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# Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

## 2019 Annual Report

The following is a report to the Baldwin County Commission and the citizens of Baldwin County regarding the activities of Baldwin County Sheriff's Office for 2019.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office remained a full-service law enforcement agency for the year 2019. The Sheriff's Office continued to offer primary law enforcement service to the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County, while also supplementing municipal law enforcement agencies for all 14 municipalities in Baldwin County. The Baldwin County Sheriff's Correction Center continued to operate as the only facility in Baldwin County, housing county, state, and federal inmates.

### ***Personnel***

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, currently has positions for 321 personnel. During the period stated, the Sheriff's Office processed 2199 job applications, hiring a total of 63 individuals. The Sheriff's Office had its highest level of retirees in 2019. Ten individuals retired, totaling 213 years of service to the Sheriff's Office.

It should be noted, retention of all employees increased during 2019. The Sheriff's office also had a reduction in Worker's Comp claims. The Sheriff's office conducted 72 random drug screenings of employees with no positive test results.

### ***Budget and Finance***

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, between its law enforcement and corrections commands, had a combined budget of \$34,927,985 during the 2018--2019 Fiscal year.

The Sheriff's Office also generated revenue of \$7,869,104 from various discretionary accounts; to include inmate housing, drug and asset forfeiture, and various other accounts. The Sheriff's Office major expenditures were drug forfeiture and seizure payments to other agencies, CAP Housing agreement reimbursement to the Baldwin County Commission, and inmate food expense.

The Sheriff's Office also reimbursed the Baldwin County Commission \$1,044,623 for various fees that the Sheriff's Office collected. The Sheriff's Office reimbursed the Baldwin County Commission a total of \$605,890 from salary and overtime reimbursement from various cooperative agreements.

During the period of October 1, 2018-- September 30, 2019, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Correction Center Kitchen served a total of 587,258 meals at an average cost of \$1.09 per meal. This was an increase of 32,735 meals from fiscal year 17--18.

Through the cooperative agreement with the QCHC, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Correction Center had a total savings of \$341,331 on various medical claims regarding inmate illnesses and injury.

### ***Patrol/Uniform Services***

In 2019, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office handled a total of 61,006 calls which resulted in law enforcement intervention. This was a 2.38% increase from 2018. In the same time period, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office conducted 19,622 traffic contacts which was a 34.2% increase from the previous year. The breakdown on those contacts are: uniform traffic citations 11.98%, written warnings 18.85%, and verbal warnings 69.18%.

There were over 2845 felony warrants, which were served during this time. In its cooperation between the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and the Baldwin County Board of Education, deputies, other than school resource officers, made 3372 deputy on-campus checks of the various public schools within the county. As part of our community-oriented police program, over 12,000 self-initiated police checks were made within the community.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office enforcement division was involved in 63 vehicle pursuits, which resulted in 13 spike deployments.

In the off-duty employment events and overtime reimbursement programs, the Sheriff's Office worked a total of 11,554 hours, generating revenue in the amount of \$386,908.58.

Of the 6724 hours which was worked in off-duty employment, the majority, 3121 hours was worked for various churches, and 2802 hours worked at miscellaneous events.

The Gulf Shores *Hang Out Music Festival* had the largest number of hours worked by Baldwin County Sheriff's Office deputies in the amount of 2592. A total of 546 hours worked, at the various concert and activities at the Wharf Amphitheater in Orange Beach, Alabama.

### ***Investigations***

The Criminal Investigations Division, in 2019, continued to focus on efficiency in the areas of managing and investigating criminal cases. One such project, was working to increase the productivity by using a computer based initiative mapping system, that allows investigators to quickly identify privately owned cameras near given locations. Investigators can conduct a canvas using a computer and a phone within minutes of posting, before driving to an area and physically searching through cameras. This program remains in development but has yielded several positive results thus far.

Violent crime was down this year with only one homicide within the Sheriff's jurisdiction. The case is still pending, but remains solvable, depending on physical evidence and witness statements.

Over the past couple years, the Sheriff's Office has been increasing its ability to investigate cyber-criminal activity. Through education, training, and testing, the Sheriff's office has been able to proactively investigate several child pornography related offenders. These investigations have been quite successful and resulted in multiple arrests, indictments, and pending cases. The Cybercrimes Unit processed 137 electronic devices in 2019, compared to 56 devices, in 2018.

The Sheriff's Office investigator that is assigned the United States Marshals, Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, participated in the arrest of 165 people this year, on a total of 501 charges. This was a significant increase from 2018.

### ***Narcotics investigations***

Methamphetamine, by far, leads the way, as far as, illegal drugs being used and sold other than marijuana. Our primary targets are drug traffickers with an emphasis on individuals from Central and South America, moving large amounts of methamphetamine through the area.

### ***Forensic science unit***

The Forensic Science Unit remained a viable support arm to the Criminal Investigations Division during 2019. There is an increase in the amount of forensic examination by municipal law enforcement agencies, due to the lack of sufficient state resources. During 2019, over 4,300 items of evidence were taken in by this unit and ultimately evaluating, processed, and examined.

### ***Civil/Court Processes***

In 2019, the Civil/Court Process unit of the Sheriff's office processed and served 27,486 papers, a 6.44% increase from 2018. The largest increase was in, property executions in the form of illegal detainers and evictions.

### ***Criminal Activity by Patrol Area***

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office maintains eight patrol areas located throughout the county. The following is a breakdown of the criminal activity, and call volume, generated by each one of those areas in 2019:

Area 1: Little River; Perdido; Rabun; Stockton; Tensaw: 4824  
Area 2: Bromley; Blakely; Crossroads; Spanish Fort; White House Fork: 10,291  
Area 3: Bay Minette; Gateswood; Pine Grove; Wilcox: 12,893  
Area 4: Bell Forest; Fairhope; Daphne; Marlow; Magnolia Springs; Silver Hill: 15,699  
Area 5: Elsanor; Loxley; Robertsedale; Rosinton; Seminole; Summerdale: 16,326  
Area 6: Bon Secure; Foley(west); Vernet Park: 18,027  
Area 7: Foley (east); Josephine; Lillian; Perdido Beach: 14,703  
Area 8: Fort Morgan: 3615.

This resulted in a total of 96,378; calls for service during 2019.

### ***Call Volume Received by Communications Division***

The following are several listed categories, regarding call volume, as calls were made or referred to our Dispatch/Communications facility for 2019.

Assault no weapon 55  
Assault with weapon 18  
Auto theft 76  
Breaking and entering of a vehicle 149  
Burglary of business 22  
Burglary other 30  
Burglary of a residence 191  
Domestic violence/physical 409  
Domestic violence/verbal 667

Driving under the influence 93  
Harassing communications 357  
Narcotics complaints 947  
Rape of an adult 3  
Rape of a juvenile 3  
Robbery of a business 1  
Robbery of a person 4  
Sex crime involving an adult 9  
Sex crime involving a juvenile 47  
Theft 679  
Welfare concerned checks 879.

Total calls received in dispatch through the Baldwin County Sheriff's Communications Center for 2019 was 99,905 this was an increase of 4.6% from 2018.

### ***Judicial Protective Services***

In 2019, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office renamed the Baldwin County Sheriff's Courthouse Security Division, to the Judicial Protection Services Unit. This was an effort to broaden the definition and scope of this unit, as it interacts with the court system and judicial areas of the three courthouses located in Baldwin County.

In 2019, a total of 220,116 visitors entered the Baldwin County Courthouse facilities to include Bay Minette, Foley, and Fairhope. The breakdown is as follows.

Bay Minette Courthouse 141,333  
Foley Courthouse 41,524  
Fairhope Courthouse 37,259

### ***Corrections Population***

In 2019, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Corrections Center maintained an operational daily average population of 595 inmates. This is broken down into 493 males and 103 females on a daily average.

During the same time, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Correction Center received a total of 8,494 inmates while releasing 8,451.

During 2019, the Medical Services unit staffed by Quality Correctional Health Care (QCHC) saw a total of 2,670 inmates, for various related illnesses and/or injuries during this timeframe. Of those individuals, 512 inmates required consultation directly with a doctor. During 2019, nurses visited inmates within the facility and saw 13,279 inmates. Of the individuals who were seen, 29 inmates required admittance into the corrections infirmary center, for a total of 57 infirmary days.

A total of 262 off-site medical visits for inmates were conducted in 2019.

A total of 2,124 inmates were seen by social workers and mental health professionals in 2019. A total of 10,292 suicide watches were overseen and reviewed by the medical staff.

### ***Pretrial and Community Corrections Cooperative***

The Baldwin County Pretrial and Community Corrections Program continued under the cooperation between the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, Baldwin County Commission, and Judicial Services.

In 2019, a total of 292 individuals were monitored through electronic monitoring. 24 of those individuals were released from the program during the same time. Over 473 drug tests were conducted on pretrial detainees in 2019.

Adult participants in the Community Corrections program performed over 4,567 hours of community service; while juvenile participants in the community service program performed over 527.05 hours of community service. A total of 44 individuals participated in the Baldwin County Pretrial Community Corrections work release program in 2019.

### ***Offender Compliance Unit***

During 2019, the Offender Compliance Unit registered 1,833 individuals under the sex offender registration and notification program this is a 9.04% increase of 2018. During the same time frame, the Sheriff's Office registered 92 convicted felons.

### ***School Resource Officer Program***

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the Baldwin County Commission, and the Baldwin County Board of Education, continued to expand its School Resource Officer Program throughout the county. While the Sheriff's Office does not have a deputy sheriff on every campus; the Sheriff's Office has the largest number of school resource officers in the county, and thus helps coordinate all the other school resource office programs within the municipalities.

Currently, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Program provides school resource officers to: Perdido Elementary, Pine Grove Elementary, Delta Elementary, Stapleton Elementary, Rosinton Elementary, Elsanor Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Swift Elementary, CF Taylor Alternative School, North Baldwin Center of Technology, and South Baldwin Center of Technology. The school resource officer program noted a total of 79 incidences requiring law enforcement intervention on the campuses covered.

Utilizing the basic state and accepted formats for school resource officer programs, the Sheriff's Office continues to provide educational support to the schools listed. In addition to the primary educational support, the additional operations and programs were conducted by school resource officers.

Active shooter Training for Perdido, Pinegrove, Delta, Stapleton, Rosinton, and Elsanor elementary schools

Baldwin County Special Olympics

Badges and Blankets Campaign

Shining Star Camps, held each summer in Spanish Fort, Fairhope, and Robertsdale

Public Safety in the Park event

Teaching anger management classes

Career days

Class on deputy equipment and vehicles, with live demonstration

Red Ribbon Programs

Fall Festivals

Child ID kits

Peer Helper Training

Anti-Bullying classes

and Drug Awareness Resistance, DARE program, taught at all Baldwin County schools.