

Redwood County Sheriff's Office

Annual Activity Report



2023

Redwood County Sheriff's Office

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office consists of 17 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.



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

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

Description	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
911 Hang up	70	48	42	25	16	25	10	11	
Abandoned Vehicle	64	62	42	35	19	41	31	44	
Accident	133	120	118	113	123	81	142	145	
Active Shooter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alarm	76	55	58	61	57	72	57	82	
Alcohol	8	1	19	5	5	7	4	5	
Animal	170	159	156	111	137	131	110	119	
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Assault	10	14	15	4	9	17	18	10	
Assist Other Agency	No agency assigned -	94	84	69	40	50	32	458	374
- Ambulance Service	3	1	1	1	0	0			
- Fire Department	0	0	0	0	1	0			
- Lamberton Police Department	12	34	14	28	13	15			
- Lower Sioux Police Department	81	68	61	68	74	72			
- Morgan Police Department	38	36	34	44	19	33			
- Other Law Enforcement Agency	53	43	49	38	50	87			
- Redwood Falls Police Department	194	182	224	173	202	192			
- Walnut Grove Police Department	1	10	7	20	13	31			
Assist/Other	193	161	49	32	42	27	23	43	
Attempt to Locate	19	10	25	21	10	13	9	14	
Banishment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Burglary	12	11	8	15	13	14	23	18	
Burn Permit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Child Custody	17	4	7	4	4	6	9	7	
Child Protection	137	138	107	93	126	117	135	105	
Civil	77	62	31	36	36	52	18	6	
Community Policing	38	26	33	7	15	17	9	10	
Compliance Check	144	100	19	3	28	98	48	10	
Contempt of Court	4	0	2	3	0	1	1	3	
Counterfeit	1	0	3	1	3	1	3	0	
Criminal Damage to Property	18	10	25	25	14	17	20	29	
Criminal Sexual Conduct	14	8	9	3	8	3	9	1	
Death Investigation	16	17	21	12	9	11	16	14	
Directed Patrol	656	706	696	697	611	677	837	566	
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	2	5	7	10	4	
Disturbance	70	57	66	37	73	52	64	55	
Domestic	36	18	28	25	22	21	20	31	
Driving Complaint	152	87	112	72	84	86	88	88	
Drugs	23	25	23	17	25	41	55	31	
Emergency Message	3	6	5	4	2	1	3	5	
ERU	2	6	0	5	4	9	6	2	
Escort	3	3	6	5	0	2	5	5	
Evidence Audit	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	
Expunged Record	9	7	1	3	4	3	0	0	
Fire	142	122	110	99	94	102	98	108	
Fleeing	7	4	4	1	0	3	3	2	
Forgery	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	
Fraud	10	16	16	12	16	17	15	30	
Garbage	11	3	15	15	6	5	14	11	
Gun Permit	412	392	563	517	353	427	338	484	
Harassment	33	33	31	21	17	18	15	21	

Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HRO/OFP	9	5	25	7	6	19	7	15
Information/Other	239	243	263	214	158	159	198	205
Juvenile	29	16	18	17	15	10	5	20
K9	2	1	1	1	6	3	11	4
Kidnapping	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Description of calls continued	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
License	42	33	35	32	32	34	38	34
Medical	1308	1293	1180	1343	1852	1837	1706	1702
Mental Health	73	13	10	1	3	5	1	0
Missing Person	8	8	7	7	6	5	7	6
Motorist Assist	115	107	140	41	48	44	56	38
Noise Complaint	8	5	16	25	12	44	12	54
Obstructing	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Officer Complaint	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Ordinance Violation	13	11	21	4	5	9	15	0
Parking	15	12	10	5	8	13	5	6
Pornography	5	1	1	2	1	4	2	0
Predatory Offender	153	109	117	126	95	140	106	103
Presentation	2	5	2	2	10	10	6	6
Prior Incident	0	0	0	0	10	13	14	7
Project Lifesaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property	32	43	32	24	23	23	31	47
Property Crime	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Property Exchange	16	5	9	7	13	15	12	11
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Records Check	181	119	137	118	86	116	102	93
Recover Stolen Property	10	3	8	7	4	2	0	0
Repossession	4	5	1	3	5	9	13	10
Residence Check	195	225	93	90	121	174	209	13
Ride Along	18	15	7	4	2	4	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Runaway	5	1	1	2	0	4	4	2
Salvation Army	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Scam	36	42	25	21	23	20	13	1
Suicidal Person	15	14	19	11	10	20	27	18
Suspicious	158	168	153	144	115	138	166	121
Terroristic Threats	12	10	8	9	9	6	9	8
Testing/Training	28	2	44	11	13	2	2	15
Theft	76	56	94	63	43	56	63	53
- Stolen Vehicle	14	2	9	3	5	3	10	6
Traffic	2442	2375	2793	881	1035	891	986	663
Traffic Control	2	3	4	2	5	3	1	1
Transport	371	270	244	207	333	368	232	183
Trespass	17	6	6	6	9	11	13	8
UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)	6	11	9	13	15	0	0	0
Vehicle Off Road	140	75	50	48	76	52	45	0
Violate Court Order	6	6	12	9	6	9	10	16
Void	53	55	57	54	81	59	60	63
Vulnerable Adult	80	28	55	23	45	61	41	38
Warrant	430	420	520	398	430	396	379	285
Weapons	6	3	11	6	2	3	3	2
Weather	26	45	23	29	32	24	26	22
Welfare Check	97	64	63	40	53	62	47	53
Total Calls for Service	9778	8887	9280	6615	7275	7574	7421	6431

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 2023.

Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Civils	783	735	615	564	588	788	726	677

Criminal Charges

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

Criminal Charges	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Alcohol & Juvenile Crimes								
- Contributing to Delinquency of a Child - 260B.425.1(a)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
- Driving While Impaired (DWI) – 169A.20	29	28	22	15	22	19	25	26
- Furnish Alcohol to Under 21 Years of Age - 340A.503.2(1)	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
- Social Host Ordinance – 05.06.14	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
- Under 21 Alcohol Consumption – 340A.503.1(a)(2)	3	3	9	3	10	16	20	5
- Under 21 Alcohol Possession – 340A.503.3	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	0
Assault & Related Crimes								
- 1 st Degree Assault – 609.221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- 2 nd Degree Assault – 609.222 (Dangerous weapons)	7	4	6	1	3	2	5	4
- 3 rd Degree Assault – 609.223	6	4	4	1	1	1	1	1
- 4 th Degree Assault – 609.2231 (Assaults a Peace Officer)	4	3	3	1	0	1	1	3
- 5 th Degree Assault – 609.224	46	23	36	17	6	15	10	3
- Child Endangerment – 609.378	2	0	5	0	8	4	8	2
- Disorderly Conduct – 609.72	9	14	11	11	11	12	10	23
- Domestic Assault – 609.2242	38	15	26	12	20	18	11	39
- Domestic Assault Strangulation - 609.2247.2	3	2	0	4	3	2	1	3
- False Imprisonment - 609.255.2	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0
- Interfere with 911 call - 609.78.2(1)	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3
- Kidnapping – 609.25	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0
- Malicious Punishment of a Child – 609.377	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
- Terroristic Threats – 609.713.1	14	9	7	4	3	2	5	6
Crimes Against Justice								
- Escape custody – 609.485	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
- False Name and DOB – 609.506	3	0	5	5	3	2	4	2
- Falsely Reporting a Crime - 609.505	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
- Fleeing a Peace Officer – On Foot – 609.487.6	7	2	4	2	1	3	1	3
- Fleeing a Peace Officer – In a Motor Vehicle - 609.487.3	4	5	4	2	0	4	4	0
- Obstructing the Legal Process – 609.50	11	1	8	6	3	7	3	4
- Use of Police Radio Commission of Crime –609.856	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct & Related Crimes								
- 1 st Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.342	5	2	2	2	4	3	3	2
- 2 nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.343	3	1	3	0	5	4	7	2
- 3 rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.344	1	1	3	0	0	3	2	0
- 4 th Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.345	1	0	4	0	1	0	2	1
- 5 th Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct – 609.3451	0	4	2	1	5	1	4	0
- Indecent Exposure - 617.23.3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	4
- Interfere With Privacy - 609.746	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
- Possession of Pornographic Works Minors – 617.247	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Prostitution - 609.324	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
- Solicit child to engage in sexual conduct - 609.352	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

- Stalking - 609.749	3	2	7	0	4	4	4	3	
Drug Charges – See Page 8 for breakdown	34	60	45	23	62	73	93	38	
Homicide & Criminal Vehicular Operation	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
- Criminal Vehicular Homicide - 609.2112.1(a)(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
- Criminal Vehicular Operation – 609.2113	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	
- Attempted Murder / Manslaughter - 609.19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Theft & Related Crimes									
- 1 st Degree Burglary – 609.582.1	1	0	0	1	0	9	12	1	
- 2 nd Degree Burglary – 609.582.2	4	1	3	3	1	2	3	0	
- 3 rd Degree Burglary – 609.582.3	3	6	5	8	0	1	2	2	
- 4 th Degree Burglary – 609.582.4	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	
- Check Crimes (Forgery, Counterfeit, etc.) – 609.631	0	1	2	0	0	0	23	1	
- Criminal Damage to Property – 609.595	20	19	17	17	8	1	3	11	
- Financial Exploitation – 609.2335	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Criminal Charges Continued	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud – 609.821	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	
- Possession of Burglary Tools – 609.59	21	20	17	17	0	1	1	0	
- Receiving Stolen Property - 609.53.1	7	7	8	4	3	3	4	1	
- Robbery – 609.245	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	
- Theft - 609.52	52	39	73	32	4	3	22	10	
- Theft of Motor Vehicle - 609.52.2(a)(17)	10	5	7	5	2	2	4	2	
- Trespass - 609.605	2	3	1	1	4	0	2	1	
Violate Court Order									
- Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) - 629.75.2	3	3	7	4	4	12	7	22	
- Harassment/Restraining Order (HRO) - 609.748.3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
- Order For Protection (OFP) - 518B.01.14	0	1	9	2	1	4	5	11	
Weapons Offenses & Related Crimes									
- Carrying Weapon without Permit – 624.714	4	2	4	3	4	0	1	1	
- Dangerous Weapons (Reckless Discharge Etc.) – 609.66	5	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	
- Illegal Possession of Firearm – 624.713	6	5	2	0	3	4	1	0	
- Illegal Transport of a Firearm – 97B.045	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
- Prohibited possession tear gas/stun gun – 624.731.3(b)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Note: Multiple charges can result from a single incident	Total	387	308	405	213	221	254	339	247

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.

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

Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total number of jail bookings	670	625	718	670	822	725	779	578
Average daily jail inmate population (Housed in Redwood County Jail)	20.82	19.29	14.26	13.49	16.47	13.4	**Unavailable**	15.3
Average daily overall inmate population (Includes inmates housed in Renville County Jail)	27.8	26.53	27.29	Unavailable	30.3	32.4	28.33	33.4
Total Population – Male	493	465	506	466	612	553	n/a	n/a
Total Population – Women	185	158	194	204	224	200	n/a	n/a
Total days confined	7,597.93	7,040.22	5,204	4,935	6,012	7,170	n/a	n/a



(Main Entrance to the Redwood County Jail)

Traffic Safety/Enforcement

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

Traffic Citations	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Driver's License Violations								
- Driving After Cancellation – 171.24.3	7	3	10	2	7	2	4	4
- Driving After Cancellation Inimical to Public Safety – 171.24.5	8	6	9	6	6	6	4	4
- Driving After Revocation - 171.24.2	57	70	54	45	56	50	51	32
- Driving After Suspension – 171.24.1	32	23	35	8	31	21	15	7
- Instruction Permit Violation – 171.05.1(a)	6	3	1	1	4	4	3	1
- No Valid Driver's License – 171.02.1	48	37	44	15	13	20	19	4
Moving Violations								
- Careless / Reckless Driving 169.13	4	7	5	1	4	3	6	2
- Failure to Drive in Single Lane - 169.18.7(a)	0	0	0	8	2	2	5	3
- Failure to Drive with Due Care – 169.14.1	1	9	9	0	1	1	4	3

- Fail to Yield Right of Way & Stop Sign Violations – 169.20	3	13	27	11	2	3	7	5
- Speeding Violations – 169.14	153	229	415	147	76	130	162	91
- Unlawful Passing – 169.18	3	3	5	0	2	1	1	0
- Use of Wireless Communications Device - 169.475.2(a)	4	3	8	2	0	1	3	0
DWI / Drug & Alcohol Violations								
- DWI – 169A.20	29	28	22	15	22	19	25	26
- Ignition Interlock Violation – 171.09.1(g)	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	1
- Open Bottle – 169A.35.3	12	12	13	4	4	12	13	8
- Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle – 152.027.3	9	14	10	8	2	6	6	4
- Cannabis open Package Law – 169A.36 (NEW 08/2023)	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
- Under 21 Drink and Drive - 169A.33.2	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
- Violation of Restricted License – Alcohol/Drugs – 171.09.1(f)(1)	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Equipment/Non-Moving Violations								
- Leave Scene of an Accident – 169.09	2	2	1	3	2	2	5	0
- Muffler Required – 169.69	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
- No Child Restraint Violation – 169.685.5	0	1	6	1	6	2	2	0
- Seatbelt Violation – 169.686	2	11	16	4	5	21	24	16
- Tint too dark (50% or lower) – 169.71	1	2	4	10	1	0	3	1
- Unsafe Equipment – 169.47.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Registration/Insurance Violations								
- Alter/Deface Registration – 168.36.3	1	1	1	2	4	4	2	2
- Expired Registration -168.09.4	26	39	34	28	13	7	12	4
- Fail to Register MV W/in 10 Days – 168A.30	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
- Intent to Escape MV Tax (Gross Misd) - 168.35	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1
- Motor Vehicle Title – Fail to Transfer Title - 168A.30.2(2)/168.101.2a	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	0
- No Proof of Insurance – 169.791	11	28	22	29	37	38	60	20
- Operate Unregistered Vehicle – 168.09.1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
- Uninsured Vehicle – 169.797.2	0	2	0	3	5	3	4	0
Total	419	554	754	365	308	366	444	241

Traffic Safety Grant

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office in 2023 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.

TZD Activity	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Hours Worked	71.5	91.10	58.25	21	91.75	93.5	107.75	114
Miles Driven	1,758	1750	1439	402	2,213	1,813	2,869	2,734
Arrests	0	0	2	0	1	7	1	1
DWI Arrests	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1
Citations Issued	11	34	31	8	24	42	44	31
Total Traffic Stops	112	132	106	33	141	126	141	140
Vehicles Towed	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1

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. Deputies also carry 2 packages of 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 2023 (this includes all four counties). **Note: 28.3495 grams = 1 ounce**

Drug	Weight	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Cocaine	grams	12	539	29	0	22	11	n/a
Fentanyl Pills	Pill	0	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fentanyl Powder	grams	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heroin	grams	6	13,211	1	5	0	54	4
Cannabis	grams	1541	1,067	27,562	7,942	4,678	9,157	856
Cannabis Concentrate (wax/oil)	grams	126	384	1,994	467	122	143	274
MDMA (Molly/Ecstasy)	grams	0	0	18	0	31	2	1
Methamphetamine	grams	2491	737	37,483	360	3,700	1,312	1,426
Mushrooms	grams	10	0	46	0	2	11	n/a
Prescription Pills	pill	1066	159	3,934	355	161	201	727
Synthetic Marijuana	grams	0	0	0	18	308	3,584	0
Unknown Substance	grams	52	5	0	3	12	34	n/a
Edibles	per one	0	0	1,170	200	N/A	N/A	N/A
LSD	grams	13	7	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vape Cartridges	per one	0	10	882	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Stats	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Children involved	5	3	11	4	18	33	27
Drug arrests	52	35	64	31	47	63	64
Non drug arrests	15	14	9	15	27	24	42
Search warrants	106	114	108	44	34	36	46
Total cases	126	118	142	132	139	129	136
Weapons seized	2	5	34	60	50	9	12

Drug Seizures – Not Task Force Related

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

On August 1st, 2023, Minnesota legislature made the use of recreational cannabis legal for those over the age of 21. Possession of two ounces or less in public is no longer a crime. However, the use of cannabis and driving under the influence of cannabis is still illegal. Minnesota legislature also made the possession of drug paraphernalia and hypodermic needles legal. The statistics below pertaining to cannabis were prior to August 1st, 2023.

Drug	Weight	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Acid	units	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Heroin	grams	0	0.8	1.1	0.5	0	0	.24
Cannabis	grams	167.012	236.72	305.4	98.5	28.21	2,341.4	36.77
Cannabis Wax	grams	0	3.9	1	0.8	.24	.38	4.7
Methamphetamine	grams	17.319	33.666	93.7	5.1	43.61	13.6	16.72
Prescription Pills	pill	14	Unknown	unknown	26	18	70	31
Psilocybin (Shrooms)	grams	0	11	0	0	2.63	0	0
THC Candy	grams	0	0	0	3	0	0	56
THC Edibles	grams	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.1
THC Oil	grams	0.036	4	0	0	2	2	2
Suboxone	Sheets	0	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fentanyl	grams	0.047	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Drugs – 1 st – 5 th Degree Possess/Sell Schedule I-V								
☐ 1 st Degree Controlled Substance – 152.021	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
☐ 2 nd Degree Controlled Substance – 152.022	0	1	2	0	1	7	0	3
☐ 3 rd Degree Controlled Substance - 152.023	1	2	0	0	2	3	3	2
☐ 4 th Degree Controlled Substance - 152.024	1	1	0	0	6	5	4	1
☐ 5 th Degree Controlled Substance - 152.025	14	24	12	5	26	20	36	11
Legend Drugs – Unlawful to possess/sell – 151.37.1	3	0	1	1	2	2	2	1
Methamphetamine – Store/possess in presence of children – 152.137	1	0	0	0	1	8	5	3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 152.092	15	29	29	11	8	14	23	11
Possession of Hypodermic Needles – 151.40.1	1	6	2	3	6	0	3	0
Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana - 152.027.4(a)	6	14	16	4	7	6	10	2
Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle - 152.027.3	9	14	10	8	2	6	7	4
Note: Multiple charges can result from a single incident								
Total	51	92	73	32	62	73	93	38

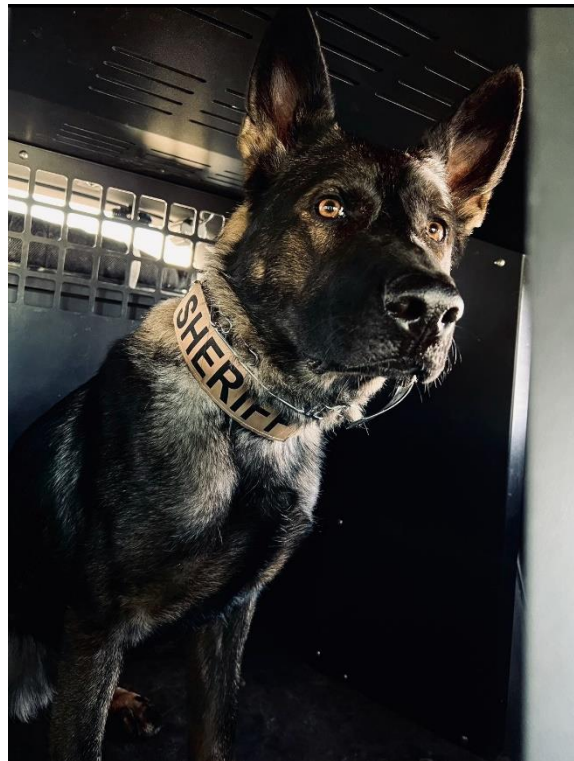
Drug Take Back Program

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total weight (lbs) of drugs taken back	278.77	288.51	330.51	387.5	397.25	360.72	472	346

K-9 Program

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office has one K-9, Echo and his handler Deputy Taft Anderson. Echo is a 1.5 year old German Shepard. Echo is trained and certified in narcotics detection, apprehension, suspect searches and tracking. Echo has been in service with the Redwood County Sheriff's Office since August of 2023. Echo is utilized for school searches, search warrants, traffic stops, and other incidents where controlled substances may be suspected or to be present. Echo is also utilized for tracking searches and apprehension. He and Deputy Anderson are also a part of the BLRR ERU team.



The Redwood County Sheriff's Office will have the opportunity to expand our K-9 Program in late 2024 with the addition of one more K-9!

**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 2 times in 2023. A summary of the activations are below:

04/22/2023 – Renville County Sheriff's Office attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle. Vehicle fled from law enforcement and a pursuit was initiated. The male pulled into a rural Clements residence and barricaded himself. The BLRR ERU was requested as the suspected driver of the vehicle had warrants and has had prior ERU activations for his arrest.

The team made initial announcements over the PA from the MRAP but no response was noted. Negotiators attempted to make contact with the male but no number was able to be found for him. After a period of time, giving commands over the PA to exit the house, the MRAP breached the side garage door of the residence, using the ram.

Announcements continued over the PA but with no response from anyone inside the residence. Approximately one hour and thirty minutes after arriving on-scene, a female was seen inside of the house. She was given commands to exit the residence and was taken into custody by the MRAP arrest team.

A search of a house later found the male individual with the warrant. A K-9 from ERU team was used along with the mini-UAV. Charges were also sent over on the female for hiding the male. Time spent on-scene was approximately seven hours.

12/28/2023 – BLRR Drug Task Force requested the use of the ERU team with the arrest of an individual with felony DOC warrants. Subject had cut off his ankle monitor and had cut contact with his probation agent. The felony warrants were for 1st Degree Controlled Substance and 3rd Degree Assault, along with a failure to register. The task force agent had concluded that the male's location was in the Lower Sioux Community.

The ERU team arrived at the scene of the house and started loud hails over the MRAP PA. Approximately two minutes later, the male exited the residence and he was taken into custody without incident. The Renville County Sheriff's Office UAV was used during this callout. Time spent on-scene was approximately seven minutes.



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.

In December of 2023, the Sheriff's Office received the Matrice 210 V2.

The UAV was deployed by the Redwood County Sheriff's Office 10 times in 2023. 5 of the 10 were actual deployments described below, the rest were for training purposes.

04/22/23- Deployed to assist in a search warrant for a subject that had fled in a motor vehicle from law enforcement.

05/26/23- Deployed to assist the US Fire Marshall after a barn fire.

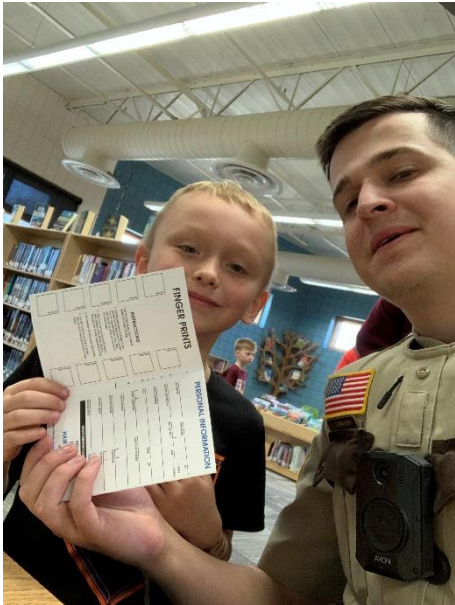
07/18/23- Deployed to assist the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and Minnesota State Patrol for subjects who fled from law enforcement both in a motor vehicle and on foot.

09/20/23- Deployed multiple times within a two week span to attempt to locate a missing person in the City of Sanborn.

10/12/2023- Deployed to locate a subject who fled from law enforcement on foot into a cornfield.



Community Involvement



Deputy Schroeder



Deputy Anderson

RCSO was given the opportunity to fingerprint the students of the Wabasso Public School

Chief Deputy Torgerson and Sheriff Jacobson





Sgt. Zimmermann, Deputy Labat, Chief Deputy Torgerson, Sheriff Jacobson, Deputy Schroeder and Deputy Engels along with the MN DNR were able to help out at the firearms safety course!





Deputy Engels, Deputy Kaiser, Sgt. Clancy, Deputy Labat and Deputy Schroeder provided security at the annual Roadhouse Concert with Sammy Kershaw performing.



Deputy Schroeder giving a presentation to the students of the Redwood Valley High School



Sgt. Zimmermann handing out stickers at the Lower Sioux Powwow



Chief Deputy Torgerson led the Sanborn Watermelon Days Parade



Deputy Esser handing out RCSO goodies to trick-or-treaters on Halloween

Deputy Schroeder “stopping” a rider on her bike to say thank you for wearing a helmet!



2023 Annual Shop with a Cop!



Sgt. Clancy, Chief Deputy Torgerson, Sheriff Jacobson and Deputy Kaiser participated in the annual shop with a cop. Not pictured - Deputy Reynolds.



Deputy Reynolds



Deputy Kaiser



Sheriff Jacobson

Chief Deputy Torgerson

