

2025



ANNUAL REPORT

JOHNSON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROUDLY SERVING JOHNSON COUNTY AND OUR COMMUNITY

Role of the Sheriff



Overview

The Sheriff serves as the primary peace officer for the unincorporated areas of Johnson County, as well as the municipalities of Hills, Lone Tree, Oxford, Shueyville, Solon, Swisher, and Tiffin.

Sheriffs are elected to their positions every four years and hold the distinction of being the only elected law enforcement officers in the State of Iowa. Their responsibilities are diverse, primarily outlined by the Iowa Code, and include some of the duties listed below.



Sheriff Brad Kunkel

★ WHAT MAKES THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF UNIQUE? ★



Elected every four years by the citizens of Johnson County



The only elected law enforcement official in the State of Iowa



Responsible for law enforcement, the county jail, civil process & courthouse security

★ DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES ★



Law Enforcement

- Enforce state laws and county ordinances



Investigations

- Conduct criminal investigations



Court & Legal Services

- Provide law enforcement services to the courthouse
- Carry out civil process services



Corrections

- Operates county jail and oversees inmate custody



Public Safety

- Maintain Sex Offender Registry
- Issue gun permits
- Patrol rural Johnson County



Community Response

- Responds to disasters within the county
- Assists other law enforcement agencies

Johnson County

Communities We Serve

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is proud to serve and protect the residents of the cities and communities that make Johnson County a great place to live, work and raise a family.



Johnson County
by the numbers



158,141

Total County
Population



4TH

Largest County
in the State



900

Over 900 miles
of paved, gravel
and dirt roads

2025 Sheriff's Office

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office employed 108 benefited staff members across seven divisions: Administrative, Civil, Investigative, Jail, Records, Patrol, and Reserves. Each division is tasked with specific services and responsibilities, all designed to support the Office's mission of providing the highest standard of law enforcement. The information in this report covers calendar year 2025.

Total Staff in
2025



108

Total New Hires
in 2025



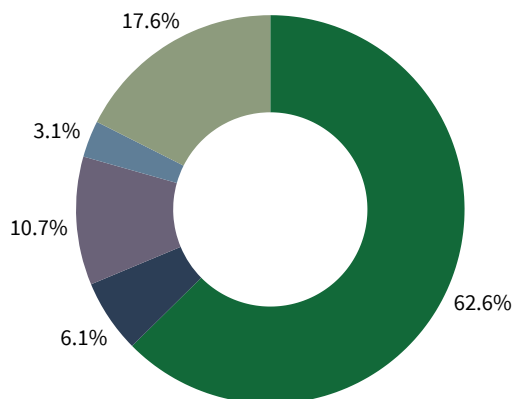
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Total Sworn
Staff



82

2025 STAFF DISTRIBUTION



108 TOTAL
EMPLOYEES



82 Deputy Sheriff



8 Control Center Operators to
Detention Officers



14 Professional Staff

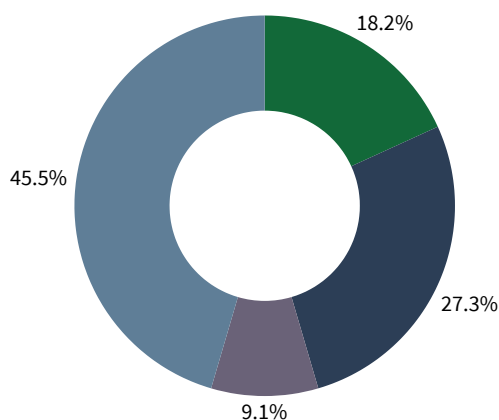


4 Part-time Benefited



23 Reserve Deputies

NEW HIRES IN 2025



11 NEW HIRES



2 Deputy Sheriff



3 Detention Officers



1 Professional Staff



0 Part-time Benefited



5 Reserve Deputies

Johnson County

Sheriff's Office

511 South Capitol Street
Iowa City, Iowa

Johnson County Sheriff
Sheriff Kunkel

Chief Deputy
Colonel Lamm

2nd Deputy/Patrol Commander
Major Hendricks

Office Administrator
Susie McAreavy

Administrative Assistant

Public Information Officer
Kristen Silver

Jail Administrator
Captain Good
PREA Coordinator

Civil
Lieutenant Broll

Civil Deputy

Secretary II

Clerk II

Investigations
Lieutenant Rudish

Detective Sergeant

JFACT

Task Force

Patrol
Lieutenant Wisman

Patrol Sergeant

Patrol Deputy

Reserve Deputy

Law Enforcement Liaison

Patrol - Tiffin
Lieutenant Hynes

Patrol Deputy
Tiffin Division

Records
Lieutenant Marlowe

E911 Coordinator

Secretary II

Clerk III

Clerk II

Evidence Clerk I

Jail
Lieutenant Nash
Support Services

Courthouse Deputy

GPS Deputy

Transport Deputy

Transport Driver

Clerk III

Jail
Lieutenant Moses
Administration

Jail Sergeant

Jail Deputy

Detention Officer

Corrections Healthcare Supervisor

Social Worker

Civil Division



The primary function of the Civil Division is to process and serve court-initiated documents within Johnson County, such as eviction notices, subpoenas, and writs.



2023 ▼

2024 ▼

2025 ▼



General Executions

Represents the enforcement of court judgments

336

355

387



Foreclosures

Involves legal processes for property repossession

16

13

18



Condemnation

Seizures of private property by a government entity for public use

5

3

0



Evictions

Pertains to legal removals from properties

186

154

128



Small Claims & District Court

Origin Notices

Covers minor legal disputes

540

627

588



Orders

General legal directives issued by courts

838

629

548



Notices

Official notifications related to legal matters

642

658

707



Domestic Protective Orders

Related to safely protecting victims of domestic violence

143

122

91



Subpoenas

Legal orders to attend court or produce evidence

641

344

236



Commitments

Legal process that allows a court to order the involuntary confinement of individuals

711

744

652



Other

Related to affidavits, citations, interrogatories, summons, FED's, etc.

2,743

3,688

3,498

Investigations Division



1

Lieutenant



5

Detective
Sergeants



1

Task Force
Deputy



Overview

The Investigations Division covers any in-depth investigation that may require specialized training. Some of these investigations include burglary, critical incidents, robbery, sexual assault, fraud, murder, arson, and internal investigations. The Investigations Division also investigates any suspicious or unattended death in coordination with the Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office.



INVESTIGATION PROCESS



RECEIVE REPORT

Initial information is collected and assessed



CASE ASSIGNMENT

Case is assigned to an investigator



EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Evidence is gathered, processed, and preserved



INVESTIGATION

Leads are followed and facts are developed



CASE REFERRED

Case is prepared and referred to County Attorney's Office

JFACT

Joint Forensic Analysis Cyber Team



Overview

The Joint Forensic Analysis Cyber Team (JFACT) is a task force composed of Johnson County law enforcement agencies, including the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, who pool knowledge and resources to investigate Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases, process digital evidence for other investigators, and provide community outreach. Each team member carries an accredited certification from the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS).

Working in partnership with the greater Iowa-ICAC task force, headed by the Division of Criminal Investigation, along with the Johnson County Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, JFACT members work to investigate and prosecute technology-related child exploitation cases in Johnson County, while also aiding other Iowa law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.

The Iowa-ICAC task force receives hundreds of CyberTipline Reports filed by electronic service providers every month, many linked to previously unknown child victims. 2026 also brought new concerns, such as obscene material generated by artificial intelligence models. Despite online child exploitation becoming endemic, JFACT vigorously works to make Johnson County the safest community for children.

2025 offered new technological trends and challenges for JFACT, including more mobile phones received than in any prior year and the growing use of encryption. Despite these challenges, JFACT maintains a high success rate in handling digital evidence. During 2025, JFACT members received specialized training from the United States Secret Service concerning the recovery of data from Internet of Things (IoT) devices, locked Digital Video Records (DVRs), and drones.



Examined evidence by type in 2025

Total Phones
Examined

751

Total
Computers
Examined



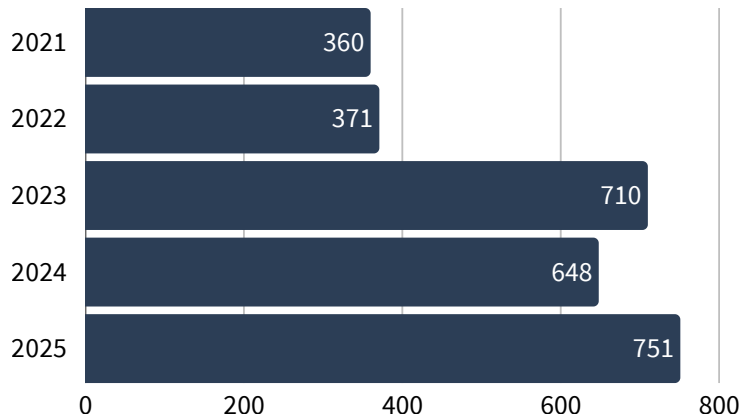
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Total External
Drives
Examined



96

Cell phones represent the most frequently examined equipment at JFACT. Since 2021, over 2,800 phones have been examined



Other equipment examined in 2025

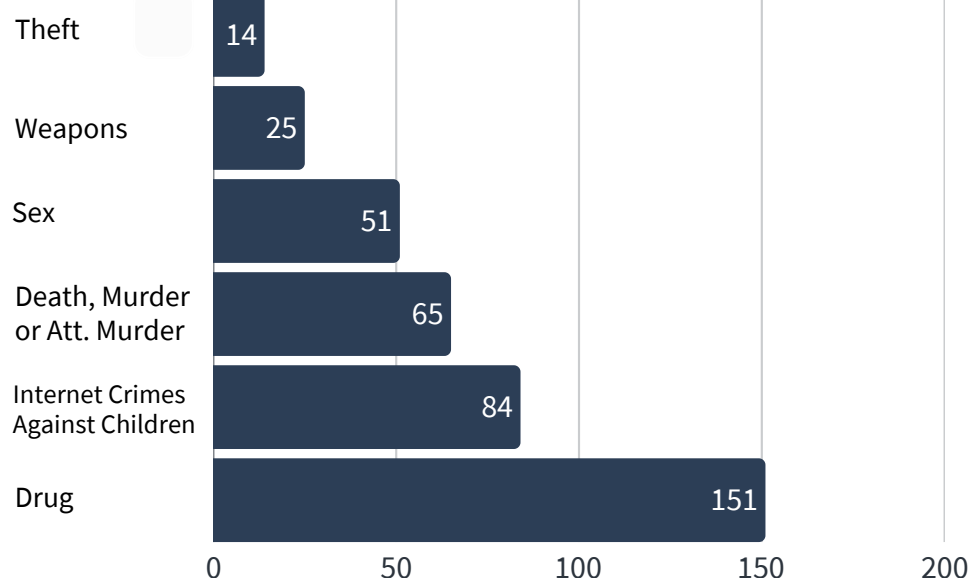
% change
from 2024

Cloud:	84	12%
Computers:	86	6%
External Drives:	96	23%
Media:	70	268%
Tablets:	38	8.6%

Most common case types examined

TOTAL CASES
IN 2025

507



2025 Activity Overview



NIBRS (National Incident-based Reporting System) is the national standard for crime data reporting in the United States and is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.



Iowa law requires all law enforcement agencies to submit crime and arrest data to the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations, which serves as the State of Iowa's central crime data repository. The state reviews and validates the information before forwarding it to the FBI, where it becomes part of the national NIBRS database used for statewide and national crime statistics.



Offenses reported through NIBRS are organized into Group A offenses and Group B offenses.

- **Group A** offenses include the most serious and commonly reported crimes. These offenses are further classified based on the nature of the crime: Crimes Against Persons; Crimes Against Property; Crimes Against Society.
- **Group B** offenses are generally less serious offenses such as liquor law violations, disorderly conduct, trespass offenses and all other arrests not covered by Group A offenses.

Group B Offenses Overview



Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2025

Group B - Arrests	2023	2024	2025
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	1
OWI	172	199	176
Public Intoxication	0	0	0
Family Offenses - nonviolent	2	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	12	7	2
Trespass	2	0	4
All other offenses	46	51	38

Total Group B Offenses Reported

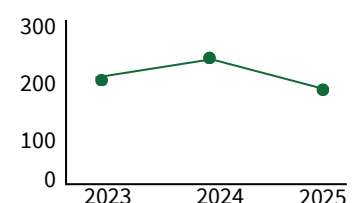


Year		Total
2023	—	236
2024	—	257
2025	—	221



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Group B Arrest Trend



Group A Offenses Overview



Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2025

Group A - Crimes Against Persons	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Manslaughter/Homicide	0	0	0
Aggravated Assaults	14	45	50
Simple Assaults	36	61	46
Intimidation/Harassments/Threats	26	50	25
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	3	0
Sexual Offenses	18	16	16
Human Trafficking	0	0	0

Total Group A Offenses Reported



YEAR	TOTAL
2023	448
2024	529
2025	463

Group A - Crimes Against Property	2023	2024	2025
Robbery	1	0	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	38	38	14
Larceny/Theft Offenses	77	79	73
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	13	11
Arson	1	3	1
Bribery	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	11	15
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	57	57	39
Embezzlement	0	1	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	77	60	58
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0

Most Frequent Group A Offenses in 2025



- Larceny/Theft
- Fraud
- Drug/Narcotic Violations
- Aggravated Assaults
- Simple Assaults

Group A - Crimes Against Society	2023	2024	2025
Drug/Narcotic Violations	34	42	58
Drug Equipment Violations	17	23	34
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	9	9	5
Prostitution	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	10	16	15
Animal Cruelty	3	2	2

% Changes Group A Offenses in 2025



- Burglary/Breaking & Entering ↓ 63%
- Intimidation ↓ 50%
- Destruction of Property/Vand. ↓ 32%
- Simple Assaults ↓ 25%



Calls for Service

42,256



Incident Reports Generated

1,319



Offenses Investigated

1,863

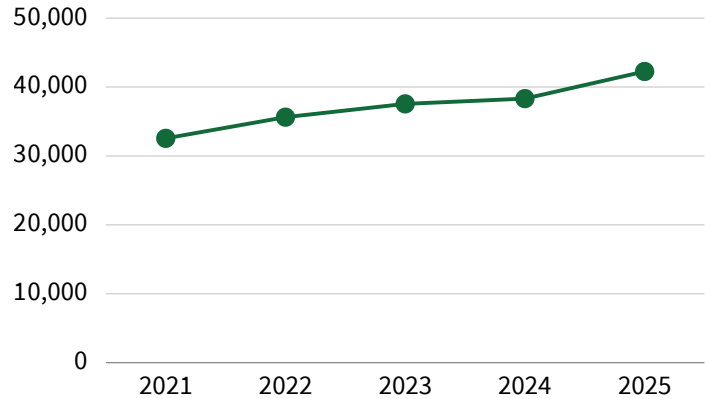


In 2025, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office received 42,256 Calls for Service. From the Calls for Service, 1,319 incident call reports (ICRs) were generated, and 1,863 types of offenses were investigated.

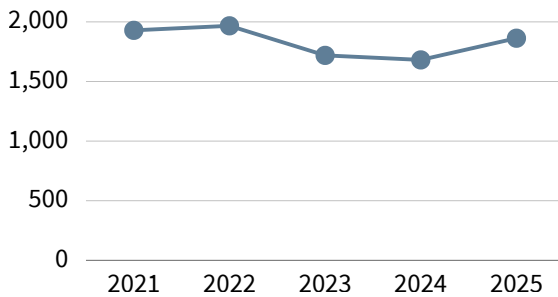


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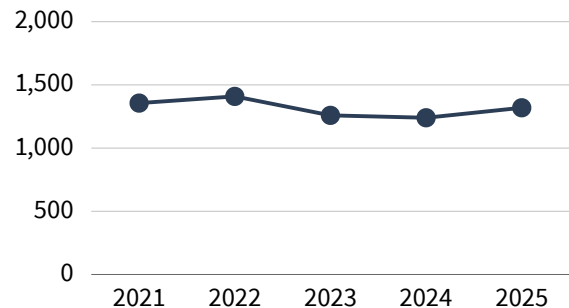
Calls for Service



Offenses Investigated



Incident Call Reports (ICRs)



Year	Calls for Service	Incident Call Reports	Offenses Investigated
2017	34,215	1,189	1,563
2018	37,036	1,172	1,591
2019	37,404	1,252	1,778
2020	28,174	1,178	1,640
2021	32,553	1,356	1,929
2022	35,625	1,409	1,967
2023	37,553	1,259	1,719
2024	38,315	1,240	1,681
2025	42,256	1,319	1,863

Jail Division



1981

Facility was built



65

Operational
Capacity



\$16.6

Million paid to house
inmates out of county



Overview

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office operates the only jail in the county. The original jail, constructed in 1899, was located behind the Johnson County Courthouse on South Clinton Street. In 1979, construction began on the existing jail and was completed in 1981.

The new jail housed 46 inmates. Around 1990, the cells were double-bunked, increasing capacity to 92, although operational capacity is 65. Jail overcrowding remains a problem to this day, and inmates are transported to other facilities where Johnson County pays a daily housing fee.

Over the last 23 years, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office has paid over \$16,600,000 to house inmates out of county.

38

Employees
Staff the Jail

10

Employees staff
Support Services



Jail Staff



1 Captain



2 Lieutenants



6 Sergeants



18 Deputies



8 Detention Officers



3 Admin/Health Services



COURTHOUSE & ADMIN BUILDING SECURITY

4 Deputies



TRANSPORT

4 Part-time



GPS DEPUTIES

2 Deputies

Jail Operational Overview 2025 Statistics



Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2025



88

Average Daily
Population



5,056

Total Jail
Bookings



5.2

days
Average Length
of Stay



118

Highest Daily
Population



Average Daily Population

Average number of individuals in custody each day. Includes Johnson County Jail, out-of-county housing and electronic monitoring.



Jail Bookings

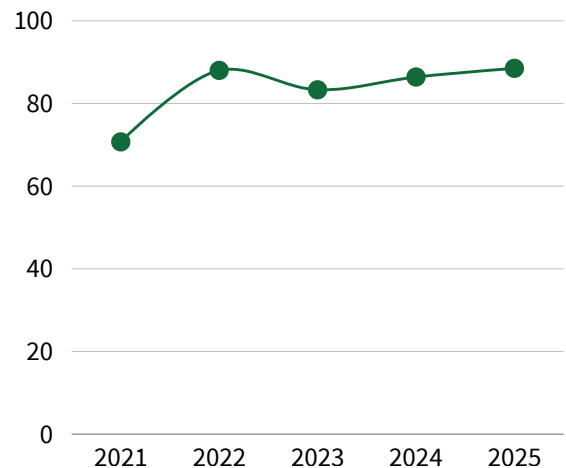
Total number of individuals booked at the Johnson County Jail.



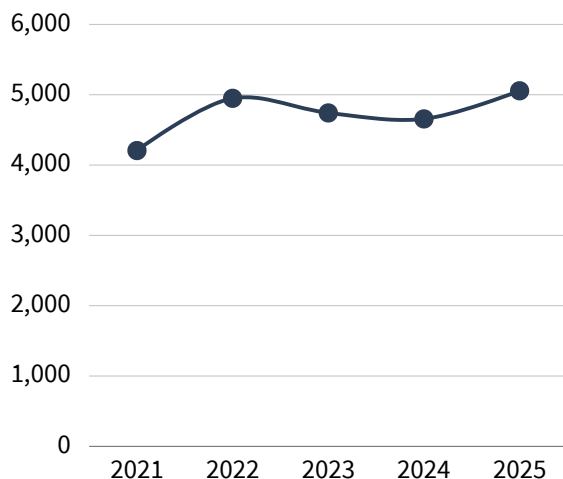
Average Length of Stay

Average length that individuals stay at the Johnson County Jail

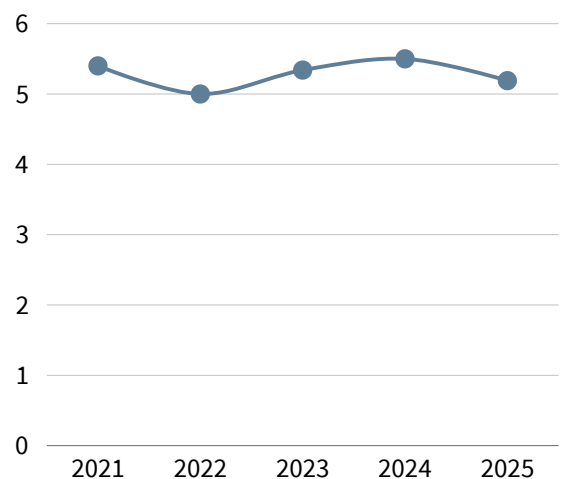
Average Daily Population



Jail Bookings



Average Length of Stay



Out of County Inmate Housing Costs



Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2025

\$16.6 MILLION

Total spent for out of county housing



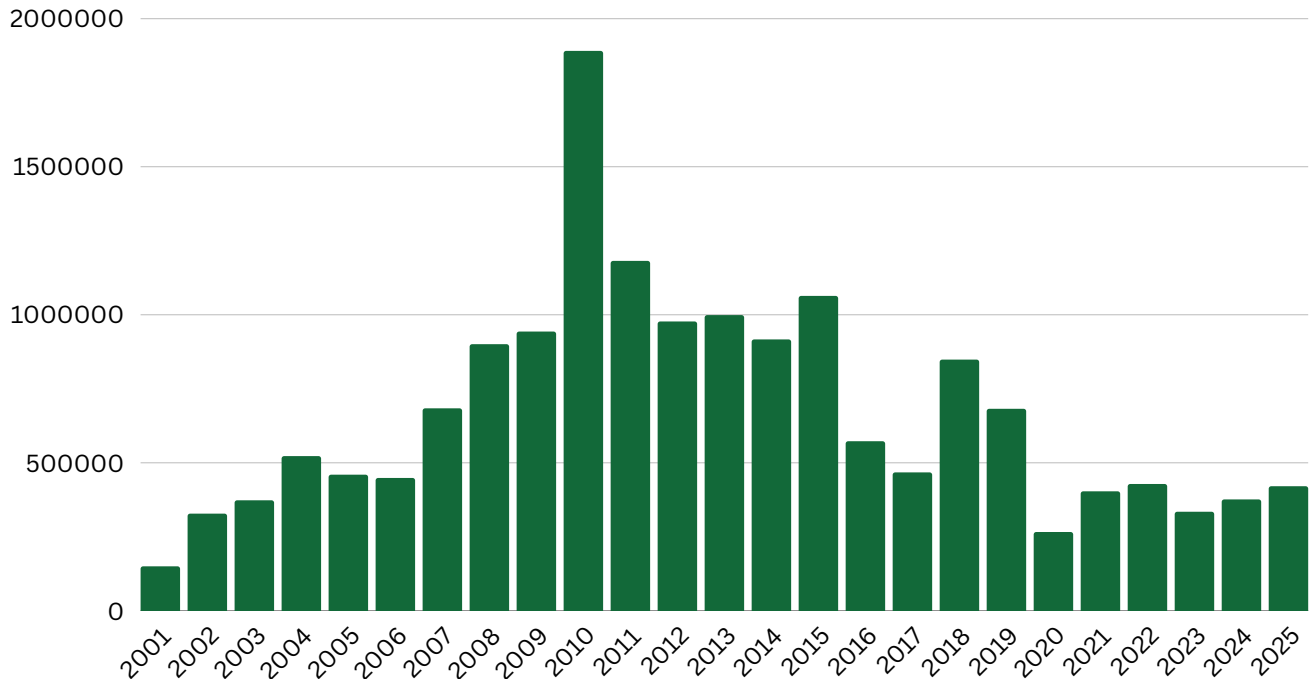
\$1.89 MILLION

2010 - Peak year for out of county housing costs



\$266,245

2020 - Lowest year for out of county housing costs



Year	Yearly Expense	Overall Expense	Avg. Daily Pop	Year	Yearly Expense	Overall Expense	Avg. Daily Pop
2001	\$150,300.00	\$150,300.00		2014	\$916,682.41	\$10,776,895.71	118
2002	\$328,260.00	\$478,560.00		2015	\$1,063,675.80	\$11,840,571.51	109
2003	\$373,320.00	\$851,880.00		2016	\$572,825.00	\$12,413,396.51	91
2004	\$522,585.00	\$1,374,465.00		2017	\$467,575.00	\$12,880,971.51	88
2005	\$459,835.80	\$1,834,300.80		2018	\$848,525.00	\$13,729,496.51	103
2006	\$448,775.00	\$2,283,075.80		2019	\$682,360.00	\$14,411,856.51	105
2007	\$683,955.00	\$2,967,030.80	119	2020	\$266,245.00	\$14,678,101.51	56
2008	\$900,595.00	\$3,867,625.80	128	2021	\$403,635.00	\$15,081,736.51	71
2009	\$943,281.00	\$4,810,906.80	137	2022	\$428,410.00	\$15,510,146.51	88
2010	\$1,891,215.00	\$6,702,121.80	161	2023	\$334,645.00	\$15,844,791.51	83
2011	\$1,181,934.50	\$7,884,056.30	153	2024	\$376,270.00	\$16,221,061.51	86
2012	\$977,320.00	\$8,861,376.30	138	2025	\$420,859.00	\$16,641,920.51	88
2013	\$998,837.00	\$9,860,213.30	133				

TRANSPORT STATISTICS



Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2025

118,696



2025
Transport Mileage

1,211



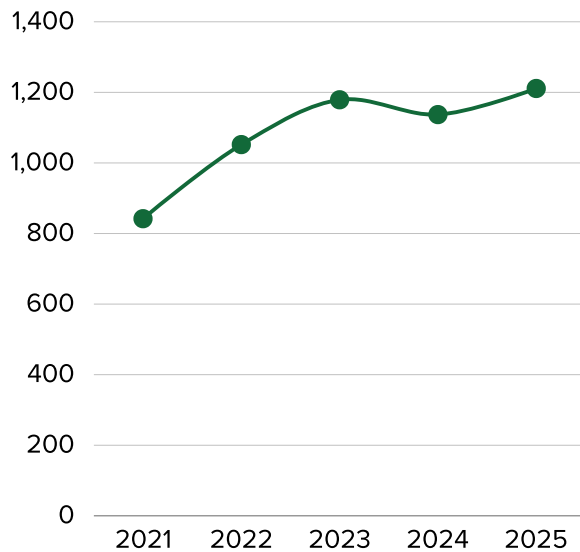
2025
Total Transports

\$83,087

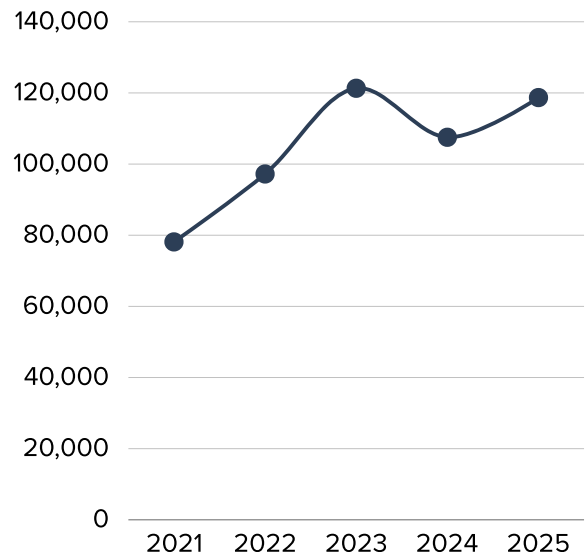


2025 Federal
Mileage Rate Costs

Total Transports



Total Mileage



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Transports/Warrant	179	225	230	252	228
Transports/Juvenile	20	28	76	73	109
Transports/Mental	133	150	190	187	---
Transports/Overcrowding	325	426	383	313	484
Transports/Court Order	149	163	254	254	362
Other	36	60	46	57	28
Total Transports	842	1,052	1,179	1,137	1,211
Total Mileage	78,123	97,218	121,313	107,536	118,696
Federal Mileage Rate Costs	\$43,749 (78,123 * .56)	\$56,872 (97,218 * .585)	\$79,460 (121,313 * .655)	\$72,049 (107,536 * .67)	\$83,087 (118,696 * .70)

JAIL - GPS MONITORING



Overview

In June 2022, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office launched a GPS Monitoring Program, inspired by a well-established pre-trial GPS initiative in Pitt County, North Carolina.

This pilot program aimed to provide an alternative to incarceration while decreasing the number of no-contact violations and enhancing victim safety. The program also enables defendants to sustain their employment, education, and treatment.

Through the use of ARPA funding, two Deputy Sheriff positions were added to oversee the program. In addition to GPS monitoring, these deputies also oversee our Work Release Program, Sex Offender Registry Compliance checks, and Mental Health Commitments. By shifting these responsibilities to dedicated personnel, jail staff are able to focus on jail custody-related duties.

900



People placed on
ELM since 2022

7.25



Average on pretrial
ELM per week

16,406



Jail Beds saved
since 2022



Numbers by the Year

Categories	2022	2023	2024	2025
WR/ELM applications	172	360	295	286
People scheduled for sentences	182	346	301	316
People on ELM	150	291	231	228
Avg on pretrial ELM per week	---	5	6.6	7.25
Compliance Checks	76	92	49	27
Mental health commitments served	---	62	98	60
Sex offender registry checks	---	18	37	3
Jail beds saved	1,628	4,426	5,573	4,779
Program Revenue	\$18,764	\$35,693	\$31,239	\$17,023

JAIL - HEALTH CARE



Overview

The Johnson County Jail prioritizes medical and mental health. As part of the admission process, each individual completes a medical history intake form that includes a screening for potential self-injury or suicide risk.

Medical services are available around the clock through the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, as well as assistance from an emergency room physician assistant. A registered nurse is on-site Monday through Friday to manage medication and address acute issues or emergencies as they arise. Additionally, incarcerated individuals have access to an in-house social worker and can be referred to a contracted psychiatric specialist from Abbe Center. Collaborations with UIHC and Abbe Center ensure that all medical, mental health, and dental

needs of incarcerated individuals are met. The Corrections Social Worker's role is to provide behavioral skill development and crisis intervention for inmates at the Johnson County Jail. The Social Worker engages with inmates, offering resources tailored to their specific needs and providing a supportive listening presence for other challenges they may face. In addition, the Corrections Social Worker collaborates with various organizations, including the Johnson County Attorney's Office, the University of Iowa, Abbe Center, GuideLink, Shelter House, Probation, Hope House, Inside Out, NAMI, and others, to facilitate opportunities and connections for inmates upon their release.

56



AVERAGE DAILY
IN-HOUSE
POPULATION

30



AVERAGE INMATES
RECEIVING MEDS

22



AVERAGE INMATES
RECEIVING MENTAL
HEALTH MEDS

INMATE POPULATION SUPPORTED



COURT REVIEW

Review court lists and identify medical needs of new arrivals



COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT

Review, address, and respond to emails and inmate kiosk requests



HEALTHCARE COORDINATION

Coordinate medical and mental health services including clinic visits, provider consults, phone calls for assistance, and nurse visits based on need.



CASE MANAGEMENT

Review of PREA/Recap forms and information gathered from jail social worker.



MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Medication verification as needed, phone calls to outside pharmacies and coordination with medication providers.



INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

Collaboration with other jails, community providers, and partner agencies to ensure continuity of care.



Every day, jail medical services support inmates through coordinated medical and mental health care.

Patrol Division



36

Miles
Interstate



54

Miles
State Highways



909

Miles
County Roads



Overview

The Patrol Division is led by a Patrol Commander, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants, thirty-five Deputies, two Canines, and a Law Enforcement-Mental Health Liaison.

This division offers essential law enforcement services for the unincorporated areas of Johnson County. Additionally, the Patrol Division provides contract law enforcement services to the municipalities of Hills, Lone Tree, Oxford, Shueyville, Solon, Swisher, and Tiffin.



Patrol Duties



Patrols county roads and state highways



Enforce traffic laws and promote safe roadways



Provide contract law enforcement services to seven municipalities



Engage with and support the communities we serve



Respond to emergencies and assist those in need

PATROL STATISTICS



Duration: 1 January – 31 December 2025



1,436

Speed Citations
in 2025



399

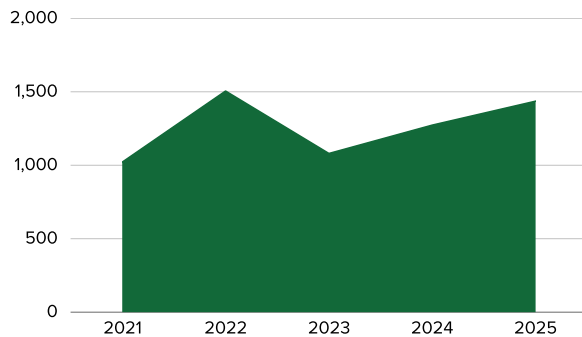
Accident Reports
in 2025



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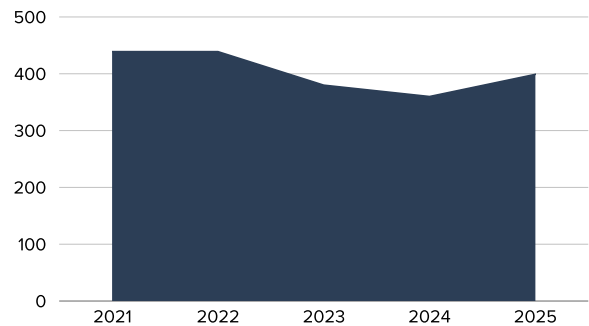
OWI Charges
in 2025

SPEED CITATIONS



↑ +12% from 2024

ACCIDENT REPORTS



↑ +10% from 2024



Numbers by the Year

Categories	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OWI Charges	243	279	235	253	257
Speed Citations	1,021	1,505	1,080	1,273	1,436
Stop Sign/Stop Light Citations	66	97	57	105	102
Seatbelt Citations	91	148	90	104	159
Texting while Driving	73	54	48	87	33
Assault Charges	93	81	48	96	112
PAULA Tickets	14	14	8	31	12
All Other Warnings	5,136	5,431	8,224	7,980	10,966
Other Moving Violations/Citations	456	515	665	603	681
Crisis Intervention Calls	247	291	228	272	256

Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaison

Communities across the country face challenges in effectively responding to mental health crises. Law enforcement officers are often the first responders to such incidents, yet they may lack the specialized training or resources necessary to successfully manage these situations.

In October of 2024, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, City of Coralville, and North Liberty Police Department formed a partnership, with funding

assistance from the state's BH-ASO, integrating a shared Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaison position. The liaison is an employee of the Sheriff's Office and serves as the primary point of contact for law enforcement officers, providing effective crisis de-escalation and connection to appropriate behavioral health services with the goal of reducing recidivism and unnecessary hospital admissions.



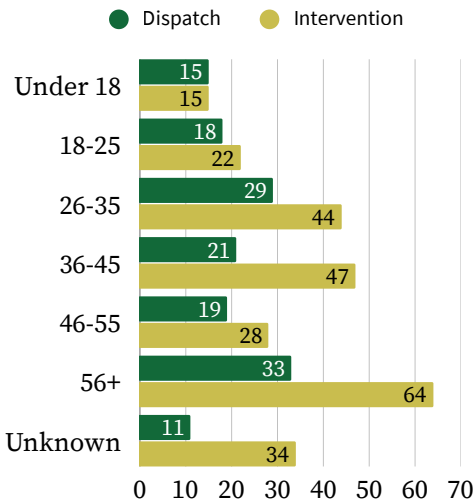
Dispatches per Law Enforcement Agency



Dispatch and Intervention Disposition

	Dispatch Disposition	Intervention Disposition
Client denied/ terminated service	1	0
Jail/Detention Center	0	0
Stabilized in comm/home	102	231
Crisis service bed/ observation	7	2
Hospitalized	25	11
Other	0	11

Dispositions by Age Group



62 MIN

Average Time
Spent Per Dispatch



20 MIN

Average Time
Spent Per Intervention



251

Female
Interactions



147

Male
Interactions

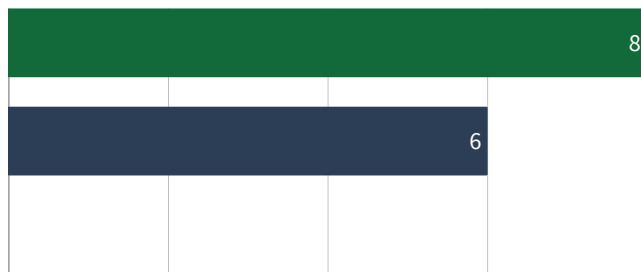
PATROL PURSUITS

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office recognizes the fact that pursuits are inherently dangerous. For that reason, pursuits go through multiple layers of review to ensure that protocol is being followed and to identify officer safety issues, potential risks to the public, training needs, and liability issues. All pursuits are subject to an after-action review, which is completed by the pursuing deputy's immediate supervisor and includes the deputy who initiated the pursuit.

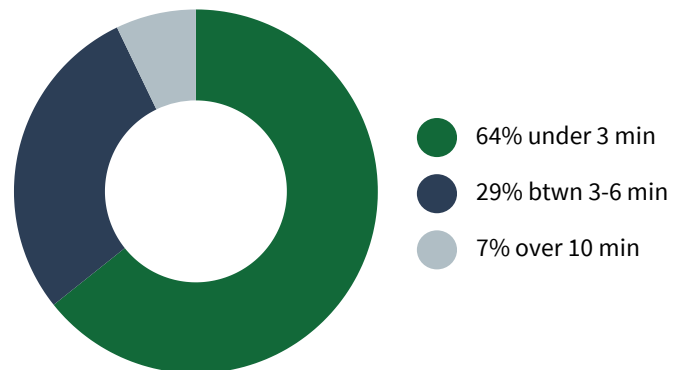
During 2025, Deputies with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office engaged in fourteen pursuits, which is a 12.5% decrease from 2024. The fourteen pursuits are broken down as follows:

SHIFTS THAT PURSUITS OCCURRED

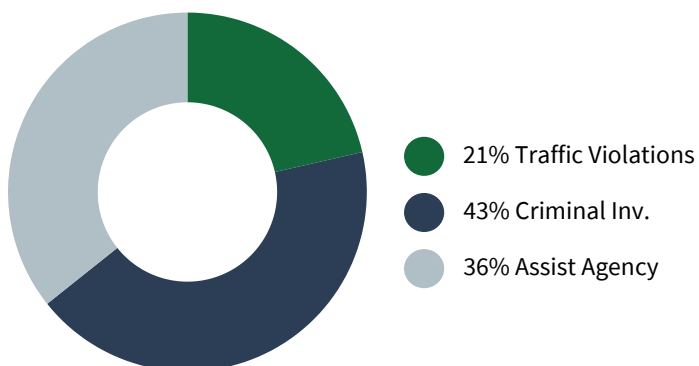
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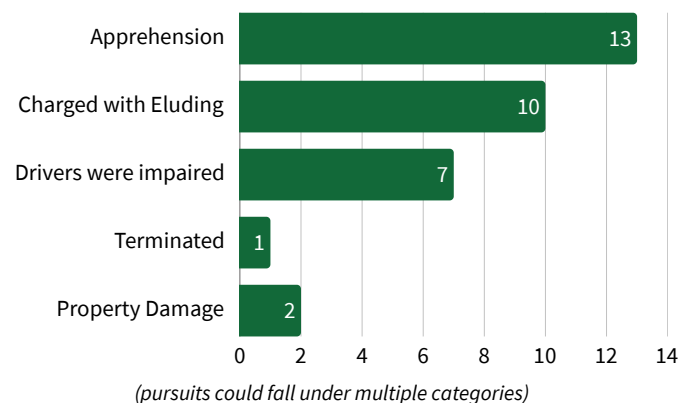
DURATION OF PURSUITS (IN MINUTES)



PURSUIT INITIATIONS



OVERALL PURSUIT DISPOSITION



Reserve Division



23

Reserve
Deputies



372

Volunteer hours
supporting community
events



1,467

Hours of classroom
and/or field training



Overview

The Reserve Division provides valuable support to the Sheriff's Office operations through volunteer services, special event staffing, community engagement, and contracted law enforcement assignments throughout Johnson County.



Community Outreach

Volunteer service included community outreach events such as:

- Deputies & Donuts
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Johnson County Fair
- Local parades
- Election Support



Contracted Services

Reserve deputies provided law enforcement services at:

- UI athletic events
- School activities
- Campground and public recreation patrols
- Other contracted assignments



Training & Certification

- Seven reserve deputies completed field training for independent assignments
- Two reserve deputies earned Reserve Peace Officer certification through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy



Internship Program

- One reserve deputy completed a college-level internship through the Sheriff's Office as part of a new pilot internship program.



Records Division



Overview

The Records Division maintains all of the records for individuals booked into the jail, investigative reports, and accident reports. This division is also responsible for fulfilling records requests for both internal and external customers.

In addition, Records processes all firearm permit applications for residents of Johnson County and maintains the Iowa Sex Offender Registry for any sex offender who resides, works, or travels to Johnson County.



Firearms Permits

	2023	2024	2025
Issued - Permit to Carry	990	687	966
Denied- Permit to Carry	11	3	5
Issued- Permit to Acquire	40	43	53
Denied- Permit to Acquire	6	4	1



Public Requests

	2023	2024	2025
Fingerprinting	371	272	166
Police Reports	60	50	35
Accident Reports	312	313	302
Record Checks	431	434	489



Key Insights

- ★ Permits to carry firearms increased 41% from 2024
- ★ Permits to acquire firearms increased 23% from 2024
- ★ Gun permits are valid for 5 years

Use of Force



Why we track use of force

The Sheriff's Office began formally tracking use-of-force incidents in May 2023. Tracking use-of-force ensures transparency and helps identify training needs.



What does Use of Force mean?

"Use of force" can be defined as a situation in which a law enforcement officer interacts with an uncooperative individual and force is used, either in self-defense or to compel compliance.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office determines if a situation is a use-of-force incident anytime a deputy places hands on a person who is non-compliant. The most common occurrences for use of force incidents at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office are when taking someone into custody or when restraining someone engaging in self-harm.

Johnson County separates use-of-force incidents into two categories: "**In custody**" and "**Not in custody**".



Use of Force - In Custody (Jail)

In 2025, the Johnson County Jail processed **5056** bookings. During this time, Jail Deputies were involved in a total of **115** use-of-force incidents. Jail use of force is broken down into two categories: Less than 24 hours in custody and More than 24 hours in custody.



Less than 24 hours

Individuals held for **less than 24 hours** are typically only in custody for the jail booking process and an initial court appearance in front of a Judge. It is not uncommon for these individuals to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during their time at the Johnson County Jail. There were **66** use-of-force incidents in this category. This equates to **1.3%** of all bookings



More than 24 hours

Individuals held **more than 24 hours** are typically those individuals who are held on bond for more serious offenses or those who are serving a sentence. There were **45** use-of-force incidents in this category.



Use of Force - Not In Custody (Patrol)

In 2025, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office logged **42,256** calls for service. During this time, Patrol Deputies were involved in **48** use-of-force incidents. This equates to **.11%** of calls for service resulting in use of force.



Overall

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office reviews all use-of-force incidents. There were no serious injuries reported for any of the **163** use-of-force incidents recorded for 2025.

Complaints



Why we track complaints

Complaints and compliments about staff can be filed through the Sheriff's website, email, or in person. The Sheriff's Office began tracking complaints in 2021.

All complaints are logged regardless of the seriousness of the allegation. If a member of the public submits a complaint electronically via the website or calls in to make a verbal complaint against a staff member, a complaint file is generated and investigated by a member of the Sheriff's Administration team.

Investigations of complaints involve reviewing evidence such as camera recordings, documents, and interviewing witnesses. The average complaint investigation was completed in seven days.



2025 Summary

In 2025, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office logged **23** complaints against staff. This is an increase of 6 complaints from 2024.



Investigative outcomes are classified as follows:

- Sustained: The act occurred and was a violation of policy
- Unfounded: False or not supported by facts
- Not Sustained: Insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation
- Exonerated: The act occurred but was lawful and proper

Complaints about a deputy's attitude/actions "unbecoming conduct/professionalism" was the most common sustained allegation.

There was one complaint of biased policing in 2025. The allegations in this complaint were determined "unfounded". This investigative outcome was supported by body-camera evidence.



Goals for reducing complaints

1. Continue to hold staff accountable with corrective action for sustained complaints regarding behavior that is not consistent with the standards and expectations of the Sheriff.
2. Promote leadership training for supervisors and incorporate Field Training Officers into leadership training.
3. Promote and support professionalism across the office.

Canines



CANINE ECHO



Echo is a Belgian Malinois born September 9, 2017, in Massachusetts for Canine Tactical of Iowa. He is a cloned canine, chosen for his high hunt drive and trainability. He is currently number 10 of 15, and five of the cloned canines are with law enforcement agencies in Iowa. Echo and his handler, Deputy Lenz, were trained in Chariton, Iowa, by Canine Tactical of Iowa. Echo is trained in narcotics, tracking, building searches, article searches, apprehension, and officer protection. He started his career at 10 months old with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in July of 2018.

**Echo passed away unexpectedly on August 28, 2026.*

CANINE RUDY



Rudy came to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in July 2023. He is a mixed-breed rescue dog born in July 2022. K9 Rudy and Detective Schuerer became a certified Crisis Response K9 Team in March 2024. In 2025, the team was requested and attended 59 events, logged 97 hours, and 4,600 contacts. Rudy's primary goal is to support staff after traumatic incidents or job-related stressors and to be a resource for victims and witnesses. Rudy works a 42-hour workweek, providing support and is a simple, non-confrontational resource to help build office morale, reduce cumulative stress on the job, and improve emotional well-being. He accompanies Detective Schuerer during community outreach engagements on a regular basis.

CANINE BO



Bo is a Belgian Malinois born June 16, 2019, in Mexico. He and his handler, Deputy Campbell, were trained at Northern Michigan K9 and continue monthly training. Bo is trained in narcotics, tracking, building searches, apprehension, and officer protection. He started his career at 15 months old with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in July of 2020.



Specialty Assignments



Overview

In addition to their regular responsibilities, deputies at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office are encouraged to undergo training in specialized fields. This additional training equips them to better support the office, collaborate with other local law enforcement agencies, and serve the community effectively. Some of the specialized assignments are listed below.



Training & Instruction

- ALICE Instructors
- CIT Instructors
- CPR/AED Instructors
- Defensive Tactics Instructors
- Firearms Instructors
- Precision Driving Instructor
- SFST Instructors
- Taser Instructors
- Field Training Officer



Specialized Services

- K9 Handlers
- Metro Dive Team
- Peer Support
- Honor Guard



Investigations

- Crash Investigator
- Drug Recognition Experts
- Drug Task Force



Tactical Operations

- SERT
- Johnson County Bomb Squad
- Crisis/Hostage Negotiator
- Hazmat Response Team

Community Engagement



Overview

Fostering positive change in Johnson County starts with the community. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office works hand in hand with partner agencies and community stakeholders throughout the county, linking prevention and enforcement efforts through active community engagement and participation in outreach events.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office maintains a strong presence on social media. In 2025, the Sheriff's Office Facebook page recorded 5,179,330 content views, reached 2,970,391 accounts, and had 15,459 followers.



5.1

Million Social Media Views



2.9

Million Accounts Reached



15,459

Followers



Community Events



Deputies participated in dozens of community events across Johnson County in 2025. From youth education and safety presentations to neighborhood outreach and special events, these opportunities help strengthen trust, build relationships, and make our communities safer.



JANUARY

- Hillcrest Donut Day



FEBRUARY

- Atrium Village - LE Presentation



MARCH

- Lakeview Elementary Donut Day



APRIL

- National Crime Victims' Week Open House
- Solon Middle School Donut Day



MAY

- Stop the Scammers Presentation - NL
- Solon Substation Open House
- Swisher Touch a Truck Event
- Stop the Scammers Presentation - IC



JUNE

- Coralville Day Camp at Johnson County Courthouse



JULY

- Pathways Adult Day Health - Educational Presentation
- Johnson County Fair Kids Day



AUGUST

- National Night Out - Tiffin
- National Night Out/Party in the Park - Lone Tree
- Touch a Truck with Tiffin Fire - Pinseekers
- Meet the Responders - Dunn Brothers Coffee



OCTOBER

- Lone Tree Care Center - Coffee with a Cop
- Lone Tree Schools Donuts with Deputies
- Coralville Trunk or Treat
- Solon Trunk or Treat
- 4H Fairgrounds Trunk or Treat
- Swisher Trunk or Treat
- Coralville Reservoir Trunk or Treat
- Tiffin Halloween Hike
- Shueyville Trunk or Treat
- Lone Tree Trunk or Treat



NOVEMBER

- Atrium Village - LE Presentation
- Clear Creek Amana High School Donuts with Deputies
- Little Clippers Preschool Helpers Day



DECEMBER

- Light up Oxford

2025 Highlights



ILEAP ACCREDITATION



In 2025, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office set a statewide benchmark by becoming the first sheriff's office in Iowa to achieve Iowa Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) status. This landmark certification, which took effect in December 2025, is the culmination of a rigorous nine-month initiative led by key staff to align agency operations with elite professional standards.

To earn this four-year accreditation, the Sheriff's Office underwent a comprehensive overhaul of its directives and policies to meet "best practice" benchmarks across 21 critical functional areas. These include high-liability sectors such as Use of Force, Professional Standards, Criminal Investigations, and Evidence Control, as well as administrative pillars like Recruitment and Selection.

The validation process involved a meticulous on-site audit where an independent ILEAP Assessor toured facilities and interviewed personnel to ensure that JCSO policies were not just written but actively practiced. Following a final review of these findings, the ILEAP Board formally confirmed that the Johnson County Sheriff's Office meets the highest standards of modern law enforcement in Iowa.



**4 YEAR
ACCREDITATION**



**FIRST SHERIFF'S
OFFICE IN IOWA**



**EFFECTIVE
DEC 2025**

STAFF RECOGNITION



Canine Bo

**3RD PLACE
Dogs for Law Enforcement
Narcotic Sniff Off**

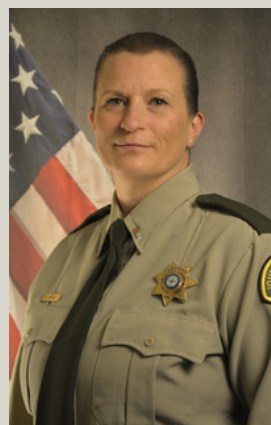
Canine Bo placed 3rd during the Dogs for Law Enforcement Midwest Iowa Seminar Narcotic Sniff Off.

This is an annual week-long training and recertification event featuring tactical scenarios, handler problem-solving, and competitive "sniff-off" trials.



Lt. Becky Moses

**Dedication to
Excellence Award**



Lt. Moses was selected as the recipient of the Dedication to Excellence Award during the JAILCON25 Central Regional Corrections Professionals Awards Ceremony. The prestigious honor is a testament to her outstanding dedication, leadership, and contributions to the corrections profession.



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