



# 2024 Annual Report



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# Message from the Sheriff

“I am deeply honored and humbled to have been elected to serve a third term as your Sheriff. This opportunity to continue protecting and serving the people of Crawford County is a responsibility I take with the utmost respect and dedication.

Over the years, I have been blessed to work alongside an incredible team of professionals who share my passion for keeping our community safe and strong. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and made strides toward making Crawford County a better place for all.

I am grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me once again. Your support inspires me to work even harder to uphold the values of justice, integrity, and service. I remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our families, strengthening relationships with our community, and leading with fairness and accountability.

Thank you for standing with me as we continue this journey together. Let’s keep Crawford County moving forward!”

Stay Safe and God Bless!

**Sheriff Darin J. Layman**







# Mission Statement

**It is the Mission of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office to provide services that go above and beyond what is expected, and to serve without bias or prejudice while performing our daily duties. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has taken an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States and the State of Missouri. The oath is an honor for our public servants to perform their best and to continue to strive for a higher standard of performance.**

**As this Office strives to improve community trust, it is the deputy's duty to build public awareness of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office commitment to excellence. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office will show respect, integrity, and be servant leaders in all of our community obligations and performances.**

**This is our mission for the community in which we serve and protect.**



# **2024 Recap**



- 1. Our voluntary health and wellness program was successfully implemented which saw a 56% participation rate among all employees. The program offered an opportunity to speak with a counselor twice a year to discuss life, work, family issues or triumphs. The counselors are previous law enforcement officers who understand the struggles and stress of the profession. This program is provided by our office also satisfies statutory requirements for our certified deputies in mental health requirements. We are looking forward to additional participation in 2025.**
- 2. In 2024, we continued our partnership with Axon, a leader in safety and technology equipment to offer body cameras, upgraded tasers, and dash cameras that incorporate LPR (license plate readers) to locate missing persons, stolen vehicles, and known vehicles of fugitives.**
- 3. In 2024, we continue to increase traffic enforcement along our roads and highways within Crawford County, resulting in a 19% increase in traffic stops for FY2024. Majority of that effort was funded through MoDOT traffic safety grants.**
- 4. In 2024, we hosted a Crisis Intervention Training for Jail staff that was attended by our personnel and personnel from three other Sheriff's Offices. The training provided essential skills in de-escalation and mental health awareness in a jail setting. Additionally, resources and contacts were developed to provide to inmates while incarcerated and after release.**
- 5. In 2024, we developed an online misconduct reporting form, along with formal complaint form. If the public feels that they have been mistreated by our office, or an employee, they can utilize the online reporting from the convenience of their cellular or mobile device, or from a home computer.**



# **Fiscal 2025 Plans**

## **1. Modernization and Technology Integration**

- **Drone Program Development:** Invest in technology to enhance search and rescue operations, surveillance, and to monitor large public gatherings such as the Crawford County Fair, Freedom Fest, and other local events.

## **2. Community Engagement Initiatives**

- **Citizen Academy and Ride-Along Program:** Formalize a program allowing community members to learn about policing firsthand, fostering understanding and cooperation with our community.

## **3. Personnel Development**

- **Specialized Training Opportunities:** Provide training for advanced skills, such as leadership courses, investigative training, and partnering with other law enforcement entities to maximize training opportunities.

## **4. Equipment and Resource Improvements**

- **K-9 Unit reimplementation:** Funds were allocated through the Opioid Fund to purchase and train a new dog and handler.
- **Fleet Maintenance Manager:** A fleet manager ensures fiscal responsibility by optimizing fleet operations, controlling costs, and maintaining efficiency without compromising operational readiness.

## **5. Revenue and Grant Opportunities**

- **Actively pursue federal and state grants** for public safety technology, infrastructure improvements, and funding sources for enhance services such as traffic enforcement.
- **Fee-Based Services:** Introduce or adjust fees for services such as warrant entry, bond documents, and sex offender registrations to generate additional revenue.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Seek partnerships with local businesses to sponsor community initiatives or equipment purchases.

# Divison Recaps

## **Patrol Division**

The Patrol Division is responsible for patrolling county roads, state highways, and Interstate 44. They respond to calls for service, investigate crimes, serve papers, and assist other agencies that work within our county. Civil Process is another division within the Patrol Division. Civil Process is specifically assigned to serve subpoenas, summonses, and other court related documents. Court Security and School Resource Deputies also fall under the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division was operating at 89% staffing at the end of FY24. Below you will find some statistics for FY2024.

### **Calls for Service**

In FY24 the Crawford County Sheriffs' Office responded to **13,106** calls for service which was a slight decline from FY23.

The top 5 calls for service were:

Traffic Stops-24.01%

Extra Patrol/Business Checks-7.26%

Civil Process-7.13%

Follow Ups-6.40%

Investigation-5.00%

The Crawford County Sheriffs with the help of funding by grants through the Missouri Department of Transportation increased our traffic stops 19% from FY23. Part of our focus for FY24 was roadway safety and traffic enforcement.

Deputies issued 938 citations and 2,482 warnings while conducting 2,911 traffic stops in FY24. Of those stopped, 1,507 were residents of Crawford County while 1,404 were not residents of our county. Deputies conducted nearly 1,000 business checks and extra patrols.







## Jail Division

The Jail Division is responsible for the housing and transportation of inmates. The Crawford County Jail is a 126 bed facility that is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year! The Jail was operating at 88% staffing at the end of FY24, with a ADP (average daily population) of 86, with the peak daily population at 120 and low of 64. Below are a few statistics for the Crawford County Jail.

### Jail Statistics

In FY24 the Crawford County Jail booked 1,414 inmates into our facility for FY24, totaling 31,608 days served in our facility and 94,824 meals served. Meal service constitutes 9.2% of the total expenses budgeted for the Jail, totaling over \$314,000 for FY24. The total has slightly increased in FY2025 to 9.5% of expenses.

The average stay for an inmate in FY24 was 22 days for Felony Offenses. The Crawford County Jail has seen a decline of 19.6 % in those arrested and booked into the facility since 2020.

**Mental Health Challenges**—Around 44% of jail inmates have been diagnosed with a mental health disorder, highlighting the intersection of mental health and the judicial system.

**Substance Abuse**—63% of jail inmates report having a substance use disorder, with nearly half being under the influence at the time of their arrest.

**Recidivism**—Of the 1414 inmates booked into CC Jail, 188 of that inmate population had 2 or more arrests, and 25 had 4 or more arrests in FY2024.

In FY24 in an effort to assist inmates enhancing their ability to better themselves, gain employment, and to prevent recidivism, our office teamed up with East Central College to offer a GED program to inmates. The program allowed them to receive instructional learning within our facility that can continue upon their release before graduating the program.





## Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigation Division comprises of our Investigators and Evidence Custodian. Members of CID investigate all manners of crime, specifically felony offenses, including violent assaults, sex crimes, burglaries, and fraud. At the end of FY24 CID was operation at 80% staffing. Below are some statistics for CID.

During FY24 CID conducted 187 investigations and drafted 115 reports and compiled 590 supplemental reports for those investigations. This included 88 crimes against persons and 99 property crimes. Additionally there were over 205 cases office wide which required evidence to be submitted for lab analysis, processing, and storage.

Crimes against persons include: Assaults, Child Abuse, Child Sex Crimes, Mental Health calls, Death Investigations, Missing Persons, Runaway Juveniles, Sexual Assaults, and Sex Offender Compliance Investigations.

Property Crimes include: Burglaries, Drug Investigations, Fire/Arson, Forgery, Fraud, Property Damage, Tampering, Theft/Stealing, and Weapons Violations.

Our CID is responsible for the compliance checks of 119 offenders within Crawford County, In 2024, 9 offenders were investigated for failing to comply with their requirements and charges were submitted for those violations.





# Community Relations

In 2024 the Crawford County Sheriff's Office teamed up once again with the Steelville Police Department to help raise money for Shop with a Cop. There were several events throughout the year including, Cops vs. Steelville Schools Staff basketball game, a softball tournament, and a silent auction. Together we were able to raise \$6,263.00, with the hopes to grow the program even more next year!





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