

Yankton County Sheriff's Office



L-R Front Sgt. Brad Swenson, Lt. Clint Clites, Sheriff Jim Vlahakis, Chief Deputy Mike Rothschadl, Inv. Steve Wuebben L-R Back Deputies, Dennis Klimisch, Greg Jensen, Chris Meier, Les Drake, Rob Reuland, Mark Moon. (not pictured Tom Deibert)

The office of the Sheriff has many duties as required by state statute.

"The Sheriff shall keep and preserve the peace within his county, for which purpose he is empowered to call to his aid such persons or power of his county as he may deem necessary. He must pursue and apprehend all felons, and must execute all writs, warrants, and other process from any court or magistrate which shall be directed to him by legal authority" SDCL 7-12-1

The office of the Sheriff also has the responsibility for the administration and operation of the Yankton County Jail. The new Yankton County Jail has a capacity of housing 120 inmates. The Sheriff's Office is also responsible for the safe transport of Yankton county prisoners to and from any jurisdiction in the state by court order and for returning felony suspects that may be extradited from anywhere in the United States for criminal charges in Yankton County.

In addition to our statutory responsibilities the Deputies of the Office investigate crimes and respond to the many different calls for law enforcement assistance throughout the county 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The Yankton County Sheriff's Office also has a Jail staff of 18 full time Jail Officers and a part time staff of 14 involved in the 24/7 program and prisoner transportation.

1869 – 1870 George W. Black 1871 – Henry Fisher 1871 – 1874 L. W. Case

1865 – Franklin Bronson 1865 – 1866 William Bordeno 1867 – 1968 Charles Van Epps

1875 – 1882 M. A. Baker

Sheriff's of Yankton County, **Dakota Territory** 1862 – 1864 Charles F. Rossteuscher

> 1883 – 1886 Patrick Brennan 1887 – 1888 Fred Kincel

Sheriff's of Yankton County, **South Dakota**

1889 – 1890 Fred Kincel 1891 - 1894 Frank D. Wyman

1895 – 1896 Jacob Rathgeber

1897 – 1900 William Hickey 1901 – 1904 Jacob Rathgeber

1905 – 1906 Charles Wright 1907 – 1910 William Hickey

1911 – 1914 Jacob Rathgeber

1915 – 1918 William Hickey

1919 – 1922 A. P. Johnson 1923 – 1926 James Foley

1927 – 1930 Roy R. Milliken

1931 – 1934 William Hickey 1935 – 1938 William J. Limpo

1939 – 1942 Maurice J. Lee

1943 – 1946 Harry Coates

1947 – 1950 Walter Mueller

1951 – 1954 Herb D.Kaiser

1955 – 1958 Robert D. Warren 1959 – 1966 Ed "Babe" Sampson

1967 – 1974 F. L. "Jeff" Scott 1975 – 1978 Carl L. Moser

1978 – 2010 David H. Hunhoff

2011 – James C. Vlahakis



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