

*Office of the Sheriff*  
William "Bill" Wilke

# Annual Report 2025

# A Message from Sheriff Wilke



**“ I am honored to serve the people of Haywood County with leadership, integrity, and strength. I want every citizen to rest well knowing that we will defend your God given rights protected by our Constitution with everything we have. My door will always be open to you, the people of Haywood County; the Sheriff’s office is your office, and I am privileged to have your trust to serve in it. May God bless you, Haywood County, the State of North Carolina and may God bless the United States of America.”**

*William D. Wilke*



# Our Mission

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office will use every resource at our disposal to protect our God given rights as intended by our federal and state constitutions; to suppress crime and bring perpetrators before a court of law affording all due process; to maintain a safe, efficient, and effective detention center; to work with and promote the efficiency of our court system; to promote the well-being of our county in every way possible; to provide the most effective and professional services possible; and to carry with us and display the integrity and transparency of our actions as we serve.

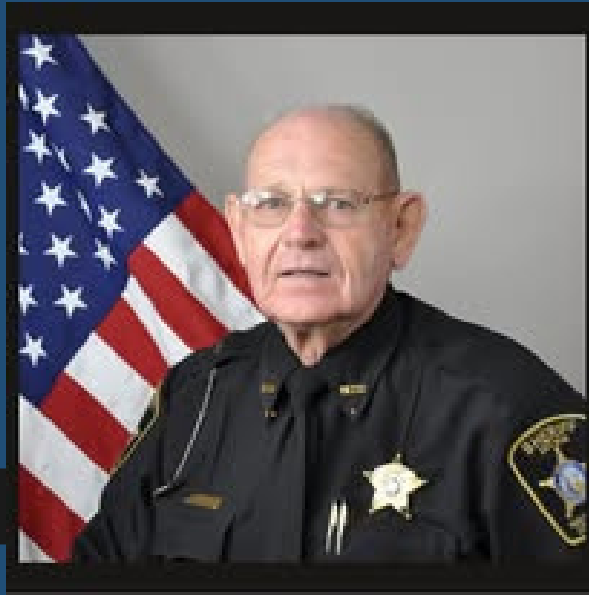


# Our Vision

The men and women of the Haywood County Sheriff's Office seek excellence in Leadership for the communities we serve, Integrity in the actions we take whether in public or private, and Strength in making decisions that support our mission.



# In Memory of Sgt. Albert Allen



*Sergeant Allen, who passed away in October 2025, served this agency and the citizens of Haywood County with honor, dedication, and unwavering commitment. Throughout his career, he exemplified professionalism, integrity, and steadfast leadership. His presence brought strength to our office, reassurance to the community, and guidance to those who served alongside him.*

*Sgt. Allen led by example. His courage in challenging moments, his steady judgment, and his genuine compassion for others earned him the respect of deputies, staff, and community members alike. He was a mentor who invested in the growth of others, a trusted colleague whose counsel was valued, and a friend whose encouragement left a lasting impact.*

*Beyond the badge, Sgt. Allen was a man of deep faith and conviction. He believed in service before self and lived that principle daily. His character reflected humility, kindness, and a commitment to doing what was right — even when it was difficult.*

*His legacy is woven into the fabric of this agency. The standards he upheld, the lives he influenced, and the example he set will continue to guide us in the years ahead. We remain grateful for his years of faithful service and the sacrifices he made in dedication to this profession and this community.*

*Sergeant Albert Allen's watch has ended, but his legacy endures.*



# Patrol

Our Patrol Division consists of four squads that work 12-hour shifts. Each of these squads have seven deputies assigned to the county including one deputy that covers the Town of Clyde.

Patrol is divided into four squads of seven deputies each, with one squad on duty at a time. Each squad has a sergeant and five deputies and one deputy assigned to the Town of Clyde. Patrol works twelve-hour shifts and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our Patrol is often supplemented by deputies from other divisions and part-time officers.

Deputies respond to calls for service, conduct minor criminal investigations, collect evidence, surveil problem areas, address domestic issues and neighbor disputes, serve involuntary commitments, serve warrants and civil papers, initiate missing person searches, patrol business districts and residential neighborhoods, and enforce criminal and traffic laws. To better get to know our citizens, our deputies also participate in a variety of community-related events across the county.



**3,390 Reported Incidents**

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**1,172 Closed by Arrest**





# Civil Process

4 Civil Process Deputies

5,216 Civil Papers Served

\$191,174 Executions Collected

Haywood County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Division, one of the oldest documented responsibilities of a County Sheriff, consists of deputies who work civil process, child support, domestic violence, litter enforcement and tax collection. Civil Process is responsible for the service of civil papers in Haywood County as outlined by the North Carolina general statutes. The Haywood County Sheriff's Office is entrusted to serve civil processes in a professional and timely manner. The division serves not only those processes which originate in Haywood County, but from other counties and states, as well. These processes include:

- Civil and Magistrate Summons
- Claim & Deliveries
- Writs for Possession & Writs of Execution
- Temporary & Permanent Restraining Orders
- Tax Warrants
- Attachments
- Child Custody Orders
- Civil Orders for Arrests





# Court Security

7 Court Deputies

642 Court Sessions

64,679 Citizens through Metal Detection System

One of the duties of the Sheriff, as compelled by North Carolina General Statute, is to provide security in the courtrooms within their county.

During operating hours at the Haywood County Justice Center, a deputy is stationed at the metal detector. Deputies help ensure the safety of court personnel and citizens entering the facility by searching bags and briefcases and scanning everyone with the metal detector.

The justice center and the historic courthouse are used after hours by the community and local government groups. At least two deputies must be on hand at all times while people are in the building. Deputies are present at events such as N.C. Bar Association meetings and all county commissioner meetings. **In 2025, there were 642 Court Sessions.** These include District, Superior, Juvenile, Child Support and DSS Courts.





# Criminal Investigations

**735 Cases**

**129 Search Warrants**

**\$483,772  
Recovered Property**

## EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT

415 New Cases

504 Items Disposed Of

149 Cases Sent to Lab

## SEX OFFENDERS

122 Registered Offenders

318 Residences Checks

15 Related Warrants

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, CID, handles cases not readily resolvable on the initial call. These cases usually demand significantly more time than a patrol deputy can devote to a single case, and often require specialized training, experience and/or expertise.

CID consists of 8 full time investigators and one full time evidence technician. There is also one front office deputy that handles the Sex Offender Registry that is a part of the CID team. Detectives are assigned cases which include general property crimes, child abuse, sexual assaults, domestic violence, murder, fraud and identity theft.

This team has been instrumental in returning money, equipment, vehicles, and personal property back to the citizens of Haywood County.



**CRIME SCENE • DO NOT CROSS**



# Crime Suppression Unit

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) consists of two dedicated teams, each led by a Lieutenant and two Sergeants and supported by multiple team members.

CSU focuses on addressing high-crime issues within our communities, including nuisance properties, property-related offenses, and narcotics activity. The team works closely with community stakeholders and residents to develop sustainable, long-term solutions that improve safety and quality of life.

In partnership with the Criminal Investigation Division, CSU maintains a proactive presence throughout the county, remaining vigilant in identifying and suppressing criminal activity.

**189 Arrests**

**14 Search Warrants**

**94 Charges for Trafficking  
*Methamphetamine/Opium/Heroin***





# 2025 Narcotics Summary

Crack	154.3 Grams
Cocaine	1,694.7 Grams
Heroin	1.0 Gram
Marijuana	6,422.1 Grams & 43 Dosage Units
Morphine	30 Milliliters & 89 Dosage Units
Fentanyl	614.1 Grams & 2 Dosage Units
Opium	77 Dosage Units
Methamphetamines	3,059.22 Grams
Barbiturates	52 Grams
PCP	7.9 Grams
Other	387.2 Grams & 541.75 Dosage Units

*\*Other Narcotics include other hallucinogens, other stimulants, other depressants and other narcotics that have not yet been identified.*



# K-9 Unit

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit is comprised of five K9 teams. Each K9 is trained in tracking, evidence recovery, and narcotics detection. Our K9s have been utilized to track criminal suspects as well as locate missing persons, including lost children and elderly individuals suffering from dementia.

The primary role of our K9 unit is the detection of narcotic odors during law enforcement operations. In addition to their operational duties, our K9 teams frequently participate in community demonstrations at local fairs, schools, and public events. Each handler trains with their K9 partner for a minimum of 10 hours per month to maintain proficiency and readiness.



Tracks	39
Vehicle Searches	95
Assits to Other Agencies	15
Training Hours	175



**Kilo**

**Able**

**Riley**

**Bruno**

**Bren**



# S.R.T Special Response Team



The Haywood County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) is comprised of 13 highly trained deputies who are equipped to respond to high-risk incidents requiring advanced skills beyond those of a patrol deputy.

The primary mission of SRT is to serve the citizens of Haywood County by providing enhanced tactical support during critical incidents, with a strong emphasis on the preservation of life.

Team members are called upon to respond to complex and potentially dangerous situations where specialized training, discipline, and coordinated response are essential.



To maintain operational readiness, SRT trains 16 hours per month. Ongoing training prepares the team for high-risk warrant service, search and rescue missions, tracking lost or injured individuals, barricaded subject incidents, and other dynamic situations that have become increasingly common in today's public safety environment.

In 2025, members of the Haywood County SRT further demonstrated their professionalism and commitment to excellence by competing in two Special Response Team events.

These competitions provided valuable opportunities to test skills, strengthen teamwork, and measure performance against other agencies in a controlled and challenging setting, and network with fellow tactical teams from across the state.

**200 Training Hours  
8 Call Outs**





# 911 Communications Center

The Haywood County 911 Communications Center, also known as Haywood Communications, answers emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and dispatches the appropriate help. The professional staff is dedicated to providing quality service not only to our citizens but also to the first responders that we serve.

The 911 Telecommunicators are the “first” emergency responders and play a critical role in answering any call for assistance. No matter what discipline of emergency services is needed, the telecommunicator must be efficient and professional to ensure the proper resources are sent to an appropriate location and that the responding field agencies receive the correct information.

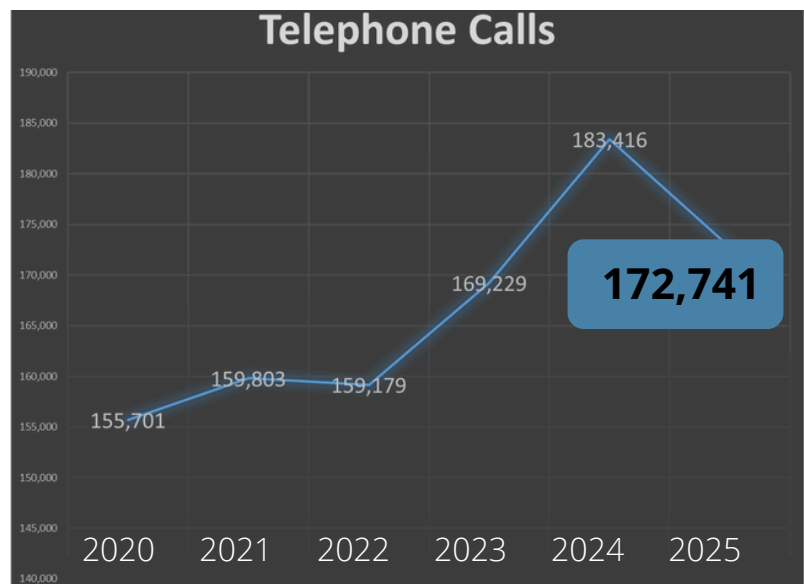
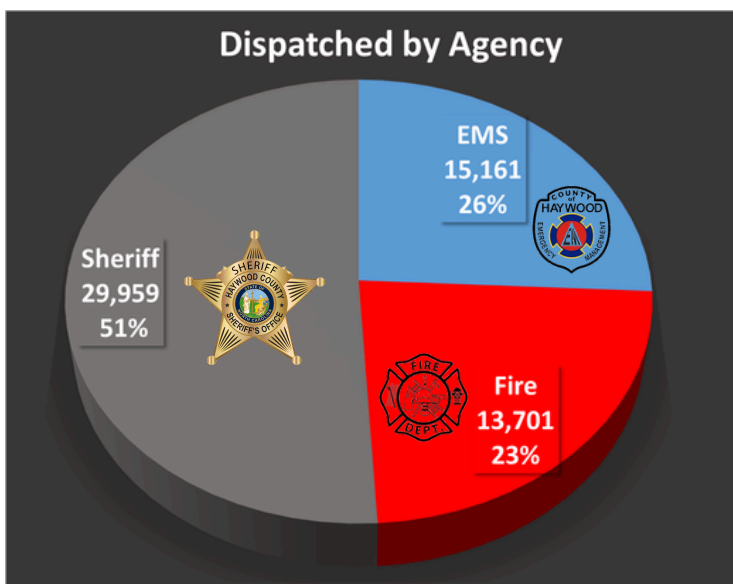
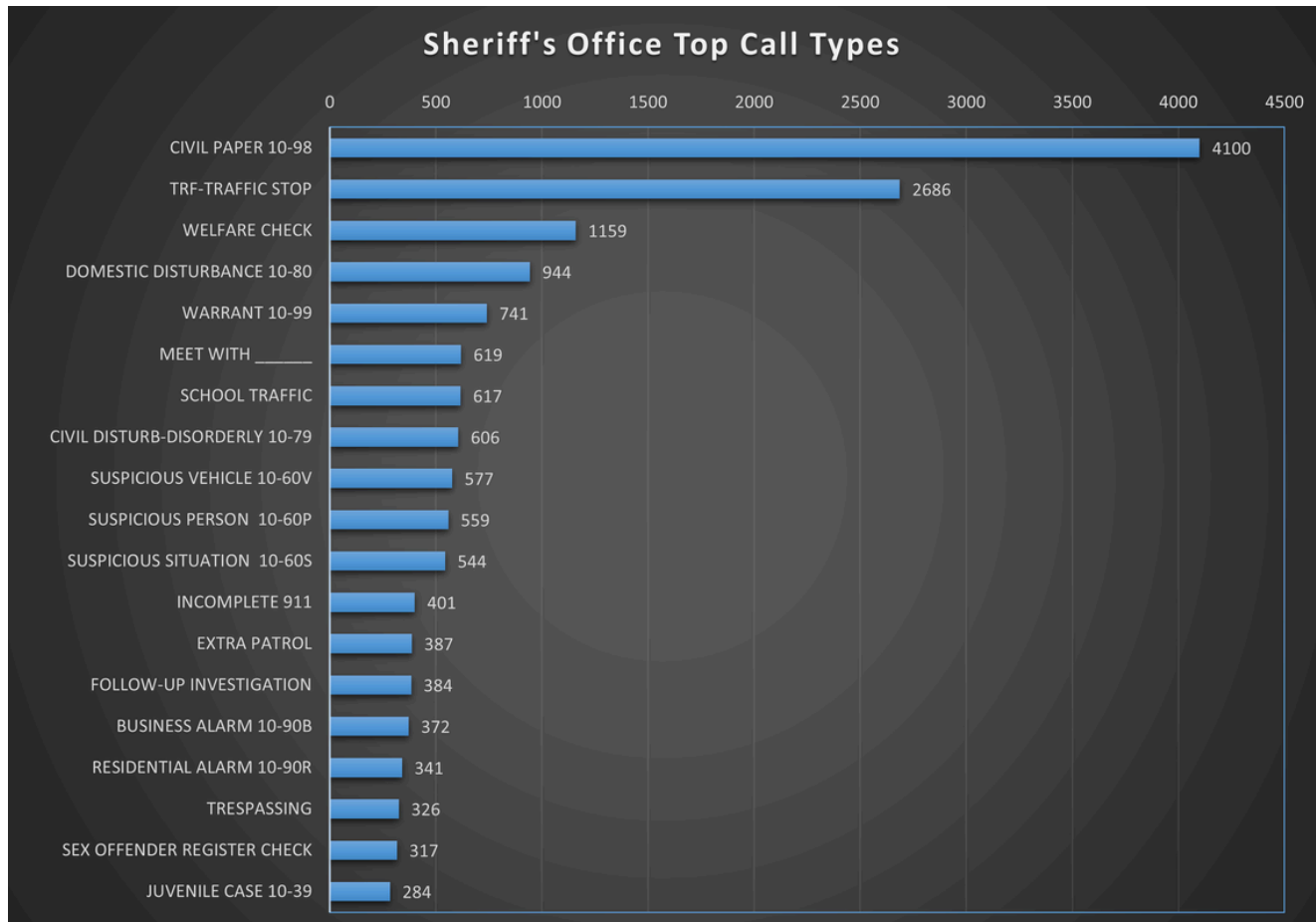
There were 172,741 telephone calls answered in the Communications Center in 2025. A Telecommunicator takes one call at a time, does it quickly, gets it out to responders, and moves on to the next call. Any delay in getting help to the caller could mean the difference between life and death.

Currently there are 22 Full Time and 8 part time Telecommunicators employed by the Sheriff's Office. There are four on duty at all times working 12-hour shifts. There are also call takers that work 8am-5pm (Monday-Friday) and 1pm-1am (7 days a week). There is also a manager who generally works weekdays who oversees the entire operation.





# Call Data

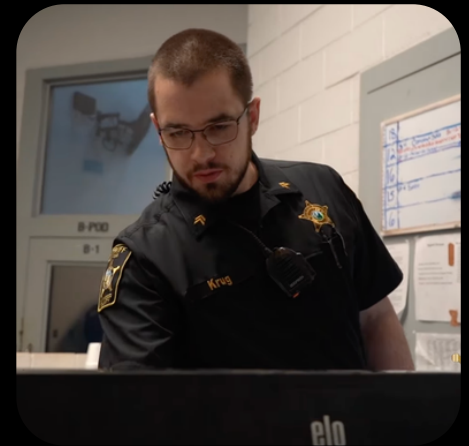




# Detention Center

The Haywood County Detention Center houses 109 inmates. All pre-trial arrestees unable to make bond in Haywood County as well as inmates who are sentenced or ordered to be held in custody by the courts are held in our confinement facility. The Detention Center utilizes an in-direct supervision style of inmate management and comprises five different housing units with a booking area and central control. Several facilities are comprised of a medical unit, a video-to-video visitation lobby, inmate laundry services, facility maintenance, and a large kitchen area.

The Reintegration Program, launched in 2023, has hosted numerous in-house meetings, including NA, AA, and NAMI sessions, providing participants with opportunities for peer support, recovery guidance, and mental health resources. The program has also made several referrals to external programs to ensure individuals have access to continued support beyond the facility. These referrals play an important role in reducing recidivism by connecting participants with long-term treatment, counseling, and community-based services that encourage stability and successful reintegration into society.





# Detention Data

Total Males Confined	1,748
Head Counts Performed	75,643
Special Watches Performed	150,437
Cell Checks Performed	611,650

Total Female Confined	935
Volunteer Hours	1,299
Total Volunteers	76
Detention Officer Certification Graduates	10

## 2025 Reintegration Programs

NA/AA/NAMI Attendees	372	Recovery Court Referrals	14
HHSA MAT	20	First at Blue Ridge Referrals	9
ADATC Referrals	3	Renew Hope Ministries	18
Life Challenge of the Smokies	17	Mens Challenge of the Smokies	9
TROSA	5	Pathways	8
Christian Recovery Center	10	Other On Site Group Attendees	95



# School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SROs) play a vital role in creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students and staff. Serving as both law enforcement officers and mentors, SROs help foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the school community. Our SROs not only protect the lives of our children and school staff daily, but they also actively participate in the day-to-day functions at each school. They engage with students and staff through activities, sporting events, and even morning and afternoon car line greetings. These interactions are a vital and special part of every school in Haywood County. Each of our SROs has built strong, positive relationships with students, parents, and staff, reinforcing their role as trusted mentors and protectors. We believe they hold one of the most important roles in the lives of our children and in our communities, ensuring both safety and guidance for future generations.





# Domestic Violence

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office has a full-time victim advocate who specializes in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. If you are a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault or know someone who is, contact the Haywood County Sheriff's Office at (828) 452-6666 to speak with the domestic violence advocate, deputy, or detective for more information.

## PROTECTIVE ORDERS

- 49 - Through HSCO DV Advocate Assistance
  - 88 - Through REACH DV Advocate Assistance
  - 66 - Through Other means
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**APRIL**

**Sexual Assault  
Awareness Month**



**OCTOBER**

**Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month**



# Support Staff

Our civilian support staff is the backbone of the Sheriff's Office, playing a vital role in our daily operations. As the first point of contact for the public, they are the face of our office, ensuring a welcoming and professional experience for all who come in to conduct business. Their dedication, professionalism, and integrity are unwavering, contributing significantly to the efficiency and success of our office. Their hard work behind the scenes is essential to our mission, and we deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions every day.

## RECORDS REQUESTS

2,254 Records Requests Completed

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## CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS

291 New Permits

782 Renewed Permits

\$21,065 Permit Fees Collected

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## MONEY COLLECTED

\$39,184 Civil Service Fees

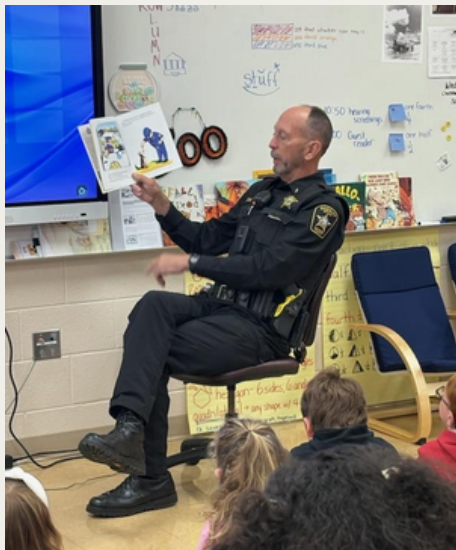
\$3,165 Fingerprinting Fees

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# Community!





# Awards & Reconitions

**OCTOBER**

**Haywood County  
Employee of the Month**



**Kaiyln Green**

**NOVEMBER**

**Haywood County  
Employee of the Month**



**Travis Childress**



The Haywood County Communications Team  
Dillon Huffman, Allison Richmond, Gina Zachary  
**FIRST PLACE**  
NC City & County Communicators (NC3C)  
Excellence in Communications Awards!



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**Telecommunicator  
of the Year  
Anna Carroll Pope**

**Patrol Deputy  
of the Year  
Cpl. Zach Wood**

**Detention Officer  
of the Year  
Scott Miranda**

**Detective  
of the Year  
Garrett Sanders**

**SRO  
of the Year  
Jason West**

**CSU Detective  
of the Year  
Josh Watts**

**Civil Process Deputy  
of the Year  
Teresa Mitchell**

**Court Deputy  
of the Year  
Keith Beasley**

**Admin Support Staff  
of the Year  
Green-Lee Crowe**

**Top Gun  
of the Year  
Crime Suppression Unit**





# Retirements

## Sean Aaron & Sgt. Ken Stiles



## Major Jason Smiley

## Suzie Pressley





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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

172,741 Calls

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8 Part-Time TCs

Friday - Highest Call Volume

29,959 / 51% HCSO Calls

15,161 / 26% EMS

13,701 / 23% Fire

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