



The Union County Sheriff's Star

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SCHOOL SAFETY

With summer quickly coming to an end, it's time to start thinking about kids returning to school. "For several months now, drivers have been traveling the roads and passing schools without the thought of yellow flashing lights or school buses. But now it's time to start thinking about school zones, kids walking, and buses picking up and dropping off kids," says Sheriff Patton.

It's our goal to prevent injuries and deaths of our children in Union County. Here are a few driving tips to help keep kids safe:

- ⇒ Slow down before you enter the school zone.
- ⇒ Wait to accelerate as you leave the school zone. Kids are still walking to and from school and could be outside the school zone.
- ⇒ Always stop for crossing guards holding up stop signs. Sometimes crossing guards can be students, so if they signal for you to stop, do not get upset and honk your horn or try to scare them.
- ⇒ Never pass a vehicle that is stopped in a school zone.

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The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) launched a national study in 2019 with a total of 131,345 school bus drivers in 39 states participating. The one-day tally for school bus violations was 95,494. Unfortunately, between 2011 and 2020, there were 1,009 fatal crashes nationwide involving school buses. Here are a few things to think about when it comes to sharing the road with school buses:

- ⇒ Ohio has laws making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped for loading and unloading students. If red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended on a bus, **YOU MUST STOP.**
- ⇒ School buses use yellow lights to alert motorists that they are slowing down and preparing to stop for the loading and unloading of students.
- ⇒ It is not safe to pass a bus that is flashing yellow lights. Children are unpredictable.
- ⇒ The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow them space to load and unload the bus safely.
- ⇒ Never pass a bus or another vehicle on the right; it is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

If you have any questions on safety tips for your child when it comes to school safety, please call the Union County Sheriff's Office.

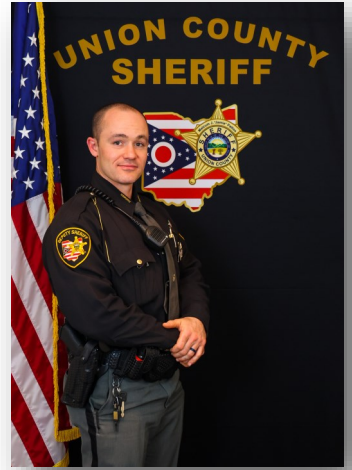


We Appreciate You!

The Union County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize the following for their years of service.



Detective Joel Thorpe
10 Years



Deputy Ben Smith
5 Years



Deputy Tom Bidlack
25 Years



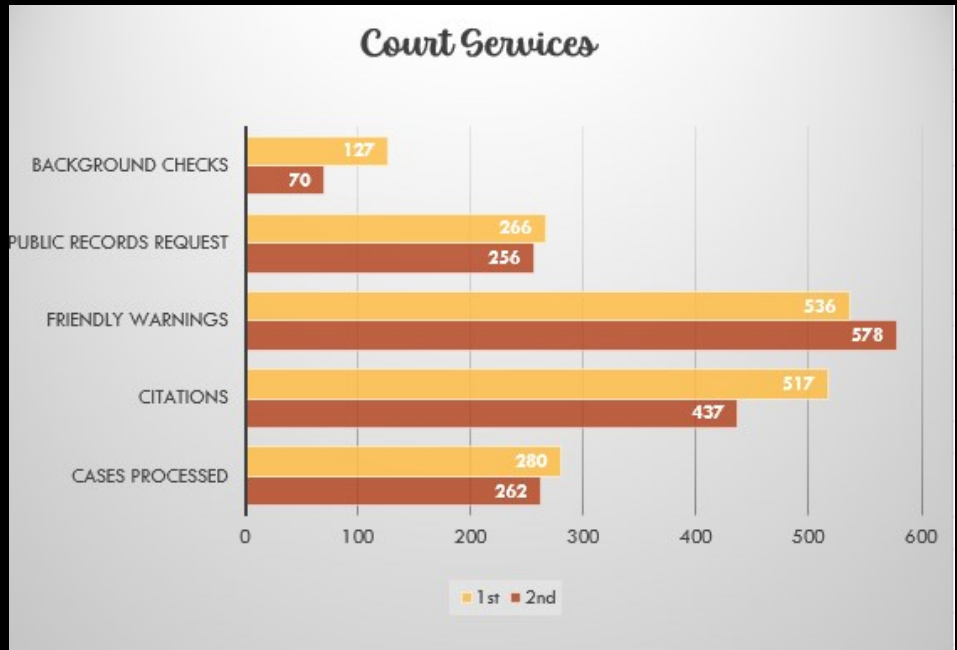
Detective Adam Haycox
20 Years



Deputy Tim Johnson
2 Years

Court Services Division

	1st	2nd
Transports	205	238
Municipal Court Transports	15	20
Juvenile/ Probate Transports	30	49
Common Pleas Transports	71	78
Adult Parole Transports	30	38
Municipal Court Detail	3	0
Juvenile/ Probate Detail	48	73
Common Pleas Detail	175	190
Sex Offender Registrations	31	32
Sex Offender Address Checks	73	76
Web Checks	304	378
CCW Apps Received	165	145
CCW Licenses Issued	24	39
Renewal Licenses Issued	141	106
Suspensions	0	2
Civilian Fingerprints	5	9
Civil Process Received	535	621
Warrants Received	311	308
Sheriff Sales Received	11	9
Sheriff Sales Sold	2	6
Sheriff Sales Vacated	3	6



Division Commander

Lt. Bob Roberts

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PATROL DIVISION

1st Qtr

2nd Qtr

Days of the Week

Sunday	15	15
Monday	18	18
Tuesday	26	20
Wednesday	22	16
Thursday	18	13
Friday	22	21
Saturday	12	13

Road Contour

Straight	105	95
Curve	17	14
Roundabout	9	4

Road Condition

Dry	82	102
Wet	26	13
Snow/Ice	20	0

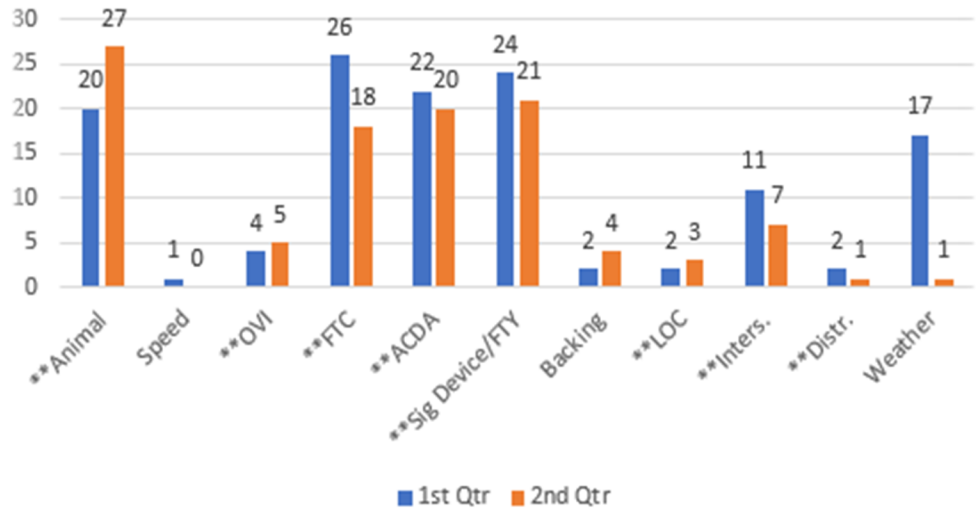
Weather

Clear	71	89
Cloudy	22	14
Sunny	0	0
Rain	15	10
Snow	19	0
Fog	0	1

Vehicle Type

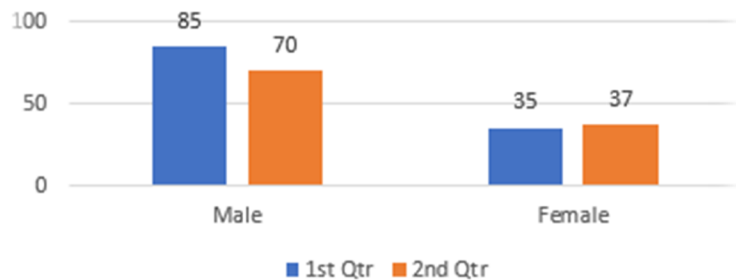
Commercial	9	10
Passenger	103	74
Pick Up	14	14
Motorcycle	0	9
Bicycle	0	0
Farm Equipment	0	0
4-Wheel ATV	0	2

Causing Factors



Age of Driver	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr
<18	5	3
18-25	30	32
25-40	29	33
40-55	28	24
>55	26	15
Alcohol or Drug Related		
<18	0	0
18-21	0	0
>21	4	5

Gender of Driver



Division Commander

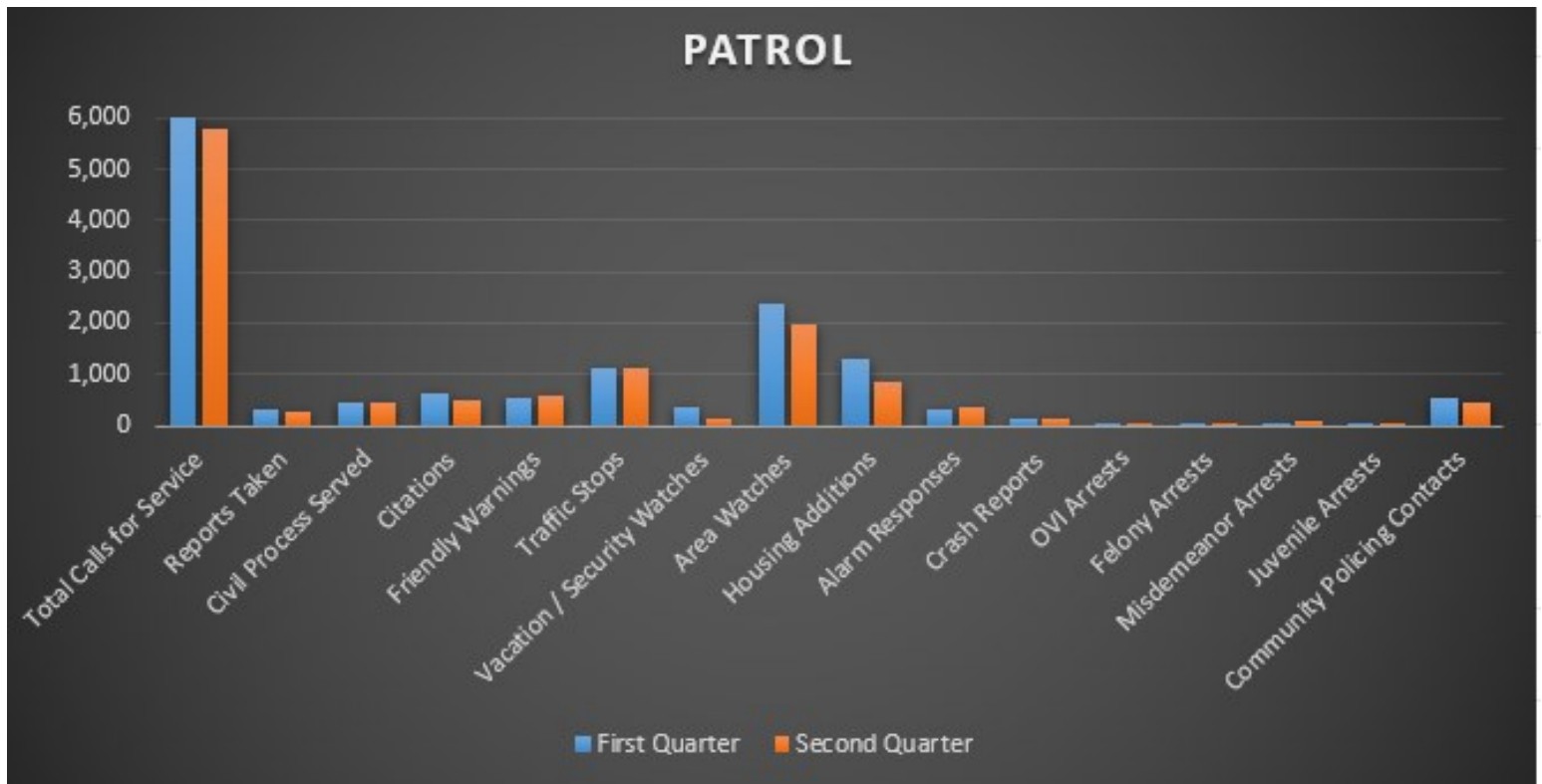
Captain Mike Justice

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Patrol Division/ PSO



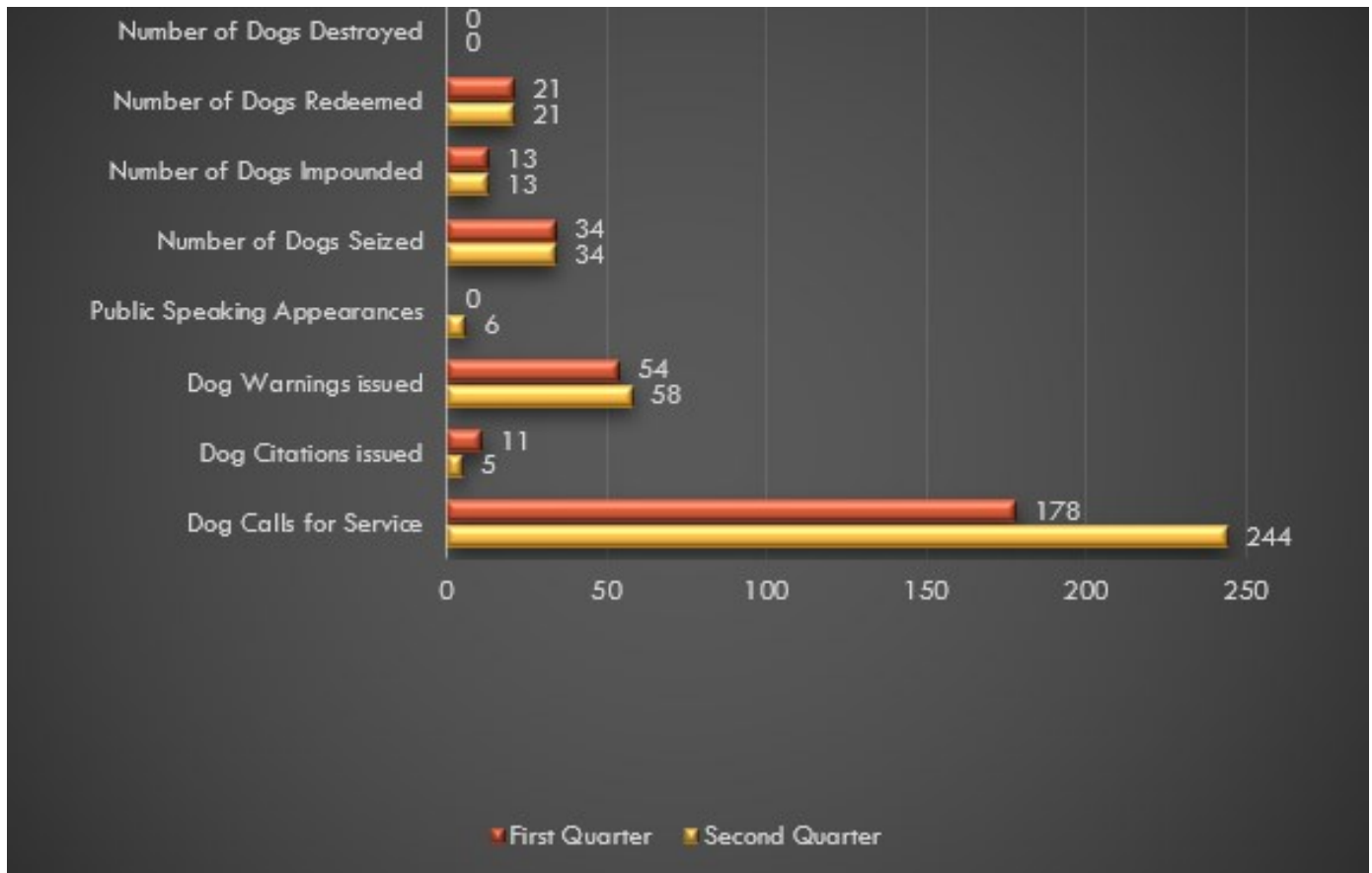
Public Safety Officers

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr
BUSINESS/INFO UPDATE	136	0
CALLS HANDLED OUT OF DISTRICT	76	77
ELDERLY CHECKS	16	16
EMS RUNS IN DISTRICT	50	49
EMS RUNS OUT OF DISTRICT	8	8
FIRE RUNS IN DISTRICT	25	21
FIRE RUNS OUT OF DISTRICT	1	0
FIRST ON SCENE	51	52

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



DOG WARDEN



Union County Dog Warden

Deputy Pete Lenhardt

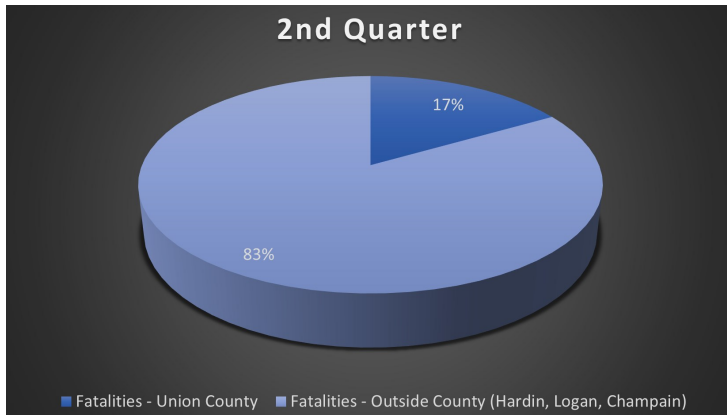
Email: dogwarden@unioncountyohio.gov



MCCIT

Multi-County Crash Investigation Team

The MCCIT is a group of deputies, detectives, and sergeants from the Union County Sheriff's Office, Hardin County Sheriff's Office, Logan County Sheriff's Office, and Champaign County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the MCCIT is to provide mutual aid to the counties in our group to investigate serious injury vehicle crashes, fatal vehicle crashes, and airplane crashes.



Upon the MCCIT being activated by dispatch, a typical crash scene requires four deputies to respond to the scene of the requesting county. The purpose of the team is to attempt to determine how a crash unfolded. Through specialized training, equipment, and resources the investigators use scientific techniques and mathematical equations to better understand how a crash happened. Deputies on the crash team receive among other trainings the following: Basic Crash Investigations (40 hours), Intermediate Crash Investigation (40 hours), Technical Crash Investigation (80 hours), Crash Reconstruction (80 hours), Crash Data Recorder Technician (32 hours), Crash Data Recorder Analyst (40 hours), Heavy Vehicle and Semi Reconstruction (40 hours), Pedestrian and Bicycle Reconstruction (40 hours), among many other possibilities.

Category	First Quarter	Second Quarter
TOTAL MCCIT Callouts	2	5
Day of the Week		
Sunday		2
Monday	1	1
Tuesday		1
Wednesday		1
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	1	
Time of Day		
AM - 0000 Midnight - 1159	1	1
PM- 1200 Noon - 2359		4
Union County	1	1
Outside County (Hardin, Logan, Champaign)	1	4
Fatalities - Union County	1	1
Fatalities - Outside County (Hardin, Logan, Champaign)	1	5
Serious Injury	0	3
Uninjured	0	2
Drug/Alcohol Involved	0	1
Felony Prosecution	0	0
Misdemeanor Prosecution	0	0

Among the tools used by the MCCIT is a Trimble S3 Total Station, Trimble SX10 Scanner/Total Station, Drones, and Event Data Recorders (EDR). The Trimble S3, Trimble SX10, and Drones are used to create scale diagrams to aid in crash reconstruction. The Event Data Recorder is used to download information from the vehicle involved. The information contained in an EDR includes Vehicle Speed, Throttle Percentage, Breaking Percentage, Steering Input, Engine RPM, Seat Belt Usage, etc.

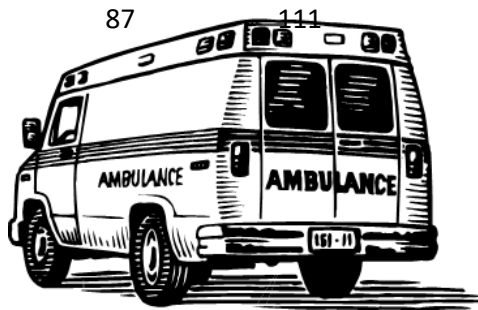
In 2022, MCCIT investigated 29 crashes within the four participating counties. As a result of the 29 crashes, there were 22 fatalities. 10 of the crashes, and 6 of the fatalities occurred inside of Union County.



Communications Division

9-1-1 Calls by Township

ALLEN TWP	450	532
CLAIBOURNE TWP	340	389
DARBY TWP	117	173
DOVER TWP	119	153
JACKSON TWP	47	51
JEROME TWP	742	1024
LEESBURG TWP	129	160
LIBERTY TWP	193	233
MILLCREEK TWP	110	107
OTHER	363	501
PARIS TWP	1848	2235
TAYLOR TWP	106	142
UNION TWP	124	145
WASHINGTON TWP	61	83
YORK TWP	131	125
ZANE TWP	10	19
WASHINGTON TWP/ DUBLIN	87	111



	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>
911 Misroute	2	0
Information	51	111
follow up	526	781
cell 911 police	1817	2314
cell 911 fire	170	242
cell 911 ems	865	904
cell 911 accidents	402	372
cell 911 unknown	8	15
cell 911 error/info	595	992

Director Pamela Millhoan

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Assistant Director Nate Coffield

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INVESTIGATIONS

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr
Reports Taken	5	5
New Cases	57	60
Cases Closed	52	53
# Individuals Indicted	13	6
# Counts of Indictments	40	37
Juvenile Cases Filed with Prosecutor	2	2
Misdemeanor Charges Filed with Prosecutor	1	0
Felony Cases Filed with Prosecutor	11	7
Scenes Processed	14	9
Consent Searches	11	4
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	19	19
# Subpoenas to Pros. Office / Administrative Subpoenas Filed	25	16
Sexual Offenders Checked	60	65
Training Hours	164.5	252
Presentations (Community, C.A., Schools etc)	9	0
#Pre-Employment Background Investigations Completed	10	11
# Cell Phone Forensics Exams	14	12
# MX 908 Tests	12	0
# DJFS Fraud Referrals	0	0
# DJFS Childrens Services Referrals	0	0
Drone UAS Activity - Callouts	8	10

Crime Tip Hotline

(937) 642-7653



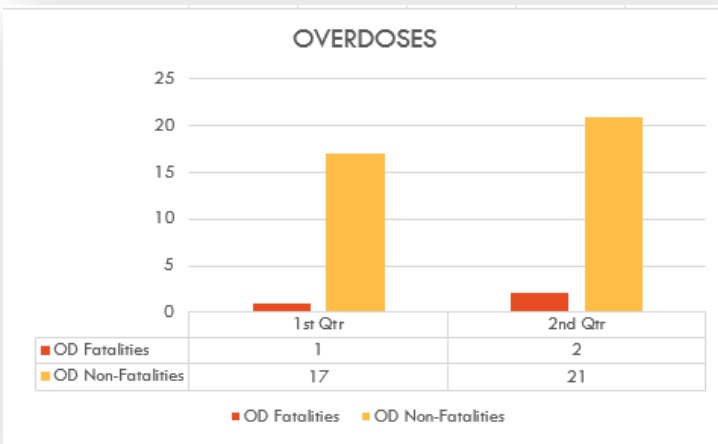
Division Commander– Lt. Jeff Stiers

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M.A.D.E TASK FORCE STATS	1ST QTR	2ND QTR
Drugs Seized:		
Cocaine: (grams)	87.42	8.36
Fentanyl: (grams)	5.15	9.67
Heroin: (grams)		
Methamphetamines: (grams)		72.33
Pills: (Unit dosages)		2000
Mushrooms: (grams)		2503
Hashish: (grams)		
MDMA: (grams)		
Marijuana: (grams)		
Marijuana: (# of plants)		60

**RX 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 Drop box. Medications can be properly disposed of quickly and anonymously.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

WE CANNOT ACCEPT SYRINGES AND NEEDLES IN THIS RECEPTACLE.





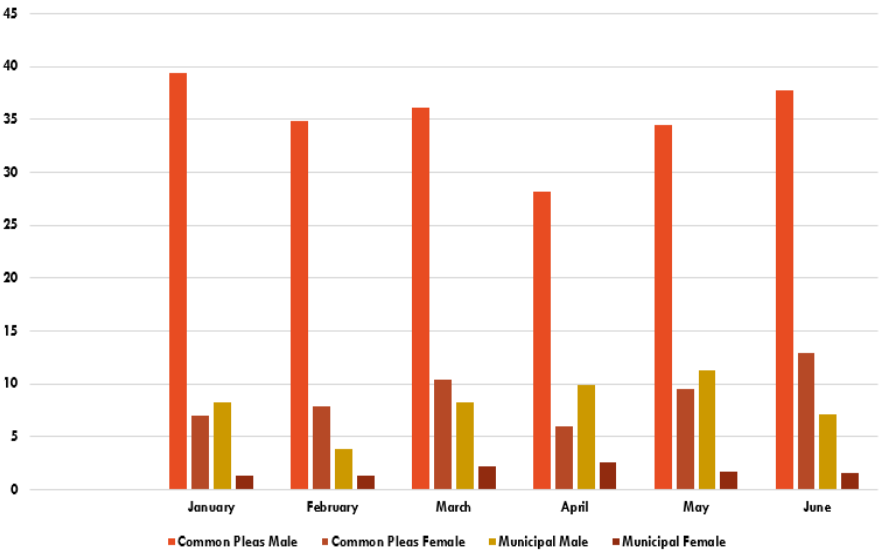
Champaign County Sheriff
Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff
John R. Swaney

Union County Sheriff
Malcum J. “Jamie” Patton

							Maximum Number of Beds Allowed Per Day: 52				
2023	Common Pleas			Municipal Court			Union County		Unused	Overage	Quarterly
Month	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Over	Beds	\$45/Day	Total
January	1388	1180	208	287	249	38	1675	83	20	\$ 3,735.00	
February	1240	1011	229	151	112	39	1391	25	90	\$ 1,125.00	
March	1395	1082	313	316	249	67	1711	121	22	\$ 5,445.00	
											\$ 10,305.00
April	1025	845	180	376	298	78	1401	7	166	\$ 315.00	
May	1362	1068	294	404	350	54	1766	164	10	\$ 7,380.00	
June	1518	1131	387	261	215	46	1779	219	0	\$ 9,855.00	
											\$ 17,550.00

Tri-County Regional Jail
Inmate Housing Daily Average



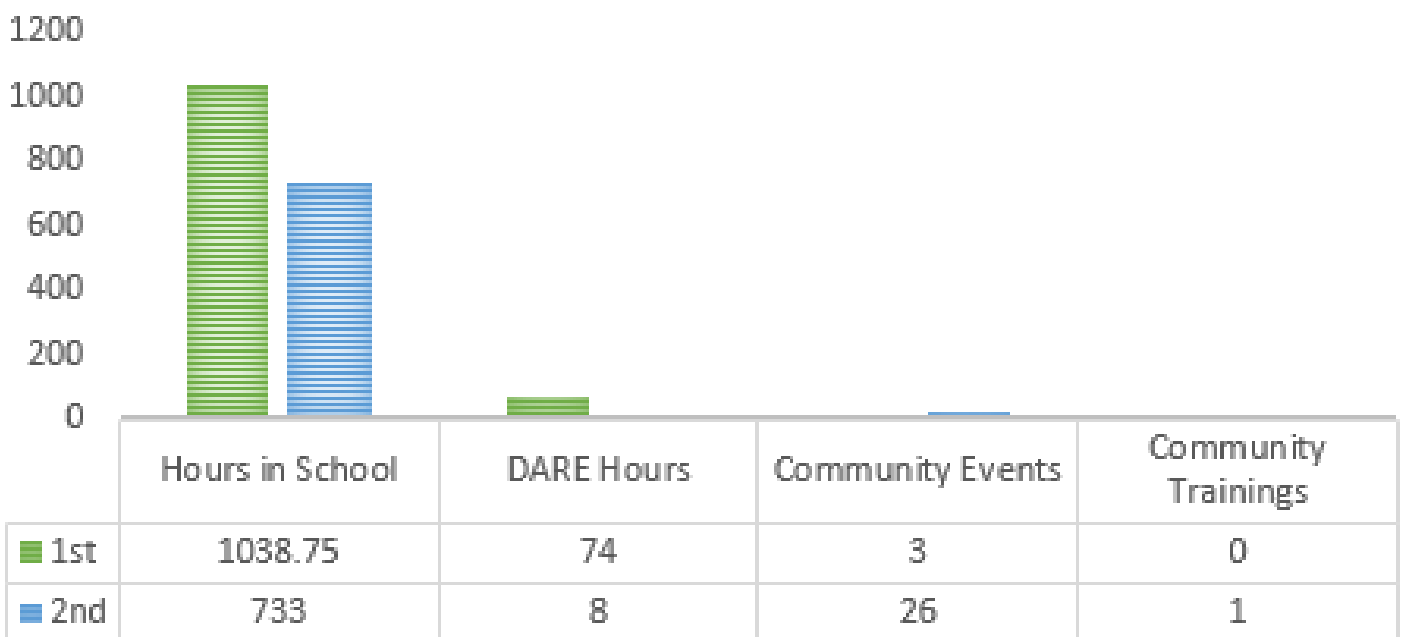
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



The Support Services Division is responsible for community education and all of its activities, including school resource officers (SRO)/ Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), crime prevention programs, project lifesaver, drug take back, community events and festivals, and UCSO fundraisers.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

■ 1st ■ 2nd





In May, the Union County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Union Township Fire Department, Union County Health Department, Safe and Sound Coalition, Kirby's Towing, MedFlight, and the Fairbanks High School Administrations presented a mock crash to demonstrate the extreme dangers of distracted driving and driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol. Student actors were staged in a car accident which resulted in a fatality due to a drunk driver with multiple first responders working the scene.



SAFETY TOWN



Honorable Mentions



Lieutenant Bob Roberts graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class #85. PELC students attend class one week each month for three months. During PELC, students are required to complete four writing assignments, six classroom presentations, read six books and twelve articles. A two-page journal is required after each class detailing what the student learned from that day. The journal also includes an explanation of how what they learned would be implemented at their agency. The class covers topics such as Executive Role and Excellence in Management; Risk Management; Community; Leadership and Policing; Effective Written Communication; Ethics and Principles Based Leadership; Legal Leadership; Media Management; and Conflict Management.



Captain Mike Justice graduated from the 10th Public Safety Leadership Academy alongside 30 fellow law enforcement leaders from various agencies throughout Ohio. After 11 weeks of accredited, college-level training through the Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs, the graduates learned skills necessary to manage any division within a law enforcement agency and demonstrate preparedness to take on additional leadership responsibilities.

The graduates had the opportunity to meet with executive law enforcement officials to learn from their experiences and discuss how to build positive relations with the communities they serve. They also attended classes on dealing with future challenges in the field, overcoming the unique mental stressors of possible violence on the job, and ensuring best practices for law enforcement managers to recruit and retain the next generation of law enforcement professionals.

A large group of police officers in uniform are standing in formation on a grassy area, likely during a memorial service. An American flag is visible in the background, and a crowd of people is gathered on the left.







INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM?

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR
CURRENT JOB OPENINGS**

www.unioncountyohio.gov/career-opportunities

Join us for our SUMMER **COOKOUT**

SERIES at the

Union Co. Sheriff's Office Sallyport

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AUGUST 25 2023



Proceeds benefit
**Ronald McDonald House
Operation Santa Sleigh**

Each year, First Responders from all over Central Ohio line the streets around Nationwide Children's Hospital for Light Ohio Blue's Operation Santa's Sleigh in hopes to brighten the spirits of those hospitalized over the Holidays.

Cruisers and Fire Trucks have the opportunity to participate in a "Deck the Cruiser" competition as well as deliver much needed items to the Ronald McDonald House. Delivered items will be used for the patients and families staying throughout the year.

Donations from the cookout will be used to fill the cruisers with much needed items to be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House during the 2023 Operation Santa's Sleigh.





MONDAY NIGHTS 6:00–8:30 PM
FIRST CLASS— SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

10— WEEK CLASS

- SEPTEMBER 11, 18 AND 25, 2023
- OCTOBER 2, 16 AND 23, 2023
- NOVEMBER 6, 20 AND 27, 2023
- DECEMBER 4 AND 11 (GRADUATION), 2023

DEADLINE TO APPLY

September 1, 2023

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED

TOPICS OF INSTRUCTION: HISTORY OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; CRIME PREVENTION; COMMUNICATIONS AND 9-1-1; CRIMINAL LAW; PATROL PROCEDURES; OFFICER SAFETY; SELF DEFENSE; TRAFFIC STOPS; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM; DRUG AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS; BUILDING SEARCHES AND UNDERSTANDING USE OF FORCE.

TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION:

EMAIL CHRISTINA CHAPMAN AT CCHAPMAN@UNIONCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE— LIBRARY
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MARYSVILLE, OHIO 43040

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IN UNION COUNTY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL CHRISTINA CHAPMAN AT (937) 645-4100 EXT. 4483