

BRIAN GUTOWSKI

COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Gutowski has been a law enforcement officer in the State of Michigan since July of 2005. On February 19th, 2007, he joined the Manistee County Sheriff's Office as a Road Patrol Deputy. Over the past 14 years, he has had an opportunity to specialize in many facets of law enforcement. He spent 5 years with the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team, 2 years as an undercover detective for the SSCENT Narcotics Team, and he was a participant on the Manistee County Dive Team for 12 years. Along with his normal job duties, Brian also does a variety of presentations in the community including topics like sex trafficking, employee preparation for bank robberies, and his most recent topic, CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events). He has also instructed at the West Shore Community College Police Academy and holds a Professional Emergency Manager designation from the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

Brian was promoted from Deputy Sheriff to Road Patrol Sergeant in 2014. In 2017 he was promoted to Road Patrol Lieutenant which was a shared position as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Manistee County. In January 2020, Brian was promoted to Manistee County Undersheriff. He was elected in the November election of 2020 and sworn in as Manistee County Sheriff on January 1st, 2021, as Michigan's youngest serving Sheriff.