



# DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF

## The Front Row

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**Dave Bellows, Sheriff**  
**Tim Leslie, Chief Deputy**

Volume 7, Week 50  
May 7, through  
May 13, 2012

**Featuring Sheriff's  
Sworn Operations  
and Detention  
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Dan Scheuermann

**Captains**

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Joe Leko  
Jim Rogers

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Scott Durdall  
Pat Enderlein  
Jim Gabriel  
Booker Hodges IV  
Jim Iliff  
Bruce Kammen  
Chris Melton  
Tim Samuelson  
Rick Schroeder  
Rob Shingledecker

**Special Duty  
Deputies**

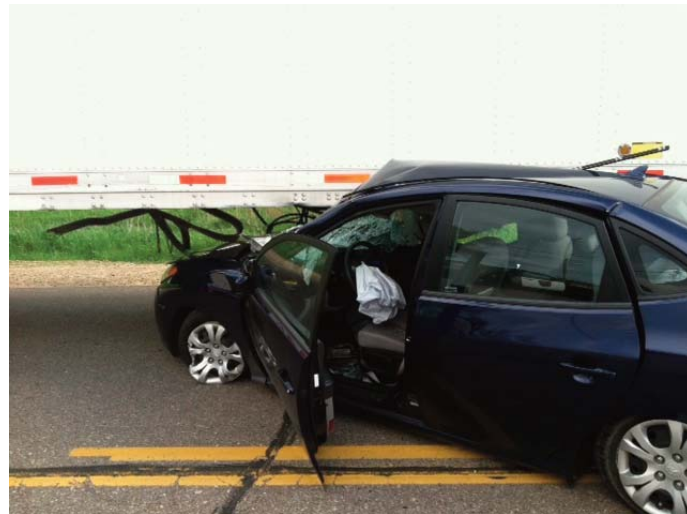
Brad Billmeyer  
Terry Ecker  
Kevin Henriksen  
Rob Hosking  
Thomas Jacobson  
Coreen Kulvich  
Blake Pederson  
Matt Schepers  
Rebecca Sherman  
Dave Sjogren  
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Dawanna Witt

**Deputy Sheriffs**

Scott Bensen  
Ryan Brown  
Lonna Broze  
JoAnne Calhoun  
Rhonda Doheny  
Sandy Dose  
Mike Fendrick  
Ryan Fitzgerald  
Tim Fletcher  
Steve Forrey  
Tim Gonder

**Lucky Times Two...**

Deputies responded to two separate crashes resulting in significant damage to the vehicles involved, but miraculously, only minor injuries to the drivers. The first crash occurred on May 10th at the intersection of Cedar and 240th Street. The crash resulted after the driver of a dump truck struck the back of a semi as it was making a turn. While the dump truck was heavily damaged, the driver walked away with minor injuries.



Deputies responded to a second crash on May 11th, occurring at the intersection of Highway 3 and County Road 86. In this accident a semi collided with a car and, while the car sustained major damage, the driver, who was wearing their seat belt, was able to walk away with minor injuries. The State Patrol handled the accident and the semi driver was cited. Moral of the story, always wear your seatbelt. **Deputy Tom Hooper** responded to the crash.

**Behind the Bars...**

The jail population jumped back up after experiencing a decrease over the past few weeks. Over the past week the jail averaged 301 inmates in custody per day, compared with 287 the prior week. The jail boarded an average of 41 inmates per day at other facilities to comply with the rules on capacity.

**On the Road...**

Deputies in the Transport Division logged over 3,750 miles over the past week moving prisoners. Routine moves accounted for the greatest share of transports. Other moves included 26 picked up on warrant arrests, 29 on writs and court-ordered moves, and 11 transported to St. Cloud to begin prison sentences.

**Drug Take-Back...**

Last week over 1,100 pounds of old, unused, and unwanted medications from the Prescription Drug Take-Back Program were transported to Alexandria, Minnesota, and



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Bruce Lohmann  
Merle Lohse  
Kim Mays  
Mark McKnight  
Peter Meyer  
Lester Mitchell  
Erika Morgan  
Jon Napper  
Ryan Olson  
Mitch Penny  
Sean Qualy  
Matt Regis  
Jon Reiners  
Josh Sannes  
Bryce Schuenke  
Matt Schuster  
Dan Siebenaler  
Brian Smidt  
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destroyed. The 24/7 take-back program continues to be a success in Dakota County and will be expanded to include many of the other police agencies. Currently, drop-off sites are located at the Burnsville Police Department, West St. Paul Police Department, and outside the Sheriff's Office in Hastings.

### **Future Law Enforcement Officers...**

The DCSO Explorer Post participated recently with posts from Farmington Fire and the Northfield EMS in a 24-hour event called "Explorers in Action." Over the course of the 24-hour period, the groups responded to 27 mock calls dealing with medical emergencies, crimes in progress, explosions, lost persons, and a few other everyday calls. The training is important in gaining experience in their



quest to work in the various professions in public safety. The Dakota Communications Center (DCC) provided a dispatcher to add realism to the calls. Nice job to all the participants in the exercises and to

**Detective Dawanna Witt** for all her work as an advisor to the DCSO group.

### **Happy Birthday...**

**Correctional Deputy Tim Parker** will be celebrating his birthday on May 25th. Happy Birthday, Tim!

