

Valley County Sheriff's Office



2024
Annual Report

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Sheriff's Message:

Valley County Sheriff Kevin Copperi



On January 13, 2025, I began my term as your elected Sheriff. Prior to that, I was the appointed Sheriff's serving out the remainder of retired Pattie Bolen's term. It is the greatest honor of my life being your Sheriff. It is my goal to continue working for the residents and visitors of valley County to ensure that our community remains a safe and inviting place to live, work, an visit.

I believe that the secret to success is for law enforcement and community to work together to accomplish our common goals.

We have deputies who are eager to attend community functions, neighborhood meetings, school events, and parades. They have been available to have open dialogues to identify and correct areas of concern and build relationships through conversations and positive interactions.

The 2024-year end report gives a snapshot of the duties that each division of the Sheriff's Office is responsible for. You will see that our valued employees serve a wide spectrum of the public and there is more to the office than the patrols seen on the roadway. You will see that there are several disciplines that must merge resources together to deliver professional services to the deserving public.

I am forever grateful and proud of the staff that have missed birthdays, Christmases, and various other holidays and family events to serve their community. Their dedication and selfless service are memorialized in this 2024-year end report.

Kevin Copperi, Sheriff

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Copperi".

Command Staff



Chief Deputy Dave Stambaugh



Jail Commander Mike Lacroix



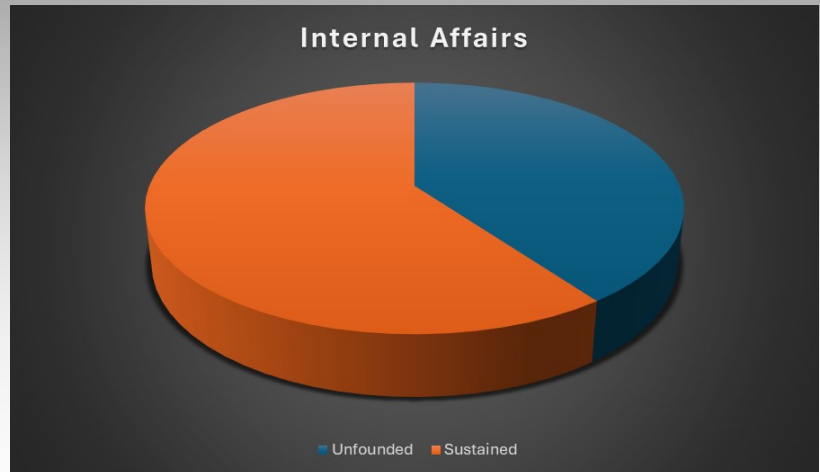
Operations Lieutenant Jeremy Mitchell

Admin Investigations

Administrative investigations include Use of Force, Pursuits, Complaints, and Internal Affairs Investigations

VCSO conducted 4 Internal Affairs investigation of alleged serious law and/or policy violations.

- 3 Sustained
- 1 Unfounded



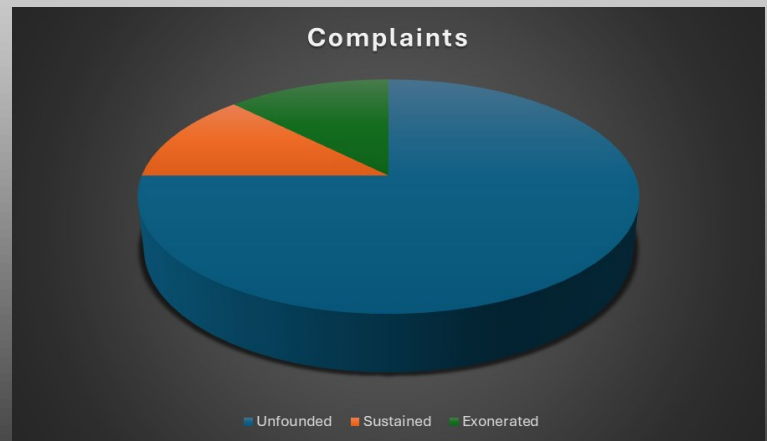
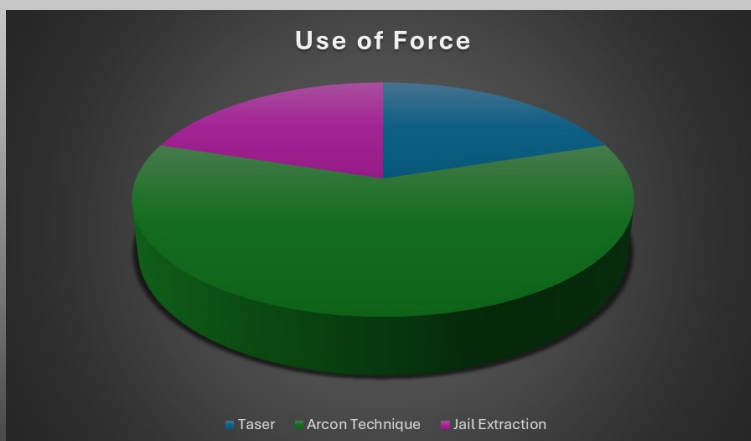
Valley County Sheriff's Office had no pursuits during 2024

Use of Force is defined as any force greater than compliant handcuffing. VCSO had 5 reported use of force incidents.

- 1 Taser, 3 Arcon Techniques, 1 Jail Extraction

All complaints against personnel are investigated. VCSO received and investigated 8 complaints.

- 5 Unfounded, 1 Sustained, 1 Exonerated



OPERATIONS

Operations includes: Patrol, Canine, Investigations, Back Country Unit, and Marine Unit.

In 2024 Valley County Sheriff's Office handled 16,337 Law Incidents. This is a 13% increase from the previous year.

Of the total Law Incidents the following were the most handled:

3,083 Traffic Stops

60 Possession of Controlled Substances

51 DUI Investigations

33 Petit Theft Investigations

29 Misdemeanor Batteries

23 Sex Offense Investigations

64 Felony Arrests

Traffic was a major focus for the Sheriff's Office in 2024 . The following is the break down of traffic enforcement:

1251 Infractions written for 1445 offenses

214 Criminal Citations written

1,976 Verbal Warnings, 375 Written Warnings

PATROL

Patrol consist of 2 teams, 4 squads. Each squad has a sergeant and up to 3 deputies. A Narcotics K-9 Deputy splits his shift between the 2 teams.



NARCOTICS K₉



In October of 2024 Deputy Russell Hodges was selected as the new Narcotics K-9 Handler. Pictured with Deputy Hodges is K-9 Bailey. She was rescued from the Idaho human society.

Sergeant Jason Piccola was instrumental in getting the program going. He is a Master K-9 handler and instructor.



Training and certification for a narcotics K-9 team consists of an initial 160 hours of training with 16 hours of training per month. Every team has to re-certify with POST every year.

Deputy Hodges and Bailey were certified on January 10, 2025 by Idaho POST as a Narcotics Team.

BACK COUNTRY

Back Country Unit is a 2 person full-time back backcountry team, supervised by a patrol sergeant. This unit is responsible for over 3,700 square miles of land, which is remote with limited access. Our back country unit utilizes snowmobiles, boats, ATVs, UTV, motorcycles, and four wheel drive vehicles. Their mission is to promote safety and responsibility among those recreating in Valley County.

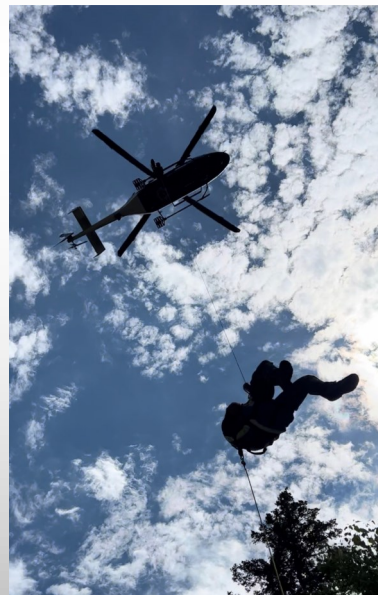
In January of 2024 the Sheriff's Office received a very generous donation of a 2024 Polaris Ranger. The Ranger has been a much used tool in the backcountry.

The Back Country Unit were responsible for the following:

208 Law Incidents of the total handled by the Sheriff's Office.

Logged 1,660 hours on forest patrols.

Wrote 29 OHV citations.



INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations is a 2 person detective team handling follow up of the more serious crimes from illegal narcotics sales to homicides.

In 2024 Investigations handled over 100 investigations.

One of the more serious investigation was the first homicide in almost a decade.

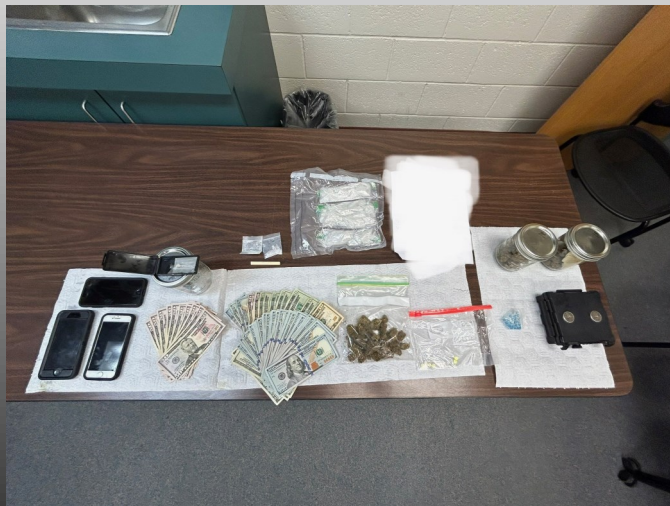
A highlight of some of the more serious cases are below:

In February of 2024, Chuckaya Mount, a 48 year old Donnelly man, was taken into custody following the fatal shooting at a home on Loomis lane in Donnelly. Mount was initially charged and later plead guilty to murder. This was following a dispute with the live-in boyfriend of his mother.

In April of 2024, Valley County Sheriff's Office Detectives investigated two former Cascade residents on allegations of Lewd Conduct with a minor child. Through this investigation, detectives were able to obtain arrest warrants for 57-year old Frank Lemming of Ontario, Oregon, and 44-year-old Shy John of Boise, Idaho. Both have remained in custody pending trial with a \$500,000 bond.

Detectives assisted in several fatal plane crashes in the back country. Most times is requires a helicopter to access the area.

Detectives invested several people for trafficking illegal narcotics and made several seizures and arrests.



MARINE

The Marine Unit consists of up to 10 Seasonal / Part time Marine Deputies and is supervised by Sergeant Turner. The marine unit is responsible for all waterways in Valley County, but specifically patrols Payette and Cascade Lake on a daily basis from May

681 Law Incidents of the total for the Sheriff's Office.

1,929 boat inspections.

2,902 hours patrolling on the water.

56 infractions, 7 criminal citations (4 were Operating Under the Influence)



MOUNTED UNIT

The Valley County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit was established in 2024 and made appearances in several public events. Donations to the Valley County Sheriff's Office Foundation made the Mounted Unit possible.



CUSTODY

Custody is staffed with 18 sworn detention deputies and 2 part time security deputies. The detention center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with a minimum of two deputies on shift at all times. They handle the safety and security of the detention center and the inmates.



Total Bookings: 528—This is a 23% increase from 2023.

Average Daily Population—42 inmates

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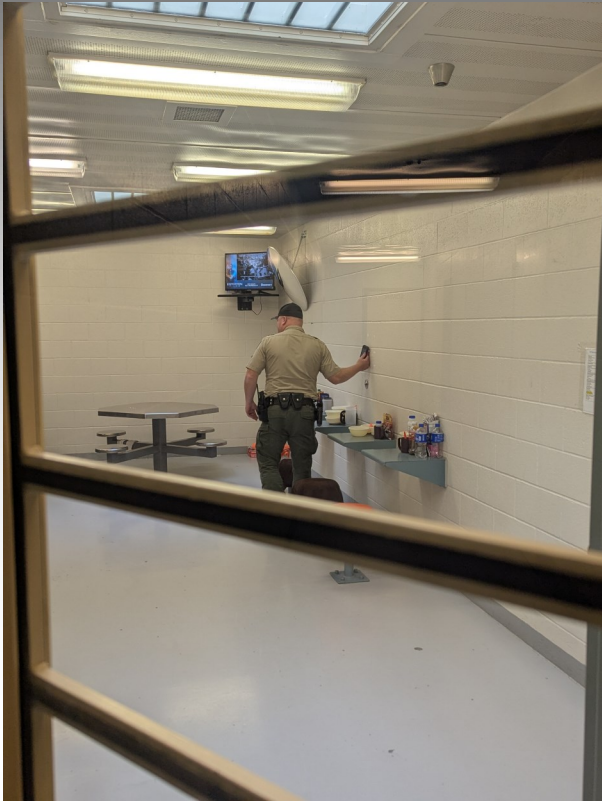
The Valley County Detention Center continues to house our County inmates as well as Idaho Department of Corrections inmates from other counties around the State.



Idaho Department of Corrections inmate revenue: \$790,510

Average cost per day to house an inmate: \$133 per day

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The Valley County Detention Center recently upgraded the transport van. This transport van allows them to separate inmates based on gender and custody levels.



Total Transports: 102

Total inmates released from the facility: 527

COURT SERVICES

Court Services is a 3 person unit that whose responsibility is to maintain safety and security in the Court Rooms and Court House .



The Court Services provided security for 2,206 court cases for both magistrate and district court rooms.

DISPATCH/COMMUNICATIONS

Dispatch/Communications is staffed with 8 people which includes a lead and a supervisor. Communications operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They dispatch for 8 agencies and County Parks and Recreation. Often there is only one dispatcher on duty at any given time.

1															
2	911 INCIDENT	24-Jan	24-Feb	24-Mar	Apr-24	1-May	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24		TOTAL
3	911 LL	1	2	0	3	2	2	26	1	3	3	1	1		45
4	911 TEXT	3	1	2	4	0	3	5	3	3	4	2	4		34
5	911 CELL	228	185	230	168	258	341	528	425	356	243	206	251		3419
6	TOTAL	232	188	232	175	260	346	559	429	362	250	209	256		3498
7															
8															
9	NON 911 INCIDENT														
10	EMAIL	0	3	2	4	1	2	7	5	3	5	5	5		42
11	SOCIAL MEDIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0		4
12	ONLINE REPORT	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1		7
13	PHONE	450	481	440	435	525	671	928	735	639	556	414	431		6705
14	TOTAL	450	484	442	440	529	673	936	743	643	562	419	437		6758
15															
16															
17	911 LINES ANSWERED BY DISPATCH	328	299	341	246	357	550	752	654	539	329	326	369		5090
18	ADMIN LINES ANSWERED BY DISPATCH	1760	1773	1656	1585	1986	2422	3181	3557	3837	1869	1759	1681		27066
19	TOTAL	2088	2072	1997	1831	2343	2972	3933	4211	4376	2198	2085	2050		32156
20															
21															
22	CALLS OF SERVICE														
23	VCSO	1214	1333	1322	1240	1187	1404	1933	1670	1375	1389	1260	1027		16354
24	MPD	639	689	700	805	740	955	1306	1102	950	1008	848	1064		10806
25	FISH & GAME	4	2	5	3	1	4	7	8	9	19	5	1		68
26	FOREST SERVICE	0	1	0	0	5	6	6	7	4	0	0	1		30
27	ISP	19	21	5	15	16	12	36	24	15	18	24	6		211
28	TOTAL	1876	2046	2032	2063	1949	2381	3288	2811	2353	2434	2137	2099		27469
29															
30															
31	FIRE/EMS CALLS OF SERVICE														
32	CF	21	19	44	21	46	35	45	40	45	33	20	24		393
33	DF	34	30	36	23	36	40	55	37	41	27	25	47		431
34	MF	74	65	53	40	57	82	130	109	78	100	89	134		1011
35	TOTAL	129	114	133	84	139	157	230	186	164	160	134	205		1835

RECORDS

Records is staffed with 5 civilian employees who are responsible for Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's License (DMV), Civil, Law Records, and Evidence.



DMV

The Sheriff's Office provides Driver's License Service, which includes testing, issuance, and processing. In addition, DMV manages, processes, and issues Conceal Weapons Permits.

Issued 3,672 Driver's Licenses

Processed 282 Concealed Weapons Permits



LAW RECORDS

Records manages and distributes all reports and records associated with the Sheriff's Office which includes sending records to the Prosecutor's Office and managing Freedom of Information Act requests.

523 Records requests.

911 reports backed up.

656 Reports disseminated .

1,251 Infraction/Citations processed.

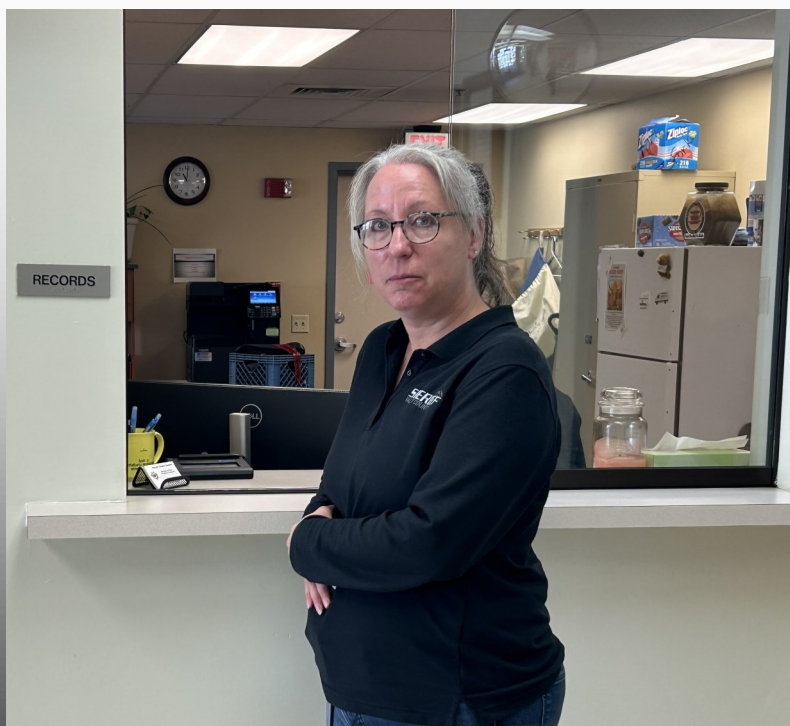
340 Written Warnings processed.

37 Sex Offenders managed and status checked.

28 Civil Protection Orders received and entered into NCIC.

43 No Contact Orders received and entered into NCIC.

55 Validation Letters sent to victims and NCIC records validated.



EVIDENCE ROOM

Evidence processes and manages Sheriff's Office evidence and property under very stringent rules and guidelines.

Managed 326 physical evidence, found and safekeeping items

Managed 1,654 Digital Evidence Files

Returned 112 items to owners

Destroyed 327 items

Prepared and sent 43 evidence items to the State Lab for testing.



CIVIL

Civil is responsible for management and service of all court orders, garnishments, and Sheriff's sales. In addition they handle all accounts payable for the Sheriff's Office.

727 civil documents processed and returned.

6 Sheriff's Sales conducted.





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