

## **Adams County Sheriff's Office -- 150th Anniversary (2021)**

The office of sheriff traces its roots to 9th century England. The kingdom was divided into geographic areas called "shires". A "reeve" was appointed in each region to serve as peacekeeper, tax collector, jailor and process server for the King's Court. Over time, the words were contracted into "shire-reeve", and eventually into "sheriff". The shire-reeve concept spread through the British Empire, including the American Colonies. Virginia was home to the first appointed sheriff in 1634 and the first elected sheriff in 1652. Today there are 3,083 county and parish sheriffs in the U.S., 98% being elected by citizens.

When Adams County government was organized at Juniata in December 1871, Isaac W. Stark was chosen as the first sheriff. Buffalo hunting was not an official duty, but in 1872 Sheriff Stark took part in a hunt with six others near the Little Blue River.

Early sheriffs worked out of offices rented by the county. By 1881, an addition to the Farrell Block (or stone block) was built to serve as the first actual county courthouse. These county offices would see a murder suspect taken from deputies by an angry mob and lynched north of town and the shooting death of a rape suspect right in the courtroom. A brand-new courthouse was constructed 1889-1890 (where the city parking lot is today), and served until 1964.

Sheriff James McCleery, elected in 1905, was the first Adams County sheriff to utilize automobiles (albeit borrowed).

In 1967, the sheriff's office took over ambulance services for the county after the funeral homes abandoned such services.

In celebrating 150 years of service to Adams County by 20 sheriffs, it has been quite interesting to follow the progress from a one-man office in 1871 to the present Adams County Sheriff's Office, which has eighteen deputies, seventeen corrections/communication staff, ten support staff and twenty-five vehicles.

Monty McCord



## ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFFS

(Monty McCord, president, Adams County Historical Society)

Isaac W. Stark -----	1871--1873
James B. McCleery -----	1873--1877
S. L. Martin -----	1877--1882
George T. Hutchinson -----	1882-1884
David L. Barlass -----	1884--1889
George Crane -----	1889--1893
John W. Harris -----	1893--1895
Otto Otten --- (died in office) -----	1896
August Berg -- (interim) -----	1896--1897
John J. Simmering -----	1897--1901
John T. Hill -----	1901--1905
James C. McCleery -----	1905--1911
William A. Cole -----	1911--1922
George Harm -----	1922--1926
Raymond L. Crosson -----	1926--1934
Worthy B. Wood -----	1934--1962
Robert G. Anderson -----	1962--1978
Gregg A. Magee --- (interim) -----	1978
Jake Thiel -----	1978--1982
Gregg A. Magee -----	1982--2018
John S. Rust -----	2018 -- present

## **Structure of the Adams County Sheriff's Department.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF** – John Rust is the current elected Sheriff and Kevin Mauck serves as his Chief Deputy. The current Jail Administrator is Deputy Michael Doremus, the first jail administrator for Adams County was the Sheriff. The Sheriff and the Chief Deputy oversee all aspects of the Sheriff's Department. The Jail Administrator oversees the day-to-day jail operations. The Sheriff also has an Asst. Administrative Secretary.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT** – This unit operates with one Segreant and 3 certified deputies along with 3 full time support staff. The unit is responsible for Civil Process, Warrants, Distress Warrants, Court Security and prisoner escorts to court, Sex Offender Registry, and general courthouse security, responding to alarms within the courthouse and courtrooms as needed.

The Civil Process Division is handled by two full time staff members and overseen by the Segreant. Paper service is one of the first responsibilities of the Sheriff. Civil paper service, tax foreclosures replevins orders, executions, are just some of the very important responsibilities of this division. On average the civil process divisions handles and serves approximately 6,000 civil papers a year and our warrant division receive on average 1,000 warrants a year.

Currently Adams County has over 100+ registered sex offenders registered as living within Adams County that are monitored by the unit to assure their compliance with the sex offender statues.

On a weekly basis this unit will escort many inmates to and from court. Our jail is now located at 1335 W M St. and some of our hearings can be accomplished by zoom.

This unit is also responsible for receiving gun permits, then doing the back ground checks and either approving or denying the permit. We also are responsible for completing vehicle inspections both at the Courthouse and in the community.

**ROAD PATROL UNIT** - This unit operates with 15 certified deputies, three of which are Sergeants that supervise those under their command. Our main area of responsibility is responding to calls to the public, civil process assistance, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, village ordinance enforcement, and much more.

On average this unit will respond to approximately 300 calls for service every month and are also responsible for following up with investigations when necessary.

Our road patrol unit also assists with civil process and are assigned papers for collection and assist with foreclosure duties.

**INVESTIGATIONS UNIT** - This unit operates with one full-time certified investigator. Some of the areas of responsibility within the Investigations Unit are investigating crimes ranging from theft to homicide.

The investigator(s) assist deputies with their follow ups and conducts independent investigations also assisting the surrounding agencies with criminal investigation.

**CORRECTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS UNIT** - This unit operates with 40+ employees. This unit has a Jail Administrator and an Assistant Jail Administrator that supervise this unit. Some of their responsibilities include the security of the Adams County Jail and its inmates, inmate care and enforcement, and much

more. In this unit, Officers serve as both Corrections and Dispatchers and they handle all 911 calls, calls for service, communications for the county, and radio traffic for our deputy's. On average, we receive over 140 phone calls per day during business hours. These phone calls range in nature from people checking on their loved ones in the jail to calls for service that the deputies respond to.

The jail processed and booked approximately 1000 prisoners this past year. The new jail has a maximum compacity of 150 inmates of both male and females.

## **EMPLOYEES**

Each Deputy is given a badge number when they are hired. Badge numbers for the Sheriff's Departments in Nebraska begin with the number "9" then the next number is the county number, for Adams County it is "14" the following numbers are the Deputy's badge number.

Sheriff John Rust has the most seniority (43 years) than any current Adams County Sheriff's Office employee being hired in 1979, followed by Sgt. Daniel Furman with 36 years as a Deputy in both Clay and Adams County.

Sheriff Rust has served as a Communications Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Investigator and Chief Deputy under Sheriff Magee.

Current Adams County Sheriff's Dept. Roster:

### **Command Staff:**

914 Sheriff John Rust  
9141 Chief Deputy Kevin Mauck  
9143 Administrative Sgt. Daniel Furman  
9145 Road Patrol Sgt. Michael Poplau (night shift)  
9147 Sgt Rick Fahrenholtz (Day Shift)  
9148 Road Patrol Sgt. Heath Lemke (Evening shift)

### **Deputies:**

9142 Deputy Ashely Russell  
9144 Deputy John Krantz  
9146 Deputy James Konen  
9149 Jail Administrator Mike Doremus  
91410 Deputy Mike Shafer  
91411 Deputy Rick Kemp  
91412  
91413 Deputy John Caltagirone  
91414 Deputy Chris Costa  
91415 Deputy Scott Collins  
91416 Deputy Robert "Wade" Everett  
91417 Deputy Matthew Tinsman  
91418 Deputy Forrest Weichman  
91419  
91420 Deputy Benjamin Hartmann

914C1 – RANDY BORRELL  
914JS1 – DOUG RUHTER  
914C2 – ERIKA KLEIN  
914C3 – MARK WALTHER  
914C4 – TAYLER OLSEN  
914C5 – DAN HEUETZ  
914C6 – LATISHA MORROW  
914C7 – NATHEN BENORDEN  
914C8 – RAQUEL MAAR  
914C9 – TAYLOR HANCOCK  
914C10 – CHERYL BONTZ  
914C11 – RICHARD RENNICK  
914C12 – MARCILLA CULTREA  
914C13 – PAUL WILLIS  
914C14 – DEBBIE MONTEY  
914C15 – CHRIS THORNBUR  
914C16 – TAYLOR DEGRAFF  
914C17 – ALEXANDER HERRERA  
914C18 – KOOB BORGELING  
914C19 – TRISTEN OBERMILLER  
914C20 – CONSTANCE CLARK  
914C21 – SHELLY HERBEK  
914C22 – REBECCA PAGE  
914C23 – CODY SIMMS  
914C24 – CHRISTINA BROOKS  
914C25 – EMMA STEIKRUGER  
914C26 – RAEANNON VAUGHN  
914C27 – JACOB BUHRNAM

914C28 – TYLER TOMASZKIEWICZ  
914C29 – TREVOR PHILLIPS  
914C30 – KATLYN SIMONTON  
914C31 – MACKNZIE TURMAN  
914C32 – THEA WAHL  
914C33 – DAWSON FIELDER  
914C34 – JASMINE PORTER  
914C35 – GRANT BRAZEE  
914C36 – NICOLAS HIGGINS  
914C37 – MALIKI VODEHNAL  
914C38 – MATTHEW MALEY  
914C39 – PEYTON BLAKELY  
914C40 – KRISTINE ANDRUSS  
914C41 – DYLAN WOOD

COOKS:  
NATTALIE EVERETT  
WENDY BORDEN  
VAL NUTZ

Support Staff:

Civil Process Secretary Shari Marsh  
Civil Process/Front Office Staff Barb Curtis  
Court Officer/Front Office Staff Lyle Stovall  
Administrative Assistant Shari Kriz  
Administrative Assistant Denise Kemper  
Records Clerk Kim Thayer  
Records Clerk Melanie Curry  
Part-Time Secretary Pam Augustine

Transport Officers:

Leroy Samuelsson  
Dan Childers  
Randy Conner