

Butler County Sheriff's Office

2011 Annual Report

Sheriff Richard K. Jones



This Year's Cover

The Butler County Regional SWAT Team consists of 28 members from four separate agencies including the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield Township Police Department, Trenton Police Department, and Liberty Township Fire Department. Assignments 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, three Assistant Team Leaders, and team personnel including eighteen entry team members, four snipers, six negotiators, and three medics.

The Butler County Regional SWAT team responded to a total of nine (9) callouts during 2011. There were a total of five (5) high-risk warrant service callouts and four (4) barricade situations. One barricade callout was a five hour standoff with a suicidal subject armed with several firearms. He had fired a weapon prior to the team's arrival and during the standoff. During the ongoing negotiations for his surrender the suspect fired one round causing a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the shoulder. When negotiations failed to achieve his surrender gas rounds were deployed into the residence which eventually led to his surrender and safe conclusion to the incident. 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 when called upon for mutual aid.

The team trained a total of 132 hours in 2011. Annual Training included the general and advanced topics of Vehicle/Bus Assaults, Dynamic entries, Stealth Tactics, Hostage Rescue, Barricaded Subjects, School Crisis/ Active Shooter Response, Physical Fitness Programs, Physical Agility Testing, and Man-down rescue. Advanced training this year included Weapons of Mass Destruction/ HAZMAT recertification and a twenty-four (24) hour full team training at the Tactical Defense Institute in Adams County covering Advanced Tactical Skills. The team also participated in the Southwest Ohio SWAT Challenge hosted by the Hamilton Police Department. Members of the team tied for second place in the competition.



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Sheriff Richard K. Jones



A Message from Sheriff Jones...

Looking back at 2011, I am encouraged by everything we have been able to accomplish, in spite of an economy, both national and local, that continues to struggle in its recovery process. Yes, times have been tough, but this Sheriff's Office has been able to focus on more than just the hard economic times. We have made adjustments, we have made some sacrifices, and even when we might have thought we couldn't possibly do more with less, we did. I am quite proud of each and every employee of my office. It is their collective hard work and dedication, and the vision and direction given to them by my command staff that has kept this office going strong. Looking ahead to 2012 and beyond, we remain totally committed to perform our duties to the best of our abilities, and to promote a safe environment for all Butler County citizens.



Butler County Sheriff's Office 2011 Annual Report

Command Staff



Chief Anthony Dwyer



Major Norman Lewis



Cpt. Richard Greer



Cpt. Katie McMahon



Pam Stroup
Executive Secretary

“Spectemur Agendo”

Let us be judged by our actions





Organizational Chart



Finance Director
Vickie Barger

Sheriff
Richard K. Jones

Chief Deputy
A.E. Dwyer



Communications Director
Matt Franke

Major
Norman E. Lewis

Operations Section
Captain Rick Greer

Administrative Section
Captain Katie McMahon

Investigations
Lt. Mike Craft



Corrections
Lt. Nick Fisher



Road Patrol
Lt. John Sons



Court Services
Lt. Mike Smith



Liberty Township
Lt. Lance Bunnell



Administrative Support
Lt. Ed Martin



Operations Support
Lt. Jean Collett





Operations Section

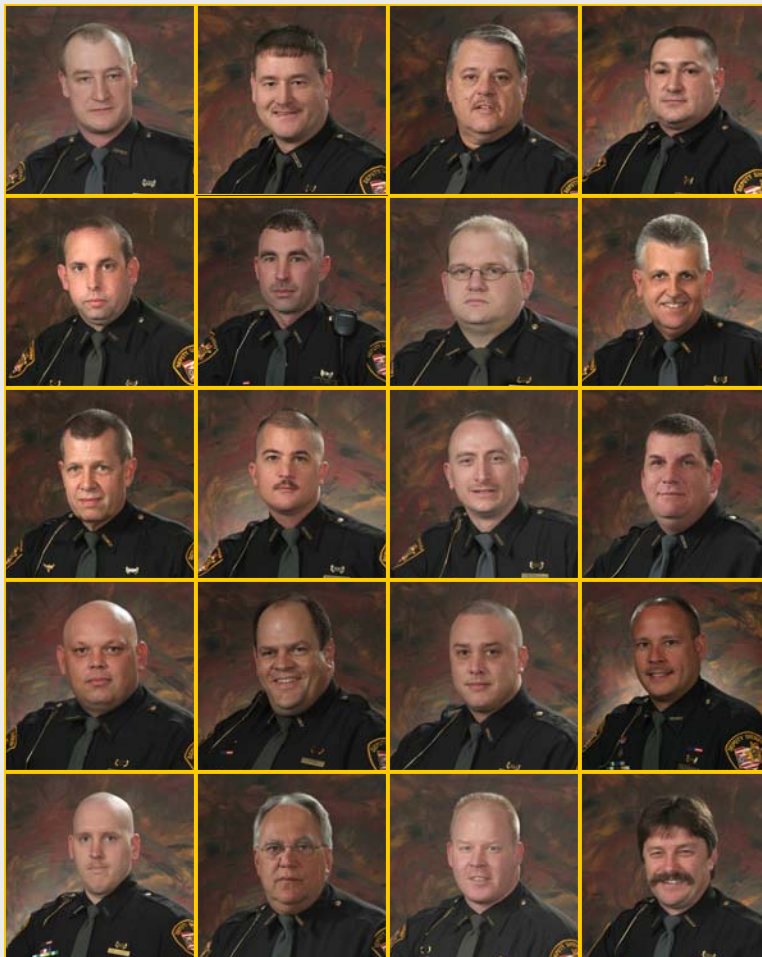
Patrol Division



Sgt. J. Gebhart
Sgt. J. Carpenter
Sgt. C. Schultheiss

Sgt. R. Lambert
Sgt. M. Dallman

Clerical Specialist
Vickie Baird



Joe Agnew
Mike Baker
Paul Baker
Mike Barger

Dan Berter
Matt Best
Erik Betz
Art Brickles

Mike Brockman
Reggie Bronnenberg
Bill Brown
Brian Bussell

Milt Carpenter
Mike Day
Jeff Duke
Mike Farthing

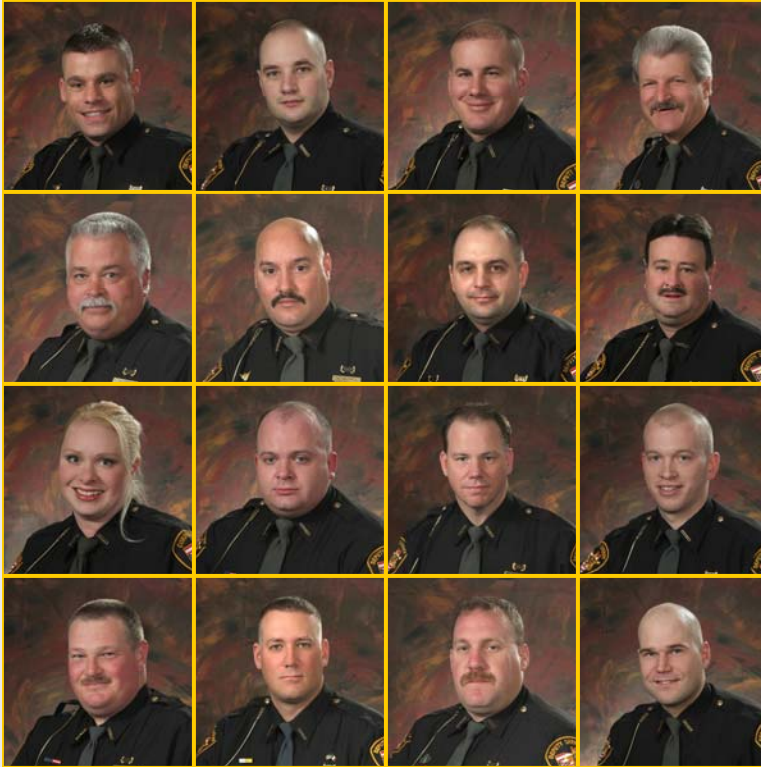
Matt Ginter
Joe Gray
Mike Gutowski
Corby Hansel





Operations Section

Patrol Division



Jasen Hatfield
Arlen Johnson
Ryan Jones
Tom Lentz

Zack Lewis
Matt Maxwell
Kevin Mofield
David Runnells

Holly Schickner
Merle Spivey
Mike Steele
Ed Tanner

Don Tolley
Joe Ventre
Greg Wargo
Brad Willis



Not Pictured:
Joe Nerlinger

**Marked unit used
to patrol the unin-
corporated areas of
Butler County**

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol Division consists of the first responders who routinely patrol the residential areas of the county to keep the citizens safe during their daily routines. They are responsible for all calls for service within the unincorporated areas of Butler Counties' 469 square miles. They also respond to calls within the areas covered by part-time service agencies and to critical incidents to assist other full-time municipal agencies when requested.





Operations Section

Patrol Division

All Calls for Service by Geographic Location	2011	Monthly Average
College Corner	100	8
Fairfield	936	78
Fairfield Twp	13222	1102
Hamilton	7733	644
Hanover Twp	3590	299
Liberty Twp	13224	1102
Madison Twp	4456	371
Middletown	2648	221
Milford Twp	1542	129
Millville	444	37
Monroe	1091	91
Morgan Twp	1473	123
New Miami	3476	290
Oxford	411	34
Oxford Twp	221	18
Reily Twp	883	74
Ross Twp	5382	449
Seven Mile	743	62
Somerville	210	18
St. Clair Twp	4279	357
Trenton	1275	106
Wayne Twp	1624	135
West Chester	1457	121
out of county	1930	161
Unspecified- Misc.	280	23
total	72630	6053

Calls for Service by BCSO District	2011	Monthly Average
College Corner	100	8
Liberty Twp	13224	1102
Hanover Twp	3590	299
Madison Twp	4456	371
Milford Twp	1542	129
Millville	444	37
Morgan Twp	1473	123
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Reily Twp	883	74
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Seven Mile	743	62
Somerville	210	18
St. Clair Twp	4279	357
Wayne Twp	1624	135
total	41647	3471

All Calls for Service by Day of Week	2011	Monthly Average
Saturday	9729	780
Sunday	8243	680
Monday	10236	780
Tuesday	10645	817
Wednesday	10966	752
Thursday	11412	669
Friday	11399	734
total	72630	744

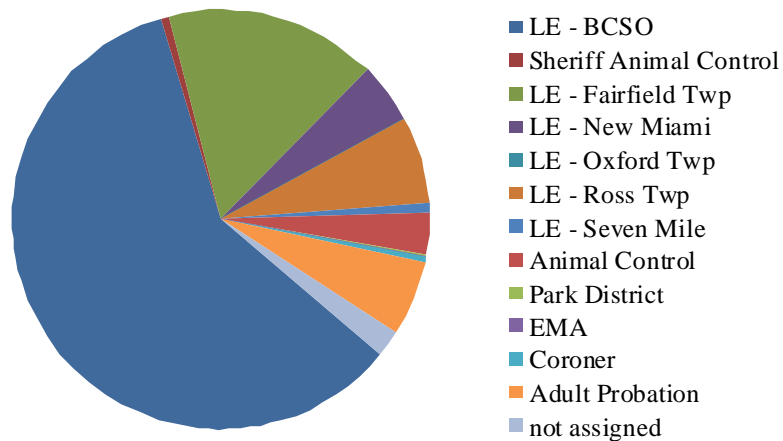




Operations Section

Patrol Division

Law Enforcement Calls for Service	2011	Monthly Average
LE - BCSO	39269	3272
Sheriff Animal Control	461	38
LE - Fairfield Twp	10733	894
LE - New Miami	2989	249
LE - Oxford Twp	48	4
LE - Ross Twp	4321	360
LE - Seven Mile	509	42
Animal Control	2120	177
Park District	78	7
EMA	3	1
Coroner	297	25
Adult Probation	3627	302
Not Assigned	1321	110
Total	65776	5482



All Calls for service by Patrol Shift	2011	Monthly Average
0700-1500	29520	2460
1500-2300	30044	2504
2300-0700	13066	1089
total	72630	2018





Operations Section

Liberty Township



Sgt. K. Hall



Sgt. C. Laymon



Tim Andrews
Jim Blume
Dennis Eberle
Mark Gilbert

Jody Green
Alan Halcomb
Doug Hale
Ryan Hensley

David Herring
Greg Money
Jason Muncy
Brian Oswald

Kim Peters
Shawn Petty
Rob Reiff
Daron Rhoads

Corey Watson
Rick Wilson

Not Pictured:
Robert Barber





Operations Section

Liberty Township



D. Mayer

Since 1993, the Butler County Sheriff's Office has provided contract police services for the Township of Liberty (population 37,000). This successful collaboration between the Township and Sheriff's Office provides Township residents with comprehensive and affordable law enforcement services. The Sheriff's Office assigns 24 full time positions to the Township and supplements resources as needed to provide service and protection to Liberty Township residents 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. Provisions of the contract address supervision, administration and specialized enforcement/investigative units. Liberty Deputies enforce township ordinances in addition to state and federal law.



R. Owens

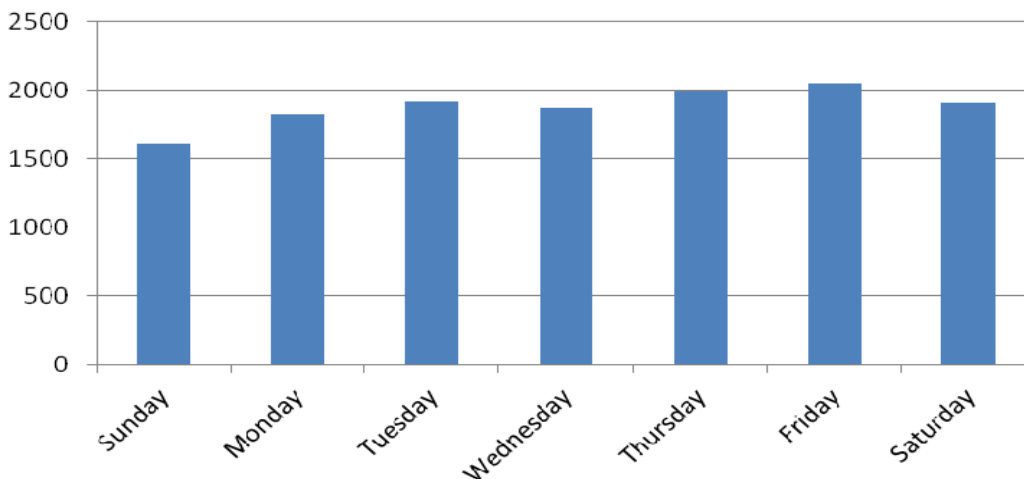
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Liberty sub-station is located at 6400 Princeton Road and responds to calls for service in the 28 Square miles of Liberty Township. The sub-station operates at this location under the supervision of Lieutenant Bunnell, Sergeant Laymon, and Sergeant Hall. They supervise eighteen (18) Road Patrol Deputies, one (1) School Resource Officer, and three (3) Detectives: Damon Mayer, Ron Owens, and Hung Tri-Rudolph.



H. Tri-Rudolph

In 2011 the Liberty Township Deputies responded to 13,183 calls for service. This contract is the largest patrol contract at the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Liberty Township calls per day of week 2011





Operations Section

SWAT Team

See the cover and information at the beginning of this publication regarding the Butler County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics Team.



“TO EVERY MAN THERE COMES IN HIS LIFETIME THAT SPECIAL MOMENT WHEN HE IS FIGURATIVELY TAPPED ON THE SHOULDER AND OFFERED A CHANCE TO DO A VERY SPECIAL THING, UNIQUE TO HIM AND FITTED TO HIS TALENTS. WHAT A TRAGEDY IF THAT MOMENT FINDS HIM UNPREPARED OR UNQUALIFIED FOR THAT WHICH WOULD BE HIS FINEST HOUR.”

---WINSTON CHURCHILL





Operations Section

Marine Patrol



The Butler County Sheriff's Office is responsible for all Waterways throughout the county. Working in partnership with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft, the Marine Patrol provides services to include: rescue, conducting boater inspections and general assistance to the boating public. During the summer months, Marine patrol officers conduct safety equipment inspections, boater education and enforce traditional law and alcohol enforcement while on water patrol. Most of these duties take place on the Great Miami River and Acton Lake (Hueston Woods State Park). Should an emergency arise, the marine unit can offer assistance and assemble highly trained officers to a scene to assist in rescue, recovery or investigate boating accidents.

Butler County Regional Swift Water Rescue / Dive Support Team

Since 2010, the Sheriff's Office formed a Water Rescue Team. Over the last few decades, the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit would conduct Rescue operations when called upon. Now, the Butler County Regional Swift Water Rescue team consisting of members representing Butler County Sheriff's Office and Local Police and Fire agencies now respond to water emergencies. All members of Swift Water Rescue are trained in areas of expertise, and bring many years of experience to the team. Team members must have training in Swift Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, HazMat and be certified in NIMS/ICS.

With the Great Miami River bisecting Butler County, Two fully equipped rescue units were developed and have been positioned in critical areas of the County; this will allow a quicker response to emergency scenes.

The Sheriff's Office has trained deputies in the use of SCUBA. They work in conjunction with Task Force One, and when summoned, the team will respond to scenes with specialties in the area of underwater evidence collection and navigation. The Marine unit provides high-tech sonar that helps in the aid of locating underwater objects, or possibly victim(s) of a drowning. At times, Jurisdictions outside of Butler County contact the Marine Patrol and Dive teams for assistance due to their high level of training and professionalism. The divers work closely with the Marine Patrol and Water Rescue teams in the event of recovery.





Operations Section

Water Rescue

Swift Water Rescue

In the fall of 2010, the Sheriff's Office formed a new Swift Water Rescue Team. Over the last few decades, the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit would conduct Rescue operations when called upon. Economic problems started affecting local police, fire and EMS and included the BCSO. Sheriff Jones created the (Butler County Regional Swift Water



River Patrol Operation



Rescue/ Recovery Training

Rescue Team). This team consisting of members representing Butler County Sheriff's Office, Madison Township Fire Department, Middletown Police Department, St. Clair Township Fire Department, and Hanover Township Fire Department has joined by invitation. All members of Water Rescue are trained in many diverse areas of expertise, and bring many years of experience to the team. Team

members must have training in Swift Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, HazMat and be certified in NIMS/ICS. Two fully equipped rescue units have been positioned on the East and West sides of Butler County; this allows a quicker response to scenes when an emergency arises.

Marine Patrol	Occur- rences	Educa- tion	Law Enforcement
Vessel Assistance	2		
Citations / Arrests	3		
Assist Person(s)	10		
Warnings	10		
Boat Rental Checks	13		
Adrift Vessel Inspections	42		
Docked Vessel Inspections	43		
Spot Checks	47		
Training		8 hours	
Education Program		51.5 hours	
Other Education		99.5 hours	
Docked Vessel Inspection			14 hours
Land Patrol / Investigative			79.5 hours
Boat Patrol			147.5 hours





Operations Section

Aviation Unit



Deputy Mike Armocida is the primary pilot of Air 1. The unit flew a total of 154.2 hours for operations during 2011, down 11.7 hours from 2010. Due to budget constraints felt throughout the county the units activities were limited to necessary missions, training, patrols, and emergency callouts for searches. The annual marijuana eradication operation required 108.4 flight hours with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification. Twelve counties across Southwest

Ohio were assisted during these operations. A total of 740 marijuana plants with a street value of approximately \$740,000.00. The remaining 45.8 hours were flown on surveillance, searches, patrol, photo flights, flight training, pilot recertification, and displays. More than 21 other law enforcement agencies including other Sheriff's Offices, Police Departments, BCI&I, DEA, ICE, State Fire Marshall's Office, and other county agencies such as the Emergency Management Agency and Engineer's Office were assisted by the Aviation Unit during 2011.

2011 Aviation Statistics	
Crime Related Searches	6
Lost/Missing Persons	8
Found Missing	2
Drug Related	17
Photo Flights	2
Displays	7
Callouts	13
Assist Agency	7
River Patrol Missions	9
Flight Observer Training	7
Pilot Training	5



"Air One"

The Aviation Unit generated \$43,360.00 as a result of its operations throughout the state during eradication. Total operating expenses were \$24,333.00 making the unit self

sustaining with no costs incurred to the citizens of Butler County as it has been operating since 2001. The additional \$19,026.00 funds future undercover drug operations.

The benefits of the Aviation unit include quicker response to calls for service than ground units and thus a higher success rate in suspect apprehension, large quantities of illicit drugs taken off the streets, locating lost persons, and a reduction in high-speed pursuits when the helicopter is in operation.





Operations Section

Motorcycle Unit



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Patrol Unit is utilized for all phases of traffic control including routine patrol and specialized traffic details. The Motor Unit has been used for general patrol purposes, congested traffic situations, funeral escorts, V.I.P. details, shopping center patrol, sporting events, parades, various charitable events, and the Butler County Fair. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit is comprised of four (4) Kawasaki KZ1000 motorcycles, and three (3) Harley Davidson Electra Glides. In addition to these routine functions in 2011, the Motor Unit provided escorts for charitable events such as the Special Olympics Torch Run, Hospice of Hamilton Charity Ride, Butler County Foster Child Enrichment Charity Ride, and the 9-11 Hero's Ride. Other rides include the Fallen Officer Memorial in London, Ohio, Edgewood School Bicycle Escorts, Memorial Day and 4th of July parades, and the National "Police Night Out". The Motor Unit also escorted several collegiate football teams to/from Miami University. The Motor Unit participated in several funeral escorts involving soldiers that were killed overseas. It was an honor and privilege to escort these distinguished men and woman to their final resting place.





Operations Section

Bike Patrol Unit

Sheriff Richard K. Jones increased the number of bike patrol members in 2011 from six to nine. The members were added to the Liberty Township Contract Division. The Sheriff saw the need to add the members in that area because of the large amount of subdivisions within the township. Deputies regularly deploy their bikes and conduct routine patrol throughout those subdivisions. The patrol is extremely successful in locating violator's because of their stealth capability.



Motor Unit & Bike Unit



The new members to the squad are put through a rigorous training course. Each member is required to pass Slow Remover Ability Course using cones. The next phase is to train and pass a 30 mile Cross Country Ride. The course consists of steep grades and sharp curves. The Third and final phase in the mandatory training is Firearms proficiency. Deputies must fire their weapon at a target while mounted on their bike. Next they ride

for a distance and while semi-winded they must conduct a sliding dismount, run toward and fire at their target with a passing grade. This training was conducted in October of this year.

Bike Patrol conducted their annual State to State ride in September, Edgewood School Historical ride in April and May and numerous parades throughout the year.



Bike Patrol Unit at Edgewood Bike Ride





Operations Section

Weights and Scales Unit



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. Fines associated with overweight loads are utilized to conduct repairs to the

roadways throughout the county.

2011 Statistics	Approximate Totals
Overweight Citations Issued	129
Pounds overweight	3,392,000
Fines issued for violations	\$125,000.00

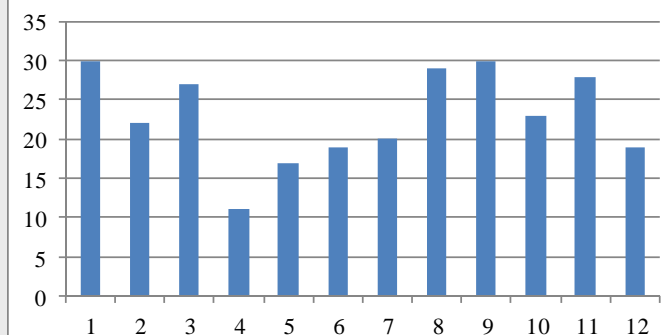
Forensic Unit



Deputy Greg Wargo is responsible for fulfilling the duties associated with this assignment to the Forensic Unit. The Forensic Deputy assists the Butler Behavioral Health Services crisis workers in performing evaluations on citizens with mental health issues such as suicidal, bipolar, manic depressives, and paranoid

schizophrenics. In certain situations, Deputy Wargo also handles the safe transportation of these citizens to the proper facility in order to receive specialized treatment. In 2011, Deputy Wargo assisted Butler Behavioral Health with 275 evaluations.

Forensic Details





Operations Section

Animal Control



As the Butler County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer, Deputy Holly Schickner works hand in hand with the Butler County Dog Wardens on a daily basis. She responds to animal calls in the unincorporated areas of the county but also responds within the cities when the Dog Wardens are busy handling other calls for service. Our unit is unique in that we respond to calls associated with wild animals such as deer, raccoons, and coyotes in addition to domestic animal complaints. Investigations of animal neglect and/or cruelty are also conducted by this unit when necessary. Deputy Schickner responded to 461 calls during 2011 the majority of which were animal complaints.

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. Their duties include promoting positive public relations, providing security at local events as needed, and foremost, engaging in community service for the areas served by the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Our volunteers come from all walks of life. All members share a common interest in horses, law enforcement, and serving their community. A total of 19 members volunteered their time in 2011 at no cost to the citizens of Butler County.

To be a member of the Mounted Patrol, applicants must pass a personal interview, criminal background check, financial background check, drug screen, and horsemanship test. All members must attend monthly meetings, annual training sessions, and parades. Members also work the Butler County Fair each year, the Haunted Trail, as well as other call-outs when needed by the Sheriff. Members visit schools, churches, and camps to put on demonstrations for children. On request, they patrol subdivisions and county parks on horseback. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol is an active member of the Buckeye State Mounted Patrol and attends events throughout the state of Ohio.





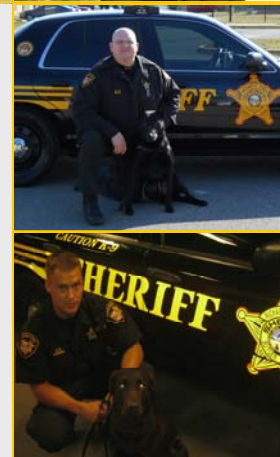
Operations Section

Canine Unit

Six specially trained deputies and canines perform their duties each day in support of patrol, investigations, and corrections division operations. Members of the unit attend specialized training together to maintain their skills which include illegal narcotics detection, building searches, vehicle searches, crowd control, and tracking criminal suspects. The unit trains sixteen (16) hours a month to maintain proficiency in performing these skills and are on call 24 hours a day. One of the canines is specially trained to detect cigarettes, cell phones, and other illegal narcotics within the confines of our correctional facility. The K-9 Unit continues to be a valuable asset to the Butler County Sheriff's Office as well as other surrounding agencies within our geographical area. Statistics for the year are listed below.



K-9 Unit Activity	2011
K-9 Tracks	51
K-9 Apprehensions	18
K-9 Assist Agency	139
K-9 Vehicle Drug Search	118
K-9 Warrants	34
K-9 DVI Assist	51
K-9 BCSO Unit Assist	272
K-9 SWAT Assist	2
K-9 Facility/School Sweep	19
K-9 Area Search	13
K-9 Search Warrant Assist	17
K-9 Building Search	17
K-9 Demonstrations	8
Narcotics Seized	47



Clockwise from top left:
 Deputy Art Brickles w/ Dex
 Deputy Mike Baker w/ Prins
 Deputy Daron Rhoads w/ Falco 5
 Deputy Jeff Duke w/ Jackson
 Deputy Erik Betz w/ Herto
 Deputy Chris Morris w/ Tank





Operations Section

School Resource Officers

2011 Reports	Edgewood	Lakota
Assault	19	6
Theft	10	2
Menacing	10	2
Drug Possession	7	
Crash Reports	6	7
Disorderly Conduct	3	5
Tobacco Possession	3	
Trafficking in Drugs	3	1
Squad Assist	3	
Drug Abuse	2	1
Illegal Conveyance	2	2
Vandalism	2	1
Sexual Imposition	2	1
Telephone Harassment	2	
Criminal Damage	1	
Endangering Children	1	
Suspicious Activity	1	
Breaking and Entering	1	
Inducing Panic	1	1
Drug Paraphernalia	1	1
Violation of Protection Order	1	
Property Found	1	
Suicidal Person	1	
General Conditions	1	1

As everyone is aware, the last few years have been challenging economically. As a result, school resource officer manpower has also been affected. The Sheriff's Office currently has only two school resource officers, Deputy Ginia Riegert and Deputy Doug Hale. They are assigned to the Edgewood School District and Lakota School District. Both positions are partially or fully funded by the schools. These officers are specially trained in dealing with school issues and dealing with the youth.





Operations Section

SORN Unit



The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Unit (S.O.R.N.) consists of Deputy Mike Jacobs (left) and Deputy Toby Spencer (right). They have the duty of keeping all registered sex offenders within Butler County in compliance with their court ordered sanctions. Sanctions include Sexually Oriented Offender, Sexual Predator, or Juvenile Sex Offender and any offender convicted after January 2008 with implementation of the Adam Walsh Act.

In 2011, the SORN Unit registered 1,416 sex offenders. In addition to the registration process this unit also made 280 address verification checks which requires a deputy to respond to an offender's home and make personal contact with the subject to confirm that he or she does reside at their registered address. Special Deputy Tony McKay assists the unit with these verifications. The SORN Unit also investigated 53 cases involving sex offenders that moved without properly notifying the Sheriff's Office or had simply failed to register as required by law. These investigations result in Grand Jury hearings and Court proceedings within Butler County. All cases resulted in a conviction of the offender. Currently, there are 762 active sex offenders within Butler County.

Public Information Officer



There are a variety of situations and issues that the Sheriff's Office deems important for public disclosure – snow advisories, fatal crashes, homicides, major drug busts, and the like. Sgt. Monte Mayer was re-assigned in early 2011, and was then designated as the Sheriff's Office "PIO" (Public Information Officer). As such, he is responsible to make sure that accurate and timely public disclosure information is distributed appropriately. During 2011, 46 formal press releases were issued and 5 formal news conferences were conducted, with pertinent information provided to 7 local newspapers, 7 television stations, and 3 radio stations. Additionally, countless on-scene and follow-up telephone interviews were provided to media reporters. Other duties of the PIO include coordinating arrangements for various media interviews with different Sheriff's Office personnel, and fielding telephone calls from the public covering a variety of public information topics, all in the on-going effort to keep Butler County residents informed.



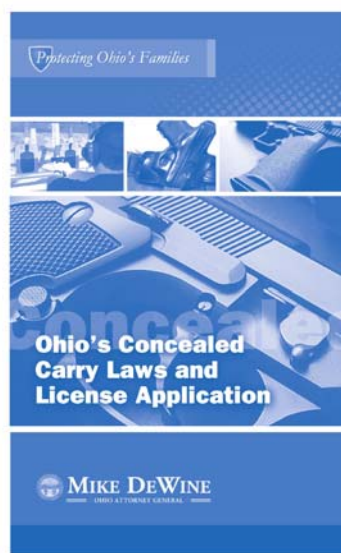


Operations Section

CCW Unit



Since 2004 in the State of Ohio, the Sheriff's offices have been responsible for the issuance of Concealed Carry Licenses. In Butler County, Deputy John (JD) Smith is the Concealed Carry Weapon Coordinator assigned to the task of accepting and processing all applications that are received from the general public. The deputy performs background checks on each individual. In addition, license applications are reviewed for renewals, suspension, revocations and occasional denials.



Applicants for CCW licenses must first attend a (12) twelve hour course as mandated under 2923.125 of the ORC. Instructors must be certified under the (NRA) National Rifle Association, or (OPOTC) Ohio Peace Office Training Commission. After successful completion of a course, they may then apply to their county of residence, or to an adjoining county. Applicants must submit an application, include a passport type photo, and a copy of the certificate of completion for the required firearms safety course. Applicants must be 21 yrs of age, and present a



valid Ohio Identification or Drivers license. A fee is assessed for the processing of applications. This fee covers fingerprinting via a National Web Check. National Web Check is a tool that the deputy can use in order to assist with the background checks. The fingerprints submitted by the applicant are checked against a database through the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Since 2004 Butler County has issued over 12,500 licenses. For 2011 the CCW office issued 1,623 total licenses. Of which, 31 Licenses were suspended, 8 Licenses were revoked due to criminal charges, and 8 applicants were denied for various past criminal convictions that resulted in them being ineligible to obtain a Concealed Carry License.





Operations Section

Civil Division & Sheriff Sales

- Civil Processing
- Foreclosures,
Executions,
And Writs
- Public Information
Officer



Sgt. M. Mayer



Shannon Cook
Candice Johnson
Bill McKee
Glen Traugh

Brenda Miller
Bobbie Ford
James Allen
Sherry Buchheim

Civil Processing Unit

One of the primary mandated responsibilities of every Sheriff's Office in Ohio is to serve the court system. Accordingly, Ohio Sheriffs are charged with the duty of serving legal documents from specific courts within their county. The courts served by our Civil Processing Unit include the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and Area I, II, and III Courts. This legal process includes serving items such as subpoenas, writs of possession, domestic violence protection orders, restraining orders, foreclosure notices, grand jury notices for both civil and criminal proceedings, and notices for petit jury service. Additionally, Courts from other counties and states often have legal documents that must be served or executed on persons living within Butler County. These documents are also processed through our Civil Division, designated as "Foreign Documents." Four Deputies, two clerical specialists, and two civilian employees, all occasionally assisted by volunteer Special Deputies, are responsible for the handling of over 40,000 such documents on an annual basis.





Operations Section

Civil Division & Sheriff Sales

Civil documents processed in 2011 included:

Subpoenas/Summons	22204	Foreclosure Filings	2744
Protection Orders– Domestic	981	Sold at Sheriff's Sale	1400
Protection Orders– Stalking	264	Purchased by Plaintiff	1229
Foreign Papers received	1482	Purchased by "Third Party"	171

Foreclosures, Executions, and Writs

In Ohio, each county Sheriff has the unenviable task of processing and administering court-ordered foreclosures and evictions. With deteriorating economic conditions experienced here and nation-wide, 2011 saw significant foreclosure activity in Butler County. In 2011, the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed 2,744 initial orders for foreclosure sales of real property, primarily the result of defaults on mortgage payments and/or non-payment of real estate tax bills. Those orders resulted in 1,400 (a little more than half) actual sales conducted. Some initial foreclosure filings were withdrawn as lenders tried to work with borrowers in default, some were able to be dismissed entirely, and some were temporarily delayed (for various reasons). The vast majority of the sales; 1,229 (approx. 88%), resulted in the properties being "purchased" by the plaintiffs (banks or persons who had initiated the foreclosure action) who then try to recover their losses.

Financial Executions and Writs of Possession are various orders issued by the courts for the Sheriff's Office to seize other business or personal property, and force the eviction of persons and belongings from real property. During 2011, the Sheriff's Office received 137 Executions and Writs for businesses and equipment, and 432 court orders for evictions. Usually, after formal court orders are filed, the vast majority of persons voluntarily comply with the orders and surrender property and/or move out. In those cases with no voluntary compliance, the Sheriff's Office must take action to enforce those court orders. This resulted in more than 30 forced evictions/setouts during 2011, and numerous seizures of business equipment and assets.





Operations Section

Traffic Division



Sgt. M. Nutt



The Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team (START) Consist of Agencies from Monroe Police Department, Fairfield Township Police Department and Butler County Sheriff's Office. The primary responsibility of the team is to investigate, collect evidence, interview occupants/witnesses and to review all prosecutable cases with the prosecutor's office. START has specialized training in vehicle dynamics, reconstruction and Public safety Vehicles.



2011 START Statistics	
Serious Crashes Investigated	21
Traffic Crash Fatalities	5
Alcohol or Drug Related	8
Traffic Crash Assists (Ross)	2

2011 BCSO Statistics	
Traffic Crashes Total	1577
Injury Crashes	333
Persons Injured in Crashes	531
Hit-Skip Crashes	121
Hit-Skip Crashes Solved	74
Deer Related Crashes	148
Juvenile Involved Crashes	74
OVI Related Crashes	57

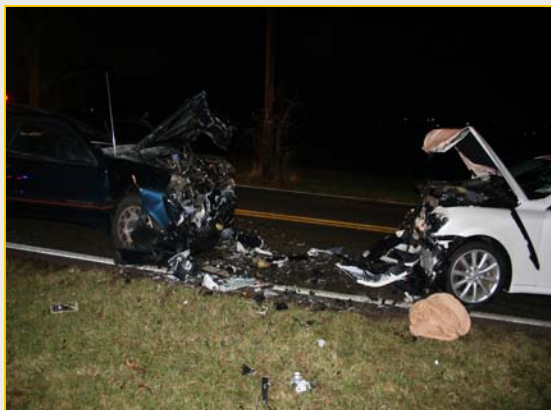




Operations Section

Traffic Division

**Butler County
Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team**
Combining resources to better serve Butler County





Operations Section

Warrants Unit

- **Warrants**
- **Fugitives**
- **Child Support Enforcement Agency**



Sgt. M. Nutt



James Farquis
Robert Mills
Ray Moore
Paul Newton

Aaron Sorrell
Jerry Steverson
Felicia Shelton

The Warrants/Fugitive/CSEA unit consists of 6 Deputies and one Clerical Specialist. The Warrant unit's primary responsibility is to locate and apprehend subjects who are wanted and have active warrants on file with the Sheriff's office. The deputies spend many long hours researching different databases for information to assist in tracking and locating these wanted subjects so that they can be arrested and taken to court for their outstanding warrant. The Warrants unit also specializes in Child Support Enforcement and works closely with the Butler County Child Support Enforcement Agency and as part of their daily duties they serve subpoenas and summons for CSEA. There were over eleven hundred (1100) subpoenas and summons received in 2011 and over twelve hundred (1200) child support related arrests made. These deputies must also assist all other units of the Sheriff's Office when necessary including Transport, Road Patrol, Corrections, Investigations, Civil, and Court Security.





Operations Section

Warrants Unit

On average the Sheriff's office receives over five thousand (**5000**) new warrants a year and currently there are over four thousand five hundred (**4500**) active warrants on file at the Sheriff's Office. Over one thousand five hundred (**1500**) of these warrants are for Child Support or related issues. Each week there are over one hundred new additional warrants that are received by the Sheriff's Office and approximately fifty of these are child support warrants that come in from the courts locally as well as many other adult criminal warrants and juvenile warrants. Due to the high number of the child support warrants they cannot be entered into the LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System) database and can only be entered in the Sheriff's RMS (Records Management System) so that they can be accounted for and maintained. All other warrants are entered into the RMS System and LEADS System. Felony warrants also get entered into the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) system. The Clerical Specialist is responsible for entering these warrants that are received by the Sheriff's Office into the RMS System on a daily basis as well as returning the appropriate portion of the warrants back to each court so that the courts know that the subject has been arrested and an arraignment date can be set.

The Clerical Specialist assists the general public, attorneys, bonding company representatives, and other law enforcement agencies in answering questions and inquiries pertaining to outstanding warrants. The Clerical Specialist also receives many phone calls with helpful tips on locating subjects who are wanted, whether it is for a child support warrant or one of the other many Felony or Misdemeanor warrants on file at the Sheriff's Office. These tips are then passed on to the warrant Deputies to help aide them in the apprehension of these wanted individuals.

One of the five Deputies in the Warrants unit is responsible for the Fugitive Extraditions and Rule 4 hearings that must be done in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Ohio Revised Code. This Deputy's main responsibility is to coordinate between the different Law Enforcement agencies, and assist with the apprehension and return of wanted individuals back to Ohio. All of the Deputies in this unit may at times have to schedule long trips to transport subjects that have been arrested on our warrants back to Butler County Ohio from various states.

2011 year to date Warrant Activity Included 5,667 new warrants; 4,049 warrants served, 83 Rule 4 hearings, and 105 Extraditions from other jurisdictions.





Operations Section

Caisson Unit



The Butler County Sheriff's Office acquired a military caisson in 2000. The caisson and all associated equipment were acquired 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, or 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 unit.

In 2011, three additional members joined the unit, increasing the size of the Caisson unit to eleven members. On May 14, 2011, the Caisson Unit was honored to serve the family of Warren County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Brian Dulle. On May 10, 2011, Sergeant Dulle, 36 years old, was fatally struck by a vehicle being pursued by law enforcement officers as the sergeant tried to deploy stop sticks in front of the fleeing vehicle in an attempt to stop the pursuit. Dulle, an Edgewood High School graduate and Army veteran, had been a deputy since 1999. He was promoted to sergeant in 2005. A funeral procession of more than 550 cars followed Sergeant Dulle's flag-draped casket on his final journey for the ten mile ride to Lebanon Cemetery.





Operations Section

Pipe and Drum Unit



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Pipe and Drum Corp consist of 13 members of volunteers performing in parades, memorials and funeral services. The band functions at no expense to the taxpayers of Butler County, which is quite a feat as it can cost in excess of two thousand dollars to outfit one piper. Through the efforts of the band members, Sheriff Jones has been able to provide the "skirl of the Pipes" at numerous ceremonies and funerals throughout the year.

The Pipe and Drum Corp has performed in many parades in Butler County and traveled across the State, playing for memorials, funerals and for law enforcement meetings. The band was able to join in a "mass band" from all of the country in honoring Deputy Suzanne Hopper of Clark County and Sgt. Brian Dulle of Warren County, both killed in the line of duty in 2011.



2011 Dulle Funeral





Operations Section

Honor Guard

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



George Coleman
Mike Jacobs
Chris Morris
Glen Traugh

Dan Turner
Greg Turner
Paul Weddle



2011 Memorial Day Parade





Operations Section

Special Deputies

The members of the Special Deputy Unit provide Officer and Community Safety in support of the Sheriff's Mission. Many full-time employees of the Sheriff's Office once started as Special Deputies. When a candidate becomes a Special Deputy they are state certified as a peace officer with the same authority as a regular deputy. Special Deputies are usually employed full-time in other vocations. 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 to maintain their commissions.

In 2011, the Special Deputy Unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office was comprised of a group of twenty-two dedicated volunteers who contribute to the quality of life in Butler County by infusing energy, talent, and experience that broadened the capabilities and excellence of the Sheriff's operations.

Goals of the Special Deputy unit compliment patrol operations, court services operations, investigations, corrections, warrant service operations, and community service through participation in special events the Sheriff's Office is involved with.

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

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.

The Special Deputies are under the direction of Special Deputy Steve Vollmar. Special Deputy Vollmar is a retired police chief and a former training officer of the Butler County Sheriff's Office



Special Deputy Defensive Tactics Training





Operations Section

Volunteers in Police Service

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program begins with the recruitment of citizens who want to serve their community within the law enforcement profession. Volunteer candidates attend a twelve-week Sheriff's Citizens academy which instructs them about the duties and responsibilities of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The program, which began in 2006, has two duty areas for graduates of the Sheriff's Citizen Academy. After graduation, these volunteers are assigned to one or both VIPS assignments.



2011 Citizens on Patrol

The first VIPS assignment is the Volunteer Support Staff program which comprises of clerical assignments within the Sheriff's Office. In 2011, Support Staff volunteers donated a total of 407 hours to Central Records.

The second assignment is the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program which places trained volunteers in a marked cruiser performing non-enforcement duties such as traffic control, high visibility patrol, premises checks, and generally acting as "eyes and ears" for law enforcement. During 2011, the COP members conducted 370 vacation checks on homes while owners were away. COP members conducted 1,018 extra patrol requests, responded to 41 calls for service, and logged a total of 6,848 patrol miles during their voluntary tours of duty.

In 2011, a total of 10 VIPS members donated a total of 1303 hours to the Butler County Sheriff's Office and Butler County citizens. In 2011, Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones saw the need to utilize the increased number of citizens who wanted to participate in the COP program. Interviews of graduates of the 2011 Sheriff's Citizen Academy resulted in the selection of another seven volunteers who wished to serve the citizens of Butler County as members of the COP program. The Citizens on Patrol members selected 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.





Operations Section

Fleet Management



The responsibilities of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Fleet Management Unit is conducted by Deputy Dale Paullus. He is responsible for managing all vehicle maintenance, equipment inventory and distribution. The fleet consists of Patrol Cruisers, Transport Vans and Buses, Administrative vehicles, unmarked Detective units, motorcycles, Armored SWAT vehicles, Bomb Trucks, and Helicopter. The key to reliable and safe vehicles is routine maintenance. Our monthly routine includes: oil changes, all fluids (washer, differential, etc.), full chassis inspection, steering operation, breaks, tires, all undercarriage, emergency equipment, lighting, alternator (high demand on electrical equipment). The best maintenance tip for keeping police vehicles ready is a regular maintenance plan. At every 3,000-mile interval, officers turn their vehicles in for an oil and filter change, brakes and air filter check. Tires are checked every time the car goes into the shop, regardless of mileage intervals. Not only is safety and longer wear major factors, fuel cost savings of up to 0.4% for every one psi drop in tire pressure. Under-inflated tires result in low gas mileage. With the biggest issues for police vehicles being their idle time and frequent starts and stops, this preventive maintenance ensures the vehicles are safe to operate for the maximum length of time.

Another responsibility of the Fleet Unit is the Salvage / Towing responsibilities. The Ohio Revised Code requires that the County Sheriff's inspect all salvage and towing operations within their jurisdiction annually. The major reason for inspecting these facilities is to locate the registered vehicle owners and processing "unclaimed" vehicles to the State of Ohio Law Enforcement agencies as well as private property owner towed vehicles that later go unclaimed. We must try to locate the rightful owners in a timely manner. If no owner can be found or will not come forward we obtain an affidavit through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Salvage/Tow yards can obtain a new title to the vehicle in question.

Road Patrol and Fleet Management Facts Butler County consist of 469 square miles and 953 miles of Township and County Roads, all of which (except West Chester Township) fall under the Sheriff's Office primary jurisdiction. Additionally Butler County has 230 miles of U.S and State Routes, most of which come under the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction as well. Each Township we are responsible for is considered a District. Each of our District's average 144 square miles of Patrol area. In comparison, the cities of Hamilton, Fairfield, and Middletown patrol an area about as large as a single Township.





Operations Section

Explorers Unit

The Sheriff's Office Explorer Unit consists of individuals who are 14 to 21 years of age who are interested in pursuing a future career in law enforcement. The program is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. Deputy Matt Ginter, Matt Kellum, Deputy Erik Betz, Deputy/CO Heather Taylor, Deputy/CO Brian Romans, Deputy/CO Taylor Henson, and Oxford Township Officer David Geiger all volunteer their time to train the Explorers and act as Explorer Advisors for the program.

In 2011 the Explorers participated in over 200 hours of training. All of the hard work paid off when they competed in two law enforcement explorer competitions in Ohio. On April 30th, 2011 they competed in a competition in Akron, Ohio. The Explorers placed 3rd in Arrest, Search, and Seizure; 3rd in Crisis Negotiations; 1st in Burglary in Progress; 1st in Traffic Crash Investigation; 3rd in CPR/First Aid; and 2nd in Domestic Violence. Explorer Lieutenant Zach Meyer placed 2nd overall in the physical agility course. The Explorers Unit placed 2nd overall out of 20 participating agencies.

On May 21st and 22nd, 2011 the Explorers competed in a regional competition in Cincinnati. They placed 1st in Critical Incident / First Aid, 1st in Traffic Stop, 1st in Traffic Accident Investigation, 1st in Burglary in Progress, 2nd in Crisis Intervention (hostage negotiation), and 4th in Arrests, Search, and Seizure. Explorer Lieutenant Zach Meyer placed 1st in the police mountain bike obstacle course. The Explorers Unit again placed 2nd out of 20 participating agencies.

The Explorers received firearms training over the course of two days in August 2011. NRA Instructor, Mike Halcomb, conducted a class that trained the Explorers on firearms safety, nomenclature, grip, stance, loading, and unloading. Lieutenant John Sons and Mike Halcomb then conducted live fire exercises at the Sheriff's Office shooting range. All of the Explorers successfully passed the National Rifle Association's requirements by shooting the course of fire that certified them as pro marksman. Following the NRA course of fire Lieutenant Sons graded the Explorers on a condensed law enforcement type of qualification course. Deputy Ginter familiarized the Explorers with the AR-15 rifle and 12 gauge pump action shotgun. Each Explorer was given the opportunity to fire both weapons.

Explorers assisted the Sheriff's Office in 2011 by working close to 200 hours in the records division, fleet management, grounds maintenance, and the Butler County Fair. One Explorer, Zach Meyer, graduated from the program in 2011 when he completed the program and was hired by a local law enforcement agency.





Operations Section

Explorers Unit



2011 Explorer Training and Competition Photos





Operations Section

Investigations Division



Sgt. J. Riegert



Melissa Achterman
Det. Rick Bucheit
Det. Melissa Gerhardt
Det. Mike Gutowski

Det. Damon Mayer
Det. Duane Monroe
Det. Ron Owens
Det. Jason Rosser

Det. Steve Sprague
Det. Ed Tanner
Det. Hung Tri-Rudolph
Det. Rob Whitlock

Not Pictured:
Det. Joe Fuller
Det. Mike Hackney

Detectives work a wide variety of cases that include homicides, robberies, burglaries, thefts, sexual assaults, domestic violence, and just about any other type of reported criminal activity. These cases include both juvenile and adult victims and offenders. Due to the diverse caseload it is not uncommon for these individuals to complete the role of photographer, evidence technician, victim advocate, and interrogator all in the same day. The investigators not only deal with the criminal element, but with the social element as well.

2011 was a very challenging year for detectives due to budgetary restraints and the reduction of manpower. Lt. Craft was extremely pleased with the investigators ability to do more with less and still provide the citizens of Butler County with professional and proficient crime solving results. Several of those cases include:





Operations Section

Investigations Division

Vargo Case

On June 27, 2010 Detective Bucheit responded to the Sheriff's office to conduct an interview with Darin Vargo. Darin, age 15, was reported missing by his mother earlier in the day and upon locating him he made disclosure that his older brother, Ben, had been sexually abusing him since he was about 7 years old. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that Ben Vargo had sexually abused at least 3 of his 7 siblings for a period of approximately 7 or 8 years. The youngest of his victims was 14 at this time and the abuse began at approximately age 7. On September 10, 2010 Darin made full disclosure to a counselor at Children's Diagnostic Center (CDC) about being raped by Ben and all the details about the incidents were disclosed. On September 24, 2010 Detectives responded to the Vargo residence for a suicide. Darin Vargo, age 15, had committed suicide. There were 4 siblings present at the time of the suicide. During interviews with two of the male siblings they both disclosed that Ben had been sexually abusing them for years. Darin is the second of the siblings to commit suicide. On September 24, 2010 Ben Vargo was charged with rape. A Grand Jury indicted him on 26 counts of Rape and 2 counts of Gross Sexual Imposition. He was sentenced to 15 years in Prison.

Willis/McElroy/Shepherd Case

In the early hours of July 7, 2011, deputies were called to 6255 Elderberry Court in Liberty Township on a report of a home invasion/robbery involving two male subjects wielding a firearm. Upon arrival, deputies discovered the victim, Evelyn Shepherd, had been sleeping upstairs in her residence when she was awoken by two male subjects demanding money and brandishing a black handgun. The victim stated the two suspects attempted to bind her hands and mouth with tape but eventually abandoned the effort and fled with her cell phone and an undetermined amount of cash. Upon detectives' arrival at the scene later that same morning, it became apparent after speaking to the victim's 16 year-old daughter, Sandrine Shepherd, that she may have more knowledge and involvement than she initially indicated to the responding deputies. Upon interviewing the victim's daughter, Detectives Owens and Rudolf discovered the daughter orchestrated the entire incident by recruiting an acquaintance, Eddie Willis, to stage a robbery in order to scare and possibly injure her own mother. As a result of an exhaustive day-long investigation involving the entire Investigations Division, Eddie Willis was eventually arrested and brought in for questioning. Eddie admitted to recruiting Daniel McElroy, a collegiate athlete on a basketball scholarship from Bowling Green State University, to aid him in the staged robbery. All three subjects eventually pled guilty to various charges including Aggravated Robbery, Kidnapping, and Complicity.

Freeze/Moore Case

In January 2011, Deputies and Detectives responded to Batteries Plus, in Liberty Township, for an armed robbery. Alert citizens provided critical information that was quickly developed to identify probable suspects in the robbery. Brian Freeze was arrested in Middletown and confessed to his the robbery that evening. Later, that same night, Wesley Moore was arrested in Columbus, Ohio, and confessed to his involvement in the robbery as well. Both subjects were linked to more than 16 robberies that occurred over a 4 month time period. The robberies occurred in Middletown, West Chester, Franklin, Springboro, and Columbus. Wesley Moore plead to armed robbery and kidnapping and was sentenced to 17 years in prison. Brian Freeze was found guilty of kidnapping and armed robbery and was sentenced to 21 years in prison.





Operations Section

Children Services Unit



Sheriff Jones created a “One” of a kind investigative unit to work inside the Butler County Children Services Agency in 2007 with the assistance of the County Commissioners. This is believed to be the only such unit in all of Ohio’s 88 counties.

It was recognized that case workers needed immediate information on persons involved in child neglect, abuse, and sexual abuse cases before entering the field to make contact with a suspect. This was clearly a safety issue for case workers since they were entering homes on allegations against persons that could be a danger to them. Now every case referral received by the agency has a photo and criminal record sheet given to the case worker before they respond to the field for the follow-up investigation.

The Criminal Investigative Resource Unit consists of five (5) civilian investigators and one Police Certified Supervisor, Garry Day. This Unit creates a criminal history report on every person involved in a case by using the police data bases that contains data from all fifty states. This Unit also investigates all “Threat” cases against case workers and provides support for the Adoption Unit by providing finger-prints via the On-Line electronic BCI/FBI criminal history checks where the results are immediate. The Unit has the newly created Criminal Justice Information System, CJIS, data base that is sponsored by the Butler County Sheriff's Office for all the Foster Parents, and Foster Facility Employees to monitor and report instantly to the Criminal Investigative Resource Unit any contact those persons have with police. This is a key component in keeping our children safe. In 2011 the unit monitored 7,813 persons in the CJIS System data base. The Criminal Investigative Resource Unit is responsible for locating all Foster Juvenile “Runaways” as well.

2011 Statistics	
Criminal History Checks	6274
Negative History Checks	1543
BCI/FBI Fingerprints	795
Foster Juvenile “Runaways” Reported	41
Runaways Located	41
Agency Threat cases towards case workers	19
Threat Cases investigated and closed	19
Operation Safety Checks	4
Unannounced Visits	523
Juvenile Drug Court “Home” Visits	130
Criminal Investigations	83
Court Appearances	39





Operations Section

Victim Assistance



The Butler County Victim Assistance Program was created in 1997. Donna Holbert and Connie Reyes fulfill the duties of the Victim Assistance Program. Their mission is to empower victims of misdemeanor crimes by serving as a liaison of communication between the courts and the victim, providing the victim with information and support

both during and after the victim's involvement in the judicial system. In 2011, court advocacy services were provided to approximately 2173 victims of crimes in Butler County. These advocates service the Butler County Area Courts I, II, and III and are on call to assist victims at Butler County Municipal Courts. Additionally, they assist victims with paperwork and attend both Civil Protection Order and Stalking Civil Protection Order hearings as needed. The Victim Assistance Program advocacy and support services include: protective shelter referrals, safety planning, crisis intervention, emotional support, victim notification of court dates and times, assistance with VOCC-Victims of Crime Compensation claim forms, information and assistance registering for VINE-Victim Information Notification Everyday, restitution support, counseling and other referrals, court advocacy/escort and assistance with protective orders in Domestic Violence cases in both the criminal and civil courts. They believe all persons have a right to live free of violence and to have a voice in the judicial process. These victim services are made possible due to the continued support of Sheriff Richard K. Jones, and grant funding by The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA 1984) and The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA 1994).

Property Room



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Property Room is managed by Deputy David Rumpler and Susan Dutterer. They process, inventory, catalog, and store every piece of property or evidence that is collected by Sheriff's Office personnel. They also audit the property and

return, auction, or destroy items as determined by court dispositions. In 2011, they processed 708 property tags containing 6,101 items. A total of 509 items were released per court order and 8,728 items were destroyed per court order. They also transport evidence to various laboratories for testing purposes. They made 34 lab runs in 2011 with 793 items to be tested.





Operations Section

BURN Unit



Sgt. Langmeyer

This was the second full year for the BURN Task Force. BURN is a multi-agency narcotics task force hosted by the Butler County Sheriff's Office combined with such agencies as Butler County Adult Probation, West Chester Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Fairfield Township Police Department, Oxford Police Department, and new to the task force in 2011 was the Ross Township Police Department.

January 2011

Agents conducted a reverse sting operation on Joshua Breedlove with approximately 70 pounds of marijuana. Joshua Breedlove advised that he wanted to purchase the marijuana and a meeting place was set. Josh Breedlove took possession of the marijuana and gave a 1000.00 dollar down payment. Josh Breedlove was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana. The case went to trial and Breedlove was found guilty of all charges and sentenced to a 10 year mandatory prison sentence.



February 2011

On 02-02-2011 agents conducted a buy bust operation. Agents bought 10 caps of heroin from a vehicle and the vehicle was stopped. The driver of the vehicle, James Ewing, was arrested for permitting drug abuse and his vehicle was seized. The passenger, Luke Glover, was found to have 119 capsules of heroin on him and was also arrested for trafficking in drugs. The investigation led to the leader of the operation, Cody Rutherford, who admitted to his involvement and was found to have an additional 19 grams of heroin.



On 02-04-2011 Agents conducted an undercover investigation which led to the arrest of Deundre Howard of Dayton, Ohio. It was discovered through the investigation that Mr. Howard was transporting large quantities of heroin into Butler County. Howard was arrested following this undercover sting while in the process of transporting over 528 capsules of heroin and an additional 6.8 grams of heroin into Butler County. Howard was convicted of felony trafficking in drugs and is currently serving 4 years in prison.





Operations Section

BURN Unit

March 2011

Jason Lee and Shannon Peak worked together for several months in a criminal enterprise to obtain and sell prescription drugs. When a fraudulent prescription was obtained, both subjects worked together to conduct surveillance on the pharmacy and the parking lot and would leave immediately if they thought the police may have been called.

Specifically, Jason Lee was notorious for phony call-in prescriptions for Hydrocodone in quantities of 90 to 120 unit doses per call. They then transitioned into passing over 120 fraudulent prescriptions printed on "tamper resistant" prescription paper for Oxycodone for quantities of 90 to 120 unit doses per prescription. The listed offenses occurred in Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Warren, and Montgomery Counties.

In March 2011, it was discovered that Jason Lee and Shannon Peak were residing in Hamilton. Once this was discovered their movements were tracked and enough evidence was gathered to obtain a search warrant. Upon serving the search warrant, both Jason Lee and Shannon Peak were arrested and cooperated with the investigation. With the evidence gathered at the scene and the confessions, both subjects ultimately plead guilty. Jason Lee received an 8 year sentence and Shannon Peak received a 4 year sentence. Additionally, evidence found at the search warrant was also used in a conviction in Hamilton County, where Jason Lee received an 8 year sentence, and Shannon Peak received a 4 year sentence.

April 2011



Agents conducted 2 controlled purchases of heroin from Cody Schwegmann which led to a search warrant at his residence located at 190 Westbrook Apt.12, in the City of Hamilton, Ohio. Agents located a 9mm firearm, 146 capsules of Heroin, misc. pills, drug paraphernalia and \$3,794.00 in cash. Schwegmann was charged with Trafficking in Heroin and Possession of Heroin. Schwegmann eventually plead guilty and was sentenced to 3 years in prison along with forfeiting all cash seized during the search warrant to the BURN Unit.





Operations Section

BURN Unit

October 2011

Agents conducted a controlled purchase of heroin from Gregory Peck leading to a search warrant for the residence he was utilizing to conduct his transactions which was identified as 1323 Dayton Street in the City of Hamilton. The residence is located across the street from Fairwood Elementary School. Agents executed the



search warrant and found approximately 36 grams of heroin and \$4,526.00 from the pants pocket of Mr. Peck. Agents also located digital scales and paraphernalia throughout the residence. Gregory Peck was charged with Trafficking in Heroin and Possession of Heroin. He would later enter a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 3 years in prison. The money was forfeited and turned over to the BURN Unit.

December 2011

Agents conducted an extensive investigation on Joshua Short and William Barr for selling large amounts of Heroin in the Butler County Area. Agents were able to determine that Joshua Short was responsible for bringing large amounts of heroin from Dayton, Ohio to the Hamilton, Ohio area for



distribution purposes. Agents conducted two purchases of heroin off Short, totaling 87 grams. Agents were able to obtain search warrants and ultimately recovered an additional 140 grams of Heroin. Agents located and seized the following assets which were believed by agents' to be derived from Short's drug trafficking enterprise: a 2000 Ford F-250, a 1985 Chevy Caprice and two custom Suzuki motorcycles. Josh Short and William Barr were both charged with trafficking in drugs and Possession of drugs all Felonies of the First Degree. Both subjects are currently housed in the Butler Jail awaiting trial.





Operations Section

BURN Unit

DEA Task Force

In October of 2010, Detective Mike Hackney and DEA Special Agent Keith Stamper began a historical investigation into a large scale marijuana and cocaine drug trafficking organization originating out of south Texas and extending its reach into the Tri-State area with a large emphasis on Butler and Hamilton Counties. In early 2011 Stamper and Hackney traveled to Brownsville, Texas meeting with Brownsville DEA and the Department of Homeland Security and were able to identify points of origin, additional suspects, and their residences. Throughout the investigation agents and officers gathered information revealing the distribution of thousands of pounds of marijuana being sold in and around Butler County. The investigation also identified corruption of officers within a court system as well as criminal involvement of a police officer. Interviews conducted during this investigation assisted other state and local as well as federal investigations in other parts of the United States. Currently 6 individuals have been indicted federally with an anticipation of indicting approximately 10 to 15 others upon completion of the financial portion of the investigation. Non-drug seizures to date include \$83,000.00 cash, 14 real properties, a cabin cruiser boat, a limited edition Corvette Mallett, funds seized from 5 bank accounts in excess of \$100,000.00. Estimated value of seizures at the current time is approximately \$1,500,000.00. It is anticipated that additional assets and/or cash will be seized before the conclusion of the investigation.

END OF YEAR TOTALS

BURN Unit

Search Warrants: 101
Cash Seized: \$134,510.00
Cars Seized: 15
Firearms Seized: 85
Cocaine/Crack Cocaine Cases: 53
Marijuana Cases: 77
Meth Cases: 20
Heroin Cases: 107
Pharmaceutical Cases: 63
Misc. Cases: 24
Assist Other Agencies: 44
Cases involving Felony 3 and above: 120

DEA Task Force

Shared Seizures: \$76,160.00

HIT Squad (February thru July 2011)

Vehicle Stops: 37
Parcels Interdicted: 9
Marijuana Cases: 22
Heroin Cases: 5
Assist Other Agencies: 10
Cases Felony 3 and above: 5





Operations Section

Bomb Squad



G. Michael Grimes
Jason Rosser
Greg Wargo



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad is one of 467 accredited bomb squads across the United States and one of 18 in the State of Ohio. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad is the primary bomb squad for Butler and the following adjacent counties: Clinton, Preble, and Warren. We also support the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Dayton Police Bomb Squads.

We are part of a collective of all bombs squads in Ohio, referred to as the Ohio Bomb Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This group has been successful in obtaining federal monies for bomb squad equipment purchases. Equipment is also purchased for the bomb squad through UASI Grant Funding. We share bomb squad purchasing with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad and the Cincinnati Fire Department Bomb Squad, who are both part of this UASI Region. These three bomb squads are the only ones in this UASI region and have been working together to purchase equipment that is interchangeable and compatible with each squad (in case one or more of the squads have a joint operation).

All certified bomb squads across the United States are Accredited by the FBI and the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board. Accreditation can only be achieved by squads who have the required equipment (as mandated by the FBI and NBSCAB) as well as certified technicians. Bomb Technician certification must be renewed every three years at HDS. A benefit of all bomb squads through out the United States is that ALL are trained the same at one training center; the Hazardous Devices School, located within Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. All Bomb Technicians must also be Hazardous Materials Technicians prior to going through their basic training, due to the potential for encountering Hazardous Materials (Chemical, Biological and Radiological) used in or in conjunction with an explosive device.



Remote Control





Operations Section

Bomb Squad



Bomb truck during night operation at left.

Regional truck with BCSO total containment system at right.



Bomb Unit Calls for Service	2011
Accidental Explosions	2
Bombing– Improvised Explosive Device (IED)	1
Bombing– Improvised Incendiary Device (IID)	1
Bombing– Overpressure Device	1
Explosives Disposal	2
Protective Details	5
Recovered– Explosives	5
Recovered– Military Ordinance	5
Recovered– Fireworks	1
Recovered– IED	5
Hoax Device	3
Recovered– Miscellaneous	2
Suspicious Package	15
Technical Assistance	4
Threat– Bomb	7





Operations Section

Bomb Squad

During 2011, the Bomb Squad assisted the FBI in an investigation involving the recovery of a quantity of C-4 Plastic Explosive along with the booster assemblies supplied in the Stolen Military Demolition System. This investigation spanned over several states. Photos below and at right.



Recovered Explosive Materials– (above and below right)



Left: Walk-in explosives magazine allows for the safe storage of explosives as well as explosive





Operations Section

Bomb Squad



Robot inspecting a suspicious package- Fairfield



Post Blast Investigation Class



Training provided during 2011:

- 5/13/2011 "Homemade Bombs" Seminar, University of Cincinnati;
- 5/16/2011 – 5/20/2011 Butler County Post Blast Investigation Class;
- 6/25/2011 Butler County Chief's of Police, "Respect for Law Camp";
- 7/26/2011 TSA, Butler County SO Bomb / Explosives Range;
- 7/27/2011 TSA, Butler County SO Bomb / Explosives Range;
- 7/28/2011 TSA, Butler County SO Bomb / Explosives Range;
- 7/29/2011 Hamilton County Sheriff's Office recruit class, Hamilton Co SO Range;
- 8/11/2011 FBI NIEF Community Outreach/ 1st Responders Home Made Explosives, Range Demonstration, Columbus, Ohio;
- 8/21/2011 Equipment Display, Milford Township Open House;
- 9/7/2011 "Explosive Devices / Suspicious Packages", Hamilton Safety Council;
- 9/17/2011 Equipment Display, Bridgewater Falls Safety Fair, Fairfield Township;
- 10/1/2011 Equipment Display, Home Depot Safety Day, Fairfield Township;
- 10/27/2011 Clan Lab Familiarization Class, Riley Township Fire Department;
- 10/27/2011 – 10/28/2011 Greater Cincinnati Regional Arson and Fire Investigators Seminar, Evendale, Ohio;
- 11/3/2011 Haz Mat Awareness Training given, Butler County EMA Office;
- 11/4/2011 Haz Mat Operations Training given, Butler County EMA Office





Administrative Section

Corrections Division



Lt. S. Brown



Lt. D. Adams

Corrections Supervision



Sgt. Jim Calhoun
Sgt. Rob Clendenin
Sgt. Neale Curwin
Sgt. Teresa Dietz



Sgt. Diana Dunn
Sgt. Kevin Grathwohl
Sgt. Vee Hurst
Sgt. Melinda Lay



Sgt. Lyle Luttrell
Sgt. Dave Reynolds
Sgt. Bill Roark
Sgt. David Rumpler



Sgt. Carol Seals
Sgt. Maria Smith
Sgt. Jeff Smith





Administrative Section

Corrections Staff



Timothy Adams
Daniel Allen
Edward Asher
Timothy Baker

Joseph Banks
Lawanda Banks
Joshua Beck
Stephanie Bishop

Nathaniel Blanton
Elizabeth Boughen
Joshua Bowling
Michael Burkett

John Calhoun
Leroy Cardwell
Christie Caudill
Phillip Clark

George Coleman
Derek Collins
Jimmy Combs
Randy Combs

Nicole Corbin
Mike Cox
James Crowley
Mike Crutchfield

Matthew Davidson
Rebecca Davidson
Jeff Day
Melvin Fisher

Not Pictured:
Brandon Benjamin





Administrative Section

Corrections Staff



Larry Foster
Michael Gipson
David Green
Monte Hackney

Michal Hamblin
Todd Hartman
Robert Hoffman
Merlin Hoover

Brenda Johnson
Sabrina Johnson
William Kelly
Kyle Kindell

David Kohlhorst
Allen Kuhlmann
Linda Lambert
Amanda Lee

Richard Lee
Eddie Lynch
Michael Mariano
Roger McIlvaine

Sheila McIlvaine
Tessa McIntosh
Tonja McKee
Angeline McQueen

Ronda Mishos
Christopher Morris
Zane Nickell
Gary Rednour

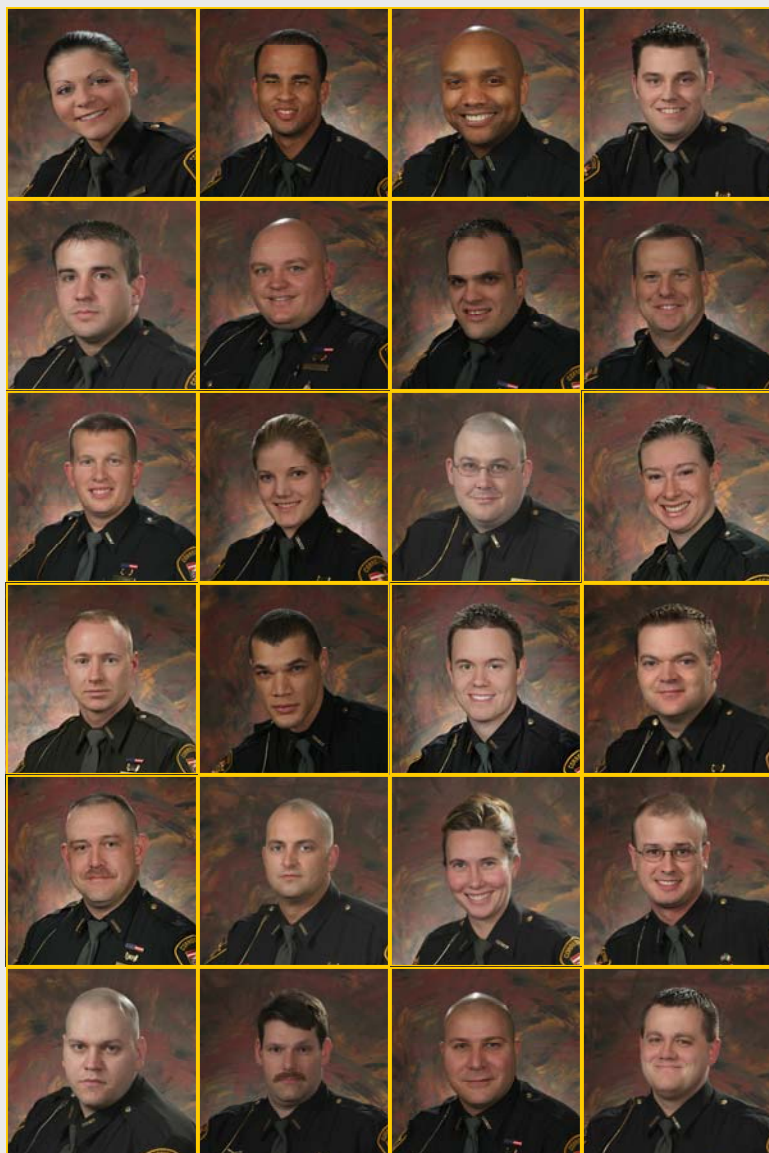
Not Pictured:
Michael Lilly





Administrative Section

Corrections Staff



April Riahi
Nathan Rice
Maurice Riggins
Chad Rumpler

Andrew Schroeder
Jason Schultz
Aaron Smith
Aaron Smith

Steven Tanner
Heather Taylor
Kevin Tendam
Whitney Tendam

Clifton Thomas
Joes Thurkill
Daniel Turner
Gregory Turner

Brian Vogel
Kenneth Webster
Melinda Weddle
Paul Weddle

Chad White
Michael Willer
Eric Wishart
Charles Young

Not Pictured:
Ronald Wells

“Spectemur Agendo”
Let us be judged by our actions

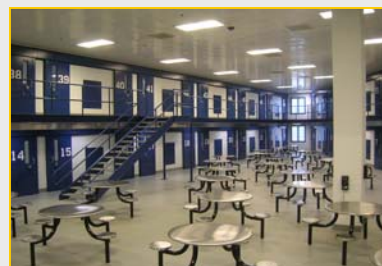




Administrative Section

Corrections Division

Overview: Captain Katie McMahon, Correction Section Commander of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, oversees all aspects of the Corrections Division. The Butler County Jail facilities are a multi-million dollar business operation with the goal of providing a safe environment for the employees as well as the inmates who visit the complex. Captain McMahon believes the biggest assets in the jail are the Men and Women officers who are dedicated to the operation of the facility. When an inmate enters the jail they are immediately aware of the professionalism of the staff and the expectations of their behavior while they are incarcerated.



New Transport Bus

The Warden of the Butler County Correctional Centers, Lieutenant Nick Fisher, was promoted to the position in 2010 and has been a driving force in assuring both facilities are used to their maximum potential. He has implemented numerous changes, increasing bed space and contracts held by the Sheriff's Office.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office houses inmates in two separate facilities – the Hanover Street Facility and the Court Street Facility. Hanover Street houses all classifications of inmates and has an inmate capacity of 848. Built in 2001, it is a state of the art facility that houses not only Butler County inmates but also contracted inmates for the US Marshal's, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and Bureau of Prisons. Contracted beds are also available for inmates of other county jurisdictions. All inmates are received, booked, and released from this facility. Last year alone, over 13,600 inmates were booked into the facility. An equal number were released. The jails are in operation twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The Court Street Facility, which prior to 2001 was the County's only facility, was restored in 2007 and can house 200 inmates. It houses minimum and medium male and female inmates. It is here that the County houses its trustees. Work details are coordinated from this facility by a Trustee Coordinator who qualifies and assigns inmates to their details.

Contract Inmates Yearly Average:

USMS Male	USMS Female	ICE Male	ICE Female	Other Male	Other Female	BOP Male	BOP Female
122	5	102	4	262	125	6	0





Administrative Section

Corrections Division

Classification Unit

Upon entering the facility, all inmates are classified to the proper housing units to minimize risk to both the inmate and the facility. Inmates are classed as Minimum, Medium, or Maximum, depending upon their charges, prior criminal histories, jail behaviors and physical and mental conditions. Uniforms are colored according to class, which helps officers distinguish their level of security at a glance. Inmates are reclassified every 30 days to assure no changes to their classification are warranted.

Month	Classified	Reclassi- fied	Total
January	761	40	1574
February	1078	257	1318
March	1298	547	1845
April	1253	496	1749
May	1219	303	1522
June	1010	201	1211
July	847	389	1236
August	1056	444	1500
September	813	218	1031
October	908	546	1454
November	876	239	1115
December	894	326	1220
Yearly	12013	4006	16775

ICE 287(g) Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Office and the US Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have formed a partnership allowing immigration enforcement within the county. In 2011, over 1500 suspected illegal aliens were processed by ICE and housed in the facility for possible deportation. Video court allows ICE inmates to attend legal proceedings through the immigration court in Cleveland, Ohio, without leaving the facility, which has drastically cut costs and saved manpower. Local ICE agents have offices within the facility, strengthening the communication and efficiency of the process.



Immigration Video Court





Administrative Section

Corrections Division

Canine

Corrections Officer Christopher Morris and his partner Tank play a vital role in keeping the facility free of contraband. Contraband is considered to be any item which is considered to be a detriment to the safe and orderly operation of the facility. The team routinely conducts facility searches to “sniff out” and eradicate items that do not belong in the compound. This promotes a safer environment for both the inmates and the staff.



Trusty Program

The Sheriff's Office utilizes inmate labor to help offset costs. In 2011, over \$1,135,000 was saved as inmates worked in excess of 150,000 hours by assisting both the jails and the community. Inmates prepare and serve all meals, as well as maintain the grounds and the inside of both facilities. All inmate laundry is done in house by the trustys and they also man the phones to answer basic questions for the public. Inmates who work are eligible to receive “good days” from their sentencing judge in return for their service.



Statistics	Year 2011
Inmate Worker Program Hours	153477
Inmate Worker Program Dollars Saved	\$1,135,730.00
Chain Gang Hours Worked	1123
Chain Gang Trash Bags Collected	1652

PRIDE Detail

The PRIDE (Providing Responsibility for Inmates through Duties for the Environment) detail, supervised by Corrections Officer Mike Gipson, conducts roadside cleanups throughout the community. The program is funded primarily through Federal Grants and in the year 2011 alone, over 1,100 work hours were logged and over 1,600 bags of trash were collected. The “Chain Gang” as it is known, collects aluminum cans and redeems them for cash, helping offset any additional costs to the program. This program also helps to foster a sense of pride and teaches community values to the inmates involved.





Administrative Section

Corrections Division

Inmate Discipline

Rules and regulations must exist in any correctional facility to maintain order and inmate and officer safety. Upon entry into the facility, inmates are issued a handbook which outlines the facility rules and consequences if they are not adhered to. Inmate rule violations can be punishable by loss of commissary, loss of visitation or even in the more extreme cases, physical isolation. Inmates requesting a hearing in regards to their "ticket" can meet with the Hearing Officer, who will hear the facts and determine guilt or innocence. In 2011, over 1,300 such hearings were held.

Type of Report	YTD
Inmate/Inmate Assault	57
Inmate to Staff Assault	21
Inmate Issue	2018
Facility Issue	3182
Medical Issue	576
Food / Laundry Issue	255
Escape / Attempt	0
Shakedown / Contraband	7166
Forensic	881
Suicide Att. / Deaths	7
Fires / Nat. Disasters	3
Administrative Issue	281

Forensic

The Sheriff's Office recognizes that arrest and incarceration can be one of the most traumatic events in the average person's life. Thus, a forensic team comprised of three full time licensed employees and a part-time psychiatrist is available to provide the inmates with crisis intervention, suicidal/homicidal risk assessments, special housing requirements, medications, and post discharge planning. Inmates are assessed for their need of forensic intervention upon entering the facility and a system has been implemented allowing inmates to leave a request via phone for forensic aid during their stay. This line is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once under forensic care, the forensic team interacts with these inmates on a daily basis or until they are returned to the general population.

Inmate Services

Inmates use our Inmate Services Division to request legal services, voice grievances and request special services. Clerical Specialist Susan Riley receives these "Kites" and processes them. In 2011, she responded to over 27,000 inmate requests. She is also responsible for supplying indigent inmates with packets containing hygiene, correspondence and phone card items on a weekly basis. During the year, almost 15,000 indigent packets were distributed.





Administrative Section

Medical Division



Carla Estep

Randy Oney



Kelly Whitlock

Inmate Medical Statistics	2011
Inmates Screened	6579
Emergency Transports	133
Off Site Appointments	305
Pathology Procedures	252
Radiological Procedures	408
Sick Call Requests	6215
Medical Files Reviewed	5937
Physician Visits	696
Dental Appointments	218

Medical Services

Medical services are provided to the inmates through our Medical Division, supervised by Carla Estep. Inmates are medically screened upon entering the facility to discern special needs or medication requirements. Inmates who require medical care during their stay may make the request by filling out a "green slip." Much like a kite, these requests are submitted to the medical staff who assess them and arrange the appropriate treatment. Medics perform sick-call visits in each pod on a daily basis and the facility houses a full time nurse, an on-call physician and a part time dentist to serve the inmate's medical needs. For treatments not provided by the facility, inmates can be transported to the appropriate outside medical provider by the Transportation Division.

Additional Jail Statistics:

Inmates Booked / Released	2011 Totals	Monthly Average
Total Inmates Booked	13642	1137
Total Inmates Released	13609	1134

Kitchen Statistics	2011 Totals	Monthly Average
Meals Served	885668	73806





Administrative Section

Records Division

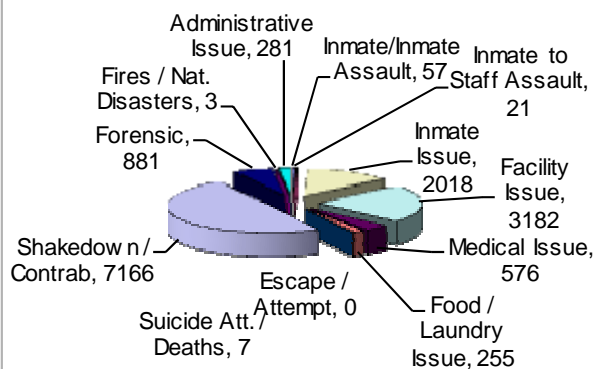


Susan Gill– Clerical Specialist
Randi Isaacs– Clerical Specialist
Kristy Lorentsen– Clerical Specialist

Kimberly Prewitt– Clerical Specialist
Susan Reik– Clerical Specialist
Susan Riley– Clerical Specialist

Central Records serves the public, government agencies, and all divisions within the Butler County Sheriff's Office. It is the first point of contact for the public when entering the building. Several services are provided including fingerprinting BCI&I (state) and FBI (national), local background checks, public record requests, inmate/attorney visits, collection of inmate commissary money, and copies of accident reports. Central Records processed and validated 3,391 offense and incident reports created by the patrol division, 1,589 accidents, and 421 towed vehicles in 2011. Central Records brought in more than \$88,000 through fingerprinting, local background checks and accident report copies. Central Records provided over 3,000 free background checks for our Armed Services and other government agencies. The Records Division is also responsible for assisting with updating inmate files and processing releases. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Central Records Division is proud to serve the citizens and agencies of Butler and surrounding counties.

Critical Incidents 2011





Administrative Section

Dispatch Center



Bonnie Short



Misty Addis
Lindsay Best
Mary Dunn
Kay Metsker

Heather Miller
Tabitha Miller
Robin O'neill
Heather Parker

Rebecca Reynolds
Donna Root
Miranda Sheppard
Dana Taggart
Not Pictured:
Debra Rednour

Calls Dispatched by Agency Type	2011 Totals
Law Enforcement	58330
County Agencies	7446
Emergency Medical Services	6052
Fire Departments	802

Phone Calls Answered by Shift	2011 Totals
1st Shift: 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	104491
2nd Shift: 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	126542
3rd Shift: 10:00 p. m. to 6:00 a.m.	48408





Administrative Section

Dispatch Center

Butler County Sheriff's Office Dispatch employs 13 full time dispatchers to answer more than 300,000 phone calls that are received on the 9-1-1 and non-emergency lines into the Sheriff's Office. Of these calls more than 40,000 were received from wireless phones. These dispatchers then enter the necessary information into their CAD (Computer Assisted Dispatch) system and utilize the radio to make contact with the appropriate officer or agency that needs to respond to the scene. Part of the training that is received for a dispatcher is to provide pre-arrival and post-dispatch instructions for Emergency Medical situations. The dispatcher stays on the line with a caller and can provide potential life saving instructions to the caller to assist a patient prior the arrival of the ambulance.

Dispatchers entered over 72,000 calls for service into the CAD database that required response by an officer, fire truck, or ambulance. Each of these entries adds to the database for future contact with a person, vehicle, or location for officer safety purposes. A dispatcher has the capability of seeing every prior contact we've had at a particular residence and if there are any hazards associated with that location as well as how many times our agency has had contact with a particular vehicle. The CAD database is also where we maintain information for medical histories for particular patients and then the dispatcher has the opportunity to provide medical details to a responding ambulance for proper medical care upon their arrival to a scene.

The Sheriff is proud to have dispatchers in his center with many years of service. In 2011 our dispatchers had no less than 4 years of service with the agency; and 8 dispatchers have 10 or more years providing quality service to the residents of Butler County. In addition to in-service training that is available for dispatchers many had the opportunity to attend seminars and training events during 2011 on topics that included: Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities; Pipeline Safety; The Sin of Silence, Progression of Domestic Violence; Active Shooting Response for Communication Personnel; Extreme Weather; Community Disaster Response; and Care Flight operations.

Calls By Shift	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
0600-1400	1851	1848	2184	2130	2385	2361	2210	2369	2336	2284	2126	2237	26321
1400-2200	2711	2473	2746	2576	2901	2575	2751	2850	2641	2652	2625	2540	32041
2200-0600	731	1083	1068	1257	1325	1462	1447	1299	1155	1195	1103	1143	14268
Total	5293	5404	5998	5963	6611	6398	6408	6518	6132	6131	5854	5920	72630





Administrative Section

Training



The art of policing is changing at an accelerated rate! The technological era has created crimes and methods of committing crimes that didn't exist a decade ago. In addition to this, LEOs are expected to keep up with the swinging pendulum of our legal system. Society's tolerance of violence and depravity have placed LEOs at a heightened risk of death or serious injury in the line of duty, yet the deputy is expected to perform professionally, and with a candor of political correctness. He/she must maintain a demeanor of calm in the face of danger, and make life or death decisions in a fraction of a second. After which his/her every move is scrutinized under a microscope. Staff development, training and education are the tools used to enable BCSO staff to meet the challenges that our society presents.

2011 presented some of its own challenges . . . budget cuts, layoffs, staff shortages. Trying to schedule training without depleting already "below minimum" staffing levels presented a great opportunity to kick off e-learning. Wikipedia defines e-learning as "essentially the computer and network-enabled transfer of skills and knowledge." MOODLE, an acronym for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment was installed in 2010, and began its BCSO training career in April 2011. The objectives for MOODLE include:



- Moving lecture-based training from the classroom to the internet, where the student can take the class at a time that is convenient for the individual;
- Providing more time for skill development and performance in a classroom setting by having students take the lecture portion of the training on line prior to the class; and
- Afford a convenient way to review policies and procedures, general orders, and post orders, as well as test and record the students' understanding of these important documents.

Following classroom training on how to access and navigate through MOODLE, deputies received training in the following topics:

Vehicular Pursuit Policy
Off-Duty Actions
Care, Custody, Restraint and

Arrest, Search, & Seizure
Investigation of Traffic Crashes Policy
Transportation of Prisoners





Administrative Section

Training

Not to be overlooked in the role of first responders are BCSO dispatchers. In 2011 all dispatchers were re-certified in American Heart Association's First Aid/CPR. Several dispatchers also attended training in Active Shooting Response, and ventured into Mercer County for Dispatcher In-Service training on topics key to their success as first responders. Kudos go out to Dana Taggart who completed the Peace Officer Basic Training at Butler Tech and is not only a dispatcher, but also a commissioned Special Deputy with the Sheriff's Office!

Lt. Scott Brown coordinated the training for the Corrections Staff in 2011. Staff members had monthly PowerPoint presentations on jail-related topics they were required to view, followed by testing. He made sure the Cell Extraction Response Team stayed current through frequent training. Corrections Officers were also required to demonstrate their proficiency in CPR skills this year.

Not to be left out, jail staff were also introduced to MOODLE this year. Corrections officers took "Medical Situations Policy" training on line. In addition, 9 support staff took the bulk of their 40 hour Routine Contact Training on MOODLE. In September, the Sheriff's Office sponsored a TASER X26 Instructor training. Three jail supervisors completed this training and quickly turned around to train additional staff members in the use of the X26 TASER.

The Sheriff's Office hosted the 5th Sheriff's Citizens Academy this Fall. Twenty-four residents of Butler County spent eight weeks becoming familiar with the workings of the Sheriff's Office. Representatives from each division shared their expertise. Students visited Judge Hedric's Courtroom to learn about the criminal justice system. Chief Dwyer walked them



through the investigation of the "Torso Case." The highlight of this year's training was the CCW component that prepared interested students for their CCW license. Seven graduates of the SCA were selected for the Citizens On Patrol.

"Almost without fail, a man . . . provided he does not have time to think . . . will do what he has been trained to do." Author unknown





Administrative Section

Range



Range Staff:

Michael Armocida
James Blume
Morgan Dallman

Michael Farthing
Roger Johannes
Randy Lambert

Charles Laymon
John "JD" Smith
John Sons

As an integral part of the Training Division, the Sheriff's Office operates a Joint Firearms Training Facility with West Chester Township Police Department. All firearms training is coordinated by Deputy Mike Armocida who is the agency Range Master. Eight OPOTC, Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, certified firearms instructors conduct all firearms training for peace officer certified personnel within the Sheriff's Office. Currently, there are approximately 200 personnel who must qualify annually with their duty weapon, off-duty/back-up weapon, shotgun, and patrol rifle if they are qualified to carry one. Additional weapon qualifications are conducted for specialty units who may carry other types of weapons.



In addition to the annual firearms training, the range staff conducts inspections of all weapon systems utilized by personnel to ensure proper maintenance and safe operation of the weapons. The training facility is also used by outside agencies to conduct their annual firearms training. These agencies include other county, municipal, and federal agencies.



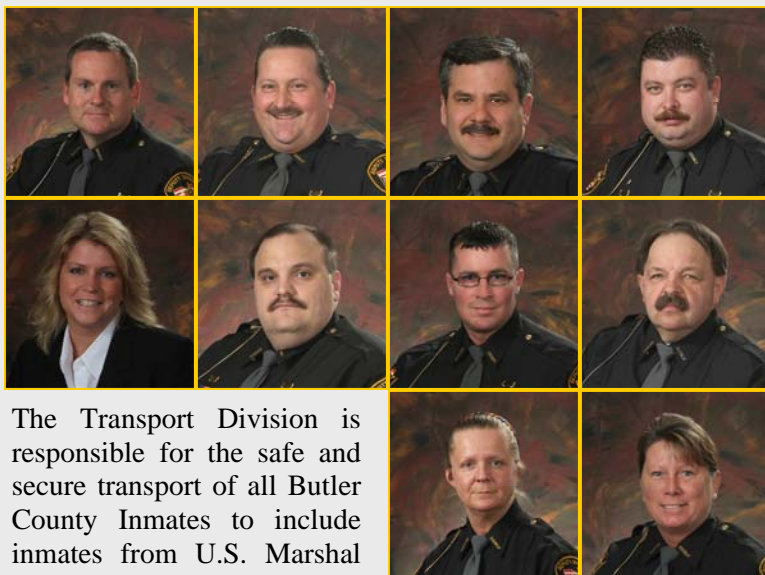


Administrative Section

Transport Division



Sgt. R. Prescott



Brett Casteel
Jeff Cook
Todd Cordes
Dewey Hall

Holly Harmon
Ken Ritchie
Mark Smith
Jerry Spinelli

Pam Weaver
Chris Webb

The Transport Division is responsible for the safe and secure transport of all Butler County Inmates to include inmates from U.S. Marshal Service and ICE

(Immigration and Custom Enforcement) detainees that are housed under contracts. Sgt. Rich Prescott is the supervisor of the unit, which consist of ten Deputies with the primary function to transport inmates/detainees on a daily basis. Butler County inmates must be transported to appear in various local courts such as, Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court, Area 1 Court in Oxford, Area 2 Court in Hamilton, and Area 3 Court in West Chester. Additionally there are numerous transports to medical appointments and transfers to and from state prison facilities throughout the State of Ohio. In regards to our Federal contracts with the U.S Marshals and Ice, the transport unit travels to many federal holding facilities and federal court proceeding in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus. There are also trips completed to Lexington, Kentucky airport to assist federal agencies with aviation transportation. During 2011, there were more than 7,700 Butler County inmates transported locally and an average of 95 U.S Marshals transported to various destinations on a monthly basis. Also in 2011, the Sheriff's Office was fortunate to add to the fleet a 40 passenger bus to assist with manpower and to improve the mass movements of inmates.



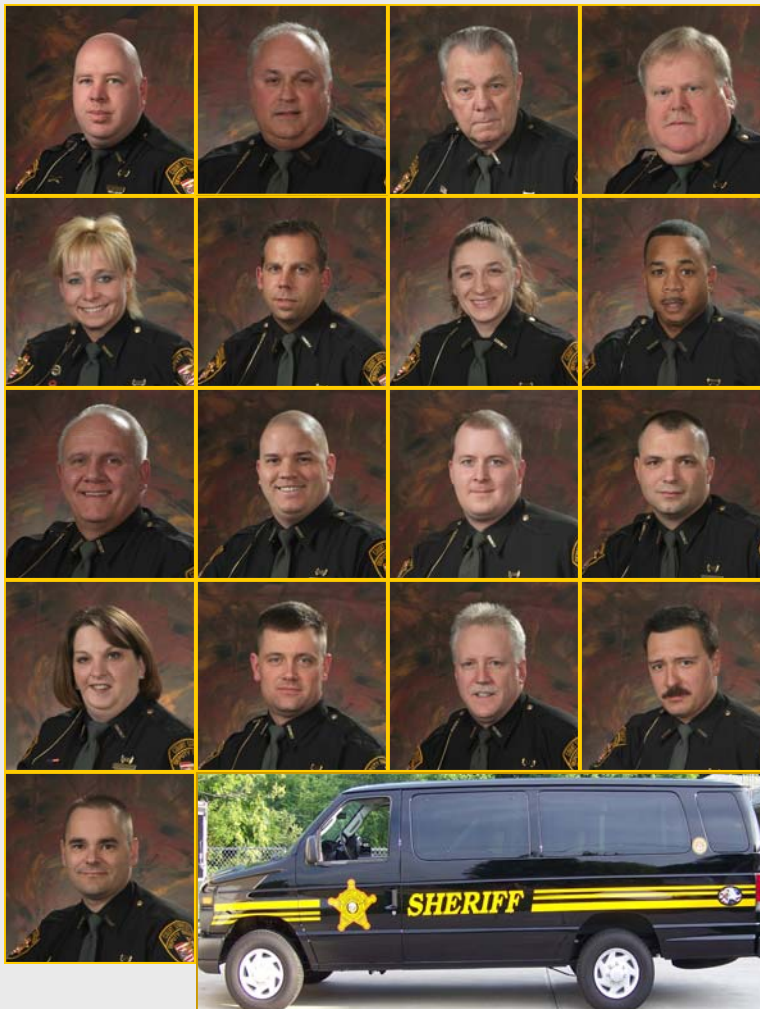


Administrative Section

Court Services



Sgt. R. Prescott



Ben Ballinger
Roger Brooks
Charles Bryant
Terry Carroll

Jodie Cobaugh
Brad Emmons
Denise Farthing
Randy Frazier

Dave Jester
Tim Mohr
Scott Ramsey
Connie Rockey

Jennifer Sandlin
Jeff Schuester
Mark Smith
John Stewart

Mike Williams

Sheriff's Office Court Transport





Administrative Section

Court Services

The Court Services Division is responsible for security and service for the Butler County Courts and Butler County Children Services. Lt. Mike Smith is the supervisor of this seventeen officer division and the liaison with the Courts. The Court Services Division is committed to providing safety for the operations of the Butler County Court system, and ensuring timeliness of court proceedings for those arrested and incarcerated. The primary span of services rendered by the Court Services Division includes (7) Common Pleas General Division Judges, (2) Domestic Relations Court Judges, (and all their various Magistrates) housed in the Government Services Building on High St in Hamilton. Additionally the Court Services Division serves (2) Judges (and respective Magistrates) housed at the Juvenile Justice Center on Fair Avenue in Hamilton, Area 1 Court in Oxford, Area 2 Court in Hamilton, and Area 3 Court in West Chester. Various Methods are used to enhance courtroom safety while screening courtroom visitors. Court Services personnel utilize metal detectors (walkthrough and hand-held devices), x-ray machines, and if the need arises, a physical pat-down search. Although the actual number of courtroom visitors is not tracked, consider that in 2011, more than 276,700 people were screened entering the courts, and more than 2,450 items of contraband were seized. Prisoners housed in the Butler County Jail have to be transported to the various county courts for their respective trials and hearings. Although the Court Services Division is not directly responsible for the transporting of prisoners, Court Services Officers manage the prisoners while in court. Prisoners/Inmates are often transported in groups to the court buildings where they are placed in holding cells. Prisoners then must be escorted to the individual courtrooms to ensure they remain in custody and arrive safely before the judge or magistrate. During 2011, more than 7,771 prisoners were transported to their scheduled court appearances, equaling an average of almost 650 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 2011, the Court Services Division provided deputies for all three Children Services offices which are located in Hamilton and Middletown, along with the 12th District Court of Appeals also located in Middletown. The bulk of the Court Services Division personnel are located in the Government Services Building in Hamilton. Court Services deputies frequently respond to other county offices housed in the Government Services Building for any kind of trouble call, request for assistance, or panic alarms. Court Services deputies also routinely handle issues that may arise within the parking garage attached to the Government Services Building. During 2011, Court Services deputies handled 21 traffic crashes that occurred within the Government Services Center parking garage.





Administrative Section

Computer Services



Sgt. M. Ketteler



Ken Carpenter

Josh Readnower

The Sheriff's Computer Services Unit is staffed by Sgt. Mark Ketteler, who supervises Computer Technician Ken Carpenter and Electronics Technician Josh Readnower.

Sgt. Ketteler is responsible for managing the overall daily IT operations and works closely with Technician Carpenter whose duties encompass every element of Information Technology. Some examples are server management; application installation; hardware acquisition, configuration, and repair; database management; report writing; desktop support; and general troubleshooting.

Basically, the Computer Services staff is responsible for implementing and ensuring the continuous operation of all the Sheriff's Office technology systems. In 2011, Computer Services processed 381 written Requests for Service/Projects in addition to numerous verbal requests for assistance.

Computer Services' focus in 2011 was primarily on upgrading the existing servers in preparation for newer versions of the VisionAIR Public Safety software suite scheduled for installation in 2012. The current servers were several years old and with the enhanced features and higher demands of the new software, upgrades were mandatory.

These servers were acquired and configured in late 2011 and are expected to be in full operation in the first quarter of 2012. These new servers will allow the Sheriff's Office to run the latest versions of Records Management, Jail Management, Computer Aided Dispatch, Field Based Reporting, and computerized mapping in 2012.





Administrative Section

Computer Services

One personal achievement in 2011 was Technician Ken Carpenter graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems. Congratulations to Ken on this phase of his continuing education in the IT field.

After years of reduced budgets, Computer Services is excited to be able to make some long overdue updates to our automation systems to better improve staff efficiency and service to the public.

The third member of Computer Services is Technician Josh Readnower who has expertise in all aspects of police vehicle systems including the emergency lighting equipment, sirens, Mobile Computer mounting systems, GPS, and all the other specialized equipment and wiring.

In addition, Josh assists with troubleshooting and repairing issues with the Mobile Computer software and wireless communications equipment as well as the installation of law enforcement related hardware in the vehicles. As an example of what Josh does, In 2011 he installed a state of the art K-9 containment system in the K-9 patrol car. This new system has remote controlled door release capability and a sophisticated climate control system that can automatically open windows and activate fans to ensure the dogs safety should the cars cooling system fail.

Thanks to Josh's ability to repair and install almost anything electrical on the patrol cars, thousands of dollars and many personnel hours are saved annually by not having to take cars to vendors for repairs and installations.

Additionally, in 2011 Josh relocated to a larger garage on the Sheriff's Office grounds. He previously used an area that one car barely fit into which greatly hampered his ability to work. The larger area will allow up to two vehicles to be placed indoors at a time greatly improving his capacity and efficiency.

Considering the tight budget in recent years, the Computer Services Unit was pleased with the progress in 2011 and looks forward to much more advancement in 2012.





Communications Section

Radio Services



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William Vedra
Dave Waddell
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Justen McDade

The Radio Services unit provides support for several shared, countywide systems and is responsible for the communications technology needs of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Some of the systems supported are considered critical infrastructure – or, networks and systems so vital that their incapacitation would have a debilitating impact on emergency services in such a way as to compromise the safety of the public or first responders.

The complex nature of this infrastructure requires twenty-four hour monitoring, support and response. Our technicians respond to everything from routine requests for user support to serious technical problems and incidents requiring communications support.

800 MHz System

Butler County has a state of the art voice communication system; a digital 800MHz Motorola Project 25 radio network. The system was built by the Butler County Board of Commissioners and is operated by the Butler County Sheriff. It supports all fifteen law enforcement agencies, twenty-three fire and EMS agencies, and nine dispatch centers that are based in Butler County. Six other county agencies, three hospital emergency departments, and twelve public works agencies have joined. It has been sized to provide future support to public works, public health, hospitals, transportation and schools.

The 800MHz system, along with the other public safety voice and data systems, are supported by the Communications Division. Radio personnel support equipment and systems all nine dispatch centers and twenty-two tower sites located in and around Butler County. They also service the radio subscriber equipment used by any agency on the system.





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800MHz System Usage Statistics for 2011

Push-to-Talks (PTTs): 8.625 million (This represents the number of times a user transmitted from their radio on the 800MHz system).

Total Buses: 7 (Out of the 8.625 million times a user pressed their PTT button to transmit on the radio system, there were only eight times that the user received a busy signal because no channels were available). Average duration was less than a second.

Total Radio Users: 4,400 (This represents the number of radios registered to use the system at Butler County's public safety and public works agencies, as well as those radios from neighboring jurisdictions set up to assist at an incident in Butler County).

Hours of Voice Calls: 12,804 (This represents the total number of hours of voice transmissions made over the 800MHz radio system throughout the course of the year).

9-1-1 System

When a citizen dials 9-1-1 to report an emergency, their call is answered by a primary "public safety answering point" or PSAP. If the location of the emergency is outside the area served by the answering PSAP, the call is then transferred to the appropriate primary or secondary PSAP.

In Butler County, our nine dispatch centers serve as the PSAPs; six are primary, where calls are initially answered, and three are secondary. Today, the six primaries each have separate 9-1-1 call-taking equipment that does not allow for easy transfers.



Communications Vehicles

In 2011, at the direction of the county's 9-1-1 Planning Committee, personnel devoted countless hours to study and plan for a next-generation 9-1-1 system intended to serve all centers. A shared system would be far more cost effective than upgrading or replacing the six individual systems, and would provide increased functionality and transfer capability. In addition, an IP-based system would be capable of "next-generation" features as they become available; the most widely publicized is the ability to send text messages to a 9-1-1 dispatcher. While the mobile phone carriers in our area are not yet ready to deliver such features, a standards-based system will be capable of receiving them when the time comes. The construction of such a system is expected in 2012.





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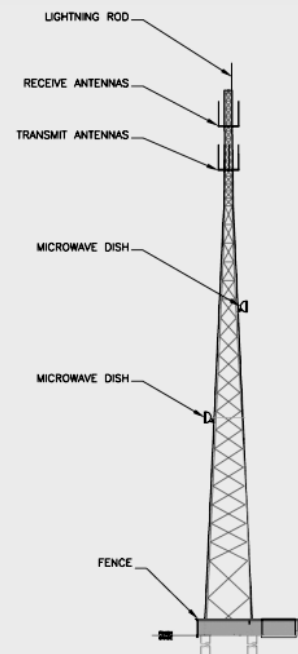
Radio Services

Service Statistics

Support Tickets: 659; This represents the number of support requests processed by technicians (e.g. a radio repair, technical support for a dispatcher's radio console, equipment cache requests)

Motorola Support Cases: 274; This represents the number of times our technicians engaged Motorola for support of the 800MHz radio system. Notably, the end user rarely, if ever, was aware of the issue thanks to redundant systems and hardware.

MOSCAD Alarms: 7,080; This represents the number of alarms received by technicians and dispatchers regarding the radio system (e.g. equipment failures, loss of utility power at tower sites, intrusion monitoring).



Incident Response

Several personnel are trained and certified as COMT (Communications Unit Technician) and COML (Communications Unit Leader) through programs developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In the Incident Command System (ICS), the COML leads the Communications Unit and is assisted by one or more COMTs; together, they are responsible for both the technical and operational aspects of interoperability during an incident, natural disaster or pre-planned event.

In 2011, the Communications Division began developing a communications incident response vehicle using an ambulance donated by Liberty Township. The vehicle will be used to provide support at incidents, ranging from mobile battery charging to the setup and deployment of on-scene communication networks.





Finance

Finance Division



Vickie Barger



Tony Brandenburg– **Accounts Payable**
Candace Hensley– **Inmate Accounts**
Carla Sunderhaus– **Human Resources**
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Mike Tilton
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Overview

The Butler County Sheriff's Finance Department oversees all financial, human resources, payroll, inmate accounts and purchasing functions of the Sheriff's Office. It directs the annual performance-based program budgets for the office, which includes monitoring expenditures and performance measures, producing financial reports and projections, conducting financial analysis, and implementing fiscal control policies and procedures. This department represents the Sheriff by presenting budget, fiscal, and contract requests before the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The number of budget organizations within the Sheriff's Office has increased from 20 in 2010 to 26 in 2011. The Accounts Payable Division processed approximately 1,400 purchase order during 2011. They have the responsibility of ordering, receiving, storing and distributing office supplies for the Sheriff's Office.

Expenses

The 2011 Butler County Sheriff's Office General Fund expenditures, excluding the Communication's Division and Payroll, totaled \$5,971,904. This is a 5.7% savings to the General Fund compared to prior year expenditures. This is a dollar savings of \$34,497.

Our actual general fund expenses remained 4.0% less than the 2011 Final Budget, demonstrating fiscal responsibility.





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2011 General Fund Budget Expense Summary:

Category	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carry Forward	Total
Academy	\$51,777.18	\$28,359.86	\$2,537.44	\$30,897.30
Prisoner Boarding	\$4,247,248.70	\$3,482,968.94	\$600,475.24	\$4,083,444.18
Sheriff	\$20,071,558.57	\$19,022,033.46	\$168,504.87	\$19,190,538.33
Paramedic	\$1,483,182.77	\$1,422,208.28	\$57,193.04	\$1,479,401.32
Communication	\$2,662,299.23	\$2,288,829.75	\$347,486.35	\$2,636,316.10
E911 Dispatch	\$1,120,807.87	\$1,021,424.98	\$28,129.21	\$1,049,554.19
Total	\$29,636,874.32	\$27,265,825.27	\$1,204,326.15	\$28,470,151.42

Revenues

The Sheriff Office collects its revenue from a number of difference sources; however the largest revenue sources are money from boarding of prisoners and contract deputies. In 2011, revenues declined slightly by 2.9% compared to the previous year as a result of lower boarding of prisoner revenue. The decrease in boarding of prisoner revenue was offset by increases in revenue from contract deputies, sheriff fees and the communication system. The Finance Department develops and administers contracts for Deputy Services. In 2011, the Sheriff's Office received \$3,126,475 in revenue for the Sheriff's Policing Revolving Fund from these contracts.

2011 Revenue Summary:

Revenue Category	2011
Boarding of Prisoners	\$6,396,042.00
Contract Deputies	\$3,126,475.00
Sheriff Fees	\$729,873.00
Grants	\$432,866.00
Patrol	\$233,067.00
Total	\$10,918,324.00





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Grants

The Finance department has a history of aggressively pursuing grant funding. They are responsible for managing all grants received by the Sheriff's Office including submitting applications and financial reports. These efforts maximize the service the agency is able to provide the citizens of the county while lessening the financial burden upon them.

2011 Grant Summary:

Grant Name	2011
BURN	\$100,667.00
Retention of Officers	\$96,612.00
VOCA	\$54,325.00
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance	\$50,432.00
Victims of Crime Act	\$46,804.00
ARRA VAWA Expansion	\$36,333.00
Waterway Safety (Marine Patrol)	\$22,207.00
High Visibility Enforcement	\$20,220.00
Ohio Peace Officer Training	\$4,700.00
Project Lifesaver	\$566.00
Total	\$432,866.00

Human Resources / Payroll

Other duties of the department include writing competitive bid documents for products and services utilized by the office. The Human Resources staff maintains and organizes all personnel and medical files for employees. They ensure that worker's compensation claims, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leaves, transitional duty assignments, and employee benefits and health insurance additions or changes, are processed effectively and efficiently. They are a link between management and employees for addressing any employee benefit related issues or problems. They maintain records and compile statistical reports

concerning personnel-related data such as hires, transfers, performance appraisals, and absenteeism rates. Human Resources duties also include the recruitment and hiring of new employees.

The Payroll duties are completed by the Human Resources staff. They organize all payroll functions to include employee accrual balances, pay adjustments, account changes, terminations, and leave time records. They audit employee timesheets to certify accuracy and completeness. They maintain, prepare, and process the biweekly payroll along with any necessary payroll adjustments. The payroll is then trended to budgets to ensure continuity and compliance with the Butler County Auditor and the Ohio Revised Code.





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In 2011 the Butler County Sheriff's Office had a total of 38 new hires and 45 terminations.

New Hires in 2011:

Part-Time	Full-Time
20 Corrections Officers	1 Communications Technician
5 Paramedics	1 Staff Accountant
3 Dispatchers	1 Dispatcher
2 Commissary Clerks	
2 Maintenance Workers	
1 Communications Technician	
1 Staff Accountant	
1 Litigation Specialist	

Resignations in 2011:

Part-Time	Full-Time
12 Voluntary Resignations	17 Voluntary Resignations
	14 Layoffs (recall period expired)
	1 Death
	1 Retirement

Inmate Accounts

The Inmate Accounts unit is manned by one full time clerical specialist. Each inmate has an account assigned to them when they enter the facility in which money is deposited. These funds can be used for Commissary purchases or for medical expenses. Visitors can place money in the inmate's account by coming to the Main Jail and depositing the money in person, or through the US Postal Service. When inmates are booked into the jail, any money on their person may also be deposited into their account for use during their stay at the Butler County Jail. During 2011 there was \$1,544,501 deposited into the inmate accounts.





Mission

Core Values



Mission Statement

The Butler County Sheriff's Office is devoted to excellence in all aspects of service provided to our community and its visitors.

We are dedicated to enhancing our citizens' quality of life by reducing crime and the fears associated with crime.

Core Values

Honesty

Fostering sincerity, openness and transparency

Integrity

Adhering to moral and ethical principles

Humility

Modesty of ones own importance

Sense of community

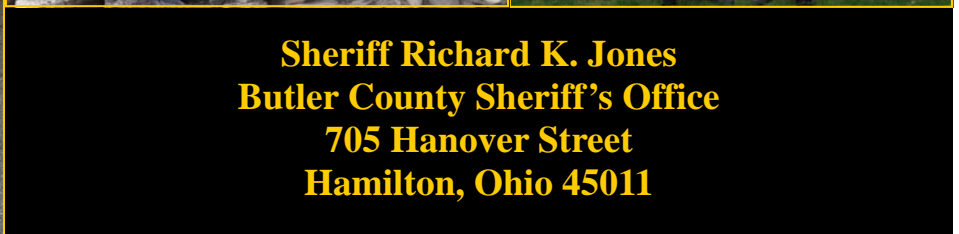
Being a part of, not above, those we serve

Motto

"Spectemur Agendo"

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Let us be judged by our actions





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