

Annual Report

2015



A Look at the

Muscatine County

Sheriff's Office

2015



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Thank you for taking the time to read this report and learn more about your Sheriff's Office.

In April of 2015 Sheriff Dave White retired, and I thank him for his years of service and leadership. His wife Linda also retired from the Iowa City Police Department, and I wish both of them a fantastic retirement!

On May 1, 2015 I was sworn in as the 40th Sheriff of Muscatine County by Judge Reidel. This was after being recommended by Sheriff White, and unanimously approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors.



I began my career with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office when I was hired by Sheriff Ron Hazen in 1986. I've served in every aspect of the Sheriff's Office operations, and was promoted or given special assignments by all four Sheriffs that I served under. I was promoted up through the ranks to Captain, and served the last 6 years as the Chief Deputy, prior to becoming Sheriff.

Our management team is new also. Captain Ardyth Slight was promoted to Chief Deputy, Captain Jeff Mullen was appointed Second Deputy, and Sgt. Quinn Riess was promoted to Lieutenant, and is in charge of the Investigations Division.

I've been busy improving emergency lighting on our cars, and obtaining new in-car computers and video systems. I've obtained a prescription drug drop box (the only one in Muscatine County), which is located at the Jail. I've increased the federal inmate population at the Jail from around 25 prisoners to over 80. This generates a substantial amount of revenue, which we utilize to pay the bond on the 2011 Jail expansion, (so that the Muscatine County taxpayers don't have any tax burden associated with this). And I've helped move forward a new public safety radio system which makes operations safer for first responders and the citizens.

I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Muscatine County as your Sheriff.

C.J. Ryan, Sheriff



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Personnel

Sheriff

C.J. Ryan 1986

Chief Deputy

Captain Ardyth Slight 1988

2nd Deputy

Captain Jeff Mullen 1994

Patrol

Lieutenant Dave Lerch 1989

Deputy Dusty Brooks 2006

Sergeant Mike Schmidt 2004

Deputy Mike Channon 2008

Sergeant Matt Bowers 2007

Deputy Eddie Cardenas 2014

Corporal Brian Utter 2009

Deputy Jon Wolf 2014

Deputy Nate Mikell 1995

Deputy Tanner Bohling 2015

Deputy Tim McFadon 1998

Deputy Dominic Wheeler 2015

Deputy Wilfredo Leza 2003

Deputy Zachary Lane 2015

Deputy Mike Wade 2004

Investigations

Lieutenant Quinn Riess 1999

Detective Kenny Hora 2013

Detective John Lindner 2002

Detective Jake McCleary 2015

Civil and Clerical Personnel

Melissa Hurlbut – Civil Deputy

Sonya Sturms– Civil Deputy Assistant

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Years of Service



Bowers

8 years of Service and Good Conduct



Leza

12 years of Service and Good Conduct



White

Every four years of service our deputies are recognized for their continual years of service and good conduct. Congratulations to :

Sgt. Matt Bowers 8 years

Deputy Willie Leza and Sheriff Dave White 12 years

Sgt. Quinn Riess 16 years

Deputy Nate Mikell 20 years

Tim McFadon



Riess

16 Years of Service and Good Conduct



Mikell

20 years of Service and Good Conduct



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New Hires

Deputy Jacob McCleary (70-14) began employment with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in May 2015. Deputy McCleary was employed by the Muscatine Police Department for 4 years prior to his move to the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office. Deputy McCleary was employed as a dispatcher with Muscatine County Joint Communications for 3 years prior to his employment with the Muscatine Police Department. Deputy McCleary is a 2003 graduate of Muscatine High School. Muscatine County would like to welcome Deputy McCleary to the Office.



Deputy Tanner Bohling (70-17) began employment in June. Tanner has lived in Muscatine his entire life. He graduated from Muscatine Community College with an Associates of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to being a deputy he worked as a Correctional Officer at the Muscatine County Jail. Tanner enjoys working out and being active. Tanner's hobbies are hunting and fishing. Muscatine County would like to welcome Deputy Bohling to the Office.

Deputy Dominic Wheeler (70-23) began employment with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer in January of 2011 and started service as a deputy in August. Deputy Wheeler is husband to Nichole Wheeler and father to Gabriel and Dawson. Before working with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office, Dominic was employed for 2 years as a satellite technician for DirecTV. Deputy Wheeler graduated from Muscatine High School in 2005. Muscatine County would like to welcome Deputy Wheeler to the Office.



Deputy Zach Lane (70-15) began employment with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in December of 2015. Deputy Lane has a daughter named Marley. Before working with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Lane was employed for 5 months at HNI Inc. as a Production Team Lead. Deputy Lane served in the U.S. Army for 4 years as a Forward Observer and Team Leader while being stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Deputy Lane graduated from Muscatine High School in 2009. Muscatine County would like to welcome Deputy Lane to the Office.

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Promotions



On May 1, 2015 Sgt. Quinn Riess was promoted to Lieutenant under Sheriff C J Ryan. Lt. Riess joined the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in 1999 under Sheriff Lowell Snyder. As a Deputy Quinn served with his K-9 partner Magnus . Quinn is currently the Criminal Investigation Division supervisor. Lt .Riess is also the supervisor for both K-9 Units. Quinn is a certified diver, one of the assistant team leaders for the Special Response Team, a firearms instructor, and organizes the Special Olympics Torch Run and ISSDA kids camp.

On May 1, 2015, Captain Jeff Mullen was promoted to 2nd Deputy under Sheriff C J Ryan. Capt. Mullen joined the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in 1994 under Sheriff Ron Hazen. Jeff is currently in charge of the Patrol Division located at 3600 Park Avenue West. Capt. Mullen writes and maintains the GTSB grant, bullet proof vest program, is a liaison for the Sheriff's Patrol, and ensures the deputy coverage for the county is maintained. Capt. Mullen is a certified diver and hostage negotiator.



On May 1, 2015, Captain Ardyth Orr was promoted to Chief Deputy under Sheriff C J Ryan. Chief Deputy Orr joined the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in 1988 under Sheriff Ron Hazen. Ardyth has worked in a multitude of roles: Civil, Jail, Patrol, DTF and investigations. In the 177 years of Muscatine County Law Enforcement, no Sheriff has ever named a female Chief Deputy. Orr is a certified diver, one of the hostage negotiators, and is the Special Response Team Commander.

On August 7, Deputy Kenny Hora was promoted to Detective under Sheriff C J Ryan. Detective Hora joined the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in 2013 under Sheriff Dave White. Hora was a second shift patrol deputy before being assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.



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Service Commendations



Brooks

On March 12, 2016 Deputies and Reserve Officers were awarded special recognition for their dedicated action.

Deputy Dustin Brooks, Deputy Mike Wade and Deputy Kenny Hora were presented with Distinguished Service Awards for their heroic actions on May 4, 2015, while responding to a call of two

individuals who had been struck by lightning. Deputies responding began life saving actions in the midst of a life threatening thunderstorm and were able to save the lives of one of the subjects.



Morgan

On April 22, 2015 **Deputy Mike Wade and Reserve Officer Ernie Morgan** responded to a report of an unconscious and not breathing male at Hy-Vee. Officer Morgan and Deputy Wade began life saving efforts and continued until Muscatine Ambulance arrived. The patient survived and was transported to a local hospital for treatment.



Wade



Hora

On July 9, 2015 **Sgt. Mike Schmidt** was asked to assist Louisa County Sheriff's Office with a suicidal subject who was armed (knife) and threatening to jump from a bridge. Sgt. Schmidt negotiated with the subject and was able to talk the subject off the ledge and into walking off the bridge.



Schmidt

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Awards Banquet



On Saturday, March 7, 2015, the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office gathered to present awards to its Volunteer Patrol Officers, Administrative Personnel, Correctional Officers and Jail Staff, which had been earned in 2014. An official welcome was extended to new employees.



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Criminal Investigation



Lt. Quinn Riess and Detective Kenny Hora are currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Muscatine

County Sheriff's Office. Investigators are assigned cases which are felony level crimes.

CID responsibilities range beyond the investigation of felony crimes to include: Property and evidence room management, regulation of the Sex Offender Registry and



investigation of registry violations, intelligence gathering and dissemination of critical information, and assisting the other divisions of the Sheriff's Office as directed.

Investigators work closely with many outside agencies, as most of the crimes investigated cross county lines.

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Cases	125	85	60	49
Burglary	38	19	19	18
Sex Abuse	17	13	11	7
Fraud/ID Theft	12	8	4	2
SOR Violations	18	20	4	8
Thefts	19	12	7	10
Death Investigation	3	1	3	6
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0
Arson	2	2	1	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Other	16	10	11	5

Sex Offender Registry

Part of the responsibility of the Criminal Investigation Division is the Sexual Offender Registry. In 2015 there were approximately 95 sex offenders living or working in Muscatine County. It is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office to meet with each offender on a scheduled basis or when pertinent information regarding the sex offender is new or changes. At least one time per year, a physical check is done on each offender. Each offender is required to be photographed annually and pay an annual fee. The total annual fees collected in 2015 amounted to \$2,475.

Information regarding sexual offenders can be obtained by logging on to <http://www.iowasexoffender.com>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding a local offender, please call Detective Hora at 563-264-0188 Ext. 105.

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MUSCOM

The Muscatine County Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) is in its 11th year of serving Muscatine County. MUSCOM currently has 8 full time and 6 part time 911 dispatchers/telecommunicators with over 100 years of experience.

MUSCOM provides call taking and dispatching for emergency and non-emergency calls for service for all agencies in Muscatine County. Fire and medical dispatching is provided for the following fire departments; Muscatine, Atalissa, Conesville, Fruitland, Letts, Montpelier, Nichols, West Liberty and Wilton.

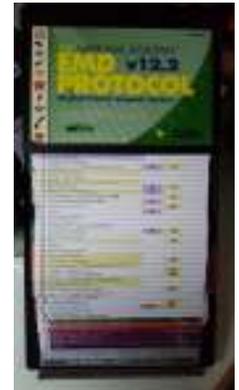


MUSCOM also handles calls and dispatches for Muscatine County Conservation, Muscatine County Medical Examiners office, Muscatine County Search and Rescue Unit and the Muscatine County Water Rescue Team.

MUSCOM is also the after hours answering point for some city departments and will take calls and dispatch employees to utility emergencies. For example, The City of Muscatine waste water plant and the Cities of West Liberty and Wilton electric and water departments use our services.

Dispatchers at MUSCOM are certified through the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch to provide Emergency Medical instructions prior to ambulance arrival. This certification allows dispatchers to give out medical instructions before an ambulance arrives and has proven to be beneficial when seconds count.

For calendar year 2015, MUSCOM processed 52,787 calls for service. MUSCOM is currently upgrading to a new radio system and moving into a new state-of-the-art location in the first quarter of 2016.



Full Time Employees

- Lorrie Lacina
- Konnie Pace Hansi Lange
- Holly Bryant
- Chris Jasper Rachel Curry
- Stefani Simester



Part Time Employees

- Mikala Liles
- Bethany O'Connor
- Matt Bowers
- Kevin Guck Susie Garrett
- Amy Dixon Angela Shultz

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Special Response Team

Tactical Team Members

Capt. Ardyth Slight

SRT Commander

Sgt. Matt Bowers

Team Leader

Lt. Quinn Riess

Assistant Team Leader

Sgt. Mike Schmidt

Assistant Team Leader

Lt. Dave Lerch

SRT Operator

Deputy Wilfredo Leza

SRT Operator

Deputy John Lindner

SRT Operator

Deputy Kenny Hora

SRT Operator

Reserve Joe Vogel

Tactical Medic

Patrolman Darrell Tucker

SRT Operator

Reserve Mike Hartman

Tactical Medic

Patrolman Jack Bierman

SRT Operator

Patrolman Grant Stender

SRT Operator

Patrolman Matt Madsen

SRT Operator

Patrolman Dave Perley

SRT Operator

Deputy Eddie Cardenas

SRT Operator

Deputy Jon Wolf

SRT Operator

Matt Shook

SRT Operator

Patrolman Orville Randolph

SRT Operator



Hostage Negotiators:

Capt. Jeff Mullen

Chief Deputy Ardyth Slight

Sgt. Mike Schmidt

Deputy Mike Channon

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Domestic Violence

The Muscatine County Domestic Violence Team is funded by state and federal grant money with matching funds from the county. The grant pays overtime for investigations of domestic violence. In 2015 the team consisted of two deputies, Detective Kenny Hora and Deputy Jon Wolf, who specialize in domestic violence investigations. The team also has a supervisor, Captain Jeff Mullen, who handles the administrative duties. The team has the responsibility of investigating domestic assaults and violations of no-contact orders.

In 2015 The Muscatine County Sheriff's Office received ninety (90) complaints of domestic violence. These calls are handled as high priority. A vast majority of domestic calls involve persons who are intoxicated or are using drugs. Sheriff's Deputies respond as quickly as possible.

Most complaints come from one of the involved parties. Most calls are found to be verbal arguments. A deputy may separate the parties involved, act as peace maker, or use some other means to resolve the issue before it gets out of hand.

In 2015 twenty-two (22) of the domestic calls resulted in someone being physically assaulted. When this happens the investigator is called in. The investigator interviews the victim, offender, and any witnesses. The investigator will collect any evidence and take photos if needed. A domestic violence advocate is called in to assist the victim. The domestic Investigator may arrest the offender. The investigator turns the case over to the County Attorney for prosecution, and assists with any follow up investigation if needed.



If you are experiencing sexual assault, domestic violence or stalking, please call 911.



Family Resources and MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter provides support for victims of abuse. If you are seeking shelter from domestic abuse in Muscatine, please call 866-921-3354 Or 563-288-0220 OR 563-263-8080

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Water Rescue



The Muscatine County Sheriff's Office is recognized for their expertise in water and ice rescue. The team assisted with several water emergencies in 2015 and performed water recoveries, both human and property.

Muscatine County maintains and operates three rescue/ patrol boats, associated ice rescue equipment, and dive rescue equipment.

Muscatine Firefighter/ Paramedics are cross trained to operate Sheriff's Office boats and equipment and provide rapid paramedic level care on the Mississippi River in the Muscatine area. This has greatly reduced response time and dramatically increased EMS care levels.



Water and Ice Rescue Team Members

- Lt. Quinn Riess** –
Open Water II Diver,
Adv. Rescue Diver
- Sgt. Mike Schmidt** –
Open Water II Diver,
Adv. Rescue Diver
- Deputy John Lindner** –
Open Water II Diver
- Capt. Jeff Mullen** –
Open Water II Diver
- Chief Deputy. Ardyth Slight** –
Open Water II Diver



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K-9



2015 proved to be another active year for the K9 Unit. Both K9 teams contributed to the seizure of one pound of marijuana, 6 grams of crystal methamphetamine, and 3 pills. The K9 teams assisted with seizing \$1,200.00 in drug money. The K9 teams contributed to the recovery of three stolen firearms, conducted numerous building searches and tracking operations. The K-9 officers and their partners are supervised by Lt. Quinn Riess.



The two K9 teams were involved with the arrest of multiple suspects. Of those suspects, 22 simple misdemeanors, 20 serious misdemeanors, 6 aggravated misdemeanors, 9 Class D

felonies, and 2 Class C felonies were filed.

The K9 Teams assisted outside agencies with drug interdiction projects on our state highways and interstates, and conducted many school searches. In excess of 81 hours of training were logged by the K9 teams in 2015.

The K9's are a valuable asset to the Sheriff's Office, as well as the community we serve.



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Honor Guard



The Honor Guard is made up of members of the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff's Patrol. The Guard is used primarily for funeral details (graveside/visitation) as well as various parade functions around the county.

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Reported Crimes

Crimes Reported	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Child Abuse Neglect	13	10	11	2	3
Vehicle Accidents	388	445	485	334	436
Assaults	27	15	28	13	17
Burglary	49	84	75	46	47
Criminal Mischief	91	65	85	36	37
Death Investigation	5	3	5	14	17
Disturbance	150	92	130	49	48
DNR Calls—Poaching	6	7	6	5	8
Fight in Progress	37	7	27	6	4
Fraud	58	40	45	36	29
Gas Drive Off	11	6	11	1	1
Harassment/Obscene calls	88	79	106	69	52
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	16	12	12	4	15
Intoxicated Person/Driver	80	62	85	66	54
Keep the Peace	51	44	54	20	33
Missing Person	41	25	33	11	14
Reckless Driver	255	287	311	259	267
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Abuse	13	17	13	10	10
Stolen Vehicle	21	23	24	8	13
Suicide-Attempted/Threat	45	27	35	26	22
Theft	76	66	78	52	47
Trespass	25	20	18	17	24
Traffic Stops	6580	6620	6406	4568	3775

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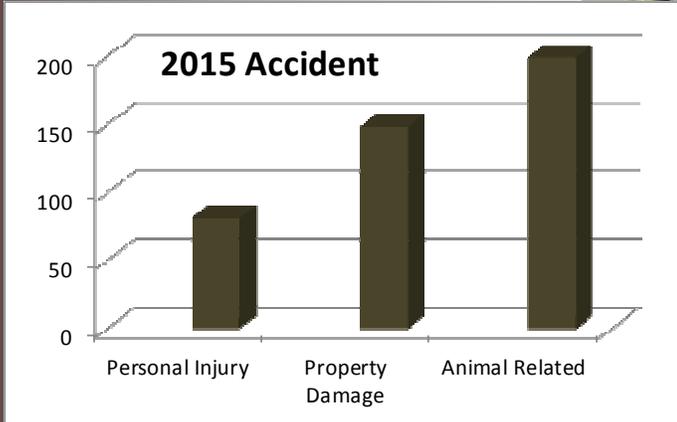
Traffic



The Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is the backbone of the Sheriff's Office .



They are the uniformed deputies that are the first to respond to calls for service, conduct traffic enforcement, investigate traffic accidents, and deliver civil process paperwork, as well as a host of other duties.



As a recipient of the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Grant, Muscatine County is provided 466 hours of traffic enforcement overtime for a total of \$21,000 , an in-car camera system, 2 new Preliminary Breath Test units, \$1,000 for training and travel, and \$750 for educational materials for a total grant amount of \$28,150.00.

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Patrol



Patrol Deputies are usually the first and often the only contact the general public has with law enforcement.

There are 15 uniformed deputies that make up the Patrol Division. In 2015 these deputies conducted 3775 traffic stops, which resulted in 2434 citations and 1990 warnings for traffic violations, including 68 intoxicated people, 143 unlicensed drivers, 194 individuals driving under suspension and 466 people without vehicle insurance.

One of the most visible duties of the Patrol Division is the patrolling of the unincorporated areas of the county. During 2015 deputies conducted 2654 area checks and extra patrols in the county.

The members of the patrol division are truly at the forefront of making Muscatine County safer for all its citizens.



Muscatine County Deputies covered two (2) fatality motor vehicle accidents in 2015.



Maintaining safety on Muscatine County roads is important for Deputies as well as motorists who use the roadways within the county.

Please help us help you by driving safely and reporting reckless drivers.

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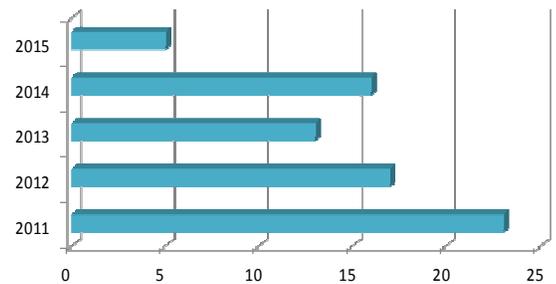
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Drug Task Force

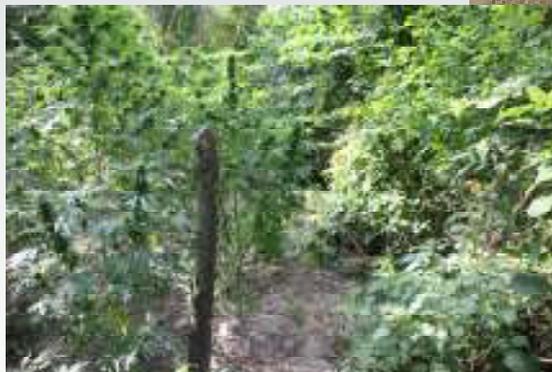
Statistics	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Defendants	91	152	58	60	67
Firearms	6	15	15	9	29
Search Warrants	32	155	53	64	66
Marijuana (Grams seized)	14,795	18,168	15887	24946	6903.4
Cocaine (Grams seized)	4589	160.5	234	184	1115.9
Methamphetamine (Grams seized)	117	4069	1637	976	113.8



Meth Labs



If you have information to report regarding drugs or drug trafficking, please call the Muscatine County Drug Task Force at 563-263-6372.



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Special Events

The Muscatine County Sheriff's Office takes great pride in being a part of our community. Participation in and organization of community service events provides a sense of community between the public and law enforcement. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.



Here are a few of the 2015 events we participated in. Torch Run, Muscatine County Fair, Bike Safety Days, Bowling for Kids Sake, Blue Lives Matter, Community Health Days, and Toys for Tots.



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Civil Department

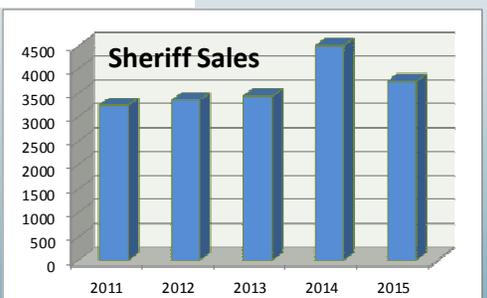
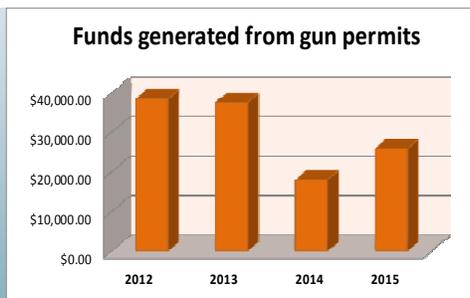
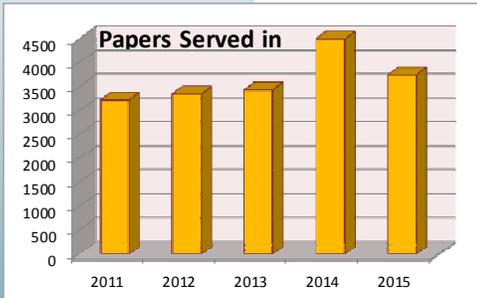
In 2015 Muscatine County was introduced to EDMS by the state. Training sessions were provided for Law Enforcement, Lawyers, and the citizens of Muscatine County.

What is EDMS? The Electronic Document Management System allows lawyers and citizens to electronically file law enforcement documents using their personal computer and the internet. This allows users to file documents with the court 24 hours a day, seven days a week without ever leaving their home or office. Through the same system, filers will be able to track the status of their filings, review filings by other parties, and receive documents and notifications from the Clerk's Office.

EDMS can be accessed via a web browser at <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile>

How did EDMS affect the Civil Department? With this change, the county purchased scanners for the Civil Department so staff would be able to scan the needed documents for the courts. With every new technological improvement come new stresses. We are accepting the change and hope the new system will be beneficial for all involved.

The Civil Department is also responsible for the Renewals for Nonprofessional Gun Permit's to Carry. Starting in November 2015 we started to see an increase in customer traffic. We have seen an increase of citizens renewing their permits and also citizens getting new applications for these permits. In 2016 we are expecting to see a dramatic increase in the number of citizens coming to renew as well as obtaining new permits.



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Retirees

Dave White Retires



Muscatine County was not Dave White's first law enforcement job. Dave had been the Chief of Police in Conesville, Iowa, and held a large contractual agreement with several eastern Iowa cities to provide law enforcement coverage to their cities. Dave was also a Louisa County Deputy Sheriff. Dave White started as a Muscatine County Deputy Sheriff in 1986 under Sheriff Ron Hazen. Dave held ranks as Sergeant and Captain. During his time as a deputy sheriff, Dave investigated and charged several people in conjunction with large scale burglary rings. Dave was a great asset to developing the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office water and ice rescue and recovery/diving team. In 1997 Dave left the department to embark on a different career. However in 2002, Dave returned to the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office to serve as Chief Deputy under Sheriff R. Greg Orr. In 2008 when Sheriff Orr retired, Dave successfully ran for the office of Sheriff and became the first democratic candidate to hold that office since 1960. Dave White retired in May 2015 as the Sheriff of Muscatine County.



Mark Kopf Retires



Mark Kopf started his law enforcement career at the Muscatine Police Department as a member of the Explorer's Patrol. Mark joined the volunteer Sheriff's Patrol and remained a part of the organization until being hired by the City of West Liberty. Mark was hired by West Liberty Police Department, West Liberty Iowa in 1990. Mark worked through the ranks, becoming the Chief in WL. Mark was the Chief in West Liberty until coming to the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office in 1997 under Sheriff Lowell Snyder. Mark worked his way through the ranks being promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and retiring as a Lieutenant. Mark worked in the Criminal Investigation Division from 1998 to 1999 and again from 2001 to 2009. After Mark was promoted to Lieutenant he became the power shift supervisor until his retirement in 2015.



Craig Burmeister Retires

Craig Burmeister started his law enforcement career in Buffalo, Iowa. In 1988 Craig became a Muscatine County Sheriff's Deputy under Sheriff Ron Hazen. Craig was a firearms instructor, ASP tactical baton instructor and defensive tactics instructor. In 2004 Craig accepted the Courthouse Security assignment and worked in this position until his retirement from the department in 2015.

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Jail Personnel

Jail Administrator
Captain Dean Naylor

Assistant Jail Administrator
Lt. Doug Boulton

Lieutenants:

Mathew McCleary, 1999
Brian Baars, 2009
John Crump, 2000

Sergeants:

Ryan Dreyer, 2011
Kevin Ritson, 2009
Demitri Wheeler, 2011

Corporals:

Cesar Cabrera, 2011
Claude Daum, 2012
Nicholas Doy, 2009
David Fry, 2011

Full Time Correctional Officers

Rick Ash, 1989
Phyllis Schumacher, 1996
Tim Powell, 1996
Steve Truitt, 1997
Kris Rock, 1998
Steve Askam, 2000

Angela Beckman, 2005
Melissa Collins, 2007
Debra Daehn, 2009
Christian Dettbarn, 2010
Timothy Charlett, 2011
Gina Johnson 2011
Gavin Whittaker, 2011

Nolan Reynolds, 2014
Kyle Curtis, 2014
Isabel Batie, 2015
Robert Dearmore, 2015
Elijah Heath, 2015
Heather Whitlow, 2015

Part Time Correctional Officers

Lisa Johnson, 1998
Jeff Long, 2009
Dwight Kaska, 2011
Sara Burroughs 2012
Michael Collins 2012
Ivette Diaz, 2015
Drea Garcia, 2015
Lorena Lujan, 2015
Jake Walker, 2015

Medical Staff

LPN'S
Ashley Smith 2012
Jackie Conry 2013

Administrative Assistant

Laurie Schreurs 1999
Office Manager
Brenda Eagle 1999

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Years of Service



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New Correctional Personnel

In 2015 the following people were hired at the Muscatine County Jail as part time correctional officers. Many of them were awarded full time status in December 2015.



Robert Dearmore started working part time at the jail in February. He has always been interested in working in law enforcement. He felt employment here was a way to gain experience in the law enforcement environment. He enjoys hunting, fishing , and scuba diving. He is currently attending college to obtain an AA degree, with plans for a bachelors degree.



Heather Whitlow is originally from Muscatine, and has lived here most of her life. She graduated from Muscatine Community College and Iowa Wesleyan receiving a Bachelor's degree in human services. Heather enjoys working with people and helping others. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her family, be outdoors, and read. Heather started with the Jail in May.



Drea Garcia joined the Muscatine County Jail in September. In January Garcia was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, where she was a Communication/Navigation Systems Technician for 5 years.

She was born and raised in Muscatine. She has had the opportunity to travel the world and experience many different cultures. She and her husband just recently purchased their first home and have two dogs. She is currently going to school at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University working towards a Bachelor's degree in Technical Management specializing in Occupational Safety and Health. Drea plans to work on her Masters in Safety Management. In her free time she enjoys reading, refurbishing furniture, the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.



Lexi Goff is engaged and has a 8 month old son named Ryker. She is currently enrolled in MCC. She enjoys tumbling, traveling, and spending time with her family. Lexi started in July 2015 and was awarded full time status in December 2015.



Jacob Walker is a Correctional Officer on second shift at the Muscatine County Jail. He has been employed since August. He also takes classes at MCC hoping to obtain a degree in criminal justice. Jacob would like to make a career in this profession. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend,

Aricka Curtis, and their families.

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New Correctional Personnel

In 2015 the following people were hired at the Muscatine County Jail as part time correctional officers. Many of them were awarded full time status in December 2015.



Isabell Batie started working for Muscatine County Jail in February. She chose the criminal justice path because this is what she enjoys and likes to do. She would love to be a Homicide Detective in a bigger city, down south. When she is not at work she enjoys hanging out with her family, listening to music and taking road trips.



Ivette Diaz started with the Muscatine county Jail in October 2015. Ivette is currently assigned to second shift.



Lorena Lujan started with the Muscatine County Jail in May 2015. Lorena is currently assigned to first shift.



Lisa Johnson previously worked for this jail for 16 years and decided to return. She's a proud veteran serving in the United States Navy. She is also a proud Air-force mom. Her son Dalton serves and is stationed in Alaska. She is the

assistant Director for Little Miss Muscatine, and also a certified Miss Iowa judge. She has raised money and helped queens for St Jude's and the University Of Iowa Children's Hospital. She works part time with special needs individuals in Muscatine and is a part time trainer for the Culver's franchise. She assists with the Sex Offender Registration process and has experience as a field training Officer. She enjoyed traveling to Alaska this past August.



Elijah Heath was raised in Columbus Junction and only recently moved to Muscatine. He joined the Muscatine County Jail in May. Before this, he was a CNA at various hospitals and nursing homes for four years. He is also a champion fencer and enjoys reading philosophy in his spare time.

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Correctional Promotions



John Crump joined the Muscatine County Jail in February 2000. He was promoted to Lieutenant in August 2015. Crump is currently assigned to 2nd Shift.



Dominic Wheeler joined the Muscatine County Jail in January 2011, and was promoted to Lieutenant in May 2015. Wheeler became a Deputy Sheriff in August 2015.



Kevin Ritson joined the Muscatine County Jail in April 2009, and he was promoted to Sergeant in October 2015. Ritson is currently assigned to 3rd Shift.



Ryan Dreyer joined the Muscatine County Jail in September 2011, and he was promoted to Sergeant in May 2015. Dreyer is currently assigned to 1st shift.



Demitri Wheeler joined the Muscatine County Jail in December 2011, and he was promoted to Sergeant in May 2015. Wheeler is currently assigned to 2nd Shift.



Cesar Cabrera joined the Muscatine County Jail in August 2011 and he was promoted to Corporal in January 2015. Cabrera is currently assigned to 1st shift.



David Fry joined the Muscatine County Jail in May 2011 and he was promoted to Corporal in June 2015. Fry is currently assigned to 2nd shift.



Claude Daum joined the Muscatine County Jail in 2012 and he was promoted to Corporal in April 2015. Daum is currently assigned to 2nd shift.

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Jail Message

In 2015 the Board of Supervisors made all part time jobs full time positions at the Muscatine County Jail. In the spring of 2015 the average Federal Inmate population was 25 and by year end was 80 per day. In the summer of 2015 we averaged 120 Johnson County inmates. The training pictured below focused on Cell Extraction. The course was taught by retired Lt. Kevin Boldt of Blackhawk County. On day 1 a lecture covered reasons for cell extraction, staff availability, safety equipment resources, approval to enter (department policy), documentation, video and audio collection procedures, 1983 civil action, and debriefing of the involved staff. On day 2 the training was actual hands on, and was given in cell block 500 at the jail. Teams practiced going through situational cell extractions. Teams would complete runs at 25% effort, then 50% effort, and continued to escalate with each situation. Eventually the teams were completing close to 100% effort runs. Teams were trained on good communication with the inmate during a time when their stress level and anxiety is elevated.



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Commissary & Kitchen Staff



The kitchen staff directed by Tanya Bishop prepares on average 512 meals per day 365 days a year. The three full time and one part time employees are assisted by an average of 6 inmate workers. The commissary operation is directed by Mandy Heither. The commissary income is approximately \$14,131.79 per month.



Tami Schroeder became a new part time employee with the Muscatine County Jail Kitchen Staff in 2015. Welcome Tami.



Employees

- Tanya Bishop—Manager 2011
- Mandy Heither—Commissary 2011
- Michelle Leopard 2011
- Tracy Frymoyer 2013
- Katrina Garren 2014
- Tami Schroeder, 2015



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Work Detail & Diversion



Jail diversion had 109 people assigned to participate in this program. The county was able to benefit from 458 days of sentencing along with 3664 hours of work.

Community service had 30 participants who completed 2216 hours of work.



The Program continued to operate 7 days a week including some holidays by Officer Mike Collins and Officer Dwight Kaska. The Jail Diversion Program is designed for people to serve their Court ordered jail sentence by performing community service type work. The Community Service Program is designed to allow participants to perform community service work in order to fulfill their financial obligation for fines owed. They are compensated by receiving the equivalent of minimum wage per hour. This amount is deducted from their total fine until fines are paid off.

Program participants assisted with Removal of cement and asphalt at the old jail site and the east side of the maintenance shop. Green space was created and sidewalks were added to both sides of the historical jail. Painting was done at the Sheriff's Office and jail. Floors were stripped and waxed at the jail, Sheriff's Office and new MUSCOM area at the public Safety Building. Illegally dumped trash was collected on 41st Street S. A large amount of electronics and old tires were collected and taken to the Transfer Station. Several tree stumps were removed at DHS and large tree stump was removed at the Sheriff's Office. Program participants assisted General Services in installing a drop ceiling at the County Attorney's Office. Cleaning was done at the Adult Probation Office during inclement weather. Mowing, landscaping and snow removal continued as in the past

The total benefit to the county was 5880 hours of work or nearly 3 full time employees.



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Transports

A total of 7123.05 hours were worked by 12 transport officers during 2014. That is an increase from 2014 of nearly 3000 hours. There are currently five transport vehicles all purchased with Commissary money to transport adults as well as juvenile inmates to and from the Muscatine County Jail for mental or substance abuse committals. Throughout 2014 approximately 125,714.25 miles were traveled by these vehicles. That is an increase from 2014 of nearly 12,000 miles.



Transport Officers

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| Larry Britton | Gail Vance |
| Bill Hilger | Kyle Wegter |
| Ivan Kracht | Luther Wessley |
| Jon Purvis | George Foster |
| Keith Schreurs | Steve Lawrence |
| James Slack | Jeff Stone |

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Sheriff's Patrol



Every year the Sheriff's Patrol provides two \$500 Scholarships to deserving Muscatine County High School seniors. In 2014 Dominic Schmalz and Maria Franco Favela both of Muscatine were the recipients of the scholarships.



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Mike Hartman
James Hamilton
Matt Shook
Bobby Giese
Ernie Morgan
Scott Miller
Justen Sharp
Jeff Staley
Jeff Stone

Community Service Officers
Fred Mullen and Gary Kopf

The Muscatine County Sheriff's Patrol is a volunteer organization that was formed to provide support to the Sheriff's Office. The members of the Patrol have provided the following services since the inception of the organization more than 40 years ago.

- Provides two annual high school scholarships
- Provides services at accident scenes and fire scenes
- Assists the Sheriff with crime scene management and assessment
- Provides traffic and crowd control and parade participation
- Provides assistance to the Muscatine School District
- Supports other community activities
- Assists other Law Enforcement Agencies
- Provides services to make local parks more secure

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Scott Miller

12 years of service and good conduct



Bobby Giese

16 years of service and good conduct



Robert "Tobe" Taylor

36 years of service and good conduct



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Dedication

Every year In the United States law enforcement officers die or are killed in the line of duty. In 2015 one hundred thirty-three (133) officers lost their lives while protecting and serving. This is an increase of 12 persons above the 2014 total. The profession is both dangerous and rewarding. We take our responsibility seriously and are dedicated to our profession.



Our 2015 Year End Report is Dedicated to Robert L. "Tobe" Taylor. Tobe was a dedicated, trusted and respected Sheriff's Patrol Volunteer and Jail Transport Officer who served Muscatine County from 1979-2015. Tobe was admired by many and will be missed by all who knew him .

Robert L. "Tobe" Taylor 1948 –2015

Our fifth annual Year End Report is dedicated to: Robert L. "Tobe" Taylor

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