



# UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S STAR

As we push 2020 behind us and move into 2021 with high hopes of some normalcy, the Union County Sheriff's Office continues to be thankful for all the support from our community. We can't thank our staff enough for their resilience and dedication to this office and Union County as a whole.

The UCSO looks forward to 2021 and the relationships we will continue to build. Our office has a lot of great programming that has benefited the young and the more seasoned. We have our Project Lifesaver program for the service of those with Alzheimer's, dementia, Autism, or any other condition that may cause a person to wander. This program supports the family members to offer a helping hand and proactive approach in the event their loved one walks away from their home. For more information regarding this program, please contact Deputy Crabtree at 937-645-4100, Ext. 4310.

We continue to provide our School Resource Officers (SRO) for the schools out in the County, North Union, Fairbanks, Raymond Elementary and St. John's, mentoring our youth. The deputies are also trained as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) helping our young people make better choices in life, helping them stay safe and look to what they want in their future. We are excited to announce the addition of an SRO at Eversole Run Middle School and Depp Elementary in the Dublin City Schools for 2021. The UCSO is very thankful for the partnership with the Union County Commissioners', Jerome Township Trustees and Dublin City Schools for partnering with our office to make this programming possible. It's important that we reach the kids at a young age and these partners understand what we are trying to accomplish with this programming.

We have many other things to be thankful for here at the UCSO, the ability to continue hiring to provide excellent law enforcement for Union County residents. Although our hiring process is very extensive, it's important we provide respectful, hardworking individuals to serve and protect.

In closing, the Union County Sheriff's Office would like to thank our community for your continued support and dedication to our office! We have been very humbled with the outreach throughout 2020 and we look forward to continuing to build these relationships with our community we live, work and raise our families in.

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## Special points of interest

2020 Employee Awards Banquet

Operation Santa Sleigh/ Shop with a Hero

2020 Benefit Turkey Shoot

New Justice Center Entrance Now Open

**I**n preparation for 2021, the Union County Sheriff's Office gathered to celebrate the achievements of our staff. In order to ensure proper COVID-19 protocols, the awards ceremony was held at the Veteran's Auditorium for staff members only.

Congratulations to all of those who received awards! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to both our agency and our community!



## *YEARS of SERVICE*

**TWO YEARS OF SERVICE:** Mike Austin

**FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:** Seth McDowell; Sean Phalen; Andrea Schalip

**TEN YEARS OF SERVICE:** Ricky Garrison

**FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE:** Joel Thorpe; Stephanie Wilhelm

**TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE:** Josh Campbell; Rod Wilson

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:** Aaron McKinnon; Pete Lenhardt

**THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE:** Thomas Bidlack; Mike Justice; Jamie Patton

## *YEARS of SERVICE CRYSTALS*

(Presented to employees for years of service with the UCSO)

**TWENTY YEARS OF UCSO SERVICE:** Josh Campbell; Rich Crabtree

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF UCSO SERVICE:** Bob Roberts

**THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE:** Michael Justice; Matthew Warden

## *SAFE DRIVING AWARDS*

**FIFTEEN YEARS:** Chad Lee

**TWENTY YEARS:** Matt Henry; Jeff Stiers

## *EDUCATION AWARDS*

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE:**

Zach Rocklin (Stark State College); Mike Austin (University of Phoenix)

**BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE:**

Mike Casey (Ohio University)

## *NRA Shooting Awards*

**EXPERT:**

Rod Wilson; Mike Casey; Matt Warden; Bob Roberts; Josh Kent;  
Ricky Garrison; Joel Thorpe; Adam Haycox.

**SHARPSHOOTER:**

Curtis Myers; Scott Robinson; Morgan Brown; Dimitri Tuzin;  
James Mitchell; Kevin Rigano; Wyatt Payton; Seth McDowell

## *CERTIFICATIONS*

**Crisis Intervention Team (CIT):**

Zach Rocklin; Wyatt Payton

**RAD Instructor (2019):**

Shawn Dyer; Rod Wilson; Alicia Bosch

**Field Training Officer (FTO):**

Ricky Garrison; Curtis Myers; Ben Smith; Josh Kent

**SRT Certification:**

Bob Roberts; Josh Kent; Ricky Garrison

**Public Safety Officer (PSO):**

Jordan Shoemaker; Wyatt Payton

**HNT Certification:**

Shawn Dyer



# *AGENCY AWARDS and ACOMPLISHMENTS*

## **Letters of Commendation:**

Rich Crabtree (Honda Pioneer); Tom Bidlack, Rod Wilson, Jake Matejko, Josh Kent, Brittany Rausch, Stephanie Wilhelm, Paige DelPico (Pursuit); Kevin Rigano (Overdose)

## **Life Saving Award:**

Scott Robinson (two awards presented); Lyle Herman; William Stuff; Woodrow Geer (Richwood PD); Cody Martindale (Richwood PD).

## **Sheriff's Individual Commendation Award:**

Joel Thorpe (Meineke Case); Jordan Shoemaker (Robbery Traffic Stop)

## **Sheriff's Office Citation Award:**

Scott Robinson (also receiving Stop Stick Deployment Pin) and Matthew Bebout (Pursuit)

## **Civilian Certificate of Appreciation:**

Brian Lacy; Madison Andrews

## **Letter of Appreciation:**

Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marysville Police Department and Ohio Department of Natural Resources for their assistance in a Pursuit.

**February 24, 2020**—Sheriff Patton and UCSO staff recognized Diane Gingerich and Ervin Wallace with Civilian Certificates of Recognition for their assistance to the Sheriff's Office.

**February 24, 2020**—Deputy Rich Crabtree received the North Union Pride Award from Superintendent Rich Baird and the North Union Board of Education for responding onto the basketball court during a high school game when the referee collapsed.

**June 24, 2020**—Lieutenant Matt Warden graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation.

**September 3, 2020**—Director Pam Millhoan graduated from the Union County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute.

**November 10, 2020**—Sheriff Jamie Patton was sworn in as the Second Vice President of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association; Director Betsy Spain was sworn in as the Southwest District Deputy Director.

**November 18, 2020**—Sheriff Jamie Patton, Chief Deputy Tom Morgan, Lieutenant Jeff Stiers, Lieutenant Matt Warden, and Director Betsy Spain received the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Certified Law Enforcement Manager Award



On July 31, 2020, Sergeant Lyle Herman retired from the Union County Sheriff's Office after 31.75 years of service. Congratulations Sgt. Herman!

We wish you the very best in your retirement years! Thank you for your dedication and service!



On October 23, 2020, Sergeant Matt Henry received the CIT Officer of the Year Award from the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County and the Union County CIT Steering Committee. Sgt. Henry was recognized for his exemplary community service while serving as the Crisis Intervention Training Program Manager from 2012-2020; playing a vital role in bringing the Crisis Intervention Training program to Union County; and organizing the first ever 40 hour CIT officer certification class.

*Congratulations Sgt. Henry!*



# EMPLOYEES of the YEAR



The 2020 Deputy of the Year was awarded to Deputy Ben Smith. Deputy Smith began his career at the Union County Sheriff's Office in 2018. He joined the UCSO after previously serving six years as a Corrections Officer and Special Deputy with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, as well as serving as a Patrol Officer with the Shawnee Hills Police Department. Deputy Smith graduated from Bath High School and earned an Associate Degree in Public Services from James A. Rhodes State College in 2010. He completed basic Ohio Peace Officer Training in 2012. Deputy Smith was also selected in 2020 to serve as a Field Training Officer for the Sheriff's Office and will help train newly hired Deputies. Deputy Smith was nominated by his peers for his excellent work ethic, professionalism, dependability, and support of the Sheriff's Office Mission, Vision and Values.



The 2020 Civilian Employee of the Year is Jody Geer. Ms. Geer began her career at the Union County Sheriff's Office in 2017 and serves as the Accounts Payable Clerk in the Administrative Division. She is a graduate of Fairbanks High School and earned an Associate Degree in Applied Business from Marion Technical College in 1995. Jody Geer was nominated by her peers for her positive attitude, her reliability, attention to detail, and her commitment to go above and beyond to help members of the Sheriff's Office and the public.



"Ben and Jody are excellent employees and I am proud of the fact that they serve our staff and our community whole heartedly everyday", said Sheriff Patton.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Dep. Ben Smith and Jody Geer!

# 2020



**On** December 23, 2020, Sheriff Patton and Chief Deputy Morgan took part in Operation Santa's Sleigh. Hundreds of public safety professionals visited several hospitals throughout the State of Ohio to spread cheer to those who could not be home for the holidays.

**Sheriff Patton and Chief Deputy Morgan took part in the Operation Santa's Sleigh at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.**



Although it looked a little different, with the help of our local Wal-Mart and Meijer stores and upon the approval of the Union County Health Department, the Annual Shop with a Hero continued through the year of the pandemic! This year, the \$100 gift cards that were donated by each store, were used to purchase gifts ahead of the event for 97 Union County children. On the day of the event, a tunnel of patrol cars and fire trucks greeted the participants and their families arriving at their assigned store to pick up their gifts in a drive thru fashion. We are grateful for the sponsors and the local first responders that come together each year for this event! Without you, this event would not be possible!



# Communications Division



## Township Stats

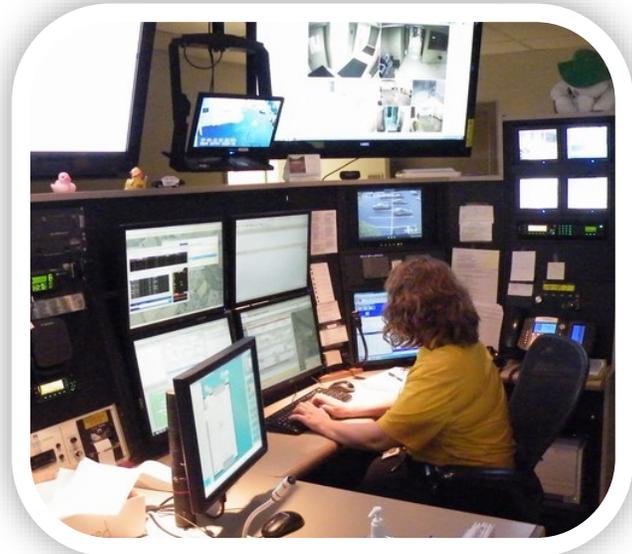
(9-1-1 Calls by Township)

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Allen Twp	223	222	308	223
Claibourne Twp	288	356	353	325
Darby Twp	88	115	122	139
Dover Twp	101	148	203	148
Jackson Twp	42	47	47	68
Jerome Twp	460	507	656	538
Leesburg Twp	107	138	113	140
Liberty Twp	114	154	161	204
Millcreek Twp	96	82	138	108
Other	357	389	457	392
Paris Twp	1292	1471	1661	1500
Taylor Twp	90	107	109	98
Union Twp	102	146	166	138
Washington Twp	47	53	57	59
York Twp	40	63	92	76
Zane Twp	71	62	32	34
Washington Twp/Dublin	46	29	51	42

## Union County 9-1-1 Calls

1st Qtr. 2nd Qtr. 3rd Qtr. 4th Qtr.

911 Misroute	3	4	0	1
Information	21	54	65	31
Follow-up	317	377	377	300
Cell 9-1-1				
=>Police	1481	1679	1991	1671
=>Fire	84	159	179	132
=>EMS	441	597	665	710
=>Accidents	402	262	350	450
=>Unknown	6	10	15	10
=>Error/Info	316	592	649	447



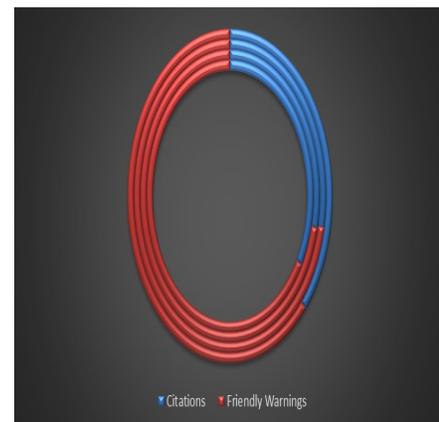
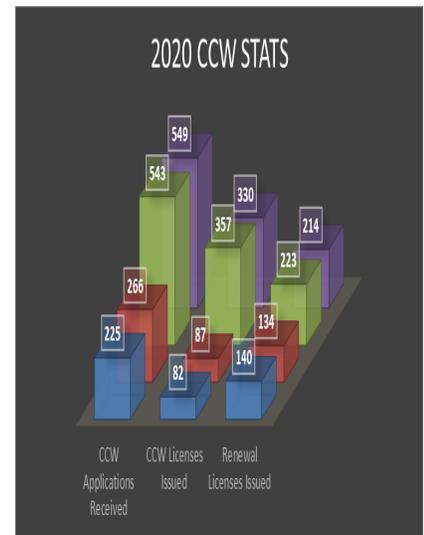
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Director



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# Court Services Division

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<b>Transports</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>142</b>
Municipal Court Transport	28	1	2	0
Juvenile/Probate Transport	23	4	5	10
Common Pleas Court Transport	57	15	35	24
Adult Parole Transports	8	10	31	17
Municipal Court Detail	0	0	0	0
Probate/Juvenile Court Detail	36	11	13	17
Common Pleas Court Detail	124	24	65	42
Sex Offender Registrations	33	28	32	24
Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts	38	25	76	73
Web Checks	430	499	803	737
CCW Applications Received	225	266	543	549
CCW Licenses Issued	82	87	357	330
Renewal Licenses Issued	140	134	223	214
Civilian Fingerprints	19	13	22	14
Civil Process Received	711	419	650	447
Warrants Received	305	183	308	337
Sheriff Sales Received	16	0	1	0
Sheriff Sales Sold	6	2	0	1
Sheriff Sales Returned (unsold)	1	4	0	9
Cases Processed	191	236	227	221
Citations	375	293	445	346
Friendly Warnings	746	734	1132	597
Public Records Request	221	125	250	238
Background Checks	86	32	63	73



**Betsy Spain**  
Director



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# Tri-County Regional Jail



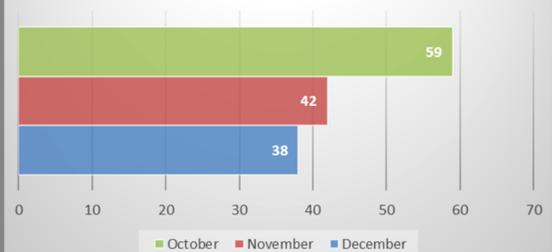
Champaign, Madison, & Union Counties

**Maximum Number of Beds Allowed Per Day: 52**

Month	Daily Average Common Pleas			Daily Average Municipal Court			Union County TOTAL	Monthly Bed Overage	Overage Amt. Paid to Tri-County at \$45/Day
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female			
January	49	37	12	12	9	3	61	232	\$ 10,440.00
February	47	38	9	8	6	1	55	98	\$ 4,410.00
March	39	32	7	9	8	2	48	75	\$ 3,375.00
April	26	24	9	9	8	0	35	0	\$ -
May	30	25	7	6	4	1	35	0	\$ -
June	30	21	3	5	4	1	35	0	\$ -
July	31	27	7	6	4	2	37	0	\$ -
August	45	36	9	9	7	3	55	115	\$ 5,175.00
September	44	35	10	11	7	5	55	9	\$ 5,085.00
October	46	37	8	13	11	2	59	151	\$ 6,795.00
November	34	27	7	8	7	2	42	10	\$ 450.00
December	31	24	7	7	6	1	38	1	\$ -



**4th Qtr Total Bed Average for Union County**



## Local Sheriff Information

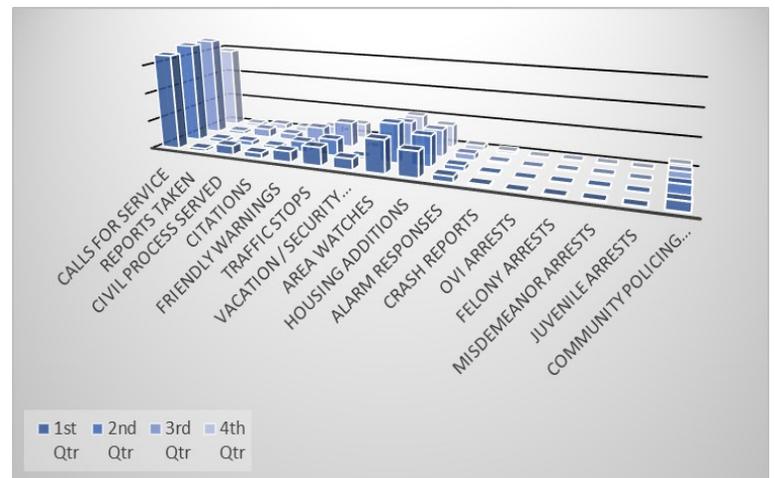
Champaign County Sheriff  
Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff  
John R. Swaney

Union County Sheriff  
Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton

# Patrol Division

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Calls for Service	6,669	7,342	7,525	5,875
Reports Taken	191	236	227	221
Civil Process Served	637	314	588	383
Citations	375	193	445	346
Friendly Warnings	746	734	1,132	597
Traffic Stops	1,271	1,136	1,711	1,034
Vacation / Security Watches	752	158	148	334
Area Watches	2,273	2,722	2,180	2,083
Housing Additions	1,779	2,123	1,882	1,579
Alarm Responses	400	325	424	336
Crash Reports	127	82	110	159
OVI Arrests	12	10	29	13
Felony Arrests	29	26	56	34
Misdemeanor Arrests	50	57	78	44
Juvenile Arrests	6	1	3	5
Community Policing Contacts	646	814	802	530



**Lt. Mike Justice**  
Commander



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# Sheriff K-9 Unit

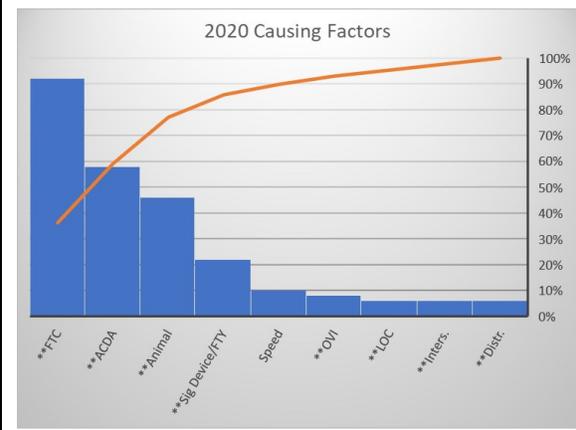


Dep. Matejko and Zeus	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Training Hours	72	67	76	84
Felony Arrests/Cases	1	3	5	8
Other Arrests	3	5	9	2
Recovered Weapons		1	1	1
Assist Other Agencies	12	4	5	2
UCSO Assists	15	4	10	2
K-9 Uses	16	6	16	13
Positive Indication	10	4	11	7
No Indications	1	0	5	3
Apprehensions	5	1	3	4
Track		0	1	0
Area/Building Search	5	2	2	3
School Searches	1	0	0	0
Public appearances	2	6	0	1
Value of Drugs Seized	\$ 6,575.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,020.00
Types of Drugs Seized	Cocaine, Marijuana, Methamphetamine	Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, GHB	Pills, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana	Methamphetamine, Fentanyl



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<b>Days of the Week</b>				
Sunday	13	14	16	16
Monday	18	12	17	34
Tuesday	17	10	15	25
Wednesday	25	13	17	20
Thursday	20	10	17	24
Friday	14	10	15	21
Saturday	20	6	12	17
<b>Road Contour</b>				
Straight	106	64	93	126
Curve	21	17	16	29
<b>Road Condition</b>				
Dry	70	64	98	103
Wet	28	14	10	30
Snow/Ice	28	0	0	23
<b>Weather</b>				
Clear	62	58	86	85
Cloudy	20	9	15	31
Sunny	0	0	0	116
Rain	22	12	6	20
Snow	22	0	0	19
Fog	0	0	2	0
<b>Vehicle Type</b>				
Commercial	16	5	9	10
Passenger	90	64	79	109
Pick Up	20	4	14	31
Motorcycle	0	5	4	0
Bicycle	0	0	0	0
<b>Gender of Driver</b>				
Male	85	54	72	98
Female	40	24	31	50
<b>Age of Driver</b>				
<18	10	4	4	10
18-25	26	20	24	29
25-40	30	24	35	42
>40	57	29	40	64
<b>Alcohol or Drug Related</b>				
<18	0	0	0	0
18-21	0	0	1	0
>21	4	4	6	4
<b>Causing Factor</b>				
Speed	5	5	2	5
**OVI	4	4	9	4
**LOC	3	1	4	5
**FTC	46	14	27	60
**ACDA	29	12	26	24
**Sig Device/FTY	11	11	18	9
**Animal	23	27	14	45
**Inters.	3	5	4	1
**Distr.	3	1	3	1

# 2020 CRASHES

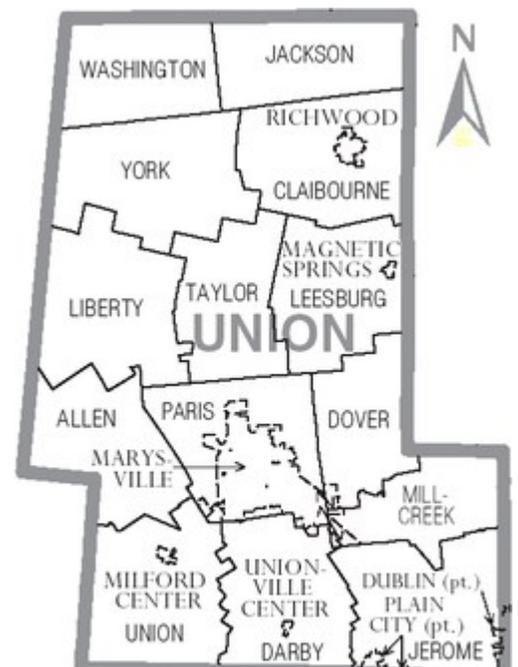


- \*\*CAUSING FACTORS KEY**
- OVI**  
Operating a Vehicle While Impaired
  - LOC**  
Left of Center
  - FTC**  
Failure to Control
  - ACDA**  
Assured Clear Distance Ahead
  - Sig. Device/FTY**  
Failure to Yield
  - Animal**  
Vehicle Strikes an Animal  
(deer, dog, etc.)
  - Inters.**  
Intersection
  - Distr.**  
Distraction

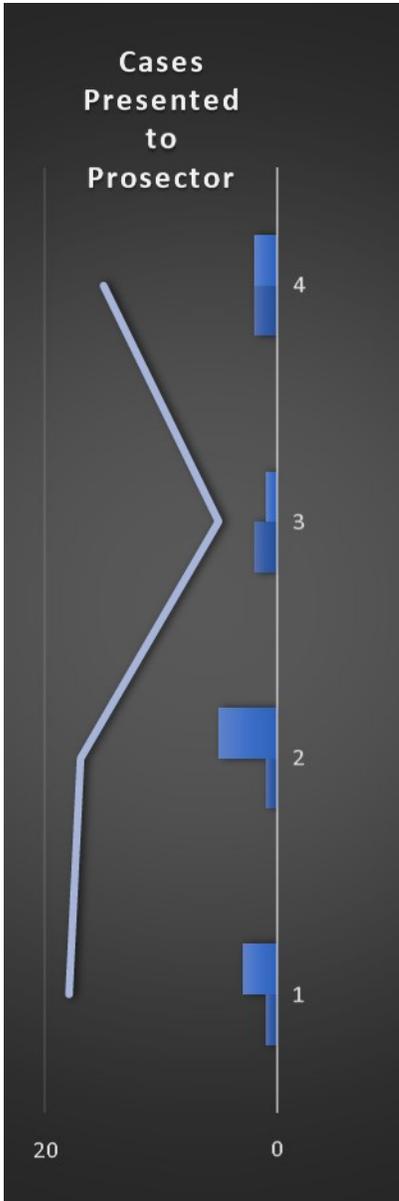


# Public Safety Officers

Public Safety Officer	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Business/Info Update	0	0	1	0
Calls Handled out of District	8	12	10	3
Elderly Checks	13	14	13	21
EMS Runs in District	16	7	8	0
EMS Runs out of District	1	5	0	1
Fire Runs in District	5	1	4	1
Fire Runs out of District	0	4	1	0
First on Scene	9	7	6	5



# Investigations Division



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
New Cases	62	68	67	69
Cases Closed	50	46	62	80
# Individuals Indicted	13	11	4	11
# Counts of Indictments	36	64	16	28
# Juvenile Cases Presented to Pros.	1	1	2	2
# Misdemeanor Cases Presented to Pros.	3	5	1	2
# Felony Cases Presented to Pros.	18	17	5	15
Scenes Processed	21	22	30	16
Consent Searches	11	7	17	17
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	10	8	16	15
# Subpoena to Pros. Office/ Administrative Subpoenas filed	10	25	37	21
Sexual Offenders Checked	37	25	60	61
Training Hours	47.0	21.0	33.0	30.0
Presentation Hours (Community, C.A., Schools, etc.)	4.0	0.0	6.0	0
# Pre-employ Background Invest.	4	7	1	3
Hours Spent Cell Phone Forensics	33.0	11.0	13.0	13.0

Lt. Jeff Stiers  
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# M.A.D.E. Task Force



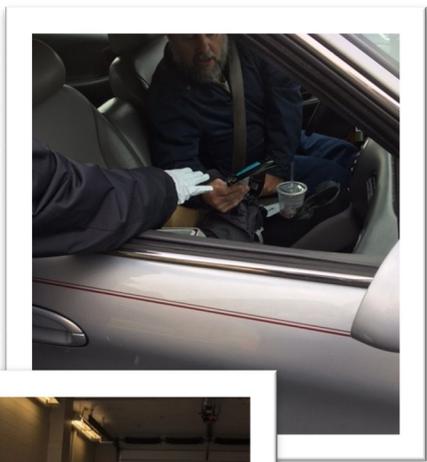
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<b>Drug Tips</b>	23	15	54	30
<b>Drug Tips Followed up on</b>	5	4	12	14
<b>Drugs Seized:</b>				
<b>Cocaine: (grams)</b>	tbd	0	27.25	0.25
<b>Fentanyl (grams)</b>	.23g	0	tbd	0.25
<b>Heroin: (unit dosages)</b>	.10g	3.3g	tbd	0
<b>Methamphetamines: (grams)</b>	12.15g	41.48g	238.52g	10.19g
<b>Pills: (unit dosages)</b>	1	1	0	4
<b>Mushrooms: (grams)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Hashish: (grams)</b>	tbd	0	tbd	0
<b>MDMA: (grams)</b>	3-4 doses	0	tbd	0
<b>Marijuana: (grams)</b>	tbd	0	88.57g	0
<b>Marijuana: (# of plants)</b>	0	0	54	0
<b>Money Seized from Suspects</b>	\$7,156.00	\$40.00	\$1,020.00	\$443.00
<b>Money received from Clerks Off.</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,370.00	\$563.84
<b>Funds Dispersed to CI:</b>	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance of Cash Funds:</b>	\$1,718.13	\$1,658.13	\$1,658.13	\$1,658.13
<b>Drug Take Back: (Pounds)</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	175 lbs
<b>RX Turned into UCSO Dropbox: (pounds)</b>	43.66 lbs	79.99 lbs	31.09 lbs	32.98 lbs
<b>RX Turned into County: (pounds)</b>	56.05 lbs	102.67 lbs	40.91 lbs	215.91 lbs

On October 24, 2020, the Union County Sheriff's Office was one of the host sights for the Annual Drug "Take Back" Day. 175 pounds of expired and unneeded medications between the UCSO, Plain City Police Department and Richwood Police Department was collected.

Any expired, unneeded or unwanted medications can be properly disposed of quickly and anonymously in the RX Dropbox located in the lobby of the Union County Justice Center. The Dropbox is available 24/7.

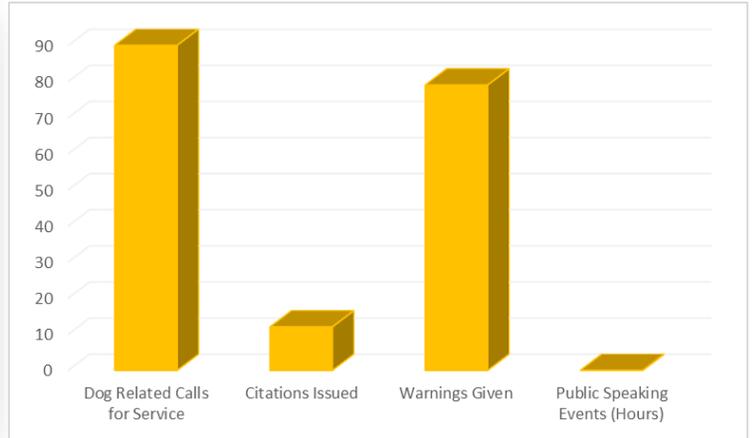
**PLEASE NOTE:**

We cannot accept syringes or needles in this receptacle.



# Support Services Division

## Union County Dog Warden



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YEAR END
Dog Related Calls for Service	239	271	287	180	977
Citations Issued	11	14	5	12	42
Warnings Given	55	72	62	79	268
Public Speaking Events (Hours)	0	1	0	0	1

## Volunteers In Police Services

Donated Hours	
1st Qtr	127
2nd Qtr	65
3rd Qtr	84.5
4th Qtr	79



**Lt. Matt Warden**  
Commander



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# 2020 Benefit Shoot



***Save The Date***  
**Saturday, November 6, 2021**  
**More Details To Follow!**





The new entrance to the Union County Courthouse and Union County Sheriff's Office is **NOW OPEN!** The new public entrance can be accessed from 6th Street.



**More details to come  
on all of the 2021 events!**

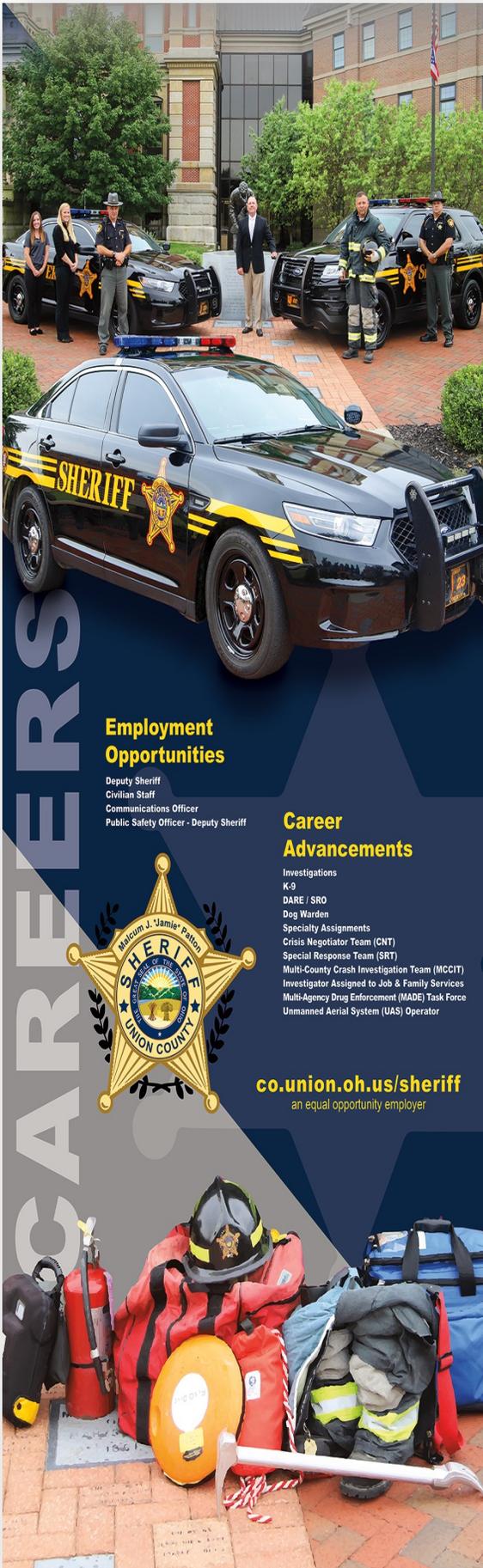
# WE'RE HIRING!

- Deputy Sheriff
- Public Safety Officer (Deputy)
- Communications Officer

We are seeking responsible and reliable candidates interested in long-term career opportunity in the secure, fast-paced environment of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

For more information, please contact Alicia Bosch at [abosch@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:abosch@unioncountyohio.gov) or visit the Union County Sheriff's Office website at:

<https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/career-opportunities>



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Deputy Sheriff
- Civilian Staff
- Communications Officer
- Public Safety Officer - Deputy Sheriff

**Career Advancements**

- Investigations
- K-9
- DARE / SRO
- Dog Warden
- Specialty Assignments
- Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT)
- Special Response Team (SRT)
- Multi-County Crash Investigation Team (MCCIT)
- Investigator Assigned to Job & Family Services
- Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement (MADE) Task Force
- Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Operator

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