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Union County Sheriff's Star

Sheriff Reflects on Staffing Situation

Union County Sheriff Jamie Patton is very passionate about serving and protecting the people of Union County. He has dedicated his life to serving others as a law enforcement officer, and since 1991, has worked and lived in Union County. He is also passionate about the safety of his staff and the service level they provide. Never before has so much been asked of law enforcement officers across the nation and not since the days of the Wild West, has the job of law enforcement been more dangerous. Taking all this into consideration, he is very concerned about the current staffing situation at the Sheriff's Office. "I've used the analogy a lot lately that the Sheriff's Office is the big black hole. When someone is in need and they have nowhere else to turn, they call us. We are the only county office that operates twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty five days a year. We never close our doors, we never take a day off, and we cannot pass calls off to other agencies", said Patton. Union County is the third fastest growing county in the State of Ohio, which results in more residents, more businesses, more crime, and more calls for service as a result of all this growth. Since the first of the year, he has fielded many questions from community members, business owners, and elected officials about a misleading statement that was printed in the December 28, 2015 edition of the *Marysville Journal Tribune*. The article (County budget sees slight bump for 2016) said the Sheriff's Office was fully staffed. This was not a true statement. There are times, which are more and more frequent, that we have to "stack" non-emergency calls. This means we have to tell citizens to wait until a deputy is available for them to file a report or speak with them in person. There are days when our deputy's drive from call to call to call, because we do not have enough manpower to handle the work load. The volume of calls and the length of time it takes deputies to investigate certain calls have resulted in much less proactive enforcement. Traffic complaints continue to come in, but often times, we cannot work them aggressively. As a result, people continue to drive aggressively and with distractions such as texting. We believe this has resulted in more injury and fatal crashes in the past few years. It's a fact that a certain percentage of crime that is committed in Union County is directly related to the drug problem in our community. "I know that in the past when I was an investigator, Union County had a reputation for being tough on crime. The criminals would tell us that if they didn't have to come to Union County, they wouldn't, because of the proactive law enforcement approach", commented Patton.

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The Sheriff's Office staffing is still below 2009 levels. The Sheriff's Office has never recovered from the devastating layoffs suffered in 2009 and 2010. In 2009, six civilian and one part time deputy position were laid off. In 2010, ten deputies were laid off. In 2011, all county office holders were told by the Board of County Commissioners, to prepare for 12% cuts based on their total expenditures in 2011. In 2012, three deputy positions could not be filled due to the 12 % cut, which amounted to \$361,765.00. In the past six years, there have been only five new deputies hired. As a result, the Sheriff's Office would still need seven more deputies to get back to its 2010 authorized staffing levels. For 2016, Patton requested five deputy positions, but only one position was authorized in his 2016 budget. In addition, the Sheriff's Office lost a public safety officer (PSO) position when Dover, Claibourne, and Jackson Townships did not renew their PSO contract at the end of December 2015. Public safety officers are cross trained deputy sheriff's that work under contract in certain areas of the county to provide supplemental coverage to the regular patrol deputy staff. It is now six years after the layoffs, with more residents, more businesses, more crime, more calls for service, more traffic, more drugs, and no replacement staffing to handle these public safety issues. Replacing seven deputies will only bring the Sheriff's Office back to its 2010 staffing levels. It does not take into consideration staff that should have been added over the past six years. "We are playing catch up and will be for years to come. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in Union County, it's my responsibility to make it very clear what the public safety needs are in the county and the resources I need to keep our community safe", said Patton.

"At the end of their day, whether it's 7:00 am, 3:00 pm, or 11:00 pm, I want all of our staff to go home safe. I also want the people of Union County to receive good customer service from their Sheriff's Office. It really becomes a quality of life issue. Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and we are not keeping up. We cannot sustain an acceptable level of service without an increase in manpower and I think that if we can't keep the community safe, it will reduce the desire of others to make Union County their home", concluded Patton.

"I am honored to present them with a Civilian Commendation for their continued support of law enforcement and our community in the fight against heroin," said Sheriff Patton



Gina, Peter and Susan Falzarano pictured with Sheriff Patton



Front from left: Deputy Thorpe, Deputy Haycox, Dispatcher Rausch, Dispatcher Schalip and Sheriff Patton. Back from left: Deputy Williams, Captain Frisch, Deputy Schnarre, Deputy Dyer and Deputy Anspach

Sheriff Recognizes Citizens and Staff

Sheriff Jamie Patton recognized four Union County citizens and eleven staff members during an awards ceremony at the Sheriff Office on Friday afternoon.

Patton recognized three members of the Falzarano family for their courage and willingness to share their story about the devastating effects that heroin can have on an individual and a family. Peter and Susan Falzarano have endured the heroin addiction of their daughter Gina and the lasting implications that come with this very difficult addiction. Rather than condone or turn a blind eye to the issue, Peter and Susan reached out to law enforcement for assistance. Due to the proactive steps taken by law enforcement and our court system, Gina is now clean and has been for some time. Peter, Susan, and Gina support the Sheriff's Office and other Union County law enforcement agencies by appearing, participating, and sharing their difficult journey through heroin addiction in educational settings. Their story is a very honest and realistic look at the affect that heroin can have on an individual and a family. The Falzarano family's willingness to educate the public, both young and old, is a testament of their desire to not see other families and individuals have to face this same incredibly difficult challenge. "I am honored to present them with a Civilian Commendation for their continued support of law enforcement and our community in the fight against heroin," said Sheriff Patton.

Patton also recognized Todd Brown for his assistance to the Sheriff's Office on November 12, 2015. On that date Brown witnessed and reported a burglary in progress at his neighbor's residence on Kandel Road. As a result of Todd's willingness to get involved and all the information that he provided dispatchers while on the phone, three suspects were arrested and stolen property from the residence was recovered. Mr. Brown's play-by-play descriptions of what he observed were crucial in identifying the suspect vehicle and getting it stopped. He recognized prior to calling 9-1-1 and reporting the burglary that something was not right when the suspects first approached his residence and knocked on the door. The suspects left Mr. Brown's residence and walked across the street to the neighbors. They then kicked in the neighbor's door. Mr.

Brown stayed on the phone giving detailed information until deputies arrived on the scene and after a foot pursuit, were able to capture an adult and a juvenile that had broken into the Kandel Road home. “It is my great pleasure to recognize Todd Brown with a Civilian Commendation and thank him for being a good neighbor and working with the Sheriff’s Office to stop several felony crimes in progress,” said Patton.

The Sheriff recognized eleven staff members for their outstanding performance in the line of duty on February 12, 2016. Dispatcher’s Andrea Schalip, Brittany Rausch, and Rebecca Heath, as well as Deputy’s Scott Anspach, Joel Thorpe, Jaymie Williams, Zach Schnarre, Shawn Dyer, Brad Phipps, Adam Haycox, and Captain Jeff Frisch were presented the Sheriff’s Office Citation award.

These Sheriff’s Office staff members were honored for working as a committed team and demonstrating outstanding performance in the line of duty that involved personal risk to their safety. On February 12, 2016 at approximately 8:30 pm, dispatchers and deputies from the Union County Sheriff’s Office assisted the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Champaign County Sheriff’s Office, and the Madison County Sheriff’s Office in Irwin with a search for three Hispanic males that were involved in an armed robbery in Clark County. The suspects bailed out of their vehicle and ran on foot through open fields and wooded areas near the Union and Madison County Line. Union County Deputies persisted in their tracking and pursuit of the suspects on foot for several hours and over a distance of approximately 4 miles, even after other law enforcement agencies dropped out of the search. At approximately 11:55 pm, Union County Deputies captured two suspects near a barn in Madison County. The third suspect was arrested by deputies from the Madison County Sheriff’s Office. The search took place in very difficult weather conditions with a 13-18 degree air temperature, light snow, and 12-23 mph winds which resulted in wind chills of 0 to -10 degrees. Through perseverance in difficult conditions and with the safety of both Madison and Union County residents in mind, the deputies and dispatchers demonstrated tremendous teamwork to ensure three felony suspects were captured and not left on the run to engage in additional mayhem.

Sheriff Announces Deputy of the Year

Sheriff Jamie Patton announced the 2015 Deputy of the Year for the Union County Sheriff’s Office (UCSO) as Aaron McKinnon. Deputy McKinnon has been with the Sheriff’s Office since 1998. He is currently assigned to the patrol division and works the afternoon shift. McKinnon is a 1995 graduate of Marysville High School and completed basic peace officer training at the Logan County Sheriff’s Academy in August of 1997. Prior to joining the Sheriff’s Office, McKinnon worked for the Marysville Division of Police as a communications officer.

The UCSO Awards Committee selected McKinnon for his positive work attitude and for using his vast knowledge to help others with reports and investigations. McKinnon shows great attention to detail and is well liked in the community and respected by his peers. Through excellent interpersonal skills, he shows empathy and compassion in the way he does his job. He is always dependable when performing assigned tasks and provides excellent customer service, no matter what the need or request might be.

“Aaron is an important member of the Union County Sheriff’s Office. I believe he is very deserving of this honor. I am proud of his service to the Union County community and his commitment to the mission of the Sheriff’s Office”, said Sheriff Jaime Patton.



Welcome

Millie Phipps

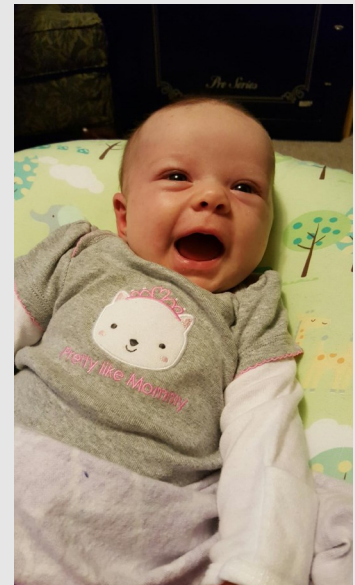
The Union County Sheriff’s Office would like to welcome Kathryn Millicent “Millie” Phipps.

8lbs. 15oz

19.25 inches

Born at 1653 on March 2, 2016.

Congratulations to the proud parents; Sarah and Brad!!!!!!





Patrol Division

Captain Jeff Frisch—Commander

221 West 5th Street
Marysville, Ohio 43040
Phone: (937) 645-4100
Fax: (937)645-4139

COMMUNITY EDUCATION/ CRIME PREVENTION

1st Quarter—2016

DARE Classes Taught	109
⇒ North Union	55
⇒ Fairbanks	36
⇒ Parochial	18

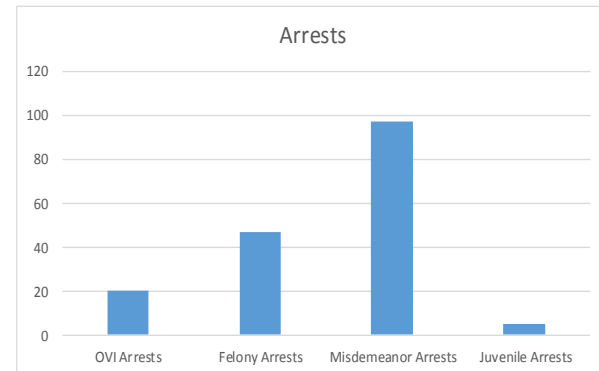
Presentation/Meeting Hours

Sexting Presentation	35
Driving Simulator	13
Community Presentations	12.5
Behind the Star	6
Neighborhood Watch	9.25
Project Lifesaver	52.5
Senior Watch	50
Senior Programming	79.5
Citizen Academy	0
ALICE Training	20

Special Event Hours

1st Quarter—2016

	1st Qtr
Calls for Service	4,130
Reports Taken	190
Citations	476
Friendly Warnings	709
Traffic Stops	1,174
Vacation Watches	1,182
Area Watches	1,247
Housing Additions	1,054
Alarm Responses	401
Crash Reports	107
OVI Arrests	20
Felony Arrests	47
Misdemeanor Arrests	97
Juvenile Arrests	5



Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)

2016 VIPS Donated Hours to the UCSO

January	170.7
February	179
March	220



Save the Dates



- ◇ **Union County Law Enforcement Memorial**
Union County Courthouse North Lawn
May 19, 2016 at 7:00pm—rain or shine
- ◇ **Safe Heroes 5th Annual Golf Classic**
Buck Ridge Golf Course
September 16, 2016

- ◇ **Citizens Academy**
September 12, 2016 thru December 12, 2016
Contact Deputy Kim Zacharias

- ◇ **Annual Turkey Shoot—November 12, 2016**
from 10:00am to 4:00pm
At the Union County Sheriff's Office Training Facility on US 36





Scales—Commercial Vehicles

Month	Actual Weight	Allowed Weight	Over Weight	Fine Amount	S.O. Time	Eng's Time
January						
February						
March	413, 120	360,400	52,720	\$1,689.00		34
April	65,850	50,000	15,850	\$862.00		12
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						

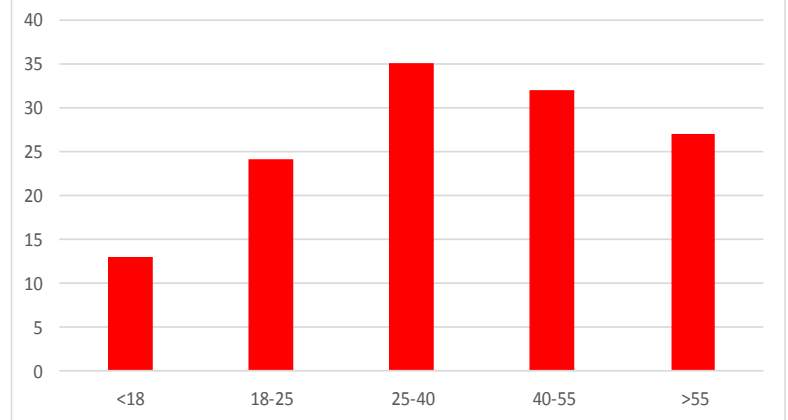


Crashes

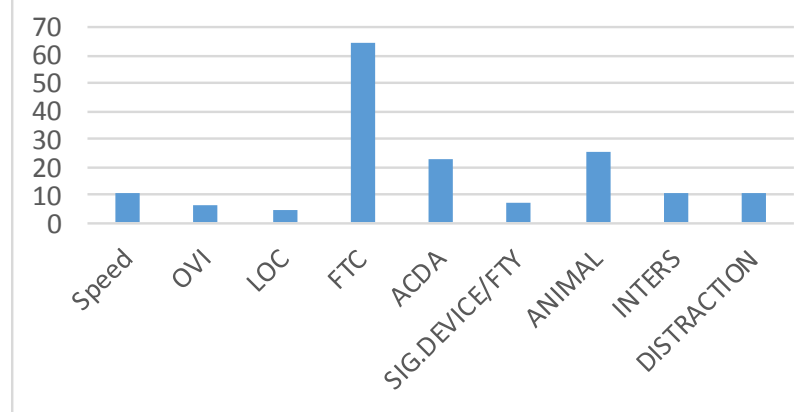
1st Qtr

Day of Week	
Sunday	11
Monday	18
Tuesday	22
Wednesday	20
Thursday	20
Friday	28
Saturday	19
Road Contour	
Straight	110
Curve	28
Road Condition	
Dry	85
Wet	23
Snow/Ice	28
Weather	
Clear	104
Sunny	0
Rain	14
Snow	22
Fog	0
Vehicle Type	
Commercial	6
Passenger	132
Motorcycle	1
Bicycle	0
Gender of Driver	
Male	85
Female	47
SB (none)	1
Age of Driver	
<18	13
18-25	24
25-40	35
40-55	32
>55	27
Outcome of Accident	
Fatal	1
Injury	40
PD	91
Hit Skip	7
Alcohol or Drug Related	
<18	0
18-21	2
>21	7
Animal	
Deer	21
Other	3
Causing Factor	
Speed	11
OVI	6
LOC	5
FTC	64
ACDA	23
Sig.Device/FTY	7
Animal	25
Inters.	11
Distraction	11
One Vehicle	91

Age of Driver



CAUSING FACTOR





Investigations Division

Lieutenant Mike Justice—Commander

128 South Main Street (2nd Floor)

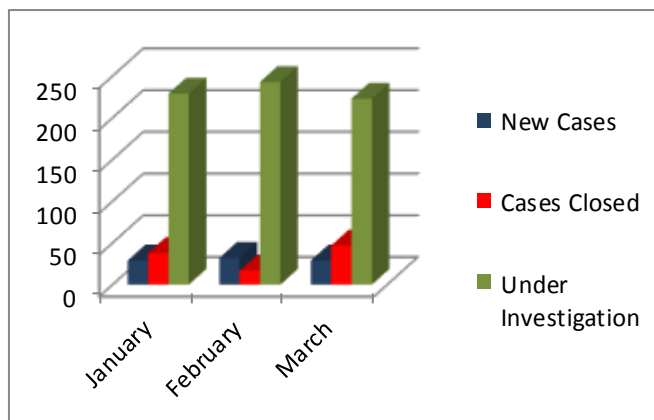
Marysville, Ohio 43040

Phone: (937) 645-4101

Fax: (937) 645-4104

CRIME TIP HOTLINE: (937) 642-7653

	Jan	Feb	Mar
New Cases	29	32	29
Cases Closed	38	17	47
Under Investigation	229	243	223
# Individuals Indicted	3	6	8
# Counts of Indictments	30	16	63
# Cases Presented to Pros.	8	23	10
Scenes Processed—UCSO	6	3	3
Scenes Process Outside Agency	4	2	3
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	1	2	5
Search Warrant Assist in Execution	0	5	0
#Subpoena requests to Pros. Office	47	26	25
#Pre-employ Background Invest.	0	1	1
#of Narcotic Evidence Tests Perf.	4	2	3
Hours Spent Managing Evidence	15.5	17.5	18.5



MADE Task Force

1st Qtr

Cases Initiated	36 (9)
Cases Indicted	0 (2)
Search Warrants Executed	4 (9)
Drugs Seized	
⇒ Cocaine (grams)	9.13 (0)
⇒ Heroin (unit dosages)	8 (10)
⇒ Marijuana (grams)	8.13g (12.2g+ 6 plants)
⇒ Pills (unit dosages)	105 (90)
⇒ Mushrooms	0 (2)
⇒ Methamphetamines (grams)	8.13 (177.34)
⇒ Synthetic Marijuana (grams)	0 (0)
Man Hours Utilized (approx.)	425 (457)
Complaints Investigated	17 (9)
Funds Dispersed	\$7,001.00
Balance of Cash Funds	\$1,645.00
Drug Take Back (grams)	58,787



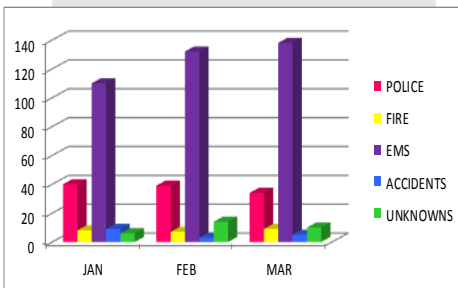
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POLICE/FIRE/EMS/ ACCIDENTS/UNKNOWN

1st Quarter—2016

Police	113
Fire	24
EMS	380
Accidents	17
Unknowns	30



Communications

Director Anne Barr

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911 Misroute/Information/Follow-up/Cell 911 Police/Fire/ EMS/Accidents/Unknown/911 Error/Info

	1st Qtr
911 Misroute	3
Information	31
Follow-up	103
Cell 911	
⇒ Police	1,328
⇒ Fire	120
⇒ EMS	442
⇒ Accidents	406
⇒ Unknown	7
⇒ Error/Info	350

Township Stats

	1st Qtr
Allen	233
Claibourne	244
Darby	91
Dover	113
Jackson	27
Jerome	356
Leesburg	93
Liberty	139
Millcreek	71
Other	312
Paris	1,309
Taylor	110
Union	101
Washington	39
York	42
Zane	51
Washington/Dublin	23



NIXLE

Nixle is the first **standardized, secure, and certified** communications platform for location-based information from law enforcement, mayors, municipalities and their agencies to communicate important, neighborhood-level public safety and community information to the residents of their communities.

All information is immediately available by text message, email and web.

You (as the subscriber) choose the information you want, for the addresses you want, all delivered by text message, email and over the web.

To Register

- ⇒ Go to www.nixle.com
- ⇒ Click "Sign Up Now"
- ⇒ Create an account by choosing a User Name and Password
- ⇒ Enter an email address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages
- ⇒ Enter your address (or a nearby intersection)
- ⇒ Click "Sign Me Up"



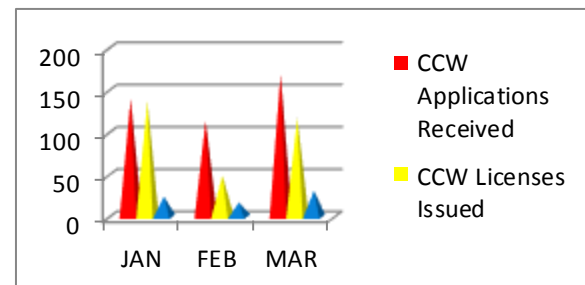
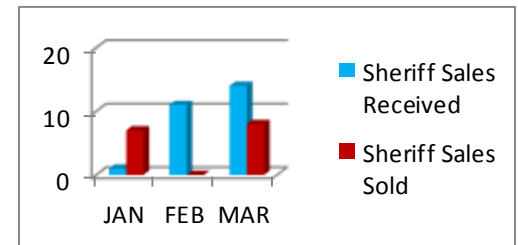


Court Services

Director Betsy Spain

221 West 5th Street
Marysville, Ohio 43040
Phone: (937) 645-4103
Fax: (937)645-4171

	Jan	Feb	Mar
Transports	69	77	100
Juvenile/Probate Transports	8	19	14
Common Pleas Court Transports	18	18	23
Adult Parole Transports	1	0	1
Municipal Court Detail	1	0	0
Probate/Juvenile Court Detail	13	29	20
Common Pleas Court Detail	27	39	55
Sex Offender Registrations	12	6	13
Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts	26	57	25
Web Checks	199	85	236
CCW Applications Received	140	114	169
CCW Licenses Issued	137	49	117
Renewal Licenses Issued	24	17	31
Civilian Fingerprints	2	4	2
Civil Process Received	211	164	196
Warrants Received	89	114	83
Cases Processed	76	57	57
Public Records Requests	100	54	74
Background Checks	73	53	56



Ohio Concealed Carry Law (CCW)

Several changes were made to the Conceal Carry laws on March 23, 2015, when House bill 234 went into effect. This is the seventh change to the law since 2004. Below is a brief list of a few of the changes:

1. Training:

- Minimum hours required for firearms competency certification course was reduced from 12 to 8 hours. Still requires a minimum of two hours of in-person training that consists of time on the range.

2. Eligibility:

- Permits a person who does not reside in Ohio to receive or renew a concealed handgun license if the person is employed in Ohio and provides adequate proof of that employment. Application must be made in the county or adjacent to the county where the employer is located.
- The Ohio concealed handgun license of a person who is no longer an Ohio resident or no longer employed in Ohio, as applicable, is valid until the expiration date of the license and the person is prohibited from renewing the license.
- Former military members are exempt from the competency certification requirement for a concealed handgun license by providing proof of retirement or honorable discharge within the past ten years (instead of six under the prior law).

3. Criminal Records Check:

- Now requires the sheriff, as part of the criminal records check, to contact the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to verify the applicant is eligible lawfully to receive or possess a firearm in the United States.

There are several other changes to the law, which all conceal carry license holders should make sure they are familiar with. These changes can be found on the Ohio Attorney General's website: www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

The Union County Sheriff's Office accepts applications for conceal carry licenses by appointment only. The days and hours are as follows:

Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 11:45 am and 1:30 pm – 4:15 pm
On the second and fourth Thursday 10:00 am – 12:45 pm and 2:00 pm – 5:45 pm.

Please call 937-645-4103 ext. 4468, to set up an appointment.

Applicants are required to have all documentation at the time of arrival, this includes a completed application, passport-sized photo taken within past 30 days, training certificate (for first time applicants), and payment. The Union County Sheriff's Office only accepts checks or money orders for payment. Please DO NOT bring cash.

Information can also be found on our website at www.co.union.oh.us/Sheriff.

4099 State Route 559
Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044
www.tricountyregionaljail.com
(937) 834-5000

Tri-County Regional Jail houses Union County inmates, as well as those from Champaign and Madison Counties.

\$321,256.00 is paid quarterly by the Union County Sheriff's Office for our share of the Operating Expenses at the Tri-County Regional Jail. This does not include the amount for bed overages.

Cost per day: \$45.00

Maximum Number of Beds Allowed Per Day: 52

Tri-County Regional Jail



Local Sheriff Information

Champaign County Sheriff
Sheriff Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff
Sheriff James P. Sabin

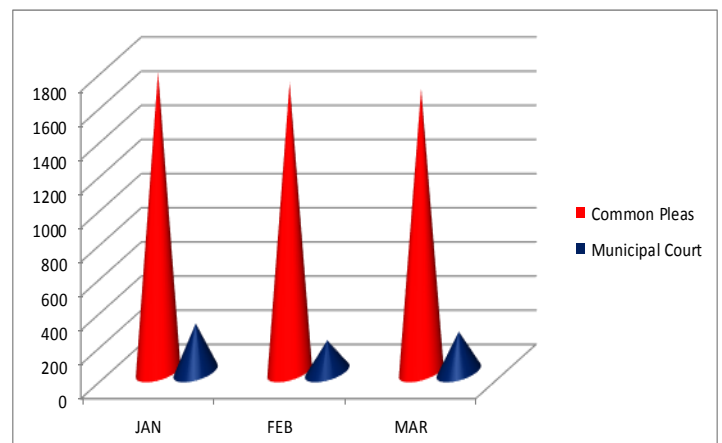
Union County Sheriff
Sheriff Malcolm J.. "Jamie" Patton

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**Overage
Amt.**

	Daily Average Common Pleas			Daily Average Municipal Court			Union County	Monthly	Overage Paid To
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Bed Overage	Tri-County
1st Qtr	5,106	4,197	909	699	542	157	5,805	1,073	\$48,285.00
2nd Qtr									
3rd									
4th									





2016 Cookout Dates

May 27, 2016—Union County Special Olympics

June 17, 2016—Union County Art League

July 15, 2016—NC4K Marysville (Nellie's Catwalk 4 Kids)

August 12, 2016—Union County Guardianship Services

September 9, 2016—Union County Neighbor to Neighbor

October 7, 2016—Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 4, 2016—United Way Campaign Chili Lunch

Cookout Location:
221 West 5th Street
Marysville, Ohio 43040

Carry-out Available:
Fax: (937) 645-4171



Union County Sheriff's Office participates in Marysville FFA Business Ag Career Day

The Union County Sheriff's Office participated in the Inaugural Marysville FFA Business Ag Career Day on March 23, 2016. The Marysville FFA Business Ag Career Day was put together to help the students meet businesses in the community, understand what they look for in an employee and learn the skills needed when talking with a potential employer. This event was a great experience for all who participated. Sheriff Patton and Alicia Bosch talked to the students interested in Law Enforcement and Communications Officer careers. "It's important these young people understand what they do now can affect their future, said Sheriff Patton." The UCSO met a great group of young adults!



Union County Sheriff's Office Provides Class on Dangers of Sexting At North Union Middle School



North Union Middle School (NUMS) teamed up with the Union County Sheriff's Office and Richwood Police Department to talk with students about the dangers of sexting on cell phones. The month-long event taught students that using cell phones to send pictures and messages can be dangerous and students should learn to make wise choices.

Please read our article on "Why is Sexting a Problem?"; it can be found on our website at <http://www.co.union.oh.us/Sheriff-Star/>



WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome aboard to the newest members of
the Union County Sheriff's Office

Communications Officer Stacy Ryan

Communications Officer Chrissy Redmon

Communications Officer Natalie Williams



2016 Birthdays

January

VIPS Barbara Nicol
Dispatcher Rausch
Dispatcher Vigar
Chaplain Craig
Dispatcher Heath
Director Spain
Deputy Schnarre
Deputy Waller
Deputy Williams
Dispatcher Thorpe
Sheriff Patton

February

VIPS Doug Swackhammer
Dispatcher Williams
Deputy Rigano
Dispatcher DelPico
Shelby Howard
Dispatcher Ryan
Deputy Phipps
Deputy Robinson

March

VIPS John Rosenberger
Deputy Barker
Deputy Crabtree
Deputy Roberts

April

Chaplain Heino
Special Deputy Ordanza
Dispatcher Schalip
Bonnie Armbruster
Dispatcher Robinson
Deputy Haycox

May

VIPS Larry Amrine
Sgt. Burton
Deputy Anspach
Deputy Zacharias
Caitlin Koenig
Matthew Perry
Dispatcher Phelan

June

Detective Nawman
Deputy Wilson
Deputy Warden
Lieutenant Justice
Deputy Lenhardt
Deputy Weller

July

VIPS Jeanne Amrine
Director Barr
Sgt. Herman
VIPS Deb Segner
Deputy Bidlack
Capt. Frisch

August

Deputy Dyer
Lisa Mead

September

Chief Morgan
Alicia Bosch
Special Deputy Skinner



October

Special Deputy Morgan
Deputy Campbell
Dispatcher Wilhelm
Director Sattler
Dispatcher Redmon

November

Deputy McKinnon
Detective Stiers
Special Deputy Mabry
Deputy Loudon
Detective Kleiber
Sgt. Lee
VIPS Kenny Steele
VIPS Steve Segner

December

Sgt. Henry
Detective Golden
Deputy Craft
Deputy Underwood