



RENVILLE COUNTY **SHERIFF**

SERVING RENVILLE COUNTY WITH HONOR, INTEGRITY & PRIDE





SHERIFF

"Keepers of the County"

RENVILLE COUNTY

Sheriff Scott Hable



Dear Residents of Renville County,

It is my honor to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Renville County Sheriff's Office. This report reflects the dedication, professionalism, and integrity of the men and women who serve our community every day.

Throughout 2025, our office remained steadfast in our mission to protect and serve with compassion, accountability and transparency. We responded to thousands of calls for service, investigated serious crimes, partnered with local agencies, and continued to strengthen relationships with the communities we are so proud to serve. Public safety is not accomplished by law enforcement alone - it is achieved through collaboration, trust, and shared responsibility.

In 2025, we continued to focus on proactive patrol strategies, traffic safety enforcement, school and youth engagement, community outreach, and ongoing training to ensure that our deputies and other staff are equipped to meet evolving challenges. We continued to invest in technology and professional development to enhance efficiency, officer safety, and service delivery.

While statistics and summaries provide measurable outcomes, they do not fully capture the commitment demonstrated daily by our deputies, correctional staff, telecommunicators, and support personnel. I am incredibly proud of their resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our core values.

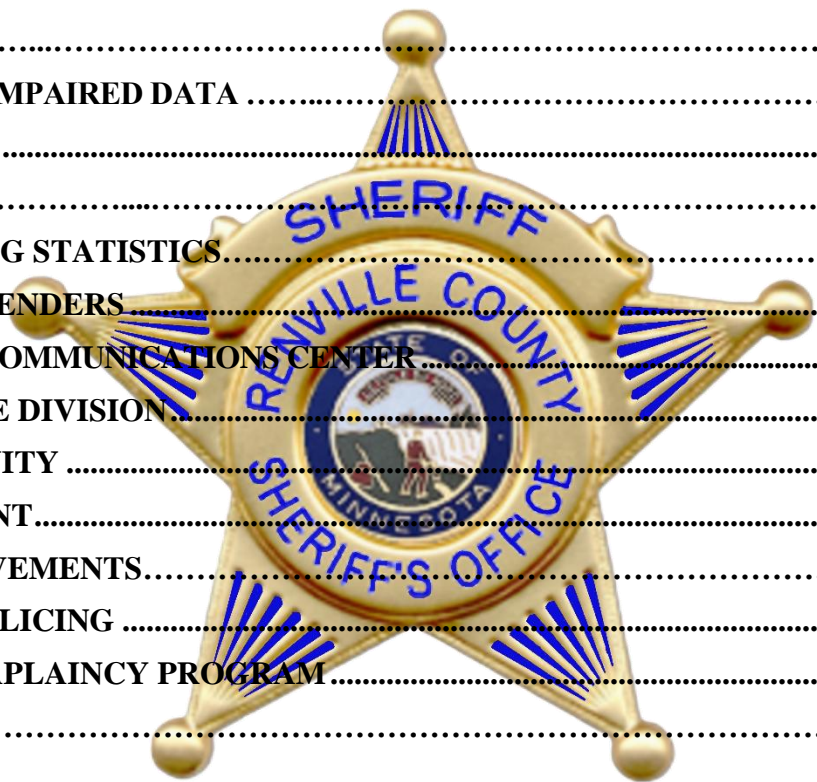
As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening partnerships, embracing innovation, and upholding the highest standards of public service. I am deeply grateful for the support of our residents, county leadership, and partner agencies. Your trust and cooperation allow us to carry out our mission effectively and responsibly. We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement as we move forward. It is my absolute honor and privilege to serve as your Sheriff, and we will continue working every day to try to exceed your expectations.

In service,

Sheriff Scott D. Hable
Renville County Sheriff's Office

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RENVILLE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF

Sheriff's Office

- (1) Sheriff
- (1) Chief Deputy
- (2) Patrol Sergeants
- (2) General Investigators
- (1) Fraud Prevention Investigator
- (1) Narcotics Agent
- (10) Patrol Deputies
- (5) Dispatchers
- (2) Admin Technicians
- (1) Chaplain



**Sheriff
Scott Hable**



**Chief Deputy
Jason Mathwig**

Jail Division

- (1) Jail Administrator
- (1) Asst Jail Administrator
- (4) Jail Sergeants
- (2) Community Re-Entry Specialists
- (16) Correctional Officers
- (1) Jail Admin Assistant



**Jail Administrator
Ned Wohlman**



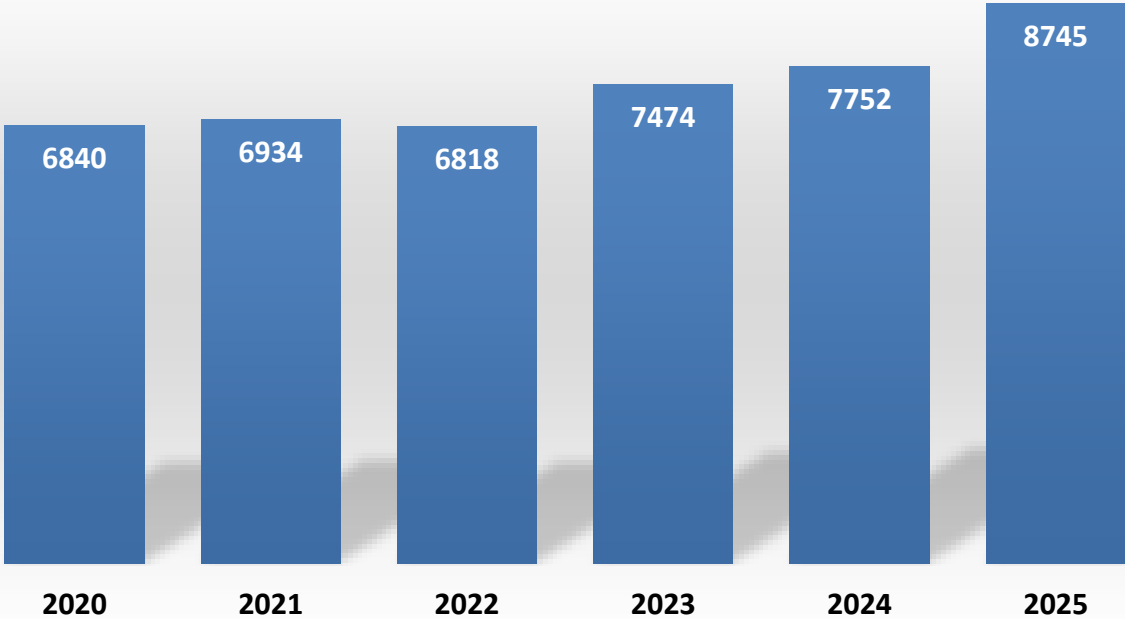
**Asst. Jail Administrator
Kali Steffel**

LEADERSHIP DIRECTION STATEMENT

The Renville County Sheriff's Office will create and maintain a team of highly trained, dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the citizens of Renville County. Through partnerships with other public safety entities, government organizations, private businesses, faith communities and the public, we will work to enhance the safety of people living in, working in, or traveling through our county. Using specialized skill sets, technology, and innovative thinking, we will strive for excellence and maximum efficiency resulting in fiscal responsibility across all divisions of the Sheriff's Office.



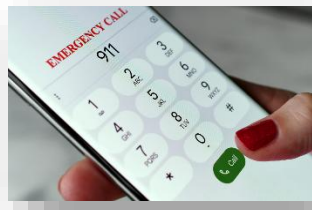
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE





Calls for Service By Type

1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025



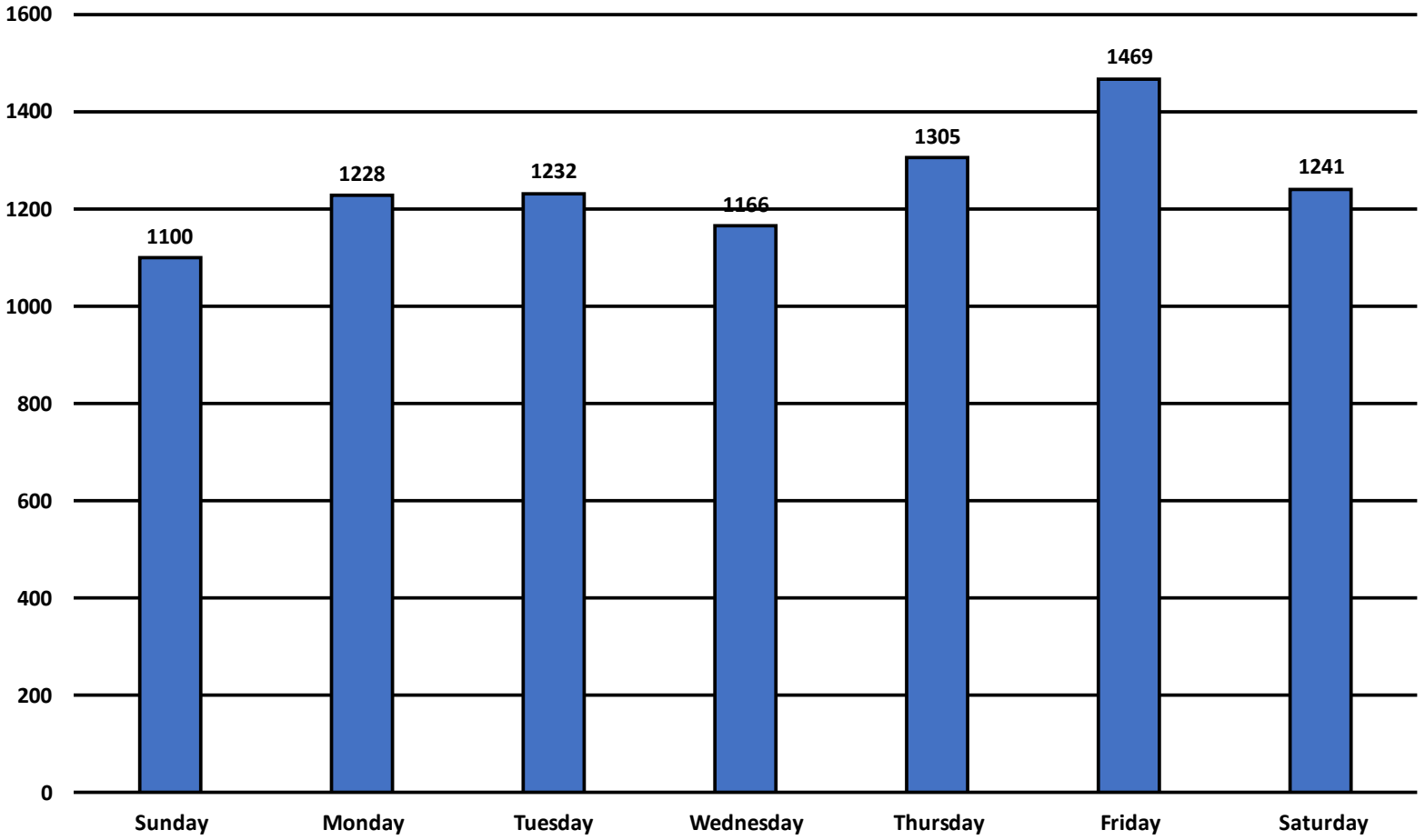
Type	2023	2024	2025
911 Hang Up	68	63	47
Accident	2	7	5
Agency Assist	505	460	503
Alarm	60	78	57
Alcohol Violations	9	9	9
Ambulance Call	423	381	576
Animal Bites	9	12	8
Animal Complaints	161	158	133
Arson		1	2
Assault	14	11	9
Assist	244	252	229
ATL	4	1	2
Background Check	187	239	194
Burglary	23	9	9
City Ordinance Violation	204	206	211
Civil	77	83	98
Community Policing Detail	91	96	174
Controlled Substances	40	34	25
Crash	157	153	180
Criminal Sexual Conduct	14	16	16
Criminal Vehicular Operation		3	
Death Investigation	7	8	3
Death Notification	1	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	3	4	6
Dispatch Assist	39	35	90
Disturbance/Fight	19	13	11
DNR Violations		11	6
Domestic/Family Dispute	55	58	61
Driving While Impaired	78	46	56
Escape From Custody	1		
False Info/Name To Officer	2	4	4
Fire	85	75	112
Firearms	10	7	8
Fireworks	8	6	6
Fraud	137	113	89
Harassment	40	26	30
Homicide	1		
Miscellaneous Crimes	8	3	2
Missing Person	10	10	7
Missing/Lost Property	9	7	7
Motorist Assist	373	299	391

Type	2023	2024	2025
Obscenity	5	6	7
Physical Assist	34	26	21
Predatory Offender	92	134	156
Property Damage	48	47	33
Property Found/Recovered	16	28	13
Public Nuisance	12	14	8
Pursuit	4	5	4
Recovered Stolen Property	4	2	2
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	6	4	4
Suicide/Attempt	13	8	10
Suspicious	198	176	167
Tax Evasion	1	1	2
Theft	39	34	30
Threats of Violence	15	8	9
Traffic	2463	2934	3362
Traffic Complaint	235	326	303
Transport	238	226	360
Trespass	20	11	16
Unattended Death	4	1	1
Vehicle Abandoned	61	39	69
Vehicle Theft	10	4	4
Violations	40	21	44
Warrant	201	186	166
Welfare	320	301	306
Grand Total	7474	7752	8745



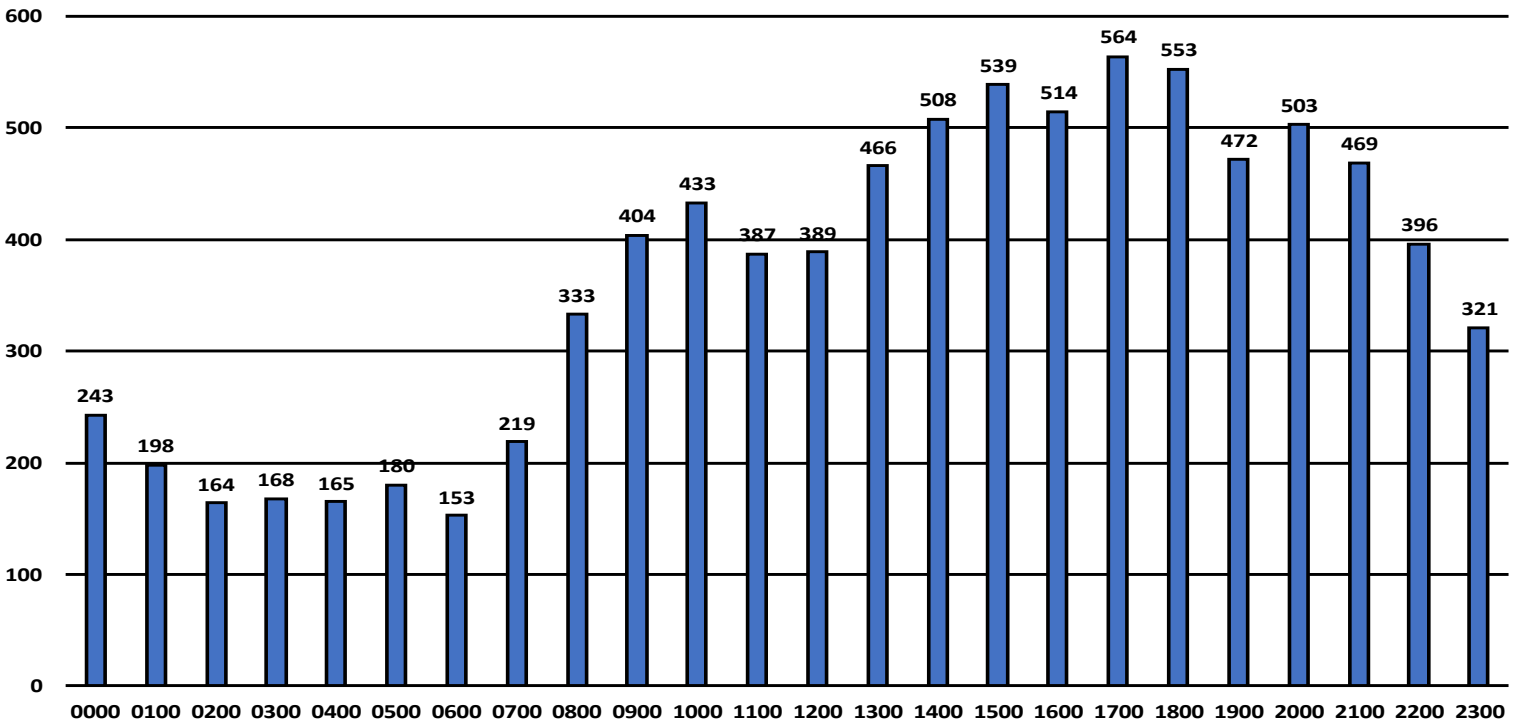
Calls for Service – Day of Week

01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025



Calls for Service – Time of Day

01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025



2025 CASE HIGHLIGHTS



January Reopened an investigation into the death of a 17-year-old female due to an overdose. Case is currently under review for potential 3rd degree murder charges.

April Talia Mosley- Extradition from Pennsylvania for \$136,000 fraud case. Defendant was previously extradited from Las Vegas, NV.



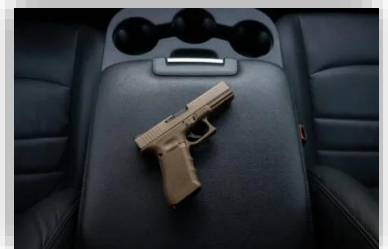
May Julian Valdez- Murder re-trial. Remanded for new trial by MN Court of Appeals; subsequently convicted again.

August Assisted a local police department with a criminal sexual conduct investigation involving multiple victims which led to the arrest of a 62-year-old male.



August A reported burglary at Oakdale Golf Club led RCSO investigators to identify three suspects. Their efforts resulted in the suspects' arrests and the resolution of 18 burglaries across 11 counties.

December 2nd Degree Assault- Gunshot; occurred at Southern MN Beet Sugar Cooperative. Resulted in the arrest of 27-year-old male; victim/girlfriend was shot in leg.



2025 CRIME STATISTICS



3362 Traffic Stops



364 Arrests



9 Burglary Reports

503 Agency Assists



73 DWI Incidents



629 Citations Issued



303 Traffic Complaints



16 Criminal Sexual Conducts



33 Property Damage Reports



89 Fraud Reports

4 Pursuits



25 Controlled Substance Incidents



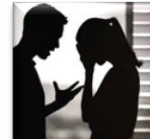
180 Crashes



57 Alarms



30 Theft Reports



61 Domestic Assaults



306 Welfare Calls



8 Animal Bites



2 Arsons

174 Community Policing Events



133 Animal Complaints



7 Missing Person Reports



4 Reported Vehicle Thefts

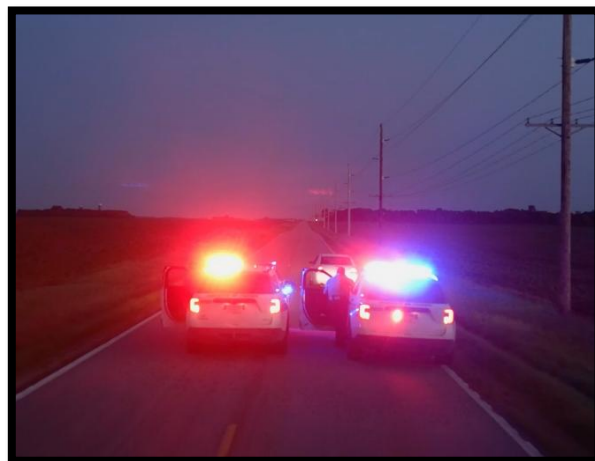


211 City Ordinance Violations



166 Warrant-Related Incidents

PATROL DIVISION



The Renville County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is the most visible and high-profile division within the Office, ensuring public safety across nearly 1,000 square miles in rural Minnesota. Patrol efforts are conducted not only in rural areas of Renville County but also in the four communities that contract law enforcement services from the Renville County Sheriff's Office—namely, the cities of Franklin, Morton, Bird Island, and Sacred Heart.

Deputies assigned to patrol are uniformed and operate fully-marked squad cars. Their responsibilities include responding to calls for service, enforcing laws and ordinances, serving civil papers, locating missing persons, supporting public safety partners, and engaging with the community through various outreach initiatives.

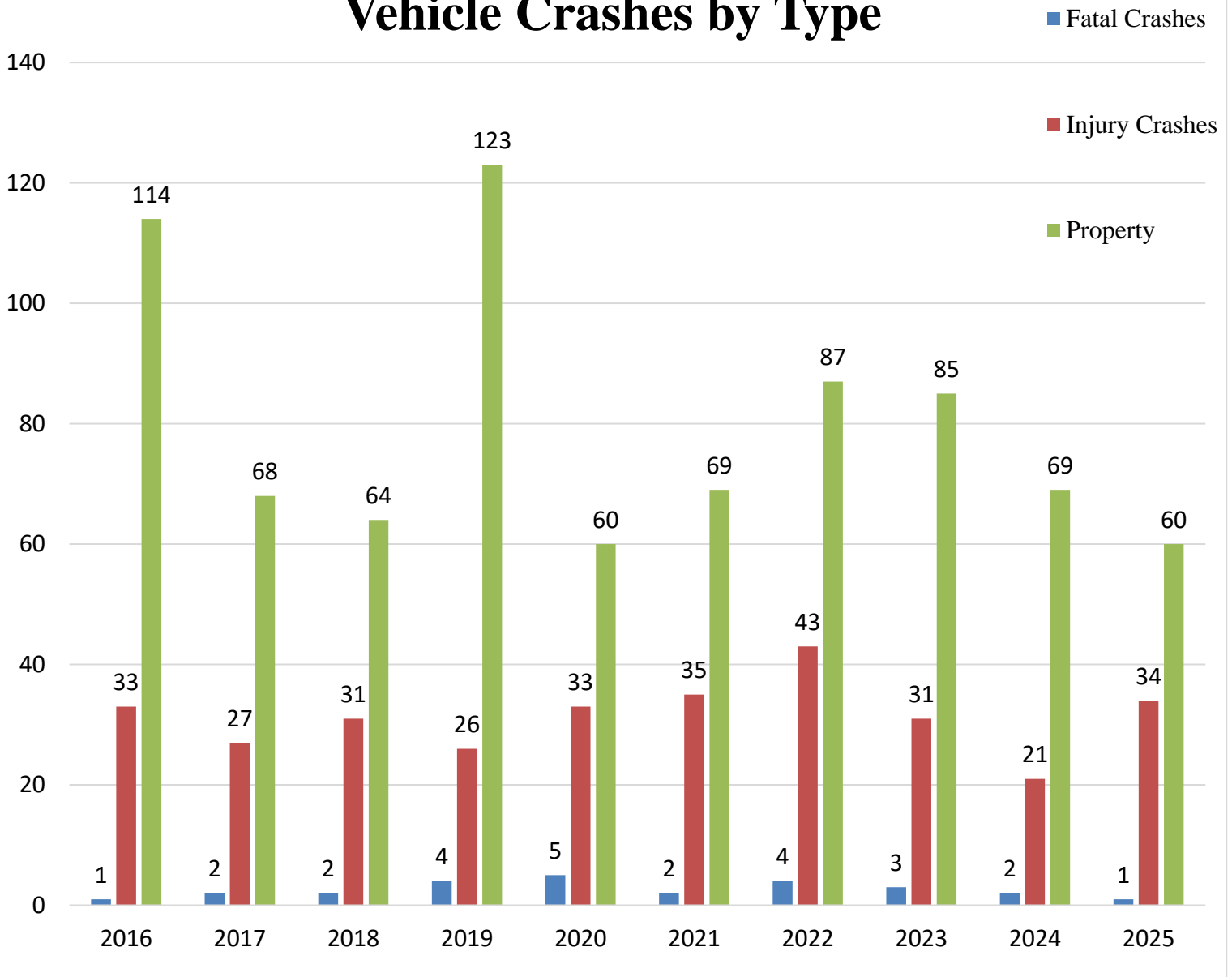
Patrol deputies are assigned to shifts on an annual basis. The office utilizes 10-, 11-, and 12-hour patrol shifts to ensure 24-hour police coverage. This approach minimizes response times and maximizes the protection provided to the citizens of Renville County.

The Patrol Division currently comprises 12 full-time deputies and one canine. Two of these deputies serve as Patrol Supervisors. The division is under the direction of these supervisors, who are responsible for ensuring the safety of emergency responders and maintaining a high standard of service to the residents of Renville County.

Two deputies from the patrol staff are assigned to court security. These deputies ensure the safety of court personnel and individuals involved in court proceedings. They divide their time between providing court security and delivering contracted police services to the communities served by the Renville County Sheriff's Office.

Several deputies also perform specialized functions for the Sheriff's Office. These include boat and water rescue (using side-scan sonar), participation in a specialized emergency response team, public crime prevention education, canine handling (narcotics detection and search), UAV (drone) operations, Project Lifesaver, responsible beverage server training, youth ATV, snowmobile, and firearm safety instruction, vehicle unlocking service, and serving as specialized instructors to help law enforcement partners meet state-mandated training requirements.

Vehicle Crashes by Type



2025 FATALITY:

- USTH 212 near CSAH 20 – 58-year-old male driver – Passenger Car vs. Semi-Tractor Trailer
- ✓ 85 Car Kill Deer (CKD)/Livestock crashes
- ✓ Increasing number of crash reports unfounded

DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

2025 Renville County DWI Arrests

- 116 DWI arrests
 - Renville Co Sheriff- 73
 - MN State Patrol- 6
 - Buffalo Lake PD- 3
 - Hector PD- 4
 - Olivia PD- 20
 - Renville PD- 5
 - Fairfax PD- 3
 - Neighboring Sheriff's Offices- 2

Crashes resulting in DWI arrests:	11
Highest BAC:	.36%
Most prior DWI offenses:	7 priors
Youngest DWI Arrest:	19
Oldest DWI:	76
Female Arrestees:	24
Male Arrestees:	92

2025 DWI Snapshot

- 26% of arrests occurred during daytime hours (6AM-8PM)
- 38% reported via crash, driving complaint, other criminal activity
- 45% under the influence of controlled substances (methamphetamine, cocaine, THC, other)

Highlights/Lowlights

- Highest recorded alcohol level was .36 at 6:22 PM
- Driver involved in two different crashes arrested at a .25 at 6:54 AM with a loaded pistol
- Driver arrested who tested positive for THC, methamphetamine, cocaine & MDMA at 7:57 AM



INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The investigative unit at the Renville County Sheriff's Office is split into three different segments.

- General Investigations
- Welfare Fraud Prevention
- Narcotics Investigations



General Investigations

The general investigative unit is comprised of two general investigators who handle a wide range of criminal cases; including but not limited to homicide, sexual assault, physical assault, financial crimes, theft, and burglary. They conduct thorough investigations of crimes against persons and property and collaborate closely with various law enforcement agencies, including local departments within Renville County, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), federal partners, and other regional law enforcement entities.

The Criminal Investigative Unit also plays an integral role in the Renville County adult and child protection multidisciplinary teams. These teams consist of representatives from the Renville County Sheriff's Office, Renville County Attorney's Office, Renville County Human Services, Renville County Public Health, and other local law enforcement agencies. The unit is responsible for follow-up investigations stemming from reports received through these collaborative efforts.

Additionally, Renville County Investigators are active members of the Minnesota BCA Financial Crimes Task Force and the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Renville County's Investigative Unit Statistics: General Investigations



Drafted 245 Search Warrants



Supported Renville County Child Protection in the screening of 114 Child Protection reports

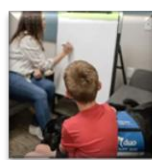
Conducted 182 Forensic Cellular Phone Examinations



Supported Renville County Adult Protection in the screening of 64 Adult Abuse Reports



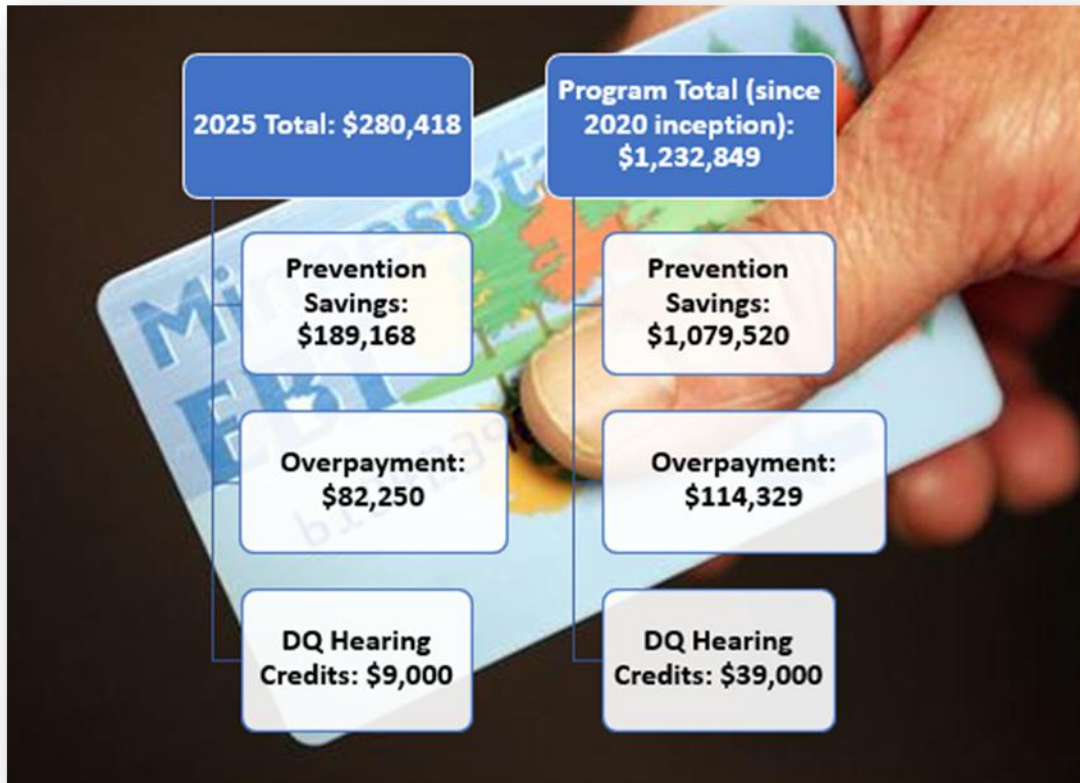
Investigated 8 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Referrals



Aided in the Forensic Interview of 29 Children

Welfare Fraud Prevention

The Renville County Sheriff's Office has a deputy specifically assigned to investigate welfare fraud. This position is funded through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The deputy works closely with social workers to review benefit applications, ensuring accuracy and identifying any potential discrepancies or fraudulent information. The ultimate goal of this unit is to ensure that public assistance benefits are directed to residents who genuinely need and qualify for support.



Narcotics Investigations

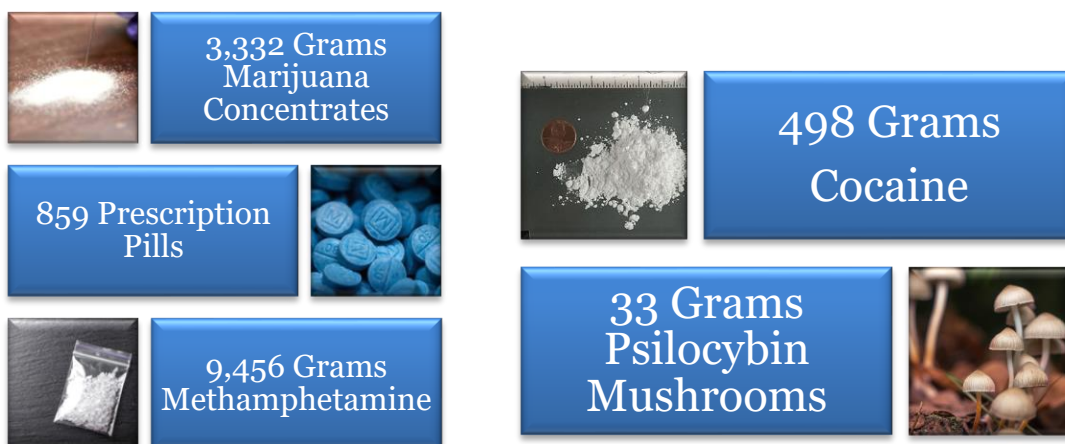
The Renville County Sheriff's Office is a member of the regional drug task force serving the communities of Brown, Lyon, Redwood, and Renville (BLRR) Counties. The BLRR Drug Task Force is funded through a combination of taxpayer dollars and grant funding. The Renville County Sheriff's Office has one agent assigned to the task force.

The task force focuses on collaborative efforts with local law enforcement, as well as state and federal partners, to investigate mid-to upper-level drug dealers who distribute controlled substances such as methamphetamine and fentanyl in our communities. While fentanyl-related incidents continue to rise, methamphetamine remains the most frequently encountered drug in our investigations.

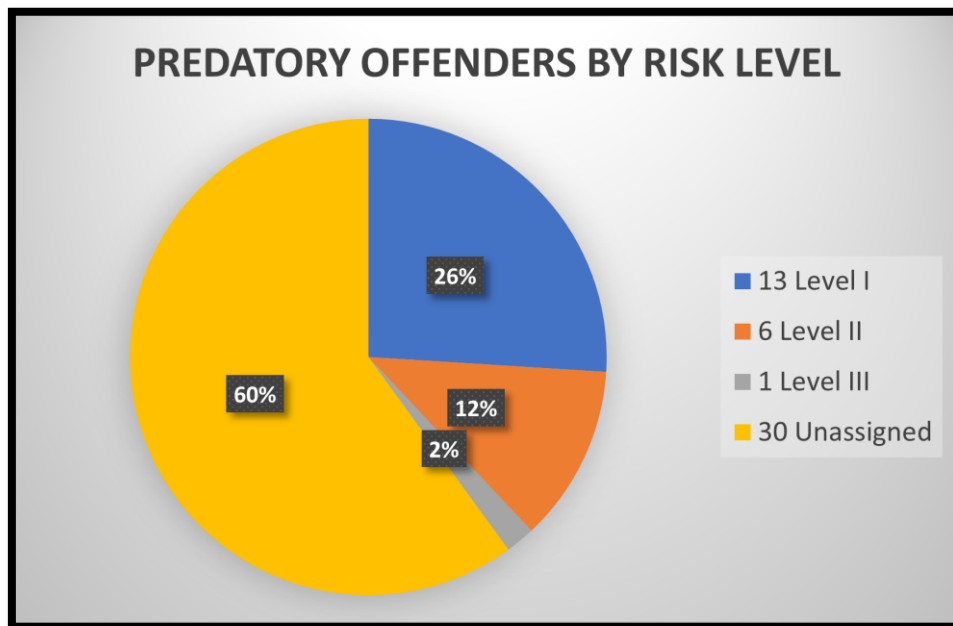
BLRR Drug Task Force Statistics (Entire Coverage Area)



Narcotics Seized in 2025



PREDATORY OFFENDERS



- **Offenders Living (primary address) in Renville County: 50**
- **Additional Offenders Working in Renville County: 24**
- **Additional Offenders with a Secondary Address in Renville County: 33**
- **Non-Compliant Offenders: 1**

- **Definition:**
 - A predatory offender is generally defined as an individual who has been convicted of certain violent sex crimes, kidnapping, or other designated offenses.
- **Registration Requirements:**
 - Many states have laws requiring predatory offenders to register with law enforcement, providing authorities with information about their whereabouts and ensuring compliance with specific restrictions.
- **Community Notification:**
 - In some jurisdictions, community notification laws allow law enforcement to share information about the whereabouts of predatory offenders with the community, aiming to alert people to potential risks. In Minnesota, community notification only occurs for Risk Level III offenders.
- **Risk Assessment:**
 - Predatory offender designations are often based on risk assessments that evaluate the likelihood of an individual reoffending and the potential for violence.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Renville County Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first point of contact in an emergency, providing support to the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are trained to handle both emergency and non-emergency calls and to coordinate radio communications for law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, and other public safety partners.

What Public Safety Telecommunicators Do

Public Safety Telecommunicators manage a wide range of responsibilities that directly impact the safety of residents and first responders. Their work includes:

- Answering all 911 and non-emergency calls and gathering critical information quickly and accurately.
- Coordinating police, fire, and medical responders and guiding them with real-time updates.
- Using advanced mapping and location tools to help find missing persons, track callers who cannot speak, and locate vehicle crashes when a car's emergency system automatically calls 911.
- Monitoring multiple radio channels to ensure responders have the information they need to stay safe.
- Managing essential data, including confirming warrants, entering and clearing information in national databases, and sending teletypes to other agencies.
- Serving as the initial incident coordinator until responders arrive on scene, helping organize resources and support based on the situation.

Training and Expertise

New Public Safety Telecommunicators complete several months of hands-on training to learn the systems, procedures, and decision-making skills required for this fast-paced role. Their ability to stay calm, think clearly, and multitask under pressure is essential to effective emergency response.

A Critical Part of Public Safety

Renville County's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is one of the busiest areas in the organization. Public Safety Telecommunicators often handle multiple calls, radio traffic, and data systems at once—all while maintaining accuracy and composure. Their work ensures that help reaches the community as quickly and safely as possible.

The Thin Gold Line



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



At the Renville County Sheriff's Office, our Administrative Technicians play an essential role in keeping daily operations organized, accurate, and responsive to the needs of both law enforcement and the public. With a balance of technical skill and professionalism, they manage a wide range of responsibilities that ensure the office runs smoothly and efficiently.

From preparing and maintaining legal documents, reports, and case files to accurately entering data and organizing records, their attention to detail is critical. They are entrusted with managing sensitive and confidential information, responding to records requests in compliance with state and federal law, and handling the filing and retrieval of materials with discretion and care.

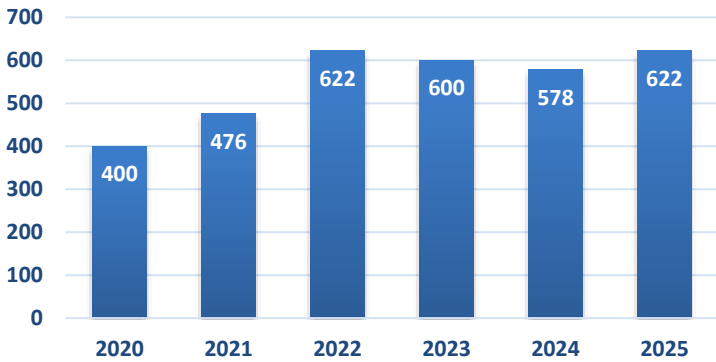
Our Administrative Technicians are also a primary point of contact for the community. They provide information, answer inquiries, and assist with services such as gun permits, data requests, civil process and general administrative requests. Their customer service skills, paired with their knowledge of law enforcement systems, make them a reliable and approachable resource for both the public and our staff.

In addition, they support the broader operations of the Sheriff's Office by assisting with purchasing, inventory management, and budget tracking. They prepare reports for case submission, enter warrants, and process civil documents - all of which contribute to the effectiveness of our deputies in the field.

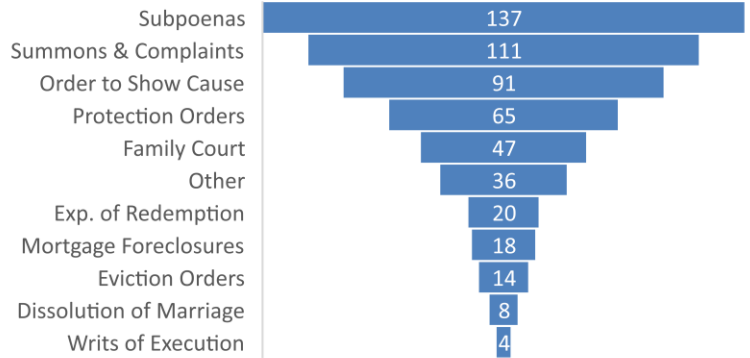
Proficient in specialized law enforcement software systems such as CAD (Computer-Aided Dispatch) and RMS (Records Management System), as well as standard office applications, they bring technical expertise that is indispensable to our operations. Above all, their accuracy, professionalism, and commitment to confidentiality allow our office to serve the community with trust and efficiency.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION: CIVIL PROCESS

CIVIL SERVICE REQUESTS BY YEAR

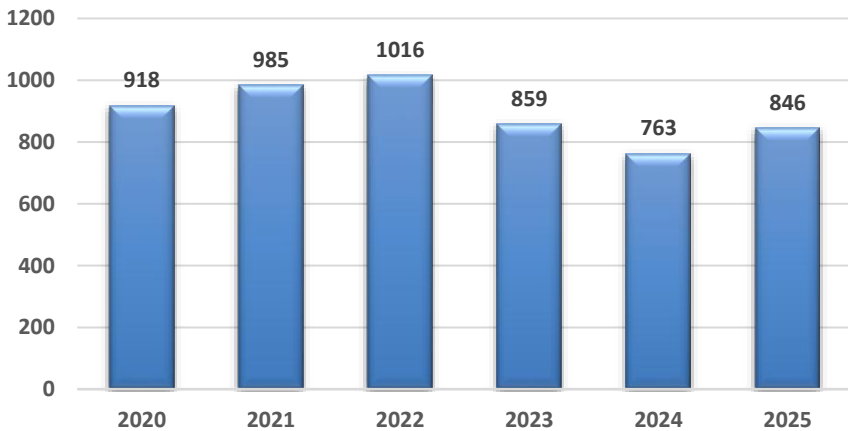


2025 CIVIL FILE TYPES

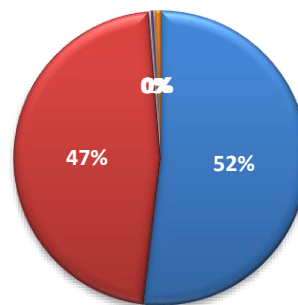


ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION: EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT

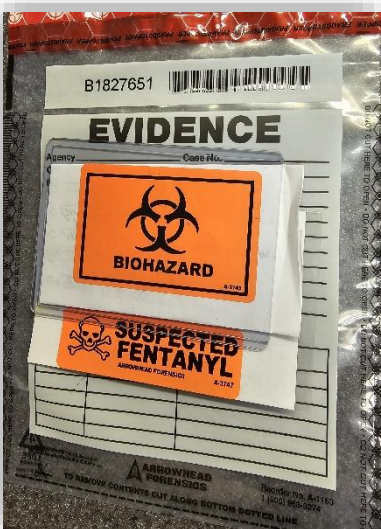
PIECES OF EVIDENCE ENTERED BY YEAR



2025 DRUGS ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE (GRAMS)



- 4264g Methamphetamine
- 3844g Marijuana
- 19 THC Vapes
- 23 Pills (not weighed, quantity)
- 9g Marijuana Wax
- 55 Gummies/Edibles (quantity)



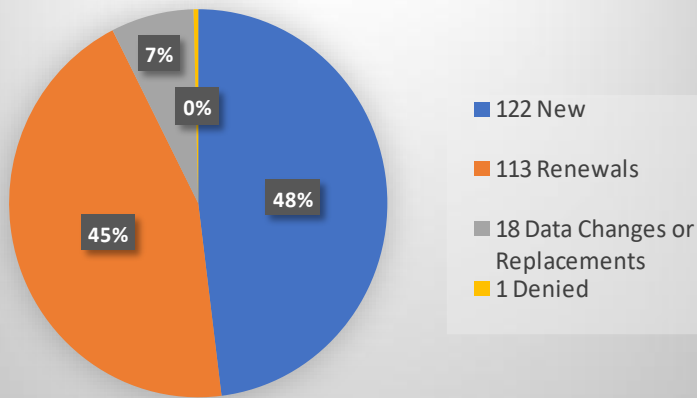
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION: GUN PERMITS



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[Download Permit to Carry Application](#)

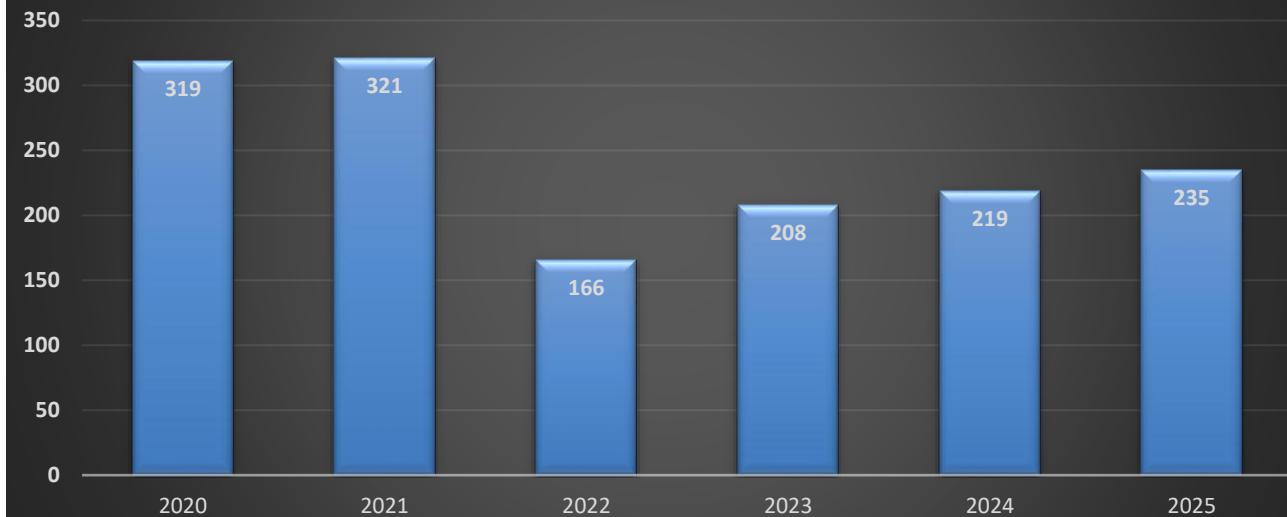
2025 PERMIT TO CARRY APPLICATIONS



235 Permit to Carry Applications Processed in 2025

- Issued for any qualifying resident in Renville County.
- Must apply in person and have a certificate of completion from an approved hands-on gun safety class in MN.
- Must successfully pass criminal history background check.
- Permits are valid for five years and double as a permit to purchase a firearm.

NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED BY YEAR



ARREST WARRANT ACTIVITY



New Warrants Entered in 2025

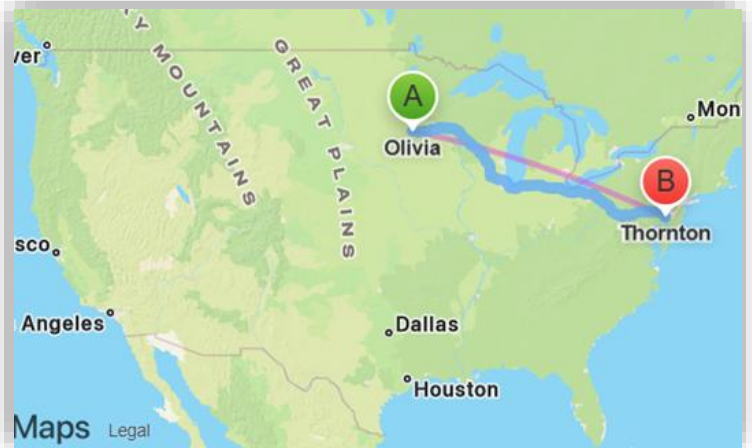
Felony	64
Gross Misdemeanor	38
Misdemeanor	68
Petty Misdemeanor	0
Sign and Release Warrants	5
Total	175

Cleared/Recalled Warrants: 137

Prisoner Transports: 328

(Includes some contracted/boarded inmates from other agencies.)

Furthest Prisoner Transport: Talia Mosely from Thornton, PA for felony fraud charges, totaling over \$136,000 in victim loss.



FLEET/EQUIPMENT



- 13 SUV's
- Oldest Squad in Fleet: 2014
- Renville County deputies have take-home squad cars. To overcome a relatively small staff size, this improves response times in extraordinary emergencies and also offers a unique incentive to our sworn staff.



- 5 Police Chevrolet Pickup Trucks
- Implemented as an alternative option to keep our deputies safe and in more versatile and up-to-date equipment.
- The addition of the trucks offer expanded mobility in difficult Minnesota weather conditions in our rural area.



- RCSO is prepared for water/river rescues with two boats in our fleet.
- This equipment is purchased with grant funding offered through the State of Minnesota.



- Additional Equipment:
- 5 ATVs
- 2 Snowmobiles
- 5 Trailers
- 1 Command Bus
- 1 MRAP Armored Vehicle
- 1 Speed Display Trailer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



Through a State of Minnesota “Safe Roads Zone” grant, the Sheriff’s Office was able to purchase a speed display trailer and first deployed it during the summer of 2025. This device uses radar technology to display motorists’ speeds in real time, encouraging voluntary compliance with posted speed limits. The speed trailer can be deployed throughout the county in areas where speeding complaints or safety concerns have been reported. In addition to promoting safer driving behavior, the trailer also collects valuable traffic data that helps guide future enforcement and traffic safety efforts.

In 2025, we implemented the Motorola VESTA 911-call-handling management system in our dispatch center, a significant upgrade that strengthens the way we serve the community in Renville County. This technology improves how 911 emergency and non-emergency calls are received, processed, and managed by our dispatch staff, allowing them to handle calls more efficiently and with greater reliability. By modernizing our call-handling capabilities, we are better equipped to route information quickly to responding deputies, fire, and EMS personnel. We believe this investment enhances the level of service we provide to the public while supporting our public safety telecommunicators with the tools they need to respond effectively during critical moments.

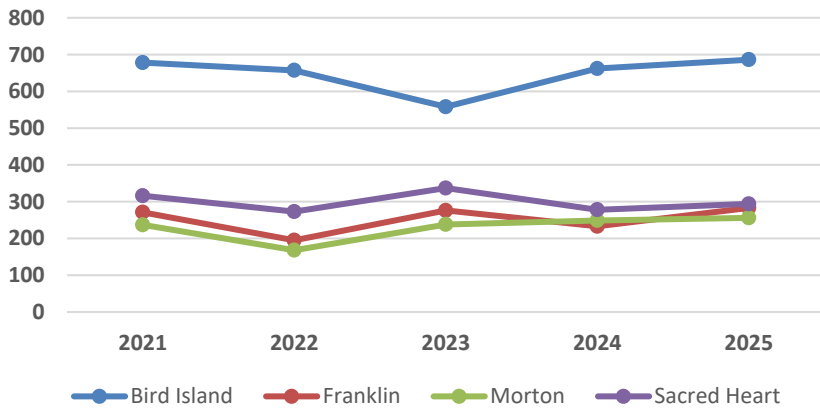


In 2025, we enhanced our traffic safety efforts with the addition of two dynamic speed signs to help increase driver awareness on Renville County Road 4. These signs, which were purchased through a State of Minnesota “Safe Roads Zone” grant, provide real-time feedback to motorists by displaying their current speed, encouraging drivers to slow down and be more mindful of posted limits. We believe visible reminders like these are an effective way to promote safer driving habits and prevent dangerous speeding before enforcement becomes necessary. These signs are meant to proactively address traffic safety issues, reduce risks for residents and visitors, and continue our commitment to improving public safety.

CONTRACTED POLICING



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CITY & YEAR



Morton: 20 hours/week

2025 CUMULATIVE TOTALS

TOTAL CALLS: 256
 AVG/WK CALLS: 4.92
 CUM. AVG/WK HOURS: 20.37

Franklin: 20 hours/week

2025 CUMULATIVE TOTALS

TOTAL CALLS: 283
 AVG/WK CALLS: 5.44
 CUM. AVG/WK HOURS: 21.16

Sacred Heart: 20 hours/week

2025 CUMULATIVE TOTALS

TOTAL CALLS: 294
 AVG/WK CALLS: 5.65
 CUM. AVG/WK HOURS: 21.24

Bird Island: 60 hours/week

2025 CUMULATIVE TOTALS

TOTAL CALLS: 686
 AVG/WK CALLS: 13.19
 CUM. AVG/WK HOURS: 61.60

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM



The Renville County Sheriff's Office proudly maintains a volunteer chaplaincy program dedicated to supporting the emotional and spiritual well-being of its personnel and the community.

Pastor Matt Hausken serves as a vital resource within this program, offering compassionate care, moral guidance, and crisis intervention in a wide range of circumstances encountered by both law enforcement officers and civilians.

Operating in a non-denominational and inclusive capacity, Chaplain Hausken brings a solid background in Christian Ministry and a calming, steady presence to the often high-stress and unpredictable environment of police work. His approach is grounded in faith, integrity, and service—while remaining respectful of diverse beliefs and backgrounds. He is committed to walking alongside officers and staff, providing a confidential, trusted, and empathetic presence during times of personal, professional, or spiritual need.

Chaplain Hausken's responsibilities include offering one-on-one emotional and spiritual support, responding to crisis and trauma situations, assisting with death notifications, and providing comfort during critical incidents. He also leads prayers and reflections at ceremonial events, strengthens community relations, and supports officers in navigating the ethical and emotional challenges of their profession. Always on call and ready to serve, he remains a steadfast source of strength, compassion, and support for those who protect and serve.



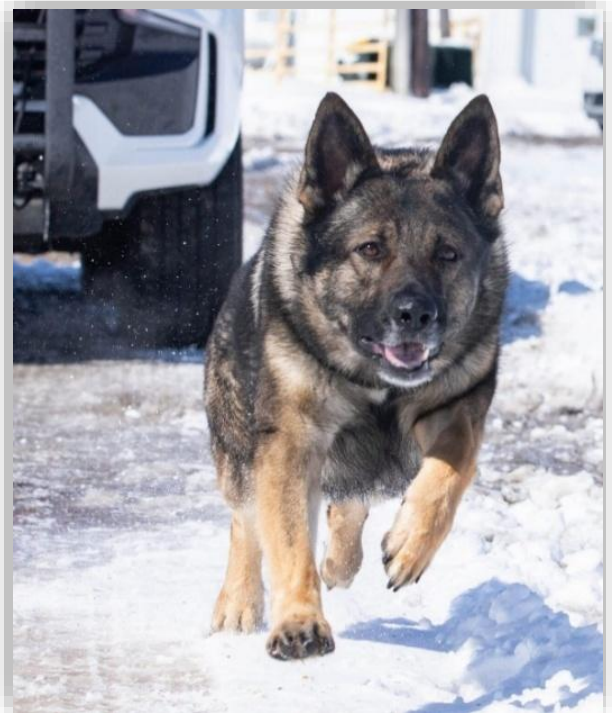
K-9 MAVERICK



2025 Stats

- 12 deployments
 - 2 public demos
 - 3 tracking
 - 1 building search
 - 6 controlled substance deployments
- Drugs seized by type
 - 4.42 grams of methamphetamine
 - 931 grams of liquid meth
- 111 training hours, to include:
 - 87 drug detections and 73 patrol-type exercises

- Maverick, the Renville County Sheriff's Office K-9, joined the team in 2022.
- Deputy Luke Jacques is Maverick's handler.
- Maverick is a German Shepherd who came to us from Poland!
- Maverick's name was the result of a popular vote by residents living in various skilled nursing, assisted living and other senior living facilities within Renville County.



UAV ACTIVITY

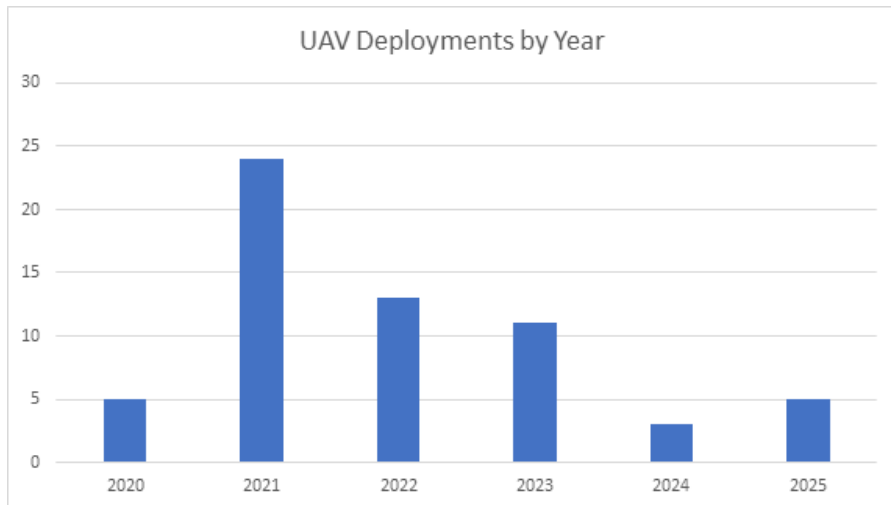
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, or drones, are one of many tools used to:

- Keep the people we serve safe
- Locate lost or missing persons
- Locate dangerous suspects
- Assist fire departments in preserving life/property
- Keep our deputies safe
- Maximize efficiency of operations



2025 UAV Deployments

AGN	ICR	Title	Reported Date	Sub Type	Badge ID	
RCSO	25000494	Missing Person	1/28/2025	Adult	UAV	An endangered person who was later found and assessed by medical.
RCSO	25001097	Burglary	3/2/2025	Residential	UAV	Documentation of a crime scene.
RCSO	25004929	Assist	7/26/2025	Other Agency	UAV	Assistant with searching for an edangered missing person. Subject later found.
RCSO	25006063	Pursuit	9/9/2025	Motor Vehicle	UAV	Assisted in locating two subjects who fled from a motor vehicle after a traffic stop.
RCSO	25006232	Information	9/14/2025	None Selected	UAV	Report of a body in the river. Upon search with UAV, it was determined to not be a body.



BROWN LYON REDWOOD RENVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT



The Renville County Sheriff’s Office is a member of a multi-agency emergency response team, or unit (ERU). Much similar to the drug task force, agencies within Brown, Lyon, Renville and Redwood Counties have officers and deputies assigned to this unit. The primary mission of the BLRR ERU Team is the preservation of life. The ERU team is trained and equipped to respond to high-risk situations that exceed the capabilities of standard law enforcement units. These situations may include armed or barricaded subjects, hostage rescues, high-risk warrant service, active shooter incidents, and other critical events that present a significant threat to public safety.

The BLRR ERU team members use specialized tactics, equipment, and training to resolve incidents safely and effectively, with a strong emphasis on minimizing harm to all individuals involved—civilians, suspects, and law enforcement personnel. By bringing a disciplined, controlled, and strategic response to dangerous situations, the ERU team plays a vital role in protecting the community and supporting law enforcement agencies throughout the region.



Renville County Sheriff’s Office supported the mission of this organization in 2025 by providing equipment and staffing that included two operators, one negotiator, and our K-9.

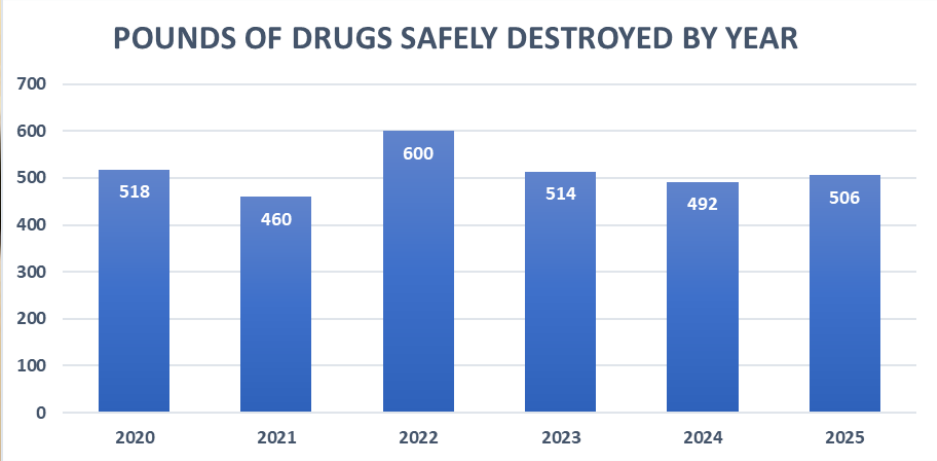
(5) ERU Team activations in 2025

- (1) New Ulm, MN – 01/10/2025 – Team activation for homicide suspect. Search and arrest warrant for individual who had committed a homicide in Blue Earth County. Suspect lived in New Ulm. Team was briefed and executed warrant on residence and garage. Suspect was located inside a vehicle in the garage with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The suspect was transported to the hospital, but later died from his injuries.
- (2) Marshall, MN – 2/27/2025 – Team activation in Marshall for an individual with a warrant. The male suspect had a 3rd degree assault warrant and had been posting photos of himself with guns on social media. The team arrived on-scene and began announcing commands over the loud speaker. The male suspect surrendered a short while later and was taken into custody without incident.
- (3) Olivia, MN – 5/14/2025 – Team activation for an individual who had threatened to injure another person with a gun and knife in the City of Olivia. The individual was located within a residence and was non-compliant. Agents utilized a 40MM less lethal impact round and gas to take subject into custody. Suspect was assessed by ambulance staff and treated for minor injuries.
- (4) Green Isle, MN – 6/15/2025 – Team was requested by a state agency to assist in the manhunt for a suspect wanted in connection with the assassination/assassination attempt of two state legislators. Commander and Team Leaders arrived on scene to start briefing when suspect was taken into custody by other teams.
- (5) Nicollet County, MN – 11/2/2025- Team activation for assistance to River Valley SWAT Team on a homicide suspect in Brown County. Suspect had shot and killed two individuals in Brown County and was living in Nicollet County. Search and arrest warrants were obtained for the residence and the suspect. Suspect was later found in Iowa and was taken into custody after shooting at law enforcement and fleeing in a motor vehicle.



DRUG TAKE BACK

In 2025, we safely destroyed a total of 506 lbs.



Currently, we have drop-off bins at these locations:

- Renville County Office Building - Olivia
- City of Bird Island – City Hall
- City of Morton – City Hall
- City of Renville – Police Department
- City of Fairfax – City Hall



CODERED COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

When seconds count, you can count on Code**RED**!

CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents within Renville County that will notify you of emergency information through phone calls, text messages, emails and social media. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety. As a local resident, Renville County encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business.

You will receive notifications on:

- Missing Children
- Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Evacuation Notices
- Travel Emergencies
- Public Health Crisis
- Criminal Activity



For purposes of programming known numbers into your phone, in the event that a CodeRED notification is sent by the Renville County Sheriff's Office, the numbers shown on your caller ID will be:

TO ENROLL:

Text
"RENVILLE"
To
36475

- **Emergency Notification:**
 - [866-419-5000](tel:866-419-5000)
- **General Notification:**
 - [855-969-4636](tel:855-969-4636)

Following a CodeRED Notification, these numbers can be called back. Callers will hear the last notification message issued.

PROJECT LIFESAVER



The task of searching for wandering or lost individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, autism, Down syndrome, dementia, or other cognitive conditions is a growing and serious responsibility. Without effective procedures and equipment, searches can involve multiple agencies, hundreds of searchers, countless man hours and thousands of dollars. More importantly, because time is of the essence, every minute lost increases the risk of a tragic outcome.

How It Works:

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds with specialized equipment to the wanderer’s area. The Project Lifesaver equipment is used to find the location of the personal transmitter. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes — 95% less time than standard operations.

How Do I Enroll?

- Visit [Project Lifesaver’s website](#).
 - Submit a [contact us form](#) titled “Options to Enroll my Loved One” & request an enrollment packet.”
- Complete all forms in the packet and return it to:
 - Project Lifesaver International, 815 Battlefield Blvd. South, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322
- Local PLI Agency will be notified for approval.
- Transmitter, tester, batteries, bands and instructions will be shipped.
- Client information will be supplied to the Sheriff’s Office.

Once enrolled, a Renville County Sheriff’s Deputy will come to your home, visit with the enrollee and fit them with the transmitter bracelet. About every six months thereafter, subsequent visits will be made to replace batteries in the transmitter.

GRANT ACTIVITY

The Renville County Sheriff's Office participates in several grant programs that promote public safety through the procurement of equipment while reducing costs for taxpayers.

These grants include:

- Toward Zero Deaths (TZD)
- Safe Road Zones (SRZ)
- ATV/UTV
- Snowmobile
- Boat Safety Grants



Through these programs, the sheriff's office has increased patrol efforts on local roadways to encourage safe driving habits, purchased equipment such as an ATV to support youth education, and acquired safety gear for emergency responders.



RCSO 2025 Grant Snapshot

Grant Hours worked	613.3
Total Stops	751
Seatbelt Citations	5
Speed Citations	55
Unlicensed Driver Citations	24
DWI Arrests	6
Other Arrests	7
Total Warnings	637

2025 Speed Trailer Data

- First used July 4, 2025
- Deployed a total of 102 days in 2025
- Estimated 50,000 roadside views
- Utilized on county highways during special events, harvest season, construction zones.



YOUTH SAFETY EDUCATION

ATV SAFETY CLASSES: 14 PARTICIPANTS



YOUTH FIREARM SAFETY CLASSES: 33 PARTICIPANTS



BIRCH COULEE COUNTY PARK DAY: 129 YOUTH





LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT

During the 2025 legislative session, Sheriff Hable testified in various committees in both the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives regarding bills that would expand the use of law enforcement Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). During the hearings, on behalf of the Minnesota Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Hable voiced his support for expanding the use of drones by law enforcement, emphasizing their importance in, among other things, searching for missing persons and documenting evidence in outdoor crime scenes. Sheriff Hable's testimony also advocated for allowed flight over private property with consent of the property owner for UAV pilot training and public relations purposes. Sheriff Hable's position was that drones can be deployed quickly, provide better visibility, and improve safety for both officers and the public, while also being more cost-effective than helicopters or other means. Sheriff Hable stressed that expanding drone use in missing persons cases would strengthen search efforts and positively affect overall public safety.

Ultimately, the UAV bills were passed out of committees in both chambers and made their way to the House and Senate floors. Both bodies passed the UAV bills, which were later signed by the Governor and became law.

On June 25, 2025, Sheriff Hable led a statewide press conference at the State Capitol. The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the Minnesota County Attorneys' Association, took a firm stance against the criminalization of mental illness. Their message emphasized that Minnesota sheriffs are increasingly being forced to detain individuals with severe mental illness in jails, even when no criminal charges have been filed. In many cases, judges have determined that these individuals are not competent to proceed through the legal system, underscoring that they need treatment rather than incarceration. However, jails are not equipped to function as mental health facilities, and confinement often worsens these individuals' conditions. Although Minnesota law required that such individuals be transferred to appropriate treatment facilities within 48 hours, many remain in jail for weeks, months, or even years. This situation creates serious health and safety concerns, not only for those experiencing mental illness but also for jail staff, who are frequently subjected to assaults and other violence. Sheriffs have been advocating for improvements to the state's mental health system for more than 18 years, stressing the urgent need for additional treatment beds. They argue that promised funding must be delivered and that expanding mental health treatment capacity must become a top priority. Without the necessary infrastructure, policy or rule changes will have little impact. Ultimately, the speakers at the press conference called on the legislature to pass a bonding bill including funding to expand the state's capacity to treat the mentally ill.

Later in the week, the legislature passed a bonding bill, which included \$55 million to expand capacity at the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center.



 **Sheriff Scott Hable**
Renville County, Minnesota Sheriffs' Association
SF 1524
Provision expanding the permitted uses of unmanned aerial vehicles by law enforcement

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training is a cornerstone of effective law enforcement. For the Renville County Sheriff's Office, it ensures deputies and support staff are prepared to handle a wide range of responsibilities with professionalism, safety, and integrity.

In Minnesota, peace officers must complete 48 hours of continuing education every three years to maintain their licenses, including 16 hours in Mandatory Learning Objectives set by the POST Board. These include training in crisis intervention, autism, conflict management, cultural diversity, and implicit bias. Officers must also complete annual use of force and firearms training, emergency vehicle operations training every five years, and, starting in 2024, complete training on crimes motivated by bias. We also look to enhance officer wellness by offering specialized training in 2027. Failure to meet these requirements may result in license expiration, and both officers and agencies are required to maintain documentation. Beyond these mandates, many of the staff members at the Renville County Sheriff's Office pursue advanced training in areas such as: crisis negotiation, trauma-informed care, advanced forensics, leadership, and community policing. This additional training strengthens their skills and enhances their commitment to public safety, professionalism, and community trust.

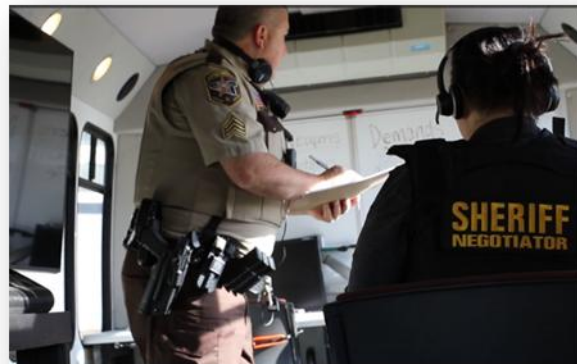
Sworn Officers Training

- 17 full-time & 1 part-time deputy
- 757 hours of recorded training



Admin Technicians Training

- 2 full-time Administrative Technicians
- 51 hours of recorded training



Telecommunicators Training

- 5 full-time & 3 part-time telecommunicators
- 288 hours of recorded training

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITY



Community Education

- Drug Presentations
- Fraud Prevention Classes
- K-9 Demonstrations/Visits
- Responsible Beverage Server Training
- Reading to Elementary Students
- Youth ATV/Firearms/Snowmobile Safety
- Career Fairs
- Township Annual Meetings
- Driver's Education Presentations

City Celebrations & Events

- Franklin Catfish Derby Days
- Island Days
- Sacred Heart SummerFest
- Morton's 4th of July Celebration
- Renville County Walk in the Park
- Renville County Fair
- Parade & Trick or Treating Events

Ribfest 2025- RCSO Walks Away Victorious with Best Booth!

- Served more than 1200 community members
- Proceeds from tickets sales and awards go towards a non-profit entity to benefit our community and Sheriff's Office initiatives.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITY CONT.

4th Annual Sheriff's Office Food Drive



- Elementary students collected 6,687 pounds of food for the Renville County Food Shelf
- Community churches collectively raised \$8,696.62 in monetary funds for the food shelf
- Winning classrooms at each elementary school received a donut party with the deputies, while the winning church was served donuts and coffee by the sheriff's office following worship service.

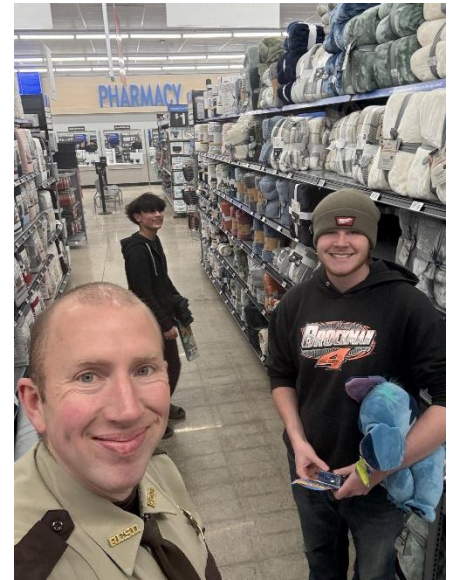


COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITY CONT.



3rd Annual Shop with a Cop

- Through generous donations from our friends at Glacial Lakes FOP Lodge 23, RCSO was able to partner with Renville County Human Services to identify and serve several families in our community.
- Deputies helped the children and families pick out gifts at the Redwood Falls Walmart.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITY CONT.



AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS



Deputy Luke Jacques Retires from BLRR Swat Team

- After 10 years of distinguished service with the Brown Lyon Redwood Renville (BLRR) Emergency Response Unit (SWAT Team), Deputy Jacques officially retired from the team.
- Alongside him through much of that journey were his loyal K9 Partners, Duke and Maverick, who served faithfully by his side. Together, they helped form an exceptional team, always ready to answer the call and protect those in need.

2025 Minnesota Sheriff's Association Correctional Nurse of the Year

- Renville County Jail's Nurse, Heidi Blokzyl, RN, received the Correctional Nurse of the Year Award at the Annual MSA Conference in September.



2025 Employee Service Awards

5 years- Deputy Derek Koenen, 10 years- Dispatcher Abby Krippner

15 years- Administrative Tech Stephanie Malvin, 30 years- Sheriff Scott Hable

