

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**  
**2008 Annual Report**

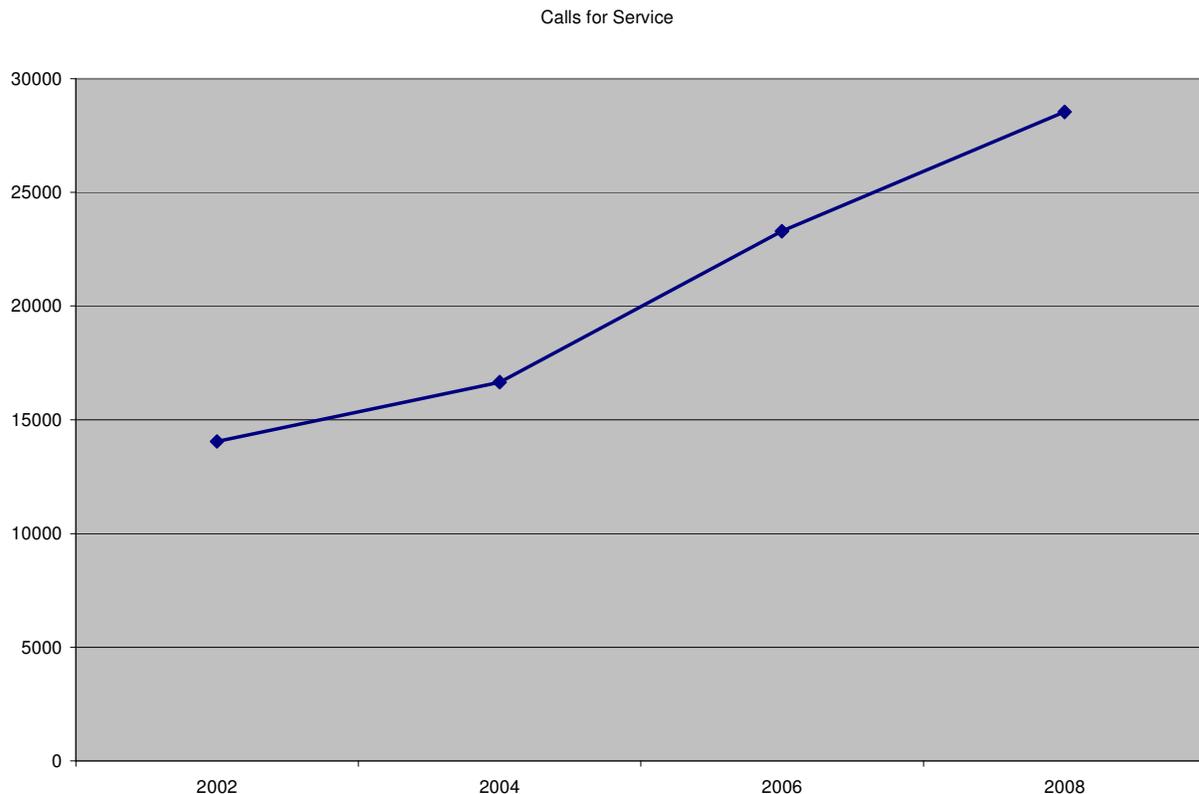
2008 was a very busy year for the Sheriff's Office. Our staff is enjoying a new work ethic and the statistics confirm our efforts. I am very proud of their commitment to professional excellence. There were many personnel changes as well with retirements, replacements and promotions occurring during the year. 2008 was also a tragic year for us with the unexpected death of our friend and Chief Deputy Mike Soucy. Each year more demands are placed on the department and 2008 was no exception with a 9% increase in calls for service. Increased patrols, vigilance and investigations led to a 120% increase in drug related arrests and a 35% increase in OWI arrests. Regarding revenues, in 2008 the Sheriff's Office continues to collect monies owed from offenders as well as bringing some of our user fees up to date. These efforts are being made to place more of the money burden upon users of our services and less on the law abiding taxpayers.

Sheriff Jeff Jaeger

## 911/Dispatch 2008 Annual Report

The 911 dispatch center continues to enhance its local and interoperability communications systems. In 2008 this was accomplished by the installation of six Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) in six of our marked patrol units. The MDC's will give the officers a better picture of the active calls that dispatch has open and will lead to officers being able to write electronic citations in the squad during 2009. It should also alleviate some of the demand put on our telecommunications staff.

Calls for service dispatched in 2008 were 28537 a 9% increase over 2007 and a 94% increase over 2003.. The increases shown from 2003-2007 are due in part to adding dispatch duties for Merrill PD full time, dispatching for Tomahawk PD third shift and weekends for part of the year and the increase of cellular calls.



Several of the specifics are listed here:

Ambulance calls:	2,058
Crashes:	1,189
Domestic disturbance:	187
Drug activity:	118
Fire calls:	132
Motorist assistance:	1,182
Reckless or impaired drivers:	488
Traffic stops:	7,662
Vehicle in ditch:	441
Vehicle lookouts:	547

Prepared by: Mark Handlin, 911 Administrator

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Department  
Patrol  
2008 Annual Report**

In 2008 there were 18 patrol deputies, and four patrol lieutenants. One of these Deputies is assigned to the Recreational Officer position, and one Deputy is assigned to the court security position at the Lincoln County Courthouse. A total of 28,541 complaints or calls for service were received in 2008. This is a 9.33% increase from the 26,105 calls for service received in 2007. Patrol deputies initiated 4,637 Traffic stops in 2008. Below is a partial list of the calls Patrol Officers responded to.

Calls	2008	2007
Break-ins	68	66
Car/Deer crashes	200	369
Criminal damage to property	83	77
Domestic disputes	100	74
Juvenile complaints	122	112
Reckless drivers	274	270
Vehicle lockouts	164	189
Traffic crashes	545	710
Traffic citations	3009	2116
County ordinance citations	238	74
OWI arrests	202	152
Drug related arrests	61	28

All of the above numbers were compiled with information from CAD, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office crash statistics, and the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts Office.

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**Lincoln County Sheriff's Department  
Investigations Division  
2008 Annual Report**

**PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR:** Lieutenant Mark Gartmann  
Sergeant Investigator Brian Kingsley  
Sergeant Investigator Warren Steffenhagen

There were more changes within the division this year. In February Deputy Gartmann was promoted to Lieutenant in charge of the Investigations Division and Deputy VanderWyst was promoted to Sergeant Investigator. Congratulations to Lt. Gartmann and Sergeant Investigator VanderWyst. In 2008, 515 case files were submitted to the division resulting in 244 cases filed with the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office for charges.

Notable cases for 2008 – A joint effort between Tomahawk Police and our agency solved several violent crimes to include one murder investigation that covered several states and a local homicide.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

Lieutenant Mark Gartmann was primarily assigned to oversee and supervise the general operations of the bureau. Sergeant Investigator Warren Steffenhagen and Brian Kingsley are primarily assigned to general and property crime offenses, with Sergeant Investigator Steffenhagen also the lead evidence Custodian. Sergeant Investigator Kingsley assisted with evidence custodial duties and is assigned as our forensic examiner of computer related crimes. Sergeant Investigator Carla Peters is assigned as the narcotic investigator, and Sergeant Investigator Andy VanderWyst was assigned to general and property crimes as well as being trained to take over as the Juvenile Investigator.

Prepared by:  
Lieutenant Mark Gartmann

**Lincoln County Sheriff Department  
Special Response Team  
2008 Annual Report**

The Lincoln County Special Response Team (SRT) consisted of eight members in 2008. SRT members receive monthly training enabling them to stay current and ready to respond to high risk calls. The SRT responded to four call outs in 2008 which was low compared to previous years. However, the calls responded to were some of the most dangerous in recent history. Calls of interest included armed occupants in an active commercial burglary, a barricaded murder suspect, And two high risk warrants. All call outs and training were successfully concluded with out injury to the public, team members or suspects.

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Department  
D.A.R.E.  
2008 Annual Report**

The Lincoln County Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) unit consisted of two officers in 2008. These officers were Lt. Timothy Fischer, and Lt. Mark Gartmann.

The D.A.R.E. program continues to be well received by students, educators and parents. This acceptance can be largely attributed to the dedication and efforts of our D.A.R.E. instructors and to the positive life lessons contained in the curriculum.

2008 marked the fifth year of teaching the updated curriculum which was implemented in 2003. Each officer must demonstrate effective instruction to insure success of the D.A.R.E. program. The D.A.R.E. officers continued instruction on the presence and effects of Methamphetamine which was implemented last year because of this drug's pervasiveness in our community.

In 2008 we continued to teach both the third and fifth grade curricula at the following schools: Maple Grove Elementary, Pine River Elementary, St. Mary's Catholic School, and Tomahawk Elementary.

A total of 189 hours was invested by our instructors in teaching 300 third and fifth grade students at the above listed schools. We are fortunate that students, parents, educators and local elected leaders continue to support the Lincoln County D.A.R.E. program.

We look forward to another great year in 2009.

Prepared by:  
Lt. Timothy P. Fischer  
DARE Officer / Supervisor

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Department  
Juvenile Division  
2008 Annual Report**

**PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR:** Sergeant Investigator Carla Peters

In 2008 it became apparent there was a new drug trend happening in Lincoln County as was the trend across the nation. Prescription OxyContin and Oxycodone (generic) became the drug use and abuse choice.

There was a very successful prescription collection at the Lincoln County Landfill in 2008 where numerous drugs such as Oxycodone (a controlled substance) were collected. The oldest drug (controlled substance) collected was from the early 1970's! Many of the drugs received were harmful if used inappropriately or exposed to youth.

The Merrill area still saw the presence of Methamphetamine. There were isolated Methamphetamine dumpsites located in 2008. There were high numbers of reported burglaries and thefts many involving copper as the market demand and prices were high. In June 2008, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office along with local, state, national agencies conducted search warrants at three unlicensed salvage dealer's properties. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office recovered a stolen Harley Davidson motorcycle, stolen high performance motor, illegal slot machine, numerous drugs, and several vehicles with all identification removed. Additionally, one of the persons on the property was illegally in possession of a gun.

**2008 Arrests-**

Drug Paraphernalia - 41  
Possession of Methamphetamine - 1  
Keeping a Drug House - 1  
Possession of Marijuana - 35  
Possession of Marijuana w/ intent to delivery - 4  
Possession of Cocaine - 5  
Possession of Heroin -1  
Possession of Controlled Substance - 13  
Possession of LSD - 2

Prepared by:  
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**Lincoln County Sheriff's Department****ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008****JAIL DIVISION**

The Lincoln County Jail booked in 1244 inmates in 2008. That was a decrease under 2007 of 44 inmates. The average length of stay for an inmate in 2008 was 29.20 days. This is an increase of 8.42 days over 2007 average of 20.78 days.

Huber fees collected in 2008 were \$ 79,276.73. The inmate phone system generated \$ 11, 237.74 in profits. The state of Wisconsin reimbursed Lincoln County \$ 65, 859.60 for probation and parole holds including ES sanctions.

The daily population average for 2008 was 45.26 In-house, 3.86 on electronic monitoring, 51.53 out of county for a total of 99.94 inmates per day. The highest average month was March with an average of 103.61 per day. The lowest monthly average was October with an average of 68.00 inmates per day. The highest day was March 23 with 112 inmates. The lowest day was October 9 with 62 inmates.

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