

Redwood County Sheriff's Office

Annual Activity Report



2017

Redwood County Sheriff's Office

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office consists of 13 sworn personnel serving a population of approximately 16,059 people and covering 882 square miles. There are multiple police departments located within the county consisting of the Redwood Falls Police Department, Lower Sioux Police Department, Morgan Police Department, Lamberton Police Department, and Walnut Grove Police Department. The sheriff's office also provides contract law enforcement services to the city of Wabasso. The city of Sanborn did not renew contract services for 2018.

The sheriff's office is responsible for a number of civil/law enforcement tasks including but not limited to: civil process, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, jail transports, court security, court ordered civil transports, search/rescue and body recovery. The sheriff's office also maintains a 24/7 dispatch center and 21 bed jail.

This report is not all inclusive but rather a summary of the Redwood County Sheriff's Office community involvement and enforcement activity.



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303 E 3rd St
Redwood Falls, MN 56283**

Emergency Number: 911
Non-Emergency Dispatch: 507-637-4036

Website: <https://redwoodcounty-mn.us/departments/sheriffs-department/>

Calls for Service

Description	2017	2016	2015	2014
911 Hang up	10	11	19	6
Abandoned Vehicle	31	44	18	25
Accident	142	145	104	126
Alarm	57	82	61	70
Alcohol	4	5	7	11
Animal	110	119	111	79
Assault	18	10	30	9
Assist Other Agency	458	374	368	408
Assist/Other	23	43	24	20
Attempt to Locate	9	14	6	7
Burglary	23	18	6	16
Child Custody	9	7	10	6
Child Protection	135	105	71	40
Civil	18	6	2	0
Community Policing	9	10	5	6
Compliance Check	48	10	20	113
Criminal Damage to Property	20	29	27	15
Criminal Sexual Conduct	9	1	5	11
Death Investigation	16	14	11	7
Directed Patrol	837	566	516	505
Disorderly Conduct	10	4	9	5
Disturbance	64	55	47	32
Domestic	20	31	22	19
Driving Complaint	88	88	81	54
Drugs	55	31	7	12
ERU	6	2	6	3
Escort	5	5	4	3
Evidence Audit	0	3	3	0
Fire	98	108	96	79
Fleeing	3	2	0	1
Fraud	15	30	31	14
Garbage	14	11	6	9
Gun Permit	338	484	356	378
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Harassment	15	21	24	26
HRO/OFP	7	15	5	8
Information/Other	198	205	173	162
Juvenile	5	20	12	10
K9	11	4	8	8
License	38	34	28	29
Medical	1706	1702	1530	1392
MI/MR	1	0	4	2
Missing Person	7	6	10	8
Motorist Assist	56	38	40	26
Noise Complaint	12	54	99	40
Obstructing	0	0	0	0
Officer Complaint	0	0	0	0
Ordinance Violation	15	0	0	2
Parking	5	6	7	9
Pornography	2	0	0	2
Predatory Offender	106	103	76	90
Presentation	6	6	7	15
Project Lifesaver	0	0	9	33
Property	31	47	33	18
Property Crime	0	1	2	1
Property Exchange	12	11	6	1
Records Check	102	93	85	97

Description of calls continued	2017	2016	2015	2014
Repossession	13	10	0	0
Residence Check	209	13	11	25
Robbery	1	0	0	1
Runaway	4	2	3	2
Salvation Army	1	0	0	0
Suicidal Person	27	18	16	15
Suspicious	166	121	133	87
Terroristic Threats	9	8	8	8
Testing CAD	2	15	0	0
Theft	63	53	56	72
Theft - Stolen Vehicle	10	6	1	4
Traffic	985	663	985	1274
Traffic Control	1	1	4	4
Transport	232	183	216	182
Trespass	13	8	11	9
Vehicle Off Road **Added in 2017**	45	N/A	N/A	N/A
Violate Court Order	10	16	8	7
Void	60	63	39	42
Vulnerable Adult	41	38	17	2
Warrant	379	285	336	381
Weapons	3	2	1	1
Weather	26	22	28	24
Welfare Check	47	53	61	48
Total Calls for Service	7410	6429	6187	6294

Criminal Charges

Below is a table showing criminal offenses that were charged out by the sheriff's office. The table is not all inclusive but merely a summary of criminal charges.

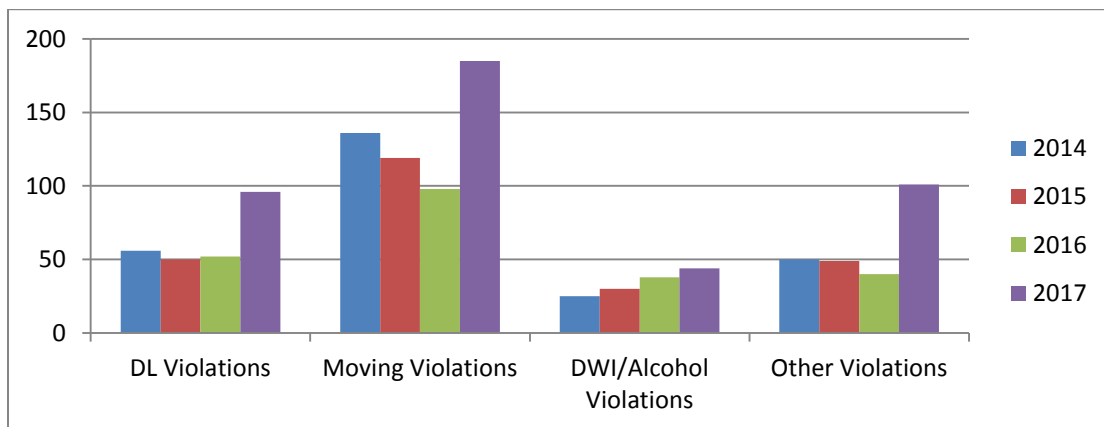
Criminal Charges	2017	2016	2015	2014
Alcohol & Juvenile Crimes				
- Contributing to Delinquency of a Child - 260B.425.1(a)	1	0	1	0
- Furnish Alcohol to Person Under 21 Years of Age - 340A.503.2(1)	1	0	0	3
- Social Host Ordinance – 05.06.14	1	1	1	1
- Under 21 Alcohol Consumption – 340A.503.1(a)(2)	20	5	16	8
- Under 21 Alcohol Possession – 340A.503.3	2	0	2	3
Assault & Related Crimes				
- 1 st – 5 th Degree Assault	17	11	27	15
- Child Endangerment – 609.378	8	2	0	3
- Disorderly Conduct – 609.72	10	23	22	11
- Domestic Assault – 609.2242	11	39	23	11
- Domestic Assault Strangulation - 609.2247.2	1	3	3	3
- False Imprisonment - 609.255.2	0	0	1	0
- Interfere with 911 call - 609.78.2(1)	1	3	1	1
- Kidnapping – 609.25	0	0	1	0
- Malicious Punishment of a Child – 609.377	0	0	1	1
- Terroristic Threats – 609.713.1	5	6	7	6
Crimes Against Justice				
- Escape custody – 609.485	1	1	0	0
- False Name and DOB – 609.506	4	2	0	1
- Falsely Reporting a Crime - 609.505	1	1	1	0
- Fleeing a Peace Officer – On Foot – 609.487.6	1	3	0	2
- Fleeing a Peace Officer – In a Motor Vehicle - 609.487.3	4	0	0	0
- Obstructing the Legal Process – 609.50	3	4	3	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct & Related Crimes				
- Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1 st – 5 th Degree	15	5	6	19
- Indecent Exposure - 617.23.3	0	4	0	0
- Interfere With Privacy - 609.746	3	0	0	1
- Possession of Pornographic Works Involving Minors – 617.247	0	0	0	12
- Prostitution - 609.324	3	0	0	1
- Solicit child to engage in sexual conduct - 609.3522.2A(1)	1	0	0	0
- Stalking - 609.749	4	3	3	1
Homicide & Criminal Vehicular Operation				
- Criminal Vehicular Homicide - 609.2112.1(a)(1)	1	0	1	1
- Criminal Vehicular Operation – 609.2113	4	0	1	3
- Attempted Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	1	0
- Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Theft & Related Crimes				
- Burglary – 609.582	15	1	2	4
- Check Crimes (Forgery, Counterfeit, etc.) – 609.631	23	1	0	6
- Criminal Damage to Property – 609.595	3	11	5	7
- Financial Exploitation – 609.2335	0	1	2	10
- Theft - 609.52	26	12	7	26
- Trespass - 609.605	2	1	0	4
- Receiving Stolen Property - 609.53.1	4	1	3	7
Violate Court Order				
- Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) - 629.75.2	7	22	2	5
- Harassment/Restraining Order (HRO) - 609.748.3	0	1	3	8
- Order For Protection (OFP) - 518B.01.14	5	11	1	3
Weapons Offenses & Related Crimes				
- Carrying Weapon without Permit – 624.714	1	1	0	0
- Dangerous Weapons (Reckless Discharge Etc.) – 609.66	2	1	0	1
- Illegal Possession of Firearm – 624.713	1	0	0	0
Total	212	180	144	191

Note: Multiple charges can result from a single incident

Traffic Safety/Enforcement

Below is a breakdown of traffic enforcement activities. The chart does not contain an all-inclusive list of traffic violations just the more common violations. In 2017 there were 8 citations issued for speed to drivers going 90+ mph and 4 citations for 100+ mph in 55 mph or 60 mph zones.

Traffic Citations	2017	2016	2015	2014
Driver's License Violations				
- Driving After Cancellation – 171.24.3	4	4	2	4
- Driving After Cancellation Inimical to Public Safety – 171.24.5	4	4	3	4
- Driving After Revocation - 171.24.2	51	32	13	21
- Driving After Suspension – 171.24.1	15	7	13	10
- Instruction Permit Violation – 171.05.1(a)	3	1	6	4
- No Valid Driver's License – 171.02.1	19	4	13	13
Moving Violations				
- Careless / Reckless Driving	6	2	3	5
- Failure to Drive in Single Lane - 169.18.7(a)	5	3	0	0
- Fail to Yield Right of Way – 169.201	2	3	2	2
- Speeding Violations – 169.14	162	91	107	123
- Stop Sign Violation – 169.20.3(b)	5	2	3	3
- Use of Wireless Communications Device - 169.475.2(a)	3	0	4	3
DWI / Drug & Alcohol Violations				
- DWI – 169A.20	25	26	18	13
- Open Bottle – 169A.35.3	13	8	4	8
- Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle – 152.027.3	6	4	6	3
- Under 21 Drink and Drive - 169A.33.2	0	0	2	1
Other Violations				
- Equipment & Misc. Violations	13	4	4	5
- Expired Registration -168.09.4	12	4	8	5
- Leave Scene of an Accident – 169.09	5	0	4	3
- No Insurance / No Proof of Insurance - 169.791.2(a)	60	20	24	23
- Seatbelt Violation – 169.686	24	16	13	19
Total	437	235	252	272



Traffic Safety Grant

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office in 2017 continued to participate in the Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) traffic safety grant. As a grant member the sheriff's office is awarded overtime hours during specific traffic enforcement waves.

TZD Activity	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hours Worked	107.75	114	138	228
Miles Driven	2,869	2,734	3,538	5,966
Arrests	1	1	0	7
DWI Arrests	1	1	0	1
Citations Issued	44	31	54	83

Drug Enforcement & Seizures

Like many communities in Minnesota and across the country Redwood County has drug activity that occurs within its borders. To help combat drug activity the sheriff's office is part of the BLRR Drug Task Force which consists of Brown, Lyon, Redwood, and Renville counties. The sheriff's office has one K-9 trained in narcotic detection. Deputies also carry Naloxone (Narcan) in their squads for responding to incidents of opioid overdoses. Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse the potentially lethal effects of an opioid overdose.

BLRR Drug Task Force/Drug Seizures

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office has one full-time deputy assigned to the BLRR task force. Below are the amounts of drugs seized by the task force in 2017 (this includes all four counties).

Drug	Weight	2017
Hash oil	grams	274
Heroin	grams	4
Marijuana	grams	856
MDMA (Molly)	grams	1
Methamphetamine	grams	1,426
Prescription Pills	pill	727

Other Stats	2017
Children involved	27
Drug arrests	64
Non drug arrests	42
Search warrants	46
Total cases	136
Weapons seized	12

Drug Seizures – Not Task Force Related

Below are the amounts of drugs seized in Redwood County by deputies through traffic stops or calls for service.

Drug	Weight	2017
Acid	units	5
Heroin	grams	.24
Marijuana	grams	36.77
Marijuana Wax	grams	4.7
Methamphetamine	grams	16.72
Prescription Pills	pill	31
THC Candy	grams	56
THC Edibles	grams	15.1
THC Oil	grams	2

Below is a breakdown of drug related charges stemming from the enforcement activity of the Redwood County Sheriff's Office.

Drug Charges	2017	2016	2015	2014
Drugs – 1 st – 5 th Degree Possess/Sell Schedule I-V				
• 1 st Degree Controlled Substance – 152.021	0	0	0	4
• 2 nd Degree Controlled Substance – 152.022	0	3	1	3
• 3 rd Degree Controlled Substance - 152.023	3	2	2	0
• 4 th Degree Controlled Substance - 152.024	4	1	0	0
• 5 th Degree Controlled Substance - 152.025	36	11	9	10
Legend Drugs – Unlawful to possess/sell – 151.37.1	2	1	0	0
Methamphetamine – Store/possess in presence of children & vulnerable adults – 152.137	5	3	3	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 152.092	23	11	20	9
Possession of Hypodermic Needles – 151.40.1	3	0	0	0
Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana - 152.027.4(a)	10	2	9	3
Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle - 152.027.3	7	4	6	4
Note: Multiple charges can result from a single incident	Total	93	38	50
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Drug Take Back Program

The sheriff's office also participates in the drug take back program. Here prescription drugs can be surrendered free of charge. The drop box is located in the lobby of the sheriff's office.

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total weight (lbs) of drugs taken back	472	346	266	N/A



Civil Process

Part of the duties of the Sheriff's Office includes processing/serving civil papers. These range from witness subpoenas to debt collections. Below is the number of papers that were submitted to the Sheriff's Office to be processed/served in 2017.

2017	2016	2015	2014
726	677	599	503

Burn Permits

Part of the duties of the Sheriff's Office includes issuing Burn Permits to the residents of Redwood County. Below is number of permits that were issued by the Redwood County Sheriff's Office in 2017.

2017	2016	2015	2014
747	702	756	762

Redwood County Jail

Redwood County has a 21 bed jail facility. We are able to hold up to 18 per MN Department of Corrections regulations. The majority of inmate overflow is housed at the Renville County Jail located in Olivia, MN.

Below is a chart that shows the number of bookings the Redwood County Jail processed, along with the average daily inmate population.

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total number of jail bookings	779	578	564	582
Average daily jail inmate population (Housed in Redwood County Jail)	**Unavailable**	15.3	16.2	13.4
Average daily <u>overall</u> inmate population (Includes inmates housed in Renville County Jail)	28.33	33.4	35.3	32.5



(Main Entrance to Redwood County Jail)

Emergency Response Unit (SWAT – Special Weapons And Tactics)

The Brown-Lyon-Redwood-Renville Emergency Response Unit (BLRR ERU) consists of deputies/officers from participating agencies within the four counties. Team members are provided with specialized equipment and training to handle high risk incidents.

Examples for activating the Emergency Response Unit are:

- High risk arrests and search warrants (armed and dangerous subjects)
- Hostage rescue
- Barricaded subjects
- Active shooter response
- Other high risk incidents where the subject is likely armed and dangerous



The ERU was activated 6 times in 2017. 5 of the call-outs required a tactical response. The final call-out, which was on 12-29-17 in Renville County, was resolved prior to the team's arrival. A summary of the 6 call-outs are below:

- **2-21-17 at 1158 hours:** Activated to assist the Marshall Police Department with a search warrant related to a 2nd Degree Assault investigation. The team executed the search warrant by clearing an apartment. No one was found inside the apartment.
- **4-13-17 at 0844 hours:** Activated to assist the CEE-VI Drug Task Force and Lyon County Sheriff's Department execute a search warrant at a farm site north of Marshall. The team made entry into the farmhouse and secured four people without incident.
- **7-6-17 at 1724 hours:** Activated to assist the Redwood Falls Police Department with executing a search warrant related to a 2nd Degree Assault investigation. The team executed the search warrant by clearing an apartment. No one was found inside the apartment.
- **11-13-17 at 0653 hours:** Activated to assist the Olivia Police Department and Renville County Sheriff's Department with the execution of a search warrant and arrest of a domestic assault by strangulation suspect. The team deployed a pole camera and K-9 prior to making entry. The suspect was found deceased in the basement of the house from self-inflicted injuries.
- **12-4-17 at 0217 hours:** Activated to assist the Redwood County Sheriff's Office and Redwood Falls Police Department with a male barricaded inside of a vehicle at the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit on US Highway 71 approximately 5.5 miles south of Redwood Falls. The male was believed to be armed. The team approached the vehicle and found that the suspect was deceased from self-inflicted injuries.
- **12-29-17 at 2233 hours:** Activated to assist the Renville Police Department with a suicidal person with a gun. The team was canceled shortly after the activation as the person was taken into custody.



(MRAP - Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected)

The MRAP was acquired by the Renville County Sheriff's Office in October of 2016. It was de-militarized and then modified for civilian police work, including additions of emergency lighting, PA system, radios, etc. It was put into service with the BLRR ERU in March of 2017.

The vehicle was acquired through the Federal Government, Department of Defense's (DOD) 1033 Program. That program permits the Secretary of Defense to transfer excess DOD supplies and equipment to state and local law enforcement agencies for use in their law enforcement duties. This property is acquired at no cost to the agency with the exception of any shipping or transportation costs. The MRAP that we acquired is on a 2007 International chassis and had about 5000 miles on it.

The MRAP provides ballistic protection to team members during high risk incidents.

Community Involvement/Awards

DWI-All Star – July 18, 2017, St Paul, MN

Deputy Matt Siefkes, a 6-year veteran of the agency, is among 43 law enforcement officers and prosecutors statewide on the DWI Enforcer All-Star Team. This is the first time Deputy Siefkes has been named a DWI all-star. Deputy Siefkes had 17 impaired driving arrests in 2016.

All-stars made the team based on their total number of DWI arrests in 2016. This is the 10th DWI Enforcer All-Star Team selected for outstanding service in enforcement and prosecution of drunk driving.



National Night Out – August 1, 2017, Lower Sioux Community

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Strong You Health Expo Community Event – October 5, 2017, Redwood Falls

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office partnered with Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) in operating a booth at the expo. The expo is intended to be a comprehensive health and wellness experience for people of all ages, and what is being offered provides activities and educational experiences for everyone no matter what their age might be.

Shop with a Cop – December 19, 2017, Redwood Falls

Deputies from the Redwood County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Redwood Falls Police Department, and officers from the Lower Sioux Police Department took 30 kids shopping at the Redwood Falls Walmart. Funds were donated by Bernick's Pepsi and Friends of the Fair.



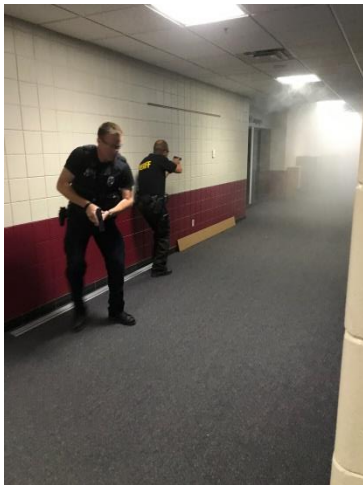
Deputy Training

Here is a list of some of the trainings that deputies attended in 2017

- 3 Echo active shooter response
- Basic SWAT
- Datamaster-DMT Operator
- Defensive Tactics
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Emergency Response Unit (ERU) training – monthly training
- Field Training Officer (FTO)
- Firearms qualifications
- First responder refresher
- Investigators Conference
- Naloxone use and administration
- Standardized Field Sobriety Training (SFST)
- Taser Refresher



Members of BLRR ERU and Crow River SWAT participate in a team building exercise during Basic SWAT training at Camp Ripley



An RCSO Deputy and RFPD Officer clear a hallway during a training scenario for active shooter training at the Redwood Falls High School.