

**HAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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Newsletter & Commission Report  
April 2014

PERSONNEL & TRAINING

- I have a request before you to re-appoint Nehemia Volquardsen as a **CONSTABLE** for the county and Tammy Hofman is a fresh appointment as county **CONSTABLE**.
- The open deputy sheriff (COPS GRANT) position remains open. We have two finalist for the position, both from the Brookings / Sioux Falls area. Each of them has merit and I may have to re-interview to make a final decision. **The starting pay** last year when Austin Huettl was hired was \$13.07. In the past we have applied 1/2 of the January raises to the amount to form the new base which I have now at \$13.22, unless the increase was the full \$0.30 which makes it \$13.37. I cannot remember which formula we used.
- Nehemia Volquardsen reached **his two year anniversary**. In keeping with the wage scale, his eligible for his final \$0.50/hour increase (it will be his last step increase). This would take his wage from \$13.90 to \$14.40 per hour.

**Training:**

- PT Clerk & dispatcher Colleen Peterman traveled with Nehemia Volquardsen on Friday (3/28) to tour and learn at both the 911 center in Huron and the State Radio dispatch center in Huron. Each of them reported they learn a lot from the tour and who both systems work in concert with us.
- Deputy McGawley and Office Manager/dispatcher Tammy Hofman will make the same trip in April.

**Policy Manual:**

- No activity

EQUIPMENT

**GENERATOR:** The generator starts as planned each Tuesday morning about 11:00 A.M. We are working on a plan (Nehemia and I) on how and when to load test the generator.

**SECURITY:** Recently we dealt with a potentially violent individual on a mental illness warrant. We do not have **cages in our vehicles**. We had one in the old Tahoe but it did not fit in the smaller vehicles. It was suggested that I should purchase one for one of the vehicles for transport purposes. They are about \$1000. Our last one was paid using grant funds, which are no longer available.

Additionally, we had previously talked about a **holding cage** for prisoners while in the office. The commission previously discounted the idea. I want to know your feelings on this since the complexion of the board is considerably different then it was several years ago.

On another note, recently a complaint was registered about information on criminal cases leaking from our office. We discovered several vulnerabilities in the office. They are:

- Voice conversations in the office can be heard through a hole in the floor near the dispatch desk. We have stuffed it with material to filter the sounds.
- The wall between the back office and the men's room is a sheetrock wall, voices can be heard through that wall. The only fix to this is to be more quiet.
- The doors / transom to the office allow those standing outside the doors to eaves drop on conversations inside. We keep our doors closed for privacy but at the expense of not knowing whether someone is standing outside them. The main door is visible to the public but there are chairs right outside. The side door is in the staircase hallway but people looking at the plaques of names can still hear the conversations inside. The only fix again is to be aware and more quiet.
- The complaint focused on one person but I am not sure that this person is the leak. Luke can explain that later.

### **GRANTS**

**The 2013-2014 Highway Safety Grant :** I attended the mandatory meeting in Aberdeen. Patrick attended it in Sioux Falls while there on his day off. We are going to re-apply for the grant. I was instructed to complete my purchases ASAP and get them turned in for re-imburement.

**BVP / Vest Grant:** I was not approved. The vest cost about \$600. Presently, I am the only one in need since they are fit to the person and we don't know the longevity of the personnel.

**2009-2014 COPS GRANT** program: There was no activity this month, the position is vacant.

**Courtroom Security Grant:** I will purchase the camera system for the courtroom soon and hopefully get it installed soon.

### **IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES:**

My **YEAR TO DATE** activity report is attached to this newsletter. This information is also uploaded to the sheriff's page on the Hand County Website. It can be reviewed at any time.

### **NECOG**

No activity.

More information can be found at [www.necog.org](http://www.necog.org). I encourage you to visit the NECOG website.

**Hand County Sheriff's Office, Report of Monthly Activity (2004 to Present)**

Activity by period:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Year to Date)		
Case Reports / Responses	456	480	483	306	488	553	461	558	580	416	92		
Sheriff's Returns (Process Served)	234	207	254	260	262	391	246	260	199	204	52		
Pistol Permit Applications	76	78	80	98	99	109	105	100	145	180	27		
Accidents (No injury)	115	97	101	87	90	98	101	99	112	76	7		
Accidents (w/Injury)	7	11	13	1	2	10	12	10	13	11	2		
Accidents (w/Fatality)	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0		
Traffic Tickets Issued	77	84	67	61	16	51	107	157	87	132	1		
Traffic Warning Tickets Issued	60	23	40	28	10	25	138	268	117	341	9		
Writs of Execution / Judgment	40	30	24	25	28	43	51	71	69	46	42		
Distress Warrants for Taxes	2	2	2	5	2	3	4	6	5	4	1		
Unattended Deaths	4	2	2	0	3	3	3	2	4	2	0		
Hand County Warrants Open			44	2	50	55	62	54	51	57	57		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1110</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>1585</b>	<b>1383</b>	<b>1471</b>	<b>290</b>		

**Persons in Held in Jail or Detention**

Adult Prisoners	50	41	4	6	20	18	0	21	17	13	3		
Juveniles in Detention	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0		
Prisoner Days	675	855	774	186	-	-	-	180	UNK	288	105		

**Financial Report**

Accounts Receivable to Jail	\$14,515.00	\$21,202.12	\$28,377.12	\$27,409.62	\$27,437.12	\$28,907.12	\$30,753.80	\$1,125.74	\$1,375.74	\$1,065.74	\$815.74		
Jail Restitution Received	\$2,820.00	\$4,325.00	\$3,545.00		\$4,805.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,413.62	\$1,820.00	\$350.00	\$1,885.00	\$1,000.00		
Revenue from Sheriff's / Other fees			\$4,153.18	\$4,730.76	\$4,166.51	\$6,662.54	\$5,055.89	\$4,553.75	\$3,305.01	\$3,901.23	\$898.90		

**Accident Damage Information (Does not include medical expenses)(Sheriff's Office Only)**

2004 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$351,357.60												
2005 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$344,269.90												
2006 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$439,364.90												
2007 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$396,975.67												
2008 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$280,457.52												
2009 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$433,199.00												
2010 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$394,084.34												
2011 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$384,380.41												
2012 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$490,103.99												
2013 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$282,716.57												
2014 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$37,849.11												

When "UNK" appears this is because the records can not be validated yet. Some records were maintained correctly or information was loaded in the wrong area.