

# Accomplishments

Sheriff Pownall took office as Sheriff of Campbell County on January 6, 2003. Sheriff Pownall assumed the office with a number of goals and a vision for the future of the agency. Due to the efforts of the dedicated professionals who make up the staff of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, all of the following goals have been achieved.

**D.A.R.E.** – In 2003, Sheriff Pownall re-launched the D.A.R.E. Program. The Sheriff's Office has dedicated six deputies, both full and part-time, to teach D.A.R.E. in all Campbell County Schools. This included all schools inside the City of Gillette, the Town of Wright and all rural schools in Campbell County.

**SRU** – In 2003, the Sheriff's Office formed a Special Response Unit (SWAT Team). The team is made up of nine full-time deputy sheriffs. The team has received advanced tactical training and has been equipped to respond to a wide variety of crisis situations.

**Traffic Enforcement Unit** - In 2004, the Sheriff's Office formed a Traffic Enforcement Unit. This unit is made up of two full-time deputy sheriffs whose primary duties are to focus on traffic enforcement on all roads in Campbell County.

**Hazardous Device Unit (Bomb Squad)** – With the aid of Homeland Security grant money, the Bomb Squad has continually improved the quantity and quality of equipment available for use and has become an even more elite unit and able to serve the needs of this entire region of the state.

**Emergency Communications** – This vital area has seen many improvements using the newest and best technology. In the past several years, the Sheriff's Office has upgraded the 9-1-1 Communication System to the highest current standards. The Sheriff's Office has also rejuvenated the entire wireless communication system for emergency responders by upgrading transmission and microwave systems.

**Jail Expansion/Remodel** – For 18 months, beginning in 2008, the Sheriff's Office and Jail underwent a major expansion and remodel. The Sheriff's Office Operations area was updated and modernized. The Campbell County Jail was also remodeled and expanded. It grew from a capacity of 128 to a current capacity of 306.

**K-9 Unit** – In 2009, the three K-9 officers were transferred from routine patrol duties and placed on a K-9 shift to allow them the flexibility to better utilize the K-9 force for drug interdiction and other K-9 specific searches and enforcement duties.

**Narcotics Unit** – In 2003, the Sheriff's Office formed a Narcotics Investigation Unit to focus on investigation of local narcotics trafficking. This unit is staffed with two full-time deputy sheriffs.

**Juvenile Detention Center** – In 2009 the Sheriff's Office completed construction of the Juvenile Detention Center. This facility is collocated with the adult jail and has a capacity for 16 juveniles.