



Lake County Sheriff's Office Update

Sheriff John D. Idleburg

Lake County Sheriff's Mission Statement

The Mission of the Lake County Sheriff's Office is to protect our diverse communities by maintaining order, upholding laws and defending the rights of all people. Our commitment is to serve through education, communication, partnerships and enforcement while strengthening the public trust.



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A Few 2024 Successes

- April 2024, Sheriff's telecommunicator counseled a 911 suicidal caller for well over 15 minutes to convince that person from ending their life and walk from the railroad tracks into the arms of responding deputies to facilitate assisted mental health care.
- June 2024, Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit Deputies patrolling the Lake Michigan waterway located two teens without floatation devices who had drifted over a mile offshore in desperate need of assistance, saving their lives.
- July 2024, correctional officers seized a loaded firearm from an arrestee brought into the correctional facility by a local police department that failed to conduct a proper search of the arrestee, thereby preventing a violent attack from taking place inside the secure facility.



A Few 2024 Successes

- December 2024, while examining inmate mail documents, a correctional officer discovered a letter laced with a substance, later identified as a controlled substance – thereby preventing drugs from entering the correctional facility.
- Sheriff's K9 Teams have conducted extensive search and rescue missions locating dozens of missing and endangered persons, as well as apprehending numerous aggravated felons seeking to evade law enforcement personnel.



A Few 2024 Successes

- The Lake County Sheriff's Office under the direct leadership of IT Director Bernard Malkov in partnership with the Lake County ETSB, successfully implemented major 911 enhancements that consolidated over fifteen systems into one, serving more than forty public safety agencies. This project, launched with support from the Lake County Board and ETSB, provides state-of-the-art technology to first responders while saving taxpayer dollars through cost sharing and improved infrastructure.
- For the first time, all eight collective bargaining agreements are current, thanks to the hard work of the Sheriff's Business Office in collaboration with Human Resources and County Administration.



A Few 2024 Successes

- The Lake County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Group (SIG) rescued 11 victims of human trafficking, seized over 130 illegally possessed firearms, and seized more than \$24 million worth of illegal drugs from being distributed on the streets of Lake County.
- The Sheriff's Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COaST), partnering with police agencies from Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Lake Forest, Mundelein, Gurnee, and Vernon Hills, connected with over 1,000 people experiencing a mental health crisis – offering them and their families critical care services.



A Few 2024 Successes

These few examples hardly scratch the surface of the dedication, commitment and unwavering professionalism that Sheriff's Office personnel do Each and Every day!



Statutory Responsibilities for Illinois Sheriff's



Conservator of the peace - 55 ILCS 5/3-6021

- Conservator of peace throughout the county
- Prevent crime and maintain the safety and order of the citizens of the county
- Arrest offenders and bring before the proper court for trial or examination

Supervisor of safety – 55 ILCS 5/3-6035 & 3-6036

- Enforce all the laws of State throughout the county and within municipalities
- Enforce ordinances/regulations of traffic and safety on public highways

Jurisdiction over Lake Michigan - 55 ILCS 5/1-1004

- Perform statutory duties north to south county borders while navigating east 35 miles

Serve and execute warrants, process, orders and judgements – 55 ILCS 5/3-6019

- Serve and execute, and return all warrants, process, orders and judgments in the county

Custodian of the courthouse and jail – 55 ILCS 5/3-6017

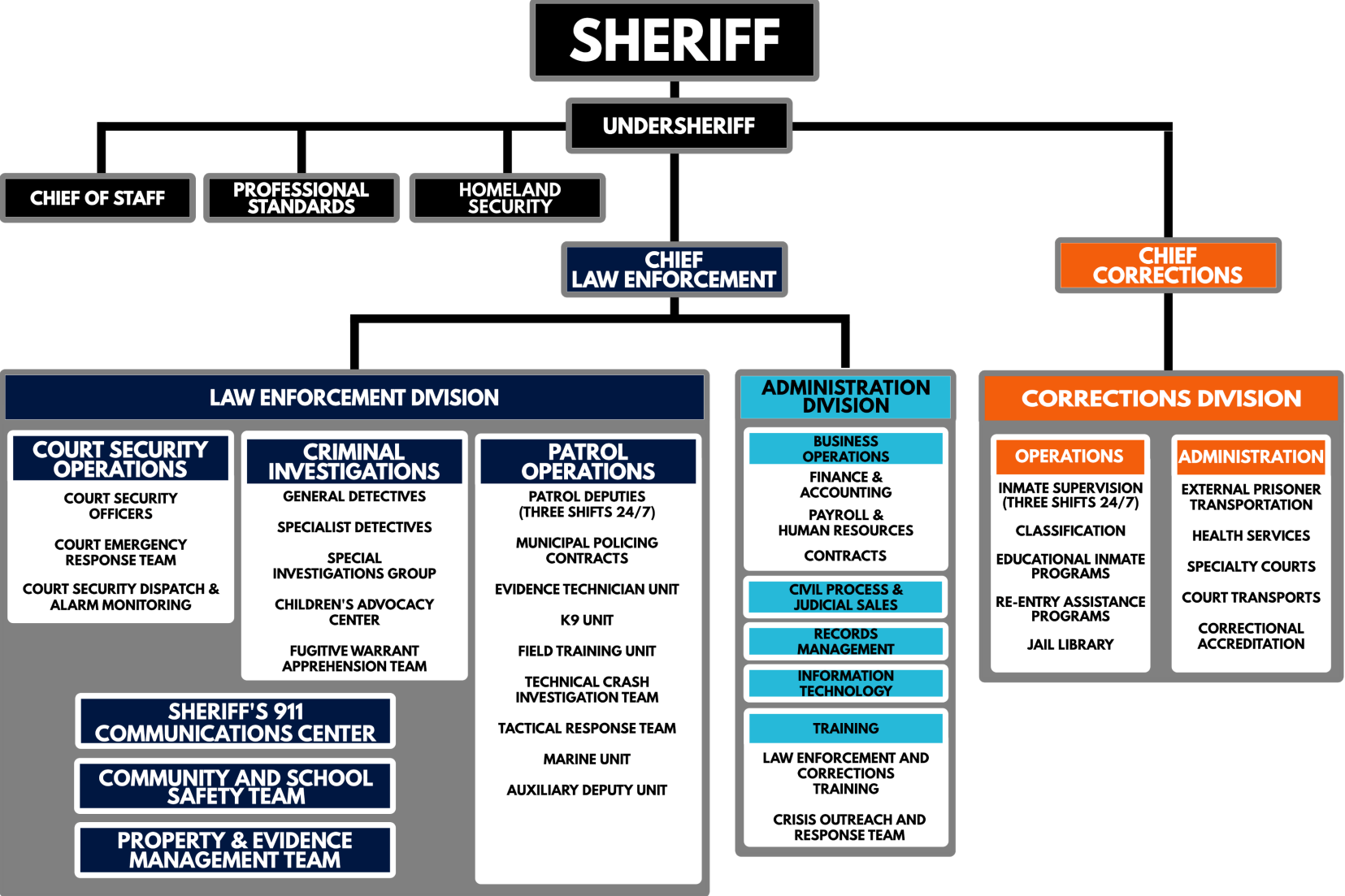
- Security of courthouse and jail
- Custody and care of the courthouse and jail

Attendance at courts (when in session) – 55 ILCS 5/3-6023

- Obey lawful orders and directions of the court
- Maintain security of the courthouse

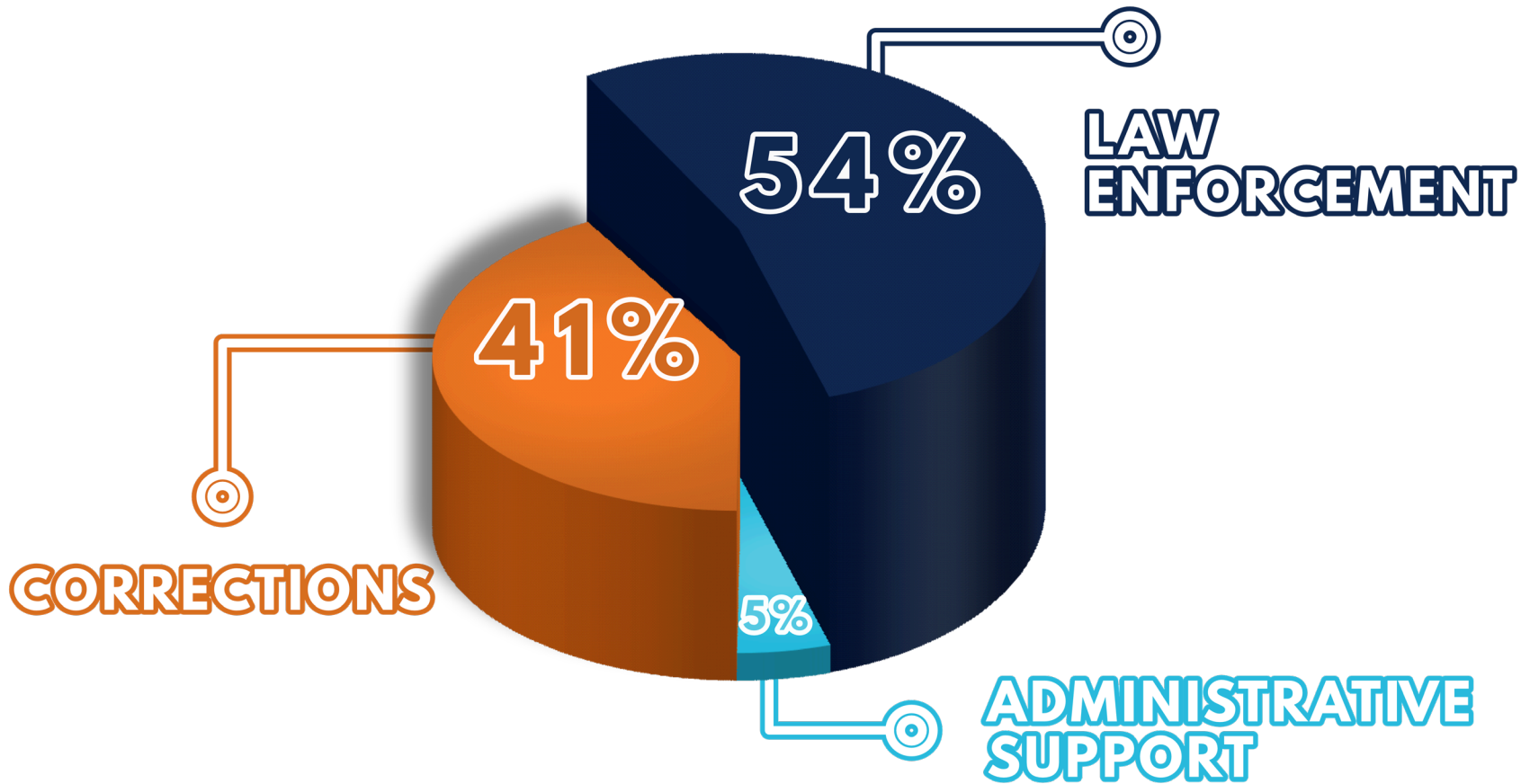


Sheriff's Office Organization





Sheriff's Office Staff Overview





Corrections Division Hiring / OT Costs



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	As of July 1, 2025	Total
Hired Per Year	42	25	14	14	17	9	19	27	167
Resign / Term	28	39	20	28	37	25	26	14	217
Net Difference	14	-14	-6	-14	-20	-16	-7	13	-50

Month	2023 OT	2024 OT	Difference (%)	2023 Costing	2024 Costing	Difference
January	3,994.00	2,371.00	-40.64%	\$ 235,465.22	\$ 152,774.09	\$ (82,691.13)
February	2,947.75	1,486.95	-49.56%	\$ 118,217.87	\$ 88,974.68	\$ (29,243.19)
March	3,561.50	1,260.00	-64.62%	\$ 212,409.50	\$ 75,779.83	\$ (136,629.67)
April	3,853.75	1,334.75	-65.36%	\$ 230,771.75	\$ 81,284.76	\$ (149,486.99)
May	4,417.00	1,428.05	-67.67%	\$ 263,402.42	\$ 86,095.91	\$ (177,306.51)
June	4,597.50	1,518.40	-66.97%	\$ 270,924.74	\$ 94,717.55	\$ (176,207.19)
July	6,167.00	1,722.00	-72.08%	\$ 360,807.13	\$ 103,742.42	\$ (257,064.71)
August	5,698.50	2,978.90	-47.72%	\$ 328,511.60	\$ 188,857.95	\$ (139,653.65)
September	5,848.35	2,741.89	-53.12%	\$ 316,225.20	\$ 171,294.98	\$ (144,930.22)
October	5,202.00	2,822.89	-45.73%	\$ 302,071.07	\$ 178,854.91	\$ (123,216.16)
November	4,453.69	3,481.90	-21.82%	\$ 254,820.51	\$ 214,863.07	\$ (39,957.44)
December	2,572.00	2,014.00	-21.70%	\$ 166,625.30	\$ 129,885.36	\$ (36,739.94)
Totals	53,313.04	25,160.73	-52.81%	\$ 3,060,252.31	\$ 1,567,125.51	\$ (1,493,126.80)
						-48.79%

- McHenry contract started early January
- Leap year in 2024
- Tyler training in 2024



County Board and RTA Funding



The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Funding & Reform legislation was enacted into law by the Illinois General Assembly in 2008 (70 ILCS 3615/4.03.3) allowing the county to establish a 1/4 Percent Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety Fund.



On July 8, 2008, the Lake County Board authorized an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$12,264,583.00.



Since the Lake County Board's original appropriation, over \$500,000,000 has been collected along with over \$8,000,000 earned in interest.



All funds have been earmarked for transportation projects only.



Lake County is the only collar county which receives funds from PA 95-708 and has not dedicated any funding towards public safety.



Capital Improvement Plans



County Administrator renewed discussions with the Sheriff for a consolidated public safety building to be constructed on the Libertyville Campus.

In addition, renovation of the Babcox facility in Waukegan, would then allow for the expansion of the jail medical unit.

- The Sheriff request consideration of the county board to modify Resolution 08-0308 the $\frac{1}{4}$ percent sales tax for transportation and public safety, as an alternate funding stream to support these needed improvements for the Sheriff's Office.





Questions