conducted by the bailiffs. The Sheriff’s Office conducted 17 bad check investigations during the year.
• In 2013, bailiffs started more frequent building checks at the County Building (200 Division Street, Petoskey)
2013 Priority of Calls

- Citizen calls for service received by Central Dispatch are prioritized and assigned to the closest available patrol unit. The following chart reflects calls given to our deputies, deputies activities reported to Central Dispatch, and the priority level assigned to the call by Central Dispatch.

Examples:
Priority 1: assault in progress, unknown injury accident, bank alarm, breaking and entering in progress, dead person, personal injury accident, trapped response, all responses that require rapid response to prevent injury or loss of life
Priority 2: armed subject, assault, domestic dispute, criminal sexual conduct, mental subject, panic / intrusion alarm, disturbance disorder, stolen property
Priority 3+: breaking and entering, boat accident, car deer accident, driving violations, extra patrol, fraudulent activities, hit and run accident, larceny, malicious destruction of property, missing person, minor in possession, parking violations, assist other agency, private property damage accident, property damage accident, suspicious situation/suspicious person, vehicle in ditch, animal complaint, attempt to locate, bad checks, all other activities reported to central dispatch.

Source: CAD Response Time 1-1 to 12-31-13 EMSH
Chart above is a total of all road patrol deputies’ traffic enforcement activity, excluding the 416 car and the Casino car.
The 416 (secondary road patrol) car is a partially state funded, traffic enforcement only patrol unit. The 416 car patrols secondary roads and spends very little time on primary roads. The 416 car is used to deter violations in problem areas through presence and enforcement.
The Casino Car was created through a Casino Revenue Sharing Grant. The Casino Car handles complaints and provides traffic enforcement in the townships surrounding the Odawa Casino. The Casino Car has been a valuable asset in dealing with the increased demand for law enforcement created by the casino.
Vehicle crashes are broken down into four categories. Property damage accident reports are required for any crash that occurs on a road or highway and results in $1000 or more in vehicle or property damage. Crashes with personal injuries require a report, regardless of the location of the crash or property damage. Private property crashes are property damage accidents that do not occur on a public roadway. The majority of private property accidents occur in parking lots near shopping areas. Fatal accidents include vehicle crashes resulting in death, regardless of location or vehicle type.
Non-criminal activity covers a wide range of services provided by the Sheriff’s Office. General non-criminal complaints consist of the calls for service that do not meet the elements of a crime. General assistance complaints include those that might not require police response, but a deputy responds to help a citizen or other agency. Suspicious situations are recorded when something was reported or noticed to be unusual, the officer investigated the information and a criminal investigation did not result. Civil disputes include family problems where an assault has not taken place and other disputes between parties where a crime has not been committed. Deputies respond to civil disputes to keep the peace and give parties other options for civil dispute resolution.

Source: RMS reports
The sizable difference between contacts and verbal warning indicate that the majority of boaters follow the marine safety laws. The Sheriff’s Office approach to promoting marine safety is education and awareness. The marine officers educate young boaters as well as experienced boaters through Marine Safety classes. Marine officers promote awareness through patrolling our lakes and rivers, conducting safety checks, and showing a police presence on the water. When violations do occur most are handled with a verbal warning and some on scene education.
The Sheriff’s Office approach to Snowmobile Patrol is very similar to that of Marine Patrol with a few exceptions. Education and awareness are promoted through the Snowmobile Safety Course and patrol. The number of contacts are much higher than the number of verbal warnings, indicating a high level of compliance to the laws.
Security Checks / Residential

• Sheriff Wallin Implemented Policy and Procedure for Security Checks / Residential in 2009:
  – Citizens request security checks by completing a request form with appropriate information.
  – Checks are assigned to deputies who conduct them during regular patrol, once a week, additional checks may be done on officer discretion.
  – Checks are documented using the in car computer and computer automated dispatch.
  – Checks are monitored and a letter is sent to the property owner at the end of the requested check time period.
  – Positive feedback from citizens has been substantial.

• Benefits
  – Most security checks are requested in the non-summer months when complaint and traffic enforcement volume is lower.
  – 1,944 property checks were conducted by Deputies in 2013 including:
    • Business properties, requested and random checks
    • 22 residential / seasonal property checks, minimum of one check per week
  – Residential security checks require patrol time in low traffic areas and cause patrol patterns to vary.
  – Increased protection of property.
  – Positive relationship building with citizens.
The Animal Control Officer handles all non-emergency domestic animal complaints in the county. The Sheriff’s Office spent 915 hours on animal complaints generated through 911. This figure only represents the amount of time spent on the original investigations and does not include follow up. A vast majority of these complaints are handled by the Animal Control Officer.
These figures are from all dispatched/recorded events from the CCE dispatch center. They include all reportable events as well as non-reportable events. Reportable events are events that are of a criminal nature, or require some sort of documentation of the officer’s activities. Non-reportable events still require our attention, but not necessarily a report.
The Sheriff’s Office responded to all types of calls for service in 2013. The chart above lists the most time consuming calls for service. The chart reflects the total hours spent by deputies taking the initial complaints. Deputies spent an additional 2108 hours on these cases conducting follow up work.
The Sheriff’s Office identifies goals by evaluating the law enforcement needs of the community. The goals section of the annual report identifies special projects for the upcoming year. The Sheriff’s Office continually investigates outside funding sources for programs that will benefit the citizens and enable the office to achieve the ultimate goal of providing the best law enforcement services available to the people of Emmet County. Benefits to the citizens versus the cost is always a consideration prior to the proposal of special projects.
GOAL: Lake Michigan Patrol Boat Replacement

- The marine patrol boats utilized on Emmet County waterways are critical for patrol and search and rescue operations
  - Sheriff Wallin received permission to request a federal grant with Emmet County Commissioners.
  - Sheriff Wallin has received price quotes for boats that would fulfill our needs to improve security and emergency response the our waterways.
  - In 2014, we hope to submit the grant to the United States Federal Government to obtain the marine equipment that would improve port security and emergency response in Emmet County.
Goal: Training to reduce liability and improve risk management.

• Autism Training
  • Conduct training for law enforcement with the Autism Alliance of Michigan

• Active Shooter Response - 1 or 2 man deployment
  • Conduct training for deputies in local schools for 1 or 2 man deployment to stop the active shooter

• Crime Scene Processing
  • Conduct training for evidence technicians
Goal: Car Port Painting

- The car port at the Sheriff’s Office keeps snow and rain off the patrol cars allowing for emergency vehicles to be protected from the elements.
  - The car port currently has paint that is chipping off.
  - This is exposing metal to the elements that will lead to rust and structure failure.
  - Bids were obtained and during the spring of 2014 National Coatings is scheduled to paint the car port.
Goal: Obtain a new copier

- The road patrol building deals with vast amounts of information that has to be printed to comply with law, policy, and procedure.
  - Our current copier is not working properly, and out of service.
  - We are looking to obtain a new copier in 2014 that would address this issue.
Goal: Improve Crime Scene Processing

- Digital SLR Camera
  - Obtain through capital improvement and train deputies to use.
- ARAS 360 Crime Scene Software.
  - Obtain through capital improvement and train deputies to use.
Goal: Improve Search and Rescue Response

- Review current search and rescue team policy.
- Make any changes that would improve efficiency, accountability, and training.
- Conduct further training with staff and our local search and rescue team.
- Coordinate with local fire departments.