

Dickinson County Sheriff's Office

2024 Annual Report



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office is devoted to providing a safe and healthy environment through honesty, accountability, compassion and dedication. We believe in treating all individuals with dignity, courtesy and respect. Our mission is to faithfully serve the citizens of Dickinson County and to provide professional, impartial law enforcement services.

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A Message from Sheriff Davis



The Sheriff's Office continued progressing in 2024. The Sheriff's Office participated in or sponsored several events this year. We continued to be involved and engaged with our citizens to develop and strengthen those connections with the community. Some of the many community programs and events we participated in are as follows:

- Continued the Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (L.E.A.D.) program in the four (4) school districts (7 schools) we serve
- Partnered with other agencies and the faith-based community in the 3rd annual Faith & Blue event held in Chapman
- Sponsored the Fishing with First Responders fishing event in Herington
- Trunk or Treat events in Abilene and Chapman
- Dickinson County Recovery Court

Our agency worked with Dickinson County Administration and the Dickinson County Board of County Commissioners in establishing and implementing an upgraded employee pay structure. This allowed for a higher starting salary for many positions which allows us to be more competitive.

We continued to develop and strengthen our training program in 2024 by implementing biannual defensive tactics and WRAP Restraint System training for our deputies, all taught by our own trained instructors. In addition to our local firearms instruction, the Salina Police Department was gracious enough to allow our deputies to train on their VirTra 300 Simulator. The simulator provides 300 degrees of immersion in scenarios that range from mental illness, weapon manipulation drills, and life critical issues like use of force encounters. Thank you to the Salina Police Department.

We continue to move forward on achieving agency accreditation and hope to achieve full compliance by the end of 2025. This will be a huge accomplishment for our agency.

A very positive addition to our agency this year was the renovation of our range training facility into a fully functional workout facility for all Sheriff's Office employees.

While 2024 was an exceptional year for the growth of our agency, we can always do better and we strive to do so every day. We will treat each and every citizen with the utmost respect and professionalism.

Dickinson County is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. I truly believe the dedication and devotion of all our agency members has a positive impact on those we serve. We will continue to keep moving forward.

Sincerely,

Jerry Davis

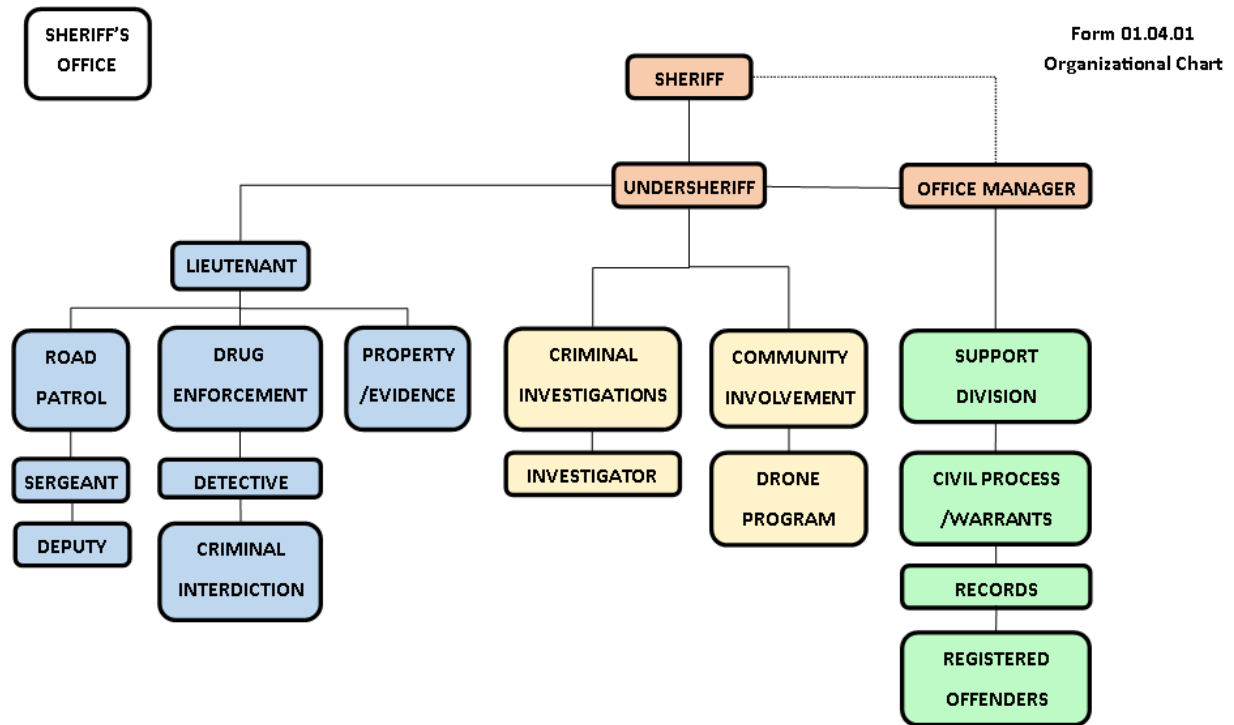
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The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office Team

Sheriff Jerry Davis	Undersheriff Jeff Vaughan
LT. Kenneth Bryant	Capt. Stephen Kency
SGT. Roy Gible	LT. Connie Jaderborg
SGT. Vaun Stivers	SGT. Bryan Gentet
SGT. Zachary Mitchell	SGT. Gary Bacon
SGT. Cody Fansler	SGT. Kenneth Wyma
Investigator Joshua Price	CO Lonnie Wallace
Investigator Jonathan Thompson	CO Connie Timbrook
Deputy Chris Cease	CO Matthew Hanback
Deputy Brandon Depew	CO Brandon Nelson
Deputy Alyssa Rivera	CO Cameron Beatty
Deputy Matthew Asmus	CO Aaron Mettler
Deputy Spencer Garten	CO Amber Mettler
Deputy James Hager	CO Jarek Brown
Deputy Conner Gies	CO Brandon Skinner
Deputy Dylan Anderson	CO Madison Callahan
Deputy Bradley Davis	

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2024 Sheriff's Office Organization



Personnel

Sworn Positions: 21 (2 Vacant Positions)

Corrections: 18 (3 Vacant Positions)

Support Personnel: 4

Current numbers on June 1, 2025

Road Patrol

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The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services 365 days a year and 24-hours a day. Road Patrol Deputies work 12-hour shifts which allows for them to have every other weekend off. Each patrol shift is supervised by a Patrol Sergeant.

All Deputies attend the fourteen week Basic Academy class at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. After graduating Basic Training, Deputies then go through a fourteen week Field Training Program. Every certified law enforcement officer in the State of Kansas is then required to attend 40 hours of annual training to maintain their certification.

Dickinson County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to 6,958 calls for service in 2024. The calls range from motorist assists to serious felony crimes and accidents.

All Road Patrol Deputies are now equipped with body-worn cameras. The body-worn cameras can be remotely accessed to be viewed in the event a deputy is unable to answer the radio. With updated dash cameras, the body-worn cameras sync up with the dash cameras. This has proven to be an effective tool in protecting deputies, evidence management, as well as presentation in court.



Criminal Investigations Division

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Criminal Investigators are assigned cases of the most serious offenses or cases that will require a substantial amount of follow-up. The Criminal Investigations Division consists of two investigators.

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office has maintained an agreement with Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). Being an agency affiliated with Kansas ICAC has given the opportunity for investigators with the Sheriff's Office to be assigned ICAC cases that are occurring within Dickinson County. This has proven to be a beneficial partnership as DKSO investigators have received numerous tips that have led to the apprehension of suspects as well as successful prosecutions involving cases of sexual exploitation of children.

Investigators were assigned 48 cases in 2024 in addition to assisting Road Patrol Deputies with other cases. The following is a brief summary of some of the incidents that the investigators were able to bring to successful conclusions:

January 2024: Investigators received information regarding sexual exploitation of a child. Search warrants were executed regarding the case and an arrest was made. The suspect has been convicted and is awaiting sentencing.

February 2024: Investigators developed additional leads in a burglary case that occurred in July, 2021. Firearms and collectable coins were stolen in the burglary. Investigators were able to recover numerous stolen items and arrest the suspect. The suspect was later served with a Federal Indictment related to the case.

March 2024: Investigators received information regarding sexual exploitation of a child. A suspect was developed in

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the case. During the investigation, it was learned that other sex crimes involving a child occurred. The suspect was arrested and ultimately convicted of several crimes including Sexual Exploitation of a Child, Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child, and Indecent Solicitation of a Child. The suspect has been sentenced and is in custody with the Department of Corrections.

May 2024: Investigators received information regarding sexual exploitation of a child. During the investigation, a suspect was developed and search warrants were executed. Investigators learned of additional sex crimes including sexual extortion that occurred. The suspect was arrested.

May 2024: A burglary was reported at The End Zone in Hope. The investigation included evidence collection and search warrants which led to the arrest of a suspect. The suspect pled guilty and is in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

June 2024: A burglary was reported at Sunbelt Solomon involving the theft of over \$25,000. Investigators developed a suspect and a search warrant was executed in Saline County with the assistance of the Saline County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was later arrested. The suspect pled guilty to the burglary and is currently in custody with the Department of Corrections.

July 2024: The Sheriff's Office received a tip regarding Sexual Exploitation of a Child. Investigators obtained search warrants and collected numerous items of electronic and digital evidence. The suspect was arrested, pled guilty in court and is awaiting sentencing.

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DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT CRIMINAL INTERDICTION K9

The Dickinson County Drug Enforcement Unit is comprised of two investigators that focus on local drug investigations and two criminal interdiction deputies. The criminal interdiction deputies work with neighboring jurisdictions in an effort to disrupt the flow of illegal narcotics to our communities.

During 2024, the Drug Enforcement Unit opened 28 cases and made 29 arrests. The Drug Enforcement Unit also maintains a professional working relationship and assists other agencies including KBI, KHP, DEA, and HSI as well as other local, state, and federal agencies. The drug types involved in the investigations included Methamphetamine, Marijuana, Fentanyl, cocaine, and prescription medications. The Drug Enforcement Unit seized or assisted in the investigation which lead to the seizure of over 22.3 lbs of Methamphetamine, 3,246.7 lbs of marijuana, 6.6 lbs of Fentanyl, and 5.5 lbs of cocaine.

Deputies have received training in Fentanyl investigations and will continue to work with our local, state, and federal partners in combating the distribution of Fentanyl. Unfortunately, our communities in Dickinson County have not been immune to the overdoses caused by this deadly drug.

The Drug Enforcement Unit was active in investigating illegal narcotics but also assisted in other cases. The following are a couple of cases

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Drug Enforcement Unit Criminal Interdiction K9

that had a successful result with the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Unit:

March 2024: The Drug Enforcement Unit assisted the Criminal Investigators with a burglary and financial crime investigation that resulted in the recovery of approximately \$96,000 worth of currency and other stolen property. The vehicle used in facilitating the crimes was seized.

September 2024: A criminal interdiction deputy conducted a traffic stop. The DKS0 K9 unit was called in to assist and the K9 indicated to the presence of a narcotic odor. During the search of the vehicle, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was found as well as several items of stolen property. Tools and magnets were found in the vehicle that had been used to remove anti-theft devices at stores. The suspect admitted to traveling and stealing from stores.



K9 "McCready" continued serving the citizens of Dickinson County with the Sheriff's Office. "McCready" had 19 deployments in 2024 and assisted in taking over 22 lbs of methamphetamine off of the streets.

The K9 team is required to obtain an annual certification through the National Police Canine Association. The certification is earned after passing certification standards.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS 2024

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office has an internal system for processing complaints of alleged misconduct by employees of the agency. This process allows the Sheriff's Office to investigate such complaints in an objective manner while also providing fairness to employees and the citizens of Dickinson County.

Allegations of minor misconduct are generally referred to the supervisor of the involved employee for investigation. The administrative investigation is reviewed by the chain of command on all complaints including those involving minor misconduct.

An Internal Affairs Investigation is conducted on all complaints alleging serious misconduct by employees. Serious misconduct may include but is not limited to: critical incidents involving death or serious bodily injury, alleged constitutional violations, biased based policing complaints, sexual misconduct, excessive use of force, and any complaint that is directly referred by the Sheriff.

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office responded to a total of 6,958 calls for service in 2024. The Sheriff's Office received six complaints in 2024 which is a result of about 0.08% of the total number of calls for service in 2024.

In 2024, two of the six complaints received were ultimately determined to be valid based on the findings of each investigation. Four of the six complaints made in 2024 were initiated by citizens. Based on the investigations in 2024, one employee received a written reprimand and another resigned from the agency.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

YOUTH PROGRAMS



FISHING WITH FIRST RESPONDERS 2024



The Fishing with First Responders event was held at Father Padilla Pond in Herington on June 1, 2024. The youth of Dickinson County had the opportunity to win prizes based off what they were able to reel in! All participants also received new fishing equipment. The event wrapped up with Pizza being provided to all in attendance.



FAITH AND BLUE 2024



Faith and Blue is a collaborative effort to foster unity and cooperation between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The initiative strengthens these relationships. The event was held at Chapman High School on October 12, 2024. The event began with a First Responder “Cook Off” where those who serve our communities showed off their skills with pulled pork sandwiches. The entertainment for the event was Bigg Vinny, Jared Blake, and Jarell Roach.



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BADGES AND BIRDIES 2024

Badges and Birdies events provide an opportunity for the Sheriff's Office to partner with Kids in Crisis to help local communities. The proceeds from the event were used to donate school supplies to benefit local schools. Members of the Sheriff's Office teamed up with the youth of Dickinson County to play a round of Disc Golf. Three Badges and Birdies events were held in 2024 in Abilene, Chapman, and Hope.



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Deputy Cease delivered the Recovery Court graduation speech on March 13, 2024.



Sheriff Davis giving out candy at the Halloween event in Chapman.



High Five Friday at Eisenhower Elementary School.



Pumpkin Carving at Village Manor.

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L.E.A.D. Program Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office partners with Dickinson County schools to provide the opportunity for area youth to complete the L.E.A.D. program. Children who complete the program and use the skills taught in this program are more likely to have a positive attitude, make good decisions, get along with their peers, and do better in school. The youth learn skills to deal with challenges as well as the effects of substance use.



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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



Deputy Hasenbank and Deputy Hager were presented Life Saving Awards at the County Commission meeting on May 9, 2024. They received these awards for their quick thinking and actions that resulted in saving the lives of two Dickinson County residents.



Deputy Depew was awarded the L.E.A.D. Kansas Instructor of the Year Award on July 22, 2024 at the 21st Century Drug and Violence Prevention Conference.



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SUPPORT DIVISION

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Office Support Division is the initial contact for citizens entering the Sheriff's Office. The Support Division consists of the Office Manager, Civil Process/Warrants Clerk, and two Records Clerks. The Support Division assists citizens at the lobby service window and by phone, responding to citizens requests to provide copies of reports, answer questions, VIN Inspections, and by referring callers to the correct agency personnel for further assistance.

The Support Division is tasked with overseeing all agency reports including arrest, offense, and crash reports to ensure they meet accuracy and state requirements. The division is responsible for controlling the confidentiality and availability of all records and is tasked with distribution of reports to authorized individuals. Personnel are well-versed in the Records Management and Mobile Reporting System which allows for efficient process, maintenance, and retrieval of reports.

In 2024, the Support Division processed approximately 555 offense and incident reports, approximately 395 arrest reports, and 1,662 tickets and warnings.

DICKINSON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

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The Dickinson County Detention Facility staff consists of a Captain, Lieutenant, four Sergeants, and twelve Detention Officers. The staff of the Detention Facility are responsible for the safety and security of the facility. Responsibilities also include booking and release, visitation, conducting cell checks and inspections, headcounts, serving meals, cleaning, and monitoring the behavior of those incarcerated while enforcing facility rules. The Detention Facility is also tasked with transporting those incarcerated for court, medical appointments, as well as to and from other facilities.

In 2024, the Dickinson County Detention Facility booked 785 subjects into the facility. The average daily population of the facility was 38 with the highest population being 50 in 2024. The maximum capacity of the facility is 64 inmates.



Detention Officers play a vital role at the Sheriff's Office. Although not often seen by the public, Detention Officers regularly interact with Deputies, law enforcement officers from other agencies, as well as those incarcerated with professionalism, empathy, and awareness.

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