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Newsletter & Commission Report  
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**PERSONNEL:**

- I interviewed an applicant for the deputy sheriff's position. He informed me that he is seeking employment in other agencies and if they fail he would consider working for us.
- I have one person, who was a certified, full time officer in another community express interest in working here but only on a part-time basis. I would need your approval to offer him employment as an "unscheduled part-time employee" at \$13.22 / hour.

**TRAINING:**

- I completed annual firearm qualification this past month.
- I received the "caution" and "warning" signs to erect at the hand-gun range. I put up the first sign on the building and will have one on a post and another that can be put on the gates during times when "live fire" is present on the range. I had previously placed "No Trespassing" signs at the range. I still need to have the backstops raised to 12' to improve safety even further.

**Policy Manual:**

- No activity

**EQUIPMENT:**

**Tires:** I replaced the tires on the GMC vehicle, I got prices from Tony's, Stobbs and A+. Tony was at \$164.54, Stobbs was at \$169.00 and A+ was \$146.36. One of the tires was ruined (broken belt), the other two were bald enough they would not work this winter and the fourth we kept as it was a "take-off" from a previous tire purchase in 2012.

**Prisoner Cage for vehicles:** I am going to work with the Millerdale Colony on fabricating a prisoner transport cage for the vehicles. The previous business backed out and the company that offers cages at retail no longer supplies our style of vehicle and would have to have it custom made.

**Hand Guns:** I submitted the paperwork and order forms for the GLOCK handguns to Jack's Uniforms. I have not heard anything back yet. Part of the paperwork was for the ATF as these are law enforcement only weapons.

**Portable Radio:** I purchased a replacement hand-held radio for the broken one for under \$300.

**Fuel business:** We have started to purchase fuel from the Cowboy Country Store. The switch left some people asking why. The simplest answer is that it is good for the community to receive services from any vendor who can supply the need competitively.

**Surplus Property:** None to sell, some to destroy later or discard as junk.

### GRANTS

**The 2013-2014 Highway Safety Grant :** Reimbursement request for payroll amounted to \$1416.15 (Oct-Dec of 2013), \$1625.50 (Mar-June of 2014, and \$97.47 (August 2014) for a total request of \$3139.12.

The equipment reimbursement requests are for a vehicle mounted traffic radar which cost \$2399. The grant was approved at \$2362 (\$37 difference). The request is for 80% of the actual costs (\$1919.20) but if not approved, the original reimbursement amount was \$1889.60. The county's share will either be \$472.40 or \$479.80. I am hopeful they will reimburse the higher amount.

The second piece of equipment was for a RADAR display board through the City of St. Lawrence. The request was for two units costing \$2170.99 each. We were approved for \$4200 for two signs but only purchased one this year (we will not be getting the second on this grant). We were \$70.99 over budget. The 80/20 cost split puts our request at \$1736.80 and our share at \$434.20 (which we will recover from the City of St. Lawrence) for a total recover projection of \$2171.00.

The total request for reimbursement from the Department of Public Safety / Office of Highway safety is \$3656.00. The total local share is \$914.00 of which St. Lawrence will repay \$434.20 for county investment of \$479.80.

If the DPS-OHS does not forgive the budget overruns, we will recover about \$29.60 less. The total request for reimbursement is **\$6,795.12**.

As of 10.06.14 we have received an EFT for \$3,142.12 and are scheduled to receive an additional \$3,569.60 which equals **\$6,711.72**. This is a difference of \$83.40.

I did not make any equipment requests for the upcoming 2014-2015 budget year. I only applied for overtime recovery for speed/seatbelt and impaired driving enforcement.

**BVP / Vest Grant:** I am in the process now of signing up for this program. Under this program the grant would pay about 50% of the costs associated with the purchase of vests for the officers.

**2009-2014 COPS GRANT** program: Because the program position is unfilled, there is no report.

**Courtroom Security Grant:** I have returned this grant. I was not able to complete the grant within the time frame and sent the check back to the Unified Judicial System. The amount we were approved for was \$178.82 for one-half of the \$358 camera system. I did not and do not have the manpower or time to install this equipment. Maybe when there are more staff in the sheriff's office we can try again, or if we can acquire enough funds to have it installed professionally.

### 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**

I was not able to attend the last NECOG meeting due to being short handed. There is no meeting currently planned for September.

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	371		
Sheriff's Returns (Process Served)	234	207	254	260	262	391	246	260	199	204	204		
Pistol Permit Applications	76	78	80	98	99	109	105	100	145	180	73		
Accidents (No injury)	115	97	101	87	90	98	101	99	112	76	61		
Accidents (w/Injury)	7	11	13	1	2	10	12	10	13	11	11		
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	56		
Traffic Warning Tickets Issued	60	23	40	28	10	25	138	268	117	341	137		
Writs of Execution / Judgment	40	30	24	25	28	43	51	71	69	46	39		
Distress Warrants for Taxes	2	2	2	5	2	3	4	6	5	4	0		
Unattended Deaths	4	2	2	0	3	3	3	2	4	2	3		
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>1012</b>		

**Persons in Held in Jail or Detention**

Adult Prisoners	50	41	4	6	20	18	0	21	17	13	4		
Juveniles in Detention	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1		
Prisoner Days	675	855	774	186	-	-	-	180	UNK	288	248		

**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	\$2,785.00		
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	\$5,796.15		

**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	\$450,847.11												

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.