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Ripley County Sheriff's Office Report for 2010

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A report generated by the Ripley County Sheriff's Office, gives a summary of activity for 2010.

Criminal Investigations:

The Ripley County Sheriff's Office received 601 criminal cases during 2010, an increase of 48 cases.

A short breakdown is as follows:

- Alcohol related offenses: 85
- Drug related offenses: 29
- Misdemeanor/Felony traffic offenses: 35
- Domestic related offenses: 100
- Crimes against persons/property: 368

Out of the 601 criminal cases received, 277 were either closed or resulted in arrest and 324 cases remain open or under investigation. The most frequent charge for 2010 was theft followed by criminal mischief and burglary.

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

Deputies investigated a total of 420 motor vehicle accidents. That was a decrease of 10 from 2009. There were 350 property damage accidents, 68 personal injury accidents with 95 people being injured, and 2 fatal crashes with 2 fatalities. The highest primary cause for crashes was an animal or object in the roadway, most commonly deer.

Civil Process Service:

3,592 civil process papers were served in 2010. Civil process increased by 171 items. Civil process includes subpoenas, summons, notification of sheriff's sales, eviction notices, small claims actions, complaints and tax warrants. A total of 276 warrants were served.

There were 261 firearm permits applied for or renewed through the Sheriff's Office in 2010.

Reserve Deputies:

Ripley County Reserve Deputies worked 2,378 hours during 2010. That is an average of 198.1 hours per month. Reserve officers served 863 civil process and 26 warrants. They also worked 33 accidents and investigated 23 cases, traveling 32,915 miles serving the Sheriff's Office and community on their own time.

Ripley County Jail:

There were 785 prisoners booked into the facility with the most frequent charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. An average of 87.5 inmates were incarcerated on a daily basis, while an average of 3 prisoners per day were sentenced to home incarceration and the Community Transition Program, and an average of 4 were sentenced to work release. The total amount of revenue generated and collected for inmate housing in 2010 was \$356,560.00. The cost of meals produced revenue to the county of \$38,507.28, an average of \$1.43 per meal.

Ripley County deputies and jail officers traveled a total of 44,291 miles transporting prisoners to court appointments, doctor and dentist appointments and extraditions.

Additional Revenue:

The Sheriff's Office collected \$1,771.82 from tax warrants. Sheriff Sales produced \$4,700.00 and another \$7,207.37 was collected in miscellaneous forms, i.e. prisoner transports, civil process, inmate medical, social security, et al. All of these monies are deposited back into the county general fund.

Inmate Programs:

The Home Incarceration and Work Release program generated \$47,910.80, an increase of \$1,208.62, in revenue, which is used to supplement the sheriff's office and jail budgets. This money creates a significant buffer to the county's budget for operational costs for the sheriff's office and jail. Office equipment, vehicle equipment and training, to name a few, are paid for out of these programs instead of taxpayer's dollars.