



# UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S STAR

## Winter Driving and Snow Emergencies

Winter does not officially arrive in Ohio until December 21<sup>st</sup>. However, winter weather and the challenges it brings for drivers has arrived. One of the most frequently asked questions during the winter months is "What snow emergency level are we under and when will it be increased or decreased?" Because the weather can change quickly in Ohio this time of year, its important to know what the snow emergency level means and how to react when Union County is placed under a level by Sheriff Patton. Below is an explanation of each snow emergency level.

### Level I - Roadway Advisory

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roadways are also icy. Drive very cautiously.

### Level II - Roadway Warning

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.

### Level III - Roadway Emergency

All Township, County, State and Municipal roadways are **CLOSED** to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roadways may subject themselves to arrest.

So how does the Sheriff determine when its time to declare a snow emergency or change the level? Sheriff Patton collects a wealth of information to make this decision, including driving the roads himself, reviewing weather forecasts, discussing current and expected road conditions with on-duty patrol deputies, representatives from the Union County Engineers Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation. This decision is never made lightly, because of the impact that it has on the motoring public, schools, and employers. Along with understanding the snow emergency levels, time may be the most important element for you to consider. Time to let you car warm up before starting your journey. Extra time to get from point A to point B, because the roads are slippery. Time spent focusing on driving defensively, so you can stay on the road and out of a crash. While traveling on the roadways, it's important to keep in mind bridges and overpasses freeze before the rest of the roadway. When the roads are snow or ice covered, you should increase the stopping distance you need. While on slippery surfaces, don't pump or lock your brakes. If you lose control, use light pressure on the accelerator and let your vehicle coast until you regain traction. "Speed is still one of the biggest factors that causes motor vehicle crashes this time of the year. It's very important you slow down when the roads are affected by ice and snow," said Sheriff Patton.

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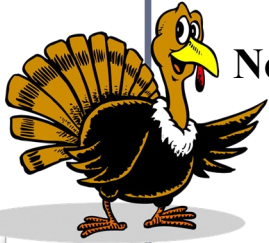
- Check all of your vehicle fluids. Make sure your windshield wiper fluid is full.
- Test and check your battery. Cold weather is hard on battery life.
- Make sure your tires have good tread on them. Good tires will help keep you on the road.
- Check your windshield wipers and make sure they are in good working order.
- Keep your gas tank filled.
- Consider keeping a snow shovel and sand in your vehicle in the event you get stuck.
- Pack jumper cables, blankets, and other supplies in your vehicle, in case you get stranded.
- Make sure you have a good ice scraper in your vehicle. Keep your windows clear of snow and frost to ensure a good line of sight while driving.
- Put your phone down and stay alert to the road conditions, as well as the other traffic.
- Always wear your seat belt.

Before you leave, check the road and weather conditions by going to our website at [www.unioncountyohio.gov/sheriff](http://www.unioncountyohio.gov/sheriff). You can sign up for the Union County Sheriff's Office App, the Nixle Community Notification System, or follow the link to the *Ohio Realtime Traffic Map* for real time traffic conditions and snow emergency announcements. Following these safety tips can help you make it to your destination safely.





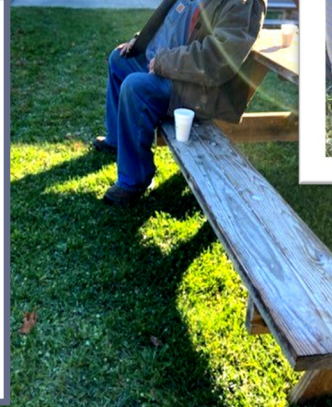
# JOIN US in 2022!



**Saturday  
November 5, 2022!**



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Annual Union County Sheriff's Office Turkey Shoot and Family Fun Day. A special thank you Whitestone Ordnance, LLC for sponsoring this year's event; VISTA for the donation of the Barnett XP Crossbow; Home Depot for the donation of the Masterbuilt Pro Series Digital Electric Smoker; and Lowe's for the Weber charcoal grill and grilling supplies.



## ***What's a Turkey Shoot?***

- Contestants shoot at paper targets 30 feet away with a shotgun.
- Contestants closest to the center of the target each round will win a \$20.00 gift card.
- Adult and youth rounds available
- Sporting Clays also available.
- NO Scopes or Red Dot Sights



December 11, 2021, marked the 8th annual Shop with a Hero event in Union County. For the third consecutive year, this event helped brighten the holidays for 100 children in Union County. With this year's event, we were able to return to taking the children shopping following the Lights and Sirens parade through the uptown area to the local Walmart and Meijer stores. Upon arriving to the stores, the children were greeted by Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves and many other Holiday favorites. Each child was given a \$100 gift card to spend while they shopped with their local hero.





**A** special THANK YOU to the local Meijer and Marysville Walmart for sponsoring the Shop with a Hero event, your generous donation is greatly appreciated!. We would also like to thank White Castle and the Nichols Family for providing breakfast for our volunteers and all of the children in attendance. Finally, we would like to thank all of the Law Enforcement Agencies and Fire Departments in Union County for your annual participation in this event. Without you, this event would not be possible! We appreciate your time as we know how valuable it is during the holiday season!

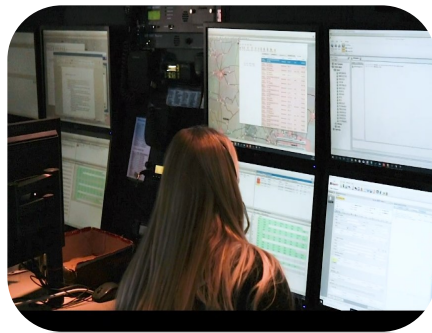
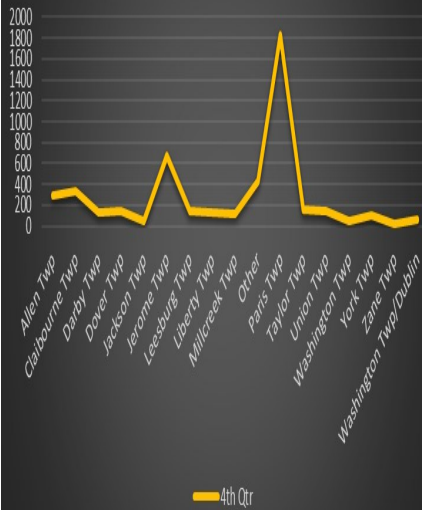




# Communications Division



Township Stats



**Township Stats**  
(9-1-1 Calls by Township)

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Allen Twp	248	274	242	294
Claibourne	286	356	393	339
Darby Twp	131	117	131	132
Dover Twp	148	156	138	142
Jackson Twp	59	48	49	50
Jerome Twp	615	721	781	681
Leesburg Twp	108	147	123	141
Liberty Twp	158	162	138	136
Millcreek Twp	98	106	109	123
Other	342	472	477	430
Paris Twp	1503	1800	1902	1833
Taylor Twp	117	131	93	162
Union Twp	111	112	112	145
Washington	60	36	59	50
York Twp	72	83	105	99
Zane Twp	43	20	20	17
Washington	43	63	84	69

**Union County**  
**9-1-1 Calls**

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
911 Misroute	1	0	0	0
Information	36	44	72	55
Follow-up	242	336	467	381
Cell 9-1-1				
=>Police	1775	1870	1861	1913
=>Fire	158	212	178	196
=>EMS	681	729	789	901
=>Accidents	387	379	326	527
=>Unknown	2	6	9	10
=>Error/Info	444	745	750	653

**SHERIFF**

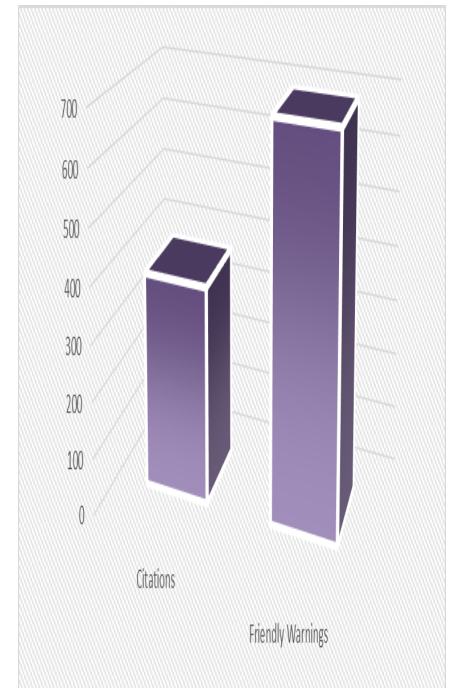
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# Court Services Division

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<b>Transports</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Municipal Court Transport</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Juvenile/Probate Transport</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Common Pleas Court Transport</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Adult Parole Transports</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Municipal Court Detail</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Probate/Juvenile Court Detail</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Common Pleas Court Detail</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Sex Offender Registrations</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Web Checks</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>559</b>
<b>CCW Applications Received</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>CCW Licenses Issued</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Renewal Licenses Issued</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Civilian Fingerprints</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Civil Process Received</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>532</b>
<b>Warrants Received</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Sheriff Sales Received</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sheriff Sales Sold</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sheriff Sales Returned (unsold)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>Friendly Warnings</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>693</b>
<b>Public Records Request</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Background Checks</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>62</b>

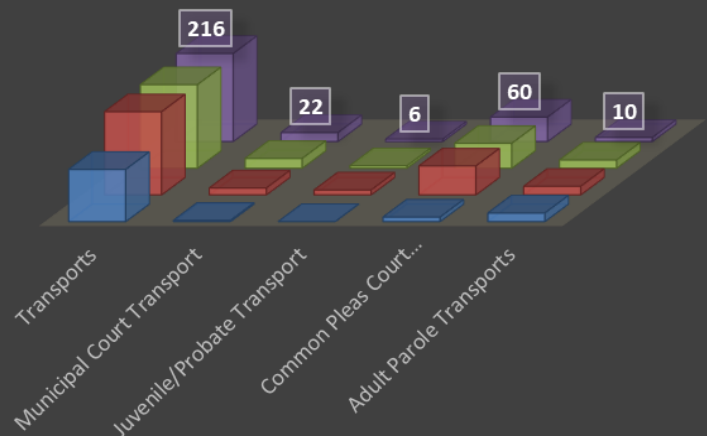


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## COURT SERVICE TRANSPORTS







# Tri-County Regional Jail

Champaign, Madison, & Union Counties



**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	845	626	219	201	186	15	1046	0	\$ -
February	823	613	210	243	188	55	1066	0	\$ -
March	1025	775	250	468	382	86	1493	10	\$ 450.00
April	1307	1079	228	344	265	79	1651	121	\$ 5,445.00
May	1219	1035	184	260	188	72	1479	7	\$ 315.00
June	1380	1158	222	305	257	48	1685	156	\$ 7,020.00
July	1511	1201	310	382	305	77	1893	281	\$ 12,645.00
August	1414	1104	310	345	248	97	1759	158	\$ 7,110.00
September	1264	994	270	278	227	51	1542	48	\$ 2,160.00
October	1501	1288	213	396	301	95	1897	306	\$ 13,770.00
November	1662	1498	164	414	365	49	2076	516	\$ 23,220.00
December	1903	1699	204	328	300	28	2231	619	\$ 27,855.00



## Local Sheriff Information

Champaign County Sheriff

Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff

John R. Swaney

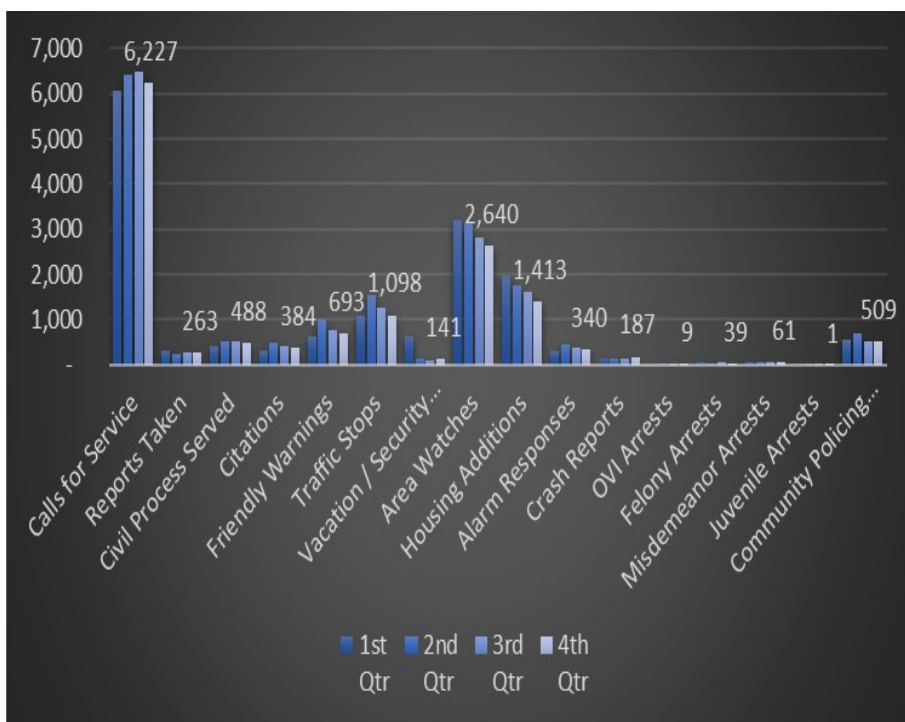
Union County Sheriff

Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton



# Patrol Division

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Calls for Service	6,058	6,406	6,483	6,227
Reports Taken	315	249	285	263
Civil Process Served	408	523	513	488
Citations	305	501	413	384
Friendly Warnings	646	1,007	772	693
Traffic Stops	1,081	1,550	1,254	1,098
Vacation / Security Watches	621	132	94	141
Area Watches	3,220	3,126	2,800	2,640
Housing Additions	1,953	1,755	1,611	1,413
Alarm Responses	323	442	378	340
Crash Reports	118	133	119	187
OVI Arrests	16	14	13	9
Felony Arrests	49	42	55	39
Misdemeanor Arrests	76	57	49	61
Juvenile Arrests	3	2	4	1
Community Policing Contacts	546	683	523	509





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# Sheriff **K-9** Unit

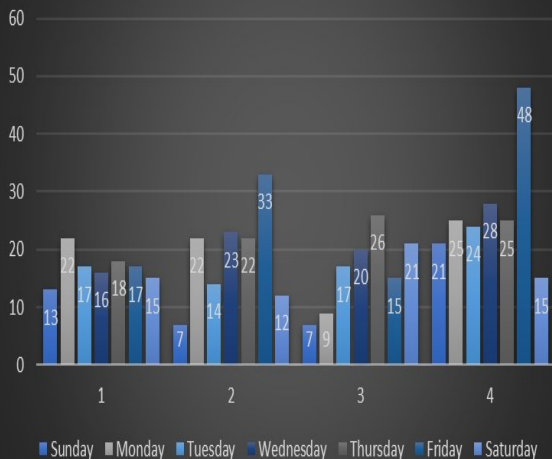
Dep. Matejko and Zeus	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Training Hours	56	72	72	52
Felony Arrests/Cases	8	6	5	8
Misdemeanor Arrests/Cases	7	8	0	0
Cases submitted - Grand Jury	0	0	2	1
Cases to other Agencies	2	2	3	0
Recovered Weapons	1	0	0	0
UCSO Assists to other Agencies	10	8	2	1
K-9 Uses	14	17	7	5
Cases referred to MADE	2	0	0	7
MADE Tips	12	0	0	3
Traffic Stops for MADE	19	0	1	5
Positive Indication	9	6	1	5
No Indication	3	2	4	0
Apprehensions	0	4	1	0
Track	0	1	0	0
Area/Building/Article Search	3	4	2	0
School Searches	0	0	0	0
Public appearances	0	0	1	0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Value of Drugs Seized	1,300.00	1,100.00	370.00	380.00
Types of Drugs Seized	Meth, Fentanyl, Marijuana	Meth, Fentanyl, Marijuana	Fentanyl	Meth, Fentanyl, Crack Cocaine





# CRASHES

Days of the Week



## \*\*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.**

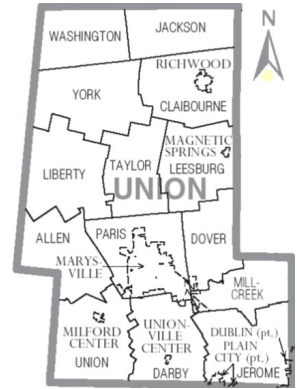
Intersection

**Distr.**

Distraction

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<b>Days of the Week</b>				
Sunday	13	7	7	21
Monday	22	22	9	25
Tuesday	17	14	17	24
Wednesday	16	23	20	28
Thursday	18	22	26	25
Friday	17	33	15	48
Saturday	15	12	21	15
<b>Road Contour</b>				
Straight	101	107	90	157
Curve	17	27	24	29
<b>Road Condition</b>				
Dry	64	117	101	142
Wet	19	14	12	35
Snow/Ice	31	0	0	8
<b>Weather</b>				
Clear	63	102	88	120
Cloudy	15	20	13	38
Sunny	0	0	0	0
Rain	6	10	9	16
Snow	28	0	0	9
Fog	2	0	2	1
<b>Vehicle Type</b>				
Commercial	12	11	9	16
Passenger	83	96	75	141
Pick Up	17	16	17	19
Motorcycle	1	5	6	2
Bicycle	0	0	0	0
Farm Equipment	2	2	0	1
4-Wheel ATV	0	0	1	1
<b>Gender of Driver</b>				
Male	71	72	60	109
Female	42	52	42	65
<b>Age of Driver</b>				
<18	10	9	4	9
18-25	37	23	28	45
25-40	32	31	30	60
>40	34	59	40	60
<b>Alcohol or Drug Related</b>				
<18	0	0	0	0
18-21	0	0	1	0
>21	4	6	4	4
<b>Causing Factor</b>				
Speed	4	3	5	5
Backing	5	9	6	9
**OVI	4	6	4	4
**LOC	4	7	2	5
**FTC	44	30	28	54
**ACDA	17	28	29	32
**Sig Device/FTY	19	27	28	23
**Animal	20	25	20	56
**Inters.	4	4	2	1
**Distr.	2	2	1	0

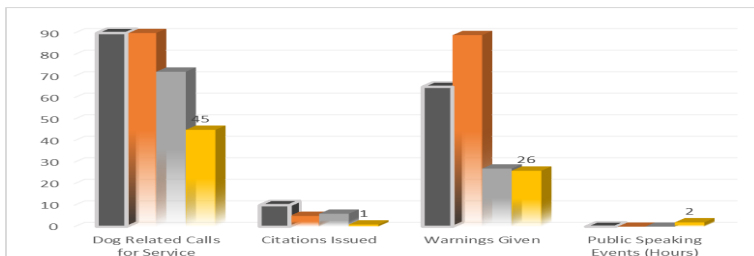
# Public Safety Officers



Public Safety Officer	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Business/Info Update	0	2	5	2
Calls Handled out of District	41	63	8	4
Elderly Checks	46	46	7	43
EMS Runs in District	6	22	19	21
EMS Runs out of District	5	16	3	0
Fire Runs in District	3	11	10	15
Fire Runs out of District	3	3	1	1
First on Scene	6	17	18	19

## Union County Dog Warden

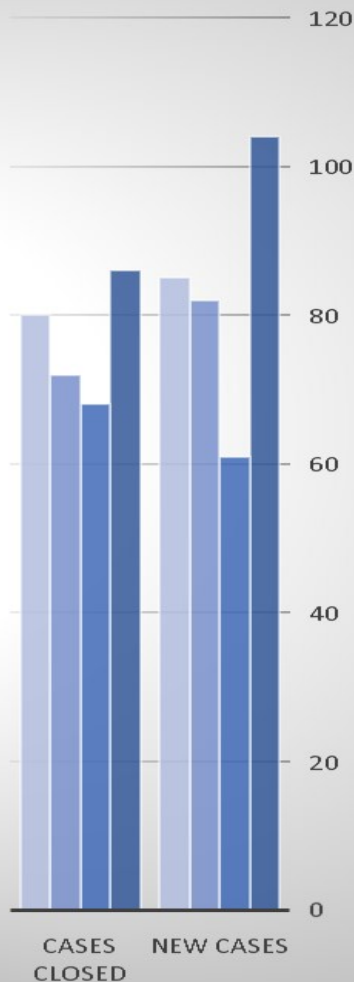
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Dog Related Calls for	244	247	72	45
Citations Issued	10	5	6	1
Warnings Given	65	89	27	26
Public Speaking Events	0	0	0	2





# Investigations Division

## Cases



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
New Cases	104	61	82	85
Cases Closed	86	68	72	80
# Individuals Indicted	12	10	10	7
# Counts of Indictments	47	25	34	55
# Juvenile Cases Presented to Prosecutor	4	1	1	3
# Misdemeanor Cases Presented to Prosecutor	4	2	5	0
# Felony Cases Presented to Pros.	19	13	8	10
Scenes Processed	8	13	17	35
Consent Searches	15	14	7	3
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	15	10	23	20
# Subpoena to Prosecutors Office/ Administrative Subpoenas filed	33	34	15	39
Sexual Offenders Checked	62	59	63	68
Training Hours	168.0	152.0	178.5	185.0
Presentation Hours (Community, C.A., Schools, etc.)	1.0	0.0	4.0	5
# Pre-employ Background Invest.	4	3	4	3
Hours Spent Cell Phone Forensics	16.0	10.0	14.0	9.0

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# M.A.D.E. Task Force



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<b>Drug Tips</b>	35	16	28	3
<b>Drug Tips Followed up on</b>	7	16	7	11
<b>Drugs Seized:</b>				
Cocaine: (grams)	0	0.1	0	19.39
Fentanyl (grams)	1.5	2000.44	0	4.33
Heroin: (unit dosages)	0	0	0	9.51
Methamphetamines: (grams)	239.5	139.98	25.64	11.83
Pills: (unit dosages)	0	0	0	0
Mushrooms: (grams)	0	0	0	0
Hashish: (grams)	0	0	0	0
MDMA: (grams)	0	0	0	0
Marijuana: (grams)	0	244	0	0
Marijuana: (# of plants)	39	15	12	0
<b>Money Seized from Suspects</b>	\$3,060.00	\$0.00	\$3,578.00	\$0.00
<b>Money received from Clerks Off.</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Funds Dispersed to CI:</b>	\$4,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance of Cash Funds:</b>	\$2,802.00	\$2,405.00	\$2,255.00	\$2,255.00
<b>Drug Take Back: (grams)</b>	0	60327.79	0	24947.58
<b>RX Turned into UCSO Dropbox: (pounds)</b>	40	31	54	115.36
<b>RX Turned into County: (pounds)</b>	58.69	133	22.25	58.96



**Drop box is located in the lobby of the  
Union County Justice Center.  
Available 24/7.**

**If you or someone you know has any unneeded, expired or unwanted medications, please feel free to bring them to the RX Dropbox. Medication can be properly disposed of quickly and anonymously.**

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**We cannot accept syringes and needles  
in this receptacle.**



# Support Services Division

In December, 5th graders from North Union and Fairbanks Elementary completed their Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) training and became the graduating class for the 2021-2022 school year. Pictured below (left) is Deputy Shawn Dyer giving a motivational speech to his Wildcats during their graduation ceremony at North Union. Deputy Rod Wilson along with Sheriff Patton stopped for a picture along with the Panther students who won Daren the Lion stuffed animals following the graduation festivities at Fairbanks!

Congratulations to all the students from North Union and Fairbanks!



## Volunteers In Police Services

VIPS Donated Hours	
1st Qtr	114.5
2nd Qtr	125.5
3rd Qtr	300.25
4th Qtr	125.5



Special Deputy	
1st Qtr	23
2nd Qtr	18
3rd Qtr	15
4th Qtr	41



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**In October, Deputies from the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO) completed Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Crisis Intervention Training is presented by the Ohio Crisis Intervention Team and has become a mandatory training for the UCSO Deputies and our Dispatchers. Crisis Intervention trainings have been developed across the country to help train Law Enforcement Officers and Dispatchers techniques for de-escalating persons believed to be having a mental health crisis. This program can help direct a person with a mental illness into treatment instead of inappropriate incarceration. Pictured above are the newly CIT certified UCSO Deputies: Deputy Adam Bell, Deputy Mike Austin, Deputy Jordan Shoemaker and Deputy Jake Matejko along with Deputy Morgan Brown (UCSO CIT/CISM Coordinator) and Sheriff Patton.**

**Deputy Morgan Brown along with the Union County Sheriff's Office was presented with The Stepping Up Initiative for their Leadership and Dedication in 2021.**

**Deputy Brown has served as the Union County Sheriff's Office CIT/CISM Coordinator for the last two years. He works closely with other community agencies and organizations to follow up with individuals and their families who need assistance.**

**If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call the Crisis Help Line (24/7) at 1-800-731-5577, Text 4help to 85511, walk in to Maryhaven at the Mills Center at 715 S. Plum St., Marysville, OR in the event of a crisis emergency, call 9-1-1 for an urgent response by trained CIT Officers.**





# Celebrating Staff



**Deputy**

**Scott Robinson**

**Celebrating**

**20 YEARS**

**With the  
Union County  
Sheriff's Office**


# WE'RE HIRING!

## Deputy Sheriff

We are seeking responsible and reliable candidates interested in long-term career opportunities in the secure, fast-paced environment of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

For more information, please contact Alicia Bosch at [abosch@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:abosch@unioncountyohio.gov) or visit the Union County Sheriff's Office website at:

<https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/career-opportunities>



A photograph showing several Union County Sheriff's Office personnel standing in front of a brick building. In the foreground, a black patrol car with "SHERIFF" and a star emblem is visible. Another patrol car is parked further back.


### Employment Opportunities

Deputy Sheriff  
Civilian Staff  
Communications Officer  
Public Safety Officer - Deputy Sheriff

### Career Advancements

- Investigations
- K-9
- DARE / SRO
- Dog Warden
- Specialty Assignments
- Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT)
- Special Response Team (SRT)
- Multi-County Crash Investigation Team (MCCIT)
- Investigator Assigned to Job & Family Services
- Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement (MADE) Task Force
- Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Operator

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A photograph of firefighting equipment, including a red fire extinguisher, a yellow fire hose reel, a fire helmet, and a fire jacket, resting on a brick surface.