

# Barron County Sheriff's Dept 2019 Annual Report



2019 was a very busy year for us again. Jayme Closs's escape was the obvious highlight of the year for our department, her family, the community and the world. Her strength and her will to never give up will live on forever in all of us. We continued working on this case for the first 6 months of the year with the conviction and sentencing of Jake Patterson in late May. Over the summer our department assisted with two murder investigations in Almena and Cameron and then we had the wind storm in July. We also continue to stay very busy on the drug issue. Overall it appears that crime went down or at least stayed the same. While again we saw an increase in Domestic Abuse, we will continue to work with Embrace to serve these victims and work towards reducing these numbers. From a jail and dispatch standpoint we saw decreases in booking and calls. We continue to house inmates for area counties around us and continue to work on ways to improve our services and equipment to make sure we serve the citizens and make sure everyone goes home safe.

Budget in	<b>2019 – 8.15 million</b>	2017 – 7.67 million	2015 – 7.55 million	2013 – 7.04 Million
	2018 – 7.85 million	2016 – 7.53 million	2014 – 7.23 million	2012 – 7.04 Million
Personnel -	<b>75 in 2019</b>	75 in 2017	76 in 2015	75 in 2013
	76 in 2018	78 in 2016	75 in 2014	75 in 2012

**2020 goals**

- Meth Education and Enforcement-Work with DHS and our courts on new innovative ideas to help with treatment while continuing to stop the sale of this drug in our county.
- Domestic Abuse-Help Embrace continue to grow in the county and work with them to better serve our victims and continue a proactive approach to reduce these type of incidents
- Alcohol incidents-Continue our proactive and enforcement efforts on OWI and Underage alcohol incidents in the county
- Work with Turtle Lake Police Department to reduce the number of calls to the St Croix Casino and Hotel

**Accidents**

<b>2019</b>	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
362	356	373	338	365	373	453	362	311	350	373	382
7 Fatal	5 Fatal	4 Fatal	3 Fatal	3 Fatal	3 Fatal	5 Fatal	4 Fatal	3 Fatal	5 Fatal	5 Fatal	10 Fatal

Of the 2019 accidents; 237 were property damage, 118 were injury and 7 fatal.

**OWI**

**For 2019 – 83 people arrested for OWI including one Boating OWI and three ATV OWI.**

Monday 6	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 9	Thursday 11	Friday 5
Saturday 24	Sunday 16			

Of the 83 - 27 were female. Youngest person arrested was 17 and oldest was 74.

Time of arrests were all times of the day, from early morning until after bar closing.

OWI's in 2018 were 93; decrease of 10 total OWI arrests from 2018 to 2019. While these numbers are down in 2019 this is a crime that is 100% preventable. Never get into the driver's seat after you

have been drinking. What is concerning is that 27 or almost 32.5% of these arrests took place between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. when more of our families are on the roadway.

For 2018 – 93 people arrested for OWI including one Boating OWI and one Snowmobile OWI.

Monday 10    Tuesday 7    Wednesday 9    Thursday 11    Friday 11  
Saturday 31    Sunday 14

Of the 93 - 16 were female. Youngest person arrested was 18 and oldest was 72.

Time of arrests were all times of the day, from early morning until after bar closing.

OWI's in 2017 were 124; decrease of 31 total OWI arrests from 2017 to 2018. While these numbers are down in 2018 this is a crime that is 100% preventable. Never get into the driver's seat after you have been drinking. What is concerning is that 38 or almost 40% of these arrests took place between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. when more of our families are on the roadway.

For 2017 – 124 people arrested for OWI including one Boating OWI and four ATV OWI.

Monday 10    Tuesday 8    Wednesday 8    Thursday 12    Friday 17  
Saturday 41    Sunday 28

Of the 124 - 27 were female. Youngest person arrested was 17 and oldest was 66.

Time of arrests were all times of the day, from early morning until after bar closing.

OWI's in 2016 were 102; increase of 22 total OWI arrests from 2016 to 2017.

For 2016 – 102 people arrested for OWI including one Boating OWI and two ATV OWI.

Monday 8    Tuesday 7    Wednesday 9    Thursday 10    Friday 8  
Saturday 36    Sunday 24

Of the 102 - 31 were female. Youngest person arrested was 15 (ATV) and oldest was 66.

Time of arrests ranged from 3:41 a.m. to bar closing hours.

OWI's in 2015 were 151; decrease of 49 total OWI arrests from 2015 to 2016.

2015 - 151 people arrested for OWI including 4 ATV OWIs.

Monday 5    Tuesday 9    Wednesday 15    Thursday 20    Friday 14  
Saturday 35    Sunday 21

Of the 151 - 29 were female. Youngest person arrested was 16 and oldest was 65.

Time of arrests ranged from 3:11 a.m. to bar closing hours.

OWI's in 2015 were 151; increase of 49 total OWI arrests from 2014 to 2015.

## Traffic Data

**Number of traffic stops – 2189**

**Number of citations issued – 1299**

Number of traffic stops in 2018 were 2009 and 2018 citations issued were 1559.

Number of traffic stops in 2017 were 2286 and 2017 citations issued were 1423.

Number of traffic stops in 2016 were 2024 and 2016 citations issued were 1544.

Number of traffic stops in 2015 were 2356 and 2015 citations issued were 1915.

Number of traffic stops in 2014 were 1580 and 2014 citations issued were 1351.

**Recreation Deputy**

**Snow 2018/2019**

109.5 hours billed of which 78 were patrol hours, 12.5 administrative time and 19 exempt hours for instructing Snowmobile Safety and training.

94 contacts -5 warnings, 9 citations

Barron County had zero snowmobile crashes reported to the sheriff's department.

22 students completed the DNR Snowmobile Safety course instructed by sheriff's department.

Claim Amount: \$10348.71 (reimbursement at 67.20%)

**Water 2019**

173.5 hours billed of which 109.5 were patrol hours, 13 administrative time and 51 exempt hours for instructing Boaters Safety, crash investigations and training.

70 contacts - 8 warnings, 11 citations

Barron County had 1 reportable boating accident.

28 students completed the DNR Boaters Safety course in which the sheriff's department assisted in the instruction of the course.

Claim Amount: \$10,989.91 (reimbursement rate to be determined in April of 2020)

**ATV 2018/2019**

268 hours billed of which 203.5 were patrol hours, 45 administrative time and 19.5 exempt hours for instructing ATV Safety, crash investigations and training.

186 contacts - 21 warnings, 19 citations

Barron County had 4 ATV/UTV accidents reported to the sheriff's department.

31 students completed the DNR ATV Safety course instructed by the sheriff's department.

Claim Amount: \$14,252.16 (reimbursement at 98.47%)

Trail Work Grants – Ongoing maintenance grants \$155,180, new/on-going trail grants \$95,412 and an additional \$87,185 for the July wind storm damage to the ATV/Snow trails.

**Total Cases**

<b>2019</b>	<b>1112</b>	2018	1275	2016	1363	2014	1304	2012	1359
		2017	1330	2015	1479	2013	1156	2011	1372

**Vehicles**

29 squads, Armored Vehicle, Drug Unit Van, SWAT Van, Mobile Command Center, Emergency Management Vehicle, School/Spare Car, 2 snowmobiles, 2 UTV and 2 Boats

**Process Service**

Papers Served

<b>2019</b>	<b>1241</b>		
2018	1433	2014	1489
2017	1399	2013	1382
2016	1417	2012	1652
2015	1527	2011	1641

- 2019 Sheriff Sales – 44 scheduled (10 cancelled).
- 2018 Sheriff Sales – 62 scheduled (11 cancelled).
- 2017 Sheriff Sales – 53 scheduled (16 cancelled).
- 2016 Sheriff Sales – 72 scheduled (18 cancelled).
- 2015 Sheriff Sales – 70 scheduled (20 cancelled).

**Dispatch**

	2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014	
911 Calls	13,855/37.9 per day		14,377/39.4 per day		14,558/39.9 per day		15,176/41.5 per day		15,572/42.7 per day		16956 / 46.5 per day	
CAD's	46,061/126.2 per day		60,417/165.5 per day		60,211/165 per day		61,114/167.4 per day		60,805/166.6 per day		60540 / 165.8 per day	

**Domestic Disturbance/Violence Calls for Service**

- 2019 – 480 County Wide/256 Sheriff**
- 2018 – 429 County Wide/190 Sheriff
- 2017 – 432 County Wide/158 Sheriff
- 2016 – 519 County Wide/187 Sheriff
- 2015 – 486 County Wide/170 Sheriff
- 2014 – 529 County Wide/197 Sheriff
- 2013 – 440 County Wide/174 Sheriff

**Drug Cases**

YEAR	Poss MDPV	Deliver MDPV	Poss Synthetic THC	Deliver Synthetic THC	Poss/Deliver Psilocybin	Poss/Deliver Heroin	Poss Marijuana	Poss Marijuana w/Intent to Deliver	Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana	Poss Drug Paraphernalia	Poss Meth Paraphernalia	Poss Meth	Manufacture Meth/Poss Meth Waste	Delivery of Meth	Poss Meth w/Intent to Deliver	Poss/Deliver LSD	Poss Cocaine	Delivery or Poss w/Intent to deliver - Cocaine	Poss/Deliver Prescription Meds	Maintain Drug House	TOTALS
2009							26	3	29	33		3						6	3	10	113
2010							39	4	28	40	3	4	2	7	2			1	14	3	147
2011							21	5	18	31	7	7	2	8	5		3	3	20	7	137
2012	7	6	1	2	3		36	7	18	64	14	11		33	10		3	6	19	12	252
2013					4		29	5	19	62	12	10		37	7				31	9	225
2014			1				40	5	8	70	23	17		48	13				33	8	266
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4	15	27	15	14	2	49	5	0	0	0	13	11	170
2016	0	0	0	0	2	0	48	1	0	42	1	23	0	37	4	0	1	4	12	2	177
2017	0	0	0	0	2	3	8	5	5	18	5	12	0	80	6	0	0	1	4	10	159
2018	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	6	5	26	0	17	0	39	10	0	0	0	2	6	125
2019	0	0	0	0	5	3	15	5	10	28	0	20	0	16	10	0	1	0	1	8	122
<b>TTL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1893</b>

  

YEAR	Vehicle Seizure	Cash Seizure	Drug Search Warrant	Cell/Wi-Fi SW	251-NBOME (Bath Salt)	Mephedrone	oxycodone case	hydrocodone case	manufacture drug para	Del Counterfeit substance												TOTALS
2013			9	2																		11
2014																						0
2015	1	1	24	7	2	2																37
2016	1	2	9	2	0	0	2	1	1													18
2017	0	5	24	7	0	0	3	1	1	4												45
2018	0	3	18	20	0	0	2	1	0	6												50
2019	0	1	21	14	0	0	0	0	0	0												36
<b>TTL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>197</b>

The drug cases generated by the patrol division are not included above.

In 2019, the sheriff's department spent \$10,000 on drug buy money for the above listed cases. This funding is not tax payer dollars and is funded through court ordered forfeitures and seizures. \$5,385.00 of the \$10,000 spent on drug buy money was reimbursed through the 2019 Drug Task Force Grant.

In November 2011, the Barron County Sheriff's Department installed a 24/7 drop box for unused/expired prescription drugs and has already been a huge success to keep the citizens safe.

**Text to Tip Line**

In January 2011, the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with Barron County Safe and Stable Families started an anonymous text to tip line. We received 254 tips in 2019 vs 694 tips in 2018. In 2017 we received 254 tips. In 2016 we received 221 tips. In 2015 we received 182 tips.

The Sheriff's Department also started a Facebook page in 2011 as a way to get information out quickly and keep the public informed. Facebook has been a very effective tool in law enforcement from recruiting applicants to solving crimes. We have 45,105 followers.

In February of 2014, we launched a new website. Through 2019, the website has received 1,203,069 hits (down due to new security software that blocks bot and malicious attacks) and 173,305 unique visitors. During 2018, the website has received 4,549,129 hits and 176,514 unique visitors. During 2017, the website has received 10,472,143 hits and 176,582 unique visitors. During 2016, the website received 9,906,685 hits and 118,239 unique visitors. During 2015, the website received 9,511,439 hits and 103,482 unique visitors. This again has been a great tool for us and interacts automatically with our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

**Jail**

**Bookings in the jail**

	<b>2019</b>	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>1877</b>	2172	2349	2351	2460	2193	1984	2305	2288	2164
Male	<b>1351</b>	1654	1786	1768	1847	1663	1585	1815	1853	1738
Female	<b>526</b>	481	563	583	613	530	399	490	435	426

In 2019, the out-of-county housing revenue was \$325,571.52 for housing of inmates for other agencies.

During 2019, there were 3,426 inmate worker hours. Total hours include work in the jail laundry, cleaning in the jail, washing squad cars and jail library.

**Fee's**

	<b>Collected – 2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$ 30,704.90	\$ 40,625.59
Booking Fee	\$ 1,795.51	\$ 2,572.27
Nurse Fee	\$ 1,596.63	\$ 1,605.14
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$ 13,425.94	\$ 19,368.76

(includes collections from inmate accounts for fees sent to WI DOR)

<b>Collected – 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
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Daily Maintenance Fee	\$ 41,418.29	\$ 36,340.44	\$ 35,866.97
Booking Fee	\$ 2,664.82	\$ 2,609.79	\$ 2,485.51
Nurse Fee	\$ 1,462.71	\$ 927.65	\$ 1,463.17
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$ 22,458.05	\$ 15,427.81	\$ 16,055.84
(includes collections from inmate accounts for fees sent to WI DOR)			

### Underage Drinking Citations

<b>2019</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>(includes 38 adult permit/underage drinking)</b>
2018	170	(includes 63 adult permit/underage drinking)
2017	35	
2016	50	
2015	116	(includes 53 adult permit/underage drinking and 5 sell/procure alcohol to underage person)
2014	30	(includes 3 adult permit/underage drinking)
2013	39	
2012	105	
2011	63	

### Emergency Response Team (ERT)

#### 2019

- 11 Total Call Outs
- 3 High Risk Search Warrants
- 1 Judicial Center Security Operations – Jake Patterson Sentencing
- 1 False “Swatting” Call Out
- 6 High Risk Arrest/Barricade Firearms Call Outs

Also participated in four pre-planned “Active Shooter” exercises with municipal law enforcement and school districts of Barron, Turtle Lake, Cumberland and Rice Lake.

#### 2018

- 5 Total Call Outs
- 1 High Risk Search Warrant
- 3 High Risk Fugitive Warrant/Arrest
- 1 Open Wooded-Field Search

#### 2017

- 1 High Risk Fugitive Warrant

#### 2016

- 8 Total Call Outs
- 1 Active Shooter Call-Out
- 3 Barricaded Subjects
- 1 High Risk Search Warrant
- 3 High Risk Fugitive Warrant

#### 2015

- 10 Total Call Outs
- 4 Barricaded Subjects

1 High Risk Search Warrant  
5 High Risk Fugitive Warrants

Team consists of 1 Commander, 13 Entry, 4 Snipers, 2 Negotiators, and 4 Tactical Medics. Members of the team are 15 Sheriff's Department personnel, along with 5 from Rusk County Sheriff's Department and 4 tactical medics from Lakeview Medical Center.

**Grants 2019**

County Law Enforcement	<b>\$21,287</b>	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	<b>\$15,074</b>
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force	<b>\$15,000</b>		
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force		<b>\$15,000</b>	
Safe Ride Program	<b>\$2,500</b>	Barron County Drug Task Force	<b>\$25,000</b>

2018

County Law Enforcement	<b>\$20,210</b>	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	<b>\$15,498</b>
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force	<b>\$15,000</b>		
Safe Ride Program	<b>\$2,500</b>		

2017

County Law Enforcement	\$18,621	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$13,917
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$15,000	
Safe Ride Program	\$1,500		

2016

County Law Enforcement	\$17,896	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$13,917
Task Force Grants (Includes local police departments)			
Seat Belt Enforcement	\$20,500	2015/2016 OWI Task Force	\$24,964.72
Distracted Driving	\$23,018	Safe Ride Program	\$2,500

2015

County Law Enforcement	\$17,464	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$13,917
Seat Belt Enforcement	\$20,000	2015/2016 OWI Task Force	\$24,964.72

Thank you for your time in reading this report and as stated we are looking forward to an even safer 2020.

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald