

Union County Sheriff's Office

2025

Annual Report



A Year of Service, Safety, and Community

Sheriff Mike Justice

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The Sheriff's Reflection

As we begin this year's Annual Report, I would first like to recognize retired Deputy Scott Anspach for his more than 30 years of service to the citizens of Union County.

I've been asked several times if I have any regrets about serving as your Sheriff. I will admit — 2025 moved very, very quickly. I thought the pace might slow down a bit, but it certainly didn't. That said, I can honestly say I have no regrets. I truly enjoy the work and am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve in this role.

In the pages that follow, you'll find highlights of our team's accomplishments along with data that reflects the work and activity of our office throughout the year. Before you dive into the report, I'd like to share a few things I'm especially proud of:

- We continue to hire and retain quality staff who are committed to serving our community.
- We've started new programs and brought back important initiatives such as Project Lifesaver, the Citizens Academy, Women's Firearm Safety Courses, and National Night Out.
- We have remained fiscally responsible, returning over \$1,000,000 to the County's General Fund for the second year in a row, while also continuing to pursue grant opportunities when feasible.
- We now have a full-time Training Deputy who provides valuable training not only to our staff, but also to other county offices, local agencies, and members of the public.

On behalf of everyone at the Sheriff's Office, thank you for your continued trust and support. It is an honor to serve you, and we look forward to another year of working together to keep Union County safe and strong.

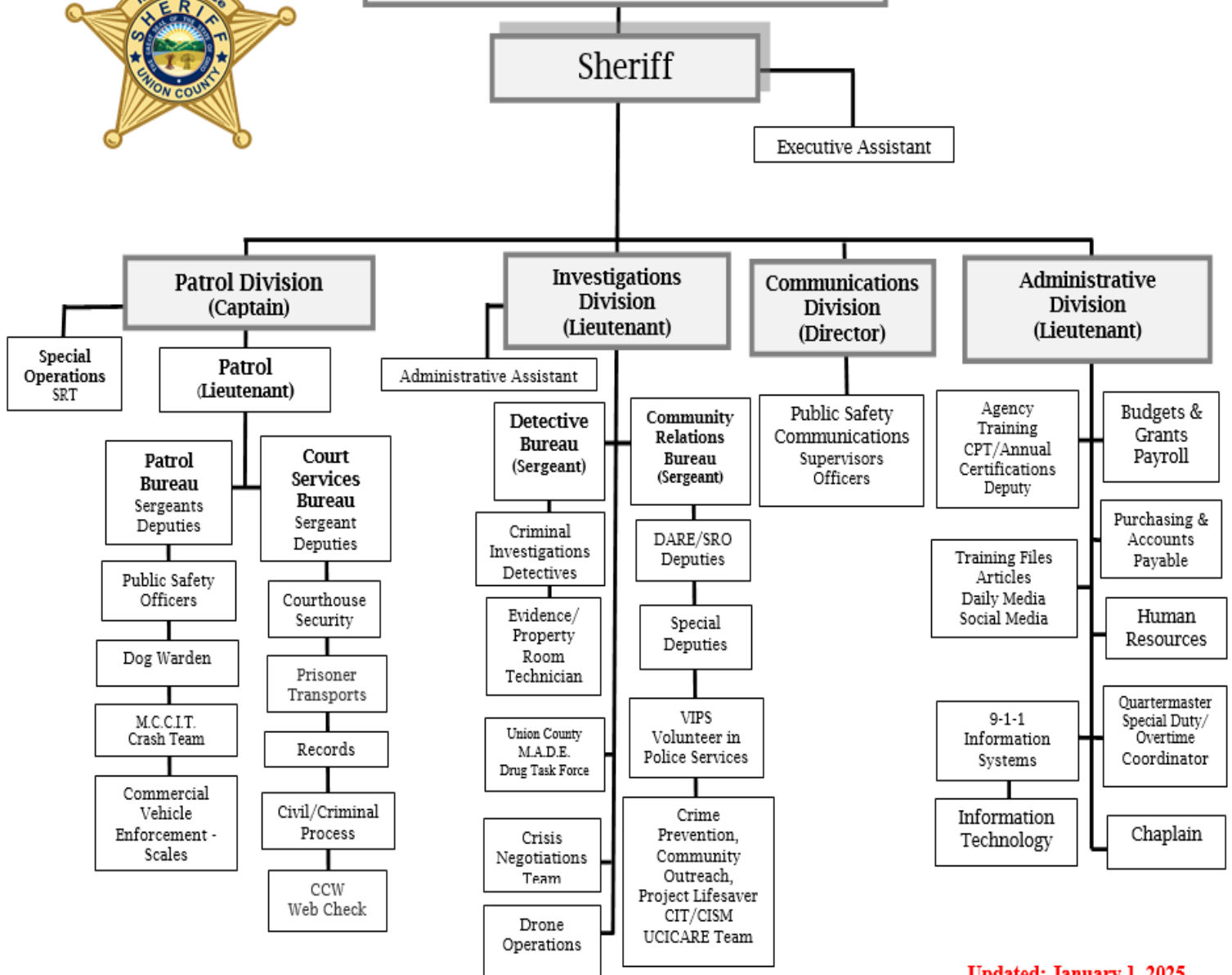
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Organizational FLOW CHART



CITIZENS OF UNION COUNTY



Updated: January 1, 2025

Our Vision:

We will strive to uphold and defend our constitution while protecting, serving, and keeping our community safe.

Our Mission:

To deliver an outstanding professional law enforcement experience by empowering our staff, uplifting our families, and strengthening our community.

Our Core Values:

DiVersity:

Valuing people from all social and ethnic backgrounds, gender, age, religion, and orientations.

LeAdership:

Leading ethically and responsibly with personal accountability and self-discipline, building and motivating within the organization and the community we serve.

SelfLess Service:

Helping others without expecting personal gain; prioritizing the needs of others above our own.

TeamwOrk:

Collaborating as a group, relying on each other's strengths, communicating, supporting and valuing each other as we share the same goal.

IntegRity:

Conducting ourselves with uncompromised honesty and strong moral principles.

VALOR

Courage and boldness, or bravery, that goes beyond the ordinary.

The Sheriffs

James Ewing

1820-1823

Amons Williams

1823-1828

David Witter

1828-1832

Calvin Winget 1832-1836

Ransom Clark 1836-1840

William Steele 1840-1844

William Robinson 1844-1846 • Philip Snider 1846-1850 • William Malin 1850-1854 • William Robb 1854-1858

Abraham Wiley 1858-1860 • Philip Snider 1860-1862 • Chas Robinson 1862-1864

Jas Whelpley 1864-1868 • Robert Sharp 1868-1872 • John Price 1872-1876 • Justus 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 Laird 1912-1916 • Chas 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 Galloway 1948-1956

Ed Amrine 1956-1972 • Theo Byus 1972-1973

Harry Wolfe 1973-1982 • John Overly 1982-2003

Rocky Nelson 2003-2011 • Malcum "Jamie" Patton 2011-2024

Mike Justice

2024-Present

of
Union County, Ohio

Honoring Our 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.

20th *Anniversary*

UNION COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Union County
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

May 17, 2025



A Salute to our Military Members



HR Manager Brandy Benitt • Army National Guard (Combat Service)

VIPS Darren Brown • Navy

Deputy Morgan Brown • Air Force

Deputy Zach Brown • Army (combat service)

Deputy Tim Johnson • Air Force (Reserves)

Deputy William Louden • Army

Deputy Alec Lowry • Marine Corps

Special Deputy Dale Mabry • Marine Corps

Deputy Sam Miller • Army

Deputy Joe North • Army (combat service)

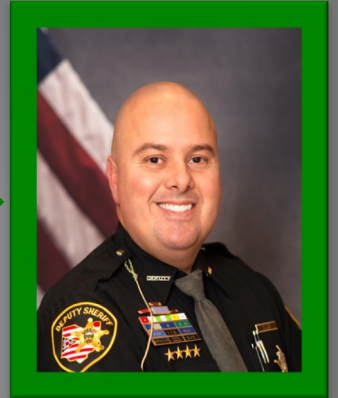
Deputy Cody Reed • Army (combat service)

Deputy Elizabeth Zizelman • Navy (combat service)

STAFF

Administrative Division

Lieutenant Chad Lee



Communications Division

Director Nate Coffield

Investigations Division

Lieutenant Jeff Stiers

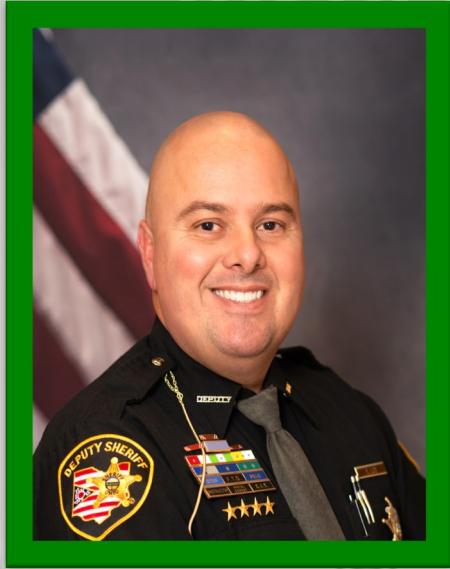


Patrol Division

Captain Bob Roberts

Lieutenant Josh Kent

Administrative Division



**Administrative
Lieutenant
Chad Lee**

The Administrative Division is responsible for providing administrative support daily 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.

Administrative Division



***Fiscal
Manager***
Barb Sattler



***9-1-1
Coordinator***
Pam Millhoan



***Executive
Assistant***
Christy Heckel



***Human Resource
Manager***
Brandy Benitt



***IT Systems
Administrator***
James Elsmore



***Accounts
Payable Clerk***
Jody Geer

Within the Administrative Division, Sheriff Justice introduced the Training Deputy position in 2025, with Deputy Adam Haycox assuming responsibility. Throughout the year, Deputy Haycox



**Training
Deputy
Adam Haycox**

prepared and coordinated numerous in-house training programs, ensuring personnel maintained compliance with required standards while expanding critical skill sets. Key efforts included the organization of mandatory state CPT requirements, Glock 45 MOS switchover, Biannual AED/CPR recertifications, Annual firearms qualifications, Annual Taser 7 qualifications, as well as providing Range updates and maintenance. Overall, Deputy Haycox has been instrumental in organizing the training for 210 individuals in 2025.



Union County Sheriff's Office

Justice Center

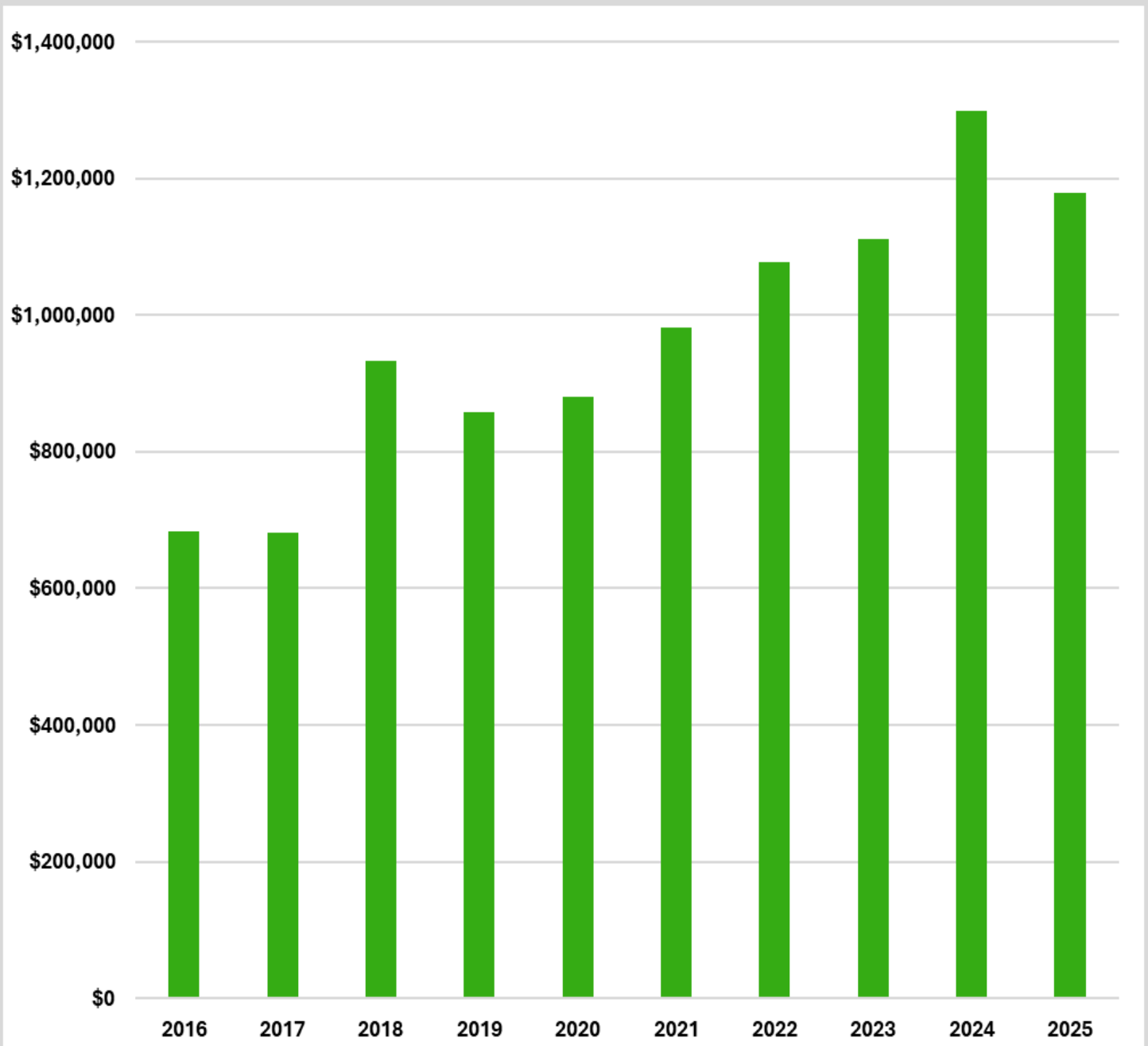
PERSONNEL STATS

Total Employees	73	New Hires	9
<i>Males</i>	51	<i>Deputies</i>	5
<i>Females</i>	22	<i>Deputy Cadets</i>	0
		<i>Dispatchers</i>	3
Sworn		<i>Civilian</i>	1
<i>Males</i>	45		
<i>Females</i>	4	Resignations	3
		Dismissed from Probation	0
Civilians	24	Another job opportunity	0
Chaplains	2	Retirements	1
Special Deputies	2	Rehires	2
VIPS*	11	Terminations	0

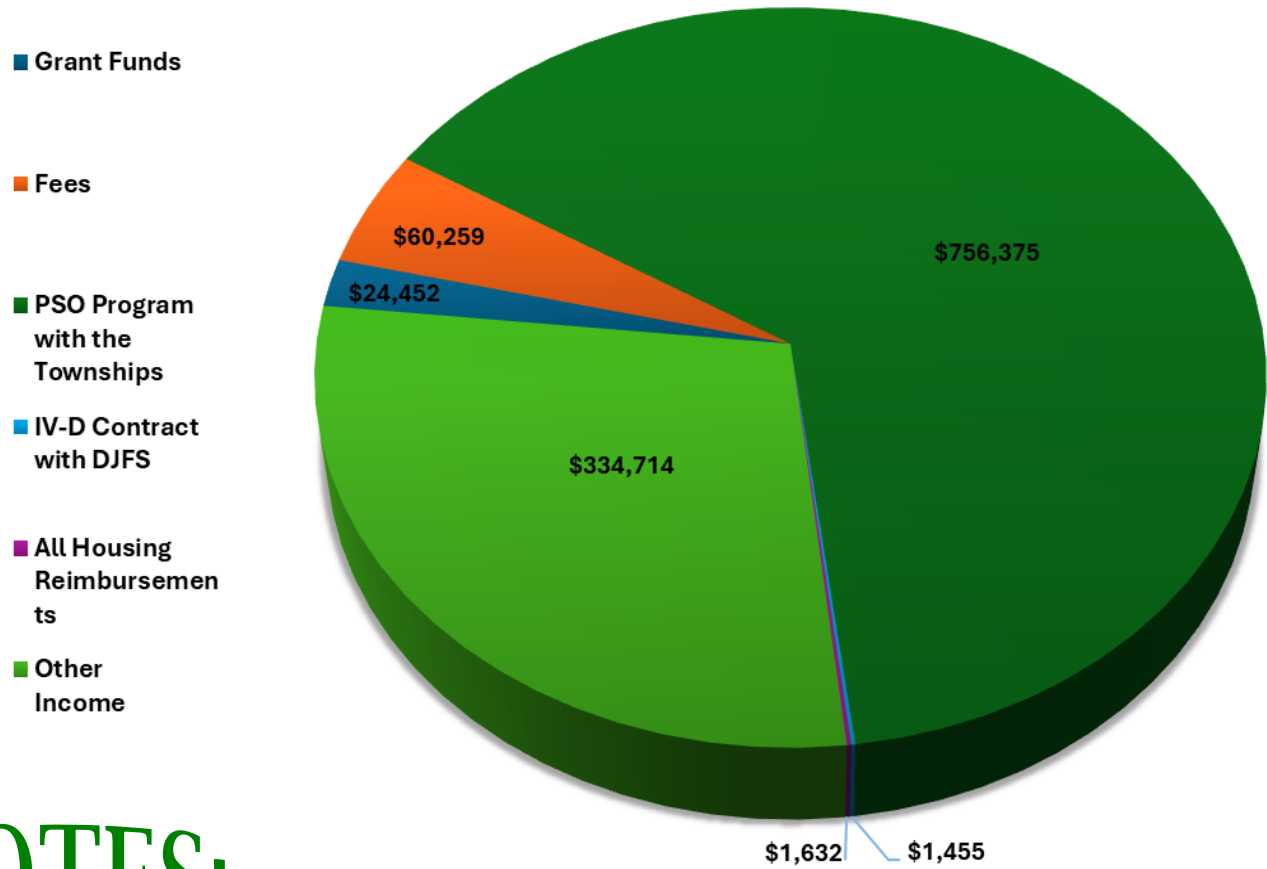
*Volunteer in Police Services

General Fund Revenue

The graph below shows revenue paid into the General Fund by the Sheriff's Office over ten years.



This chart illustrates the sources of general fund revenue in fiscal year 2025.



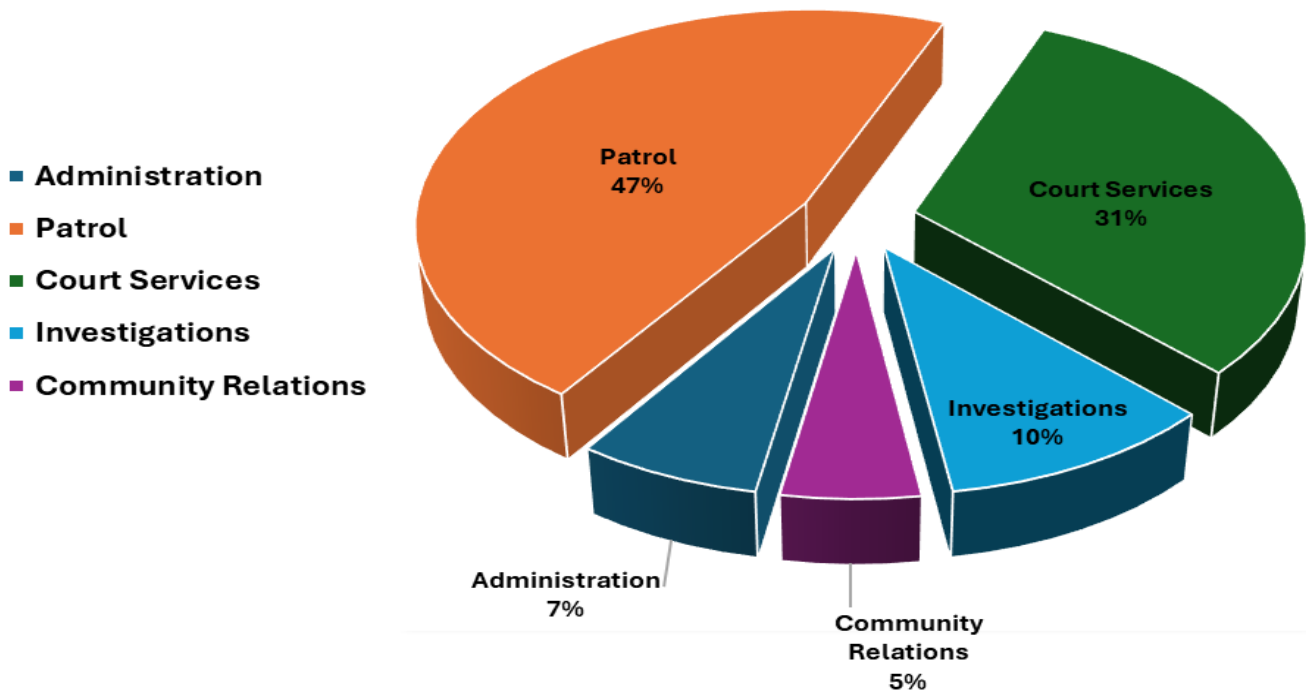
NOTES:

- Grant funding shown here was used to subsidize the wages of four School Resource Officers who instructed students in the DARE program at Raymond Elementary in the Marysville School District as well as students in the Fairbanks and North Union School Districts. A fourth School Resource Officer is responsible for teaching the Drug Abuse Prevention Program at Eversole Run Middle School in Jerome Village which is part of Dublin City Schools.
- 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, Millcreek and Taylor.
- Sheriff's Office deputies make service of process trips under the IV-D contract with the Department of Human Services for child support delinquency.
- Housing reimbursements include payments for DUI Housing from Marysville Municipal Court as well as Tri-County Regional Jail inmate housing overage reimbursements.
- The Other Income section includes restitution, unexpended FOJ funds, Sheriff's salary reimbursement from the State of Ohio, Jerome Township traffic enforcement overtime and School Resource Officer salary reimbursements from Union County public school districts.

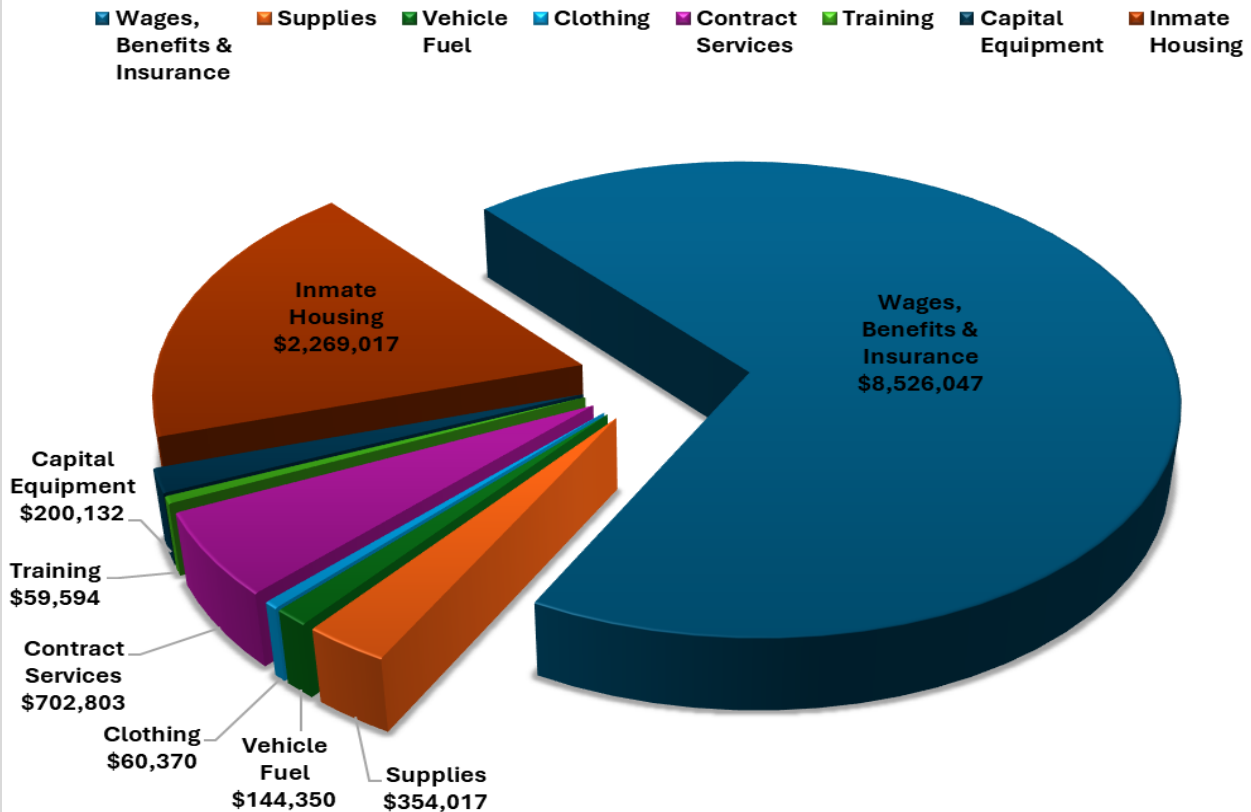
Facts & Figures

- Managed the Sheriff's Office budget of \$14,297,227 which includes expenses from Tri-County Regional Jail and the 9-1-1 Center
- Received \$21,553 in grant funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in support of Drug Use Prevention instruction in Marysville, Fairbanks, North Union and Dublin City School Districts.
- Awarded funding through the Ohio Department of Public Safety's EMS grant to purchase AED batteries
- Awarded funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the purchase of two Titan FRS ballistic shields to replace end of life shields used by the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team
- Tri-County Regional Jail distributed \$4,241 in psychotropic drug reimbursements from the State of Ohio for Union County inmates
- Received \$23,650 from County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) as reimbursement for training, pre-employment polygraphs and camera equipment in cruisers
- Worked with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office to serve as a pass-through agency to support a law enforcement liaison to help reduce traffic-related fatal and serious crashes in Ohio
- Coordinated special duty coverage for 100 events including the Union County Fair, high school sports, patient transports to health facilities and the Flying Feather Four Miler

2025 General Fund Expenses by Division

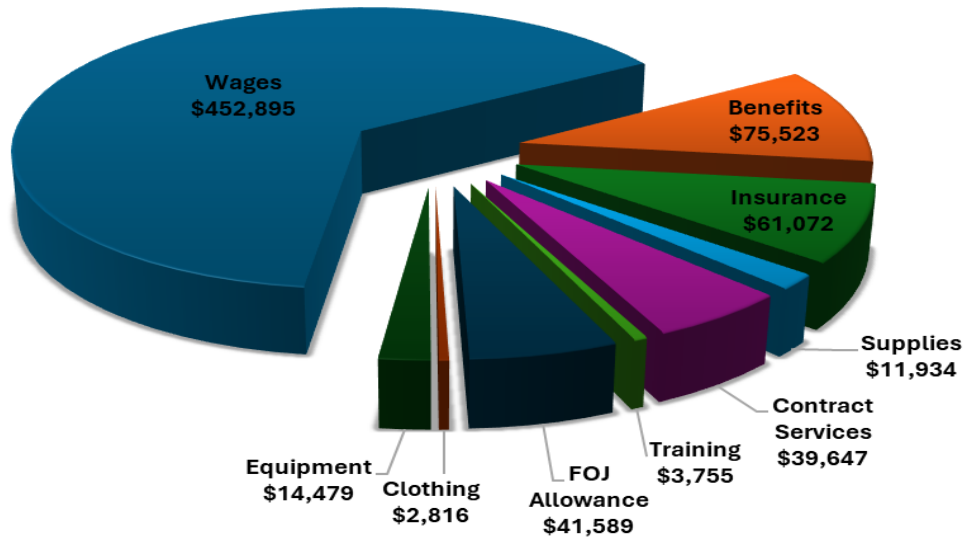


2025 Total Expenses by Category - All Divisions



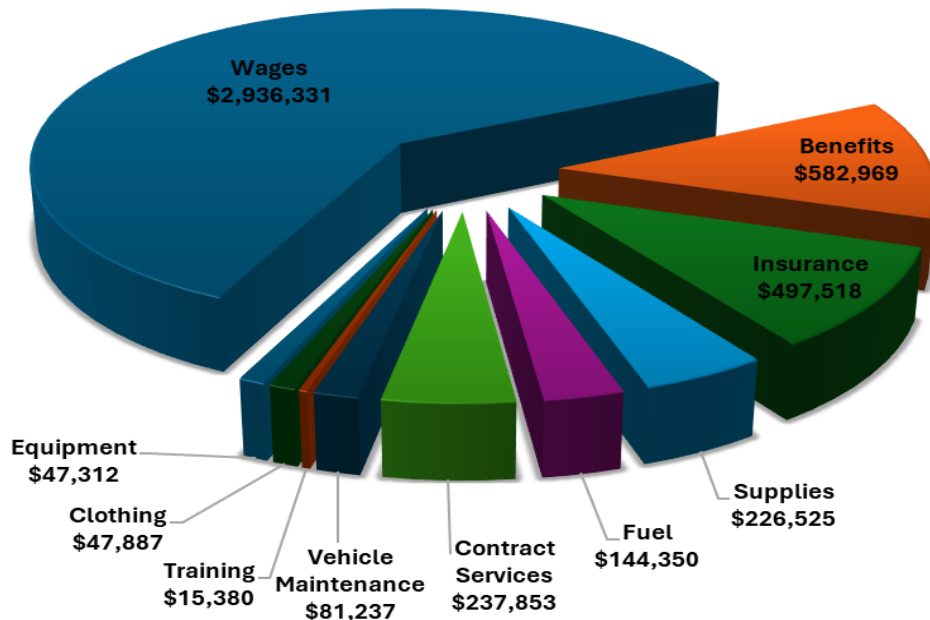
2025 Expenditures Administration

- Wages
- Benefits
- Insurance
- Supplies
- Contract Services
- Training
- FOJ Allowance
- Clothing
- Equipment

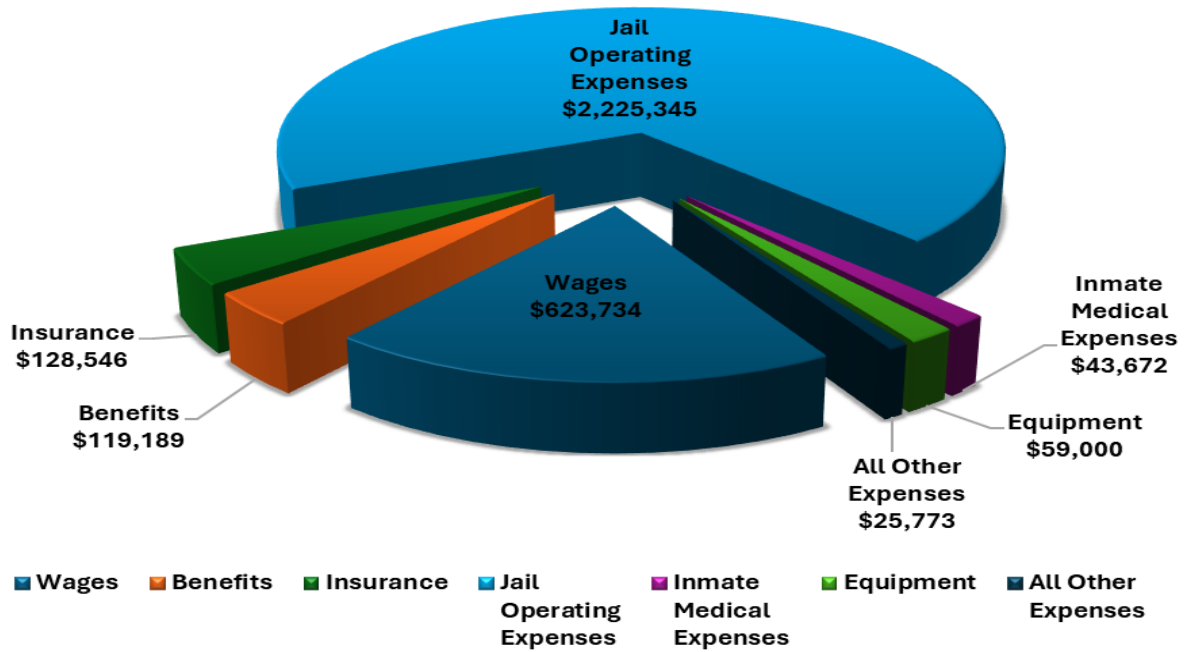


Patrol

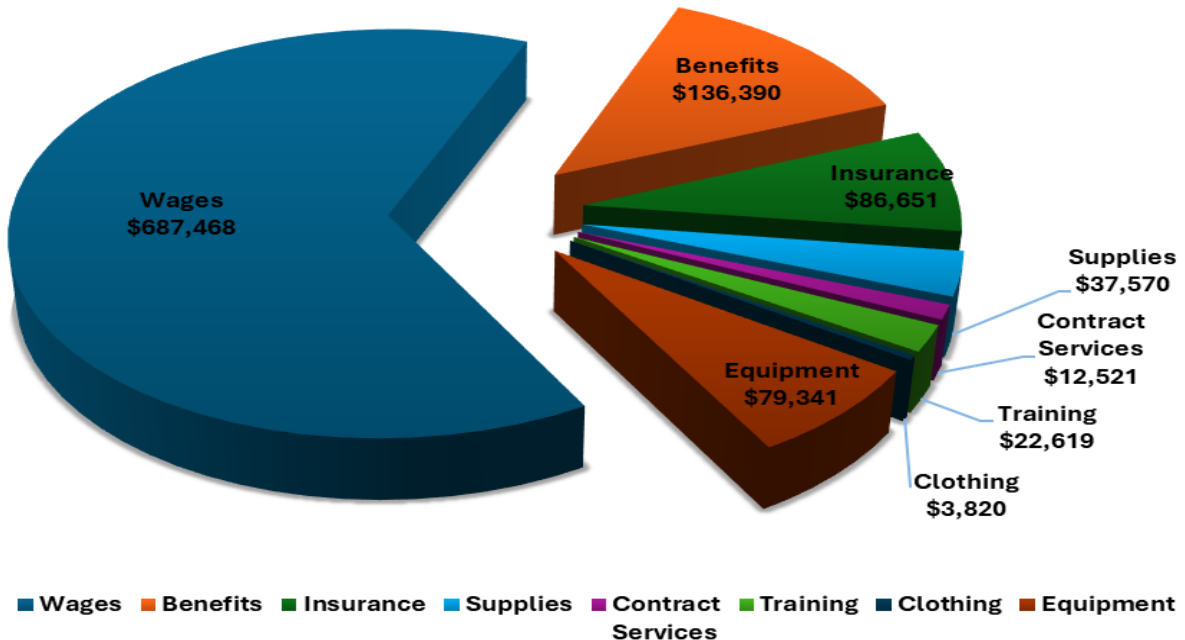
- Wages
- Benefits
- Insurance
- Supplies
- Fuel
- Contract Services
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Training
- Clothing
- Equipment



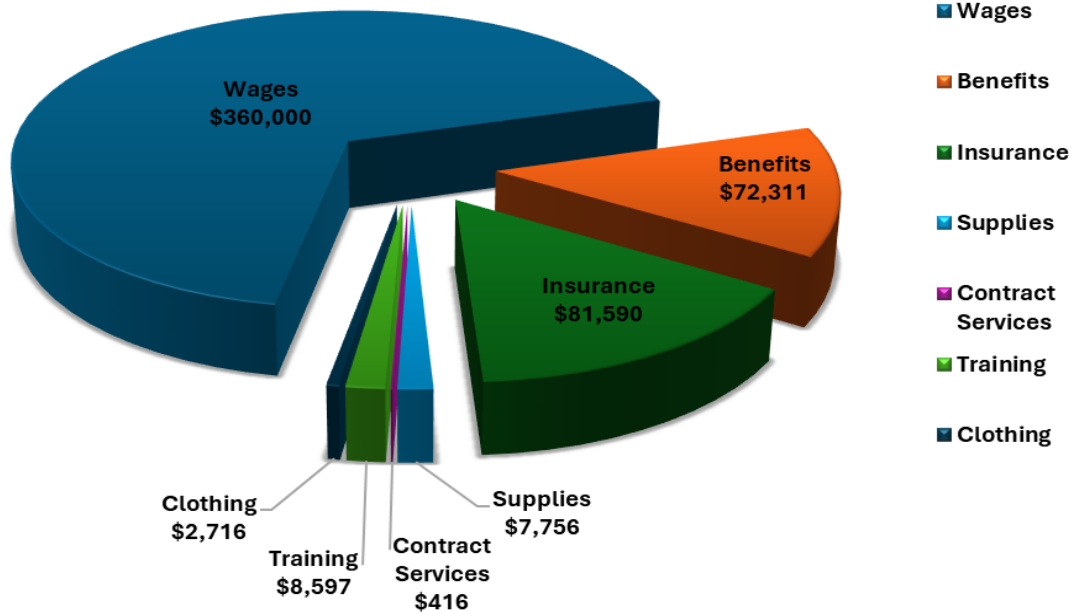
Court Services



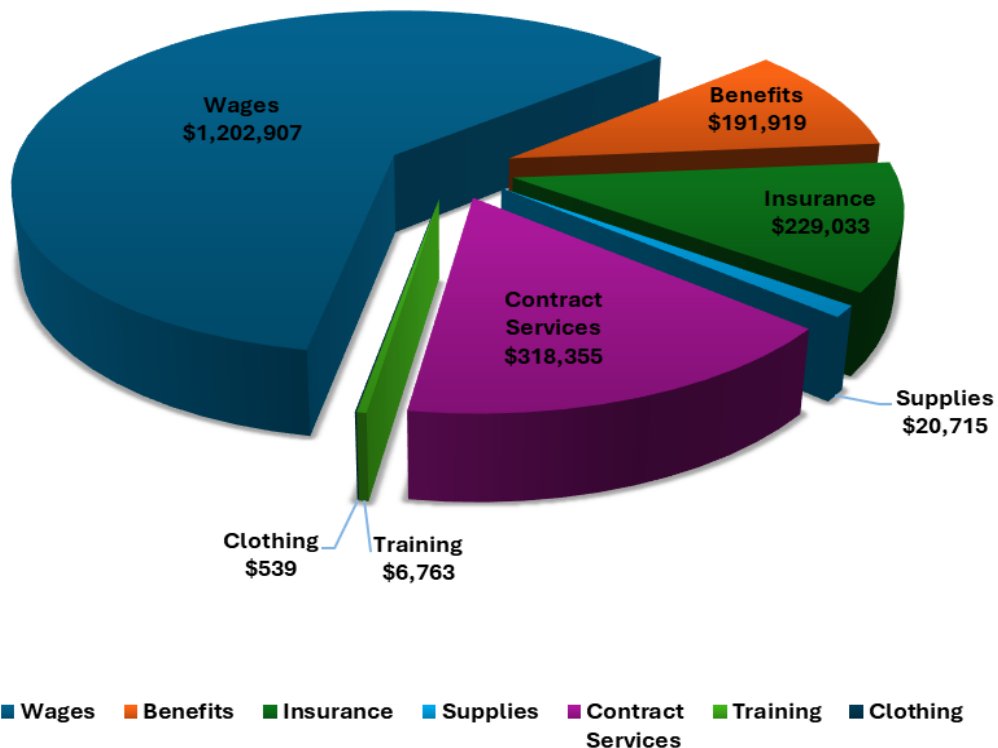
Investigations



Community Relations

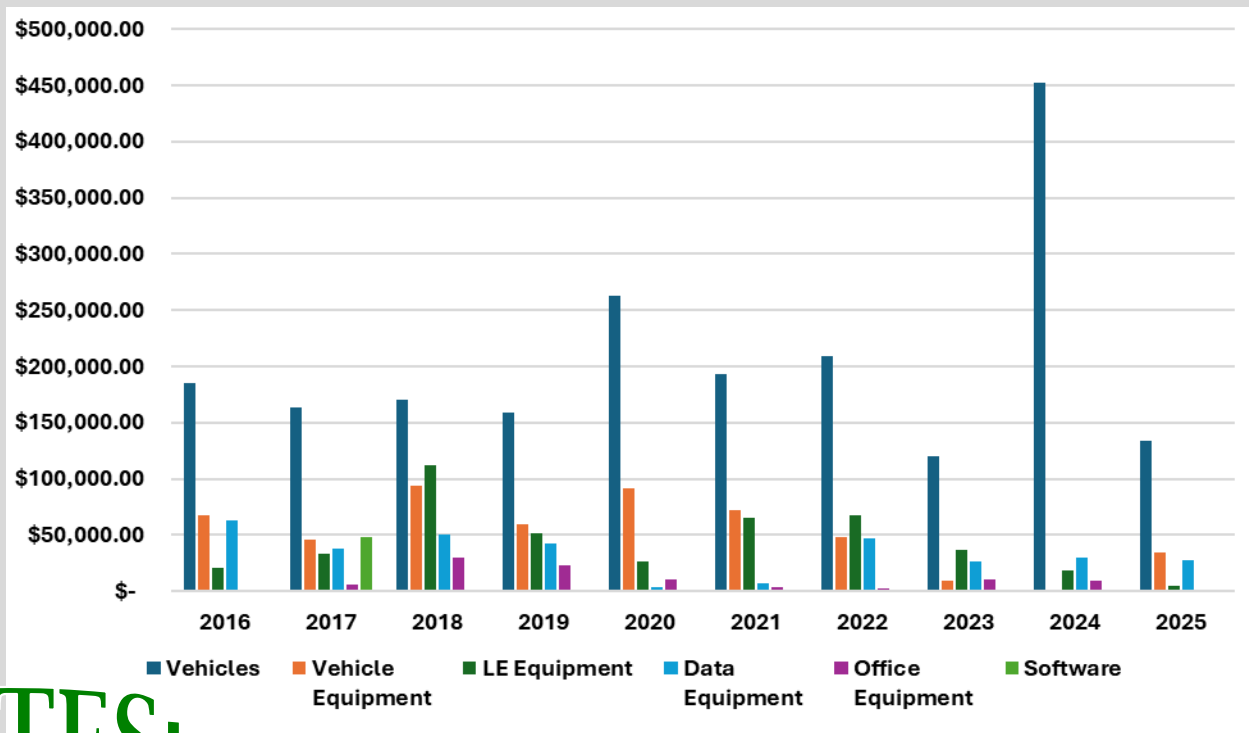


Communications (9-1-1)



General Fund Equipment

This graph below shows General Fund equipment purchases made by the Sheriff's Office over ten years



NOTES:

- In 2025, two Ford transit vans were purchased with one replacing a prisoner transport van in the Court Services division and the other replacing the van used by the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team
- Equipment for new vehicles continues to remain high due to the inability to re-use equipment from retired vehicles in the new models
- Four tablets were purchased to replace mobile data computers used in Patrol cruisers that were at the end of their serviceable life
- A ballistic testing machine was purchased to aid detectives in the Investigations bureau
- In car camera systems were purchased for four of the cruisers received at the end of 2024
- Bullet-resistant vests were purchased for ten deputies
- More storage was needed for the CAD system upgrade to software from Tyler Technologies

Communications Division

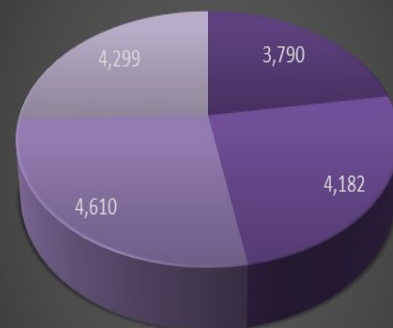
Director Nate Coffield



When residents of Union County dial 9-1-1, the first voice they hear belongs to a member of the Communications Division. Operating around the clock, 365 days a year, our team of three shift supervisors and nine communications officers serves as the critical connection between the community and the first responders who protect it.

Under the leadership of the Communications Director, the division functions as the primary public safety answering point (PSAP) for the Union County Sheriff's Office, the Plain City and Richwood Police Departments, and every fire and EMS agency in the county. In 2025, the team processed more than 16,800 9-1-1 contacts and over 92,500 total CAD incidents while answering 99.8% of all 9-1-1 calls within 15 seconds. Through close coordination with the Marysville Police Department and Ohio State Highway Patrol dispatch centers, the division maintains seamless multi-jurisdictional communication to keep Union County safe.

Quarterly 911 Call Count Totals



Qtr 1 (Jan-Mar) Qtr 2 (Apr-Jun) Qtr 3 (Jul-Sep) Qtr 4 (Oct-Dec)



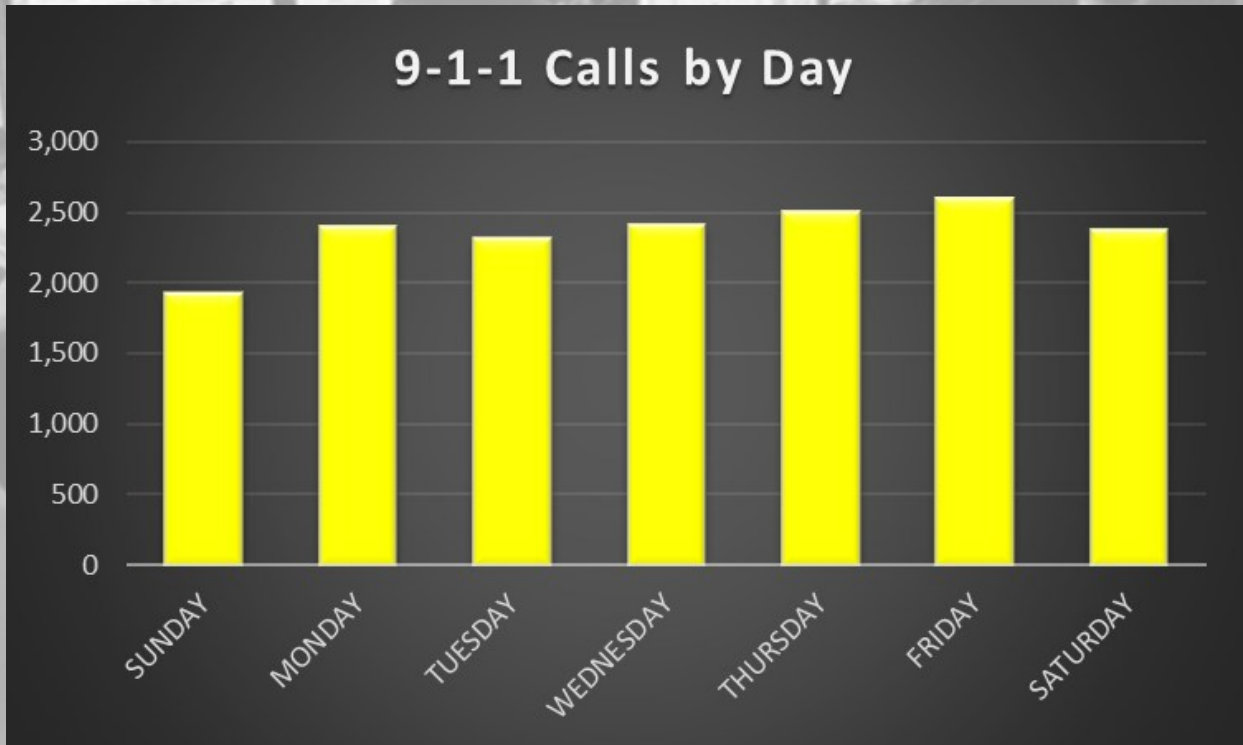
**Dispatch
Supervisor
Becky Heath**



**Dispatch
Supervisor
Brittany Rausch**



**Dispatch
Supervisor
Rachel Kerr**



STATS

Communications

9-1-1 WIRELESS & LANDLINE CALLS:

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year End
LAW	1,223	1,345	1,538	1,459	5,565
FIRE	146	151	145	162	604
EMS	1,206	1,122	1,210	1,249	4,787
CRASH	436	428	443	546	1,853
911 FOLLOW UP	268	361	528	336	1,493
911 INFORMATION	21	28	15	27	91
911 UNKNOWN	18	58	79	27	182
911 WIRELESS INFO	283	488	436	259	1,466
911 MISROUTE/ERROR	1	0	1	0	2
MONTHLY 911 CALLS SUBTOTAL:	3,718	4,079	4,492	4,170	16,459

TEXT - TO - 911:

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year End
LAW	15	39	59	42	155
FIRE	1	3	7	5	16
EMS	0	1	0	1	2
911 FOLLOW UP	0	2	1	4	7
911 MISROUTE/ERROR	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	1	4	5	3	13
911 TEXT SUBTOTAL:	17	49	72	55	193
MONTHLY 911 (ALL TYPES) SUBTOTAL	3,735	4,128	4,564	4,225	16,652

CALL ANSWER TIME PERFORMANCE:

% Answered Within 10 Seconds	99.4%	(Solacom period)
% Answered Within 15 Seconds	99.8%	(annual average)
% Answered Within 20 Seconds	99.9%	(annual average)
Abandoned Calls	405	(partial year data: Feb-Apr not avail-

Investigations Division



Investigations Lieutenant Jeff Stiers

The Investigations Division is responsible for overseeing criminal investigations, specialized enforcement efforts, and community-based public safety initiatives. Under the leadership of the

Investigations Division Commander, the division provides strategic oversight of the Detective Bureau and the Community Relations Bureau, ensuring coordinated case management, operational effectiveness, and proactive community engagement.

The division is supported by an Administrative Assistant and is structured into two primary bureaus. The Detective Bureau consists of a Sergeant Detective, two General Crimes Detectives, and two M.A.D.E. Task Force Detectives. The Community Relations Bureau is led by a Sergeant and includes four School Resource Officers who advance prevention, education, and community partnership efforts throughout the county.



**Administrative
Assistant
Deb Segner**

Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau conducts comprehensive criminal investigations and manages specialized operational units. The bureau includes the Criminal Investigations Detectives, the Evidence and Property Room Technician, the Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement Task Force, the Crisis Negotiations Team, and Drone Operations Team. These units work collaboratively to investigate complex cases, preserve and manage evidence, support tactical operations, and address drug-related offenses through coordinated enforcement efforts.

In 2025, Sheriff Justice promoted Detective Shawn Golden to Sergeant of the Detective Bureau to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Detective Bureau.



***Detective
Sergeant
Shawn Golden***



***General Crimes Detectives
Joel Thorpe and Paige Pitts***

STATS

Detective Bureau

	<i>1st Qtr</i>	<i>2nd Qtr</i>	<i>3rd Qtr</i>	<i>4th Qtr</i>	<i>YEAR END</i>
<i>Investigation STATS</i>					
Reports Taken	9	8	5	6	28
New Cases	44	42	53	39	178
Cases Closed	64	31	49	52	196
# Individuals Indicted	11	3	5	8	27
# Counts of Indictments	37	5	13	3	58
Juvenile Cases Filed with Prosecutor	2	1	0	0	3
Misdemeanor Charges Filed with Prosecutor	1	2	0	1	4
Felony Cases Filed with Prosecutor	8	7	7	12	34
Scenes Processed	8	11	8	8	35
Consent Searches	6	0	7	2	15
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	18	6	16	9	49
# Subpoenas to Pros. Office / Administrative Subpoenas	63	31	8	14	116
Training Hours	172	513	163	231.50	1079.50
Presentations (Community, C.A., Schools etc.)	3	0	2	18	23
#Pre-Employment Background Investigations Completed	2	3	3	0	5
# Cell Phone Forensics Exams	5	2	4	2	7
# DJFS Children's Services Referrals	55	30	0	0	85
#DJFS APS Referrals	16	13	0	0	29



The Union County Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement Task Force is comprised of two detectives from the Union County Sheriff's Office, one detective from the Marysville Police Department, and one detective from the Union County Prosecutor's Office. The Task Force's primary focus is the investigation and disruption of illegal drug activity throughout Union County.

Through proactive investigations and strong partnerships, the Task Force plays a critical role in enhancing public safety and improving the quality of life in our community.

	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	YEAR END
<i>M.A.D.E TASK FORCE STATS</i>					
Drugs Seized:					
Cocaine: (grams)	6	15	4	91	116
Fentanyl: (grams)	8.5	5	11	6.5	31
Heroin: (grams)	1			2	3
Methamphetamines: (grams)	2,958	12	111.85	414	3496
Pills: (Unit dosages)	0	10	50	114	174
Mushrooms: (grams)	2,495			0	2495
Ecstasy: (unit dosage)	0			4	4
MDMA: (grams)	908				908
Marijuana: (grams)	1,827	18,370	453.6	5	20656
Acid: (Unit dosages)	0				0
Money Seized from Suspects	\$0			\$451	451
Money received from Clerks Office	0				0
Drug Take Back: (pounds)	0	76.02	0	66	142.02
Suboxone:	0.00				0

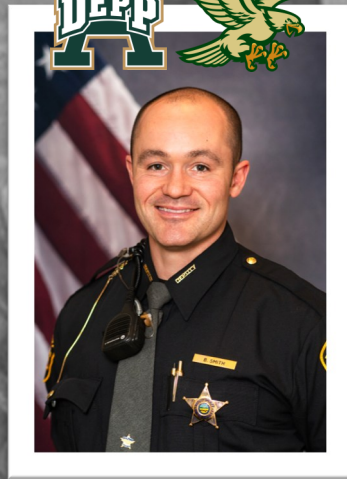
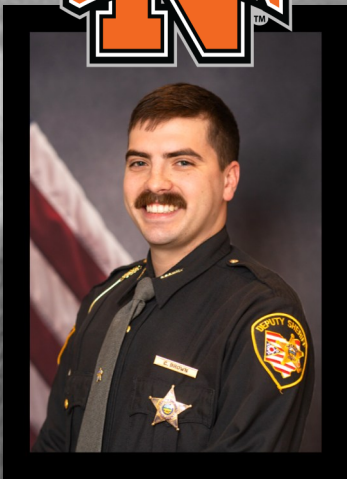
Drone Operations Team

Established in 2025, the UCSO Drone Operations Team is comprised of five FAA Part 107 certified Pilots. Through the use of advanced drone technology, the Drone Operations Team supports public safety efforts across Union County. From assisting in search and rescue operations to documenting scenes and supporting emergency response, the team provides a valuable aerial perspective that enhances services to the community.

	<i>1st Quarter</i>	<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<i>4th Quarter</i>	Total
Locate Wanted Person	1	1	1	2	5
Locate Missing Person	1	2	4	1	8
Fire Investigation	1	0	3	2	6
Crash Scene Investigation	1	2	3	1	7
UCSO Callout	0	5	5	3	13
Other LE Agency Callout	3	0	3	1	7
Fire Department Callout	1	0	3	2	6

Community Relations Bureau

Community Relations
Sergeant
Shawn Dyer



School Resource Officers

Dep. Cole Brown • Dep. Ben Smith • Dep. James Mitchell • Dep. Tyler Reasor

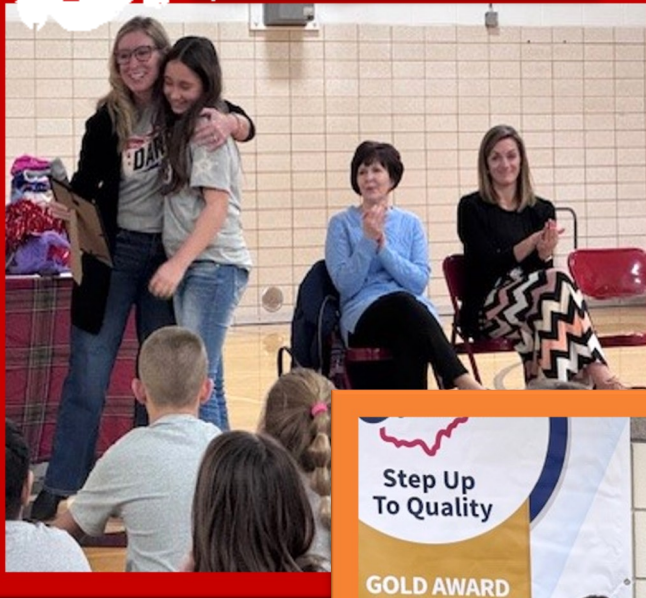
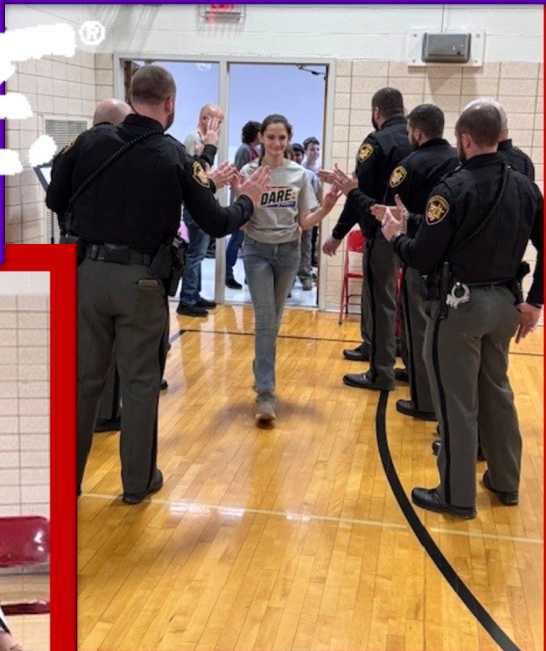
November 2025 marked an exciting step forward in school safety with the addition of a full-time deputy at Raymond Elementary, a Marysville Exempted Village School located outside the jurisdiction of the Marysville Police Department.

The Community Relations Bureau, led by Sergeant Dyer, includes four deputies certified as School Recourse Officers (SRO). All are certified D.A.R.E. instructors, with the exception of Deputy Reasor, who is scheduled to attend training in 2026.

SROs are assigned throughout the county, serving Fairbanks Schools, North Union Schools, Dublin City Schools (Eversole Run Elementary and Depp Middle School), and Marysville Schools (Raymond Elementary). In addition to their work within their assigned schools, School Resource officers also check in on students and staff at St. John's Lutheran School, Trinity Lutheran School, while also providing D.A.R.E. classes.

When school is not in session, School Resource Officers provide additional road patrol coverage within the school district or can be found working on Community Outreach projects throughout the year.









First Responder LEGO Night

What began as a new winter tradition in 2023 in the Village of Richwood, First Responder LEGO Night expanded to multiple communities in 2025. The Community Relations Bureau, alongside local law enforcement and fire agencies, hosted events in Richwood, Milford Center, Jerome, and Raymond.





First Responder LEGO Night

Families gathered to build LEGO creations alongside first responders, creating a fun and relaxed environment for connection. Each attendee was entered into a drawing for a new LEGO set, generously donated by the participating agencies at each location.

Project Lifesaver

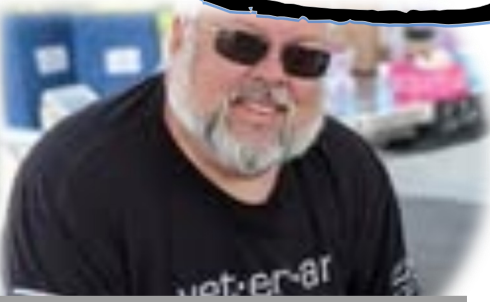


The Project Lifesaver (PLS) Program reached new heights in 2025! Through the generosity of community partners and grant funding, we were able to purchase five new Project Lifesaver tracking device kits. The kits have been distributed to first responder agencies throughout Union County, enhancing our ability to serve and protect the community.

In 2025, first responders from police and fire agencies across the county received training on the use of the PLS tracking devices. These devices play a critical role in helping us quickly locate individuals who may wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, or other cognitive conditions.

We are incredibly grateful to MARA, the Marysville Eagles, and the Union County Public Safety Grant, for investing in the safety and well-being of our residents. Partnerships like these truly make a difference in Union County.

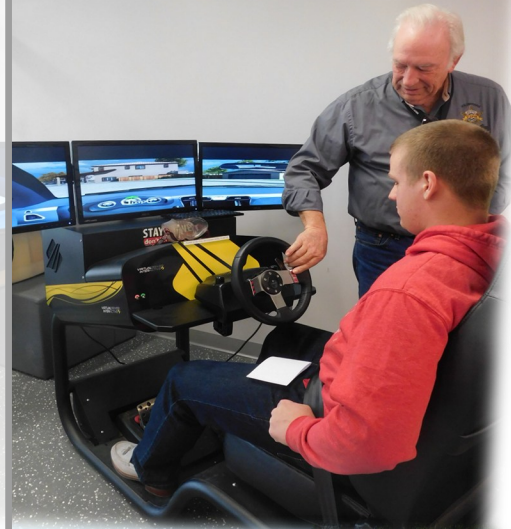
VIPS



The Union County Sheriff's Office Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) has long played an important role in supporting our mission through community engagement, special events, and supplemental services.

We are incredibly grateful for the individuals who have dedicated their time to this program. Their willingness to serve reflects the strong partnership we share with our community.

As 2025 served as a transition year for our office and the VIPS program, we took time to evaluate its structure, identify opportunities for growth, and lay the groundwork for future success. We are excited to move forward with a renewed focus in 2026, with plans to rebuild and expand the program in a way that maximizes the impact within our agency and the community.



Patrol Division



Captain
Bob Roberts



Lieutenant
Josh Kent

The Patrol Division delivers around-the-clock service to Union County through proactive enforcement, community presence, and rapid response to calls for service.

The Patrol Division is comprised of both the Patrol Bureau, which provides frontline law enforcement services, and the Court Services Bureau, which is responsible for courthouse security, inmate transport, and civil process. Both bureaus work closely together to support public safety and the operations of the court system.

In 2025, the division enhanced its supervisory structure with the addition of Corporals assigned to each patrol shift, working alongside Sergeants to strengthen leadership, improve communication, and support daily operations.

Patrol Bureau



Sergeant
Mike Austin



Sergeant
Tim Johnson



Sergeant
Zach Brown



Corporal
Zach Rocklin



Corporal
Krystin Gibson



Corporal
Chris Bankes

STATS

Patrol

	1st Qtr Jan 1 - March 31	2nd Qtr April 1 - June 30	3rd Qtr July 1 - September 30	4th Qtr October 1- December 31	Year End
Total Calls For Service	11,685	11,124	12,446	11,501	46,756
Reports Taken	178	256	262	222	918
Civil Process Served (Attempted)	395	398	408	366	1567
Traffic Citations	359	359	584	272	1574
Friendly Warnings	949	926	1,247	804	3926
Traffic Stops	1,252	1,222	1,850	1,098	5,422
Security Watches	64	30	61	75	230
House Watch	99	25	20	20	164
Area Watches	2,775	2,453	2,756	2,929	10,913
Housing Addition Checks	1,122	1,026	1,283	1,369	4,800
Alarm Responses	184	190	193	168	735
Crash Reports	82	87	63	100	332
OVI Arrests	9	20	15	15	59
Arrests Made	47	74	99	103	323
Community Policing Contacts	251	310	327	243	1131
Senior Watches	65	41	54	61	221

The Patrol Bureau consists of approximately 25 uniformed deputies including three Sergeants, three Corporals, fourteen Road Units, and five Township PSOs. Sergeants, Corporals, and Road Units provide 24-hour coverage through eight- hour shifts, providing continuous, around-the-clock service to the citizens of Union County.

Township Public Safety Officers

The Public Safety Officer (PSO) program enhances law enforcement presence within designated townships by assigning deputies to serve specific communities during peak times. Townships such as Jerome, Darby, Millcreek, and Taylor, utilize this program to ensure increased visibility and responsiveness tailored to their unique needs.

2025 brought a transition of the PSO program with the removal of the fire and EMS cross-training requirement of deputies serving in this role. This change expands eligibility, allowing more deputies the opportunity to serve as Township PSOs. The program also fosters stronger community connections, as PSOs become familiar faces within their assigned townships, regularly engaging with residents and participating in local events.



Townships with Public Safety Officers are:

Jerome • Millcreek • Darby • Taylor

Dog Warden

Due to an injury/extended light-duty in 2025, the Dog Warden position experienced limited field activity. Coverage was maintained as needed by on-duty crews during this time. Our Union County Sheriff's Office Dog Warden has returned to full duty.

STATS

	<i>1st Quarter</i>	<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<i>4th Quarter</i>	<i>Year End</i>
<i>Dog Related Calls For Service</i>	251	259	0	0	510
<i>Citations Issued</i>	2	5	0	0	7
<i>Warnings Given</i>	18	18	0	0	36
<i>Public Speaking Events (Hours)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Number of Dogs Seized</i>	61	50	0	0	111
<i>Number of Dogs Impounded</i>	28	22	0	0	50
<i>Number of Dogs Redeemed</i>	33	28	0	0	61
<i>Number of Dogs Destroyed</i>	0	0	0	0	0

Multi-County Crash Investigation Team

Champaign • Hardin • Logan • Union

STATS

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Totals
Total MCCIT Callouts	1	4	2	2	9
Days of the Week	0	0	0	0	0
Sunday	0	1	1	0	2
Monday	0	0	0	0	0
Tuesday	0	1	0	0	1
Wednesday	0	0	0	1	1
Thursday	0	0	0	0	0
Friday	0	2	0	0	2
Saturday	1	0	1	1	3
Time of Day					
AM (0000-1159)	1	2	1	1	5
PM (1200-2359)	0	2	1	1	4
Union County	0	4	2	1	7
Outside Counties (Logan, Champaign, Hardin)	1	0	0	1	2
Fatalities - Union County	0	2	3	1	6
Fatalities - Outside County	1	0	0	0	1
Serious Injury	0	3	0	2	5
Uninjured	0	3	0	0	3
Drug / Alcohol Involved	0	0	0	1	1
Felony Prosecution	0	1	0	0	1
Misdemeanor Prosecution	0	1	0	1	2

Court Services Bureau



UNION COUNTY
JUSTICE CENTER

Sergeant
Matt Henry



Civil Processing
Randy Barker



Records
Shelby Sanders



Records
Rachel Riehle



CCW Clerk
Josi Miller

NOTICE
ANY PERSON
ENTERING THESE
PREMISES SHALL
BE SUBJECT
TO SEARCH
AT ANY TIME

STATS

Court Services

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<i>Transports</i>													
Municipal Court	5	4	8	8	4	8	8	12	10	14	6	5	92
Juvenile/Probate	7	8	6	12	11	8	13	12	11	10	8	7	113
Common Pleas Court	26	19	18	28	29	29	28	11	25	22	18	23	276
Adult Parole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Transports	73	64	95	78	87	72	86	68	69	75	61	78	906

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<i>Court Detail</i>													
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Probate/Juvenile Court	14	17	7	12	17	14	16	15	18	13	16	12	171
Common Pleas Court	53	52	68	67	53	50	78	47	81	74	62	82	767
Total Court Details	67	69	75	81	70	64	94	62	99	87	78	94	940

STATS

Court Services

continued

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	Total
<i>Web Checks/CCW</i>													
<i>Web Checks</i>	118	134	160	125	136	143	153	173	172	182	109	130	1735
<i>CCW Applications Received</i>	35	26	60	38	34	43	65	56	65	78	56	46	602
<i>CCW Licenses Issued</i>	38	26	60	38	34	43	65	56	65	78	56	46	602
<i>New Licenses Issued</i>	10	3	10	10	11	11	3	8	5	3	11	2	87
<i>Renewal Licenses Issued</i>	25	23	50	28	23	32	62	48	60	75	45	44	515
<i>Suspended</i>	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
<i>Denied</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Civilian Fingerprints</i>	5	2	6	1	2	1	3	8	2	1	5	3	39

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	Total
<i>Sex Offender Registry</i>													
<i>Sex Offender Registrations</i>	11	9	12	10	15	10	13	12	10	14	10	18	144
<i>Sex Offender Address Checks/ Attempts</i>	11	9	23	16	30	13	19	9	23	17	12	13	195

STATS

Court Services

Civil

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<i>Civil Process</i>													
Civil Process Received	172	165	180	120	123	207	123	147	128	189	122	199	1875
Warrants Received	89	76	84	58	57	85	42	57	75	75	70	50	818
Total Received	261	241	264	178	180	292	165	204	203	264	192	249	2693
<i>Sheriff Sales</i>													
Sheriff Sales Received	2	0	4	2	2	1	4	3	3	0	3	1	25
Private Selling Officer or Private Sale Appraisal only	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
Sheriff Sales Sold	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	12
Sheriff Sales WD/ Vacated/Unsold	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
<i>Other</i>													
Cases Processed	51	53	72	85	88	85	80	103	79	79	65	78	918
Citations	116	118	191	152	154	146	207	259	197	160	97	97	1894
Friendly Warnings	269	272	316	251	324	249	450	311	315	179	216	285	3437
Public Records Request	91	107	135	137	138	160	131	136	103	129	125	132	1524
Background Checks	15	21	26	16	27	33	37	36	24	26	26	39	326

Tri-County Regional Jail

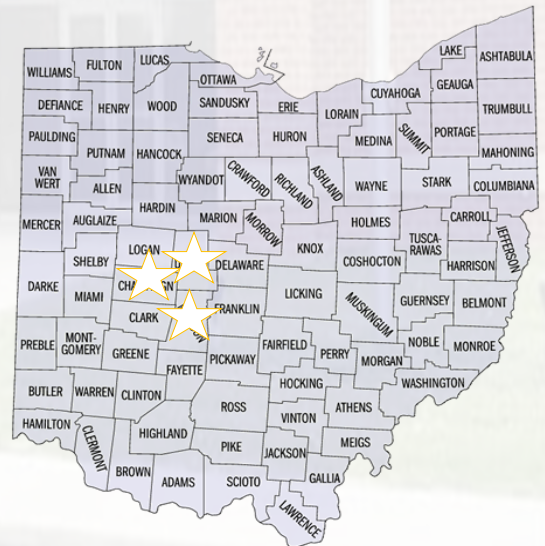


**Champaign County
Sheriff
Chad M. Burroughs**

**Madison County
Sheriff
John R. Swaney**

**Union County
Sheriff
Mike S. Justice**

Tri-County Regional Jail is located in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Serving and protecting citizens of Champaign, Madison and Union Counties under the Executive Direction of Scott E. Springhetti.



2025 *Overall Jail Stats* Tri-County Regional Jail

118
*Average Daily
Population*

*Average Length
of Stay*
13 days

Bookings **2,851**

Based on the Jail Management System Reports

Releases **2,840**

42 *Responses to Resistance/
Agression Reports*

23 *Inmate altercations*

Jail STATS

Maximum Number of Beds Allowed Per Day: 52

Month	Daily Average Union Co. Common Pleas			Daily Average Marysville Municipal			Union County TOTAL	Monthly Bed Overage	Overage Amt. Paid to Tri-County at \$45/Day
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female			
JAN	1091	714	377	293	268	25	1384	0	\$ -
FEB	864	703	161	319	259	60	1183	0	\$ -
MAR	1023	775	248	431	359	72	1454	7	\$ 315.00
APR	710	544	166	563	488	75	1273	0	\$ -
MAY	884	749	135	536	450	86	1420	0	\$ -
JUN	870	712	158	490	397	93	1360	0	\$ -
JUL	902	689	213	685	547	138	1587	55	\$ 2,475.00
AUG	787	597	190	738	566	172	1525	7	\$ 315.00
SEP	903	657	246	616	492	124	1519	20	\$ 900.00
OCT	875	654	221	688	575	113	1563	21	\$ 945.00
NOV	849	661	188	560	493	67	1409	0	\$ -
DEC	1226	879	347	587	445	142	1813	201	\$ 9,045.00

**Max beds allotted for
Union County per Day is 52.
Union County pays Tri-County Jail,
\$45/bed overage each month.**



2025

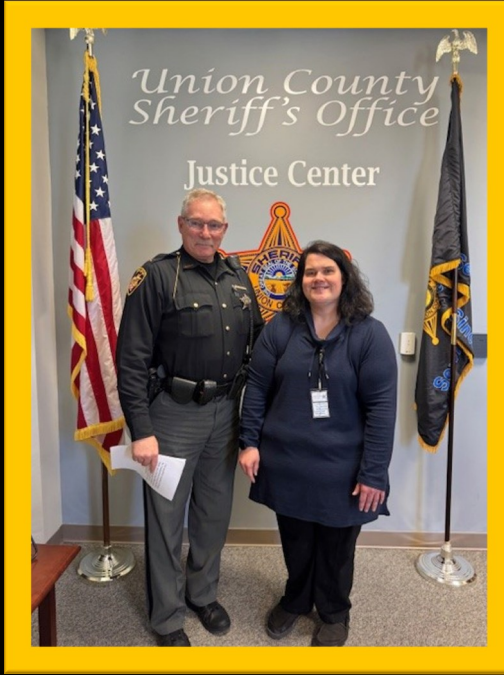
EMPLOYEE
Spotlight

Welcome ABOARD

DEPUTIES



Communications Officers



Civilian Employee



Happy Retirement

Deputy Scott Anspach



9.30.2001

Hired by Union County Sheriff's Office

7.11.1994

Sworn as a Union County Deputy Sheriff

4.30.2025

Retired

THANK YOU

For your dedication and service for over 33 years. Your commitment to this office and the community you served has made a lasting impact.

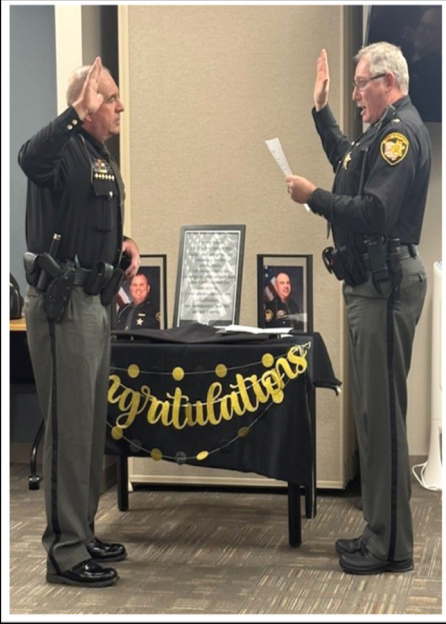
Enjoy Retirement!

PROMOTIONS



Administrative
Lieutenant
Chad Lee





**Detective
Sergeant
Shawn Golden**



**Community Relations
Sergeant
Shawn Dyer**



**Patrol
Sergeant
Zach Brown**

Patrol



**Corporal
Krystin Gibson**

**Corporal
Chris Bankes**

**Corporal
Zach Rocklin**

Communications

**Dispatch
Supervisor
Brittany Rausch**

**Dispatch
Supervisor
Rachel Kerr**





LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Union County Leadership Academy was designed to provide foundational leadership skills to the new and future leaders of our office. The program focuses on increasing awareness of various supervision and management styles. Participants complete a three-month training program organized by Sgt. Matt Henry, which includes classroom instruction, a written assignment, and a final group project with presentation.



2025 Leadership Academy Class Participants:

FRONT: Dep. Ben Smith · Dep. Krystin Gibson · Dep. Morgan Brown

BACK: Dep. Zach Schnarre · Communications Officer Brittany Rausch · Det. Adam Haycox

Also pictured: Sheriff Justice and Sgt. Matt Henry

Golden Star Awards and Recognition



The 2025 Awards Night was a fun and memorable evening celebrating the accomplishments of our staff throughout the year. We proudly present our incredible employees and their accomplishments in 2025. The MJ Awards returned for their second year, bringing plenty of surprise and laughter to the night.

We wrapped things up by announcing the People's Choice Award, voted on by attendees for their favorite staff birthday card of the year.

UCSO Crystal Awards

TWENTY YEARS OF UCSO SERVICE

Deputy Brad Phipps • Communications Officer Stephanie Wilhelm



THIRTY YEARS OF UCSO SERVICE

Captain Bob Roberts



Safe Driving Awards

Lieutenant Jeff Stiers • 25 Years

Sergeant Matt Henry • 25 Years

Lieutenant Chad Lee • 20 Years

Sergeant Mike Austin • 5 Years

Corporal Zach Rocklin • 5 Years

Deputy Alex Wargo • 5 Years

NRA Shooting Awards

Distinguished Expert Level

Detective Joel Thorpe

Expert Level

Sergeant Zach Brown • Deputy Alex Wargo • Lieutenant Chad Lee

Deputy Adam Haycox • Captain Bob Roberts • Deputy Ben Smith

Deputy Brad Phipps • Deputy Sam Miller • Sergeant Mike Austin

Sergeant Tim Johnson • Deputy Rob Loudon

Sharpshooter Level

Deputy Scott Robinson • Deputy Krystin Gibson

Detective Rod Wilson • Corporal Chris Bankes

Detective Ricky Garrison

The logo for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is circular with a white border. Inside the circle, the letters "CIT" are prominently displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Above "CIT", the word "OHIO" is written in a smaller font. Below "CIT", the words "CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM" are written in a smaller font, following the curve of the circle. Two small stars are positioned on either side of the "CIT" text.

Crisis Intervention Team Certification

Deputy Rachel Snyder • Deputy Jason Snipes
Chaplain Robert Condict

The logo for the 911 Dispatchers is a stylized graphic. It features a large, light-colored speech bubble on the left. To the right of the speech bubble, the number "911" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the "911", the word "Dispatchers" is written in a smaller, cursive font. The entire logo is set against a light background.

Communication Training Officer

Dispatcher Paige DelPico • Dispatcher Andrew Clemans
Dispatcher Hannah Joseph

The logo for the D.A.R.E. Officer is a cartoon illustration of a police officer. The officer is a anthropomorphic animal with orange fur, wearing a blue police uniform with a badge and a utility belt. He is standing with his arms crossed, holding a large American flag. The background is a light blue and white striped pattern.

School Resource Officer

Deputy Cole Brown • Deputy Tyler Reasor

D.A.R.E. Instructor

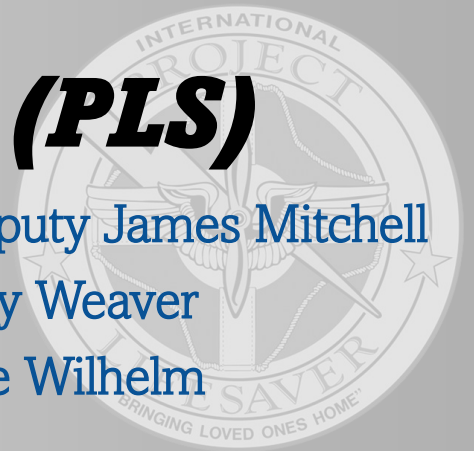
Deputy Cole Brown

Multi-County Crash Investigation Team (MCCIT)

Deputy Matt Bebout • Deputy Tyler Reasor

Project LifeSaver (PLS)

Communications Officer Paige DelPico • Deputy James Mitchell
Deputy Ben Smith • Deputy Brady Weaver
Communications Officer Stephanie Wilhelm



K9 Certification

Deputy Alex Wargo • K9 Mesi





Instructor Certification

Sergeant Zach Brown • Deputy Joe North • Deputy Jeremy Pacha
Deputy Ben Smith • Deputy Sean Phelan • Deputy Jason Snipes
Detective Ricky Garrison



Rape Aggression Defense Instructor Certification

Deputy Rachel Snyder



CPR / AED / First Aid Instructor Certification

Deputy Matt Bebout • Deputy Zach Reinhold
Chaplain Robert Condict



Police Executive Leadership College

Lieutenant Josh Kent

Life-Saving Award

Communications Officer Andrew Clemans

Sheriff's Commendation Award

Detective Paige Pitts

Detective Joel Thorpe

Prosecutor Dave Phillips

Certificate of Merit Award

Communications Officer Paige DelPico

Sergeant Andrew Rea (Ohio State Highway Patrol)

Officer Hayze Reeves (Marysville Police Department)

Officer Jason Rowe (Marysville Police Department)

Sheriff's Office Citation Award

Communications Officer Paige DelPico

Deputy Morgan Brown

Deputy Brad Phipps

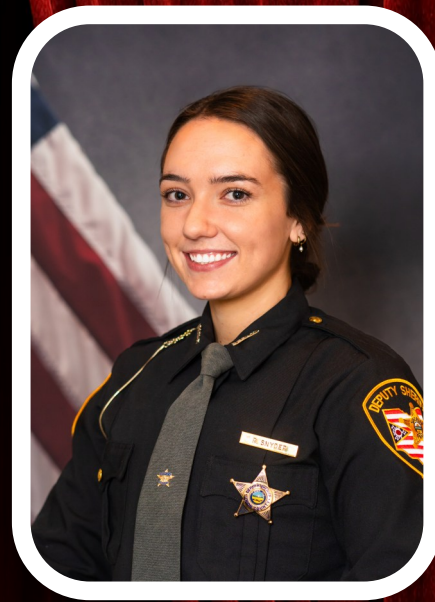
Communications Officer Becky Heath

Communications Officer Shawna March

EMPLOYEES of the YEAR

Deputy of the Year

Deputy
Rachel Snyder



Dispatcher of the Year

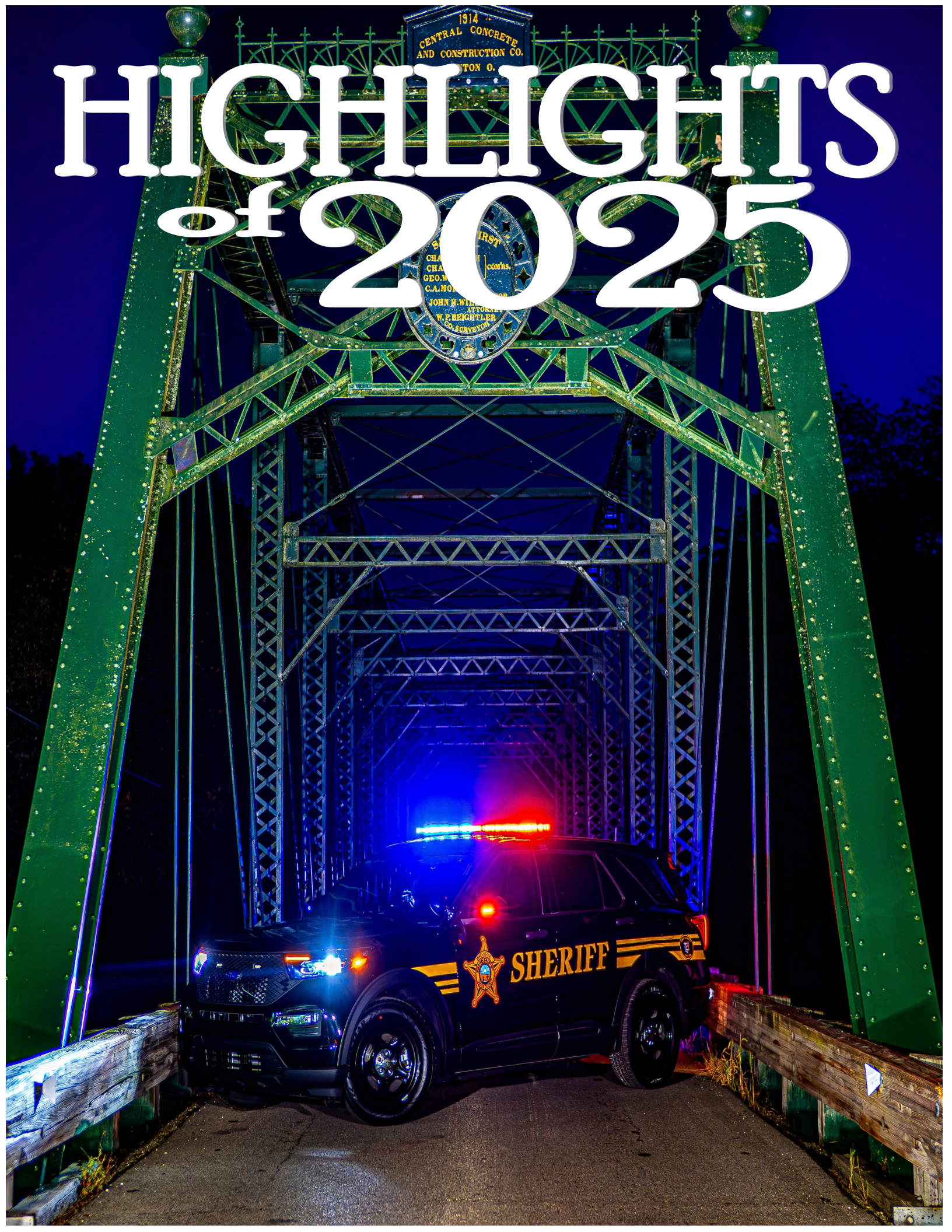
Communications Officer
Hannah Joseph

Civilian of the Year

CCW Clerk
Josi Miller



HIGHLIGHTS of 2025





In recognition of Law Enforcement Memorial Day, Sheriff Justice and his wife Rhonda, hosted a breakfast for law enforcement officers, past and present, across the county. The event provided an opportunity for officers and their families to come together to start their morning off with good food, fellowship, and appreciation.

Sheriff Justice could be found behind the griddle, flipping flapjacks and making eggs to order, while attendees enjoyed time together. The gathering provided a meaningful opportunity to connect, reflect, and recognize the shared commitment to service across our law enforcement community.





Deputy Jim Mitchell and Detective Joel Thorpe had the opportunity to represent the Sheriff's Office at a couple of car shows throughout Union County. Both Dep. Mitchell and Det. Thorpe set up the Sheriff's Tent along with the MRAP, the armored vehicle that is used by our Special Response Team. Det. Thorpe may have been checking out the red convertible in hopes he could get a new patrol vehicle!

A group of deputies and command staff members were invited to the Nursing Class at North Union High School to participate as students practiced their skills. School Resource Officer, Dep. Cole Brown, had a little fun with the students pretending to pass out during the needle stick!





Throughout the summer, deputies enjoyed connecting with the community at local festivals and events across Union County. From dunk tank appearances by School Resource Officer Deputy Ben Smith and Sheriff



Justice, to a friendly bounce house competition between Deputy Elizabeth Zizelman and Deputy Sam Miller, there was no shortage of fun. Deputy Rachel Snyder also joined in by sharing cotton candy and conversation with attendees.

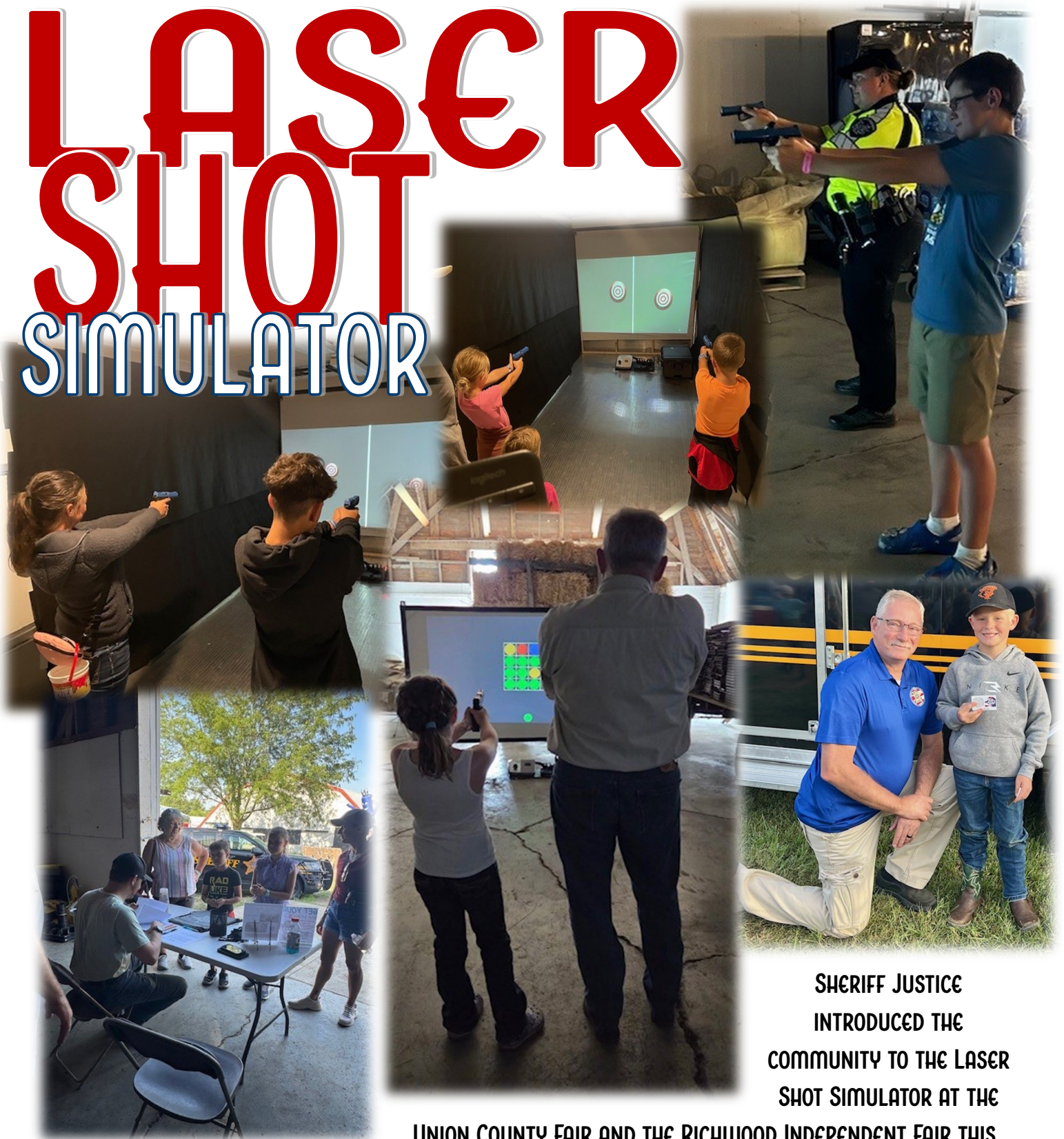


These moments highlight the

importance of building relationships and maintaining a visible, approachable presence within the community.



LASER SHOT SIMULATOR



**SHERIFF JUSTICE
INTRODUCED THE
COMMUNITY TO THE LASER
SHOT SIMULATOR AT THE**

**UNION COUNTY FAIR AND THE RICHWOOD INDEPENDENT FAIR THIS
YEAR. COMMONLY USED BY OUR DEPUTIES AS A TRAINING TOOL, THE
SIMULATOR GAVE PATRONS A UNIQUE, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. GUESTS WERE INVITED TO JOIN IN
SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION, WHETHER CHALLENGING THE SHERIFF, COMPETING WITH THE DEPUTIES,
OR SEEING HOW THEY STACKED UP AGAINST OTHERS. .**

**THE SIMULATOR WAS A BIG HIT, CREATING A FUN AND SAFE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH THE
COMMUNITY WHILE SHOWCASING A KEY TRAINING TOOL USED BY OUR DEPUTIES.**



2025 marked the Union County Sheriff's Office's first National Night Out event. In partnership with the Jerome Township Fire Department, the evening brought the community together for a perfect summer night filled with bounce house fun, a dunk tank featuring first responders, Drone Operations Team demonstrations, Touch-A-Truck, and community outreach activities - topped off with hot dogs for all.



The Annual Sheriff's Golf Outing made a welcomed return at the Darby Creek Golf Course. The day was filled with great weather, strong support, and the beginning of new traditions, all while raising funds to benefit the Community Relations Bureau. Thanks to the generosity of participants and sponsors, proceeds from this year's event were used toward the purchase of new drones. These tools play an important role in supporting public safety efforts, including search and rescue missions and providing critical aerial support during incidents. It was great to see so many familiar faces who have supported the Sheriff's office over the years, as well as meet many new ones. We look forward to continuing this tradition and hope to see everyone again in September '26.







Sheriff Justice recognized Mason Bailey, Logan Acker, and Blake Robinson, for achieving their rank of Eagle Scout, the highest distinction of Boys Scouts, in 2025. Each of these young men demonstrated exceptional leadership, perseverance, and dedication in reaching a goal that many strive but few attain.

Ariah Ade, constructed two shooting benches and repaired a flagpole that had been damaged by high winds, which she dedicated to the Union County Sheriff's Office, as her Eagle Scout Project. Her craftsmanship, initiative, and commitment to serving her community are clearly reflected in this meaningful contribution. Her project stands as a lasting reminder of her dedication and her message of ensuring our officers can "Always Be Prepared."

We are grateful to these individuals for their hard work, service, and the positive impact they have made within our community.





WOMEN'S FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office introduced the Women's Firearms Safety Course, emphasizing safety, confidence, and the fundamentals of proper firearm handling and shooting. The course provided a welcoming environment for participants to build skills and gain knowledge.

The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with all three sessions filling quickly. As a result, additional classes have been scheduled for 2026.

Turkey Shoot

Featuring:

Youth Shoot



The Annual Turkey Shoot was held at the Sheriff's Office Training Facility, with 2025 marking the addition of a Youth Shoot. Thanks to the support of generous event sponsors, youth participants ages 6 to 10 had the chance to win a BB gun, while participants ages 11 to 17 competed in a .22 Long Rifle Shoot. All contestants, youth and adult, were eligible to participate in the Shotgun Shoot for their chance at a Meijer Gift Card.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the Community Relations Bureau and helped to support Community Outreach programs throughout Union County.



SHOP With a HERO

