

# **STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## ***2008 ANNUAL REPORT***



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City Hall, Sauk Centre, Minnesota  
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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office is to provide efficient, high-quality, compassionate law enforcement services to all citizens. To achieve these objectives, the Office will constantly strive to enforce laws courteously and appropriately without fear, favor, malice, or ill will. The Sheriff's Office will work with the public, offering guidance and assistance to aid in combating crime and protecting life and property.*

*It is the responsibility of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, through Correctional Staff, to ensure the efficient operation and maintenance of a safe, secure detention facility. This facility shall administer policies and procedures sensitive to the humane needs of the incarcerated while acknowledging financial limitations.*

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Code of Ethics



**AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the State of Minnesota and the local governments by which I am employed, I accept it as my responsibility and fundamental duty to devote my abilities, energies and efforts to the preservation of law and order; to the safe guarding of lives and property, the protection of the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence.

**IN THE FACE OF DANGER**, scorn or ridicule, I will remain courageous and calm, I will respect the constitutional rights of all individuals, regardless of color, race or creed. I will practice self-restraint and understanding in dealing with human frailties, and I will never lose sight of the fact that, as an officer of the law, I am not the master of the people - but the servant of the law-abiding.

**IN THOUGHT AND DEED**, both in my personal and official life, I will strive to set a good example to all by obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my Office. Confidential information divulged to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret, unless revelation is necessary in the proper performance of my duties.

**EVER MINDFUL** of the fact that it is better to prevent the commission of an act of crime than to apprehend the wrongdoer after the act has been committed, I will constantly strive to communicate to the general public ways and means in which crime may be prevented.

**WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR**, malice or ill will. I will enforce the law courteously, impartially and effectively. Without compromise, I will pursue the perpetrators of criminal acts relentlessly, never employing unnecessary force in making apprehensions and bringing law violators to justice.

**I REGARD THE BADGE OF MY CHOSEN PROFESSION** as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust.

**I DEDICATE MYSELF** to be true to the trust, and I will keep the faith, by upholding the ideals set forth in this code of ethics.

Unanimously adopted by the Minnesota Sheriff's Association in Conference, at Duluth, Minnesota, December 4, 1973.

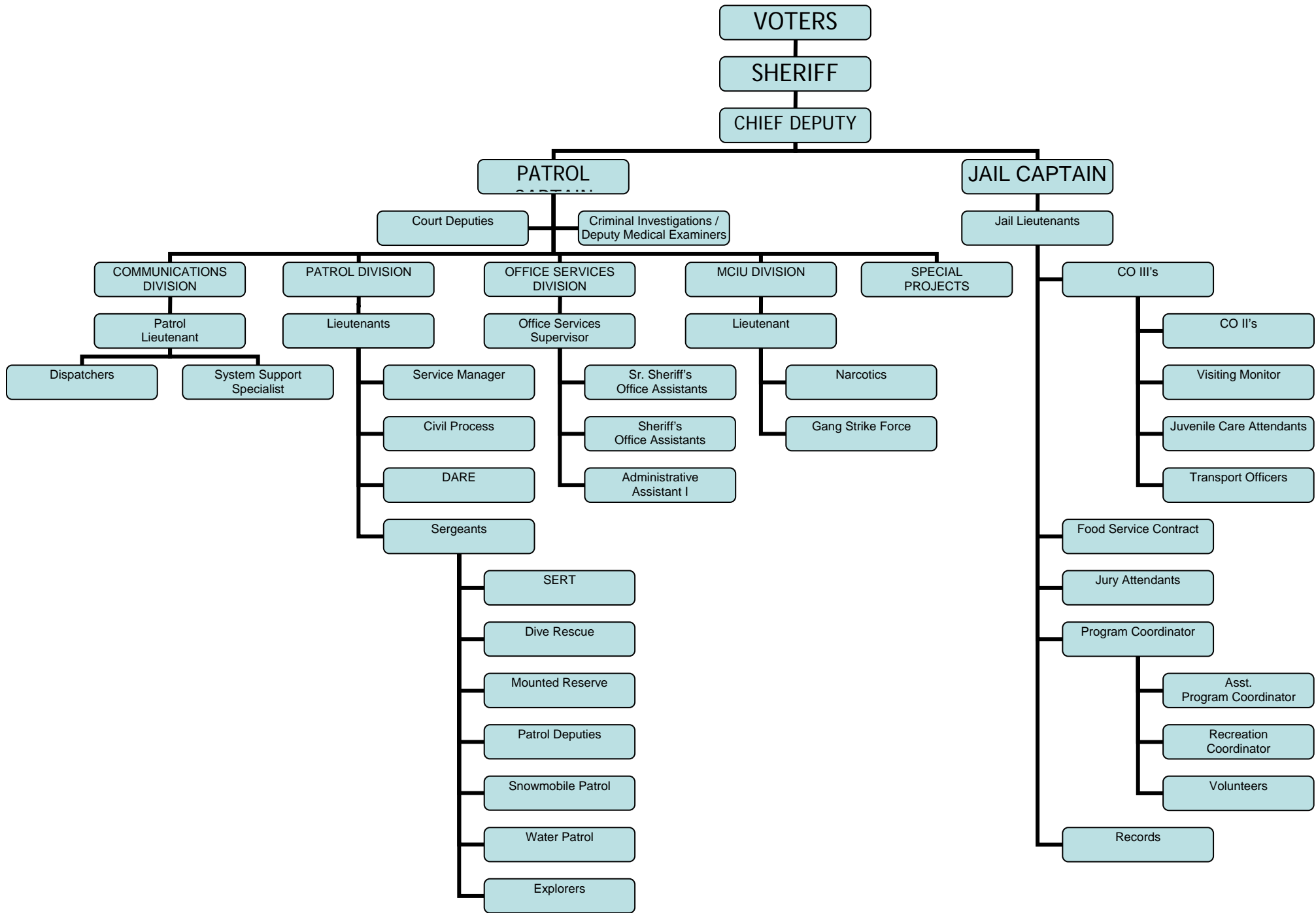
**STEARNS COUNTY**  
**STATISTICAL DATA**

Area.....	1,362 Sq. Miles
County Established In.....	1855
County Seat.....	St. Cloud, Minnesota
Population (2000) .....	133,166
Number of Cities.....	31
Number of Townships.....	34
Interstate Highway Mileage .....	57.76
Trunk Highway Mileage .....	174.14
County Road Mileage .....	366.00
County State-Aid Mileage.....	593.00
Township Road Mileage .....	1,419.00

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF

Sheriff John L. Sanner  
Chief Deputy Bruce P. Bechtold  
Captain Pam Jensen

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Supervisor: 1 Staff: 11
<b>Patrol Division:</b>	Captain Pam Jensen Lieutenant Dave Nohner Lieutenant Jon Lentz Lieutenant Dave McLaughlin Sergeants: 7 Deputies (full-time): 41 Deputies (part-time): 0 Detectives: 5 Court Security (full-time): 4 Court Security (part-time): 4
<b>Dispatch Center:</b>	Supervisors: 1 Dispatchers (full-time): 23 Dispatchers (part-time): 3
<b>Jail Administration:</b>	Captain Paul Lahr Lieutenant Joe Kustritz Lieutenant James Illies Correctional Officers III: 6 Correctional Officers II: 57 Correctional Officers I: 11 Correctional Officers I (part-time): 6 Program Staff: 4 Visiting Monitors (part-time): 2 Jury Attendants: 14



## BUDGETS

YEAR	OFFICE	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL EXPENDED	DIFFERENCE
2008	Sheriff	\$9,454,353	\$9,961,609	-\$507,256
	Jail	\$9,208,635	\$9,009,152	+\$199,483
2007	Sheriff	\$8,911,325	\$8,750,589	-\$160,736
	Jail	\$8,454,336	\$8,262,915	-\$191,421
2006	Sheriff	\$7,935,645	\$8,443,183	+\$507,538
	Jail	\$7,914,043	\$7,512,524	-\$401,518
2005	Sheriff	\$6,863,939	\$7,319,093	+\$455,154
	Jail	\$7,443,230	\$6,968,251	-\$474,979
2004	Sheriff	\$4,043,874	\$4,306,923	+\$263,049
	Jail	\$7,428,262	\$6,597,610	-\$830,652
2003	Sheriff	\$3,892,566	\$4,042,857	+\$150,291
	Jail	\$5,873,012	\$6,097,563	+\$224,551
2002	Sheriff	\$5,423,628	\$5,844,086	+\$420,458
	Jail	\$4,694,668	\$5,459,180	+\$764,512
2001	Sheriff	\$4,902,088	\$5,179,932	+\$277,844
	Jail	\$3,993,356	\$4,422,481	+\$429,125
2000	Sheriff	\$3,436,891	\$3,741,347	+\$304,455
	Jail	\$4,087,047	\$4,172,468	+\$ 85,420
1999	Sheriff	\$3,029,476	\$3,229,743	+ \$200,266
	Jail	\$3,390,962	\$3,640,858	+ \$249,897
1998	Sheriff	\$3,921,053	\$3,872,700	- \$48,352
	Jail	\$3,257,406	\$3,658,902	+ \$401,496

### Expense Boarding Inmates from Stearns County in Other Jails

1998	\$253,598
1999	\$237,595
2000	\$245,497
2001	\$343,170
2002	\$828,202
2003	\$671,671
2004	\$720,556
2005	\$767,367
2006	\$738,413
2007	\$552,745
2008	\$507,486



## **COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

The Stearns County 911 Center serves Stearns County and all of the cities in the County. There are currently 23 full-time dispatchers and 3 part-time dispatchers staffing the 911 Center with 24-hour coverage. The 911 Center dispatches for 30 fire/rescue departments, 14 police departments and 6 ambulance services. During 2008, the 911 Center handled approximately 136,950 emergency and non-emergency calls. This is an increase of 5% compared to the number of calls in 2007.

In addition to working with the police departments, fire/rescue departments and ambulances in Stearns County, the 911 Center also has radio communications with eighty-three Federal, State and local Law Enforcement agencies.

The 911 Center is currently utilizing Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD). Computer Aided Dispatching saves valuable time in dispatching emergency units. In cases where there is a Mobile Communications Terminal (MCT) in the squad cars, the calls are sent directly to the unit via the computer. All of the police departments in Stearns County are using MCTs as a direct link to the dispatch center.

In addition to radio/telephone communications, the 911 Center is connected with the State of Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension teletype network and the Criminal Justice Data Network. This network provides information to and from all sheriff's offices, police departments, federal and state agencies in the United States, its territories and Canada.

The communications staff monitors weather advisories and alerts and appropriate information is relayed to other law enforcement agencies throughout the County. The dispatchers provide a valuable link to emergency responders for all Stearns County residents.

**COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
2008**

<b>TOWNSHIP (34)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>
Albany	430	3.06
Ashley	58	.41
Avon	1070	7.60
Brockway	887	6.30
Collegeville	566	4.02
Crow Lake	149	1.06
Crow River	118	.84
Eden Lake	381	2.71
Fairhaven	911	6.48
Farming	198	1.41
Getty	56	.41
Grove	114	.81
Holding	352	2.50
Krain	167	1.19
Lake George	61	.43
Lake Henry	63	.45
LeSauk	890	6.33
Luxemburg	173	1.23
Lynden	724	5.15
Maine Prairie	868	6.17
Melrose	303	2.15
Millwood	223	1.59
Munson	463	3.30
North Fork	83	.60
Oak	265	1.89
Paynesville	535	3.80
Raymond	16	.11
Sauk Centre	471	3.35
St. Joseph	1660	11.80
St. Martin	70	.50
St. Wendel	764	5.43
Spring Hill	76	.54
Wakefield	813	5.78
Zion	88	.63

**TOTAL TOWNSHIP COMPLAINTS: 14,066**

**COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT  
2008**

<b>CITY (30) OTHER (3)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>
Albany	1988	3.66
Avon	1194	2.20
Belgrade	402	.74
Brooten	1472	2.71
Cold Spring	1977	3.64
Eden Valley	132	.24
Elrosa	77	.14
Freeport	345	.63
Greenwald	60	.11
Holdingford	1088	2.00
Kimball	1141	2.10
Lake Henry	53	.10
Meire Grove	68	.12
Melrose	2477	4.56
New Munich	237	.44
Paynesville	1586	2.92
Richmond	468	.86
Rockville	1624	2.99
Roscoe	79	.14
St. Anthony	16	.03
St. Cloud	12670	23.35
St. Joseph	2736	5.04
St. Martin	119	.22
St. Rosa	44	.08
St. Stephen	826	1.52
Sartell	5178	9.54
Sauk Centre	6025	11.10
Spring Hill	52	.09
St. Augusta	1800	3.32
Waite Park	7774	14.32
Other Cities	302	.56
Other Counties	223	.41
Unknown	35	.06

**TOTAL CITY/OTHER COMPLAINTS: 54,268**

**GRAND TOTAL ALL COMPLAINTS: 68,334**

**COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
YEARLY COMPARISON  
1997- 2008**

YEAR	# OF COMPLAINTS	DIFFERENCE (+/-)
1997	10,655	-112
1998	11,641	+986
1999	19,899	+8258
2000	21,998	+2099
2001	23,075	+1077
2002	24,133	+1058
2003	24,760	+627
2004	25,594	+834
2005	28,032	+2438
2006	33,180	+5148
2007	35,310	+2130
2008	37,363	+2053

In addition to receiving calls for the Sheriff's Office, the dispatchers also receive many calls for the Police Departments, the Fire Departments, and Ambulance Services within Stearns County. Following is a breakdown of those calls in 2007 and 2008:

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Albany Police Department	1521	1617
Avon Police Department	1496	1289
Belgrade Police Department	333	241
Cold Spring Police Department	3031	2561
Eden Valley Police Department	4	3
Kimball Police Department	1315	1441
Melrose Police Department	2214	2275
Paynesville Police Department	1514	1453
Sauk Centre Police Department	4013	5645
St. Joseph Police Department	2695	2560
Sartell Police Department	5418	4601
Waite Park Police Department	5169	6540
<b>TOTAL CALLS:</b>	<b>28,723</b>	<b>30,226</b>

<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Brooten Ambulance	154	163
Gold Cross Ambulance	1370	1539
Melrose Ambulance	526	547
Paynesville Ambulance	338	348
Sauk Centre Ambulance	386	490
Watkins Ambulance	89	99
<b>TOTAL CALLS:</b>	<b>2863</b>	<b>3186</b>



<b>FIRE DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Albany Fire Department	131	159
Annandale Fire Department	21	10
Avon Fire Department	144	139
Belgrade Fire Department	91	80
Brooten Fire Department	57	35
Cold Spring Fire Department	335	324
Clearwater Fire Department	82	65
Elrosa Fire Department	19	36
Eden Valley Fire Department	47	38
Freeport Fire Department	58	57
Holdingford Fire Department	89	98
Kimball Fire Department	128	128
Lake Henry Fire Department	16	17
Melrose Fire Department	88	76
New Munich Fire Department	11	21
Paynesville Fire Department	122	89
Richmond Fire Department	143	118
Rockville Fire Department	120	96
Sauk Centre Fire Department	87	74
Sartell Fire Department	141	141
South Haven Fire Department	47	44
St. Augusta Fire Department	57	69
St. Joseph Fire Department	286	282
St. Martin Fire Department	33	36
St. Stephen Fire Department	90	97
St. John's Fire Department	4	2
Watkins Fire Department	9	3
Waite Park Fire Department	142	138
Upsala Fire Department	1	4
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>2599</b>	<b>2476</b>

## 2008 OFFENSES

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>KNOWN OR REPORTED</b>	<b>UNFOUNDED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Murder	1	0	1
Rape	20	0	20
Robbery	1	0	1
Burglary	82	0	82
Larceny	363	0	363
Assault	30	0	30
Auto Theft	21	0	21
Arson	2	0	2
Other Assaults	118	0	118
Family/Children	3	0	3
Forgery/ Counterfeit	17	0	17
Fraud	60	1	59
Stolen Property	6	0	6
Vandalism	185	1	184
Weapons	24	0	24
Other Sex Offenses	10	0	10
D.U.I.	240	0	240
Liquor Laws	151	0	151
Disorderly	90	0	90
Miscellaneous	103	0	103

**TOTAL ACTUAL OFFENSES: 1525**

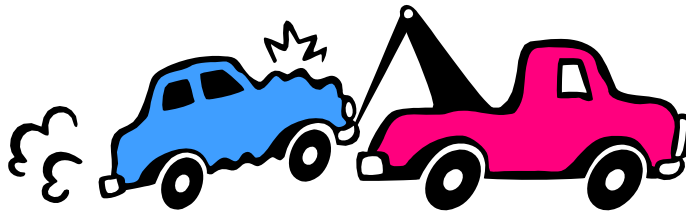
**TRAFFIC CRASHES**  
**REPORTED BY THE STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007*</b>	<b>2008*</b>
Total Number Investigated	380	319	311	301	392
Personal Injury Accidents	104	XX	117	114	140
Fatalities	7	6	9	4	5

**APPARENT CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007*</b>	<b>2008*</b>
Speed	62	38	42	41	91
Inattentive	10	45	39	31	65
Failure to Yield	41	22	19	21	43
Weather Related	33	35	31	28	91

\*Represents preliminary data gathered from Minnesota State Accident Reports as submitted to the Department of Public Safety.



## PATROL DIVISION



The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is the most visible and high profile division within the Office. The patrol officers are the uniformed deputies driving marked squad cars responding to calls for service within the county.

The patrol officers are assigned to shifts on a yearly basis. The Office utilizes the following three shifts: day shift (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); evening shift (5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.); and midnight shift (9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.). The 10-hour shifts provide for a 6-hour overlap, meaning between the peak call hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., the highest number of deputies are on duty. Officers are also assigned areas or quadrants of the county during their shifts. This is done in an effort to minimize officer response time and maximize the protection provided to the citizens of Stearns County. Stearns County Patrol Deputies are responsible for answering calls for service, providing assistance to other agencies, warrant arrests, serving civil process papers, and performing numerous public speaking engagements throughout the county.

The Patrol Division is currently comprised of 41 full-time officers and 2 canines. Of these 41 officers, 3 holds the rank of lieutenant and 7 hold the rank of sergeant. The entire patrol division is under the direction of the patrol captain and the 8 sergeants supervise various patrol shifts. From this total number of 41 officers, one officer (as of the fall, 2003) is assigned to a D.A.R.E. officer position. The D.A.R.E. officer presents the Stearns County D.A.R.E. program at numerous elementary schools throughout Stearns County. Also from the patrol staff, 2 officers are assigned to run the civil process position, 2 are assigned as a representative to the Gang Strike Force, 4 are assigned as a representative to the Narcotics Task Force, and 1 sergeant is assigned to the recreational safety officer position, handling water patrol and snowmobile patrol duties.

Also included in the patrol division are the Stearns County Campus Security officers. There are 8 security officers, 4 part-time and 4 full-time, covering the Stearns County Administration Center, Stearns County Courthouse, Stearns County Courts Facility Building, and the Probation Reporting Center/License Center West. These 8 campus security deputies are fully deputized and licensed by the State of Minnesota. They provide armed security for court trials and handle numerous calls for assistance by other Stearns County Service Agencies.

Officers from the Patrol Division provide the personnel for specialized functions of the Sheriff's Office. These include the underwater dive and rescue team, specialized emergency response team, crime prevention, neighborhood watch, 2 canine units, and seasonal weight restriction enforcement.

Stearns County remains committed to the concept of community policing. Community policing can best be described as a partnership between law enforcement and the citizens of the community. The Sheriff's Office strives to nurture this relationship through a number of various mediums including neighborhood crime watch and public speaking engagements. As public servants, law enforcement officers need to be approachable and in touch with their respective communities. The public is asked to feel free to share their thoughts or concerns with the patrol officers....together we can make a difference.

## **CONTRACTING FOR POLICE SERVICES**

The Sheriff's Office now contracts with five cities in the county to provide additional law enforcement services. The five cities are St. Stephen, Rockville, Holdingford, Brooten and St. Augusta. Although the Sheriff's Office is responsible to provide law enforcement to these cities, they have elected to have officers assigned to their city at specific times for additional patrolling and protection. The city then pays the county for each hour an officer is specifically assigned to that city. City officials work closely with the Sheriff's Office to set the schedule and coverage for any special events taking place.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to continuing contract services as more townships and small cities become incorporated.



## **DETECTIVE DIVISION**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Detective Division consists of five members who carry the title of Detective/Deputy Medical Examiner. One of the detectives share a Welfare Fraud Investigation position. This position is a collaborative effort between the Stearns County Sheriff's Office and Stearns County Human Services. The detectives' primary duties and responsibilities involve, yet are not limited to, conducting in-depth investigation of crimes against persons and property coupled with the medicolegal death investigations as outlined by the Office of the Medical Examiner. The five criminal investigative members of the detective division are also assigned as investigators with the Tri-County Major Crime Investigative Unit. The MCIU is a specialized investigative unit comprised of personnel from the Morrison County, Benton County, Todd County, Stearns County Sheriff's Offices, and the St. Cloud Police Office. The unit was organized to assist the member agencies with investigation of major crimes occurring within their jurisdictions. The detective division also works closely with personnel and forensic scientists from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The BCA has a mobile crime laboratory, which is utilized for major crime scene investigations.

The Detective Division investigates reports of both physical and sexual abuse involving children. Investigations of this nature involve a cooperative effort between the detective division and other agencies such as Stearns County Human Services Child Protection team members. Specialized training and procedures are also utilized that have been specifically designed to achieve the most productive child interview. All Stearns County detectives have undergone extensive training provided by Corner House of Minneapolis, a nationally renowned training facility designed specifically for interviewing victim's of child abuse. The Stearns County Sheriff's Office has a "soft" interview room to assist in these investigations.

The detective division also systematically revisits cold cases, a procedure which requires extensive resources and coordination with outside agencies such as the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI.

In 1993, the Medical Examiner System replaced the County Coroner in Stearns County. The detective/deputy medical examiner assumes the responsibility for the investigation of all unattended deaths, which occur in Stearns County. A determination is made as to the manner and cause of all reportable deaths. This determination is achieved through a variety of post-mortem examinations conducted by or at the direction of the detective/deputy medical examiner. The detective/deputy medical examiners are also responsible for the management and authorization of all cremations of remains of individuals who die in Stearns County.

*Stearns County Medical Examiner's Office*  
**David L. Frederickson, MD**

**2008 YEAR-END REPORT**  
**January 1 – December 31, 2008**

Manner of Death						
Natural	Accidental	Motor vehicle accidents	Suicide	SIDS	Homicide	Undetermined
581	38	16	19	1	3	1
Percentages						
88	6	2	3	0	1	0
Total Deaths Investigated: 659						

Other pertinent information		
Autopsies performed	104	16%
Cremations authorized	347	53%
Death Certificates signed	178	27%
Sex: Male	398	60%
Female	260	40%
Unknown	1	0%
Race: White	648	98%
African American	5	1%
Hispanic	3	1%
Native American	1	0%
Asian	2	0%
Average age	69 years	

**CIVIL PROCESS 2008**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>FAX</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
JANUARY	380	6	386
FEBRUARY	326	10	336
MARCH	403	15	418
APRIL	452	14	466
MAY	323	6	329
JUNE	399	21	420
JULY	427	14	441
AUGUST	374	19	393
SEPTEMBER	403	17	420
OCTOBER	422	22	444
NOVEMBER	346	20	366
DECEMBER	402	10	412
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>4,831</b>

**BREAKDOWN:**

Outside Agency.....3,682	IVD.....138
Court.....659	Auditor.....15
Co Attorney.....337	

**TOTAL.....4,831**

**2008 FORECLOSURES: 422** equaling \$67,273,886.33  
**REDEMPTIONS: 3** equaling \$328,416.28

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**ACCT 01-221-221-5500 CPFE: (fees/foreclosures/redemptions/garnishments/levies)**

**\$ 595,257.20** Received into account-CPFE  
 + 6,293.00 EFT deposits by Treasurer/Direct Deposits by Human Services  
 - 28,517.35 Refunds  
 - 51,236.87 Garnishments/Levies  
 - 333,361.83 Foreclosures (outisdebids/redemptions)

**\$ 188,434.15 BALANCE**

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**ACCOUNT 01-2106: (garnishments/levies)**

\$ 38,247.28 Received into 01-2106  
 \$ 38,247.28 Paid out of 01-2106

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**ACCOUNT 01-221-221-6103 SSAL: (Criminal History)**

\$ 4,340.00



## PROGRAM

The Stearns County D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program started in the fall of 1992 in three different schools in Stearns County: Sauk Centre Holy Family School, Sauk Centre Public Elementary and Kimball Elementary. During the first semester of the 1992-93 school year, one officer was assigned to the D.A.R.E. program and instructed approximately 275 students. The Stearns County D.A.R.E. program is instructed by one deputy and classes are being taught in 19 schools.

Albany Public School	Avon Public School
Holy Family School-Albany	Sacred Heart-Freeport (bi-yearly)
Belgrade/Brooten/Elrosa Elementary School	John Clark Elementary-Rockville
Kimball Public Elementary	Richmond Public School
Melrose Public Elementary	St. Mary's School-Melrose
Paynesville Area Elementary	St. Joseph Lab School
Sauk Centre Public Elementary School	Holy Family School-Sauk Centre
St. John's, St. Andrews School (bi-yearly)	Holy Cross School-Marty
St. Mary Help of Christians-St. Augusta	St. Wendelin School Luxemburg (bi-yearly)
St. Peter and Paul-Richmond	

Currently over 9717 students have participated in and have successfully completed the D.A.R.E. program. Listed below are the schools and number of students per school who completed the D.A.R.E. program in 2008-2009.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STUDENTS</u>
Albany Public School	71
Avon Public School	54
Belgrade/Brooten/Elrosa Elementary School	52
Holy Family School-Albany	24
John Clark Elementary-Rockville	27
Kimball Public Elementary	47
Melrose Public Elementary	84
St Mary's-Melrose	21
Paynesville Area Elementary	72
Richmond Public Elementary	27
Sauk Centre Holy Family School	28
Sauk Centre Public Elementary School	62
St. John's, St. Andrew's School	0
St. Joseph Lab School	21
St. Mary Help of Christians	14
St. Peter & Paul Elementary, Richmond	19
Holy Cross School-Marty	0
Sacred Heart School-Freeport	15
St. Wendelin School-Luxemburg	11
<b>TOTAL FOR 2008/2009</b>	<b>649</b>

D.A.R.E. is a ten week course where each school is visited once a week by a specially trained Stearns County deputy and each week a different lesson is taught to the students. These lessons involve the students in a variety of written and oral exercises. They also learn through role-playing. The D.A.R.E. program equips fifth and sixth grade students with the life skills necessary to identify and to resist peer pressures to experiment with drugs and alcohol. The lessons focus on five major areas: providing accurate information about alcohol and drugs, teaching students decision making skills, dealing with violence, showing students how to resist negative peer pressure, giving students ideas for alternatives to using drugs and building self esteem. The deputies also present short talks on basic safety issues in grades K-4, meet with teachers and interact with students at lunch and recess and, when possible, attend extra curricular activities.

The goal of the D.A.R.E. program is to reduce the supply of controlled substances as a result of reducing the demand, to promote a positive relationship with peace officers and to achieve an overall reduction in criminal behavior. The D.A.R.E. program attempts to provide children with the opportunity to grow up feeling good about themselves without the use of drugs or alcohol.

A recent National Gallup poll states that 94% of students polled after participating in D.A.R.E. indicate they know how to say "NO" to a friend if asked to take drugs, by using the D.A.R.E. techniques. Over 75 research studies have documented D.A.R.E.'s effectiveness in delaying and/or preventing drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Studies on D.A.R.E. show these results:

- ❖ Improved student knowledge of drug dangers and consequences.
- ❖ Increased student social skills.
- ❖ Better student attitude towards police.
- ❖ Stronger attitudes against drug use.
- ❖ Enhanced self-esteem.

D.A.R.E. is the lowest cost drug prevention education program in the United States. The total cost of D.A.R.E. for one child is just \$12.50. D.A.R.E. classes are currently being held in all 50 states and 49 foreign countries. Check it out at [www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com). This site has an educator's site, parents' site and children's' games!



## **SNOWMOBILE PATROL ACTIVITY**

The purpose of the Stearns County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol is to fulfill the statutory duties of the Office of the Sheriff associated with the use of snowmobiles: to provide public safety to users of the public snowmobile trail system; to investigate incidents regarding snowmobiles; to promote snowmobile, ice, and cold weather education to citizens of Stearns County; and to maximize the efficient use of the available resources in providing these services.

## **SNOWMOBILE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT**

During the winter, Snowmobile Safety officers logged a total of 24 hours on the snowmobile trail system. There were 31 complaints received. Two non-fatal snowmobile accidents were reported. There were no fatal accidents reported during this time period. All contacts were offered a Minnesota Office of Natural Resources Snowmobile Guide. The leading cause of complaints was trespassing by snowmobiles. The remainder of the complaints fell into the following categories; speeding, careless operation, use of snowmobiles to commit thefts, abandoned snowmobiles and thefts of snowmobiles.

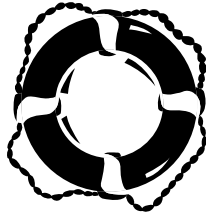
## **OTHER SNOWMOBILE PATROL ACTIVITIES**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Snowmobile Patrol also assisted with snowmobile safety classes in Stearns County. The snowmobile patrol members also assist the Stearns County Sheriff's Office Dive Team in search and recovery operations, as well as their training.



## **WATER PATROL ACTIVITY**

The purpose of the Stearns County Sheriff's Water Patrol is to fulfill the statutory duties of the Office of the Sheriff associated with the use of public and private waters; to provide public safety to users of the public waterways; to investigate incidents on both public and private water; to promote boat and water safety education to citizens of Stearns County; and to maximize the efficient use of available resources in providing these services.



## **WATER SAFETY ENFORCEMENT**

During the summer, 20 Boat and Water Safety officers logged a total of 3,878 hours. They accumulated more than 2000 contacts with boaters, swimmers and water-skiers. There were 11 verbal warnings issued, 182 written warnings, and 71 citations issued for related violations. All contacts were offered a Minnesota Office of Natural Resources Boating Guide. The leading cause of complaints, and also the most written warnings, was for violation of the No-Wake zones. The remainder of the warnings fitted in the following categories: Insufficient number or no personal floatation devices, lack of current or displayed boating registration, violation of the 150-ft rule, deck or gun wale riding while underway, skiing without an observer or curved mirror unsafe operation, no or improper fire extinguisher, personal watercraft hours of operation, watercraft lights, engine noise, and speed. The Water Patrol also issued 2 citations this year for BWI's.

## **OTHER WATER PATROL ACTIVITIES**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol is responsible for the placement, removal, and maintenance of 62 buoys and their anchors that mark the no-wake zones, dangers, and channels. The Water Patrol also gives several boating and water safety talks to the schools and citizen groups in Stearns County. The Water Patrol is also responsible for inspecting the rental watercraft throughout Stearns County. The Water Patrol members also assist the Stearns County Sheriff's Office Dive Team in search and recovery operations, as well as their training.



## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVE TEAM OPERATIONS**

The Sheriff's Office continues to maintain a dive team which has been in existence since 1979. The team consists of ten divers and includes law enforcement and jail personnel from Stearns County. The team is a cooperative effort with Benton County in that two members of the Benton County Sheriff's Office are trained as divers and train with the dive team. Both offices coordinate efforts and personnel when a dive is needed in either county.

During 2008, the Dive Team assisted with searching for numerous items. Included were missing persons, motor vehicles, firearms and other items of evidentiary value, and the recovery of stolen property.

In addition to actual dive training and dive call outs the Dive Team members have continued to cross train with area fire offices and rescue squads. The Dive Team members make themselves available to meet with fire office personnel who are likely to be the first responders to all water related accidents.

The divers and fire office personnel discuss potential water related calls in the fire offices specific call area. An assessment of available equipment is completed and a simulated water accident is acted out. The fire offices' chief or training personnel then conduct a drill calling for the fire Office personnel to complete the victim recovery. The fire chiefs assign their personnel to conduct witness interviews and to complete search techniques. The dive team then works with the fire office personnel to discuss the dive teams' role if divers would be needed.

This multi-office training has always provided for thought provoking discussion between both the sheriff's office and fire office personnel. The ultimate goal is to provide a quick, organized response by sheriff's and fire office personnel in the unfortunate event of an actual water related accident. The dive team will continue to train for both open water and ice diving situations.

## STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S EXPLORER POST 250



Exploring is the young adult division of the Boy Scouts of America. It originated 75 years ago in the early days of the Sea Scout program. Since then, Exploring has continued to evolve and mature to best meet the changing needs of America's youth.

Today, Explorers is a national organization consisting of 500,000 young men and women between the ages of 15 and 21. Members participate in career exploration programs designed and administered by Exploring, Boy Scouts of America, with cooperation and support of business, industries and service organizations. **Law Enforcement Exploring** allows the Sheriff's Office to provide these young adults with an introduction to the rewarding careers available in Law Enforcement. It also allows young people and Sheriff's Deputies to work together and develop positive relationships. Law Enforcement Exploring is for young people, male and female, ages 15 to 21. Applications for membership in Post 250 are accepted in September of each year.

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 250 was established in 1979 and has a membership between 20 and 30 young people exploring a career in law enforcement. Once a prospective Explorer is accepted into the Post, they are required to go through a training program which includes first aid, CPR, radio communications, firearms, traffic direction, county orientation and the 10-code. Upon completion of the program, the Explorer can then participate in various community activities and ride with the patrol officers. The Explorers are trained in several skills to participate in and compete with other Posts on a regional level at the Midwest Law Enforcement Explorer Contest at Breezy Point Resort and at the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference. After extensive training, they can compete in various simulations and activities including Hostage Negotiation, Domestic Crisis, Witness Interview, Arrest & Search, Traffic Stop, Crime Scene, Traffic Accident Investigation and Pistol Shooting.

Some of the activities the Explorer's participated in during 2006 providing assistance, security and traffic and crowd control included:

D.A.R.E. Bike-A-Thon - 5	Special Olympics – Polar Plunge
Fingerprinting	Summerfest
Stearns County Show	Fireworks - 4th of July –St. Cloud Hospital
Parades (Sauk Centre, Albany, Sartell, St. Joseph, Richmond and Avon)	
Church Festivals	Boy Scout Day Camp
Holiday Parking at Crossroads Mall	AMI Auctions

Assisted with training of law enforcement officers in active shooter situations and other law enforcement related activities.

In addition to the listed events, the Explorers are involved in statewide competition competing against other Explorer Posts in subjects that include Pistol Shooting, Crime Prevention, Bomb Threat Response, Crime Scene Search, Arrest and Search, Traffic Accident Investigation, Burglary Response and Sexual Assault Investigation. In 2007 the Stearns County Explorers received the following awards:

Breezy Point Conference: 5<sup>th</sup> Place-Hostage Negotiation; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Crime Prevention; 5<sup>th</sup> Place-Domestics; 5<sup>th</sup> Place-Traffic Accident; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Overall Team Score; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Timed Fire  
Duluth Conference: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Arrest & Search; 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Street Decision; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Crime Scene

## MOUNTED RESERVE UNIT



The Stearns County Sheriff's Mounted Reserve Unit was organized by a group of volunteers in 1992. The unit's goal is to assist the Sheriff's Office with search and rescue situations. There are 20 riding members, 8 ground support members and 2 probationary members. Each of these members have met the requirements and accepts the responsibility of volunteering their time and efforts to organize and further develop the unit through training and certification of riders and their mounts.

Members are responsible for supplying their own horses and transportation for each function. Any horse used at any unit function must have a current negative coggins test and up to date immunizations filed with the SCSMR. Before a horse may be used in public it must pass the certification test set up by the unit. This test is a trail-type obstacle course designed to test the manageability and temperament of the mount in addition to the skill and ability of the rider. Passing this test is required before becoming a riding member of the SCSMR. The unit holds three certifications per year as each horse and rider team must re-certify every three years. All members are also required to be CPR certified.

Elected officers in the unit include: Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal, Secretary, Treasurer, and Quartermaster. The Mounted Reserves also includes a liaison officer from the Sheriff's department. Meetings are held once a month with some form of training at each meeting. Trainings are usually on horseback, but may also include seminars on horse safety, horse health, first aid, CPR, search and rescue protocols, etc. Training on horseback may include, desensitization, horsemanship, formation riding, search drills, horse handling, teamwork, or crowd control. Guest speakers, trainers, farriers, Veterinarians, CMTs, and unit members have been beneficial to the training.

Mock searches are used to drill the unit in formation riding, and hone our skills in radio communications, mapping, documentation, evidence locating, first aid, and people skills. In the past we have participated in mock searches with fire departments, the Civil Air Patrol, National Guard, canine search teams, water patrol, and local Boy Scouts.

Members have the opportunity to attend training and competition in Wadena in the Spring and Hennepin County Metro Park Office in the Fall to observe and learn skills from other units around the Upper Midwest. The unit has done well at these competitions.

Stearns County Mounted Reserves has had an action packed history. They've gone on evidence searches, missing people searches and participated in a mock disaster drill at Bel Clare Acres. They've trained at Camp Ripley, put on 9 wagon trains, been on horseback near landing helicopters, ridden security at a music festival, assisted with handicapped riding, patrolled football games and parked over 10,000 boy scouts for the Boy Scout Jamboree at Camp Ripley.

The unit has also ridden security for the Albany Pioneer Days, escorted the Humane Society during their annual walk around St. Cloud, helped the American Quarter Horse Association with their ride at Richmond, trained with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, manned a booth at "Horse Fest" at the St. Cloud Civic Center, and put on training sessions for the local 4-H clubs. The Mounted Reserve also tries to participate in a few parades each year and have been at Albany, Waite Park, Rockville, St. Joseph, Paynesville, Holdingford, Cold Spring, Sauk Centre, Eden Valley, Richmond, Roscoe, St. Augusta and the December Parade in downtown St. Cloud.

The training and dedication that goes into producing a suitable Mounted Patrol horse takes a special commitment and a willingness to prioritize the needs of others. This is not a saddle club but a group of professional, trained horsemen and women volunteering many hours a week, days, and weeks out of the year to provide a service to the County under the auspices of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office. They do this willingly and with pride in what they have done and have become.

There are three major reasons volunteers join this unit. They are:

\*Commitment to use their skills and animals to benefit the people of the county.

\*To provide a well-trained unit available for immediate emergency service.

\*Commitment to promoting good, safe horsemanship.

The future goals of the unit are to expand the services available to the Sheriff's Office and the County by:

\*Continuing to perfect search and rescue techniques.

\*Being a public relations tool and role model for youth of the County.

\*Parking, perimeter, and crowd control and patrol.

These short term and long term goals are attainable through the training and dedication of a cohesive unit of willing volunteers from our county.

## JAIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Stearns County Jail was completed in July of 1987. The Work Release (Huber) section was completed in October, 1997.

The original jail had 98 beds in eight different housing units, four holding cells and four medical cells. With the addition of the Huber section, there was some renovation to the original jail. The original jail now has 95 beds in seven different housing units, four holding cells and two medical cells. It is considered a medium/maximum security jail.

The Huber section is minimum security and has 60 beds in a dormitory style setting.

The jail staff is comprised of 11 full-time and 6 part-time Correctional Officers I whose primary duties include acting as court bailiffs, performing transports and assisting in the jail. There are 57 Correctional Officers II whose primary duties are correction counselors working in the housing units, the booking area and Central Control. There are 6 Sergeants (Correctional Officers III) who are first line shift supervisors. There are four program staff employees whose duties consist of coordinating programs such as work release, screening inmates who may be eligible for Community Service work, library services, recreation, self-help groups such as Alcoholic/Narcotic Anonymous, education and various volunteer religious groups. And there are 2 Visiting Monitors and 14 Jury Attendants who work on a part-time basis.

The jail administration offices include a Jail Administrator and 2 Assistant Jail Administrators and three support staff.

Statistics on income, booking and charges are as follows:

<b>JAIL STATISTICS – INCOME</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Income: Housing Inmates – Other Juris.	\$ 20,955	\$9,185	\$11,055	\$16,005	\$18,150
Income: Huber/Work Release	172,720	164,804	130,206	126,146	134,319
Income: Miscellaneous			8,014	18,055	9,639
Income: Booking Fees	24,222	25,866	24,118	17,518	23,853
Income: Inmate Supply	24,920	26,194	24,932	27,410	26,671
Income: Telephones	40,578	31,008	33,438	34,780	36,132
Income: Driver's License Checks	1,795	1,805	2,090	2,035	2,275
Income: Work Release Laundry	2,289				
Income: Fingerprinting	3,783	4,000	4,565	5,960	14,269
Income: Visitor's Lockers	385	362	416	172.50	252
Income: Inmate Medical Co-Pay	2,134	2,079	1,900	3,341	4,986
Income: Pay For Stay	80,000	91,738	84,450	88,310	76,265
Income: Custody Report	2,873	2,158	3,026	3,630	3,256
<b>TOTAL INCOME TO THE JAIL:</b>	<b>\$376,654</b>	<b>\$359,199</b>	<b>\$328,210</b>	<b>\$343,362.50</b>	<b>\$350,067</b>

The Stearns County Jail is 6-hour hold facility for juveniles. Costs for boarding juvenile delinquents and adult prisoners at outside jurisdiction facilities are as follows:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Housing for Juveniles at Other Facilities	\$345,109	\$339,679	\$405,132	\$372,868	\$158,431
Housing Inmates at Other Facilities	375,447	427,688	333,281	\$552,745	\$457,691
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE HOUSING COSTS:</b>	<b>\$720,556</b>	<b>\$767,367</b>	<b>\$738,413</b>	<b>\$925,613</b>	<b>\$616,122</b>

**Room and Board Billing  
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008**

<u>Total Billed</u>	<u>Submitted to-Superior</u>	<u>Collected-Jail</u>	<u>Collected-Fin. Consult.</u>
\$878,853	\$864,676	\$14,177.22	\$62,088.50

**TOTAL COLLECTED: \$76,265 (8.7%)**

### BOOKING STATISTICS

	<b>2004 # BOOKED</b>	<b>2005 # BOOKED</b>	<b>2006 # BOOKED</b>	<b>2007 # BOOKED</b>	<b>2008 # BOOKED</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	598	641	696	641	652
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	626	673	622	598	608
<b>MARCH</b>	657	617	687	710	685
<b>APRIL</b>	651	699	693	745	634
<b>MAY</b>	619	619	682	738	675
<b>JUNE</b>	574	596	664	656	573
<b>JULY</b>	704	697	601	658	680
<b>AUGUST</b>	661	731	660	658	624
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	628	804	657	748	648
<b>OCTOBER</b>	641	688	700	732	704
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	566	602	625	576	584
<b>DECEMBER</b>	585	614	655	596	561
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>7510</b>	<b>7981</b>	<b>7942</b>	<b>8056</b>	<b>7628</b>

As of July 1, 1994, through legislative action, county jails must now comply with good time guidelines as outlined by the Office of Corrections. These guidelines allow for one day of good time for every three days served.

### BOOKING STATISTICS BY GENDER

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>MALE</b>	5981	6349	6181	6253	5982
<b>FEMALE</b>	1529	1632	1761	1803	1646
<b>TOTAL</b>	7510	7981	7942	8056	7628

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ANNUAL ANALYSIS

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AVERAGE NO. MONTHLY STUDENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE NO. HOURS/MONTH</u>
Adult Diploma	5	36
Adult Basic Education	5	45
G.E.D.	4	12
Introduction to Computers	25	241
English as a Second Language	3	18
Self Improvement	27	207

### RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT

GYMNASIUM STATISTICS	
Total Gym Days Offered	341
Total Inmates Eligible to Use the Gym	24,575
Total Inmate Hours	12,652
Daily Average of Inmates Using Gym	37
Percentage of Inmates Using Gym	51%

LIBRARY USAGE	
Total number of Inmates Using Library	2,495
Number of Books Checked Out	4,655
Number of Library Days	96

## **LIST OF PROGRAMS**

### **EDUCATION**

Education Services at the Stearns County Jail are coordinated by Jerry Loomis, a paid staff member. Jerry's education program is well attended. He has a progressive, forward thinking program and utilizes a number of volunteer staff to help inmates prepare for the GED process and prepares them for job interviews.

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

They meet every Wednesday night, both in the jail and in our work release area.

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

This group is chaired by Linda Richie. They are also part of the Let's Talk group. They are a Catholic faith group that presents a religious service every Sunday. All are welcome to attend the service. A discussion group follows the service.

### **PILOT OUT REACH**

Adeline Vassar is the group leader of Pilot Outreach. They meet every Tuesday. Pastor Gerry from the Place of Hope helps with the group. Pilot Outreach also assists the Teen Challenge Program on the local level.

### **HOPE MINISTRIES**

Hope Ministries has been led by Delroy and Caroline Schoenleben for over 33 years. They are from the Joy Christian Center. They meet every Friday night.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Delroy and Caroline Schoenleben also lead this group. They meet every Wednesday for bible study.

### **ONE ON ONE'S**

Delroy & Caroline Schoenleben also chair this group that meet every Wednesday morning.

### **SPIRITUALITY**

This is a Christian-based group which explores all aspects of Christian Spirituality. It is open to all inmates and meets on Tuesday nights. This group is chaired by Tom Arnold.

### **LIBRARY SERVICES**

Jo Blanchard is our volunteer librarian. Jo comes in for Library each Thursday. The total of 4,655 books were checked out this year.

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. It offers the inmates a chance to explore their talents in the field of art with a variety of projects being accomplished. It is chaired by Marie Grace.

## **LET'S TALK**

Tom Mathias chairs this group. Let's Talk meets every Monday night. It is a Catholic based group sharing their faith with inmates.

## **ATTITUDES**

This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Gary Ostberg is the chair. The group deals with anger, respect, parenting and other issues.

## **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

This group meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. They are helping the inmates overcome their addiction to all forms of narcotics.

## **BINGO**

This group is conducted by a volunteer from RSVP. Bingo is offered twice a month to the different units of inmates. The ability to go to Bingo is based on good behavior over the previous two weeks.

## **RELEASE ADVANCE PLANNING "RAP" GROUP**

This group meets every Wednesday as needed to assist in helping inmates prepare for their release from custody. Medical, jobs, housing and VA benefits are among some of the many things the group discusses.

## **GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS**

Gambler's Anonymous is presented to Stearns County Jail Inmates by request. It is currently being staffed by Jane Pauline and Rob Gruber. Upon request from an inmate, they come in and do a one on one session.

## **PRISON RE-ENTRY**

This group is run by Korey Sufka of CMPRP. He assists inmates who are preparing to be released from jail. CMPRP helps out in the areas of job search, housing, transportation, mentoring and a variety of other needs that come up. They are part of our RAP group as well.

## **SMALL STUFF**

This group comes into the jail on even numbered months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. They instruct the inmates on health realization methods.

## **SLEEP PROTOCOL**

This is a group that is taught by our on-site nursing staff. They assist in helping the inmates learn how to sleep without the use of medications. This program just started in 2008.

## **TEEN CHALLENGE**

This group just started in 2008 and is chaired by Rob Speed. He is a staff member of Teen Challenge and informs the inmates of their program's options instead of prison.

## **MENNONITE CHIOR**

The Mennonite Choir, directed by Duane Martin, performs twice a year, usually around Easter and Christmas.

## GROUP MEETING STATISTICAL DATA

PROGRAM	# MEETINGS	AVERAGE # INMATES
Alcoholics Anonymous	44	12
Church Services	52	29
Spirituality	48	13
Let's Talk	49	17
Hope Ministries	48	30
Pilot Outreach	50	8
Bible Study	48	14
Gambler's Anonymous	1	3
Attitudes	11	7
Art Group	9	11
Narcotics Anonymous	9	5
Bingo	52	13
Mennonite Concert	2	35
Prison Re-Entry	7	4
Teen Challenge	4	5
Small Stuff	12	9
One on One	48	6