

2017 Annual Report



Ida County Sheriff's Office



Message from the Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Ida County:

As we put another year in the books it is time for us to reflect on what 2017 will be remembered by. Will it be the civil unrest that occurred in many American cities? Will it be the continual fight against Terrorism both at home and abroad that our Country leads? Will it be for the new political administration that was sworn in last January in Washington D.C.? Or will it be focused on local issues?

I am happy to report that here in Ida County, your Sheriff's Office continues to work hard every day to protect you and your property. Our annual statistics will demonstrate our continued efforts to ensure that Ida County is a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Today's Law enforcement is a dynamic profession. As laws change, as societal mindsets change, law enforcement must change as well. We must work and train to ensure our professionalism and dedication to service is beyond reproach. Our moral compass as leaders in our communities must guide our every decision, both on and off duty. And we must never forget that we work for the people.

On behalf of the hard working men and women of the Ida County Sheriff's Office I am proud to release our annual report. I hope you enjoy the report and the details it provides. It is an opportunity for us to allow members of our communities insight into what we do each and everyday. If you have any questions about this report, or anything else please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is a sincere pleasure working for the citizens of Ida County. I am reminded each day what an honor it is to be an elected Sheriff! I am also honored to work for and with the staff of the Sheriff's Office who are amazing people who do amazing work.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade A. Harriman
Ida County Sheriff



Mission Statement

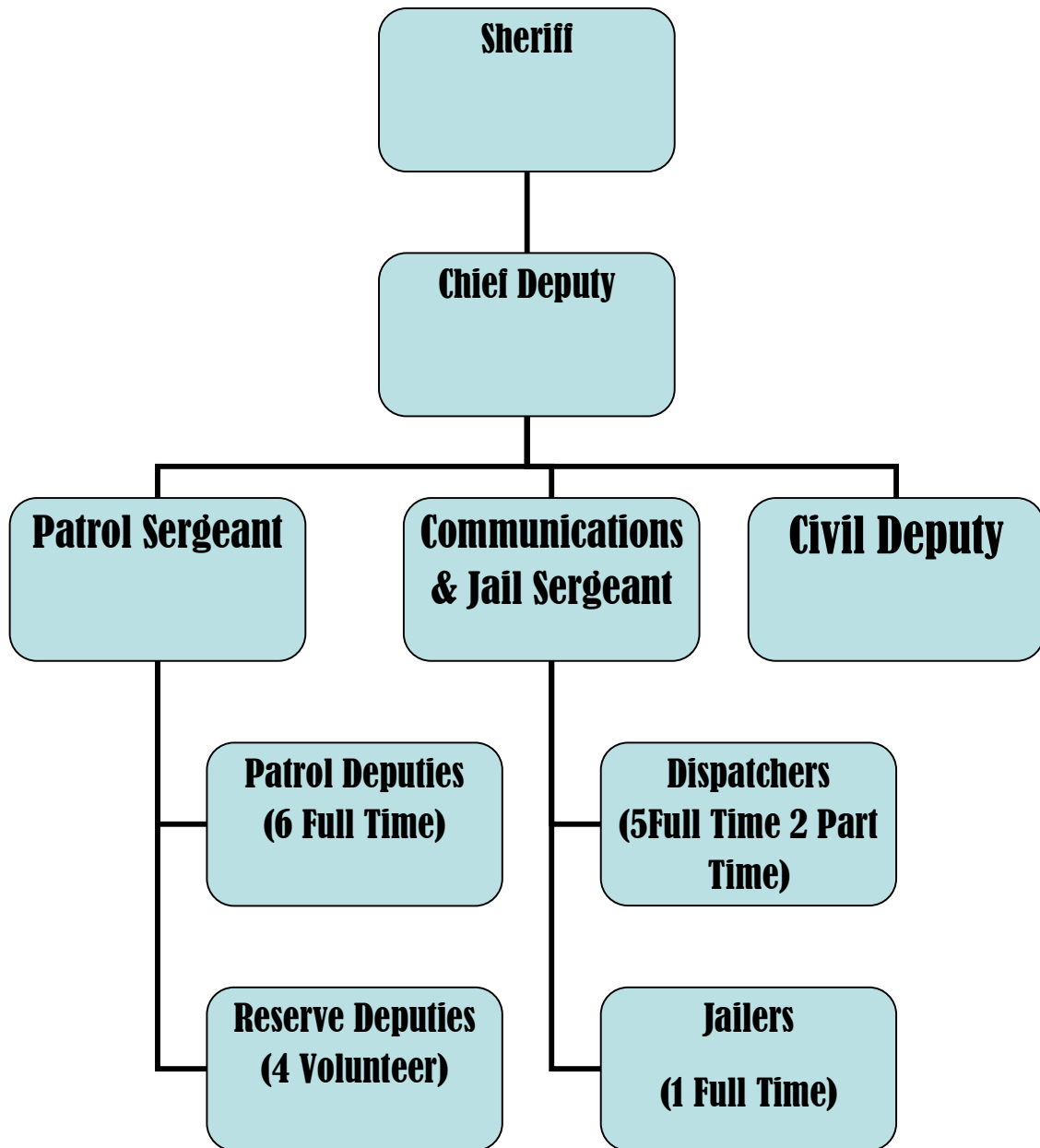
"Protection and Service of Our Citizens in a Professional and Compassionate Manner and the efficient and correct delivery of Law Enforcement services to the community."



The Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling 432 the square miles that comprise Ida County. The Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for the entire county, including the cities of Ida Grove, Holstein, Battle Creek, Galva and Arthur.

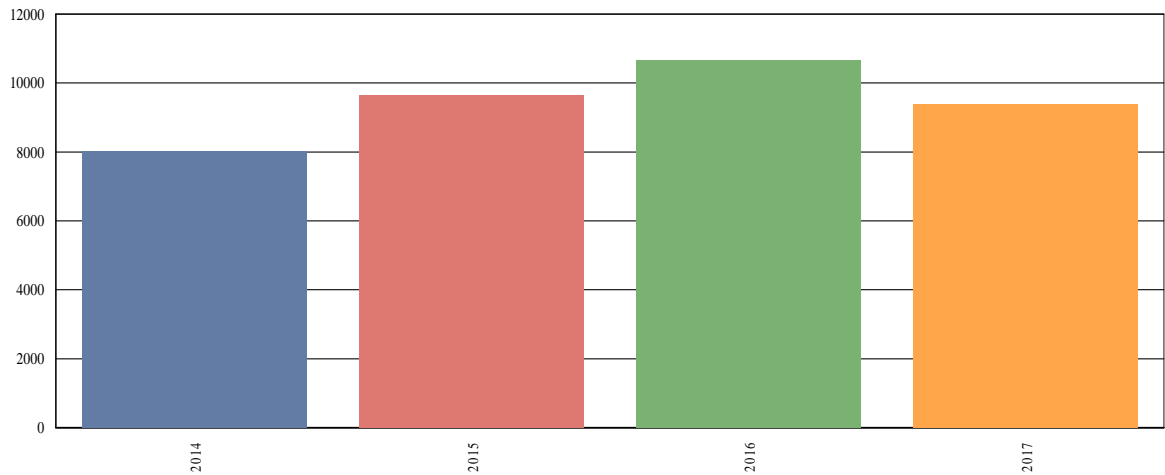
In addition to patrol, the Sheriff's Office also serves civil papers, operates the county's 911 Emergency Communications Center and operates the county's jail.

Organizational Chart



Yearly Statistics

Count of Calls per Year



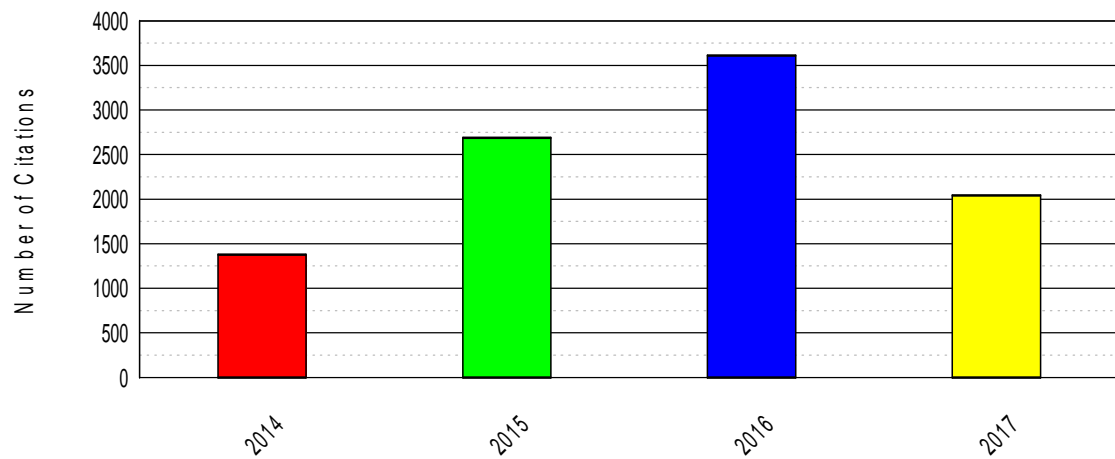
2014- 8,025

2015- 9,637

2016- 10,674

2017- 9,402

Number of Citations / Year



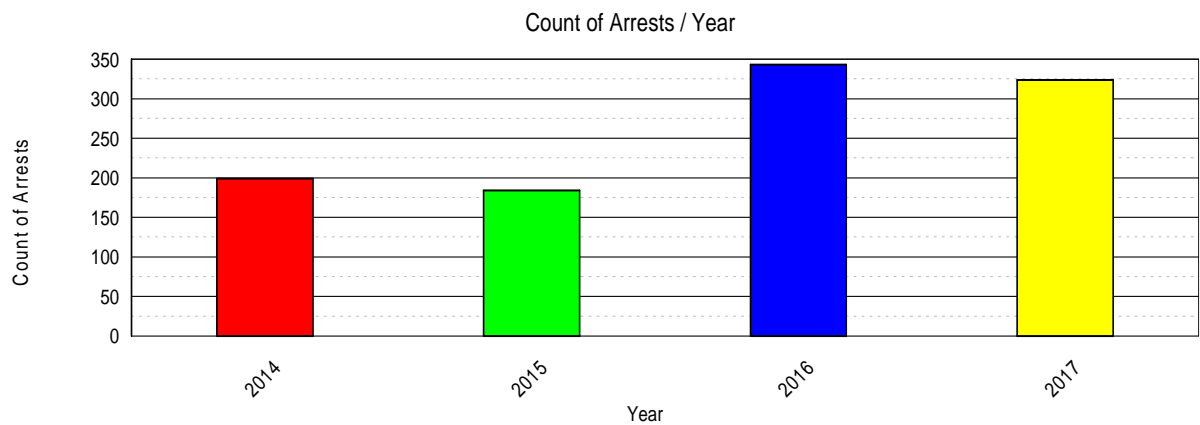
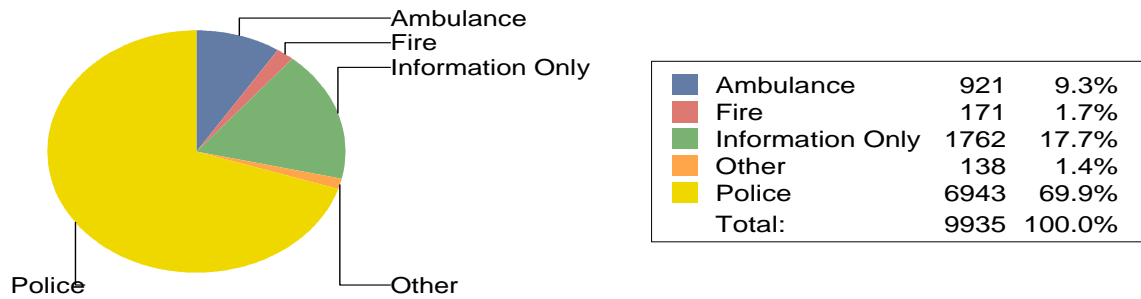
2014- 1,377

2015- 2,686

2016- 3,609

2017- 2,044

Yearly Statistics



2014- 199

2015-184

2016-343

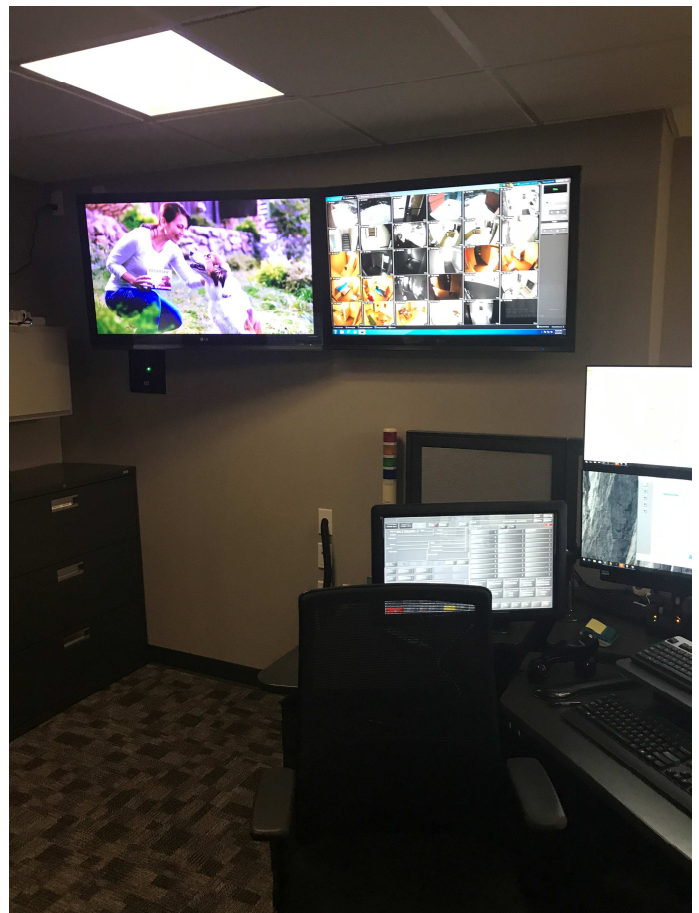
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Communications Center Renovation



Buena Vista County Communications donated two adjustable, electronic consoles to the Ida County Sheriff's Office in early 2017. The communications center was in need of a renovation to make it more efficient and effective given the huge changes that have taken place in technology in the last several years. Thanks to the donation by Buena Vista County, 2017 saw a major renovation which will last the Ida County Communications Center many, many years into the future.

The biggest improvement of this renovation is that the Communications Center now has two fully functional, customizable workstations, which allows two dispatchers to work in the center simultaneously. This is needed during times of inclement weather, high call volume, and during special events.



K-9 Program Update



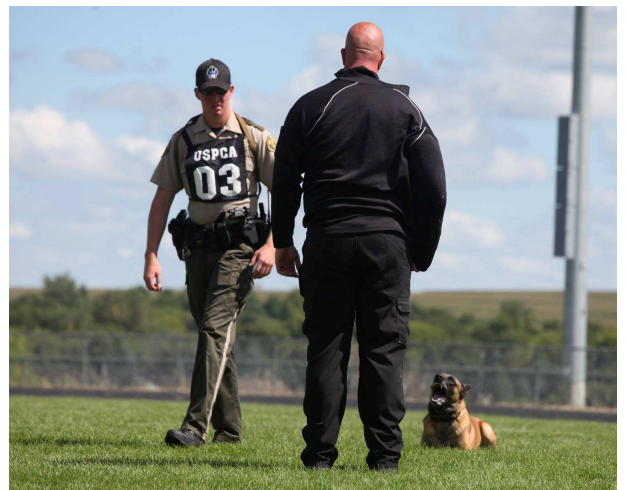
The Ida County Sheriff's Office has two K9s. The first is K9 Anou "Nu-Nu" who was purchased in May, 2014 and is handed by Deputy Andrew Shillington. Deputy Shillington is the K9 Unit Coordinator. Anou is a 6 year old Belgian Malinois that is trained in tracking ,area searches, building searches, criminal apprehension, narcotics detection, and evidence location/recovery. Anou is certified as a dual purpose patrol / narcotics dog through the United States Police Canine Association. Deputy Shillington is the K9 Unit Coordinator.

In 2017 , the second K9, Nera, was purchased. Nera is a 2 year old female German Shepherd who is handled by Deputy Alex Ehlers. Nera is a single purpose canine trained in narcotics detection. Deputy Ehlers and Nera completed a 4 week basic handler's course at Mid-Michigan Kennels. Nera will be certifying through the United States Police canine Association in early 2018. More information about the K9 program is available on our website.



USPCA Region 21 Dog Trials

The Ida County Sheriff's Office also hosted USPCA Region 21 Patrol Dog Trials August 27, 28, 29, 2017. 30 Officers attended from over 25 agencies.



Jail Update

The Ida County Jail is staffed by one full time jailer, and supplemented by dispatchers that perform hourly checks. In the event of a problem in the jail, patrol deputies are called in from patrol to handle jail issues.

The Ida County Jail historically has a steady population of inmates.

2014-7.9 average daily population

2015-5.5 average daily population

2016-6.5 average daily population

2017-6.7 average daily population

Many inmates housed in the jail have concurrent substance abuse and mental health issues. The needs of the jail population have increased dramatically in the last several years as a side effect of a weakening mental health system within the state. Inmates require more constant monitoring,

more medication, and more intervention from staff on a day to day basis. Additional dedicated jail staff members are needed to maintain an efficient and safe jail.

