

# HAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Newsletter & Commission Report March 2016

### PERSONNEL:

- I had three persons interview for the open deputy sheriff position. One was local and the other two were from more than two hours away All three had offerings but one stood out among the others. His name is Breandan Harvey. He is a graduate of Western Dakota Tech with an associate's degree in police science. He has also worked in private (armed) security and as a reserve officer for the Sturgis Police. Breandan also is eligible to do the reciprocity testing with law enforcement training which means he could be eligible for an abbreviated academy experience. I would like permission to hire Breandan Harvey as a probationary deputy with his pay starting at \$16.00 hours (unless the base when up in 2016 and I was not aware of it). If approved, Breadan would start March 14th.
- Chelsea Kendrick (Office Manager) is doing far better than I expected. Her knowledge and skill set have made the transition period go very well.
- Alex Roeber (Emergency Manager) continues to learn more and more about public safety and his role as emergency manager with each passing day. I asked him recently if expected the emergency manager to have his fingers into so many things and he replied "No."
- Wayne Ames (part-time deputy substitute) had been helping us with Highway Safety programming (Speed Enforcement) but his hours will taper off after the deputy is hired. He will work only occasionally. Wayne will likely get rehired with the city of Miller police department once his "quarter" of sitting out concludes.
- Ethan Larson (deputy sheriff) has reached his six month anniversary. In our pay scale he is eligible to advance from \$16.00 per hour to \$16.50 per hour and be removed from "county probation". Larson will remain on "law enforcement probation" until he successfully completes the academy. Additionally, because Larson was a probationary employee on January 1, 2016 when the annual salary increases were given, he did not receive one. Now that his probation is complete (if you approve) he would get an additional 2.5% raise on his \$16 per hour or \$0.40 per hour, thus moving him to \$16.40, then add the \$0.50 step increase of a new pay amount of \$16.90. Larson's next pay step comes when he graduates in June when he will be eligible for another \$0.50 / hour step increase (\$17.40). If Larson had been certified at time of hire, his entry pay would have been \$17 / hour and his pay now would have been \$17.93.

### TRAINING:

- I attended a drug enforcement discussion on February 26 in Huron. Several of the counties in the Huron area were in attendance. It was clear from the presentation that the use of drugs and sale of drugs in our area and communities is a significant. More work needs to be done to curb this issue.
- I was not able to attend the sheriff's meeting on February 10th (in Pierre) due to workload here.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- I am still working on compiling a list of surplus property for approval in April.

### **COMMUNICATOINS:**

- The Hand County Mutual Aid Radio System (HC-MARS). It can be found at [www.hand.sdcountries.org/mutual](http://www.hand.sdcountries.org/mutual)
- No other issues have been reported.

### **GRANTS**

**The 2015-2016 Highway Safety Grant:** Deputy Larson and part-time deputy Ames have been working Highway Safety Overtime for speed enforcement. The grant program focuses on speed enforcement. Many of the violations we see are 15 miles per hour over or more.

This program pays for staff to work speed enforcement on pre-determined stretches of roadway for a specified amount of time, normally two hours.

### **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.

Faulk County Sheriff Kurt Hall would have been here today to discuss their **jail construction** but he is attending the Western States Sheriff's Association meeting in Reno Nevada. He will attempt to make our next meeting.

Sheriff Hall and I are going to attempt to resurrect the **District 1 sheriff's association**. This was a great platform for regional sheriffs to discuss issues in common and work on things like joint drug operations. We are hoping this will again be of benefit to the sheriffs in this area.

The **transition to segregate emergency management** from the sheriff's office has been going OK. Alex is taking on responsibility for his own expenses and budget work presently. He will soon be taking on more outreach / department specific tasks and working more closely with our different fire departments, ambulance services and public works agencies. He continues to learn different policy and procedures. While it places more responsibility back on the emergency manager, it relieves me (and my staff) of those responsibilities which is a plus for us. I can focus more on sheriff's business and less on emergency management issues. While it adds some responsibility to the emergency manager, it also lightens some work that previous emergency managers had done on the sheriff's side of the coin. Overall, the segregation, once complete, will lighten the overall load of the emergency manager. This should result in more attention to the other agencies who serve the county.

I am curious to know your feelings on the use of **drug detection canine**. The state has grant monies to cover some of the expenses but the local agencies would have to front the balance plus training. The use (whether our own or from a neighboring agency) would result in more drug arrests but also more expense.

<b>Hand County Sheriff's Office, Report of Monthly Activity (2004 to Present)</b>														
Activity by period:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (Year to Date)	2016	Average
Case Reports / Responses	456	480	483	306	488	553	461	558	580	416	485	474	98	449.08
Sheriff's Returns (Process Served)	234	207	254	260	262	391	246	260	199	204	235	239	40	233.15
Pistol Permit Applications	76	78	80	98	99	109	105	100	145	180	92	127	62	103.92
Accidents (No injury)	115	97	101	87	90	98	101	99	112	76	96	104	7	91.00
Accidents (w/Injury)	7	11	13	1	2	10	12	10	13	11	13	13	1	9.00
Accidents (w/Fatality)	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1.08
Traffic Tickets Issued	77	84	67	61	16	51	107	157	87	132	72	147	57	85.77
Traffic Warning Tickets Issued	60	23	40	28	10	25	138	268	117	341	139	46	19	96.46
Writs of Execution / Judgment	40	30	24	25	28	43	51	71	69	46	20	20	18	37.31
Distress Warrants for Taxes	2	2	2	5	2	3	4	6	5	4	0	2	2	3.00
Unattended Deaths	4	2	2	0	3	3	3	2	4	2	3	5	1	2.62
Hand County Warrants Open			44	2	50	55	62	54	51	57	55	61	53	49.45
<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>1210</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1154.23</b>
<b>Persons in Held in Jail or Detention</b>														
Adult Prisoners	50	41	4	6	20	18	0	21	17	13	16	12	4	17.08
Juveniles in Detention	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0.85
Prisoner Days	675	855	774	186	-	-	-	180	UNK	288	256	168	68	383.33
<b>Financial Report</b>														
Accounts Receivable from Inmates	\$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	-\$310.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$14,089.16
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	\$2,535.00	\$865.00	\$375.00	\$2,226.55
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	\$6,305.54	\$4,306.75	\$725.77	\$4,351.54
<b>Accident Damage Information (Does not include medical expenses)(Sheriff's Office Only)</b>														
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		\$640,356.76												
2015 Vehicle Accident Property Damage		\$311,244.00												
2016 Vehicle Accident Property Damage		\$27,350.00												
2004 to Present Property Damage:		\$4,775,860.66												

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.

The Accounts Receivable to Jail is showing a negative number because one inmates account does not match between what the amount charged and the amount collected. I suspect there was an invoice which was not applied to this person.