

Barron County Sheriff's Dept

2022 Annual Report



2022 was a steady year with no major cases. Drugs continue to take up our time with fentanyl deaths across the county. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) tips continue to come in, which leads to lots more paperwork/subpoenas for our detective division. Jail population stays steady with out of county revenue toping almost \$600000. Traffic fatalities were nonexistent until the end of September and we ended with seven total for the year. Dispatch continues to answer the call with again a steady number from 2021 to 2022.

What I see for 2023 is more complex calls. The calls we are taking require more time, more expectations on our deputies and more involvement from outside agencies. With mental health at the front of most of these calls, the addition of a social worker in the department will help. With ICAC increasing with more people working from home, we will see more complex and time consuming cases. But in 2023, we will again hit it out of the park and continue to be the best department around.

Budget in	2022 – 8.8 Million	2021 – 8.5 Million	2020 – 8.35 Million
	2019 – 8.15 Million	2018 – 7.85 Million	
Personnel -	76 in 2022	76 in 2021	77 in 2020
	75 in 2019	76 in 2018	

2023 goals

- K-9 Change Over - Retire K-9 Chase and Deputize K-9 Jasper
- Increase Fentanyl Enforcement and Awareness
- Strengthen our School Liaison Programs across the county
- Increase our training department wide
- Start Jail Sally Port addition

Accidents

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
296	291	340	362	356
7 Fatal	9 Fatal	4 Fatal	7 Fatal	5 Fatal

Of the 2022 accidents; 160 were property damage, 130 were injury and 6 fatal crashes with 7 fatalities.

OWI

For 2022 – 83 people arrested for OWI including six ATV/UTV OWI.

Monday 15	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 11	Thursday 6	Friday 12
Saturday 22	Sunday 14			

Of the 83 - 15 were female. Youngest person arrested was 16 and oldest was 72.

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

OWI's in 2021 were 78; increase of 5 total OWI arrests from 2021 to 2022. 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 49 or **59%** 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 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.

Traffic Data

Number of traffic stops – 2058

Number of citations issued – 1003

Number of traffic stops in 2021 were 1732 and 2021 citations issued were 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.

Recreation Deputy

Snow 2021/2022

232.5 hours billed of which 166.5 were patrol hours, 29.5 administrative time and 36 exempt hours for crash investigation and instructing Snowmobile Safety and training.
71 contacts - 6 warnings, 7 citations.
57 students completed the DNR Snowmobile Safety course instructed by sheriff's department.
Claim Amount: \$15,231.95 (reimbursement at 60.37% - \$9,195.34)

Water 2022

146 hours billed of which 90 were patrol hours, 15 administrative time and 41 exempt hours for training, crash/drowning investigations.
110 contacts - 1 warnings, 10 citations
Barron County had three drownings in 2022.
Claim Amount: \$15,026.22 (reimbursement rate to be determined in April of 2023)

ATV 2021/2022

1024.5 hours billed of which 896.5 were patrol hours, 99.5 administrative time and 28.5 exempt hours for crash investigations and training.
562 contacts - 8 warnings, 66 citations
Claim Amount: \$51,204.15 (reimbursement at 73.13% - \$37,446.88)

Trail Work Grants – Ongoing maintenance grants/bridge rehab & replacement/new trail grants
\$1,153,024.

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)

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)

Total Cases

2022 1158 (19 – ICAC) 2021 – 1191 2020 - 1176 2019 - 1112 2018 - 1275

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

2022 1083 2021 - 1345 2020 - 1196 2019 - 1241 2018 - 1433

2022 Sheriff Sales – 20 scheduled (5 cancelled).
 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).

Dispatch

	2022	2021	
911 Calls	13,503/37 per day	14,767/40.5 per day	
CAD's	38,843/106.4 per day	39,680/108.7 per day	
	2020	2019	2018
911 Calls	13,954/38.2 per day	13,855/37.9 per day	4,377/39.4 per day
CAD's	36,330/99.5 per day	39,797/108.7 per day	60,417/165.5 per day

Domestic Disturbance/Violence Calls for Service

2022 – 258 County Wide/73 Sheriff
 2021 – 330 County Wide/76 Sheriff 2020 – 335 County Wide/103 Sheriff
 2019 – 480 County Wide/256 Sheriff 2018 – 429 County Wide/190 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
2018	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	6	5	26	0	17	0	39	10	0	0	0	0	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
2022	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	2	0	30	6	15	0	12	9	0	0	0	0	2	88
TTL	0	1	0	0	16	7	82	29	22	159	16	97	0	131	43	0	5	0	11	23	642

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
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	5	0	49
2021	0	4	20	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
2022	0	1	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
TTL	1	10	91	73	0	0	2	1	0	11	189

Barron County Sheriff's Dept. (Drug Arrest Summary - criminal arrests)

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

In 2022, 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:

2022 - 102 2021 - 58 2020 - 77 2019 - 254 2018 - 694

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 50,176 followers.

In February of 2014, we launched a new website. During 2022, the website has received 3,606,548 hits and 50,176 unique visitors. 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. This again has been a great tool for us and interacts automatically with our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Jail

Bookings in the jail

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total	1060	974	945	1877	2172
Male	780	725	728	1351	1654
Female	280	249	217	526	481

In 2022, the out-of-county housing revenue was approximately \$580,000 for housing of inmates for other agencies.

During 2022, there were 2,290 inmate worker hours. Total hours include work in the jail laundry, cleaning in the jail and jail library.

Fees Collected

	Collected – 2022	2021
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$ 19,278.21	\$ 13,371.63
Booking Fee	\$ 1,740.32	\$ 1,451.13
Nurse Fee	\$ 213.69	\$ 435.00
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$ 29,791.21	\$ 26,223.18

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

	Collected – 2020	2019	2018
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$ 18,782.24	\$ 30,704.90	\$ 40,625.59
Booking Fee	\$ 658.52	\$ 1,795.51	\$ 2,572.27
Nurse Fee	\$ 760.47	\$ 1,596.63	\$ 2,572.27
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$ 20,434.99	\$ 13,425.94	\$ 19,368.76

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

Underage Drinking Citations

2022	32	(includes 2 adult permit/underage drinking)
2021	135	(includes 5 adult permit/underage drinking)
2020	111	(includes 23 adult permit/underage drinking)
2019	99	(includes 38 adult permit/underage drinking)
2018	170	(includes 63 adult permit/underage drinking)

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

2022

- 3 Total Call Outs
- 1 High Risk Search Warrants
- 2 Suicidal/Barricaded Subject

2021

- 14 Total Call Outs
- 5 High Risk Search Warrant
- 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

Team consists of 2 Commanders, 9 Entry and 3 Snipers. Members of the team are 8 Sheriff’s Department personnel and 6 from Rusk County Sheriff’s Department.

Grants 2022

County Law Enforcement	\$24,593	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$18,188
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force			\$0
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force			\$5,000
Safe Ride Program	\$4,000	ICAC Cellebrite Grant	\$2,440
Fatal Vision Kits Grant	\$4,545		

2021

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

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		

Thank you for your time in reading this report and as stated we are looking forward to an even safer 2023.

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald