

#### ON THE COVER

SPATCHER

Dispatchers must be able to remain calm while managing a varying range of emergencies. The cover illustration depicts some of the types of emergencies that a dispatcher may deal with on a daily basis. They do this while simultaneously talking on the phone, dispatching calls over the radio, and entering the call information into a Computer Aided Dispatch system.

After the house fire is extinguished, the car crash victims are safely in the life squad, the choking child is breathing again or the robber is in custody, the media often interviews the victims and witnesses who praise the policemen, fire fighters, and paramedics for being the first to respond to the emergency.

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That is, of course, well deserved. But are they *truly* the "first-responders"?

Most often the FIRST "first-responders" are the 9-1-1 dispatchers who receive the emergency call for aid. They must act quickly to determine what the emergency is, make the decision on what resources are needed, and then coordinate communications to make sure it all arrives on the scene of the emergency.

The dispatcher at the Butler County Sheriff's Office who answers your 9-1-1 call has been trained to be a professional "multi-tasker" providing potential life saving pre-arrival instructions while simultaneously sending rescue personnel to wrecks, fires, crimes, and other emergencies. The pre-arrival instructions can range from helping to keep the caller calm with simple advice

to providing instructions for performing CPR on a victim until emergency personnel can arrive on the scene.

In an instant, the dispatchers job can go from mundane to chaotic. Sunday, September 14th, 2008 was just such a day. The day started out like any other in late summer with the exception of a weather bulletin stating that high winds were likely due to the path of Hurricane lke coming from the southwest.

Experienced dispatchers have seen these notices many times and they prepared as they normally would for such a weather alert. But <u>no one in Butler County</u> was prepared for what happened when

Hurricane Ike hit Butler County around noon that day.

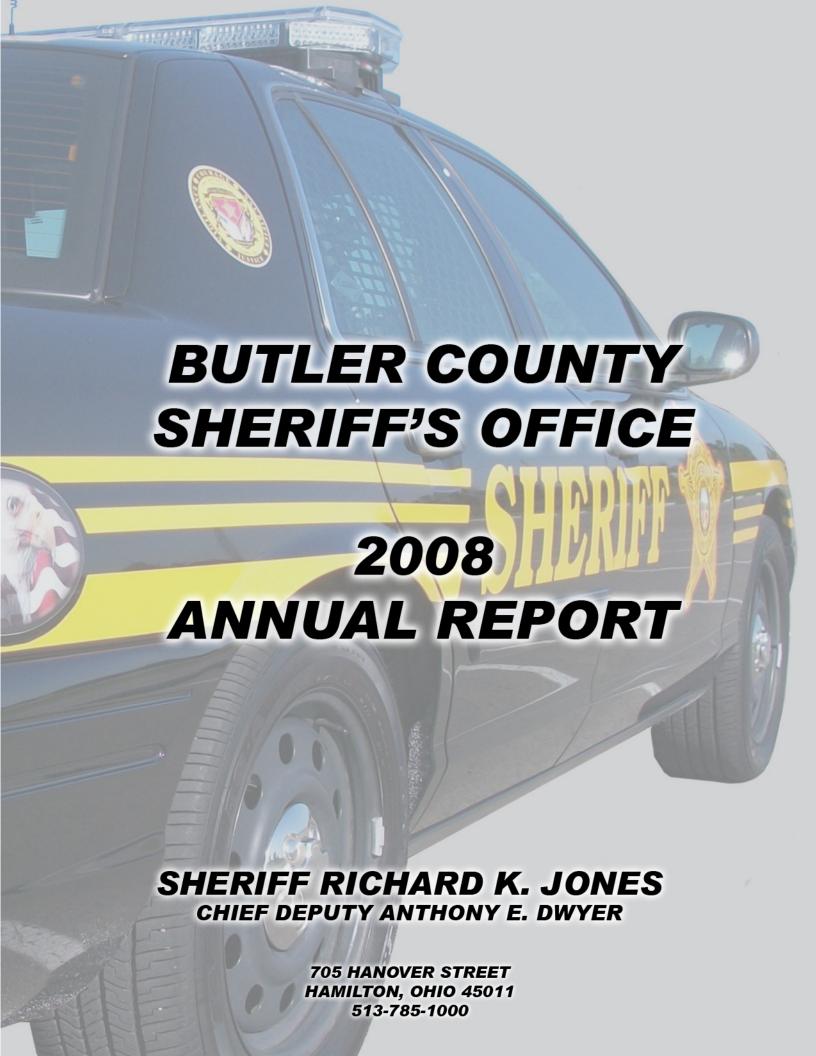
Shortly after the storm hit, the Butler County Communications
Center swung into full operation utilizing all six workstations
and dispatchers were held over while additional dispatchers
made their way in to assist with the calls for service which

increased 500% to 1000% that day!

The dispatchers handled hundreds and hundreds of calls over the remainder of that day and dispatched a total of 657 calls for service! It was a day that is still talked about by anyone who was affected by it.

This annual report recognizes these unsung heroes who work behind the scenes day and night making sure that when you call 9-1-1, your emergency is handled swiftly and professionally. The Sheriff's Office recognizes:

**THE 9-1-1 DISPATCHER** 



### **CONTACT DIRECTORY**

### **General Phone Numbers**

### **Butler County Maximum Security Jail**

Administration	513-785-1000
Butler County Jail	513-785-1100
Butler County Jail Fax	513-785-1155
Resolutions Jail	513-785-5250
Resolutions Jail Fax	513-785-5254
Road Patrol	513-785-1200
Central Records	513-785-1030
Dispatch Non Emergency	513-785-1300

Warden's Office	513-785-1080
Sergeant's Office	513-785-1104
Central Control Room	513-785-1100
Booking Desk	513-785-1106
Inmate Processing	513-785-1032
Inmate Information	513-785-1033
Inmate Services	513-785-1130
Medical Department	513-785-1127

### **Road Patrol/Civil Division**

### **Resolutions Minimum Security Jail**

Main Number	513-785-1200
Squad Room	513-785-1216
Property / Evidence Room	513-785-1190
Warrants Division	513-785-1270
Civil Division	513-785-1280

Deputy Warden	513-785-1191
Sergeant's Office	513-785-1168
Central Control Room	513-785-1165
<b>Medical Department</b>	513-785-1178

### **Operations/Investigations**

### **Court Street Jail**

Receptionist Desk	513-785-1000
Sheriff's Office	513-785-1000
Chief Deputy Office	513-785-1000
Major's Office	513-785-1000
Executive Secretary	513-785-1000
<b>Investigations</b>	513 <mark>-</mark> 785-1234
Juvenile Investigations	51 <mark>3-</mark> 785-1234

Deputy Warden	513-785-1191
Sergeant's Office	513-785-1322
Central Control Room	513-785-1320
Medical Office	513-785-1333

### **Sub-Stations**

### **Support Services**

513-785-1191
513-785-1322
513-785-1320
513-785-1333

Victims Advocates	513-887-5143
<b>Concealed Carry Permits</b>	513-785-1210
Human Resources	513-785-1012
Civil Processing	513-785-1283
TRIAD	513-785-1019
D.A.R.E. / G.R.E.A.T.	513-759-7340
Crime Prevention	513-759-7340
Computer Services	513-785-1017
Salvage / Operations	513-785-1215

BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
AND
CORRECTIONAL CENTER



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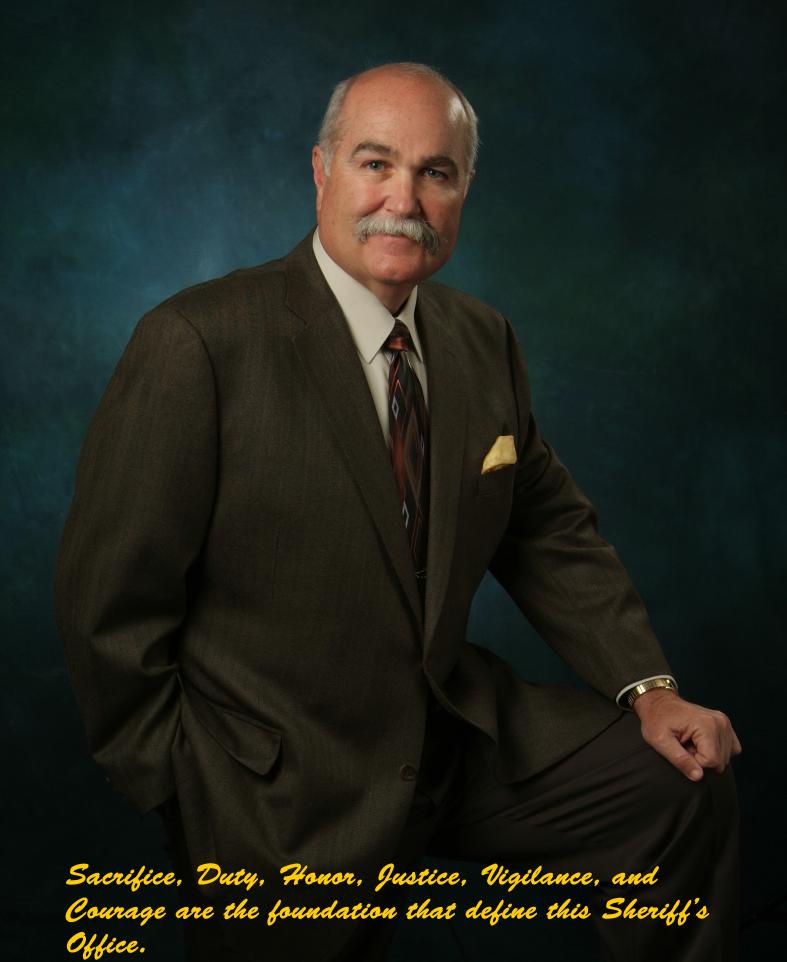
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Sheriff Richard K. Jones

## **COMMAND STAFF**



Chief Deputy Anthony E. Dwyer



Major Norman E. Lewis



Major William M. Stump



Captain R.A. Greer Peace Officer Division

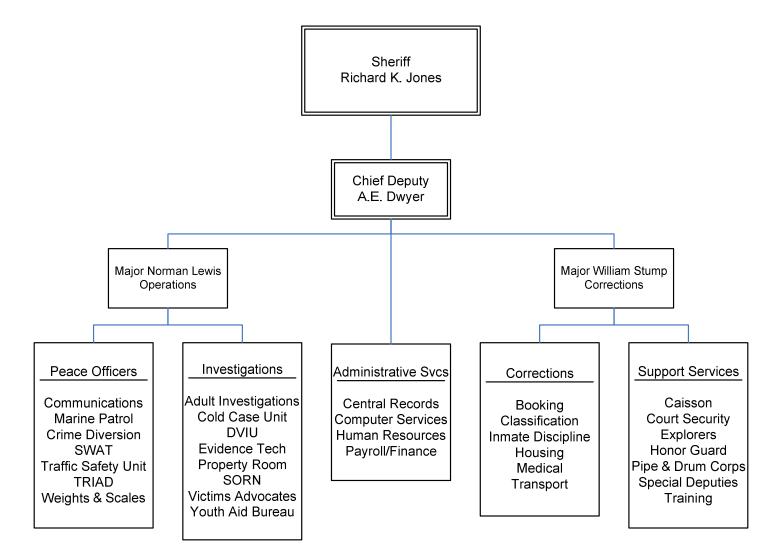


Captain R.Ed Martin Corrections Division



Captain Katie McMahon Investigations Division

### **ORGANIZATION**



### **PROMOTIONS**

Gerald Fuller	Detective	Morgan Dallman	Sergeant
Damon Mayer	Detective	William Roark	C/O Sergeant
Rick Bucheit	Detective	Greg McIntire	C/O Sergeant

### **RETIREMENTS**

Deputy Clint Burton	4/30/2008	Major Norman Lewis	12/31/2008
Deputy Roy Chapman	10/31/2008	Deputy Tom Wilson	2/29/2008
Detective Tom Gibson	8/29/2008		

### **APPOINTMENTS**

(Italics denotes Part-Time employee)

Corrections Officer Stephanie Bishop	5/29/2008	Corrections Officer Elizabeth Howard	5/30/2008
Deputy Daniel Bower	3/31/2008	Corrections Officer William Kelly	5/12/2008
Victims Advocate Etta Carver	6/25/08	Paramedic Scott McCoy	8/18/2008
Dispatcher Evangelina Day	9/15/2008	Deputy Michael Mueller	8/18/2008
Clerical Specialist Starla Fitzgerald	8/21/2008	Victims Advocate Connie Reyes	12/15/2008
Corrections Officer Shea Flanneryer	5/31/08	Corrections Officer Nathan Rice	7/15/2008
Communications Director Matthew Franke	6/1/2008	Clerical Specialist Ginia Riegert	2/4/2008
Corrections Officer Anthony Gibson	5/28/2008	Paramedic Brett Rose	8/26/2008
Deputy Thomas Gibson	10/1/2008	Corrections Officer Gerald Sebald	5/31/2008
Deputy Roger Gilbert	7/18/2008	Paramedic Patricia Sims	3/3/2008
Corrections Officer Ben Grebner	7/7/2008	Corrections Officer Bobby Wall	7/23/2008
Deputy Danny Greene	10/27/2008	Paramedic Sean Woodmansee	10/1/2008
Clerical Specialist Savanna Highley	4/28/2008		

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Paramedic Dan Bagley	7/21/2008	Paramedic Shannon Murphy	11/30/2008
Corrections Officer Jessica Begoon	11/12/2008	Victims Advocate Nicole Muterspaw	9/30/2008
Corrections Officer Gina Buchanan	9/27/2008	Paramedic David Oakley	4/25/2008
Paramedic Jason Callihan	10/31/2008	Corrections Officer Ed Palmer	5/27/2008
Corrections Officer Lindsay Carr	1/4/2008	Paramedic Rodney	2/22/2008
Corrections Officer Ryan Combs	5/29/2008	Paramedic Shawn Pater	12/31/2008
Corrections Officer Matt Fant	2/22/2008	Corrections Officer Dennis Patrick	9/30/2008
Paramedic Justin Fields	6/24/2008	Paramedic Renecca Proeschel	12/12/2008
Corrections Officer Troy Gearhart	5/8/2008	Corrections Officer Lori Roach	6/13/2008
Paramedic Rudy Grant	8/14/2008	Clerical Specialist Erica Rose	8/21/2008
Deputy Michelle Hercules	7/11/2008	Deputy James Sizemore	4/2/2008
Paramedic Brandon Hudson	7/18/2008	Deputy Raymond Sims	7/9/2008
Corrections Officer James Jackson	10/1/2008	Dispatcher Nicole Spicer	8/12/2008
Deputy Rob Lee	4/1/2008	Victims Advocate Linda Stephens	3/7/2008
Dispatcher Jordan Lyon	8/15/2008	Corrections Officer Brian Vogel	3/27/2008
Paramedic Jennifer Mason	5/6/2008	Corrections Officer Mike Webb	10/24/2008



CAPTAIN R.A. GREER

### PEACE OFFICER DIVISION

The Peace Officer Division is under the command of Captain R.A. Greer and consists of a very diverse group of units and sub-divisions. While the Crime Diversion and Detection Unit, Traffic Safety Unit, and Communications Center comprise the core of the Operations Division, all of the components play a vital role in public safety.

The Butler County Peace Officer's police over 469 square miles. This division works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering the highest level of police service and protection.

#### CRIME DIVERSION & DETECTION

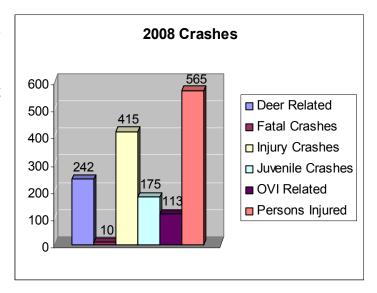
Crime diversion & detection deputies are regarded as "first responders" and must be prepared for any situation that arises. The extensive training that these deputies receive helps them to handle the wide spectrum of problems that they encounter every day. Few other occupations require an employee to be a counselor one moment and a guardian the next. This emotional roller-coaster can be a source of turmoil within the deputy's life. Deputies must learn to keep their priorities intact while devoting their lives to their families, careers, and service to the community. Our Peace Officer Division is responsible for 469 square miles of county and a population of over 350,000.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

The primary responsibility of the Traffic Safety Unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is to

investigate, collect data and evidence for indepth reporting and reconstruction of serious injury and/or fatal crashes. The Traffic Safety Unit consists of personnel with specialized training in technical crash investigation and reconstruction techniques. The Traffic Unit also handles follow up on hit-skip crashes, school bus violation complaints and takes enforcement action on both if necessary.

For 2008, Butler County Sheriff's Office handled 1827 motor vehicle crashes, 415 injury crashes, 113 OVI related crashes, and 175 crashes involving juvenile drivers. The Traffic Unit investigated 10 fatal crashes with 12 killed and in-depth investigations on each.



### ANIMAL CONTROL

In 2008, the Sheriff's Office implemented an Animal Control Unit. Two deputies attended all of the required training to become humane agents for the State of Ohio. One deputy is currently assigned to work in a full-time capacity in this unit. The deputy

works hand in hand with the Butler County Dog Wardens and responds to animal calls in the unincorporated areas of the county but occasionally takes calls 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 and raccoons whereas the Dog Wardens Office does not. Investigations of animal neglect and/or cruelty will also be handled by this unit as needed.

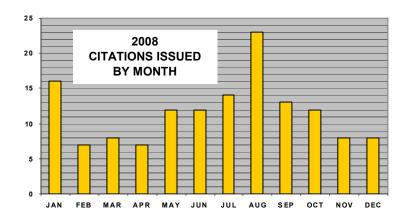


Animal Control Deputy Holly Fuller and the Animal Control Van.

#### **WEIGHTS AND SCALES**

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

county. In 2008, the Weights and Scales Unit issued 140 citations for a total of over 1,555,000 pounds in overweight violations and almost \$59,000.00 in fines.





#### **AVIATION UNIT**

The Aviation Unit flew "Air One" for a total of 254.3 hours; providing surveillance, searches, photo flights, and routine patrol. Air One again participated with the Ohio

Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) in their Marijuana Eradication Program from August 4 through September 24, 2008. During the Extradition Flights, over 14 counties were visited and over 3,200 plants with a street value of around \$3,200,000 were located. The operating expenses incurred by the Aviation Unit were \$30,039; this includes fuel, hanger fees, insurance, and maintenance. The contract fee to provide services for Marijuana Extradition to BCI&I was \$49,900, allowing the Aviation Unit to pay for its cost.



Butler County Sheriff's Helicopter "Air One"

Throughout the year, the unit assisted more than 20 different Law Enforcement Agencies including other Sheriff's Offices, the FBI., the DEA, ICE, and other Butler County Agencies such as the Butler County Engineer's Office and the Butler County Conservation District.

### K-9 UNIT

The K-9 Unit is a valuable asset to the Butler County Sheriff's Office as well as other agencies within the county. The handlers and canines both attend specialized training which include



Deputy Art Brickles With "Dex"

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

illegal narcotics detection, building searches, vehicle searches, crowd control, and tracking suspects or fugitives who flee on foot.

K-9 Unit Activity	2008
K-9 Tracks	20
K-9 Apprehensions	15
K-9 Assist Agency	41
K-9 Vehicle Drug Search	47
K-9 Warrants	47
K-9 DVIU Assist	27
K-9 BCSO Unit Assist	256
K-9 SWAT Assist	0
K-9 Facility/School Sweep	11
K-9 Area Search	15
K-9 Search Warrant Assist	8
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#### **BIKE PATROL**

The Sheriff's Office Bike Patrol consists of deputies who volunteer for the unit. Bike patrol functions include neighborhood patrols, special events, and parades. At times, bike patrol is utilized in areas experiencing a high volume of criminal activity or mischief

within the neighborhoods of the Being on a bicycle county. provides deputies with ability to move stealthily through the neighborhood without being detected by those committing the criminal or mischievous activities. Periodic training is conducted to keep the members of the team up to date on current trends and to insure they maintain the fitness levels required to participate in this type of specialty unit.

2008 Bike Patrol Activities
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#### May

9<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Bike Escort 7<sup>th</sup> Voice of America 12<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Bike Escort 29<sup>th</sup> Cherokee Estates

13<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Bike Escort

16<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Bike Escort

19<sup>th</sup> Edgewood Bike Escort 22<sup>nd</sup> Edgewood Bike Escort

26<sup>th</sup> Middletown Parade

26<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Parade

#### June

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> Middletown Parade

4<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Parade

#### MARINE PATROL

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit is one of the most professional and complete Marine Patrol units in the area. In the past, this unit has functioned as an enforcement as well as emergency response unit. Modern technology in rescue and recovery operations is utilized by the unit. Their watercraft uses a high-tech sonar system to locate underwater objects. Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the Underwater Rescue/Recovery Unit, the Dive Team, are certified in scuba operations and are specially trained in underwater navigation and When the weather permits, the Marine Patrol Unit conducts patrol evidence collection. operations on the waterways of the county assisting with towing breakdowns, accidents, and monitoring operators to insure a safe boating season. Due to the unit's level of training they are often called to assist in jurisdictions outside of Butler County.



Marine patrol practicing rescue and recovery techniques

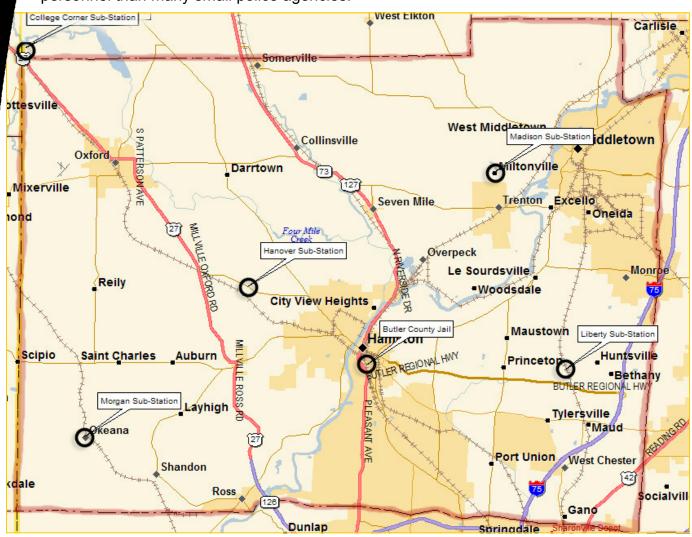


River dams are always a safety concern to the Marine Patrol

#### **CONTRACTED DEPUTIES**

The Butler County Sheriff's Office is contracted by a number of townships within the county to provide police protection. Liberty, Hanover, Madison, College Corner, and Morgan Townships have contracts with the Sheriff's Office.

A total of twenty-five deputies and three supervisors fulfill the requirements of these contracts with Liberty Township accounting for the majority. Liberty Township personnel consist of a Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and eighteen deputies; more personnel than many small police agencies.



**Butler County Sheriff's Office Liberty Township Sub-Station** 705 Hanover Street 6400 Princeton Road Hamilton, Ohio 45011 Hamilton, Ohio 45011 **Madison Township Sub-Station Morgan Township Sub-Station** 4398 Elk Creek Road 6463 Okeana-Drewsburg Road Middletown, Ohio 45042 Okeana. Ohio 45053 Hanover Township Sub-Station College Corner Sub-Station 2595 Old Oxford Road 10596 Camden-College Corner Road

College Corner, Ohio 45003

Hamilton, Ohio 45013

#### MOUNTED PATROL

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol consists of Honorary Special Deputies. They have (18) members that volunteer their time, money, and services to Butler County. They come from all walks of life: business, education, factories, offices, construction, and law enforcement. They all have an interest in law enforcement, horses, and serving their community. To be a member of the Mounted Patrol they must pass a personal interview, criminal background check, financial

background check. drug screen. horsemanship test. All members must attend monthly meetings, yearly trainings, parades, work the county fair, work the haunted hayride, and other call-outs by our Sheriff. They 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 Mounted Buckeye State Patrol and attends events around the State of Ohio. In 2008, they donated over 1,650 hours at no cost to the citizens of Butler County. They are very proud to celebrate in 2009 their 50th anniversary serving the citizens of Butler County, Ohio.



Mounted Patrol in Hamilton, Ohio

#### D.A.R.E.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is a joint venture between the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the school districts of Butler County. The goal of the program is to give students the necessary skills to live drug free and violence free lives.

Last year the D.A.R.E. program was presented to approximately 700 fifth and sixth grade students who were enrolled in the core program. In addition, approximately 1,440 third grade



DARE Deputy Jodie Cobaugh with DARE mascot "Buster"

students were presented with information related to seat belt safety. All high school freshman received information about obtaining a temporary drivers license and the responsibilities associated with driving a vehicle. Special events such as youth fishing derbies, fairs, and other events promoting positive relationships with law enforcement were attended by the D.A.R.E. Unit. Unique to the program was the DARE mascot, "Buster" who helped show students that police have pets just like them.

### S.W.A.T.

In 2008, the City of Trenton Police Department joined the Butler County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics team assigning two new members to the team as representatives from their agency.

This brought the total manpower levels of the team to 40 personnel. The positions are broken down as follows: Critical Incident Manager- Captain R. Greer; Team Commander- Lt. J. Sons; two Assistant Commanders- Sgt. R. Lambert and Sgt. C. Laymon; three (3) team leaders- two entry team and one negotiator team; three (3)

Assistant Team Leaders- two entry team and one negotiator, and team personnel including twenty-two (22) entry team members, five (5) snipers, seven (7) negotiators, and a medic. The Butler County Regional SWAT team responded to a total of nine (9) callouts during 2008. While the team responds to various situations including barricade and hostage/barricade situations, search warrants for Criminal Investigations and

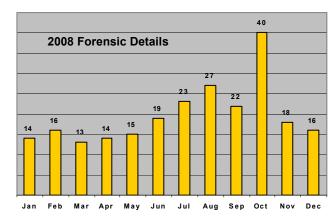
Annual Training included topics of Vehicle/Bus Assaults, Dynamic entries, Hostage Rescue, Barricaded Subjects, Riot Control, School Crisis/Active Shooter Response, Physical Agility Testing, and Man-down rescue for a total of 114 hours of training during the year.

Drug Investigations, fugitive apprehensions, and search warrants for other agencies outside of Butler County; all nine activations for 2008 were search warrants for the Sheriff's Office Drug and Vice Investigations Unit.

### **FORENSIC UNIT**

The Forensic Unit consists of one deputy whose primary responsibility is to serve the Butler Behavioral Health Services. He assists the crisis worker in home visit situations performing

evaluations on citizens with mental health issues such as suicidal, bipolar, manic depressives, and paranoid schizophrenics. This assignment always has the potential of becoming very volatile and dangerous because if the case worker determines the citizen requires transportation to a facility the people the deputy deals with could become combative. The deputy performing this duty also provides security for the case workers who respond to help these citizens.



#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Allowing children to be safe and secure as they pursue their education is of paramount importance to the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The program is funded by the perspective school's Board of Education and the Butler County Sheriff's Office. As of 2008 the Butler County Sheriff's Office has five (5) deputies working as School Resource Officers in four (4) of the local schools. Madison, Edgewood, New Miami, and Lakota School districts have school resource officers with Lakota having two.

The School Resource Officer program allows deputies the opportunity for daily interaction with students, staff, and parents throughout the school year. This not only involves criminal or discipline issues, but also includes reinforcing positive behaviors. This program allows the deputies to show the students that a law enforcement officer can have a positive relationship with them. Their presence and actions hopefully give the students some insight on how to build skills they can use today and in the future.

#### FLEET MANAGEMENT

The Sheriff's Office has one deputy assigned as Fleet Manager. In addition to managing repairs and maintenance of over 180 vehicles, he must visit tow companies as often as possible to process unclaimed towed vehicles. In 2008, 160 unclaimed vehicles were processed, obtaining BMV Affidavits for each one.

In 2008, Fairfield Fire Department Chief Donald Bennett and the City of Fairfield donated a used life squad to the Butler County Sheriff's Office and with minimal cost it was converted to a Crime Scene Investigation Unit. This unit will be very beneficial for processing major crime scenes due to the volume of investigative equipment it can carry.

Additionally, the Lakota School District donated three (3) school buses to the Butler County Sheriff's Office for use in the Corrections Division to transport prisoners to various locations in

the Sate of Ohio. These vehicles were also converted for Sheriff's Office use at minimal expense.

The Sheriff's Office acquired 56 new vehicles for Crime Diversion & Detection, Investigations, and the Corrections Division. To ensure Deputy safety, vehicles are replaced on a three (3) year cycle with the higher mileage vehicles transitioned to less demanding positions within the agency.

The Sheriff's Office Crime Diversion & Detection Unit covers 953 miles of roadways and 230 miles of U.S. and State Routes. Safe and well equipped vehicles are a top priority of the Fleet Manager.

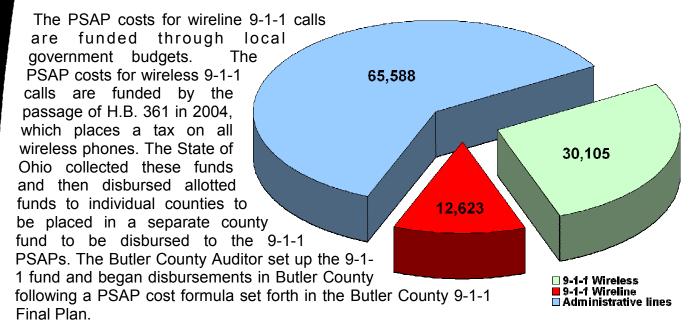


Dep. Don Tolley receives keys to his new cruiser from Sheriff Jones

#### COMMUNICATIONS

#### The Butler County Sheriff's Office becomes Phase II compliant in 2008

All 9-1-1 PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Point) in Butler County have been upgrading and adding equipment, training dispatchers, and implementing new processes to allow for the processing of Phase II Wireless calls into their center. The Butler County Sheriff's Office completed in 2008 with the addition of the mapping product. Phase II allows our dispatchers to receive the wireless caller's callback number, the tower address and/or sector location, and the caller's longitude and latitude coordinates (with an accuracy level consistent with FCC regulations). Most wireless carriers that provide service for our area are in compliance and others are in testing phase to ensure correct information is sent and received.



When a wireless caller dials 9-1-1 and the call is received in the Butler County Sheriff's Office Communication Center, the dispatcher now receives the information in 3 separate locations:

- The phone system displays the caller's callback number, and the tower address and/or sector location.
- The CAD (computer aided dispatch) system displays the caller's callback number, the tower address and/or sector location, the caller's longitude and latitude coordinates (with an accuracy level consistent with FCC regulations), and the appropriate Police, Fire Department, and EMS agencies that would be assigned for the location as given by the wireless call. All of this information is immediately displayed into a "new call window" in CAD so the dispatcher can update the exact data and add any additional information needed, saving many steps in the process.
  - The mapping product that we added to our system in 2008 will immediately zoom into the longitude and latitude of the caller so the dispatcher can see the location and surrounding area of the caller.

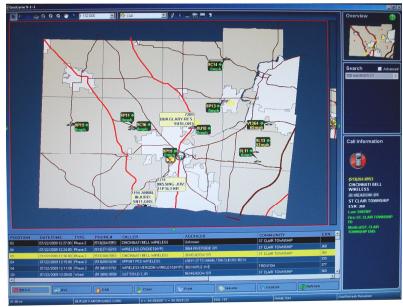
#### New CAD mapping for Communications in 2008

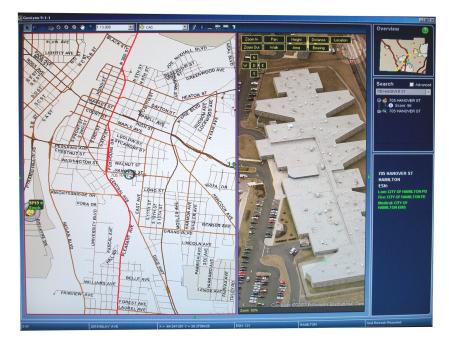
The new computerized mapping software is beneficial to many aspects of the dispatcher's duties. It shows the location of officers that have AVL (automatic vehicle location) in their units, allowing the dispatcher to send the closet available officer to a specific call. All calls for service that officers are on or are pending in queue are displayed on the map to allow the dispatchers to monitor them. The call will indicate if an officer has been dispatched, is on the scene, or is still pending. The AVL program allows the dispatcher to monitor the Deputy should he/she become involved in a pursuit situation and can give the last location if the Deputy is not responding via radio so a check can be conducted. The dispatcher has the capability to obtain directions to locations within the county, mark up road closures, search for addresses, and many other options all from the map.

The Sheriff's Office new Phase 2 compliant mapping system displays all units on patrol via their GPS receivers, as well as caller information, and the location the 911 calls originate from.

The system plots the callers location on the map whether the call was from a "landline" or cellular phone using the GPS receiver in the phone, or triangulation using the 3 closest cell towers.

To the right is the actual screen showing the county map, caller information, and the patrol units and calls.





The mapping system also has address lookup capability and will zoom the map to that location as well as pull up aerial images of the address using another software product called Pictometry.

To the left is an actual screen showing an address lookup for the Butler County Sheriff's Office at 705 Hanover Street. The left side of the screen shows the location in the center of the map in a green circle, and in the right side of the screen is an aerial image of the selected location.

All maps and images can be zoomed in or out giving the dispatcher the level of detail they desire.

#### COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week; 365 days a year with professional dispatchers who are dedicated and

trained to handle life-threatening emergencies and all emergency calls that are received in the dispatch center. The Sheriff currently has staffing levels at 15 full-time and 3 part-time dispatchers to assist the residents of Butler County should they find it necessary to contact the Sheriff's Office for any emergency or non-emergency assistance. The Communications Center also has 1 part-time clerical specialist assigned to assist with the daily paperwork that is processed in the Center. Dispatch Manager Bonnie Short is responsible for the daily management and operation of the Center and personnel.

Calls for Service	2008
Law Enforcement	59,921
Fire Department	928
EMS	5,876
Animal Control	2,923
Park District	193
Coroner	179
no dept listed	2,897
Total Calls for Service	72,917

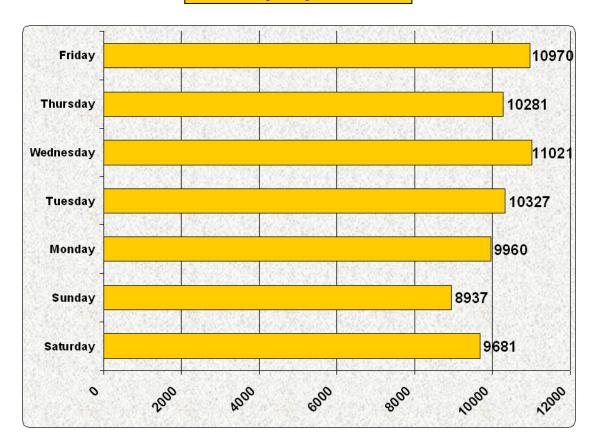
In addition to the Sheriff's Deputies, the dispatchers receive calls and dispatch for 4 additional Police Agencies, 11 Life Squads, 18 Fire Stations, Animal Control and several other miscellaneous agencies located in Butler County.

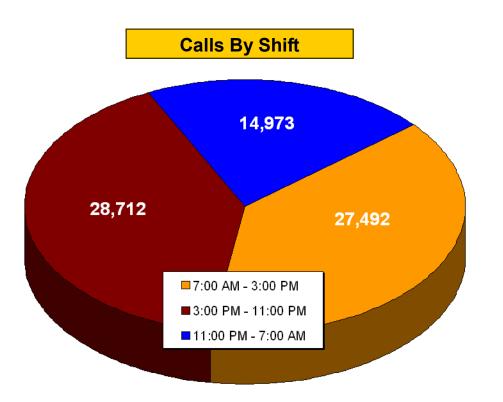
Butler County Dispatchers have received training and are certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers through the National Academy of the Emergency Medical Dispatch. This training allows the dispatcher to provide potential life-saving pre-arrival medical assistance until Emergency Services arrives to the scene.

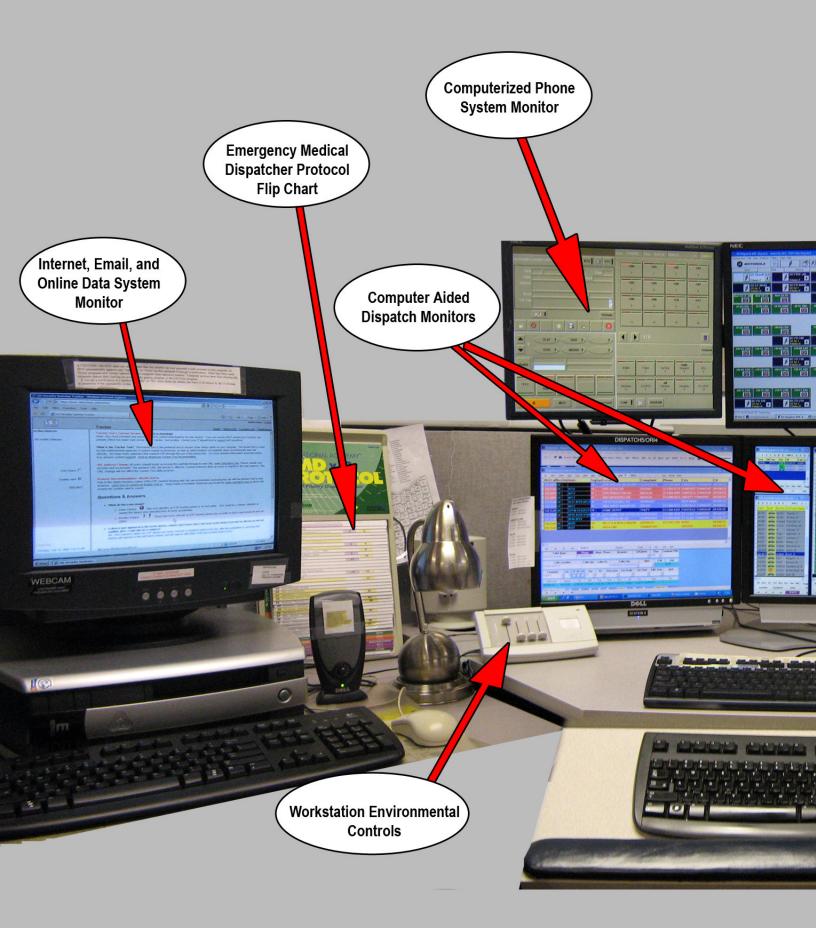


The Butler County Dispatch Center can get very busy at times.

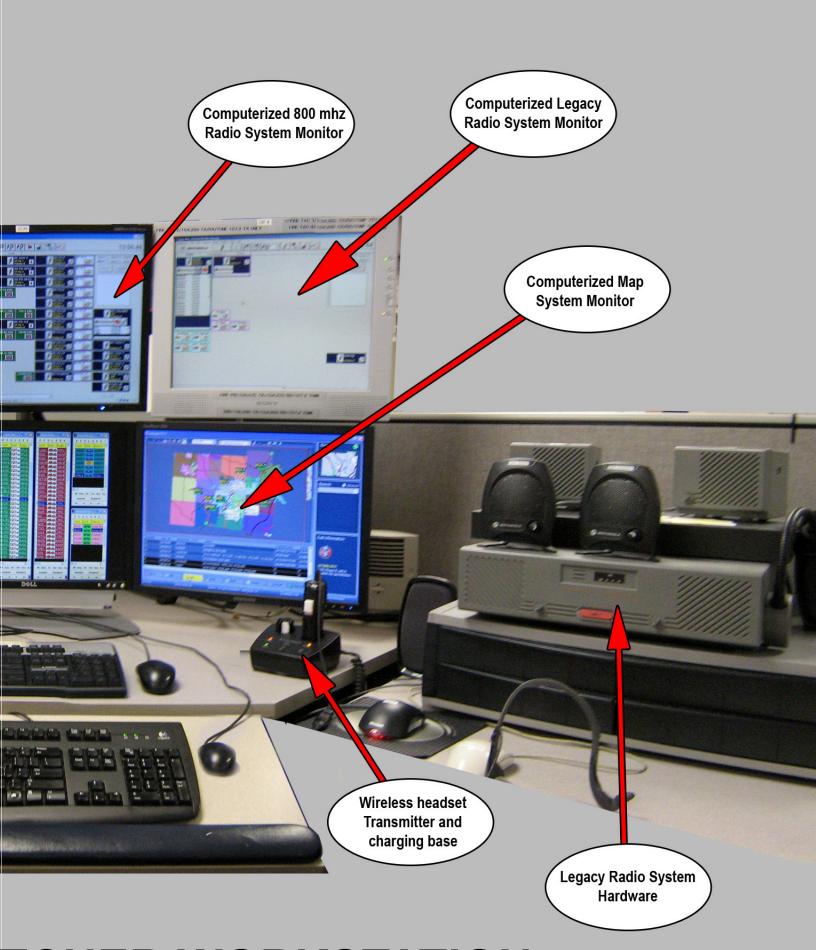
### **Calls By Day Of Week**







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CAPTAIN ED MARTIN

### **CORRECTIONS DIVISION**

The Corrections Division is under the command of Captain Ed Martin and operates with the largest number of staff in the Sheriff's Office. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division consists of three facilities. The Correctional Complex is located at 705 Hanover Street. Resolutions is located at 442 S. Second Street and the Court Street Jail is located at 123 Court Street.

The Correctional Complex is capable of housing 848 inmates. This facility holds maximum and medium security inmates as well as contracted inmates from the United States Marshalls Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Prisons. All prisoner bookings and releases are conducted at this facility.

The Resolutions Jail is capable of housing 371 inmates. This facility holds minimum security inmates and Trusty's. Programming is conducted extensively at this facility in an attempt to reduce recidivism.

The Court Street Jail is capable of housing 200 inmates. This facility holds minimum security inmates and was remodeled in 2007.

The Corrections Division is a dynamic and fast paced operation. Some of daily functions of the Corrections Division include the transportation of Marshall Inmates, Immigration detainees, inmates to outside doctor appointments as well as holding church services in all three facilities.

Additionally, classification of inmates, food service, maintenance, inmate visitation, and video arraignments are just a few of the many other important facility functions of operating a jail.

### **INMATE SERVICES**

The Butler County Correctional Facilities contracts with Resolutions Inc. to provide General Education Development (G.E.D.) preparation and testing, the Life Skills program, indigent commissary services and processing inmate of requests for services and information.

In 2008, sixty-one men and nineteen women successfully passed the Ohio's G.E.D. examination while incarcerated at the Butler County Correctional Facility. Many more inmates were assisted in studying and preparing for the test which were released from custody prior to a state administered test.

A total of 191 inmates graduated the Life Skills program. Ninety-eight males and ninety-three females successfully completed a 30 day drug and alcohol education program which includes Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Addiction Education and other related topics.

Inmate Services processed approximately 43,000 inmate request forms, ranging from requesting legal information/court case law to request for special diets. In addition, 17,333 indigent packs (hygiene kit, 3 envelopes, a pad of paper, pencil and a phone card) were given out to inmates which had no funds of their own.

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#### I.C.E.— ILLEGAL ALIEN TRANSPORATIONS

In January 2008, the Butler County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division began transporting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees to the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (J-PATS) airlift for deportation.

Forty to eighty detainees were transported weekly to airlifts across Ohio, with over 2,800 illegal aliens deported in 2008 alone.

Corrections Officers authorized by the Department of Homeland Security under section 287(g) of Immigration and Nationality Act, processed 238 local illegal aliens between the months of July through December 2008. This number does not include the illegal aliens which were processed by Federal ICE Agents and detained in the Butler County Jail from all over Ohio and Michigan.

Together, on average, 211 illegal aliens were housed in the Butler County Correctional Facilities each month. This number includes illegal aliens held on contract for ICE and local illegal aliens.





BCSO vehicles used to transport I.C.E. detainees to the J-PATS airlift for deportation

### PROJECT F.I.D.O.

In June, Sheriff Jones announced the implementation of Project F.I.D.O. (Free Inmate Dog Obedience). This project was launched in a cooperative effort with the Butler County Animal Friends Humane Society, and its director Leland Gordon. In this program, selected jail prisoners are housed with dogs in their cells, and provide basic forms of dog obedience training. While this sort of program has been used in federal prisons, Bob Cornwell of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association said this is the first such program to be conducted within a local, county jail in Ohio.

The first canine participant in the program named 'Fonzie' was approximately one-year old and was previously abused. Fonzie was assigned to an inmate who began training him in basic commands (sit, stay, lay down, etc) with the assistance of Melvin Shidler, a recognized local dog trainer. The goal of Project F.I.D.O. is to help dogs, like Fonzie, become more adoptable and able to find loving families.

This is a win-win for everybody involved. The Animal Shelter benefits by getting some basic dog obedience training for free and the dog benefits by becoming more adoptable! Additionally, there are not just 'therapeutic' benefits for the prisoner, but the prisoner can also learn and develop animal-handling skills or basic animal treatment respect that can be utilized upon release from jail.

Since June 2008, four (4) dogs have been placed into Project F.I.D.O. with three (3) successfully adopted to loving families.



Sheriff Jones with "Fonzie", the first canine for Project FIDO

### JAIL CONVERTED TO TEMPORARY SHELTER

Butler County was one of the hardest hit counties in Southwest Ohio as the remnants of Hurricane "Ike" hit in September 2008. Most residents lost power for an extended time, many lasting longer than a week. With the loss of refrigeration, residents scrambled to purchase ice, water and dry goods.

Some residents struggled with the heat and lack of drinkable water. Sheriff Richard K. Jones opened the Court Street Facility to assist the American Red Cross in meeting the needs of Butler County residents waiting on the restoration of utilities. Bottled water, heater meals, bagged ice, and even a cool place to stay were offered to those in need.



Court Street Jail converted to a temporary heat shelter and ice warehouse!

#### **INMATE TRUSTY LABOR**

At the Butler County Correctional Complex there are many jobs available to inmates classified as minimum or low risk. Both male and female inmates are given an opportunity to work as trustys at assignments both within the correctional facility and for community projects outside of the jail compound.

Based on the current minimum wage, trustys working details within the corrections facilities worked 63,908 hours, saving Butler County \$410,450.20 during 2008.

Jobs Inside the correctional facilities include:

- Maintenance support
- Custodial and lawn care
- Kitchen workers
- Inmate laundry
- Project F.I.D.O. Dog trainer

Based on the current minimum wage, trustys working outside the correctional facilities for community projects worked over 156,639 hours, saving Butler County \$1,008,844.15 during 2008.

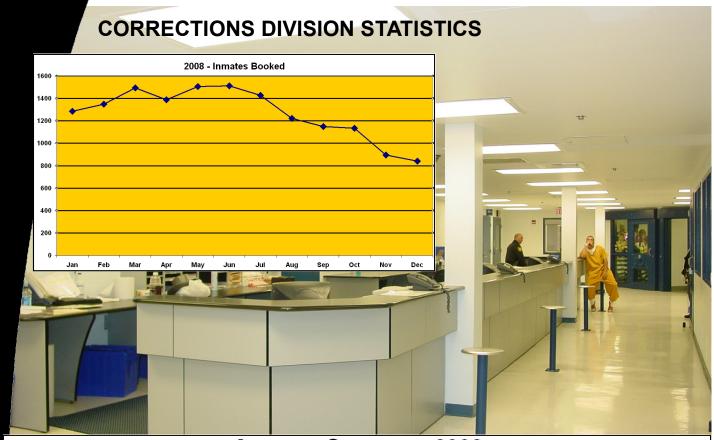
Community projects include:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Butler County Animal Friends Humane Society
- Metro Parks
- Hamilton Police Department
- Butler County Government Services
- Clean-up Hamilton
- River Days
- West Chester Township
- Hamilton City Parks

Inmate Labor gets work done at no cost to taxpayers!

In 2008, Butler County saved a "minimum wage value" of \$1,419,294.35 using inmate labor!





### Average Summary 2008

				CONTRACT	NON-	
MONTH	HANOVER	RESOLUTIONS	COURT ST	INMATES	CONTRACT	TOTAL
Jan	683	237	0	63	857	920
Feb	787	249	0	183	853	1037
March	794	275	0	305	764	1069
April	799	313	0	311	802	1112
May	755	313	0	276	791	1067
June	808	324	0	323	810	1132
July	812	325	0	327	810	1137
Aug	783	261	0	343	701	1044
Sept	773	254	0	355	672	1027
Oct	778	221	0	342	657	999
Nov	753	264	0	359	658	1017
Dec	755	223	0	377	601	978
MONTHLY AVG	773	272	0	297	748	1045

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### **Corrections Division**

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#### **Trusty Yearly Report 2008** Dollars Saved Outside Hours Dollars Saved Total Hours Total Dollars 32,970.60 11,562 \$67,637.70 17,198 \$ 100,608.30 31,063.50 10,857 \$63,513.45 16,167 \$ 94,576.95 30,800.25 11,618 \$67,965.30 16,883 \$ 98,765.55 30,577.95 14,055 \$82,221.75 19,282 \$ 112,799.70 \$ 30,829.50 14,477 \$84,690.45 19,747 115,519.95 31,496.40 13,630 \$79,735.50 19,014 \$ 111,231.90 39,088.00 13,928 \$97,496.00 19,512 \$ 136,584.00 37,576.00 12,576 \$88,032.00 17,944 \$ 125,608.00

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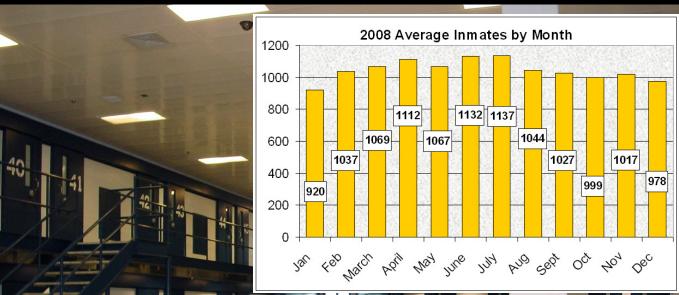
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June	810	323	June	1132
July	810	327	July	1137
Aug	701	343	Aug	1044
Sept	672	355	Sept	1027
Oct	657	342	Oct	999
Nov	658	359	Nov	1017
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#### INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

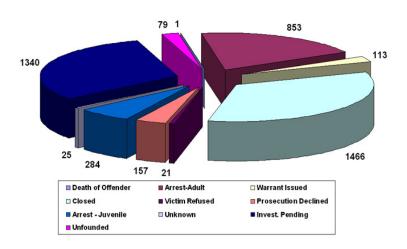
The Criminal Investigations Division is made up of several different "divisions" including, but not limited to: Detectives, Drug and Vice, Sexual Offender Registration, Property/Evidence Room, Concealed Carry, Warrants, and Victim Advocate.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

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.



### **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

The law defines and requires a three-tier classification system for sex offenders, on which other requirements are based. The tier levels are established as:

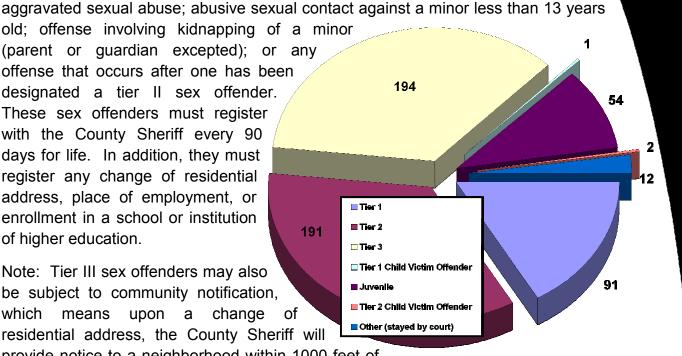
- •**Tier I** Sex offenders must register with the County Sheriff at least once annually for a period of 15 years. In addition, they must register any change of residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution of higher education.
- •Tier II are those with an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and comparable to or more severe than the following federal offenses involving a minor: sex trafficking; coercion and enticement; transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity; abusive sexual contact. Also includes any offense involving use of a minor in a sexual performance, solicitation of a minor to practice prostitution, or production or distribution of child pornography. Sex offenders must register with the County Sheriff every 180 days for a period of 25 years. In addition, must register any change of residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution of higher education.
  - •Tier III are sex offenses punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and comparable to or more severe than the following federal offenses: sexual abuse or

### **Investigations Division**

old; offense involving kidnapping of a minor (parent or guardian excepted); or any offense that occurs after one has been designated a tier II sex offender. These sex offenders must register with the County Sheriff every 90 days for life. In addition, they must register any change of residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution of higher education.

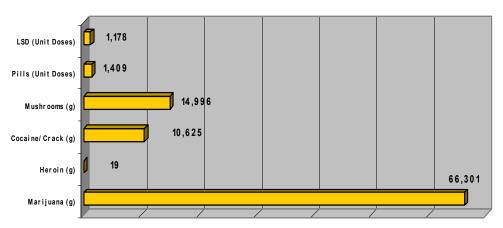
Note: Tier III sex offenders may also be subject to community notification, which means upon a change residential address, the County Sheriff will provide notice to a neighborhood within 1000 feet of

the sex offenders residential address. The County Sheriff will also provide notice to schools, registered day-care providers, and law enforcement agencies within the county.

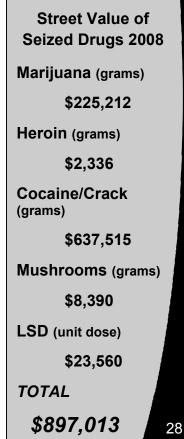


### DRUG VICE AND INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (DVIU)

The Drug, Vice, and Investigations Unit is a "specialty assignment" and not every deputy is qualified to serve in this unit. Making drug buys direct from a dealer is as up-close and personal as it gets. Few other times is an officer exposed to greater danger than working undercover. Each agent is hand selected for individual qualities/talents that can be brought to this unit. It takes dedication and discipline, sometimes working throughout the night and following day, to be a successful agent.



**Drugs Removed from the Streets in 2008** 





LIEUTENANT JEAN COLLETT

#### SUPPORT DIVISION

The Support Services Division is under the command of Lieutenant Jean Collett and is a supplementary unit that provides service to the courts - one of the Sheriff's primary functions.

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

The most significant additions in Support Services in 2008 were the increase of one person to the Training Unit and the associated increase in training hours for the unit due to

increased training required by OPOTA guidelines.

Corrections Officer Zane Nickell joined the Training Unit in early 2008. Corrections Officer Nickell has been a valuable instructor with a wealth of experience and education that enhances the breadth and scope of our training curriculum.

Specialist Marion Olivas replaced Deputy Ben Kramer in the Training Unit. Deputy Kramer was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Patrol Division.

Specialist Olivas brings twenty-five years of law enforcement experience to the Training Unit. Specialist Olivas has served as a Lieutenant and Sergeant in several different assignments, and has been a long-time instructor for the Sheriff's Office.

The Support Services is responsible for the following units:

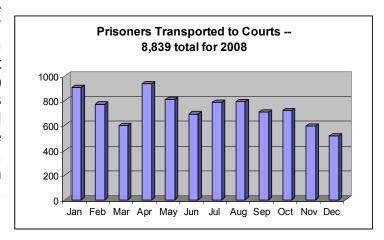
- Training
- Court Services
- Pipe & Drum Unit
- Special Deputies
- Honor Guard
- Caisson Unit
- Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)
- Project Lifesaver
- Special Events

Additional personnel changes include Deputy Sandy Kuhlman and Deputy Warren Hughes transferring to Court Services to fill vacant positions.

### **COURT SERVICES**

The Court Services Division (29 Deputies and 1 Supervisor) is committed to providing safety for the operations of the Butler County Courts system, and ensuring timeliness of court proceedings

involving subjects that are in jail. The primary span of operation includes 7 Common Pleas Court General Division Judges and 2 Domestic Relations Court Judges (and all their various Magistrates) housed in the Government Services Center on High Street, 2 Judges (and respective Magistrates) housed at the Juvenile Justice Center on Fair Avenue, Area 1 Court in Oxford, Area 2 Court in the Historical Courthouse in Hamilton, and Area 3 Court in West Chester.



Courtroom safety is enhanced with the screening of courtroom visitors and their purses/packages with metal detectors (walkthrough and hand-held devices), x-ray machines, and if need arises, a physical pat-down. Although the actual number of

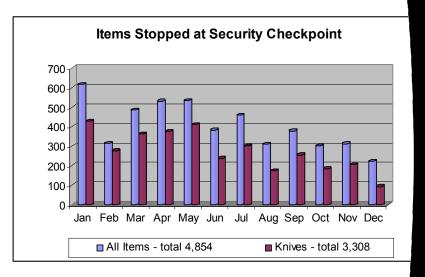


Deputy Sandy Kuhlman using x-ray machine to check a purse for contraband

courtroom visitors is not tracked, to get an idea of the volume of traffic, consider that in 2008, more than 408,700 purses/packages were x-rayed. Based on those x-rays and metal detector alerts, more than 4,800 items were stopped from being taken into courtroom areas after being determined they were, or were potentially adaptable to become, More than 3,300 of those items were weapons. knives, mostly the small, pocket-type. Unfortunately, there is no way to ever prove whether the possession of any of those knives while entering a secure court area was truly an innocent oversight, or a clever attempt to get a weapon into the courtroom or maybe into the hands of a jail inmate who might be in court for a hearing or trial.

Court Services is more than just preventing weapons and other contraband from entering court

areas. Prisoners housed in the Butler County Jail have to be transported to all the various county courts for their respective trials and hearings. are often transported in groups to the court buildings where they are normally placed in holding cell areas. They then must be escorted to the individual courtrooms to ensure they remain in custody and that they arrive safely before the judge or magistrate. During 2008, more than 8,800 prisoners were transported to their scheduled court appearances, equaling an average of almost 750 per month. To help facilitate these transports, in 2008 two



new transport vans were obtained and added to the existing fleet.

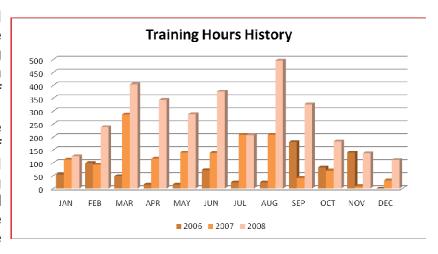
Beyond the scope of the county court system, other county agencies can contract with the Sheriff's Office for security services at their locations. Under such contracts in 2008, the Court Services Division provided Deputies for the Middletown Jobs and Family Services Office and the Middletown Children's Services location. Butler County Children's Services also contracted for Deputies at two sites in Hamilton. With the bulk of Court Services Division personnel being located in the Government Services Building in Hamilton, Deputies frequently respond to other County Offices housed in that same building for any kind of trouble call or request for assistance, and routinely handle issues that may arise within the parking garage attached to the Government Services Center.

#### TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit staff gives a heartfelt "thank you" to all of our dedicated instructors, without whom we could not achieve our goals and meet our objectives. These individuals sacrifice their time to share their talents, skills and knowledge with their peers. Their commitment to excellence enables us to provide BCSO employees with the highest quality training.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office recognizes that quality training ensures the agency operates at the highest level of efficiency and helps employees attain career goals through continuing education. It is incumbent upon the Training Division to provide job-related training to all Sheriff's Office members, both sworn and civilian. In 2008, 99% of all commissioned staff and 79% of non-commissioned staff received training either through the Sheriff's Office Training Unit or at offsite facilities.

Ohio law mandates that commissioned officers receive Continuing Professional Training (CPT), qualify with their firearm using the State standards, and, if they had a break in service, complete any required update training. Ninety-nine percent of BCSO commissioned staff received training in Victims' Rights, Dealing with Mentally III Persons, and Response to Active Shooters. Sheriff's Office is in 100% compliance with mandated update training.



One objective for the Training Division is to provide employees with training that will enhance productivity and effectiveness through increased job knowledge. A number of staff members requested specialized training in topics of interest that would enhance their performance. Specific areas of concentration intended to keep our deputies safe included Response to Active Shooters and Officer Survival Skills. Several of the seasoned supervisory staff attended Principle-Based Leadership Training, while newly promoted supervisors attended First Line Supervision. In 2008, the Sheriff's Office held five Corrections Basic Training, providing instruction in basic corrections function to more than 58 BCSO corrections officers as well as 4 COs from Preble County S.O.

Among the many topics that enhanced our understanding and relationship with other government entities were topics regarding homeland security, victims' rights, and dealing with the mentally ill. Instructors for the latter class were the CEO and staff of Transitional Living, Inc.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission has mandated that all OPOTA certified instructors receive a 16 hour update in Instructional Skills Development by July 1, 2009. Thirty of the 32 instructors received this update in 2008. In addition to this, a number of

instructors pursued certification in other topics including: Corrections Crisis Intervention Skills Instructor, Crisis Intervention Instructor, Missing Persons Instructor, Sexual Harassment and Abuse in Corrections Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Legal Instructor, and Driving Instructor Update Training.

#### **COMMUNITY TRAINING PROGRAMS**

#### Citizens Academy

In 2008, the Butler County Sheriff's Office hosted two training programs for the residents of the community. The programs were Sheriff's Citizens Academy and Safety Through Active Response Training. (S.T.A.R.T.)

In February 2008, the fourth Sheriff's Citizens Academy began. The academy was held once a week for three hours on Tuesday evenings for twelve weeks.

The academy was held at different locations, depending on the type of training for the particular training session. Locations included:

- Butler Tech Public Safety Education Center
- Butler County Sheriff Headquarters
- Butler County Sheriff West Chester Police Firearms Range

Twenty-four citizens participated in the Sheriff's Citizen Academy for a full thirty-six (36) hours of lecture, scenario and hands-on instructions about the Sheriff's Office responsibilities and operations. Topics ranged from Dispatch to Forensics and Traffic Stops to SWAT.

All students completed the course and graduated on May 6, 2008 with Chief Deputy Anthony E. Dwyer handing out diplomas.

Previous Citizen Academies have produced numerous volunteers for the Citizen on Patrol, Civil Division, and clerical assistance programs that have saved thousands of tax dollars and allowed the special relationships with our citizens to continue.

### Safety Through Active Response Training (S.T.A.R.T.)

Recognizing the need for a community-based Women's Self-Defense course, the Butler County Sheriff's Office created a team of specialists to research and develop a program that fit the needs of the community as well as being effective in real-world conditions.

In the summer of 2006, Sgt. Chuck Laymon, Dep. Kim Peters, and Training Officer Zane Nickell founded the Safety Through Active Response Training program. (S.T.A.R.T.)

The S.T.A.R.T program is both flexible and customizable providing students with detailed instructions in Ohio self defense laws, self-defense strategies, and techniques. Additionally, students will learn tactics to avoid violent encounters.

Following instruction, students will be given an opportunity to test their new skills in dynamic simulations of real-world attacks. The full course is set for twelve hours, but shorter classes can be created as needed. Safety lectures are also available upon request.

### **EXPLORERS**

Many careers in law enforcement have begun with participation in the Sheriff Explorers Program. Many of Butler County Sheriff's Office Deputies originated from the Explorer Program.

The BCSO Explorer program is under the direction of Advisor Deputy Matt Ginter, and associate Advisors; Deputy Greg Money, Deputy Mitch Shelton, and Deputy Matt Kellum.

The Explorer program had a very exciting and demanding 2008. With the addition of six new explorers in 2008 the year was filled with ongoing training. Explorers meet once a week for four hours and obtain training with BCSO Deputies in various topics including; Traffic Enforcement, Building Searches, Domestic Violence, just to name a few.

In April, the explorers attended the Cincinnati/NKY Regional competition. The Butler County Sheriff Explorers placed first in several events and placed second over all with over 20 other Explorer Teams competing. This was a huge accomplishment and speaks highly of the training the explorers obtain.

In July, the Explorers traveled 1,200 miles to Fort Collins, Colorado for an entire week of training and competitions along with 400 other Explorer Post's from across the nation.

The Explorers wrapped up the 2008-year training hard for the next competition in April 2009. If you are interested in obtaining more information about this program call 513.785.1224 to speak to an Advisor today!



Explorers practice traffic stop arrest techniques

### SPECIAL DEPUTIES

Special Deputies are a volunteer group of twelve community members who are state certified as Police Officers.

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 commission.

Special Deputies volunteer hours of work in the jail, court services, warrants unit, and many special events throughout the year.

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

The twelve Special Deputies are under the direction of Sergeant Lowell Bower. Sgt. Bower has supervised the Special Deputy Unit since 2005. Sgt. Bower's duties include maintaining statistical information, conducting monthly meeting, and coordinating training for the members.

In 2008, retired Sugar Creek Township police officer Terry McClanahan joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office Special Deputies.

Deputy McClanahan brings with him twenty-six years of law enforcement experience with a specialty in traffic investigation and crash reconstruction. Deputy McClanahan lends his extensive experience to our Traffic Unit where his assistance has been invaluable.



#### PROJECT LIFESAVER

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

Trained Butler County Sheriff's Office personnel use electronic equipment and search techniques to locate people who are identified as "high risk" of wandering due to their illness. In 2008 the program had twenty adults and children enrolled in the Project Lifesaver Program in six surrounding cities, outlying townships, and villages.



GPS "watch" that allows the wearer to be located by satellite.

#### **CAISSON UNIT**

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

In 2008, the Caisson Unit was honored to serve the families of Butler County Judge David



Caisson Unit participates in the service for Staff Sgt.Matt Maupin

Niehaus, Staff Sergeant Matt Maupin, retired Delhi Township Police Chief Howard Makin, World War II Veteran Eugene C. Rosselot, and Springboro, Ohio resident Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Griffin.

Staff Sergeant Matt Maupin and Staff Sergeant Travis Griffin were killed while on military active duty in Iraq.

#### PIPE AND DRUM CORP

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Pipe and Drum Corp grew to over 17 members during 2008. Sheriff Richard K. Jones began the year by running ads in local papers to solicit volunteers interested in bagpipes and Scottish drumming. As a result, the Pipe and Drum Corp more than doubled in size.

New members receive weekly instruction in bagpipe and/or Scottish drumming technique. This has all been accomplished with volunteers and has resulted in no cost to the Sheriff's Office, band or any of the volunteers.



Through the generosity of donations and grants from community foundations, new members have been outfitted in traditional Scottish kilts and uniform attire.

The Pipe and Drum Corp has performed in many parades throughout Butler County and traveled across the State, playing for memorials, funerals and law enforcement meetings.

### **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE**

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

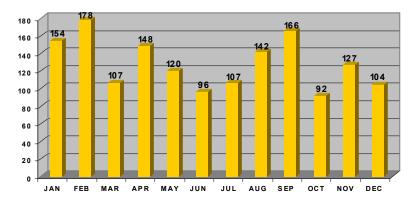
These citizens attend a twelve-week Sheriff's Citizens academy which instructs them about the duties and responsibilities of the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

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

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

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

#### CITIZENS ON PATROL—HOURS VOLUNTEERED





COP volunteers with Lieutenant Collett and patrol car

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.

In 2008 a total of thirteen VIPS members donated a total of 3,144 hours to the Butler County Sheriff's Office and Butler County citizens.

### "SHERIFF'S SHOOT" EVENT

In 2008, the Butler County Sheriff's Support Services Division hosted the First Annual Regional Pistol Competition, also known as the "Sheriff's Shoot" for law enforcement members.

The competition was developed by Deputy Michael Armocida, Butler County Sheriff's Office range master and training unit member.

Training unit member Roger Johannes assisted Deputy Armocida with the task of developing the multi- level shooting event that attracted forty-nine law enforcement officers from the Butler County area as well as surrounding counties including Northern Kentucky.

Door prizes were donated by many area gunsmiths and manufacturing representatives who also attended the event.



Sheriff Jones with "Sheriff's Shoot" event judges (I-r) Lt. John Sons, Sheriff Jones, Dep. Mike Armocida, Sgt. Chuck Laymon

Deputy John Smith was instrumental in obtaining the many door prizes from area businesses and food vendors. well as as coordinating the preparation of the range for the event, developing and supervising a course of fire, and volunteering many hours of his own time, which contributed to the success of the event.

### **Administrative Services Division**



LIEUTENANT MIKE SMITH

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Much of the work of the Sheriff's Office is carried out behind the scenes. The Warrants Unit helps keep offenders off of the streets, making our community safer. Civil Processing keeps the information and documents flowing from one division to the next.

Central Records works to make sure that everything is recorded and proper records are maintained. The Sheriff's Sales division oversees the court ordered evictions and sales. While the Administrative Services Division's work is rarely in the public spotlight, it is no less important in the daily functions of the sheriff's Office.

#### **CENTRAL RECORDS**

If the Sheriff's Office was a wheel, then Central Records would be the hub. Virtually any written record created in any division of the Sheriff's Office eventually finds it's way into Central Records. It is the central repository of all jail records, criminal and incident reports,

call records from Communications, fingerprints, crash reports, and the list goes on.

In addition to keeping all of the records in the Sheriff's Office, the records staff are able to locate and produce the information in the form of public record requests and background checks both from the public and other Sheriff's Office divisions.

Central Records processed and validated 4,227 offense and incident reports created by the patrol division as well as 4,298

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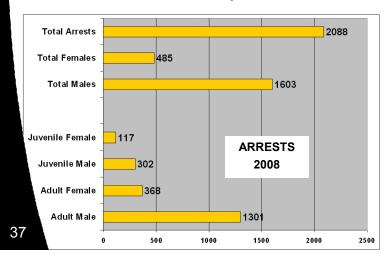
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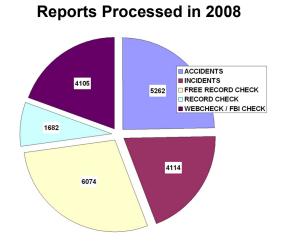
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Domestic Violence / Dispute
Crimes Against Persons
Crimes Against property
Murder / Homicide
Juvenile Offenses
Death Investigations / Suicides & Attempts
Drug / Alcohol/ Disorderly Conduct / VICE
Sexual Offenses or Attempted
Miscellanious Offenses

traffic citations. Another project for 2008 was to digitally scan all of the jails legacy inmate "hard cards" into a data base. Nearly 22,000 cards have been scanned by the end of 2008!





### Administrative Services Division

#### SHERIFF'S SALES

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

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

In 2008, the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed 2,641 court-ordered sales of real estate in Butler County. Of those 2,641 processed, 1,390 of the properties were sold.

On occasion, the parties subject to foreclosure are able to arbitrate a legal agreement prior to their property being sold. When the parties cannot come to an agreement, the Sheriff's Office must auction the property.



Attorney James Allen prepares for Auction

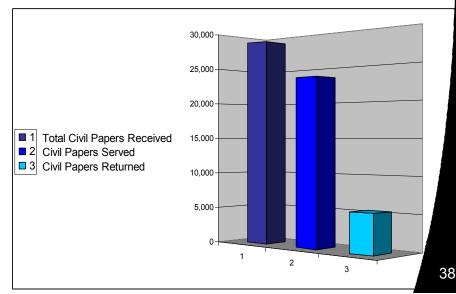
In 2008, the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed 186 more real-estate properties than in 2007 – an increase of seven percent in 2008.

This seven percent increase in processed properties is a direct result of the difficult times experienced locally, as well as throughout the United States in the mortgage and banking industry.

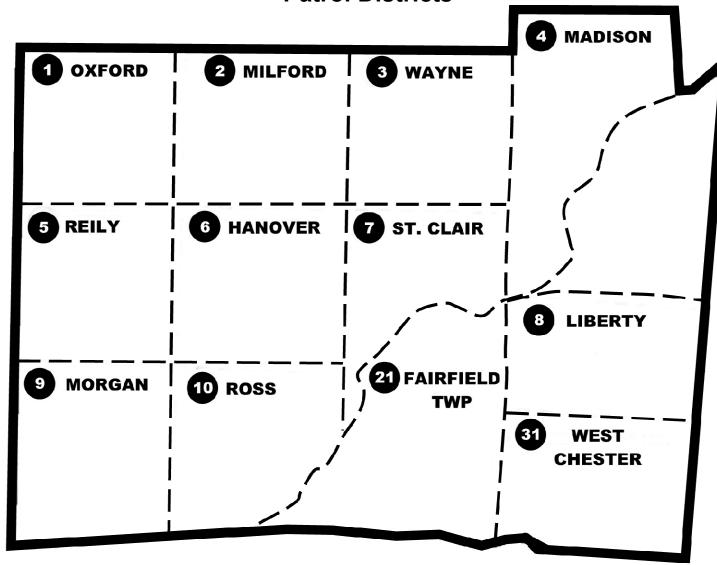
#### **CIVIL DIVISION**

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

civil subpoenas, divorce complaints, Civil Protection Orders, and summons. It serves Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and the Area Courts of Butler In 2008, a total of County. 28,760 documents were received from the various courts, 23,334 (81%) of them were successfully served by the unit and only 5,426 (19%) were returned to court.



## **Butler County Sheriff's Office Patrol Districts**





### **History Of The Office Of Sheriff In Ohio**

Thomas Jefferson, in his work called "The Value of Constitutions", wrote, "the Office of Sheriff is the most important of all the executive offices of the country". After well over two hundred years, experience has proven that the perspective of Jefferson and other founding fathers is just as valid today as it was when they first perceived of how a free society could best constructed.

The Office of Sheriff is certainly significant and was, in fact, the first County Office established in the United States. Some very famous, outstanding Americans have held the Office of County Sheriff from the earliest days to the present era. George Washington's father was an early Sheriff in Colonial Virginia.

The Sheriffs of America have played a significant role in the history of our Nation, and the Sheriffs of Ohio are no exception to this heritage. A brief study of the history of Ohio reveals that Ohio Sheriffs have contributed greatly to the development and importance of the Buckeye State.

Arthur St. Clair, Colonial Governor, appointed the first Sheriff on record in Ohio in 1788. He was a military officer with the rank of Colonel named Ebenezer Sproat. His Jurisdictional area was Washington County, an enormous amount of land covering all of Eastern Ohio from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. Colonel Sproat was a member of the first expedition that settled on the Ohio River, at the mouth of the Muskingum River. This settlement was named Marietta, after the Queen of France, Marie Antoniette. Sheriff Sproat was a colorful character and carried a sword as his badge of office. He was a large, powerfully built man and very tall for the times at six feet, four inches. Due to his stature, he was admired by the Indian Tribes and called "Hetuck" which means "Big Buckeye". This is often considered as the origin of Ohio being called the "Buckeye State". The Colonial system continued until 1792.

In 1792, now "Northwest Territorial" Governor Arthur St. Clair again appointed Sheriff Sproat. In 1802, the Ohio Constitution was drafted and the office of Sheriff in Ohio became a two-year term elective office. The two-year term continued until 1936 when the term was extended to four years. When Ohio achieved statehood in 1803, the Office of Sheriff was firmly entrenched as an integral and mandatory part of Ohio Government.

After Statehood became a reality, only three public offices were filled through the electoral process. The position of Sheriff was the first selected. Through this system, William Skinner became the first elected Sheriff in the Buckeye State. Since the early 1800's, Ohio Sheriffs have been elected by the people they serve. By virtue of this system, the Office of Sheriff has become the oldest law enforcement position in the United State filled by the electoral process. It remains today the only law enforcement position in the United States filled by election.

Many duties of the Sheriff have remained unchanged since the creation of the Office. The Sheriff was required to attend the Court of Common Pleas, Court of Appeals, County Court, Probate Court and the Circuit Court to insure that order was maintained during any court proceedings. The Sheriff is empowered to adjourn the Court if the judge fails to appear or if the Court of Appeals lack a quorum of judges. The Sheriff, in his capacity, acts as Ministerial Officer and Custodian of the Courts.

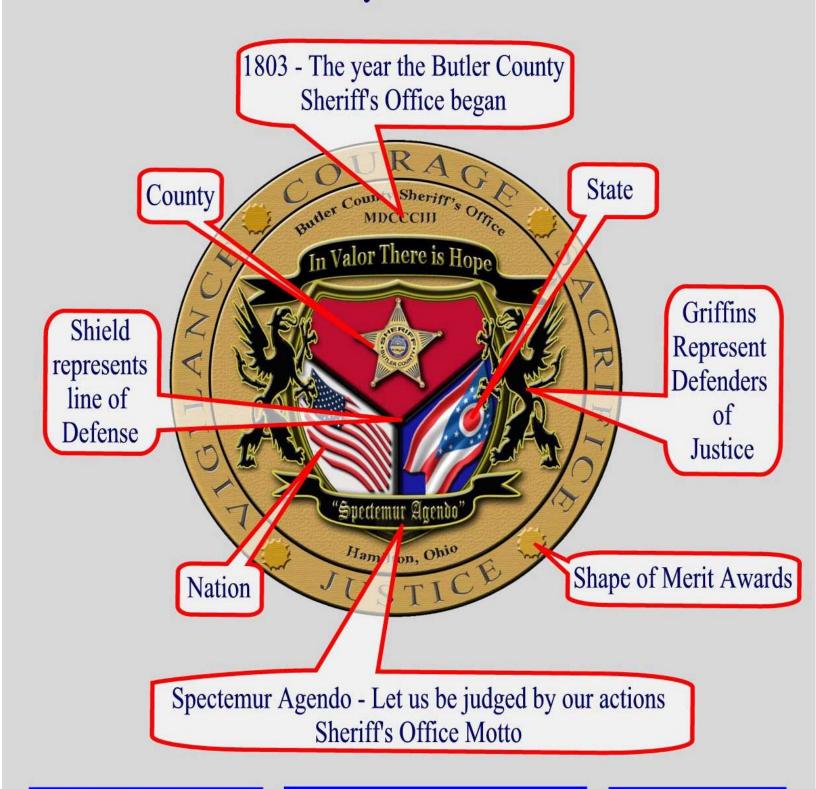
In 1805, the Ohio General Assembly defined additional duties of the Sheriff. The Sheriff has a duty to preserve the peace by suppressing riots, unlawful assemblies, and insurrections. The Sheriff is to apprehend and incarcerate all felons and traitors and to enforce the election laws defined by the Secretary of State. The Sheriff is required to be present at all drawings of jurors and to serve notice to selected jurors. From 1805 Until 1886 the Sheriff was required to be the County Executioner for those convicted of Capital crimes and sentence to death by hanging.

The Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the County and possesses jurisdiction coextensive with the county boundaries, including all Municipalities, Villages and Townships in the County. The Sheriff serves all warrants, writs, subpoenas and other orders issued by all of the State Courts, State Officials and State Boards including Governor's Warrants.

**Butler County Sheriff's Office Motto** 

Spectemur Agendo - Let us be judged by our actions

# The Butler County Sheriff's Office Crest



Red, White and Blue Colors for Nation and State

Vigilance, Courage, Sacrifice and Justice Sheriff's Office Credo Black and Gold Departmental Colors