



Ramsey County Sheriff's Office

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Residents

Mayors and City Council Members

Public Safety and Community Partners

Dear Citizens, Mayors, Council Members, and Partners,

Since 1960, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has provided contract law enforcement and public safety services on behalf of communities who do not operate a local police department. The communities of Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township contract with the Sheriff's Office for a variety of patrol, investigative, and community services. With a combined population of 75,000 people covering 59 square miles, the Sheriff's Office is one of the largest police departments in the state in terms of population served.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes public safety is an important community investment that represents a significant portion of many local government budgets. Operating and managing a police department is demanding and costly. Contracting services with the Sheriff's Office reduces operating expenditures by sharing personnel, facilities, and resources. The Sheriff's Office appreciates the strong partnership and looks forward to continuing to protect and serve those who live, work, go to school, and do business in the contract communities.

The Public Safety Services Division was involved in several high profile cases this year. Most notably, a homicide occurred at a gas station near Highway 96 and 35W. This tragic incident of senseless violence resulted in a month long hunt for a fugitive who was subsequently captured and convicted. Along with several additional cases, deputies put in many hours of dedicated work that resulted in the successful prosecution of offenders to hold them accountable for their actions.

The Division also increased community outreach efforts by reorganizing communications with neighborhoods and block captains with a stronger focus on crime prevention. In 2015, the use of social media and a new community notification system will advance connectivity through all methods of communication. More robust methods of reporting crime statistics to the community will be made possible through a replacement records management system. These combined efforts will create a stronger, more safe, and better informed community.

The attached *Year At a Glance: Contract Communities* highlights the accomplishments that the Sheriff's Office made on behalf of the communities served.

Jack Serier
Undersheriff

Values					
Providing safety through community policing	Preserving trust through fiscal responsibility	Collaborating with public safety partners	Encouraging diversity to reflect the community	Improving service through technology	Connecting with youth to build for the future

2014 Year At a Glance

Contract Communities

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★	★	★	★	★	★	Collaborated with partner agencies to protect communities
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The Sheriff's Office assisted the Clear Lake (Iowa) Police Department with an investigation of a kidnapping and attempted murder. The suspect, a convicted predatory sexual offender, was found residing in Ramsey County. Through search warrants, a subsequent arrest, and interview, the suspect was sentenced in November to 22 years in prison for attempted murder.

★	★	★		★	★	Trained two K-9 Deputies and canines
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Two deputies were welcomed to the K-9 Unit, following graduation from the Saint Paul Police Department K-9 School. There are now five K-9 deputies who, with their partners, conduct patrols, respond to calls for service, and provide critical support when called upon, such as during felony apprehensions, narcotic searches, and to locate missing children, persons, and suspects.

★	★	★		★		Researched replacement in-car camera systems
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The Sheriff's Office began to test replacement in-car camera systems for use in squad cars. The current camera system is nearing its end of life and no longer meeting needs. In-car camera systems improve safety, reduce lawsuits and liability, and increase prosecution rates. Additional benefits include savings from reduced court appearances, reinforced accountability, and improved community relations.

★	★	★	★	★	★	Completed and enhanced patrol field training
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Following eight weeks of classroom instruction, every newly hired deputy must complete 32 weeks of extensive field training. Sixteen weeks are spent working in the Detention Center (jail) and court security. The remaining sixteen weeks are spent on patrol, where deputies must demonstrate several core competences. For example, deputies are expected to possess interpersonal skills, county geography knowledge, and mastery of emergency vehicle operations, technology, statutes, and report writing among other skills.

★	★	★		★		Supported and streamlined public safety communications
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The Sheriff's Office supported the Emergency Communications Center call sign realignment effort. Call signs identify officers and deputies on the radio, as well as patrol areas and assignments (e.g., patrol, investigations, civil process, etc.). As a result of this realignment, dispatching services improved county-wide through the standardization of all call signs.

★	★	★	★	★	★	Enhanced public communications and crime prevention services
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A Public Communications and Crime Prevention Coordinator position was added to the Public Safety Services Division. This position, funded in part through contract services, will enhance community outreach efforts through effective, consistent, and professional communications to effectively meet the division's mission of promoting public safety through awareness, enforcement, and education. Through a retirement and a promotion, Community Support Services also welcomed a new sergeant and crime prevention deputy.

★	★	★		★		Disrupted a major identity theft ring
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Deputies disrupted a major identity theft ring by arresting two suspects. These suspects were later convicted. As these crimes become more prevalent, the Sheriff's Office supports our partner agencies with the prevention, collaborative investigations, and prosecution of these crimes.

★	★	★	★	★	★	Maintained patrol sergeants staffing
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Retirements created three sergeant vacancies in Patrol Services, which were filled to maintain appropriate staffing levels. Sergeants are front-line supervisors who play a vital role by providing immediate feedback to deputies which ensures quality service, and public safety.

★		★				Investigated a manslaughter case
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In August, during a physical confrontation a man was pushed into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The victim was killed. Sheriff's investigators thoroughly and professionally investigated the case and the suspect was later convicted of manslaughter.

★	★	★	★	★	★	Increased community policing and crime prevention
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The Sheriff's Office continued to engage the community through community policing and crime prevention outreach efforts. Night to Unite neighborhood block parties increase every year. Over 80 teams of Sheriff's Office and County Attorney's Office staff and volunteers visited neighborhood parties. The Sheriff's Office hosted several community events, including the School Patrol Picnic, Touch a Truck, Fright Farm Haunted House, and Scouting Day. Crime Free Multi Housing maintained strong partnerships between the Sheriff's Office and rental community tenants, owners, and managers.