



The Union County Sheriff's Star

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NEW WAGE SCALE FOR SWORN DEPUTIES

On November 28, 2023, Sheriff Jamie Patton signed a new wage agreement with the Deputy's Labor Union that increased salaries. The wage increase was negotiated with the support of the Union County Commissioners with the hope of boosting recruitment and retention efforts for the Union County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Patton spent multiple hours in 2023 traveling to police training academies across the State of Ohio to recruit deputy sheriff candidates. This new wage agreement brings with it the ability to compete with other law enforcement agencies for the very few candidates who are interested in careers in law enforcement currently. In addition, it provides a very competitive salary to retain current deputies. "We are already seeing experienced law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions applying for open deputy positions at our agency and this is a direct result of us being able to offer a more competitive wage," said Patton. Sheriff Patton reported four new certified deputy candidates were being offered positions as a result of interviews held last week. The existing labor contract gave deputies a 10% pay increase in 2023, a 3% increase in 2024, and an additional 3% in 2025. The new wage agreement will add an additional 5.5% increase in 2024 and an additional 6.1% in 2025. The additional increases will take effect on January 1st of 2024 and 2025.

The Sheriff's Office implemented a deputy cadet hiring program in 2022 that allows the agency to hire non-certified candidates and send them to a full-time peace officer training academy "We've been successful with this change in offering cadet positions, but it takes roughly ten months for them to finish their academy and their field training before they can help with shift coverage", commented Patton. The Sheriff's Office is looking forward to two cadets' graduating from peace officer training on January 12, 2024, and two more deputy cadets starting their training in early February.

Demographics and the cost of living play a heavy part in the salary structure for law enforcement agencies in central Ohio. With Union County positioned so close to the Columbus Metro Area, law enforcement agencies just thirty minutes to the southeast are making 20-30k more in salaries. "We've lost good deputies to police agencies in the Columbus area because of our wage structure and the housing market in our community. It's been very challenging to fill our open positions the past few years," said Sheriff Patton.

"I am so very proud of the staff that we have at the Sheriff's Office. They are all dedicated public servants who are servant leaders in our community. We will continue to pursue our agency vision everyday..... *To maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work, and visit. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to everyone, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership that promotes safe and secure neighborhoods,*" concluded Patton.

For anyone interested in applying for open deputy positions, please reach out to Alicia Bosch, Human Resource Manager at the Sheriff's Office by phone at 937-645-4100 or by email at abosch@unioncountyohio.gov.

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Court Services Division

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Transports	205	238	252	212
Municipal Court Transports	15	20	27	15
Juvenile/Probate Transports	30	49	43	20
Common Pleas Transports	71	78	89	62
Adult Parole Transports	30	38	12	14
Municipal Court Detail	3	0	1	0
Juvenile/Probate Court Detail	48	73	51	27
Common Pleas Court Detail	175	190	198	142
Sex Offender Registrations	31	32	34	30
Sex Offender Address Checks	73	76	75	82
Web Checks	437	378	351	313
CCW apps Received	165	145	141	152
CCW Licenses Issued	24	39	30	24
Renewal Licenses Issued	141	106	101	128
Suspensions	0	2	2	4
Civilian Fingerprints	5	9	4	7
Civil Process Received	535	621	516	483
Warrants Received	311	308	341	304
Sheriff Sales Received	11	9	4	4
Sheriff Sales Sold	2	6	2	2
Sheriff Sales Vacated	3	6	3	1

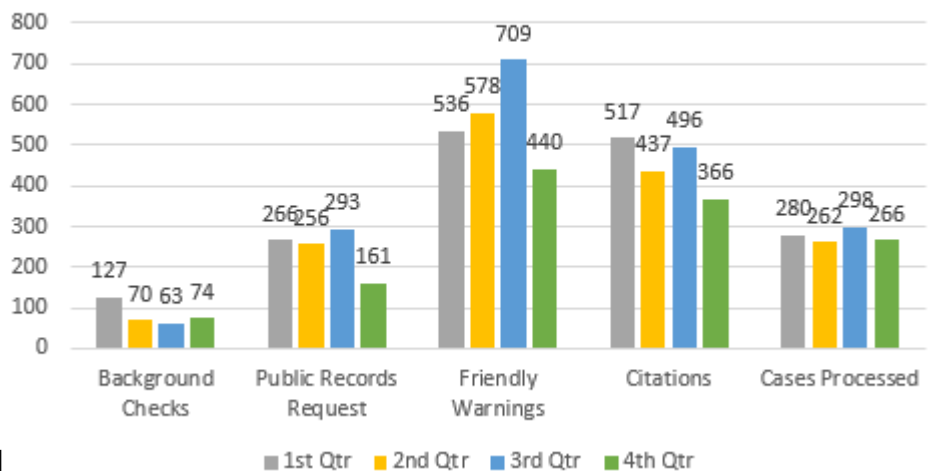


Division Commander

Lieutenant Bob Roberts

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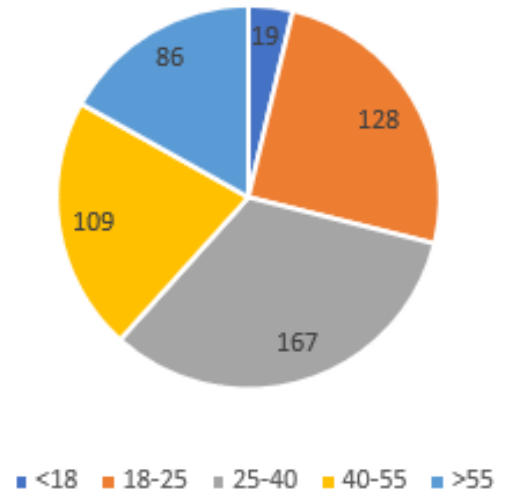
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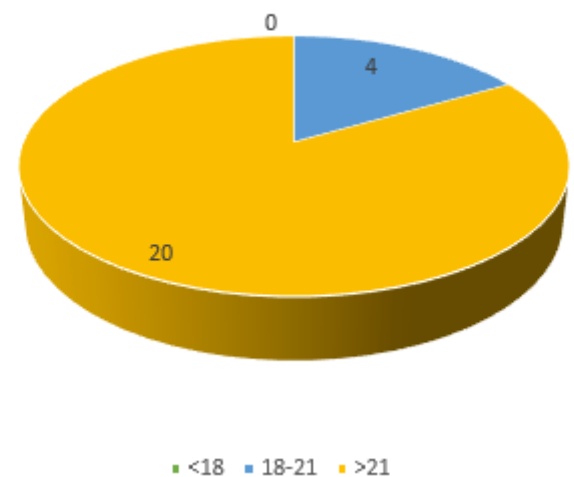
PATROL DIVISION

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Days of the Week				
Sunday	15	15	10	18
Monday	18	18	20	24
Tuesday	26	20	24	22
Wednesday	22	16	34	27
Thursday	18	13	22	27
Friday	22	21	24	27
Saturday	12	13	14	12
Road Contour				
Straight	105	95	118	136
Curve	17	14	19	17
Roundabout	9	4	6	4
Road Condition				
Dry	82	102	128	123
Wet	26	13	14	31
Snow/Ice	20	0	0	2
Weather				
Clear	71	89	114	104
Cloudy	22	14	20	31
Sunny	0	0	0	0
Rain	15	10	6	135
Snow	19	0	0	1
Fog	0	1	3	3
Vehicle Type				
Commercial	9	10	9	8
Passenger	103	74	108	120
Pick Up	14	14	16	25
Motorcycle	0	9	4	0
Bicycle	0	0	0	0
Farm Equipment	0	0	0	1
4-Wheel ATV	0	2	2	0

Age of Driver- Year Totals



Alcohol or Drug Related- Year Totals



**Division Commander
Lieutenant Josh Kent**

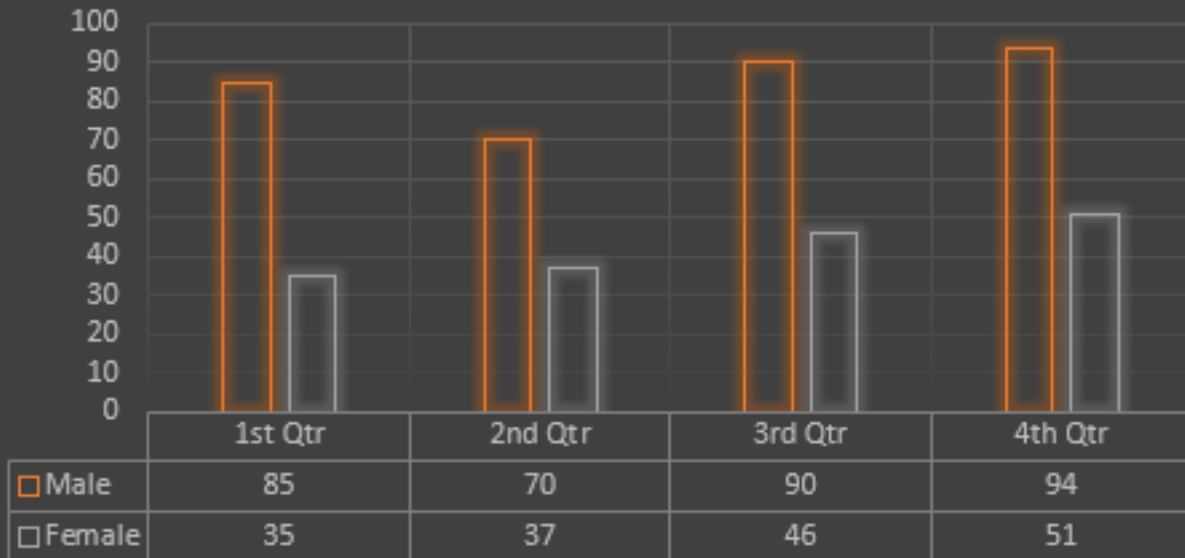
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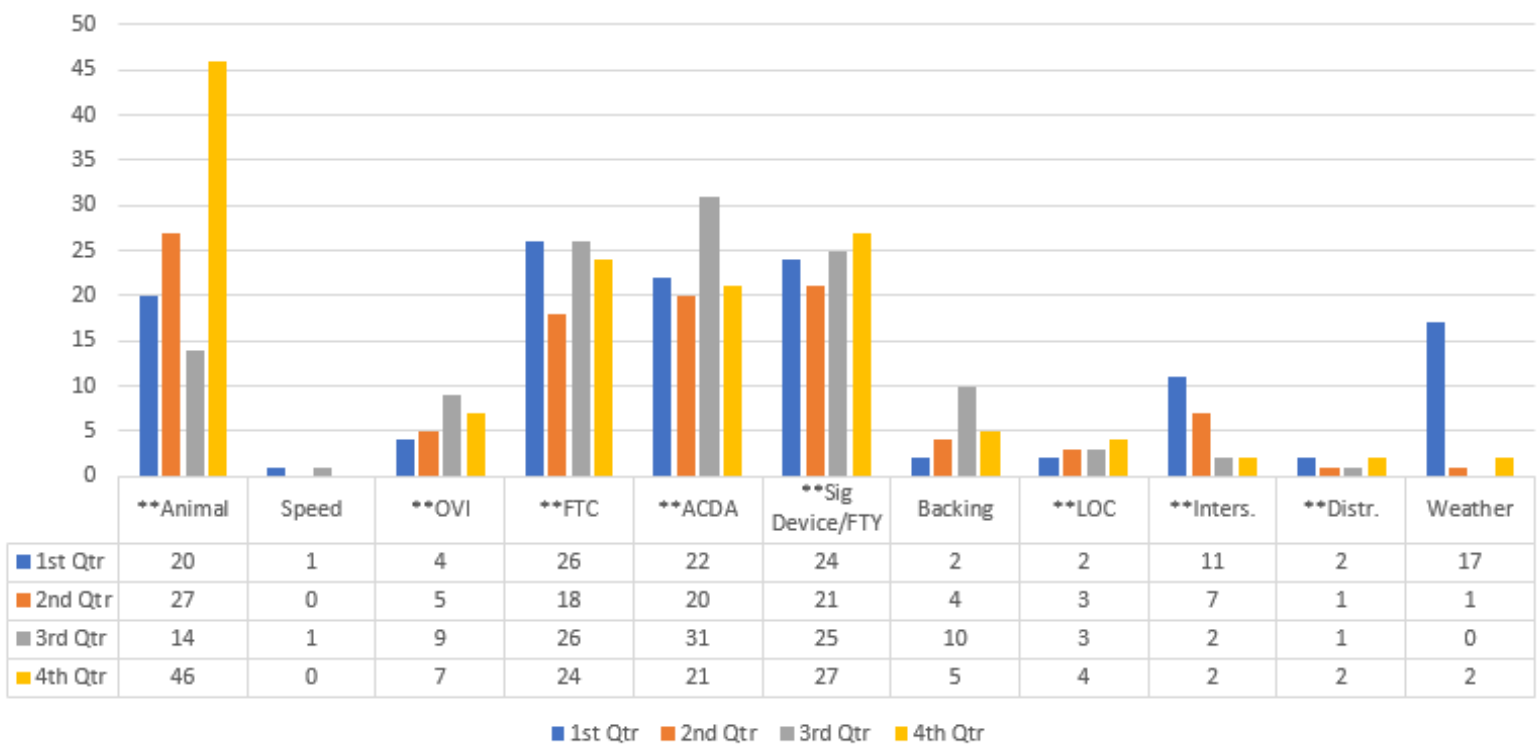
PATROL DIVISION

Gender of Driver

Male Female



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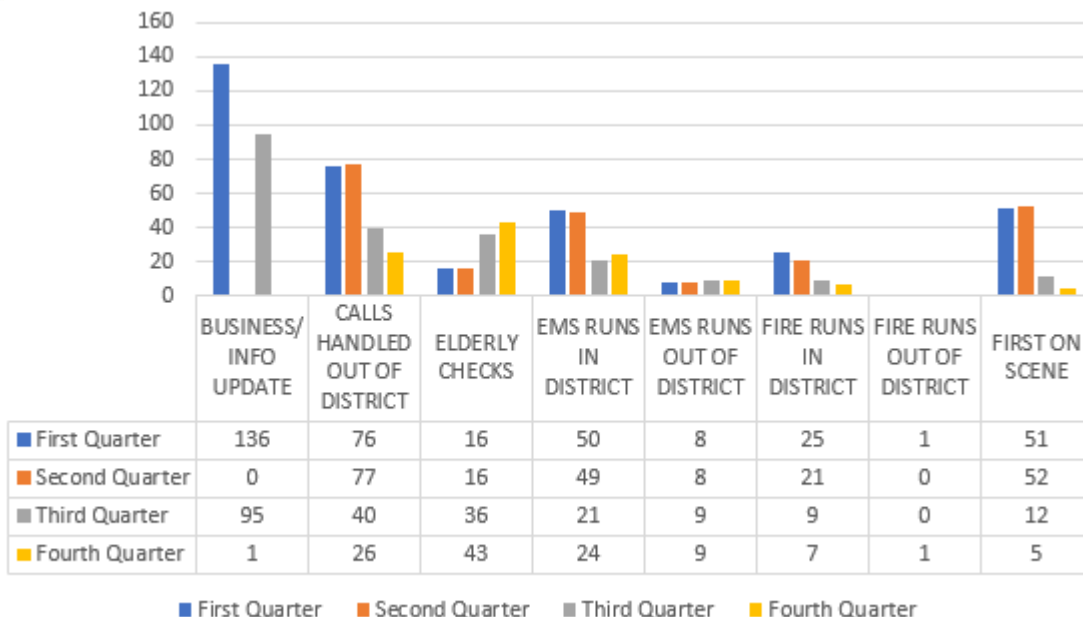


Patrol Division/ PSO

Category	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Total Calls for Service	6,059	5,798	6,312	5,096
Reports Taken	298	263	292	245
Civil Process Served	441	462	431	472
Citations	613	517	496	437
Friendly Warnings	553	603	737	505
Traffic Stops	1,130	1,141	1,169	866
Vacation / Security Watches	371	120	99	104
Area Watches	2,363	1,966	2,187	1,811
Housing Additions	1,321	858	973	666
Alarm Responses	333	362	368	262
Crash Reports	134	116	148	157
OVI Arrests	26	19	26	15
Felony Arrests	65	50	41	44
Misdemeanor Arrests	55	71	84	102
Juvenile Arrests	5	6	4	8
Community Policing Contacts	527	447	505	345



Public Safety Officers



DOG WARDEN

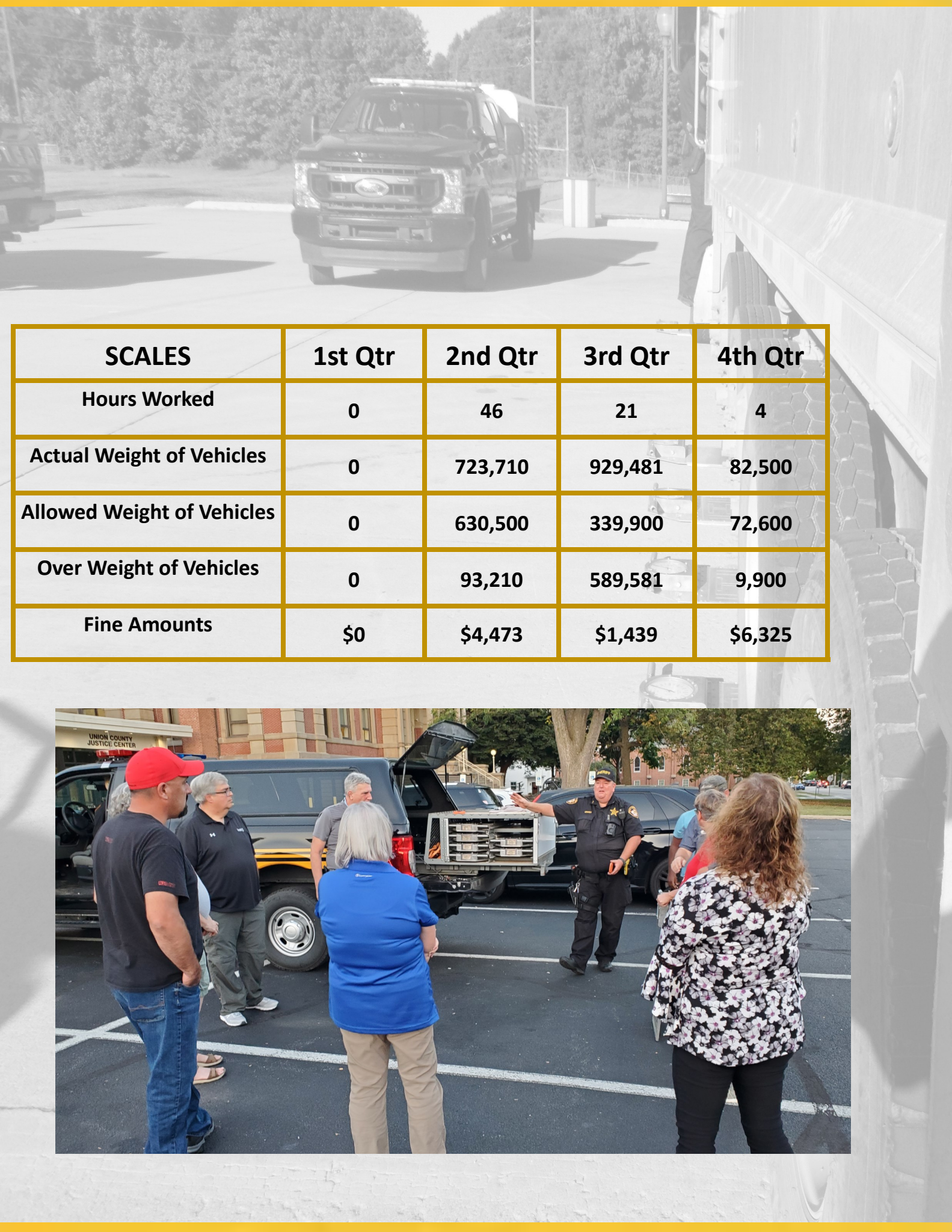
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Dog Calls for Service	178	244	295	161
Dog Citations issued	11	5	9	9
Dog Warnings issued	54	58	69	43
Public Speaking Appearances	0	6	0	1
Number of Dogs Seized	34	34	44	30
Number of Dogs Impounded	13	13	34	14
Number of Dogs Redeemed	21	21	11	16
Number of Dogs Destroyed	0	0	0	0



Union County Dog Warden

Deputy Pete Lenhardt

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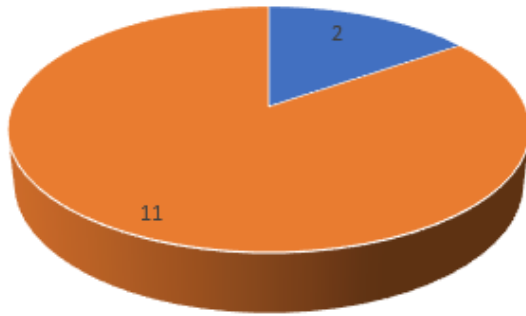
SCALES	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Hours Worked	0	46	21	4
Actual Weight of Vehicles	0	723,710	929,481	82,500
Allowed Weight of Vehicles	0	630,500	339,900	72,600
Over Weight of Vehicles	0	93,210	589,581	9,900
Fine Amounts	\$0	\$4,473	\$1,439	\$6,325



MCCIT

Multi-County Crash Investigation Team

FATALITIES



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.

■ Fatalities - Union County ■ Fatalities - Outside County (Hardin, Logan, Champaign)

Category	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter**
TOTAL MCCIT Callouts	2	5	6	**
Day of the Week				
Sunday		2	1	**
Monday	1	1	1	**
Tuesday		1		**
Wednesday		1	1	**
Thursday			2	**
Friday				**
Saturday	1		1	**
Time of Day				
AM - 0000 Midnight - 1159	1	1	3	**
PM- 1200 Noon - 2359		4	3	**
Union County	1	1	1	**
Outside County (Hardin, Logan, Champaign)	1	4	5	**
Serious Injury	0	3	1	**
Uninjured	0	2	5	**
Drug/Alcohol Involved	0	1	1	**
Felony Prosecution	0	0	1	**
Misdemeanor Prosecution	0	0	0	**

** Pending completion of crash data.



Communications Division



Director Pamela Millhoan

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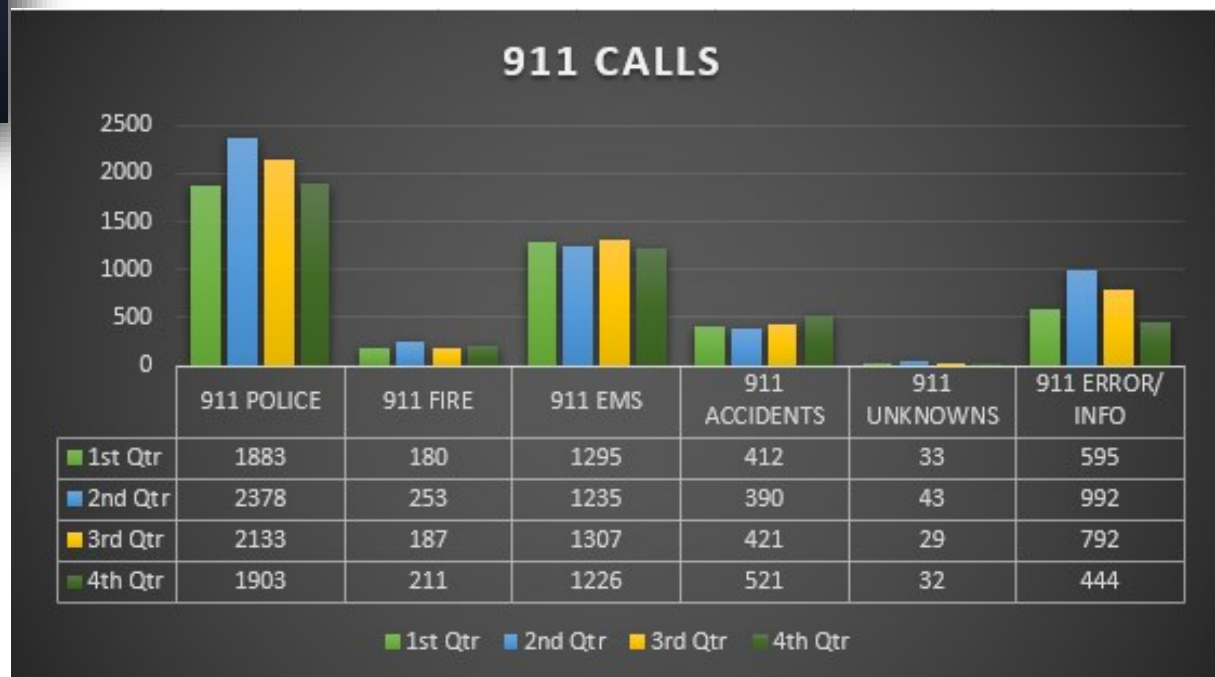
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TOWNSHIP	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Allen	450	532	423	334
Claibourne	340	389	344	294
Darby	117	173	127	114
Dover	119	153	158	157
Jackson	47	51	39	33
Jerome	742	1024	887	745
Leesburg	129	160	163	144
Liberty	193	233	181	151
Millcreek	110	107	129	124
Other	363	501	469	368
Paris	1848	2235	1903	1709
Taylor	106	142	127	121
Union	124	145	124	90
Washington	61	83	77	67
York	131	125	121	105
Zane	10	19	15	12
Washington Twp/ Dublin	87	111	84	60





Investigations Division

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Reports Taken	5	5	2	0
New Cases	57	60	64	57
Cases Closed	52	53	67	46
# Individuals Indicted	13	6	7	8
# Counts of Indictments	40	37	62	28
Juvenile Cases Filed with Prosecutor	2	2	0	0
Misdemeanor Charges Filed with Prosecutor	1	0	1	0
Felony Cases Filed with Prosecutor	11	7	8	27
Scenes Processed	14	9	10	15
Consent Searches	11	4	9	7
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	19	19	19	9
# Subpoenas to Pros. Office / Administrative	25	16	9	21
Sexual Offenders Checked	60	65	48	48
Training Hours	164.5	252	151	133
Presentations (Community, C.A., Schools etc)	9	0	0	13
#Pre-Employment Background Investigations	10	11	6	6
# Cell Phone Forensics Exams	14	12	6	6
# MX 908 Tests	12	0	0	0
# DJFS Fraud Referrals	0	0	0	0
# DJFS Childrens Services Referrals	0	0	0	0
Drone UAS Activity - Callouts	8	10	14	7

Crime Tip Hotline (937) 642-7653



Division Commander

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M.A.D.E. Task Force



Union County Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement

OVERDOSES



M.A.D.E TASK FORCE	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Drugs Seized:				
Cocaine: (grams)	87.42	8.36	997.9	45
Fentanyl: (grams)	5.15	9.67	1	2
Methamphetamines: (grams)		72.33	3029.85	2
Pills: (Unit dosages)		2000	6	64
Mushrooms: (grams)		2503		113.5
Marijuana: (# of plants)		60		



**RX 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.***

PLEASE NOTE:

WE CANNOT ACCEPT SYRINGES AND NEEDLES IN THIS RECEPTACLE.



Tri-County Regional Jail

Champaign, Madison, & Union Counties



Champaign County Sheriff

Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff

John R. Swaney

Union County Sheriff

Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton

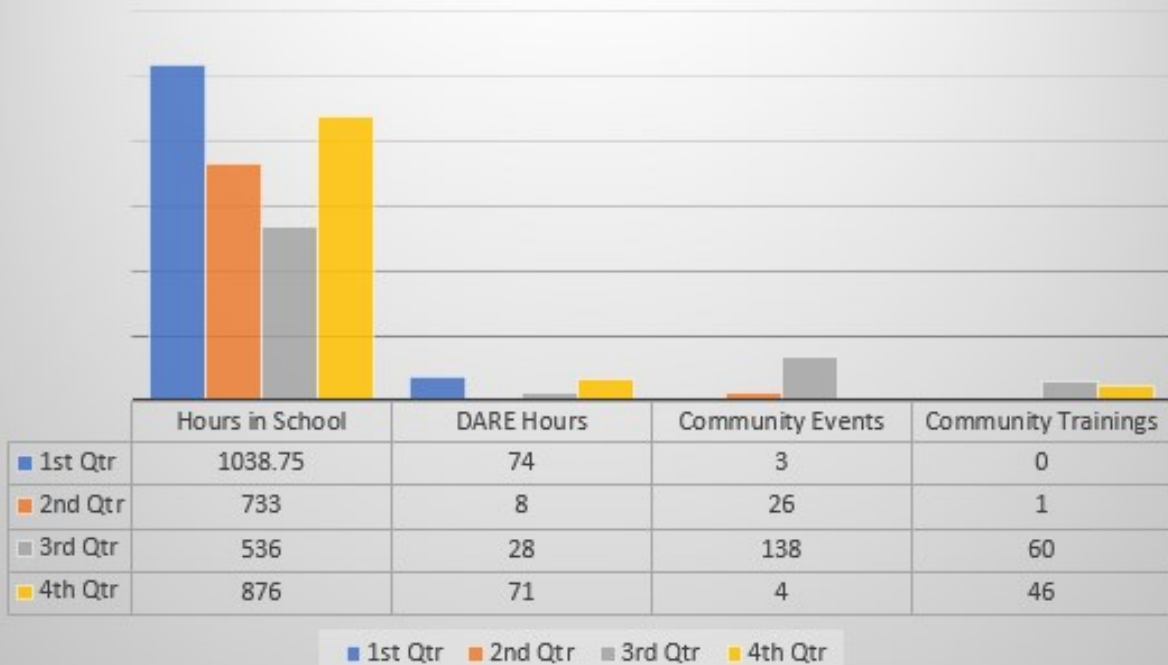
							Maximum Number of Beds Allowed Per Day: 52			
2023	Common Pleas			Municipal Court			Union County		Unused	Overage
Month	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Over	Beds	\$45/Day
Jan	1388	1180	208	287	249	38	1675	83	20	\$ 3,735.00
Feb	1240	1011	229	151	112	39	1391	25	90	\$ 1,125.00
March	1395	1082	313	316	249	67	1711	121	22	\$ 5,445.00
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
July	1296	1111	185	399	353	46	1296	119	36	\$ 5,355.00
Aug.	1213	1015	198	528	411	117	1741	143	14	\$ 6,435.00
Sept.	1101	857	244	491	410	81	1592	46	14	\$ 2,070.00
Oct.	1148	1026	122	493	338	155	1641	60	31	\$ 2,700.00
Nov.	941	833	108	577	391	186	1518	24	66	\$ 1,080.00
Dec.	1206	1030	176	422	228	194	1628	53	37	\$ 2,385.00

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



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2023 SHOP WITH A HERO



Community Events

TURKEY SHOOT



CITIZEN ACADEMY



DARE GRADUATIONS



Honorable Mentions



The Union County Sheriff's Office celebrated the promotion of Patrol Sergeant Josh Kent to Lieutenant of the Patrol Division.

Lieutenant Kent has been with the Union County Sheriff's Office since April of 2017.

Congratulations!

Sheriff Jamie Patton promoted Deputy Tim Johnson to Patrol Sergeant. Starting his career with the Union County Sheriff's Office in June of 2021 and has served a total of 8 years as a law enforcement officer.

Congratulations Sergeant Johnson— we look forward to your continued service to the Union County Sheriff's Office as well as your leadership in your new role!



Union County Sheriff's Office Communications Officer Tiffany Cook received the Distinguished Service Award. Thank you Tiffany for your commitment and service to the Citizens of Union County.





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CURRENT JOB OPENINGS**

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