



# The Union County Sheriff's Star

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## WHAT'S AT STAKE: THE TRUTH, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Union County Sheriff Jamie Patton along with the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association oppose Issue Two – Legalization of Adult use of Recreational Marijuana. This article will share what every Ohioan should know about marijuana and the potential impact of legalizing recreational marijuana use and retail sales.

The big picture is big corporations are pushing to legalize the recreational use and retail sales of marijuana in Ohio, this is fundamentally a move to commercialize marijuana for a profit. As Ohioans, we need to be very wary of the motives for this \$30 billion national industry.

We need to slow down; we are moving faster than our knowledge! The legalization of recreational marijuana is moving too fast, we do not fully understand the risks and costs. More than 20 states have legalized some form of marijuana use in less than a decade, and the only people who benefit from a rush to legalize are a small number of investors who control the large corporations that comprise the bulk of marijuana sales nationwide.

It's time to stop and understand the unexpected fact:

- ◇ High Potency: Today's marijuana is much more potent than in the past – with pot edibles, candies, cookies, ice creams, and waxes being up to 99% THC. Compare that to 5% "Woodstock Weed."
- ◇ Racial Disparities Remain: In the first state to legalize recreational use – Colorado – more minority kids are being arrested for marijuana-related crimes.
- ◇ More People Get Hurt and Die: Injuries and deaths from car crashes related to marijuana have gone up in states that have legalized, as have young adult use and workplace positives.
- ◇ Criminal Sentencing Reform Can Happen Without Legalization: We do not need to legalize recreational marijuana in order to reform the criminal sentencing system. Ohio has already done two rounds of criminal sentencing reform in the past decade and more can continue. We can change criminal penalties, expunge records, and offer justice without commercializing today's high potent marijuana products.
- ◇ This is About the Industry of Addiction: The marijuana industry is seeing increased investment from existing giants of addiction. Altria, the parent company of Phillip Morris, recently invested more than \$2 billion into the industry, and has secured a minority ownership into Juul – the vaping giant – in a move to cement future stakes in the addiction industry.

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The health, harms, and addiction is real Ohio! Marijuana is addictive according to the National Institute of Health<sup>1</sup>, Mayo Clinic<sup>2</sup>, the Cleveland Clinic<sup>3</sup>, and World Health Organization<sup>4</sup>, marijuana is addictive and can produce withdrawal and dependence. Supporters of Ohio's recreational marijuana use is acknowledging marijuana is addictive since they include funding for addiction treatment support. Ohio has had one of the worst experiences with opiate addiction in the nation. Therefore, giving individuals greater access to marijuana that is more potent than ever before isn't good for the State of Ohio.

THC impacts the brain, the NIH has found regular marijuana use can reduce the IQ by 8 points and may be irreversible; it also impairs memory and learning.<sup>5</sup> Marijuana is still found to be a threshold drug, so with or without legalization four out of every ten lifetime marijuana users will go on to use another drug.<sup>6</sup>

There are many lessons learned from the legalization in other states, young people use marijuana more. Young adult use has been skyrocketing, especially in legal states.<sup>7</sup> Marijuana-related ER visits by Colorado teens are on the rise since legalization.<sup>8</sup>

More people are killed or injured driving, one in five drivers in Washington State are under the influence of marijuana, up from one in 10 prior to legalization.<sup>9</sup> AAA has reported that fatalities among people who have recently used marijuana have doubled since legalization in Washington State.<sup>10</sup>

Crime goes up – including drug crimes, the crime rate in Colorado has increased 11 times faster than the rest of the nation since legalization. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation reports an 8.3% increase in property crimes and 18.6% increase in violent crimes.<sup>11</sup> In 2016, Colorado law enforcement confiscated 7,116 pounds of marijuana, carried out 252 felony arrests, and made 346 highway interdictions of marijuana headed to 36 different U.S. states (RMHIDTA, 2017).<sup>12</sup> A leaked police report in Oregon revealed that at least 70% of marijuana sales in 2016 were on the black market and around three to five times the amount of marijuana consumed in Oregon leaves the state for illegal sales (Hughes, 2017; Associated Press, 2017, August 14; OSPDES, 2017).<sup>13</sup>

Employers are going to find people are impaired at work, marijuana positivity rates in the workplace are up in legalized states, which is a risk for employers, other workers, and the public. As of 2018, positivity rates are up 48% in Nevada, 14% in Massachusetts, and 11% in California.<sup>14</sup>

It's our goal to keep Ohio safe! More access to drugs is bad for Ohio! Ohioans need to stand together and send a strong message to wealthy investors profiting from addiction and destroying our families. Let's stay safe Ohio.

<sup>1</sup> See NIDA (2018, June 25), Marijuana, Retrieved from [www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana), on 2018 July 2.

<sup>2</sup> See Irons, B., M.D., Mayo Clinic. (2015, Feb. 19) Speaking of Health. Retrieved from <https://mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/the-problem-with-kids-and-cannabis>, on 2018, July 2 and Mayo Clinic Staff. (2017, Oct. 24. Marijuana Retrieved from [www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements-marijuana/art-20364974](http://www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements-marijuana/art-20364974), on 2018 July 2.

<sup>3</sup> See Cleveland Clinic. (2014, July 29). Marijuana. Retrieved from <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/4392-marijuana>, on 2018 July 2.

<sup>4</sup> See World Health Organization. (2016). The Health and Social Effects of Nonmedical Cannabis Use. Retrieved from <http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/251056/9789241510240-eng.pdf;jsessionid=3EBC6F1B98621EB7690654FDB631BEB?sequence=1> on 2018, July 2.

<sup>5</sup> See NIDA. (2018, June 25). Marijuana. Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana>, on 2018, July 2.

<sup>6</sup> See Secades-Villa, R., Garcia-Rodriguez, O., Jin, C.J., Wange S., & Blanco, C. (2014, Aug. 2). Probability and Predictors of the Cannabis Gateway Effect: A National Study. Retrieved from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25168081>, on 2018, July 2.

<sup>7</sup> See Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (2017). 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Detailed Tables. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockville, MD.

<sup>8</sup> See <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-marijuana-kids/marijuana-related-er-visits-by-colorado-teens-on-the-rise-idUSKBN1HO38A>

<sup>9</sup> See Smart Approaches to Marijuana. (2018 March). Lessons Learned from Marijuana Legalization in Four U.S. States and D.C. Retrieved from <https://learnsaboutsam.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SAM-Lessons-Learned-From-Marijuana-Legalization-Digital.pdf> on 2018, July 2.

<sup>10</sup> See Johnson, T. (2016, May 10). Fatal Road Crashes Involving Marijuana Double After State Legalizes Drug. Retrieved from <https://newsroom.aaa.com/2016/05/fatal-road-crashes-involving-marijuana-double-state-legalizes-drug/> on 2018, July 2.

<sup>11</sup> See Mitchell, K. (2017, July 11). Crime rate in Colorado increases much faster than rest of the country. Denver Post. Retrieved from <https://www.denverpost.com/2017/07/11/colorado-sees-big-increase-crime-10-percent-higher-murder-rate/> on 2018, Feb 3 and Colorado Bureau of Investigation. (2017). National Uniform Crime Reports. Retrieved from <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/crime-colorado1>, on 2018, 2018 Feb 3.

<sup>12</sup> See Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. (2017). The legalization of marijuana in Colorado: The impact. Retrieved from [https://www.rmhidta.org/files/ugd/abe036\\_78e3908e2093441d906ac3f01fea7f0d.pdf](https://www.rmhidta.org/files/ugd/abe036_78e3908e2093441d906ac3f01fea7f0d.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> See Hughes, T. (2017, July 31). Marijuana's legalization fuels black market in other states. USA Today. Retrieved from <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2017/07/31/marijuana-black-market/507417001/> on 2018, Feb 3, Associated Press. (2017, August 14). Marijuana-legal states struggle with black-market weed.

<sup>14</sup> See Quest Diagnostics. (2015, June 9) Illicit Drug Positivity Rate Increases Sharply in Workplace Testing, Finds Quest Diagnostics Drug Testing Index™ Analysis. Retrieved from <http://newsroom.questdiagnostics.com/2015-06-09-Illicit-Drug-Positivity-Rate-Increases-Sharply-in-Workplace-Testing-Finds-Quest-Diagnostics-Drug-Testing-Index-Analysis>, on 2018, July 2.

# We Appreciate You!

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



Deputy Rod Wilson  
20 Years



Deputy Krystin Gibson  
2 Years

# Court Services Division

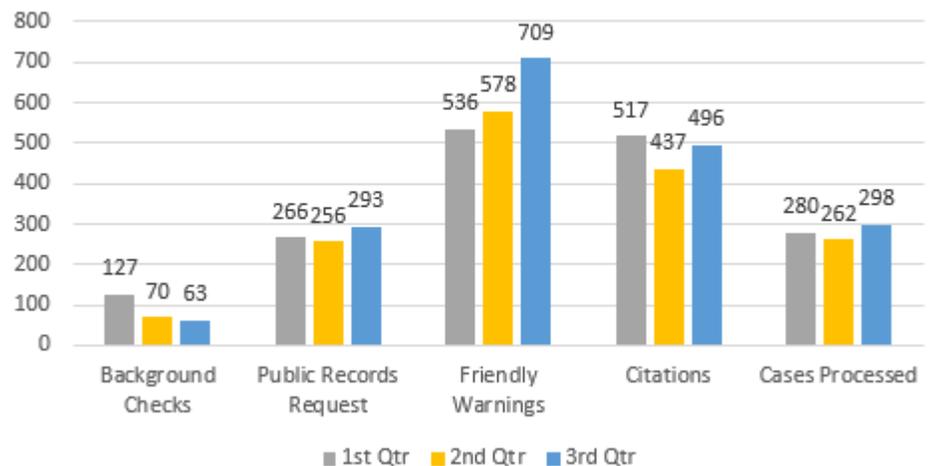
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr
<b>Transports</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Municipal Court Transports</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Juvenile/Probate Transports</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Common Pleas Transports</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Adult Parole Transports</b>	<b>30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



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## Court Services



# PATROL DIVISION

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

Age of Driver	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr
<18	5	3	5
18-25	30	32	38
25-40	29	33	46
40-55	28	24	25
>55	26	15	21
<b>Alcohol or Drug Related</b>			
<18	0	0	0
18-21	0	0	1
>21	4	5	7

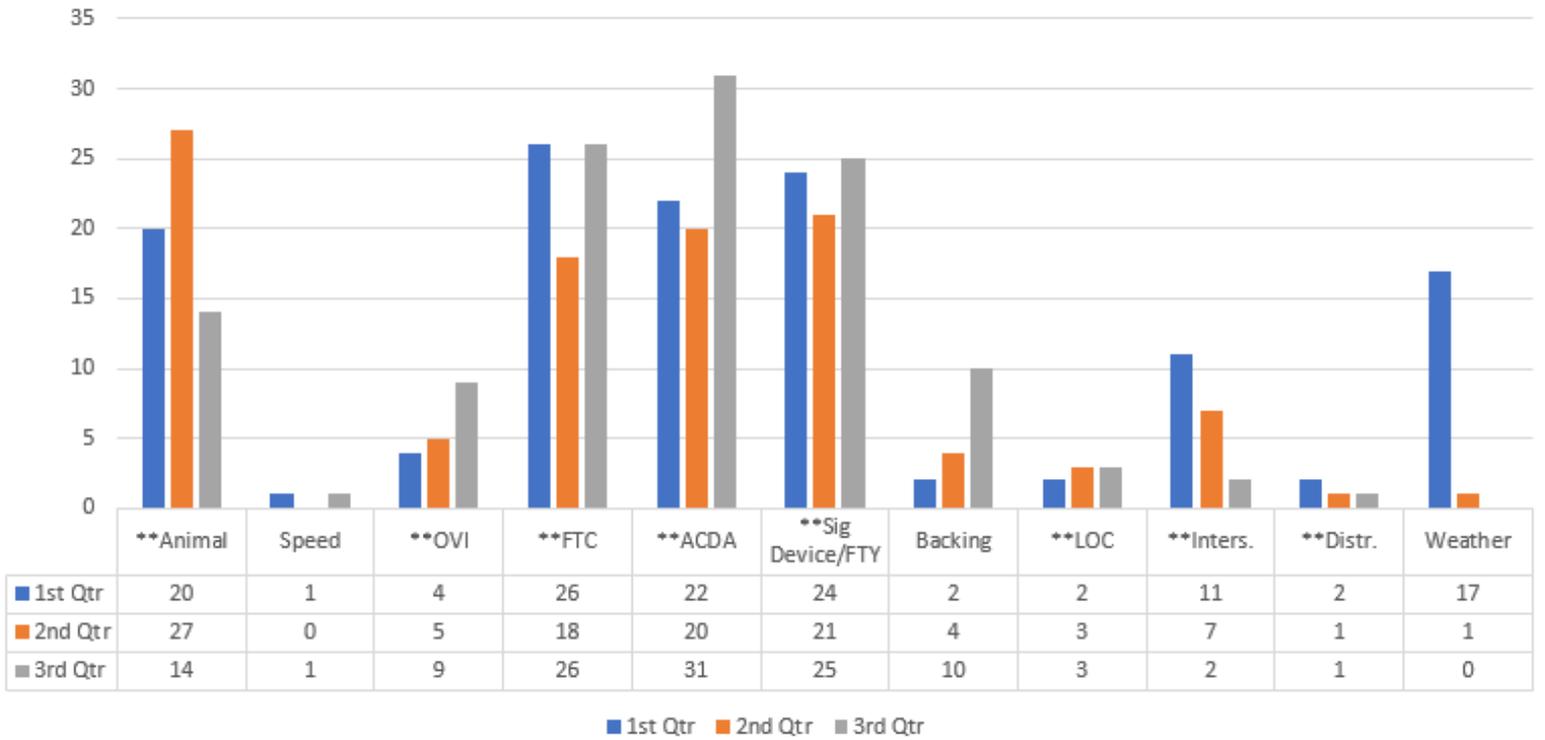


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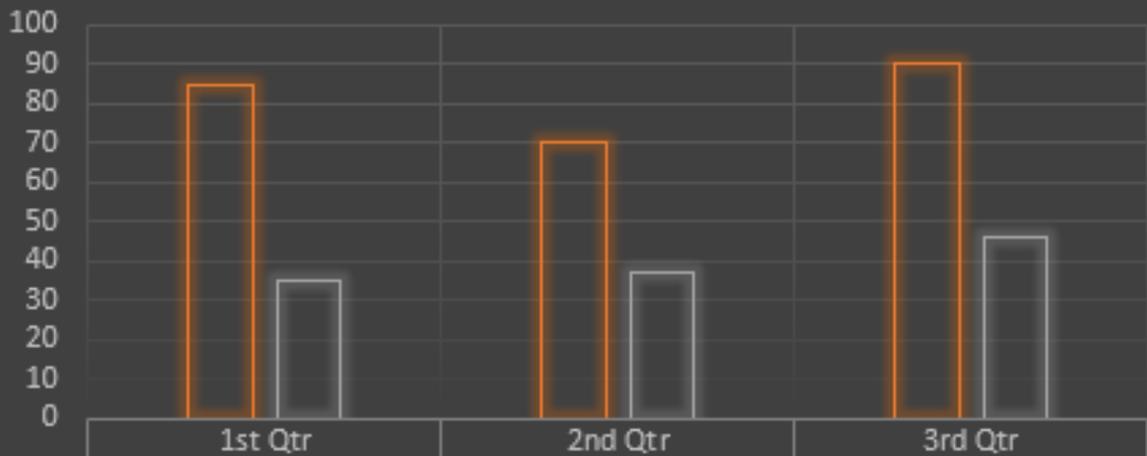
# PATROL DIVISION

### Causing Factors



### Chart Title

■ Male □ Female



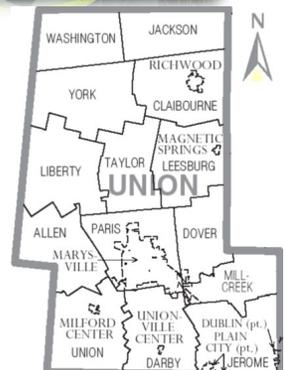
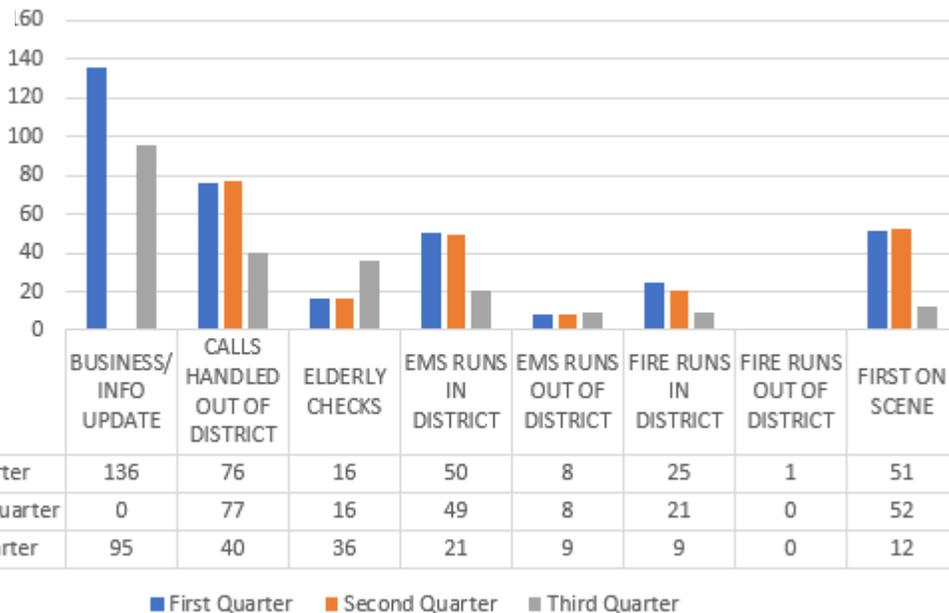
■ Male	85	70	90
□ Female	35	37	46

# Patrol Division/ PSO

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



## Public Safety Officers



# DOG WARDEN

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
Dog Calls for Service	178	244	295
Dog Citations issued	11	5	9
Dog Warnings issued	54	58	69
Public Speaking Appearances	0	6	0
Number of Dogs Seized	34	34	44
Number of Dogs Impounded	13	13	34
Number of Dogs Redeemed	21	21	11
Number of Dogs Destroyed	0	0	0



Union County Dog Warden

Deputy Pete Lenhardt

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

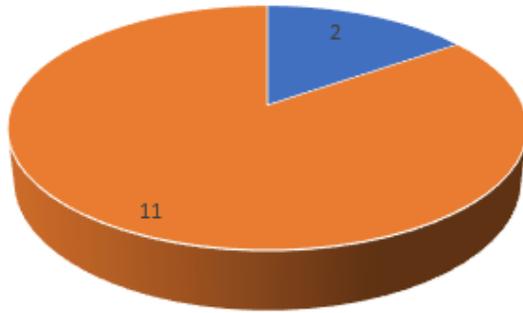


# MCCIT

## 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.

FATALITIES



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

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

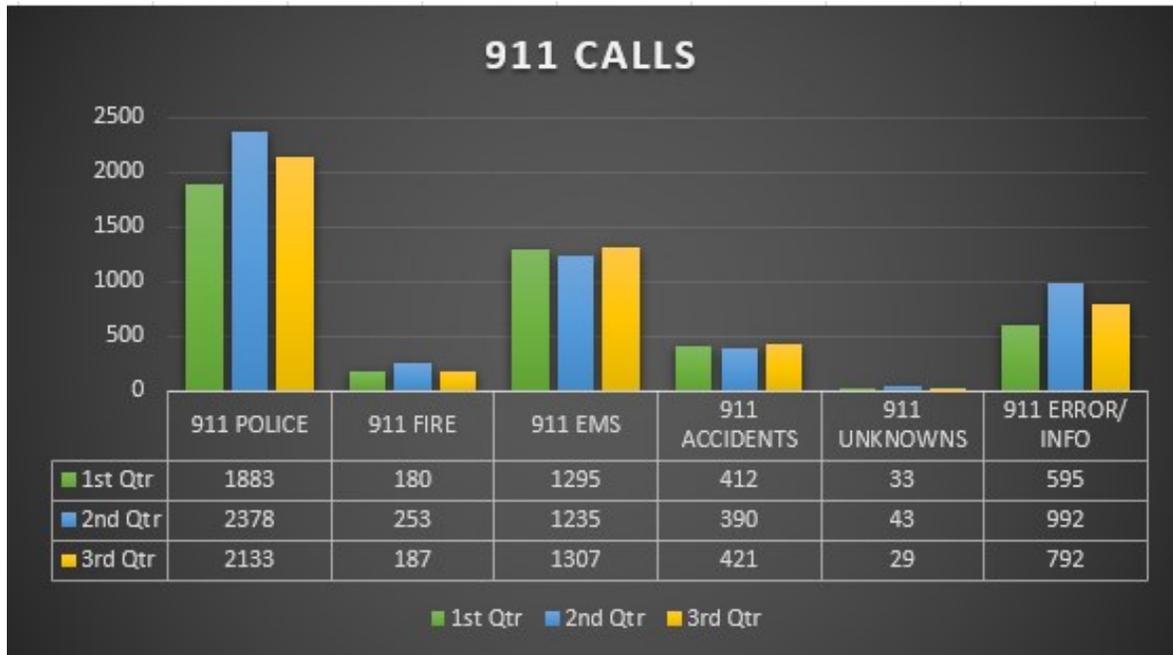


# Communications Division

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



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# Investigations Division

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

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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
Drugs Seized:			
Cocaine: (grams)	87.42	8.36	997.9
Fentanyl: (grams)	5.15	9.67	1
Methamphetamines: (grams)		72.33	3029.85
Pills: (Unit dosages)		2000	6
Mushrooms: (grams)		2503	
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.**





**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

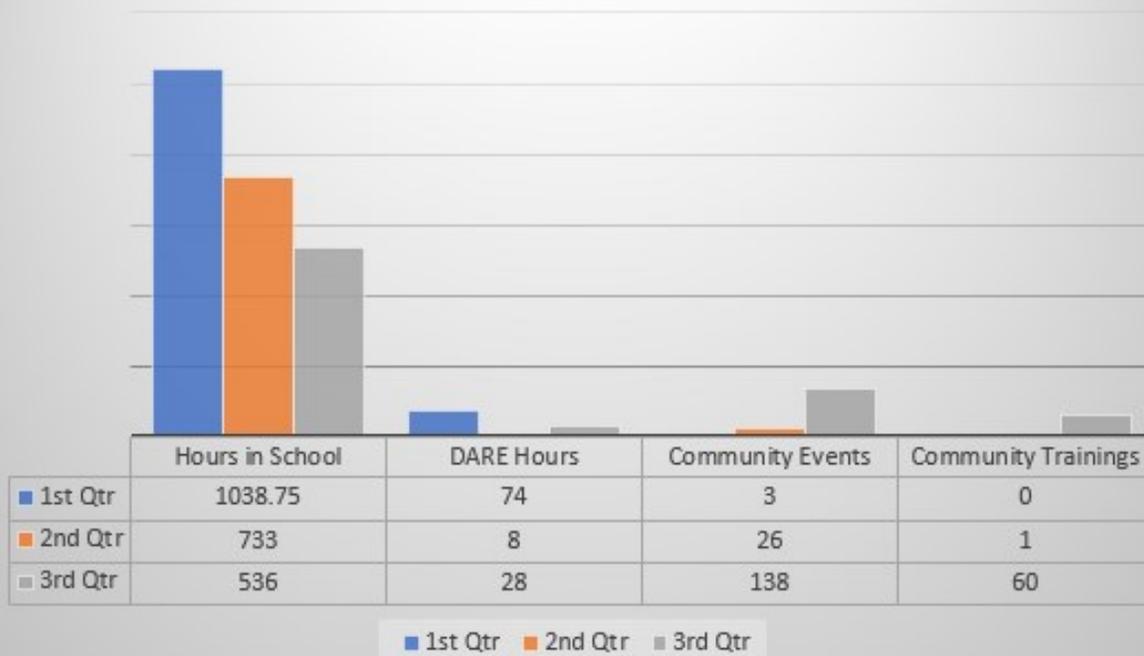


# SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



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 Safe Heroes Golf Classic



# Honorable Mentions



The Union County Sheriff's Office celebrated the promotion of Deputy Mike Austin to Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Austin was hired as a deputy sheriff in March of 2020 and in his time with us has joined the Special Response Team, served as OIC for the patrol division and accepted the additional responsibilities of a field training officer.

Congratulations Sergeant Austin and we look forward to your continued service to the Union County Sheriff's Office, as well as your leadership in your new role.

Sheriff Jamie Patton promoted Deputy Rich Crabtree as Lieutenant of the Support Services Division. Lieutenant Crabtree has been with the Union County Sheriff's Office since October 2000 and part of the Support Services Division since May 2015. Congratulations Lieutenant Crabtree!



Deputy Tom Bidlack retired from the Union County Sheriff's Office, serving the Citizens of Union County for 33 years. Congratulations Tom!



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