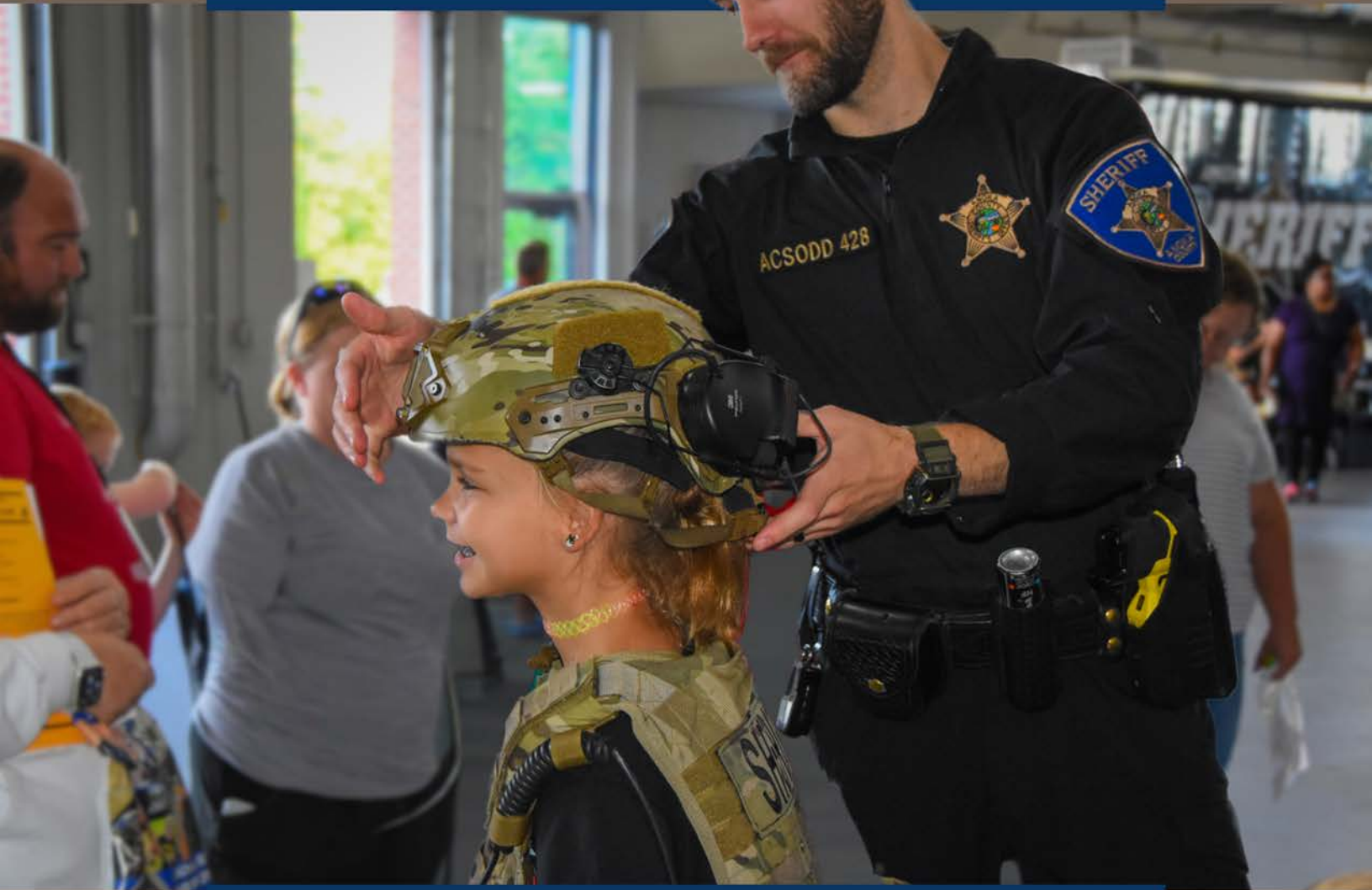




ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2024
Annual Report



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MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF BRAD WISE

Dear Anoka County,

We are proud to present the 2024 Anoka County Sheriff's Office annual report. Our agency is committed to serving the community with integrity every day, and continuously improving the lives of our members while protecting the citizens we serve. As a team, we have worked together to continue to safeguard residents and visitors, never forgetting our mission to preserve our community's trust.

I have witnessed our office bring solutions that foster strong relationships and unity by engaging with government agencies, nonprofits, and citizens. Data you will see in this annual report shows that we remain committed to proactive policing and thorough investigations to bring those who break the law to justice.

Ongoing challenges exist, including the need for a larger and more efficient jail and staffing shortages. However, we will continue to partner with stakeholders to address them.

Our commitment to serve you, your family, and your neighbors motivates our efforts to pursue innovative methods. We work hard to stay adaptable and aim to enhance public safety initiatives so that we respond to the needs of the community.

Please join us in creating a safe and resilient future for Anoka County.

Brad Wise



A YEAR IN REVIEW

About Us

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office, led by Sheriff Brad Wise, consists of the sheriff and a team of approximately 300 staff and volunteers. Since 1857, Anoka County has grown considerably with over 352,000 residents today. The once rural county is part of the seven-county Metropolitan area and is comprised of 21 cities and townships, covering 440 square miles.

Our Mission

To protect and serve the community in a manner that preserves the public trust.

Divisions

- ✓ Patrol
- ✓ Criminal Investigations
- ✓ Jail
- ✓ Midwest Regional Forensic Lab
- ✓ Justice Services
- ✓ Administration



Community Engagement

- Polar Plunge
- Torch Run
- Drug Take Back
- Parades
- County Fair
- Night to Unite
- Legacy Day
- Bloodmobile
- Hope 4 Youth
- Hope Fest
- Open House
- Shop With A Cop
- CAST Fishing

2024 COMMAND STAFF



**SHERIFF
BRAD WISE**



**CHIEF DEPUTY
BILL JACOBSON**

**Midwest Regional
Forensic
Laboratory**

**Criminal
Investigations**

Jail

Justice Services

Patrol

Administration

**COMMANDER
WAYNE HEATH**

**LAB DIRECTOR
SCOTT FORD**

**COMMANDER
BRENT ERICKSON**

**COMMANDER
SHEILA LARSON**

**COMMANDER
KEVIN HALWEG**

**COMMANDER
PAUL LENZMEIER**



Lieutenant
Andy Knotz

Assistant Lab Director
Shawn Gallagher

Lieutenants
Jessica Slavik
Dan Douglas
Derek Schuldt

Lieutenants
Carrie Wood
Matt Woitel

Lieutenant
James Schilling

Lieutenants
Derek Peters
Anthony Mendoza



PATROL DIVISION

Responsibilities

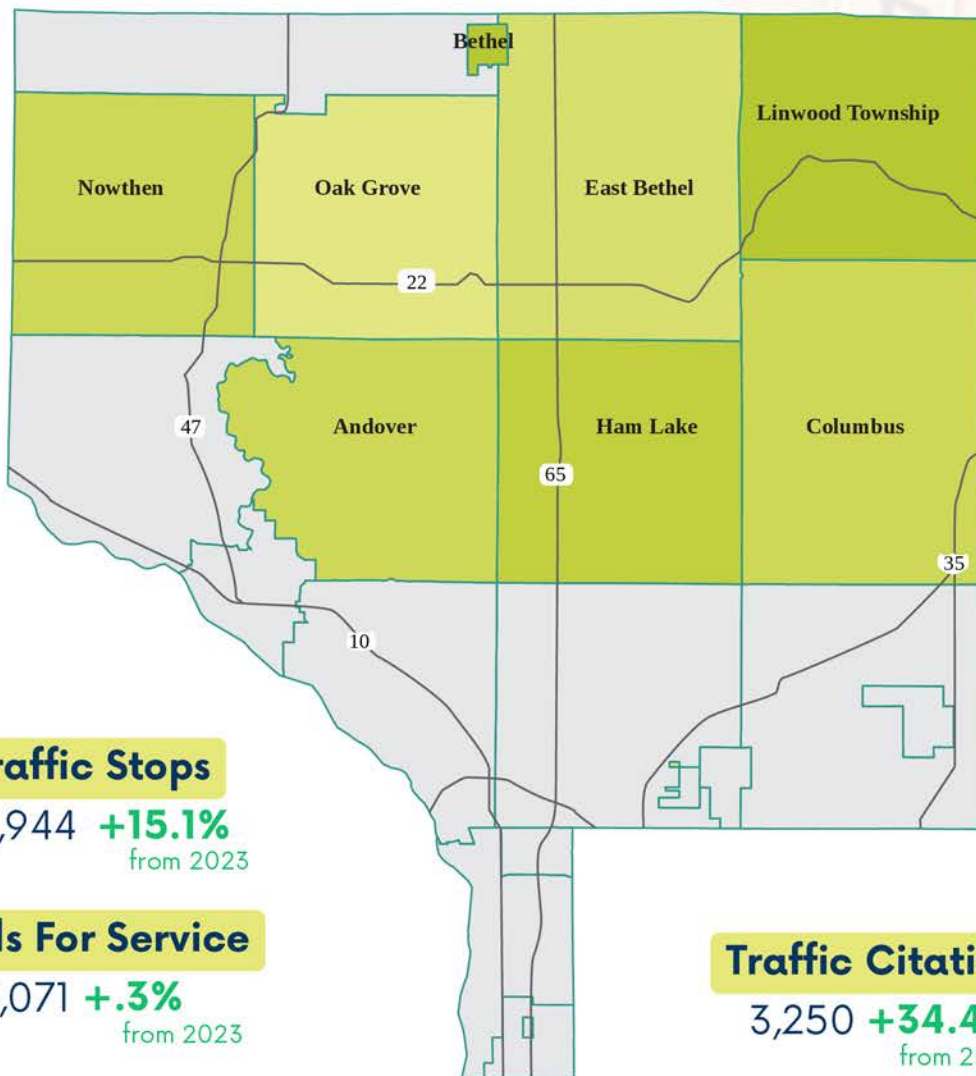
Patrol & Police Services
Crime Prevention
K-9 Unit
Local Investigations
S.W.A.T. Team
Marine Unit
Reserve Unit

Community Service Officers
School Resource Officers
Recreational Enforcement
Unmanned Aerial Systems
Chaplains
Explorers



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

Deputies with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office provide contracted patrol services to eight communities within Anoka County.



Traffic Stops

12,944 **+15.1%**
from 2023

Calls For Service

33,071 **+.3%**
from 2023

Property Damage Accidents

1,479 **+1.7%**
from 2023

Personal Injury Accidents

388 **+15.5%**
from 2023

Traffic Citations

3,250 **+34.4%**
from 2023

DWI Arrests

200 **0%**
from 2023

Narcotics Arrests

60*

*Due to reporting changes, complete 2023 data not available for comparison.

ANOKA COUNTY S.W.A.T.

In 2024 Anoka County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. team transitioned into the Anoka County S.W.A.T. team with the merging of members from ACSO, Anoka, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Lino Lakes, Fridley, Columbia Heights, and Ramsey Police Departments. Team size increased from 28-person to 54-person team.

Team became credentialed as a FEMA Type 1 Resource and a regional asset.



20
Tactical
callouts



K-9 UNIT



56
K-9 deployments

-32.5%
from 2023



UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS



113
UAS deployments

+36%
from 2023

RESERVE UNIT & EXPLORERS



4,492
Reserve Unit
Volunteer Hours



MARINE UNIT

Marine Unit Callouts:

January 2024
Ice rescue on Coon Lake

February 2024
Polar Plunge

April 2024
Suicide/drowning in Rum River

May 2024
Vehicle in Mississippi River

June 2024
Assist to MN BCA Violent Crime Reduction Unit
Drowning recovery in a pond
Stolen vehicle recovery in Rum River

August 2024
Drowning in pond on King's Island

September 2024
Fleeing police/drowning in Rum River



Out with the old...



...In with the new!

NEW PATROL SQUAD DESIGN

2024 saw the launch of a new design on the patrol squad cars. A group of deputies worked together to create a new squad design that reflects our connection to the community. The updated design will be used on new fleet vehicles that come in and will start appearing more frequently on the roads.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division is a multi-faceted division that serves vital roles within the office. Major crimes detectives and crime scene detectives conduct thorough investigations for the county's most serious crimes.

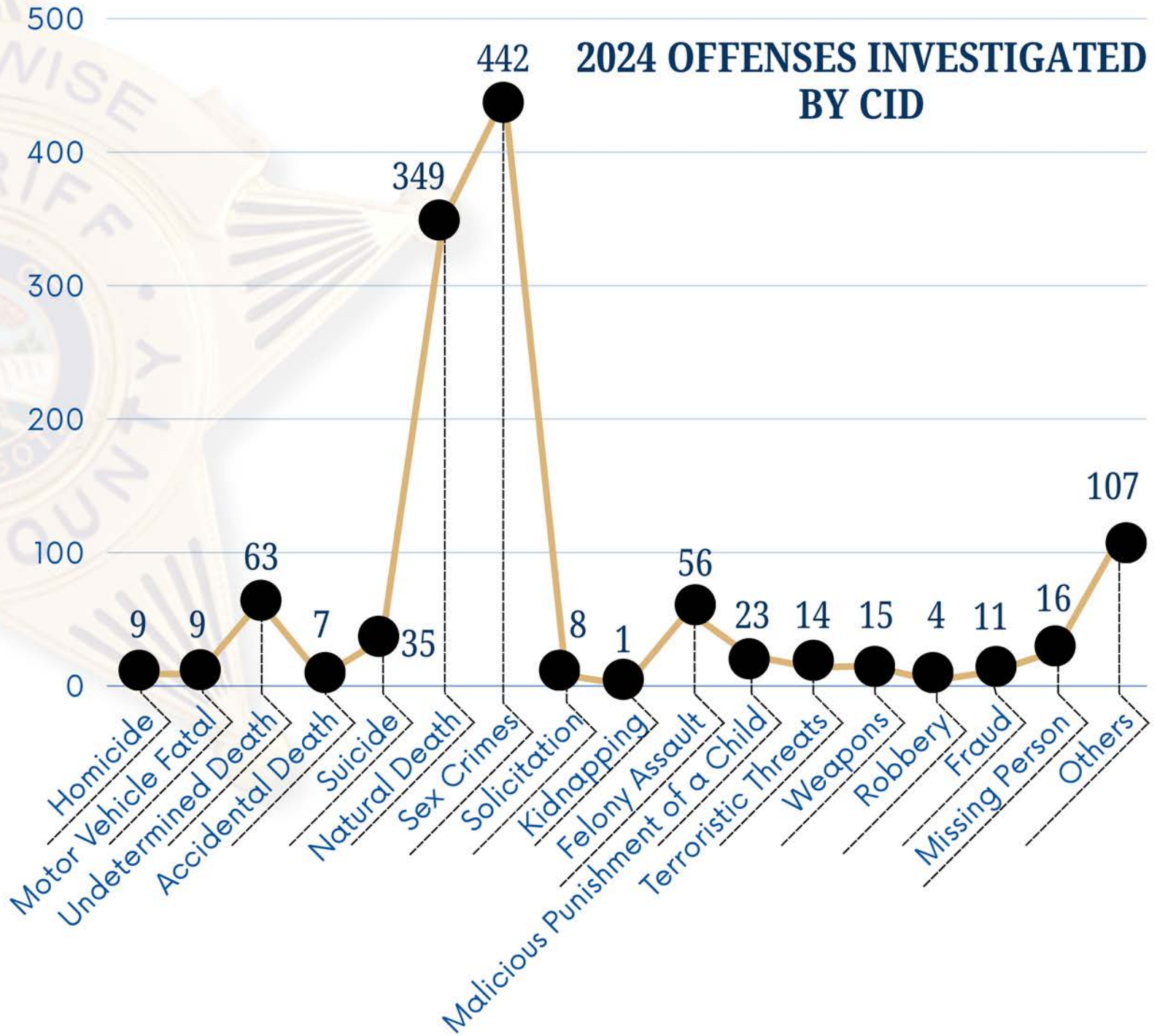
Responsibilities

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Crime Scene Unit | Human Trafficking |
| Fraud Prevention Unit | Electronic Forensics |
| Polygraph Service | Child Abuse Investigations |
| Victim Services | Death Investigations |
| Arson Investigations | Sexual Assault Investigations |
| AHNVCTF | Internet Crimes |



HOLDING THOSE WHO HARM OTHERS ACCOUNTABLE

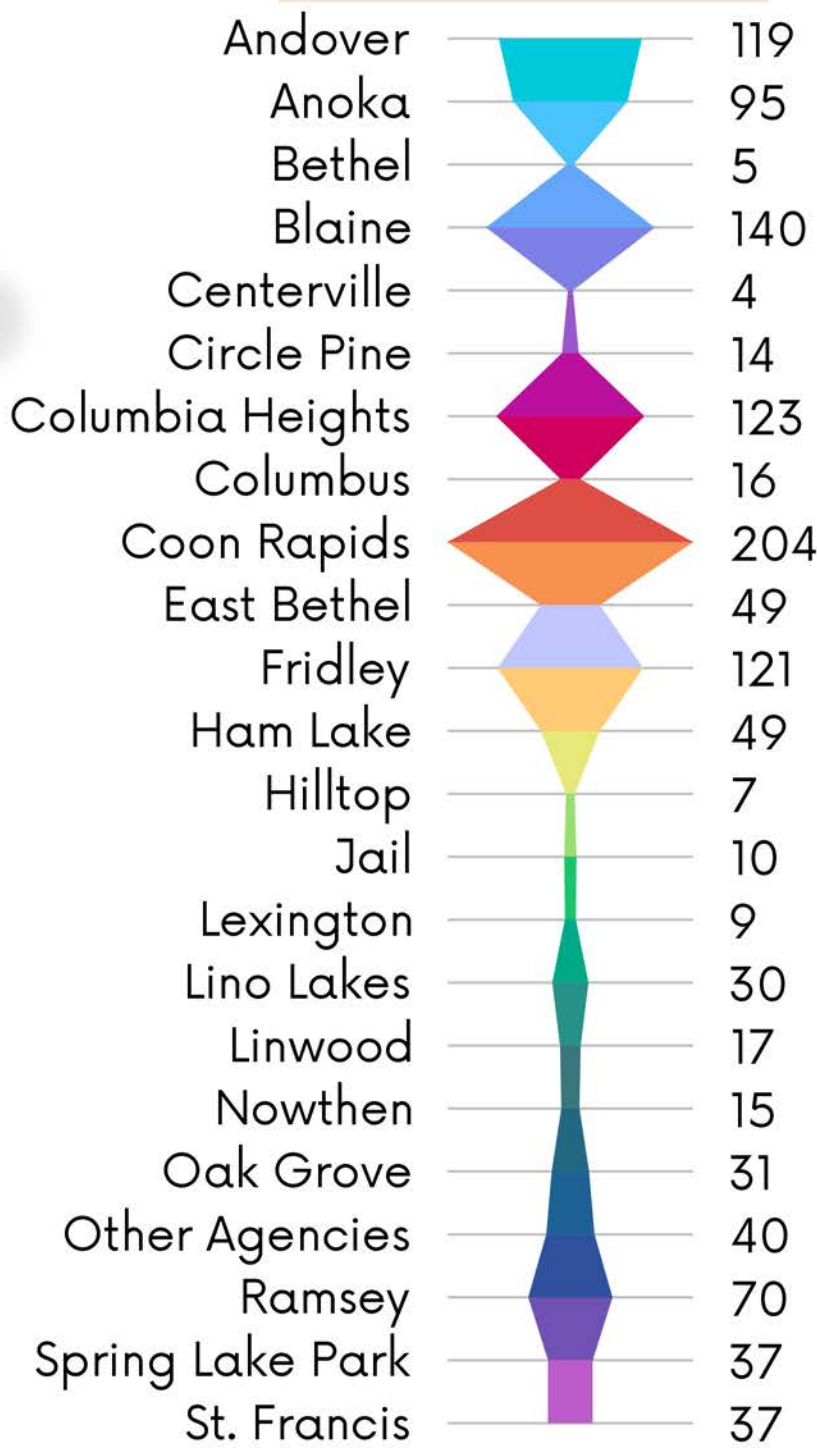
The Criminal Investigations Division of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office provides major crimes investigative services to all communities within the county in conjunction with local police departments.



CASES REFERRED TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



1,242
Cases Referred to CID
-1.3%
from 2023



CRIME SCENE UNIT

2024 Callouts:

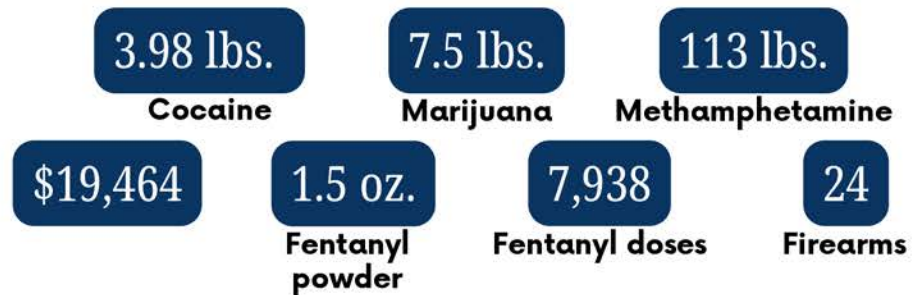
- 250** Crimes Against Persons/Death Investigations
- 20** Traffic Related Incidents
- 73** Property Crimes
- 837** Other activities including testifying in court, search warrants/court orders, training, public presentations, etc.



ANOKA-HENNEPIN NARCOTICS AND VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE



2024 Seized Drugs, Firearms, and Cash



In 2024, the task force had a 549% increase in the amount of methamphetamine seized. Fentanyl and firearms numbers remained steady, and cocaine and the amount of cash having notable decreases.

FRAUD PREVENTION UNIT

\$2.85 MILLION discovered financial assistance overpayments in 2024 **+30%** from 2023

NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

Blaine Fentanyl and Gun Seizure

In the summer of 2024, the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Anoka-Hennepin Narcotics & Violent Crimes Task Force identified an address in the City of Blaine that was receiving suspicious packages. Through the course of the investigation, detectives were able to determine packages were being sent to the address and then picked up by an individual shortly after delivery. In September, an inbound packaged was intercepted by a detective and found to contain two pounds of fentanyl pills and one ounce of fentanyl powder. A controlled delivery was made and the detectives were able to follow the suspect away from the location and placed him under arrest. An additional handgun was found and the suspect is awaiting formal charges.

Coon Rapids Triple Homicide

On 1/26/2024, CID detectives were contacted to assist the Coon Rapids Police Department with a triple homicide in a home located in the City of Coon Rapids. Many detectives and law enforcement professionals began a collaborative effort to identify the suspects responsible for deaths of two adult males and an adult female in front of two small children who were unharmed. A surveillance camera in the area captured video of three suspects exiting a vehicle and making entry into the home.

The owner of the vehicle was identified, and later that evening, Alonzo Pierre Mingo was apprehended in Fridley. For the next 2.5 weeks, forensic scientists from the Midwest Regional Forensics Laboratory along with detectives worked tirelessly at identifying and confirming the other two suspects in this incident. DNA evidence gathered at the scene linked Demetrius Trenton Shumpert and Omari Malik Shumpert as the other two suspects. Both Omari and Demetrius were taken into custody at different locations in Minneapolis. A grand jury was convened for all three individuals, and all were charged with 1st Degree Murder. Alonzo Mingo was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison without parole. The additional suspects are awaiting trial.



COLD CASE HOMICIDE UNIT

In 2024, ACSO announced the launch of a new webpage highlighting some of the unsolved cold case homicides being reevaluated by the office's Cold Case Homicide Unit. This unit was established thanks to a grant from the United States Department of Justice.

A dedicated team made up of law enforcement and forensic science professionals evaluate and prioritize all cold cases and evidence, and test, or retest evidence to further the investigation. The ultimate goal is to hold offenders accountable and bring closure to victims' families, while providing support throughout the process.



ENHANCING VICTIM SUPPORT

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office introduced a dedicated victim advocate position in 2024. The victim advocate provides immediate crisis intervention, helps connect individuals to essential resources and services, and offers ongoing support throughout the criminal justice process. This role is especially vital for victims of assault, domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, human trafficking, and other violent crimes.



Support is available:

Tristin Gillespie
Victim Advocate
763-324-5224

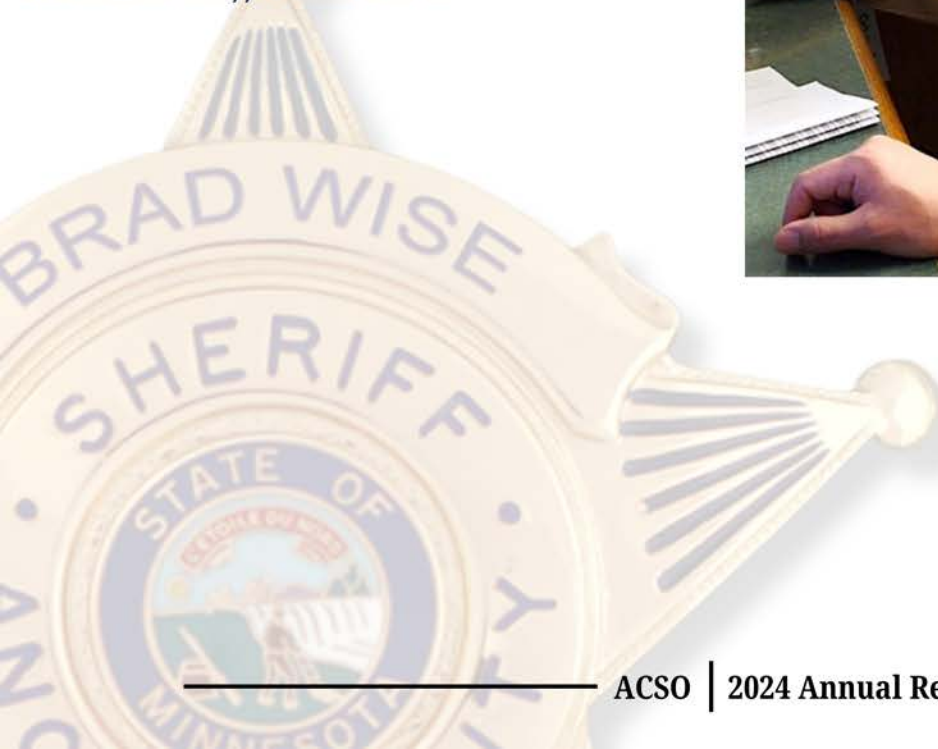
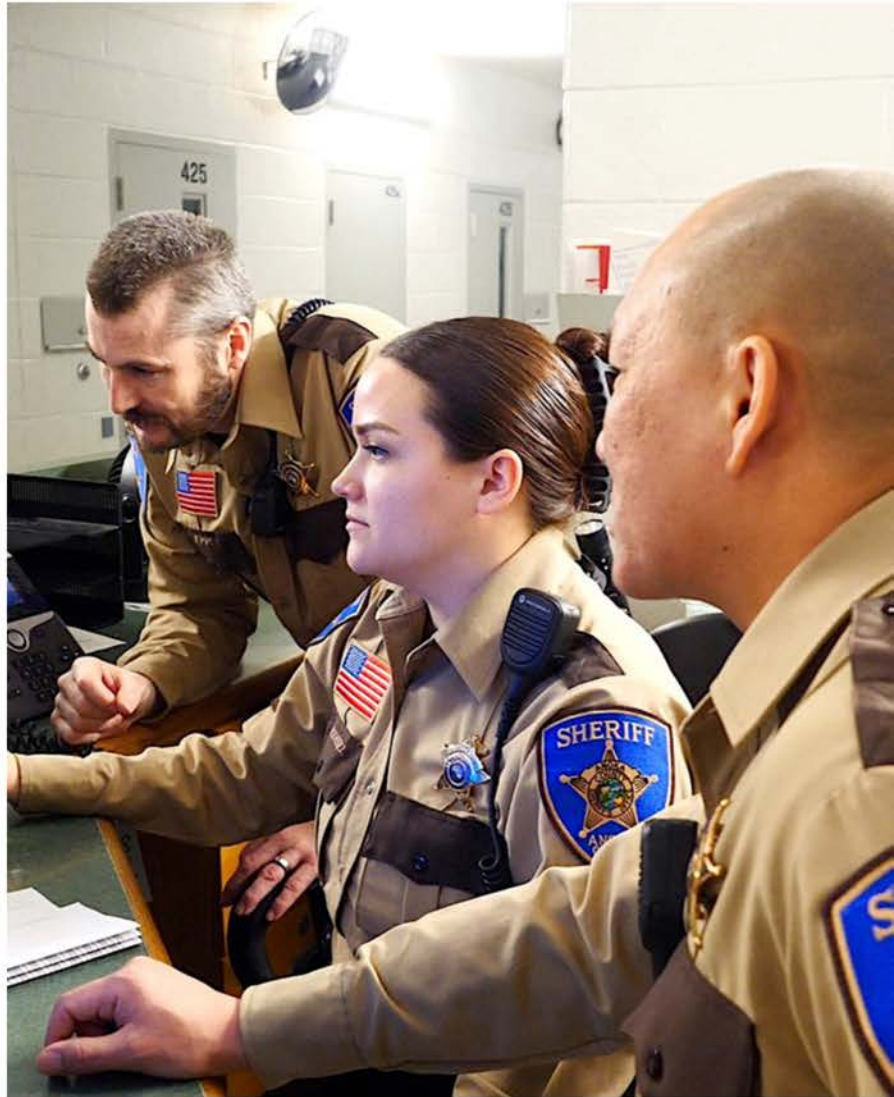
Alexandra House
24/7 Crisis Line
763-780-2330

JAIL DIVISION

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office provides jail services for adult offenders to all law enforcement agencies located within Anoka County. Additionally, the jail holds adult individuals for the United States Marshals Service who have generally been charged with crimes ranging from white collar offenses to terrorism. Inmates in our facility are generally pretrial offenders. Sentenced offenders are transferred to the Anoka County Workhouse, another county jail, or to a state prison.

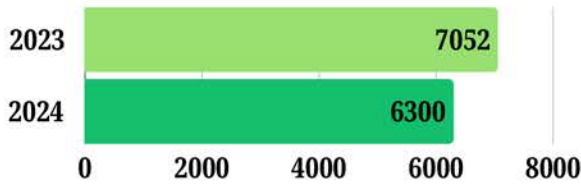
Responsibilities

- Inmate Management
- Public Fingerprinting
- Booking Facility
- Video Imaging
- Inmate Programming
- Records Management
- Inmate Medical Services
- Warrant Entry/Verification

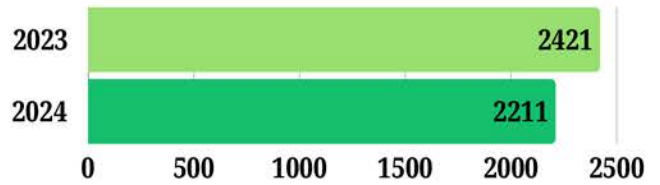


JAIL 2024 STATISTICS

Male Inmate Bookings



Female Inmate Bookings



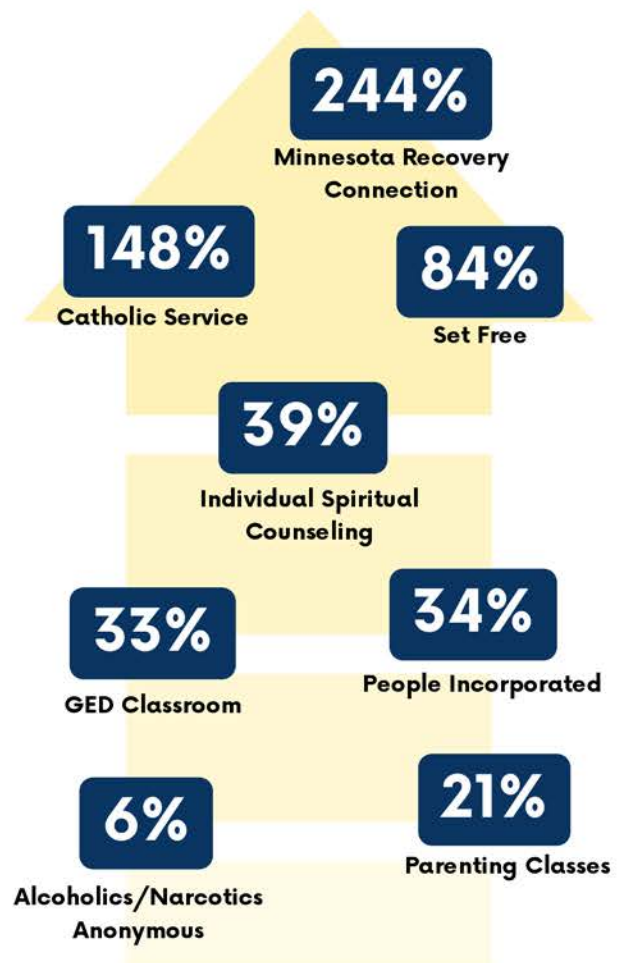
Causes for Decrease in Bookings

- Enhanced workhouse and pretrial programs available for judges to send pretrial inmates to.
- Expansion of electronic monitoring programs
- Judicial system implemented several measures to reduce unnecessary jail stays, including accepting warrant walk-ins for low-level misdemeanors, and sign and release processes for the county.
- COVID-era practices of minimizing jail populations have largely continued, with judges considering jail conditions and staffing strains when making detention decisions.

2024 Increases in Inmate Programming Attendance

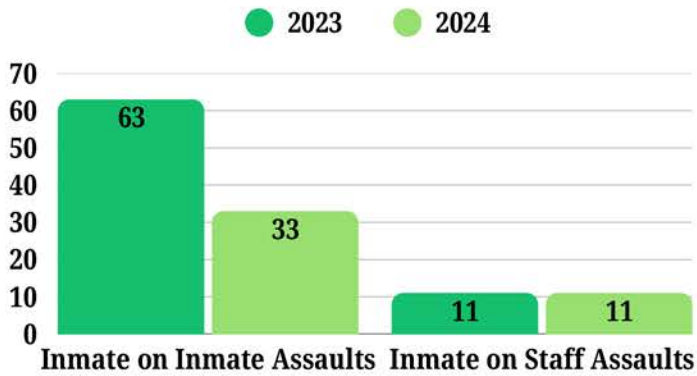
Anoka County Jail’s detention and support staff work every day to ensure we are providing a safe and secure confinement for our inmate population, the community, and each other.

Through guidance, engagement, empathy, and robust programming, staff work hard so that inmates leave the facility better than they came.

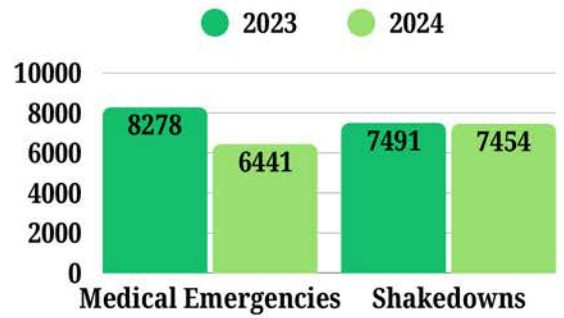


JAIL 2024 STATISTICS

Facility Assaults



Incidents Within Facility



Warrant Activity



2024 HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

Implemented 1:1 tablet system for the inmate population

- Allow all communication to be electronic and easily managed
- Provide hundreds of hours of education and self-help courses
- House a full law library
- Allow for inmates to communicate in writing or through video with loved ones
- Provide entertainment
- Allows jail staff to get the information to the inmates in a timely manner

Jail Facility

- The jail was built in 1982 and the infrastructure shows its age and it is increasingly difficult to repair issues that arise. There is not adequate space to appropriately separate inmates, so the challenges of safety are always at the forefront of decision making.

Inmate Mental Health

- Continued increase in inmates with severe mental health concerns
- Staff are working collaboratively with Anoka County Adult Mental Health
- Jail hired a medical coordinator position in 2024 to assist with oversight

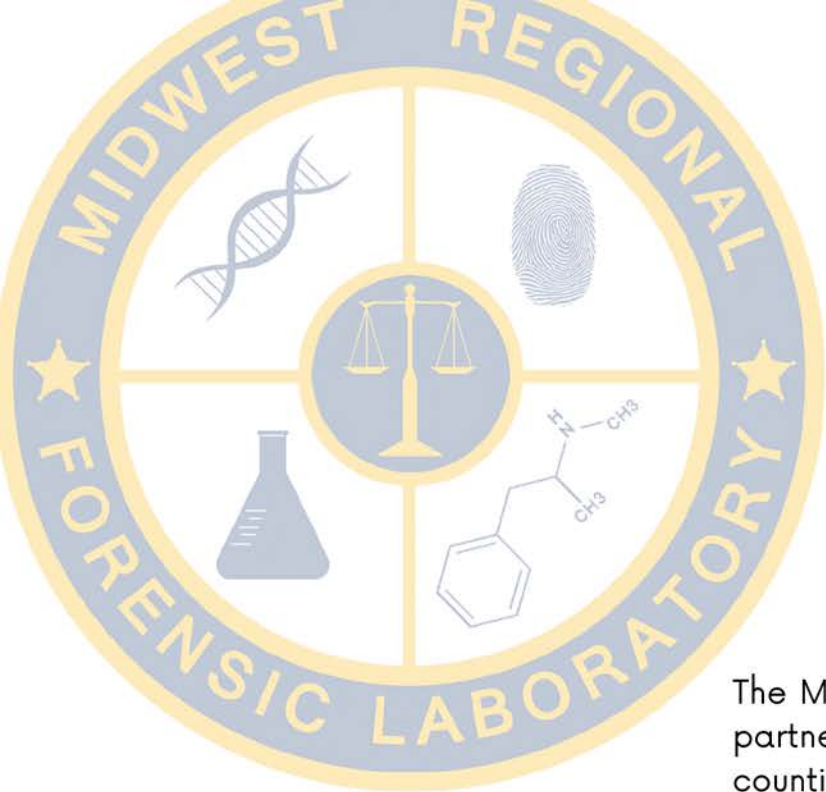
Jail Staffing

- Staffing continued to be a struggle in 2024
- Supervisors stay flexible, and even help cover when needed, as the jail and warrant's desk need to be covered 24/7/365
- Staff shortages mean a lot of sacrifice for the members of the team to cover for each other and continue a healthy work/life balance

Jail Data Requests

- Increase of data requests has been challenging
- Having one dedicated person handling all these requests is a massive undertaking
- In 2024, the single data practices specialist at the jail processed approximately 800+ requests





MIDWEST REGIONAL FORENSIC LABORATORY

The Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory (MRFL) is a partnership between Anoka, Sherburne, and Wright counties and is located at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office in Andover. The laboratory is comprised of four scientific areas of testing: Biology, Drug Chemistry, Toxicology, and Latent Prints. Additionally, the laboratory manages the intake, return, and movement of evidence throughout the laboratory.

Responsibilities

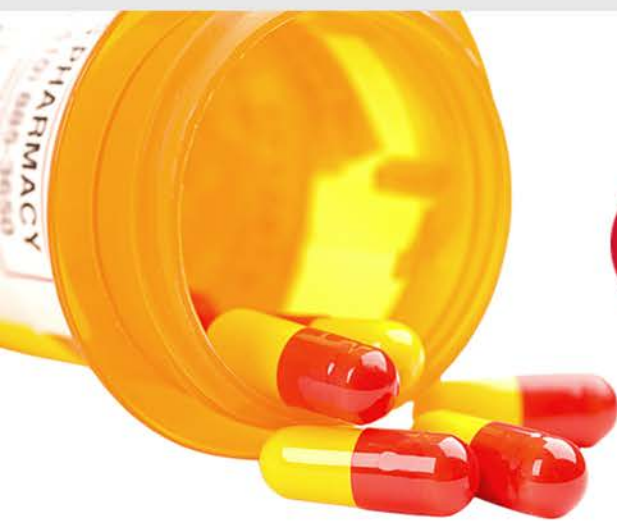
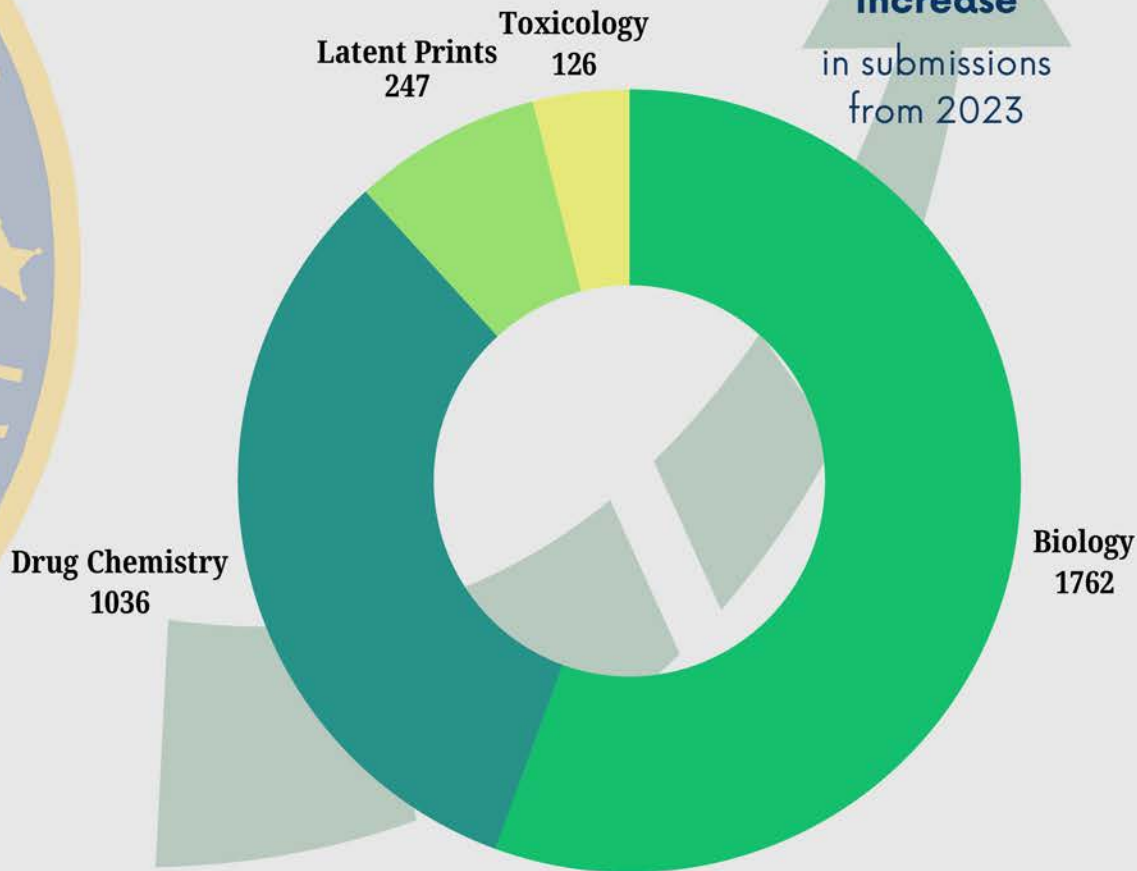
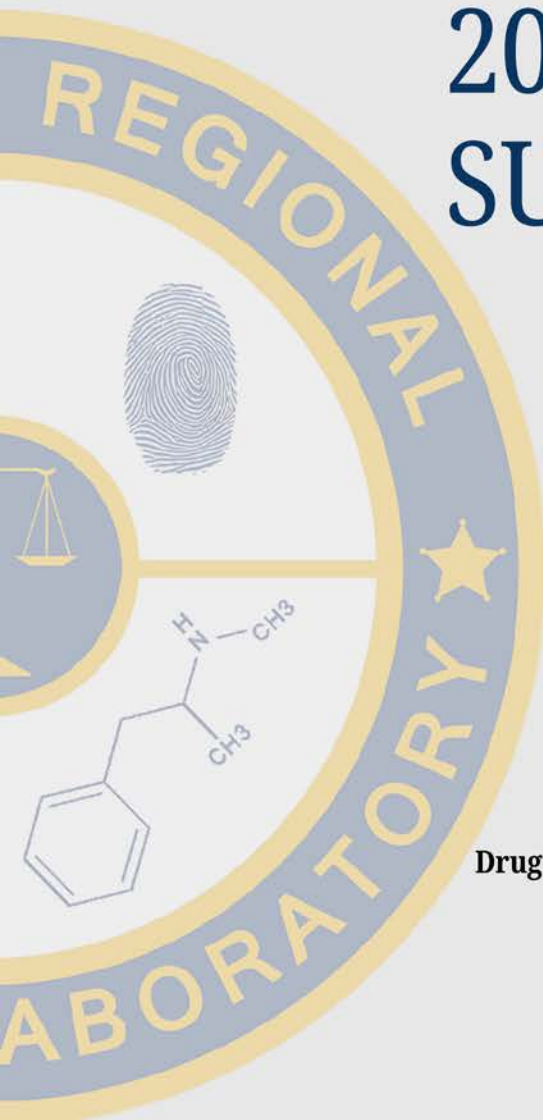
Biology
Latent Prints

Drug Chemistry
Quality Assurance

Toxicology
Evidence Intake



2024 LAB SUBMISSIONS



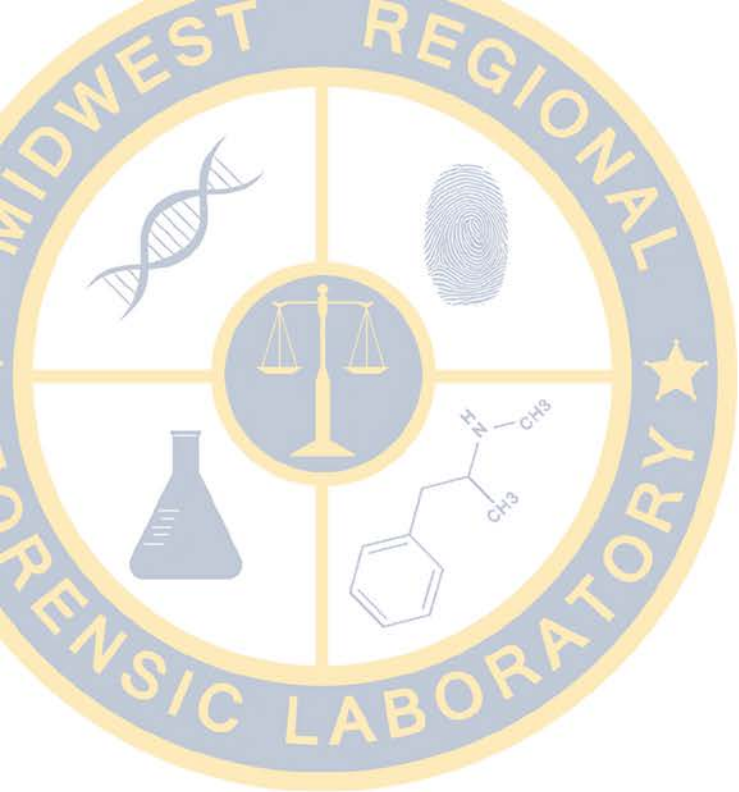
DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK

5,298 lbs.

2,624 lbs.

of unwanted medication from our county and partner police departments were properly disposed of by ACSO/Lab staff

of the medication was collected from the ACSO/Lab Evidence Intake drop box alone!



2024 Division Challenges

- There is a need to provide additional lab office space to make room for cubical expansion. The sheriff's office will be moving their computer forensic and cell phone forensic labs to accommodate this need for Midwest Regional Forensic Lab employees.
- The drug chemistry section is in need of ductless hoods to increase the ability to safely handle hazardous drugs such as fentanyl.



2024 Division Achievements

- Converted four years of paper copy case records to electronic versions.
- The Drug Chemistry section purchased and validated a new instrument for alcohol testing.
- In April 2024, Laboratory Director Scott Ford became president of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD).

5th Consecutive
Forsight
Maximus
Award



The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors presents this award to top performing forensic laboratories across the world operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency.

**Only 14 laboratories across the world
received a 2024 award.**



Laboratory staff conducted 15 trainings for law enforcement agencies throughout Anoka, Sherburne, and Wright counties in 2024.

Fingerprints Still Solve Crimes!

Law enforcement recovered a stolen vehicle that may have been involved in a large scale stolen motor vehicle parts case spanning across multiple states, as well as an exchange of gunfire with police.

Duct tape located inside of, and on the vehicle was processed, and five prints were developed. One of the latent fingerprints was entered into the Midwest Automated Fingerprint Identification Network database and hit to a potential suspect – all five prints were subsequently identified to the same individual.

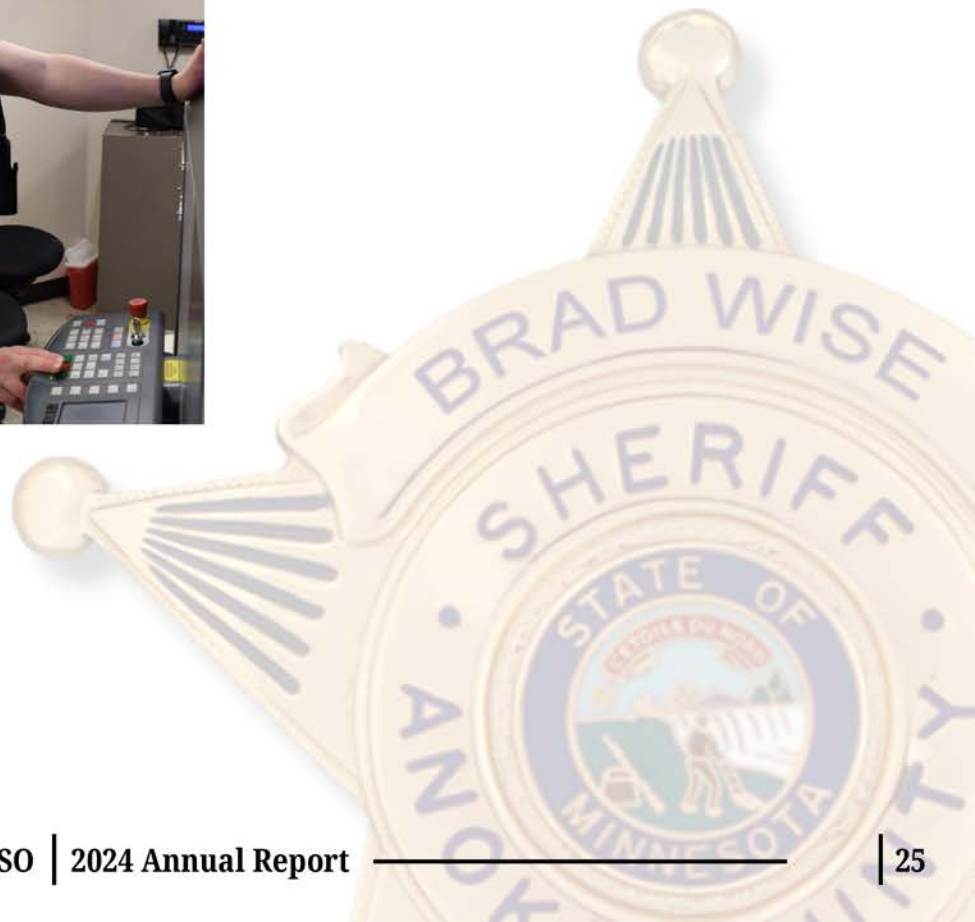
JUSTICE SERVICES DIVISION



The Justice Services Division is a unique division that consists of five units. The division carries out support functions through the Records Unit and encompasses several roles and functions that are unique to a Sheriff's Office, such as courthouse security, civil process service, prisoner transport, and warrant apprehension.

Responsibilities

Civil Process Unit Warrant Apprehension
Court Security Unit Records Management
Prisoner Transport Unit



STATISTICS & UPDATES

The Court Security Unit had a much needed update to their office space at the courthouse. The unit expanded its space and constructed new locker rooms, a break room, weapons vault, storage, and more.



6,040 Papers Served



1,658 Audio Files Transcribed



6,354 Data Requests **+18%**
from 2023



10,426 Reports Processed **+5%**
from 2023



740 Vehicle Impounds

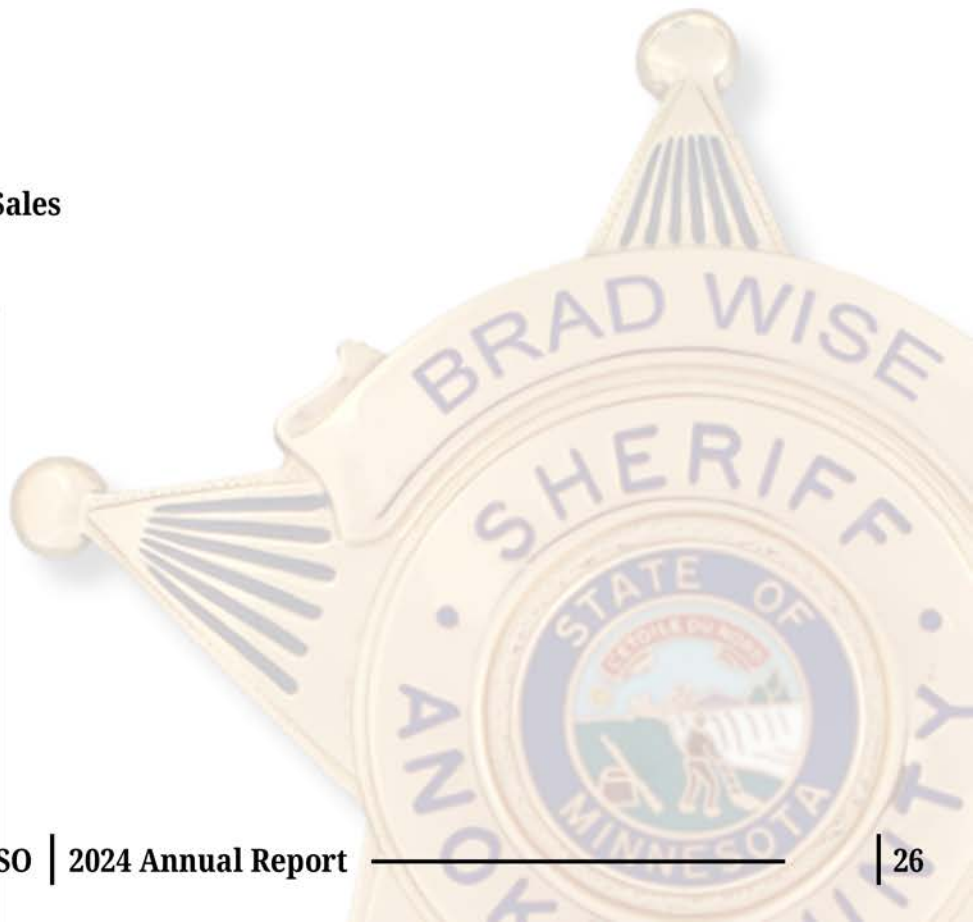


113 Mortgage Foreclosure Sales



2,237 inmates transported **-15%**
from 2023

51 extraditions across 13 states





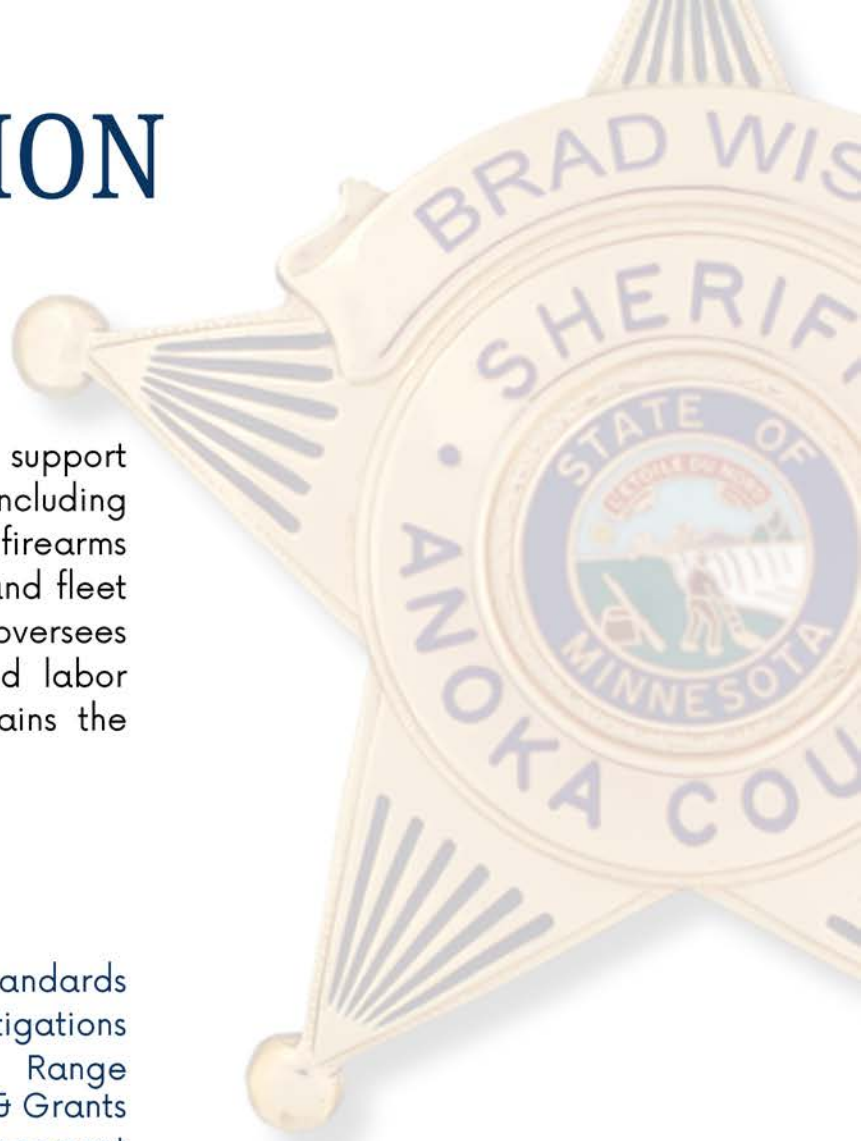
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division provides overall support services for all divisions within the office, including maintaining the office's budget, issuing firearms permits, maintaining sheriff's office facilities, and fleet management. Additionally, the division oversees professional standards, human resources, and labor relations which ensures that our staff maintains the core values of honor, sacrifice, and pride.

Responsibilities

Critical Incident Review
Policies & Procedures
Firearm Permits
Training
Public Information
Information Management

Professional Standards
Background Investigations
Range
Contracts & Grants
Risk Management
Fleet Management



ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

New Hires

1 Crime Analyst
12 Deputies
5 Detectives
11 Detention Deputies
1 Forensic Scientist
1 Jail Medical Coordinator
2 Property Room Technicians
3 Records Technicians
1 Victim Advocate Specialist

Retirements

3 Deputies
2 Detectives
2 Detention Deputies
1 Records Technician

The Background Investigations Unit completed:

204 backgrounds for ACSO staff
109 backgrounds for city requests

STAFF TRAININGS

Number of trainings attended: 159
Number of staff who attended training: 307 **+12.5%**
from 2023

ACSO implemented the PoliceOne Training platform for tracking of all employee trainings, and Minnesota Peace Officer Standards & Training requirements.

2024 OPERATING BUDGET

\$16,636,837

Sheriff's Office Actual Revenue

\$52,806,362

Sheriff's Office Actual Expenditures

FIREARMS PERMITS

Permits to carry applications:
5330 **-9%**
from 2023

Number of denials: 70

Permits to purchase applications:
898 **+4.1%**
from 2023

Number of denials: 19

2024 Division Challenges

- Continuous changes in policy to keep in alignment with Federal and State rule changes
- Increased requirements for licensed staff training to keep in alignment with MN POST rules
- Increased requests for information on events the office is involved in

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

ACSO Awarded Nearly \$190k Grant for Employee Wellness

In late 2023, ACSO received a 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services totaling \$182,193. 2024 allowed for the Wellness Committee and leadership to implement programming focusing on staff and family wellness. The grant has been used to provide employer paid mental health services, revitalize family workshops for employees and loved ones, offer improved physical fitness options, and provide trainings/classes on various wellness topics.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Partnered with Lighthouse Health & Wellness, an organization that supports first responders, to provide a wellness app for our staff and their family members. This app makes it easy to access our agency's health and wellness information, as well as connect the user with resources.
- Offered employer paid yoga classes for employees at the Andover office, as well as Courthouse. Classes were chosen so staff who work all shifts could hopefully attend at least one class.



- In addition to the mental health services provided by Amber Cardinal, Anoka County's therapist through the Employee Assistance Program, ACSO contracted with Wellness That Fits and Lodestar Psychology & Consulting to offer all staff six employee paid therapy sessions per year.
- ACSO contracted with Sigma Heart Testing to provide complementary blood draws or cardio-met stress testing to staff. These tests help provide a depth of knowledge on the user's heart functions, to hopefully avoid significant medical episodes in the future.







ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

OFFICE COMMENDATIONS

Detective Jesse Standal
Detective Matthew Aker
Detective Michael Schantzen
Detective Troy Edmond
Detective Jeffrey Schoeberl
Detective Matthew Wyatt
Detective Robert Young
Detective Julie Dorr
Detective Cullen Czech
Detective Jason Maltby
Detective Joseph Price
Detective Brad Baker
Detective Nik Smith
Detective Shane Werneke
Detective Haley Hoefs
Detective Jeffrey Piper
Detective Christopher McCall
Crime Analyst Derek Johnson
Forensic Scientist Kristine Carmen
Forensic Scientist Anthony Johnson
Forensic Scientist Brooke Paulson
Deputy Nicholas Duren
Property Room Technician Lourdes Swanson
Administrative Services Supervisor Ann Slotsve
Deputy Hollias Erickson
Deputy Eric Derner
Deputy Peter Grover
Detention Deputy Logan McEnelly
Detention Deputy Chad Zabel
Detention Deputy Jordan Fields

LIFESAVING AWARD

Deputy Joshua Berggren
Deputy Marnae Klungseth
Deputy Curt Grabmeier
Deputy Christopher Fjeld
Deputy Christopher Vitek
Deputy Jason Corlew
Deputy Nicholas Duren

MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Deputy Jordan Mobraten

RESERVE UNIT SPECIAL DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Reserve Deputy Kevin Rosar

RESERVE UNIT OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Reserve Deputy Michelle Mazanec
Reserve Deputy Paul Modica

RESERVE UNIT TOP VOLUNTEER HOURS

Reserve Deputy Michael Chiabotti
Reserve Deputy Rebecca McElhone
Reserve Deputy Paul Modica
Reserve Deputy Radovan Duvnjak





YEARS OF SERVICE

30 YEARS

Shawn Young
Steven Cater
Sheila Larson
Richard Kreyer

25 YEARS

Laura Landes
John Henrichsen
Brian Torborg
Matthew Woitel
Lynn Ochsner
Jerrold Wengler
Andy Knotz
Nathan Bubar
James Psyck

20 YEARS

Anthony Mendoza
Eric Donarski
Bryan Pierson

15 YEARS

Kirk Erickson
Cullen Czech
Ann Slotsve
Rebecca Johnson
Troy Edmond
Barbara Dupay

10 YEARS

Matthew O'Connor
Nathan Arcand
Jason Pederson
Chad Zabel
Chad Erickson
Ashley Anderson
James Schilling
Patrick Geertsema
Cole Bangerter
Curt Grabmeier
Christopher Yantos
Shawn Gallagher
Matthew Madson
Michael Mingo
Eric Derner

5 YEARS

Hunter Arvidson
Angela McDaniel
Chris Pagel
Bradley Baker
Nicholas Bownes
William Jacobson
Nicholas Parker
Meng Kong
Noushelong Vang
Matthew Hoefs
Shane Werneke
Shauna Silbernagel
Joshua Berggren
Grant Olson
Katrina Diaz
Robert Kannegaard

2023 RETIREMENTS

Deputy Brek Larson
Deputy James Psyck
Detective Christopher Johnson

Detective Jeffrey Piper
Records Technician Barbara Dupay

13301 HANSON BLVD NW
ANDOVER, MN 55304



KEEP IN TOUCH!

