



Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

Jeff Danker, the Pottawattamie County Sheriff was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 2. In his time at the Sheriff's department the number of deputies has grown from 33 to 55. The total number of employees in the Sheriff's department is around 200.

The sheriff's department is divided into five areas: Civil, Jail, Road, 911 Center, and Security.

The Civil area includes the serving of legal orders. They served 12,817 last year, which was an increase of 26% over the last year. On Fridays they auction properties that have been foreclosed on, mostly by a bank.

Some jobs the Sheriffs do are mandated by the state. Monitoring all registered sex offenders is such a job. It is a full time job

keeping track of current addresses, and employment of each offender. If they are not in compliance a warrant is ordered. Steven Maguire has that job for Pottawattamie County.

The right to carry a firearm has increased 41% this year. In Pottawattamie county to get a permit you must have a valid address in the county. You must complete a Deadly Force class that can be taken at Bass Pro Shop. Cost is \$50 for a five-year permit.

The jail has 288 beds. The Federal Government has contracted the use of 75 beds for 20 years. They are using only 5 – 10 beds at the current time. Getting prisoners placed in the correct area of the jail is very important. Low and medium risk prisoners are housed in a Pod setting of about 40 for one Officer in that area. High risk prisoners spend 23 hours a day in their cells and are monitored from a distance.

Most jails last about 20 years. Ours opened in October of 1999. Sheriff Danker has talked to the County Board of Supervisors about the need of expanding the current facility in the next few years.

Good News and Prison Ministries was praised for all the good did does for families in the Council Bluffs area.

Shop with a Sheriff helped 45 youth this year.

The Council Bluffs Police Department does not include any jail area.

Jeff Danker is running for reelection in November in an uncontested race.