

Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 2022 Annual Report



HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Welcome Message



The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted all aspects of life in the country, and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) was no exception. After two years of adjusting our practices and policies due to the pandemic, 2022 marked a return to "normal" in many ways. While HCSO staff continued to work diligently to manage the lingering realities of COVID-19 and the threat it continued to pose to our staff and those in our care in the jail, many of our suspended programs returned to full operations in 2022. Our Community Outreach and Public Affairs (COPA) team was back in the public in a big way, attending hundreds of events around the county. Our volunteer programs began to actively recruit volunteers again, and our Volunteer Special Deputy (VSD) Unit recruited six new members to assist across the agency.

HCSO also oversaw the security of several high-profile court actions in 2022. Our Patrol Unit worked hard to ensure the safety of the county by assuming patrol duties in Brooklyn Center and Golden Valley, two communities that were especially hard hit by law enforcement staffing shortages. Our Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF) worked diligently to take drugs and illegally possessed firearms off the streets through focused enforcement details. Across all areas of this agency, dedicated staff worked tirelessly to provide the best possible public safety services to the citizens of Hennepin County.

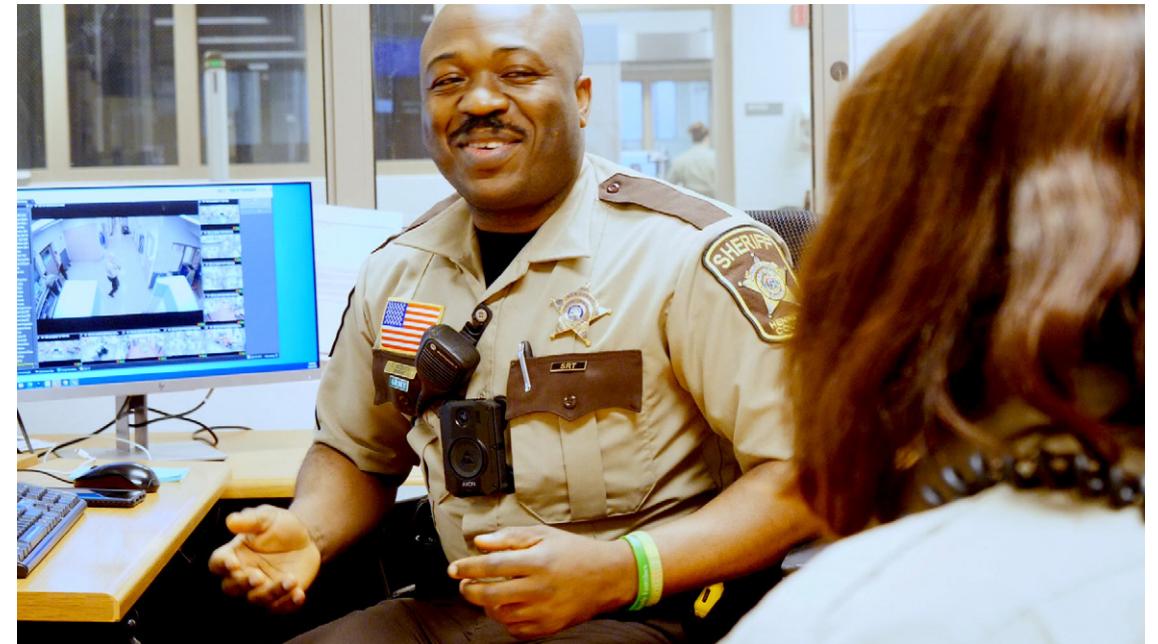
Thank you for taking the time to read this report. We welcome any comments you might have, and we will continue to listen to and learn from the community that we serve.



Mission and Values

Mission Statement "Serving and protecting all in our community by furthering equal justice, safety, and wellness."

Values Ethics, Equality, Collaboration, Well-being, Innovation



2022: Year in Review Highlights



Hosted the 4th Annual Global Shield Network Conference at the Mall of America (pg. 12).

Provided public safety and court security services for several high-profile trials.

Fully implemented the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Gun Permit Tracker web-based software.



Expanded our 911 embedded social worker program.

Upgraded critical equipment in the Hennepin County Jail, including door locks and security cameras.



Completed rollout of body-worn cameras to Jail staff.

Executed contracts to provide law enforcement services to neighboring cities with severely understaffed police departments.

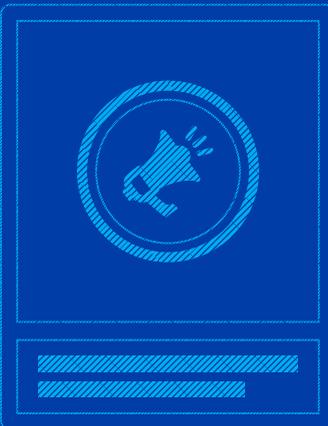


Recruited the largest detention deputy class in HCSO history.

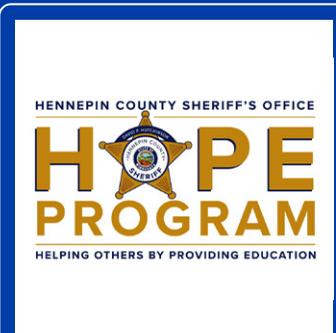
Created a "warrant team" to focus on locating and arresting subjects with active Hennepin County arrest warrants.

Completed agency-wide Active Assailant training.

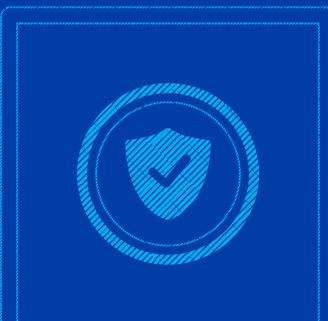
Participated in several high-profile enforcement operations, focused on seizing narcotics and illegally possessed firearms, as well as arresting individuals wanted for violent crimes.



Water Patrol provided ice rescue training to firefighters from 15+ agencies (pg. 8).



Launched GED classes through the HOPE Program (pg. 16).



Made several arrests resulting in charges against six human traffickers due to HCSO's participation in the Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force.



Budget and Staffing

AGENCY BUDGET **\$137.7 million**

AGENCY STAFFING
 Licensed staff 363
 Detention staff 226
 Civilian staff 254

MAJOR JEFF STORMS

Public Safety Services Bureau



Division: Enforcement Services

The Public Safety Services Bureau's Public Safety Services Division (PSSD) provides emergency response, patrol service, DWI enforcement, warrant service, civil paper service, and response to in-progress crimes. This division includes several specialized units and functions: 911 Dispatch, Patrol, Water Patrol, Warrants, Transport, K9, Special Operations, School Resource Officer, Hospital Security Enforcement Unit, and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. Visit our website for more information on each unit.

In 2021, PSSD focused its warrant service on individuals with warrants for violent offenses due to the uptick in violent crime. This focus continued in 2022. PSSD made 322 warrant arrests over the course of the year. The Patrol unit participated in numerous details and assignments throughout the county in response to the increase in crime and provided mutual aid to other law enforcement agencies throughout the county.



2022 Statistics

PATROL

<i>Contracted patrol hours</i>	
Greenfield	2,899.31
Hanover	1,402.79
Medicine Lake	690.54

Arrests	509
Citations	432
DWI arrests	51

WATER PATROL

Citations issued	265
Boaters under the influence	13
Search and recovery hours	193.5

WARRANTS

Warrant arrests	800
Arrests	361

CIVIL

Processes served	10,541
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TRANSPORT

Miles driven	276,572
Inmates/patients transported	3,941

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Special deputy hours	10,118.76
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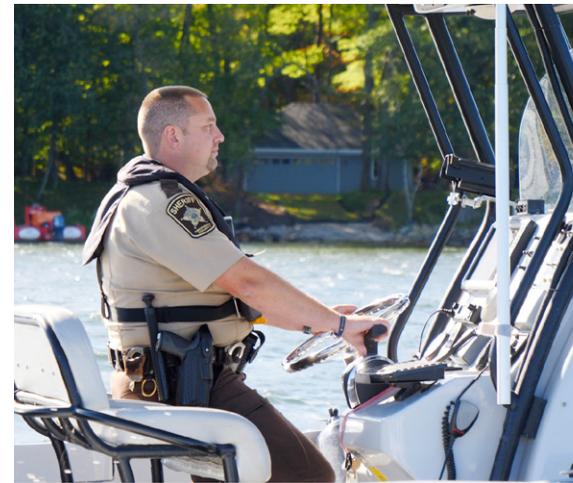
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Public Safety Services Bureau



Unit: Water Patrol

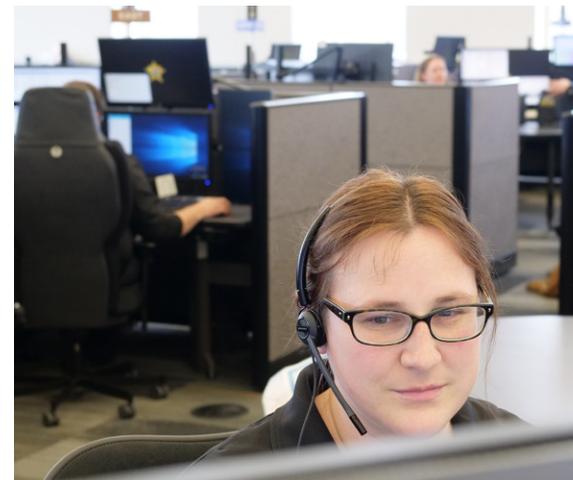
The Water Patrol Unit assists in search and recovery operations throughout Hennepin County and beyond. In 2022, Water Patrol conducted several long-term searches in Hennepin County, and assisted on multi-day searches in Ramsey, Washington, and Dakota Counties. In total, Water Patrol had 66 search and recovery days for a total of 193.5 hours. The Water Patrol unit is also responsible for training other public safety agencies on water safety and rescue tactics, and in 2022 the unit trained 79 firefighters from 15 different agencies on ice rescue tactics.



Division: 911 Dispatch

The 911 dispatchers at our Emergency Communications Facility (ECF) identify the needs of the caller and then determine an appropriate level of response by law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical responders. In 2021, the ECF launched an embedded social worker program and started working with Hennepin County Behavior Health to begin implementing social worker pilot programs. In 2022, this program was expanded to include four embedded social workers.

The ECF is also home to the communications technology team. Interoperable radios are essential for communication among first responders during routine calls for service and critical incidents. The HCSO repairs and maintains radios on behalf of dozens of agencies. In total, our technicians maintain about 10 percent of all radios in Minnesota.



2022 Statistics

Phone transactions	661,147
911 calls	277,159
Computer-aided dispatch events	640,541

WE PROVIDE DISPATCH SERVICES FOR

- 38 Communities
- 25 Law enforcement agencies
- 25 Fire departments
- 4 EMS providers

RADIOS AND COMPUTERS SUPPORTED

Police departments supported	29
Radios maintained	8,579
Mobile data computers	779
Communication sites	18



Volunteers

Volunteers are a crucial part of our agency's ability to provide public safety services to the residents of Hennepin County. While much of our volunteer program was suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19, we resumed this program in 2021, and 2022 was focused on recruiting new volunteers. Fifty-one volunteer special deputies donated over 10,000 hours of services to the citizens of Hennepin County in 2022. Volunteers with our agency serve in a variety of roles, including working at our State Fair booth, assisting in our jail, or even getting trained as a Special Deputy. If you would like more information on how you can make a difference in your community as a volunteer, please call **612-543-9450**.



Special Deputies

Special Deputies are volunteers who receive special training in various public safety duties, including:

- Search and rescue
- Horseback-mounted patrol
- Patrol of the county's lakes and rivers
- Community events and parades
- Open houses, citizen academies, and public demonstrations
- Emergency call outs
- Natural disasters
- Water safety inspections
- Support patrol operations
- Traffic and crowd control
- Crime scene support
- Amateur radio operators
- Motorist/citizen assists
- Medical emergencies
- Underwater Rescue Team



MAJOR PAT KING

Investigations Bureau



Division: Forensic Science Laboratory

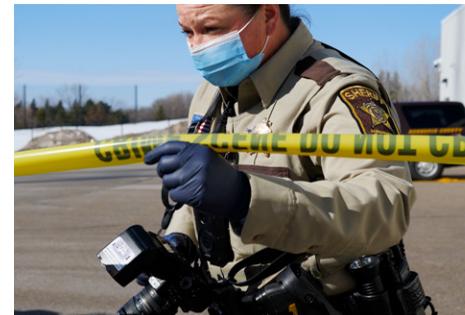
We provide forensic services to more than 35 suburban law enforcement agencies, the Minnesota State Patrol, and several federal law enforcement agencies. The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) is one of only seven accredited crime laboratories in Minnesota, and one of only four in the state accredited to perform DNA analysis. The FSL has also earned international accreditation. In 2022, the Crime Scene Section processed 2,205 crime scenes, including 24 major crime scenes.



Division: Investigative

The Investigative Division includes the Detectives Unit, Gun Permit Unit, and task forces such as the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF), Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF), and Southwest Hennepin Drug Task Force (SWHDTF). In 2021, the Detective Unit created a new unit focused on auto theft and related crimes. In 2022, the Auto Theft team recovered 173 vehicles valued at \$3,391,672.

In 2022, the Detectives Unit investigated more than 1,000 cases, not including gun permit cases. Detectives work in communities where our agency is the primary law enforcement service provider and in communities where the local police department does not have full-time investigators. Detectives investigate many critical incidents, including homicides.



Division: Criminal Intelligence

The Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) assists in the prevention and suppression of criminal activity by providing timely and accurate analysis of criminal information to law enforcement. The division analyzes information to identify crime patterns, forecast criminal trends, generate investigative leads, assist with identification and apprehension of suspects involved in criminal activity, provide timely information sharing on threats to our communities or officer safety, and more.

CID oversees the HCSO Shield Program, which leverages partnerships between law enforcement and private sector security for information sharing, suspicious activity reporting, and crime prevention, while also respecting and protecting the privacy rights of county residents. The HCSO Shield Program was chosen to host the 4th Annual Global Shield Network Conference in September at the Mall of America. The conference brought together more than 200 attendees from various businesses and representatives of law enforcement agencies from 14 states and 5 countries.



2022 Statistics

FORENSIC SCIENCE LAB

Requests for laboratory services	5,719
Latent print requests	486
DNA requests	1,871
Crime scene responses	1,664
Digital images captured	156,315

DETECTIVES

Felony charges	266
Cases opened	1,091
Stolen vehicles recovered	173

GUN PERMITS

Applications	6,908
Renewals	2,306

SOUTHWEST METRO AND WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCES

Illegal firearms confiscated	91
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Drugs seized

Heroin/powder Fentanyl	1,594 grams
Fentanyl pills	68,197
Methamphetamine	16,295 grams
Cocaine	9,412 grams

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MAJOR DAN KURTZ

Administrative Services Bureau



Division: Professional Standards Division

The Professional Standards Division (PSD) staffs, trains, and—through its Tri Wellness Unit—enriches the mind, body, and spirit of HCSO employees. PSD is also responsible for implementing policies and procedures to ensure that HCSO stays at the forefront of 21st century policing. PSD has led the agency's response to all issues related to COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

HCSO and other law enforcement agencies use a training facility in Maple Grove for skills development and certification. In 2021, PSD assisted with the design phase for an expansion of this facility. Construction of the remodeled facility was completed in late 2022. It provides law enforcement agencies the tools to undertake modern training that is being demanded by the public. This includes a space designed for realistic, scenario-based training that will be used to teach de-escalation techniques and defensive tactics, as well as a virtual simulator room and a 12-lane range expansion.



Division: Community Outreach and Public Affairs

Community Outreach and Public Affairs (COPA) plays a critical role in the Sheriff's Office approach to achieving and sustaining gains related to public safety by strengthening community relationships and building trust. The division partners with community leaders, civic organizations, schools, faith-based groups, block associations, and concerned citizens to collaborate and collectively develop solutions to opportunities that arise within the County's many diverse communities. COPA also provides young people with enrichment opportunities to foster healthy relationships and support a reduction in youth crime.

The COPA team attended more than 475 community events in 2022 and partnered with outside organizations to work at food shelves, lifejacket giveaways, Toys for Tots events, Hooked on Fishing, and many more.



2022 Statistics

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VIOLENT OFFENDER TASK FORCE

Illegal firearms confiscated	367
Arrests	486
State charges	190
Federal charges	10
Search warrants	312

Drugs seized

Heroin	158 grams
Powder Fentanyl	1,685 grams
Fentanyl pills	46,625
Methamphetamine	11,166 grams
Cocaine	17,100 grams

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

Employee Development Unit

Total hours of training provided	Approx. 50,966
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Personnel Unit

Staff hired	61
Promotions	14

MAJOR DAWANNA WITT

Detention/Court Services Bureau



Division: Adult Detention

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office operates the largest jail in Minnesota. It is accredited by the American Correctional Association, which signifies that we maintain the highest standards of inmate custody and care. In 2022, the Adult Detention Division (ADD) made several key upgrades, including new security cameras, new door locks, and a new pager system for deaf/hard of hearing inmates.

In September 2021, our agency announced the HCSO HOPE (Helping Others by Providing Education) Program, which provides for inmate education, life skills, and jobs for when they re-enter the community. The program includes a full-time teacher from Minneapolis Public Schools to help inmates work toward completing their GEDs. The goal of the program is to help put inmates on a path toward better lives upon leaving our facility. Reducing recidivism among our inmates makes the entire community safer. GED prep classes began in 2022 as part of the HOPE Program. Over the course of the year, there were 2,329 GED classroom hours and 3 high school diplomas issued.

The Adult Detention Division also includes Central Records, which tracks information on anyone booked into or discharged from our jail. There were 22,005 bookings in 2022.



Division: Court Services

The Court Services Division provides law enforcement services to the Fourth Judicial District Court to ensure that the judicial system operates in a safe and orderly manner. We provide security for judges, juries, witnesses, personnel, and all visitors in approximately 96 courtrooms across multiple facilities. We address security concerns with judges and court personnel, conduct patrols and security checks in the courthouses, and assist with screening for weapons. In 2022, Court Services provided law enforcement and court security services for several high-profile trials. Court Services also continued to work with Hennepin County District Court and public safety partners to provide efficient and safe court hearings, both in person and remotely.

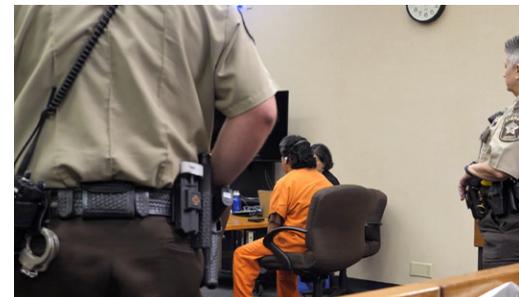
Locations

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS:

- Government Center
- Public Safety Facility
- Juvenile Justice Center
- Family Justice Center

OUTER DIVISIONS:

- Division 2: Brookdale
- Division 3: Ridgedale



2022 Statistics

ADULT DETENTION DIVISION

2022 bookings	22,005
Average bookings per day	60
Jail volunteer hours	2,216
Inmate meals served	967,074
Average morning inmate count	688
Average length of stay	11 days

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Defendants escorted to court	24,808
Juries secured	222
Arrests	408

BRYAN BENNETT, DIRECTOR

Finance

Division: Finance

The Finance Division provided fiscal analysis for the agency, developed the five-year capital improvement plan, and set the operating budget of \$137.7 million for 2022. The Finance Division acts as good stewards of taxpayer dollars by implementing cost-saving measures, aggressively seeking federal and state grants, developing efficiencies in operations, and enhancing partnerships in law enforcement and the community. In 2022, the Finance Division secured \$50 million for HCSO's 2023 capital budget and 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program. This includes a new \$41.9 million Public Safety Services Division Headquarters, as well as other important projects.



Community Programs

S.T.O.P.

Opioid-related deaths have reached epidemic levels and the numbers continue to increase. Opioid overdoses are now the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people under the age of 50. According to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), 650,000 opioid prescriptions are dispensed on an average day in the U.S. HHS estimates that 3,900 people initiate the nonmedical use of prescription opioids every day. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) can play a clear role in reducing opioid-related deaths. The Survival Through Overdose Prevention (S.T.O.P) program includes strategies to keep these drugs out of the wrong hands, treating those with opioid use disorder in the jails, and using tools to prevent fatal overdoses. Strategies for combatting opioid abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic included online naloxone training and mailing Deterra drug disposal bags to anyone who wanted to safely dispose of unwanted medications. For more information, visit www.hennepinsheriff.org/stop.

Cops Don't Call for Cash

Cops Don't Call for Cash is a program dedicated to fighting a common type of phone scam: individuals posing as law enforcement agencies and demanding payment for a missed court date, jury duty, or other legal matter. The program is focused on educating the public on the fact that law enforcement agencies will never contact individuals via phone or email to ask for any kind of payment. If individuals receive such a call, they should remember the phrase "Cops Don't Call for Cash" and refuse to provide any personal information or make any payments to the caller.



SHERIFF DAVID HUTCHINSON

Community Advisory Board

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a diverse group of residents who provide community feedback and participation in the development of our practices and policies. The work of CAB members includes:

- Identify and discuss community public safety issues
- Act as policy advisors
- Provide feedback on Sheriff's Office initiatives
- Contribute to Sheriff's Office strategic planning
- Work as ambassadors in their communities to help educate others about the Sheriff's Office

Partner With Us!

Volunteer

After suspending our volunteer program during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are once again accepting volunteers from the community. In most years, more than 100 citizens from a variety of community groups volunteer at the Hennepin County Jail to give instruction to inmates. Classes include Alcoholics Anonymous, art, creative writing, resume and interviewing skills, domestic violence prevention, and religious instruction.

Join!

National Night Out: Every August, there are hundreds of neighborhood events for National Night Out and Night to Unite. When neighbors pledge to watch out for one another, it helps promote crime prevention. National Night Out allows our deputies, volunteers, and K9 teams to meet residents, build trust, and answer their questions about public safety.



2022

Promotions and Retirements

Promotions

LIEUTENANT

Robert Hydukovich

SERGEANT

Michael Olson

Joel Svenby

DETECTIVE

Kami Augdahl

Jeffrey Barsness

Michael Coleman

Kate Deering

Lukas Eitrem

Ryan Googins

Reed Hendrickson

Leondo Henry

Stephen Holt

Jeremiah Jessen

Antonio Patsy

Nicholas Peterson

Cody Turner

Jason Wong

Darrin Zastera

DEPUTY

Guled Abdullahi

Jennifer Archuleta

Alexander Christensen

Ryan Greeney

Kaydian Hyatt

Allison Jacobson

Derek Riemers

Emmanuel Segura

Yer Vang

Markayla Zeiher

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kevin Carlson

Xiong Lor

Jon Lucht

CRIMINALIST

Sophia Leaf

Shelly Thomack

FORENSIC TECHNICIAN

Angela Ginkel

DETENTION SERGEANT

Jessica Sieg

CUSTODY RECORDS

COORDINATOR

Daniel Flynn

LEAD COMMUNICATIONS

TECHNICIAN

Kristopher Massie

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR

Michelle Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lucy Thao

Mimee Xiong

FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR

Roman Pliego

SENIOR COOK

Llewellyne Cadwell

Retirements

Stacey Braun

Brian Burds

Timothy Chmielewski

Bradley Claassen

Michael Cuscaden

Jill Enger

Kenneth Hall

Denise Halvorson

Edward Hoffner

Willis Jacox

Douglas Kennedy

Patrick King

Anna Korsun

Christopher Mathisen

Curtis Meyer

Michael Murto

Gary Schendel

Keith Wessman

Valerie Wiggins

David Zimmer



Leadership



Sheriff David P. Hutchinson

David Hutchinson took office as the 28th Sheriff of Hennepin County on January 7, 2019.



Command Staff



Major Jeff Storms
Public Safety Services Bureau



Chief Deputy
Tracey Martin



Major Pat King
Investigations Bureau



Major
Dawanna Witt
Detention/Court Services Bureau



Major Dan Kurtz
Administrative Services Bureau



Tim Stout
Chief of Staff

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