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Sheriff Knudson Announces Promotions and Hiring of Deputy Sheriffs, Correctional Officers, and Support Staff

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Sheriff Knudson is pleased to announce the following promotions and the hiring of deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, and support staff:

Promotions

Craig Strouse was promoted to Commander and assigned to the Correctional Services Division on January 7, 2019. For the past nine years, Strouse held the rank of Captain assigned as the Assistant Jail Administrator. He has served at the Rock County Sheriff's Office since February of 1994. Strouse earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Upper Iowa University. He completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Strouse served in the Army National Guard for six years, during which he attended a Platoon Leadership and Development Course.



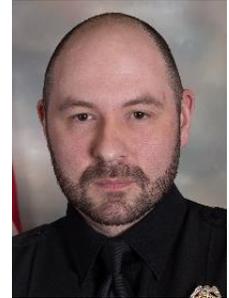
Aaron Burdick was promoted to Captain and assigned as the Assistant Jail Administrator on February 11, 2019. For the past thirteen years, Burdick held the rank of Sergeant, most recently assigned to the Patrol Bureau. He has served at the Rock County Sheriff's Office since May of 1998. Burdick earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Upper Iowa University. He completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Michael Schauer was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Correctional Services Division on February 5, 2019. For the past eight years, Schauer was a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Patrol Bureau. He has served at the Rock County Sheriff's Office since July of 2007. Schauer earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Public and Administration from the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse.





Jeremy Hoff was promoted to Correctional Supervisor and assigned to the Classification Unit on March 1, 2019. Hoff was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on May 2, 2004. Hoff serves as the leader of the Gang Intelligence Unit. Hoff graduated from Milton High School in Milton, WI. Hoff served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army Reserve.



Cory Reilly was promoted to Correctional Supervisor and assigned to First Shift Jail on March 2, 2019. Reilly was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on July 6, 2006. Reilly serves on the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). Reilly graduated from Edgerton High School in Edgerton, WI. Reilly earned an Associate Degree in Police Science from Blackhawk Technical College.



Erin Wilson was promoted to Correctional Supervisor and assigned to Third Shift Jail on March 3, 2019. Wilson was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on June 3, 2004. Wilson serves on the Hostage Negotiations Team. Wilson graduated from Craig High School in Janesville, WI.



Megan Zweifel was promoted to Correctional Supervisor and assigned to Third Shift Jail on March 4, 2019. Zweifel was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on February 4, 2013. Zweifel serves a diver on the Rescue Team. Zweifel graduated from Waukesha North High School in Waukesha, WI. Zweifel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.



Diane Kowal was promoted to Secretary II and assigned to the Law Enforcement Services Division on August 11, 2019. Kowal previously worked as an Administrative Assistant assigned to the Front Office. Kowal has served at the Rock County Sheriff's Office since September of 2013. Kowal earned an Associate Degree in Business Management from Upper Iowa University.



Luke DuCharme will be promoted to Detective on September 3, 2019. DuCharme currently serves as a Deputy assigned to the Patrol Bureau. He has worked at the Rock County Sheriff's Office since December of 2005. DuCharme is the leader of the Honor Guard. DuCharme graduated from Clinton High School in Clinton, WI. DuCharme earned a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Music from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay.

Deputy Sheriff Hiring



Samantha Valencia was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on January 1, 2019. Valencia graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2019. Valencia is currently in field training on Second Shift Patrol. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Valencia was a Correctional Officer with the Rock County Sheriff's Office since January 7, 2016. Valencia graduated from Delaware Valley High School in Frenchtown, New Jersey. Valencia earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Richard Stockton University in Galloway, New Jersey.

Michael Borgwardt was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on January 2, 2019. Borgwardt graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2019. Borgwardt is currently in field training on Second Shift Patrol. Borgwardt graduated from F.J. Turner High School in Beloit, WI. Borgwardt earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management from the University of Wisconsin – Parkside in Kenosha, WI.



Zachary Koch was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on January 3, 2019. Koch graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2019. Koch is currently in field training on First Shift Patrol. Koch graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in Fort Atkinson, WI. Koch earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.

Ra'Shan Blocker-Nelson was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on January 24, 2019. Blocker-Nelson graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2019. Blocker-Nelson is currently in field training on Second Shift Patrol. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Blocker-Nelson was a Correctional Officer with the Rock County Sheriff's Office since October 10, 2017. Blocker-Nelson graduated from F.J. Turner High School in Beloit, WI. Blocker-Nelson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.



Kyle Hathorn was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on March 11, 2019. Hathorn successfully completed the field training program and is assigned to Third Shift Patrol. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Hathorn served as a Police Officer with the Whitewater Police Department. Hathorn graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. He graduated from Craig High School in Janesville, WI. Hathorn earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.

Preston McIntosh was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 5, 2019. McIntosh started at the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 12, 2019, with an anticipated graduation date of December 13, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, McIntosh served as a Correctional Officer with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office in Appleton, WI. McIntosh graduated from Wrightstown High School in Wrightstown, WI. McIntosh earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.



Austin Dietzel was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 6, 2019. Dietzel started at the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 12, 2019, with an anticipated graduation date of December 13, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Dietzel was a Correctional Officer with the Rock County Sheriff's Office since July 20, 2015. Dietzel served on the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). Dietzel graduated from Maquoketa High School in Maquoketa, Iowa. Dietzel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. Dietzel served in the Army National Guard.

Wanja Kinuthia was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 7, 2019. Kinuthia started at the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 12, 2019, with an anticipated graduation date of December 13, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Kinuthia was a Correctional Officer with the Rock County Sheriff's Office since June 4, 2018. Kinuthia graduated from the Pangani Girls School in Nairobi, Kenya. Kinuthia earned a Bachelor of Education Degree from MOI University in Nairobi, Kenya.



Joshua Peterson was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 8, 2019. Peterson started at the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 12, 2019, with an anticipated graduation date of December 13, 2019. Peterson serves in the Army National Guard. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Peterson worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Peterson was home schooled and received his certification from the Rivendell Academy. Peterson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.

Cole Walsh was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 9, 2019. Walsh started at the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 12, 2019, with an anticipated graduation date of December 13, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Walsh was a Correctional Officer with the Rock County Sheriff's Office since October 27, 2016. Walsh served on the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). Walsh graduated from Milton High School in Milton, WI. Walsh earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. Walsh served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.





Brandon Davis was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 10, 2019. Davis started at the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 12, 2019, with an anticipated graduation date of December 13, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Davis was a Correctional Officer with the Rock County Sheriff's Office since January 4, 2016. Davis served on the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). Davis graduated from Parker High School in Janesville, WI. Davis earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.

Terry Borgwardt was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 12, 2019. Borgwardt will start field training on First Shift Patrol on August 22, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Borgwardt served as a Police Officer with the Beloit Police Department. Borgwardt graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. He graduated from Troup High School in LaGrange, Georgia. Borgwardt earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.



Kevin Lyga was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 13, 2019. Lyga will start field training on First Shift Patrol on August 21, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff with the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Lyga served as a Deputy Sheriff with the Green County Sheriff's Office in Monroe, WI. Lyga graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. He graduated from Clinton High School in Clinton, WI. Lyga earned a Bachelor of Science in Justice and Public Policy from Concordia University in Mequon, WI.

Ryan Montag was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on August 14, 2019. Montag will start field training on First Shift Patrol on August 22, 2019. Prior to being hired as a Deputy Sheriff, Montag served as a Police Officer with the Aurora University Police Department in Aurora, IL. Montag graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. He graduated from Elgin High School in Elgin, IL. Montag earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the Columbia College of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.



Correctional Officer Hiring



April Austin was hired as a Correctional Officer on January 2, 2019. Austin is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Austin graduated from the Jail Academy at the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center. She graduated from Brodhead High School in Brodhead, WI. Austin earned a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies from Northwestern Oklahoma State in Alva, Oklahoma. Austin served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Miranda Carlson was hired as a Correctional Officer on January 14, 2019. Carlson is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Carlson graduated from the Jail Academy at the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center. She graduated from Parker High School in Janesville, WI. Carlson earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.



Kayla Dunn was hired as a Correctional Officer on March 12, 2019. Dunn is assigned to First Shift Jail. Dunn graduated from the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. Dunn has worked for Rock County since April of 2016. She graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, WI. Dunn earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.

Zachary Lukas was hired as a Correctional Officer on March 12, 2019. Lukas is assigned to First Shift Jail. Lukas graduated from the Jail Academy at Madison College. He graduated from Parker High School in Janesville, WI. Lukas earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.



Nicholas Habeck was hired as a Correctional Officer on April 16, 2019. Habeck is assigned to First Shift Jail. Habeck graduated from the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. He currently serves in the United States Army Reserve. He graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in Fort Atkinson, WI.

Justin Wnuk was hired as a Correctional Officer on April 20, 2019. Wnuk is assigned to First Shift Jail. He currently serves in the United States Army Reserve. Wnuk graduated from KJZ Academy. Wnuk earned an Associate Degree in Humanities from Maranatha Baptist University in Watertown, WI.



Tyler Morehead was hired as a Correctional Officer on April 22, 2019. Morehead is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Morehead serves in the United States Army. Morehead graduated from Parker High School in Janesville, WI.



Michael DeRosier was hired as a Correctional Officer on April 23, 2019. DeRosier is assigned to Second Shift Jail. DeRosier graduated from the Jail Academy at Madison College. He graduated from Craig High School in Janesville, WI. DeRosier earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.

Jenise Lucas was hired as a Correctional Officer on April 26, 2019. Lucas is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Lucas graduated from Freeport High School in Freeport, IL. Lucas earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Judson University in Elgin, IL.



Jonathan Hernandez was hired as a Correctional Officer on April 29, 2019. Hernandez is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Hernandez graduated from Harvard Community High School in Harvard, IL. Hernandez earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL.

Omar Morales-Alvarado was hired as a Correctional Officer on May 1, 2019. Morales-Alvarado is assigned to First Shift Jail. Morales-Alvarado serves in the United States Army. Morales-Alvarado graduated from Moline High School in Moline, IL.



Korey Nugent was hired as a Correctional Officer on June 3, 2019. Nugent is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Nugent serves in the Army National Guard. Nugent graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, WI. Nugent earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.

Andre DeLeon was hired as a Correctional Officer on June 17, 2019. DeLeon is assigned to First Shift Jail. DeLeon graduated from the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. He graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, WI. DeLeon earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.





Josue Echeverria was hired as a Correctional Officer on June 21, 2019. Echeverria is assigned to Second Shift Jail. Echeverria graduated from the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. He graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, WI. Echeverria earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College.

Alexandria Downs was hired as a Correctional Officer on July 5, 2019. Downs is assigned to First Shift Jail. Downs graduated from the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. She graduated from Pearl City High School in Pearl City, IL. Downs earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Highland Community College in Freeport, IL.



Support Staff Hiring



Alice Flippin was hired as a Public Safety Utility Clerk on May 20, 2019. Flippin is assigned to First Shift Jail. Prior to being hired as a Public Safety Utility Clerk, Flippin worked for the School District of Janesville. Flippin graduated from Parker High School in Janesville, WI. Flippin earned an Associate Degree in Human Resources from Blackhawk Technical College.

Jeanette Johnson was hired as a Public Safety Utility Clerk on June 12, 2019. Johnson is assigned to First Shift Jail. Prior to being hired as a Public Safety Utility Clerk, Johnson worked for the United States Department of Homeland Security. Johnson obtained her General Education Degree from Blackhawk Technical College. Johnson earned a Paralegal Certificate from Blackstone Career Institute in Allentown, Pennsylvania.



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