

# Barron County Sheriff's Dept

## 2021 Annual Report





2021 was a good but steady year for the Sheriff's Department. Emergency Response Team (ERT) call outs and traffic fatalities were up substantially in 2021. In July of 2021, we had an officer involved shooting. We installed the new body scanner in the jail, wrapped up court cases from major cases in 2020/2021 and continued our proactive approach in the community, even with Covid.

We continue to look at ways to make our department better and more attractive for hiring and continue to make sure our current staff have the tools they need to go home to their families every day. I am very proud to have the team we have and how they handled all the adversity that was thrown at them. Again the Barron County Sheriff's Department did not miss a beat and 2022 will bring some great things from a great team.

Budget in	<b>2021 – 8.50 Million</b>	2020 – 8.35 Million			
Million	2019 – 8.15 Million	2018 – 7.85 Million	2017 – 7.67 Million	2016 – 7.53	
Personnel -	<b>76 in 2021</b>	77 in 2020			
	75 in 2019	76 in 2018	75 in 2017	78 in 2016	

**2022 goals**

- Create a social worker position (coordinated response) within the Sheriff's Department in partnership with DHS
- Continue/Expand the education/enforcement on the Methamphetamine drug issue in Barron County
- Continue to expand/upgrade our equipment to keep our staff safe - new body/squad camera program and night/thermal vision equipment
- Continue to work on community issues with the Citizen Action and Advisory Team
- Increase our community engagement with a new grant to provide meals to a variety of groups in our community
- Thank those who continue to support our department with business/individual of the month

**Accidents**

<b>2021</b>	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
291	340	362	356	373	338
9 Fatal	4 Fatal	7 Fatal	5 Fatal	4 Fatal	3 Fatal

Of the 2020 accidents; 179 were property damage, 104 were injury and 8 fatal crashes with 9 fatalities.

**OWI**

**For 2021 – 78 people arrested for OWI including one Boating OWI and four ATV/UTV OWI.**

Monday 7	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 8	Thursday 11	Friday 12
Saturday 18	Sunday 11			

Of the 78 - 22 were female. Youngest person arrested was 17 and oldest was 68.

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

OWI's in 2020 were 85; decrease of 7 total OWI arrests from 2020 to 2021. While these numbers are slightly decreased in 2021 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 39 or 50% 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 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
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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 – 1732**

**Number of citations issued – 1029**

Number of traffic stops in 2020 were 1318 and 2020 citations issued were 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.

## **Recreation Deputy**

### **Snow 2020/2021**

275.5 hours billed of which 214 were patrol hours, 29.5 administrative time and 32 exempt hours for crash investigation and instructing Snowmobile Safety and training.

158 contacts - 5 warnings, 13 citations.

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

Claim Amount: \$17,446.00 (reimbursement at 67.33% - \$11,747.15)

### **Water 2021**

246.5 hours billed of which 206 were patrol hours, 25 administrative time and 15.5 exempt hours for training and assisting Burnett County with a drowning investigation.

448 contacts - 6 warnings, 24 citations

Barron County had two reportable boating crashes.

Claim Amount: \$25,161.62 (reimbursement rate to be determined in April of 2022)

### **ATV 2020/2021**

849.5 hours billed of which 717 were patrol hours, 72 administrative time and 60.5 exempt hours for crash investigations and training.

503 contacts - 11 warnings, 73 citations

Barron County investigated three ATV/UTV crashes of which one was a fatality.

Claim Amount: \$44,363.48 (reimbursement at 66.18% - \$29,359.87)

Trail Work Grants – Ongoing maintenance grants \$172,890, new/on-going trail grants \$500,982.

### **Snow 2019/2020**

285 hours billed of which 197 were patrol hours, 34 administrative time and 54 exempt hours for accident investigation and instructing Snowmobile Safety and training.

188 contacts -9 warnings, 20 citations

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

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

Claim Amount: \$18,249.14 (reimbursement at 54.23% - \$9,895.99)

### **Water 2020**

205.5 hours billed of which 160 were patrol hours, 18 administrative time and 27.5 exempt hours for crash investigations and training.

82 contacts - 7 warnings, 16 citations

Barron County had three reportable boating crashes.

Claim Amount: \$11,762.86 (reimbursement rate to be determined in April of 2021)

**ATV 2019/2020**

563.7 hours billed of which 444.5 were patrol hours, 47.5 administrative time and 71.7 exempt hours for instructing ATV Safety, crash investigations and training.

261 contacts - 19 warnings, 56 citations

Barron County had seven ATV/UTV crashes reported to the sheriff's department.

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

Claim Amount: \$24,731.76 (reimbursement at 85% - \$21,022.73)

**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>2021</b>	<b>1191</b>	2020 - 1176	2019 - 1112	2018 - 1275	2017 - 1330	2016 - 1363
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**Vehicles**

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

**Process Service**

Papers Served

<b>2021</b>	<b>1345</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>1196</b>	2019	1241	2018	1433	2017	1399	2016	1417
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2021 Sheriff Sales – 24 scheduled (15 cancelled).

2020 Sheriff Sales – 30 scheduled (13 cancelled).

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).

**Dispatch**

	2021	2020	2019
911 Calls	14,767/40.5 per day	13,954/38.2 per day	13,855/37.9 per day
CAD's	39,680/108.7 per day	36,330/99.5 per day	39,797/108.7 per day
	2018	2017	2016
911 Calls	14,377/39.4 per day	14,558/39.9 per day	15,176/41.5 per day
CAD's	60,417/165.5 per day	60,211/165 per day	61,114/167.4 per day

**Domestic Disturbance/Violence Calls for Service**

<b>2021 – 330 County Wide/76 Sheriff</b>	<b>2020 – 335 County Wide/103 Sheriff</b>
<b>2019 – 480 County Wide/256 Sheriff</b>	<b>2018 – 429 County Wide/190 Sheriff</b>
<b>2017 – 432 County Wide/158 Sheriff</b>	<b>2016 – 519 County Wide/187 Sheriff</b>

**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
2020	0	1	0	0	4	2	17	8	5	35	0	21	0	42	5	0	4	0	0	3	147
2021	0	0	0	0	3	0	30	8	2	40	10	24	0	22	9	0	0	0	8	4	160
TTL	7	7	2	2	27	8	334	66	162	516	90	183	6	418	86	0	12	21	160	93	2200
YEAR	Vehicle Seizure	Cash Seizure	Drug Search Warrant	Cell/W/ 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
2020	1	1	24	18	0	0	0	0	0	5											49
2021	0	4	20	15	0	0	0	0	0	0											39
TTL	3	17	149	85	2	2	7	3	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	285

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

In 2021, the sheriff's department spent \$5,000 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.

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.

Tips Received:

<b>2021 - 58</b>	2020 - 77	2019 - 254	2018 - 694	2017 - 254
2016 - 221	2015 - 182			

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 48,000 followers.

In February of 2014, we launched a new website. During 2021, the website has received 1,145,212 hits and 144,019 unique visitors. During 2020, the website has received 1,540,341 hits and 126,542 unique visitors. During 2019, the website 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>2021</b>	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>974</b>	945	1877	2172	2349	2351
Male	725	728	1351	1654	1786	1768
Female	249	217	526	481	563	583

In 2021, the out-of-county housing revenue was \$480,651.44 for housing of inmates for other agencies.

During 2021, there were 3,650 inmate worker hours. Total hours include work in the jail laundry, cleaning in the jail, washing squad cars and jail library.

**Fees Collected**

	<b>Collected – 2021</b>	2020	2019
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$13,371.63	\$ 18,782.24	\$ 30,704.90
Booking Fee	\$1,451.13	\$ 658.52	\$ 1,795.51
Nurse Fee	\$ 435.00	\$ 760.47	\$ 1,596.63
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$26,223.18	\$ 20,434.99	\$ 13,425.94



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

	Collected – 2018	2017	2016
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$ 40,625.59	\$ 41,418.29	\$ 36,340.44
Booking Fee	\$ 2,572.27	\$ 2,664.82	\$ 2,609.79
Nurse Fee	\$1,605.14	\$ 1,462.71	\$ 927.65
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$19,368.76	\$ 22,458.05	\$ 15,427.81

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

### Underage Drinking Citations

<b>2021</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>(includes 5 adult permit/underage drinking)</b>
2020	111	(includes 23 adult permit/underage drinking)
2019	99	(includes 38 adult permit/underage drinking)
2018	170	(includes 63 adult permit/underage drinking)
2017	35	
2016	50	

### Emergency Response Team (ERT)

#### 2021

- 14 Total Call Outs
- 5 High Risk Search Warrants
- 1 Suicidal/Barricaded Subject with Firearm
- 8 High Risk Arrest/Barricade Firearms

#### 2020

- 5 Total Call Outs
- 2 High Risk Search Warrants
- 2 Suicidal/Barricaded Persons with Firearms
- 1 Wooded Search (Rusk County for Missing Persons)

#### 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

#### 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

Team consists of 2 Commanders, 9 Entry and 4 Snipers. Members of the team are 9 Sheriff's Department personnel and 6 from Rusk County Sheriff's Department.

**Grants 2021**

County Law Enforcement	<b>\$24,056</b>	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	<b>\$16,805</b>
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force	<b>\$7,500</b>		
COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force	<b>\$1,500</b>		
Safe Ride Program	<b>\$3,000</b>	ICAC Cellebrite Grant	<b>\$4,300</b>

2020

County Law Enforcement	\$21,481	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$14,904
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force			\$15,000
Safe Ride Program	Cancelled		
BC UVC Decontamination Devices Project			\$58,000

2019

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

2018

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

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

Thank you for your time in reading this report and as stated we are looking forward to an even safer 2022.

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald