



Annual Report

Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

MESSAGE FROM

Sheriff Witt



On January 3, 2023, I took office as the 29th Sheriff of Hennepin County. I am proud to be the first woman and first person of color to hold this position. I believe that my election to this office reflects the changing face of Hennepin County, and each day I wake up ready to serve the needs of this vibrant and diverse community.

Since my first day, I have been focused on listening to the residents of Hennepin County. I have heard their concerns about building safer communities and increasing public safety. We will accomplish these goals by leading with humanity and building lasting and meaningful partnerships, collaborations, and initiatives while providing compassionate, respectful, and transparent public safety services to all those who live in, work in, or visit Hennepin County.

In these pages, you will learn about the many accomplishments of this agency in 2023, as well as our goals for 2024 and beyond. You will also learn about the various bureaus, divisions, and units that make up the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Our goal is for the readers of this report to come away with a better understanding of the diverse responsibilities of and services provided by Minnesota's largest Sheriff's Office.

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 & VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

"Provide quality professional services while building meaningful relationships that are sustainable within our communities, and with our partners, to ensure justice and safety for all."

VALUES

Service, Accountability, Culture, Responsiveness, Ethics, Dedication

FOUR-YEAR FOCUS PRIORITIES

- 1. Build safer communities through reduction of violent crime**
- 2. Opioid overdose prevention and awareness with a focus on fentanyl**
- 3. Recruitment and retention of all our exceptional employees who are dedicated to public safety**
- 4. Reform through innovative programming for those in our custody**
- 5. Community engagement and education to strengthen relationships with all whom we serve**
- 6. Criminal justice reform by balancing rehabilitation and accountability**

Our 2023 Accomplishments



Created a comprehensive public safety strategy called **Focus on Fentanyl** to combat the lethal fentanyl epidemic.

In partnership with several local law enforcement agencies, opened the **North Metro Regional Public Safety Training Facility** to provide state-of-the-art training.

Created the first **HCSO Youth Community Advisory Board** with high school students from across the county who provide valuable input and perspectives on public safety.

Successfully staffed 81 Twins games and the playoffs at Target Field, and 38 events at US Bank Stadium, including all concerts and **Minnesota Vikings games**.

Added mugshot photos to the jail roster for greater transparency.



Launched the HOPE Hub, a collaborative effort between the county and local nonprofits, which builds upon the Helping Others by Providing Education (HOPE) Program to empower people with the skills and resources needed for self-improvement upon release from our custody.

Successfully passed legislation to create a position of **Major to oversee the Public Affairs Bureau**.

Attended more than **500 community events** and successfully established several youth engagement initiatives, including Law Enforcement Exploring, DARE, and various mentor programs.

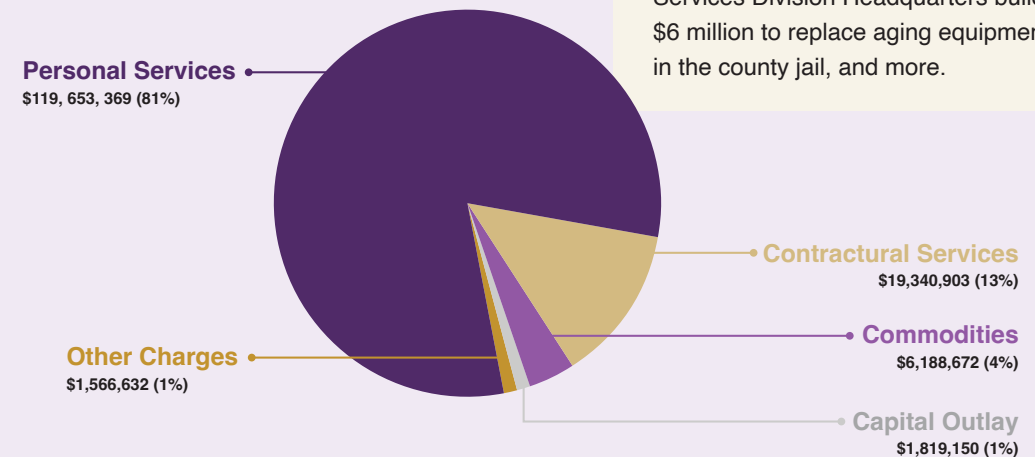
Expanded collaborative efforts with businesses, places of worship, and schools related to threat assessments and public safety information sharing.

Established a **Joint Enforcement Team** to conduct directed patrols in high-crime areas.



Finance Division

The Finance Division provided fiscal analysis for the agency, developed the five-year capital improvement plan, and set the operating budget of 141.2 million for 2023. 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 2023, the Hennepin County Board adopted the 2024 operating budget of \$160.7 million, as well as HCSO's 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program. This includes a \$41.9 million Public Safety Services Division Headquarters building, \$6 million to replace aging equipment in the county jail, and more.



BUDGET AND STAFFING 2023

AGENCY BUDGET: \$141.2 million

HCSO STAFF	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/OVER
Licensed	364	298	66
Detention	226	200	26
Civilian	265	270	(5)
Total	855	768	87

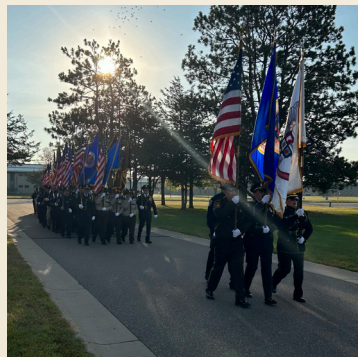
Our 2024 Goals

1 Continue our focus on violent crime reduction by leveraging our partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement using intelligence data and investigative knowledge to apprehend the most violent offenders in Hennepin County.

4 Work with our congressional delegation to receive federal funding for our nationally accredited **Forensic Science Laboratory** for equipment to solve gun crimes quickly and effectively.

8 Increase and expand jail programming such as the HOPE Program, a successful jail program that provides education, workforce training, life skills, and connections to resources to help inmates with the goal of reducing recidivism.

11 Increase directed patrol and interdiction efforts by leveraging the Criminal Intelligence Division's services to help identify areas of need.



2 Implement an **Auto Theft unit in the Major Crimes Division** that will have dedicated detectives and crime analysts who will use intelligence-led policing and will partner with other law enforcement agencies to have a meaningful impact on carjackings and auto thefts.

5 Establish a **K9 program** in the jail to detect and deter opioids and other narcotics from entering the facility.

9 Adequately fund employee wellness programs and increase access to **mental health and counseling services** for our staff.

12 Expand **Explosive and Ordinance Detection K9** sweeps across the county to a broader range of threat areas to promote the safety of all community members.

3 Aggressively combat the opioid crisis through our task forces, investigations, analysts, and the support received from HCSO's **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)** designation. In addition, continue the Sheriff's Office's Focus on Fentanyl public awareness campaign

6 Work with county leaders to continue to **support our employees through fair wages** to remain competitive in an ever-increasing demand for qualified personnel.

10 Work with legislative leaders to amend the **School Resource Officer statute** to allow effective and safe partnerships between schools, students, and law enforcement.

13 Establish the first-ever **HCSO satellite office** to further engage the community while supporting our strategic priorities, such as opioid overdose prevention and awareness, public safety education, and recruitment.

7 Proactively pursue grants and alternative funding sources to enhance services and support new initiatives that address our public safety goals. State and federal grant programs offer our agency the ability to innovate and pilot new projects in response to evolving public safety needs.



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.

PSSD's Patrol unit provides primary law enforcement response to several cities in Hennepin County, and provided patrol support to the cities of Brooklyn Center and Golden Valley due to those cities experiencing staffing shortages. The Patrol unit's contract with Golden Valley has continued into 2024.

PSSD conducted multiple in-house and outside training seminars in 2023, including an agency-wide hostile threat training and mobile field force training. PSSD also conducted trainings on new technologies and equipment and finished the installation of new squad camera systems.



Water Patrol Unit

The Water Patrol unit patrols Hennepin County's bodies of water and assists in search and recovery operations throughout Hennepin County and beyond. In 2023, Water Patrol added Hennepin County medics to Lake Minnetonka patrols on the weekends to make medical aid more quickly available in case of medical incidents. Water Patrol also secured funding for a new Remotely Operated Vehicle with sonar for improved search and rescue capabilities. Water Patrol also worked closely with multiple partners on several water safety education events and swim instruction programs.

K9 Unit

In 2023, two new dogs and handlers joined the unit, bringing the total number of dogs/handlers to 9. In addition, the K9 unit underwent extensive training over the course of the year, such as completing an external certification course through the North American Police Work Dog Association's Minnesota State Workshop.

2023 STATISTICS

PATROL

Contracted patrol hours	
Greenfield	2,471.45
Hanover	945.72
Medicine Lake	477.34

Arrests	788
Citations	1,244
DWI arrests	91

WATER PATROL

Citations issued	418
Boaters under the influence	42
Search and recovery hours	471
Drownings	14
Near drownings	21

WARRANTS

Warrant arrests	1,020
Arrests	576

CIVIL

Processes served	13,344
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TRANSPORT

Miles driven	293,777
Inmates/patients transported	5,826

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Special deputy hours	9,882.68
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Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations unit (SOU) coordinates preparation and response to sudden events requiring large-scale law enforcement response. These include active shooters and other threats, emergencies, natural disasters, civil unrest, and large public events. SOU also provides other agencies with training, personnel, and equipment for these types of events.

SOU responds to events like hostage rescue, barricaded suspects, and high-risk arrest warrants. They are trained and equipped to respond to events involving weapons of mass destruction or hazardous materials.

Transport Unit

The Transport unit is responsible for extraditions and prisoner transports. In 2023, the unit was involved in extradition trips to Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

HSEU

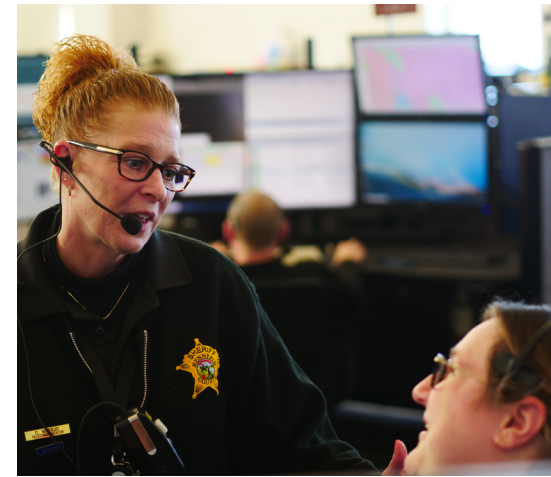
The Hennepin Sheriff's Enforcement Unit (HSEU) provides security services in and around multiple hospitals in Hennepin County. Starting in 2023, the HSEU has supported other law enforcement agencies with violent crime that occurs near the Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) via daily patrols around the HCMC campus.



Special Deputy Unit

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



911 Dispatch Division

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 2023, all dispatch staff completed a new course or crisis intervention training for dispatchers to help identify callers who are best served by behavioral health programs.

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.

2023 STATISTICS

911 DISPATCH DIVISION

Phone transactions	689,803
911 calls:	285,557
Computer-aided dispatch events	703,013

Dispatch Services provided for:

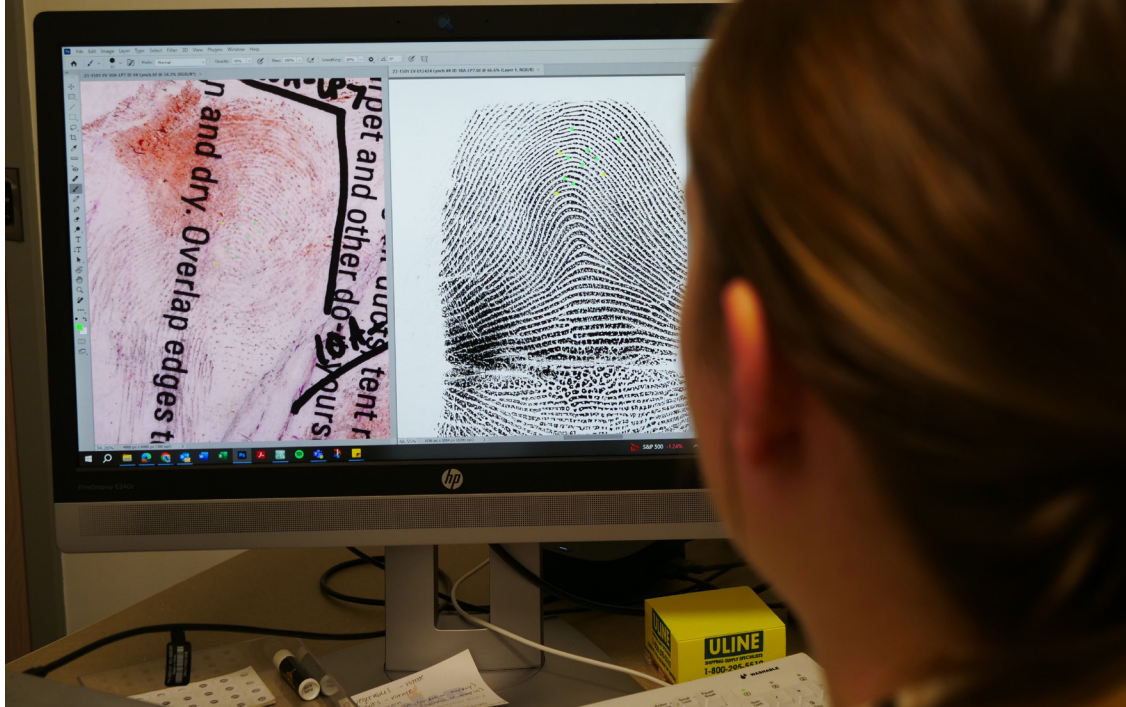
Communities	39
Law enforcement agencies	27
Fire departments	24
EMS providers	4

AGENCIES AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORTED

Police departments	33
Fire departments	29
Public Works	34
Hospitals	12
Dispatch Centers	7
School Districts	4
Hennepin County departments	26
Radios maintained	8,476
Mobile data computers	774
Communication tower sites	18



Investigations Bureau



Major Crimes Division

The Major Crimes Division includes the Detectives unit, Gun Permits unit, and task forces, which include two counter-drug task forces and the Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF). In 2023, the VOTF participated in more than 40 focused enforcement details targeting violent crime. As a result of those details, over 530 arrests were made and over 190 firearms were seized. The VOTF also seized more than 114,000 counterfeit fentanyl pills and approximately 16 pounds of powdered fentanyl.

In 2023, HCSO's drug task forces seized over 21,000 counterfeit fentanyl pills and over 4,722 grams of powdered fentanyl. HCSO also trained in two new task force officers in July 2023.

Criminal Intelligence Division

The Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) assists in the prevention and suppression of criminal activity by providing timely and accurate analyses 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. In 2023, the CID received grant funding to expand its auto theft prevention team.

The CID oversees the HCSO Shield Program, which is part of the Global Shield Network (GSN). The GSN and HCSO Shield leverage 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. In 2023, the GSN hosted the inaugural Global Shield Network Awards, during which the HCSO Shield received a Unit Citation Award for exceptional performance.

Forensic Science Laboratory

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) provides forensic services to more than 35 suburban law enforcement agencies, the Minnesota State Patrol, and several federal law enforcement agencies. The 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 2023, FSL staff hosted multiple clinics to help lawyers and legal professionals better understand forensic evidence. Staff also upgraded several key pieces of equipment and began planning for a project to expand the lab's property room in 2024.

2023 STATISTICS

FORENSIC SCIENCE LAB

Requests for laboratory services	4,933
Latent print requests	835
DNA requests	1,998
Crime scene responses	1,389
Digital images captured	147,547

DETECTIVES

Felony charges	277
Cases opened	1,194
Stolen vehicles recovered	140

COMBINED DRUG TASK FORCES

Illegal firearms confiscated:	122
Arrests:	279
Drugs seized	
• Powdered Fentanyl:	4,177 grams
• Fentanyl pills:	19,920
• Methamphetamine:	17,034 grams
• Cocaine:	15,940 grams
• Heroin:	257 grams

VIOLENT OFFENDER TASK FORCE

Illegal firearms confiscated	302
Arrests	487
State charges	164
Federal charges	20
Search warrants	245
Drugs seized	
• Powdered fentanyl	7,560 grams
• Fentanyl pills	114,652
• Methamphetamine	21,109 grams
• Cocaine	20,695 grams

GUN PERMITS

Applications	5,345
Renewals	2,298

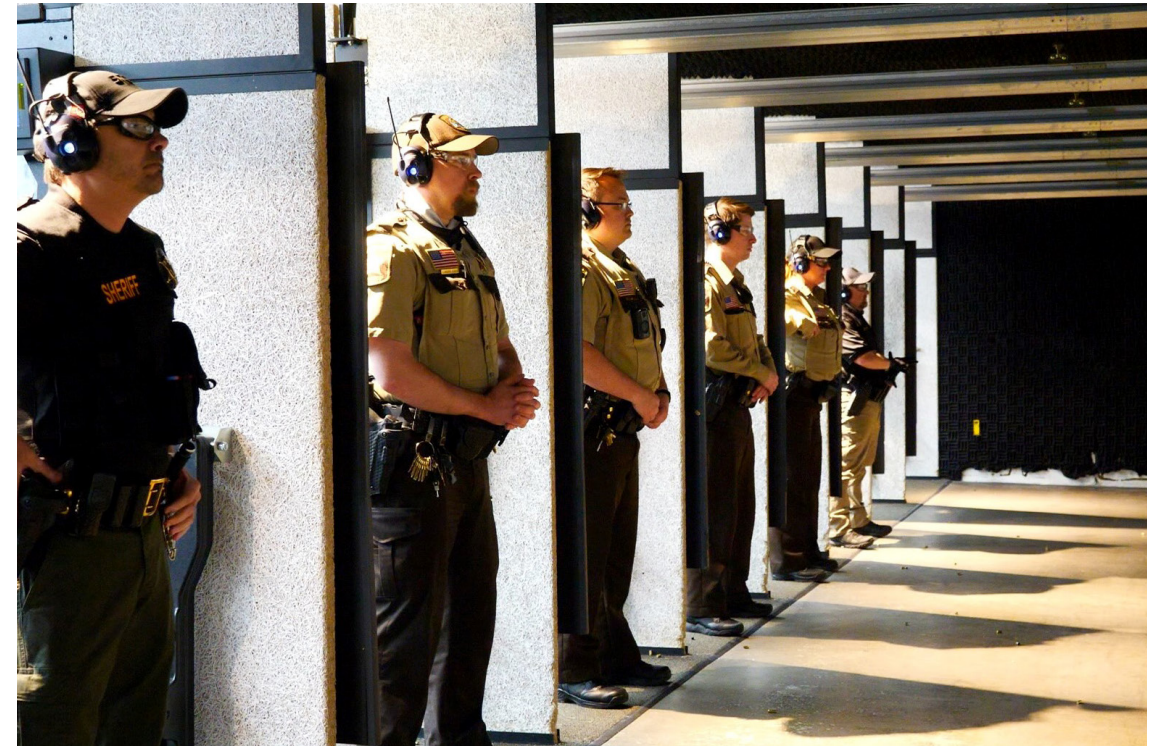


Administrative Services Bureau



Professional Standards Division

The Professional Standards Division (PSD) staffs and trains HCSO employees. Applicants to open HCSO positions receive a background check conducted by the PSD's Background unit. In 2023, the Background unit completed 234 pre-employment background investigations and 293 contractor/vendor access checks. Professional Standards assisted with the 142 reported injuries to staff and the processed documentation for the 142 people who resigned or retired from HCSO.



The PSD is also responsible for implementing policies and procedures to ensure that HCSO stays at the forefront of 21st Century Policing.

The HCSO and other law enforcement agencies use a training facility in Maple Grove for skills development and certification. In 2021, the PSD assisted with the design phase for an expansion of this facility. It opened to HCSO personnel in July 2023. It provides more than 20 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 twelve-lane range expansion.

2023 STATISTICS

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

Employee Development Unit

Total hours of training provided:
Approx. 57,650

Personnel Unit

Detention deputies hired	42
Licensed deputies hired	13





Adult Detention/ Court Services Bureau

Adult Detention Division

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 2023, the Adult Detention Division (ADD) completed multiple projects to update the jail's facilities and technology, including adding more space and technology for classrooms, a new pager system for deaf/hard of hearing residents, new security cameras with higher resolution and better viewing angles, and more.

The ADD includes the HOPE Program, which stands for Helping Others by Providing Education. This program offers formal education and life and job skills courses for those in our care to help them more successfully reenter the community after leaving our facility. 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. The program is overseen by Sgt. Adam Hernke, who was named the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Programmer of the Year for 2023. Through the HOPE Program, 2,529 classroom contact hours for GED classes were completed in 2023 and four high school diplomas were issued.

The Adult Detention Division also includes Central Records, which tracks information on all persons booked into or discharged from our jail. There were 25,123 bookings in 2023.



Court Services Division

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. The year 2023 was in many ways a return to normal operations after the COVID-19 pandemic. Most COVID protocols were rescinded in 2023, although court appearances via Zoom have continued and remain a popular option.

In 2023, the Court Services Division was named the 2023 Court Security Agency of the Year by the National Sheriffs' Association.

LOCATIONS

Downtown Minneapolis:

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

OUTER DIVISIONS

- Division 2: Brookdale
- Division 3: Ridgedale

2023 STATISTICS

ADULT DETENTION DIVISION

2023 bookings	25,123
Average bookings per day	69
Jail volunteer hours	2,733
Inmate meals served	919,143
Average morning inmate count	744
Average length of stay	10.4 days

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Defendants escorted to court	29,383
Juries secured	237
Arrests	628



Public Affairs Bureau



Public Affairs Bureau

The Community Outreach and Public Affairs (COPA) Division plays a critical role in the Sheriff's Office's 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 40 recruitment events and more than 550 community events in 2023. COPA partnered with outside organizations to work at food shelves, lifejacket giveaways, Toys for Tots events, Hooked on Fishing, and much more. Two COPA deputies were certified to teach the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, and COPA also introduced Casey, the agency's first mascot.

Explorers

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Explorer Post #3744 is a youth organization sponsored by the Sheriff's Office and the Boy Scouts of America and supported by the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation. The program relaunched in 2023 after being put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Explorer Post provides young people (ages 14–20) an opportunity to learn about the law enforcement profession through volunteer service. Members of the Sheriff's Office serve as advisors and liaisons between the Sheriff's Office and the Explorers. The Explorers train for competitions covering topics such as crime scene searches and accident investigations with other Explorer Posts from law enforcement agencies across the region.



Data and Technology Division

The Data and Technology Division was newly created in 2023. They oversee research and implementation of all HCSO software and hardware projects. These projects include everything from equipping HCSO's physical locations with updated video conferencing equipment to evaluating new productivity software or systems for management of incident reports and videos. The Data and Technology Division also includes the Data Practice unit, which oversees and processes any requests for public data generated by HCSO. In 2023, the Data Practice unit completed more than 2,700 data requests. Additionally, this division ensures Sheriff's Office policies are reviewed regularly and align with Federal mandates, State statutes, and best practices.

Tri Wellness Unit

Tri Wellness is HCSO's internal wellness unit, which is focused on providing wellness resources and opportunities that benefit the mind, body, and spirit of HCSO employees and their families. Tri Wellness was founded with the mentality that healthy public safety employees provide better services to their community. The unit includes a fitness coach, a staff clinician, on-call chaplains, and a peer-to-peer support network. In 2023, the peer support team underwent quarterly training guided by our in-house clinician to ensure all participants are up to date on best practices for peer-to-peer support. The team also responded to several traumatic or critical incidents involving our staff members to provide support and resources. Additionally, the Tri Wellness unit leads the Sheriff's Military Activation and Reintegration Training (SMART) program. The SMART program works to support our military and veteran employees and their families.



Initiatives



Community Programs

Focus on Fentanyl

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. In recent years, fentanyl has emerged as the major driver of overdoses and opioid-related deaths. In 2023, HCSO launched the Focus on Fentanyl initiative, which educates the public on the human costs of fentanyl, as well as what we're doing to fight it.

HCSO's overdose prevention 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. HCSO offers in-person and online training classes, and mails Deterra drug disposal bags to anyone who wants to safely dispose of unwanted medications. **For more information, visit hennepinsheriff.org/stop.**



Community Programs

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.

Stickers for Special Needs Residents

We offer free stickers for your front door or window so first responders know someone with a disability lives there. You can request four types of stickers for an occupant who may:

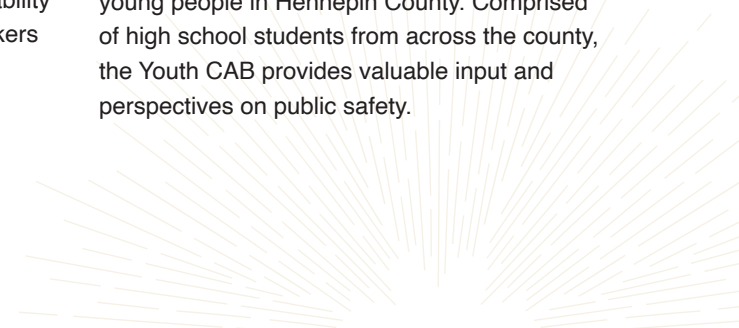
- Be autistic or have special needs
- Be deaf or hearing impaired
- Have dementia or Alzheimer's
- Be a person with a disability

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:

- Identifying and discussing community public safety issues
- Acting as policy advisors
- Providing feedback on Sheriff's Office initiatives
- Contributing to Sheriff's Office strategic planning
- Working as ambassadors in their communities to help educate others about the Sheriff's Office

In 2023, HCSO launched its first-ever Youth CAB, which focuses on areas of concern specific to young people in Hennepin County. Comprised of high school students from across the county, the Youth CAB provides valuable input and perspectives on public safety.



Leadership



Dawanna S. Witt

Dawanna S. Witt was sworn in as Hennepin County Sheriff on January 3, 2023. She is the first woman and person of color to hold the office.

Sheriff Witt's law enforcement career began in 2000, when she was hired as a detention deputy in the Hennepin County Jail. In 2004, after returning to school to become a licensed peace officer, Sheriff Witt was hired by the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. During her career at Dakota County, she worked in a variety of roles, ultimately becoming the first woman in the agency's history to reach the rank of captain.

Sheriff Witt returned to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office in September 2019 to take charge of the agency's largest bureau, Adult Detention and Court Services. In 2022, Hennepin County voters overwhelmingly selected her to be the next Hennepin County Sheriff. She campaigned on her years of experience and a platform of safer communities, improved law enforcement recruitment, and retention, reform, collaboration, and transparency.

Sheriff Witt holds undergraduate degrees in chemical dependency and family therapy and police science, and dual master's degrees in public safety administration and management. She also works as an adjunct professor at Inver Hills Community College, teaching Juvenile Justice and American Corrections.

Command Staff



Chief Deputy Tracey Martin



Major Shane Magnuson
Public Safety Services Bureau



Major Rick Palaia
Investigations Bureau



Major Mary Jerde
Detention and Court Services Bureau



Major Dan Kurtz
Administrative Services Bureau



Major Pat Enderlein
Public Affairs Bureau



Tim Stout
Chief of Staff



2023 Promotions

MAJOR

Mary Jerde
Shane Magnuson
Richard Palaia

CAPTAIN

Michael Jerde
Jennifer Johnson

LIEUTENANT

Amber Crogan
Dennis Jahnke
Norman Lindsay
Annette Parker
Richard Rehman
Sean Sweeney

SERGEANT

Steven Bailey
Peter Dawson
Tyson Donnelly
Anthony Glanzer
Matthew Hagen
Christian Howse
Matthew Petrone
Andrew Peterson
Adam Rolshouse
Charles Salminen
Mathias Weinzierl

DETECTIVE

Megan Bean
Jeremy Hazel
Kelly Howe
Kevin Kedrowski
Brandon Kniefel
Allan McHugh
Sarah Peck
Bonnie Sarazin
Lucas Schaaf
Stephen Sjolander
Joseph Steffens

DEPUTY

Ashley Austin
Loammi Catalino
Tyresha Gresham
Mitchell Jerde
Dolphes McGee
Christopher Mills
Jose Nieves Soto
Gladys Ann Sawinski
Hunter Phoebe Schultz
Chou Chi Thao
Vickie Tjia
Kongmeng Yang

DETENTION CAPTAIN

Joel Field

DETENTION LIEUTENANT

Sean Hench
Jerome Moore

DETENTION SERGEANT

Chad Caldwell
Erin Cottom
Nicholas Newton-D'Taillefer
Kyle Rizner
Matthew Schilling
Gregory Tomlinson

TELECOMMUNICATOR SERGEANT

Steven Labatt

RECORDS SUPERVISOR

Tefilio Lamb-Bellfield
Jean Rosario

FORENSIC SCIENCE SUPERVISOR

Allison Dolec

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN LEAD

Merlin Koskela
Christopher Spetcher

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Benjamin Barben

CRIMINALIST

Joseph Havener

COOK SENIOR

Beth Balfe

2023 Retirements

RETIREMENTS

Bryan Bennett
Deb Brown
Chad Christopherson
Christina Daly
John Defeyter
Dwayne Goede
Hal Haliburton
Jason Herlitz
Perry King
David Kolar
Mary Lelivelt
Kern Linton
Brian McKague
Lisa Mueller
Carol Orcutt
John Perkins
Brian Peterson
Lisa Schreier
Michael Sheeley
Jeffrey Storms
Brady Sweitzer
Ramon Walton





Partner With Us!

Volunteer

Volunteers are a crucial part of our agency's ability to provide public safety services to the residents of Hennepin County. Become a Special Deputy, volunteer in the jail, or – if you're a young person – get involved with Law Enforcement Exploring.

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, résumé and interviewing skills, domestic violence prevention, and religious instruction. For more information, visit hennepinsheriff.org/community-engagement/volunteer.

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.





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