# Redwood County Sheriff's Office

# **Annual Activity Report**



# 2020

# **Redwood County Sheriff's Office**

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office consists of 13 full-time and 2 part-time sworn personnel serving a population of approximately 16,059 people and covering 882 square miles. There are multiple police departments located within the county consisting of the Redwood Falls Police Department, Lower Sioux Police Department, Morgan Police Department, Lamberton Police Department, and Walnut Grove Police Department. The Sheriff's Office also provides contract law enforcement services to the City of Wabasso.

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for a number of civil/law enforcement tasks including but not limited to: civil process, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, jail transports, court security, court ordered civil transports, search/rescue and body recovery. The Sheriff's Office also maintains a 24/7 dispatch center and 21 bed jail.

This report is not all inclusive but rather a summary of the Redwood County Sheriff's Office community involvement and enforcement activity.



# **Sheriff Randy Hanson**

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Emergency Number: 911 Non-Emergency Dispatch: 507-637-4036

Website: https://redwoodcounty-mn.us/departments/sheriffs-department/

### **Calls for Service**

Description	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
911 Hang up	25	16	25	10	11	19	6
Abandoned Vehicle	35	19	41	31	44	18	25
Accident	113	123	81	142	145	104	126
Active Shooter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alarm	61	57	72	5 7	82	61	70
Alcohol	5	5	7	4	5	7	11
Animal	111	137	131	110	119	111	79
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	n/a	n/a
Assault	4	9	17	18	10	30	9
Assist Other Agency No agency assigned -	40	50	32	458	374	368	408
- Ambulance Service	1	0	0	100	071	000	100
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- Fire Department	~		_				
- Lamberton Police Department	28	13	15				
- Lower Sioux Police Department	68	74	72				
- Morgan Police Department	44	19	33				
- Other Law Enforcement Agency	38	50	87				
- Redwood Falls Police Department	173	202	192				
- Walnut Grove Police Department	20	13	31				
Assist/Other	32	42	27	23	43	24	20
Attempt to Locate	21	10	13	9	14	6	7
Banishment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	15	13	14	23	18	6	16
Burn Permit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Custody	4	4	6	9	7	10	6
Child Protection	93	126	117	135	105	71	40
Civil	36	36	52	18	6	2	0
Community Policing	7	15	17	9	10	5	6
Compliance Check	3	28	98	48	10	20	113
Contempt of Court	3	0	1	1	3	0	5
Counterfeit	1	3	1	3	0	0	0
Criminal Damage to Property	25	14	17	20	29	27	15
Criminal Sexual Conduct	3	8	3	9	1	5	11
Death Investigation	12	9	11	16	14	11	7
Directed Patrol	697	611	677	837	566	516	505
Disorderly Conduct	2	5	7	10	4	9	5
Disturbance	37	73	52	64	55	47	32
Domestic	25	22	21	20	31	22	19
Driving Complaint	72	84	86	88	88	81	54
Drugs	17	25	41	55	31	7	12
Emergency Message	4	2	1	3	5	0	1
ERU	5	4	9	6	2	6	3
Escort	5	0	2	5	5	4	3
Evidence Audit	0	0	3	0	3	3	0
Expunged Record	3	4	3	0	0	0	0
Fire	99	94	102	98	108	96	79
Fleeing	1	0	3	3	2	0	1
Forgery	1	1	2	2	1	0	1
Fraud	12	16	17	15	30	31	14
Garbage	15	6	5	14	11	6	9
Gun Permit	517	353	427	338	484	356	378
Harassment	21	17	18	15	21	24	26

Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HRO/OFP	7	6	19	7	15	5	8
Information/Other	214	158	159	198	205	173	162
Juvenile	17	15	10	5	20	12	10
K9	1	6	3	11	4	8	8
Kidnapping	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Description of calls continued	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
License	32	32	34	38	34	28	29
Medical	1343	1852	1837	1706	1702	1530	1392
Mental Health	1	3	5	1	0	4	2
Missing Person	7	6	5	7	6	10	8
Motorist Assist	41	48	44	56	38	40	26
Noise Complaint	25	12	44	12	54	99	40
Obstructing	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Officer Complaint	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ordinance Violation	4	5	9	15	0	0	2
Parking	5	8	13	5	6	7	9
Pornography	2	1	4	2	0	0	2
Predatory Offender	126	95	140	106	103	76	90
Presentation	2	10	10	6	6	7	15
Prior Incident	0	10	13	14	7	5	12
Project Lifesaver	0	0	0	0	0	9	33
Property	24	23	23	31	47	33	18
Property Crime	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
Property Exchange	7	13	15	12	11	6	1
Prostitution	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Records Check	118	86	116	102	93	85	97
Recover Stolen Property	7	4	2	0	0	0	0
Repossession	3	5	9	13	10	0	0
Residence Check	90	121	174	209	13	11	25
Ride Along	4	2	4	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Runaway	2	0	4	4	2	3	2
Salvation Army	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Scam	21	23	20	13	1	0	0
Suicidal Person	11	10	20	27	18	16	15
Suspicious	144	115	138	166	121	133	87
Terroristic Threats	9	9	6	9	8	8	8
Testing/Training	11	13	2	2	15	0	0
Theft	63	43	56	63	53	56	72
- Stolen Vehicle	3	5	3	10	6	1	4
Traffic	881	1035	891	986	663	985	1274
Traffic Control	2	5	3	1	1	4	4
Transport	207	333	368	232	183	216	182
Trespass	6	9	11	13	8	11	9
UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)	13	15	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Off Road	48	76	52	45	0	0	0
Violate Court Order	9	6	9	10	16	8	7
Void	54	81	59	60	63	39	42
Vulnerable Adult	23	45	61	41	38	17	2
Warrant	398	430	396	379	285	336	381
Weapons	6	2	3	3	2	1	1
Weather Welfers Charles	29	32	24	26	22	28	24
Welfare Check	40	53	62	47	53	61	48
Total Calls for Service	0015	7275	7574	7421	6431	6186	6275

### **Civil Process**

Part of the duties of the Sheriff's Office includes processing/serving civil papers. These range from witness subpoenas to debt collections. Below is the number of papers that were submitted to the Sheriff's Office to be processed/served in 2020.

Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Civils	564	588	788	726	677	599	503

### **Criminal Charges**

The table below is a summary of criminal charges that resulted from the enforcement activity of the Sheriff's Office.

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	Criminal Charges	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Alcoho	I & Juvenile Crimes							
-	Contributing to Delinquency of a Child - 260B.425.1(a)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
-	Driving While Impaired (DWI) – 169A.20	15	22	19	25	26	18	13
-	Furnish Alcohol to Under 21 Years of Age - 340A.503.2(1)	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
-	Social Host Ordinance – 05.06.14	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
-	Under 21 Alcohol Consumption – 340A.503.1(a)(2)	3	10	16	20	5	16	8
-	Under 21 Alcohol Possession – 340A.503.3	0	0	0	2	0	2	3
Assaul	t & Related Crimes							
-	1st Degree Assault – 609.221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault – 609.222 (Dangerous weapons)	1	3	2	5	4	6	1
-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Assault – 609.223	1	1	1	1	1	5	2
-	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assault – 609.2231 (Assaults a Peace Officer)	1	0	1	1	3	4	1
-	5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assault – 609.224	17	6	15	10	3	12	11
-	Child Endangerment – 609.378	0	8	4	8	2	0	3
-	Disorderly Conduct – 609.72	11	11	12	10	23	22	11
-	Domestic Assault – 609.2242	12	20	18	11	39	23	11
-	Domestic Assault Strangulation - 609.2247.2	4	3	2	1	3	3	3
-	False Imprisonment - 609.255.2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
_	Interfere with 911 call - 609.78.2(1)	1	0	1	1	3	1	1
-	Kidnapping – 609.25	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
-	Malicious Punishment of a Child – 609.377	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
-	Terroristic Threats – 609.713.1	4	3	2	5	6	7	6
Crimes	Against Justice							
-	Escape custody – 609.485	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
-	False Name and DOB – 609.506	5	3	2	4	2	0	1
-	Falsely Reporting a Crime - 609.505	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
-	Fleeing a Peace Officer – On Foot – 609.487.6	2	1	3	1	3	0	2
-	Fleeing a Peace Officer – In a Motor Vehicle - 609.487.3	2	0	4	4	0	0	0
-	Obstructing the Legal Process – 609.50	6	3	7	3	4	3	3
-	Use of Police Radio Commission of Crime –609.856	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Crimina	al Sexual Conduct & Related Crimes							
_	1st Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.342	2	4	3	3	2	0	4
_	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.343	0	5	4	7	2	2	2
-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.344	0	0	3	2	0	2	9
-	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.345	0	1	0	2	1	2	3
-	5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.3451	1	5	1	4	0	0	2
-	Indecent Exposure - 617.23.3	0	5	0	0	4	0	0
-	Interfere With Privacy - 609.746	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
-	Possession of Pornographic Works Minors – 617.247	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
-	Prostitution - 609.324	0	1	0	3	0	0	1
-	Solicit child to engage in sexual conduct - 609.352	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
-	Stalking - 609.749	0	4	4	4	3	3	1

Drug Charges – See Page 8 for breakdown	23	62	73	93	38	50	33
Homicide & Criminal Vehicular Operation							
- Criminal Vehicular Homicide - 609.2112.1(a)(1)	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
- Criminal Vehicular Operation – 609.2113	0	1	0	4	0	1	3
- Attempted Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
- Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft & Related Crimes							
- 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Burglary – 609.582.1	1	0	9	12	1	0	0
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary – 609.582.2	3	1	2	3	0	2	1
- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary – 609.582.3	8	0	1	2	2	2	1
- 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Burglary – 609.582.4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
- Check Crimes (Forgery, Counterfeit, etc.) – 609.631	0	0	0	23	1	0	6
- Criminal Damage to Property – 609.595	17	8	1	3	11	5	7
- Financial Exploitation – 609.2335	0	0	0	0	1	2	10
Criminal Charges Continued	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud – 609.821	1	0	1	0	0	2	4
- Possession of Burglary Tools – 609.59	17	0	1	1	0	0	1
- Receiving Stolen Property - 609.53.1	4	3	3	4	1	3	7
- Robbery – 609.245	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
- Theft - 609.52	32	4	3	22	10	7	24
- Theft of Motor Vehicle - 609.52.2(a)(17)	5	2	2	4	2	0	2
- Trespass - 609.605	1	4	0	2	1	0	4
Violate Court Order							
- Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) - 629.75.2	4	4	12	7	22	2	5
- Harassment/Restraining Order (HRO) - 609.748.3	0	0	1	0	1	3	8
- Order For Protection (OFP) - 518B.01.14	2	1	4	5	11	1	3
Weapons Offenses & Related Crimes							
- Carrying Weapon without Permit – 624.714	3	4	0	1	1	0	0
- Dangerous Weapons (Reckless Discharge Etc.) – 609.66	2	1	2	2	1	0	1
- Illegal Possession of Firearm – 624.713	0	3	4	1	0	0	0
- Illegal Transport of a Firearm – 97B.045	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
- Prohibited possession tear gas/stun gun – 624.731.3(b)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
**Note: Multiple charges can result from a single incident**  Total	213	221	254	339	247	220	241

### **Redwood County Jail**

Redwood County has a 21 bed jail facility but the MN Department of Corrections requires the county to keep the average daily population (ADP) of the jail at just below 17. The majority of inmate overflow is housed at the Renville County Jail located in Olivia, MN. The ADP for the Redwood County Jail was lower in 2018 due to plumbing/sewer maintenance that closed the jail for over 2 months.

Below is a chart that shows the number of bookings the Redwood County Jail processed, along with the average daily inmate population.

Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total number of jail bookings	670	822	725	779	578	564	582
Average daily jail inmate population (Housed in Redwood County Jail)	13.49	16.47	13.4	**Unavaila ble**	15.3	16.2	13.4
Average daily <u>overall</u> inmate population (Includes inmates housed in Renville County Jail)	Unavailable	30.3	32.4	28.33	33.4	35.3	32.5
Total Population – Male	466	612	553	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Population – Women	204	224	200	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total days confined	4,935	6,012	7,170	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Entrance to the Redwood County Jail)

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### **Traffic Safety/Enforcement**

Below is a breakdown of traffic enforcement activities. The chart is not an all-inclusive list of traffic violations.

Traffic Citations	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Driver's License Violations							
- Driving After Cancellation – 171.24.3	2	7	2	4	4	2	4
- Driving After Cancellation Inimical to Public Safety – 171.24.5	6	6	6	4	4	3	4
- Driving After Revocation - 171.24.2	45	56	50	51	32	13	21
- Driving After Suspension – 171.24.1	8	31	21	15	7	13	10
- Instruction Permit Violation – 171.05.1(a)	1	4	4	3	1	6	4
- No Valid Driver's License – 171.02.1	15	13	20	19	4	13	13
Moving Violations							
- Careless / Reckless Driving 169.13	1	4	3	6	2	3	5
- Failure to Drive in Single Lane - 169.18.7(a)	8	2	2	5	3	0	0
- Failure to Drive with Due Care – 169.14.1	0	1	1	4	3	2	4
- Fail to Yield Right of Way & Stop Sign Violations – 169.20	11	2	3	7	5	5	5
- Speeding Violations – 169.14	147	76	130	162	91	107	123
- Unlawful Passing – 169.18	0	2	1	1	0	3	4
- Use of Wireless Communications Device - 169.475.2(a)	2	0	1	3	0	4	3
DWI / Drug & Alcohol Violations							
- DWI – 169A.20	15	22	19	25	26	18	13
- Ignition Interlock Violation – 171.09.1(g)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
- Open Bottle – 169A.35.3	4	4	12	13	8	4	8
- Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle - 152.027.3	8	2	6	6	4	6	3
<ul> <li>Under 21 Drink and Drive - 169A.33.2</li> </ul>	1	1	2	0	0	2	1
<ul> <li>Violation of Restricted License – Alcohol/Drugs – 171.09.1(f)(1)</li> </ul>	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Equipment/Non-Moving Violations							
- Leave Scene of an Accident – 169.09	3	2	2	5	0	4	3
- Muffler Required – 169.69	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
- No Child Restraint Violation – 169.685.5	1	6	2	2	0	2	1
- Seatbelt Violation – 169.686	4	5	21	24	16	13	19
- Tint too dark (50% or lower) – 169.71	10	1	0	3	1	0	0
- Unsafe Equipment – 169.47.1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Registration/Insurance Violations							
- Alter/Deface Registration – 168.36.3	2	4	4	2	2	1	0
- Expired Registration -168.09.4	28	13	7	12	4	8	5
- Fail to Register MV W/In 10 Days – 168A.30	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
- Intent to Escape MV Tax (Gross Misd) - 168.35	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
- Motor Vehicle Title – Fail to Transfer Title - 168A.30.2(2)/168.101.2a	3	0	2	1	0	0	1
- No Proof of Insurance – 169.791	29	37	38	60	20	23	21
- Operate Unregistered Vehicle – 168.09.1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
- Uninsured Vehicle – 169.797.2	3	5	3	4	0	1	2
Total	365	308	366	444	241	259	277

### **Traffic Safety Grant**

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office in 2019 continued to participate in the Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) traffic safety grant. As a grant member the Sheriff's Office is awarded funds for traffic enforcement.

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TZD Activity	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hours Worked	21	91.75	93.5	107.75	114	138	228
Miles Driven	402	2,213	1,813	2,869	2,734	3,538	5,966
Arrests	0	1	7	1	1	0	7
DWI Arrests	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Citations Issued	8	24	42	44	31	54	83
Total Traffic Stops	33	141	126	141	140	246	486
Vehicles Towed	0	0	6	0	1	0	5

### **Drug Enforcement & Activity**

Like many communities in Minnesota and across the country Redwood County has drug activity that occurs within its borders. To help combat drug activity the Sheriff's Office is part of the BLRR Drug Task Force which consists of Brown, Lyon, Redwood, and Renville counties. The Sheriff's Office has one K-9 trained in narcotics detection. Deputies also carry Naloxone (Narcan) in their squads for responding to incidents of opioid overdoses. Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse the potentially lethal effects of an opioid overdose.

### **BLRR Drug Task Force/Drug Seizures**

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office has one full-time deputy assigned to the BLRR task force. Below are the amounts of drugs seized by the task force in 2019 (this includes all four counties). **Note: 28.3495 grams = 1 ounce** 

Drug	Weight	2020	2019	2018	2017
Cocaine	grams	0	22	11	n/a
Heroin	grams	5	0	54	4
Marijuana	grams	7,942	4,678	9,157	856
Marijuana Concentrate (wax/oil)	grams	467	122	143	274
MDMA (Molly/Ecstasy)	grams	0	31	2	1
Methamphetamine	grams	360	3,700	1,312	1,426
Mushrooms	grams	0	2	11	n/a
Prescription Pills	pill	355	161	201	727
Synthetic Marijuana	grams	18	308	3,584	0
Unknown Substance	grams	3	12	34	n/a
Edibles	per one	200	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Stats	2020	2019	2018	2017
Children involved	4	18	33	27
Drug arrests	31	47	63	64

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Non drug arrests	15	27	24	42
Search warrants	44	34	36	46
Total cases	132	139	129	136
Weapons seized	60	50	9	12

## Drug Seizures – <u>Not</u> Task Force Related

Below are the amounts of drugs seized in Redwood County by Deputies through traffic stops or calls for service.

Drug	Weight	2020	2019	2018	2017	
Acid	units	0	0	0	5	
Heroin	grams	0.5	0	0	.24	
Marijuana	grams	98.5	28.21	2,341.4	36.77	
Marijuana Wax	grams	0.8	.24	.38	4.7	
Methamphetamine	grams	5.1	43.61	13.6	16.72	
Prescription Pills	pill	26	18	70	31	
Psilocybin (Shrooms)	grams	0	2.63	0	0	
THC Candy	grams	3	0	0	56	
THC Edibles	grams	0	0	0	15.1	
THC Oil	grams	0	2	2	2	



(Crystal Methamphetamine)

### **Drug Enforcement & Activity Continued**

Below is a breakdown of drug related charges stemming from the enforcement activity of the Redwood County Sheriff's Office.

Drug Charges	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Drugs – 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Possess/Sell Schedule I-V							
□ 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Controlled Substance – 152.021	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
□ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Controlled Substance – 152.022	0	1	7	0	3	1	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Controlled Substance - 152.023	0	2	3	3	2	2	0
<ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance - 152.024</li> </ul>	0	6	5	4	1	0	0
□ 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance - 152.025	5	26	20	36	11	9	10
Legend Drugs – Unlawful to possess/sell – 151.37.1		2	2	2	1	0	0
Methamphetamine – Store/possess in presence of children – 152.137		1	8	5	3	3	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 152.092	11	8	14	23	11	20	9
Possession of Hypodermic Needles – 151.40.1		6	0	3	0	0	0
Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana - 152.027.4(a)	4	7	6	10	2	9	3
Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle -		2	6	7	4	6	4
152.027.3			U	,	4	O	4
**Note: Multiple charges can result from a single incident**		62	73	93	38	50	33
Total							

### K-9 Program



The Redwood County Sheriff's Office has one K-9, Rolo and his handler Deputy Mike Campbell. Rolo is an 9 year old chocolate lab. Rolo is trained and certified in narcotics detection. Rolo is currently trained to detect 13 controlled substances. Rolo has been in service with the Redwood County Sheriff's Office since July of 2013. Rolo is utilized for school searches, search warrants, traffic stops and other incidents where controlled substances may be or are suspected to be present.

Deputy Campbell has been a K-9 handler for 20 years. He is also certified as a master trainer/instructor for K-9 handlers.

Deputy Campbell's squad is specially equipped to accommodate his K-9 partner Rolo. The squad is equipped with a "hot dog" temperature monitoring system that will alert the handler if the interior of the vehicle hits a certain temperature.

### **Drug Take Back Program**

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office also participates in the drug take back program. Here prescription drugs can be surrendered free of charge. The drop box is located in the lobby of the sheriff's office.

Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total weight (lbs) of drugs taken back	387.5	397.25	360.72	472	346	266	N/A





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# Emergency Response Unit (SWAT – Special Weapons And Tactics)

The Brown-Lyon-Redwood-Renville Emergency Response Unit (BLRR ERU) consists of deputies/officers from participating agencies within the four counties. Team members are provided with specialized equipment and training to handle high risk incidents.

Examples for activating the Emergency Response Unit are:

- High risk arrests and search warrants (armed and dangerous subjects)
- Hostage rescue
- Barricaded subjects
- Active shooter response
- Other high risk incidents where the subject is likely armed and dangerous

The Brown-Lyon-Redwood-Renville Emergency Response Unit (BLRR ERU) was activated a total of three times in 2020. A summary of the activations are below:

March 17, 2020 – The BLRR ERU was activated to assist the Brown-Lyon-Redwood-Renville Drug Task (BLRR DTF) with the execution of a search warrant in Lyon County. A male was taken into custody after a lengthy negotiation and the use of chemical munitions. The scene was turned over to the Marshall Police Department.

**June, 2020** – The BLRR ERU was activated twice to assist local law enforcement agencies. No further action was taken by the team

October 6, 2020 – The BLRR ERU was activated to assist the Redwood Falls Police Department and the Redwood County Sheriff's Office with the execution of a high risk search warrant. The male suspect had an outstanding warrant for illegal possession of a firearm. The warrant was executed and the male subject was taken into custody after the use of less lethal munition. The scene was turned over to the BLRR Drug Task Force and the Redwood County Sheriff's Office.



A robot equipped with a camera is deployed during a training scenario. The robot was acquired by the Renville County Sheriff's Office through the 10-33 program.

### **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**

In 2019 Redwood County was able to acquire a DJI Matrice 200 Series (M210) UAV. It has a DJI Zenmuse ZT2 flir camera as well as the Z30 30x optical zoom camera. The UAV cost was approximately \$30,000 of which the majority was covered by grants from the State of Minnesota. The UAV can be used for bridge inspections, mapping, and engineering.

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office primarily uses the UAV for search & rescue type applications, including searching for missing persons, people that have fled law enforcement, and mapping crime scenes.

The UAV was deployed by the Redwood County Sheriff's Office 13 times in 2020. 7 of the 13 were actual deployments described below, the rest were for training purposes.

05/29/20 - The drone was deployed in rural Wabasso to attempt to locate a subject from a suspicious vehicle.

**06/05/20** – The drone was deployed to assist the Redwood Falls Police Department during the Peace March through the City of Redwood Falls.

**06/25/20** – The MN State Patrol requested assistance in mapping the scene of a fatal crash that occurred outside of Redwood County into Cottonwood County.

**07/25/20** – The drone was deployed to assist the Redwood Falls Police Department for two male individuals who had fled from law enforcement on foot into a wooded area.

**08/19/20** – The UAV was deployed to assist the Redwood Falls Police Department along with the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The UAV was deployed for an aerial search.

**09/23/20**- The drone was deployed to assist the BLRR Drug Task Force with a search warrant in rural Clements where a male subject was apprehended.

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**12/21/20**- The UAV was deployed in rural Clements for a missing juvenile. Juvenile was eventually located.

