

SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2020 IN REVIEW



ANNUAL REPORT

Hello,

I began my career in public safety 18 years ago with 16 of those years serving the citizens and visitors of Sheridan County. I have been with the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office since 2014, and during my tenure in law enforcement I have had the pleasure serving our community as a deputy, hostage negotiator, field training officer, Special Response Team (SRT) member, community educator, and a guest instructor at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. I'm currently the Undersheriff and Patrol Lieutenant within the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office.

I often get asked how law enforcement differs from other public safety careers like Fire and EMS. During my time as a firefighter/paramedic I was always reacting to incidents. If something bad happened (i.e., car accident, house fire) the fire service responded; it was a reactive career. It became very apparent, during my first day on the job as a deputy, that law enforcement was a proactive profession. Law enforcement officers are continuously out patrolling while keeping our communities safe, contacting community members in order to build relationships, speaking and listening to inmates within the jail, and always training to prepare for the unknown "what ifs." It didn't take long for me to fall in love with the law enforcement profession for those very reasons.

While navigating through my own career or teaching newly recruited deputies, I have always stressed the importance to serve with Purpose and Intention. I am confident all of our deputies strive to do this every time they come on shift. They care for this community they serve because, like you and me, they live and raise their families within Sheridan County.

Sheriff Thompson and myself would like to thank you for taking the time to review our report for the year 2020. Sheriff Thompson has always been keen on transparency and informing the community what our office does throughout the year. You may notice some drastic differences in our 2019 and 2020 Year in Review. Like every other entity within our nation, COVID-19 has affected our operations. This was due to fewer contacts because of social distancing, schools closing for the year, trainings being cancelled, and other factors. If you have any questions regarding our report or the services we provide, please don't hesitate to call our office at 307-672-3455.

Sincerely,

Undersheriff Levi Dominguez

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 6th 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 3rd 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, 3 sergeants, 2 corporals and 12 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=	2679
Case reports generated =	2668
Average calls per day received through dispatch =	7.33
Logged traffic stops =	1607
Motorist Assists =	123
Traffic and non-traffic citations=	530
Written warnings=	360

ARRESTS, CITED OR CHARGED 2020 (UCR)

JUVENILES – UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

	Male	Female		
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0		
Forcible Rape	0	0		
Robbery	0	0		
Aggravated Assault	2	0		
Burglary	0	0		
Larceny – theft	0	0		
Other Assaults	63	11		
Arson	0	0		
Forgery	0	0		
Fraud	0	0		
Embezzlement	0	0		
Stolen Property	0	0		
Vandalism	4	0		
Weapons	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0		
Sex Offenses (except rape)	0	0		
Drug Violation	7	2		
Gambling	0	0		
Offenses against family	0	0		
DWUI	1	0		
Liquor Law Violations	8	4		
Drunkenness	0	0		
Disorderly Conduct	0	0		
Vagrancy	0	0		
All other (except traffic)	4	0		
Suspicion	0	0		
Curfew	0	0		
Runaways	0	0		
TOTAL 2020	89	17	TOTAL	106
TOTAL 2019	22	7	TOTAL	29
TOTAL 2018	34	9	TOTAL	43

ARRESTS 2020 (UCR)

ADULTS – 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

	Male	Female		
Murder/Manslaughter	1	0		
Forcible Rape	0	0		
Robbery	0	1		
Aggravated assault	4	1		
Burglary	5	4		
Larceny – theft	2	2		
Motor vehicle theft	2	1		
Other assaults	31	8		
Arson	0	0		
Forgery	0	1		
Fraud	1	1		
Embezzlement	1	0		
Stolen Property (possess)	0	0		
Vandalism	1	0		
Weapons: carry/possess	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0		
Sex offenses (except rape)	0	0		
Drug abuse violations	54	27		
Gambling	0	0		
Offenses against family	1	0		
Driving under the influence	36	16		
Liquor Laws	8	5		
Drunkenness	1	0		
Vagrancy	0	0		
All other (except traffic)	41	18		
Suspicion	0	0		
Disorderly Conduct	3	3		
Total: 2020	192	88	TOTAL	280
Total: 2019	210	94	TOTAL	304
Total: 2018	206	95	TOTAL	301

CRIME INFORMATION (UCR)

OFFENSES REPORTED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR 2020

	Offenses Reported	Offenses Unfounded	Number of Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Offenses Cleared by Juvenile Arrests
Murder & Manslaughter	3	0	3	3	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	1	1	0
Assault	84	0	84	40	18
Burglary	18	0	18	3	0
Larceny	21	0	21	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	0	6	3	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL 2020	133	0	133	51	18
TOTAL 2019	67	0	68	5	0

VALUE OF PROPERTY LOST / STOLEN & RECOVERED FOR 2020 (UCR)

Type of Property	Lost/Stolen	Recovered
Currency & Notes	21,702	4,516
Jewelry & Precious Metals	5,250	250
Clothing & Furs	250	0
Motor Vehicles	42,783	37,783
Office Equipment	7,469	0
TV-Radio-Stereo-etc.	2,955	1,380
Firearms	14,808	0
Household Goods	1,840	0
Consumable Goods	1,600	0
Livestock	600	0
Miscellaneous	38,293	7,872
TOTAL	\$ 137,550	\$ 51,801

PATROL DEPUTY WORK LOAD

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Property Destruction	23
Welfare Check	118
Minor Possess/consume alcohol citations	14
Runaways	22
Abandoned Vehicles	28
Alarm Activated	54
Attempt to locate / Missing person	7
Reckless Driving	2
Dispute (all other)	98
Found Property	23
Traffic complaint	54
Threats/Harassment	30
Driving Under the Influence (arrests)	46
REDDI (Report Every Drunk Driver)	47
Trespassing	39
Littering	11
Domestic Dispute	59
Battery / Assault	49
Stalking	6
Animal Calls	43
Animal Cruelty	1
Missing Animal	0
Animal Welfare Check	29
Dog Vicious	4
Livestock Loose	76

<u>Proactive Patrol Work:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Close patrol, Ranchester	957
Close Patrol, Dayton	854
Close Patrol, Big Horn	922
Close Patrol, Clearmont	65
Close Patrol, Story	599
Morning School Zone	354
Afternoon School Zone	120
School Visit	643
VIN Inspection Calls for Service	1028
Total VIN Inspections	1913
Paper Service attempts	1510

<u>Traffic Crashes for 2020</u>	<u>TOTAL (Resulting in State of Wyoming Crash form)</u>
Total Crashes	69
Crashes (Fatal)	0
Crashes (Injury)	9
Crashes (Hit and Run)	7
Crashes Reports Completed for WHP	12 (17% 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 2020-21 continued education budget for Patrol was \$4,500.00 and for Detention was \$4,500.00. By selecting free or reduced cost trainings often covered by grants and certifying our staff to instruct certain courses, we were able to leverage 1,452 hours of advanced training within that tight budget. The result was almost 37 hours per deputy on average and that did not include any basic training, college credits or instructor hours.

The year 2020 had an impact on our agency’s training. Many trainings scheduled for the Summer and Fall of 2020 were cancelled requiring our agency to adapt and overcome. Our staff instructors provided frequent in-house trainings to increase social distancing and more online training was completed among our staff.

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.

2020 Peace Officer and Detention Officer training hours:

Basic Training:	298
College Degree Credits:	3,560
Advanced Training:	<u>1,452</u>
Total:	5,310

2020 Peace and Detention Officer instructor hours:

Total: 181

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
- * Leadership Training
- * Less Lethal Munitions
- * Intox Basic Operator
- * Advanced Firearms
- * ALICE
- * FEMA/ICS Training
- * Diversity Awareness
- * Firearms

DARE PROGRAM

In 2020, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office DARE Program offered the DARE Program to Sheridan County School District #1 in Tongue River and Big Horn Elementary Schools. The DARE Program offers drug resistance education, responsible decision-making skills and promotes being a good citizen.

Due to the Covid 19 outbreak, only a few classes were completed at each school before schools closed. Deputy Hill was unable to complete the entire DARE curriculum with either school. Deputy Hill was able to Zoom with some Tongue River Elementary students about DARE, however no students were graduated from the DARE Program during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

CIVIL PROCESS

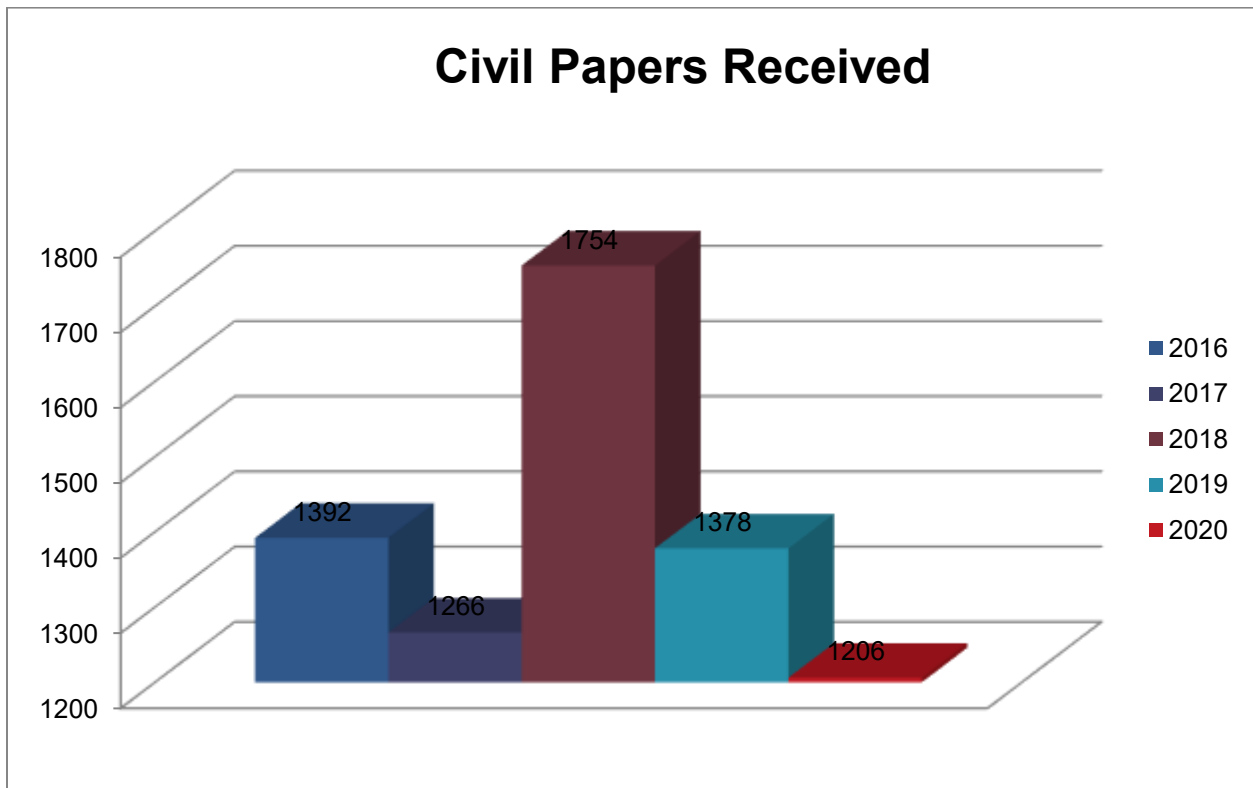
The Sheriff's Office is required by statute to serve civil and criminal process papers.

Papers Received 2020: 1206

Papers Served 2020: 1101 (91.23% success rate)

Revenue Generated for Civil Service in 2020 = \$19,210.00

- 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 2020

Civil Papers	\$ 19,210.00	VOA Work Release	\$ 0
Finger Prints	\$ 4,950.00	Forest Service Agreement	\$ 10,200.00
Social Security Payments	\$ 4,600	Work Release	\$ 325.00
Split	\$ 57,375.87	Miscellaneous*	\$ 33,849.42
Inmate Phone	\$ 31,761.60	Inmate Housing, other agency	\$ 19,307.55
Jail Contract**	\$ 0	Jail Sanction / ISP	\$ 14,512.00
Pay To Stay	\$ 1,934.84	VIN Verification Fee***	\$ 18,670.00
Highway Safety Grant	\$ 3,355.45	Inmate Medical Co-pays**	\$ 6,181.06
DCI Payroll Reimb. Grant	\$ 71,254.31		

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 297,487.10

*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 1867 VIN checks in 2020.

SHERIDAN AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE (SASAR)

Total number of activations for 2020 was 16.

DATE	MISSION#	SEARCH NAME	DISPOSITION
03/17/20	WY-03-0120	Body Recovery/Sibley Lake	S&R Recovered
03/30/20	WY-03-0220	Assist Sheridan Sheriff's Office	Concluded
04/15/20	WY-03-0320	Stranded Hiker/Steamboat	Found By S&R
04/18/20	WY-03-0420	Assist Johnson County	Found Deceased
04/19/20	WY-03-0520	Assist Sheridan Sheriff's Office	Concluded
06/29/20	WY-03-0620	Possible Missing Subject/Big Goose	Not Located
07/12/20	WY-03-0720	Lost Fisherman/Rapid Creek	Found By S&R
09/02/20	WY-03-0820	Lost Child/Black Mountain	Family found
09/14/20	WY-03-0920	Medical Evacuation/FSR 312	Canceled
10/19/20	WY-03-1020	Lost Hunters/FSR 145	Returned on own
10/19/20	WY-03-1120	Stuck Hunters/FSR 210	Canceled
10/22/20	WY-03-1220	Stuck Hunters/Freezeout	Found By S&R
10/30/20	WY-03-1320	Over Due Hunter/FSR 26	Found By S&R
11/08/20	WY-03-1420	Stuck Elderly Couple/FSR 26	Found By S&R
11/28/20	WY-03-1520	Stuck Elderly Couple/FSR 26	Found By S&R
12/20/20	WY-03-1620	Stranded Hikers/S.Fork Little Tongue	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 (DWI) 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 2020, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office applied for funding under the federal fiscal years 2020 and 2020, which run from October 1 to September 30. The data specific to calendar year 2020 are denoted in the table below:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Amount awarded</u>	<u>Focus</u>
Occupant Protection (May)	\$1,432.59	OP
National Enforcement Mobilization (May/June)	1,464.84	OP
Dayton Days (July/Aug)	218.11	DWUI
National Crackdown (Aug)	239.91	DWUI
<u>TOTAL 2020 AWARDED</u>	<u>\$3,555.45</u>	

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, 2020 through September 30, 2020. The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office performed 255 hours of specific Forest Service patrols and approximately 5,454 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 1 Burglary, 2 DWUIs, 4 All Other Offenses, 7 Forest Officer Assists, and 10 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 17 investigatory reports in or near US Forest Service areas while working routine patrol. Those reports included 4 Larcenies, 2 Simple Assault, 5 All Other Offenses, 1 DWUI, 1 Forest Officer Assist, and 2 Public Assists. There were a total of 68 Calls for Service and 1 Natural Death.

VEHICLE EXPENSES

Detention Center Repairs and Maintenance = \$ 1,381.97

Sheriff's Office Repairs and Maintenance = \$16,332.07

Amount of gas purchased in Sheridan for both Patrol and Detentions* \$ 46,617.08

Amount of tires purchased are for both Patrol and Detentions** \$ 5,601.28

*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 **\$1,300,985.46**

Patrol Deputies	OT Hrs	15	\$	567.23
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Detentions Deputies/Control Operators	OT Hrs	140.5	\$	3,705.94
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Comp Time Paid out for Detentions		36	\$	1,133.28
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No Patrol Deputy Comp Time Paid

DETENTIONS

Average # of Book-ins per Month: 85.91

Average monthly inmate: (in House) 53.20

Average monthly inmate count (Total includes inmates that only serve sentences on weekends) 57.97

Lowest # of inmates: (In House) 38 (December)

Highest # of inmates: (In House) 67 (Oct)

Lowest # of inmates: (All) 40 (December)

Highest # of inmates (All) 74 (May)

Average daily population of females: 10.46

Average daily population of males: 42.04

*Inmate capacity = 126 inmates

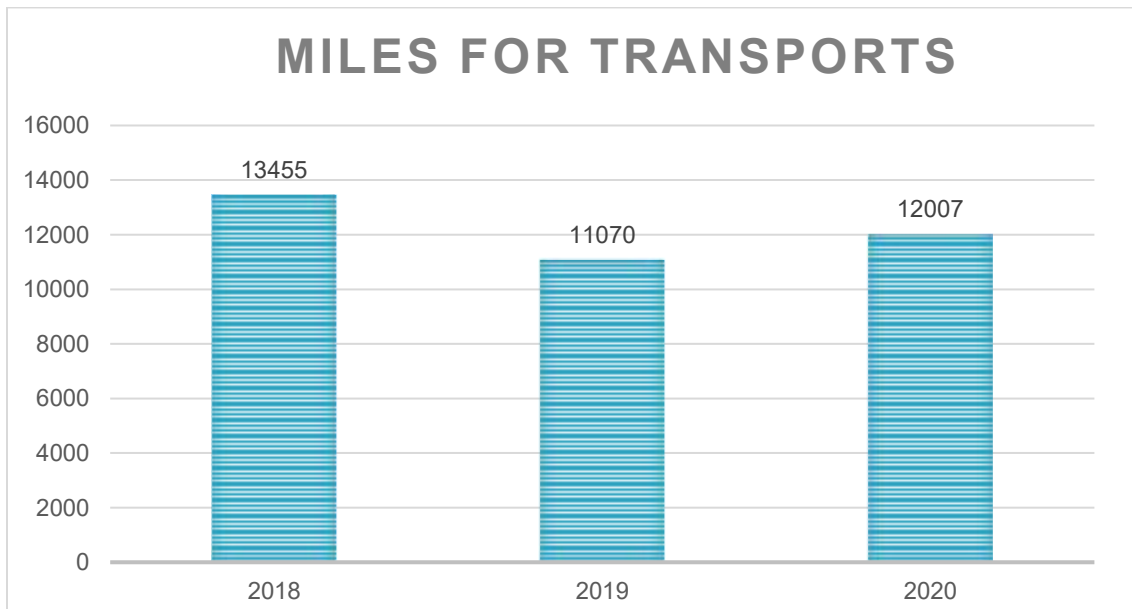
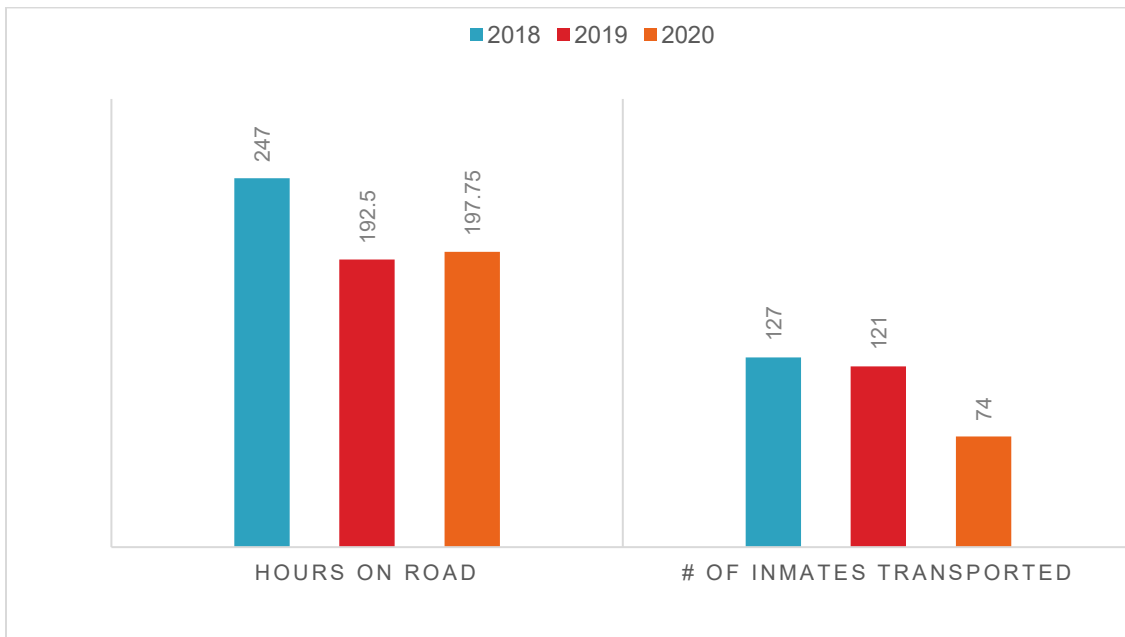
TOTAL MEALS SERVED TO INMATES IN 2020 = 60,516 (not including housed elsewhere)

TOTAL \$ of MEALS SERVED TO INMATES IN 2020 = \$218,737.23

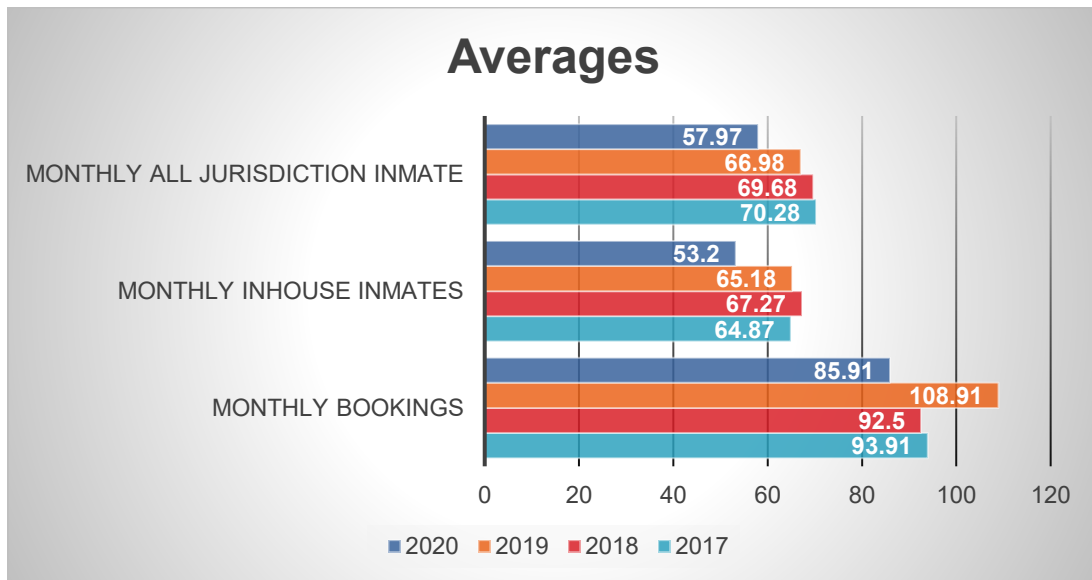
DETENTIONS DATA / 2011 TO 2020

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AVG. BOOK-INS/month</u>	<u>AVG. DAILY POPULATION</u>
2011	104	94
2012	111	100
2013	83	93
2014	100	80
2015	107	81
2016	96	80
2017	93	70
2018	92	70
2019	108	66
2020	86	53

INMATE 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) – 46 Offenders

CATEGORY H OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 6 months) – 19 Offenders

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

TOTAL REGISTERED IN 2020 - 91