



ANNUAL REPORT



UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

Year 2020 will be etched in history forever. Our heartfelt prayers to the families in Union County and across the country who lost loved ones from this pandemic.

First, my appreciation to the staff of the Sheriff's Office. Yes, we had to make changes to our operations, but you never wavered on your commitment to our Mission and Vision of the Sheriff's Office serving the community!

Our Deputies reported to duty patrolling the county and handled calls. Our Dispatchers reported to duty answering and dispatching calls. Our Civilian staff reported to duty handling each of their assigned responsibilities. With safety measures in place our staff was committed to their service and we are relieved the number of our employees who contracted the virus were minimal. ***Thank you ALL for your continued dedication!***

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2020 Sheriff's Office Annual Report. I'm honored to be your 39th elected Union County Sheriff, an elected position since 1820. This report highlights the statistical data and annotations throughout the year for each division within the Sheriff's Office.

Never forgotten, in our memory; We honor and pray for the families of Sheriff F.S. Hager, Sheriff Harry L. Wolfe and Sergeant Roger L. Beekman, they paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting the Citizens of Union County. May they rest in peace!!

Considering the year, we all experienced our stats were up in specific areas and down in others. We did see a record high in CCW licenses issued and renewed – 2020: Issued 856 and renewal 711 compared to last year – Issued 285 and renewal 490.

I hope you find this annual report beneficial. The UCSO would like to send a special ***Thank You*** to the Citizens of Union County for all your support this past year, we truly live and work in a special place!



Sheriff Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton
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UCSO - COMMAND STAFF



**SHERIFF
MALCUM J "JAMIE" PATTON**



**CHIEF DEPUTY
THOMAS L. MORGAN**



**LIEUTENANT
MICHAEL S. JUSTICE**



**LIEUTENANT
JEFFERY K. STIERS**



**LIEUTENANT
MATTHEW J. WARDEN**



**DIRECTOR
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**DIRECTOR
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**DIRECTOR
PAMELA K. MILLHOAN**



MISSION *VISION*CORE VALUES

Agency Mission

To maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work and visit. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to everyone, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe and secure neighborhoods.

Agency Vision

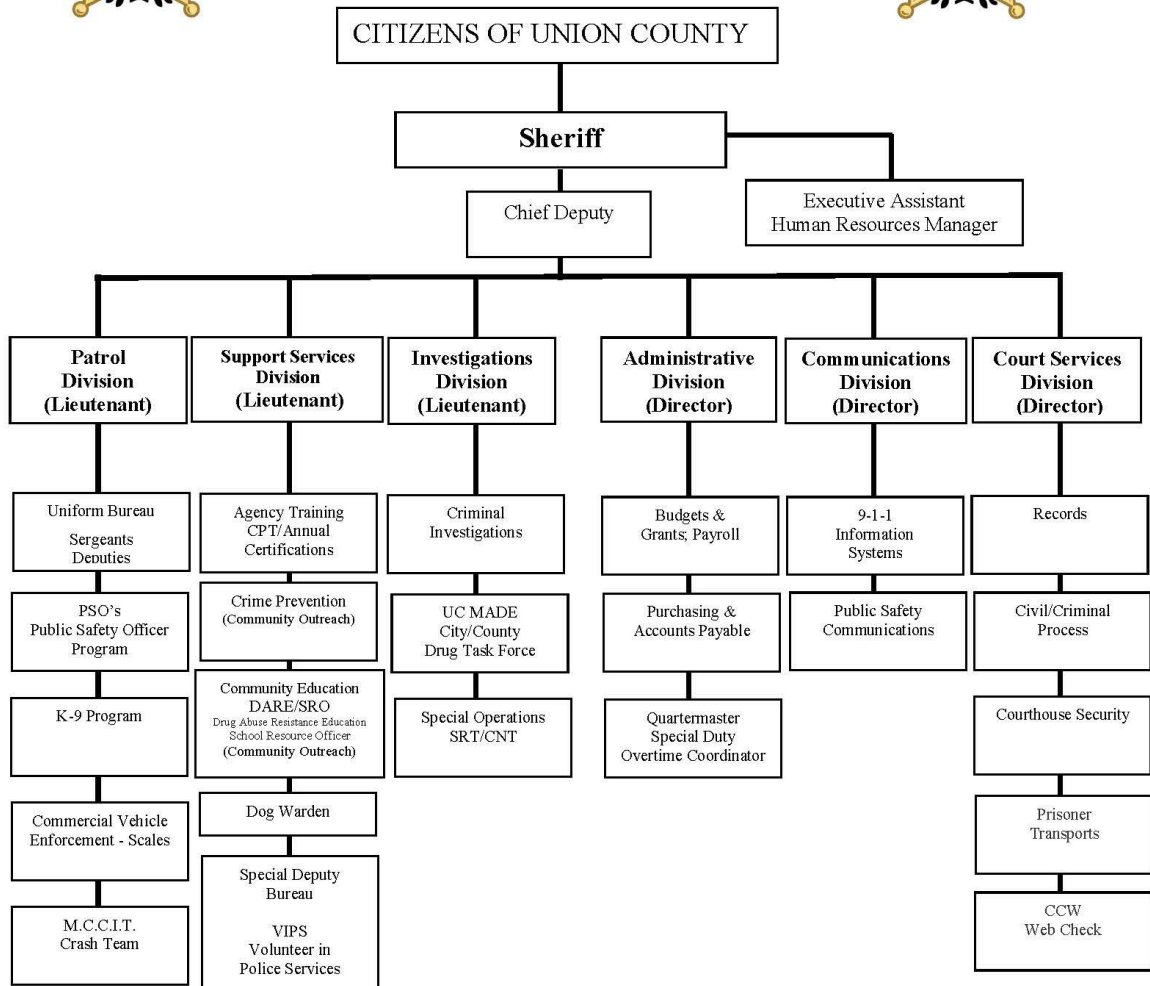
Our promise is to diligently uphold the laws that protect both life and property of the Citizens of Union County without bias or prejudice. We pledge to conduct ourselves both professionally and personally in ways which clearly show that honesty and integrity are our code of honor.

Agency Core Values

The employees of Union County Sheriff's Office will strive to provide the best customer services possible to those we serve throughout the County. Our service will serve as examples of all that is good and professional in American Law Enforcement.

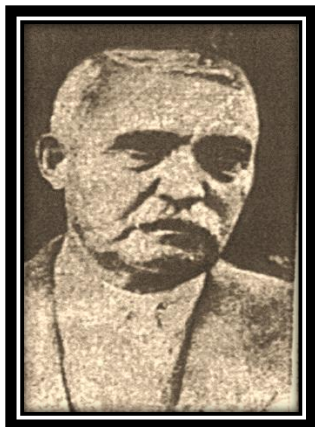


Office of the Sheriff



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UCSO FALLEN



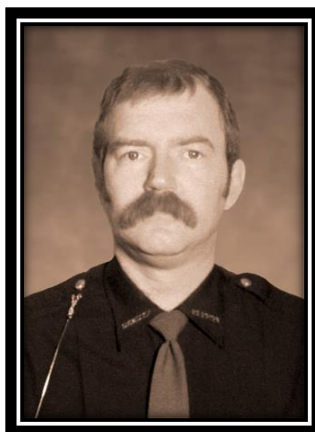
SHERIFF F.S. HAGER

On September 23, 1927, Sheriff Forest S. Hager had been at his farm in Washington Township and later traveled to Richwood in his Ford Sedan to serve several papers. On his return from Richwood, Sheriff Hager was struck by an eastbound passenger train at the Erie Railroad at Beaver's Crossing. Sheriff Hager was preceded in death by his wife Claudia Stamates. At the time of the accident he was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Harger, Marysville and Mrs. James Hanby, Richwood and a son H.B. Hager of West Mansfield.



SHERIFF HARRY L. WOLFE

Sheriff Harry L. Wolfe responded to a burglar alarm at a home on Robinson Road that sounded at the Union County Sheriff's Office on January 21, 1982. Sheriff Wolfe radioed the Union County Sheriff's Office an officer-in-trouble alert. Another Union County Deputy, responding to the scene, found on his arrival, the Sheriff lying beside the right front wheel of his cruiser. Sheriff Wolfe, age 59, had been elected for a second term of office in January 1982. He was retired from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and was active in many community organizations. Sheriff Wolfe was survived by his wife Paula, and sons Lee and Steve, along with daughters, Kim and Karen.





SERGEANT ROGER L. BEEKMAN

Sergeant Roger L. Beekman was responding to a burglar alarm with lights and siren on September 19, 1979. Sergeant Beekman was westbound on Industrial Parkway at the time of the crash when he apparently entered the intersection of Industrial Parkway and US 42 and was struck by a northbound semi. Sergeant Beekman, age 29 years, had joined the Union County Sheriff's Office as an auxiliary deputy in August 1977. He was hired to full-time status in April 1978 and served as a plain clothes detective for nearly five months. He had requested road deputy duties because he said that was where his heart was. Sergeant Beekman was survived by his wife, Karen and two daughters, Amy and Angela.



SHERIFFS' OF UNION COUNTY 1820 to PRESENT

James Ewing	1820 - 1823
Amons A. Williams	1823 - 1828
David Witter	1828 - 1832
Calvin Winget	1832 - 1836
Ransom Clark	1836 - 1840
William W. Steele	1840 - 1844
William M. Robinson	1844 - 1846
Philip Snider	1846 - 1850
William C. Malin	1850 - 1854
William H. Robb	1854 - 1858
Abraham Wiley	1858 - 1860
Philip Snider	1860 - 1862
Chas M. Robinson	1862 - 1864
Jas B. Whelpley	1864 - 1868
Robert Sharp	1868 - 1872
John C. Price	1872 - 1876
Justus J. Miller	1876 - 1880
John Hobensock	1880 - 1884
Marion Hopkins	1884 - 1888
Thomas Martin	1888 - 1892
William Snodgrass	1892 - 1896
J. Ed Robinson	1896 - 1900
S. F. Burnham	1900 - 1904
D. C. Bolenbaugh	1904 - 1908
Cad Price	1908 - 1912
John N. Laird	1912 - 1916
Chas A. Liggett	1916 - 1920
Frank Collier	1920 - 1924
 F. S. Hager	1924 - 1928
J. B. Lingrel	1928 - 1930
William Rausch	1930 - 1936
Homer Roosa	1936 - 1948
Walter T. Galloway	1948 - 1956
Ed Amrine	1956 - 1972
Theo Byus	1972 - 1973
 Harry L. Wolfe	1973 - 1982
John G. Overly	1982 - 2003
Rocky W. Nelson	2003 - 2011
Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton	2011 - Present

History of the Sheriff

The Office of Sheriff is one of antiquity. It is the oldest law enforcement office known within the common-law system and it has always been accorded great dignity and high trust. For the most part, the Office of Sheriff evolved of necessity. Were it not for laws which require enforcing, there would have been no necessity for the Sheriff. There would have been no need for the development of police administration, criminology, criminalists, etc. This is not the case, however. Man learned quite early that all is not orderly in the universe. All times and all places have generated those who covet the property of their neighbors and who are willing to expropriate this property by any means. As such, man's quest for equity and order gave birth to the Office of Sheriff, the history of which begins in the Old Testament and continues through the annals of Judeo-Christian tradition. Indeed, there is no honorable law enforcement authority in Anglo-American law as ancient as that of the County Sheriff. And today, as in the past, the County Sheriff is a peace officer entrusted with the maintenance of law and order and the preservation of domestic tranquility.

Sheriffs have served and protected the English-speaking peoples for a thousand years. The Office of Sheriff and the law enforcement, judicial, and correctional functions he performs are more than 1000 years old. The Office of Sheriff dates back at least to the reign of Alfred the Great of England, and some scholars even argue that the Office of Sheriff was first created during the Roman occupation of England.

Around 500 AD, Germanic tribes from Europe (called the Anglo-Saxons) began an invasion of Celtic England which eventually led over the centuries to the consolidation of Anglo-Saxon England as a unified kingdom under Alfred the Great, late in the 9th Century. Alfred divided England into geographic units called "shires", or counties.

In 1066, William the Conqueror defeated the Anglo-Saxons and instituted his own Norman government in England. Both under the Anglo-Saxons and under the Normans, the King of England appointed a representative called a "reeve" to act on behalf of the king in each shire or county. The "shire reeve" or King's representative in each county became the "Sheriff" as the English language changed over the years. The shire reeve, or Sheriff, was the chief law enforcement officer of each county in the year 1000 AD. He still has the same function in Ohio in the year 2000 AD.

The concepts of "county" and "Sheriff" were essentially the same as they had been during the previous 900 years of English legal history. Because of the English heritage of the American colonies, the new United States adopted the English law and legal institutions as its owner.

*Clearly, the Sheriff is the only viable officer remaining of the ancient offices and his contemporary responsibility as conservator of the peace has been influenced greatly by modern society. As the crossbow gave way to the primitive flintlock, the Sheriff is not unaccustomed to change. But now, perhaps more than ever before in history, law enforcement is faced with complex, moving, rapid changes in methodology, technology, and social attitudes. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in his *THE VALUE OF CONSTITUTIONS*, "the Office of Sheriff is the most important of all the executive offices of the county."*

The office of Sheriff is certainly significant and was in fact the first county office established in the United States. Some very outstanding Americans have held the office of County Sheriff from the earliest days down to our present era. George Washington's father was an early Sheriff in Colonial Virginia. The history of the position and functions of a Sheriff, prior to establishment of the position in America, can reportedly be traced to provisions of the Magna Carta in England, in the year 1215.



COLONEL EBENEZER SPROAT

The first Sheriff on the record in Ohio



PATROL DIVISION

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2020 NOTABLE ACTS

The Patrol Division's primary function is law enforcement operations and is composed of uniformed Deputies and Public Safety Officers (PSO). They respond to calls for service, emergencies, and crimes anywhere in the county, around the clock, 365 days a year. Reviewed below are notable acts in 2020.

February 11th, 2020 – Dover Township – Day shift deputies were dispatched to the New Dover Mobile Home Park for a male bleeding profusely from his right arm. The male recently had surgery and his surgical wound had opened up resulting in a great deal of blood loss. A deputy arrived within one minute and assessed the patient. He applied a tourniquet to the patient's arm to stop the bleeding and asked the responding EMS units to step it up. Marysville Medic 271 arrived and quickly loaded the patient and ran with lights and sirens to Memorial Hospital. The patient was transferred to Grant Hospital and was listed in stable condition in their intensive care unit later that day. Chief Jay Riley of the Marysville Fire Department praised the actions of the deputy stating that due to the severity of the arterial bleed, had he not applied the tourniquet, the victim would likely have died due to blood loss. As a result of the deputy's quick response and actions in applying the tourniquet, the victim's life was saved.

February 25th, 2020 – Darby Township – A deputy while on regular patrol observed a vehicle swerving outside their marked lanes of travel. The driver nearly caused a crash and was approaching a semi-truck head on in the semi-truck's lane of travel. The deputy was able to get in front of the vehicle and slowed the semi-truck down to prevent a head on traffic crash. With the assistance of the Fairbanks School Resource Officer (SRO) both deputies were able to get the vehicle stopped. The elderly driver was identified as having a medical emergency. Due to the driver's lack of response deputies were able to break the vehicle window, place the vehicle in park and obtain medical care for the driver.

March 19th, 2020 – Dover Township - The Sheriff's Office received several 911 open line calls mapping from an address on Pine Lane. Several deputies were sent to the residence due to the multiple 9-1-1 calls. Once on the scene, deputies worked directly with dispatchers to establish that the house was confirmed vacant and someone was still inside. Entry was made and two (2) individuals were arrested for burglary. Drug related activity was discovered as well.



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March 28th, 2020 – Dover Township – A detective and a deputy were dispatched to a fatal overdose at a residence on Sycamore Drive. While conducting their investigation, the deputy found evidence that someone else may be in the residence. A search was conducted, and a second overdose victim was found in a bedroom unresponsive. The deputy immediately began patient care and administered his and the detective's Narcan in an effort to revive the victim. The Marysville Fire Department was called to the scene and transported the female victim to Memorial Hospital and she survived. With attention to detail, a sense of urgency, and excellent teamwork, the detective and the deputy were able to save the life of the second victim.

March 28th, 2020 – Jerome Township – Midnight deputies responded to an alarm drop at TJ Maxx. Forcible entry was discovered. After setting up a perimeter and clearing the business no suspects were found. A deputy alertly located a suspicious vehicle leaving an adjacent business area and after further inquiry a suspect was arrested for the B&E at TJ Maxx. The suspect was determined to be an escaped mental health patient from Dublin Springs who had broken into TJ Maxx and who was also driving a stolen vehicle.

May 4th, 2020 – Jerome Township – A deputy and the Jerome Township Public Safety Officer were dispatched to Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill for an active theft complaint. As they responded, it was reported the female suspect was trying to use a civilian style Taser on the victims, who were following her as they called for assistance. Upon arrival, deputies located the suspect running to her car in the Costco parking lot. While trying to identify her, the female used her vehicle to ram one of the Sheriff's cruisers to escape. A short pursuit ensued and the Jerome Township PSO was able utilize a pursuit termination technique to stop the vehicle. The vehicle used by the female suspect was later found to be stolen. The female was arrested on numerous related charges.

May 12th, 2020 – Leesburg/Taylor Townships - A deputy initiated a pursuit on State Route 4 near State Route 347 that involved a red Cadillac. During this incident, deputies and dispatchers from the Sheriff's Office demonstrated excellent teamwork and professionalism in managing and ultimately ending the pursuit in which the driver exceeded 100 mph and apprehending the suspect on the State Route 4 overpass over US Route 33. In addition, deputies put themselves at great risk of physical harm in attempting to stop the suspect fleeing from a driveway on Martin Welch Road, where an innocent passenger jumped from the vehicle and the suspect struck a deputy's cruiser while continuing to flee. A deputy utilized spike strips to deflate the tires of the suspect vehicle on State Route 31 where the suspect swerved at the deputy and his cruiser.

June 15, 2020 – K9 Use – The K9 deputy and his partner Zeus responded to assist Hilliard PD on a track/search for a suspect involved in an attempted abduction. K-9 Zeus was able to track the suspect down on foot after jumping several fences and hiding in a backyard. The apprehension was made without injury to the suspect.

August 13, 2020 – York Township - Deputies were dispatched to a domestic dispute at residence on State Route 47. While deputies were responding they were advised that the female was intoxicated and possible had a firearm. When the first deputy arrived on the scene, he began talking to the caller. The female fired a shot in the woods close to the deputy and the caller. While deputies were waiting for more back up to arrive, the female surrendered to the deputies who were giving commands on the PA. The handgun was later found in the woods.

September 6th, 2020 – Claibourne Township – A deputy responded with officers from the Richwood Police Department to a suicide attempt in progress by hanging at a residence on Tawa Road. As result of the quick teamwork of the deputy and the Richwood officers, the suicide attempt was stopped, the victim was cut down, and the rope was removed from her neck. The victim was transported to Memorial Hospital initially, and then later flown to the OSU Medical Center and she did survive.

September 7th, 2020 – Dover Township – A deputy and EMS personnel were dispatched to the New Dover Mobile Home Park for a fifty-eight-year-old male who was unresponsive with CPR was in progress. The deputy arrived first on the scene (within seven minutes) and applied his AED to the patient. The deputy was able to deliver one shock with the AED and then continued CPR. He assisted the Medic 271 crew from the Marysville Fire Department when they arrived on the scene. On September 8, 2020, Lt. Cole Tomlin and Chief Jay Riley of the Marysville Fire Department sent an email to Sheriff Patton praising the deputy's efforts and shared that the victim was revived and transferred to OSU Hospital and was doing well at that time. Unfortunately, the victim passed away from complications on September 8, 2020.

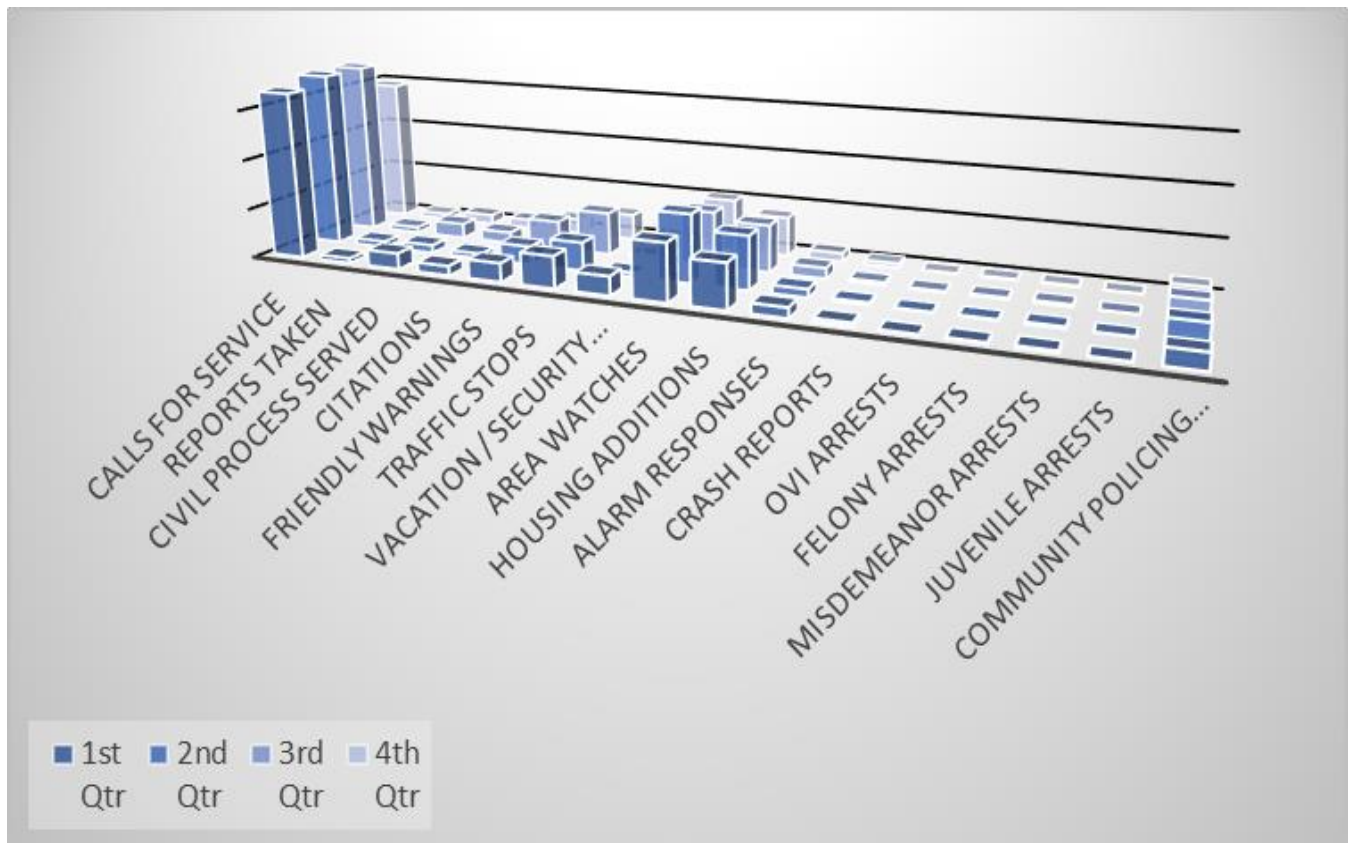
October 14th, 2020 – Union Township/Village of Milford Center/Jerome Township - Deputies responded to SG's Market in Milford Center in reference to an armed robbery that occurred around 7:51pm. With limited information, a Jerome Township PSO parked his cruiser in the area of St. Rt. 161 & U.S. 42 to monitor traffic in the area. A vehicle caught the deputy's attention and a traffic stop was made. A pursuit occurred shortly after contact. As a result of this traffic stop, one of the suspects responsible for the robbery was identified and later arrested. The identity of the remaining two (2) individuals are actively being investigated for their involvement and additional charges.

October 16, 2020 – Claibourne Township/Village of Richwood - Deputies were requested to assist the Richwood Police Department with a domestic violence incident. The incident occurred on E. Blagrove St. It was told to our deputies that the male had fired a gun at the female. The female had fled the home (along with their kids) and was at the Richwood Police Department. The Richwood Police Officers contacted the male, but he refused to come out of the home. The deputies responded to the scene. UCSO was given command of the scene by the sergeant of the Richwood Police Department. The UCSO deputies established a perimeter and called for additional units (SRT Team). A short time later the male exited the home and was apprehended without further incident.



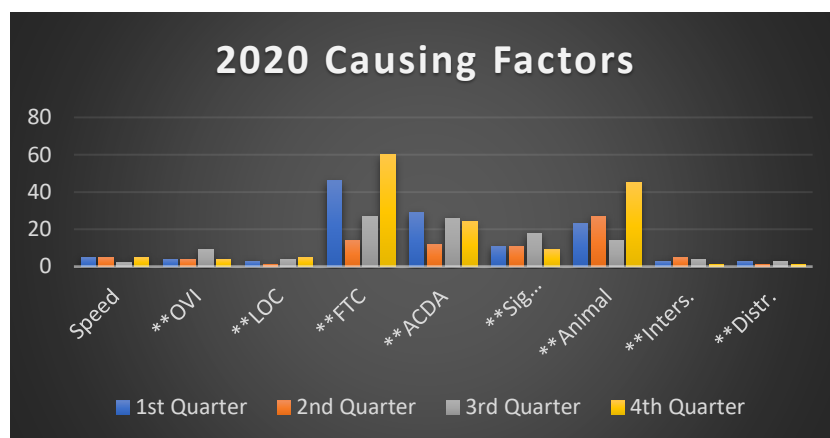
Patrol Division Stats

	1 st Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	Totals
Calls for Service	6,669	7,342	7,525	5,875	27,411
Reports Taken	191	236	227	221	875
Civil Process Served	637	314	588	383	1,922
Citations	375	193	445	346	1,359
Friendly Warnings	756	734	1,132	597	3,209
Traffic Stops	1,271	1,136	1,711	1,034	5,152
Vacation/Security Watches	752	158	148	334	1,392
Area Watches	2,273	2,722	2,180	2,083	9,258
Housing Additions	1,779	2,123	1,882	1,579	7,363
Alarm Responses	400	325	424	336	1,485
Crash Reports	127	82	110	159	478
OVI Arrests	12	10	29	13	64
Felony Arrests	29	27	56	34	145
Misdemeanor Arrests	50	57	78	44	229
Juvenile Arrests	6	1	3	5	15
Community Policing Contacts	646	814	802	530	2,792



2020 Crashes

	1st	2nd	3rd	4 th Otr
Days of the Week				
Sunday	13	14	16	16
Monday	18	12	17	34
Tuesday	17	10	15	25
Wednesday	25	13	17	20
Thursday	20	10	17	24
Friday	14	10	15	21
Saturday	20	6	12	17
Road Contour				
Straight	106	64	93	126
Curve	21	17	16	29
Road Condition				
Dry	70	64	98	103
Wet	28	14	10	30
Snow/Ice	28	0	0	23
Weather				
Clear	62	58	86	85
Cloudy	20	9	15	31
Sunny	0	0	0	116
Rain	22	12	6	20
Snow	22	0	0	19
Fog	0	0	2	0
Vehicle Type				
Commercial	16	5	9	10
Passenger	90	64	79	109
Pick Up	20	4	14	31
Motorcycle	0	5	4	0
Bicycle	0	0	0	0
Gender of Driver				
Male	85	54	72	90
Female	40	24	31	50
Age of Driver				
<18	10	4	4	10
18-25	26	20	24	29
25-40	30	24	35	42
>40	57	29	40	64
Alcohol or Drug Related				
<18	0	0	0	0
18-21	0	0	1	0
>21	4	4	6	4
Causing Factor				
Speed	5	5	2	5
**OVI	4	4	9	4
**LOC	3	1	4	5
**FTC	46	14	27	60
**ACDA	29	12	26	24
**Sig Device/FTY	11	11	18	9
**Animal	23	27	14	45
**Inters.	3	5	4	1
**Distr.	3	1	3	1



****CAUSING FACTORS KEY**

OVI
Operating a Vehicle While Impaired

LOC
Left of Center

FTC
Failure to Control

ACDA
Assured Clear Distance Ahead

Sig. Device/FTY
Failure to Yield

Animal
Vehicle Strikes an Animal
(deer, dog, etc.)

Inters.
Intersection

Distr.
Distraction



UCSO - K-9 Unit



Deputy Matejko and K9 Partner Zeus	1 st Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	Totals
Training Hours	72	67	76	84	299
Felony Arrests/Cases	1	3	5	8	17
Other Arrests	3	5	9	2	19
Recovered Weapons	-	1	1	1	3
Assist Other Agencies	12	4	5	2	23
UCSO Assists	15	4	10	2	31
K9 Uses	16	6	16	13	51
Positive Indication	10	4	11	7	32
No Indications	1	0	5	3	9
Apprehensions	5	1	3	4	13
Track	-	0	1	0	1
Area/Building Search	5	2	2	3	12
School Searches	1	0	0	0	1
Public Appearances	2	6	0	1	9
Value of Drugs Seized	\$6,575.00	\$900.00	\$1,600.00	1,020	\$10,095
Types of Drugs Seized	Cocaine, Marijuana, Methamphetamine	Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, GHB	Pills, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana	Meth, Fentanyl	





PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (PSO's)

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	Totals
Business/Info Update	0	0	1	0	1
Calls Handled out of District	8	12	10	3	33
Elderly Checks	13	14	13	21	61
EMS Runs in District	16	7	8	0	31
EMS Runs out of District	1	5	0	1	7
Fire Runs in District	5	1	4	1	11
Fire Runs out of District	0	4	1	0	5
First on Scene	9	7	6	5	27





INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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2020 NOTABLE ACTS

In 2020 the Union County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division had an unprecedented year like no other due to the COVID virus. Many cases in the beginning of the year were investigated behind the scenes. The scare of COVID didn't allow for many tools of a detective to be used. Several of the cases were investigated by phone and researching leads from their office. However, this did not keep the detectives from doing their job with the mission, vision and core values of the Union County Sheriff's Office in mind. The stats were comparable to 2019 except for the division received 61 more cases and took 12 more reports.

The investigation division as a whole handled several large cases which were time consuming in their own way. Those cases have been indicted through the Union County Common Pleas Court. The following are a few of the major cases investigated in the year of 2020:

- 1) Joseph and Stacy Hamilton were investigated for fraud against Union County Job and Family Services. This investigation led detectives to a theft case involving Meineke Car Care Center in Marysville, Ohio where Stacy and Joseph were employed. Stacy and Joseph were indicted in 2020 for Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, Forgery, Theft of \$117,500 and Money Laundering. Joseph was indicted for Identity Fraud. Stacy was indicted for Tampering with Records and Theft of \$22,000.
- 2) Detectives investigated a report of manufacturing methamphetamine in Allen Township in Union County. A search warrant was obtained and served on the residence of Joseph Combs. Joseph was indicted for manufacturing methamphetamine and Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity.
- 3) Detectives investigated an overdose death involving Jarrod Spurlock. This investigation led detectives to Springfield, Ohio where two individuals were eventually indicted in the Union County Common Pleas Court. James Walden and Amanda Stigal were indicted for Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, Involuntary manslaughter, Trafficking in Methamphetamine and Corrupting Another with Drugs.
- 4) Detectives investigated an overdose death involving Luke Kunkle. Ethan Lowther was eventually indicted in the Union County Common Pleas Court for Involuntary Manslaughter, Corrupting Another with Drugs and Trafficking in Heroin.



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INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

2020 NOTABLE ACTS

- 5) Detectives investigated a report of Breaking and Entering at Country Jacks in Broadway, Ohio and unknown suspects at the time took a large amount of cigarettes. This case led detectives to discover eight other counties in central Ohio had similar cases. Detectives gathered all the reports, evidence, and facts from the other counties. Union County Sheriff's Office detectives were able to track the suspect and make an apprehension during a Breaking and Entering at a gas station in Morrow County. Andrew Foster, Louis Odom, and Tracy Chambers were indicted in the Union County Common Pleas Court for Theft, Breaking and Entering and Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity. Andrew Foster received up to 14 ½ years in prison and required to pay restitution in the amount of \$28,000 dollars.
- 6) Detectives with the Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a contractor who entered into a contract with a Union County resident to service their property. The suspect in the case is Brian Watkins, he lived in Delaware County, Ohio. Union County detectives learned that Mr. Watkins was not new to this scam and it was discovered seven other counties were involved totaling 20 cases. Mr. Watkins was indicted in the Union County Common Pleas Court for Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, Theft with an elderly specification and Telecommunications. The total theft amount was 103,725 dollars.



Investigations Division Stats

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.
New Cases	62	68	67	69
Cases Closed	50	46	62	80
Under Investigation				
# Individuals Indicted	13	11	4	11
# Counts of Indictments	36	64	16	28
# Juvenile Cases Presented to Pros.	1	1	2	3
# Misdemeanor Cases Presented to Pros.	3	5	1	2
# Felony Cases Presented to Pros.	18	17	5	15
Scenes Processed	21	22	30	16
Consent Searches	11	7	17	17
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	10	8	16	15
# Subpoena to Pros. Office/ Administrative Subpoenas filed	10	25	37	21
Sexual Offenders Checked	37	25	60	61
Training Hours	47.0	21.0	33.0	30
Presentation Hours (Community, C.A., Schools, etc.)	4.0	0.0	6.0	0.0
# Pre-employ Background Invest.	4	7	1	3
Hours Spent Cell Phone Forensics	33.0	11.0	13.0	13.0

M.A.D.E. Task Force

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4 th Qtr
Drug Tips	23	15	54	30
Drug Tips Followed up on	5	4	12	14
Drugs Seized:				
Cocaine: (grams)	tbd	0	27.25	.25g
Fentanyl (grams)	.23g	0	tbd	.25g
Heroin: (unit dosages)	.10g	3.3g	tbd	
Methamphetamines: (grams)	12.15g	41.48g	238.52g	10.19g
Pills: (unit dosages)	1	1	0	4
Mushrooms: (grams)	0	0	0	
Hashish: (grams)	tbd	0	tbd	
MDMA: (grams)	3-4 doses	0	tbd	
Marijuana: (grams)	tbd	0	88.57g	
Marijuana: (# of plants)	0	0	54	
Money Seized from Suspects	\$7,156.00	\$40.00	\$1,020.00	\$443.00
Money received from Clerks Off.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,370.00	\$563.84
Funds Dispersed to CI:	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance of Cash Funds:	\$1,718.13	\$1,658.13	\$1,658.13	\$1,658.13
Drug Take Back: (Pounds)	n/a	n/a	n/a	79,378.66
RX Turned into UCSO Dropbox:	43.66 lbs	79.99 lbs	31.09 lbs	32.98 lbs
RX Turned into County: (pounds)	56.05 lbs	102.67 lbs	40.91 lbs	215.91 lbs





SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

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2020 NOTABLES

In 2020, the Support Services Division worked meticulously to continue providing the services Union County Citizens are accustomed. The School Resource Officers (SRO) worked diligently in the performance of their duties within the schools. The pandemic imposed many restrictions and challenges which posed very difficult, but the SRO's made last-minute changes to their schedules to accommodate the needs of the teachers and students. Visits were also made to several homes for student well-being checks as needed. The UCSO appointed a third SRO in 2020 assigned to Raymond Elementary, Trinity and St. John's Lutheran schools.

The SRO's conducted Threat Assessments for all the county schools with assistance from school employees. The assessments provide best practices for violence prevention, once completed they are submitted to the State of Ohio. This information provides the state a better understanding of how the schools across the State of Ohio are planning for the safety of their students and staff.

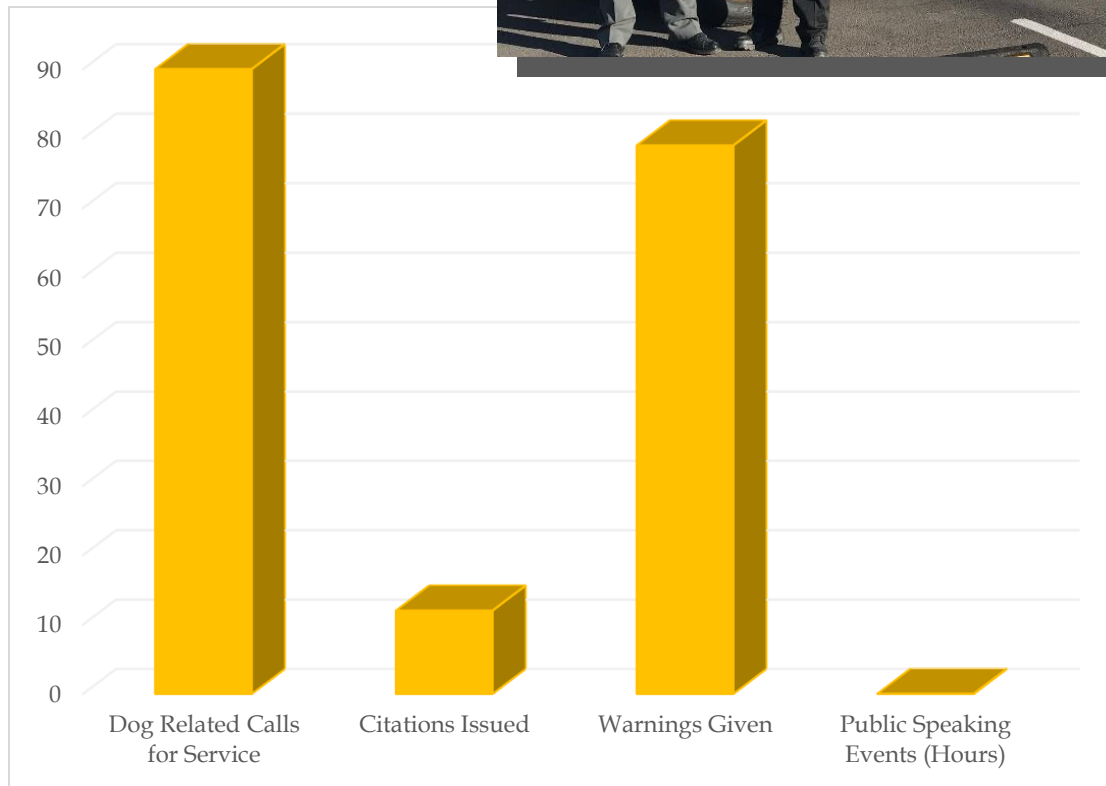
The Support Services Division also added a C.I.T./C.I.S.M. Coordinator, this position was appointed to work with U.C.M.H.R.B. to coordinate training and resources for all of Union County. In 2020, we were able to conduct a full 40 hours basic C.I.T. class, which posed very difficult to accomplish during the pandemic. The countywide C.I.S.M. team held various virtual trainings for the Union County Health Department and an area school. The UCSO C.I.S.M. team assisted five families who had experienced sudden deaths due to suicides and overdoses.

Our Community Education staff was able to conduct a couple events in 2020, all others were canceled due to the pandemic. The Annual Turkey Shoot was held on November 7 and the Shop with a Hero on December 12.



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Support Services Commander
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Dog Warden



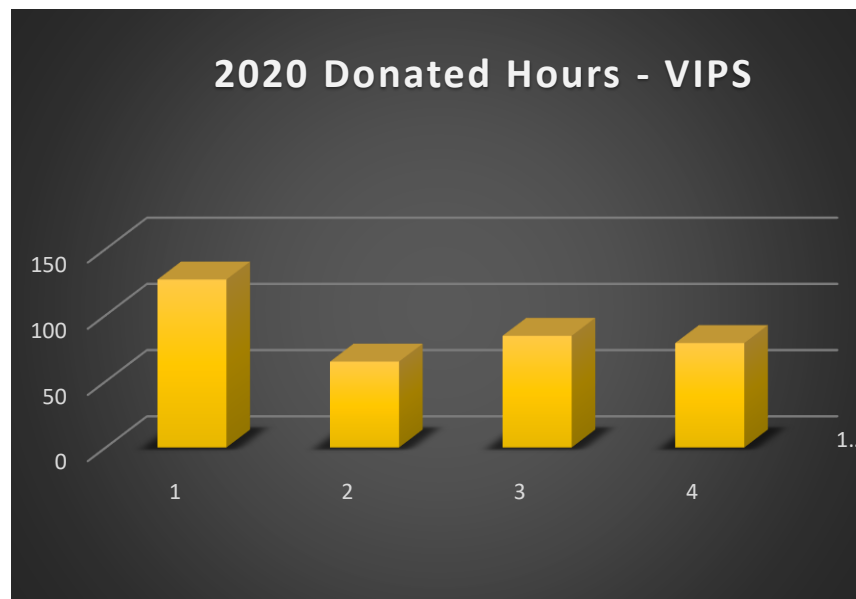
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Dog Related Calls for Service	239	271	287	977
Citations Issued	11	14	5	42
Warnings Given	55	72	62	268
Public Speaking Events (Hours)	0	1	0	1



Volunteer In Police Services VIPS



VIPS Donated Hours	
1st Qtr	127
2nd Qtr	65
3rd Qtr	84.5
4 th Qtr	79



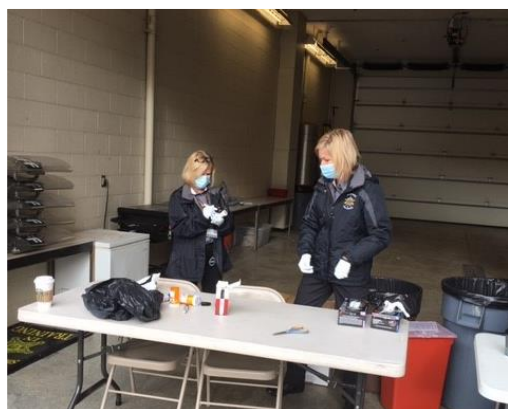
Annual Drug “Take Back” Day

On October 24, 2020, the Union County Sheriff’s Office was one of the host sights for the Annual Drug “Take Back” Day. 175 pounds of expired and unneeded medications between the UCSO, Plain City Police Department and Richwood Police Department was collected.

Any expired, unneeded or unwanted medications can be properly disposed of quickly and anonymously in the RX Dropbox located in the lobby of the Union County Justice Center. The Dropbox is available 24/7.

PLEASE NOTE:

We cannot accept syringes
or needles in this receptacle.





COURT SERVICES DIVISION

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2020 NOTABLES



The COVID-19 pandemic brought several new challenges to the Court Services staff in 2020. Checking temperatures and making sure everyone wore masks was one of the first things required by the courts for entry into the Courthouse. Most of the court offices were closed to the public, but staff members continued to provide services with limited online access. Court hearings were suspended for several months until a system was put in place to hold virtual hearings.

The pandemic also caused a delay in the construction of the new lobby, which was to open in early 2020. Thankful construction resumed and the new lobby opened for business on Friday December 3, 2020 with the entry to the Courthouse and Justice center being moved to the 6th Street side of the building. The 5th Street doors are utilized for an emergency exit only.

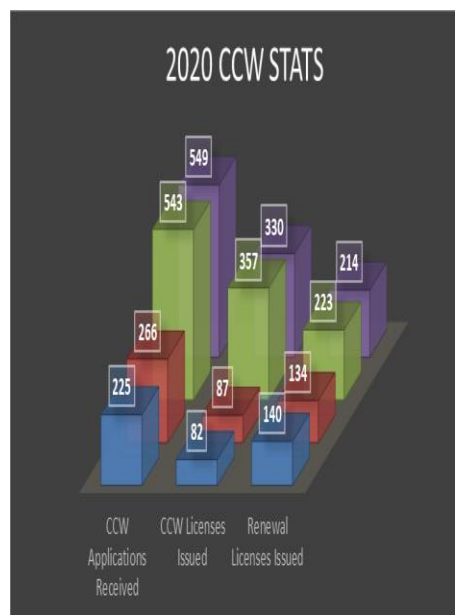


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Court Services Commander
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Court Services Division Stats



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Transports	225	96	159	142
Municipal Court Transport	28	1	2	0
Juvenile/Probate Transport	23	4	5	10
Common Pleas Court Transport	57	15	35	24
Adult Parole Transports	8	10	31	17
Municipal Court Detail	0	0	0	0
Probate/Juvenile Court Detail	36	11	13	17
Common Pleas Court Detail	124	24	65	42
Sex Offender Registrations	33	28	32	24
Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts	38	25	76	73
Web Checks	430	499	803	737
CCW Applications Received	225	266	543	549
CCW Licenses Issued	82	87	357	330
Renewal Licenses Issued	140	134	223	214
Civilian Fingerprints	19	13	22	14
Civil Process Received	711	419	650	447
Warrants Received	305	183	308	337
Sheriff Sales Received	16	0	1	0
Sheriff Sales Sold	6	2	0	1
Sheriff Sales Returned (unsold)	1	4	0	9
Cases Processed	191	236	227	221
Citations	375	293	445	346
Friendly Warnings	746	734	1132	597
Public Records Request	221	125	250	238
Background Checks	86	32	63	73





TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL

Champaign – Madison – Union Counties

4099 State Route 559

Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044

Phone: 937-834-5000

Maximum Number of Beds Allowed Per Day: 52									
Daily Average Common Pleas			Daily Average Municipal Court					Overage	
Month	Total	Male	Fe- male	Total	Male	Fe- male	Union County TOTAL	Monthly Bed Overage	Overage Amt. Paid to Tri-County at \$45/Day
January	49	37	12	12	9	3	61	232	\$ 10,440.00
February	47	38	9	8	6	1	55	98	\$ 4,410.00
March	39	32	7	9	8	2	48	75	\$ 3,375.00
April	26	24	9	9	8	0	35	0	\$ -
May	30	25	7	6	4	1	35	0	\$ -
June	30	21	3	5	4	1	35	0	\$ -
July	31	27	7	6	4	2	37	0	\$ -
August	45	36	9	9	7	3	55	115	\$ 5,175.00
September	44	35	10	11	7	5	55	9	\$ 5,085.00
October	46	37	8	13	11	2	59	151	\$ 6,795.00
November	34	27	7	8	7	2	42	10	\$ 450.00
December	31	24	7	7	6	1	38	1	\$ -

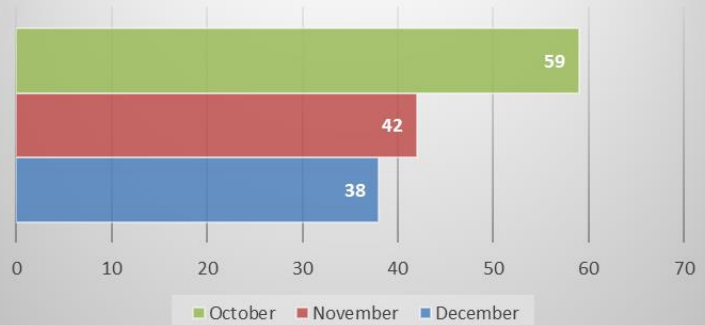
Local Sheriff Information

Champaign County Sheriff
Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff
John R. Swaney

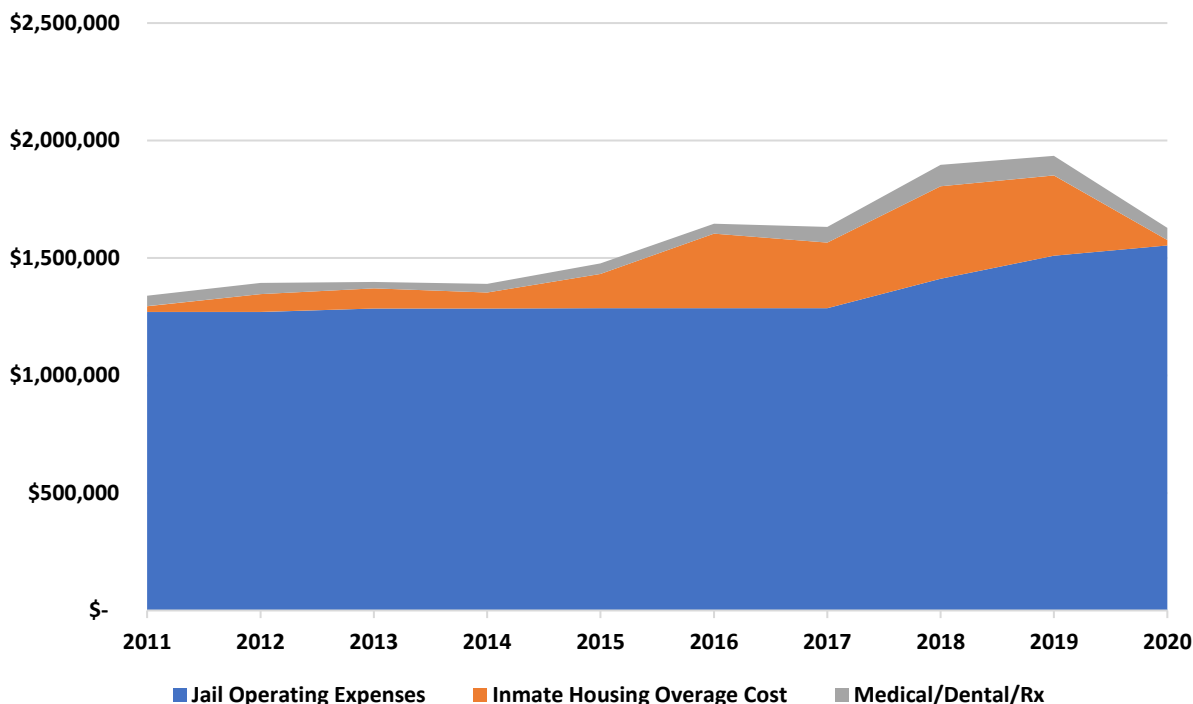
Union County Sheriff
Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton

4th Qtr Total Bed Average for Union County

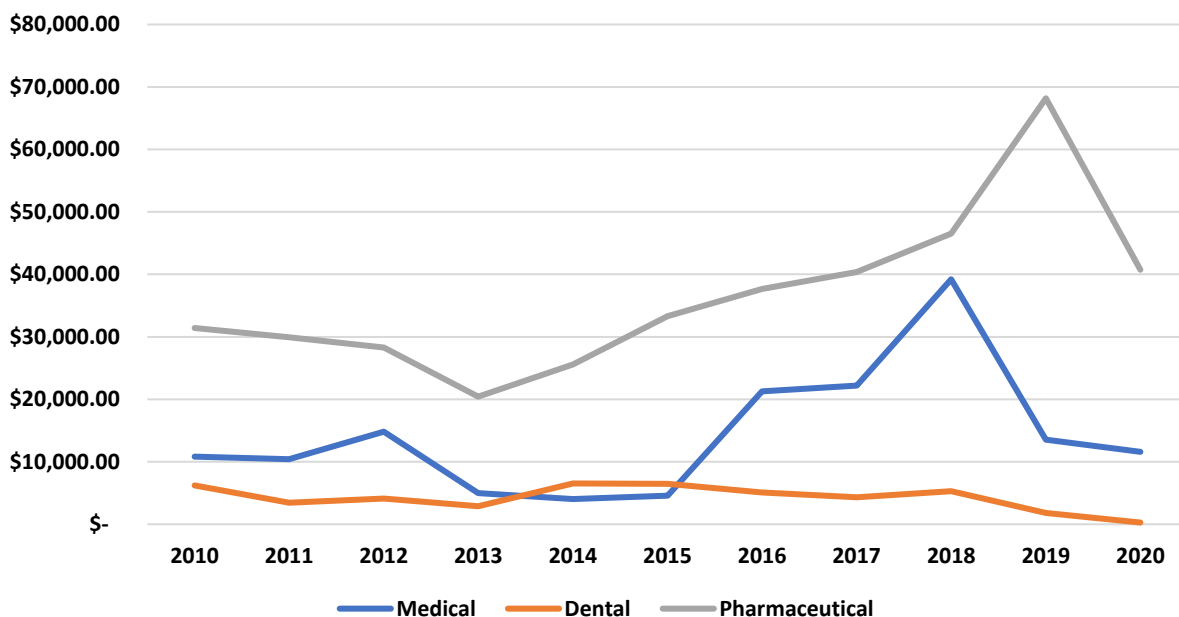


Tri-County Regional Jail

Tri-County Regional Jail serves and protects the citizens of Champaign, Madison and Union Counties. The cost of housing and caring for inmates has steadily increased since 2011. This year was challenging at the jail and inmate populations were kept low to keep everyone safe. Healthcare and housing costs saw decreases while operating costs increased only slightly.

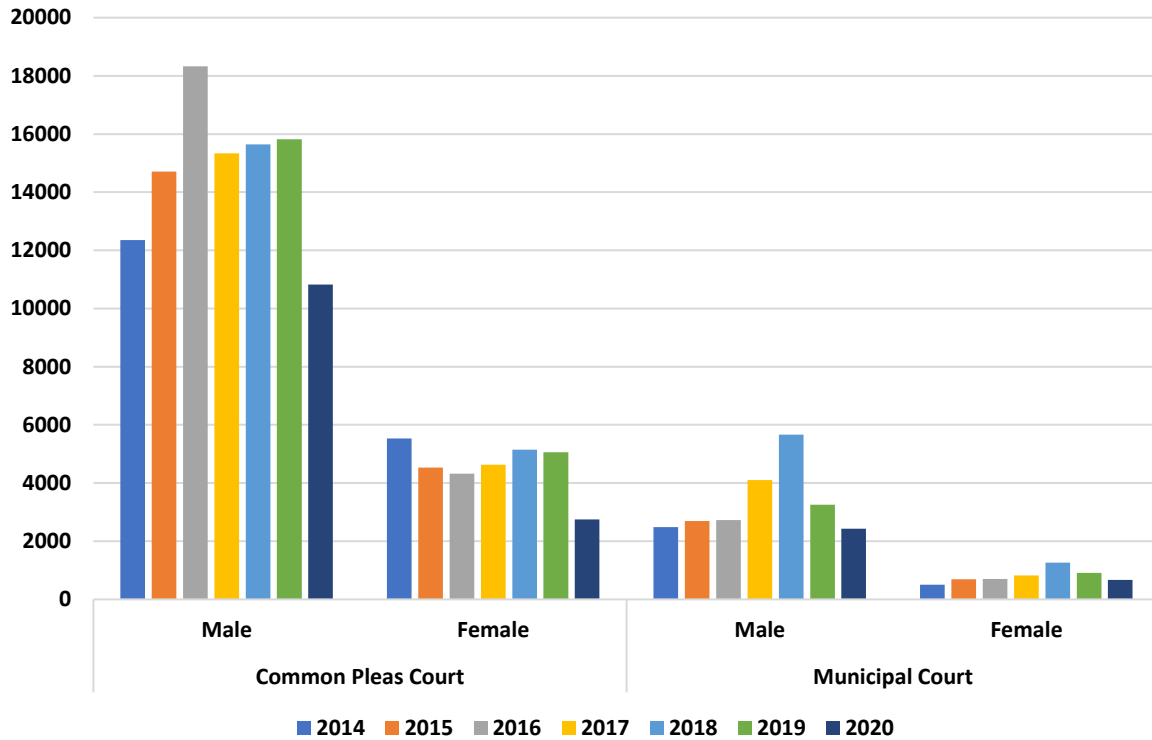


Since the inmate population was kept low due to COVID-19, the cost of healthcare decreased.

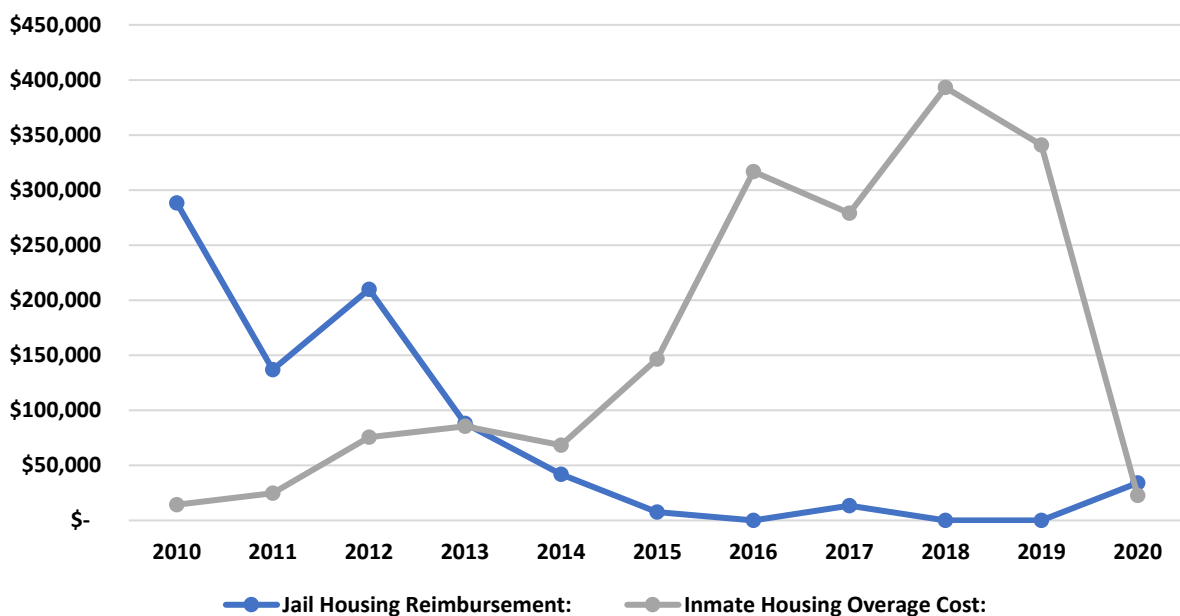


Union County has an allowance of 52 inmate beds at the jail. In general, inmate population – both male and female – was substantially less than prior years because of COVID-19.

Total Annual Inmate Population



Since the inmate population was reduced in 2020 to protect jail employees and inmates alike, housing overage costs saw a sharp decrease. Union County was reimbursed \$22,376 in housing costs this year.





COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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2020 NOTABLES



The Communications Division is a division within the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO) that handles 9-1-1 emergency calls for the county and dispatches for nine (9) fire and emergency services departments and two (2) law enforcement agencies in addition to the UCSO.

We currently operate a Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) system.

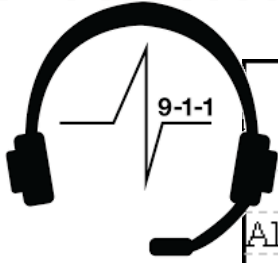
The dispatcher automatically has information such as address, phone number, owner's name and police, fire, and medical jurisdiction.

The UCSO also has text-to-9-1-1 capabilities for those whose safety may be compromised by speaking or those with speech or hearing impairments.



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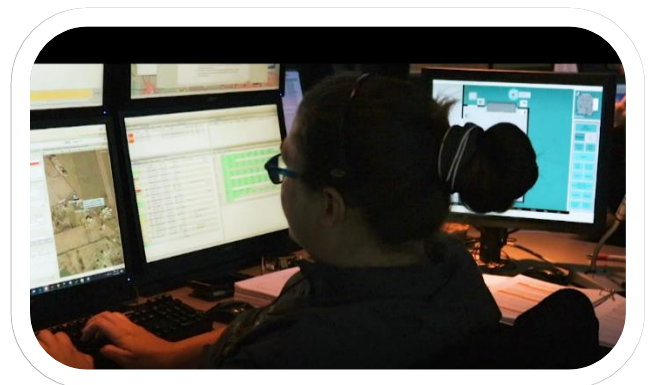
Communications Division Stats



Township Stats (9-1-1 Calls by Township)				
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Allen Twp	223	222	308	223
Claibourne	288	356	353	325
Darby Twp	88	115	122	139
Dover Twp	101	148	203	148
Jackson Twp	42	47	47	68
Jerome Twp	460	507	656	538
Leesburg Twp	107	138	113	140
Liberty Twp	114	154	161	204
Millcreek Twp	96	82	138	108
Other	357	389	457	392
Paris Twp	1292	1471	1661	1500
Taylor Twp	90	107	109	98
Union Twp	102	146	166	138
Washington	47	53	57	59
York Twp	40	63	92	76
Zane Twp	71	62	32	34
Washington	46	29	51	42

Union County 9-1-1 Calls

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
911 Misroute	3	4	0	1
Information	21	54	65	31
Follow-up	317	377	377	300
Cell 9-1-1				
=>Police	1481	1679	1991	1671
=>Fire	84	159	179	132
=>EMS	441	597	665	710
=>Accidents	402	262	350	450
=>Unknown	6	10	15	10
=>Error/Info	316	592	649	447

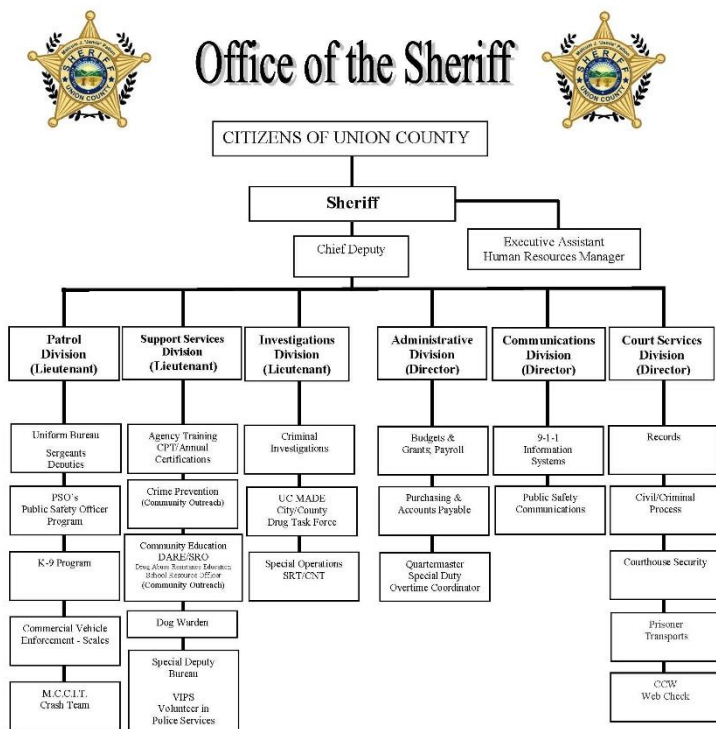




ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

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The Administrative Division is responsible for providing administrative support on a daily basis with numerous tasks, including but not limited to, human resource functions such as file maintenance, personnel administration, employee benefits and background investigations; financial functions such as accurate reporting, budgeting, inventory, grant research and funding; accounts payable functions, such as purchasing and processing purchase orders, payroll and the quartermaster system; accounts receivable functions, such as invoicing, receipt recording and processing pay-ins; research and development; legal matters; policy and procedures; contract negotiations and labor management.



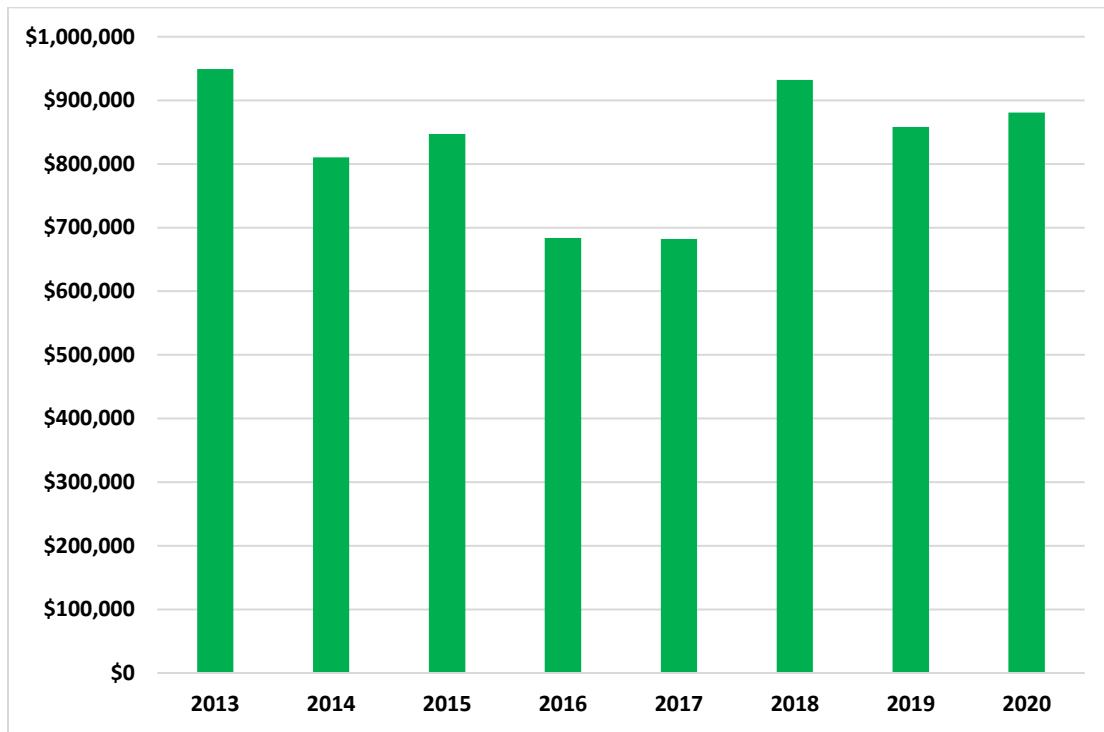
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General Fund Revenue

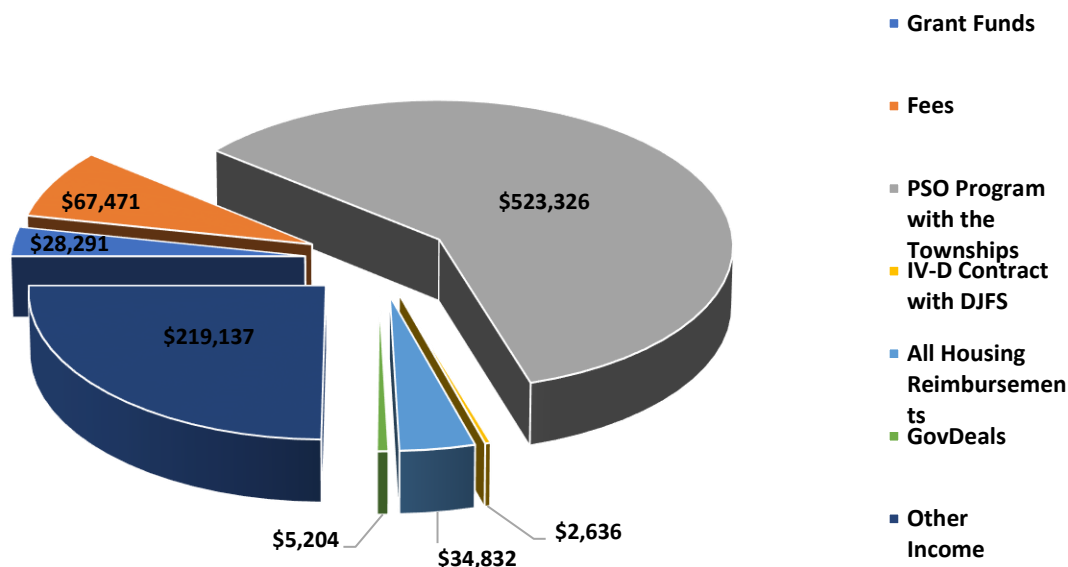
- The graph below shows revenue paid into the General Fund by the Sheriff's Office over an eight-year period.



2013-2020 Total Revenue = \$6,644,056

General Fund Revenue

This chart illustrates the sources of general fund revenue in fiscal year 2020.



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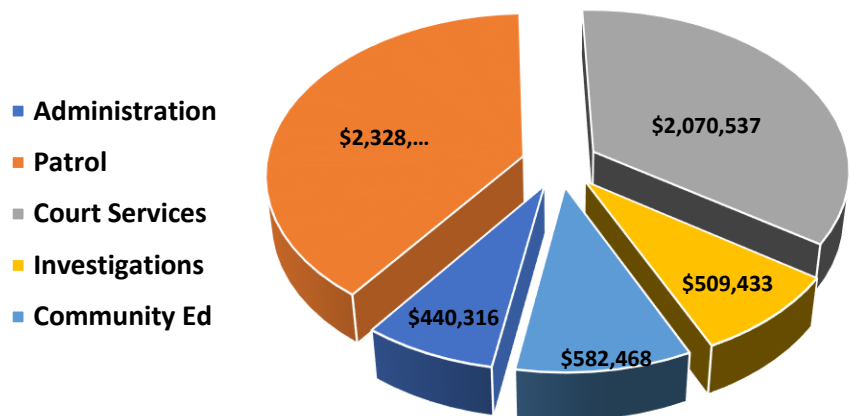
- Grant funding shown here was used to subsidize the wages of two School Resource Officers who instructed students in the Fairbanks and North Union School Districts in the DARE program.
- The fees category includes receipts from Sheriff's Sales, cruiser fees from special duties, fees from paper service and fees from copies of reports.
- Townships participating in the PSO program are: Darby, Jerome, Liberty, Millcreek, and Taylor.
- Service of process trips made by Sheriff's Office deputies under the IV-D contract with DJFS for child support delinquency totaled 30.
- Housing reimbursements include payments for DUI Housing from Marysville Municipal Court as well as inmate housing overage reimbursements and inmate Pay for Stay at Tri County Regional Jail.
- Retired equipment at end of life and no longer able to be used by the Sheriff's Office was sold on GovDeals.
- The Other Income section includes restitution, unexpended FOJ funds, the Sheriff's salary reimbursement from the State of Ohio and salary reimbursements for the positions of CIT/CISM Coordinator, Dog Warden, School Resource Officer and DJFS Detective.

Facts and Figures

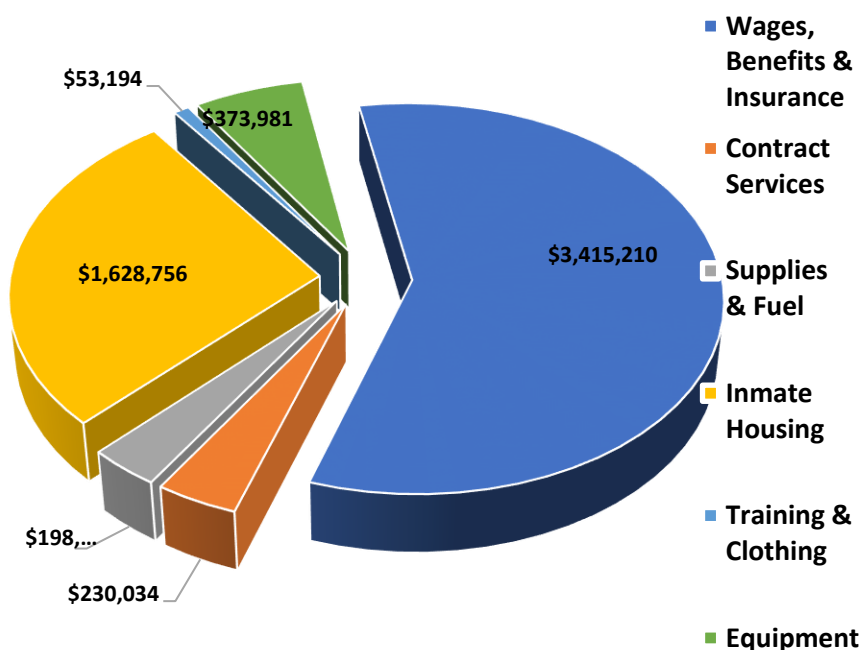
- Managed the Sheriff's Office budget of \$10,518,901 which includes expenses from Tri-County Regional Jail and the 9-1-1 Center
- Received \$523,326 from Public Safety Officer contractual relationships with participating townships
- The school districts of Fairbanks and North Union contributed \$25,000 each to the School Resource Officer program
- Department of Human Services reimbursed the wages and benefits for the assigned position of fraud detective in the amount of \$95,799
- Received \$27,250 in funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in support of DARE programs in the Fairbanks and North Union School Districts.
- CARES Fund dollars were used to help offset wages of Sheriff's Office employees, all of whom reported for duty during the pandemic, in the amount of \$1,592,907
- Collected \$56,597 in fees for all Sheriff's Office services and \$2,350 from other law enforcement agencies for use of our training facility
- Received grant funding for the purchase of twenty-five body worn cameras, \$18,581 and one in car camera system, \$5,201
- Tri-County Regional Jail distributed \$11,455 in psychotropic drug reimbursements from the State of Ohio for Union County inmates
- Coordinated the purchase of four sport utility vehicles and two pickup trucks in the fleet rotation for the Patrol division as well as a replacement vehicle for the Investigations division
- Purchased a replacement vehicle and equipment for commercial vehicle enforcement
- Organized the purchase and remodel of a gently used Command Bus

- Shared in funding with the Commissioner's Office to replace ballistic vests for nine deputies and with purchasing six vests for newly hired deputies
- Assisted with the purchase of twenty-two modems to replace end of life modems in patrol cruisers
- Replaced seven PC's at workstations
- Purchased five overhead gun mounts, three TASERS, three handguns, four shotguns and four radar units for Patrol cruisers
- Helped the Investigations division purchase three covert GPS tracking units to replace end of life units

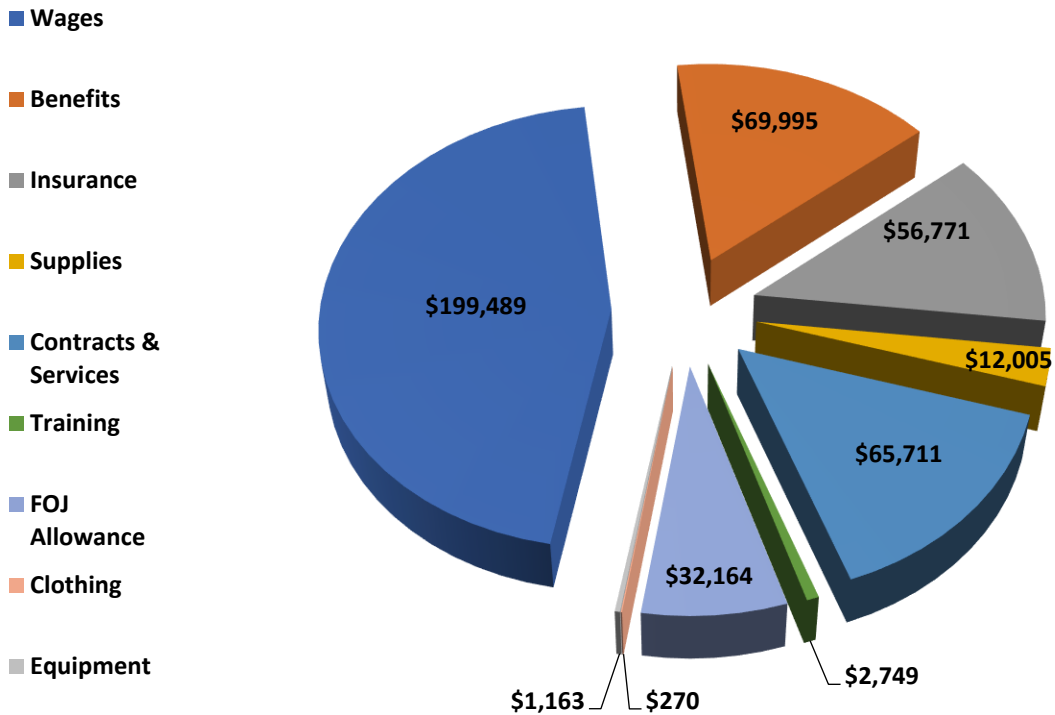
2020 General Fund Expenses by Division



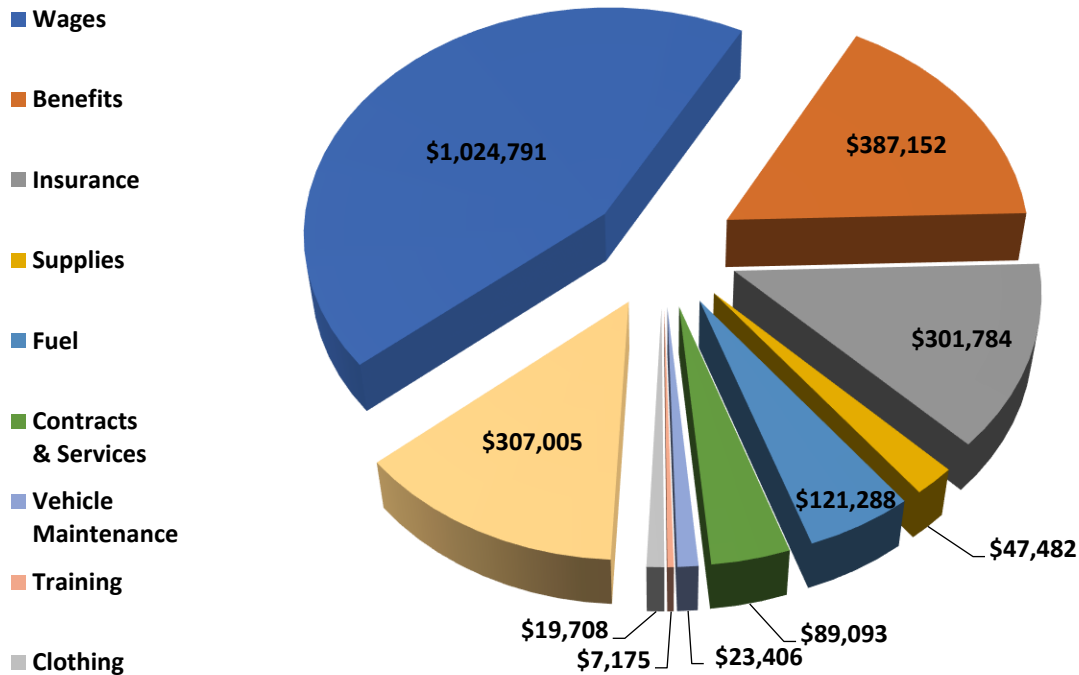
2020 General Fund Expenses by Category



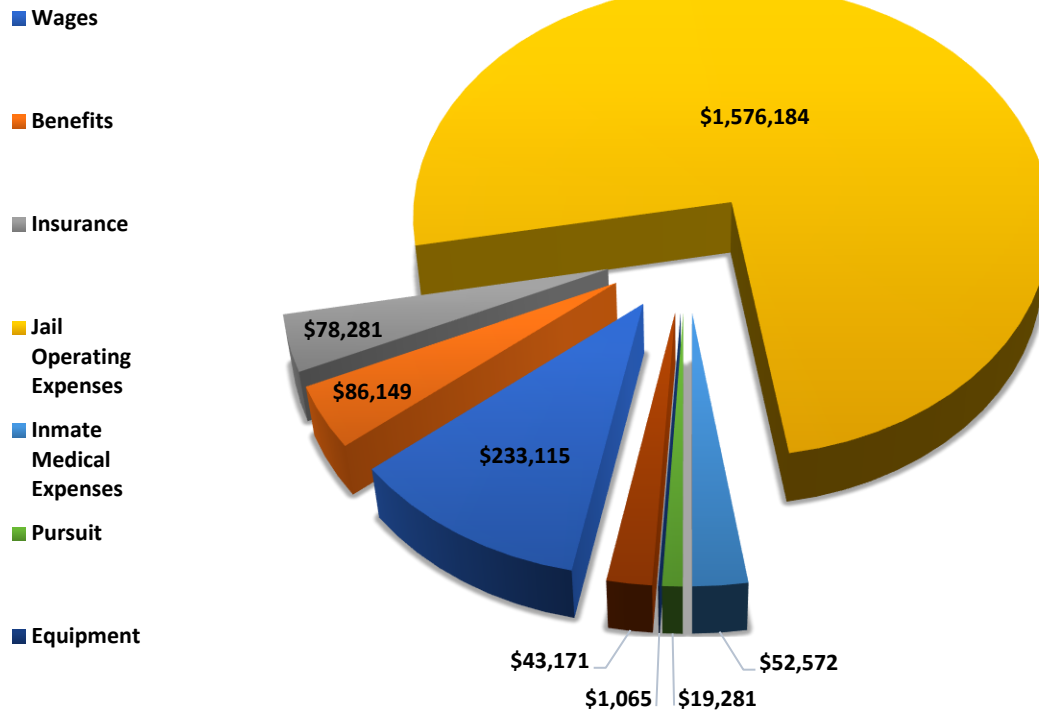
2020 Expenditures by Division & Category Administration



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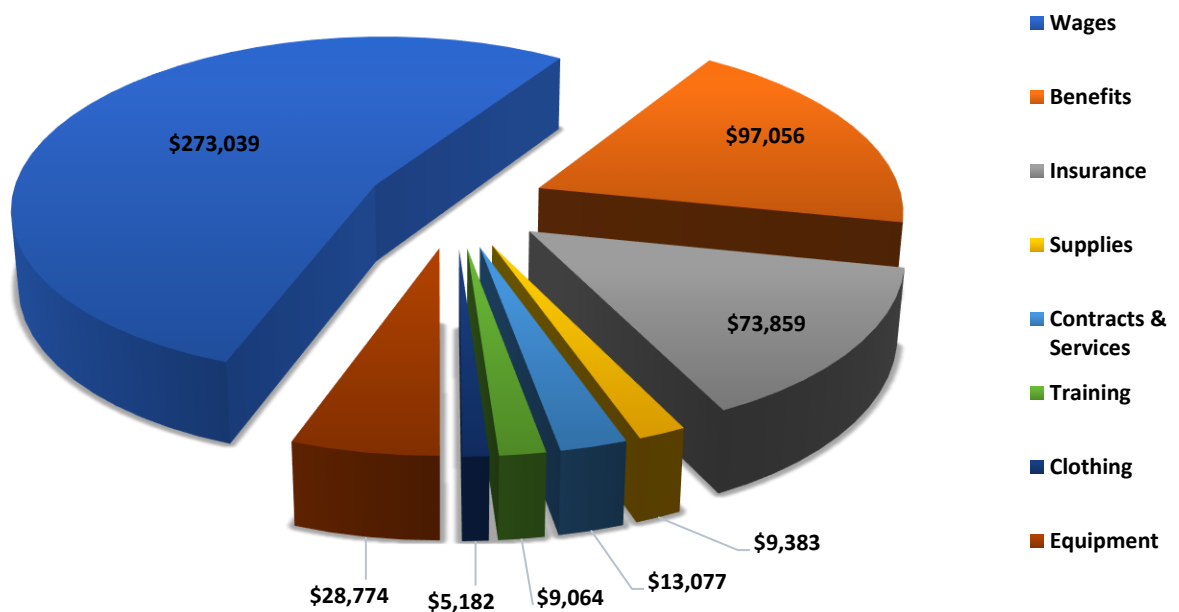


Court Services

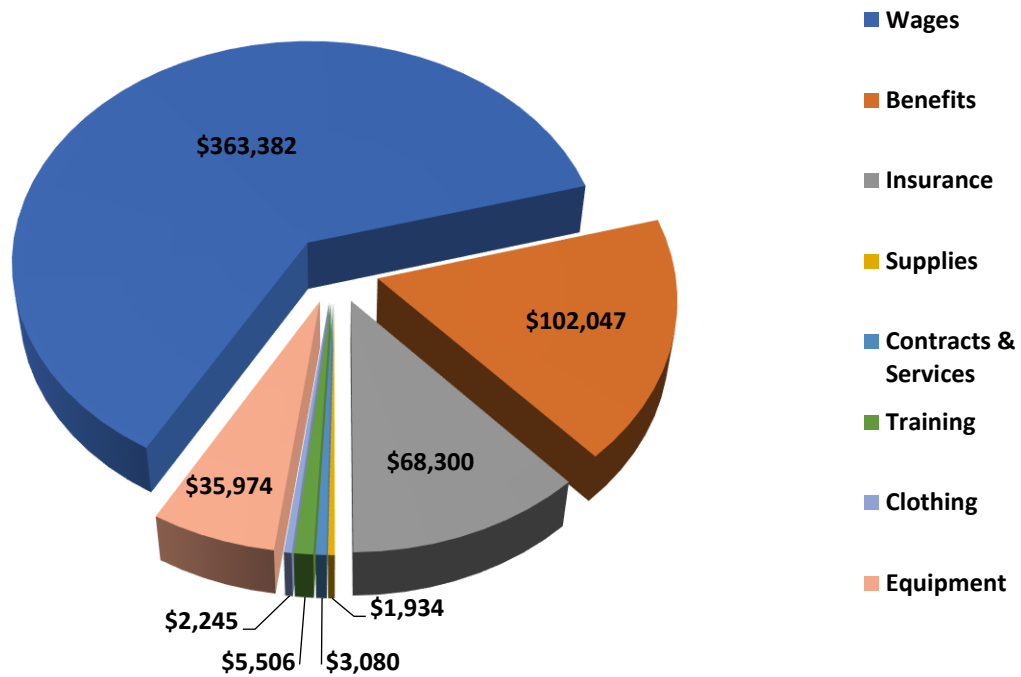


**Other Expenses includes Supplies, Contract Services, Training and Clothing

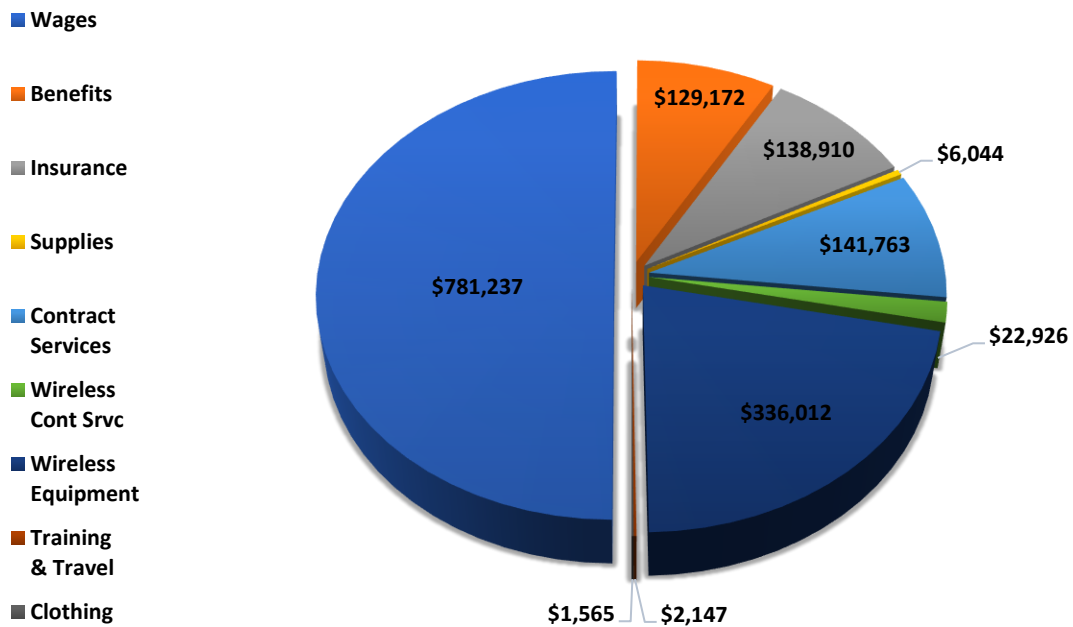
Investigations



Support Services Education

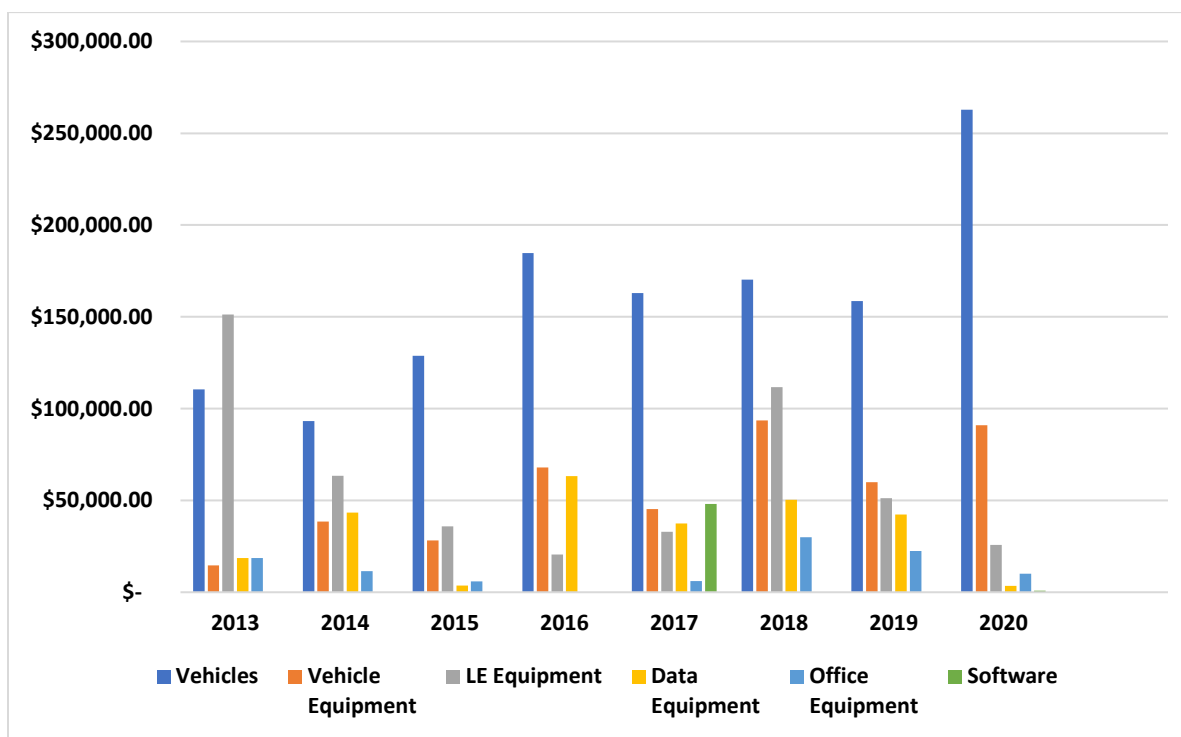


Communications (9-1-1)



General Fund Equipment

- The graph below shows General Fund equipment purchases made by the Sheriff's Office over an eight year period.



- Every year vehicles are replaced as part of our planned rotation. In 2020, four Ford sport utility and two Ford F-150 pickups were purchased for the Patrol division and a Honda CRV was purchased to replace a vehicle in the Investigations division
- A replacement vehicle and equipment was purchased for commercial vehicle enforcement
- Equipment for new vehicles continues to remain high due to the inability to reuse equipment from retired vehicles in the new models
- TASERS, radar units, GPS covert trackers and modems were purchased to replace equipment that is at the end of serviceable life
- Shotguns that fire beanbags which will be used as less lethal weapons were purchased for the Sergeants' vehicles
- Weights, exercise bike and Stairmaster were purchased for the fitness room
- A ballistic shield and rescue phone were purchased for the SRT



HUMAN RESOURCES

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2020 NOTABLES

The Union County Sheriff's Office had seven (7) resignations and one (1) retirement in 2020.

In 2020, we hired four (4) deputies, two (2) Deputy/PSO, and four (4) Communications Officers.

Moving into 2021, we will continue to search for replacement position; one (1) Deputy/PSO and one (1) Communications Officer.

Filling the above positions will allow the UCSO to begin hiring for the approved 2021 budgeted positions; (1) Deputy/PSO Jerome Twp, (1) School Resource Officer Dublin Schools (Depp Elementary and Eversole Run MS), (1) Detective (MADE Task Force) and (1) Assistant Communications Director.




<i>Personnel Stats</i>	<i>2020</i>		<i>Personnel Action</i>	<i>2020</i>
Total Employees	66		New Hires	10
Males	50		Resignations	7
Females	16		• 3 Deputies	
Sworn	45		• 4 Dispatchers	
Civilian	21		Dismissed from Probation	2
Sworn Staff				
Sworn Males	44			
Sworn Females	1		Retirements	1
Volunteers				
Special Deputies	3			
*VIPS	7		Terminations	1
*Volunteer In Police Services				



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HIRING PROCESS

The hiring process for the Union County Sheriff's Office is a very extensive procedure to ensure we may find the right candidate for our positions. Our mission is to consistently strive to maintain and promote a safe environment for our community, by providing quality services and leadership, and by demonstrating a proactive approach to public safety.

Deputy Sheriff	2020	Public Safety Officer	2020
Total Applications Sent	134	Total Applications Sent	23
Applications Returned	59	Applications Returned	7
Applications Not Returned	69	Applications Not Returned	16
Not OPOTA Certified	5	Not OPOTA Certified	0
Withdrew from Hiring Process	1	Withdrew from Hiring Process	0
Failed National Testing Network	4	Physical Fitness – No Show	0
Physical Fitness – No Show	4	Physical Fitness - Disqualification	0
Disqualified Applicants	30	Disqualified Applicants	0
No Show to Interview	2	No Show to Interview	1
Not Recommended after Interview	22	Not Recommended after Interview	4
Offered Position – Declined	1	Offered Position – Declined	0
Hired 2020 Applicant List	2	Hired 2020 Applicant List	2
Hired 2019 Eligibility List	2		
Communications Officer	2020		
Total Applications Sent	198		
Applications Returned	46		
Applications Not Returned	152		
Disqualifying Conditions	13		
Failed/No Show Critical Testing	15		
Withdrew from Process	2		
No Show to Interview	1		
Not Recommended after Interview	7		
Conditional Offer Rescinded	3		
Hired 2020 Applicant List	4		
Application placed on hold	1		



UCSO ANNUAL AWARDS

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In preparation for 2021, the Union County Sheriff's Office gathered to celebrate the achievements of our staff. In order to ensure proper COVID-19 protocols, the awards ceremony was held at the Veteran's Auditorium for staff members only.

Congratulations to all of those who received awards! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to both our agency and our community!



YEARS of SERVICE

TWO YEARS OF SERVICE: Mike Austin

FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE: Seth McDowell; Sean Phalen; Andrea Schalip

TEN YEARS OF SERVICE: Ricky Garrison

FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE: Joel Thorpe; Stephanie Wilhelm

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE: Josh Campbell; Rod Wilson

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE: Aaron McKinnon; Pete Lenhardt

THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE: Thomas Bidlack; Mike Justice; Jamie Patton

YEARS of SERVICE CRYSTALS

(Presented to employees for years of service with the UCSO)

TWENTY YEARS OF UCSO SERVICE: Josh Campbell; Rich Crabtree

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF UCSO SERVICE: Bob Roberts

THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE: Michael Justice; Matthew Warden

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

FIFTEEN YEARS: Chad Lee

TWENTY YEARS: Matt Henry; Jeff Stiers

EDUCATION AWARDS

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE:

Zach Rocklin (Stark State College); Mike Austin (University of Phoenix)

BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE:

Mike Casey (Ohio University)

NRA Shooting Awards

EXPERT:

Rod Wilson; Mike Casey; Matt Warden; Bob Roberts; Josh Kent;
Ricky Garrison; Joel Thorpe; Adam Haycox.

SHARPSHOOTER:

Curtis Myers; Scott Robinson; Morgan Brown; Dimitri Tuzin;
James Mitchell; Kevin Rigano; Wyatt Payton; Seth McDowell



CERTIFICATIONS

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT):

Zach Rocklin; Wyatt Payton

RAD Instructor (2019):

Shawn Dyer; Rod Wilson; Alicia Bosch

Field Training Officer (FTO):

Ricky Garrison; Curtis Myers; Ben Smith; Josh Kent

SRT Certification:

Bob Roberts; Josh Kent; Ricky Garrison

Public Safety Officer (PSO):

Jordan Shoemaker; Wyatt Payton

HNT Certification:

Shawn Dyer



AGENCY AWARDS and ACOMPLISMENTS

Letters of Commendation:

Rich Crabtree (Honda Pioneer); Tom Bidlack, Rod Wilson, Jake Matejko, Josh Kent, Brittany Rausch, Stephanie Wilhelm, Paige DelPico (Pursuit); Kevin Rigano (Overdose)

Life Saving Award:

Scott Robinson (two awards presented); Lyle Herman; William Stuff; Woodrow Geer (Richwood PD); Cody Martindale (Richwood PD).

Sheriff's Individual Commendation Award:

Joel Thorpe (Meineke Case); Jordan Shoemaker (Robbery Traffic Stop)

Sheriff's Office Citation Award:

Scott Robinson (also receiving Stop Stick Deployment Pin) and Matthew Bebout (Pursuit)

Civilian Certificate of Appreciation:

Brian Lacy; Madison Andrews

Letter of Appreciation:

Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marysville Police Department and Ohio Department of Natural Resources for their assistance in a Pursuit.

February 24, 2020—Sheriff Patton and UCSO staff recognized Diane Gingerich and Ervin Wallace with Civilian Certificates of Recognition for their assistance to the Sheriff's Office.

February 24, 2020—Deputy Rich Crabtree received the North Union Pride Award from Superintendent Rich Baird and the North Union Board of Education for responding onto the basketball court during a high school game when the referee collapsed.

June 24, 2020—Lieutenant Matt Warden graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation.

September 3, 2020—Director Pam Millhoan graduated from the Union County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute.

November 10, 2020—Sheriff Jamie Patton was sworn in as the Second Vice President of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association; Director Betsy Spain was sworn in as the Southwest District Deputy Director.

November 18, 2020—Sheriff Jamie Patton, Chief Deputy Tom Morgan, Lieutenant Jeff Stiers, Lieutenant Matt Warden, and Director Betsy Spain received the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Certified Law Enforcement Manager Award



On July 31, 2020, Sergeant Lyle Herman retired from the Union County Sheriff's Office after 31.75 years of service. Congratulations Sgt. Herman!

We wish you the very best in your retirement years! Thank you for your dedication and service!



On October 23, 2020, Sergeant Matt Henry received the CIT Officer of the Year Award from the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County and the Union County CIT Steering Committee. Sgt. Henry was recognized for his exemplary community service while serving as the Crisis Intervention Training Program Manager from 2012-2020; playing a vital role in bringing the Crisis Intervention Training program to Union County; and organizing the first ever 40 hour CIT officer certification class.

Congratulations Sgt. Henry!



EMPLOYEES of the YEAR



The 2020 Deputy of the Year was awarded to Deputy Ben Smith. Deputy Smith began his career at the Union County Sheriff's Office in 2018. He joined the UCSO after previously serving six years as a Corrections Officer and Special Deputy with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, as well as serving as a Patrol Officer with the Shawnee Hills Police Department. Deputy Smith graduated from Bath High School and earned an Associate Degree in Public Services from James A. Rhodes State College in 2010. He completed basic Ohio Peace Officer Training in 2012. Deputy Smith was also selected in 2020 to serve as a Field Training Officer for the Sheriff's Office and will help train newly hired Deputies. Deputy Smith was nominated by his peers for his excellent work ethic, professionalism, dependability, and support of the Sheriff's Office Mission, Vision and Values.



The 2020 Civilian Employee of the Year is Jody Geer. Ms. Geer began her career at the Union County Sheriff's Office in 2017 and serves as the Accounts Payable Clerk in the Administrative Division. She is a graduate of Fairbanks High School and earned an Associate Degree in Applied Business from Marion Technical College in 1995. Jody Geer was nominated by her peers for her positive attitude, her reliability, attention to detail, and her commitment to go above and beyond to help members of the Sheriff's Office and the public.

"Ben and Jody are excellent employees and I am proud of the fact that they serve our staff and our community whole heartedly everyday", said Sheriff Patton.



CONGRATULATIONS

Dep. Ben Smith and Jody Geer!

2020





UCSO OVERVIEW

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2020 was a year of cancelations for many of our events, but we did our best with the ability to apply all social distancing rules. Hopeful for 2021! Continue to stay safe and continue to practice your social distancing.

NEW CIT/CISM COORIDNATOR

In January, the Union County Sheriff's Office names Deputy Morgan Brown as the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) & Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Coordinator. This position is grant funded and was created as part of the "Stepping Up Initiative". The Union County Sheriff's Office has formed a partnership for this initiative with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County (MHRBUC) and the Tri-County Regional Jail. The goal of the "Stepping Up Initiative" is to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails.



As the CIT Coordinator, Deputy Brown will be able to provide annual CIT trainings to ensure that all staff members have received the basic CIT training, which focuses on more specialized groups (Autism, Veterans, Youth, etc.). Deputy Brown will be responsible for recoding proper data from CIT reports that are completed after every interaction a Deputy has with someone believed to be having a mental health crisis. This data will be shared with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County. Having this data will provide UCSO and MHRBUC with guidance for training and equipment to help reduce the number of people with mental illness going to jail. Deputy Brown will also be working with first responders to help train on how to de-escalate scenarios related to mental illness and transporting individuals to Maryhaven (a behavioral health and addiction center in Union County) as opposed to jail.

The CISM portion of Deputy Brown's position is a volunteer team member of the public safety and affiliate professionals serving regional fire, EMS, law enforcement, industry, educational and other organization involved in any type of critical incident. The CISM team was developed and has evolved into a process that helps people be resistant, to be resilient and recover from critical incident stress. The CISM team can respond to a wide range of events: line of duty death, multi-casualty incidents, violence to a child, incidents where responders know the victim, etc. Team members range from Deputy Sheriffs', Marysville Police Officers, Marysville Fire and EMS personnel, MHRBUC personnel, local clergy, and other local support groups. The CISM team can be quickly activated through the local Emergency Management Agency. **To Request CISM Services/Response call 937-537-0141.**

If you are concerned about your mental health or that of someone you care about, it is important to get help.

Call: 24/7 Hotline—1-800-731-5577

Text: 4help to 85511

Walk-In: Maryhaven at the Mills Center, 715 S. Plum St., Marysville—call for hours.

Detective Bob Roberts began his new role as Sergeant within the UCSO Patrol Division on May 15, 2020. During the Pinning Ceremony, Sheriff Patton presented Sgt. Roberts with his promotion certificate. Pictured below, Sgt. Robert's wife, Niki along with his daughter, Logan, place his Sergeant stripes.

After graduating from West Jefferson High School, Bob Roberts attended Central Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (COPOTA), where he received his Ohio Peace Officer Certification on November 18, 1991. Bob worked as an auxiliary officer for the West Jefferson Police Department and Richwood Police Department before being hired on as a patrolman by the Richwood Police Department in 1992.

Bob Roberts joined the Union County Sheriff's Office as a full-time Dispatcher in 1995 and on April 19, 1997, he took on his position as a Deputy Sheriff in the Patrol Division. Throughout his 25 years of service, Bob has worked in various capacities such as Patrol Deputy, Sergeant, and K9 Handler. On May 26, 2017, Bob's K9 partner, Idor, retired after nearly 10 years of service to our community. On October 2, 2017, Bob took on his role as a Detective in our Investigations Division. Along with taking on his new role of Sergeant in the Patrol Division, he recently was assigned a position with the Special Response Team (SRT).

"Bob is a great asset to the UCSO, he continually shows his dedication and commitment to our office and the Citizens of Union County," says Sheriff Patton.

CONGRATULATIONS Sgt. Roberts!

THANK YOU for your service to our Community!



Lieutenant Matt Warden, of the UCSO Support Services Division, successfully completed and graduated from Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on June 24, 2020. During PELC, students are required to complete four writing assignments, six classroom presentations, read six books and twelve articles. A two page journal is required after each class, detailing what the student had learned from that day. The journal has to include an explanation on how he or she would implement what they learned back at their agency. The class covers topics such as Executive Role and Excellence in Management; Risk Management; Community, Leadership and Policing; Executive Leadership; Employee Motivation; Communication and Executive Performance; Effective Written Communication; Ethics and Principles Based Leadership; Legal Leadership; Media Management; and Conflict Management.

CONGRATULATIONS Lt. Warden!



Remembering IDOR

On May 11, 2020, the Union County Sheriff's Office lost a member of the family, K9 Idor. Idor served our community from November of 2007 until he retired in May of 2017.

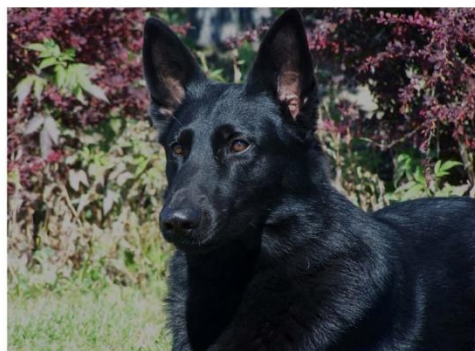
K9 Idor was a German Sheppard, born in the Czech Republic in 2006. When he was 10 months old, he was imported into the United States by Shallow Creek Canine in Pennsylvania. Once he arrived in Pennsylvania, he met his K9 Handler, UCSO Deputy Bob Roberts at the Strategic Canine Training Facility. There he spent 14 weeks training with his new handler and the Master Trainer.

K9 Handler Bob Roberts and Idor were OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy) Certified in Criminal Apprehension Canine Control and Canine Searches, Tracking Article Search, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamines and their derivatives. They were also NAPWDA (North American Police Work Dog Association) Certified in Narcotics Detection—Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin and Methamphetamines and Police Utility Dog—Obedience, Article Search, Area Search, Tracking, Building Search & Aggression Control.

Throughout Idor's career with the Union County Sheriff's Office, he had 41 felony arrests, 160 misdemeanor arrests, sniffed nearly 595 vehicles, provided mutual aid for many school searches and suspect searches, and made numerous public appearances doing K9 demonstrations throughout the county.

Rest easy, Idor!

Thank you for nearly 10 years of service to our community! You are missed!

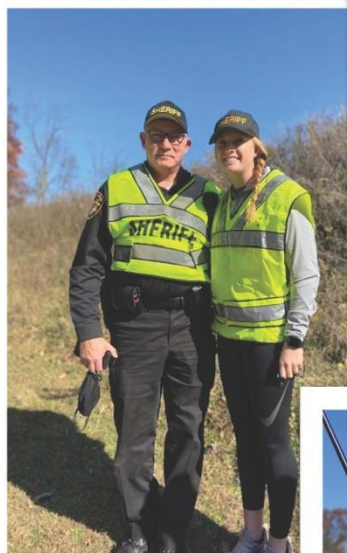


2020 Benefit Shoot

Save The Date

Saturday, November 6, 2021

More Details To Follow!





The new entrance to the Union County Courthouse and Union County Sheriff's Office is **NOW OPEN!** The new public entrance can be accessed from 6th Street.

On December 23, 2020, Sheriff Patton and Chief Deputy Morgan took part in Operation Santa's Sleigh. Hundreds of public safety professionals visited several hospitals throughout the State of Ohio to spread cheer to those who could not be home for the holidays.

Sheriff Patton and Chief Deputy Morgan took part in the Operation Santa's Sleigh at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.



Although it looked a little different, with the help of our local Wal-Mart and Meijer stores and upon the approval of the Union County Health Department, the Annual Shop with a Hero continued through the year of the pandemic! This year, the \$100 gift cards that were donated by each store, were used to purchase gifts ahead of the event for 97 Union County children. On the day of the event, a tunnel of patrol cars and fire trucks greeted the participants and their families arriving at their assigned store to pick up their gifts in a drive thru fashion. We are grateful for the sponsors and the local first responders that come together each year for this event! Without you, this event would not be possible!

