



Sawyer County

Agenda

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Assembly Room/Virtual Meeting
Revised: Thursday, January 5, 2023 8:00 AM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/97074807611>. You can also use the dial in at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 970 7480 7611. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. MEETING AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

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a. Judge's Report

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d. Communication Systems Specialist Report

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11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

a. Appointment of Emergency Management Director - Nicole Ripzinski
(discussion & possible action)

12. CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT

a. Child Support MOU (discussion and possible action)

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a. Medical Examiner Report
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b. Ambulance Update & Billing
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14. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL UPDATE

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

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Mission Statement: Provide leadership for Sawyer County by coordinating with the Public Safety and Justice Departments for the County, which provide for the safety of the citizens and guests of Sawyer County; monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending to the County Board policies related to the public safety initiatives of the County.

**Minutes of the meeting of the December 1st Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Buckholtz
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Ed Peters
- ☐ Jason Weaver
- ☒ Marshal Savitski

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Joe Sajdera
Mike Woller
Carter Hartling

John Froemel - virtual
Greg Ripczinski
Doug Mrotek
Brandon Blicharz
Sandy Okamoto - virtual

Call to Order – Chair Ron Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll Call taken. Quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment –

Minutes from Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes of the November 3, meeting; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court Report – Courthouse Update - There are no significant updates since last month.

Clerk of Court Report – A written report was provided.

District Attorney's Office Report –

Sheriff's Department Report – Communications Center Report – A written report was provided. Sheriff Mrotek introduced Deputy Carter Hartling to present information regarding electronic monitoring. They are going to establish a new detective position and one dispatcher with the recent approval from County Board. They have established an awards committee to recognize staff for "above and beyond" levels of service. Chief Sajdera advised it is still difficult to cover shifts; two new trainees are almost finished with training and have applied for a full-time position. He reviewed the highlights of his report.

Patrol Report – A written report was provided and Lt. Ripczinski reviewed the highlights.

Jail Report – A written report was provided and Lt. Woller reviewed the highlights, stating that stats remain similar to last month. Deputy Carter provided an update of the electronic monitoring system and how individuals are assigned to an electronic monitoring bracelet.

Communications Systems Specialist Report – A written report was provided.

Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Update – Mr. Albarado presented the Resolution to sponsor an application for the Tribe to enforce the Tribal Animal Control program. The Tribe will administer this program. A motion was made by Mr. Savitski; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the resolution and forward to the Administration Committee. A roll call vote was taken and passed 4 – 0 with "yes" votes from Savitski, Peters, Helwig and Buckholtz.

Code Enforcement Specialist – Mr. Blicharz advised that he has been receiving more equine calls.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado presented the MOU with DCF & LCO and advised the item 7 on the MOU was the primary change identifying on how payments and collections will be made. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Savitski; roll call vote was taken and passed 4-0 with “yes” votes from Savitski, Peters, Helwig and Buckholtz.

Coroner’s report – A written report was provided. Mr. Froemel reviewed the highlights of his report. He has a few open cases he is working in.

Emergency Management Department Reports – Written reports were provided. Mr. Froemel advised he is working on grant applications and working with the Birkie on race preparations.

Ambulance Billing – An ambulance report was provided. Mr. Froemel reviewed the process of going into properties that have safety concerns.

Adjusting Department and Position Duties for Emergency Management, Ambulance and Medical Examiner in 2023 -- Mr. Albarado advised we are not adding new positions but revising them; he and the Sheriff discussed alignment of key positions and aligning people with jobs to fulfill this direction in creating an Emergency Services department. The Emergency Management position will be moved back to the Sheriff’s department; documentation attached.

- a. No action
- b. A motion was made to appoint John Froemel as the Ambulance Director and Medical Examiner by MS/EP and send to County Board. A roll call vote was taken and passed 4-0 with “yes” votes from Peters, Savitski, Helwig and Buckholtz.
- c. Until the Sheriff’s Department has filled the Emergency Management and Communications Director, no action was taken and John Froemel is temporarily in this position.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – Mr. Albarado advised they are wrapping up the TAD grant process so we can get the treatment court running in 2023. No decision has been made yet on how to use the opioid funds.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, January 5, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

CLERK OF COURT
Marjorie Kelsey



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Leslie Strapon

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
10610 Main Street, Suite #74 - Hayward, WI 54843

Clerk of Court's Report for January 2023 Public Safety Committee:

Jury trials currently scheduled for January:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u># of Days</u>
01/05/23	2636	2
01/11/23	2636	3
01/13/23	2636	1
01/18/23	2636	1
01/18/23	2636	1
01/20/23	2636	1
01/25/23	2934	1

New Cases filed from 11-21-2022 through 12-22-2022

17 Felony (CF)
7 Misdemeanor (CM)
9 Criminal Traffic (CT)
54 Traffic & Forfeiture citations (TR & FO)
35 Civil, Small Claims, Family & Paternity (CV, SC, FA, PA)

REVENUE collected through SDC (State Debt Collection) and TRIP/DOR (Tax Intercept):
11-21-2022 through 12-22-2022 = \$ 20,665.89

Wage Income Assignment receipted from DOC: **11-21-2022 through 12-22-2022 = \$1176.62**

As you may be aware, over the past 3 years, the Clerk of Court's office has had a continued increase in the amount of money collected for outstanding fines/forfeitures/court costs and restitution. A large portion of the funds collected has been restitution, some from cases over 10 years old. In 2021, we were able to disburse over \$41,000.00 in restitution to victims. This year through December 13th, we have disbursed over \$68,000.00. This is huge for the victims! This is due to the diligent collection efforts of our Financial Clerk, Leslie Strapon.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marge Kelsey
Clerk of Court

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SAWYER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DOUGLAS D. MROTEK - SHERIFF

JOSEPH E. SAJDERA - CHIEF DEPUTY

December 28, 2022

Sawyer County Communications Center

The Communications Center experienced a very busy week due to the recent snow storm. During the storm and through the following Monday the center received 345 calls for service. The majority of these calls were powerline issues, road hazards, vehicle runoffs/accidents and welfare checks. Dispatch Supervisor Cory Sulley worked closely with Emergency Management, county and town officials, local fire departments and power companies to assist in meeting the needs of the county and the residents of the county.

The work with Century link / Lumen Technologies Group regarding the annual maintenance agreement for the Sawyer County 911 system has been completed. This is an annual agreement that will require renewal each year.

Calls for service (CADS):

December 2022 – 1,288

December 2021 – 1,350

Total number of calls for service (YTD):

17,920 - compared to 18,620 for the same time period last year.

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Sawyer County Sheriff's Office

Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 HANGUP	74	5.75
ACCIDENT DEER VS CAR	26	2.02
ACCIDENT FATAL	1	0.08
ACCIDENT INJURY	2	0.16
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	37	2.87
ALARM	31	2.41
ANIMAL	48	3.73
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	20	1.55
ASSIST CITIZEN	44	3.42
ASSIST MOTORIST	3	0.23
BOND VIOLATION	1	0.08
BUILDING/AREA CHECK	27	2.10
BURGLARY	3	0.23
BUS PASSING COMPLAINT	1	0.08
CARBON MONOXIDE	7	0.54
CHILD ABUSE NEGLECT	1	0.08
CHILD CUSTODY	3	0.23
CIVIL MATTER	5	0.39
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	4	0.31
DEATH INVESTIGATION	4	0.31
DIRECT TRAFFIC	1	0.08
DISABLED VEHICLE	67	5.20
DISTURBANCE	31	2.41
DNR COMPLAINT	1	0.08
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	10	0.78
DRIVING COMPLAINT	12	0.93
DRUG COMPLAINT	6	0.47
EMS REQUEST	157	12.19
EMS TRANSFER ALS	1	0.08
EMS TRANSFER BLS	8	0.62
Extra Patrol Request	1	0.08
FAMILY TROUBLE	2	0.16
FIGHT	1	0.08
FIRE ALARM	3	0.23
FIRE REQUEST	22	1.71
FRAUD	8	0.62
GAS DRIVE OFF	1	0.08
HARASSMENT	1	0.08
HIT AND RUN	2	0.16
Information Call	94	7.30
INTOXICATED DRIVER	3	0.23
INTOXICATED PERSON	6	0.47

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
JAIL COMPLAINT	20	1.55
JUV ALCOHOL	1	0.08
JUVENILE ISSUE	4	0.31
KEEP PEACE	6	0.47
LOCKOUT	1	0.08
LOST ITEM	1	0.08
MENTAL HEALTH	5	0.39
MISSING ADULT	3	0.23
PAPER SERVICE ATTEMPT	38	2.95
PARKING COMPLAINT	1	0.08
PERSON WITH GUN	2	0.16
PORNOGRAPHY	3	0.23
POWERLINE ISSUE	58	4.50
PROBATION VIOLATION	3	0.23
RECOVERED PROPERTY	1	0.08
ROAD HAZARD	50	3.88
SEARCH WARRANT	1	0.08
SEXUAL ASSAULT	2	0.16
SUICIDALPERSON	3	0.23
SUSPICIOUS PERSON, CIRCUMSTANC	27	2.10
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	19	1.48
THEFT	24	1.86
THEFT FROM A VEHICLE	1	0.08
THEFT RETAIL	1	0.08
THREAT	9	0.70
TRAFFIC STOP	76	5.90
TRANSPORT	3	0.23
TRESPASS	5	0.39
TRUANCY	9	0.70
TRAFFIC STOP ATV	1	0.08
TRAFFIC STOP SNOWMOBILE	1	0.08
UNWANTED SUBJECT	13	1.01
VEHICLE RUNOFF	32	2.48
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER	1	0.08
WANTED PERSON	9	0.70
WELFARE CHECK	74	5.75
Total reported: 1288		

Report Includes:

All dates greater than `00:00:00 12/01/22`, All nature of incidents, All cities, All types, All priorities, All agencies



SAWYER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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December 28, 2022

Patrol Total CAD Calls Report- Attached.

- Patrol calls volume increased from last month's report for Dec' 22 to **913**, the three-month trend shows Sept'22 was 964, Oct' 22 was 724 while Oct' 22 was 785. This month is a decrease from Dec '21, which was 699 calls for service.
- For Dec 2022, Sawyer County Deputies in this period have issued **25** Citations for traffic offenses, **1** written warning and **18** Non-Traffic Citations. Per Community Maps there have been **21** Total Crashes, **8** with Personal Injury, and **1** Fatalities in our County for this time period.

In comparison:	<u>Oct 2022</u>	<u>Nov 2022</u>	and	<u>Dec 2021</u>
UTC Citations:	38	25		27
Written Warnings:	1	2		0
NTC Citations:	24	20		102

Total Crashes:	13	23	36
Personal Injury:	4	8	0
Fatalities:	0	0	6

Total Crashes to date:	321	Crashes	96	Personal Injury	5	Fatalities
Total Crashes from 2021:	308	Crashes	94	Personal Injury	2	Fatalities
Total Crashes from 2020:	305	Crashes	86	Personal Injury	11	Fatalities

- Deputy Lucas Shepard has resigned his full time position with Patrol to begin with a new agency, we will begin the posting procedures for lateral transfers within the division, followed by a hiring process to fill the vacancy. Deputy Shepard will remain on our part time roster as well.
- We recently assisted Public Health and Adult Protective Services in performing wellness checks in the recent county wide power outages.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. Gregory G. Ripczinski,
Patrol Administrator

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911 HANGUP	66	7.23
ACCIDENT DEER VS CAR	29	3.18
ACCIDENT FATAL	1	0.11
ACCIDENT INJURY	2	0.22
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	24	2.63
ALARM	38	4.16
ANIMAL	32	3.50
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	16	1.75
ASSIST CITIZEN	33	3.61
ASSIST MOTORIST	4	0.44
ATV Complaint	1	0.11
BOND VIOLATION	1	0.11
BUILDING/AREA CHECK	13	1.42
BURGLARY	2	0.22
BUS PASSING COMPLAINT	1	0.11
CARBON MONOXIDE	4	0.44
CHILD CUSTODY	2	0.22
CIVIL MATTER	3	0.33
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1	0.11
DEATH INVESTIGATION	5	0.55
DIRECT TRAFFIC	1	0.11
DISABLED VEHICLE	59	6.46
DISTURBANCE	32	3.50
DNR COMPLAINT	1	0.11
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	11	1.20
DRIVING COMPLAINT	11	1.20
DRUG COMPLAINT	6	0.66
EMS REQUEST	37	4.05
EMS TRANSFER ALS	1	0.11
Extra Patrol Request	1	0.11
FAMILY TROUBLE	2	0.22
FIGHT	1	0.11
FIRE ALARM	2	0.22
FIRE REQUEST	11	1.20
FRAUD	7	0.77
GUNSHOT COMPLAINT	1	0.11
HARASSMENT	1	0.11
HIT AND RUN	1	0.11
INTOXICATED DRIVER	3	0.33
INTOXICATED PERSON	4	0.44
JAIL COMPLAINT	24	2.63
JUV ALCOHOL	1	0.11

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
JUVENILE ISSUE	4	0.44
KEEP PEACE	5	0.55
LOCKOUT	1	0.11
MENTAL HEALTH	4	0.44
MISSING ADULT	1	0.11
NOISE COMPLAINT	1	0.11
OWI ARREST	1	0.11
PAPER SERVICE ATTEMPT	38	4.16
PARKING COMPLAINT	1	0.11
PERSON WITH GUN	2	0.22
PORNOGRAPHY	2	0.22
POWERLINE ISSUE	41	4.49
ROAD HAZARD	36	3.94
SEARCH WARRANT	1	0.11
SEXUAL ASSAULT	3	0.33
SUICIDALPERSON	4	0.44
SUSPICIOUS PERSON, CIRCUMSTANC	26	2.85
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	12	1.31
THEFT	13	1.42
THREAT	4	0.44
TRAFFIC STOP	94	10.30
TRANSPORT	3	0.33
TRESPASS	10	1.10
TRUANCY	5	0.55
TRAFFIC STOP ATV	1	0.11
TRAFFIC STOP SNOWMOBILE	1	0.11
UNWANTED SUBJECT	13	1.42
VEHICLE RUNOFF	27	2.96
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER	1	0.11
WALK AND TALK	1	0.11
WANTED PERSON	7	0.77
WELFARE CHECK	54	5.91

Total reported: 913

Report Includes:

All dates between `10:00:01 11/23/22` and `10:00:00 12/28/22`, All nature of incidents, All cities, All types, All priorities,
All agencies matching `SWSO`



SAWYER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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December 2022 Jail Report

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Average Daily Population Total:	67	88.73	86.15
Females:	15.8	20.69	18.93
Males:	51.2	68.04	67.22
Average Probation incarceration:	7.8	(11.6%)	
Average Pre-Sentence incarceration:	41.8	(62.4%)	
Average Sentenced incarceration:	17.4	(26%)	
Currently on Electronic Monitoring:	1		
Currently being housed in Barron Co:	15		

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SAWYER COUNTY JAIL

Daily Population Report

Date: 12/26/22
Prepared By: Wurm #389

PRISONER LOCATION

Location	Sawyer	Boarders	Total Inmates	
Secure Wing	19	0	19	
Huber Wing	19	0	19	#REF!
Total in Facility	38	0	38	
Hospital	2	0	2	
Other Jails	16	0	16	
Monitor	1	0	1	
Total Adults	57	0	57	
Juvenile Detention	0		0	
Total Assigned	57	0	57	

REASON FOR INCARCERATION

Status	Code	Total Inmates	NOTES
BAC Over .04%	BAC	0	ELECTRONIC MONITOR:, MARK
Cash Bond	CB	33	PEARSON
Hold for Other County	OC	0	BARRON COUNTY: JEANETTE
New Arrestee Awaiting Court	AC	3	CORBINE, MACKENZIE POTACK,
Pending Revocation	REV	0	ARIANNA CRONE, SIERRA AUBID, MARY
P&P Hold Only	HOL	6	ANN HAMMOND, KAYLA DECORA, AMY
Sentenced Inmate	SEN	11	JACK, WILLIAM WAGGONER, SOPHIE
Sitting off Pay or Stay Warrants	WAR	0	MILLER, SIMONE STEVENS, ELIZABETH
Writ for Court	WRI	0	ENOCH, MINDI WILBER, TYLER
Drug Court Hold	DC	0	TREPANIA, SAMANTHA SMITH,ANNIE
LCO Court Hold	LCO	0	MAKOS, KRISTINE DOUCETTE
90 Day Payable Hold	90D	1	MENDOTA MENTAL HEALTH: NORMAN
Convicted Awaiting Sentencing	CAS	3	PRICE, MICHAEL WINTERS
Caseworker Hold (Juv)	CWH	0	WORKING HUBERS:
Temporary Physical Custody (Juv)	TPC	0	
TOTAL		57	

GENDER

	In County	Out of County	Monitor	Total
Male	40	1	1	42
Female	0	15	0	15
TOTAL	40	16	1	57

Sawyer County Communications System Specialist – January 2023 PS Committee Report

- 1.) **Winter Storm Impact** – The following was the recap of the issue that occurred at the start of the storm:

Reported Complaint/Issue: Dispatch console was unable to transmit

Findings: Loss of power to routing switch and local base radios for console

Narrative of Complaint/Issue:

On Thursday Dec. 15th, 2022, at 03:57 am a call was received from the on-duty dispatcher Lynette Poppe. It was advised that the console appeared to be keying up but no one was hearing her and officers could not hear her. She did advise that the console was also making sounds like when it would connect to the system.

When the PTT button was pressed on the console the sounds as if it was keying up were heard but it appeared that no transmissions were going out. This was on both the WISCOM and Conventional Systems. It was asked if any error messages were appearing on the console along the top to which the answer was no. However, over the individual bases it was showing GW OFFLINE this was for SW BASE 1 through 9.

SW BASE 1 – 5 are located within the dispatch center in the room off the dispatch area. SW BASE 6 – 9 are located at the Pipestone site. With all bases showing GW OFFLINE it appeared that the console had lost network connectivity with the CISCO switch, the local SW BASE's, and the microwave connection to the WISCOM System. At that point it was advised that she should use the portable they had in dispatch to do a test. Upon doing the test with the portable she was then able to communicate with squads.

It was asked for her to go into the back room where the bases are located and see if the radios were powered. She advised that all the radios in the rack had no power and that would explain the BASE radios showing offline. In addition, that rack contains the CISCO switch which routes the console to the microwave out to the WISCOM System. This was the cause as to why the console was not able to communicate or key up the Conventional or WISCOM Systems.

Upon Lynette checking it appeared that no power was being given to the equipment at all. This appeared to be a power issue and she was advised that she should call maintenance immediately. While this was being done the Jail control center was called and it was asked if someone could check the power status on the microwave. A jail staffer member did so and advised that the microwave was powered on with all lights.

A call was then placed to WISCOM 24/7 support, and it was found that a majority (unknown exact amount) of WISCOM sites were either on generators or offline due to the storm. The storm had created numerous power issues or loss of power in the West Central/Northwest Parts of the state. At that point the WISCOM Meteor Site and Cable Site were both offline completely with the Hayward site running on generator. This resulted in a loss of WISCOM coverage by 50% for Sawyer County.

A check of the LAW-D system was done, and all microwave links were up along with all sites except the Meteor site. This was attributed to the loss of power in the southwestern part of the county that

many were experiencing. With the Meteor site offline this resulted in approx. a 5 – 10% loss of mobile coverage and a 15 – 20% loss of portable coverage.

At approx. 04:27 am a call was placed to the Sheriff Mrotek to advise him of the situation. After monitoring the system (LAW-D) and not hearing any reports I called back to dispatch (approx. 05:40 am) to check on an update. Lynette was busy and handed the phone to SW I.T. Alex who was on site now. He had advised that it appeared that the UPS being used for the current radios had failed. This was believed to be when a power 'flicker' might have occurred as jail staff reported lights flickering earlier when I spoke to them. The outlets on the UPS did not provide any power and once switched to a different power source came back on without issue. The devices were confirmed to be back online, and a check showed that dispatch was able to now communicate once again using the console.

At approx. 07:55 a.m. I received a call from SW I.T. Alex who advised that dispatch was only hearing half of the conversations from squads. Alex was able to confirm that the patch was in place between SWLAW 1 and SWLAW-D on the center (3rd) console in dispatch. When it was asked what channel name was showing on the SW BASE 2 module (used for the patch) it was advised that it was SWLAW-3. The module that was needed for usage is SWLAW-D. The channel selection on the module was changed from SWLAW-3 to SWLAW-D and communication across the patch was now working. It was also asked if they had paged any departments and they advised that they had done so and things were working.

Recommended Changes or Solutions:

- 1.) Remove current UPS being used for communications/CISCO switch in rack
 - 2.) Utilize new UPS installed in dispatch center that is powering any equipment
 - 3.) Install back-up base radios in dispatch (next to console) that can communicate on LAW, Fire, and Paging
 - 4.) Create a step-by-step manual for confirming or troubleshooting steps
 - 5.) Schedule troubleshooting training with dispatch staff
- 2.) **Power loss at the Meteor Site** – The prolonged power loss at the Meteor site did cause the site to go offline and remain offline until the power was restored. The batteries at the site need to be increased and replaced. In addition, a UPS for the microwave should be added like one is at the Hayward Fire Tower site. With the Meteor site being down it did impact some coverage in the southwestern part of the county.
- I would also suggest doing the same for the Moose Lake site to ensure it can stay on-line during power interruptions.
- 3.) **System Operation During the Storm** – As listed in the report above the greatest impact that took place was the Meteor tower going off-line for a very extended length of time. Power loss did occur at the Moose Lake site and Pipestone sites but was not impacting. Moose Lake was a very short period of time and Pipestone switched to generator and was being maintained. As compared to WISCOM which they had the Meteor tower off-line and the Hayward site was on generator.

In discussion with many others throughout the last few weeks, across the nation with storms, this was a very isolated incident in which the situation took place. Many back-up systems were taxed and some of them did fail as radio (and MANY Cellular) sites are not designed to run off back-up systems for prolonged period of times.

- 4.) **MRGW/AGW devices** – These are the interfaces needed for the console to connect the conventional systems and the Stargate console which is connected to WISCOM. These two devices are for the channels of: SWLAW-D, SWPAGING, SWFIRE-A, SWCOM-A, and expansion slot. These devices were damaged from a lightning surge this past summer and EF Johnson has advised that they cannot be repaired. New devices will need to be purchased for the system to operate as designed.
- 5.) **Contract for 2023** – I have submitted a revised contract to Mr. Albarado which does reflect a 5% monthly increase. This is the first request for a monthly contract price increase for three (3) years. Not to also mention that three years ago the contract price was decreased, as a request, due to assistance with the county budgeting. The price increase does reflect the increase in radio equipment that needs to be covered and on a 24-hour basis. Also the contract does NOT require a trip/travel fee for calls nor is it a time & materials contract.

I have extended to Mr. Albarado to cover 24-hour emergencies effective Jan. 1st, 2023, till a decision is made on the contract for the month of January.

Submitted by: John Kruk – Contracted Communications System Specialist for Sawyer County

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2023 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Sawyer County ("County") and (John **Kruk**) ("Independent Contractor").

WHEREAS, Independent Contractor operates a business that provides various communication-related services;

WHEREAS, County desires to contract with Independent Contractor for the provision of services described below;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises each party has made to the other as set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

Independent Contractor Obligations

Independent Contractor shall be available to be contacted at all times during the term of this Agreement to respond, investigate, initiate verbal repairs with radio service vendor, and/or attend to all issues relating to the proper operation of the two-way radio equipment operating on the following frequencies and their associated infrastructure:

A. Two-Way Radio Equipment and Infrastructure pertaining to operation on the following channels or systems:

- Radio channels (by nomenclature): ***SWLAW-D/A, SWPAGING, SWFIRE-A, SWCOM-A, SWJAIL, SWLAW-3, SWOPSNW, SWOPSNE, SWOPSSO, SWHHS, MARC 1 (Sawyer County Owned)***
- Tower Locations: ***'Hayward' DPC, City of Hayward 'Water Tower', Pipestone, Moose Lake, Loretta-Draper Fire Dept., 'Winter' Water Tower, 'Meteor' Tower, and Hayward 'Fire Tower'***
- Additional Related Equipment: ***Sawyer County Microwave, WISCOM microwave (Dispatch – Hayward & Hayward – Pipestone) and Pipestone WISCOM Site.***
- Dispatch Equipment to include EF Johnson Stargate Console, Dispatch Radios (known as SW BASE 1 – 9).

B. Radio Programming and Preventative Maintenance of **ALL** county owned radio equipment (during normal business hours **of Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm excluding Holidays**)

C. Subscriber unit repair and maintenance [example squad cars or portables] (during normal business hours **of Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm excluding Holidays**)

D. **Provide training and education to:**

- 1. Dispatch staff on Stargate console, operation of console, and usage of conventional and WISCOM radio operations/usage**
- 2. County staff on operation on conventional and WISCOM radio operations/usage**

E. Projects listed in Appendix A of the attached document

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F. The response and prioritization of management of the two-way radio system listed above shall be based upon a 24-hour response based upon channel, system, or equipment usage. These are defined as:

Mission Critical Channels - This is a channel that is considered a "main channel" and when either "down" or "impaired" and *cannot be used*, does not have an adequate back-up to use, or impairs the radio communications ability between field units to field units and field units to dispatch.

This pertains to the channels or equipment known as: ***SWLAW-D/A, SWFIRE-A, SWPAGING, SWJAIL, EF Johnson Stargate Dispatch Console, Stargate Base Radios, and WISCOM System (Pipestone Site or Network issues working with the State of Wisconsin).***

Any other 'channels' not listed are covered but during the hours of Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm excluding Holidays or previous arrangements.

Mission Critical Channels will facilitate a return call from the Independent Contractor within 30 minutes from receiving notification from the agency and/or person initiating the notification to obtain information. In turn, this will facilitate a response or start of repair within four (4) hours by either the Independent Contractor, authorized agent, or Radio Repair Service. Furthermore, Sawyer County Dispatch will be notified by the Independent Contractor of the issue to notify agencies using the channel and the status.

Daily Usage Channels - This is a channel that is considered **NOT** to be a "main channel" and is instead used for secondary purposes and when it is either "impaired" or "down," is not deemed necessary to be used as vital communications between field units and field units to dispatch.

This pertains to the channels or equipment known as: ***SWLAW3, SWCOM-A, SWOPSNW, SWOPSNE, SWOPSSO, SWHHS, MARC 1 (Sawyer County Owned), and other county radio equipment that is not listed in the 'Mission Critical Channels'.*** These channels are covered during the hours of Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm excluding Holidays or previous arrangements.

Daily Usage Channels will facilitate an acknowledgement from the Independent Contractor within twenty-four (24) business hours from receiving notification from the agency and/or person initiating the notification to obtain information. In turn this tier will facilitate a response or start of repair within forty-eight (48) normal-business hours or the next reasonable business day by either the Independent Contractor or Radio Repair Service. Furthermore, Sawyer County Dispatch will be notified by the Independent Contractor of the issue to notify agencies using the channel and the status (if needed).

G. Independent Contractor shall be responsible for overseeing proper operation and usage of county owned radios, pagers, and the associated infrastructure equipment, by county personnel, which includes but not limited to proper programming and testing of equipment.

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- H. Independent Contractor shall maintain and use a separate business address unrelated to County. Independent Contractor's business address and contact information is as follows:

John J. Kruk 380 Birch St. Baldwin, WI 54002
Phone: (715) 558-0262

- I. Independent Contractor warrants that he possesses or has applied for his/her own federal employer identification number or has filed business or self-employment income tax returns with the federal internal revenue service in the previous year.
- J. Independent Contractor acknowledges the County is not obligated to provide worker's compensation coverage for Independent Contractor or his employees.
- K. At no expense to County, Independent Contractor shall establish and maintain his/her own insurance, retirement, and benefit plans (including but not limited to worker's compensation, life and health insurance, retirement or other benefits).
- L. Independent Contractor shall furnish, at no expense to County, the expertise, training, tools, equipment, employees and supplies necessary to complete his obligations under this Agreement.
- M. Independent Contractor shall not be otherwise be bound by County's employment policies or employee handbook.

County's Obligations

- A. As full and complete compensation for the services to be performed, Independent Contractor shall receive remuneration as follows: for the twelve-month term of this Agreement he will receive \$48,000 divided in twelve monthly installments of \$4,000.00 per month. Each installment shall be paid on the first accounts payable check of the month.
- B. The County shall provide the following to the Independent Contractor:
1. County-issued email address for communication purposes related to contracted services.
 2. County issued paging tone for communication testing and signaling purposes
 3. County-issued radio number and ID capable of being used on the WISCOM System and radio system for the purpose of testing, trouble shooting, and communicating.
 4. County issued access badge for 24/7 access to county locations where radio equipment is located or stored
- C. Independent Contractor shall return all of the above-listed equipment to the County upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- D. County shall not be responsible for any expenses or costs incurred by Independent Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.
- E. County provides above remuneration in exchange for specific services under this contract.

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- F. County shall not withhold any taxes from moneys paid to Independent Contractor nor shall Independent Contractor or his employees have any right to participate in any of the benefit programs offered to employees of County.
- G. County does not establish set hours of work for the independent Contractor.

Miscellaneous

The parties recognize that Independent Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of the County. To this end, neither party shall hold the other out to be in any capacity other than that which is contemplated under this Agreement.

This agreement was entered into in the State of Wisconsin and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Provided that neither party objects to subject matter jurisdiction, the parties hereby consent to any dispute relating to this Agreement being venued in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Term and Termination of Agreement

- A. This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 2023, and remain in force and effect until December 31, 2023, unless terminated earlier as set forth below. If contract becomes effective after January 1, 2023, payment will be retroactive to the start of January
1. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other, sent to the last known address of the party to be notified. Termination may be for any reason, including but not limited to failure to satisfactorily complete the services. A termination for a breach of this Agreement shall not affect the rights or remedies of the non-breaching party.
 2. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are deemed invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not cause the invalidity or unenforceability of the remainder of this Agreement. If such provisions shall be deemed invalid due to their scope or breadth, such provisions shall be deemed valid to the extent of the scope or breadth permitted by applicable law or as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 3. Independent Contractor hereby indemnifies County and holds County harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, costs, taxes, penalties, expenses, damages and liabilities, including fines, penalties and attorneys' fees, arising out of or connected with Independent Contractor's request to establish a relationship of independent contractor/principal. The indemnities contained herein shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the termination of this agreement.

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Appendix A) –

~~\$3,800./Month (\$45,600 Yearly) – Project Based, 24/7 Support/Business Hour Support~~
Projects to be covered above regular contract coverage:

- A. Add SWLAW-D/A to ‘Winter’ Water Tower
- B. Add SWLAW-3 to ‘Winter’ Water Tower

No additional projects can be added to the above listed without approval between both parties.



HUMANE OFFICER / CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST
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8/24/22

SAWYER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

During the month of December, At-Large calls remained steady despite the colder weather. There was also a rise in dogs left outside without proper shelter, however most have been misunderstandings. Admissions to the shelter dropped and we only had one dog that was not returned to an owner.

We did not have any bite quarantines in the pound, and only had 1 dog on dog bite occur for December. License sales have picked up, and will continue to ramp up for the first few months of the year.

Next priorities for Animal Control are as follows:

- Complete work needed at the building and getting a barrier for the Animal Control Squad.

- Start to get plans set for the 2023 Rabies Vaccination Clinic.

- Continue to spread the word on dog license renewals.

Relevant Animal Control Reports are below.

On the Code Enforcement side, the only item to note is that I've been working on further integration with the Public Health team.

Sawyer County Dog Pound Revenue Report

2022

	Licenses Issued	License Revenue	Impound Fees	Donations	Totals
January	631	\$5,662.75	-	-	\$5,662.75
February	298	\$2,513.00	-	-	\$2,513.00
March	479	\$4,570.25	-	-	\$4,570.25
April	130	\$1,973.50	-	-	\$1,973.50
May	52	\$1,209.25	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$1,499.25
June	35	\$940.75	\$369.00	\$32.00	\$1,341.75
July	29	\$648.00	\$120.00	\$21.50	\$789.50
August	21	\$420.50	\$330.00	\$46.00	\$796.50
September	14	\$341.00	\$360.00	\$35.00	\$736.00
October	4	\$39.00	\$190.00	\$20.00	\$249.00
November	3	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$43.00
December	85	\$917.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$962.50
TOTALS	1781	\$19,273.50	\$1,699.00	\$164.50	\$21,137.00

Animal Control Calls Received

DATE	Found Dog	At Large	Noise Complaint	Abuse	Vicious	Bite	Other
1-Dec			1				1
2-Dec		2			1		
3-Dec							
4-Dec							
5-Dec							
6-Dec							
7-Dec		1					
8-Dec		2					1
9-Dec		2					
10-Dec		1					
11-Dec	1	1					
12-Dec							
13-Dec							
14-Dec		2					
15-Dec							
16-Dec				1			
17-Dec							
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20-Dec				2			
21-Dec						1	
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27-Dec							
28-Dec							
29-Dec							
30-Dec							
31-Dec							
TOTALS	1	11	1	3	1	1	2

Sawyer County Dog Pound Report

January - June

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Total Dogs Admitted to Pound				6	12	9
Dogs Released to Owners				6	9	8
Dogs Released to NHS				0	3	0
Dogs admitted last month and still in custody				0	1	1
Dog Bite Quarantines or Vicious Dogs Handled				0	0	1

Sawyer County Dog Pound Report

July - December

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Total Dogs Admitted to Pound	11	11	14	7	3	5
Dogs Released to Owners	11	10	13	2	1	4
Dogs Released to NHS	0	1	1	5	2	1
Dogs admitted last month and still in custody	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dog Bite Cases and Vicious Dogs Handled	3	8	3	3	0	2



John Froemel

Ambulance Director

Sawyer County Coroner, CCMET-P

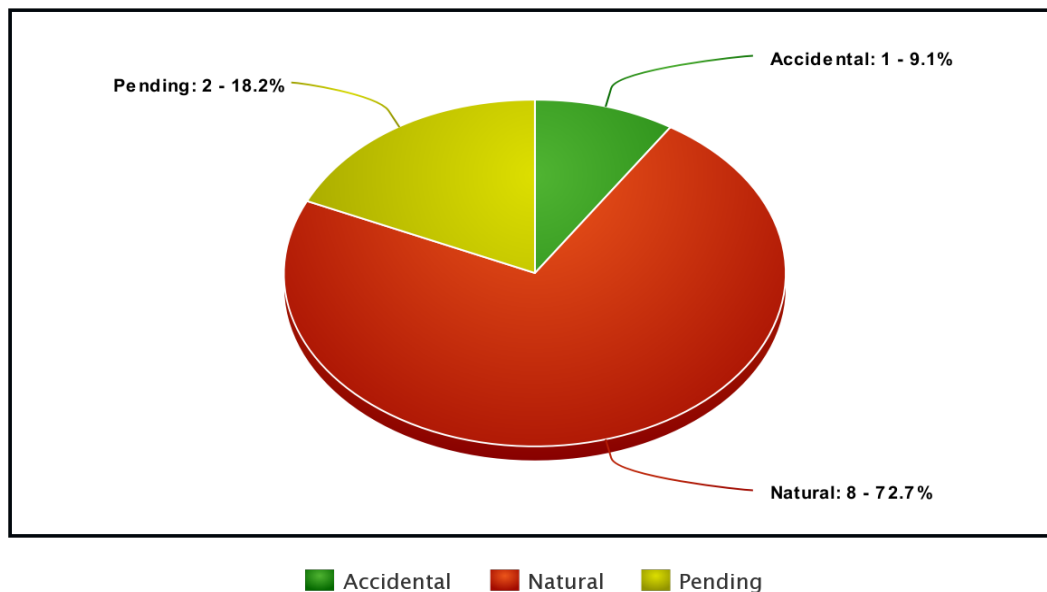
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Coroner's Report:

Sawyer County Coroner responded to 11 deaths from 12/1/2022 – 12/27/2022

Of these investigations, eight of them have been ruled natural deaths, two of them are pending as we wait for toxicology results, and one was a motor vehicle accident. Two cases were sent for autopsy at Midwest Medical Examiner's Office.

Sawyer County Deaths
Sawyer County Coroner's Office



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Ambulance Director

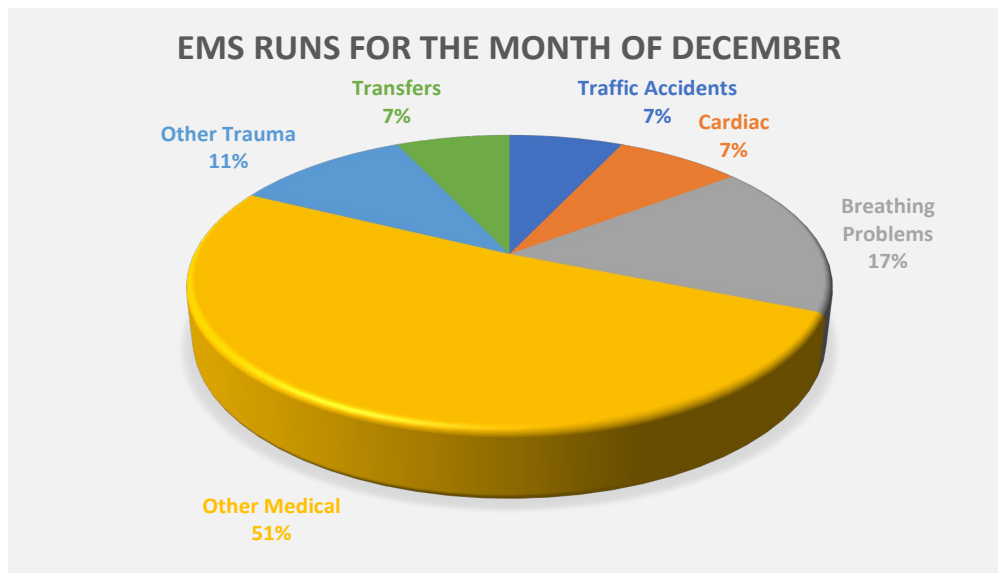
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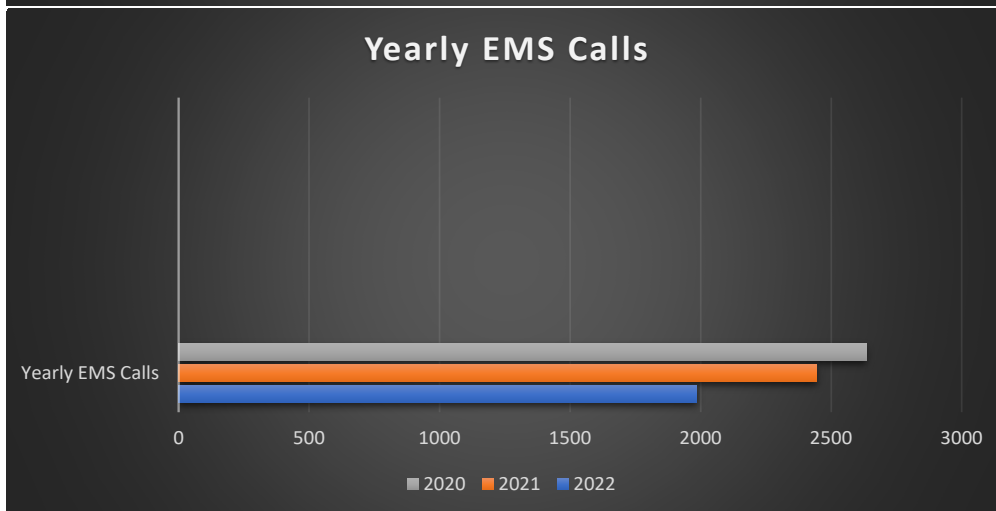
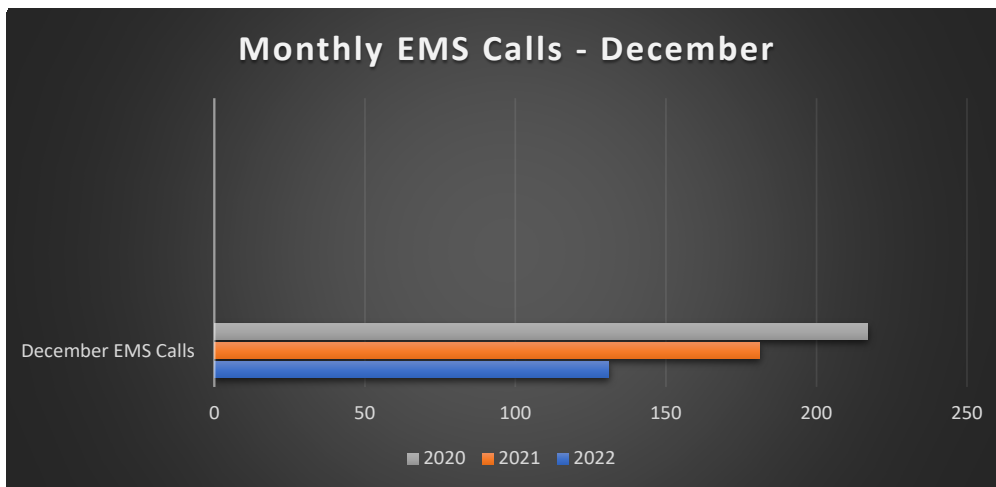
Ambulance Report:

The ambulance responded to 131 requests this month.

Of these calls there were several traffic incidents with traumatic and life-threatening injuries which were treated with the utmost concern for best patient outcomes. EMS crews also responded to two labor and delivery assists, both with successful outcomes. The crews did a fantastic job during the blizzard that left most of the county without power for days. There was not a single request that was turned down due to weather. In addition to responding to 911 requests, EMS crews worked with dispatch and IC to bring oxygen to snow-bound patients without power. I am very proud of the dedication and level of care the crews exemplified during these less-than-ideal situations.



Other Medical: 67 Breathing Problems: 22 Other Trauma (including falls): 14 Cardiac Events (including CPR Codes): 10 Traffic Accidents: 9 Interfacility Transfers: 9



December 2022: 131 runs December 2021: 181 runs December 2020: 217 runs

Yearly Run Total 2022: 1,983 Yearly Run Total 2021: 2,445 Yearly Run Total 2020: 2,634

Billing

Number of Runs Billed for the month of December: 104

Total Gross Revenue for the month of December: \$63,635.16

Staffing

We are still experiencing significant staffing shortages.

MEDICS: 3 full-time positions open and 2 medics on short-term disability going into Jan. 2023

AEMT/EMT: 4 full-time positions open