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# Union County Sheriff's Star

#### BUCKEYE STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

The Union County Sheriff's Office would like residents to be aware of an annual membership drive conducted by the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association (BSSA). Residents of Union County will receive information in the mail regarding the Annual Associate Membership drive, the mailing will go out the last week in March. The packet will contain an explanation of the program, membership envelopes, a memorial complimentary card and a letter signed by Sheriff Patton endorsing the program.

The BSSA will only contact Union County Citizens by mail regarding this program. If you receive a call from someone telling you they are with the BSSA and they are collecting membership fees for the Associate Membership Program; **DO NOT SEND MONEY! IT'S A SCAM!** 

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#### UCSO ANNOUNCES EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Patrol Sergeant Mike Austin

Sheriff Jamie Patton announced the 2023 employees of the year at the Union County Sheriff's Office Annual Awards Banquet in January, 2024. The deputy of the year is Sergeant Mike Austin. Sergeant Austin began his career at the Sheriff's Office in 2020, after serving several years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Mike is a graduate of the University of Phoenix with an associate of arts degree in criminal justice. Sergeant Austin also serves as a field training officer and member of the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team. Mike was nominated by his peers for this award for his professionalism, outstanding teamwork, and overall dependability. He remains calm in volatile and hectic situations and is always ready to step in and help his coworkers and the public.

The dispatcher of the year is Communications Officer Rachel Kerr. Communications Officer Kerr began her career at the Sheriff's Office in 2021. She is a graduate of the University of Findlay with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice. Rachel was

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### COMMAND STAFF



Sheriff Jamie Patton



Chief Deputy Tom Morgan Administrative Division

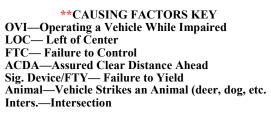


Lieutenant Jeff Stiers Investigations Division

# PATROL STATS CRASHES

1st

Days of the Week	
Sunday	16
Monday	19
Tuesday	22
Wednesday	25
Thursday	18
Friday	29
Saturday	23
Road Contour	
Straight	132
Curve	11
Roundabout	8
Road Condition	
Dry	82
Wet	39
Snow/Ice	30
Weather	
Clear	77
Cloudy	33
Sunny	0
Rain	15
Snow	20
Fog	6
Vehicle Type	
Commercial	15
Passenger	99
Pick Up	33
Motorcycle	0
Bicycle	0
Farm Equipment	0
4-Wheel ATV	0



	1st
Gender of Driver	
Male	94
Female	48
Age of Driver	
<18	7
18-25	29
25-40	42
40-55	35
>55	29
Alcohol or Drug Related	
<18	0
18-21	0
>21	2
<b>Causing Factor</b>	
**Animal	24
Speed	0
**OVI	4
**FTC	31
**ACDA	24
<b>**</b> Sig Device/FTY	32
Backing	4
**LOC	6
**Inters.	4
**Distr.	0
Weather	24



## PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (PSO)



### PSO STATS

BUSINESS/INFO UPDATE	0
CALLS HANDLED OUT OF DISTRICT	76
ELDERLY CHECKS	34
EMS RUNS IN DISTRICT	27
EMS RUNS OUT OF DISTRICT	9
FIRE RUNS IN DISTRICT	4
FIRE RUNS OUT OF DISTRICT	1
FIRST ON SCENE	12



### COMMAND STAFF



Lieutenant Bob Roberts Court Services Division



Lieutenant Josh Kent Patrol Division



Director Barb Sattler Administrative Division

### COMMAND STAFF



Director Pam Millhoan Communications Division



Assistant Director Nate Coffield Communications Division



UCSO HR Manager Executive Assistant Alicia Bosch Administrative Division

### DOG WARDEN

### Union County Dog Warden Deputy Pete Lenhardt Email: dogwarden@unioncountyohio.gov

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Category	First Quar- ter
Dog Calls for Service	331
Dog Citations issued	3
Dog Warnings issued	70
Public Speaking Appearances	0
Number of Dogs Seized	52
Number of Dogs Impounded	23
Number of Dogs Redeemed	25
Number of Dogs Destroyed	0







# CALLS FOR SERVICE

Category	First Quarter
Total Calls for Service	7,610
Reports Taken	205
Civil Process Served	538
Citations	469
Friendly Warnings	730
Traffic Stops	1,235
Vacation / Security Watches	246
Area Watches	2,021
Housing Additions	783
Alarm Responses	357
Crash Reports	152
OVI Arrests	20
Felony Arrests	42
Misdemeanor Arrests	105
Juvenile Arrests	5
Community Policing Contacts	355







### MULTI-CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM (MCCIT)

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

The Multi-County Crash Investigations Team (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 crashes, fatal vehicle crashes, and airplane crashes.







## COMMUNICATIONS



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	1ST QUARTER
911 WIRELESS & LANDLINE CALL TYPES:				
LAW	272	282	275	829
FIRE	47	29	40	116
EMS	399	375	388	1162
CRASH	127	126	89	342
911 FOLLOW UP	84	106	123	313
911 INFORMATION	17	7	6	30
911 UNKNOWN	11	9	9	29
911 WIRELESS INFO	102	134	103	339
911 MISROUTE/ERROR	1	0	0	1
CALLS SUBTOTAL:	1060	1068	1033	3161
TEXT-TO-911				
LAW	23	17	18	58
FIRE	2	1	2	5
EMS	0	0	2	2
911 FOLLOW UP	0	0	1	1
911 MISROUTE/ERROR	0	0	1	1
OTHER	0	1	0	1
TEXT SUBTOTAL:	25	19	24	68
BREAKDOWN OF 911 SERVICE TYPE:				
WIRELESS	859	922	876	2657
LANDLINE	201	146	157	504
TEXT	25	19	24	68
911 TOTAL:	1085	1087	1057	3229

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## COURT SERVICES STATS







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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Transports	71	103	78	252
Municipal Court Transport	4	7	6	17
Juvenile/Probate Transport	9	9	5	23
Common Pleas Court Transport	27	32	29	88
Adult Parole Transports	7	2	11	20
Total Transports	118	153	129	400
Municipal Court Detail	0	0	0	0
Probate/Juvenile Court Detail	10	15	6	31
Common Pleas Court Detail	65	51	64	180
Total Court Details	75	66	70	211
Sex Offender Registrations	16	7	11	34
Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts	35	26	32	93
Web Checks	131	113	130	374
CCW Applications Received	53	48	52	153
CCW Licenses Issued	53	48	51	152
Renewal Licenses Issued	44	42	38	124
Suspended	1	1	1	
Denied	0	0	1	3
Civilian Fingerprints	2	3	4	9
Civil Process Received	145	211	224	580
Warrants Received	124	152	109	385
Total Received	269	363	333	965
Civil Process Served	139	128	271	538
Warrants Served	72	102	78	252
Total Served	211	230	349	790
Sheriff Sales Received	0	0	1	1
Private Selling Officer or Private Sale Ap- praisal only	1	1	1	3
Sheriff Sales Sold	0	1	0	1
Sheriff Sales WD/Vacated/Unsold	4	1	0	5
Cases Processed	72	74	66	212
Citations	95	143	154	392
Friendly Warnings	179	214	298	691
Public Records Request	88	102	89	279
Background Checks	<b>54</b>	26		80



Champaign County Sheriff Matthew R. Melvin Madison County Sheriff John R. Swaney

Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton

							Maximum	Number of E	Beds Allowe	d Per	Day: 52
2024	Со	mmon Pl	eas	Mu	nicipal Co	ourt	Union	County	Unused		Overage
Month	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Over	Beds		\$45/Day
Jan	1190	995	195	411	287	124	1601	27	34	\$	1,215.00
Feb	1117	918	199	330	269	61	1447	18	79	\$	810.00
March	1330	1142	188	400	297	103	1730	124	6	\$	5,580.00

### TORNADOS HIT LOGAN AND UNION COUNTIES

Severe thunderstorms brought widespread tornado activity through Central Ohio on the evening of March 14, with Logan and Union Counties feeling the effects. Union County had no injuries from the storms, however, there was considerable damage to homes, barns, and businesses. The path of this storm traveled from the west to the east through Union County impacting Broadway, Ohio. Multiple trees and utility lines were reported down blocking roadways. The UCSO appreciates all public safety agencies, Fire & EMS, law enforcement, engineer's office, EMA, ODOT, and private citizens who came out in full force to help the community.

Our neighbors in Logan County were not as fortunate. The storm took the lives of three residents. The UCSO would like to thank all who volunteered to assist this community during their time of need. The volunteerism was awe-inspiring. We would also like to thank our staff who worked extra hours to assist with proactive patrolling to prevent looting, which had been occurring after the tornados, as well as our dog warden who assisted the Logan County Dog Warden.

> *"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." quote by Elizabeth Andrew*





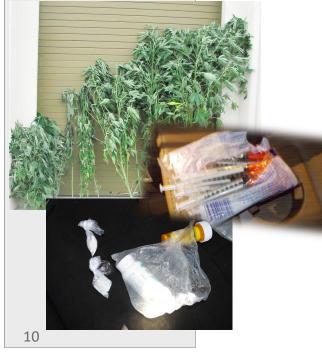
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### **INVESTIGATIONS STATS**

As		1st Qtr
a Kasal	Reports Taken	4
	New Cases	36
	Cases Closed	52
	# Individuals Indicted	11
	# Counts of Indictments	39
	Juvenile Cases Filed with Prosecutor	4
	Misdemeanor Charges Filed with Prosecutor	1
10.00	Felony Cases Filed with Prosecutor	13
	Scenes Processed	5
	Consent Searches	7
	Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	24
	# Subpoenas to Pros. Office / Administrative Subpoenas Filed	18
	Sexual Offenders Checked	65.00
	Training Hours	160.0
	Presentations (Community, C.A., Schools etc)	0
III	#Pre-Employment Background Investigations Completed	4
	# Cell Phone Forensics Exams	13
4	# MX 908 Tests	0
	# DJFS Fraud Referrals	0
	# DJFS Childrens Services Referrals	0
	Drone UAS Activity - Callouts	7
	NADDI—Drug Drop Off Box—located at UCSO	40 lbs

### M.A.D.E. TASK FORCE (MULTI-AGENCY DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE)



M.A.D.E TASK FORCE STATS	1ST QTR
Drugs Seized:	
Cocaine: (grams)	86 g
Fentanyl: (grams)	14g
Heroin: (grams)	
Methamphetamines: (grams)	
Pills: (Unit dosages)	
Mushrooms: (grams)	
Hashish: (grams)	
MDMA: (grams)	
Marijuana: (grams)	
Marijuana: (# of plants)	
Money Seized from Suspects	\$200

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### D.A.R.E. GRADUATION (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)

On March 19, 2024, we celebrated DARE Graduations with the 5th Grade classes at Trinity Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran Schools.



### FAIRBANKS HIGH SCHOOL (DRIVING SIMULATOR)

School Resource Officer Deputy Wilson talks to students at Fairbanks High School about distracted driving. The driving simulator gives the students the ability to learn first-hand the dangers of distracted, impaired, and drowsy driving while driving in a real-world environment.



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Over 5,000,000 people in the USA have Alzheimer's disease. That number will triple by 2050. Well over 50% of these people wander and become lost.

A lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a critical emergency. They are unaware of their situation; they do not call out for help and may not respond to people calling out to them. Nearly half of them will die and many can become injured or fall victim to predators if they are not located within 24 hours. The number of people, families and communities experiencing this risk will grow dramatically in the next few years.



The Union County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with local civic and

business organizations, is pleased to make available the Project Lifesaver program to residents of Union County.

Our hope is to offer a helping hand and proactive approach to those who have a family member experiencing the difficulties of Alzheimer's disease, Autism, Down syndrome or any other condition that causes a person to wander.

The Union County Sheriff's Office is specially trained, not only in search and rescue and the use of the Project Lifesaver electronic tracking equipment, but also in the methods necessary to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

Most often, the person who is located will be disoriented, anxious and untrusting. Our rescue teams are well trained on how to approach the person and return them home safely.

### **PEACE OF MIND**

The Project Lifesaver program is designed to work with those who are in the wandering stages of their disease.



The Project Lifesaver Coordinator will send an application to the interested caregiver. The completed Project Lifesaver application must include a letter of support from the candidate's physician. Upon receipt of the application and physician letter, a board of qualified professionals will review the application and determine if the candidate is appropriate for inclusion in the program.

Once the application is approved, the Project Lifesaver Coordinator will meet with the responsible person(s) to fill out a client profile and program contract. Additionally, the client will be outfitted with a transmitter and a demonstration of the equipment A Project Lifesaver operator will visit every other month to conduct a test and replace batteries in the transmitters.

To enroll your loved one in the Project Lifesaver program, please contact:

Project Lifesaver Coordinator 937-645-4110

### LEGACY PROGRAM— PHOTOS NEEDED

We need your assistance!

In 2020, the Union County Sheriff's Office was to showcase the legacy of Union County through photos, articles, and a summary of the rich history of the county. Then COVID-19 became our reality, and our project was postponed. For the past 200-plus years, the Union County Sheriff's Office has been a staple in Union County - starting in January of 1820 when Union County was decreed by the Ohio government.

Our goal through this project is to memorialize the past Sheriffs and create a written testament of our history. Our hope is to make this a fluid, working legacy for generations to come.

As with our personal lives, we all have good intentions of taking pictures and documenting milestones and achievements of loved ones. However, we get busy, and those intentions get pushed aside. We think that one day we'll pick the project up again and put the pieces of our family's history together. If no one takes the time to do the research, to build the legacy of their family, then generations are lost.

To keep the legacy of the Union County Sheriff's Office strong, we are asking for your help. We are looking for pictures and/or articles for the following list of past Sheriffs. If you have an item that would help us with this project, we would love to see it!

- James Ewing (1820-1823)
- Amos A. Williams (1823-1828)
- David Witter (1828-1832)
- Calvin Winget (1832-1836)
- Ransom Clark (1836-1840)
- William W. Steele (1840-1844)
- Philip Snider (1846-1850, 1860-1862)
- William C. Malin (1850-1854)
- Abraham Wiley (1858-1860)
- Charles Mitchell Robinson (1862-1864)
- Robert Sharp (1868-1872)
- John C. Price (1873-1876)
- Thomas Martin (1888-1892)
- Simeon Burnham (1900-1904)
- David Courtwell Bolenbaugh (1904-1908)
- Cadugan Price (1908-1912)
- John Laird (1912-1916)
- Charles Liggett (1916-1920)
- Frank Collier (1920-1924)
- William "Hans" Rausch (1930-1936)
- Homer Roosa (1936-1948)

If you have any information that would be helpful in creating the Legacy of the Union County Sheriff's Office, please contact Alicia Bosch at (937) 645-4100 at extension 4448 or by email at abosch@unioncountyohio.gov.



### 149TH OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL **BASIC ACADEMY**

January 12, 2024, Deputy Cadet Rachel Snyder and Deputy Cadet Brady Weaver graduated from the 149th Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic Academy. Both passed their state exam and were swornin as deputy sheriffs' on January 23, 2024.

The UCSO is very excited to have Deputy Snyder and Deputy Weaver on our team!



"Deputy Snyder and Deputy Weaver were sworn-in as deputy sheriffs' on January 23, 2024."

#### NORTH UNION NURSING-BLOOD DRAW TRANING

On February 7, 2024, staff from the Union County Sheriff's Office and Richwood Police Department assisted the pre-nursing students at North Union High School with their blood draw techniques. Both offices have participated in this event for the last few years to help prepare the students for their nursing careers.

Best of luck to you all in your career path in nursing!



### BUCKEYE STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Scam artists do their best to tie themselves to organizations such as the BSSA to collect money. DO NOT accept phone calls for this membership program; mailers are the only way to sign-up for membership.

If you receive a phone call about this program, please report it to the Union County Sheriff's Office right away at 937-645-4110.

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## HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Stats	1st	Personnel Action	1st
as of 3/31/2024	Qtr.		Qtr.
Total Employees	65.5	New Hires	4
Males	46.5	2 Deputies; 2 Deputy Cadet	
Females	19	Rehires	0
Sworn	42		
*Civilian	23.5	Retirements	0
Sworn Staff	44	Resignations	3
Sworn Males	40	Dismissed from Probation	0
Sworn Females	4	Terminations	0
Volunteer Representative			
Chaplains	2		
Special Deputies	3		
*VIPS	7		
*Civilian half employ	ee (IT posit	tion) *Volunteer In Police Services	

# WELCOME ABOARD



Deputy Cadet Zach Reinhold



Deputy Zach Brown



Deputy Cadet Alec Lowry



Deputy Joe North

#### CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT)

All UCSO Deputies receive Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This training is designed to create a seamless link between law enforcement and emergency mental health services. Deputies receive approximately 40-hours of training in areas including psychiatric disorders, substance abuse issues, de-escalating techniques, and in legal issues related to mental health and substance abuse.

Congratulations Deputy Chris Bankes for completing CIT training February 27, 2024.



Photo above: Lieutenant Kent, Deputy Bankes, and Sheriff Patton

#### 2024 NEW HIRES

In January 2024, the UCSO hired two deputy sheriff cadets. Deputy Sheriff Cadet Reinhold and Deputy Sheriff Cadet Lowry are currently attending the Ohio State Highway Patrol 150th Basic Academy and scheduled to graduate July 3, 2024.

In March 2024, we hired two lateral deputies. Zach Brown with 11 plus years and Joe North with 7 plus years.

We are excited to welcome all of you to the UCSO Team!



#### POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE (PELC) CLASS #87

Sergeant Chad Lee completed PELC on March 22, 2024, this leadership class covers various 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.

Congratulations Sergeant Lee!



Photo above: Chief Deputy Morgan, Sergeant Lee and Lieutenant Kent



Communications Officer Rachel Kerr

#### UCSO ANNOUNCES EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

nominated by her peers for this award for her positive attitude and because she always gives her best effort at work. She is a great communicator, a very committed dispatcher, and is not afraid to take on extra tasks to help her coworkers. She is a consummate team player who strives for excellence in everything she does.

The civilian employee of the year is Investigative Assistant Deb Segner. Investigative Assistant Segner has been a member of the Sheriff's Office since 2014. She is a graduate of Ashland University with a Master of Education

degree in curriculum and instruction. She was nominated for this award by her peers for her unwavering support and loyalty to the Sheriff's Office. In 2023, she worked through tremendous personal challenges and continued to serve the Investigative Division at full speed. She is valued for her character, honesty, trust, positive attitude, and great work ethic. She is always willing to help others and provide input to solve problems and make things better.

"It's a great honor and privilege to work with these three dedicated individuals. They are passionate about their work and strive to serve in a way that positively impacts our community, our staff, and other first responders every day," said Sheriff Jamie Patton.



Investigative Assistant Deborah Segner