

# Kenosha County Sheriff's Department



## 2021 Annual Report

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## **Sheriff's Introduction**

When most people think about a law enforcement agency, they probably think about getting pulled over for a traffic violation. While traffic enforcement is an important aspect of what we do, anyone at the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department can tell you that traffic enforcement is only one aspect of what goes on here.

Our deputies, of course, conduct traffic stops, but they are also responding to a vast range of calls, assisting our citizens in everyday issues through life's twists and turns. Our deputies are responding to neighbor problems, burglaries, robberies, fights, family issues, car crashes, child abuse complaints, etc. Those are just our patrol deputies. We also have deputies who transport inmates around the county, state, and court. Deputies serve civil process (evictions, repossessions, subpoenas), have positions in the county high schools (School Resource Officers), and teach kids how to be safe and responsible (Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Deputy Friendly).

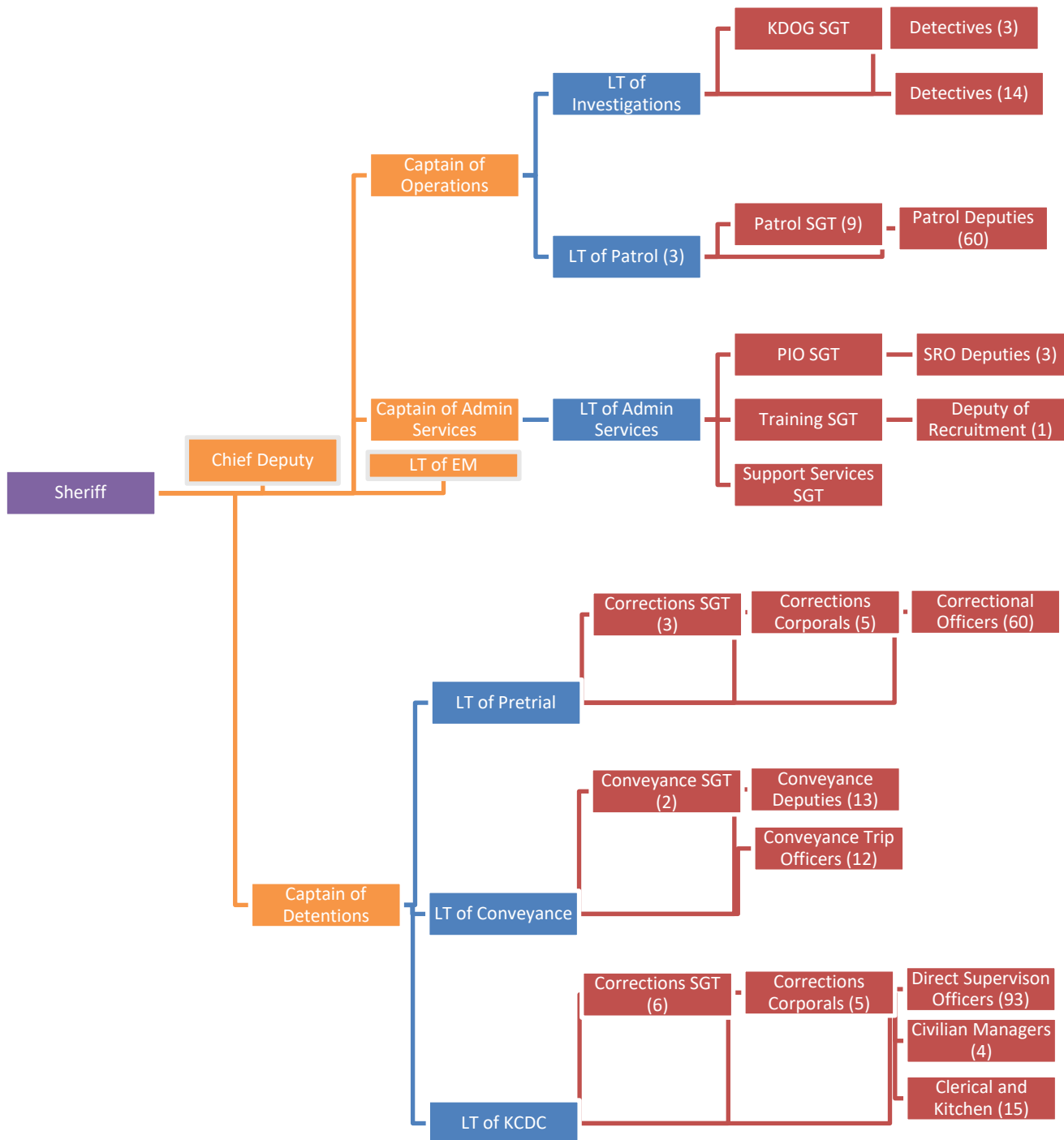
Our deputies are also involved in special teams which require extra time and commitment. Some of those teams include the Tactical Response Team, Dive Team, ATV Unit, Bicycle Unit, Honor Guard, Bomb Squad, Crowd Control Team, Drone Unit, and Marine Unit.

That is a brief description of our sworn staff's functions. Two-thirds of the Sheriff's Department's budget is in the corrections area. Corrections are also two-thirds of our staff. Our corrections staff is responsible for maintaining the records, security, and health of hundreds of inmates in our two jail facilities. Kenosha County has the third-largest jail in the State of Wisconsin.

Contained in this report are more details of the tasks the employees of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department accomplish every day, incidents that are far beyond issuing a traffic citation. Hopefully, a traffic stop is the only encounter citizens will have with most of our staff. I am proud of those who work at this department and proud of the service they deliver to Kenosha County's citizens.

Sincerely,  
David G. Beth  
Sheriff – Kenosha County

# Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Organizational Chart



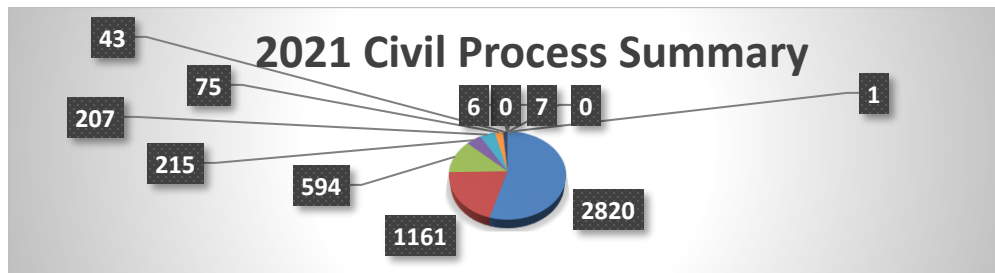
## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

### Civil Process Summary

Wisconsin State Statute 59.27(4) requires the sheriff of a county to:

“... serve or execute all processes, writs, precepts, and orders... delivered to the sheriff.”

In short, this means that the Kenosha Sheriff's Department serves subpoenas, custody papers, evictions, foreclosures, and multiple other court papers. Involved in that, is repossessing property and moving people and their possessions out of premises from which they have been evicted. In 2021, the Civil Process deputies and clerks were responsible for the following:



<u>Category</u>	*Indicates no service fee charges	<u>Services</u>
*District Attorney		2820
All other documents		1161
*Temporary Restraining Orders/Injunctions		594
Writs of Restitution		215
*Corporation Counsel		207
Sheriff Sales		75
Child Support Agency		43
Writ of Assistance		0
Surrender of Firearms		6
Writ of Replevin		7
Writ of Execution		0
Civil Bench Warrant		1
Total Evictions (Not requiring removal of personal property)		180
Total Evictions (Requiring the removal of personal property)		35
Total Services		4918
Total Revenue		\$66,070
Total Revenue not charged for services		\$129,680

## Civil Service Commission

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has civilian oversight through the Kenosha County Civil Service Commission. Members of the commission are:

Cathryn Bothe  
Lena Cooksey  
Jim Hawkins

Dr. Thomas Radmer  
Thomas Santarelli

## Emergency Management

Kenosha County Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management's Mission is to mitigate known hazards, prepare for, respond to, and recover from both natural and artificial disasters that may occur in Kenosha County. The emergency management's office exists under the requirements of Wisconsin State Statute 323, mandating that every county shall designate the head of Emergency Management within their authority. The Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management (KSDEM) shall support the administration of federal laws and regulations under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III and the Homeland Security Act.

The various responsibilities of Emergency Management are developing and updating countywide emergency plans, educating the public, conducting disaster and exercise drills while advising local municipalities during a catastrophe. Emergency Management coordinates damage assessments, maintains the Kenosha Countywide outdoor tornado siren system, procures resources during emergencies, retains the plans of all Kenosha County facilities storing extremely hazardous materials over a designated threshold, and maintains an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

### **Events**

On January 6, 2021, the DA's Office Announced no charges were being made in the shooting of Jacob Blake on August 23, 2020. The KSDEM's EOC was activated to a Level 2 status, but no significant events resulted from the announcement.

On March 11, 2021, the Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management conducted the Spring Kenosha County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Meeting in-person and virtual in the Emergency Operations Center. The second LEPC Meeting took place on Monday, December 20, 2021.

On June 1, 2021, distribution for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) concluded from the State to local hospitals, EMS services, dental offices, funeral homes, Kenosha County-owned facilities, and schools. KSDEM coordinated distribution with over 90 businesses, and over 1.2 million pieces of PPE were provided locally during the entire year of the program.

On August 10, 2021, a storm blew through, leaving trees knocked down, properties damaged, and power outages throughout the county. Repairs were short-term and no other significant events resulted from the damage.

On August 17, 2021, KSDEM assisted at Country Thunder in Twin Lakes, WI, by requesting State assistance acquiring an additional radio tower. This portable radio tower vastly improved communication coverage during the music festival. This was the first of the event since the pandemic started and went as smoothly as previous events.

On November 1, 2021, the EOC was activated to monitor the jury trial of Kyle Rittenhouse. The EOC remained activated until the jury's conclusion on November 19, 2021. There were no significant events or damage from this event.

On December 15, 2021, high winds affected Kenosha County resulting in downed wires and trees. No other life-threatening or long-term significant events resulted from this event.

## ***Planning***

KSDEM conducted an annual review and update of the Kenosha County Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) consisting of 24 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) and the Annex for Recovery Support Functions (RSF). KSDEM updated fourteen off-site plans and created ten new EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act) plans for Kenosha County facilities containing highly hazardous materials and created five new plans.

## ***Outreach***

On February 24, 2021, Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management presented at the Annual Badger State Sheriff's Association Training Conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, regarding the City of Kenosha Civil Unrests.

On August 10, 2021, Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management presented at the Annual Badger State Sheriff's Association Jail Training Conference in Rothchild, Wisconsin, presenting to Wisconsin Sheriffs' Chief Deputies and Jail Administrators regarding the City of Kenosha Civil Unrest.

On August 17, 2021, the Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management participated in an in-person tabletop exercise sponsored by the WI Army National Guard focusing on the City of Kenosha Civil Unrest.

On August 18, 2021, KSDEM operated a booth at the 2021 Kenosha County Fair for five days, distributed emergency planning information documents to the general public, answered about safety preparedness and promotional materials to the citizens of Kenosha County.



## ***Exercises***

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers Declared a Statewide Public Health Emergency locking down social gatherings indoor meetings, closing businesses, and limiting public and private events. All planned outreach programs and scheduled exercises were canceled.

## ***Grants***

KSDEM secured grant funded EPCRA Computer HazMat Equipment Grants specifically for the Kenosha County Hazardous Materials Team.

KSDEM secured Emergency Management Planning Grant funding to support Kenosha County emergency management projects, including but not limited to mitigation, preparedness, response, outreach, and recovery activities.

KSDEM secured additional EPCRA funds for the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee to undertake State of Wisconsin statutory requirements for EPCRA and fulfilled WEM required under WEM Directive 2007.2 EPCRA Planning Grant Funding.

## ***Summary***

The Kenosha Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management continues to make every effort to prevent, mitigate, prepare, respond, and recovery planning to assist Kenosha County residents before, during, and after catastrophes.

## **Honor Guard**

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department takes great pride in our community and our department. Regularly, the Sheriff's Department is called on to have representation at various events. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Honor Guard represents the department at events such as local parades, the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, and other engagements. The Honor Guard also attends funerals for fallen officers throughout the State of Wisconsin, as well as funerals for employees and retirees of the Sheriff's Department.

In 2021 the Honor Guard assisted with the Law Enforcement Memorial, the Investiture of Judge Angelina Gabriele, the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Memorial, and the funerals of Kenosha County Detention Center Corporal Chris Basina, retired Kenosha County Sheriff Captain/Sheriff Fred Ekornass, and Kenosha Police Department Sgt. Trevor Albrecht.

## DETENTIONS DIVISION

The Detentions Division of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the operation of the county jail system and its supporting functions. Under the auspices of the Sheriff of Kenosha County, the Detentions Division controls the operation of the Adult Pre-Trial Detention Center and the Kenosha County Detention Center providing safe and secure housing to all persons remanded to the custody of the Kenosha County Sheriff.

### Average Daily Population

- Average Daily Population: 544
- Total Number of Bookings 4,720
- Total Number of Releases: 4,713

### *2021 Average Monthly Populations for BICE /USM*

	BICE	USM	Monthly Total
January	0	61	61
February	0	61	61
March	0	65	65
April	0	52	52
May	0	47	47
June	0	40	40
July	0	41	41
August	0	45	45
September	0	41	41
October	0	47	47
November	0	48	48
December	0	45	45
<b>Average population per day</b>			<b>56</b>

### Detentions Programs

The Detentions Division of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department services the secure detention needs of the criminal justice community, together with the public safety needs of the citizens of Kenosha County. This is accomplished by providing housing for pretrial detainees in a system of modern linear confinement, and sentenced persons in a direct supervision environment. All incarceration is managed by policies that hold inmates accountable for their behavior. This system of safe and appropriate housing of detainees is the product of Objective Inmate Classification, which determines risk levels. This safe and secure confinement includes responsible management, aided by community-based programming providing practical life skills exposure. This creates a perpetual goal of releasing persons from confinement back into the community in a condition no worse than when they first arrived.

***Electronic Monitoring***

The Electronic Monitoring program is used to track and supervise the locations of individuals who have been released to home confinement.

<b>2021 Electronic Monitoring Average Daily Population</b>	
January	14
February	18
March	20
April	19
May	26
June	21
July	21
August	23
September	23
October	20
November	16
December	12
<b>Average Daily Population</b>	<b>19</b>

***Work Crew Program***

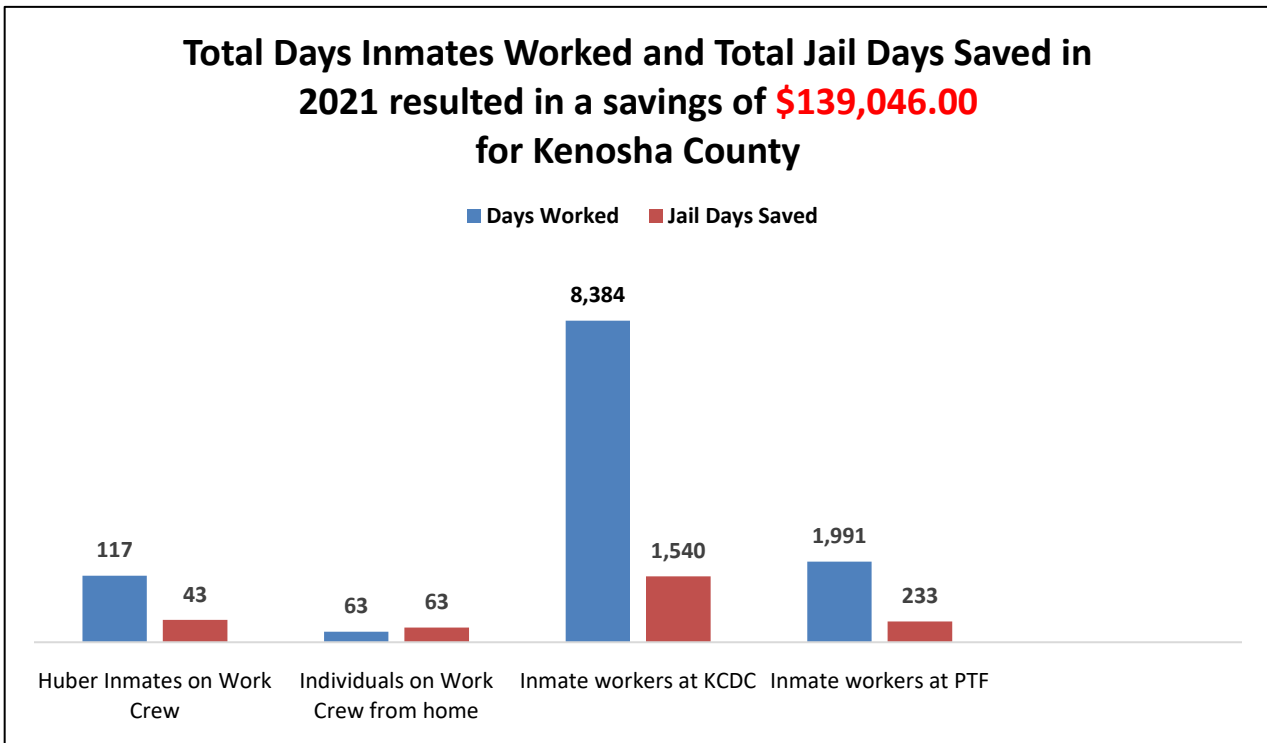
The primary purpose of The Community Service Work Crew Program is to alleviate overcrowding in the County Jail, while at the same time, serving the community.

To have a successful program there has to be 100% cooperation with Circuit Court Judges, District Attorney’s office, Clerk of Courts, Municipality Courts, and Jail staff. The program also relies upon non-profit locations with supervisors and two Direct Supervision Officers to enforce the program rules.

There are four types of people who participate in the work crew program.

1. Huber inmates who are unemployed;
2. Non- Huber sentenced inmates (used only inside for inmate workers);
3. People who are unable to pay a fine (person convicted of a forfeiture in which they were given time to pay a fine by the courts and the alternative would be serving County Jail time); and
4. Probation referrals.

The individuals that are assigned to outside non-profit organizations are allowed to work at no cost to the community while working towards repaying the debt accessed by the courts. The current jail days/workdays ratio used by the courts is ten days in the County Jail would be five days served on the work crew.



**Living Free 2021**

The Living Free Program is an 84-day intensive educational/group therapy program directed to 36 Males and 15 Females at a time. The program is available to all inmates on a volunteer basis. The Program is also offered to some inmates as an Alternative to Revocation (ATR) of Probation. Participants have three two-hour classes daily and homework that must be completed to graduate. All participants are expected to follow the Kenosha County Detention Center and Program rules. Instruction is provided by the following community agencies: Women and Children’s Horizons, Moore and Associates, Hope Council, Kenosha County Job Center, Kenosha County Health Department, and Walkin’ in My Shoes. The type of instruction provided includes Life Skills, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault Education, Job Readiness, Anger Management AODA, Parenting, Maleness to Manhood, Criminal Thinking, Overcoming Problems Effectively, Employment Skills, and Health classes. Also provided are AA, NA, and Bible study groups.

	<b>Total Participants</b>
Males participating in the Living Free Program <i>Graduated—49</i>	125
Male ATR's in the Living Free Program	0
Females participating in the Living Free Program <i>Graduated—13</i>	77
Female ATR's in the Living Free Program	0
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>202</b>

***Educational Services***

Kenosha County Detention Center provides classes for Kenosha Unified School students by providing a classroom as well as two KUSD teachers. One of the teachers is a Special Education teacher and the other is a General Education teacher. Students participate in classes from 8:45 to 11:00 am and 1:00 to 3:15 pm daily. Teachers also visit students weekly at KCJ. They work with students up to the age of 21. They also run a summer school class with one teacher position. Inmate students are provided the same curriculum as regular KUSD students. Upon entry to the program, students' transcripts are assessed, and a graduation plan is put into action. Students may graduate by earning traditional credits or the ITED alternative diploma. If students will not be returning to KUSD, they provide GED preparation but do not administer any GED testing.

Kenosha Unified School Male & Female 2021	39 Participants
Graduated KUSD 2021	16 Graduated

*\*This number does not include students that were in the KUSD program at KCDC but were released to their schools and graduated from there.*

***Wisconsin Community Services***

The Kenosha Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program provides supervision for persons charged with a first OWI with injury, homicide by OWI, and/or a second or subsequent Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offense. The program is an effort to get the offender into treatment as soon as possible after an arrest. Compliance with the program requirements and treatment may result in a reduced jail sentence. The Kenosha Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program is aimed at reducing the rate of recidivism for repeat drunk drivers.

**Program Statistics**

There are numerous statistics available on the OWI Program, below are those of most frequent inquiry:

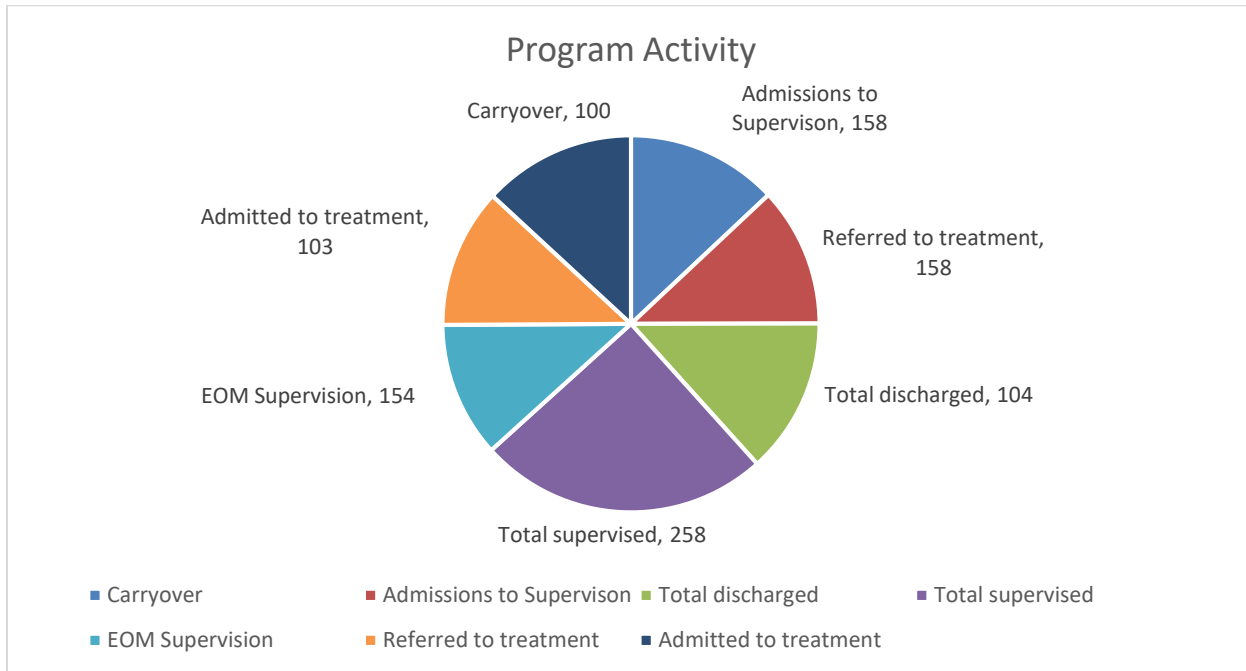
Recidivism rates:

- Re-arrested during supervision - 1
- Re-arrested after supervision completed (within the same county) - 0

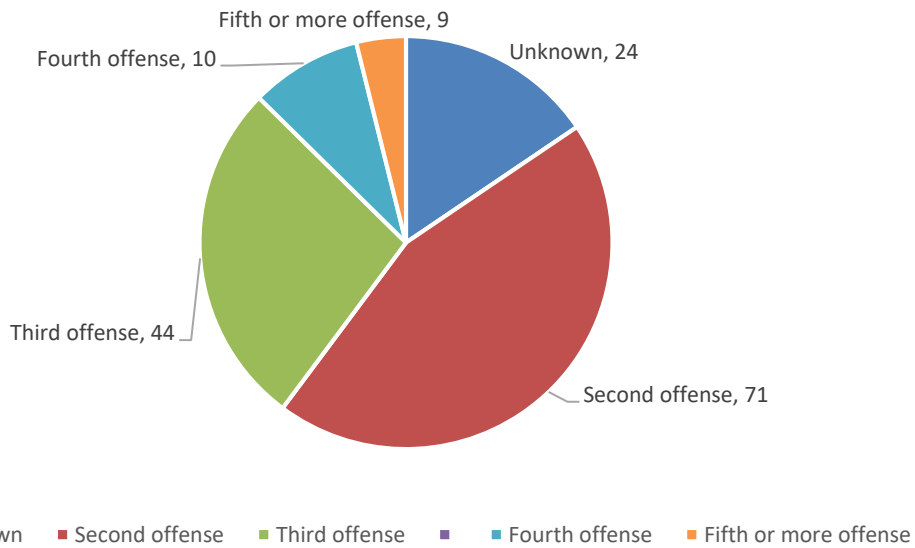
Gender

- Male— 118
- Female—40

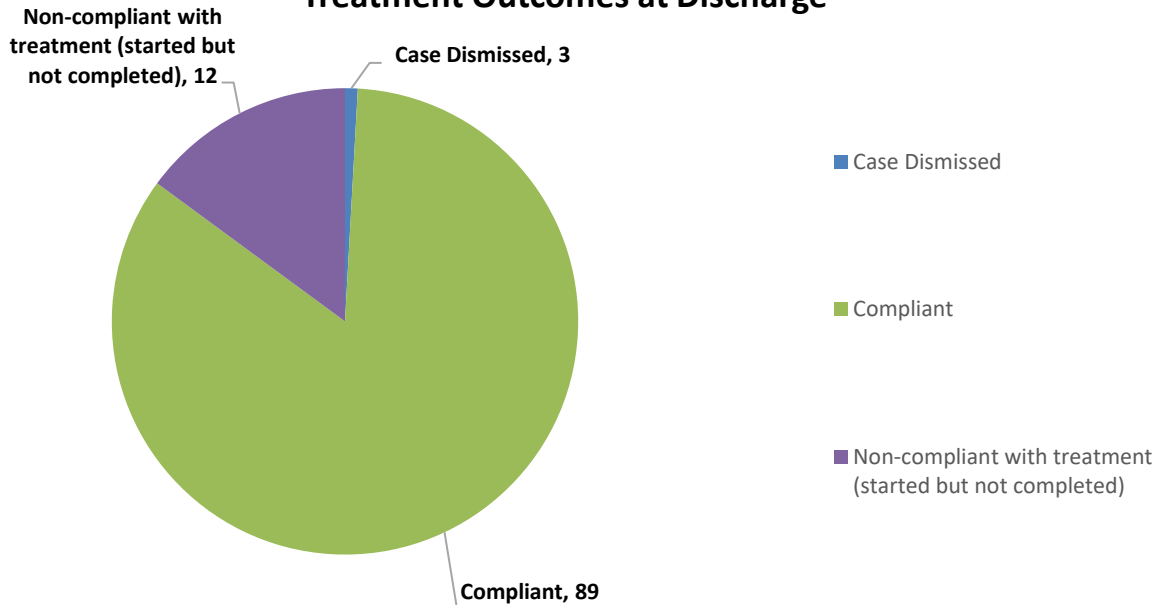
Jail Days Saved – 4482



### Offenses at Time of Admission



### Treatment Outcomes at Discharge



## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

### **Bomb Squad**

The Kenosha County Bomb Squad is made up of members from the Sheriff's Department (4 FBI certified bomb techs) and Kenosha Police Department (2 FBI certified bomb techs). We had two KSD members graduate from the FBI certification course in 2021. Kenosha County bomb technicians are all graduates of the FBI Hazardous Devices School located at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. The Kenosha County bomb squad is one of six, FBI-certified bomb squads in the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Kenosha Sheriff's Department have a memorandum of understanding that makes the bomb squad a part of the Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT). Our bomb squad ALERT region is Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth Counties. In 2021, the bomb squad responded to requests in all three counties.

The Bomb Squad had 22 call out/activations in 2021. Several of those activations were multi-day events for possible civil unrest, the high-profile trial at the Kenosha County Courthouse, and the County Thunder Music Festival.

The Bomb Squad maintains their skills with required monthly training and advanced training put on by the FBI, ATF, DHS, USBTA (US Bomb Technicians Association), and the IABTI (International Association of Bomb Technician and Investigators). In September the bomb squad participated in Operation Windy City (Chicago) which was a 3-day training event that connected active military EOD members and public safety bomb techs with industry partners to explore new technology and enhance critical bomb disposal skills.

In 2021, the bomb squad was awarded \$66,500 in Homeland Security Grants. The grants were used to purchase a new bomb suit and an upgraded x-ray system. We also received a \$4,600 grant for explosives training that was used to send two bomb techs to advanced training.

### **Detective Bureau**

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau is a part of the Operations Division of the Sheriff's Department. It is the General Assignment portion of the Detective Bureau comprised of eleven detectives and one Lieutenant. Detectives are trained in a wide variety of specialties including fraud/white collar crimes, fire investigation, accident investigation/reconstruction, death investigations, burglary, robbery, and theft. Detectives are assigned to major cases as well as assisting patrol deputies with investigations utilizing a variety of databases, resources, contacts, and techniques. The following is a summary of some of the accomplishments and the major cases handled by the Detective Bureau in 2021.



## **2021 Detective Bureau Highlights:**

The listed cases serve to highlight the investigations conducted by the Detective Bureau in 2021. The detective bureau has accomplished numerous investigations that have not been listed. The Kenosha Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau continues to train in current technology, techniques, and resources to better serve the community regarding the investigation of crimes.

### **Somers House Triple Homicide Investigation**

On April 18th, 2021, KSD Detectives were assigned to a mass shooting incident with three men dead, and three others shot at the Somers House tavern. The entire detective bureau responded with assistance from the WI State Crime Lab Evidence Response Team. The Detective Bureau conducted the on-scene investigation, follow-up interviews, and collected evidence that directly linked a suspect to the crime scene. As a result of this work, the lone suspect was identified and taken into custody in Racine County. Follow up interviews, in-depth review of digital evidence, and coordinated searches of the area continued for several days. The suspect was ultimately charged with three counts of first-degree intentional homicide and three counts of attempted first-degree intentional homicide. The suspect was convicted of all charges in a jury trial in January 2022 and is awaiting sentencing.

### **Burglary Wilmot Ski Hills**

On 05/21/21 and 05/26/21, Deputies were sent to Wilmot Mountain Ski Hills for burglary complaints. Detectives responded to the scene, and evidence collected included empty beverage cans and latex gloves. This evidence was sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab. It resulted in the identification of two suspects from Jefferson County, Wisconsin. Charges are pending.

### **Threats to Circuit Court Judge**

Before, during, and following the Rittenhouse trial, KSD Detectives investigated dozens of threats to the circuit court, specifically Branch 3 Judge Bruce Schroeder, who was presiding over the trial. The phone calls and emails came from all over the nation and other countries. All were reviewed, triaged, and logged. In addition, contact was made with suspects and law enforcement agencies from all over the country.

### **Reckless Homicide**

Detectives responded to Paris Motel for a death investigation. The death appeared to be the result of a heroin overdose. A thorough review of the victim's communication records revealed that the victim purchased the heroin from a resident of the City of Milwaukee. He ultimately was taken into custody and admitted to selling the heroin to the victim. The suspect was charged with Reckless Homicide.

### **Armed Robbery and Car Jacking**

On 10/18/21, Deputies responded to the parking lot at 5008 Green Bay Road for attempted car theft. Dispatch advised the caller was a locksmith and that a man with a gun tried to rob him. Upon arrival, Deputies contacted the victim, who stated that three males attempted to steal his car and that two of them were armed with handguns. The victim was called to the scene as a locksmith to reprogram a key for a Dodge Charger which was later determined reported stolen out of Chicago, Illinois. The suspects struck the victim with a handgun. They fled the area, ultimately stealing a vehicle from a

restaurant in the City of Kenosha. The investigation identified a Chicago man as a suspect. Charges are pending.

## **Kenosha Drug Operations Group**

In 2021, the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) remained committed to targeting mid-to-high level drug trafficking organizations/dealers operating around the Kenosha and southeastern Wisconsin area. KDOG continued to work collectively with all surrounding agencies at all levels, local, State and Federal.

In 2021 the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) initiated 103 drug cases. These cases resulted in 125 felony arrests and 31 misdemeanor arrests. KDOG authored 46 search warrants. KDOG investigations and interdictions resulted in the seizure of approximately \$179,000 of narcotics. Additionally, 9 firearms were seized.

### **2021 KDOG Highlights:**

In February of 2021, deputies from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department responded to a location in The Village of Salem Lakes for a subject suffering from a narcotics overdose. Upon arrival, deputies were able to administer NARCAN to the involved subject which ultimately saved their life. Based on this call for service the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) initiated an investigation to identify the source of narcotics. After a lengthy investigation, detectives uncovered a large drug trafficking organization based out of Pleasant Prairie, operating primarily in Wisconsin and Illinois. This organization had ties throughout the United States and Mexico.

In December of 2021, KDOG led a large-scale operation in cooperation with the DEA, FBI, Kenosha County Tactical Response Team, and Kenosha Police Department's S.W.A.T team which spanned several states and jurisdictions. This operation resulted in the seizure of the following:

- 48 Kilograms (106 lbs.) of cocaine that tested positive for fentanyl, with an estimated street value of \$4,000,000 – \$6,000,000.
- Approximately \$50,000+ of recovered property was stolen from the area.
- KDOG also seized \$120,000 of personal assets determined to be used in the distribution of illicit narcotics.

On Tuesday, March 09<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at approximately 1400 hours, the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) executed a search warrant in the 1000 block of 88th Avenue in the Village of Somers, in conjunction with a narcotics investigation involving a Somers resident suspected of growing and distributing marijuana, on bond for an unrelated domestic abuse case, and prohibited from possessing a firearm. The Investigation and Search of the residence yielded the following:

- 3,685 grams of processed marijuana
- 29 marijuana plants
- 5 packages of marijuana seeds
- 2 small containers of THC wax

- 26 vials of anabolic steroids
- 1 stolen rifle, 1 pistol, several hundred rounds of ammunition
- several thousands of dollars in marijuana growing equipment
- \$19,193 in U.S. currency

In July 2021, after an interdiction traffic stop on Interstate 94, KDOG along with the Brookfield Police Department executed a search warrant in Brookfield. The search of the residence yielded the following:

- 230 THC vape cartridges
- \$6,000 in cash
- Five firearms

In December 2021, KDOG investigated a narcotics complaint after a source of information indicated there was a jail inmate receiving drugs in the mail. The investigation revealed an inmate was receiving Suboxone strips in the mail concealed in the envelope's mail adhesive. Both the sender and receiver were charged.

Finally, over the last year, there has been a large rise in street drugs (Cocaine, meth, THC) testing positive for Fentanyl, making illegal street drugs even more dangerous and addicting causing several fatal and non-fatal overdoses. Kenosha County saw more than 40 fatal overdoses in 2021, primarily from fentanyl-laced narcotics. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is committed to combating this epidemic.

## **Marine Unit**

In 2021, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department had 18 active members in the Marine Unit. Our vessels include a 25-foot SAFE Boat and a 17-foot Lund. We accumulated 228 patrol hours in our area waterways. The Marine Unit issued 10 citations and 10 warnings for various violations including careless operation of a watercraft, navigation rule violations, and safety violations. We also conducted several safety inspections while on patrol. Our primary operation was on Lake Michigan, but we also patrolled Silver Lake in the Village of Salem Lakes. The Kenosha Sheriff's Marine Unit does receive some reimbursement for expenses related to the water patrol.

## **Patrol**

The Patrol Division for the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department had 60 deputy sheriffs assigned to three shifts in 2021. The department has a Traffic Interdiction Unit (TIU) which allows deputies to concentrate enforcement in specific areas.

- 23 Deputies Assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Patrol and 4 supervisors
- 20 Deputies Assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Patrol and 4 supervisors

- 15 Deputies Assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Patrol and 4 supervisors

This staffing level not only covered all six districts of the county, but also covered the contracted municipalities for the Villages of Bristol, Somers, Salem Lakes, and Paddock Lake. Deputies responded to 53,678 calls throughout the year.

In 2021, the three patrol shifts made a total of 14,214 arrests. A total of 7752 traffic citations were issued and a total of 351 county ordinance violations were written. On the criminal side, 939 felony arrests were made, and 1814 misdemeanor arrests were made.

## **Contracted Law Enforcement Services**

The Villages of Bristol, Paddock Lake, and Salem Lakes contract their Law Enforcement services through the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department for the protection of the village residents and businesses. The deputies can patrol all sections of the villages and maintain high visibility which works as a deterrent to crime for the community. Each of the village halls provides office facilities for the deputy's use. Deputies are committed to policing the community and having a positive impact on residents and businesses alike.

### ***Village of Bristol***

Deputies have been providing contracted patrol services for the village since June 2008. During 2021, deputies responded to 5,301 calls for service and issued 627 citations which encompass various ordinance and traffic violations. Deputies also enforce parking violations and work closely with village officials. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

### ***Village of Paddock Lake***

Deputies have been providing contracted patrol services for the village since 1981. In 2021, deputies responded to 3,068 calls for service and issued 296 citations which encompass various ordinance and traffic violations. Deputies also enforce parking violations and work closely with village officials. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

### ***Village of Salem Lakes***

Deputies have been providing contracted patrol services for the village since 2017. During 2021 deputies responded to a total of 9,142 calls for service and issued 641 citations that encompass various ordinance and traffic violations. They also enforce parking violations and work closely with village officials. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

## Village of Somers

In 2016 Somers incorporated as a Village. At the end of the year, they contracted with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement needs. During 2021 deputies responded to a total of 14,487 calls for service and issued 1,705 citations which encompass various ordinance and traffic violations. They enforce parking violations and work closely with village officials. All criminal violations are handled through Kenosha County Circuit Court.

## Sworn Staffing

### KENOSHA SHERIFF ANNUAL SWORN STAFFING

	Deputies	Detectives	Sergeants	Lieutenants	Captains	Chief Deputy	Sheriff	TOTAL
<b>2010</b>	76	14	12	8	2	1	1	<b>114</b>
<b>2011</b>	76	14	12	9	2	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2012</b>	76	14	12	9	2	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2013</b>	76	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2014</b>	76	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>115</b>
<b>2015</b>	79	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>118</b>
<b>2016</b>	79	14	12	8	3	1	1	<b>118</b>
<b>2017</b>	81	14	14	8	3	1	1	<b>122</b>
<b>2018</b>	84	14	14	8	3	1	1	<b>125</b>
<b>2019</b>	86	14	14	9	3	1	1	<b>128</b>
<b>2020</b>	86	14	15	9	3	1	1	<b>129</b>
<b>2021</b>	94	14	16	9	3	1	1	<b>138</b>

## K-9 Units

The K9 units are responsible for assisting the Patrol Division and other Police Agencies in the county with narcotic sniffs, tracking of wanted and missing persons, protecting their handlers, and many public demonstrations each year. The unit has been in existence since it was re-introduced in 2005. The community engagement of this unit is immeasurably valuable. The members of the K9 units are Deputy Tiff with K9 Riggs, Deputy Lanctot with K9 Fritz, and Deputy Kasulke with K9 Arlo. These teams continue to provide faithful service to the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Kenosha County now and for years to come.

### 2021 K9 Unit Highlights:

On 10-21-21 at about 11:16 am KSD deputies were dispatched to the Benson Corners Shell gas station in an attempt to locate a stolen vehicle that was involved in a homicide out of Chicago. Deputies located the vehicle and attempted to make contact with the operator. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted, and the suspect fled from the vehicle. KSD K9 Riggs was on scene with his handler Deputy

Terry Tifft. Deputy Tifft deployed K9 Riggs who apprehended the suspect within seconds. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody, but unfortunately, K9 Riggs was shot point-blank in the forehead by the suspect. K9 Riggs was transported to an emergency vet clinic and miraculously survived. K9 Riggs performed an act of courage, valor, and bravery that day. He potentially saved the lives of our deputies and the public. K9 Riggs received the Purple Heart and Silver Star awards for his actions during this incident.

## **Tactical Response Team**

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Tactical Response Team is a 33-man team consisting of:

- One Tactical Commander
- One Assistant Commander
- Four Team Leaders
- Four-man Sniper Element (including a Sniper Team Leader)
- Eight-man TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services) Element
- Twelve-man Entry Element

Under the supervision of the Sheriff's Department, it is comprised of officers from the Kenosha Sheriff's Department, the Kenosha Police Department and the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department. The TEMS group is comprised of paramedics from the Village of Bristol Fire Department, the Village of Pleasant Prairie Fire Department, the Village of Salem Lakes Fire Department, and the Village of Somers Fire Department. TEMS is under the direction of Kenosha EMS Medical Director Benjamin Feinzimer and Assistant EMS Medical Director Benjamin Kessel.

A separate group within the Tactical Response Team is the Kenosha County Crisis Negotiations Unit. This group functions under its own Commander but reports to the Tactical Commander during an incident. The Crisis Negotiations Unit consists of 10 officers from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department, who are trained in the negotiations of critical incidents.

The Tactical Response Team trains a minimum of 8 hours per month in various tactical specialties. Members are required to qualify once per month with their primary rifle and handguns as well as yearly qualifications in specialty weapons. The Tactical Response Team strives to stay current with tactical trends and challenges facing law enforcement.

The Tactical Response Team is tasked with supporting the patrol division, conducting high-risk warrants, dignitary protection, barricaded gunman, rural operations, hostage situations, active shooter incidents, and civil unrest situations.

## **2021 Tactical Response Team Highlights:**

The Tactical Response Team was activated for the following 14 incidents in 2021.

Starting on January 5<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Tactical Response Team was activated as tactical support of patrol operations in regards to the Kenosha County district attorney's ruling of the Kenosha Police Department Officer-involved shooting of Jacob Blake.

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team was activated at the request of the Kenosha Police Department to assist them with a "shots fired" call located at 4800 20<sup>th</sup> Ave (upper). The Tactical Response Team assisted with the safe removal of ten persons from within the residence and search of the residence, which resulted in multiple firearms being recovered.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team assisted the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) and DEA by providing tactical and TEMS support for a clandestine lab located in the Village of Salem Lakes.

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team was activated to assist the Kenosha Police Department Special Investigations Unit with a high-risk warrant located in the 5100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. This warrant was for a suspect who was wanted in reference to a previous shooting incident.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team was activated to assist the Kenosha Police Department with a criminal barricade incident located at 1125 61<sup>st</sup> Street. This incident was in reference to a subject wanted on charges for felon in possession of a firearm and theft of a firearm who was refusing to exit the residence.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team was requested to assist the Kenosha Police Department Special Investigations Unit with two simultaneous high-risk search warrants. These residences were located in the 1900 block of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and the 1900 block of 45<sup>th</sup> St. These warrants were in reference to two separate suspects involved in a previous shooting incident located in the City of Kenosha.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team responded to assist the Kenosha Police Department with an armed barricaded subject located in the 5500 block of 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. In the process of transitioning personnel, the subject surrendered without incident.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team was activated to assist the Kenosha Police Department with a felony domestic violence incident located in the 2400 block of 54<sup>th</sup> St. While the team was responding the subject surrendered to patrol personnel without incident.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team was requested to assist the Kenosha Police Department Special Investigations Unit with the service of a "No-Knock" high-risk search warrant located in the 2100 block of 61<sup>st</sup> St.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team responded to downtown Wilmot for a suspicious subject that fled from officers and was possibly armed. TRT personnel successfully located this subject in a woodland area next to the Fox River. The subject was successfully taken into custody without incident.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team assisted the Kenosha Police Department with an armed criminal barricaded subject located in the 5300 block of 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. The wanted subject surrendered to KPD patrol officers but TRT personnel was utilized to clear and secure the residence.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team assisted the Racine Police Department and the FBI with a major takedown operation in the City/County of Racine. The operation involved 17 different locations. TRT provided additional tactical support to this operation.

From November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team assisted with the Kyle Rittenhouse Jury trial. Due to the high scrutiny of this trial tactical assets were staged however no deployments were necessary during the trial.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Tactical Response Team assisted Kenosha Drug Operations Group and the Drug Enforcement Administration with a high-risk warrant in the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

In 2021 the Tactical Response Team began the practice of staging tactical assets for major events involving large crowds. The following events had pre-staged tactical assets the Kenosha Civic parade, City of Kenosha fireworks, County Thunder, and several civil protests/demonstrations. During these events no tactical assets were needed.

The Tactical Response Team also takes the opportunity to further educate the community such as; "Growing with Bristol" "Somers Fire Association 911 tribute" "Pleasant Prairie Fire Department Safety Days" "The Kenosha County Fair" "C.O.P.S. Survivor event" and the Kenosha County job fair.

June of 2021 saw the initiation and creation of a second Tactical Team in the County of Kenosha.

The City of Kenosha created Kenosha Police Department SWAT with the utilization of Eight KPD members of the Tactical Response Team. This resulted in the appointment of five additional KSD Deputies and one Pleasant Prairie Police Department Officer to the Tactical Response Team. Both of these teams became operational in October. Both Teams continue to work closely together, support each other, and take opportunities to train together.



**Personnel**

<i>New Employees</i>	
<b>Deputy Sheriff</b>	<b>Correctional Officers</b>
Liam Matthies	Paul Lara-Martinez
Kody Gyurina	Zacharias Walden
Paul Neumann	Alexis Cajigas
Zachary Shuta	Patricia Hughes
Lacey Ebler	Kailey Nerison
Jakob Pekosh	Lance Slater
Deundrae Jackson	Nidal Hammad
Mark Lund	Adam Borova
Joseph Thomas	Rozsheena Ackey
Tyler Hedstrom	Ramsey Ali
Casey Kirk	Megan Drescher
Joseph Beach	Steven Lohner
Korin Bourdo	Erik Banner
Daniel Grigsby	Eduardo Nava-Reyes
Manuel Mandujano Jr.	
Matthew Turville	
Matthew Souvannasing	
Daniel Kearney	
Nicholas Calabrese	
Cesar Lopez	
Elder Martinez Morales	
Jeannean Keske	
Joseph Trapani	
<b>Direct Supervision Officers</b>	<b>Civilian Managers/Clerical/Cooks</b>
Sergio Gonzalez	Angela Khabbaz, Fiscal Services Manager
Mirna Santiago	Vicki Sens, Financial Assistant
Lillian Wilson	Brenna Revis, Admin. Assist, Sr.
Barbara Marquez	Roxanne Hurtado, Admin Assist.
Daniel Bochicchio III	Amber Abbott, Admin Assist.
Joseph Bouley	Brandi Hakeem, Cook
Ashley Quetel	Jessica Larsen, Cook
Eric Corona	Danielle Williams, Cook
<b>Admissions Release Specialists</b>	<b>Casual Employees</b>
	Debra Shimkus, PTF

***Promotions***

Daniel Ruth, Captain  
Tony Gonzalez, Captain  
Bryan Easter, Lieutenant  
Keith Fonk, Lieutenant  
Kent Waldow, Sergeant  
Joseph Zarletti, Sergeant  
Ryan Gott, Sergeant  
Kari Eschmann, Corporal  
Shawn Bogdala, Corporal  
Matthew Rairie, Corporal  
Justin McCoy, Detective  
Scott Becker, Detective

***Retirements***

Robert Hallisy, Captain  
William DeGroot, Deputy  
David Markunas, Sergeant  
Patrick Istvanek, Detective  
Jody Walters, Admin. Assist. Sr.  
Kathleen Anderson, Cook  
Ronald Dahl, Direct Supervision Officer  
Peggy Frizzle, Administrative Assistant  
John Smith, Direct Supervision Officer  
David Stauche, Corporal  
Thomas Corrao, Correctional Officer