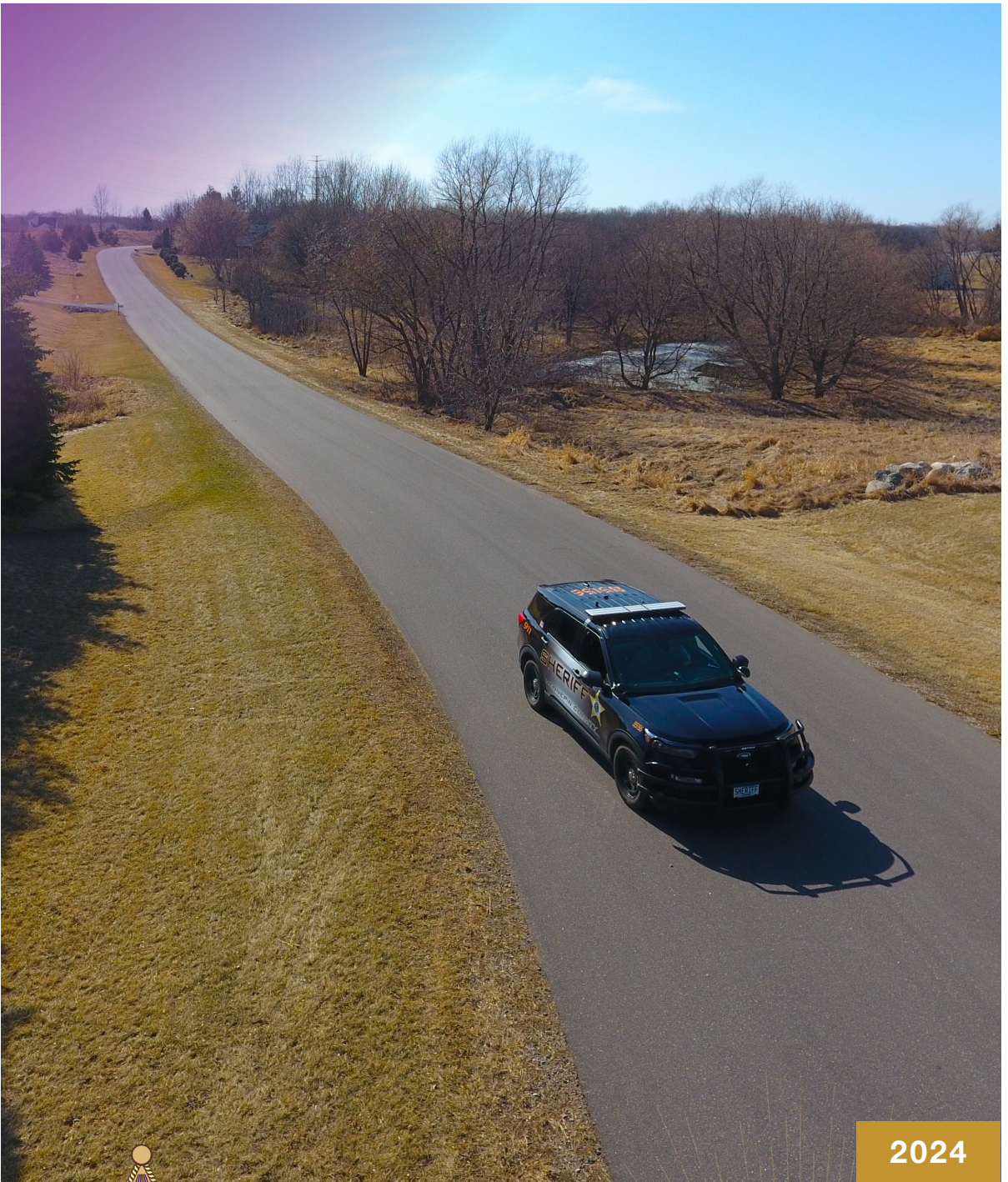




Annual Report

Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

MESSAGE FROM

Sheriff Witt



Over the past year, I've been deeply committed to reducing violent crime, combatting the opioid crisis, and making an impact on carjackings and auto thefts all the while working to strengthen our communities through meaningful relationships and a dedication to transparency. Although 2024 has brought its share of challenges, I am incredibly proud of the resilience and commitment that my Hennepin County Sheriff's Office family has shown to both our agency and the communities we serve.

Despite hurdles, we've made significant strides that you will learn about in these pages. For instance, we introduced a new onboarding program that allows newly-hired detention deputies to start working even before they complete their full academy training. We also launched a new jail dashboard to improve transparency in our operations, which has helped increase accountability and public insight. Additionally, our Emergency Services Unit (ESU) achieved a record number of high-risk search warrants, resulting in the safe apprehension of multiple suspects and the recovery of illicit drugs and illegally possessed firearms.

As you delve into this report, you will also discover our goals for 2025. It includes adding new resources for those in our custody, expanding training for deputies, and strengthening recruitment and retention efforts. As we navigate this journey together, I encourage you all to stay engaged in our community initiatives because your involvement is important to our success and has a positive impact on the safety of our county.

Thank you for going through this report and I look forward to any insights or suggestions you may wish to share.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "De Witt".



1. Build safer communities through reduction of violent crime
2. Opioid overdose prevention and awareness with a focus on fentanyl
3. Recruitment and retention of all our exceptional employees who are dedicated to public safety
4. Reform through innovative programming for those in our custody
5. Community engagement and education to strengthen relationships with all whom we serve
6. Criminal justice reform by emphasizing rehabilitation in addition to accountability

Leadership



Dawanna S. Witt

Dawanna S. Witt was sworn in as Hennepin County Sheriff on January 3, 2023. She is the first woman and person of color to hold the office.

Sheriff Witt has been in law enforcement for more than two decades. She holds undergraduate degrees in Chemical Dependency & Family Therapy and Police Science, and dual master's degrees in Public Safety Administration and Management. In her first two years, she has created a new Auto Theft Unit to combat historic high numbers, reinstated the D.A.R.E program to build relationships with the community at a young age, prioritized providing Narcan® trainings and free Narcan to fight the growing opioid crisis, launched a jail data dashboard for transparency inside the Adult Detention Center, and she continues to advocate for law enforcement with county officials.

Sheriff Witt is an adjunct professor at Inver Hills Community College, teaching Juvenile Justice and American Corrections.

Command Staff



Chief Deputy Pat Enderlein



Chief Deputy Tracey Martin (retired)



Major Dan Kurtz
Administrative Services Bureau



Major Kristen Tomlinson
Public Affairs Bureau



Major Mary Jerde (retired)
Detention and Court Services Bureau



Major Mike Jerde
Court and Field Services Bureau



Major Rick Palaia
Investigations Bureau



Major Shane Magnuson
Public Safety Services Bureau



**Jail Administrator
Troy Otto**
Detention Services Bureau



Tim Stout
Chief of Staff

Our 2024 Accomplishments



Combatted violent crime through partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement and our task forces, resulting in many federal **Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO)** indictments.

Provided analytical and investigative case support through our Criminal Intelligence Division to multiple metro agencies related to a large rise in carjackings, many involving juvenile suspects.

Grew the HCSO Threat Assessment Group (TAG) and partnered with the FBI's Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management team.

Added the first narcotics K-9 assigned to the jail in an effort to increase the safety of those in our custody and **created a jail dashboard** for more transparency.

Focused on retention and recruitment successfully **hiring 136 new employees in 2024, including 41 licensed deputies.**

Increased mental health and wellness services for employees adding a team of therapists who are available at no cost to employees.

Served a record number of high-risk search warrants, that led to the **safe arrest of dozens of violent crime suspects**, resulting in recovery of dangerous narcotics and firearms.

Attended over 600 events strengthening community relationships and building a new foundation with several organizations from diverse communities that reach youth, senior citizens, military members and veterans and more.

Worked with legislative leaders to amend the School Resource Officer statute to **allow effective and safe partnerships between schools, students, and law enforcement.**

Bolstered our Focus on Fentanyl initiative by hiring a grant-funded Opioid Response Coordinator, **teaching hundreds of community members how to administer Narcan**, and hosting several prescription drug take back events across the county.

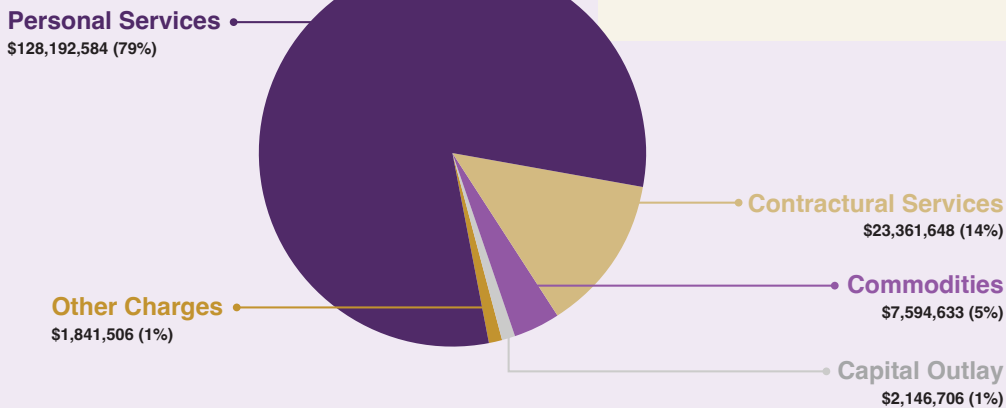
Restructured jail administration to meet the demands of the community by creating a new Detention Services Bureau focusing solely on the jail, and realigning the Court Services, Civil, Transport, Extraditions and Gun Permit Units to become the new Courts and Field Services Bureau.

Implemented an Automated Abandoned Callback (AAC) system **to ensure no 911 call goes unanswered.**



Finance Division

The Finance Division provided fiscal analysis for the agency, developed the five-year capital improvement plan and set the operating budget of \$160.7 million for 2024. The Finance Division acts as good stewards of taxpayer dollars by implementing cost saving measures, aggressively seeking federal and state grants, developing efficiencies in operations, and enhancing partnerships in law enforcement and the community. In 2024, the Hennepin County Board adopted the 2025 operating budget of \$166.3 million, as well as HCSO's 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. This includes \$3.4 million to expand the City Hall Jail Medical Unit, Public Safety Services Division Headquarters building, \$6 million to replace aging equipment in the county jail, and more.



BUDGET AND STAFFING 2024

AGENCY BUDGET: \$161.0 million

HCSO STAFF	APPROVED POSITIONS	ACTUAL (YEAR END)	UNDER/OVER
Licensed	362	338	-24
Detention	226	191	-35
Support Staff	294	293	-1
Total	882	822	-60

Our 2024 Goals



1

Focus on violent crime reduction by leveraging partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Use intelligence-led policing to address emerging public safety threats like human trafficking, narcotics, auto thefts and financial crimes. Implement cutting-edge investigative strategies to apprehend the most violent offenders in Hennepin County.

2

Enhance transparency with the public through education and collaboration with external constituents via Sheriff's App, newsletters, social media and news media.

3

Prioritize the safety and wellbeing of every person in our custody by adding a second narcotics K-9 to the jail, deploying heart rate monitors for at-risk inmates and adding more tablets for educational programming.

4

Expand our joint training opportunities to ensure preparedness and interoperability with partners both internally and externally across public and private sectors. **This will increase readiness to respond to emergency incidents and potential threats.**

5

Focus on recruitment and retention by using innovative hiring methods, non-traditional pathways to employment and advocating for employees at both county and state levels.

6

Work with community partners to develop and implement a comprehensive training program for Sheriff's Office deputies on **addiction science to improve responses to opioid-related incidents in the jail and on the streets.**



7

Implement a federal grant program to expand and enhance training related to responding to targeted violence and extremist threats.

8

Increase water patrol's capacity to educate and enforce users of Hennepin County's waterways related to the Aquatic Invasive Species Act to ensure safe and clean lakes and rivers.

9

Utilize the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Investigative Support Center to provide leading criminal investigative case support and analysis to further the **mission to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations in 2025.**

10

Complete a staffing study/assessment for the Emergency Communications Facility (ECF) to review data, historical growth and future growth potential to ensure the **ECF is positioned to best meet the needs of our community requesting emergency services.**

11

Continue to leverage partnerships through the Sheriff's Community Advisory Board (CAB), Youth CAB, the SHIELD Program and the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation to **bring better awareness of issues impacting the community to increase public safety.**



Public Safety Services Bureau



Enforcement Services Division

The Enforcement Services Division (ESD) provides emergency response, patrol service, DWI enforcement, warrant services, civil paper service and response to in-progress crimes. This division includes several specialized units and functions: Emergency Communications Division, Patrol, Water Patrol, Warrants, Transport, K9, Special Operations, School Resource Officer, Volunteer Services and Hennepin Sheriff Hospital Safety Enforcement Unit.

A big change occurred in the fall of 2024 when the Civil Unit was created, and the serving of civil processes transferred from the Enforcement Services Division, Patrol Unit, to the new Court and Field Services Division, Civil Unit. Patrol deputies still served nearly 12,000 papers in 2024. However, they were able to begin to focus more on increasing public safety by enforcing traffic safety, making hundreds of DWI arrests, recovering 100 stolen motor vehicles, clearing 752 warrants with arrests and increasing patrols and presence in our contract cities and throughout Hennepin County.



Water Patrol Unit

The Water Patrol Unit patrols Hennepin County's bodies of water and assists in the search and recovery operations throughout Hennepin County and beyond. The Unit also coordinates the highly trained Sonar and Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) operators as well as the dives that make up the Under Water Recovery Team. In 2024, the Water Patrol also put into service a new jet boat and a jet ski to assist with search and recovery efforts in shallow waters.

K9 Unit

In 2024, a new K9 and detention deputy civilian K9 handler were added and joined the unit to search for narcotics and contraband in the Hennepin County jail. Another new K9 handler was also added for an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) K9 to detect explosives and firearms in the Patrol Unit.

2024 STATISTICS

PATROL

Contracted patrol hours	
Greenfield	3,020
Hanover	1,160
Medicine Lake	595
Rockford	526

Patrol statistics

Arrests	1,156
Citations	2,556
DWI arrests	269

HSEU statistics

Arrests	347
Citations	198
DWI arrests	11

WATER PATROL

Citations issued	519
BWI or DWI arrests	22
Arrest	32
Search and recovery hours	785
Drownings	25
Near drownings	22

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Special Deputy hours	8,183
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Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit (SOU) coordinates preparation and response to sudden events requiring large-scale law enforcement response. These include active shooters and other threats, emergencies, hostage rescue, barricaded suspects, natural disasters, civil unrest and other large public events. The Emergency Services Unit (ESU) and crisis negotiators safely conducted a record 103 high-risk warrants in 2024. We also have a specialized team that is trained and equipped to respond to events involving weapons of mass destruction and hazardous materials.

Hospital Safety Enforcement Unit

Hospital Safety Enforcement Unit (HSEU) provides security and law enforcement services in and around the Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) and supports HCSO Patrol deputies and other agencies with crime that occurs near the HCMC campus in Minneapolis.



Special Deputy Unit

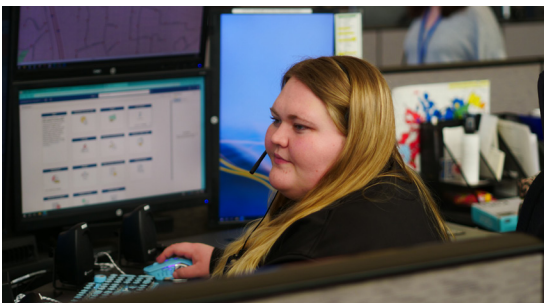
Special deputies are volunteers who receive special training in various public safety duties, including:

- Community events
- Emergency callouts
- Horseback mounted patrol
- Mobile Amateur Radio Corps operators
- Patrol support operations (motorist assists and medical emergencies)
- Search and rescue
- Traffic and crowd control
- Underwater Recovery and Sonar/ROV Teams
- Water patrol operations on county lakes and rivers

911 Dispatch Division

The 911 Dispatch Division is the first of the first responders to answer your calls and get the appropriate responders to your emergency. Last year, this professional group handled 643,068 telephone calls and managed more than 700,000 computer incidents for our agencies. They also accomplished a great deal of other items behind the scenes, implementing Verbal Judo and APCO (Association for Public-Safety Communication Officials) training certifications, completing Mass Casualty and Blue Ethos training for employee wellness and awareness and updating both the Fire and Supervisor Training Manuals to better help those in need.

The Emergency Communications Division (ECD) also engaged with the community by attending career fairs and community events, as well as hosting successful blood drives with the Red Cross. The CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) Support team made significant progress, upgrading CAD systems and automating fire paging, while also supporting the creation of new fire departments. Operationally, ECD completed IPAWS and NIMS training for supervisors, and reinstated Quality Assurance. In addition, ECD managed numerous data and audio requests efficiently, provided dispatch support to other centers during crises and continued integration efforts with the CAD system. Communication Technicians also worked diligently supporting the radio system infrastructure and responder radios so they function flawlessly during emergencies.



2024 STATISTICS

911 DISPATCH DIVISION

Phone transactions	643,068
911 calls	261,733
Computer-aided dispatch events	740,809

Dispatch Services provided for:

Communities	39
Law enforcement agencies	27
Fire departments	24
EMS providers	4

AGENCIES AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORTED

Police departments	33
Fire departments	29
Public Works	34
Hospitals	12
Dispatch centers	7
School districts	4
Hennepin County Departments	26
Radios maintained	8,933
Mobile data computers	819
Communication tower sites	18



Investigations Bureau

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Major Crimes Division

The Major Crimes Division includes the Detectives Unit, the Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF), the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF), and Special Assignments Unit (SAU). The Special Assignments Unit works on auto thefts, human trafficking, and financial crimes.

In 2024, SAU recovered 307 stolen vehicles valuing over \$4.5 million. Together, VOTF and WMDTF seized 307 guns, over 17.3 pounds of fentanyl, 69,694 fentanyl pills and 260 pounds of methamphetamine, and over 60 pounds of cocaine. The Detectives Unit opened 1,587 cases and charged 256 felonies.

Criminal Intelligence Division

The Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) assists in the prevention and suppression of criminal activity by providing timely and accurate analyses of criminal information to law enforcement. The division analyzes information to identify crime patterns, forecast criminal trends, generate investigative leads, assist with identification and apprehension of suspects involved in criminal activity, provide timely information sharing on threats to our communities or officer safety and more.

The CID oversees the HCSO Shield Program, which is part of the Global Shield Network (GSN). The GSN and HCSO Shield leverage partnerships between law enforcement and private sector security for information sharing, suspicious activity reporting and crime prevention, while also respecting and protecting the privacy rights of county residents. In 2024, both HIDTA and the SHIELD program were expanded and a partnership with FBI Threat Assessment was established.

Forensic Science Laboratory

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) provides forensic science services and analysis, along with specialized crime scene investigation to all suburban law enforcement agencies, the Minnesota State Patrol, several federal law enforcement agencies and on occasion to the Minneapolis Police Department. The laboratory is an ANAB ISO/IEC 17025 accredited forensic testing laboratory that has maintained accreditation since 2006 and is one of six publicly-funded forensic science laboratories in Minnesota and one of four laboratories performing DNA analysis.

In 2024, the Forensic Science Laboratory conducted crime scene response and evidence packaging training sessions for several law enforcement agencies. Capital funding and grants were approved to expand the lab's evidence and property rooms and advance technology across multiple areas.

New equipment includes DNA Sequencing equipment for genetic genealogy, two comparison microscopes and a 3D microscope for firearm and evidence analysis, three new Superglue chambers for latent print processing and advanced mapping technology and cameras for crime scene investigators to document major crime scenes.

The laboratory remains dedicated to assisting the Hennepin County criminal justice community in enhancing public safety through the provision of thorough, accurate and unbiased forensic services to our customers.



2024 STATISTICS

FORENSIC SCIENCE LAB

Requests for laboratory services	4,677
Latent print requests	717
DNA requests	1,819
Crime scene responses	1,412
Digital images captured	168,743
Multi-Discipline Evidence Processing	223
Items of evidence received	10,538

DETECTIVES

Felony charges	256
Cases opened	1,587

WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE

Illegal firearms confiscated	72
Arrests	239
Drugs Seized:	
• Powdered fentanyl:	2036 grams
• Fentanyl pills:	28,117
• Methamphetamine:	67,427 grams
• Cocaine:	11,383 grams

VIOLENT OFFENDER TASK FORCE

Illegal firearms confiscated	235
Arrests	467
State charges	265
Federal charges	24
Search warrants	282
Drugs seized	
• Powdered fentanyl	5,820 grams
• Fentanyl pills	41,577
• Methamphetamine	50,640 grams
• Cocaine	17,890 grams

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS UNIT

Vehicles recovered	307
Value of vehicles	\$4,609,268
Felony arrests	82
Guns recovered	7
Human trafficking victims recovered	15

(May 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024)



Administrative Services Bureau



Professional Standards Division

The Professional Standards Division (PSD) ensures that HCSO is hiring, training, and retaining quality employees. In 2024, PSD's Personnel Unit helped to hire 136 new employees across the agency, which included implementing a continuous interview process for the Deputy Sheriff and Detention Deputy positions, and beginning a pathways-to-policing program designed to help current employees, and external candidates, to become licensed deputies.





It was also a year of change in PSD, as staff aided in a complete remodel of their office space. This required staff to work with architects to understand office space needs and design the physical layout, relocate entirely out of the current space (including all files and equipment) into temporary space for months and then move everything back.

The Public Safety Division's Employee Development Unit (EDU) delivered comprehensive training programs throughout 2024, providing thousands of hours of in-house professional development to current staff. Additionally, EDU conducted 26 New Employee Orientations and four academy programs to successfully onboard 41 licensed deputies and 33 detention deputies hired during the year. EDU also began a successful new program that allows new detention deputy hires to be trained and start working in limited roles ahead of their full jail academy training.

2024 STATISTICS

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

Employee Development Unit

Total hours of training provided

Approximately 51,661

Personnel Unit

Detention Deputies hired	33
Licensed Deputies hired	41
Other employees	62



Detention Services Bureau



Adult Detention Division

The Adult Detention Division (ADD) is committed to safety, innovation, and rehabilitation. The ADD operates the largest jail in Minnesota, maintaining accreditation from the American Correctional Association—an achievement earned by only 5% of jails nationwide. This accreditation reflects our commitment to the highest standards of care, security and professionalism.

In 2024, the ADD focused on innovation, teamwork, and adapting to the evolving challenges of corrections and rehabilitation. Through facility upgrades, enhanced security measures and expanded rehabilitation programs, we worked to create a safer and more supportive environment for both staff and those in our custody.

Enhancing Facility Security and Operations

In 2024, we made key improvements to our Public Safety Facility (PSF) and City Hall buildings, modernizing infrastructure and implementing advanced security technology to strengthen safety and efficiency.

We also expanded our Jail Intelligence Unit with the addition of our first ever detention deputy K-9 handler officer. This enhanced our ability to detect and prevent contraband while supporting broader investigative efforts. These initiatives reflect our proactive approach to maintaining order within the facility and protecting those in our custody and the community as a whole.



Investing in Rehabilitation and Reentry

The HCSO Helping Others by Providing Education (HOPE) Program continues to lead the way in reducing generational incarceration by providing education and reentry support. In 2024, the program received national recognition for its innovative approach, helping individuals earn high school diplomas, GEDs and gain valuable skills to successfully transition back into society.

Hennepin County's HOPE Hub is a navigation and service hub for justice-involved residents that launched in August 2023 as an expansion of the HOPE Program beyond the walls of the Hennepin County Jail. HOPE Hub's goal is to connect individuals in or leaving the custody of HCSO or on conditional release from DOCCR with "one-stop-shop" of resources for job training, education or other needs.

Beyond education, we offer a variety of volunteer-led programs focusing on parenting, family support, religious services, and substance abuse management. By equipping individuals with resources and knowledge, we aim to break cycles of incarceration and promote lasting change.

Recognizing Our Dedicated Team

Our staff members demonstrate unwavering commitment to their roles, ensuring the safety and well-being of those in our custody. In 2024, Detention Deputy Kayse Abdirahman was honored as MN100 Club First Responder of the Year for his lifesaving response during a medical emergency. His leadership and dedication highlight the impact our team makes every day.

Central Records

Our Central Records Unit has continued to push for innovation to improve efficiency, communication, and improve data security practices. This includes improving procedural elements as well as bringing in new software and technology. Central Records has established a new program to strengthen employee morale and advance diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the division

2024 STATISTICS

ADULT DETENTION DIVISION

2024 bookings	25,296
Average bookings per day	64.77
Jail volunteer hours	2,438
Detainee meals served	936,500
Average morning inmate count	780
Average length of stay days	10.12 days



Court and Field Services Bureau



Court Services Division

The Court Services Division provides law enforcement services to the Fourth Judicial District Court to ensure that the judicial system operates in a safe and orderly manner. We provide security for judges, juries, witnesses, personnel and all visitors in approximately 96 courtrooms across multiple facilities. We address security concerns with judges and court personnel, conduct patrols and security checks in the courthouses and assist with screening for weapons.

Transportation Unit

The Transport Unit is responsible for detainee transports, detainee extradition driving trips, mental health patient transports, apprehending mental health patients in the community who have violated mental health court orders, and service of mental health summonses to mental health patients in hospitals and in the community. The Transport Unit assists the Adult Detention Division with transports related to inmate annexing and the Civil Unit with service of process and evictions. The Transport Unit is also responsible for transports that involve the placement of juveniles to commitment and treatment facilities throughout the State of Minnesota.

Gun Permit Unit

The gun permit unit provides services to residents throughout Hennepin County and residents from other states who wish to obtain their permit to carry a firearm in the state of Minnesota. Applicants who have successfully completed the classroom and range requirements from an approved BCA certified instructed skilled class may apply for a permit to carry. In 2024, the Gun Permit Unit issued 7,563 gun permits.



Public Affairs Bureau



COPA

The Community Outreach and Public Affairs (COPA) Division plays a critical role in the Sheriff's Office by strengthening community relationships and building trust. The division partners with various community groups to develop solutions to opportunities that arise within the county's diverse communities. The COPA team attended more than 30 recruitment events and more than 600 community events in 2024. COPA also piloted an internship program allowing students an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge and experience about HCSO while working in different divisions within the agency. This program led to two interns being hired as full-time employees.



Explorers

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Explorer Post #3744 is a youth organization sponsored by the Sheriff's Office and the Boy Scouts of America and is supported by the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation. The Explorer Post provides young people (ages 14-20) an opportunity to learn about the law enforcement profession through volunteer service. Members of the Sheriff's Office serve as advisors and liaisons between the Sheriff's Office and the Explorers. The Explorers train for competitions covering topics such as crime scene searches and accident investigations with other Explorer Posts from law enforcement agencies across the region. In 2024, the Explorers competed at the State Competition in Rochester, MN for the first time since the relaunch of the program in 2023. Despite being a new group, the team placed and won trophies in three separate categories.





Data and Technology Division

The Data and Technology Division oversees research and implementation of all HCSO software and hardware projects. These projects include everything from equipping HCSO's physical locations with updated video conferencing equipment to evaluating new productivity software or systems for management of incident reports and videos. The Data and Technology Division also includes the Data Practice Unit, which oversees and processes any requests for public data generated by HCSO. In 2024, the Data Practice Unit completed more than 3,000 data requests. Additionally, this division ensures Sheriff's Office policies are reviewed regularly and align with Federal mandates, State statutes and best practices.

Tri Wellness

Tri Wellness is HCSO's internal wellness unit, which is focused on supporting employee wellness in mind, body, and spirit by providing wellness resources, improving relationships, and building resilience. Tri Wellness was founded on the idea that healthy public safety employees provide better services to their community. Tri Wellness improved its resources by adding 8 contracted therapists to the team. These therapists provide 24/7 on-call crisis response and on-site therapy services for staff. The unit includes a staff clinician, 8 contracted therapists, on-call chaplains and a Peer Support Team. In 2024, the Peer Support Team underwent quarterly training guided by our in-house clinician to empower the team members to serve as a meaningful resource for HCSO staff. The team also responded to several traumatic or critical incidents involving our staff and community members to provide support and resources. Additionally, the Tri Wellness unit leads the Sheriff's Military Activation and Reintegration Training (SMART) program. The SMART program works to support our military and veteran employees and their families during deployment and throughout their careers.



Initiatives



Focus on Fentanyl

Fentanyl-related opioid overdoses remain the leading cause of death in the U.S. for individuals under 50. In Hennepin County, around one person dies per day of a fentanyl overdose, up 500% from just six years ago, making education, prevention and treatment more critical than ever.

In response, the HCSO expanded its Focus on Fentanyl initiative in 2024. The HCSO hired an Opioid Response Coordinator to enhance strategic efforts in combating opioid misuse and improving intervention programs. Additionally, we created several new educational videos to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl, share personal stories of its impact and highlight available resources.

The jail medical programming and education efforts in the Adult Detention Center continue to evolve, ensuring that individuals in custody receive necessary treatment and support for opioid use disorder. We remain committed to overdose prevention by educating, expanding treatment programs within our jail and utilizing lifesaving tools to prevent fatal overdoses.

The HCSO also offers in-person and online training classes on how to save a life with Narcan, as well as Detera drug disposal bags to safely discard unwanted medications.

Through this ongoing initiative, the HCSO reaffirms our dedication to combating the opioid crisis and saving lives in our community.



Community Programs

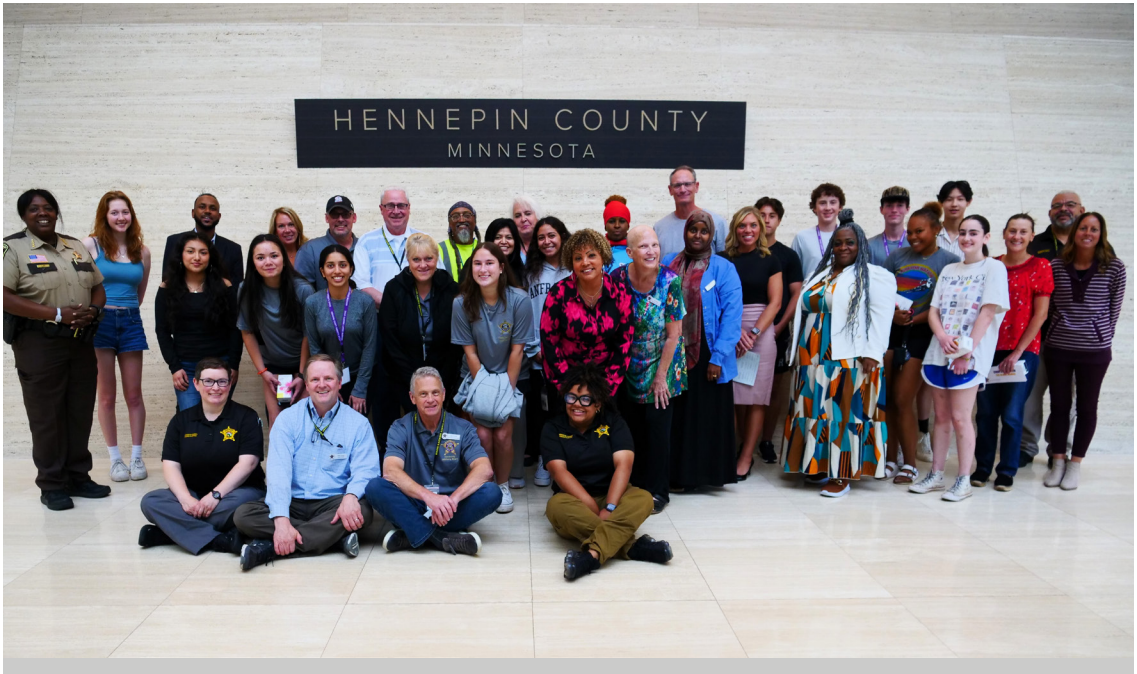
Drug Take Back

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a program of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) held twice a year to collect unwanted and unneeded medications. Collecting these medications prevents them from falling into the wrong hands and helps to decrease drug-related violence. HCSO hosts Take Back Day events around Hennepin County at rotating locations every year. In 2024, HCSO collected over 400 pounds of unused and expired medications during National Drug Take Back Day.

Cops Don't Call for Cash

Cops Don't Call for Cash is a program dedicated to fighting a common type of phone scam: individuals posing as law enforcement agencies and demanding payment for a missed court date, jury duty, or other legal matter. The program is focused on educating the public on the fact that law enforcement agencies will never contact individuals via phone or email to ask for any kind of payment. If individuals receive such a call, they should remember the phrase "Cops Don't Call for Cash," and refuse to provide any personal information or make any payments to the caller.





Community Programs

Community Advisory Board

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a diverse group of residents who provide community feedback and participation in the development of our practices and policies. The work of CAB members includes:

- Identifying and discussing community public safety issues
- Acting as policy advisors
- Providing feedback on Sheriff's Office initiatives
- Contributing to Sheriff's Office strategic planning
- Working as ambassadors in their communities to help educate others about the Sheriff's Office

Youth Community Advisory Board

The Youth Community Advisory Board (YCAB) was launched in 2023 and focuses on areas of concern specific to young people in Hennepin County. Comprised of high school students from across the county, the Youth CAB provides valuable input and perspectives on public safety. Over the past year, the students volunteered at our information booth during the State Fair, helped out at our Drug Take Back events, took part in a Narcan training session, gained first-hand knowledge about various HCSO units and much more.

2024 Promotions & Retirements

CHIEF DEPUTY

Patrick Enderlein

MAJOR

Michael Jerde

Kristen Tomlinson

JAIL ADMINISTRATOR

Troy Otto

CAPTAIN

Nabil Gottwaldt

Annette Parker

DETENTION CAPTAIN

Jeffery Lamberson

DETENTION LIEUTENANT

Kelly Luedtke

Michael Rumpza

DETENTION SERGEANT

Sarah Kolstad

Ryan Nelson

Dustin Moresette

James Umberhandt

LIEUTENANT

Terry Bean Jr.

SERGEANT

Diane Nelson

Brian Owens

Cody Turner

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Jeremy Heilman

Matthew O'Brien

DETECTIVE

Andrew Hobbs

Timothy Schulte

Shelby Sternig

RETIREMENTS

Kathy Amarais

Diana Benson

David Berrens

Robin Brimmer

James Corbray

Terra Dumond

Karen Hall

Mary Jerde

Angela Johnson

Teresa Josie

James Liberty

Tracey Martin

Christopher Mays

Travis Mcghee

Royce Redhead

James Sellwood

Patty Strongitharm

Gregory Tomlinson

Nancy Trimbo

Richard Waldon





Partner With Us!

Volunteer

Volunteers are a crucial part of our agency's ability to provide public safety services to the residents of Hennepin County. Become a Special Deputy, volunteer in the jail, or—if you're a young person—get involved with Law Enforcement Exploring. More than 100 citizens from a variety of community groups volunteer at the Hennepin County Jail to give instruction to inmates. Classes include Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), art, creative writing, yoga, resume and interviewing skills, domestic violence prevention, religious instruction and much more. For more information, visit hennepinsheriff.org/community-engagement/volunteer.

Join!

Night to Unite: Every August, there are hundreds of neighborhood events for Night to Unite. When neighbors pledge to watch out for one another, it helps promote crime prevention. Night to Unite allows our deputies, volunteers, and K9 teams to meet residents, build trust and answer their questions about public safety.





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