

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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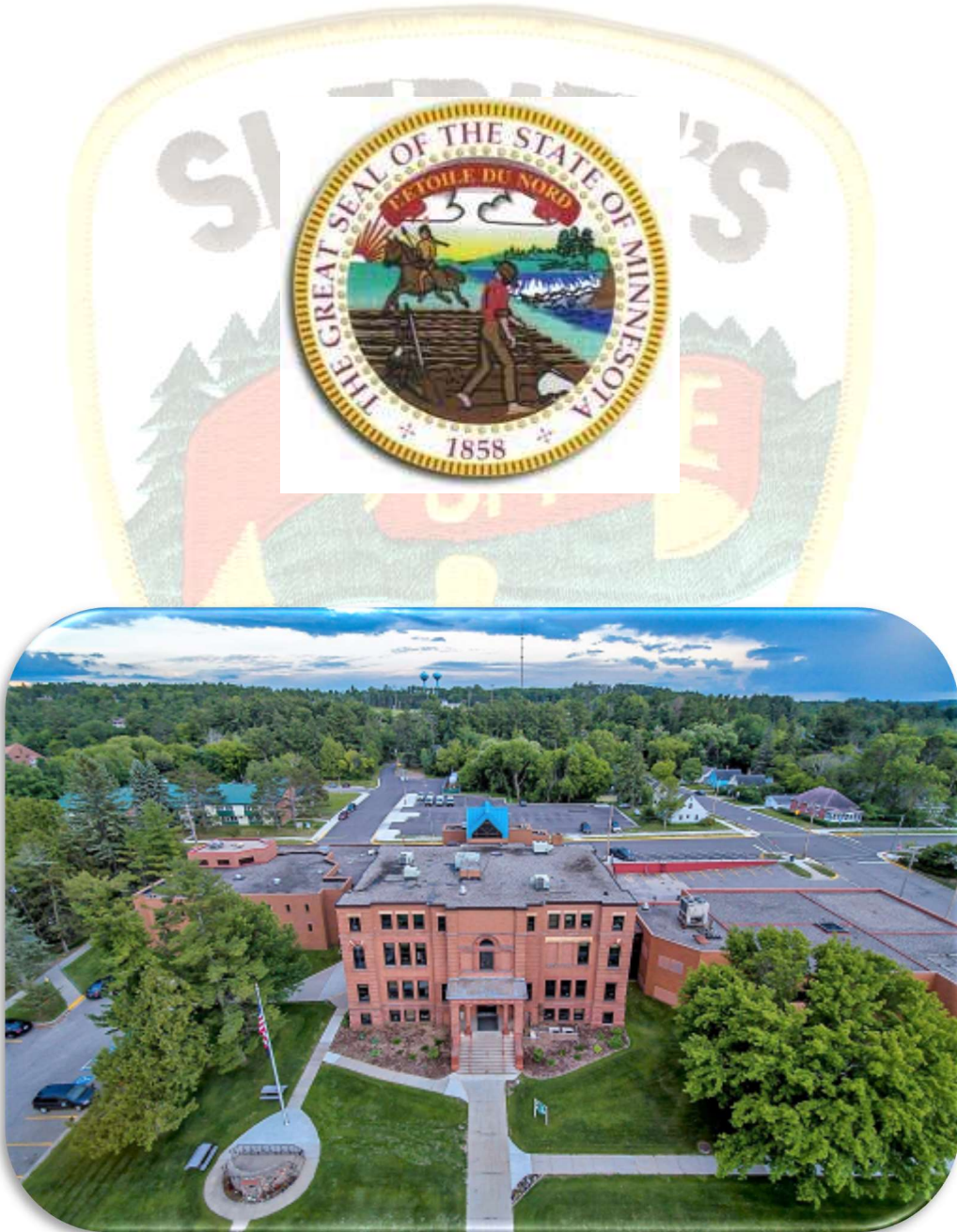


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CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Cass County Sheriff's Office is to partner with the community to proactively prevent crime, enforce the law fairly and enhance the public's trust through Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, and Transparency



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CODE OF ETHICS

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the State of Minnesota and the local governments by which I am employed, I accept it as my responsibility and fundamental duty to devote my abilities, energies and efforts to the preservation of law and order; to the safe guarding of lives and property, the protection of the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence.

IN THE FACE OF DANGER, scorn or ridicule, I will remain courageous and calm, I will respect the constitutional rights of all individuals, regardless of color, race or creed. I will practice self-restraint and understanding in dealing with human frailties, and I will never lose sight of the fact that, as an officer of the law, I am not the master of the people - but the servant of the law-abiding.

IN THOUGHT AND DEED, both in my personal and official life, I will strive to set a good example to all by obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my Office. Confidential information divulged to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret, unless revelation is necessary in the proper performance of my duties.

EVER MINDFUL of the fact that it is better to prevent the commission of an act of crime than to apprehend the wrongdoer after the act has been committed, I will constantly strive to communicate to the general public ways and means in which crime may be prevented.

WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR, malice or ill will. I will enforce the law courteously, impartially and effectively. Without compromise, I will pursue the perpetrators of criminal acts relentlessly, never employing unnecessary force in making apprehensions and bringing law violators to justice.

I REGARD THE BADGE OF MY CHOSEN PROFESSION as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust.

I DEDICATE MYSELF to be true to the trust, and I will keep the faith, by upholding the ideals set forth in this code of ethics.

Unanimously adopted by the Minnesota Sheriff's Association in Conference, at Duluth, Minnesota, December 4, 1973.



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF WELK



It is my honor to submit to you the following report on the activities, programs and accomplishments of the Cass County Sheriff's Office for the calendar year 2025. The Annual Report of the Cass County Sheriff's Office is produced each year to inform our community about the work of the many divisions and initiatives within the Sheriff's Office. As your Sheriff, I am committed to providing effective and efficient Public Safety and Law Enforcement services to the residents and visitors of Cass County that you have come to expect.

Building on solid foundations and framework that have been put into place and expected by citizens of Cass County, the ongoing successful work of the Sheriff's Office is

possible because of its professional, talented and dedicated staff and our partnerships with our communities, many volunteer groups and initiatives throughout the county. We are proud of our relationships with the Cass County Board of Commissioners, Citizen Budget Committee and Cass County Administrator's Office, as well as other County Departments, municipalities and townships throughout Cass County.

It is a great honor to serve in this role as your Sheriff. Law enforcement is a noble profession that requires committed people to perform the duties required to maintain a peaceful and safe society.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions you may have about the operation of the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Questions regarding this report may be addressed to me at the Cass County Sheriff's Office, 303 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, MN 56484, by phone: (218) 547-1424 or Email bryan.welk@casscountymn.gov You can visit our website at www.casssheriff.com or Friend Us On Facebook for instant updates and news releases.

Bryan Welk
Cass County Sheriff

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEMOGRAPHIC/VITAL DATA

CASS COUNTY HISTORY & STATISTICAL DATA

When Cass County was created by legislative act on May 1, 1851; it became one of ten counties that existed in the Minnesota Territory. It remained as a created county and had no county officers until March 4, 1872 when it was first organized as a county, with its boundaries reduced as slices had been cut off when the following counties were established: Wright, Stearns, Meeker, Todd, Morrison, Pope, Douglas, Ottertail, Wadena, Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Becker. Our county seat was located in West Brainerd, complete with a building that was used as a courthouse.

Cass County remained a part of Crow Wing County until the re-organization in 1897. Cass County was fully organized on May 6, 1897 and Governor Clough had appointed P.H. McGarry of Walker, G.H. French of Cohasset, O.T. Wilson of Ellis, James F. Middleton of Backus, and T.J. Nary of Walker as the county's first commissioners. These commissioners then met that same day and also on the 7th to appoint the officers of the county. The county board established the county seat at Walker on May 7th, and purchased a new brick building in Block 14, original plat of Walker. That building presently houses Reed's Gifts. On May 8th, the chairman of the commissioners appointed a committee to proceed to Brainerd and secure all books pertinent to our county. Construction on our present courthouse began in 1902-03 and the building was dedicated on April 5, 1907.

Cass County has 49 organized townships today, the first of which was Byron Township in 1898 and the last was Ottertail Peninsula in 1987. Cass County also has 14 unorganized townships and 15 incorporated cities.

FOUNDED: SEPT 1, 1851

POPULATION 30,066 (2020 CENSUS)

SQUARE MILES: 2,414.21 (84% LAND / 16% WATER)

49 ORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS

15 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP AREAS

15 INCORPORATED CITIES

CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

LEECH LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRENDS AND OBSERVATIONS

- In 2025, we handled 18,926 Calls For Service (CFS), which was very slightly down from 2024 levels, and continuing the downward trend. At the Detention Center, bookings and daily housing numbers are trending downward. Daily average booking numbers are trending down and our STS crews were at times back to steady daily participant numbers. Civil Process numbers continue to stay steady, with an increase in mortgage foreclosure sales and evictions.
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- Trending up from 2024, we processed 48,326 calls from cellular phones in 2025 with 1,585 calls from landlines. Overall, we receive 98% of our 911 calls from cellular phones. On average, Saturday and Sunday was our busiest day for 911 calls received and Wednesday was the least calls received daily. From 3:00 PM-9:00 PM were our peak calling time, peaking at 5:00-8:00 PM daily.
- Permit to Carry Applications continue to show an increase in 2025, processing 392 Permit to Purchase Applications and 792 new Permit to Carry Applications.
- A significant increase in scam and fraud calls continue to be reported with staggering losses to victims of all ages, but mostly elderly. While these are difficult to investigate, some investigations along with the FBI have been successful in making arrests and hopefully clawing back some restitution for victims. We continue outreach with Sheriff Corners and education through TRIAD about scam and fraudster awareness.
- While down from the peak we continue to see overdose related to medical calls and deaths mostly due to the use of fentanyl. Narcan was noted to be used/administered on 12 calls in 2025 (down from 39 in 2024) Drug Investigators continue to do local, regional and statewide work to curb the flow of drugs into Cass County and the region. Their work is directly related to the noticeable decrease in burglaries and thefts that are reported trending downward.
- Several high visible OHV enforcement and educational saturations were conducted in high traffic and complaint areas in 2025 yielding successful results. Hundreds of contacts were made; warnings and citations were issued for a variety of violations. Again continuing the downward trend, crashes are reported at a lower rate with zero fatalities being reported and 15 injury related crashes. Recreational Deputies assisted by local clubs taught ATV Youth operations classes and gave a number of safety related talks. ATV Boat & Water Safety Courses instructed a record number of students at roughly 275. We continue to see the importance of education and outreach related to declining crash numbers and incidents.
- Licensed staff retention continues to be good, while we see some turnover in licensed and non-licensed positions for a variety of reasons. Recruiting and hiring qualified applicants continues to be a local, regional and statewide issue. New recruiting tactics and strategies were utilized and continue to be developed. Deputy personnel assigned to Campus Security continues to be effective. We were fortunate to hire and train quality deputy applicants in 2025 and are close to full staff.

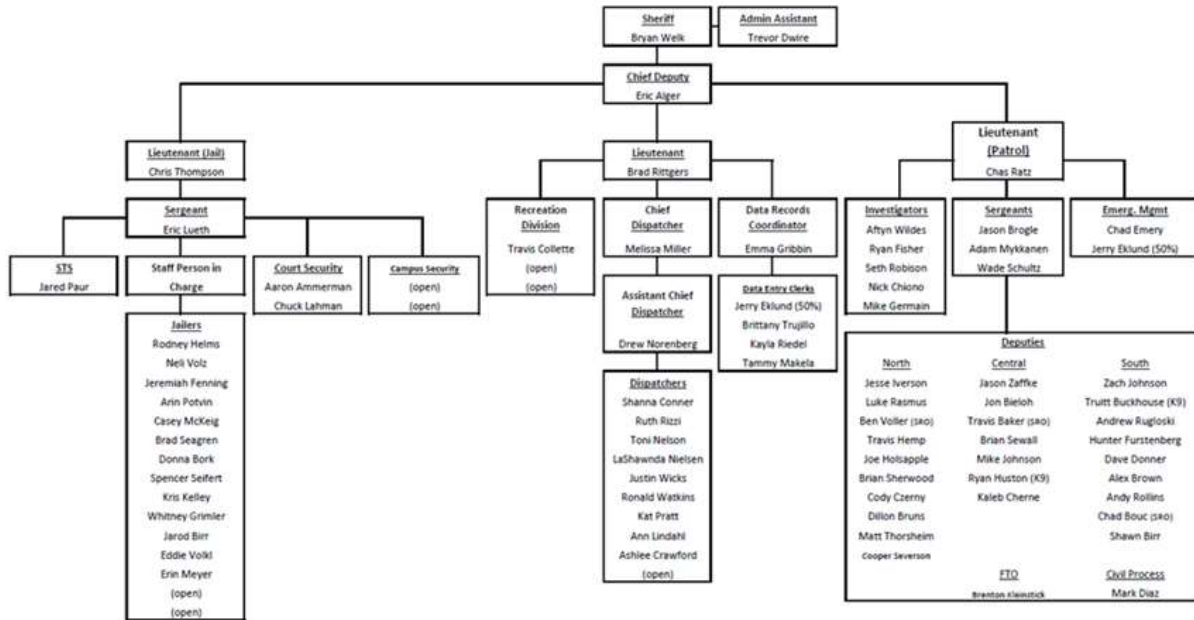
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFFING SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATION	SHERIFF: BRYAN WELK CHIEF DEPUTY: ERIC ALGER
SUPPORT STAFF/CIVIL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: TREVOR DWIRE
PATROL	LIEUTENANT: CHAS RATZ LIEUTENANT: BRAD RITTGERS SERGEANT: JASON BROGLE SERGEANT: WADE SCHULTZ SERGEANT: ADAM MYKKANEN 5 INVESTIGATORS 26 PATROL DEPUTIES 2 RECREATIONAL DEPUTIES 1 CIVIL PROCESS DEPUTY 1 WELFARE FRAUD DEPUTY
DETENTION CENTER	LIEUTENANT: CHRIS THOMPSON SERGEANT: ERIC LUETH 12 CORRECTION OFFICERS 1 TRANSPORT OFFICER 1 STS CREW LEADER 4 BAILIFFS/COURTHOUSE SECURITY
DISPATCH	CHIEF DISPATCHER: MELISSA MILLER 10 DISPATCHERS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	DIRECTOR: CHAD EMERY
RECORDS	RECORDS COORDINATOR: EMMA GRIBBON 4 SUPPORT STAFF



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFFING CHART & RETIREMENTS

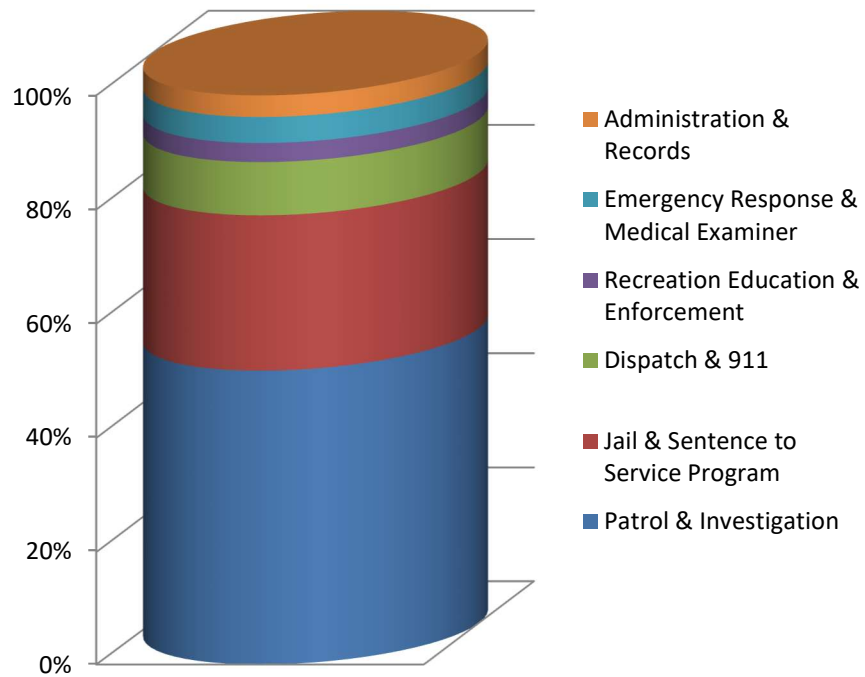
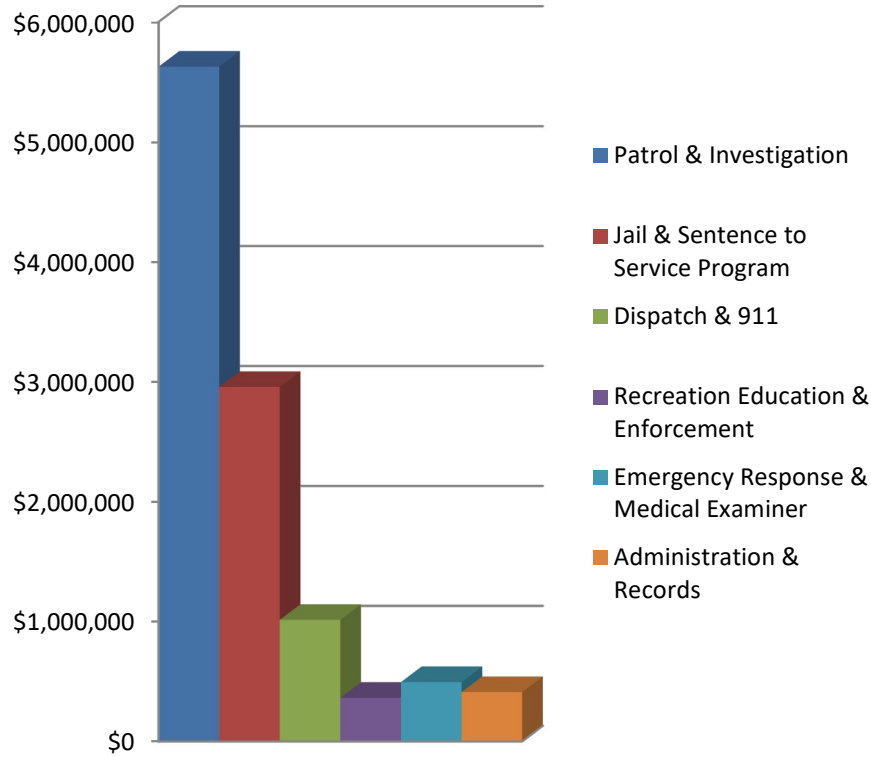
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Current Staffing 2/2/2026



At the end of January 2025, we congratulated Deputy Bill Conner on his retirement from the Cass County Sheriff's Office, thank you Bill for your years of service to Cass County!

In May 2025 we congratulated Deputy Bob Landreville on his retirement from the Cass County Sheriff's Office, thank you Bob for your years of service to Cass County!

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET/SPENDING BY CATEGORY



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION/911

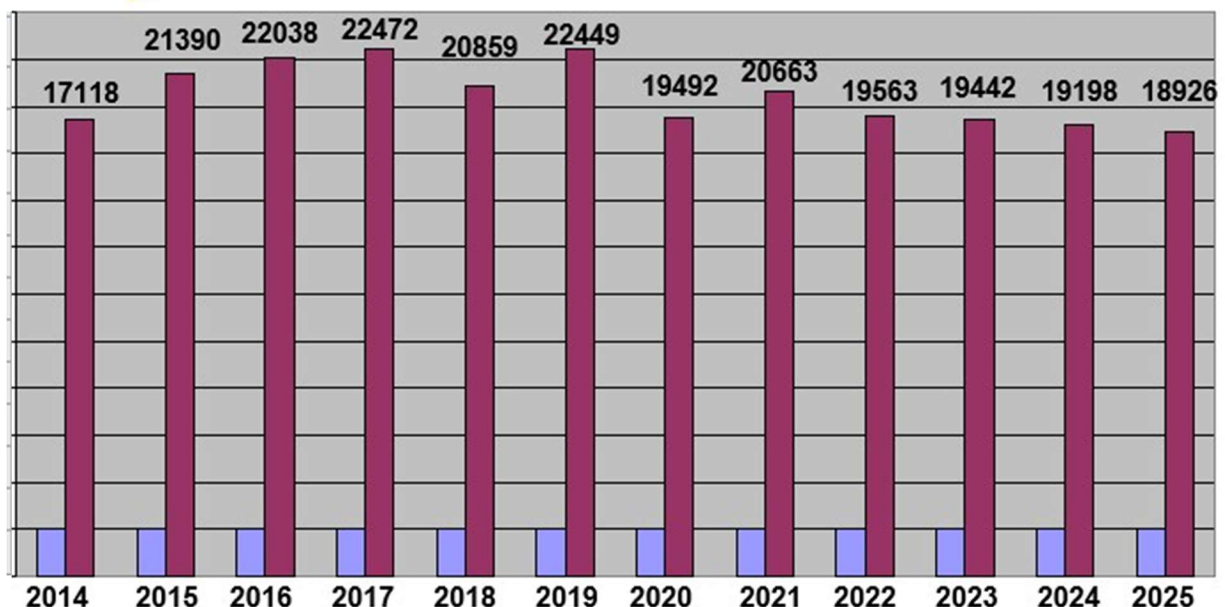
Cass County Dispatch filled our last open position at the beginning of February 2025, and she was done with training at the beginning of June 2025. This always allows for a staff of 2 dispatchers, 7am-7pm and 7pm-7am with 2 “floating” positions. One floating position works 7:30am-7:30pm and fills day shifts when needed and the other floating position works 2pm-2am and fills night shifts when needed. The dispatch center has been exploring two new Mapped ALI (Automatic Location Identification) applications that the Emergency Communications Networks under the Minnesota Department of Public Safety has purchased for every county in the state for a year on a testing basis. After the year is complete the county will have to choose one, Rapid Deploy and Rapid SOS, and the state will continue to pay for the application. Rapid Deploy and Rapid SOS can provide more detailed caller location and other vital information to the dispatchers, as well as responders, when available. Cass County had several serious calls this year that most of our dispatchers had never experienced before. The dispatchers handled these situations quickly, efficiently, and with a high level of professionalism. We are looking to have all dispatchers complete the NENA Telecommunicator Core Competencies training provided by the Minnesota Sheriff's Association.

CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY YEAR

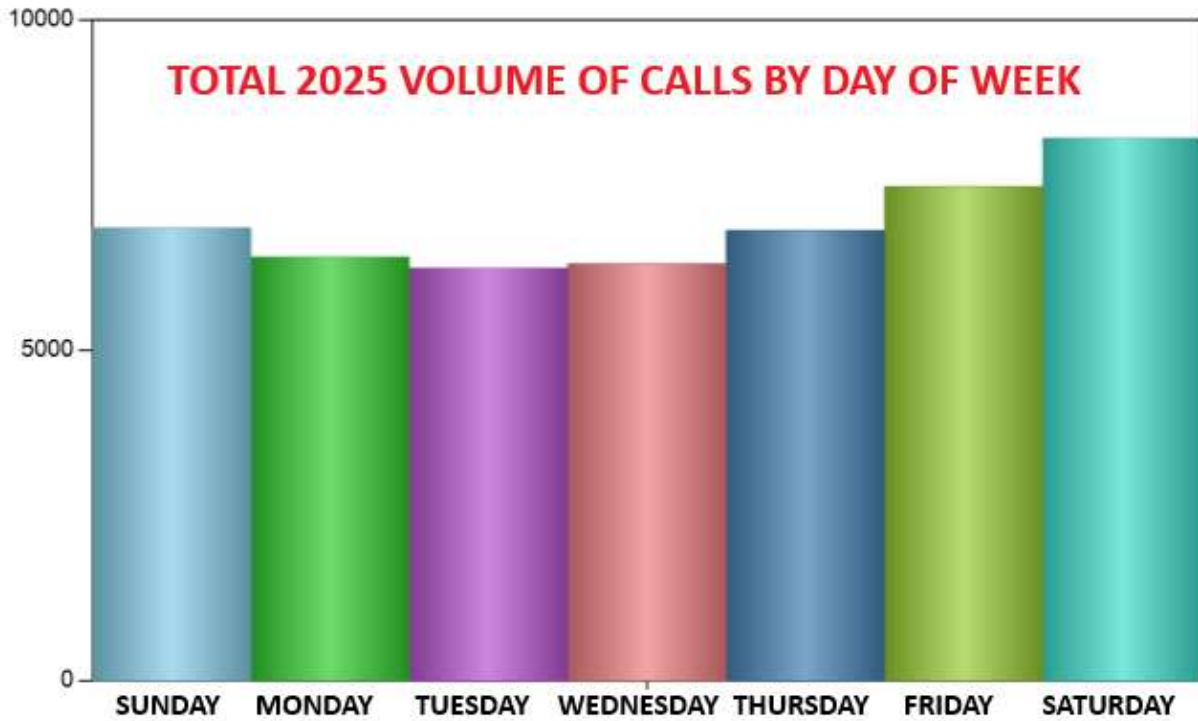
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
15649	15762	13931	14354	13978	13686	14501	14557	15993	17910
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
21207	18664	17463	16565	16951	17451	18812	19830	19407	21390
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
22038	22472	20859	22449	19492	20663	19563	19442	19198	18926



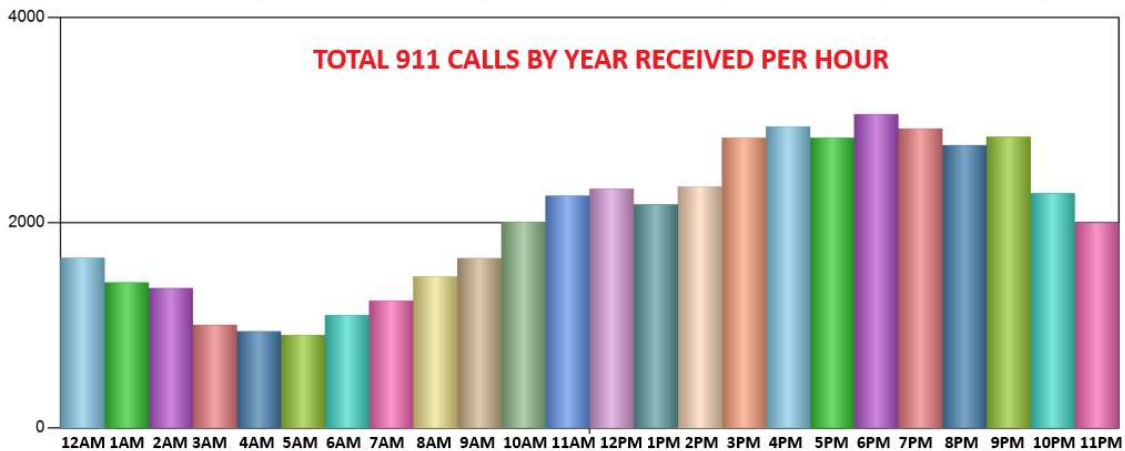
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CFS BY YEAR



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ICR / 911 CALL VOLUME DATA



2025	WIRELESSS	LANDLINE	MOST DAY	LEAST DAY
JANUARY	2997	133	THURSDAY	MONDAY
FEBRUARY	2528	99	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY
MARCH	2920	116	SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY
APRIL	3146	105	SATURDAY	THURSDAY
MAY	4201	181	SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY
JUNE	4526	190	SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY
JULY	5181	154	FRIDAY	MONDAY
AUGUST	5568	124	SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER	4268	140	MONDAY	SUNDAY
OCTOBER	4420	132	FRIDAY	TUESDAY
NOVEMBER	3572	102	SATURDAY	TUESDAY
DECEMBER	3390	109	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY



GUN PERMITS/WARRANTS VOLUNTEER HOURS

NEW & RENEWAL GUN PERMITS

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Permit to Purchase	343	550	394	366	333	428	392
Permit to Carry	357	945	971	1077	783	634	792

WARRANTS – NEW/CHANGED ENTRIES

Record Type	ACTIVE	CLEARED
Felony	267	
Gross Misdemeanor	31	
Misdemeanor	307	
TOTAL	733	486

VOLUNTEER HOURS

TRIAD	205.5
Chaplaincy	9
Lakes Area Dive Team	819.15
Volunteer Response Unit	274.75
LAKE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS	
RALALA (water patrol)	36
Woman Lake (water patrol)	28
Gull Lake (buoy & safety)	173

The Cass County Sheriff's Office is supported by several volunteer functions, and we are fortunate to have these countywide partnerships to assist us in the delivery of public safety and law enforcement services! Our Water Safety volunteers play a vital role in boat and water safety including buoying work, AIS inspection and cleaning, and buoy maintenance.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLS FOR SERVICE RECEIVED BY TOWNSHIP

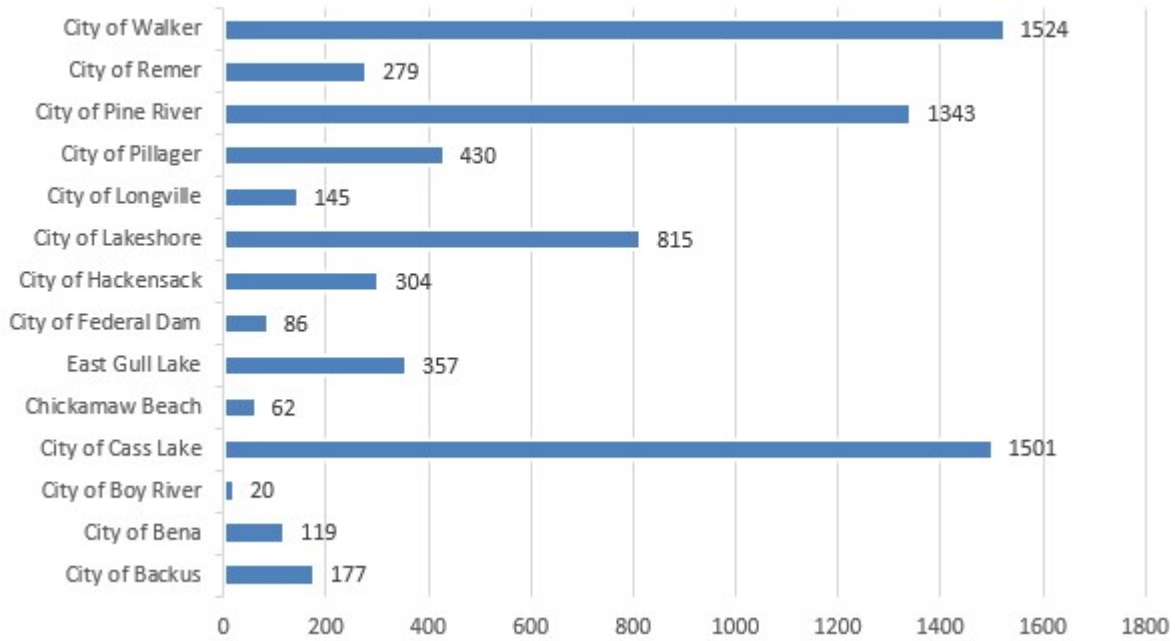
Ansel	S	51	Moose Lake	S	39
Barclay	S	201	Ottertail Peninsula	N	27
Becker	S	134	Pike Bay	N	1818
Beulah	C	28	Pine Lake	C	119
Birch Lake	C	197	Pine River	S	505
Blind Lake	S	22	Ponto Lake	S	205
Boy Lake	C	156	Poplar	S	78
Boy River	C	23	Powers	S	410
Bull Moose	S	29	Remer	C	96
Bungo	S	78	Rogers	C	33
Byron	S	43	Salem	C	21
Crooked Lake	C	217	Shingobee	C	1141
Deerfield	S	30	Slater	C	71
Fairview	S	283	Smokey Hollow	C	14
Gould	C	150	Sylvan	S	770
Hiram	C	90	Thunder Lake	C	101
Home Brook	S	143	Torrey	C	30
Inguadona	C	91	Trelipe	C	54
Kego	C	246	Turtle Lake	C	621
Leech Lake	N	290	Wabedo	C	125
Lima	C	35	Wahnena	C	13
Loon Lake	S	117	Walden	S	167
Maple	S	129	Wilkinson	N	344
May	S	249	Wilson	S	295
McKinley	S	49	Woodrow	C	234
Meadow Brook	S	98	District 4/5 (Unorg)	N	401

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLS FOR SERVICE RECEIVED BY CITY

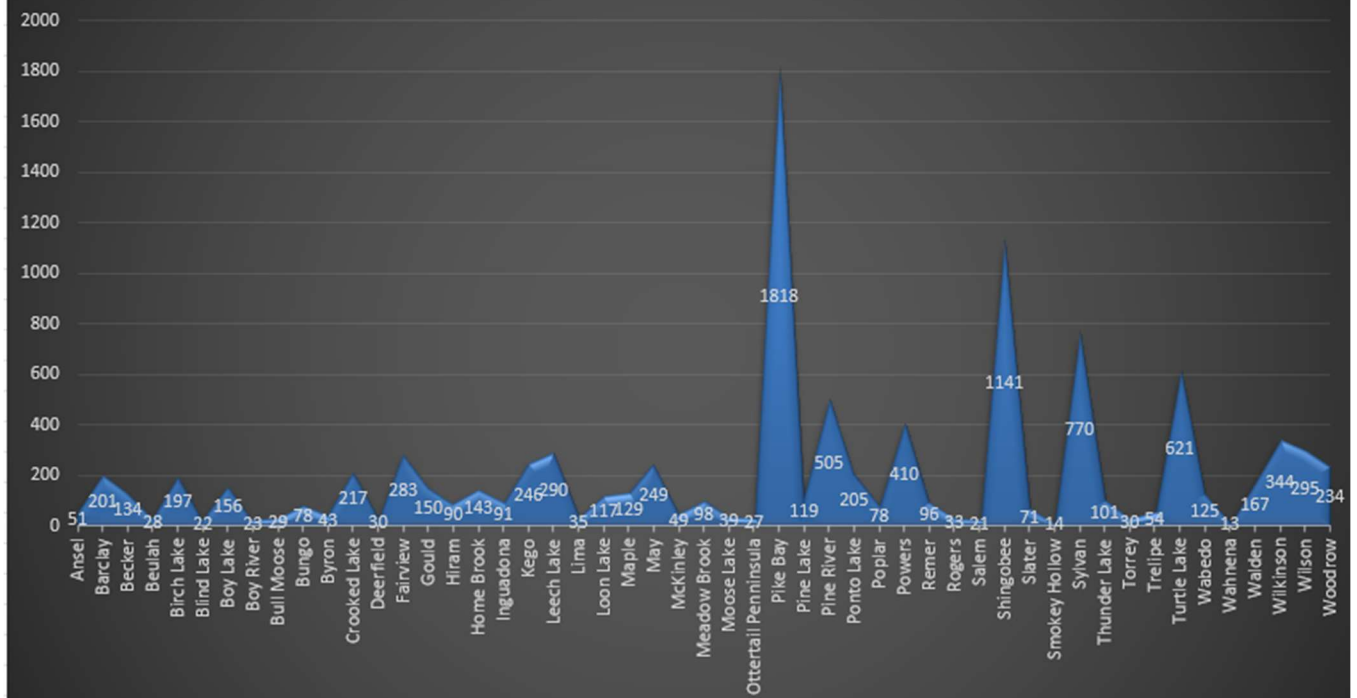
City of Backus	S	177
City of Bena	N	119
City of Boy River	C	20
City of Cass Lake	N	1501
City of Chickamaw Beach	N	62
City of East Gull Lake	S	357
City of Federal Dam	C	86
City of Hackensack	C	304
City of Lakeshore	S	815
City of Longville	C	145
City of Pillager	S	430
City of Pine River	S	1343
City of Remer	C	279
City of Walker	C	1524
LAKES		
Cass Lake	N	10
Gull Lake	S	41
Leech Lake	C	23
Pike Bay Lake	N	3
Ten Mile Lake	C	1
Winnie Lake	N	1
Woman Lake	C	1

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ICR TOTAL BY CITY/TOWNSHIP

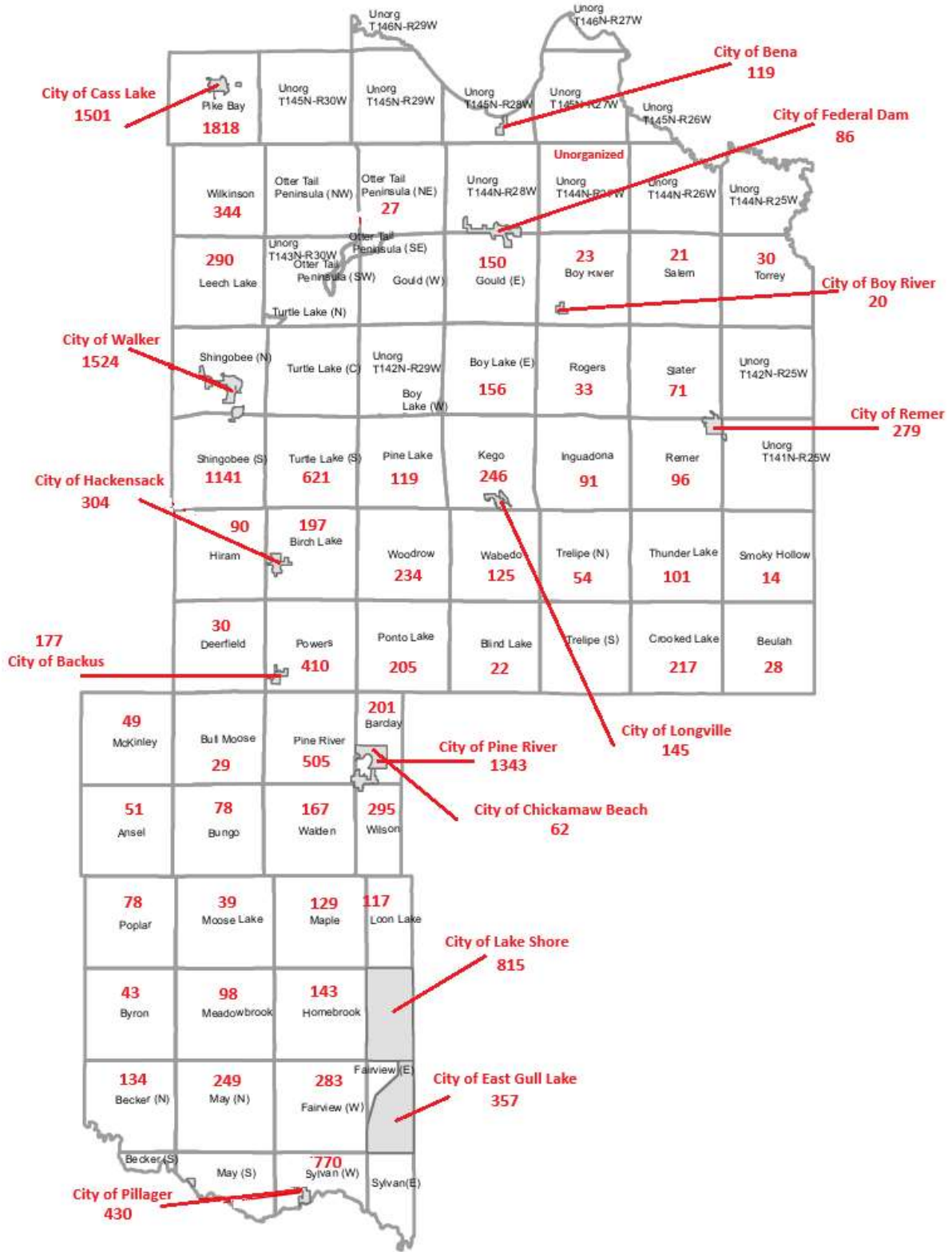
CFS by City 2025



2025 CFS by Township



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLS BY TOWNSHIP/CITY MAP



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TYPE: TOTAL

911 : Hang up Total: 100	EXP : Explosives Total: 1
Abandoned Vehicle : Abandoned Vehicle Total: 121	Extra Patrol : Extra Patrol Total: 59
Accident : Home/Occupational Total: 1	Fight : Fight Total: 97
Airplane : Missing/Overdue Total: 1	Fire : Boat Total: 1
Alarm : Business/Residence Total: 904	Fire : Controlled Burn/Grass/Forest/Illegal Total: 167
Alarm : CO/Fire Total: 177	Fire : Hazmat/Fuel/Gas Leak Total: 75
Alarm : Medical Total: 74	Fire : Motor Vehicle Total: 26
Animal : Barking Dog/Found/Injured/Loose/Lost/ Total: 317	Fire : Other Total: 9
Animal : Bite Total: 28	Fire : Structure Total: 79
Animal : Dangerous Total: 16	Fireworks : Fireworks Total: 20
Animal : Neglect/Abuse Total: 26	Flee An Officer : In Vehicle/On Foot/Other Total: 17
Animal : Potentially Dangerous Total: 28	Forgery : Forgery Total: 1
AOA : Assist Other Agency-Law Enforcement Total: 1	Found : Person/Property Total: 100
Assault : Assault/Domestic Total: 175	Fraud : Other Total: 133
Assist Other Agency : EMS Total: 68	Fraud : Welfare Total: 74
Assist Other Agency : Fire Department Total: 27	Garbage Dumping/Littering : Total: 52
Assist Other Agency : Total: 405	Gas Drive Off : Gas Drive Off Total: 86
Attempt to Locate : Attempt to Locate Total: 347	General Information : General Total: 782
ATV : Accident no Injury Total: 2	Harassment : Harassment Total: 186
ATV : Accident with Injuries Total: 20	Hit & Run Accident : Injury Total: 4
ATV : Citation Total: 5	Hit & Run Accident : No Injury Total: 32
ATV : Complaint Total: 22	Identity Theft : Identity Theft Total: 6
ATV : Other Total: 21	Jetski : Complaint Total: 2
ATV : Through Ice Total: 4	Juvenile : Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco Total: 101
ATV : Warning Total: 65	Juvenile : Curfew/Incorrigible/Party Total: 106
Bicycle Accident : Injury Total: 3	Juvenile : Runaway Total: 34
Boat : Accident Fatal Total: 1	Juvenile : Truant Total: 21
Boat : Accident no Injury Total: 4	Lost : Person Total: 9
Boat : Accident with Injuries Total: 3	Lost : Property Total: 54
Boat : Citation Total: 1	Medical : EMS Transport/General/Lift Assist/ Total: 3959
Boat : Complaint Total: 14	Medical : Overdose Total: 24
Boat : Other/Rafts Total: 50	Mental Health : Mentally Ill Person Total: 201
Boat : Warning Total: 38	Missing Person : Missing Person Total: 42
Bomb Threat : Bomb Threat Total: 1	Motorcycle Accident : Fatal Total: 1
Burglary : Attempted/Burglary Total: 55	Motorcycle Accident : Injury Total: 9
Civil : Service Total: 132	Motorcycle Accident : No Injury Total: 2
Crime Against Family : Abuse Total: 76	Motorist Assist : Motorist Assist Total: 86
Crime Against Family : Endangerment Total: 94	Motor Vehicle Accident Deer : Injury Total: 7
Crime Against Family : Neglect Total: 80	Motor Vehicle Accident Deer : No Injury Total: 158
Criminal Sexual Conduct : Total: 57	Motor Vehicle Accident : Fatal Total: 2
Death : Accidental/Natural/Occupational/Other Total: 73	Motor Vehicle Accident : Injury/In Ditch Total: 113
Death : Overdose Total: 3	Motor Vehicle Accident : No Injury/In Ditch Total: 348
Death : Suicide Total: 5	Motor Vehicle Accident Pedestrian : Injury Total: 1
Dirtbike : Accident with Injuries Total: 2	Motor Vehicle Accident Pedestrian : No Injury Total: 3
Dirtbike : Complaint Total: 4	Motor Vehicle Complaint : Driving/Traffic Compliant Total: 269
Disturbing the Peace : DC/Disturbing the Peace/ Total: 191	Motor Vehicle Repo : Repo Total: 30
Domestic Dispute : Domestic Dispute Total: 337	Motor Vehicle : Through Ice Total: 4
Drowning : Drowning Total: 1	Noise Complaint : Noise Complaint Total: 63
Drugs : Other/Possession/Sell/Possession Total: 79	Notification : Death/Offender/Victim Total: 31
DUI : Driving Under the Influence Total: 32	Obstruct : With Force/Legal Process Total: 3
: Duplicate Call Total: 1	Offender : Compliance Check Total: 690
ERU Callout : ERU Callout Total: 1	Order : Court/Violation of Court Order/DANCO/ Total: 88
Escape : Escape/Fugitive From Justice Total: 4	Order : Execute Search Warrant Total: 5
Escort : Bank/Money/Other Total: 18	Parking : Parking Complaints Total: 38
Escort : Funeral Total: 22	Parole/Probation Violation : Parole/Probation Violation Total: 16
Disturbing Other: 4	Property Check : Property Check Total: 109
Disturbing the Peace : Total: 44	Property Damage : Property Damage Total: 221

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT (ERU)



The Cass County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Unit (ERU) consists of personnel from the Cass County Sheriff's Office administrative division, Investigative Division, Patrol Division, Boat and Water Division,

Emergency Management, and Detention Center. The purpose of the ERU team is to support patrol, investigators, and outside agencies in high-risk felony and narcotic search warrants, barricaded individuals, search and rescue operations, security details at major events, public relations at community outreach events, and active shooter response.

The ERU team is overseen by Commander Ratz, which is comprised of two team leaders, Deputy Sherwood and Inv. Germain, along with 12 operators, and 3 support staff personnel. Support staff consists of members of the Cass County Drone Team and Cass County Correctional Center. Team Leaders and Operators consist of two tactical medics, two breachers, precision marksman, and two tracking and apprehension K9's. The Cass County ERU has two instructors to cross train the team and front-line supervisors in the use of chemical agents, crowd control, distraction devices, and less lethal impact munitions.

All team members must go through an interview and testing process. Annually all team members must pass a physical fitness assessment as well as multiple firearms qualifications to include cold weather shoots, low light, and no light qualifications utilizing night vision goggles. The ERU Team trains every month in 4-8 plus hour blocks. Training takes place in various locations in and around Cass County to include Wilkinson Gun Range, various schools throughout the county, abandoned/tear down residences The ERU team will train with surrounding teams such as Headwaters SWAT (Bemidji/Beltrami), Lakes Area SWAT (Hubbard, Wadena, Becker), Crow Wing County Tactical Response Team, and Itasca County SWAT. The purpose of training with multiple agencies opens ideas, training scenarios, sharing equipment and personnel, and consistent operating procedures when a mutual aid request is submitted.



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BCA CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM SUMMARY

Crime Reporting System		Minnesota Return A				Report Date: 1/6/2026	
ORI: MN0110000		Report Period: 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025				Population:	
Agency: Cass County Sheriff							
Offenses and Clearances by Classification							
Offense Classification	Totals	Offenses Reported or Known	Offenses Unfounded	Total Actual Offenses	Crime Rate per 100,000	Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Cleared Involving only Under 18 Years Old
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Rape					N/A		
Completed		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Attempted		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Robbery					N/A		
Firearm		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Knife or Cutting Instrument		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Other Weapon		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Strong Arm (hands, fist, feet, etc.)		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Assault					N/A		
Firearm		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Knife or Cutting Instrument		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Other Weapon		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Hands, Fist, Feet, etc. (aggravated injury)		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Burglary					N/A		
Forcible Entry		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Unlawful Entry (no force)		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Attempted Forcible Entry		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Larceny-theft	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft					N/A		
Autos		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Trucks & Buses		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Other Vehicles		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Arson	Totals	1	0	1	N/A	0	0
Human Trafficking - Commercial Sex Acts	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude	Totals	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Part I Totals		1	0	1	N/A	0	0
Part II Offenses					N/A		
Other Assaults (simple, not aggravated)		82	0	82	N/A	14	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting		1	0	1	N/A	0	0
Fraud		6	0	6	N/A	1	0
Embezzlement		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)		2	0	2	N/A	1	0
Vandalism		24	0	24	N/A	5	0
Weapons (carry, possess, etc.)		11	0	11	N/A	7	0
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Sex Offenses (except Rape & Prostitution)		2	0	2	N/A	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations		20	0	20	N/A	14	0
Gambling		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Family & Children		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Driving Under the Influence		26	0	26	N/A	25	0
Liquor Laws		2	0	2	N/A	1	1
Drunkenness - MN statute repealed 1971		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Disorderly Conduct		11	0	11	N/A	8	3
Vagrancy		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
All Other Offenses (except traffic)		22	0	22	N/A	12	0
Suspicion - not a crime in MN		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Part II Totals		209	0	209	N/A	88	4
Curfew & Loitering (persons under 18)		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Runaways (persons under 18)		0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Grand Totals		210	0	210	N/A	88	4

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PATROL DIVISION



The Cass County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is comprised of 26 full-time patrol staff, including 3 Sergeants. The Patrol Division responds to calls for service 24 hours a day on incidents such as medicals, alarms, vehicle crashes, motorist assists, domestic disputes, traffic complaints, as well as property offenses and fraud. The Division is also responsible for protecting the citizens and visitors of Cass County, as well as their property, through proactive patrol and traffic enforcement to prevent and deter crime. The Patrol Division practices the philosophy of community policing, inviting the community to partner with Law Enforcement to identify problems, develop responses and evaluate the results of those responses. The Sheriff's Office promotes this practice through the patrol of three geographically assigned areas of the County known as North, Central and South. The division also provides specialized services such as K-9, the Emergency Response Unit, Honor Guard and numerous instructorships in multiple areas of training and specializations.



2025 DEPUTY RESPONSE TIMES TO EMERGENCIES

Countywide Average Response Time: 6.86 Minutes
Countywide Average On Scene Time: 50.05 Minutes



Utilizing our AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator), the concept of drawn patrol lines in response areas disappear and the closest squad, including Deputies, Supervisors and Investigators is sent to the call for service. Our average on scene times show that we spend a large amount of time on scene with investigations and follow-ups, meeting with victims, collecting evidence, investigating suspects and conducting follow-up.

**CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
K-9 DIVISION**



The Cass County Sheriff's Office Canine Teams deployed 29 times in 2025. K9 Ryker deployed 16 times and K9 Ranger 13 times. The deployments consisted of the following: eleven narcotics searches, six tracks of fleeing suspects, five article searches, four perimeter security details, two building searches, two tracks for missing individuals, and one area search.

K9 Ranger and Handler Deputy Buckhouse and

K9 Ryker and Handler Deputy Huston



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SERIOUS CRIMES / CASE FILES / CRASHES / DWI STATS

Year	Assault	Burglary	Homicide	CVO	Kidnap	CSC	Total
2017	27	135	1	7	1	45	216
2018	29	115	3	4	2	45	198
2019	26	210	1	1	1	20	259
2020	29	148	0	2	0	10	189
2021	43	147	1	4	0	55	250
2022	26	106	1	1	0	24	158
2023	17	69	2	1	0	11	100
2024	22	61	0	4	0	33	120
2025	23	57	0	3	0	53	136

Assaults: Serious 1st 2nd & 3rd Degree | Burglaries: All | Homicide: All
Criminal Vehicular Operation: 1st & 2nd Degree | Kidnapping: All
Criminal Sexual Conduct: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree

NEW CASE FILE SUBMITTALS TO COUNTY ATTORNEY

Submitted: 504 Convicted: 194 Dismissed: 17 Declined 85

TRAFFIC CRASHES / DUI ARRESTS

CRASH TYPE	2025 TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLE – NO INJURY/IN DITCH	348
MOTOR VEHICLE VS DEER– NO INJURY	159
MOTOR VEHICLE – INJURY	114
MOTOR VEHICLE VS DEER – INJURY	7
MOTOR VEHICLE – FATALITY	2

DWI / DUI ARRESTS

68 Impaired Drivers (33 alcohol offense and 10 drug offense) were arrested in 2025, Average Blood Alcohol Level being .16 (two times the legal limit to drive a motor vehicle) Highest BAC was .27. 23 Test refusals were processed and 3 were below .08/no drugs in system.

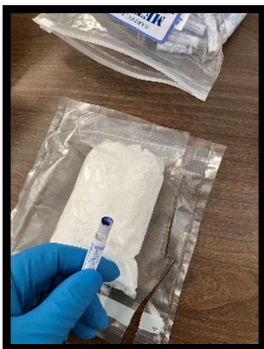
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIONS

Two Investigators have been assigned to Narcotics Investigation and Enforcement and are members of the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force and FBI Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force. Current drug trends that we continue to see is that the Minneapolis-St. Paul area continues to be a major hub of large quantities of controlled substances. Individuals from Northern Minnesota will travel to this area to ascertain quantities of controlled substances to traffic back north for the purpose of sales. Individuals from out of the area will also traffic controlled substances to the area for the purpose of sales. Drugs are cheaper in the metro and people can often double their money by selling drugs within the task force boundaries. People often will use USPS, Fed-Ex, and other shipping companies to conceal their product and mitigate their risk of traveling with controlled substances. With our federal partners, we can take a proactive approach in locating these controlled substances during the delivery process. A major concern affects most of the Indian Country, but spreading outside the reservation boundaries is the opioid crisis, namely fentanyl. Numerous overdoses, including deaths, continue to occur. Fentanyl is being cut and mixed with methamphetamine and other controlled substances, and we have been seeing an increase in fentanyl mixed narcotics. Fentanyl can come in pill form, powder form, and numerous different colors to conceal its identity. We are seeing more of a trend of meth being mixed fentanyl. Fentanyl pills and powder fentanyl continues to be a major uphill battle. These pills are coming from cartels in Mexico which throw them together so one pill could be pure fentanyl and make it extremely easy to OD on. These pills and powder fentanyl are commonly ingested through smoking, usually on tin foil strips.

20 arrests resulted from these investigations, along with 18 warrant arrests. Along with 4,582.00 in US currency was seized / 12 Firearms were seized. An individual stemming from our investigations was also federally indicted.

SUMMARY OF NARCOTICS SEIZED IN 2025

	GRAMS TOTAL SEIZED	POUNDS TOTAL SEIZED
Methamphetamine	5,686.74	12.5
Heroin	0	0
Cocaine	15	.03
Psilocybin Mushrooms	27	.059
Marijuana	4,920	10.85



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POR /MEDICATION DISPOSAL/CONTRACT/WELFARE FRAUD

PREDATORY OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Deputies completed **687 documented random compliance checks** on Level 1, 2 and 3 registered predatory offenders, totaling between 120-130 countywide, ensuring that offender's information and location is up-to-date and known to law enforcement agencies. 5 non-compliant offender packets were submitted to the County Attorney's Office for review of charges, resulting in, 4 cases under review and 1 declined prosecution.

TAKE IT TO THE BOX – MEDICATION DISPOSAL



The Cass County Sheriff's Office collected **1,057 pounds** of unwanted prescription medication in 2025. A permanent mounted drop box is located in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center in the Courthouse in Walker, the Lake Shore City Hall, the Cass Lake City Hall & the Pine River City Hall. The portable drop off box is present at our Community Outreach Days, as well as other countywide events.

CONTRACT SERVICES – CITY OF CASS LAKE, BACKUS & LONGVILLE

The Cass County Sheriff's Office contracts with the City of Cass Lake for Law Enforcement services. There are three full time Deputies assigned to the City of Cass Lake contract. The Cass County Sheriff's Office works closely with City Administration and we are proud of this successful partnership. We also contract to provide law enforcement services to the City of Backus, and provided **929** hours of documented patrol to the Backus community in 2025. We also provided **1185** hours to the City of Longville. School Resource Office (SRO) contracts were active with Cass Lake 1293 hours, Northland (Remer) 1313 hours and Pillager 1321 hours.

WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATION/PREVENTION

The Cass County Regional Fraud Prevention Program includes Cass, Hubbard and Wadena Counties. For Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, the Cass County Regional fraud program investigated and completed **108** cases. One case was submitted for review of criminal charges. On average, the investigations were completed in 13 days. Total savings that the fraud program prevented from being fraudulently obtained was **\$78,392.00** This is the amount that potentially would have been issued if not for the fraud investigation. The total overpayments identified were **\$52,522.00** This money the agency will recoup from ongoing benefits or send to collections for repayment or as restitution. The programs that the fraud prevention program investigates include the TANF, SNAP, Federal Medical, State Medical, and childcare programs

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIONS

The Cass County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division is comprised of five full-time Investigators, three of which are assigned to general investigations and two assigned specifically to drug investigations. The Investigations Division assists Patrol Deputies in providing additional resources and follow-up, including interview and interrogation, processing evidence, transporting evidence to the crime lab, etc. The Investigations Division works closely with other County Departments, including Health, Human and Veteran Services, by meeting daily to review intake reports to determine whether criminal charges should be pursued. The Investigations Division is also active in investigating ongoing cases, such as missing person's investigations and other cases that have gone cold. The Division is often assisted by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in these types of investigations. The Sheriff's Office also became a Member of the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force, which allows our Investigators to share information and resources to further assist in drug related investigations. The Division was also active in providing numerous presentations and trainings to Cass County residents, volunteers and employees.

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DEATH INVESTIGATIONS – RIVER VALLEY FORENSIC SERVICES

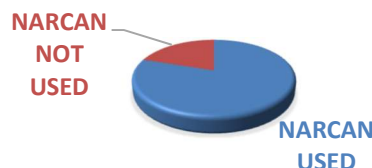
Cass County contracts with Dr. Kelly Mills of the River Valley Forensic Services (formerly Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office) for county medical examiner services. Deputies are trained in basic field coroner operations and investigate and report all deaths to Dr. Mills's Office. A total of 110 deaths were reported and investigated by the Cass County Sheriff's Office in 2025. An additional 83 terminally ill registrations were reported and 167 cremation requests were approved.

Complete Autopsy With Toxicology	41
External Examination With Toxicology	4
Death Certificate Signed W/Out Exam	12
Total Cases Accepted by RCMEO	57

Cases Reported by Manner of Death:

Natural Deaths	73
Accidents	27
Suicides	7
Homicides	3
Undetermined	0
Pending	0

15 MEDICAL OVERDOSES IN 2025



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CIVIL PROCESS

TOTAL CIVIL PAPERS PROCESSED:

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Harassment Restraining Order (HRO)	165
Order For Protection (OFP)	133
Domestic Assault No Contact Order (DANCO)	12
Child Support/Custody	102
Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS)	54
Subpoenas	185
Conciliation Court	37
Summons/Notice/Letter	282
Evictions/Writ of Recovery	13
Notice of Expiration of Redemption	42
Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure/Judgment Sales	27
Order to Show Cause	29
Other	1
Writ of Execution	9
Orders	16
TOTAL:	1107

NO CHARGE PAPERS: (included in above totals)	
Harassment Restraining Order (HRO)	165
Order For Protection (OFP)	133
Domestic Assault No Contact Order (DANCO)	12
Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS)	35
Subpoenas	137
Summons/Notice/Letter	25
Notice of Expiration of Redemption	42
Order to Show Cause	15
Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)	1
TOTAL:	565

TOTAL CIVIL FEES COLLECTED: \$51,339.20

Cancelled/Sold Sheriff's Sales: 37 / Evictions (Lock Out): 6

Updated Sheriff's Sale Calendar is posted on our website weekly at: www.casscountymn.gov/1312/Civil-Process

NOTES: Over half of the Harassment Restraining Orders (HRO), Order for Protections (OFP), and Subpoenas were from our County with no charge. The Cass County Sheriff's Office incurred at least \$44,800.00 in fees from papers processed with no charge. The total not charged includes paper services from our Courthouse or granted an In Forma Pauperis (Court Order Fee Waiver).

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECREATIONAL ENFORCEMENT/BOAT & WATER SAFETY

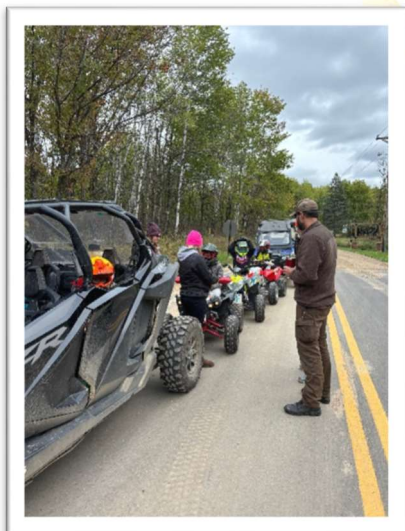
Cass County has a large recreational draw of people, both during the summer when the population can exceed 100,000 and during the winter months for its ice fishing, ATV's, skiing, hiking, snowmobiling and other activities. The Sheriff's Office Recreation Division is supervised by a Lieutenant, who oversees the program, including the volunteer program and the safety/education component. Currently, the Sheriff's Office has boats permanently on Leech Lake, Gull Lake, Woman Lake, Pleasant Lake and the Outing Lakes Area. We have several other patrol boats that deputies use daily while patrolling other lakes.



Volunteers provide a valuable resource in the Boat and Water Safety Program. They patrol Woman Lake, Pleasant Lake and the Outing Lakes Area. Volunteers, such as Gull Area Lakes Association (GALA), take the responsibility in maintaining many of the buoys on lakes within the county. Each spring, we teach Boat and Water Safety in schools throughout the County and with Community Education programs, this spring certifying 275 students in BW Safety. 99 Resort/Rental Agencies were inspected totaling 812 boats. In addition, 245 summer navigational buoys/markers were placed and in the winter months, 210 thin ice signs placed and maintained. 41 Marine/Water Event permits were issued and 859 temporary structure/raft permits were given in 2025.

Boat & Water Safety Grant	\$79,748.00
Federal Boating Safety Patrol Supp Grant	\$0.00
Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant	\$5,884.00
Off Highway Vehicle Safety Enforcement Grant	\$15,325.00

OHV/ATV EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT



In response to the high number of ATV complaints, crashes, and increase in ATV traffic in all areas of Cass County, the Cass County Sheriff's Office Recreation Enforcement Division organized High Visibility ATV patrols in the areas of heavy traffic and complaints including the Spider Lake Recreational area and surrounding townships and the Outing, MN area and surrounding townships. These saturations were very successful having Deputies contact hundreds of riders and issuing verbal and written warnings as well as citations for a variety of infractions. Dozens of contacts were education in nature where laws and regulations were advised on and information shared. In 2025, zero ATV Fatality crashes were reported, and injury crashes were reported at a much lower level, 19, roughly half of previous years.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION CENTER

The Cass County Detention Center had another busy year in 2025.

The jail saw a major plumbing upgrade in the two largest blocks to repair aging infrastructure. Several other security upgrades have taken place while others are in the end stages of being planned out.

We are currently preparing for the installation of a new commercial grade dryer to update our laundry system and we recently took delivery of a new commercial refrigerator for our kitchen use. The jail has instituted a MOUD protocol (Medications for Opioid Use Disorder) for our inmates. This is a multi-faceted approach to combatting opioid overdose injury and deaths that our community has been dealing with. We have been working closely with Cass County Public Health, our jail Medical Provider and our local healthcare providers along with Stratus Health in an effort to identify best practices in the continued fight against opioids. We have noted areas of improvement with our inmate population. The Cass County Detention Center is being looked at as a model statewide for the success that we have had with our MOUD program.

Mental health continues to be another area where the jail continues to advocate for reforms on the state level. Corrections Officers take several trainings on dealing with individuals that struggle with mental health issues, including being able to better identify when an inmate is suffering from a mental health crisis. We have been able to utilize technology to allow inmates to have virtual meetings with mental health professionals.



YEAR	TOTAL BOOKINGS	DAILY AVERAGE
2004	1822	4.99
2005	2088	5.72
2006	2088	5.72
2007	2156	5.91
2008	1425	3.90
2009	1708	4.68
2010	1652	4.53
2011	1926	5.28
2012	1912	5.24
2013	1977	5.42
2014	2013	5.52
2015	2074	5.68
2016	2519	6.90
2017	3010	8.25
2018	2719	7.45
2019	1843	5.05
2020	1236	3.39
2021	1556	4.26
2022	1532	4.2
2023	1495	4.09
2024	1006	2.75
2025	960	2.63

**AVERAGE MONTHLY TOTAL
MALE HOUSED: 15**

**AVERAGE MONTHLY TOTAL
FEMALE HOUSED: 4**

Our facility completed a total of 960 bookings in 2025. This averages out to 2.63 bookings per day, a drop from 2.75 bookings in 2024. Our average population in the Cass Jail was 13.20 and our average housed out of county was 18.82. Our total daily average was 31.97 inmates.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SENTENCE TO SERVICE

This year proved to be an eventful and demanding one for the STS program, filled with both challenges and rewarding achievements. We had a very successful spring cleanup. The mowing season was especially busy, keeping us consistently active throughout the summer. In June, a major summer storm caused significant tree damage and required extensive cleanup efforts that kept us occupied for quite some time. In the fall, the STS crew members were proud to assist with preparations for the county auction. The start and end of the year always involve a significant amount of snow shoveling, and winter arrived in true Minnesota fashion, requiring extensive effort to keep walkways clear and accessible. The highlight of the year was assisting the Emergency Manager with a live-action training exercise. I played the role of the driver responsible for a major chemical spill and helped set up the accident scene. It was a memorable and enjoyable experience to be involved in such an important and realistic training event.



<u># of Offenders Available</u>	
Adult	34 Male / 9 Female
<u># of Offenders Completing STS</u>	
Adult	28 Male / 8 Female
<u># of Offenders Exiting STS</u>	
Male Adult	8 Male / 2 Female
Estimated Market Value of Completed Projects:	\$237,900.96
Total Fine Amount Worked Off Through STS:	\$75.00
Jail Days Worked Off:	311.6
Average Daily Crew Size:	.75
STS Crew Offenders Days Worked:	103
<u>Type of Work Agency Hourly Breakdown</u>	
DNR	94
County	1279
City	23.5
Township	6.5
Other State Agencies	4
Federal Government	79
Jail Trustee	8736
other(Non-Profit)	171.5
Total Agency Hours Worked:	10448
Value of Hours Worked:	\$125,376.00 @ \$12.00/Hour



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The year 2025 was an active and productive year for Cass County Emergency Management, marked by significant training efforts, real-world incident responses, and continued improvements in preparedness and operational capability. Emergency Management began the year with a Hazardous Materials Tabletop Exercise (TTX) on January 13, 2025, attended by 35 participants. The exercise focused on hazardous materials response, sheltering operations, and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions, strengthening interagency coordination and decision-making.



In March, Ice Rescue Training was conducted on March 14–15, 2025.

Despite a winter storm impacting the area on Saturday, approximately 40 responders from across the state successfully completed the training, demonstrating strong commitment to preparedness under challenging conditions. In April Cass County Emergency Management also hosted Skywarn Weather Spotter Training at two locations, Remer and Ball Club,

expanding severe weather awareness and reporting capabilities across the county. In May, Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Training was provided to local units of government, including city, township, and county officials. This training improved local capacity to accurately assess damage and support disaster assistance processes.



On June 16, 2025, a tornado affected southern Cass County. Fortunately, the tornado traveled west to east and crossed roadways at 90-degree angles, limiting impacts. Damage was considered minor, with estimated costs of approximately \$30,000. On June 21, 2025, a severe windstorm caused widespread damage, particularly in the Cass Lake area. Estimated damage to public infrastructure, primarily from fallen trees, totaled approximately \$163,000. During this same storm event, the 911 Center experienced a critical outage. At approximately 4:30 AM, it was discovered that the generator had failed

due to a stuck solenoid valve, which caused the day tank to run out of fuel. Emergency Management established operations using the command trailer and maintained dispatch operations until approximately 10:30 AM. Throughout the day, Emergency Management handled approximately 75 phone calls, along with numerous texts and emails, addressing storm damage and the dispatch outage.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Following the storm, Emergency Management and Volunteer Response Unit staff also assisted the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) with Preliminary Damage Assessments after their jurisdiction was heavily impacted. The storm caused widespread damage across the area, with numerous roadways and residential driveways blocked by fallen trees and debris, significantly limiting access for residents and responders. Multiple communities experienced power outages due to downed power lines and damaged infrastructure, further compounding recovery challenges. Staff worked alongside LLBO partners to document impacts, assess public property damage, and support coordinated recovery efforts.



The Cass County Sheriff's Office used drone technology 29 times over the course of the year, totaling 107 hours of flight operations, to enhance public safety and support emergency responses. Cass County received a Sourcewell grant that fully funded the purchase of two new drones and the replacement of aging batteries, ensuring continued reliability and optimal performance of the drone program. Given the county's large geographic area, deploying drone resources to remote locations during emergencies can be difficult. Strategically placing the two new drones will help reduce response times, enhance situational awareness for deputies in the field, and improve the likelihood of successful search and emergency operations.



A full-scale exercise was conducted on September 10, 2025, with 75 participants. The exercise included training and response elements related to hazardous materials, sheltering, EOC operations, mass casualty incidents, and reunification. An after-action report has been completed to identify strengths, gaps, and future training needs.

Overall, 2025 demonstrated Cass County's strong commitment to preparedness, response, and recovery. Through extensive training, successful multi-agency exercises, effective response to severe weather events, and continued investment in technology, Cass County Emergency Management strengthened its ability to protect lives, property, and critical infrastructure.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAKES AREA DIVE TEAM

- Assisted with area Polar Plunges
- CPR / First Aid training
- Ice Training on Lake Itasca
- Attended area 4th of July Parades
- Attended area National Night Out events
- Recovery on Cass Lake
- Vehicle recovery in Beltrami County
- Conducted multiple dives and training throughout the year



CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRIAD

In 2025, the TRIAD program continued to strengthen partnerships between seniors, law enforcement, and community agencies through regular monthly meetings. Presentations included topics such as K9 operations, the Minnesota State Patrol, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Lakes Area Dive Team, and other community partners, providing seniors with information related to public safety, emergency response, and community resources. Meetings typically last approximately 1.5 hours and include light refreshments, with potlucks planned on a quarterly basis supporting relationship-building and consistent member participation. TRIAD remains mutually beneficial for both seniors and law enforcement. Seniors receive timely information and opportunities to build familiarity with local law enforcement, while law enforcement benefits from increased community awareness and engagement.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHAPLIANCY

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program consisted of six volunteer chaplains who responded to one call-out and contributed a total of nine volunteer hours. The chaplains remain available to provide support to the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Cass County as needed. We appreciate their continued commitment and service.



The Cass County Sheriff's Office would like to sincerely thank the residents of Cass County for your continued support throughout 2025. Your trust, cooperation, and partnership have been essential to our mission of keeping our community safe.

Whether through reporting concerns, volunteering your time, supporting our deputies, or simply looking out for one another, your involvement makes a real difference. We are proud to serve a community that values teamwork, respect, and public safety.