

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

www.leecountyil.com

DEREK RANKEN
Chief Deputy
dranken@countyoflee.org

MATTHEW FRYE
Lieutenant
mfrye@countyoflee.org

CLAYTON T. WHELAN

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF
cwhelan@countyoflee.org

240 E. Progress Dr.
DIXON, ILLINOIS 61021
Phone: 815-284-6631

DEVON GUGERTY
Office Manager
dgugerty@countyoflee.org

BUSINESS OFFICE/CIVIL PROCESS

Phone: 815-284-5217
Fax: 815-284-1146

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Public Safety and Court Services Committee

February 11, 2025

In the month of January, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 668 calls for service. As far as notable calls for the month, there really wasn't much of significance. We did have the following incident occur at the beginning of January.

On January 3rd, the Lee County Sheriff's Office alerted the public to an imposter scam that deputies were made aware of. Unknown individuals were contacting Lee County residents and using the names of actual deputies that were probably obtained from the webpage of the sheriff's office. The scammers would tell individuals that there is a civil warrant out for their apprehension and that money needs to be deposited in a local kiosk to prevent their arrest. The scammers went so far as to claim that the sheriff's office was pinging the cellular device of the victim so they could be taken into custody on the civil warrant. The victim was also told that "social services" had been contacted to take their children into custody once they have been arrested. After the press release was issued, the Sheriff's Office received several more reports that additional citizens had been contacted by this group in an effort to defraud them. To date, there are no known victims in which the scammers were successful in their scheme.

Staffing Update

From the Corrections Division, we are up to full staffing!

From the Patrol Division, we are at our authorized staffing level but are short two deputies on the schedule. One deputy is currently going through the Law Enforcement Academy at Sauk Valley Community College, and another deputy is still off for a few more months on active-duty service with the military.

From the Telecommunications Division, we are at our authorized staffing level but are short two telecommunicators on the schedule. The replacement telecommunicators have been hired, but they are going through training at this time before they can work on their own.

CORRECTIONS/WARRANTS

Phone: 815-284-5222
Fax: 815-288-4335

RYAN PETTENDER

Jail Superintendent
rpettender@countyoflee.org

PATRICK BODMER

Chief Bailiff
pbodmer@countyoflee.org