

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESENTED BY :
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman

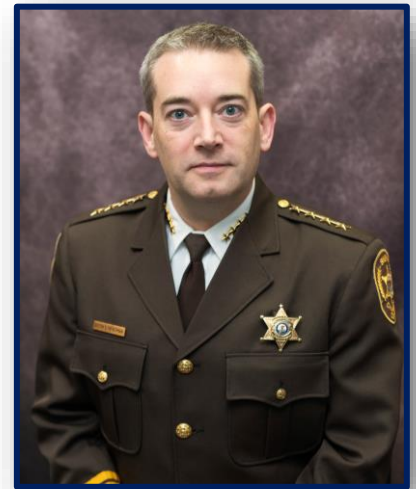


The Champaign County Sheriff's Office aims to provide the most accurate information possible in this report. We are continually improving our processes to reach that goal. Only within recent years have we had the ability to collect and analyze data and statistics in a meaningful way, so are still fine-tuning our processes to ensure the most accurate data possible. If we find numbers published in a previous year's report differ from numbers generated when organizing the current year's report, the data for that previous year may be modified in the current report using the same methodology for more accurate comparison by the reader.

Due to a new report management system being implemented in Champaign County, classifications of data may have changed from previous reports. As such, numbers may have been readjusted from previous annual reports to provide a more accurate comparison in different categories.

LETTER FROM THE SHERIFF

I would like to take a moment and thank you, our county residents, for a successful 2024! Your continued support for the Sheriff's Office means a great deal to me and my staff. I'm proud of the commitment of our Sheriff's Office employees to serve Champaign County residents and visitors equally, without bias or discrimination, regardless of immigration status, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, disability, or socioeconomic status. We remain committed to collaborating with our community stakeholders - working together to overcome our community challenges and address public safety concerns throughout the county - from the more rural areas to the more populated areas of the county.



2024 brought many accomplishments for the Sheriff's Office. We were able to make significant progress in recruitment and retention efforts, saw major progress on the future home of the Sheriff's Office at the Bennett Administration Center, and were able to open two new pods and a new medical wing in our correctional facility. These infrastructure projects will allow our law enforcement division to better serve you and our correctional staff to better meet the needs of an increasingly challenging inmate population. We will see final completion of both projects in 2025.

Thanks to a grant from the Illinois Training and Standards Board, we were able to invest money into training, employee recognition, and supervisor leadership training that would have otherwise been impossible due to budgetary constraints. This, in turn, helps us to meet your expectations for a law enforcement organization and shows our continued investment in providing you with a professional and ethical team of public servants prepared to overcome the challenges presented to us.

In 2024, our calls for service were down, however the complexity of those calls increased. Deputies remained proactive in getting illegally possessed firearms and contraband off the streets all while increasing our community engagement. As 2024 progressed, we also saw a decrease in our jail population compared to the last few years.

2025 will be exciting! Our two major infrastructure projects will be finished, we will continue making significant progress on officer wellness initiatives for our employees, and we will continue to invest in technology to help make employees safer in their roles and enhance their ability to serve you more effectively and efficiently. We will also continue to explore best practices in alternative response models, for example, response to persons in a mental health crisis. While implementation of best practices for challenges like this will be more difficult without additional funding, we remain committed to working with community partners to implement the best solutions within our means. We look forward to our continued collaboration with you as we work to overcome the challenges the future will bring.

Again, thank you for your support of the Sheriff's Office. Many times, being a correctional officer, deputy, or court security officer is a thankless job, and one that is always up for criticism and scrutiny. Your support helps reinforce that you appreciate our public servants, and while you probably hope you'll never need one during a time of crisis, you are reassured that they will be highly ethical and professional in the case you ever do encounter one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dustin D. Heuerman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dustin D. Heuerman
Champaign County Sheriff

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MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Mission

It is the mission of the Champaign County Sheriff's Office to provide a high level of professional and ethical service to all people living in and visiting Champaign County without bias or discrimination; to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois; to exceed state, federal and industry standards; and to collaborate with community stakeholders to accomplish community initiatives and combat community-identified problems.

Law Enforcement Division Objectives

- To serve all residents and visitors of Champaign County equally without bias or discrimination.
- To be as transparent as possible to the communities we serve.
- To use technology and data to provide the most efficient, effective, and professional service possible.
- To collaborate with other local departments and community organizations to meet common goals.
- To hire and retain professional, ethical, and diverse employees.

Corrections Division Objectives

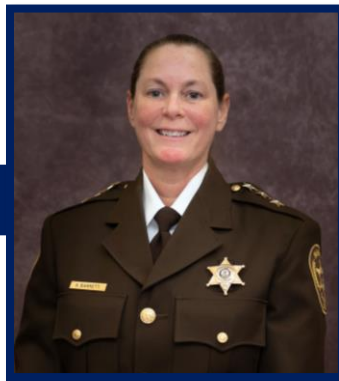
- Provide a safe & secure environment adequate for meeting inmate needs within the correctional center without bias or discrimination.
- Use technology to more efficiently and accurately process and evaluate inmates upon intake.
- Collaborate with relevant stakeholders in pursuit of alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders.
- Partner with community organizations to develop programs to help reduce recidivism upon release.
- To hire and retain professional, ethical, and diverse employees.



ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dustin D. Heuerman
Sheriff



Shannon Barrett
Chief Deputy Sheriff



Teresa Schleinz
Executive Secretary to the Sheriff

LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP



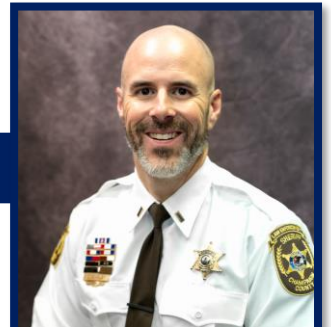
Dave Sherrick
Captain – Law Enforcement



Curt Apperson
Investigations Lieutenant



Seth Herrig
Patrol Lieutenant



Chad Beasley
Administrative Lieutenant

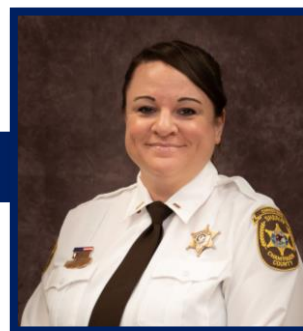
CORRECTIONS LEADERSHIP



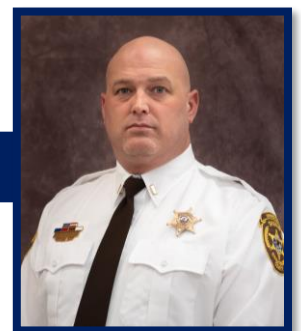
Karee Voges
Captain – Corrections
Jail Superintendent



Ryan Snyder
Administrative Lieutenant

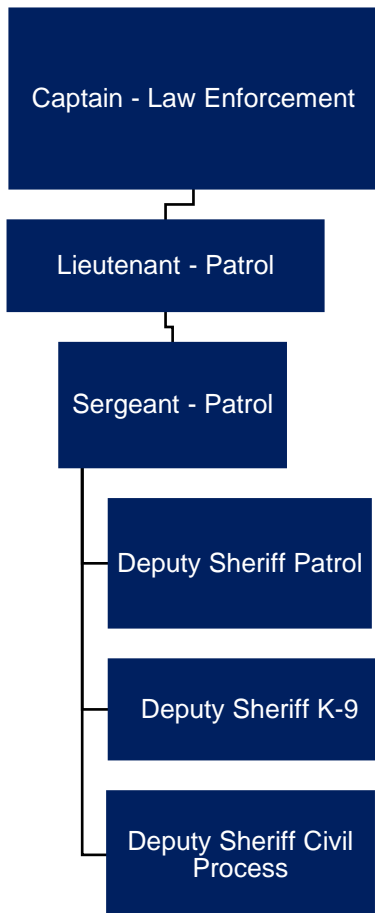


Jenna Good
Classification Lieutenant



Josh Sapp
Operations Lieutenant

PATROL DIVISION



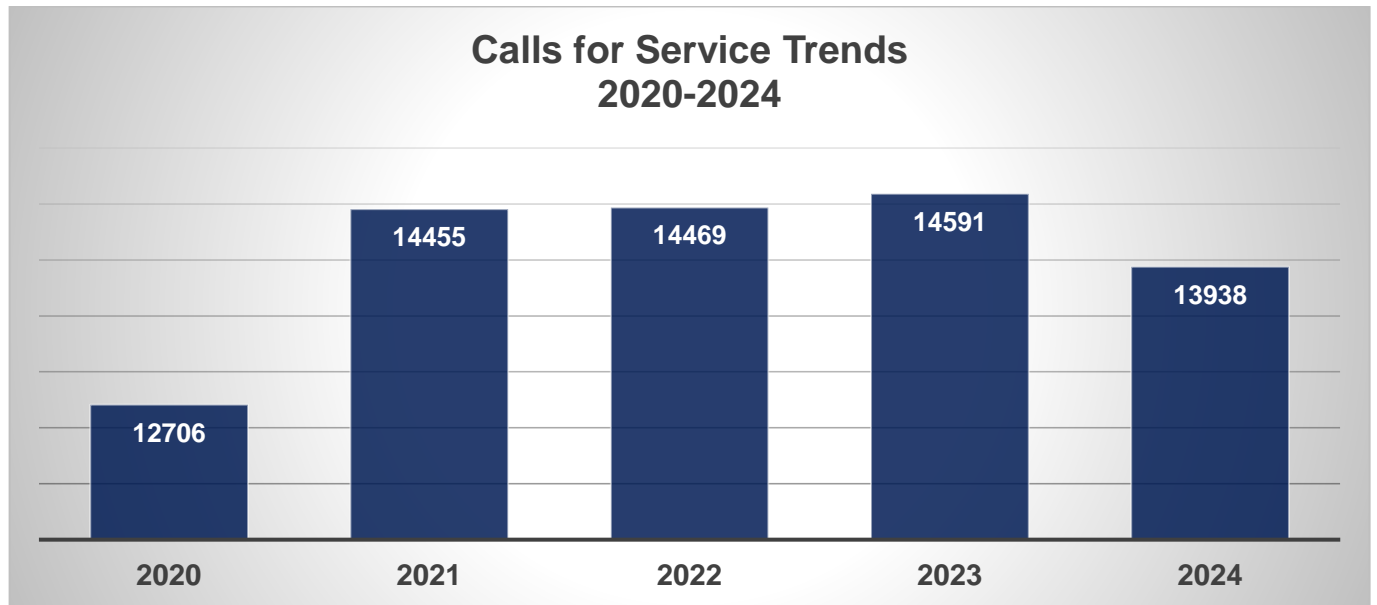
Under the leadership of Lt. Seth Herrig, the Patrol Division is responsible for providing law enforcement services to Champaign County. We serve as the primary law enforcement agency for approximately 50,000 residents in unincorporated areas of the county. We also contract with several villages in Champaign County for patrol services.

As deputy sheriffs have jurisdiction county-wide, we also provide assistance to other police departments in the county when requested. The Patrol Division is made up of four teams that work 12 hours each. There are 8 shift Sergeants (2 Sergeants on each shift) and 34 patrol deputies. Deputies respond to emergency and nonemergency calls for service in their assigned beats, conduct proactive activities like foot patrol and traffic stops, and are frequently engaged in community-based activities and events. The Patrol Division is also responsible for civil process service and K-9 deputies.



Patrol Statistics – Calls for Service

The Sheriff's Office saw a decrease in calls for service in 2024.



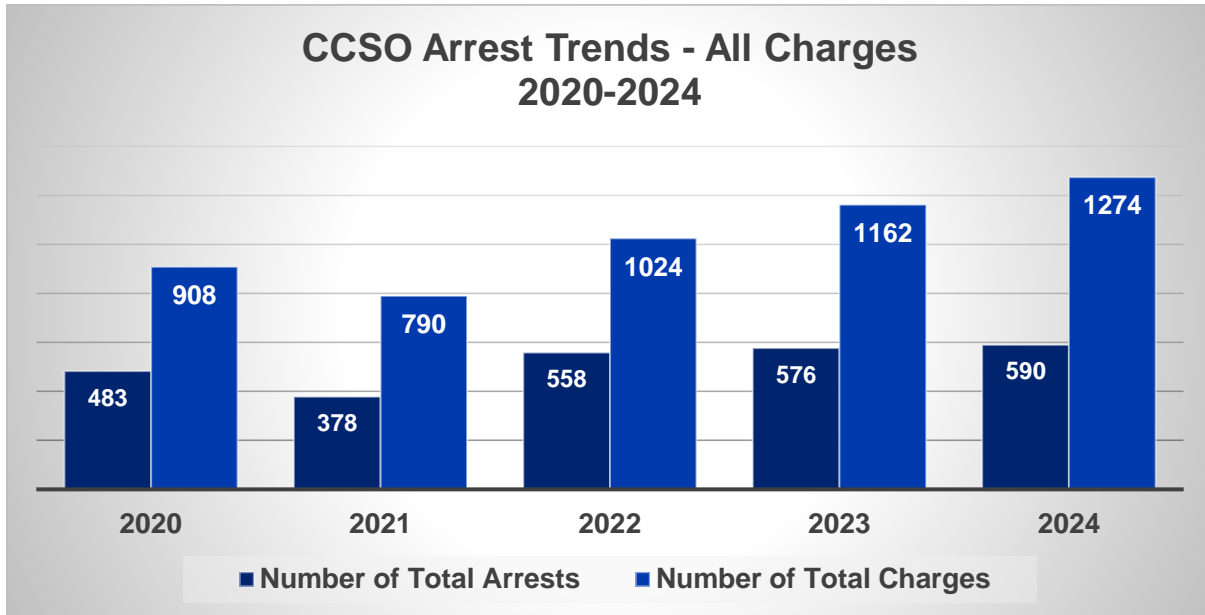
** These statistics do not include civil process service or traffic stops. Those statistics are illustrated in separate sections of this report.*



Of the 13,938 calls for service, the following reasons topped the list:

- Meet Complainant (various reasons) (7%)
- Report of Domestic Altercation (verbal or physical) (6%)
- Residential/Business Alarm (5%)
- Check Welfare (5%)

Patrol Statistics – Arrest Trends



**This is the number of physical arrests throughout the year. Individuals may have been charged with multiple offenses, which is shown in the next graph.*

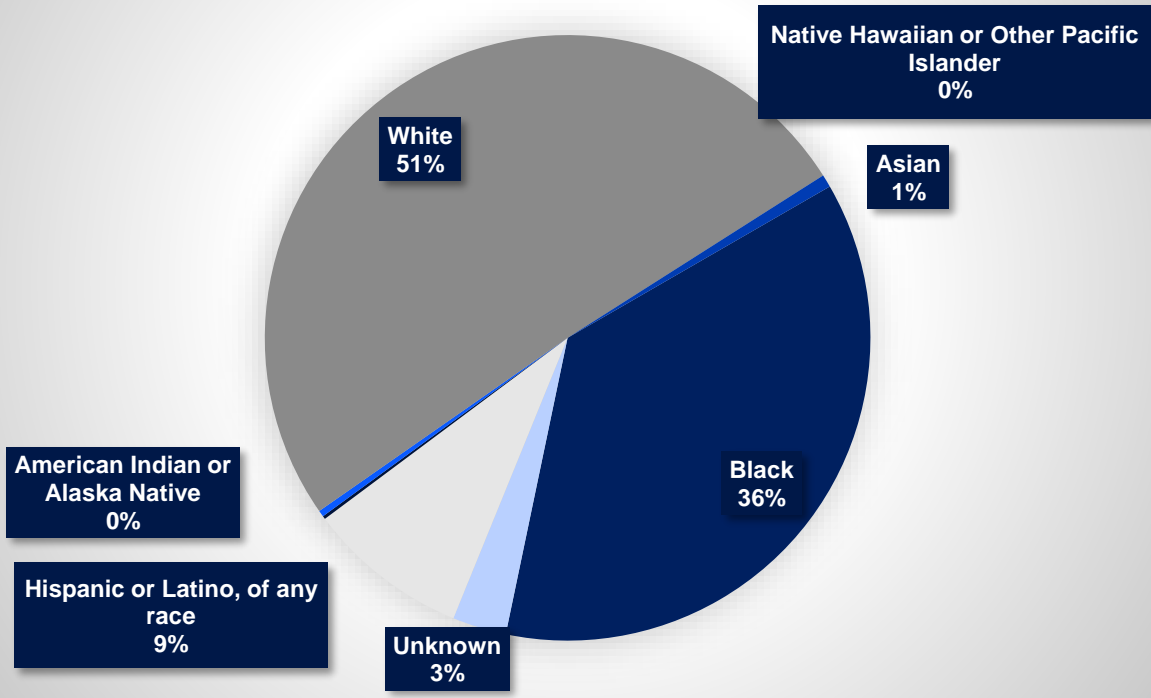
There were 1274 charges resulting from 590 arrests. The following charges topped the list:

- Warrant Arrest (17%)
- Domestic Battery (10%)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (5%)

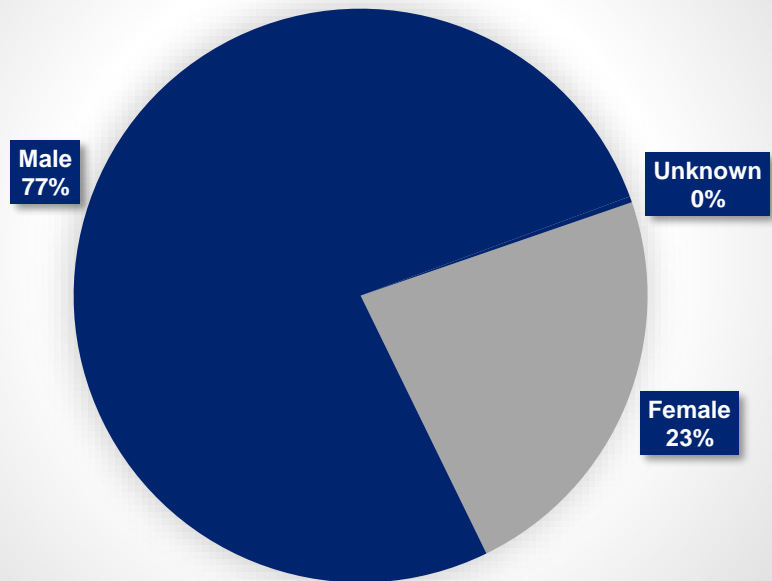
(NOTE: Many arrestees are charged with multiple offenses, so these might not be the sole reason for arrest.)



CCSO Arrests by Race/Ethnicity - 2024 (with known Hispanic ethnicity broken out)

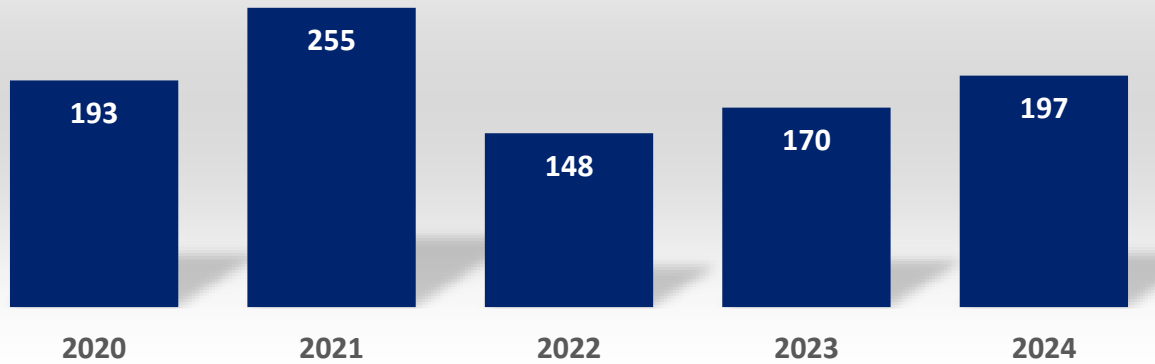


CCSO Arrests by Gender - 2024



Patrol Statistics – Notices to Appear (Non-Traffic)

Non-Traffic Notice to Appear (NTA) Trends
2020-2024



CCSO Deputies also issued 197 Notices to Appear in lieu of making a physical arrest. Of these, the following charges topped the list:

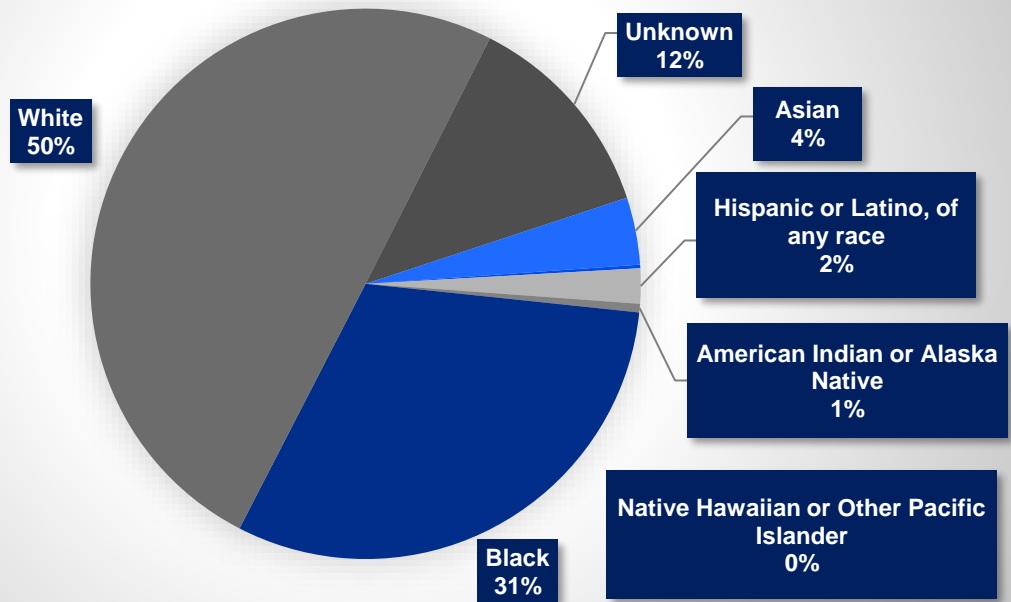
- In-State Warrant (17%)
- Possession of Controlled Substance (8%)
- Battery (7%)
- Retail Theft (6%)



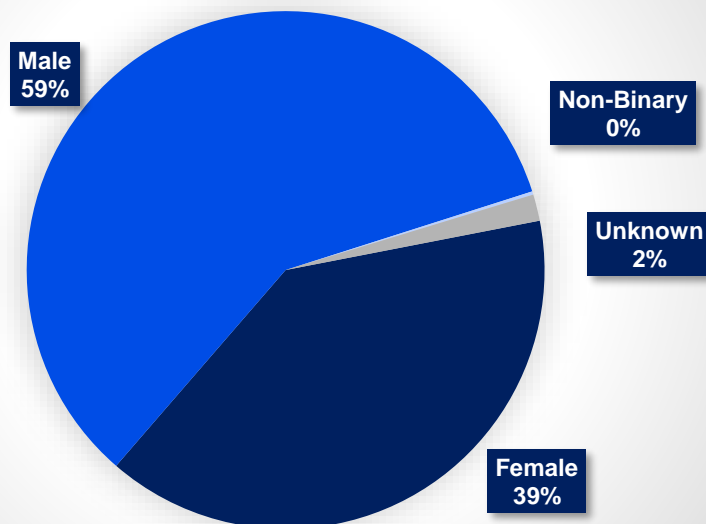
Patrol Statistics – Traffic Stops

Sheriff's deputies conducted 3,390 traffic stops that resulted in 2,237 traffic citations and 1,875 traffic warnings in 2024.

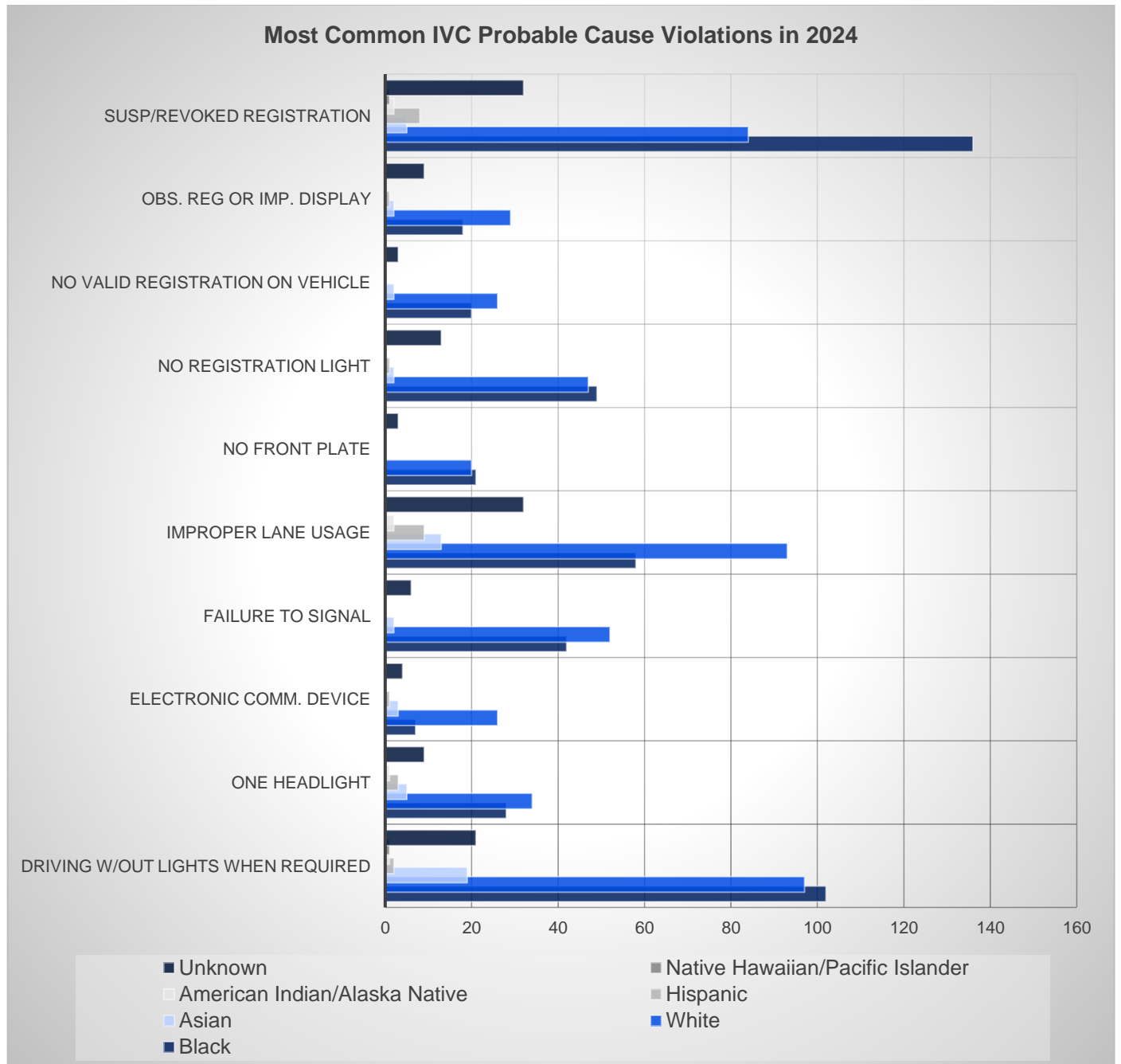
Traffic Stops by Race/Ethnicity - 2024 (with known Hispanic ethnicity broken out)



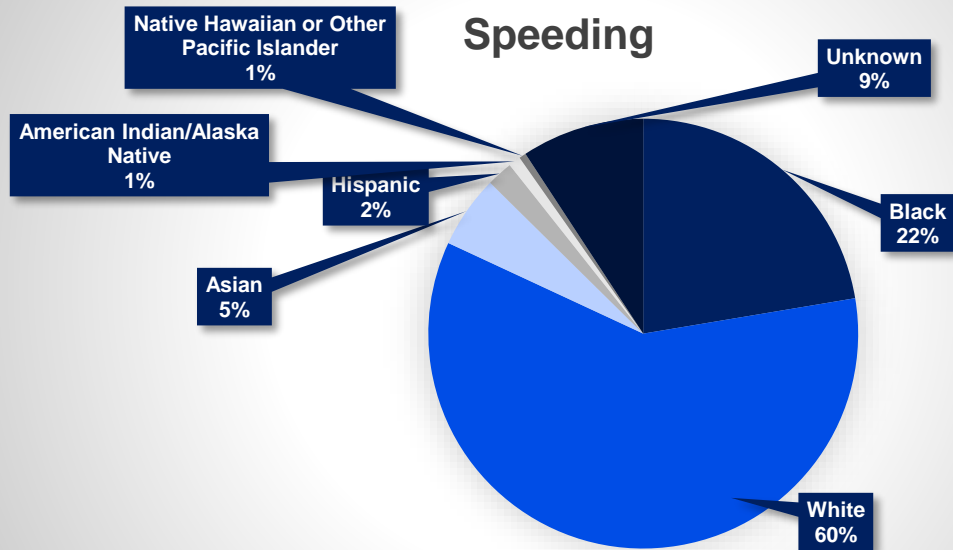
Traffic Stops by Gender - 2024



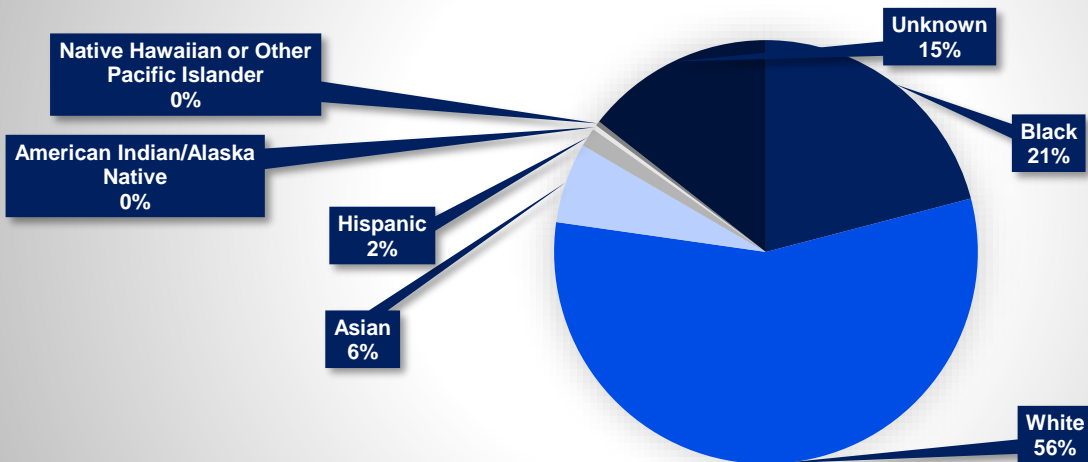
There are a variety of reasons a vehicle might be stopped by a deputy. The decision to stop a vehicle is based on an Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violation observed by the deputy. The below information illustrates the most common probable cause IVC violations for which either a citation or warning was written in 2024. The violations illustrated below may or may not have been the reason for the initial vehicle stop. Not represented here are violations that may have been discovered as a result of the traffic stop (such as DUI or no valid insurance) but would not have been considered by the deputy in the initial decision to stop a vehicle.



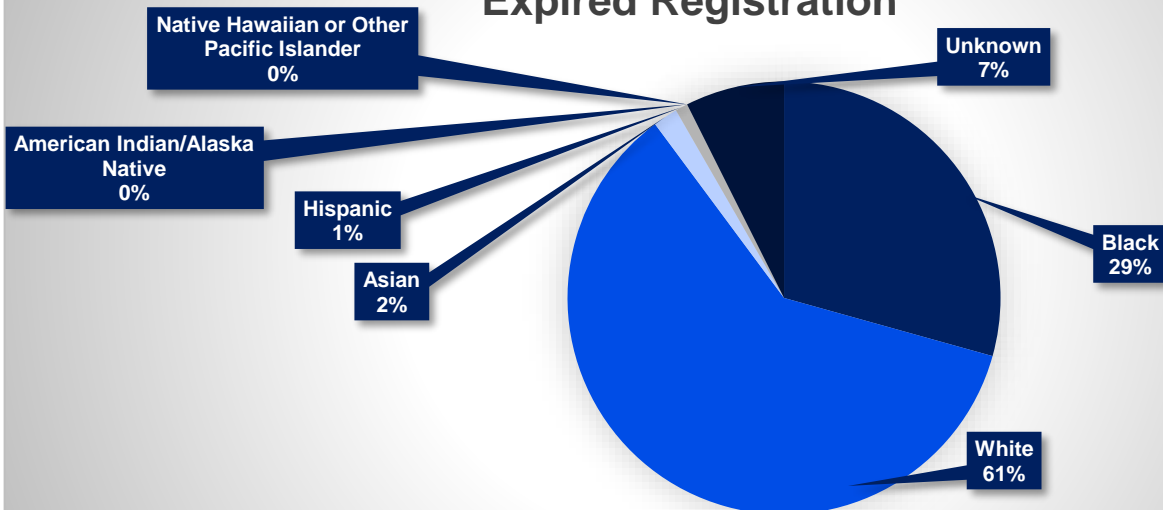
Speeding



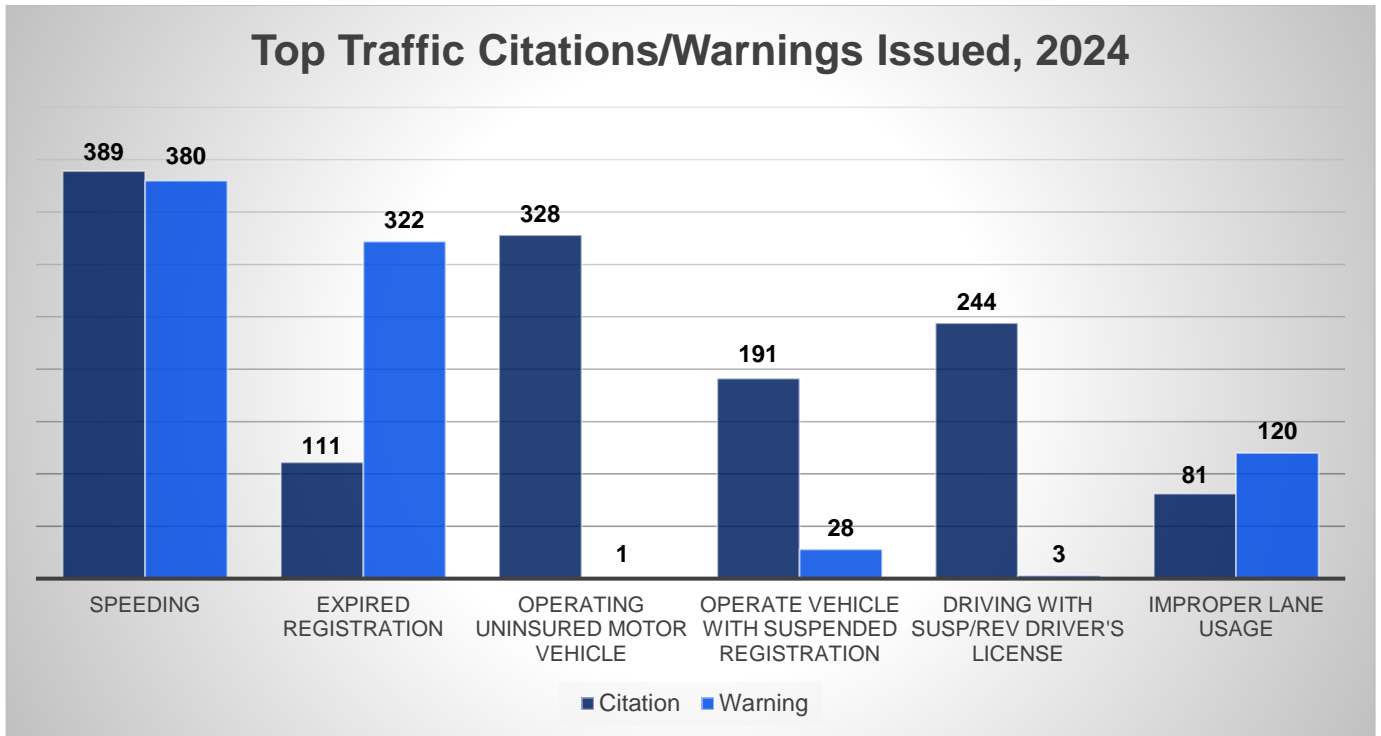
Disobey Traffic Sign/Signal



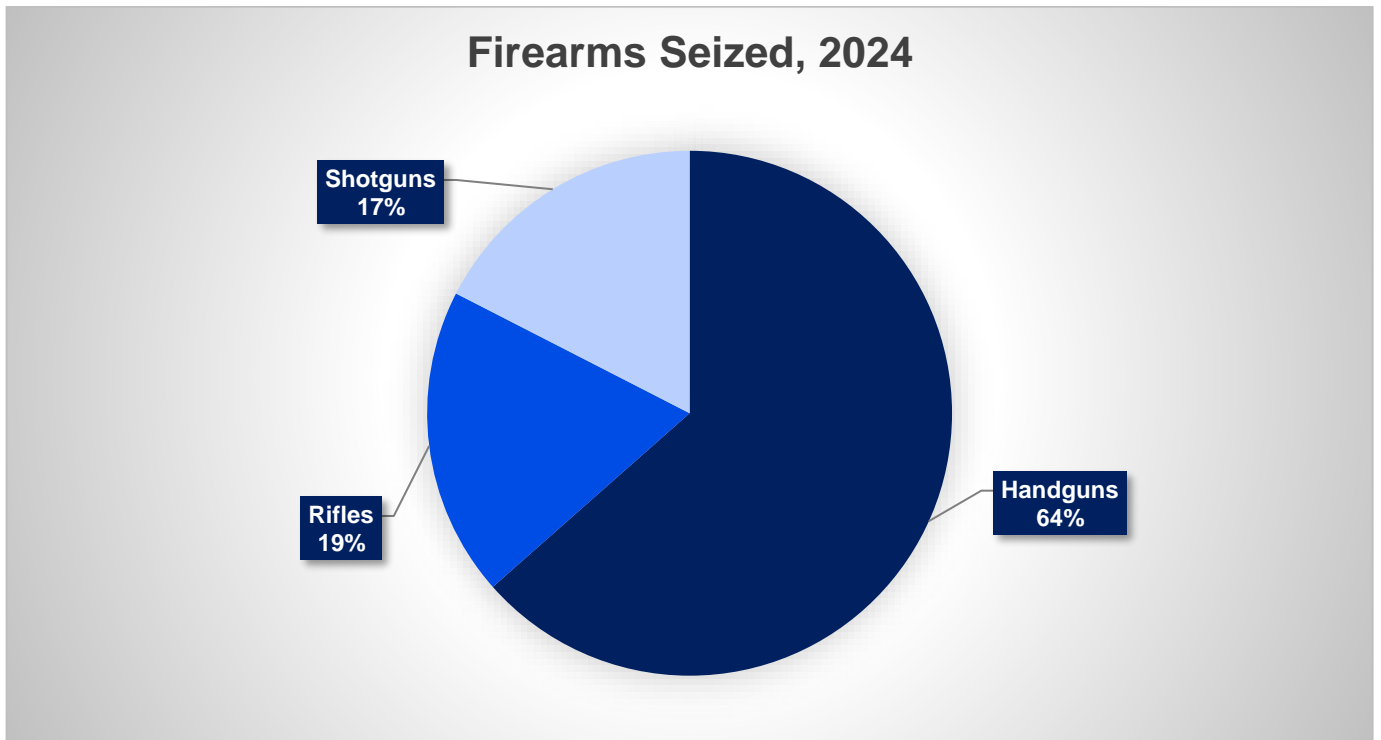
Expired Registration



Here are the top traffic citations and warnings issued by deputies in 2024. These may be the reason for why a traffic stop was conducted or for an offense discovered after a traffic stop was made. These might also include citations issued because of a traffic accident.

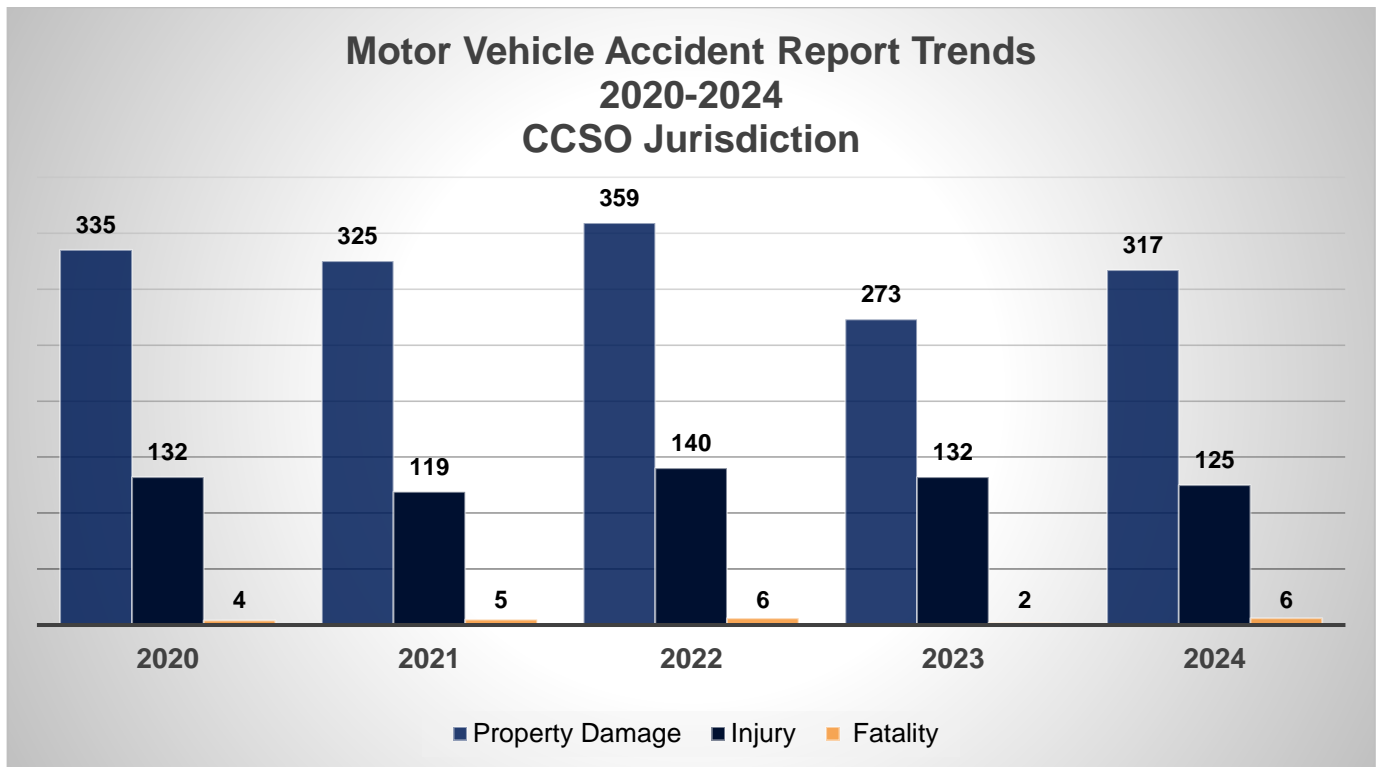


Deputies and investigators also seized 63 firearms as a result of traffic stops and other criminal investigations in 2024.



Patrol Statistics – Motor Vehicle Accidents

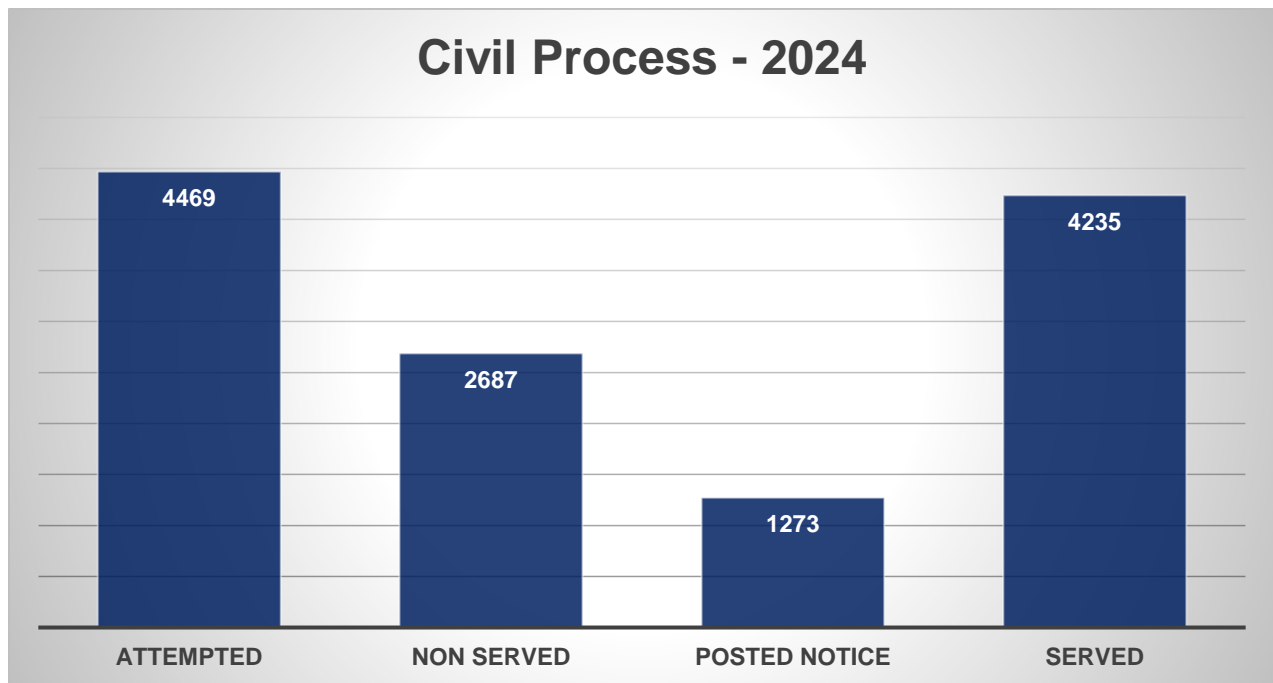
In 2024, Sheriff's deputies responded to 448 motor vehicle accidents on roadways within the county where CCSO is the primary law enforcement agency. Accidents on State routes, U.S. routes and Interstates are routinely handled by the Illinois State Police, therefore would not be counted in this number even if CCSO assisted with the accident. CCSO also does not generally investigate motor vehicle accidents that occur within the city limits of Champaign, Urbana, Mahomet or Rantoul unless extenuating circumstances exist.



Civil Process

One unique function of the Sheriff's Office is civil paper service. The Sheriff's Office has two full-time Civil Process Servers, who are also sworn deputies, responsible for serving civil papers in Champaign County. These might include orders of protection, eviction notices or summonses to appear in court.

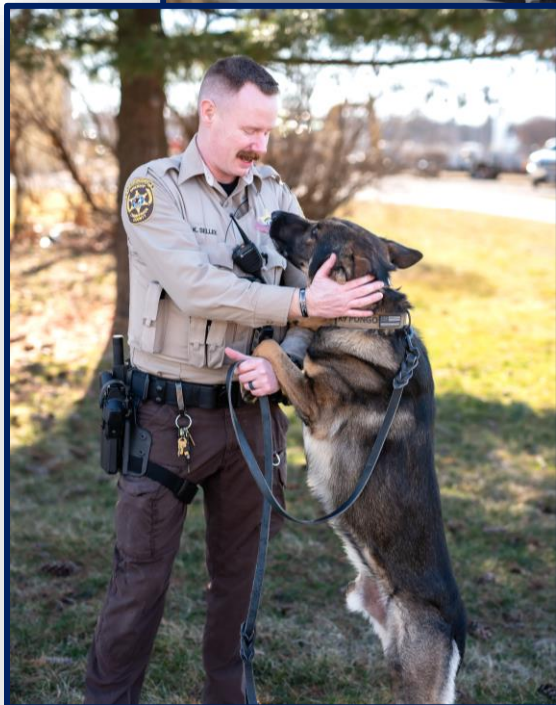
In 2024, deputies either successfully served or attempted paper service 12,664 times.



K-9 Patrol Deputies

The patrol division has three K-9 deputy positions. These canine assets are routinely used for locating illicit contraband and tracking for missing persons. There is one K-9 on day shift and one K-9 on each of the night shifts.

In 2024, the Sheriff's Office K-9 team used the K-9s 99 times for various tasks such as detecting controlled substances, searching for missing people, tracking suspects who had fled a crime scene and searching for firearms that had been discarded. As a result, 9.4 kilograms of marijuana/cannabis, 0.08 grams of methamphetamine, 8.3 grams of cocaine, 19.3 grams of fentanyl, 15 grams of crack cocaine, and 491.5 grams of psilocybin mushrooms were seized, along with four firearms being located.



Personnel Changes

Sheriff Heuerman also swore-in eight new patrol deputies in 2024. Once hired, deputies go through a rigorous field training process that lasts for months. New deputies are also required to attend a 16-week, certified police academy before starting their field training. A variety of topics are covered, including Illinois law, community policing, combating implicit bias, effective communication/de-escalation techniques and control tactics, among others. It takes approximately nine months and \$40,000 to get a new deputy ready for solo patrol.



We celebrated the promotions of Lieutenant Sherrick to the rank of Captain, Sergeant Beasley to the rank of Lieutenant, and Detective Wakefield to the rank of Sergeant.



We celebrated the retirements of Captain Cook, Investigator Roelfs, and Deputy Bialeschki. We wish them well in retirement!



Law Enforcement Recognition

Deputy Kyle Sellek was the Sheriff's Office's Deputy of the Year. Deputy Sellek was recognized for his exemplary work with his K9 partner and his dedication to the residents and visitors of Champaign County. Deputy Sellek is also impactful with new recruits through his role as a Field Training Instructor.



Training

In addition to initial law enforcement academy training, each deputy is required by law to complete reoccurring, mandated training in various topics, including use of force updates, law updates, firearms qualification, taser qualifications, civil rights, Constitutional & proper use of authority, cultural competency, human rights, mental health awareness, psychology of domestic violence, and many more.

The Sheriff's Office has also invested in training beyond what is mandated by law. Some of this training includes:

- De-escalation scenario training
- Recognizing implicit bias
- Traffic stop scenario training
- Firearms simulator training
- Control tactics
- Crisis intervention training
- Leadership training for supervisors
- Rapid response to critical school incidents

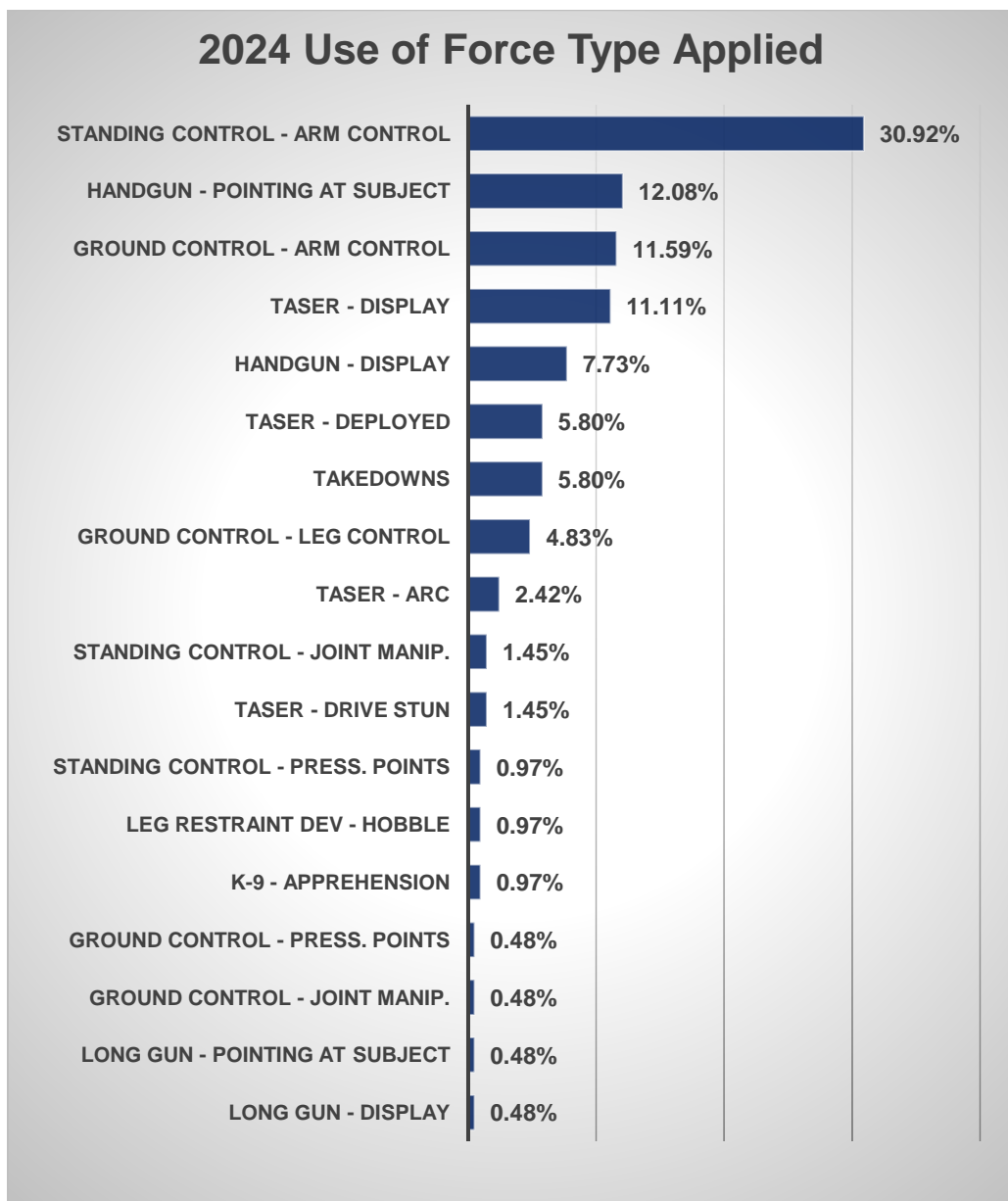
Deputies serving in specialty positions (CSI, Investigations, K-9, School Resource Officer, etc.) receive additional training to be proficient in their responsibilities.



Use of Force

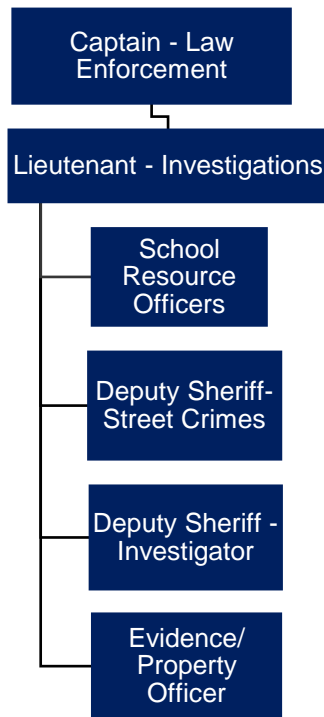
Of the 17,918 calls for service, traffic stops, and arrests handled by deputies in 2024, there were 127 incidents (0.7%) that required what would be considered a “use of force” above that which is usually needed during an incident or arrest with a compliant individual. As you can see, not all of these involve physical contact between the deputy and another person. The most common reasons for increased show/use of force are due to a high safety risk during an incident or because of a person resisting arrest.

The below graph shows the use of force that was used in these incidents. More than one type of use of force may have been used in a single incident.



Of these 127 incidents, 9 (7%) resulted in either a reported injury or minor injury to either the deputy or the suspect. No significant injury or death occurred.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



Under the leadership of Lt. Curt Apperson, the Investigations Division is responsible for the investigation of a variety of crimes that occur in areas of the county where the Sheriff's Office serves as the primary police agency. They also provide support to other local departments upon request. The Investigations Division has five full time Investigators and an Evidence/Property Officer.

In addition to criminal investigators, the Sheriff's Office also has a deputy assigned to the Street Crimes Task Force, which is a multijurisdictional task force with Urbana Police Department, Champaign Police Department and University of Illinois Police Department. One of the major priorities of this task force is to work toward reducing violent crime in Champaign County.

Crime Scene Investigations

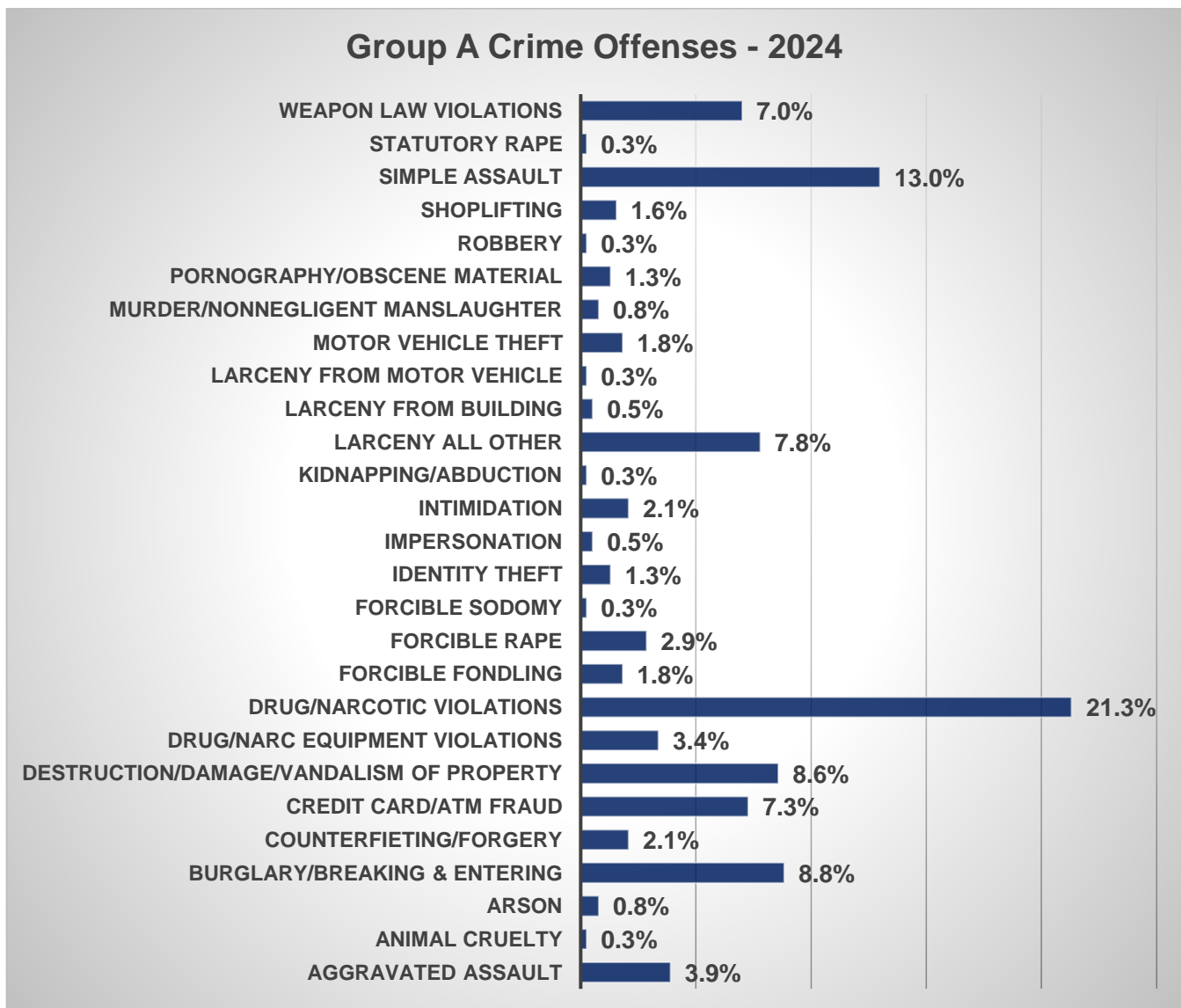
Five deputies from the Investigations and Patrol Divisions also have specialized training as Crime Scene Investigators and are utilized to collect evidence from crime scenes when needed. Sheriff's Office CSIs process a variety of scenes, including burglaries, shooting incidents, robberies, and homicides.



Criminal Investigation Statistics

Deputies and Investigators investigate hundreds of cases each year, including property crimes, crimes against persons, financial crimes, and homicides. Some cases are automatically assigned to the Investigations Division while others are referred to Investigations by the Patrol Division. This is generally due to the complexity of the case. Some investigators also have specialized training in areas such as cybercrime and other crimes committed through the use of technology.

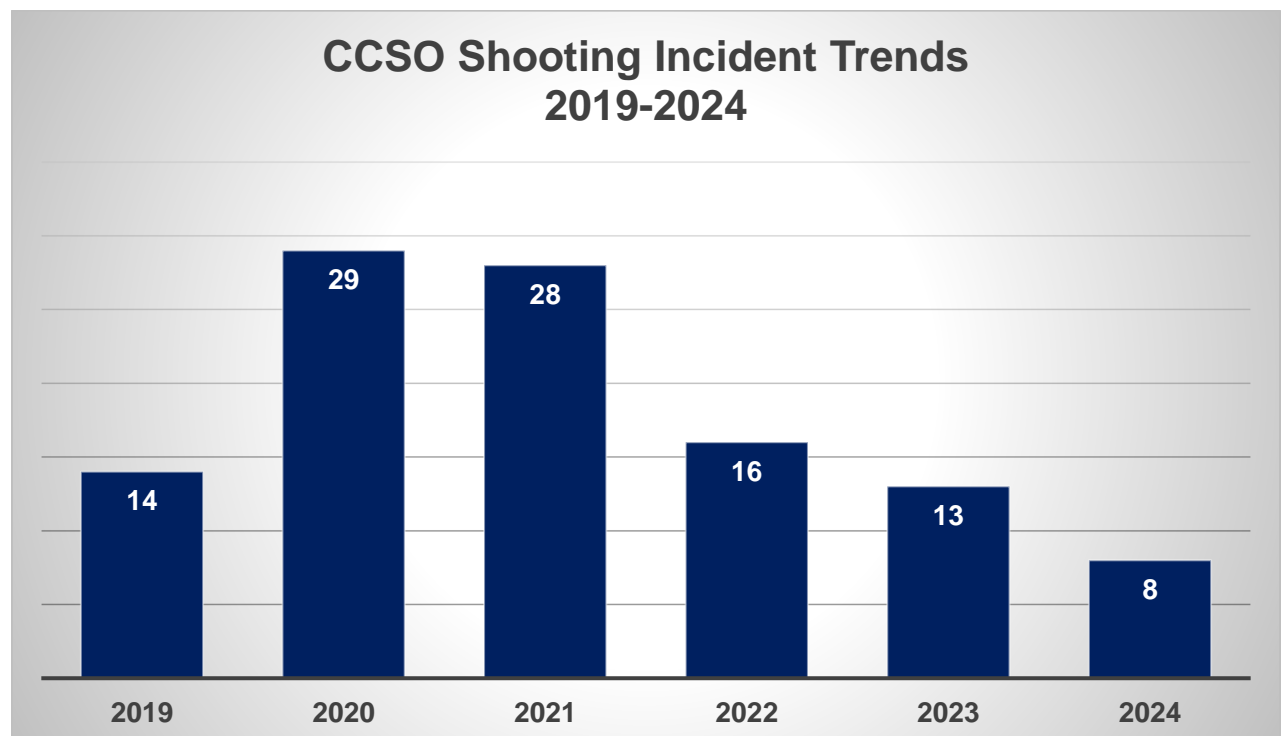
The Sheriff's Office collects data based on the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). There were 2,709 Group A offenses investigated between the Investigations and Patrol divisions in 2024.



**These include attempts to commit the offense and conspiracy to commit the offense, even if the actual offense wasn't completed.*

Shooting Investigation Statistics

The Sheriff's Office also investigated 8 incidents in 2024 where there was evidence of shots being fired (property damage, shell casings, injured persons, etc.) in county jurisdiction.



School Resource Officers

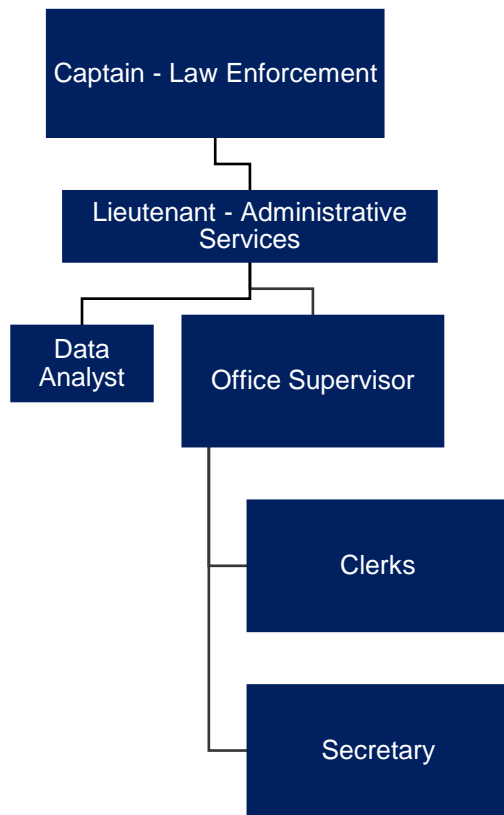
The Sheriff's Office has two School Resource Officers (SRO). The role of a SRO is to not only be present in schools in case of an incident, but more importantly to create a mentoring relationship with students through day-to-day contact. Deputy James started as the Unity SRO in 2023 and Deputy Hallett has served the St. Joseph & Prairieview-Ogden school districts since 2019.

These SROs also coordinate with the school districts to help prepare plans in the case of an emergency. Both Deputy James and Deputy Hallett are active in the school districts both on and off duty.



Deputy Hallett (St. Joe School Resource Officer) and Deputy James (Unity School Resource Officer) at a rivalry game for their two schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

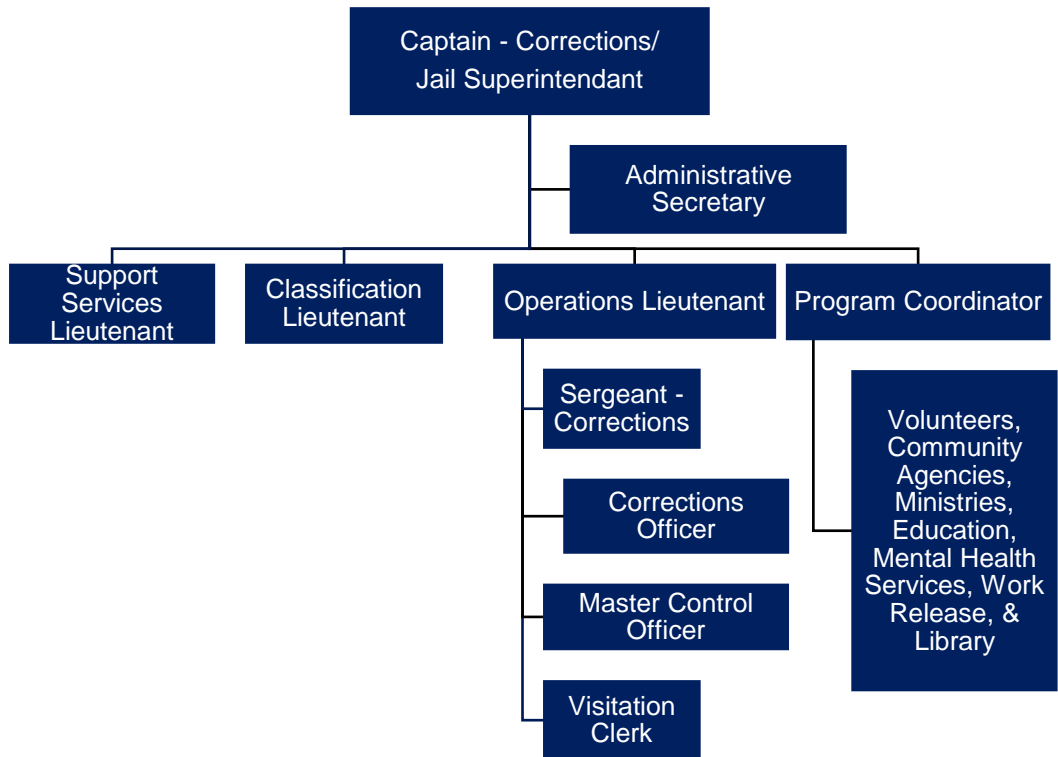


Under the leadership of Lt. Chad Beasley and Office Supervisor Sarah Goodwin, the Administrative Services Division is likely the first point of contact someone will have when coming to the Sheriff's Office. In addition to this vital customer service role, the Division enters, processes, and maintains Sheriff's Office records including warrants, traffic citations, orders of protection and other civil papers. The Administrative Services team works diligently to ensure accurate records are processed in a timely fashion.

In 2024, the Administrative Services Division processed 12,664 civil papers (including attempts, postings and services), 2,971 warrants and 4,112 traffic citations and warnings, among accomplishing various other tasks.



CORRECTIONS DIVISION



The day-to-day operations of the Champaign County Jail are managed by the Jail Superintendent, Captain Karee Voges. In collaboration with the Sheriff, she provides guidance to three Lieutenants, eight Sergeants, fifty correctional officers, twelve master control officers, and support staff.

The Corrections Division is a 24/7 365 operation charged with processing new arrestees, securely transporting inmates to court hearings and medical appointments, and supervision of inmates serving a sentence in the community through electronic monitoring.



Personnel Changes

Sheriff Heuerman swore in eleven new Correctional Officers in 2024. Once hired, these officers attend an eight-week corrections academy and undergo months of field training at the jails before being released on their own.



In 2024, we celebrated the retirement of Correctional Officer Kevin McCallister. We wish him well in retirement!



Corrections Recognition

Officer Nikole Johnson was the Sheriff's Office's Correctional Officer of the Year. Officer Johnson was recognized for his exemplary work and dedication to the residents and visitors of Champaign County.

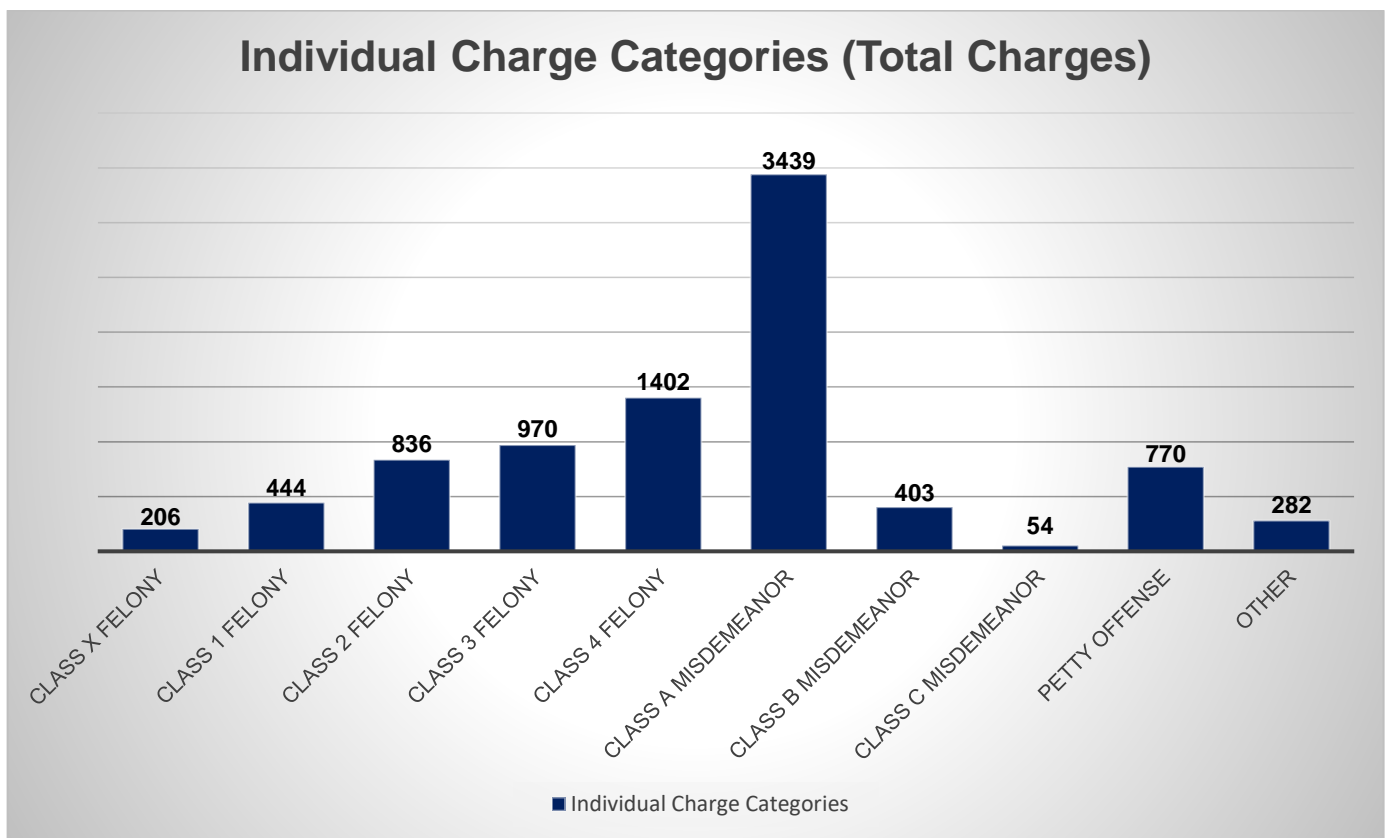


Corrections Statistics

All individuals arrested for a state offense allegedly committed within Champaign County come to the Champaign County Jail. A total of 4,193 inmate bookings were processed in 2024. 3,564 of these were arrests made by law enforcement officers and 629 were the result of sentencing. Of the 4,193 inmate bookings, there were 8,806 total charges. In many cases a booking was associated with multiple charges. The top charges below may or may not have been the primary reason for a booking. For example, an individual might have been arrested for DUI but was also charged with having a suspended driver's license. In this case, two charges were associated with one booking/arrest.

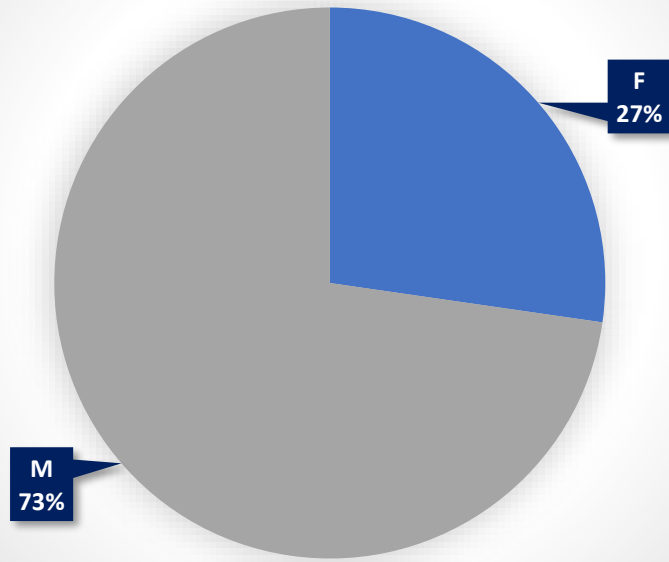
The top charges in 2024 were:

- Warrant arrest (34%)
- Domestic Battery (8%)
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) (5%)

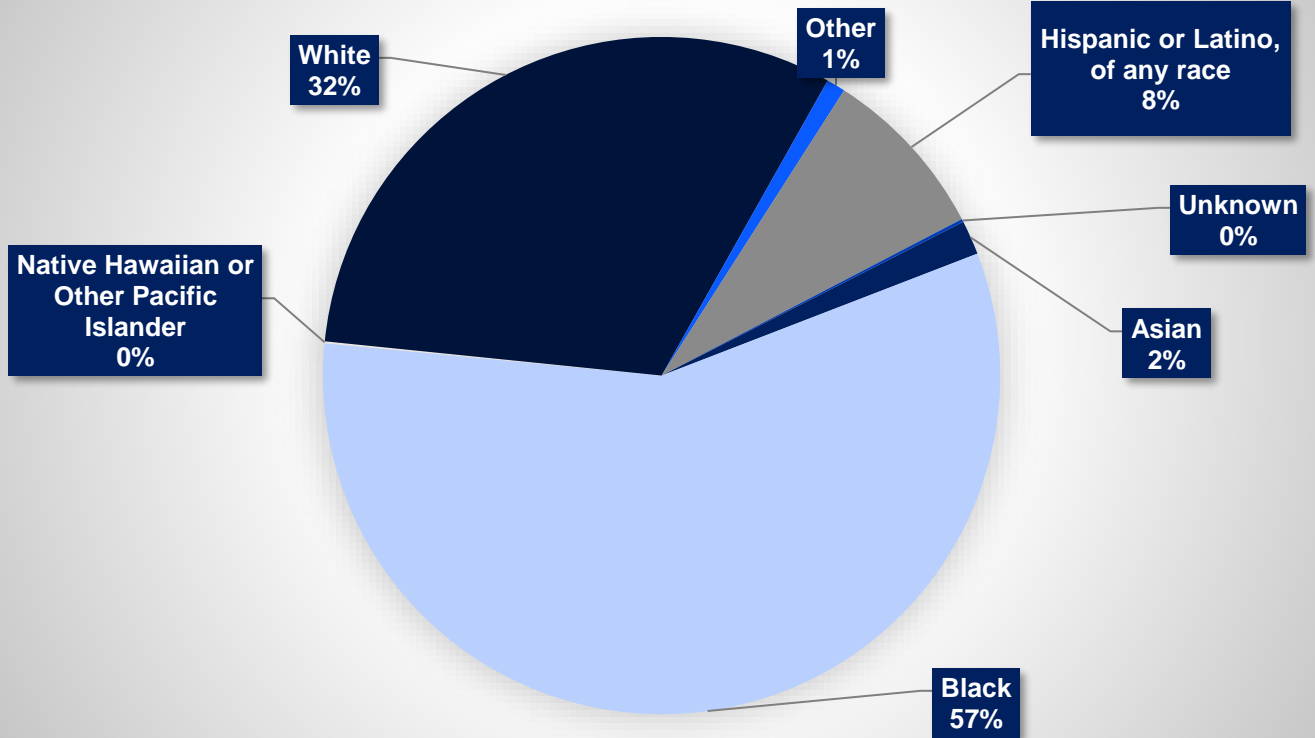


(NOTE: This chart represents the category of individual charges for the 4,193 inmate bookings. Multiple charges may be associated with an individual booking.)

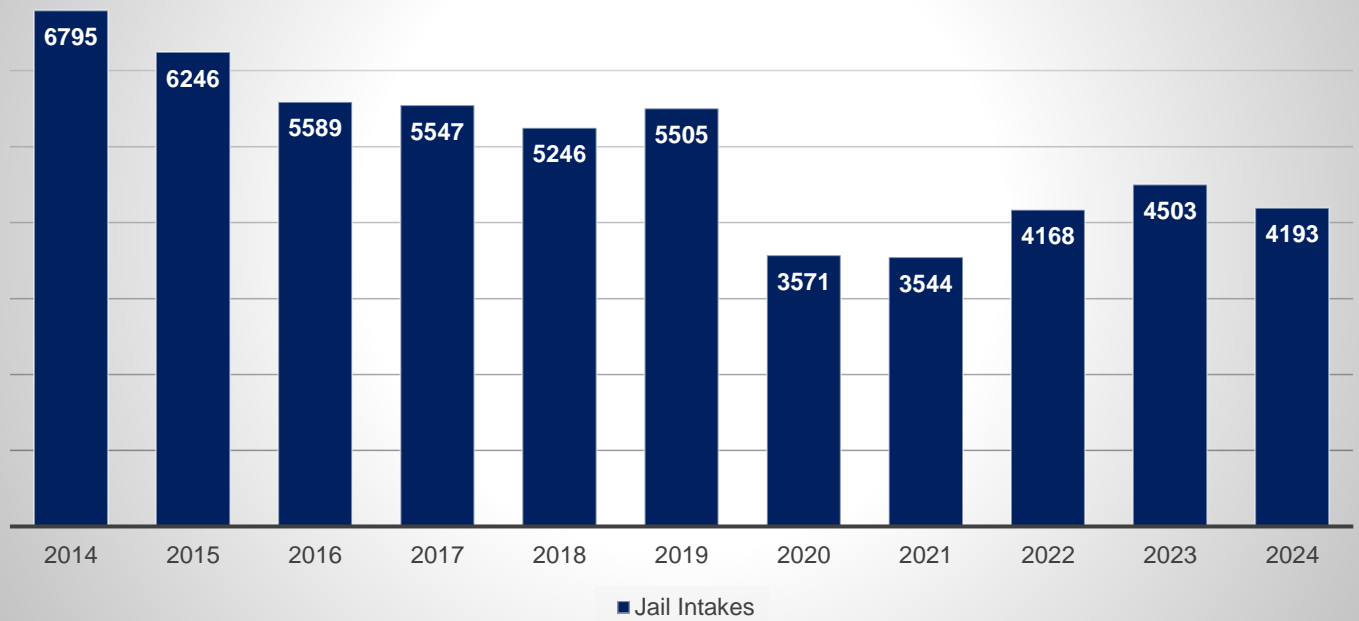
Jail Intakes Based on Gender - 2024



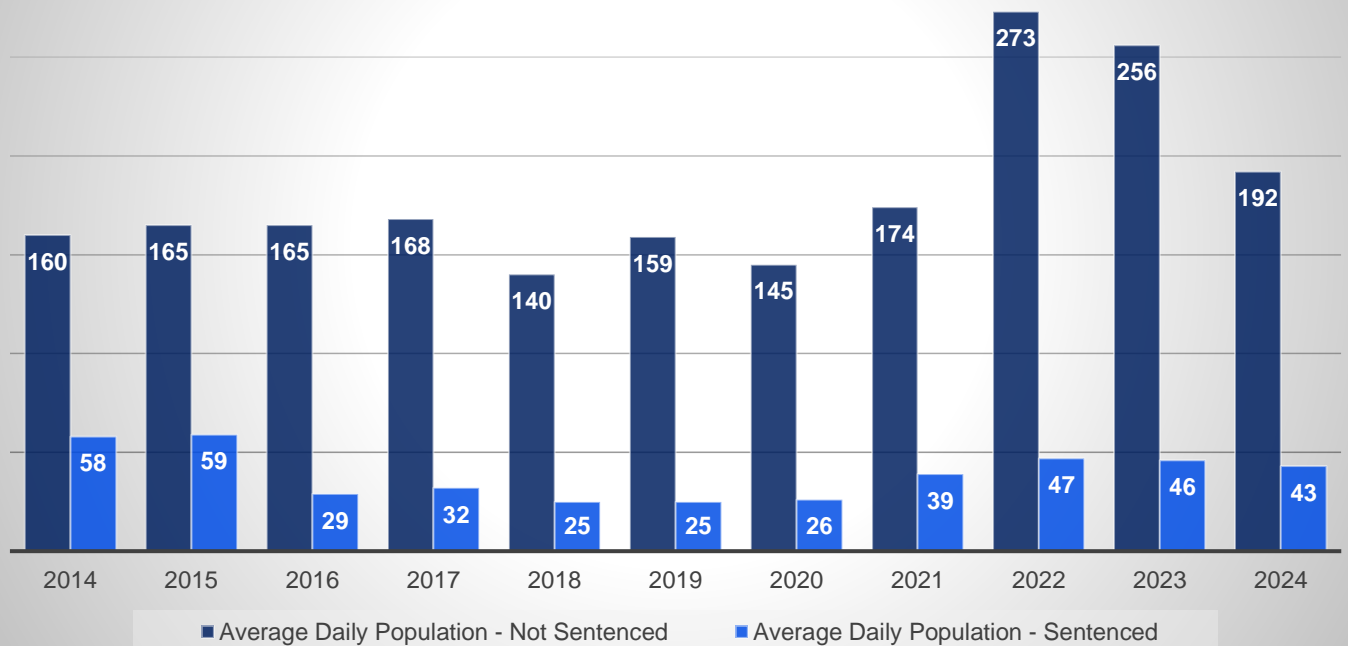
Jail Intakes Based on Race/Ethnicity - 2024



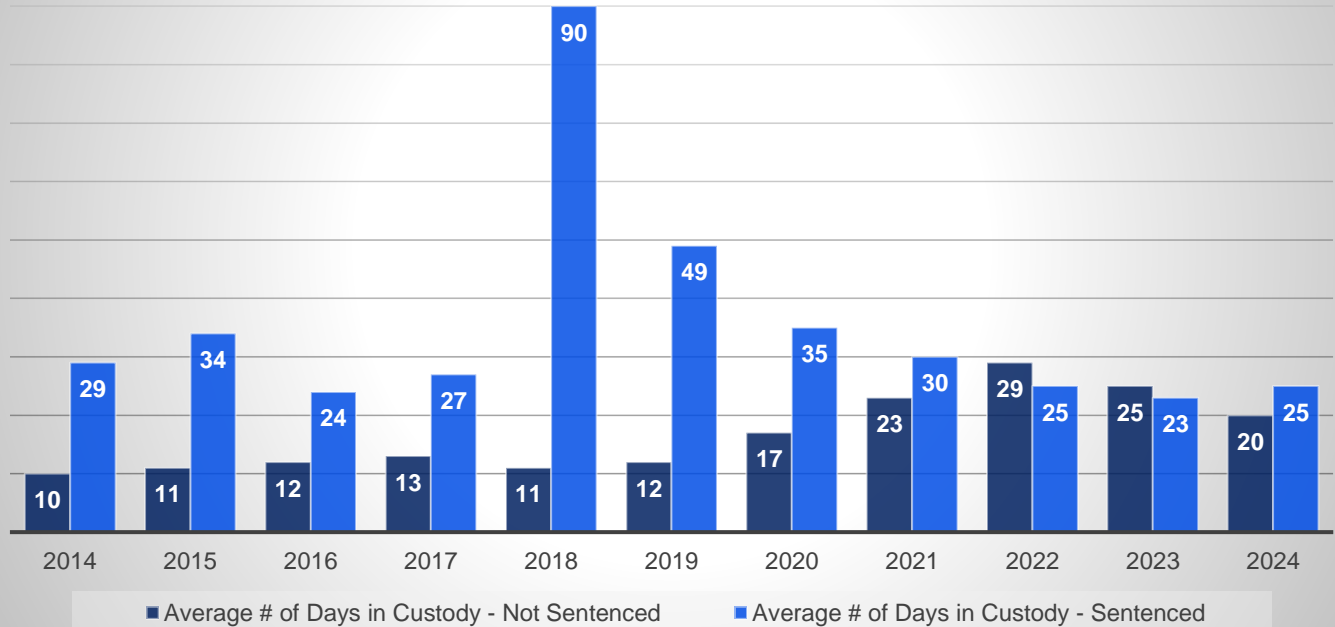
Annual Jail Intake Trends, 2014 - 2024



Average Daily Population Jail Trends, 2014 - 2024 (Does not include electronic home detention)



Average # of Days in Custody Trends, 2014 - 2024



Electronic Home Detention (EHD)

Some offenders who are sentenced by the Court can participate in our EHD program. This program is for nonviolent offenders and allows the offender to still work in the community while serving their sentence at home. The location of offenders in this program is electronically monitored and participants are held accountable for strict guidelines, including random checks by Sheriff's Office staff. If found to be in noncompliance with the established, agreed upon rules of the program, the offender will spend their remaining sentence in the jail.

The average number of EHD clients per month in 2024 was 15. The average length of sentence for someone on EHD in 2024 was 33 days.

Who's In Jail?

It can be very difficult to get the “whole picture” of arrestees that come to the Champaign County Jail. Except for those arrested for federal crimes, every person who is arrested in Champaign County is brought to the Champaign County Jail. With few exceptions, there is no longer money bond in Illinois. If the State's Attorney is not seeking detention on an arrestee, the arrestee will be released with pre-trial conditions. If detention is being sought, the arrestee will have a detention hearing by a judge.

Here is a link to daily jail statistics:

[Daily Booking Report](#)

Here is a link to those who were brought to the Champaign County Jail within the last 24-hour period (updated daily). It also shows if the person was brought in on a warrant or original charge:

[Inmate Bookings Report](#)

If you are interested in the jail population, and the offenses for which people are arrested, regularly checking these documents can be a great source of information.

You can also access an inmate booking list, along with charges, through our free mobile app.

Corrections Programs

The philosophy of Champaign County Corrections is that programs should be offered for inmates who want to leave jail in a better state than when they came to jail.

Below are programs typically offered at the jail.

MEN'S PROGRAMS

- Christian Church Services
- Christian Bible Study
- GED
- Anger Management
- Movie Critic Class/Discussion
- Bilingual Bible Study
- Mindfulness Training
- GROW (*Mental Health & Wellness Support Group*)
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Celebrate Recovery (*faith-based addiction recovery*)
- Individual Bible Study
- Moral Reconation Therapy
- Muslim Prayer Session
- The Power of Man (*religion-based transformational session*)
- Parenting Class
- Money Management Course

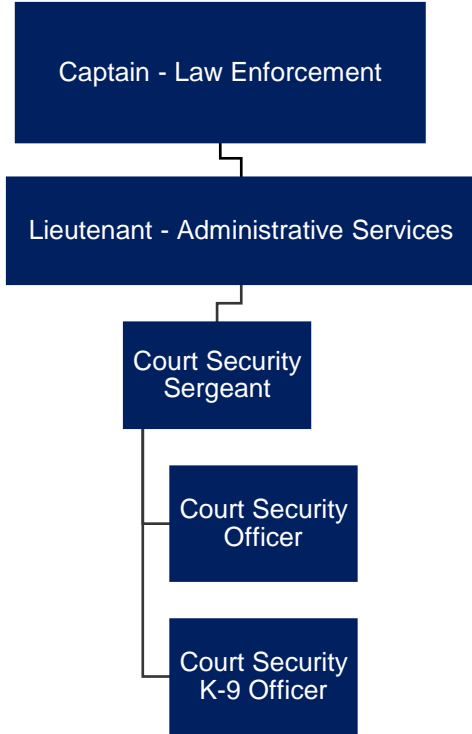
WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

- Movie Critic Class/Discussion
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Christian Church Services
- The Art of the Kingdom (*religion-based art project*)
- Christian Recovery Program
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Parenting Class
- Prenatal Care & Hygiene
- Zentangle Art Class

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROGRAMS

- Food & Nutrition
- New Jail Ministry
- Muslim Class
- Motivational Interviewing
- Barber
- Business class
- Writing class

COURT SECURITY DIVISION



Under the leadership of Lt. Chad Beasley and Sgt. Chris Hammel, the Court Security Division is responsible for maintaining a safe courthouse. By law, the Sheriff is required either to attend or have a representative present in every county court proceeding that occurs in Champaign County.

There are thirteen Court Security Officers covering eleven courtrooms and the screening area at the front doors of the courthouse.



Personnel Changes

In 2024, CCSO welcomed five new Court Security Officers to the Division.

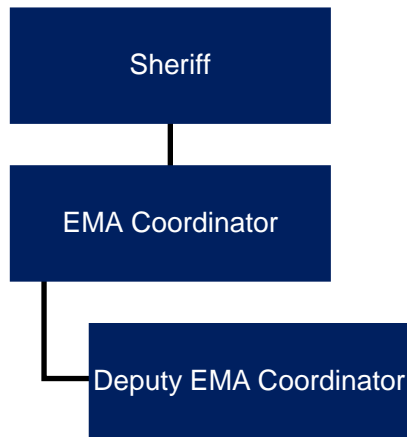


Court Security Recognition

Officer Dylan Bullard was the Sheriff's Office's Court Security Officer of the Year. Officer Bullard was recognized for the exemplary work and dedication to the protection of employees and visitors in the Champaign County Courthouse.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



In Champaign County, the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) falls under the leadership of the Sheriff. EMA has two full time employees.

One of the major functions of EMA is to coordinate with municipalities in Champaign County for emergency/disaster preparedness. EMA also works closely with the local hospitals and other healthcare facilities to help them prepare for emergencies.

Champaign County EMA has a mobile command center that can be on location of an emergency or disaster in a short amount of time and helps support a coordinated response. EMA also maintains one of the two Emergency Operations Centers in Champaign County, which is activated during times of disaster or emergency.

Highlights from EMA in 2024 include:

- 1,384 total volunteer hours for training and incident response.
- 25 emergency management-related exercises performed and evaluated.
- Helped facilitate collaboration with 25 local agencies for emergency planning exercises.
- 4 area Search and Rescue Team activations.
- Provided over 100 Stop the Bleed kits to area organizations and schools.



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