

Barron County Sheriff's Dept

2023 Annual Report



2023 was a tragic year for Barron County Law Enforcement with the loss of Emily, Hunter and Katie in St. Croix County. The Sheriff's Department played a major role in all of these cases and coverage of shifts. We learned, saw and felt, what we already knew, is that this county loves its law enforcement. We will become stronger together and continue to make Barron County a great place to live, work and play.

We also lost, to retirements, 85 years of service to the county with Jason Leu, Vice Graf and Dale Hrdlicka which has created lots of movement and restructuring in the department. We also added two new patrol officer positions in July and have those positions up and running on our night shift. We added two new K-9s in 2023, K9 Jasper and K9 Kyro, and continue the fight on drugs and alcohol in the county. The jail continues to stay steady again bringing in approximately \$395,177 of out of county prisoner housing revenue. Dispatch also stayed steady in 2023. Drug cases were down due to the transition in personnel and one less detective for 5 months of the year.

Budget in	2023 – 9.3 Million	2022 – 8.8 Million	2021 – 8.5 Million
	2020 – 8.35 Million	2019 – 8.15 Million	2018 – 7.85 Million
Personnel -	78 in 2023	76 in 2022	76 in 2021
	77 in 220	75 in 2019	76 in 2018

2024 goals

- Complete the restructuring/transition of promotions in the patrol/detective division
- Bring staffing to 100% and continue to look at staffing levels
- Jail Sally Port Expansion - 2.0 million
- Radio Communications Upgrade - 1.5 million

Accidents

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
279	296	291	340	362	356
7 Fatal	7 Fatal	9 Fatal	4 Fatal	7 Fatal	5 Fatal

Of the 2023 accidents; 187 were property damage, 88 were injury and 4 fatal crashes.

OWI

For 2023 – 93 people arrested for OWI including four ATV/UTV OWI.

Monday 7	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 9	Thursday 8	Friday 14
Saturday 16	Sunday 28			

Of the 93 - 27 were female. Youngest person arrested was 18 and oldest was 68.

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

OWI's in 2022 were 83; increase of 10 total OWI arrests from 2022 to 2023. 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 35 or **38%** of these arrests still took place between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. when

more of our families are on the roadway. This is a decrease in the percentage from 2022 but is still not acceptable.

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.