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Living in an Agricultural Community

As the fall harvest season quickly approaches, this is a good time to explain agricultural laws to the motoring public and prompt all motor vehicles to share the roadways. Our office is hopeful the content of this article will assist you in recognizing the importance of patiently sharing our roads with the agricultural community.

We are all familiar with the four seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall. But in an agricultural community like Union County there are two more seasons which affect us all, they are planting and harvest seasons. During these two farming seasons, we must all be patient with area farmers transporting farm equipment to and from their fields. The Sheriff's Office often receives complaints and questions each year, which involve laws governing farm equipment, the width of farm implements taken on the roadway, and how they use public roadways. Over the past several decades, the size of farm equipment being manufactured has grown by leaps and bounds, while the width of roadways generally has not. Motorists are often frustrated when they come up behind a large piece of farm equipment that is moving very slowly. A long line of traffic usually develops behind the farm equipment, with everyone trying to get around and continue on their way. At certain times of the day, getting around slow-moving farm equipment can be very challenging. "I know, because I have been in that line of traffic numerous times while on my way to work or a scheduled meeting," says Sheriff Patton. We need to remember the important role farmers play in our society and in our economy. Farmers have a job to do, just like the rest of us.

Below are frequently asked questions the Union County Sheriff's Office often receives. We do hope this article encourages the motoring public to understand some of the laws that govern farm equipment and the need for us to safely share the roadways during planting and harvest seasons.

Q. What is considered farm machinery?

According to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 4501.01, farm machinery is defined as all machines and tools that are used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, hammer mills, and machinery used in the production of horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products.

Q. Are there width requirements or restrictions for farm machinery to travel up and down the road?

Yes, according to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 5577.05, vehicles operated on roadways are limited to certain lengths, widths, and heights. ORC section 5577.05 (G) states that farm machinery and equipment are exempt from the size standards, as long as the equipment is being pulled or operated on the road. If the same piece of machinery is loaded or transported on a truck or trailer, then they are not exempt from the size regulations.

Q. Doesn't the farm equipment have to stay on its own side of the roadway?

No, an Appeals Court ruling says that farm equipment traveling on the roadways is not required to yield to coming traffic. The ruling stated that it is not the farmer's fault that the roadway is not of adequate width to handle the machinery, thus, they are not criminally liable. The farmer should yield to oncoming traffic, but if they don't, they have not violated any laws.

Q. Am I able to legally pass a piece of farm machinery on a solid yellow line?

Yes, ORC section 4511.31(B) states that if the slow-moving vehicle is proceeding at less than half the posted speed limit, you may overtake the vehicle provided you do not exceed the speed limit in doing so. You are also required to have a clear sight distance to the left of the center or center line of the roadway to overtake the vehicle safely and you must not interfere with oncoming traffic. All other laws that pertain to over taking and passing a vehicle traveling in the same direction still apply.

Q. Aren't farmers required to tear down or reduce the size of their equipment before moving down the roadway?

No, they are not. However, many do for the simple reason that they do not want to hit mailboxes, road signs, utility wires or other things along the route they are traveling.

Q. Why don't farmers pull over and let traffic around them?

Farmers are not required to do this. However, most farmers realize they share the roadways and that people have places to go and things to do. Many will pull over when they can safely do so, to allow traffic around them. Sometimes, however it is best for them to just get to their location as quickly as possible, so they are out of everyone's way. Pulling over and letting traffic go around them can create other issues and sometimes can be more hazardous than not doing so.

Q. What is the speed limit for vehicles with a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) sign?

ORC 4513.11(B) states that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour for vehicles with an SMV sign. However, according to ORC 4513.11(G), if the vehicle is capable of traveling at higher speeds, then that speed must be posted on the vehicle.

Q. How many anhydrous ammonia tanks, gravity wagons, or hay wagons can be pulled down the road at one time?

ORC section 4513.32 states that an agricultural tractor may pull more than one trailer on the roadway, as long as the trailers are securely fastened and do not sway from side to side. Vehicles such as pickup trucks may only pull a maximum of two trailers at one time.

Q. Can farmers drive All-purpose vehicle (APV) and Utility vehicle (UTV) on the roadway?

APV's and UTV's may be driven on the road as long as they are used primarily for agricultural purposes and the owner qualifies for current agricultural use valuation (CAUV). APV and UTV must display a triangular slow-moving emblem as well.





WELCOME TO THE UCSO



Kellie Rostorfer- Communications



Christina Chapman- Administration



Deputy Zach Gunlock- Patrol



Connor Swayne- Cadet- Patrol



Madyson Watson- Court Services

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GET IT



Union County Sheriff's Office



Benefit Shoot Family Fun Day Raffle

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Registration Begins at 9 a.m.

First Shot at 10 a.m.

\$5.00/round

**Union County Sheriff's Office
Public Safety Training Facility**

15146 U.S. Hwy 36 East

Marysville, Ohio 43040

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

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For more information, contact Deputy Rich Crabtree at (937) 645-4100, ext 4310 or by email at rcrabtree@unioncountyohio.gov

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December 10, 2022

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Lt. Jeff Stiers
Commander

Crime Tip Hotline:
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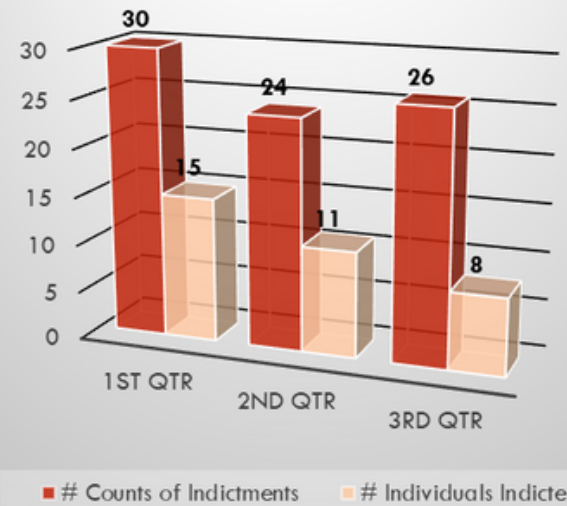
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INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr
Reports Taken	20	10	10
New Cases	80	61	70
Cases Closed	58	53	90
# Individuals Indicted	15	11	8
# Counts of Indictments	30	24	26
Juvenile Cases Filed with Prosecutor	0	0	4
Misdemeanor Charges Filed with Prosecutor	4	2	0
Felony Cases Filed with Prosecutor	23	13	16
Scenes Processed	13	24	13
Consent Searches	11	15	3
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	24	16	16
# Subpoenas to Pros. Office / Administrative Subpoenas Filed	25	14	13
Sexual Offenders Checked	58	49	63
Training Hours	200	323.00	157
Presentations (Community, C.A., Schools etc)	4	4.00	4.00
#Pre-Employment Background Investigations Completed	2	5	4
# Cell Phone Forensics Exams	10	9	8
# MX 908 Tests	4	8	12
# DJFS Fraud Referrals	9	4	5
# DJFS Childrens Services Referrals	3	6	5

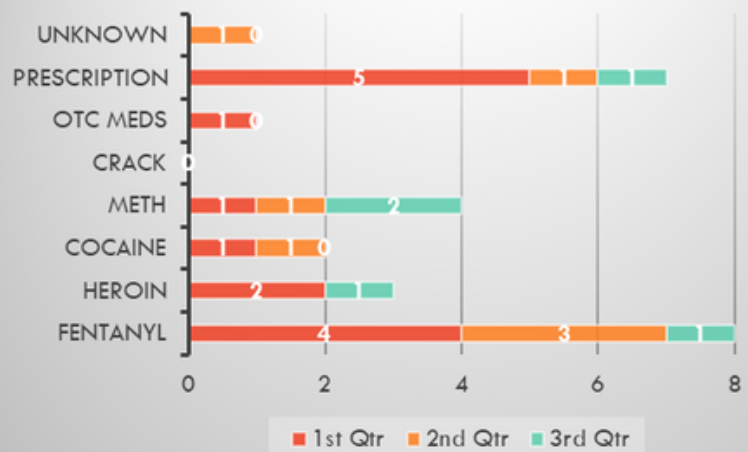
2022 INDICTMENTS



M.A.D.E TASK FORCE STATS	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR
Drugs Seized:			
Cocaine: (grams)	0.1		
Fentanyl: (grams)	0.1	0.6	0.1
Heroin: (grams)			
Methamphetamines: (grams)	6	4	67.79
Pills: (Unit dosages)	17	29	
Mushrooms: (grams)			
Hashish: (grams)			
MDMA: (grams)			
Marijuana: (grams)		80	
Marijuana: (# of plants)		16	
Money Seized from Suspects			
Money received from Clerks Office			
Drug Take Back: (grams)		46720.01	



Cause of Overdose



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

Additional drop boxes can be located at the Marysville Police Department, Richwood Police Department and Plain City Police Department. Hours may vary.

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.





Tri-County Regional Jail

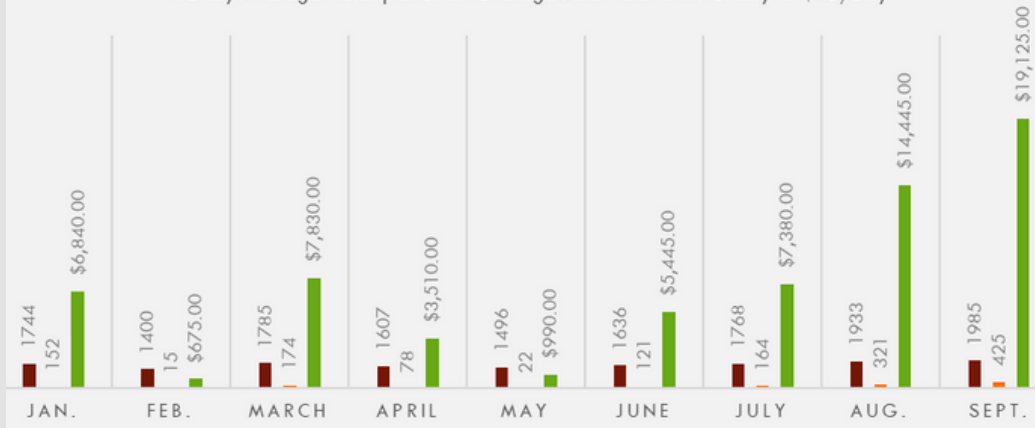
Champaign, Madison & Union Counties



	Daily Average			Daily Average					
	Common Pleas			Municipal Court					
Month	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Union County	Monthly Bed	Overage Amt. Paid
							TOTAL	Overage	to Tri-County at
									\$45/Day
Jan.	1581	1317	264	163	149	14	1744	152	\$6,840.00
Feb.	1115	929	186	285	250	35	1400	15	\$675.00
March	1430	1192	238	355	248	107	1785	174	\$7,830.00
April	1370	1037	333	237	157	80	1607	78	\$3,510.00
May	1192	894	298	304	249	55	1496	22	\$990.00
June	1283	958	325	353	267	86	1636	121	\$5,445.00
July	1382	1100	282	386	287	99	1768	164	\$7,380.00
Aug.	1430	1185	245	503	331	172	1933	321	\$14,445.00
Sept.	1410	1005	405	575	457	118	1985	425	\$19,125.00

TRI-COUNTY JAIL

- Daily Average Municipal Court Union County TOTAL
- Daily Average Municipal Court Monthly Bed Overage
- Daily Average Municipal Court Overage Amt. Paid to Tri-County at \$45/Day



Local Sheriff Information

Champaign County Sheriff
Matthew R. Melvin

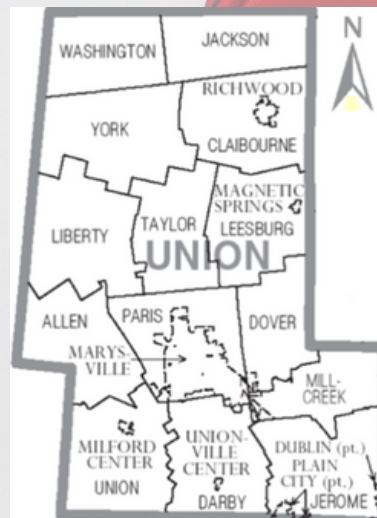
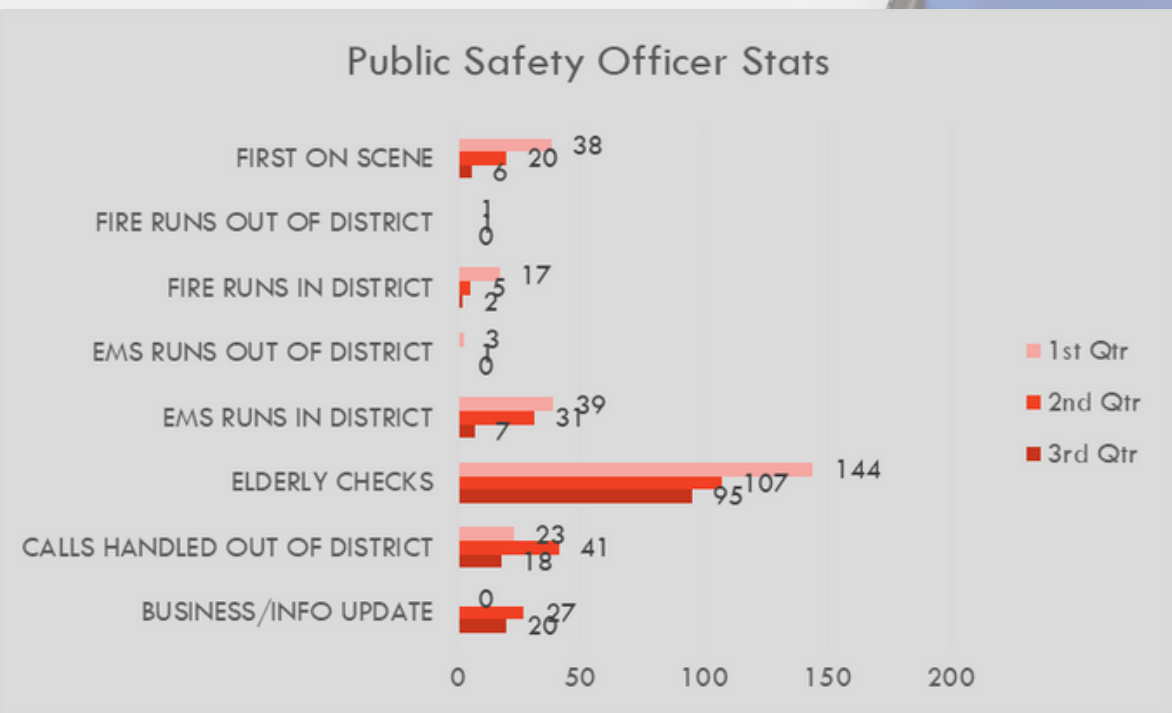
Madison County Sheriff
John R. Swaney

Union County Sheriff
Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton

Public Safety Officers



Public Safety Officers are deputies cross trained to be an emergency medical technician and firefighter.



PATROL DIVISION

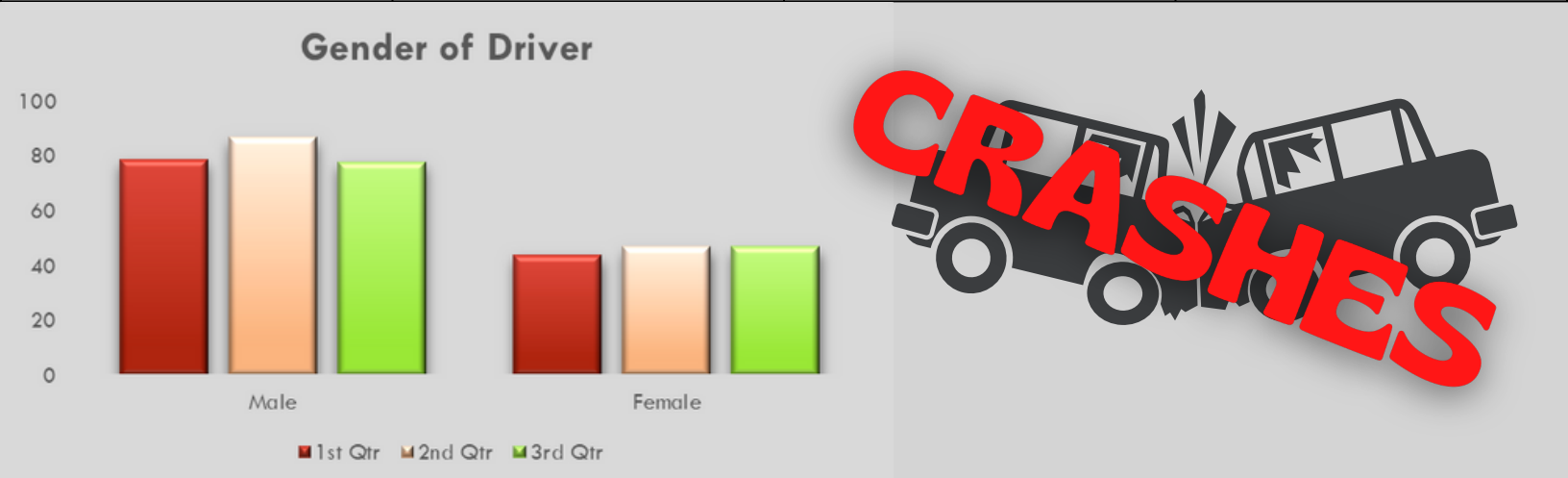
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Calls for Service	5,971	8,614	6,473
Reports Taken	264	269	308
Civil Process Served	586	467	476
Citations	407	339	358
Friendly Warnings	769	776	629
Traffic Stops	1,093	1,186	1,099
Vacation / Security Watches	691	53	35
Area Watches	3,241	2,469	2,443
Housing Additions	2,149	1,466	1,346
Alarm Responses	294	352	342
Crash Reports	138	143	132
OVI Arrests	17	16	17
Felony Arrests	57	32	30
Misdemeanor Arrests	73	50	61
Juvenile Arrests	6	2	4
Community Policing Contacts	503	633	591

Lt. Mike Justice
Commander



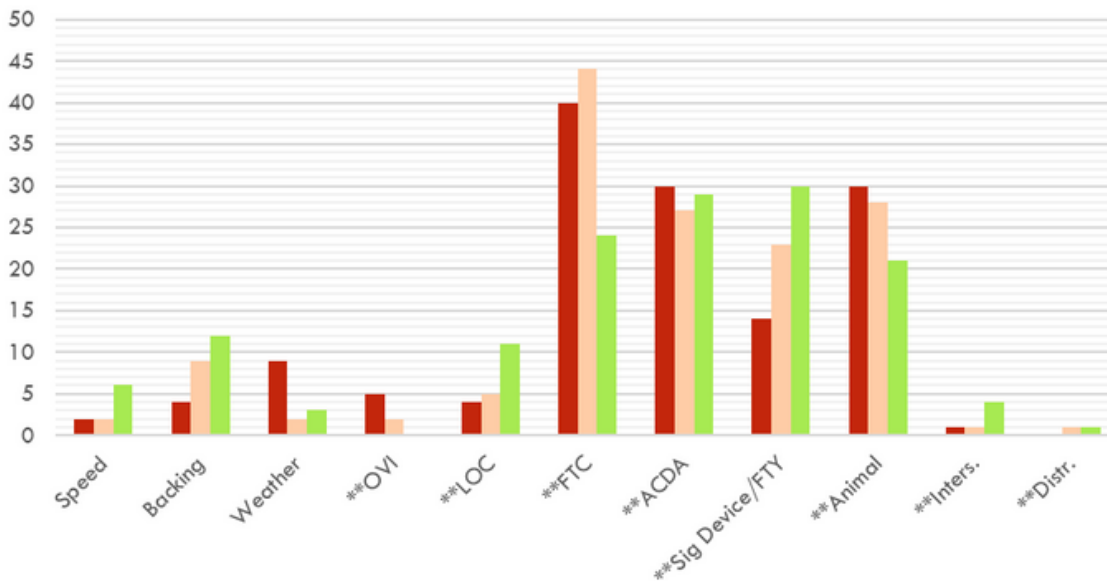
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	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr
Days of the Week			
Sunday	28	10	17
Monday	20	23	15
Tuesday	22	30	22
Wednesday	24	18	17
Thursday	21	17	24
Friday	8	23	20
Saturday	15	23	16
Road Contour			
Straight	120	112	113
Curve	18	32	18
Road Condition			
Dry	81	121	115
Wet	30	22	15
Snow/Ice	26	1	0
Weather			
Clear	76	109	98
Cloudy	23	19	18
Sunny	0	0	0
Rain	13	13	13
Snow	23	1	0
Fog	0	2	2
Vehicle Type			
Commercial	10	13	10
Passenger	93	103	89
Pick Up	25	15	18
Motorcycle	0	7	7
Bicycle	0	0	0
Farm Equipment	1	0	1
4-Wheel ATV	0	1	2



Causing Factors

■ 1st Qtr ■ 2nd Qtr ■ 3rd Qtr



**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

3rd Quarter Significant PATROL Events

This quarter was relatively quiet which is always a good thing for the Patrol Division.

On September 20, deputies responded to a fatal vehicle crash in Taylor Township. A 2008 silver Toyota Tundra was traveling south on State Route 31 when it was struck by a 2006 Freightliner Semi traveling north.

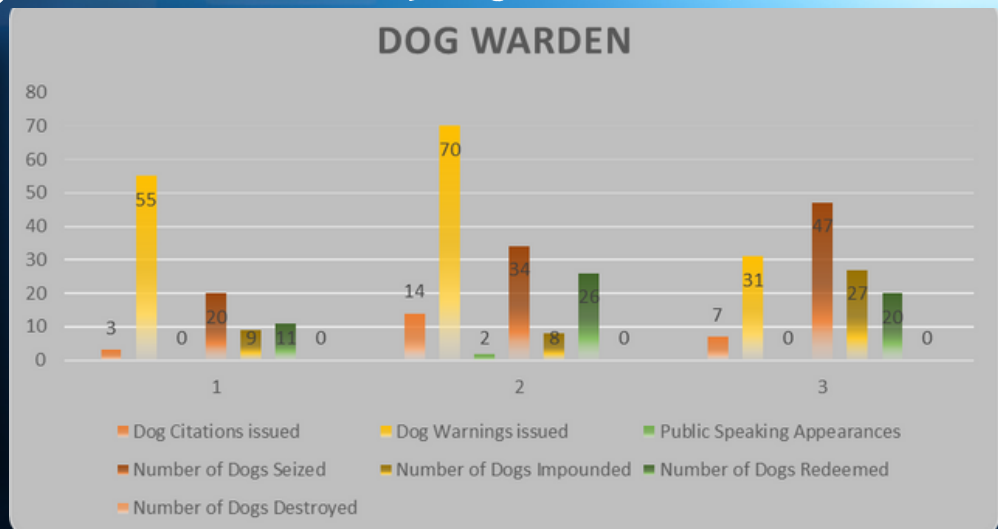
3rd Quarter Significant PATROL Events

Due to the above-described fatal crash and other injury crashes on State Route 31 during this quarter, additional enforcement activities were enacted. The enforcement activities included traffic stops related to speed, following too close, improper passing and other contributing factors to crashes.

Since September 20th, there have been more than 60 traffic stops conducted on State Route 31. During the initial implementation of the enforcement program, speeding tickets were issued for speeds ranging up to 79 mph in a 55 mph speed zone. Since the enforcement efforts began, the speeds have been reduced drastically on the road by more than 15 mph per vehicle.

There are still enforcement efforts being performed on this roadway with hopes of reducing the number of serious crashes.

Union County Dog Warden- Deputy Pete Lenhardt





UNION COUNTY SCALES

Category	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter
Hours Worked	0	52	62
Actual Weight of Vehicles	0	644,210	950,530
Allowed Weight of Vehicles	0	569,000	864,300
Over Weight of Vehicles	0	75,210	88,230
Fine Amounts	\$0	\$5,027	\$4,741

Sheriff K-9 Unit



Dep. Matejko and Zeus	1st	2nd	3rd
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
Training Hours	48	24	52
Felony Arrests/Cases	11	0	5
Misdemeanor Arrests/Cases	6	2	3
Cases submitted - Grand Jury	0	0	0
Cases to other Agencies	4	1	0
Recovered Weapons	0	0	0
UCSO Assists to other Agencies	6	1	2
K-9 Uses	14	2	9
Cases referred to MADE	1	0	3
MADE Tips	1	0	6
Traffic Stops for MADE	0	0	7
Positive Indication	6	1	6
No Indication	3	1	2
Apprehensions	4	0	0
Track	0	0	0
Area/Building/Article Search	4	0	2
School Searches	0	0	0
Public appearances	0	0	2
Value of Drugs Seized	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Types of Drugs Seized	Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana	THC Cartridges	None



ZEUS

TRAINING WITH DEPUTY JAKE MATEJKO AND K-9 ZEUS

Area searches...felony stops...building searches and narcotics. Those are just a few things our K-9 Zeus is trained to do. Every week, his handler Deputy Matejko works extensively with him in various situations to ensure the accuracy of his skills. Zeus is an active alert K-9 and is trained to detect cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana.

In a day's training, Zeus will perform an article search (example, heroin hidden in a desk drawer), a felony car stop and building search. Zeus is very hard working and excels at his job but he also loves attention.



Behind the Badge

Deputy Jake Matejko

Q: Where were you born?

A: Wyandot, Michigan. Moved to Ohio in 2001 and has lived here since.

Q: Did you play any sports in High School?

A: I played football my freshman year of High School as wide receiver. I also played center position in hockey.

Q: What do you do for fun?

A: I enjoy hanging out with my 8 year old son when I'm not working.

Q: Tell me something on your bucket list?

A: To visit Spain or Italy.

Q: Favorite food?

A: Snow Crabs

Q: Favorite vacation spot?

A: My uncle's cabin in Michigan.

Q: What made you decide to go into law enforcement?

A: I wanted to be able to help people who can't help themselves.

Q: What is something you'd like to learn?

A: To surf or snowboard.

Q: If you had one super power, what would it be and why?

A: Mind reading- it would make my job a lot easier.

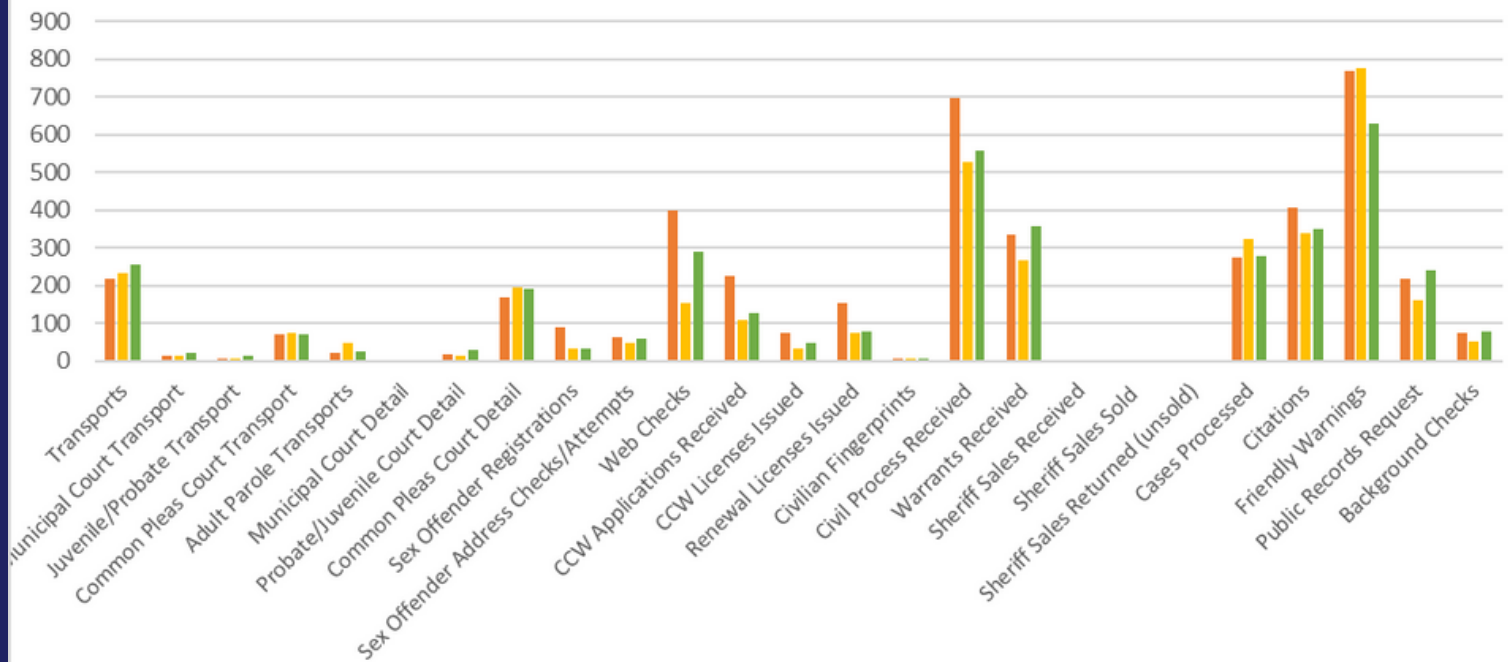
Q: Who inspires you the most?

A: My mom



Court Services Division

Court Service Transports



Transports

254

Municipal Court Transport

22

Juvenile/Probate Transport

15

Common Pleas Court

Transport

71

Adult Parole Transports

24

Municipal Court Detail

0

Probate/Juvenile Court Detail

28

Common Pleas Court Detail

191

Sex Offender Registrations

33

Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts

60

Web Checks

291

CCW Applications Received

129

CCW Licenses Issued

48

Renewal Licenses Issued

80

Cases Processed

279

Citations

351

Friendly Warnings

629

Public Records Request

242

Background Checks

78

Civilian Fingerprints

5

Civil Process Received

557

Warrants Received

358

Sheriff Sales Received

2

Sheriff Sales Sold

1

Sheriff Sales Returned (unsold)

1



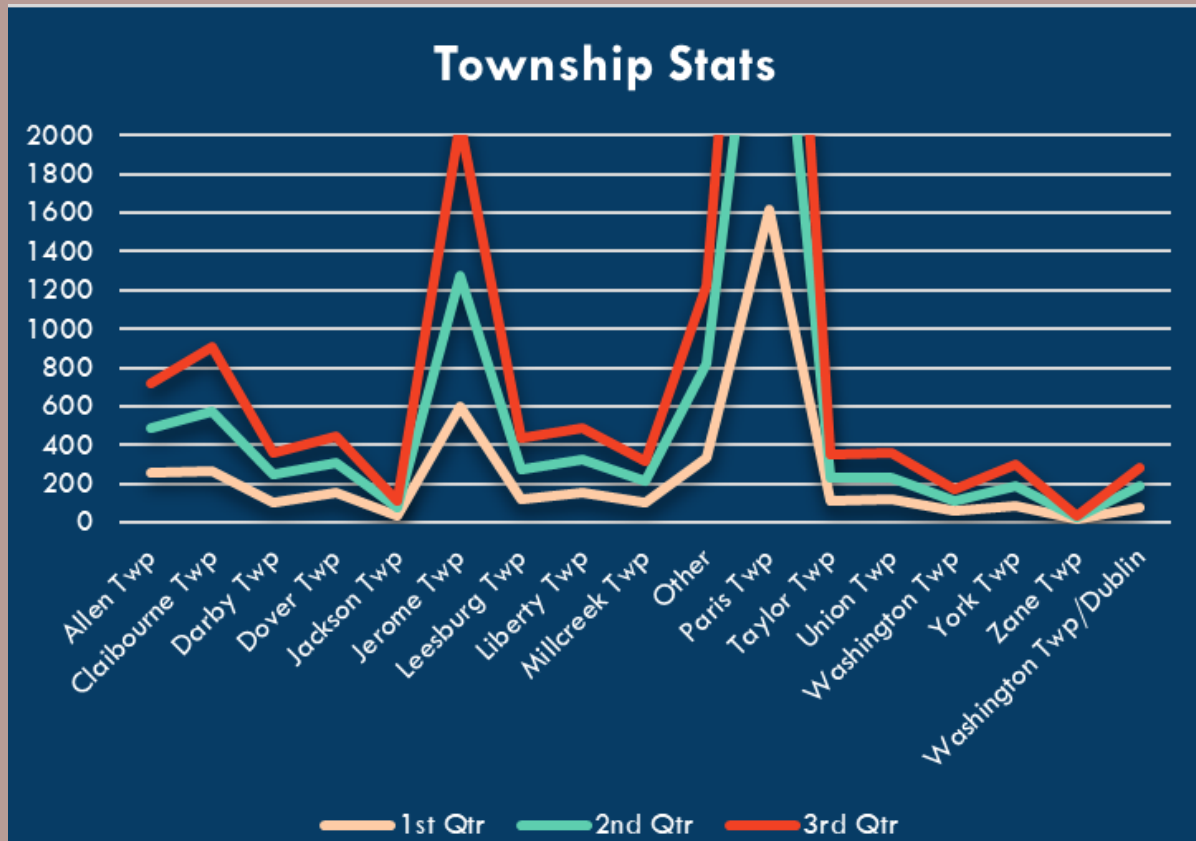
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Communications Division



	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.
911 Misroute	2	4	2
Information	36	61	55
Follow-up	323	371	344
Cell 9-1-1			
=>Police	1617	2012	1986
=>Fire	149	214	224
=>EMS	814	892	877
=>Accidents	367	406	395
=>Unknown	12	10	5
=>Error/Info	388	384	450



Support Services Division

Significant Events

1. On July 14th, 15th and 16th, the Support Services Division covered the Miami Valley Steam Show in Plain City. Deputies talked to community members about the different programs the Sheriff's Office has to offer.
2. July 24th through July 30th, Support Services worked the trailer at the Union County Fair. Deputies talked to members of the community, advertised and explained our different programs. On July 27th, we celebrated D.A.R.E. Day at the fair, with approximately 100-150 students from North Union, Fairbanks, Trinity, St. John's and Marysville schools.
3. On August 11th, Deputies and School Resource Officers from Support Services conducted an ALiCE training at North Union. The training was held for all new staff members from the North Union, St. John's and Fairbanks school district.



*Congratulations on
Lt. Matt Warden's
Retirement*

32 Years of Service



Significant Events Continued...

4. August 11- 13, Support Services assisted at the All-Ohio Balloon Festival. Deputies handed out stickers to kids and the adults received water bottles and Chapstick.
5. On August 23, an Active Shooter training was conducted at the London Ave. building for Job and Family Services employees.
6. North Union's School Resource Officer Deputy Dyer conducted an ALiCE refresher for the entire staff on August 25.
7. The Richwood Independent Fair was held August 31 through September 4. Deputies engaged with the community through conversation, games of cornhole and playing the UCSO Recruiting video.
8. Deputy Rich Crabtree and Detective Seth McDowell traveled to Erie County and met with over 900 students from EHOVE School district. They discussed living a drug free life and leadership within their community.
9. The Safe Hero's Golf Outing was held on September 9. We had 30 teams participating and over \$10,000 was raised for programming such as DARE, SRO after school events and adult Community Education programs.
10. Members from the Sheriff's Office, Richwood Police Department, The State Highway Patrol and staff from North Union Schools participated in Walk to School Day. Students were dropped off at the Richwood Park and walked the trail leading to the school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



EHOVE Drug Talk



Union County Fair

All Ohio Balloon Fest

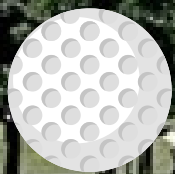


Richwood Independent Fair

Citizens Academy

Whether it's spending the day at the county fair, speaking engagements with our youth or getting pictures with Brett Michaels, our deputies make Union County a safer place. The time and energy spent out in our community does not go unnoticed.

The Union County Sheriff's Office has more, exciting events planned to finish out 2022 and we look forward to seeing you there!



UCSO GOLF OUTING



What's happening in our schools...



North Union



FAIRBANKS

