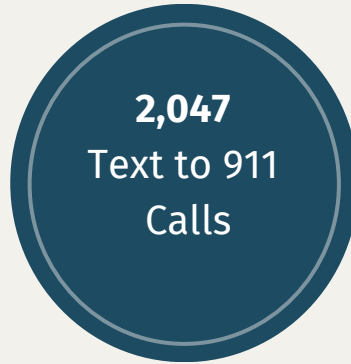


SHERIFF

To protect and serve the citizens of our community by reducing fear, crime and disorder. Our values are professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication, and employee value.



Matt Spence
Sheriff



The Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services Countywide, with primary responsibility for the areas that do not have a local police department. This includes enforcing all Village and Town ordinances for municipalities for which we provide contracted services.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office provides a variety of statutorily required services that are unique to County Law Enforcement. These services include, but are not limited to, maintaining correctional facilities, water rescue and recovery, Civil Process, and Courthouse security.



2025 Achievements



Dispatch attained the IAED "Accredited Center of Excellence" (ACE) status



Optimized resources and secured grants to offset rising operational costs



Overcame recruitment shortages with strategic staffing and peer-support initiatives



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Throughout 2025, the Sheriff's Office navigated significant challenges including rising operational costs, contractual obligations, and unfunded mandates. Despite these fiscal pressures, the Office remained disciplined in its stewardship of public funds by continuously evaluating expenditures, reallocating resources, and actively pursuing state and federal grants to offset costs. These combined efforts underscored a commitment to fiscal responsibility while sustaining essential law enforcement, correctional, and emergency communications operations.

Following national trends, the Office experienced persistent difficulties in recruiting and retaining personnel across the Corrections, Patrol, and Communications divisions. Staff demonstrated remarkable resilience by maintaining coverage and professional standards through strategic deployment and cross-training. Even under these demanding conditions, the Sheriff's Office remained focused on mission-critical goals such as investigating personal and property crimes while simultaneously prioritizing employee wellness and mental health resources to reduce burnout and ensure long-term operational excellence.

2025 BUDGET

Revenues	\$ 25,465,166
Expenses	\$ 27,710,079
Transfers In/Out	\$ 817,309
(Under)/Over Budget	\$ 1,427,604

2026 LOOK AHEAD

The year ahead focuses on strengthening public safety through people-centered initiatives that balance accountability and trust. A key priority is the law enforcement co-responder model, pairing officers with clinicians to effectively manage behavioral health crises while allowing sworn personnel to focus on core safety duties. Simultaneously, the Office will invest in recruitment and professional development to build a well-prepared workforce, reinforced by expanded community engagement to foster dialogue and long-term collaboration.

The Sheriff's Office also remains committed to responsibly managing the inmate population by enhancing alternatives to incarceration. In collaboration with the courts and Human Services, the Office pursues evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism, address underlying behavioral health needs, and alleviate facility capacity pressures. These justice-focused solutions, supported by grant funding where available, balance public safety with fiscal responsibility to ensure safe, humane, and efficient operations.

