

Barron County Sheriff's Dept 2020 Annual Report



2020 can be summed up with one word "COVID". While COVID took its toll on our department, we have handled it with flying colors and solved some major cases. In January, with the help of the DNA Doe Project and DCI, we identified the bones from 30 plus years ago. Then in June with the same help, we identified the bones from four years ago outside of Barron, which led us to the arrest of a mother and her son from MN for killing of dad/husband. In June, we also had the murder of a young man from Chetek and in December we assisted with a murder case in the City of Barron. In between, we handled traffic fatalities, Safer At Home issues, the A1 Mobile Home Fraud case and many others. Along with starting new projects like the formation of the Citizen Advisory and Acton team and continuing to keep our staff trained and safe. I am very proud to have the team we have and how they handled all the adversity that was thrown at them each day - from calls about boat accidents with people in the water, to inmate issues with quarantine and mental health issues. Again the Barron County Sheriff's Department shined bright and will continue to bring this into 2021.

Budget in	2020 – 8.35 Million			
	2019 – 8.15 Million	2018 – 7.85 Million	2017 – 7.67 Million	2016 – 7.53 Million
Personnel -	77 in 2020			
	75 in 2019	76 in 2018	75 in 2017	78 in 2016

2021 goals

- Continue to work on issues with the Citizen Action and Advisory Team
- Monitor and utilize our new Recreation Deputy Position to maximize his time for increased safety and enforcement
- Expand jail programming
- Installation and utilization of body scanner to increase jail security
- Increase training of dispatchers, jailers, deputies and detectives
- Increase our involvement in the community

Accidents

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
340	362	356	373	338
4 Fatal	7 Fatal	5 Fatal	4 Fatal	3 Fatal

Of the 2020 accidents; 234 were property damage, 102 were injury and 4 fatal.

OWI

For 2020 – 85 people arrested for OWI including one Boating OWI and two ATV OWI.

Monday 8	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 6	Thursday 13	Friday 12
Saturday 17	Sunday 19			

Of the 85 - 27 were female. Youngest person arrested was 14 and oldest was 66.

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

OWI's in 2019 were 83; increase of 2 total OWI arrests from 2019 to 2020. While these numbers are slightly increased in 2020 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 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.

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.

Traffic Data

Number of traffic stops – 1318

Number of citations issued – 1142

Number of traffic stops in 2019 were 2189 and 2019 citations issued were 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.