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2023 YEARLY REPORT

2023 TRAFFIC FATALITIES (2)

March 17, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries. The preliminary investigation indicated that a 2004 GMC Sierra truck was travelling east and crossed the center line, striking a 2011 Kia Sorrento head on. Emergency Personnel extricated patients from the vehicle. The adult driver of the GMC had severe injuries and was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. The adult driver of the Kia and the 1-year-old rear seat passenger were also transported to a local hospital by ambulance. The adult driver of the Kia later died from their injuries at the hospital. The 1-year-old child had no reported injuries. The investigation showed that the driver of the GMC was distracted by their cellphone and was a factor in the crash.

August 19, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a 911 call of a motorcycle vs car crash in the Township of Hale. Initial investigations indicate that a group of motorcycles were traveling north approaching an intersection when a vehicle traveling west failed to stop at the stop sign. The vehicle entered the intersection, colliding with two motorcycles, causing all occupants of the motorcycles to be ejected. One of the motorcycle drivers sustained life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The other driver and passenger received non-life-threatening injuries and were treated and released at the scene. The driver of the automobile was not injured and was released from the scene. The driver of the automobile has made statements that their brakes failed. All evidence, cell phone data, vehicle data, vehicle inspections, roadway evidence, and measurements will be assessed.

2023 HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

January 4, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to a single motor vehicle crash on State Highway 93 in the Town of Burnside. Multiple deputies observed the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the driver of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle gave deputies consent to search his vehicle and his person. During the search of the vehicle, deputies located a small bag with methamphetamine. During the search of the driver's person, deputies located a large plastic bag which contained 11 individually packaged small zip lock bags containing a total weight of 25.28 grams of methamphetamine, another large zip lock bag containing 9 individually packaged bags of pills believed to be MDMA for a total of 56 pills, 2 plastic baggies which contained a total of 7.6 grams of marijuana, a glass bubble pipe used for the consumption of methamphetamine, and a digital scale. Deputies suspected the driver of being under the influence, and a series of standardized field sobriety tests were conducted. Ultimately, the driver was arrested and taken into custody on several drug related charges, as well as operating under the influence of a restricted controlled substance (3rd offense).

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January 8, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a single snowmobile crash with injuries. The operator hit unmarked bumps on the trail and was thrown from the snowmobile. The operator sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital.

February 11, 2023: At approximately 12:37am, a Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a red-colored sedan in the City of Galesville for speeding. During which, the deputy proceeded to deploy his K-9 partner Luke, a 6-year-old German Shepherd who is trained for the detection of narcotics and is certified by the American Police Canine Association. K-9 Luke alerted to the presence of narcotics inside of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the deputy locating marijuana paraphernalia, marijuana, a hypodermic needle which further contained methamphetamine, a metal spoon, and a glass bubble pipe used for the consumption of methamphetamine. The driver of the vehicle attempted to evade law enforcement by running while handcuffed, resulting in the driver being tased. The driver and 1 passenger of the vehicle were taken into custody and booked into the Trempealeau County Jail.

February 17, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was sent to a truck versus pedestrian crash that occurred in Osseo. The driver of the pickup truck was traveling at a low speed eastbound when the truck's driver's side mirror struck a pedestrian causing possible minor injuries. The pedestrian declined medical attention. The pedestrian walking in the middle of the road and wearing dark clothing on an unlit street was a factor in the crash.

February 21, 2023: A Dodge truck was traveling eastbound in snowy conditions. The driver of the Dodge attempted to slow down but the vehicle began to skid past the stop sign and into an intersection. The Dodge struck a southbound Mitsubishi SUV head on. The two occupants of the Mitsubishi suffered undisclosed injuries and were transported to the hospital. The driver of the Dodge reported no injuries, and both vehicles sustained heavy damage.

March 17, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries. The preliminary investigation indicated that a 2004 GMC Sierra truck was travelling east and crossed the center line, striking a 2011 Kia Sorrento head on. Emergency Personnel extricated patients from the vehicle. The adult driver of the GMC had severe injuries and was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. The adult driver of the Kia and the 1-year-old rear seat passenger were also transported to a local hospital by ambulance. The adult driver of the Kia later died from their injuries at the hospital. The 1-year-old child had no reported injuries. The investigation showed that the driver of the GMC was distracted by their cellphone and was a factor in the crash.

March 18, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a call of a one vehicle roll over crash. Initial investigation indicated that a pickup truck was travelling northbound and lost control on a large patch of ice, causing the vehicle to leave the roadway and roll over. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A 5-year-old passenger was uninjured.

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March 24, 2023: At approximately 2:36am, a Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was speeding on State Highway 93. The deputy proceeded to deploy his K-9 partner Luke, a 6-year-old German Shepherd who is trained for the detection of narcotics and is certified by the American Police Canine Association. K-9 Luke alerted to the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the deputy locating a plastic bag with 10.3 grams of marijuana, a container of 29.39 grams of methamphetamine, a green colored glass bubble pipe used for the consumption of methamphetamine, a digital scale, an un-used glass bubble pipe, and 7 MDMA pills. The passenger was ultimately arrested and booked into the Trempealeau County Jail on several drug related charges.

March 28, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received numerous 911 calls of a two-vehicle crash with injuries. Preliminary investigations indicate that a school bus carrying 14 children and the adult driver were travelling northbound. The bus had begun to slow down to make a left-hand turn when a 2013 Nissan Rouge with two adult occupants were also travelling northbound and struck the bus in a rear-end fashion. Five of the children on the bus were treated for minor injuries. Both adult occupants of the Nissan were transported by ambulance and helicopter to local hospitals for serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

April 1, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible traffic accident with air bag deployment. Upon arrival to the area, a vehicle was in the ditch, crashed into a tree on the side of the road with 4 occupants near the vehicle. 1 occupant of the vehicle had slight injuries and denied medical attention. The driver of the vehicle was ultimately arrested for operating while intoxicated.

April 1, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a report of an intoxicated male pointing a gun at people in the City of Blair. When deputies responded to the scene, they found that the suspect had fled. It was determined that the male subject had pointed a pistol at several people, including juveniles inside the building and threatened them prior to fleeing. The suspect was unable to be located that night. Trempealeau County Deputies were able to make contact with the suspect and arrested him for 5 counts of recklessly endangering safety. A search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence with a pistol matching the description being located. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office believes this to be an isolated incident.

April 6, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a 911 call of a 22-year-old male subject that had been shot in the parking lot and needed emergency services. Deputies and officers arrived on scene and began life-saving measures until the ambulance and helicopter arrived on scene. The 22-year-old male later died at the scene. Initial investigations indicate that this was an accidental, self-inflicted gunshot and there is not a threat to the public. Galesville Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Trempealeau First Responders and Fire Department, Tri-State Ambulance, and Gunderson-Air were all assisting agencies at the scene.

April 6, 2023: Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office requested mutual aid from Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office for a vehicle pursuit traveling south bound towards Trempealeau County. Eau Claire deputies were attempting to stop a blue 2014 Fiat that had just been stolen. The chase traveled towards Augusta but was later terminated. Trempealeau County Deputies later located the vehicle and reinitiated a pursuit. Speeds reached over 100 MPH; spikes were deployed but were unsuccessful. The pursuit was then terminated east of the Village of Eleva. The vehicle was located the next day with no occupants, and no evidence of who was operating the vehicle.

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April 24, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle rollover crash in the Town of Arcadia. The investigation showed that the driver was traveling westbound and entered the westbound shoulder. The driver then overcorrected, entered the eastbound ditch, and rolled several times. The driver sustained serious injuries and was transported by helicopter to the local hospital.

April 25, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a one vehicle rollover in the Town of Arcadia. Upon arrival at the scene, it was learned that 3 passengers in the vehicle had fled on foot and the driver remained on scene. The driver was ultimately arrested for operating while intoxicated. The passengers were later located, with two sustaining very minor injuries.

May 6, 2023: At approximately 10:09PM, a Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gold-colored sedan near State Highway 53-93 near the Trempealeau County/La Crosse County line for a defective exhaust. During the course of the traffic stop, the deputy proceeded to deploy his K-9 partner Luke, a 6-year-old German Shepherd trained for the detection of narcotics and certified by the American Police Canine Association. K-9 Luke alerted to the presence of narcotics inside of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted, resulting in the deputy locating a glass bubble pipe used for the consumption of methamphetamine, a plastic baggie which contained 56 grams of methamphetamine, and a digital scale with a heavy coating of methamphetamine on it. The driver of the vehicle was ultimately arrested and booked into the Trempealeau County Jail for drug-related charges.

May 7, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a dirt bike crash with injuries. It appeared the operator lost control on a gravel driveway, just off the roadway. The operator sustained a possible, serious, leg injury as a result of the crash. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

May 9, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was sent to a report of a logging accident. Deputies arrived on scene and located the victim deceased. It was determined that a tree had fallen onto the victim, causing fatal injuries. Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office were assisted on scene by the Blair Police Department, Blair-Preston Fire Department, Tri-County Ambulance, and the Trempealeau County Coroner.

May 11, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a Car vs. Horse & Buggy crash in the Town of Pigeon. Initial crash investigation indicated a grey 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling southbound when it struck the rear end of a horse & buggy that was in the southbound lane. The horse & buggy were waiting for oncoming traffic before turning left into a private drive when it was struck. There was a total of eight occupants in the buggy at the time of the crash; six of whom were juveniles. Two of the juveniles are believed to have been ejected out of the buggy as a result of the impact. All eight occupants suffered a range of minor to severe injuries. One of the juveniles that was ejected was taken by helicopter to UW-Madison for their injuries. The horse pulling the buggy was injured as well. There was only one occupant in the jeep, who was not injured.

May 13, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a motorcycle crash with injuries in the Town of Dodge. Initial investigation determined that a lone motorcycle, with two occupants, traveling south failed to properly negotiate a curve, entered the gravel shoulder and lost control of the motorcycle. Both occupants were ejected and sustained injuries. The driver had severe, but non-life-threatening injuries and was flown to a local hospital. The passenger was treated and released from the scene.

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May 14, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a vehicle vs power pole crash. The investigation showed that the driver became drowsy, lost control of the vehicle, entered the ditch, and struck a power pole. The driver sustained minor injuries in the crash. Hale Fire Department, Hale First Responders, and Tri-County Ambulance were assisting agencies at the scene.

May 19, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a Ford Truck that had crashed and caught fire. The driver who was traveling northbound lost control of the vehicle causing it to leave the roadway. The vehicle then entered the ditch and overturned, causing both occupants to be ejected from the vehicle. The truck then caught on fire after it came to a rest in the ditch. Both occupants suffered injuries, the driver was transported to a local hospital for serious injuries. The driver was ultimately cited for operating while intoxicated.

June 3, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to one vehicle rollover. A green Jeep Cherokee was traveling southbound when the driver veered off the roadway into the southbound ditch. Initial investigation indicated the vehicle struck a field road culvert which sent the vehicle airborne. The vehicle traveled approximately 40 yards through the air before landing again in the southbound ditch causing the vehicle to violently roll. The vehicle eventually came to a rest on the southbound shoulder. The male driver was the only occupant in the vehicle and was trapped inside with fuel leaking from the vehicle. Independence Fire Department and First Responders extricated the driver from the vehicle. The driver, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was transported to a hospital via helicopter with suspected serious injuries.

June 5, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies were requested to respond to the Alcivia Convenience store located in the Village of Pigeon Falls for a report of a burglary. The investigation concluded that two males threw a rock through the front door, entered the business, and stole several thousand dollars' worth of Delta 8 and nicotine cartridges. The suspects fled in a red GMC truck, driven by a third suspect. The investigation led to three teenage suspects from Jackson County. All three suspects confessed, and the evidence was recovered. All suspects were referred for charges of burglary, theft, and criminal damage to property.

June 6, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries in the Town of Gale. Initial investigations indicate that a 2011 Ford Taurus was traveling northbound with an adult driver and four juvenile passengers. The Ford Taurus then crossed the centerline into the southbound lane, striking a Honda CRV in a head-on collision. The driver of the Honda CRV was the lone occupant and reported no injuries. The driver of the Ford Taurus was transported to a local hospital by ambulance and all other occupants involved were treated and released at the scene. The driver of the Ford Taurus was ultimately cited for inattentive driving.

June 23, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Office were sent to a report of a motorcycle vs deer crash in the Township of Unity. It was discovered that the motorcycle was traveling westbound when it struck a deer. The passenger of the motorcycle was injured in the crash and was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

June 24, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a single vehicle rollover crash in the Township of Sumner. Initial responding deputies discovered that the lone juvenile driver had minor injuries. The driver was evaluated and released from the scene without transport. It was discovered that the vehicle was traveling westbound when it lost control, causing the vehicle to enter the ditch, and roll onto its roof.

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July 3, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a single vehicle crash with injuries near the Village of Ettrick. It was determined that a vehicle traveling southbound crossed the centerline and left the roadway. The vehicle struck a sharp upwards embankment along a driveway and hit a tree, causing disabling damage and injuring the driver and lone occupant of the vehicle. The driver was transported via ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. Heavy rain was believed to be a contributing factor to the crash.

July 8, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Office Deputies were called to a report of a single vehicle rollover in the Township of Preston. The initial responding deputy arrived and was unable to locate anyone in or around the vehicle. A subject arrived on scene shortly after, indicating they were the driver. Through statements and observations, deputies were able to conclude that the subject was not being truthful. The subject eventually informed deputies of who the driver was but contact with the driver was not able to be made that night. The next day the driver contacted law enforcement and informed them that he had swerved to miss a deer causing his vehicle to roll, injuring himself and the passenger. The driver was issued citations for failing to notify police of an accident and failing to maintain control of the vehicle.

July 28, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries in the Town of Albion. Scene investigation indicated a red Ford Ranger was traveling southbound, stopped at the intersection, but failed to yield the right way to a white Ford Taurus that was traveling westbound. This resulted in the Ford Taurus striking the Ford Ranger in the driver side door causing disabling damage to both vehicles. The juvenile driver of the Ford Ranger was transported from the scene by ambulance with suspected non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford Taurus was also transported from the scene via ambulance with suspected non-life-threatening injuries. There were two juvenile passengers in the Ford Taurus that suffered minor cuts and bruising.

July 31, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglary not-in-progress at a residence in the Town of Arcadia. A suspect had broken into the home, causing extensive damage to vehicles and property. While inside the home, it is suspected he placed combustible material on a stovetop and turned it on, causing a fire. The suspect then entered a detached outbuilding and stole an all-terrain vehicle. It is not believed the victims knew the suspect. Information was relayed to the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, who assisted in locating the ATV and the suspect in their county. The suspect was taken into custody by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office on several charges, including Burglary, Arson, and Damage to Property.

August 11, 2023: During the late evening hours of August 11th, or early morning hours of August 12th, unknown subject(s) cut a hole in a chain link fence surrounding a mink farm of approximately 4,000 minks. The subject(s) entered the enclosure and opened the cages of approximately 3,000 minks. An exact loss is not known at this time as the property owners were still working on capturing escaped mink. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office is still investigating at this time.

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August 17, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a 3-vehicle crash in the Town of Pigeon Falls. A black Chrysler Concord was stopped in the southbound lane with its left turn signal on waiting to turn. A black Toyota 4 Runner was traveling south and didn't notice the stopped vehicle, resulting in striking the rear of the Chrysler Concord. The collision caused the black Chrysler to spin around and cross into the northbound lane of traffic. The black Chrysler came to rest on the shoulder of the northbound lane. The black Toyota 4 Runner entered the northbound lane of travel striking a white Chevrolet Equinox on the driver's front side partially head-on. The black Toyota 4 Runner came to rest in the middle of the roadway facing east. The white Chevrolet Equinox came to rest in the east ditch facing west. The driver and passenger of the Chrysler were wearing their seatbelts and were not injured. The driver of the Toyota and Chevrolet were not wearing their seatbelts. The driver of the Toyota was transported by ambulance to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet was airlifted with severe injuries.

August 18, 2023: At approximately 4:06am, a Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputy stopped a red colored pick-up truck for having a headlight out on State Highway 93 in the City of Arcadia. The deputy proceeded to deploy his K-9 partner Luke, a 6-year-old German Shepherd who is trained for the detection of narcotics and is certified by the American Police Canine Association. K-9 Luke alerted to the presence of narcotics inside of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted, resulting in the deputy locating 2 large zip lock baggies containing a total weight of 59.29 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale with methamphetamine residue on it, a small zip lock baggie containing 2.75 grams of methamphetamine, another zip lock bag that contained 3.18 grams of suspected heroin, a glass bubble pipe used for the consumption of methamphetamine, and a ledger containing names with a dollar amount. The driver was arrested on several drug-related charges and booked into the Trempealeau County Jail.

August 28, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries. The initial investigation indicated that a truck pulling a trailer was backing into a driveway when it was struck by a vehicle driving southbound. The driver of the truck was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver and passenger of the second vehicle were treated and released at the scene with minor injuries.

September 16, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to the Welcome Bar in Independence for the report of a disturbance. The initial information was that a hit and run crash occurred outside. While units responded, additional calls reported that the striking vehicle returned to the scene and struck a pedestrian in the roadway before fleeing. As units arrived, additional callers reported that the vehicle had returned again, and the male driver had a firearm. Deputies arrived and detained the identified male who was ultimately arrested on scene. No firearms were located on the suspect. Two people were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Whitehall Police Department, Arcadia Police Department, and Arcadia Ambulance.

September 19, 2023: Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a call of a vehicle in the ditch on State Rd 93. Investigation indicated that the vehicle was traveling southbound on Hwy 93 attempting to pass another vehicle when it lost control, entering the ditch, and striking a culvert. The driver of the vehicle complained of back pain and was transported by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

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September 24, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to a reported two vehicle head on collision. Initial investigation showed a Ford F-150 was traveling westbound and entered the eastbound lane before striking an eastbound Jeep. The Ford F-150 exited the roadway and came to a rest in the eastbound ditch. The Jeep exited the roadway, struck a sign, and came to a rest in the eastbound ditch. Witnesses on scene provided information that the Ford F-150 had been traveling in the wrong lane of traffic and had possibly been involved in another collision. Both drivers received non-life-threatening injuries and were transported via ambulance to local hospital. The driver was ultimately arrested for operating while under the influence (2nd).

October 4, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched for a report of a combine that had overturned with the operator pinned inside. Initial investigation showed the combine was traveling northbound on Oak Ridge Road when it entered the southbound ditch and struck an embankment with its front driver side tire causing the combine to overturn. The driver was ejected out of the cab window and the combine came to rest on its roof and partially on top of the driver. The driver was located pinned under part of the combine and was extricated by the Arcadia Fire Department. The operator of the combine was airlifted from the scene with serious injuries.

October 9, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle crash in the City of Independence. It was reported that a Pontiac Grand Prix was traveling eastbound when it struck a parked vehicle on the side of the street. The driver sustained a very minor head laceration. Sun glare and a medical episode were factors in the crash.

October 22, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to a one-vehicle rollover with injuries around 10:00AM. The driver of the vehicle was ejected and airlifted with severe injuries. The six-year-old passenger had minor injuries and was treated at the scene and released to her father. Evidence at the scene indicates that a second vehicle might have been involved. If you have any information or witnessed the crash, please call the Trempealeau County Dispatch Center at 715-538-2341. Assisting agencies were Pigeon Falls Fire and First Responders, Whitehall Fire and First Responders, Whitehall Police Department, Tri-County Ambulance, Mayo One, and the several people who stopped to render aid.

October 28, 2023: The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash with minor injuries. The vehicle, which contained six occupants, was determined to be traveling southbound at a high rate of speed when it failed to negotiate a corner at the intersection. The vehicle left the roadway and entered the ditch. One passenger was transported by ambulance to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

October 30, 2023: The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash with minor injuries. It was determined that the driver was traveling southbound when he dropped a lit cigarette, which caused him to veer off the road and strike a tree. The driver suffered a minor head injury and was treated on scene by EMS.

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November 21, 2023: The Trempealeau County Dispatch Center received a report of a suspicious male party on Lake Ct. in the City of Galesville. Law Enforcement arrived minutes later and made contact with the male who appeared to be going through a mental health crisis. Once the male party observed law enforcement and ignored intervention options, he entered into the water of Lake Marinuka. Law Enforcement immediately called for boats and water rescue agencies. The male party swam to the middle of the lake and disappeared from view. Regional dive teams were called in and the body of the male party was located, deceased on the bottom of the lake. The search lasted approximately two and a half hours. Names will not be released on this matter.

November 26, 2023: The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Town of Gale. Investigations indicate that a Kia Rio was traveling southbound with three occupants. The vehicle lost control and slid into the northbound lane, at which time it collided with a GMC Sierra that was traveling northbound. The one occupant of the GMC Sierra was not injured in the crash. The front passenger of the Kia was entrapped in the vehicle and had to be extracted. All three occupants of the Kia were transported to the local hospital by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. Road conditions are believed to be a contributing factor to the crash.

November 26, 2023: The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle crash with minor injuries. The investigation concluded that a vehicle was traveling north when the driver lost control due to extremely slippery conditions. The vehicle exited the roadway and struck a power pole. The driver suffered a minor head injury and was transported to the local hospital.

December 5, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to the Town of Gale for the report of a two-vehicle crash with possible injuries. Once on scene, it was determined that no injuries had occurred. The rear end crash occurred after a deer crossed the roadway, forcing the driver to brake to avoid the deer.

December 9, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputies located a single vehicle rolled over in the ditch on Hwy 93 at the intersection of County Road A. Several people were located outside of the vehicle, one of which was injured during the crash. Arcadia ambulance evaluated the injured party who was not transported from the scene. While collecting information it was determined that the driver of the vehicle, who was later identified as Fernando Mendez Gomez, had walked away from the scene of the crash. Fernando was located and subsequently arrested for operating while intoxicated, 1st offense causing injury, bail jumping, operating without a license 2nd offense, and 3 warrants. Alcohol, speed, and icy road conditions were contributing factors in the crash.

December 10, 2023: Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a call of a one vehicle crash with life threatening injuries in the town of Dodge. Investigation indicated that the vehicle was traveling east on County Road G when it crossed over the center line and entered the north ditch, striking a culvert and rolling several times, ejecting the driver. The driver was treated for life threatening injuries by Dodge First Responders and transported to a local hospital by ambulance and was subsequently transferred via air ambulance. The crash is still under investigation.

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December 12, 2023: The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash with injuries. The investigation showed a southbound vehicle crossed the center line and struck a guardrail. The vehicle continued into the ditch and came to rest after striking a tree. The driver suffered suspected minor head injuries as a result of the crash. The driver was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

December 19, 2023: *ERT Callout* Trempealeau County Sheriff Deputies and the on-duty Galesville Officer were dispatched to W21278 State Road 54/93 for a 911 open line and possible disturbance. Upon arrival, Officers located a female walking away from the area and refusing to stop. The subject then retreated inside their residence and barricaded themselves inside. Upon investigation and information from the caller, charges were determined and contact with the subject was attempted. The subject continued to remain inside and began threatening to do harm towards Law Enforcement. Due to the threats made, Officers and Deputies on scene moved away from the door and attempted to gain distance from the threat. While doing so, the barricaded subject opened the door and had armed themselves with a knife and began waving it and advancing towards Law Enforcement, threatening harm toward the Officers and Deputies. During this time Officers and Deputies on scene established a perimeter to contain the subject, when the subject retreated back into the residence. While establishing a plan to get the subject into custody, further assets, such as the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office ERT and Galesville First Responders as well as Tri-State Ambulance had been paged for precaution. After a lengthy negotiation by a Trempealeau County Deputy, the subject disarmed themselves and exited the residence. Upon exiting, the subject immediately began fleeing on foot and was subsequently tazed and apprehended. The subject was treated for minor injuries sustained by themselves when handling the knife in their residence.

December 27, 2023: The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office, along with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation executed a search warrant at 20393 W. Gale Ave, City of Galesville, WI. After investigation, Clayton W. Solberg was taken into custody for possession of child pornography.

December 29, 2023: At approximately 6:35pm, a Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver-colored sedan on State Highway 93 in the Town of Gale for following a pick-up truck that was towing a trailer, at a close proximity. The driver consented to a search of the vehicle resulting in the deputy locating a THC wax rig used for the consumption of THC wax, an aluminum tray containing several homemade baked goods with a note on top of the tray that stated, "WEED EDIBLES DO NOT EAT!" and a backpack with a small padlock that had a very strong odor of marijuana coming from it. A digital scale with cocaine residue was found in the side pocket of the backpack. The small padlock on the backpack was cut off and the bag was searched. Inside the backpack, deputies found 5 large bags containing marijuana weighing a total of 226 grams, 13 un-opened THC vape cartridges, 2 folded up wax papers which contained THC wax inside of them, 2 small containers with THC wax inside of them, all weighing a total of 42 grams, a large zip-lock bag which contained 130 grams of cocaine, another small zip-lock bag that contained 5 grams of cocaine, and a zip-lock bag which contained 14 grams of methamphetamine. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody on several drug-related charges and booked into the Trempealeau County Jail.

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Inmate Worker Sentence Reduction Program – This multi-agency program continues to allow low risk sentenced offenders to earn time off through approved work-related activities. At this time, inmates conduct work detail inside the jail and earn 1 day credit off their sentence for every 24 hours they work. Trempealeau County Health Care clients along with court ordered community service workers also participate in the program.

Facebook Page – The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office continues to maintain a Facebook page as a public communication tool to keep the public informed. The Sheriff's Office encourages public participation and interaction while always maintaining a positive site and promoting the department with pride.

Recovery Court – Two Sheriff's Office employees sit on the Recovery Court program. The Recovery Court program can be a life changer for many addicts, it gives them a last chance for a happy healthy life. The program was created to break the cycle and undergo treatment to help eliminate drug and alcohol use.

Christmas is for Kids – The Christmas is for Kids program returned again! This year, the kids were nominated by the schools in Trempealeau County. The community was still able to come in to grab a tag off the tree and help contribute to the gifts. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office wrapped the gifts. The gift giveaway was done at Whitehall Memorial High School in the commons area along with a meal to the families who were nominated. We helped 27 families, which included 88 children.

DEC Position – The DEC position continues to be an influential part of the Sheriff's Office. The Deputy in this position, investigates cases of neglect and/or abuse due to a caregiver's use, distribution or manufacturing of any controlled substance, or the caregiver's failure to prevent or protect the child from exposure to the use, distribution or manufacture of any controlled substance. Also, this position provides community outreach and education in the areas of drug use, trends, and their effects on our county.

NIXLE – NIXLE is in full force for Trempealeau County communities. Information is on the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office website on how community members can sign up for the notifications.

Police Presence in Schools – The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office is again making their presence in the schools. With the growing violence in schools, the Sheriff implemented the deputies make appearances in the schools, whether it be dropping by or being in the area around the start and end of school.

Cyber Tips – The number of Cyber Tips the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office receives has increased every year. The DCI handles the higher priority cases, but typically the low-level cases DCI reaches out to Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office if they are ones in our area.

B.A.D.G.E.S. – Last year, B.A.D.G.E.S. was created to update to the current times. B.A.D.G.E.S. stands for Building Alliances, Delivering Guidance, Educating Students. The curriculum was created by a couple of Trempealeau County Sheriff's Deputies, who take turns or double team on teaching the class to 5th grade students in the county. This curriculum replaces the previous D.A.R.E. program.

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2023 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) CALLS

Total times the ERT was called out in 2023:

1

2023 GRANTS (this shows the previous year)

GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
VEST Grant	\$1250.92	Offsets cost of vests
SCAAP	\$6856.00	Correctional Purposes
Seat Belt Task Force	\$25,000	Seat Belt Reinforcement (Oct 2023-Sep 2024)

CIVIL PROCESS

	2023	2022	2021
Papers Served	319	270	219
Papers Not Served	43	43	46
TOTAL PAPERS	362	313	265
Subpoena's (DA's Office)	190	192	189

SHERIFF SALES

	2023	2022	2021
Scheduled	9	16	10
Sales Completed	6	6	6
Sales (Cancelled/Postponed/Bankrupt)	3	10	4

TRANSPORTS

	2023	2022	2021
Escort Prisoners	296	229	331
Chapter 51	15	19	27
TOTAL	311	248	358

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JAIL STATISTICS

YEARLY JAIL POPULATION – BOOKING TYPE							
Year	Total Bookings	Males	Females	Pre-Trials	Sentenced	Probation Holds	INS Holds
2023	736	569	167	622	91	113	19
2022	690	533	157	552	70	123	14
2021	760	576	146	486	55	94	12
2020	652	505	146	429	54	97	4

YEARLY JAIL POPULATION – AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION				
Year	In-County Daily Average	Electronic Monitor	Out of County	Total Average Daily Population
2023	24.02	2.40	12.89	36.82
2022	20.30	1.66	6.58	30.74
2021	18.94	3.17	7.08	29.4
2020	17.25	1.83	14.33	42.40

OUT OF COUNTY PRISONER BOARDING EXPENSE (Fee Charged by Out-of-County Facility)	
2023	\$168,075.00
2022	\$73,139.00
2021	\$160,005.00
2020	\$89,371.00
2019	\$171,798.00
2018	\$170,586.00

2023 REVENUE RECEIVED FOR BOARDING PRISONERS				
Year	State of WI ES Sanctions	State of WI PO Holds	Inmate Fees Huber	Total Revenue Received
2023	\$9983.24	\$20,440.00	*\$217.31	\$30,640.55
2022	\$11,424.12	\$23,120.00	*\$408.82	\$34,952.94
2021	\$28,714.68	\$14,240.00	*\$586.00	\$43,540.68
2020	\$17,033.26	\$25,040.00	\$2,565.62	\$44,638.88
2019	\$16,261.36	\$59,120.00	\$13,776.15	\$89,157.51

*Not currently offering Huber due to the pandemic, so only collecting debt owed.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING STATISTICS

YEAR	EXPENSES	REVENUE	NET INCOME
2023	\$13,151.50	\$19,576.28	\$6,424.78
2022	\$9,207.50	\$14,326.52	\$5,119.02

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DISPATCH STATISTICS

	2023	2022	2021
Incidents Initiated	28,482	25,379	29,062
Warrants Entered	397	233	594
Suicide Reports**	66	61	42
Sexual Assault Reports	56	69	57
Burglary/Theft Reports	216	218	292

*All Statistics are Trempealeau County Wide

**Potential/Attempted/Successful

DRUG ARRESTS

	2023	2022	2021
METH	74	73	110
THC	22	25	34
Cocaine	13	9	19
Heroin	10	12	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	73	64	93
TOTAL of Drug Arrests	192	183	260

~ Please note there are other numerous arrests not categorized & does not account for city ordinance citations~

MEG UNIT STATISTICS

	2023	2022	2021
Drug Related Reports	524	620	572

K-9 ACTIVITIES

	2023		
Deployment	108		
Arrests from Deployment	28		
Drugs Found	80		

~ Started tracking K-9 activities in 2023 ~

E-REFERRALS TO DA'S OFFICE

	2023	2022	2021
Cases E-Referred to DA's Office	295	310	346

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ACCIDENT STATISTICS									
(Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office Only – Not Including Car/Deer Accidents without injury)									
MONTH	MONTHLY TOTAL			INJURY ACCIDENTS			FATAL ACCIDENTS *		
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021
January	53	60	54	5	6	4	0	0	0
February	32	40	55	5	3	6	0	0	1^
March	49	46	50	5	3	5	1*	0	0
April	44	55	32	4	3	6	0	0	0
May	49	56	54	7	4	10	0	0	0
June	60	54	62	5	7	15	0	0	1^^
July	39	53	49	6	9	5	0	0	1^^^
August	43	26	41	12	3	7	1**	0	0
September	37	57	52	10	10	3	0	0	0
October	96	82	93	10	4	6	0	0	0
November	108	136	98	9	6	6	0	0	1^^^^
December	55	72	60	3	8	13	0	0	0
TOTAL	666	737	700	82	66	86	2	0	4

***Note:** All Fatal Accidents that occur within the county will be listed, even if the sheriff's office did not write the state accident report.

^ 2 Vehicle Crash, 1 Male killed
 ^^ Motorcycle vs Deer, 1 Male killed
 ^^^ Motorcycle vs Deer, 1 Male killed
 ^^^^ 2 Vehicle Crash, 1 Female killed

*2 Vehicle Crash, 1 Female killed

**2 Motorcycles vs Car, 1 Male killed

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PATROL STATISTICS

CITATIONS ISSUED			
DEPUTY	2023	2022	2021
28*	0	0	0
31	139	256	-
34*	28	40	-
35	149	180	256
36	162	110	199
37	56	124	206
38	53	43	43
40	9	87	183
42	112	43	41
43	0	0	0
44	24	75	98
45	22	22	25
46	40	43	102
47	10	7	37
48	29	13	25
49*	0	0	-
51	27	0	0
52	0	6	0
54	123	261	272
55*	0	0	0
57	0	0	0
58	0	0	0
59*	0	0	0
60	10	26	22
61	0	0	0
62	37	30	52
63	7	25	161
64	0	0	0
66	11	49	119
69	-	-	-
83	328	392	295
84	1	9	12
86	269	112	320
87	60	0	0
88	4	10	7
90*	0	0	0
TOTAL	1710	1963	2475

*Denotes part-time traffic deputies

Note: **69 employed only until 06/2020

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

JANUARY

- January 17th, the director attended the West Central WEM region meeting in Menomonie.
- January 19th, the director attended the County Fire Chiefs Meeting in Osseo.
- January 19th, the director attended a workshop in shoreline disaster cleanup virtually.
- January 24th, the director attended Amateur Radio Resources training in Chippewa Falls.
- January 25th, the director attended a Regional Preparedness Tabletop Exercise.

WEM changed the grant fiscal years to follow the calendar year, so much of January was spent closing out FFY 2022 grants and submitting reimbursement information.

FEBRUARY

- February 7th-8th, the director attended Local Volunteer and Donations Management Training in Chippewa Falls.
- February 14th, the director met with jail admin to discuss fire drill exercise.
- February 15th, the director attended the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting.
- February 15th, the director attended LEPC meeting.
- February 20th, the director attended Security and Facilities meeting.
- February 21st, the director attended West Central WEM region meeting in Chippewa Falls where a tabletop exercise was conducted reference a transportation hazmat incident.
- February 21st-22nd, the director conducted jail fire drill exercises.
- February 21st-23rd, the director attended multiple winter storm webinars with the National Weather Service. Approximately 12 inches of snow fell over a short period of time. February 27th-March 1st, the director attended the Governor's Conference on Emergency Management in Middleton. The director attended a Damage Assessment pre-conference training.

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MARCH

- March 8th-9th, the director attended Winter Storm Webinars with the National Weather Service.
- March 9th, the director attended the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting.
- March 15th-16th, the director attended Evacuation & Re-Entry Planning training virtually.
- March 21st, the director attended the West Central WEM region meeting in Jackson County where damage assessment was discussed.
- March 29th, the director attended a virtual workshop on the use of CAMEO for EPCRA planning.

APRIL

- April 6th, the director attended Region 4 Healthcare Coalition meeting virtually.
- April 7th, the director attended virtual CISA Grant Webinar.
- April 12th, the director attended Pipeline Safety Training at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire.
- April 18th, the director did a radio interview about Severe Weather Awareness Week at WHTL.
- April 25th, the director attended the Land Information Council Meeting.
- April 26th, the director attended an Ashley for the Arts Planning Meeting in Arcadia.

The end of April was spent attending river level briefings and monitoring flood levels on the Mississippi River.

MAY

- May 5th, the director spent the morning turning off tower site heat and turning on the AC units.
- May 16th, the director attended West Central WEM region meeting in Alma, where focus was spent on best practices for sandbagging.
- May 17th, the director attended an Emergency Manager Workshop at the National Weather Service in La Crosse.
- May 18th, the director uncapped the rain gauges for the high-water warning system.
- May 22nd, the director attended the County Fire Chiefs Meeting in Independence.

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- May 24th, the director attended LEPC Meeting.
- May 26th, the director finished jail fire drill for staff who missed the first one.

Much of May was spent waiting for the Mississippi River to recede. It was the 4th highest flood on record. Damage was kept to a minimum due to advanced warning and prior mitigation efforts. Flood cleanup kits were provided by the Red Cross, to residences along the river.

JUNE

- June 20th, the director attended West Central WEM region meeting at State Patrol HQ in Eau Claire.

Much of June was spent working on updating offsite response plans.

JULY

- July 13th, the director attended Town of Trempealeau Board Meeting to discuss EOP.
- July 12th, the director attended Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting.
- July 18th, the director attended WEM region meeting in Medford.

AUGUST

- August 1st, the director attended Safety Committee Meeting.
- August 3rd, the director attended a planning meeting for a functional hazmat exercise.
- August 14th, the director attended WEM region meeting in La Crosse.
- August 17th, the director attended Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting.

SEPTEMBER

- September 19th-21st, the director attended the WEMA Conference in Stevens Point, attending the pre-trial conference training course, Management of Spontaneous Volunteers.
- September 25th, the director attended the county fire meeting in Whitehall.
- September 27th, the director attended an Ashley for the Arts debrief meeting and a courthouse shutdown meeting.

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OCTOBER

- October 10th, the director planned a meeting for the hazmat exercise.
- October 12th, the director attended Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting.
- October 17th, the director attended the West Central Region Meeting in Ellsworth to work on EMPG and EPCRA grant applications. The director also attended the Towns Association meeting in the town of Hale.
- October 19th, the director attended the Winter Weather Planning Webinar.
- October 25th, the director attended the department head meeting to discuss COOP/COG planning.
- October 26th, the director attended State Homeland Security Grant Program Webinar and met with the Regional Director to discuss plan of work.
- October 31st, the director went to tower sites to turn off the A/C and turn on the heat.

NOVEMBER

- November 1st, the director capped rain gauges for county high water warning system.
- November 3rd, the director attended a meeting with WEM to discuss the FEMA grant award for mitigation efforts in and around Arcadia.
- November 9th, the director attended Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting.
- November 14th, the director attended functional Hazmat Exercise with Blair Fire.
- November 21st, the director attended the WEM Region meeting at the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- November 29th, the director attended a virtual Avian Influenza Briefing.

DECEMBER

- December 7th, the director attended Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting.
- December 7th, the director attended Region 4 Healthcare Coalition Meeting virtually.
- December 18th, the director attended virtual Avian Influenza Briefing.
- December 19th, the director attended WEM Region meeting in Eau Claire.

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This year there was a change in the plan of work requirements set forth by WEM. Each county has to create an Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) involving all stakeholders. The plan identifies three priorities that are to be addressed over a three-year cycle. The priorities identified in the Trempealeau County IPP are Continuity of Operations Planning, Municipal Emergency Operation Plan updates/creation and Emergency Services Personnel recruitment and retention. Throughout the year, the director also continuously worked on annual emergency operations plan and offsite plan updates, as well as public outreach as required for the EMPG and EPCRA grants. The director also continues to work on required training as it becomes available towards the Certified Wisconsin Emergency Manager program.

GRANTS

Emergency Management is involved with the following grants:

- The EMPG grant closeout award is anticipated to be \$36,330
- The EPCRA grant closeout award is anticipated to be \$12,030