

# Barron County Sheriff's Dept 2017 Annual Report



2017 was an unbelievable year for the sheriff's department and while you will see a reduction in some categories our major cases and drug issues consumed much of our time. From the tornado, plane crash, double murder/suicide and the finding of human remains along with many other cases we had it all. One thing that remained consistent was the effort and work put out by the members of this Sheriff's Department. No matter the time of day or day of the week, they left their families, holidays and their own houses damaged by the storm to help others. More importantly, they all went home at the end of all this. While it was busy, I could not be more proud of the work they did and the support received from the public during these events. We look forward to a less exciting 2018 as we continue to work on the drug issue and make sure Barron County residents are safe!

Budget in	<b>2017 – 7.67 million</b>	2015 – 7.55 million	2013 – 7.04 Million
	2016 – 7.53 million	2014 – 7.23 million	2012 – 7.04 Million
Personnel -	<b>75 in 2017</b> (Jail staff changes)	76 in 2015	75 in 2013
	78 in 2016	75 in 2014	75 in 2012

**2018 goals**

- Meth – continue to work with CJCC and the state on our “kNOw Meth Plan”
- Transition to the new Spillman Records Management system
- Host a 2018 Citizens Academy
- Transition new personnel into the K-9 and Drug Unit positions
- Continue to advance this department with technology opportunities

**Accidents**

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

Of the 2017 accidents; 256 were property damage, 113 were injury and 4 fatal.

**OWI**

**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 2015 were 151; decrease of 49 total OWI arrests from 2015 to 2016.

**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 – 2286**

**Number of citations issued – 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.

### Animal Control

The Animal Control Deputy had 159 contacts for animal related calls and issued 14 citations for licensing and animals at large. Other deputies issued four citations for animals at large.

### Recreation Deputy

#### Snow 2016/2017

60 hours billed of which 48 were patrol hours and the remainder were administrative/grant hours.  
(short season due to lack of snow)

88 contacts - 4 warnings, 1 citation

Reimbursed \$5,973.52

#### Water 2017

120 hours billed of which 96 were patrol hours and the remainder were administrative/grant hours.

332 contacts - 07 warnings, 8 citations

Reimbursed \$8,269.52

#### ATV 2016/2017

500 hours billed of which 377 were patrol hours and the remainder were administrative/grant hours.

490 contacts - 40 warnings, 39 citations

Reimbursed \$27,301.50

Trail Work Grants – Ongoing maintenance grants \$160,400 and four new trail grants \$386,685.

### Total Cases

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

### Vehicles

27 squads, Armored Vehicle, Drug Unit Van, Swat Bus, Mobile Command Center, Emergency Management Vehicle, School/Spare Car, motorcycle, 2 snowmobiles, 2 UTV and 2 Boats

**Process Service**

Papers Served

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

2017 Sheriff Sales – 53 scheduled (16 cancelled)  
 2016 Sheriff Sales – 72 scheduled (18 cancelled).  
 2015 Sheriff Sales – 70 scheduled (20 cancelled).

**Dispatch**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
911 Calls	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	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**

**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 of 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	226
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
<b>TTL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1646</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
<b>TTL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</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>111</b>

The 88 drug cases generated by the patrol division are not included above.

In 2017, the sheriff's department spent \$22,500 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 2016, the monetary seizures and restitution totaled \$95,026.89 (\$76,650.60 on one case).

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 2017 vs 221 tips in 2016. 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 13,989 followers.

In February of 2014, we launched a new website. Through 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>2017</b>	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Total</b>	<b>2349</b>	2351	2460	2193	1984	2305	2288	2164	2163
Male	<b>1786</b>	1768	1847	1663	1585	1815	1853	1738	1710
Female	<b>563</b>	583	613	530	399	490	435	426	453

In 2017, the out-of-county housing revenue was \$327,974.20 for housing of inmates for other agencies.

For 2017, the jail collected a total of 305 DNA samples – 10 for arrest DNA samples and 295 for conviction DNA samples.

During 2017, there were 6327.5 inmate worker hours. Total hours include work in the jail kitchen, jail laundry, cleaning in the jail, washing squad cars, jail library and assisting maintenance with yard maintenance and snow removal.

**Fee's**

	<b>Collected – 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
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

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)

#### 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 14 Sheriff's Department personnel, along with 1 from Rice Lake Police Department Officer, 5 from Rusk County Sheriff's Department and 4 tactical medics from Lakeview Medical Center.

### Grants 2017

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

#### 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		

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2015

County Law Enforcement \$17,464  
Seat Belt Enforcement \$20,000

County/Tribal Law Enforcement \$13,917  
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 2018.

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald

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# Emergency Services 2017 Annual Report

Barron County Sheriff's Department





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*Each year, the Barron County (WI) Sheriff's Department – Office of Emergency Services publishes an annual community report that outlines most of the projects completed for that year, and identifies active initiatives for the following year.*

# Barron County Emergency Services 2017 Annual Report

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## Completed Projects

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- 41 community preparedness articles were published on social media, reaching 230,467 viewers. Articles were also included in the “Barron County Review” and Meals-on-Wheels, reaching an additional 15,000 residents. Topics included emergency preparedness, home safety, crime prevention, severe weather, etc.
- To promote communication and enhance severe weather awareness, a Facebook page was created titled “Barron County Weather Network”. This social media site allows citizens to discuss approaching weather fronts, post current weather reports, and share photos of snowfall, storm damage, etc. As of this report, the page has received over 500 followers and proved beneficial during the May 16<sup>th</sup> EF-3 Tornado, as radar and damage photos were posted and shared throughout the county.

### **LOCAL AGREEMENTS**

- To prevent transportation failures, local emergency fuel agreements were created with two (2) separate fuel suppliers within Barron County, to open seven (7) pre-determined gas stations throughout the county during long-term power outages, with specific pumps at each site being reserved for emergency services. This capability will allow vehicles operated by fire departments, ambulance services, law enforcement agencies, and highway departments to remain fueled during disasters and fuel shortages.
- Since disasters can affect an entire region, emergency fuel supply agreements were established with fuel suppliers in southern Wisconsin and neighboring states to provide fuel during wide-spread disasters and large-scale fuel shortages. Additional agreements were also established with mobile refueling vendors to support field-based critical infrastructure such as emergency communication towers and disaster shelter generators.
- To augment response & recovery, mutual aid agreements were signed with five (5) area facilities to serve as Supply Points of Distribution (PODs) during emergencies and disasters. These facilities can accept bulk disaster relief items (such as food, water, cleaning supplies, etc) and redistribute the items to members of the public.
- Additional mutual aid agreements were also signed with four (4) area facilities to serve as a Donations Management Center. These facilities act as drop-off points for disaster donations, for items such as clothing, household goods, furniture, etc. Onsite personnel sort and document the donations, and prepare them for redistribution back out to the public.



- To assist the gathering of families during/following an emergency or disaster, mutual aid agreements were signed with six (6) area facilities to serve as Family Reunification Centers. These facilities act as secure gathering points for individuals/family involved in critical or large incidents. These facilities are also used as a controlled area to distribute accurate incident information and offer mental health services before victims return to their community.

### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

- To enhance emergency evacuation preparedness, additional facilities were added to the Barron County Shelter database, which now includes 25 Warming Centers, 31 Temporary Shelters, and 3 Long Term Shelters. With these agreements, Barron County has the ability to support mass sheltering through the use of schools, churches, community centers, and other local facilities. In total, Warming Centers can accommodate approximately 4,175 residents, Temporary Shelters can accommodate approximately 13,500 residents, and Long Term Shelters can accommodate approximately 1,230 residents.
- To assist homeowners involved in tornadoes, a Tornado Support Packet was created which outlines what resources are available (such as Red Cross, food pantry's, discount clothing stores, etc) and walks the homeowner through step-by-step instructions on replacing critical documents, fulfilling immediate needs, and replacing lost or damaged items. This packet was hand-delivered to all community members affected by the tornado on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017.



Regional Disaster Trailer

A 20-foot all-hazard disaster trailer was purchased, specifically designed to support law enforcement, fire, and EMS incidents; equipped with materials and supplies to supplement flooding, hazmat, tornadoes, crime scenes, mass casualty incidents, etc. Equipment also includes two large oxygen "K" tanks with regulators, which can be setup in two separate community shelters to supply oxygen to multiple patients for long periods of time. Through a Northwest Healthcare Coalition grant, 70 road cones, a large tent, and 3 handheld GPS units were purchased. The Disaster Trailer is now available for regional deployment.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

- In 2016, the Barron County 911 Center received 404 calls from members of our community suffering from chest pain, with 45 residents experiencing cardiac arrest. To combat this growing problem, a research project was created which identified over 120 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) located in schools, businesses, churches, and civic organizations within Barron County. These locations were registered in the 911 database, allowing 911 dispatchers to direct callers to their closest AED, to reduce the time of quickly locating these lifesaving devices during cardiac events.
- An agreement was created with a local farm equipment supplier to provide a technical expert to respond on all calls involving farm equipment (trauma, entrapment, etc). Operating in a support role, the representative can provide advice and suggestions on emergency shut-down procedures, extrication tactics, etc. This resource is activated through the Emergency Services Director.

- o An agreement was created with three (3) local veterinarians to respond on all calls involving large animals (trauma, entrapment, etc). Operating in a support role, the veterinarian can provide advice and direction on extrication/rescue and can provide medications if needed. This resource is also activated through the Emergency Services Director.



- o A mutual-aid agreement was signed with Barron Hometown Pharmacy to establish a plan through which prescription medications can be made available to first responders during emergencies and disasters, which prevent community members from accessing the pharmacy due to severe weather and/or hazardous road conditions. The agreement allows first responders to pick up critical medications (such as inhalers, nitroglycerin, insulin, epinephrine, etc) and deliver to customers in need. This agreement ensures an organized public/private method of coordinating resources to expedite delivery of time-sensitive medications to members of the community. Note: this agreement only covers life-saving prescriptions in disaster situations.
- o A local Long Term Recovery Committee has been established to assist victims involved in emergencies such as multi-unit structure fires, floods, structural collapse, etc. This group collaborates to ensure victim needs are met on short-term and long-term levels. Once a case is opened, a shared document is created for all group members to view, tracking the fulfillment of unmet needs through the process. Recovery needs include housing, food, medications, clothing, mental health, faith-based needs, business-recovery, clean-up, etc. Recovery Committee members include the Red Cross, Salvation Army, ADRC, Public Health, Economic Development, Housing Authority, Christian Disaster Relief, and Red Cedar Church.

**DRILLS/EXERCISES**

- o Barron County Emergency Services participated in a Long Term Power Outage Exercise at WITC in coordination with the Northwest Healthcare Coalition.



Search & Rescue Training

- o A search & rescue drill was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Skinaway Lake in Turtle Lake, in coordination with Boy Scout Troop 59. The 5-hour event provided scouts with hands-on experience in searching for two missing scouts, hidden in the surrounding wooded area. Skills such as mapping, tracking, medical care, and extrication were used; following the guidance of Turtle Lake Fire Department, Cumberland Ambulance, and the Barron County Sheriff's Department.

- o To prepare for severe weather season, Tornado Drills were held at Tainter Elementary, Woodland Elementary, Almena Elementary, and Ridgeland Elementary Schools.

### **DISPATCH**

- To enhance responder call notification, a cell phone app system called “I am Responding” was implemented to replace “e-Dispatch”. This system offers enhanced mapping features, response coordination, and call routing. E-Dispatch will be discontinued in January of 2018, with the exception of Bear Lake/Haugen Fire (who will use both systems for a few more months), and Dallas EMS (who will use e-Dispatch on a permanent basis).

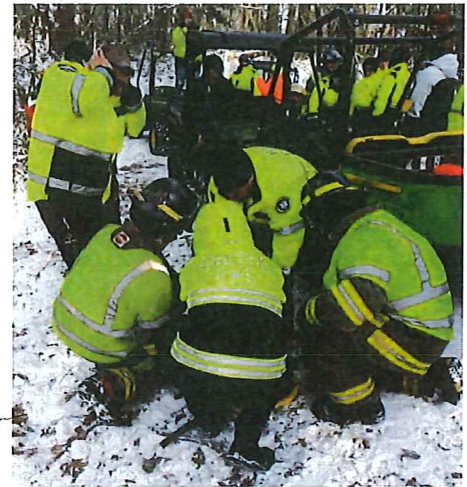
### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A radio program called “Conventional Voting Scan” was implemented for Sheriff’s Department radios. This feature automatically selects the radio tower offering the strongest signal, eliminating the need for officers to manually switch zones as they move throughout the county.
- Due to unrealistic repair costs mandated by the EF Johnson Corporation, the Sheriff’s Department is transitioning to Motorola APX4000 portables. Selection criteria included radio size, weight, reliability, functionality, and capability – and replacements are being purchased on an as-needed basis.

### **COMPLETED TRAINING**

In 2017, Barron County Emergency Services held 46 training classes, instructing over 910 local and regional emergency responders.

- A “Winter/Cold Emergencies” training was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Mosaic in Cameron, with 50 emergency responders from across the region.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, a “Managing Farm-Related Trauma” training was held at Mosaic in Cameron, with approximately 40 attendees from surrounding emergency response organizations.
- An “Incident Command System” (ICS-300) Course was held at the Justice Center EOC on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with over 30 emergency responders in attendance.
- The National Weather Service held a “Skywarn” class held in the Justice Center EOC on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with over 100 community members in attendance.
- Barron County Emergency Services partnered with Wisconsin DOT to host a “Traffic Incident Management Enhancement” (TIME) class at the Turtle Lake Fire Hall on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, which was attended by over 30 regional personnel from fire, ambulance, law enforcement, and towing operations.
- “Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings” and “Response to Suicide Bombings” courses were held at the Justice Center EOC on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, instructed New Mexico Tech. Each course consisted of 60+ attendees from law enforcement and fire personnel from across the state.
- A “Disaster Response and Recovery” presentation was provided to the Wisconsin Towns Association at the Justice Center EOC in December. This presentation covered local-level roles/responsibilities and available resources, with the majority of Barron County Town Chairs in attendance.



Winter/Cold Emergencies TRN



- To increase community preparedness and response capabilities, 38 “Active Shooter” classes were provided to area churches, businesses, banks, clinics, hospitals, schools, and civic groups.
- This brings the total to 64 active shooter training classes held in Barron County within the past two years, with over 1,000 attendees.

- The Emergency Services Director completed the Wisconsin State Emergency Manager’s Certification, which required the completion of 34 training courses equaling over 250 hours of training.

**PLAN UPDATES**

- The Barron County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated and approved by the Barron County Board of Supervisors, which identifies natural and technological hazards that pose a threat to Barron County residents and outlines strategies for threat-reduction and mitigation.
- Off-site Emergency Plans were updated for ten (10) chemical facilities identified by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). These documents include chemical identification, hazard exposure profiles, and release management practices, and are used by facility management in the event of a chemical spill or release.
- Municipal Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) were updated for 27 townships, cities, and villages. These documents guide local officials through the response and recovery phase of large-scale incidents and disasters.
- 13 sections of the Barron County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) were updated, to include Direction & Control, Warning & Communications, Resource Management, Law Enforcement, Human Services, Health & Medical, Public Information, and Damage Assessment. This plan is divided into functional sections, and is used by county personnel when managing disasters and large-scale incidents.

**GRANTS RECEIVED (YTD Grant Funding Received: \$48,991)**

- Barron County Emergency Services applied and received the following grants in 2017:

\$22,239	First-Half of 2017 EMPG Grant
\$6,480	First-Half EPCRA Grant
\$3,243	Local Training Grants
\$1,233	2016 EMPG Redistribution
\$8,193	2017 Computer Equipment & Hazmat Response Grant

**GRANTS AWARDED (YTD Grant Funding Awarded: \$57,398)**

- Barron County Emergency Services applied and was awarded the following grants in 2017:

\$44,478	2017 EMPG Grant (first-half received, awaiting to receive second-half)
\$12,920	2017 EPCRA Grant (first-half received, awaiting to receive second-half)

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Emergency Services was approved by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to serve as the elective billing agent for all incidents involving hazardous materials. This allows for all emergency response agencies (police, fire, ems, highway, etc) to be reimbursed (if invoiced funds are received) for equipment, supplies, and personnel under one umbrella. A countywide reimbursement rate structure was also approved. In 2017, a total of \$27,465 was reimbursed back to police, fire, and EMS organizations within Barron County. This reimbursement funding is critical to rural departments, and is applied to offset the cost of emergency response equipment, supplies, and personnel.

## Active Projects

### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

- High winds and tornadoes often lead to loss of life, injuries, damage to property, crops, infrastructure, and forest areas. Barron County has experienced some of the most deadliest and most damaging tornadoes in Wisconsin, establishing it as being a relative hotspot for tornadic activity, with only 5 other counties in Wisconsin experiencing more tornadoes since 1950. In the last 60 years, Barron County has experienced 38 tornadoes, with 1 fatality, 41 injuries, and over \$37 million dollars in damage. Based on trends, it's projected that Barron County will experience a tornado every 1.5 years. The county has also experienced 104 high-wind events since 1993 (averaging 4.5 per year) and resulting in over \$5.3 million dollars in damage. In an effort to enhance the physical protection of residents located in mobile home areas, Barron County has applied for a \$270,000 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to fund the construction of two community storm shelters. One located at 1045 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Chetek (Prairie Lake Estates) and one located at 1469 E Division Ave in Barron (East End Estates). The application was sent to FEMA for review in November, however FEMA's approval process takes 6-8 months to complete. Additional information to follow as it becomes available.



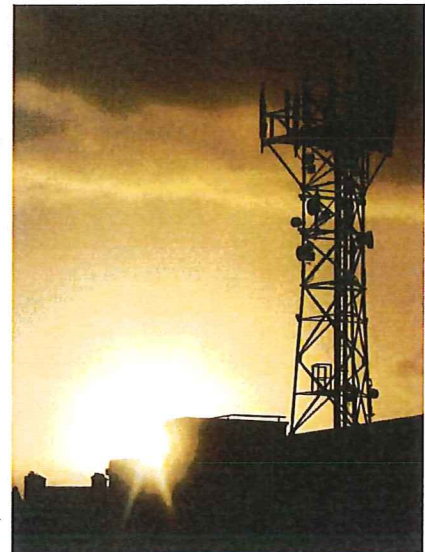
EF-3 Tornado affecting Barron & Rusk Counties on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- To enhance the health and safety of our Somalian population, a Cultural Outreach Program was created through a partnership between Barron Police Department, Barron Fire Department, Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Gold Cross Ambulance, Barron County Sheriff's Department, Environmental Health, and Health & Human Services. This program increases education on fire safety, health concerns, and law enforcement topics. To start the initiative, a collaborative agreement was reached with the Birch Avenue Apartments in Barron to distribute questionnaires to their residents to identify health and safety concerns. Based upon the answers, education sessions will be held on the property. A final Safety Day will be held at the apartment complex, where walk-throughs will be conducted by safety teams with representatives from police, fire, ems, and health & human services – and educational handouts provided. Additionally, railroad safety training will be provided by Operation Lifesaver.
- To promote emergency/disaster preparedness, a Public Safety Day is being planned for Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Barron County Fairgrounds. This will be a very large event, focused on educating residents and engaging kids specific to safety and preparedness topics. This will be a full-day event with educational booths, kids activities, vendors, attractions, etc. A planning committee has been created, and the concept is being developed at this time.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- In 2016, the microwave radio link connecting the Justice Center to the Government Center failed on two (2) separate occasions due to the effects of severe weather. Additionally, the age of the system requires the purchase of \$28,000 in replacement equipment to maintain the communications network for upcoming years. To eliminate the purchase of this high-cost maintenance equipment, a fiber line will be installed between the Justice Center and the Clinton Tower. This secure network will also prevent further radio failures of radio channels during severe weather. The project is in the design process and is slated for Spring of 2018.
- To improve radio communications in the Chetek and New Auburn area, Racom will be replacing the current bi-directional antenna with an upgraded omni-directional antenna on the Chetek water tower. The intent of this project is to broaden the mobile and portable radio coverage area and strengthen radio reception throughout the southeast portion of Barron County, specific to Fire/EMS frequencies. This improvement should establish new communications between New Auburn Fire and Barron 911, and enhance existing communications between Barron 911 and Chetek Fire/EMS.
- To enhance communication and coordination, a countywide emergency responder email group is currently being created. Once complete, blanket emails can be sent to reach all police/fire/ems responders, to facilitate information sharing, training announcements, and safety announcements. To be included in this group, responders can contact the Emergency Services Director.





### **DISPATCH**

- To replace our current Records Management System (RMS), Barron County signed with Spillman to install a new system that includes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software. This system will significantly improve dispatch operations, by offering advanced mapping capabilities and streamlining dispatch user interfaces. The system will also offer a Mobile CAD version, which allows responders to install CAD on their vehicle computers to enhance information sharing. Software installation is slated for late 2018, and more information will be published as it becomes available.

### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

- In 2016, the Barron County 911 Center received 4,300 EMS calls, with only 1,100 occurring in areas that have a community-based first responder organization in-place. This leaves 3,000 calls occurring in areas that do not have an established program. To fill this gap and to increase the number of first responders, a non-profit organization was created named "Emergency Services of Barron County". This 501(c)(3) organization is independent and not associated with county government (to allow for charitable donations), and is designed to enhance equipment, supplies, training, communication, and coordination. The goals of this program is to provide a combined medical directorship, operate under a single set of EMS protocols, provide a consistent training program, and allow for cross-jurisdiction team member responses under a countywide initiative.

Administrative: A Board of Directors has been created, with an additional Operations Group and Advisory Committee. District Directors have also been assigned, with district boundaries following the same geographical borders of Barron County fire departments. This allows for familiarity of areas and ease of responder grouping. Chippewa Valley Regional EMS protocols were adopted, and the nine (9) advanced operating protocols were approved by the medical directors. Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation has also been purchased and equipment/supplies have been selected, with emphasis placed on quality and longevity.



The program is continuing to move forward, with donations being received on a weekly basis from community partners. 34 team member applications have been received, however the Board is waiting for the State to formally approve the service before team members are placed on the roster. Once team member applications are approved, an Emergency First Responder (EMR) class will most likely be held in the Spring of 2018 and the annual training program (which has already been created) will be implemented.

### Status:

All aspects of the team are prepared, just waiting on approval from Wisconsin Office of EMS. Once approval is received, team members will be selected, outfitted for equipment/supplies, and the paging system turned on.

## **DISASTER DECLARATION**

- On May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017, an EF-3 Tornado caused catastrophic damage in the townships of Prairie Lake, Chetek, Sumner, Vance Creek, and Maple Grove (in addition to several communities in Rusk County). Over 200 local and regional police, fire, and EMS responders assisted with a 7-hour rescue and evacuation effort. In total, 25 injuries were reported, including 1 fatality.

An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was established to coordinate response and recovery operations, and a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) processed over 1500 volunteers that assisted with debris clean-up through the Chetek and Prairie Lake townships. The WI DNR and Team Rubicon deployed management teams to coordinate volunteer activities, and were met with truckloads of donated equipment such as shovels, rakes, work gloves, and cleaning supplies.

Hotels opened their doors to displaced residents, churches and community groups sent teams of volunteers, and enough donations were received to fill a warehouse of space.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the “You Are Not Alone Initiative” was launched, where Barron County staff volunteered their time to go door-to-door and contact each person who reported tornado damage. This team documented any unmet needs that were identified by the homeowners and provided a packet of information with guidance on recovering from a tornado.

In total, 146 primary residences (excluding vacation homes, outbuildings, and garages) were damaged. 77 received minor damage, 36 receiving major damage, and 33 being destroyed. Seven (7) businesses were also impacted, with three (3) receiving minor damage, three (3) receiving major damage, and one (1) being destroyed.

Final damage totals exceeded \$12 million, with \$6,027,565 in residential damages and \$5,981,135 in business damages. Over the following six weeks, debris removal costs exceeded \$855,540 to clear right-of-ways and restore utilities. Townships are working through Barron County Emergency Services to receive partial reimbursement funds available through the Wisconsin Disaster Fund.



### **UPCOMING TRAINING**

- Introduction to Wildland Suppression Training – The Wisconsin DNR will be conducting this course at the Justice Center EOC on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. This training is designed for current firefighters and bridges the training requirement from a Structural Firefighter 1 to a Wisconsin DNR Wildland Firefighter.
- Homemade Explosives (HME) – New Mexico Tech will be conducting a Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response Course at the Justice Center on Thursday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (flyer to be published in January). This course provides fire/ems/law enforcement responders the knowledge to effectively prevent, interdict, and respond to an imminent threat caused by homemade explosive laboratories and producers.
- Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents – New Mexico Tech will be hosting this course at the Barron County Justice Center on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. (flyer to be published in February). This course addresses medical preparedness for and response to blast effects. Content areas include identification of targets, explosives characteristics, pre-attack indicators, detonation response, and bombing injuries.

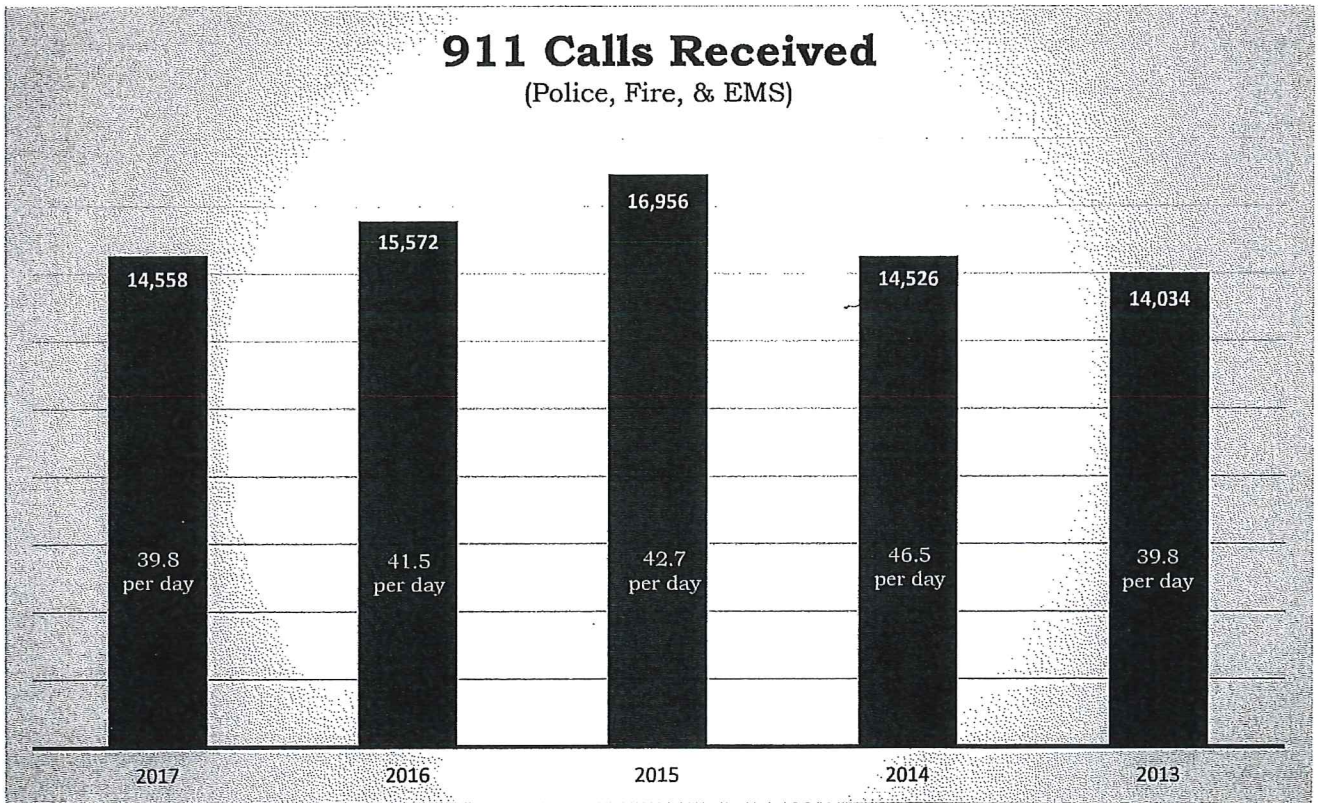
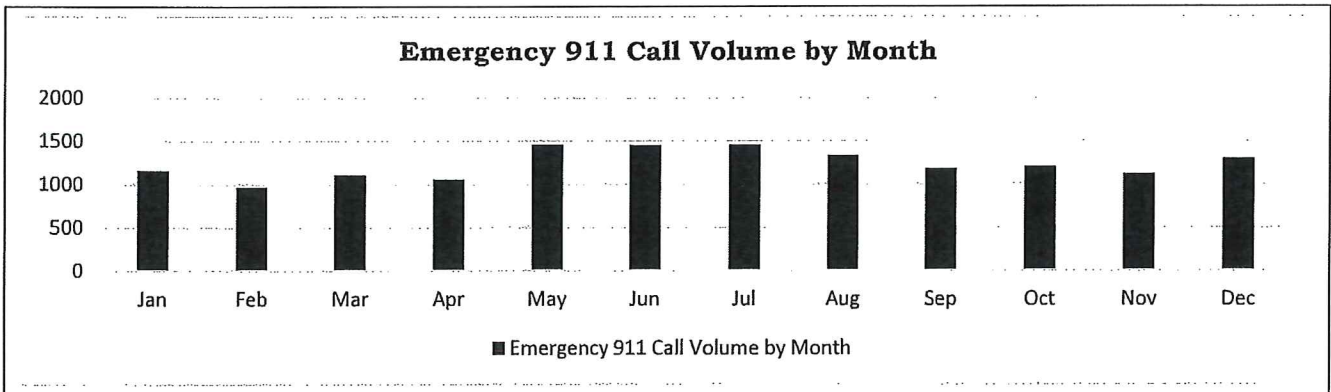
*On behalf of the Barron County Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Services, we sincerely thank the men and women of our emergency response organizations for their unsurpassed service and dedication to the members of our community. Thank you for a successful year, and we look forward to serving with you in 2018.*

*Michael Judy, Director  
Barron County Emergency Services  
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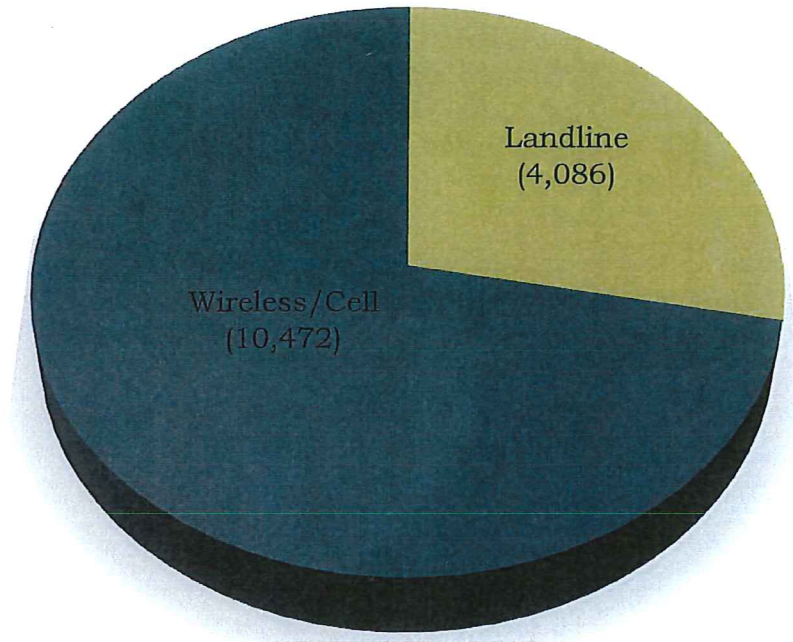
911 and Response Statistics on Following Page

**CALL STATISTICS OVERVIEW**

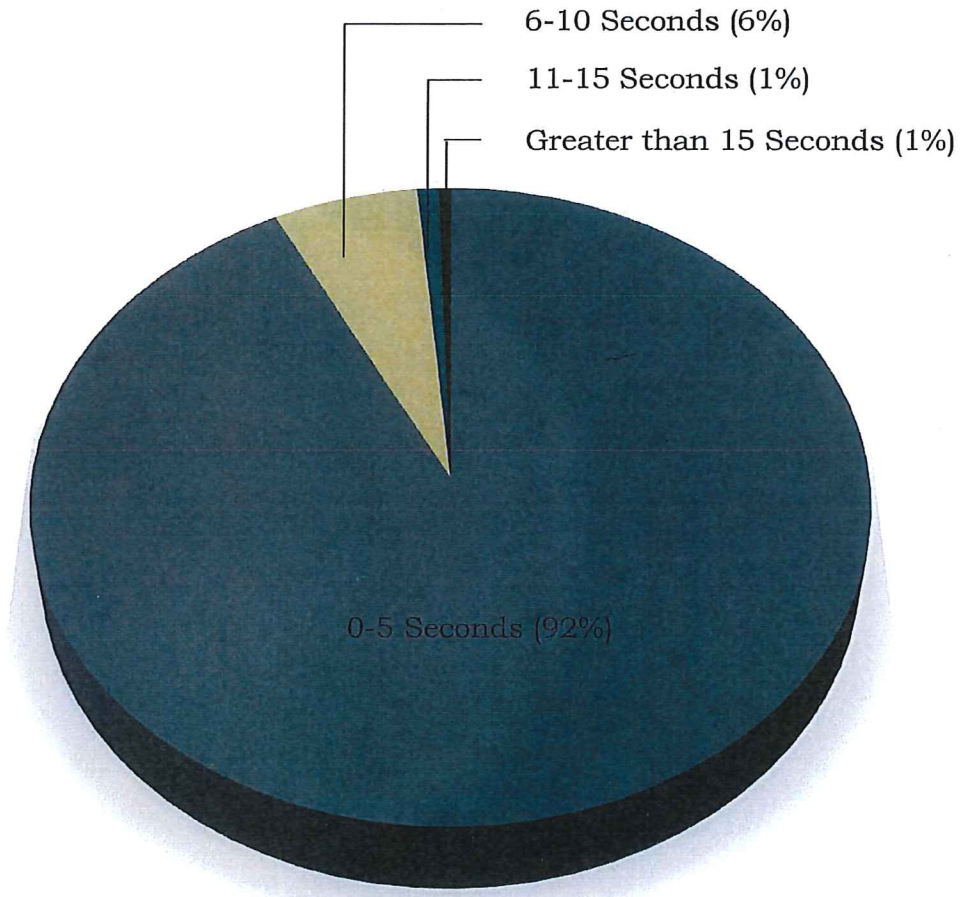
Total Number of CADs Created	<b><u>60,211</u></b>
Total Number of Inbound Phone Calls Received	<b><u>59,556</u></b>
Emergency 911 Phone Calls Received	(14,558)
Non-Emergency (Admin) Phone Calls Received	(44,998)
Total Number of Outbound Phone Calls made from the 911 Center	<b><u>17,447</u></b>



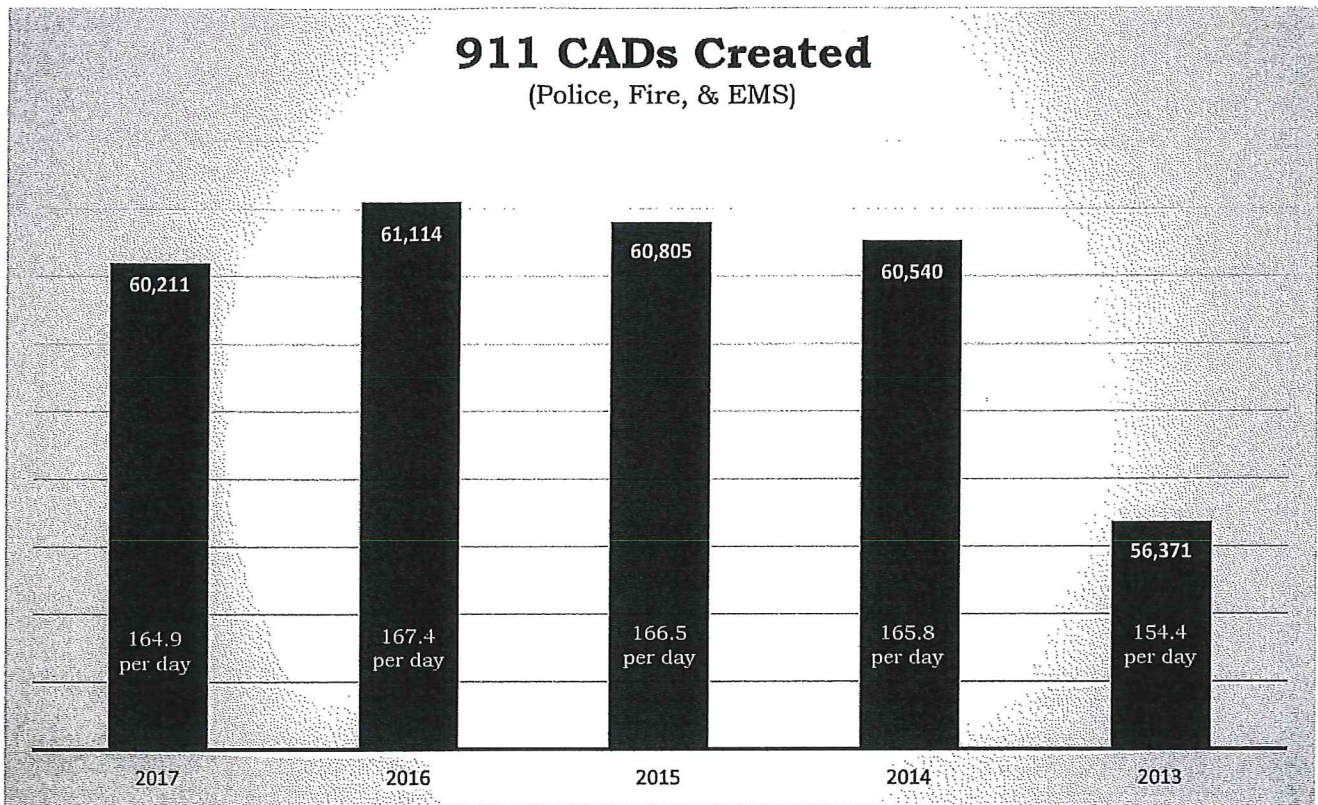
Total Number of Inbound 911 Phone Calls into the 911 Center: **14,558**



**Average 911 Ring-To-Answer Time (3 Seconds or less)**

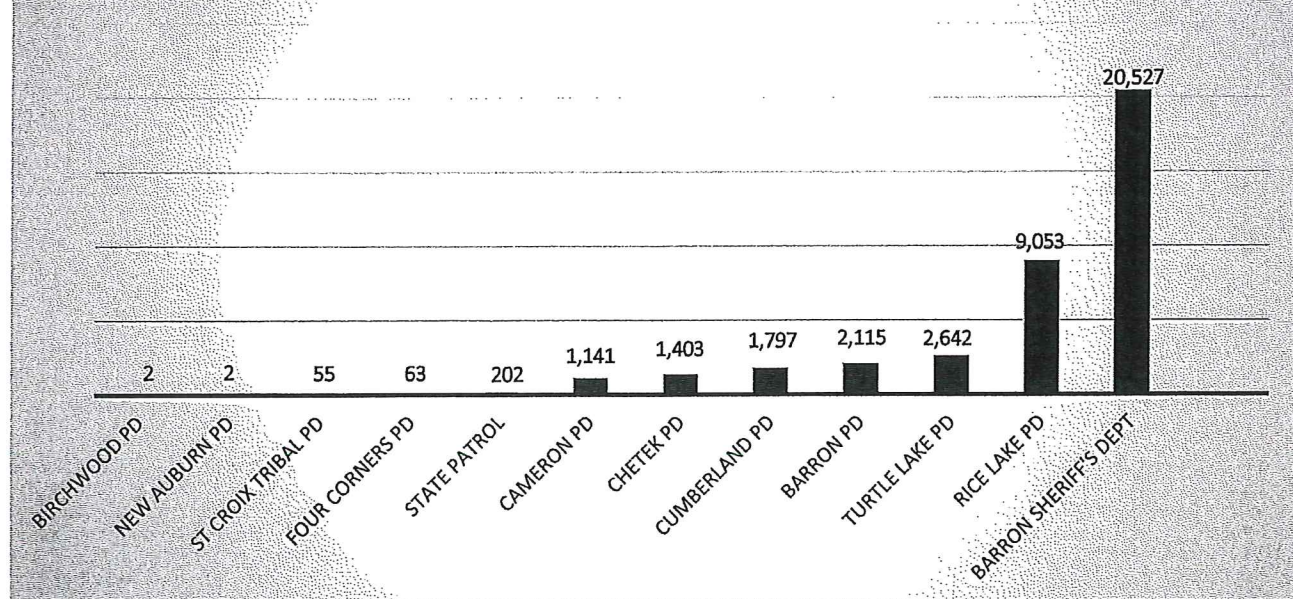


## 911 CADs Created (Police, Fire, & EMS)



Department Statistics on Following Pages

## Law Enforcement Calls (39,002 Total)



### LAW ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Traffic Stop	7566
Controlled Burn	2602
Traffic Complaint / Hazard	1848
911 Hang Up	1778
Traffic Accident (Crash)	1424
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1420
Call For Service	1363
Assist Motorist	1038
Dog Case	867
Information Only	758
Alarms	703
Public Assist	645
Warrant	626
Car / Animal Accident	615
Welfare Check	605
911 Misdial	520
Animal Complaint	470
911 Non-Emergency	456
Theft (Larceny)	452
Domestic Disturbance / Violence	432
Harassment / Stalking / Threat	385
Drugs	380
Suicidal Person / Attempt	364
Fraud / Deception	362

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS (CONTINUED)**

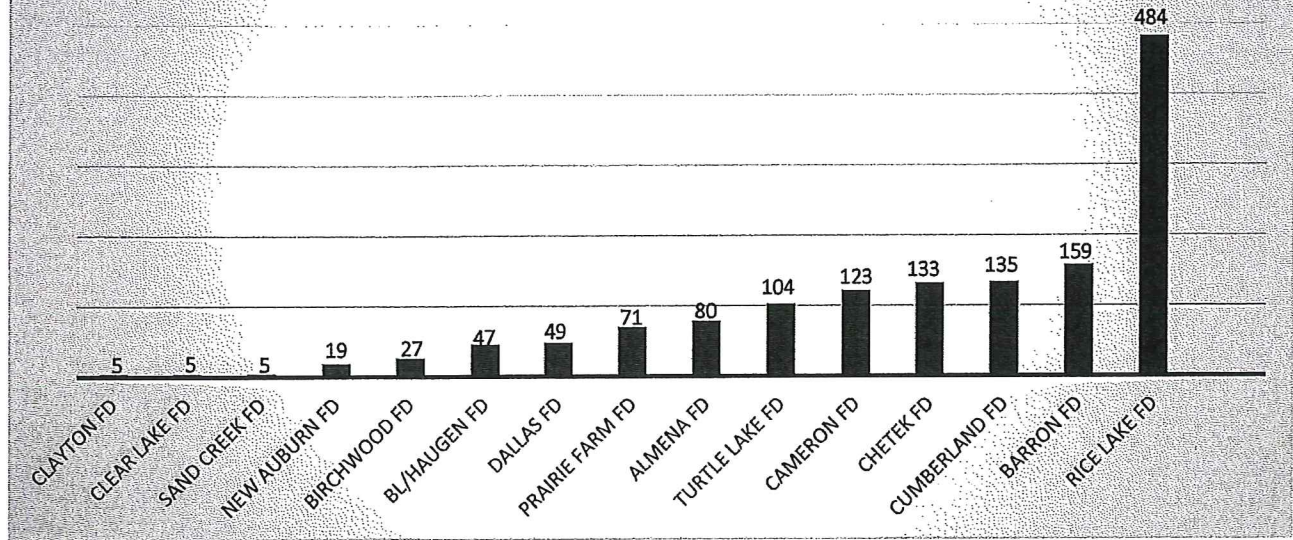
Disorderly Conduct	334
Damage / Vandalism / Mischief	301
Assist Other Agency	297
Transport	292
Road Blocked	282
Attempt to Locate	254
Lost & Found	226
Restraining Order/Bond Violation	198
Intoxicated Person	196
Mental Disorder (Behavioral Problems)	194
Livestock on the Highway	188
Noise Complaint	179
Gas Drive Off	178
OWI	177
Utility Complaint	173
Missing / Runaway / Found Person	170
Trespassing	161
Child Custody	160
Burglary / Home Invasion	155
Protection Papers	138
Repossession	132
Civil Complaint	129
Stolen Vehicle	123
Hit & Run	117
Inmate Information / Violation	104
Fireworks Complaint	90
Abuse / Abandonment / Neglect	84
Assault / Battery	82
Shoplifting	81
Open Door	79
Animal Bites / Attacks	72
Property Dispute / Exchange	71
Conservation / DNR	63
Sexual Assault	60
Fight in Progress	58
Traffic Standard Repair	55
ATV / Snowmobile / Boat Complaint	52
Ordinance Violation	49
Search Warrant	49
Deceased Person	45
Human Services	36
Landlord / Tenant Dispute	34
Probation	32
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**LAW ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS (CONTINUED)**

Prisoner in Custody	30
Underage Drinking	28
Gun Shots	25
Indecency / Lewdness	23
Funeral Assist	22
Weather Emergency	19
Worthless Check	19
Barking Dog	18
Chase	18
Liquor / Open Container	15
Man with Gun	15
Emergency Message	13
Recovery of Stolen Property	12
ATV / Snowmobile / Boat Accident	10
Party Complaint	5
Robbery / Car Jacking	5
Search & Rescue	3
Blood Run	2
Obstructing / Resisting	2
Abduction (Kidnapping)	1
Suspicious Package	1
Bomb Threat	1
Firearm Accident	1
Forgery	1

## Fire Department Calls (1,446 Total)

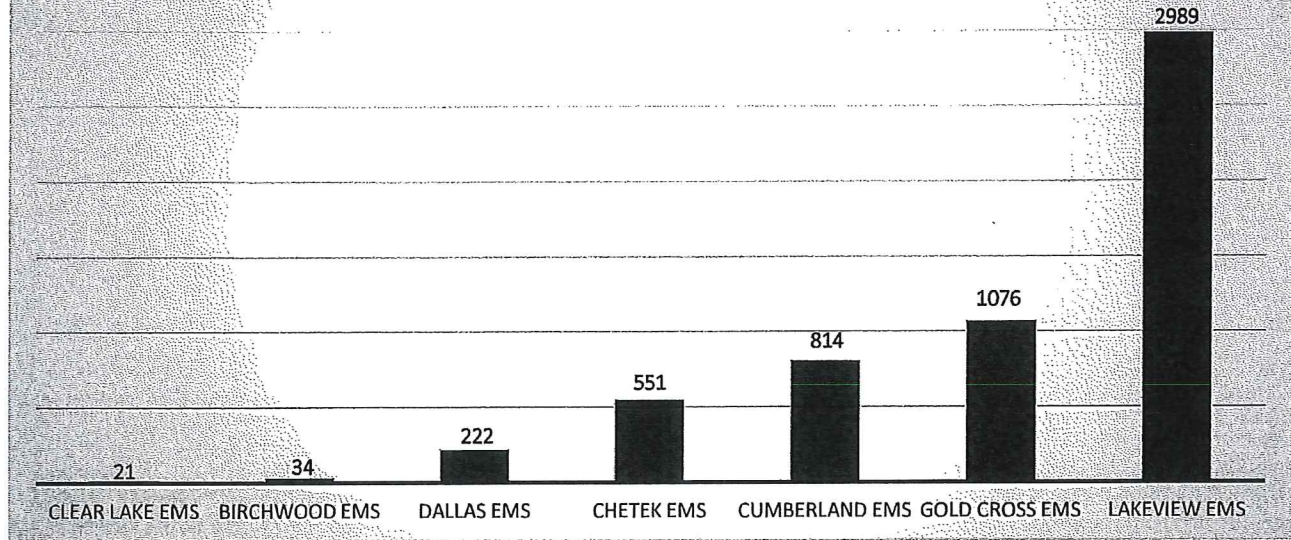


### FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Alarm	226
Non-Emergency Page	157
Structure Fire	103
Outside Fire	51
Vehicle Fire	45
Grass / Brush Fire	43
Gas Leak	34
Odor Investigation	25
Electrical Hazard	24
Citizen Assist	23
Smoke Investigation (Outside)	22
Elevator Rescue	5
Confined Space / Structure Collapse	4
Lightning Strike	4
Hazmat	3
Aircraft Emergency / Crash	2
Explosion	2
Extrication / Entrapment	2
Fuel Spill	2
Water Rescue	1

Statistics include the department's primary area and mutual aid requests.

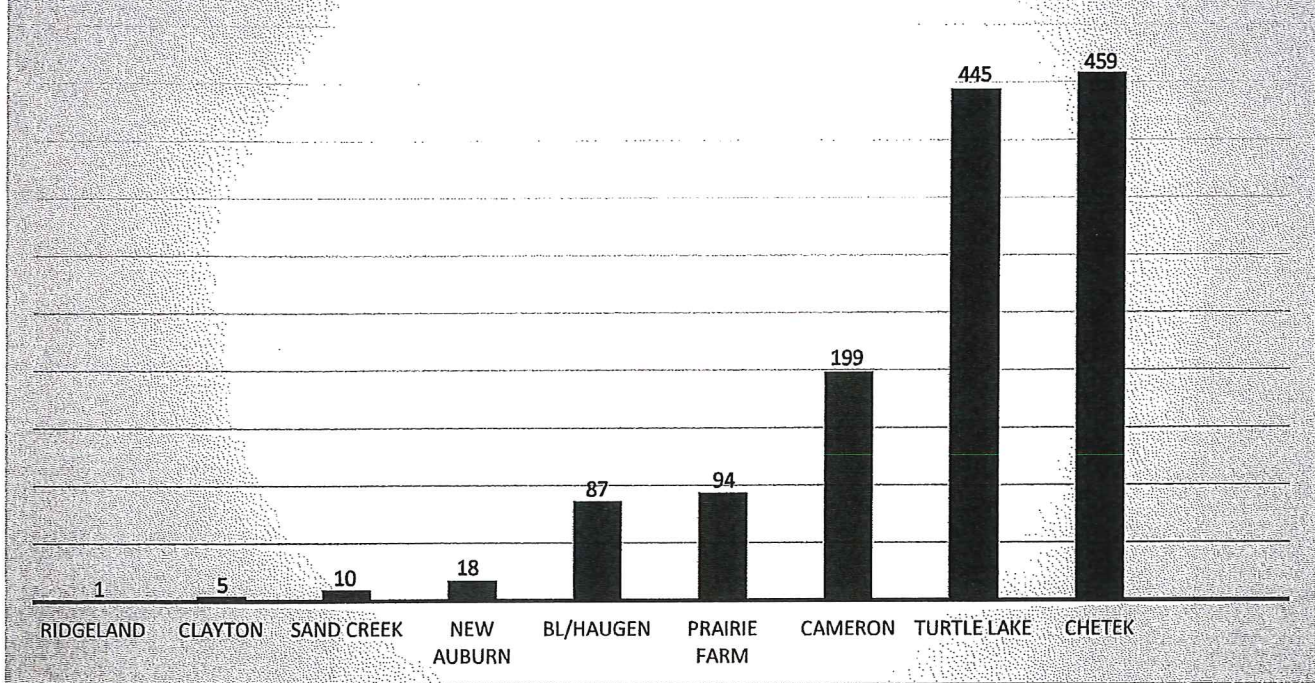
## Ambulance Calls (5,707 Total)



### AMBULANCE STATISTICS

Fall	968
Sick Person	943
Breathing Problem	432
Chest Pain	305
Unknown Problem	220
Traumatic Injury	193
Unconscious / Fainting	165
Abdominal Pain	150
Diabetic Problem	120
Seizure	108
Stroke	105
Heart Problem	94
Back Pain	85
Overdose / Poisoning	71
Cardiac Arrest	47
Allergies / Allergic Reaction	37
Psychiatric / Abnormal Behavior	26
Choking	12
Carbon Monoxide	9
Drowning	7
Burns / Explosion	6
Pregnancy / Childbirth	5
Stab / Gunshot	5

## First Responder Calls (1,318 Total)



### FIRST RESPONDER STATISTICS

Chetek	459
Turtle Lake	445
Cameron	199
Prairie Farm	94
Bear Lake	87
New Auburn	18
Sand Creek	10
Clayton	5
Ridgeland	1

**2017 INCIDENT OVERVIEW**



Motor Vehicle Accident  
Almena Fire District



Barn Fire  
Bear Lake/Haugen Fire District



Structure Fire  
Almena Fire District



Motor Vehicle Accident  
Barron Fire District



Motor Vehicle Accident  
Rice Lake Fire District

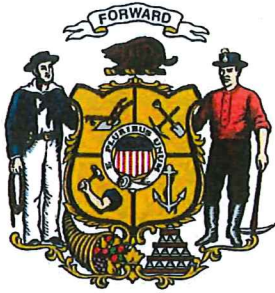


Motor Vehicle Accident  
Cameron Fire District



**END OF REPORT**

Barron County Emergency Services



# Wisconsin Department of Corrections

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## Office of Detention Facilities

November 14, 2017

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald  
Barron County Sheriff's Department  
1420 State Hwy 25 N  
Barron, WI 54812

### **Re: Annual Jail Inspection**

Dear Sheriff Fitzgerald:

On August 22, 2017, the annual inspection of the Barron County Jail was conducted pursuant to WI Statute 301.37(3). The inspection compared the facility and its operation to applicable state statutes and Department of Corrections Administrative Code Chapter DOC 350. This report summarizes my findings, including the progress made following the 2016 inspection, any statute or administrative code violations, physical plant and maintenance issues, and an overall summary of facility operations. The inspection worksheet document is attached to this report and includes detailed inspection results.

On the day of the inspection, there were 125 inmates incarcerated in the facility. There were 9 inmates supervised with the use of the Home Detention Program. On the day of the inspection, the total inmate population under the authority and responsibility of the sheriff's department was 134 inmates.

### **Progress following the 2016 Inspection**

- The installation of a new high definition CCTV system throughout the jail.
- The addition of cameras to the kitchen, court holding cells, and the nurse's waiting room.
- The addition of kiosk and tablets to the inmate living areas.

### **Summary of Jail Operations**

I met with the administrative, security, healthcare, and foodservice staff to conduct the annual inspection. The site visit included a review of facility records and documentation as well as a walkthrough of the detention areas. The attached checklist details my findings as they relate to the Department of Corrections Administrative Code Chapter DOC 350 and applicable State Statutes.

In summary, the overall appearance of the jail was in satisfactory condition. It is apparent that both staff and inmates are held accountable for the cleanliness of the facility. After a walkthrough of the detention areas, there were no repetitive complaints from inmates regarding conditions of confinement or staff supervision. The staff is to be commended for the overall positive climate and their observed professional interaction with inmates.



**Violations:**

- There were no violations noted during this inspection period.

**Recommendations:**

*The following recommendations were documented during this inspection:*

- It is a recommendation to add in your policy that a qualified mental health professional be contacted within 12 hours of an inmate being placed on a suicide watch.

**Department Expectations following the 2017 Inspection include:**

- Continue to contact my office with notifications, questions or concerns.

**Approval**

The Barron County Jail is approved by the Department of Corrections for the secure detention of adult offenders with the maximum capacity of 192. This approval is contingent on the continued compliance with all applicable state statutes and administrative codes.

I would like to thank you and your staff for the generous hospitality showed to me during the inspection process.

If you have any questions regarding the inspection results summarized in this letter and found in the attached inspection worksheet or if I may be of any assistance regarding correctional matters, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Detention Facilities Specialist

Cc: Kristi Dietz, Director-ODF  
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