

# **STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## ***2010 ANNUAL REPORT***



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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**

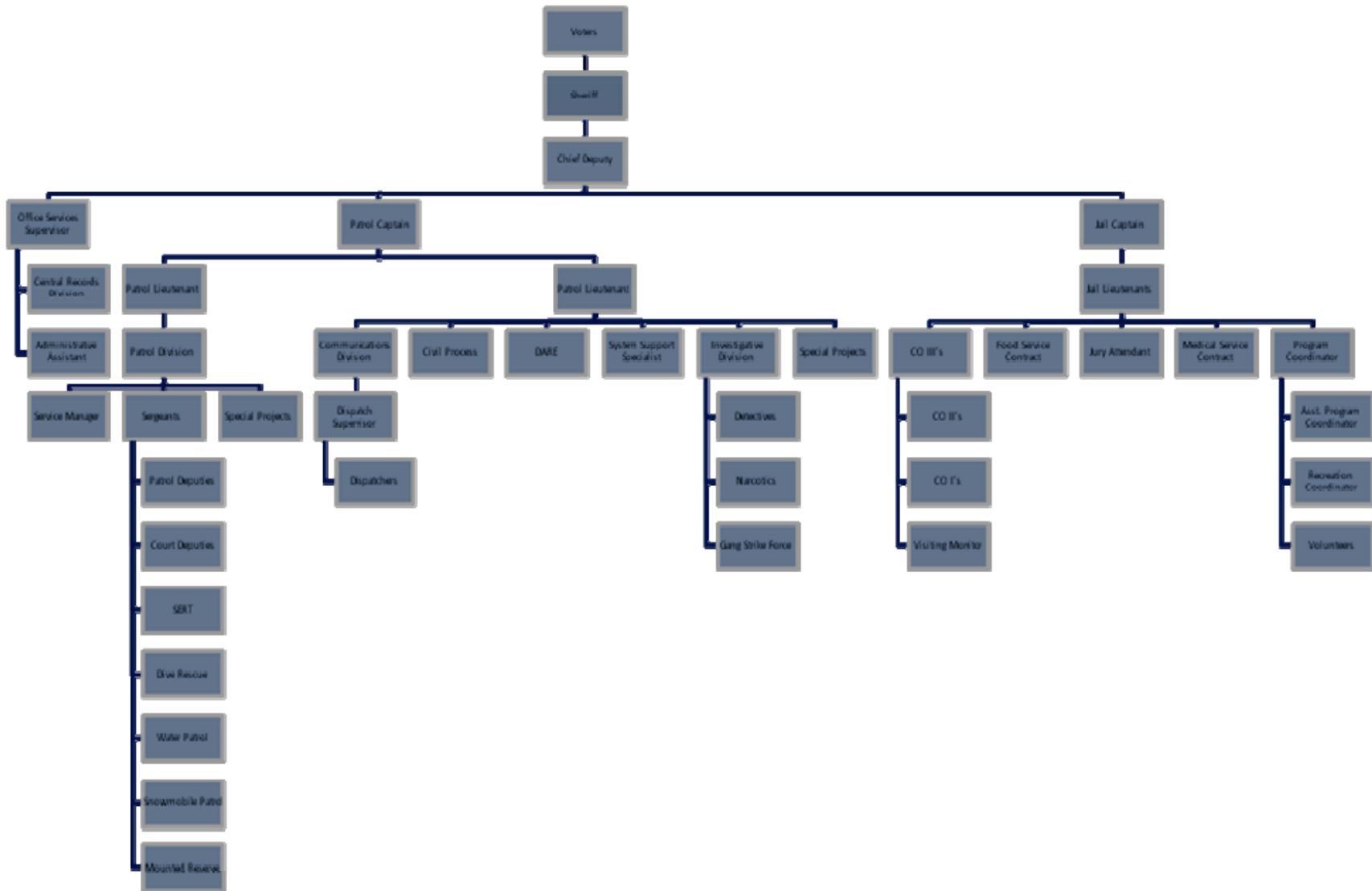
Area .....	1,362 Sq. Miles
County Established In.....	1855
County Seat.....	St. Cloud, Minnesota
Population (2000) .....	133,166
Number of Cities.....	31
Number of Townships.....	34
Interstate Highway Mileage .....	57.76
Trunk Highway Mileage .....	174.14
County Road Mileage .....	366.00
County State-Aid 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: 13
<b>Patrol Division:</b>	Captain Pam Jensen Lieutenant Robert Dickhaus Lieutenant Jon Lentz Sergeants: 9 Deputies (full-time): 43 Deputies (part-time): 0 Detectives: 4 Court Security (full-time): 4 Court Security (part-time): 2
<b>Dispatch Center:</b>	Supervisors: 1 Dispatchers (full-time): 24 Dispatchers (part-time): 2
<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

# Stearns County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart - May 2010



## BUDGETS

YEAR	OFFICE	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL EXPENDED	DIFFERENCE
2010	Sheriff	\$9,578,559	\$9,794,318	-\$215,759
	Jail	\$10,610,806	\$9,654,427	+\$9,654,427
2009	Sheriff	\$10,406,029	\$9,860,530	+\$545,499
	Jail	\$10,341,553	\$9,687,888	+\$653,665
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

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

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
2009	\$868,805
2010	\$684,923



## **COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

The Stearns County 911 Center serves Stearns County and all of the cities in the County. There are currently 24 full-time dispatchers and 2 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 2010, the 911 Center handled approximately 131,803 emergency and non-emergency calls. This is a decrease of .3% compared to the number of calls in 2009

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  
2010**

<b>TOWNSHIP (34)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>
Albany	467	3.15
Ashley	65	.43
Avon	1163	7.86
Brockway	833	5.62
Collegeville	773	5.22
Crow Lake	159	1.07
Crow River	157	1.06
Eden Lake	358	2.41
Fairhaven	903	6.10
Farming	235	1.58
Getty	96	.64
Grove	172	1.16
Holding	358	2.41
Krain	207	1.39
Lake George	104	.70
Lake Henry	105	.70
LeSauk	667	4.50
Luxemburg	172	1.16
Lynden	840	5.67
Maine Prairie	1009	6.81
Melrose	388	2.62
Millwood	201	1.35
Munson	564	3.81
North Fork	95	.64
Oak	301	3.81
Paynesville	487	3.29
Raymond	32	.21
Sauk Centre	422	2.85
St. Joseph	1504	10.16
St. Martin	126	.85
St. Wendel	766	5.17
Spring Hill	76	.51
Wakefield	878	5.93
Zion	113	.76

**TOTAL TOWNSHIP COMPLAINTS: 14,796**

**COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT  
2010**

<b>CITY (30) OTHER (3)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%*</b>
Albany	2026	3.52
Avon	1228	2.13
Belgrade	552	.95
Brooten	1626	2.82
Cold Spring	1945	3.38
Eden Valley	175	.30
Elrosa	116	.20
Freeport	428	.74
Greenwald	90	.15
Holdingsford	1054	1.83
Kimball	950	1.65
Lake Henry	47	.08
Meire Grove	104	.18
Melrose	2922	5.07
New Munich	228	.39
Paynesville	1665	2.89
Richmond	559	.97
Rockville	1620	2.81
Roscoe	91	.15
St. Anthony	25	.04
St. Cloud	11709	20.35
St. Joseph	2610	4.53
St. Martin	125	.21
St. Rosa	29	.05
St. Stephen	904	1.57
Sartell	6074	10.55
Sauk Centre	7311	12.70
Spring Hill	60	.10
St. Augusta	1925	3.34
Waite Park	8799	15.29
Other Cities	277	.48
Other Counties	220	.38
Unknown	29	.05

**TOTAL CITY/OTHER COMPLAINTS: 57,523**

**GRAND TOTAL ALL COMPLAINTS: 72,319**

**COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
YEARLY COMPARISON  
1999 - 2010**

YEAR	# OF COMPLAINTS	DIFFERENCE (+/-)
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
2009	34,360	-3003
2010	34,373	+13

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 2009 and 2010:

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Albany Police Department	1715	1686
Avon Police Department	1331	1360
Belgrade Police Department	334	334
Cold Spring Police Department	2579	2842
Eden Valley Police Department	0	1
Kimball Police Department	1259	1288
Melrose Police Department	2705	2726
Paynesville Police Department	1414	1451
Sauk Centre Police Department	6664	6872
St. Joseph Police Department	2689	2346
Sartell Police Department	5419	5396
Waite Park Police Department	6878	7505
<b>TOTAL CALLS:</b>	<b>32,987</b>	<b>33,811</b>

<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Brooten Ambulance	144	151
Gold Cross Ambulance	1833	1878
Melrose Ambulance	572	598
Paynesville Ambulance	361	355
Sauk Centre Ambulance	566	530
Watkins Ambulance	124	109
Life Link Helicopter	46	23
North Air Helicopter	3	19
<b>TOTAL CALLS:</b>	<b>3649</b>	<b>3663</b>



<b>FIRE DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Albany Fire Department	131	137
Annandale Fire Department	10	8
Avon Fire Department	161	157
Belgrade Fire Department	73	67
Brooten Fire Department	39	28
Cold Spring Fire Department	340	323
Clearwater Fire Department	49	64
Elrosa Fire Department	26	35
Eden Valley Fire Department	36	41
Freeport Fire Department	47	71
Holdingsford Fire Department	98	84
Kimball Fire Department	157	126
Lake Henry Fire Department	30	21
Melrose Fire Department	90	85
New Munich Fire Department	13	28
Paynesville Fire Department	79	71
Richmond Fire Department	103	142
Rockville Fire Department	84	85
Sauk Centre Fire Department	91	101
Sartell Fire Department	104	139
South Haven Fire Department	57	45
St. Augusta Fire Department	61	72
St. Joseph Fire Department	265	260
St. Martin Fire Department	38	35
St. Stephen Fire Department	88	87
St. John's Fire Department	4	3
Watkins Fire Department	0	8
Waite Park Fire Department	142	146
Upsala Fire Department	3	1
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>2419</b>	<b>2470</b>

## 2010 OFFENSES

OFFENSE	KNOWN OR REPORTED	UNFOUNDED	ACTUAL
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	18	0	18
Robbery	1	0	1
Burglary	66	0	66
Larceny	315	0	315
Assault	20	1	19
Auto Theft	17	0	17
Arson	1	0	1
Other Assaults	122	0	122
Family/Children	6	0	6
Forgery/ Counterfeit	10	0	10
Fraud	86	1	85
Stolen Property	6	0	6
Vandalism	175	1	175
Weapons	15	0	15
Other Sex Offenses	18	0	18
D.U.I.	222	1	221
Liquor Laws	148	0	148
Disorderly	114	0	114
Miscellaneous	149	0	149

**TOTAL ACTUAL OFFENSES: 1617**

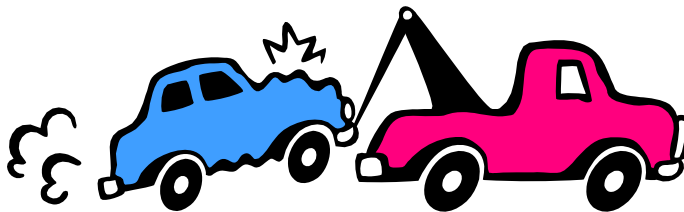
**TRAFFIC CRASHES**  
**REPORTED BY THE STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007*</b>	<b>2008*</b>	<b>2009*</b>	<b>2010*</b>
Total Number Investigated	311	301	392	355	346
Personal Injury Accidents	117	114	140	102	105
Fatalities	9	4	5	6	3

**APPARENT CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007*</b>	<b>2008*</b>	<b>2009*</b>	<b>2010*</b>
Speed	42	41	91	63	57
Inattentive	39	31	65	55	59
Failure to Yield	19	21	43	30	29
Weather Related	31	28	91	71	49

\*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 59 full-time officers and 1 canine. Of these 59 officers, 2 hold the rank of lieutenant and 8 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 42 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, 1 assigned as a representative to the Gang Strike Force, 2 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 6 security officers, 2 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 6 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, 1 canine unit, 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 four members.. 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. The four 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 and Stearns County Sheriff's Offices. 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.

**CIVIL PROCESS 2010**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>FAX</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
JANUARY	334	12	346
FEBRUARY	316	4	320
MARCH	376	12	388
APRIL	356	30	386
MAY	303	22	325
JUNE	400	18	418
JULY	386	22	408
AUGUST	358	15	373
SEPTEMBER	373	14	387
OCTOBER	317	8	325
NOVEMBER	329	21	350
DECEMBER	279	20	299
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,127</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>4,325</b>

**BREAKDOWN:**

Outside Agency.....	3,216	IVD.....	21
Court.....	671	Auditor.....	54
Co Attorney.....	363		

**TOTAL..... 4,325**

**2010 FORECLOSURES:** 512 equaling \$ 82,592,968.60  
**REDEMPTIONS:** 9 equaling \$ 982,785.30

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**ACCOUNT 01-221-221-5500 (CPFE):**

**Monies Deposited**

\$ 897,210.93	Received by civil
+5,250.00	State of MN payments received (EFT) by Treasurer-CPFE
<b>\$ 902,460.93</b>	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>

**Disbursements**

- 4,686.79 General Refunds

- 627,522.34 private party foreclosure purchase (paid to lender)
- 85,410.93 Executions (paid to creditors)

**\$ 184,840.87 BALANCE**



## 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 2010-2011.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STUDENTS</u>
Albany Public School	81
Avon Public School	44
Belgrade/Brooten/Elrosa Elementary School	56
Holy Family School-Albany	19
John Clark Elementary-Rockville	26
Kimball Public Elementary	49
Melrose Public Elementary	95
St Mary's-Melrose	23
Paynesville Area Elementary	75
Richmond Public Elementary	27
Sacred Heart School	17
Sauk Centre Holy Family School	25
Sauk Centre Public Elementary School	58
St. John's, St. Andrew's School	0
St. Joseph Lab School	17
St. Mary Help of Christians	18
St. Peter & Paul Elementary, Richmond	16
Holy Cross School-Marty	0
St. Wendelin School	21
<b>TOTAL FOR 2010/2011</b>	<b>667</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 148 hours on the snowmobile trail system. There were 48 complaints received. Two non-fatal snowmobile accidents were reported. There were no fatal accident reported during this time period. All contacts were offered a Minnesota Office of Natural Resources Snowmobile Guide. There were 7 DUI's involving operators of snowmobiles. Snowmobiles were seized for forfeiture proceedings. The leading cause of complaints was trespassing by snowmobiles. The remainder of the complaints fell into the following categories; speeding, careless operation, no state trail sticker or no safety certificate, abandoned snowmobiles and thefts of snowmobiles.

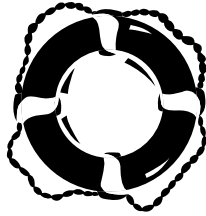
## **OTHER SNOWMOBILE PATROL ACTIVITIES**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Snowmobile Patrol instructed two snowmobile safety classes in Stearns County along with five safety displays. The snowmobile patrol members assisted the Stearns County Sheriff's Office Dive Team in search and recovery operations, as well as their training. The Snowmobile Patrol conducted one search and rescue and assisted in the apprehension of burglars who fled in a snowmobile.



## **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, 25 Boat and Water Safety officers logged a total of 4,181 hours. They accumulated more than 762 contacts with boaters, swimmers and water-skiers. There were 40 verbal warnings issued, 212 written warnings, and 35 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 3 citations this year for BWI's. There were 4 watercraft accidents, 1 involving injury, 1 boat as located sunk and 1 rescue operation occurred for a capsized canoe.

## **OTHER WATER PATROL ACTIVITIES**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol is responsible for the placement, removal, and maintenance of 65 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 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 12 team members from several divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The team is a cooperative effort with the Benton County Sheriff's Office in that two members are trained as divers and train with the dive team. Both offices coordinate efforts, equipment and personnel when a dive is needed in either county. The team recently took delivery of Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) which can be used to assist in underwater search and recovery operations.

In 2010 the Dive Team maintained an active schedule with searches and training. The Dive Team routinely assists law enforcement with various activities such as searching for missing persons, motor vehicles, firearms and other items of evidentiary value.

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.

## 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>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Income: Housing Inmates – Other Juris.	\$16,005	\$18,150	\$7,150	\$3,685
Income: Huber/Work Release	126,146	134,319	75,634	58,088
Income: Miscellaneous	18,055	9,639	4,351	3,116
Income: Booking Fees	17,518	23,853	27,794	55,015
Income: Inmate Supply	27,410	26,671	25,134	19,360
Income: Telephones	34,780	36,132	35,359	35,359
Income: Driver's License Checks	2,035	2,275	0	0
Income: Work Release Laundry			0	0
Income: Fingerprinting	5,960	14,269	10,948	10,550
Income: Visitor's Lockers	172.50	252	268	458
Income: Inmate Medical Co-Pay	3,341	4,986	4,200	3,670
Income: Pay For Stay	88,310	76,265	57,409	31,335
Income: Custody Report	3,630	3,256	3,495	3,075
<b>TOTAL INCOME TO THE JAIL:</b>	<b>\$343,362 .50</b>	<b>\$350,067</b>	<b>\$251,742</b>	<b>\$223,711</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:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Housing for Juveniles at Other Facilities	\$372,868	\$158,431	\$415,730	\$406,852
Housing Inmates at Other Facilities	\$552,745	\$457,691	\$453,075	\$278,071
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE HOUSING COSTS:</b>	<b>\$925,613</b>	<b>\$616,122</b>	<b>\$868,805</b>	<b>\$684,923</b>

**Room and Board Billing  
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010**

<u>Total Billed</u>	<u>Submitted to-Superior</u>	<u>Collected-Jail</u>	<u>Collected-Fin. Consult.</u>
\$782,408	\$776,168	\$6,240	\$25,095

**TOTAL COLLECTED:     \$31,335 (4%)**

### BOOKING STATISTICS

	2007 # BOOKED	2008 # BOOKED	2009 # BOOKED	2010 # BOOKED
<b>JANUARY</b>	641	652	606	641
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	598	608	554	525
<b>MARCH</b>	710	685	651	636
<b>APRIL</b>	745	634	590	590
<b>MAY</b>	738	675	573	583
<b>JUNE</b>	656	573	616	565
<b>JULY</b>	658	680	657	531
<b>AUGUST</b>	658	624	713	624
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	748	648	617	549
<b>OCTOBER</b>	732	704	607	631
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	576	584	574	494
<b>DECEMBER</b>	596	561	540	579
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>8056</b>	<b>7628</b>	<b>7298</b>	<b>6948</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

YEAR	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>MALE</b>	6253	5982	5615	5420
<b>FEMALE</b>	1803	1646	1683	1528
<b>TOTAL</b>	8056	7628	7298	6948

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ANNUAL ANALYSIS

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AVERAGE NO. MONTHLY STUDENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE NO. HOURS/MONTH</u>
Adult Basic Education	97.8	647.7

### RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT

GYMNASIUM STATISTICS	
Total Gym Days Offered	348
Total Inmates Eligible to Use the Gym	24,214
Total Inmate Hours	12,349
Daily Average of Inmates Using Gym	35
Percentage of Inmates Using Gym	51%

LIBRARY USAGE	
Total number of Inmates Using Library	2,561
Number of Books Checked Out	4,342
Number of Library Days	96

## **ANNUAL LIST OF PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STEARNS COUNTY JAIL - 2010**

### **GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS**

Gamblers Anonymous is presented to Stearns County Jail Inmates by request. It is currently being staffed by Recovery Plus. Upon request from an inmate, they come in and do One on One sessions.

### **ATTITUDES**

Attitudes is a group that meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Gary Ostberg is the chair for this group. He deals with Anger, Respect, Cognitive skills, Parenting and other issues.

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays each month. This group 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 Gail Watercott.

### **LIBRARY SERVICES**

Jo Blanchard is our volunteer Librarian. Jo comes in for Library each Thursday. 2261 inmates used our library this year, checking out a total of 4056 books.

### **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.

### **PILOT OUTREACH**

Adeline Vassar chairs this group. Pilot Outreach meets every Tuesday. Pastor Gerry from the Place of Hope helps with the group. Pilot also assists the Teen Challenge Program on the local level.

### **HOPE MINISTRIES**

Roy & Caroline Schoenleben chair this group. They meet every Friday night. They are members of the Joy Christian Center. They have been volunteering here for over 35 years.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Roy & Caroline Schoenleben also chair this group. They meet every Wednesday afternoon for a Bible Study.

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

Roy & Caroline Schoenleben also chair this group that meets every Wednesday morning.

### **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 and the discussion group that follows.

### **ALCOHOLIC'S ANONYMOUS**

AA meets every Wednesday night for both Men and Women here in the Jail and our Work Release area.

### **EDUCATION**

Education Services at the Stearns County Jail are now being coordinated by West ABE. Our education program is well attended. They have a progressive, forward thinking program in helping the inmates to prepare for the GED process. They are now also adding more job preparedness courses and helping inmates prepare for job interviews. Patty Kelm is the staff member along with several volunteers from RSVP.

### **OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets twice a month on Thursday's. Darrell Armburst is the chair.

### **NARCOTIC'S 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. This group is chaired by Howard.

### **BINGO**

This group is sometimes conducted by a volunteer from RSVP when available. 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.

### **MENNONITE CHOIR**

Duane Martin chairs this group. They are based out of a town called Padua. They perform two performances each year, usually around Easter and Christmas. Good old gospel hymns.

### **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, VA Benefits and Identification are among some of the many things the group can help with.

## **Teen Challenge**

This group is chaired by Gina Evans. She is a staff member of Teen Challenge and informs the inmates of their program's options instead of prison.

## **PARENTING CLASS**

Lucy Bauer and Deb Bryer of Dist 742 come in twice a month and teach this class. Parenting class started in 2009. They are also doing a FRED program which stands for "Fathers Reading Every Day".

## **Summary**

The total number of volunteers varies throughout the year. The average number of volunteers at any one time was 143. The total number of volunteer hours averaged 134 hours per week or the equivalent of three full-time staff positions.

### GROUP MEETING STATISTICAL DATA

PROGRAM	# MEETINGS	AVERAGE # INMATES
Alcoholics Anonymous	48	10
Church Services	52	30
Let's Talk	48	15
Hope Ministries	48	30
Pilot Outreach	49	8
Bible Study	48	13
Gambler's Anonymous	4	2
Attitudes	8	5
Art Group	6	19
Narcotics Anonymous	18	6
Bingo	52	16
Mennonite Concert	2	35
Teen Challenge	8	6
One on One	48	9
Open Door Bible	19	8
Parenting	14	7
RAP Group	18	1