



The 2009 Annual Report

Butler County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Richard K. Jones

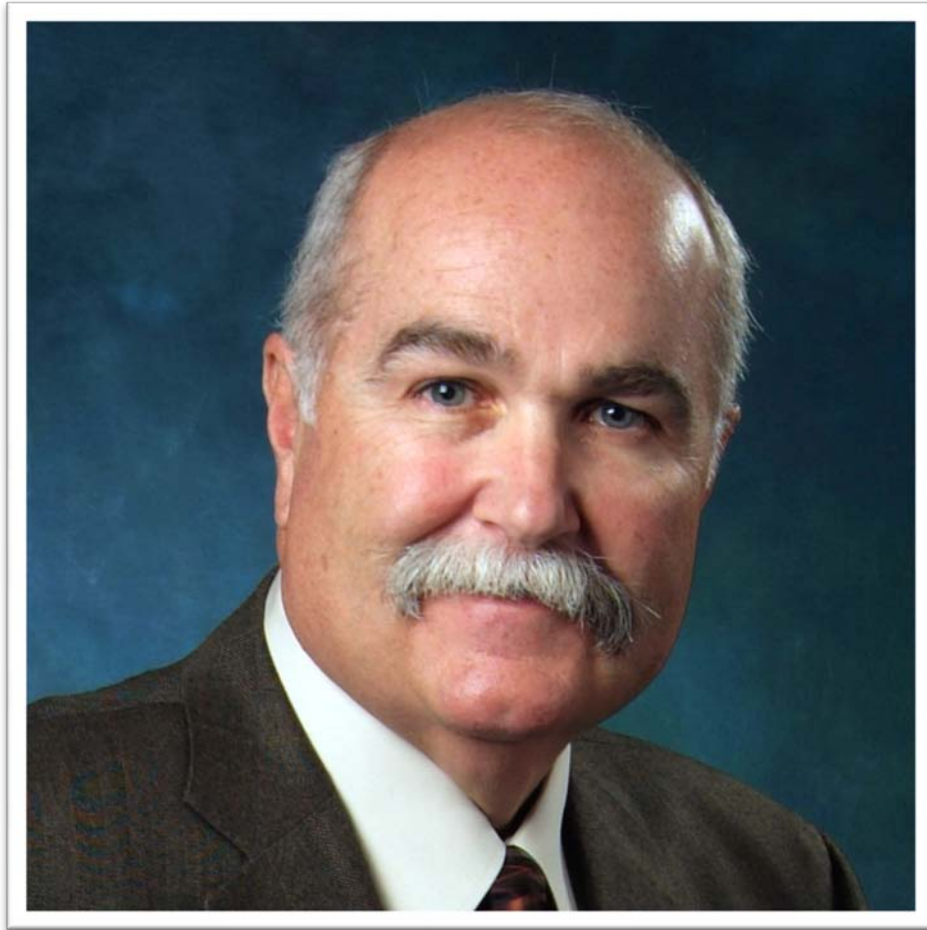
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Mobile Incident Command Post, operated by the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the Butler County Emergency Management Agency

Sheriff Richard K. Jones



“Sacrifice, duty, honor, justice, vigilance and courage are the foundation that define this Sheriff’s Office.”

Sheriff Jones

Administration



Chief Deputy



Major



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A Message from Sheriff Jones

When I became Sheriff in 2005, I believed I was prepared for the many and varied situations that would test me and my staff. Four years later, at the beginning of my second term, I found myself facing something certainly unanticipated: the worst economic climate of my life. I knew that this would require both an aggressive and innovative response but I also knew that my staff was up to the task.

The Sheriff's Office budget is a large part of the county budget, but it includes a wide array of duties and services reaching all areas and touching every person in the county. The Sheriff provides security and support services to most offices within county government as well as to many local jurisdictions. These offices and governments directly benefit from service provided by the Sheriff's Office and they also suffer when the Sheriff is forced to reduce his budget.

Budget reductions are never easy, but when I'm forced to evaluate their impact, I need to look beyond my own organization. I realize that the effect has to be viewed in terms of the citizens and their need for an operating government that provides for their safety.

I charged my staff with the goal of improving efficiency in order to operate with fewer employees while maintaining the effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office that our citizens have come to expect. They have worked diligently to do so through extremely difficult times. Many have changed positions or assumed additional duties, all while staying true to our mission and values. I am truly proud of every one of them.

I do not know what the future holds or when the economy will rebound, but I do know that this excellent staff will continue to adjust and change as necessary to weather the storm.

In 2009, we saw many changes in assignments, duties and responsibilities amongst the members of the Sheriff's Office. What did not change, and will never change, is our commitment to perform our statutory duties to the best of our abilities and to promote a safe environment for all the citizens of Butler County.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. K. Jones".

Communications Division

Director Matthew D. Franke

The February reorganization created one new division – the Communications Division. This division brought together various technology and support functions that had previously been spread throughout the organization. This includes four units: Computer Services, the Dispatch Center, the 800mHz Radio System and TRIAD; as well as various other software support functions. Matt Franke, who joined the Sheriff's Office in 2008 as the Radio System Manager, was named Division Commander.

In this report, you will learn more about the following units and programs in the Communications Division:

- Computer Services Unit
- Dispatch Center
- Radio Services Unit
- TRIAD



The Communications Division plays a vital role in the daily operation of the Sheriff's Office. Keeping all technology current is an ongoing task in itself, but reorganization increases that workload. Subsequent layoffs and the associated reassignments to cover those positions required technicians to relocate, reprogram or remove hundreds of radios, telephones, voicemail boxes, computers and vehicles.

Adjusting to staff reductions, along with every other division, Communications Division technicians came together by sharing their skills and workloads to accomplish these tasks while, at the same time, ensuring the daily operation continued without interruption to the public.

The year 2009 proved to be a significant test for this new division. The staff was busy bringing the new radio system online and installing updated hardware and software to meet efficiency and security needs. They searched for technological solutions to offset the reduced staffing levels in order to maintain the high level of service provided by the Sheriff's Office. Technology can thus be used to minimize the impact on the citizens of Butler County.

Computer Services

Any modern day law enforcement agency runs on its technology. Maintaining computer networks, telephone systems, vehicles and all associated equipment is the responsibility of Computer Services, managed by Sgt. Mark Ketteler.

Maintaining and supporting the information servers, desktop computers, software applications, numerous telephone and data connections, and the BCSO website with little or no availability for “downtime” requires constant monitoring. Each day, the unit deals with this important behind the scene process, troubleshooting and repairing all the related hardware and software required to ensure the safety of Butler County residents.

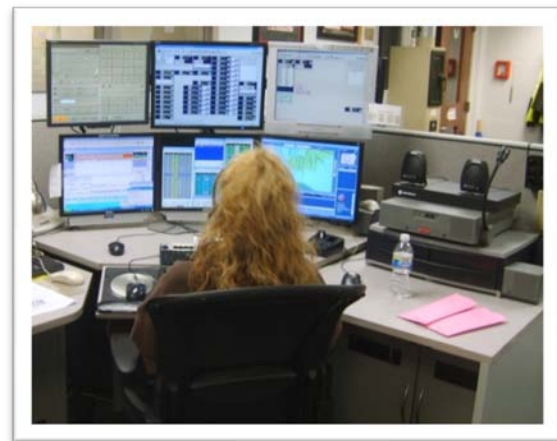
To facilitate its varied duties and responsibilities, the Sheriff’s Office uses an integrated Public Safety System software suite from VisionAIR. This system sustains all divisions within the Sheriff’s Office, including, but not limited to, Dispatch (CAD), Jail Management, Civil Service, Warrants, Records Management, Patrol Mobile Terminals, and Field Based Reporting. It also offers a browser-based application that permits data queries using a common web browser for the many police and fire agencies that the Sheriff’s Office supports.

Keeping the emergency and communications equipment operating on the sheriff’s office fleet is a top priority and daily activity for Computer Services technicians.

This vital task ensures the safety of our deputies and the general public.

Dispatch Center

The Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Center is staffed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week; 365 days a year, with professional dispatchers who are dedicated and trained to handle life-threatening emergencies as well as all non-emergency calls that are received in the dispatch center. The center, led by Dispatch Manager Bonnie Short, also suffered from budget cuts in 2009 that reduced staffing levels to 15 full-time and 1 part-time dispatcher to assist the residents of Butler County, should they find it necessary to contact the Sheriff’s Office for help. While no dispatchers were laid off, the staff has had to compensate for unfilled dispatcher positions as well as assume warrant entry duties formerly performed by clerical help which had to be cut.



A dispatcher’s workstation includes 9-1-1 and non-emergency phones, Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) software, mapping and radio consoles.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office dispatchers handle calls and dispatch for the Sheriff's deputies, as well as five (5) law enforcement agencies, eleven (11) life squads and eighteen (18) fire stations located in Butler County.

Dispatchers are also responsible for contacting road crews throughout the county to notify them of road conditions in bad weather or for emergency repairs, calling electric and phone companies for damaged poles or to turn off service at the residence due to a fire and most importantly, maintaining radio contact with all public safety personnel on the scene of an incident. Dispatchers are the "life-line" to the officers and the emergency services workers on the street.

Dispatchers also monitor a weather radar service on a screen in the center. This weather radar has been a valuable asset in times of inclement weather, allowing the dispatchers to notify the Sheriff and on-duty supervisors in a timely manner so that the department can take appropriate action.

The Dispatch Center is also the home to the county EAS (Emergency Alert System) so the dispatchers can connect directly with the local news media in times of emergency, as in the case of an Amber Alert or hazardous materials spill, that can affect residents within Butler County.

The dispatchers have the responsibility of using the Ohio LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System) to provide immediate response to officer's requests for driver's license or vehicle registration

information and checking to make sure the suspect is not wanted by any other department. The dispatchers also enter stolen items, vehicles, license plates, missing persons, wanted persons, domestic violence orders, and protection orders in the system every day. This multi-tasking job is difficult and takes a dedicated person to serve in Communications.

Radio Services

The Radio Services unit is responsible for supporting the Butler Regional Interoperable Communications System. BRICS includes an 800MHz voice radio system used by all Butler County public safety agencies, an 800MHz data radio system, a VHF voice radio system and the county 9-1-1 system.



The 800mHz Radio System

When Deputy Brandon Roberts was shot while trying to apprehend two fleeing felons, the inability of the existing Butler County radio system to provide countywide coverage and coordination between the multiple jurisdictions in Butler County surfaced as never before.

Butler County Sheriff Richard K. Jones brought the inadequacy of the existing county radio system to the Commissioners' attention and asked them to support a single, new countywide system that would: (1) improve broadcast and reception coverage and reliability throughout the county; and (2) enable all county emergency responders to communicate with each other.

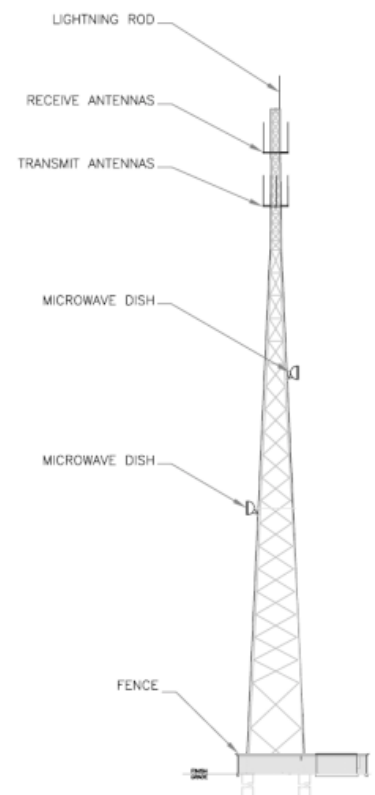
The Commissioners decided the Sheriff's idea had merit so they hired a consultant to prepare a report and recommendation on what to construct and how it might operate. It became apparent during the course of this process that the infrastructure necessary for a countywide system to operate must be located throughout the county and any radios needed by political subdivisions to communicate over the new countywide radio system must be provided as a part of the new system's acquisition because political subdivisions were not financially capable of simply dumping their existing radios systems and equipment and buying a replacement.

At the same time, an 800MHz pilot project was underway in Oxford. A single-site system was constructed by the city and shared with Miami University, Oxford Township and the Village of College Corner. For the first time in Butler County, two dispatch centers and five public safety agencies were using a common system built to Project 25 standards for radio interoperability. The system in Oxford demonstrated that the Sheriff's vision for a countywide public safety communications system could be achieved.

In the planning phase, it was understood that, if all political subdivisions could not use the new system, it would be useless to build it. Thus, the new countywide radio system would require a master site for controlling the system, radio tower sites, dispatch consoles, portable hand-held radios, mobile radios for fire apparatus and funds to upgrade existing 800MHz radio equipment already in use in Oxford and West Chester for use on the new system.

Motorola was selected through the bid process to construct the new system. In all, fourteen towers sites would be used to provide comprehensive in-building coverage for first responders based in Butler County and their extended service areas. Physical construction of the system infrastructure began in 2007 and was completed in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Eventually, it was named the Butler Regional Interoperable Communications System (BRICS). That name later expanded to include all public safety communications systems supported by the Communications Division staff.





A typical BRICS radio tower includes antennas and microwave dishes. This tower, in Oxford, rises 350 feet.

Initial Users

While the system was online and working by the beginning of 2009, the dispatch centers throughout the county were not yet equipped with new radio consoles to operate on the new system.

Since the corrections and court security operations of the Butler County Sheriff's Office did not rely on a dispatch center for their normal communication, they became the first user groups to switch to the new system. By February, the three corrections facilities and the court security operation were using 800MHz radios to communicate.

The remainder of the year was an extremely busy one for the Communications Division, as they conducted training, prepared for system users and coordinated the installation of radio consoles at the nine dispatch centers in the county. As this work

progressed and frequency licenses were approved, agencies began joining the system. By the end of September, all operations at the Sheriff's Office were using the new 800MHz system and, by the end of the year, nearly two thirds of Butler County's public safety agencies were online.

TRIAD Unit

TRIAD, a national organization, is dedicated to addressing senior safety issues. Its primary purpose is to reduce the victimization of the elderly in Butler County. An agreement was signed between the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the local chapters of the A.A.R.P., senior centers, hospitals and other senior organizations, with the goal of reducing fear of crime and improving the quality of life for the elderly.

Clerical Specialist Vickie Baird oversees the "Are you O.K." program whereby seniors living alone will be periodically contacted by the computer. If the computer gets no answer or an improper response, Deputies or volunteers are dispatched to the elderly person's residence to check on their welfare. This program has saved several peoples lives through assistance that the elderly wouldn't normally have.

Sheriff Jones believes that many programs in place today cater to the citizens of Butler County with the exception of our seniors. The TRIAD program is a way to give something back to the population that gave us what we have today, our seniors.

Corrections Division

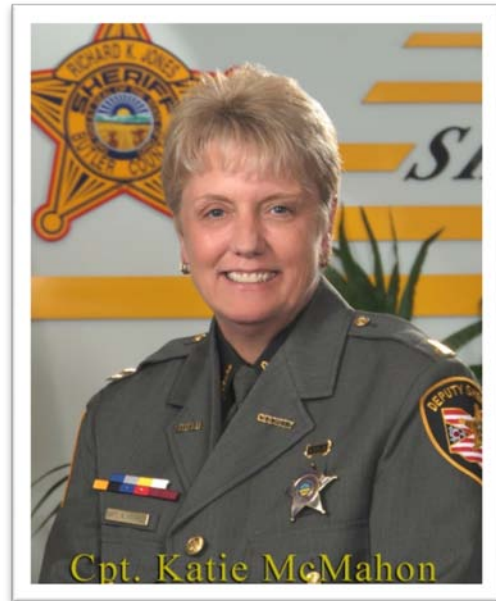
Captain Katie McMahon

In February of 2009, Captain Katie McMahon was assigned as the Warden of the Butler County Jail. According to Captain Katie McMahon, “the Butler County Jail is a multi- million business operation with the goal of providing a safe environment for the employees as well as the inmates who are incarcerated at the complex.”

The biggest assets in the jail are the corrections officers who are dedicated to the operation. When an inmate enters the jail complex, they immediately become aware of the professionalism of the staff and our expectations of inmate behavior during incarceration.

In this report, you can learn more about the following units and functions of the Corrections Division:

- Corrections Emergency Response Team
- Classification
- Inmate Workers
- ICE 287g Program
- Inmate Services
- Medical Services



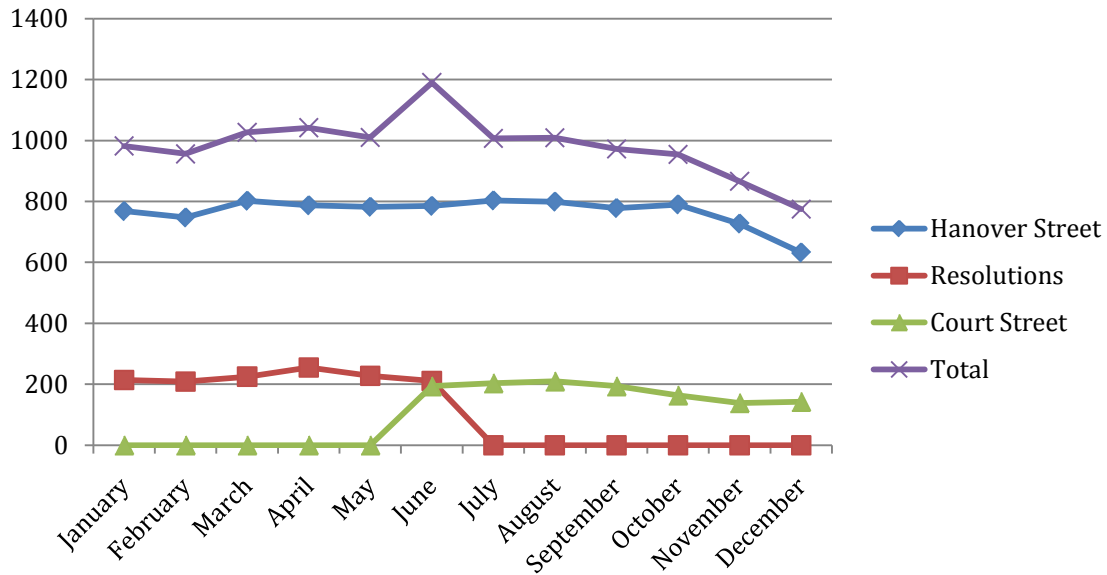
Correctional Facilities

The Corrections Division operated three facilities in the City of Hamilton, Ohio. The **Corrections Center** is located at 705 Hanover Street. It is capable of housing 848 inmates. This facility holds maximum and medium security inmates as well as contracted inmates from the United States Marshalls Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Prisons. All prisoner bookings and releases are conducted at this facility.

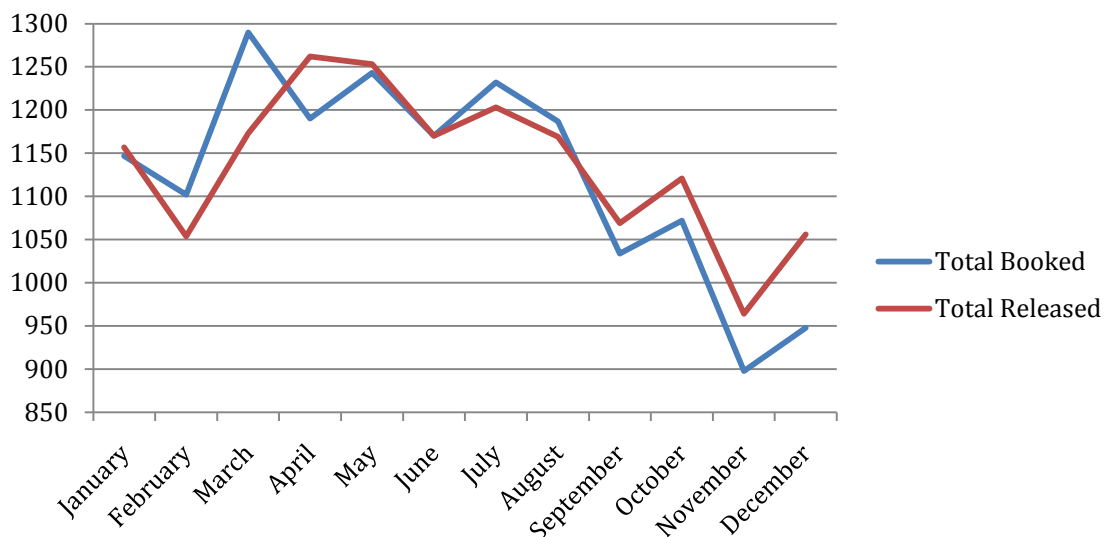
The **Resolutions Jail**, at 442 S. Second Street, is capable of housing 371 inmates. In 2009, this facility held minimum-security inmates and “Trusty’s” – an inmate trusted to do work details. It was closed in June 2009 to take advantage of space at the renovated Court Street Jail.

The **Court Street Jail**, at 123 Court Street, is capable of housing 200 inmates. This facility began holding minimum-security inmates in June 2009.

2009 Inmate Population by Facility



2009 Inmates Booked and Released



Corrections

Emergency Response Team

In April of 2009, the Butler County Sheriff's Office created and began training a Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT). These teams are utilized to help mitigate injuries to staff and inmates during high-tension physical confrontations in the corrections environment. The team is under the direction of Sgt. Neal Curwin.

Curwin has received many hours of training through TJA Tactical Training in the creation, implementation and utilization of CERT. He is assisted in training the team by Corrections Officer Zane Nickell, who recently received an award naming him as the Tactical Instructor of the Year by the Eastern USA International Martial Arts Association.

Participation on CERT is voluntary and was 40 members strong in 2009. Team members received training and certifications in many areas, including:

- Cell Extraction
- Disturbance Control (riot)
- Baton Teams
- Chemical Munitions
- Unarmed Self Defense
- Use of the Restraint Chair.

Portions of the training can be physically demanding and were conducted on the members off days so as not to interfere with jail staffing. Each shift had enough trained personnel, including supervisors, to

conduct cell extractions and respond to any situation that may have arisen.



CERT members conduct disturbance control training in protective gear

Through the foresight of the command staff, most of the gear needed to conduct these operations was purchased in years past, enabling the CERT program to hit the ground running.

Inmate Workers

Pride Detail

The Pride Detail operated under the direction of Corrections Officer Mike Gipson. The Pride Detail conducted roadside cleanup details throughout the county and was largely funded through grants from the federal government.

In 2009, the Pride Detail cleaned up trash on 913.25 miles of roadway filling 4,331 bags of trash with 1,728 hours of work conducted in by Inmate Workers.

C.O. Mike Gipson routinely received calls from local governments and citizens alike for requests to clean roadways. C.O. Gipson reports that items found normally include tires and mufflers, but also includes ranges,

refrigerators, other large appliances and furniture.



Inmates removing trash from OH-129

Inmate Worker Program

The Inmate Worker program was very busy providing cost savings for the Sheriff's Office and community alike. In 2009, Inmate Workers worked a total of 190,949 hours, providing a savings of \$1,336,643.00.

Inmate Workers provide a variety of services including assisting with food services, cleaning in the jail and general light maintenance for a variety of local governments and organizations. The Sheriff's Office routinely supplies Inmate Workers for various community clean-up events including "Clean-up Hamilton" and the ball fields in New Miami.

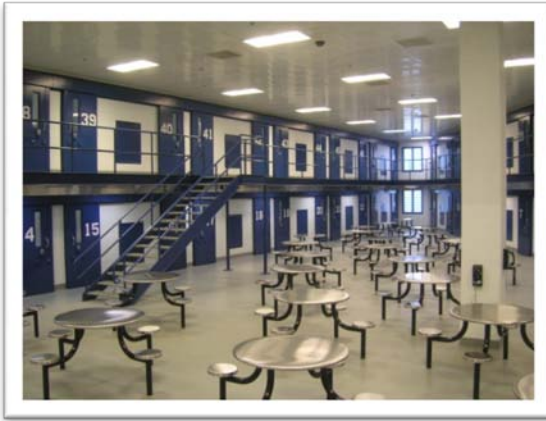
The only cost involved with using Inmate Workers is providing them lunch and any specialized equipment or clothing they need. Inmate Workers can be compensated for their efforts by receiving "good days," if approved, by the sentencing judge. Inmate Workers are in high demand for manual labor, and with the potential cost savings, it is easy to see why!

Statistics	Year 2009
Inmate Worker Program Hours Worked	190,949
Inmate Worker Program Dollars Saved	\$1,336,643
Chain Gang Hours Worked	1,726
Chain Gang Trash Bags Collected	4,331

Classification

Butler County uses an objective jail classification (OJC) system. This process of assessing every jail inmate's custody and needs is considered one of the most important management tools available to jail administrators. Classification takes into account current and past incarceration history; current and past behavior; current physical, mental and medical condition; and predatory risk factors in determining each offender's classification. An effective system of inmate classification will reduce escapes, suicide attempts and inmate assaults.

Inmates are classified upon intake; this identifies the level of risk and needs presented by an inmate so that appropriate housing assignments can be made. During this time inmates will be oriented to the rules and operation of the facility. Inmates are classified to one of three custody categories (Maximum, Medium, and Minimum.)



A cell block in the Corrections Center

Within these categories there are levels of custody that determine more specific housing needs and/or privileges. Uniforms are assigned to each inmate based on these categories and levels.

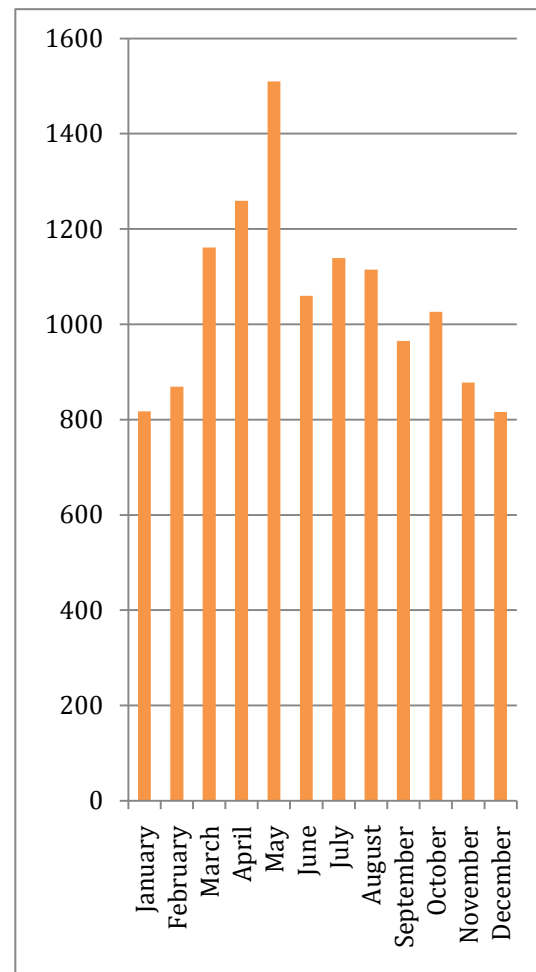


A typical cell

All inmates are issued an armband upon intake. These armbands may be color coded for certain alerts. Periodic classification reviews occur every thirty days to accommodate classification level changes. Classification levels can change depending on whether the inmate has been sentenced, current behavior issues, charges being added or charges being dismissed and medical needs.

Beyond the provisions of classification, the facility administration may move any inmate from one location to another, place an inmate under more strict custody classifications, whenever such action is deemed necessary to preserve order, or protect persons or property from harm.

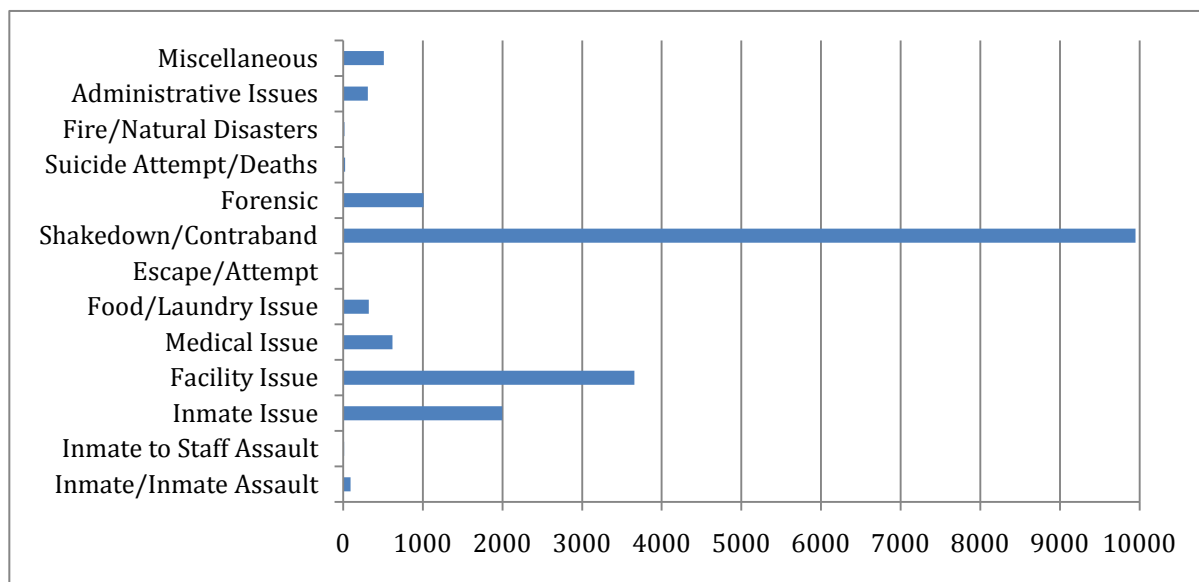
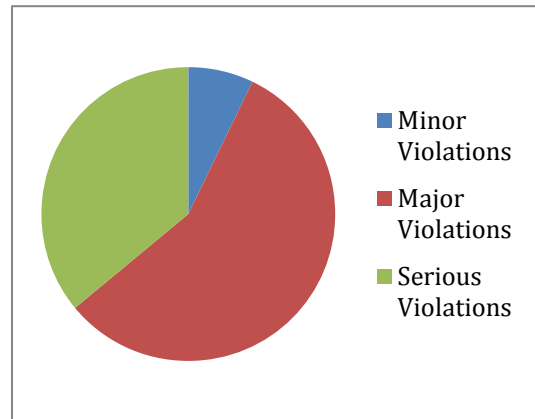
Inmates Classified in 2009



Discipline of Inmates

The Butler County Sheriff's Office has established specific rules and regulations regarding inmate behavior. Rule violations have been divided into three categories: Minor, Major and Serious. Where applicable, inmate disciplinary hearings will be held to determine cause in each case prior to penalties being imposed.

In 2009, inmates were found guilty of 179 minor violations, 1,413 major violations and 896 serious violations.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Meals Served	99,913	84,782	101,521	95,853	97,983	91,805	96,328	96,007	89,602	90,407	80,335	73,735	1,098,271
Warden Burgers Served	2,681	1,599	2,248	2,127	2,055	1,800	1,851	1,684	1,559	1,616	1,406	1,274	21,900

ECTACO Translator

In December 2009, the Corrections Division purchased an ECTACO PD-5 Translator through the assistance of the Latino Educational Assimilation Resource Network in Cincinnati Ohio.

This small, portable device can easily fit into a uniform pocket, but is packed with thousands of translations of phrases and words that can assist with communicating



to a growing number of non-English speaking inmates.

Officers can select from nine available languages to obtain personal information during the intake procedure.

Medics may benefit from this device during medical emergencies as well as daily medical treatment. An external speaker may be added to assist in addressing large groups.

Forensic

In 2009, Forensic services were contracted out to Community Behavioral Health to provide three full time social workers and a staff Psychiatrist. Forensics provides the jail with seven days a week on site services, and 24 hours a day on call services.

Forensics provides many services to inmates such as: suicidal / homicidal risk assessments, crisis intervention, medication assistance / assessment, discharge

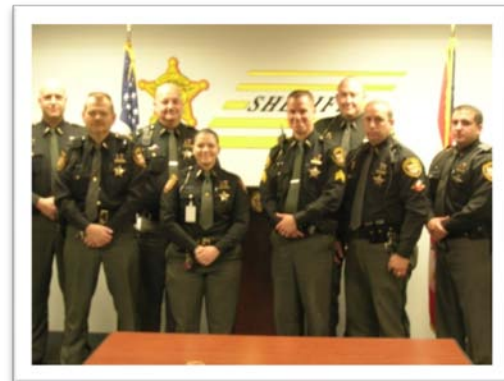
planning, and evaluation for special housing placement.

In 2009, the Forensics staff interviewed 3,908 inmates. The staff psychiatrist assisted 377 with medication issues.

ICE 287g Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Office works closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The 287(g) program, one of ICE's top partnership initiatives, allows a state and local law enforcement entity to enter into a partnership with ICE, under a joint Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), in order to receive delegated authority for immigration enforcement within their jurisdictions.



BCSO's 287g Officers

In 2009 the 287(g) Officers placed 456 detainers on foreign-born inmates incarcerated in Butler County's jails and processed for deportation 276 local illegal aliens.

Our facility is inspected throughout the year by various agencies to ensure that we

operate at or above minimum standards as set by: community standards, State of Ohio Minimum Jail Standards and the National Detention Standards.

Inmate Services

Inmate Services processed over 29,630 inmate request forms during 2009. Requests range from information on court cases to religious requests.

Additionally, Inmate Services provides indigent inmates (less than one dollar) with a phone card, pencil and pad of paper, three envelopes, and a hygiene kit to assist them with communicating with attorneys, courts and family.

Medical Services

Medical Services are offered by a staff comprised of:

- Medical Director
- Physicians Assistant
- Dentist
- Full-Time Medical Supervisor
- Three Full-Time Paramedics
- Twenty-one Part-Time Paramedics
- One Registered Nurse.

The Medical Staff works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Inmates are screened upon arrival to see what medical needs they may have, and medications are dispersed through this unit.



Medical Services staff

The doctors work closely with our medical staff and the inmates to insure that the necessary care is available.

Statistics	Year 2009
Emergency Transports	103
Off-Site Appointments	255
Pathology Procedures	90
Radiological Procedures	888
Sick Call Requests	8,045
Physician Visits	5,214
Dental Appointments	198

Finance Division

Director Vickie Jo Barger

The Butler County Sheriff's Finance Division Commander is Director Vickie Jo Barger.

Expanded in February 2009, the Division includes:

- Central Records
- Human Resources
- Payroll / Finance
- Inmate Accounts

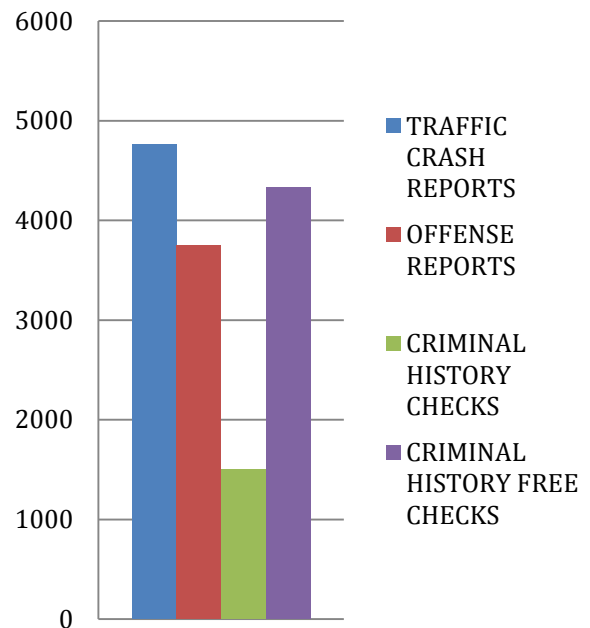
The Sheriff's Office diligently seeks ways to assist in improving the financial position of the county by seeking out new sources of revenues as well continuing to expand the Boarding of Prisoner "BOP" contracts. In 2009 the Sheriff's Office collected in excess of \$13.05 million of revenue. This is a 10.9% increase over revenue collected in the previous year.

The Accounts Payable unit processes approximately 2,500 purchases annually. The 2009 expenditures totaled \$32.9 million. The expenditures from 2008 to 2009 decreased 7.3%.

In 2009 the Butler County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$1.03 million from several state and federal grants, including three American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants. While the majority of these funds do not go directly into the General Fund, they help offset some of the expenditures that may have been allocated to the General Fund in 2009.



**Records Data Processed
in 2009**



Central Records

As part of the Finance Division, Central Records plays a critical role in the daily operation of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. In addition to document retention for several divisions, including Corrections and the Peace Officer Division, Central Records also interacts with the public daily to provide for public record requests, background checks, inmate / attorney visits, and many other services. It is also the responsibility of Central Records to maintain files of incident reports, fingerprints, crash reports, tow sheets and calls to our communications center.



BCSO Central Records Staff

Central Records processed and validated 3751 offense and incident reports in addition to 4763 accidents in 2009. This information is used by the State of Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services for state statistics as well as determining vital grant eligibility for the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Central Records brought in over \$112,000 in 2009 through fingerprinting and local background checks. This was in addition to the over 4,300 background checks provided

free of charge for our Armed Services and other government agencies.



Clerical Specialist Susan Riley prepares the court docket in the Corrections Center

Inmate Accounts processed over \$1.7 million dollars of inmate funds during 2009. This money is primarily used by the inmates to purchase Commissary items. The sales for commissary exceeded one million dollars.

Inmate Accounts also collects medical co-pays from the inmates for medical services rendered. This applies only to sentenced inmates and totaled over \$2,800 for 2009. Inmate Medical Accounts saved the county over \$359,000 in medical bills by checking bills for the proper medical coding.

Inmate Processing processed out over 14,000 inmates in 2009. Of those, 954 were sentenced to prison. Butler County courts kept the staff busy, processing almost 30,000 individual charges.

Investigations Division

Lieutenant Michael Craft

The Butler County Sheriff's Investigations Division Commander is Lt. Michael Craft, who is responsible for the following units:

- Bomb Unit
- B.U.R.N. (Butler Undercover Regional Narcotics Taskforce)
- Cold Case
- Concealed Carry
- Criminal Investigations
- Metropolitan Housing
- Polygraph
- Property / Evidence Room
- Sexual Offender Registration
- Victim Advocates
- Warrants / Juvenile Warrants / CSEA



Lt. Craft transferred from Corrections to replace Capt. McMahon in February 2009. Sergeants Todd Langmeyer, Jeff Reigert and Melina Smith supervised these various units. The reorganization and layoffs later in the year resulted in the loss of all part time staff, requiring deputies to assume those duties.

Layoffs and the subsequent reassignments left fewer deputies to process concealed carry weapon permits and sexual offender registrations.



Bomb Unit

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit has been operational since 1980. During that time, with new technology and equipment, the Bomb Unit continually trains each month to stay abreast of developing threats and remedies.



Bomb Unit response to a meth lab

The Bomb Unit conducts public presentations to explain the positive use of explosives and to make both children and adult familiar with these hazardous items they may encounter.

In 2009, the unit conducted thirteen training sessions with 823 people in attendance. Explosives and IED Recognition Training was provided for the TSA Screeners from Cincinnati, Dayton, Indianapolis, Columbus and Cleveland International Airports. Training was also presented in Post Blast Investigative Techniques for local

law enforcement, fire investigators and Prosecutor's Office personnel.

Bomb Unit Responses in 2009	
Total Responses	52
Clan Labs	4
Static Displays	10
Recovered Fireworks	2
Recovered Commercial Explosives	4
Recovered Military Explosives	3
Bombings	5
Accidental Explosions	3
Technical Assists / Evidence Examinations	18
Suspicious Packages (No Device)	9
Bomb Threats	8

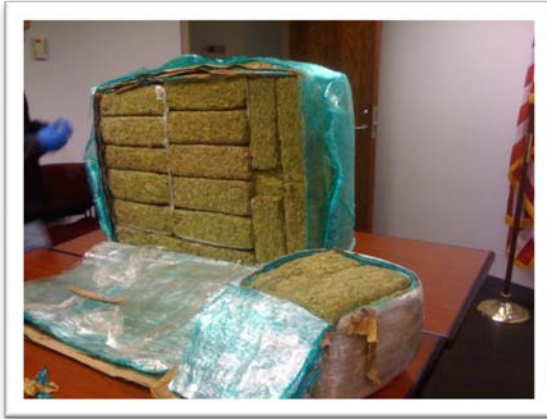
BURN Task Force

BURN is the Butler Undercover Regional Narcotics Task Force; a multi-agency initiative hosted by the Butler County Sheriff's Office. In 2009, it made a number of notable arrests and seizures.

March 30, 2009

BURN Taskforce received information in reference to a vehicle suspected of containing a large amount of narcotics. Agents located the vehicle and a traffic stop was conducted. The vehicle being operated and occupied by Bryanna Smith and April Birgel was found to contain approximately 150 pounds of Marijuana and a 9mm handgun. Both subject involved were

charged with F-2 Trafficking and possession of Drugs.



Large quantity of marijuana taken off the streets by the BURN Task Force

June 05, 2009

BURN Taskforce executed a car stop after information had been received in reference to a female subject in possession of a large amount of Ecstasy pills. Burn Taskforce located and stopped a vehicle being operated by Brittany Peterson. A search of the vehicle located two baggies containing a total of 210 unit dosages of Ecstasy.

September 01, 2009



BURN Taskforce executed a search warrant at 1914 Pleasant Ave. Located during the search was 1 Kilo of Heroin and \$65,737.00.

Adan Herrera-Paheco, Octavio Camacho-Ontiveros and Luis Ramon-Carrasco were all arrested and charged with F-1 Trafficking in Drugs and F-1 Possession of Drugs.

September 30, 2009

BURN Taskforce executed a controlled delivery of 15 pounds of marijuana followed by a search warrant, on Springview Drive in Fairfield Twp. During the search, another 30 pounds of marijuana was located inside Vancino Gillespie's vehicle.

Search warrants were also executed at his place of business on Gilmore Road in Fairfield Twp., as well as a safety deposit box. A total of \$19,350 dollars was seized between the residence, safety deposit box, and a UPS package seized in Los Angeles, CA. A 2002 Honda Accord was also seized. As a result of this investigation Vancino Gillespie was charged with Trafficking in Drugs, F-2 and Pattern of Corrupt Activity, F-1. Gillespie later pled guilty and received an 8-year prison sentence and gave up the Honda and \$19,350.00.

November 9, 2009

As the result of a BURN Taskforce investigation, BURN executed a search warrant at 6738 Hendrickson Road in Warren County, accompanied by Warren County Drug Taskforce. The BURN Taskforce seized 19,038 Alprazolam tablets, \$41,552.00 dollars, cocaine, a pill press, and a 1994 Lincoln. As a result of the investigation, Arthur Baker was charged with Trafficking in Drugs F-1, 21 counts of Deception to Obtain F-4, Manufacturing F-2, and Possession, F-1 and F-4.

December 21, 2009

BURN Taskforce did a hand-to-hand purchase of 74 Oxycontin pills from David McNamara, at the Wal-Mart in Oxford. As a result of the investigation the Taskforce seized a 2001 Ford pickup truck. McNamara was charged with Trafficking in Drugs, F-2 and Permitting Drug Abuse, F-5.

Cold Case Unit

The Cold Case Unit focuses on serious crimes left unsolved. Its goal is to uncover new leads and evidence, or take advantage of technology that was unavailable during the original investigation, in order to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Summary of Active Cases

The following cases were being actively investigated by the Cold Case Unit:

- 1953** Ronald Tammen
Missing from Miami University
- 1970** Georgiana Reiter
Shot to death on State Route 128
- 1974** Clayton Adams
Shot to death on Morris Road
- 1974** Beverly Krause
Beaten to death on State Route 128
- 1976** Victoria Hincer
Kidnapped from Cincinnati,
strangled and found on New
London Road
- 1977** Eugene Sauer (former Special Deputy)
Shot to death on State Route 128

1977 Nancy Theobald

Kidnapped from UC in Cincinnati,
strangled and found on Beckett
Road

1982 Tammy King

Picked up in Cincinnati, strangled
and found on Dunwoody Road

1985 Kermet Vencil

Shot to death on Cincinnati Dayton
Road

1997 Unknown Victim

Found in Great Miami River

1997 Alana Gwinner

Kidnapped from Fairfield and found
in the Ohio River

Concealed Carry Weapon Unit

In Ohio, the Sheriff's Office in each of the 88 Counties is responsible for the issuance, renewal, suspension, revocations, and denials of all CCW licenses.

In 2009, the Butler County Sheriff's Office issued 2,227 licenses, and renewed 845 existing licenses. There were over 125 licenses that were suspended, revoked, or denied during the year.

Fees generated totaled \$164,451.00. There was \$142,513.00 in expenditures. The remaining \$21,938.00 remained in the account.

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Unit covers all the unincorporated areas of the county. The Detectives are assigned to townships and investigate all activity in their assigned townships. The unit handled over 3800 reports in 2009; below are a few notable cases that were investigated:

January 2009

The division investigated a sex crimes case in St. Clair Township. The ten year old victim was being sexually abused by his father. Detectives quickly had the father in custody and obtained a confession. The suspect was arrested for 8 counts of Rape and received 40 years in prison.

February 2009

Detectives were called to Liberty Township where a resident was found dead with several stab wounds. Investigators quickly learned of a business associate who had recent contact with the victim. Within hours, detectives had the suspect in custody and in the interview room, as other investigators were still out collecting evidence, the suspect confessed to the killing. Charged with Aggravated Murder, Burglary, Tampering with Evidence and Theft the suspect received the Death sentence.

March 2009

Investigators were called to a Liberty Township bank where a customer was using the drive-thru ATM. After the transaction, a

black male approached the victim and robbed them at gunpoint. During the investigation, a similar incident was reported by another agency on the same day. Investigators obtained photos from the ATM and were able to identify the suspect. Charged with Aggravated Robbery and Theft, the suspect received 4 years in prison.

May 2009

Investigators were called out to two Aggravated Robbery cases within 2 weeks. Oddly enough they were within 2 blocks of each other. As residents were walking into a house, they were followed by two masked suspects carrying a sawed off shotgun. The suspects would remove cash from wallets and any medication from the residence. With two similar cases, detectives combined notes and were led to two suspects. They were indicted on Aggravated Robbery, with a gun specification, Burglary, Tampering with Evidence, Theft and Possession of Drugs. Both suspects turned out to be brothers who lived in the vicinity. Combined they received 27 years in prison.

September 2009

Investigators were called to New Miami; a local convenience store was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect fled on foot and detectives were left with very few leads. As detectives walked the alleys, they located the clothing worn by the robber. When they approached the house and spoke with the resident. They were led to the closet to find the suspect hiding. The gun was also recovered during the investigation. Charged with Aggravated Robbery and Tampering

with Evidence, the suspect received 6 years in prison.

Criminal Investigations	Year 2009
Total Assigned Cases	1,655
Information Cases	2,258
Crimes Against Person	1,784
Crimes Against Property	1,357
Crimes Against Society	591
Domestic Violence	424
Cases Cleared	2,160

Polygraph Unit

In 2009, the Butler County Sheriff's Office expanded the polygraph unit by adding an additional detective. The unit consists of two detectives who not only assisted our department, but also were also available to assist other law enforcement agencies on criminal cases and pre-employment background investigations.

The Detectives assigned to this unit are certified by the American Polygraph Association, Ohio Polygraph Association and the American Police Polygraphist Association.

Property Room

In 2009, a full time Deputy Sheriff and one clerical specialist operated the Butler County Sheriff's Office Property Room. The every day operations of the property room consist of taking in all items from various

divisions within the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The items are logged into the property room and assigned a location within the secured environment. The items are bar coded for easy tracking. The items that have evidentiary value are held until pending court cases are exhausted, found property items are held until the proper owners can be located.



Court-ordered property destruction in vat of molten steel

The property room conducts "property destruction" on an annual basis. The items that are no longer needed for evidence, unclaimed property and seized property are destroyed by order of the proper court. In 2009, we utilized the services of a local foundry. The property is removed from the accounting system by court order, taken to the destruction location and placed into a large vat of molten steel.

The Property Room is audited on a monthly basis, with a more extensive annual audit. The annual audit consists of every single piece of property being scanned so that items are accounted for as well as being stored in its proper location. The

computerized scanning system leaves no room for error and protects the integrity on the Butler County Sheriff's Office Property Room.

Property Room	Year 2009
New Property Received	4,347
Property Released	6,139

Sex Offender Registration Unit

Ohio law defines and requires that a three-tier classification system for sex offenders be established. The three tier levels are explained below:

Tier 1 – offenders must register with the Sheriff's Office at least once, annually for a period of 15 years. In addition, they must register when there is a change in their residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution or higher learning.

Tier 2 - Offenders must register with the Sheriff's Office every 180 days for a period of 25 years. In addition, they must register when there is a change in their residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution or higher learning. This includes offenders whose crime(s) is punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and comparable to or more severe than the following offenses involving a minor: Sex Trafficking, Coercion and Enticement, Transportation with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity, or Abusive Sexual

Contact. Also involves any offense involving the use of a minor in a sexual performance, Solicitation of a minor to Practice Prostitution, or Production and Distribution of Child Pornography.

Tier 3 - offenders must register with the Sheriff's Office every 90 days for the rest of their life and must register when there is a change in their residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution or higher learning. Tier 3 offenders may also be subject to a Community Notification, which means that upon a change in residential address, the Sheriff's Office will provide notice to the residents that are within 1000 feet the offenders NEW ADDRESS. Sheriff's Office also provides notification to all schools, day-care providers, and other law enforcement agencies within the county.

In June 2009, the Sheriff's Office began collecting registration fees from offenders. At the end of the year, \$9965.00 was deposited into the General Fund from these fees.

Victim Assistance

The Victim Assistance Program was created in June 1997. Its mission is to empower victims of misdemeanor crimes by serving as a liaison of communication between the courts and the victim, and providing support both during and after a victim's involvement in the court system.

Support services include: crisis intervention, emotional support, victim notification, assistance with Victims of Crime Compensation claim forms, information and

assistance registering for VINE-Victim Information Notification Everyday, restitution support, court advocacy/escort as well as assistance in the preparation of protective orders in Domestic Violence cases in both the criminal and civil courts. We believe all persons have a right to live free of violence and to have a voice in the judicial process.

Our advocates provide advocacy services for Butler County areas I, II, and III courts. In addition, advocates are on call to attend hearings at Butler County Municipal Courts, and Civil Protection Order/ Stalking Civil Protection Order hearings.

An important legislative change became effective August 26, 2005 in regards to setting bond for all Ohio Domestic Violence cases. This new legislation is known as Amy's Law. Before a bond can be determined, the defendant must appear before a judge or magistrate.

First responders to the Domestic Violence incident are required to provide answers to a risk assessment, which provides vital information about the lethality of the incident, as well as the risk to the victim upon the defendant's release on bond. A victim's advocate will provide this information if it does not exist within the police report.

Also, an advocate will make every attempt to contact the listed victim prior to the initial bond hearing in order to provide the court with additional information necessary to ensure the victim's safety.

Additional services provided:

- Shelter referrals
- Referrals social service agencies
- Counseling referrals
- 24-hour crisis response through police department
- A safe and secure waiting place away from defendant during court
- Information about the Criminal Justice process

Warrant Unit

In the State of Ohio, the Sheriff's Office is required to serve arrest warrants issued to them from all courts locally and from other jurisdictions. In 2009, the Butler County Sheriff's Office received 4,665 warrants. Approximately 3,748 of those warrants were served, which translates into a service rate of over 80%. These numbers include adult criminal warrants, juvenile warrants, and Child Support warrants.

Fugitives from justice that are apprehended in other jurisdictions must be extradited. Necessary paperwork is completed and filed with the Court of Jurisdiction, court hearings are conducted, and Deputies are sent for the transport of the suspect back to Butler County. In 2009, there were approximately 380 detainers cleared. There were 120 Rule 4 Hearings that were conducted and 95 extraditions

Case Closed: Murder in Liberty Township

A documentary television program called *The First 48* opens with the statement: “For homicide detectives, the clock starts ticking the moment they are called. Their chance of solving a case is cut in half if they don’t get a lead within the first 48 hours.”

On the afternoon of February 14th, 2009, Liberty Township resident David Williams was found dead in his home – the victim of an apparent homicide. With a quick and concerted effort to follow their leads, detectives from the Butler County Sheriff’s Office had apprehended their suspect less than eight hours after the discovery.



Earlier That Day

The victim’s daughter received a call from her father’s cell phone by a man who identified himself as Don, saying he’d found the phone on Cincinnati Dayton Road. Don had been randomly dialing numbers from the phone’s list of contacts in an attempt to notify its owner. She told him the phone belonged to her father, David, and that she’d get in touch with him to pick up the phone.

She reached some friends of her father and asked them to visit his residence on Yankee Road to tell him the phone had been located. When they arrived, David didn’t

answer and the front door was found to be unlocked. They entered the residence and discovered David’s body on the living room floor. Their 9-1-1 call was answered by the Butler County Sheriff’s Dispatch Center and a dispatcher promptly sent deputies along with EMS from the Liberty Township Fire Department. David, unfortunately, was dead and detectives from the Investigations Division were summoned to the scene.

A friend of the victim told detectives they had seen him at a local bar the night before. The friend told detectives that David was in the process of starting a business with a Nick and a Robin, but didn’t know their last names. He also knew David was in the process of taking some people to court but didn’t know who.

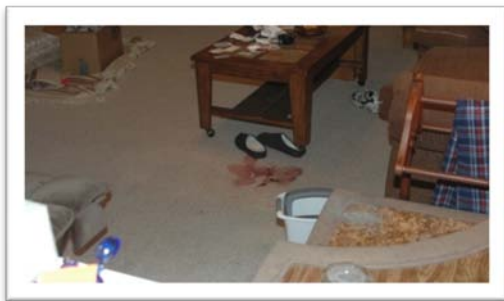
Detectives obtained a search warrant for the remainder of the residence and located business cards in a back room that provided the identity of his business partners: Mike, Nick and Robin. They traveled to the bar where David was last seen to gather information. One statement revealed that Nick had missed a telephone call from Robin’s boyfriend, Greg Osie, at 4:45am. Nick didn’t know why Greg had called and thought it was odd, according to the statement.

Detectives Gerhardt and Whitlock decided to respond to the West Chester Township residence of Greg Osie first due to the unusual phone call he allegedly placed to Nick that morning. No one answered the door but, as detectives left, a truck matching the description of Osie’s vehicle pulled into a parking space and then abruptly backed out again.

Due to the description of the vehicle, they decided to stop the vehicle. The driver initially blacked out the headlights and attempted to elude detectives in the apartment complex but was eventually stopped a short time later. The driver was Greg Osie.

They detained Osie for questioning and brought him to headquarters. Meanwhile, Detective Rosser was interviewing Robin and learned that she had received a text message on her cell phone from Osie. It said she didn't have to worry about David anymore.

The detectives' interview with Osie revealed that he went to David Williams' residence the night before, intending to confront him about his threatening to take Osie's girlfriend to court. While there, he used a knife from the kitchen to kill Williams and attempted to stage a botched burglary at the residence. He threw papers and belongings around the room and took Williams' cell phone and television from the living room.



Osie attempted to stage a botched burglary at the residence

After spending an hour at the house, Osie fled the scene with the cell phone, television and knife. He tossed the phone

out the window on Cincinnati-Dayton Road where it was later located. The knife was disposed of in the Ohio River from the I-75 bridge. Osie deposited the television in a Cincinnati factory's dumpster.

Greg Osie was indicted on counts of aggravated murder, aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and tampering with evidence. After a two-week trial, he was convicted in April 2010 by a three-judge panel. That same panel, in May, sentenced him to death row.



Sheriff's Office Motto

"Spectemur Agendo"

Let us be judged by our actions

Peace Officer Division

Captain Richard A. Greer

The Butler County Sheriff's Peace Officer Division Commander is Captain Richard A. Greer, who is responsible for the following units:

- Animal Control
- Aviation
- Bike Patrol
- Canine
- Contracted Patrol
- Dive Team
- Marine Patrol
- Mounted Patrol
- Road Patrol
- School Resource Officers
- SWAT Team
- Traffic
- Weights and Scales



"Our duty is to effectively provide service to the citizens of county. Their safety and well being are our highest priorities."

- Captain Greer



Animal Control

Deputy Holly Fuller attended all of the required training to become a humane agent for the State of Ohio and works cooperatively with the Butler County Dog Wardens. She responds to animal calls in the unincorporated areas of the county but and takes calls within the cities when the Dog Wardens are busy handling other service calls.



Deputy Holly Fuller

Our unit is unique in that we respond to calls associated with wild animals such as deer and raccoons whereas the Butler County Dog Warden does not.

This unit, as needed, handled investigations of animal neglect or cruelty. Deputy Fuller responded to 467 calls during 2009; the majority of calls were animal complaints.

Aviation Unit

The Aviation Unit flew "Air One" for a total of 195.5 flight hours; providing photo flights, surveillance, searches and routine patrol. The Aviation Unit again participated with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and

Identification Unit (BCI&I) in their Marijuana Eradication Program from July 24 to September 24, 2009. During eradication flights in 10 counties, we assisted in recovering over 1,030 plants with a street value of over \$1,030,000.00.

The total operating expenses incurred by the Aviation Unit for the year was \$27,625. This included fuel, hanger fees, insurance, maintenance, and all other miscellaneous expenses.

The drug fund received \$40,080 from the BCI contract. After all expenses for the operation of the helicopter, the Aviation Unit was still was able to contribute \$12,454 to the drug fund.



BCSO's "Air One"

Throughout the year, the Unit flew another 95.3 hours on patrols of Butler County, and assisted more than 16 different Law Enforcement Agencies including other sheriff's offices, police departments, the FBI, DEA, ICE, and other county agencies such as the Butler County Engineers Office.

The assists included drug surveillance, searches, photo flights, evaluations of the river, memorial ceremony flyovers, funeral

escorts, and other requested events and applicable missions.

Bike Patrol

The Sheriff's Office Bike Patrol consists of deputies who volunteer for the unit. Bike patrol functions include neighborhood patrols, special events and parades.

At times, bike patrol is utilized in areas experiencing a high volume of criminal activity or problems within the neighborhoods of the county.



BCSO Bike Patrol Unit

Being on a bicycle provides deputies with the ability to move effectively through the neighborhood without being detected by those committing the criminal activities.

Periodic training is conducted to keep the members of the team up to date on current trends and to insure they maintain the fitness levels required to participate in this type of specialty unit.

Civil Unit

One of the primary mandated responsibilities of every Sheriff's Office in Ohio is to serve the courts. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Civil Unit serves writs from the courts, criminal and civil subpoenas, divorce complaints, Civil Protection Orders, and summons.

It serves Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and the Area Courts of Butler County. In 2009, a total of 31,623 documents were received from the various courts; the unit successfully served 23,518 of them.

Subpoenas / Summons	YTD
Received	28,904
Served	21,312
Protection Orders	YTD
Domestic Violence	812
Civil Stalking	162
Foreign Papers	YTD
Received	1,476
Served	1,013
Executions/Writs	YTD
Received	269
Served	219

Canine Officers

The Canine Officers are a valuable asset to the Butler County Sheriff's Office as well as other agencies within the county. These three highly trained teams work together during their regular patrol shifts.



Two BCSO handlers with their K9 partner

The handlers and canines attend specialized training together to perform their duties which include illegal narcotics detection, building searches, vehicle searches, crowd control and tracking suspects or fugitives who flee on foot.

The unit trains sixteen (16) hours a month to maintain proficiency in performing the skills associated with their duties. They are on call 24 hours a day.

Contract Patrol

The Butler County Sheriff's Office is contracted by a number of townships within the county to provide police protection. Liberty, Hanover, Madison and Morgan Townships and the Village of College Corner have contracts with the Sheriff's Office. A total of twenty-five deputies and three supervisors fulfill the

requirements of these contracts. Liberty Township accounts for the majority of contracted deputies, operating a full functioning 24-hour law enforcement service.

Liberty Township

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Liberty sub-station is located at 6400 Princeton Rd. and covers calls for service in the 28 Square miles of Liberty Township. The sub-station operates at this location under the supervision of Lieutenant Bunnell, Sergeant Laymon, and Sergeant Dallman; they supervise 17- Road Patrol Deputies, 3- Detectives, and 1-Traffic Deputy.



In 2009 the Liberty sub-station responded to 12,987 calls for service. One of those calls involved the murder of David L. Williams. Due to the quick action of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, the person responsible for this crime was arrested and charged with aggravated murder.

Also in 2009, the residents of Liberty Township passed a 5-year police levy. The passage of this levy ensures the staffing levels in Liberty Township will be maintained. As a direct result, the safety

and property values of Liberty Township are protected for the future.

Liberty Township is one of the fastest growing townships in Butler County. The opening of the Liberty Way interchange, which occurred on October 14, 2009, paved the way for opening of six hundred acres of additional commercial development. Liberty Township's close proximity to I-75 and S.R. 129, the new Children's Hospital and excellent schools make it very attractive for future development. Liberty Township needs a professional and capable police force, which the Butler County Sheriff's Office is able to provide.

Dive Team

Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the Dive Team are certified in SCUBA operations and are specially trained in underwater navigation and evidence collection. The team works closely with the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol for rescue and recovery operations on Butler County's waterways.

Forensic Unit

The Forensic Unit consists of one deputy whose primary responsibility is to serve the Butler Behavioral Health Services. He assists the crisis worker who makes home visits to evaluate citizens with mental health issues, such as suicidal tendencies, bipolar disorder, manic depression and paranoid schizophrenia.

This assignment always has the potential of becoming very volatile and dangerous since

these mental disorders can often be unpredictable.



BCSO Forensic Unit Deputy

The deputy performing this duty also provides security for the caseworkers that respond to help these citizens. The forensic deputy responded to 232 evaluations during 2009.

Marine Patrol

The Marine Patrol Unit is one of the most professional and complete Marine Patrol units in the area. In the past, this unit has functioned as an enforcement as well as emergency response unit. The unit uses modern technology in rescue and recovery operations. It works closely with the Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

The watercraft uses a high-tech sonar system to locate underwater objects. When the weather permits, the Marine Patrol Unit conducts patrol operations on the waterways of the county, assisting with towing breakdowns, accidents and monitoring operators to insure a safe boating season. Due to the unit's level of training, they are often called to assist in jurisdictions outside of Butler County.

Mounted Patrol

The Butler County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol is a dedicated group of volunteers who are Honorary Special Deputies with the Sheriff's Office. They come from various backgrounds including business, education, factories, offices, construction and law enforcement.

All members share a common interest in horses, law enforcement and serving their community. A total of 20 members in 2009 volunteered their time with over 1,650 hours of service at no cost to the citizens of Butler County.

To be a member of the Mounted Patrol, volunteers must pass a personal interview, criminal background check, financial background check, drug screen and horsemanship test.



BCSO Mounted Patrol in the 2009 Memorial Day Parade

All members must attend monthly meetings, annual trainings and parades; they work the Butler County Fair, haunted hayride, and other calls for assistance. The Mounted Patrol Unit visited schools, churches, and camps to put on demonstrations for children. They patrol subdivisions and other areas of the county

on horseback. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol is an active member of the Buckeye State Mounted Patrol and attends events around the state of Ohio.

In 2009, the Mounted Patrol celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reunion picnic at Sebald Park. They look forward to fifty more years of outstanding and distinguished service.

Road Patrol

The Road Patrol Unit is comprised of 11 supervisors and 68 uniformed deputy sheriffs. This unit patrols over 469 square miles and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering the highest level of police service and protection.



A patrol vehicle, also known as a "cruiser", used by one of BCSO's road patrol deputies

Deputies in this unit are regarded as "first responders" and must be prepared for any situation that arises. The extensive training that these deputies receive ensures they can handle the wide spectrum of problems that are encountered every day.

School Resource Officers

In 2009, the Sheriff's Office had five deputies working as School Resource Officers (SRO) in four school districts. Madison, Edgewood and New Miami schools each had an SRO for the district; Lakota schools had two officers.

Budget constraints in 2009 forced Edgewood and New Miami to reduce the number of hours worked in order to maintain SROs in their respective schools.



SRO at Edgewood High School

SWAT

The Butler County Regional SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team consists of 33 members from four separate law enforcement agencies within Butler County. The positions are broken down as follows: Critical Incident Manager- Captain R. Greer; Team Commander- Lt. J. Sons; two Assistant Commanders- Sgt. R. Lambert and Sgt. C. Laymon; two team leaders- one entry team and one negotiator team; three Assistant Team Leaders- two entry team and one negotiator, and team personnel including

twenty-one entry team members, four snipers, nine negotiators, and three medics.



BCSO SWAT Team

Two negotiators and two medics were added to the team in 2009. The medics are full-time employees of the Liberty Township Fire Department and they train with the team on a regular basis. They will be attending a Tactical Emergency Medical Services course in the near future and will become an integral part of any tactical operation for which the team is needed.



The Butler County Regional SWAT team responded to a total of nine (9) callouts during 2009. The team responds to various situations including barricade and hostage/barricade situations, search warrants for Criminal Investigations and

Drug Investigations, fugitive apprehensions, and search warrants for other agencies outside of Butler County. Eight of the activations for 2009 were search warrants for the BURN regional drug unit and the other was for a suicidal subject in Fairfield Township.

The team trained a total of 128 hours in 2009. Annual training included vehicle / bus assaults, dynamic entries, stealth tactics, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, school crisis, active shooter response, rappelling, unarmed self-defense, edged weapon defense, weapons of mass destruction monitoring devices, physical agility testing, and man-down rescue. In addition to regular monthly training the majority of the team attended a 40-hour HAZSWAT course presented by Cincinnati State at Butler Tech's Public Safety Education Center. The course topics prepared members to deal with operations in hazardous materials (HAZMAT) environments.

Traffic Unit

The primary responsibility of the Traffic Unit is to investigate, collect evidence, and interview occupants and witnesses for in-depth reporting and reconstruction of vehicle crashes involving serious injury or fatality.

Traffic officers have specialized training in technical crash investigation, vehicle dynamics and accident reconstruction techniques. The members have completed several hundred hours of advanced training to enhance their investigative capabilities.

The unit supports the road patrol by conducting investigations into crashes where drivers leave the scene. They also take enforcement action on school bus violation complaints.

For 2009, the Butler County Sheriffs Office handled a total of 1,752 motor vehicle crashes. Of those crashes:

- 7 fatalities in 7 crashes
- 427 crashes involved injury
- 79 were alcohol related
- 200 involved juvenile drivers.

Weights and Scales

The Weights and Scales Unit performs enforcement duties on the transportation of heavy loads throughout Butler County. The unit aids in the prevention of major damage and tremendous repair costs associated with overweight loads traversing our roadways and bridges.



Scales used for load enforcement

Fines associated with overweight loads are utilized to conduct repairs to the roadways throughout the county. In 2009, the Weights and Scales Unit issued 83 citations for a total of over 1,755,000 pounds in overweight violations and over \$65,000 in fines.

Support Services Division

Lt. Jean Collett

The Butler County Sheriff's Support Services Division provides service to the courts - one of the primary functions of the Sheriff's Office.

The Support Services Division also provides assistance for special events, internal and external training services, and community service.

The Butler County Sheriff's Support Services Division Commander is Lieutenant Jean Collett, who is responsible for the following units:

- Caisson Unit
- Court Services
- Honor Guard
- Pipe & Drum Unit
- Project Lifesaver
- Sheriff's Sales (Foreclosures)
- Special Deputies
- Special Events
- Training
- Transport Unit
- Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)



The reorganization of the Sheriff's Office in 2009 resulted in the addition of two more units – Sheriff Sales and Prisoner Transport units - to the Support Services Division.

While Sheriff Sales moved from Administrative Services, the Transport Unit was created later in 2009 as the Sheriff's Office continued to evaluate and reorganize. Combining similar duties from different units, the Transport Unit is another example of this ongoing effort to improve efficiency without compromising the effectiveness of the operation.



Caisson Unit

In March 2000, the Butler County Sheriff's Office acquired a military caisson through donations. The military caisson was traditionally used to carry fallen personnel from the battlefield.

The Butler County Sheriff's Caisson Unit was established to honor those fallen members and families of the law enforcement community as well as those in military service and distinguished community members.

Specialist Frank Smith has supervised the Caisson Unit since its inception. Specialist Smith led the effort to fund the entire unit operation through donations and has coordinated training and operation of the ten-member unit.

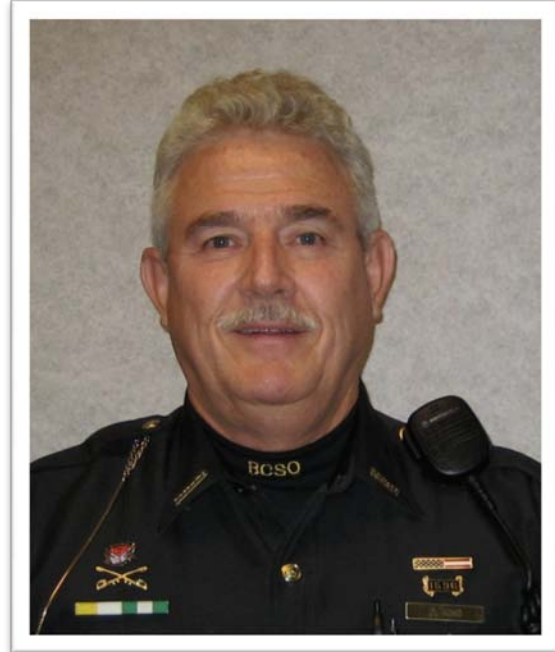


BCSO Caisson Unit

In 2009, the Caisson Unit was honored to serve the families of Deputy Corrections Officer Donald King and Marine Staff Sergeant Mark A. (Tony) Wojciechowski.

C.O. King was an integral part of the start and continued operation of the Butler County Caisson Unit. He was instrumental in

refitting and remodeling of the tractor-trailer, which is used to transport the caisson carriage.



Deputy Corrections Officer Donald King

In addition to assisting Specialist Smith in the administration of the Caisson Unit, C.O. King also conducted maintenance and repairs on the Caisson Unit equipment.

After King's passing on May 22, 2009, the Caisson Unit he was so dedicated to serve was able to serve him and his family.

On April 30, 2009, Marine Staff Sergeant Mark A. (Tony) Wojciechowski was killed in action in Iraq. Staff Sergeant Wojciechowski was twenty-five years old. The Butler County Sheriff's Caisson Unit was proud to serve Wojciechowski and his family during his funeral in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 9, 2009.

Court Services and Transportation Unit

The Court Services Unit was responsible for securing and servicing the courts, and, during most of 2009, the transporting of inmates between correctional facilities and the various county courts.

Supervised by Sergeant Rich Prescott and Sergeant Monte Mayer, there were twenty-nine deputies assigned to this unit until late 2009, when the responsibility for transporting inmates to and from the local courts was shifted to another unit.



Court Services conducting screening at a security checkpoint

That transportation function was combined with the transportation of federal inmates from US Marshal's facilities in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus and the transporting of Butler County prisoners between the various state-run prisons throughout Ohio. This created a new "Transport Unit," supervised by Sergeant Mayer, which remained within the Support Services

Division. After that restructuring, 23 deputies and Sgt. Prescott remained within the Court Services Unit.

The Court Services Unit is committed to providing safety for the operations of the Butler County courts system, and ensuring timeliness of court proceedings involving subjects that are in jail. The primary span of operation includes:

- Common Pleas Court and Domestic Relations Court in the Government Services Building on High Street
- The Juvenile Justice Center on Fair Avenue in Hamilton
- Area 1 Court in Oxford
- Area 2 Court in the Historical Courthouse in Hamilton
- Area 3 Court in West Chester.



Historical Courthouse in Hamilton

Courtroom safety is enhanced with the screening of courtroom visitors and their purses/packages with metal detectors (walkthrough and hand-held devices), x-ray machines and, if need arises, a physical pat-down. Although the actual number of courtroom visitors is not tracked, consider

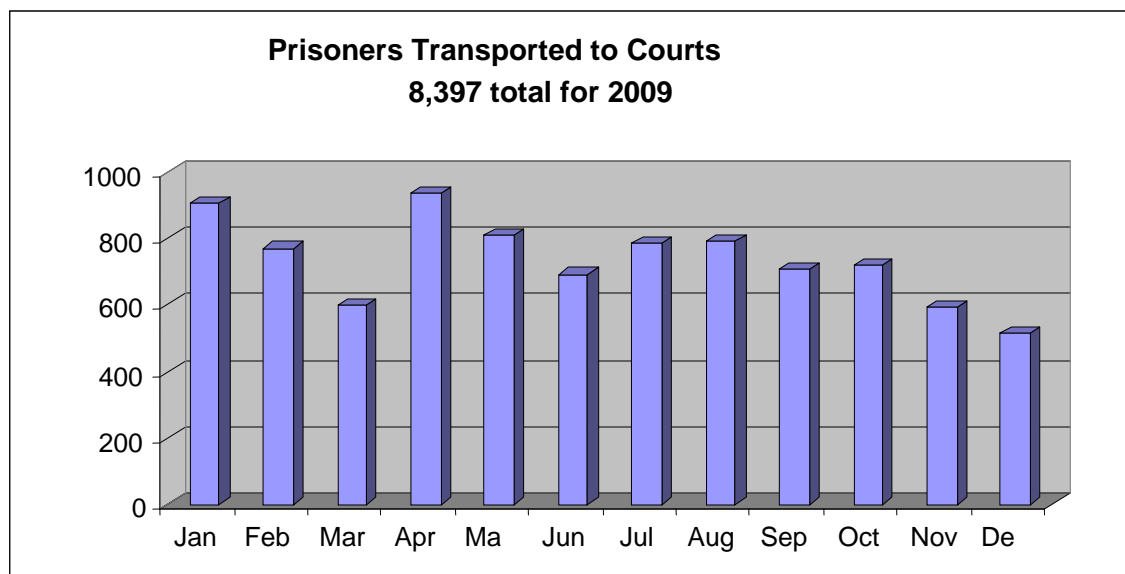
that in 2009, more than 410,700 purses or packages were x-rayed.

Based on those x-rays and metal detector alerts, more than 4,436 items were stopped from being taken into courtroom areas after being determined they were, or were potentially adaptable to become, weapons. More than 3,300 of those items were knives; mostly the small, pocket-type. Unfortunately, there is no way to ever prove whether the possession of any of those knives while entering a secure court area was truly an innocent oversight, or a clever attempt to get a weapon into the courtroom or maybe into the hands of a jail inmate who might be in court for a hearing or trial.

Prisoners housed in a Butler County correctional facility have to be transported to all the various county courts for their respective trials and hearings. Court Services, for the majority of the year, handled the transport of inmates to the various courts. They are often transported in groups to the court buildings where they are normally placed in holding cell areas.

They are escorted to the individual courtrooms to ensure they remain in custody and that they arrive safely before the judge or magistrate. During 2009, more than 8,397 prisoners were transported to their scheduled court appearances, equaling an average of almost 700 per month.

Beyond the scope of the county court system, other county agencies have contracted with the Sheriff's Office for security services at their locations. Under such contracts in 2009, the Court Services Unit provided deputies for the Middletown Children's Services location and both offices of Children Services in Hamilton. With the bulk of Court Services Unit personnel being located in the Government Services Building in Hamilton, deputies frequently respond to other County Offices housed in that same building for any kind of trouble call or request for assistance, and also routinely handle issues that may arise within the parking garage attached to the Government Services Building.



Explorers

The Butler County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, established Explorer Post 916 in September 1989. This program is designed to provide male and female youths, ages 14—21, an opportunity to experience Law Enforcement activities. The group meets every Tuesday to practice police techniques and to learn the many facets of police work. In 2009 the Explorers completed close to 200 hours of training in various law enforcement topics.

Throughout 2009, the Explorers provided assistance to the Sheriff's Office by directing traffic, fingerprinting children and other support functions. The Explorer Unit also attended the annual Law Enforcement Explorer Competition where they placed: 1st in Arrest, Search & Seizure; 1st in Domestic Disputes; 3rd in Burglary in Progress; and 3rd place overall. The Explorers were also recognized for their excellence in representing the ideals of Law Enforcement Exploring by being awarded the John Gordon Award.

Quite often, participants end up choosing Law Enforcement as career paths, often being hired within the Butler County Sheriff's Office in some capacity. The Sheriff is pleased to provide interested youth this controlled exposure to the workings of Law Enforcement.

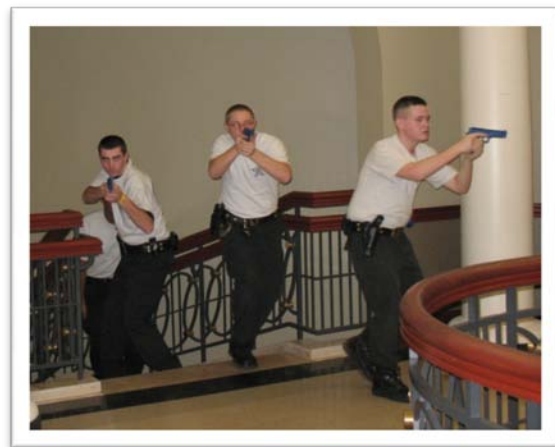
The Explorer program is under the direction of Advisor Deputy Matt Ginter, and associate Advisors: Deputy Greg Money, Deputy Mitch Shelton, Special Deputy Ben Feltoon, and Matt Kellum.



Explorers working at a special event



Explorer Post 916



Conducting training in the Government Services Center in Hamilton, OH

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard presents the Colors for a variety of ceremonies. This special group attends dinners, parades or a swearing-in event. They are always there with the ultimate respect and dignity, performing casket guard for any fallen law enforcement brother or sister. The Butler County Sheriff's Honor Guard is a highly trained unit under the direction of Deputy Corrections Officer George Coleman.

Deputy Corrections Officer George Coleman joined the unit in 2009 as drill instructor. Deputy Corrections Officer Coleman is a retired Marine Corp veteran who brings twenty-one years of military experience to the unit. In 2009, the Honor Guard added an additional five members to its ranks:

Deputy Corrections Officer William Frazier
Deputy Corrections Officer Chris Morris
Deputy Corrections Officer Steve Tanner
Deputy Corrections Officer Dan Turner
Deputy Corrections Officer Paul Weddle



BCSO Honor Guard at Middletown's 2009 Independence Day Parade

Pipe and Drums

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Pipes and Drums is a volunteer Pipe Band that was formed in 1997 and comprised of both civilian and Law Enforcement personnel.



Sheriff Jones with the BCSO Pipe and Drums Band

The band practices several times a month. Senior band members, at no cost, provide beginner lessons in the Great Highland Bagpipes and Scottish drumming techniques.

Performances include services for fallen officers, firefighters, military, and community leaders as well as parades and services such as Veteran's Day, Independence Day and Memorial Day.

The total cost to outfit one member can be well over \$2,000.00. To offset the cost to volunteers, the band receives donations and grants through the Hamilton Community Foundation to assist in outfitting each member. The Sheriff's Office and the public incur no cost for the operation and maintenance of the Pipe Band.



Zane Nickell, Drum Major

Instruments used by the band include the Great Highland Bagpipes, Scottish Snare Drums, Tenor Drums and Bass Drums. The band is currently under the direction of Pipe Majors Lieutenant Dennis Adams and Sergeant Neale Curwin.

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a national program that the Butler County Sheriff's Office joined in 2006. The purpose of the program is to use electronic monitoring equipment to track and locate missing persons who may be suffering from disorders such as Dementia, Autism, Down syndrome, and Alzheimer's disease.

Trained Butler County Sheriff's Office deputies use electronic equipment and

search techniques to locate people who are identified as "high risk" of wandering due to their illness. In May of 2009 the trained deputies conducted a training session to keep their skills sharp in the operation of the tracking equipment.

In 2009 the program had nineteen adults and children enrolled in the Project Lifesaver Program in six surrounding cities, outlying townships, and villages.



Daron Rhodes trains on receiving equipment used for Project Lifesaver

Sheriff Sales

The Ohio Revised Code mandates that the Sheriff's Offices have the responsibility to process and administer court-ordered real estate foreclosures.

This task is completed by Clerical Specialist Bobbie Ford, who manages the court orders received, and attorney James Allen, who oversees the auction process.

The dramatically increasing volume of foreclosures in Butler County, as in the rest of the nation, has resulted from a number of factors, the first of which was brought

about by the extraordinary number of predatory loans initiated by lenders. This was accompanied almost simultaneously with a sudden decline in the economy and rapid increase in unemployment.



Clerical Specialist Bobby Ford assisting at a Sheriff Sale

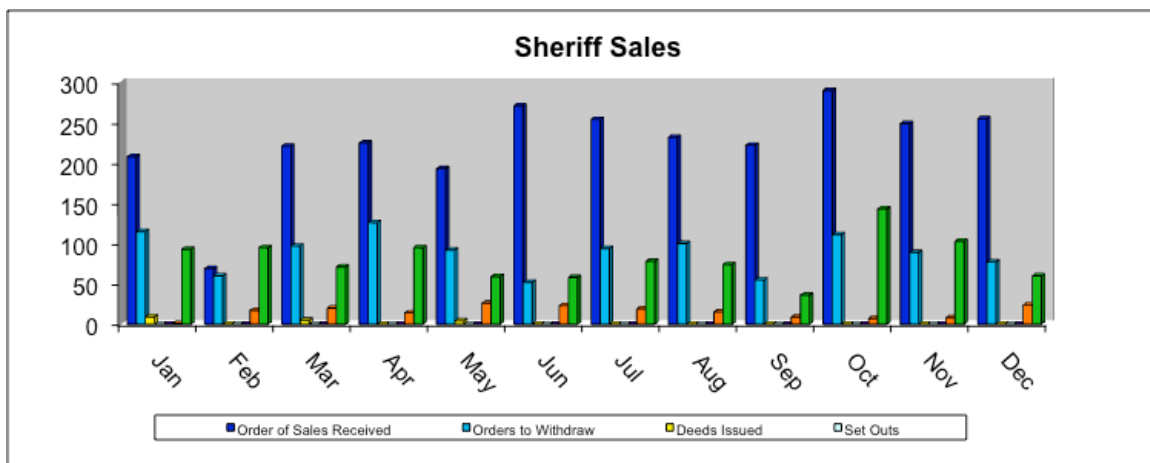
The Butler County Sheriff's Office processed 2,266 foreclosure files in 2008 and 2,378 in 2009, an increase of 112 or 5%. The dollar value of those foreclosures amounted to \$262,784,000 in 2008 compared with \$298,583,000 in 2009, an increase of \$35,799,000 or nearly 14%.

The number of properties actually going to auction was 1,391 in 2008 and 1,064 in 2009, a decrease of 327 properties or nearly 24%. The decrease in properties going to sale would be attributable to several possible factors such as loan modifications by the lenders, bankruptcies, short sales and several short-term foreclosure moratoriums initiated by the government and banks.

The largest foreclosure during 2009, and the one generating the most public interest was that of Bridgewater Falls Shopping Center.

With an appraised value of \$50,000,000.00, it exceeded by far any other property brought to sale in Butler County in recent memory. The sale was moved to the "Historic Courtroom" on the third floor of the Butler County Courthouse to accommodate the expected crowd of investors and curiosity viewers.

The anticipated crowd arrived but there was little excitement; the mortgage company acquired the property with its minimum opening bid of \$33,333,333.33.



Special Deputy Unit

The members of the Special Deputy Unit provide Officer and Community Safety in support of the Sheriff's Mission.



BCSO Special Deputies in 2009

The Special Deputy Unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is a group of sixteen quality Law Enforcement certified, trained and dedicated volunteers who maintain individual OPOTC Certification and who contribute to the quality of life in Butler County by infusing energy, talent and experience that broaden the capabilities and excellence of the Sheriff's operations.

The Special Deputy Unit objectives are:

- To compliment patrol operations
- To compliment court services operations
- To compliment investigative operations
- To compliment corrections operations
- To compliment warrant services operations
- To assist with community service and special events

Some of these special events include the Butler County Fair, Hamilton River Days, various local parades, Christmas Caravan, Hospice of Hamilton and assistance with Fraternal Order of Police functions.

The Special Deputies are required to volunteer sixteen hours a month working as deputies to fulfill their obligation to the Butler County Sheriff's Office and to maintain their commission.

Current and future goals of the Special Deputies Unit are to provide consistent, relevant and timely training for participating deputies; and to establish a Special Deputy Field Training Officer (FTO) program to further enhance and expand the unit's organizational effectiveness, professionalism, reliability and reputation in support of the Sheriff's Office.



Special Deputies receiving training

The Special Deputies are under the direction of Special Deputy Steve Vollmar.

Vollmar took over as Special Deputy Unit coordinator in 2009. He is a retired police chief and a former training officer for the Butler County Sheriff's Office

Training Unit

This opening line from 2.09 of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Policies and Procedures is the heart of the Training Unit's goal:

"The Butler County Sheriff's Office provides meaningful training that meets or exceeds minimum training requirements mandated by the state to ensure that they and other employees maintain the skills necessary to efficiently and effectively perform their duty assignments."

Training Committee

In 2009, the Training Unit streamlined its efforts with the assistance of the newly formed Training Committee. The purpose of this committee is to assist the unit in determining the training needs of the agency and to create an effective and efficient way to provide the training. The Training Committee, consisting of representatives from all divisions within the Sheriff's Office, proposed an approach that would reach commissioned, non-commissioned and support staff.

A typical training week resembled something out of a training center catalogue. The in-service training began at the end of April and finished up in mid November.

Routine Contact Training

Support staff assigned to the Corrections Division are required by statute to receive 40 hours of training within their first year of assignment. Topics included pertinent legal aspects, Minimum Standards for Jails in

Ohio, IPC, security concepts, first aid/CPR, and defensive tactics. To reduce the burden of staffing, the Routine Contact Training was set up in five, eight-week sessions and held every Wednesday afternoon.

Basic Corrections Training

The Sheriff's Office held two Basic Corrections Trainings in 2009. Eleven corrections officers successfully completed the training.

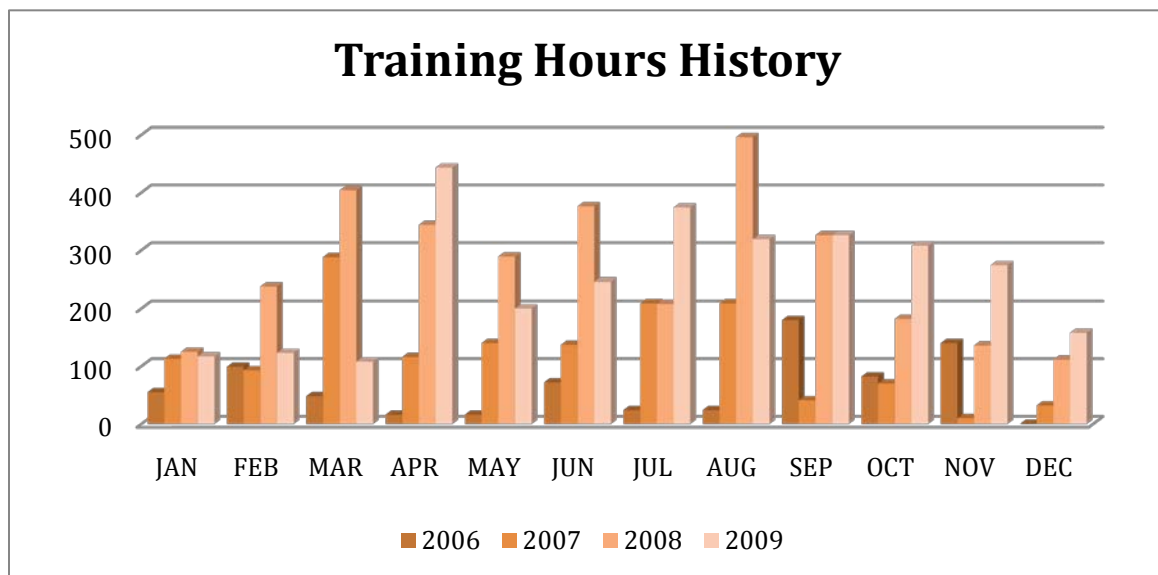


Corrections officers practice subject management skills

The Training Unit welcomed three new instructors to the Basic Corrections Training staff: Lieutenant Dennis Adams, Sgt. Carol Seals, and C.O. George Coleman. Their knowledge and skills were a huge asset to the Division.

The Corrections Division implemented a PowerPoint training program addressing various corrections-related topics as well as Post Orders and Directives training.

The Corrections staff, from their assigned posts, could access this computer-based training. Utilizing this approach, the staff members were able to receive more than



the minimum required training mandated by the Bureau of Adult Detention. Each staff member received 48 hours of PowerPoint training in addition to the 2010 classroom in-service training.

Hosted Training

Officers from other agencies were guests of the Sheriff's Office in trainings on Fingerprint & Disposition Reporting, ICS 300 & 400 and Haz-Swat. In January, area law enforcement and fire agencies participated in training on the 800 MHz Radio System. The system went on line gradually throughout the year.

On June 24th, the Sheriff's Office hosted a session on "In-Custody Deaths" with renowned speaker Chris Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence has 29 years of police-related experience and is involved in a national research program as a manager for less-lethal research. He is also an instructor at one of the largest police training facilities in Canada.

Supplementary Training

Staff members are encouraged to pursue opportunities for career enhancement. Fourteen deputies attended "Law Enforcement Flying Armed" which was offered by the Sheriff's Office in April. This course is a requirement for a law enforcement officer to escort a prisoner on an aircraft.

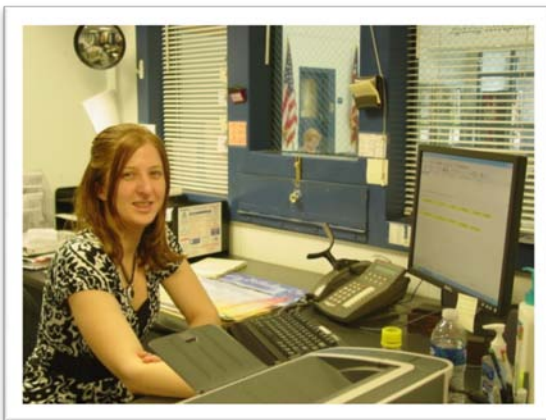
Deputies attended a number of off-site trainings as well. Members of the Traffic Unit attended courses in various aspects of crash investigations, interviewing techniques and arrest, search and seizure as it relates to crash investigations. Several supervisors attended training in Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Tactical Command. Deputy Mike Baker became the newest member of the canine unit in 2009. He and his new partner, Prins, received 200+ hours of training. Deputies completed the IS-100, 200, 700 & 800 series offered on-line, by FEMA, to keep us in compliance with national standards.

Volunteers in Police Service

The Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) is a program initiated in 2006. The VIPS program begins with the recruitment of citizens who want to serve their community within the law enforcement profession.



Clyde Durham, receptions volunteer for BCSO since 2006



Erin Probst, a clerical volunteer for BCSO since 2008

These citizens attend a twelve-week Citizens academy that instructs them about the duties and responsibilities of the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

After graduation, these volunteers are assigned to one or both VIPS assignments.

Volunteer Support Staff

The first VIPS assignment is the Volunteer Support Staff program, comprised of reception and clerical assignments within the Sheriff's Office.

Citizens on Patrol (COP)

The second assignment is the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program which comprises trained volunteers in a marked cruiser performing non-enforcement duties such as traffic control, high visibility patrol, premise checks and generally acting as "eyes and ears" for law enforcement.



2009 COP Volunteers

During 2009, the COP members conducted 724 vacation checks on homes while owners were away. COP members conducted 1,384 extra patrol requests and logged a total of 10,549 patrol miles during their voluntary tours of duty.

The Citizens on Patrol members one of their members, Aleen Miller, to perform the duties of a civilian coordinator for the program.

Aleen's duties include scheduling, maintaining statistical information and assisting at monthly meetings.



COP receives 800MHz radio training

COP Activities	Year 2009
Vacation check	724
Extra patrol	1384
Predator drive-by	129
Dispatches	30
Community Service	3
TOTAL	2270

VIPS Service in 2009

In 2009 a total of eleven VIPS members donated a total of 2,687 hours to the Butler County Sheriff's Office and Butler County citizens.

Code of Ethics

As Law Enforcement Officers, our fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression, the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

We will keep our private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others, honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life.

We will be an exemplary part of our agency. Whatever we see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided in us in our official capacity, will be kept ever confidential unless revelation is necessary in the performance of our duty.

We will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence our decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, we will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

We recognize the badge of our Office as a symbol of public faith and we accept it as the public trust to be held as long as we are true to the ethics of Law Enforcement. We will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating ourselves, before God, to our chosen profession, law enforcement, and to be good ambassadors for the Butler County Sheriff's Office

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