

**SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**2019 IN REVIEW**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

Greetings,

I have worked over two decades as a law enforcement professional in Sheridan County and have developed strong working relationships with other service providers. My approach to law enforcement has always been to help people help themselves while seeking the best possible outcome for any situation. As a result, the vast majority of our work product at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office is not actually writing tickets or making arrests. Instead, we endeavor to inform, educate and change behaviors as appropriate in minor incidents, so that all residents and visitors can enjoy the freedoms guaranteed to our populace. Conversely, we train our staff throughout the year so that we can competently investigate and provide for successful prosecution of people that victimize our community.

I am honored and humbled to serve as your Sheriff, and I do not take that responsibility lightly. I serve the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office staff and our residents with fidelity, and constantly ensure we treat people in a respectful manner. As a result, we are continuously on the receiving end of friendly waves and handshakes while serving the community. In the wake of nationwide negative perceptions about law enforcement that causes strife in other communities, we are blessed to live and work alongside many that respect our roles in the same manner in which we respect theirs. We realize how fortunate we are to work and raise families in such a wonderful, supportive and dynamic community.

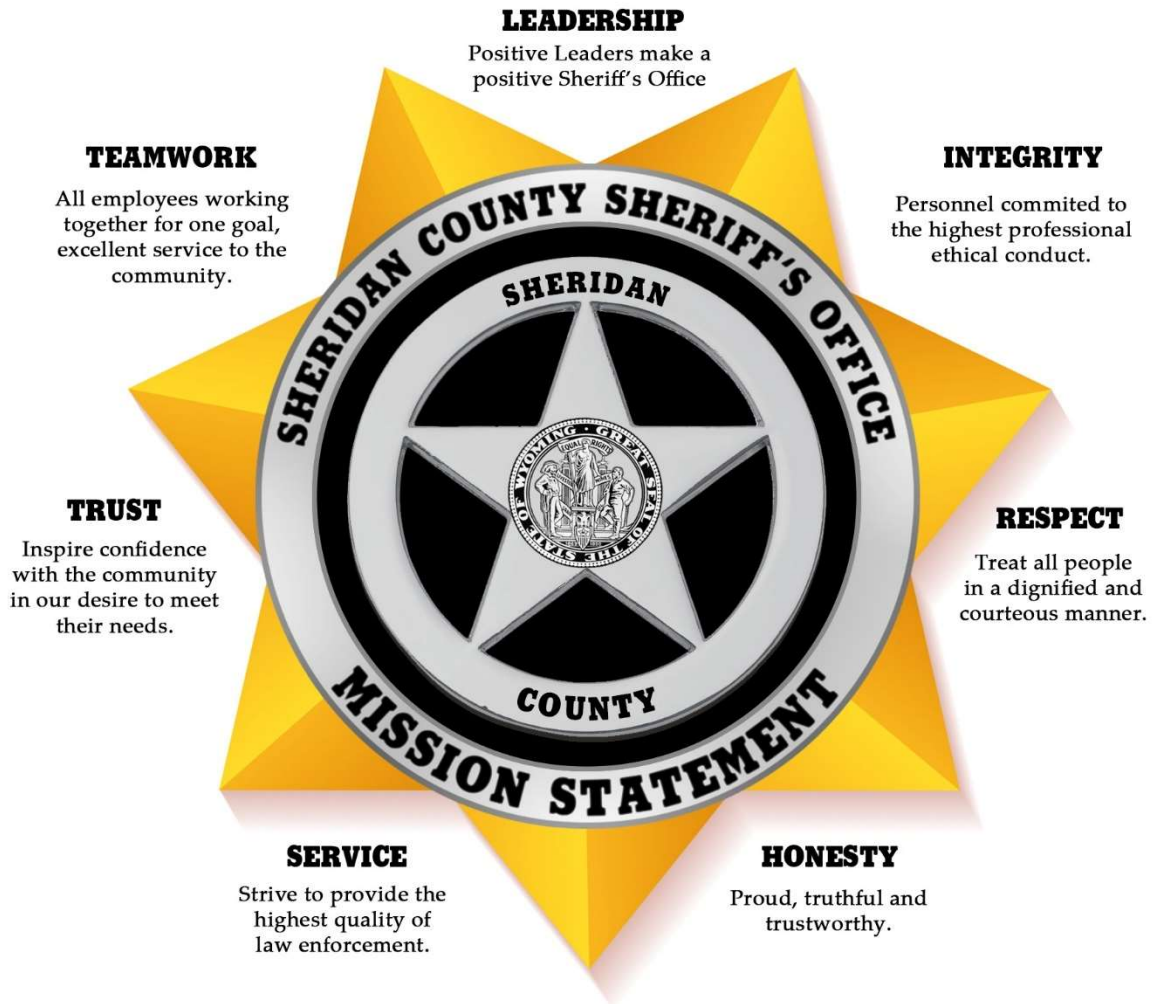
From all of us at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office, we appreciate your interest in reviewing our yearly report. As a government entity, it is important for us to be as open as the law allows and readily explain how government funds are allocated. In the following pages, you will see that the vast majority of our yearly budget is for salaries and benefit packages. I firmly believe the product we provide to our community is our personnel. It is the best investment we can make in attracting and retaining quality employees.

While we work very hard to provide law enforcement services to our residents and guests, we would not be successful without the strong support from a multitude of other government organizations, private industry, and especially our citizenry. We strive to maintain open lines of communication and invite you to call us at (307) 672-3455, stop in our office at 54 West 13th Street, or email us at [sheriff@sheridancountysheriff.com](mailto:sheriff@sheridancountysheriff.com). Your input, direction, and support are needed for us to be effective, as it should be in any government operation.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Allen J. Thompson

All members of the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to serving Sheridan County and its residents in the best possible manner. The Sheriff's Office employees work together to produce a quality work environment and provide quality law enforcement for the community. The following chart illustrates the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office mission statement.



## **Sheridan County Demographics**

Sheridan County is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest county in Wyoming by population yet there are only 6 counties in Wyoming with less land area. As a result, Sheridan County has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest population density in the state. The land area of Sheridan County also contains approximately 1/3 federal and state land. We serve a land area of 2,527 square miles and serve a population estimated at 30,210. The incorporated towns of Dayton, Ranchester, and Clearmont rely solely on the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, as do all the unincorporated areas outside the city of Sheridan. Sheridan County Sheriff's Office deputies patrol approximately 522 miles of county roads and approximately 343 miles of State Highways. We work closely with the Wyoming Highway Patrol, the Sheridan Police Department, the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Wyoming Game and Fish, and many other law enforcement or non-law enforcement entities.

## **Sheridan County Sheriff's Office Demographics**

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office is statutorily mandated to provide law enforcement services, operate a jail, provide court security, and perform civil process service throughout Sheridan County. We are divided into 2 divisions, patrol and detention. Each division has a separate operating budget, which when combined comprises about 30% of the total Sheridan County budget.

On the patrol side of the house, we have 1 sheriff, 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals and 14 patrol deputies that are Wyoming Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified Peace Officers. The Peace Officers are tasked with criminal investigation and crime prevention throughout Sheridan County, along with civil process service, VIN/HIN inspections, and court security for the Fourth Judicial District.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office employs 22 P.O.S.T certified Detention Officers. The Detention Center staffing includes 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 4 corporals, and 15 detention deputies. Our Detention Deputies are tasked with the safety and security of all Sheridan County inmates.

Along with ensuring equitable treatment of inmates, the detention staff is tasked with transporting inmates to court hearings, other detention centers, medical treatment facilities, and mental health facilities. Some transports can span the entire state.

To support Detention Center operations, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office employs 13 full-time and 13 part-time or fill-in Detention Center Control Operators. The Control Operators conduct constant inmate monitoring, enter activity log information, and control movement through the center via computer, video camera, radio, and phone.

**CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Calls for service received through dispatch=	2682
Case reports generated =	2668
Average calls per day received through dispatch =	7.35
Logged traffic stops =	1821
Motorist Assists =	144
Traffic and non-traffic citations=	568
Written warnings=	407

**ARRESTS, CITED OR CHARGED 2019 (UCR)**

JUVENILES – UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

	Male	Female		
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0		
Forcible Rape	0	0		
Robbery	0	0		
Aggravated Assault	0	0		
Burglary	0	0		
Larceny – theft	1	0		
Other Assaults	3	0		
Arson	0	0		
Forgery	0	0		
Fraud	0	0		
Embezzlement	0	0		
Stolen Property	0	0		
Vandalism	2	0		
Weapons	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0		
Sex Offenses (except rape)	0	0		
Drug Violation	9	3		
Gambling	0	0		
Offenses against family	0	0		
DWUI	0	1		
Liquor Law Violations	5	1		
Drunkenness	0	0		
Disorderly Conduct	0	0		
Vagrancy	0	0		
All other (except traffic)	4	2		
Suspicion	0	0		
Curfew	0	0		
Runaways	0	0		
<b>TOTAL 2019</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>TOTAL 2018</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>TOTAL 2017</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>

**ARRESTS 2019 (UCR)**

**ADULTS – 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER**

	Male	Female		
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0		
Forcible Rape	0	0		
Robbery	0	0		
Aggravated assault	2	0		
Burglary	1	0		
Larceny – theft	6	0		
Motor vehicle theft	3	0		
Other assaults	21	10		
Arson	0	0		
Forgery	0	0		
Fraud	2	0		
Embezzlement	0	0		
Stolen Property (possess)	1	0		
Vandalism	3	0		
Weapons: carry/possess	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0		
Sex offenses (except rape)	1	0		
Drug abuse violations	54	30		
Gambling	0	0		
Offenses against family	1	1		
Driving under the influence	30	10		
Liquor Laws	9	5		
Drunkenness	0	1		
Vagrancy	0	0		
All other (except traffic)	74	37		
Suspicion	0	0		
Disorderly Conduct	2	8		
<b>Total: 2019</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>Total: 2018</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>Total: 2017</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294</b>

**CRIME INFORMATION (UCR)**

**OFFENSES REPORTED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR 2019**

	Offenses Reported	Offenses Unfounded	Number of Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Offenses Cleared by Juvenile Arrests
Murder & Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	32	0	30	4	6
Burglary	5	0	5	0	0
Larceny	23	0	23	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	0	7	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL 2019</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL 2018</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>

**VALUE OF PROPERTY LOST / STOLEN & RECOVERED FOR 2019 (UCR)**

<b>Type of Property</b>	<b>Lost/Stolen</b>	<b>Recovered</b>
Currency & Notes	4,940	4,516
Jewelry & Precious Metals	10,800	0
Clothing & Furs	480	0
Motor Vehicles	18,830	17,200
Office Equipment	0	0
TV-Radio-Stereo-etc.	1,050	0
Firearms	990	900
Household Goods	0	0
Consumable Goods	53	2
Livestock	0	0
Miscellaneous	39,493	24,359
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 76,636</b>	<b>\$ 46,968</b>

## PATROL DEPUTY WORK LOAD

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Property Destruction	23
Welfare Check	124
Minor Possess/consume alcohol citations	32
Runaways	30
Abandoned Vehicles	20
Alarm Activated	69
Attempt to locate / Missing person	19
Reckless Driving	5
Dispute (all other)	83
Found Property	19
Traffic complaint	61
Threats	14
Driving Under the Influence (arrests)	55
REDDI (Report Every Drunk Driver)	58
Trespassing	60
Harassment	22
Littering	13
Domestic Dispute	46
Battery / Assault	33
Stalking	19
Animal Calls	72
Animal Cruelty	5
Missing Animal	0
Animal Welfare Check	29
Dog Vicious	6
Livestock Loose	77

<u>Proactive Patrol Work:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Close patrol, Ranchester	917
Close Patrol, Dayton	928
Close Patrol, Big Horn	1020
Close Patrol, Clearmont	92
Close Patrol, Story	643
Morning School Zone	507
Afternoon School Zone	179
School Visit	833
Bicycle Patrol	6
VIN Inspection Calls for Service	856
Total VIN Inspections	1660
Paper Service attempts	1698

<u>Traffic Crashes for 2019</u>	<u>TOTAL (Resulting in State of Wyoming Crash form)</u>
Total Crashes	71
Crashes (Fatal)	0
Crashes (Injury)	12
Crashes (Hit and Run)	9
Crashes Reports Completed for WHP	15 (21% of all SCSO crashes)



## DEPUTY AND DETENTIONS TRAINING

All hours listed below refer to training hours Certified by the Wyoming Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.). Patrol Deputies are required to complete 40 training hours every two years and Detention Deputies and Reserve Deputies are required to complete 20 training hours every two years. Additionally, certified Peace and Detention Officers must complete at least 10% of the required training in “perishable skill” fields. Perishable skills are typically motoric and tend to diminish without practice or repetition. Wyoming P.O.S.T. refers to skills like firearm manipulation, custody and control, and first aid as “perishable”.

The FY 2019-20 continued education budget for Patrol was \$4,500.00 and for Detention was \$5,995.00. By selecting free or reduced cost trainings often covered by grants and certifying our staff to instruct certain courses, we were able to leverage 2,267 hours of advanced training within that tight budget. The result was almost 54 hours per deputy on average and that did not include any basic training, college credits or instructor hours.

The basic training listed below is free to all law enforcement agencies except fees for meals, course materials and ammunition. College degree credits are paid for by the individual deputies.

### 2019 Peace Officer and Detention Officer training hours:

Basic Training:	1,499
College Degree Credits:	830
Advanced Training:	<u>2,267</u>
Total:	4,596

### 2019 Peace and Detention Officer instructor hours:

Total: 235.5

Classes include such topics as the following:

- \* Ethics in Law Enforcement
- \* Communication Skills
- \* Quarterly Fire Arms Training
- \* Taser Training
- \* Marijuana Impact
- \* Field Sobriety Test
- \* Instructor Recertification
- \* DARE Training
- \* Preparing for Leadership
- \* Bleeding Control
- \* Custody & Control
- \* Firearms Instructor
- \* Custody & Control
- \* Basic Life Saver
- \* Field Training (FTO)
- \* Officer Survival
- \* Radar Certification
- \* DCI Basic Drug School
- \* Use of Force
- \* Drug Trends
- \* Crisis Management School Incidents
- \* Sex Crimes
- \* Shaken Baby Syndrome
- \* Forensics Medicine Pathology
- \* Intox Basic Operator
- \* Advanced Firearms
- \* ALICE
- \* FEMA/ICS Training
- \* Diversity Awareness
- \* Firearms

## **DARE PROGRAM**

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### **2019 Sheridan County DARE Classes**

#### **Spring 2019 Semester**

Coffeen Elementary	61 students, 3 classes
Big Horn Elementary	39 students, 2 classes
Tongue River Elementary	39 students, 2 classes
Woodland Park Elementary	49 students, 3 classes

**188 total student, 10 classes**

#### **Fall 2019 Semester**

Holy Name School	13 students, 1 class
Sagebrush Elementary	55 students, 3 classes
Meadowlark Elementary	73 students, 4 classes

**141 total students, 8 classes**

**344 total 2019 DARE Graduates, 18 total classes**

## CIVIL PROCESS

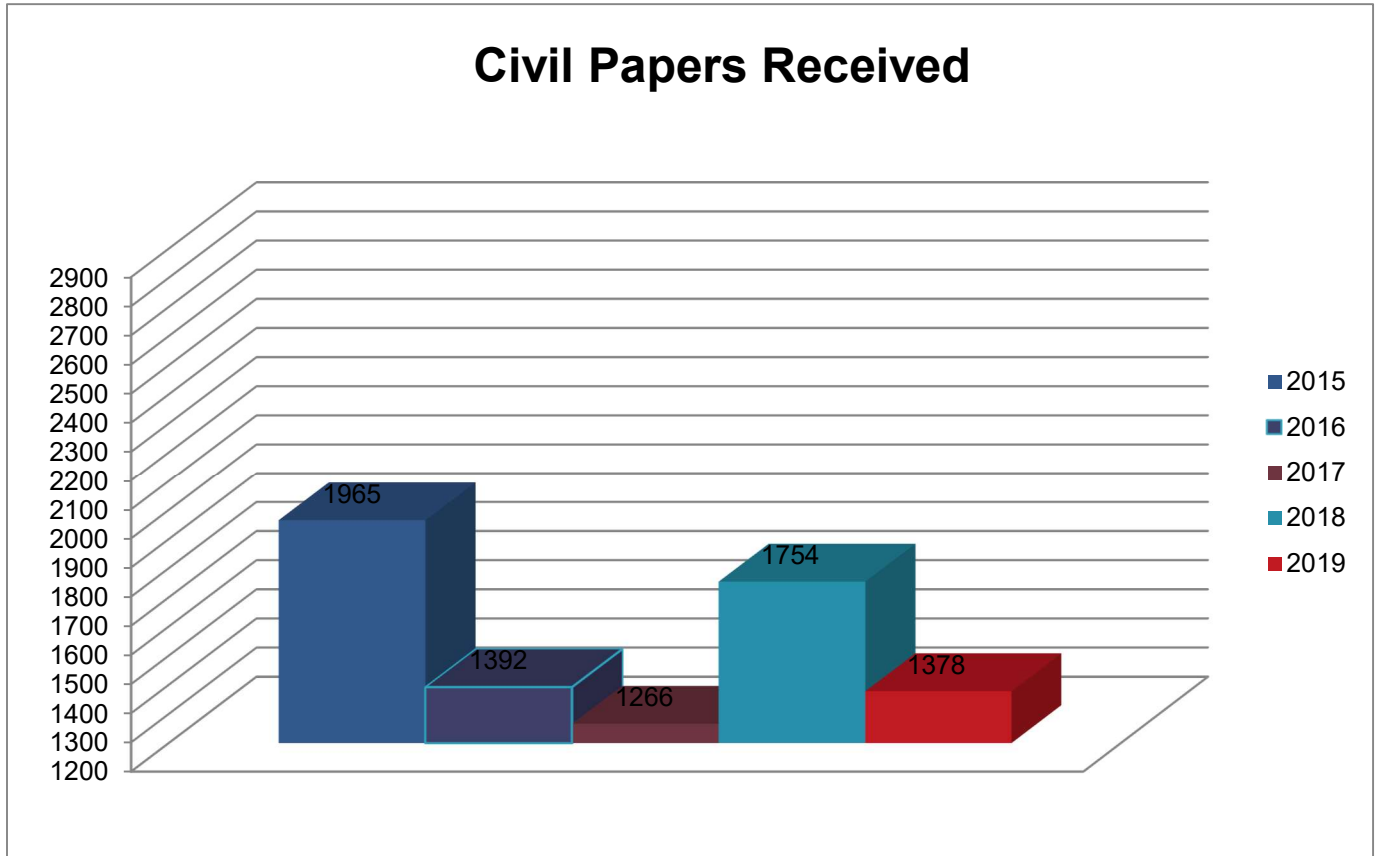
The Sheriff's Office is required by statute to serve civil and criminal process papers.

Papers Received 2019: 1378

Papers Served 2019: 1244 (90.28% success rate)

Revenue Generated for Civil Service in 2019 = \$23,305.00

- Service fees are \$50 for three attempts (excluding Criminal Subpoenas and Summons)
  - By order of the Sheriff, municipalities are not charged for criminal or civil process service



**CONCEALED WEAPON APPLICATIONS AND FEDERAL FIREARMS APPLICATIONS**

The Sheriff's Office provides a service to the community of processing concealed weapon applications and fingerprinting for Federal Firearms Applications. The Sheriff's Office receives \$15.00 for processing each concealed weapon application. The fee for printing for any Federal Firearms Applications is \$5 per card.

**REVENUE GENERATED FOR 2019**

Civil Papers	\$ 23,305.00	VOA Work Release	\$ 0
Finger Prints	\$ 3,526.75	Forest Service Agreement	\$ 10,200.00
Social Security Payments	\$ 3,400	Work Release	\$ 1,775.00
Split	\$ 69,642.53	Miscellaneous*	\$ 8,634.53
Inmate Phone	\$ 13,231.37	Inmate Housing, other agency	\$ 18,386.45
Jail Contract**	\$ 0	Jail Sanction / ISP	\$ 9,120.00
Pay To Stay	\$ 6,138.00	VIN Verification Fee***	\$ 1,660.00
Highway Safety Grant	\$ 4,248.66	Inmate Medical Co-pays**	\$ 8,160.89
DCI Payroll Reimb. Grant	\$ 90,432.51		

**TOTAL REVENUE**

**\$ 271,717.53**

\*Restitution payments, Foreclosure Sale Executions, Records checks, Vending commissions, State of WY refunds, debt collections from inmates, etc.

\*\*As of September,2016 the City of Sheridan is only paying for Medical Expenses for their inmates.

\*\*\* The Sheriff's Office staff did 1660 VIN checks in 2019.

## SHERIDAN AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE (SASAR)

Total number of activations for 2019 was **9**.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MISSION#</b>	<b>SEARCH NAME</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>
03/23/19	WY-03-0119	Elderly Male/Red Grade	Found by S&R
08/16/19	WY-03-0219	Assist Johnson County	Med/Extraction
08/30/19	WY-03-0319	Over Due Hiker/Cutler Pass	Found By S&R
09/23/19	WY-03-0419	Over Due Hunter/Red Grade	Returned On Own
09/30/19	WY-03-0519	Lost Hunter/Elephant Foot	Found By S&R
10/19/19	WY-03-0619	Medical Assist/Bear Lodge	S&R Canceled
10/21/19	WY-03-0719	Injured Hunter/Little Goose Canyon	Med/Extraction
10/23/19	WY-03-0819	Over Due Hunter/Saw Mill Lakes	Found By S&R
11/24/19	WY-03-0919	Over Due Motorist/Twin Lakes	Found By S&R

## GRANT REVENUE

### Highway Traffic Safety Grant Information

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office applies annually for grant money through the Highway Traffic Safety program. The federal money is awarded to the state and managed by the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police. The grant funds are awarded to applying agencies specific to national or local events that would have a high propensity for increased traffic incidents relevant to Occupant Protection (OP) through speed and seatbelt enforcement or Driving while Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement. The grant awards typically cover wages for deputies to work specific events outside of normally scheduled shifts. There is also grant money available for equipment purchases such as radars and video cameras. In 2019, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office applied for funding under the federal fiscal years 2019 and 2019, which run from October 1 to September 30. The data specific to calendar year 2019 are denoted in the table below:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Amount awarded</u>	<u>Focus</u>
Occupant Protection (May)	\$1,343.63	OP
National Enforcement Mobilization (May/June)	1,341.63	OP
4 <sup>th</sup> of July	108.53	DWUI
Dayton Days (July/Aug)	173.62	DWUI
National Crackdown (Aug)	822.95	DWUI
Holiday (Dec/Jan)	458.23	DWUI

**TOTAL 2019 AWARDED \$4,248.66**

### USDA Forest Service Mountain Patrol Contract Information

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office contracts annually with the US Forest Service to provide law enforcement patrols of Forest Service areas within Sheridan County. The contract period ran from June 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office performed 255 hours of specific Forest Service patrols and approximately 5,032 miles during those patrols. As a result, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$10,200 to pay deputies to perform those duties outside of normal shifts.

Pursuant to the grant specifications, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office investigated 7 All Other offenses, 10 Forest Officer Assists, and 40 Public Assists.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement service in US Forest Service areas regardless of the contract period, so it is important to note deputies generated an additional 22 investigatory reports in or near US Forest Service areas while working routine patrol. Those reports included 5 burglaries, 3 larcenies, 1 simple assault, 10 All Other Offenses and 3 Assist Public Incidents.

## VEHICLE EXPENSES

Detention Center Repairs and Maintenance =\$ 2,703.89

Sheriff's Office Repairs and Maintenance = \$20,846.56

Amount of gas purchased in Sheridan for both Patrol and Detentions\* \$ 61,123.88

Amount of tires purchased are for both Patrol and Detentions\*\* \$ 7,730.19

\*Dollar amounts do not reflect gas used outside of Sheridan County for transports, and miscellaneous traveling i.e. travel to schools.

\*\*Tires are now paid for out of 1% optional budget.

## PAYROLL BUDGET & OVERTIME

**TOTAL PAYROLL FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$1,281,900.56**

Patrol Deputies	OT Hrs	128.5	\$	5,321.44
Detentions Deputies/Control Operators	OT Hrs	93.5	\$	2,910.85
Comp Time Paid out for Detentions only			\$	1,033.60

## DETENTIONS

Average # of Book-ins per Month: 108.91

Average monthly inmate: (in House) 65.18

Average monthly inmate count (Total includes inmates that only serve sentences on weekends) 66.98

Lowest # of inmates: (In House) 47 (December)

Highest # of inmates: (In House) 89 (July)

Lowest # of inmates: (All) 53 (December)

Highest # of inmates (All) 91 (July)

Average daily population of females: 14.25

Average daily population of males: 48.45

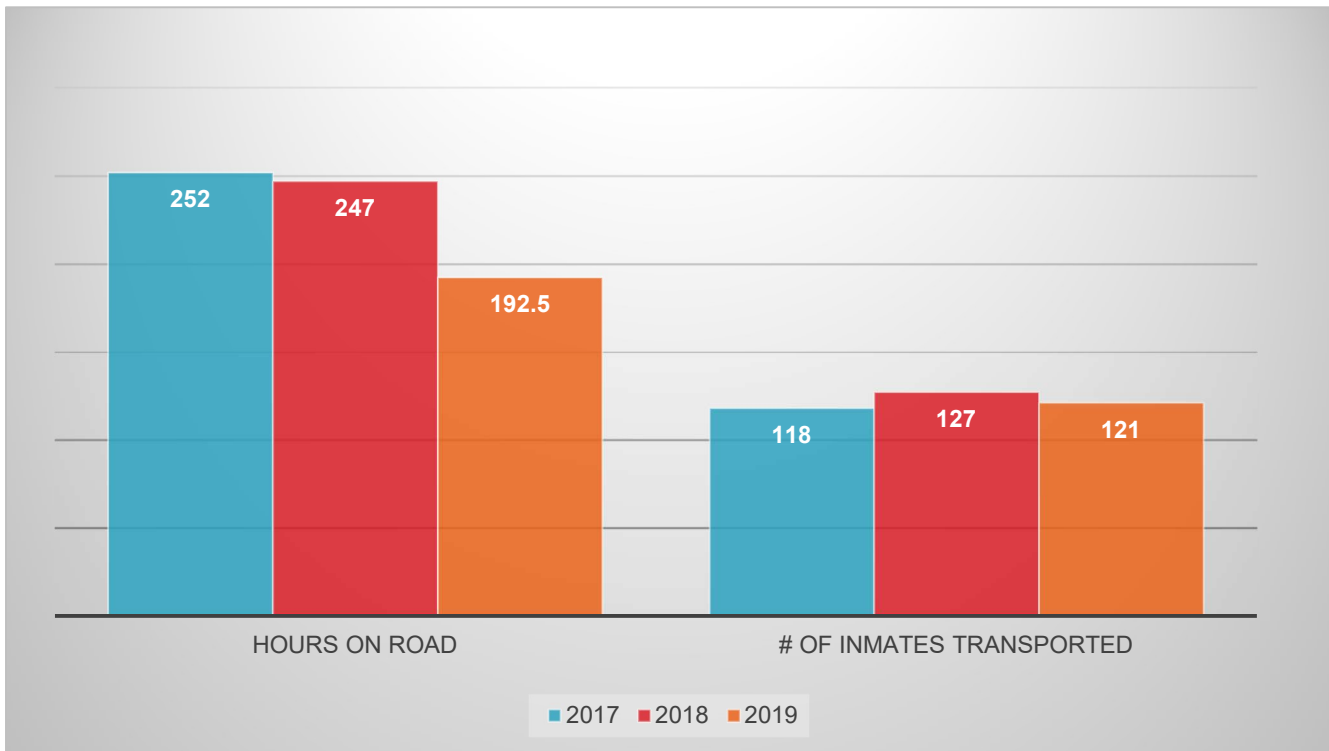
\*Inmate capacity = 126 inmates

TOTAL MEALS SERVED TO INMATES IN 2019= 72,981 (not including housed elsewhere)

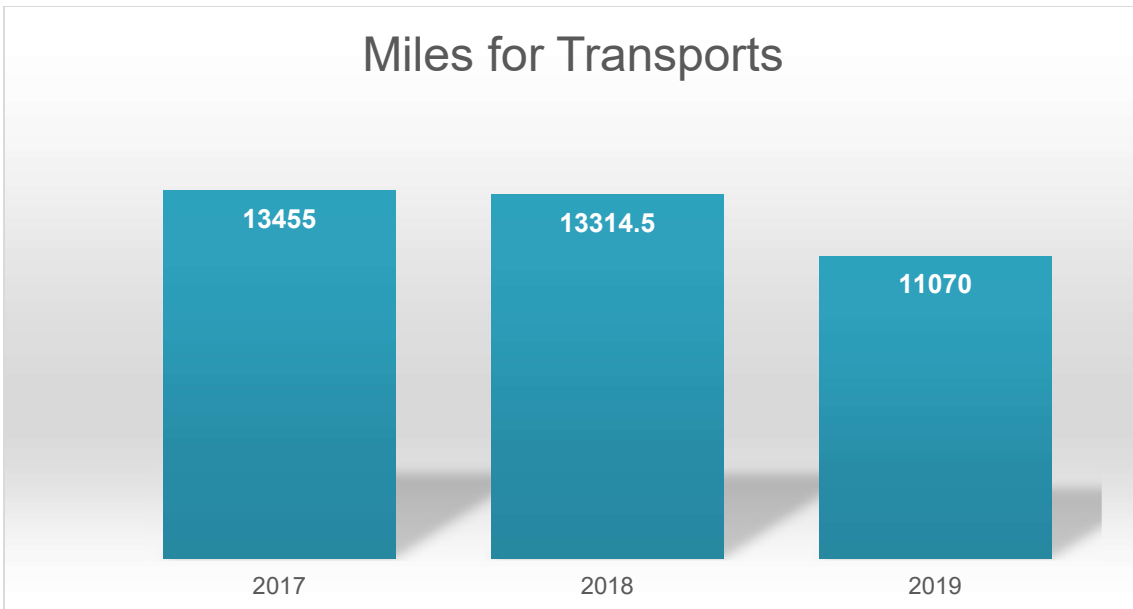
TOTAL \$ of MEALS SERVED TO INMATES IN 2019 = \$240,134.88



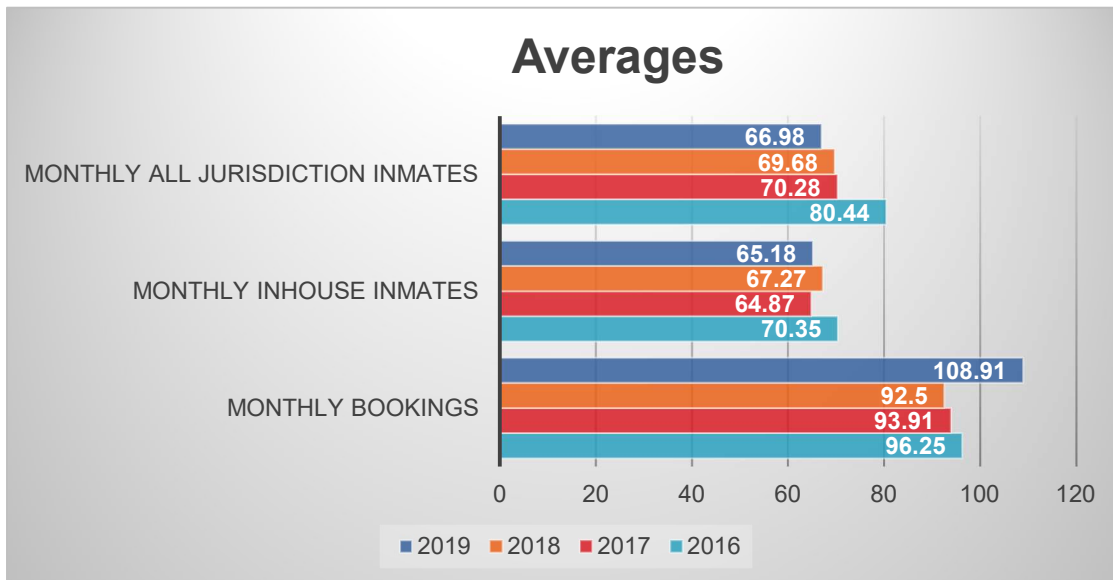
## INMATE TRANSPORTS



## Miles for Transports



## INMATE HOUSING



\*\*Monthly All Jurisdiction Inmates include any inmates in our custody being held at Sheridan County Detention Center, Johnson County Detention Center, “Weekender” inmates, Sheridan Memorial Hospital, and/or the Wyoming State Hospital.

**SHERIDAN COUNTY SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

CATEGORY J OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 3 months) – 41 Offenders

CATEGORY H OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 6 months) – 17 Offenders

CATEGORY G OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 12 months) – 26 Offenders

**TOTAL REGISTERED IN 2019 - 84**