

# 2021-2022 BI-ANNUAL REPORT



BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**SHERIFF**

RICHARD K. JONES

**CHIEF DEPUTY**

ANTHONY E. DWYER

**MAJOR**

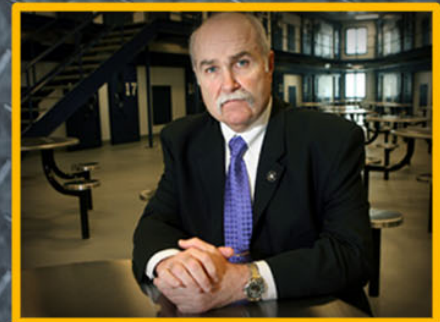
G. MICHAEL CRAFT





# Sheriff

Richard K. Jones



As your Butler County Sheriff, I see the increase of moral decay throughout the United States. The concept of love your neighbor, be happy and support people in need are quickly becoming distant notions and we all should be very concerned for our country – I am!

As you read this letter, our country's open border policy is allowing an unprecedented number of illegal immigrants to enter and staggering amounts of drugs to be smuggled in with minimal effort. While the current White House administration is busy defunding immigration facilities and helping illegal immigrants with hotel accommodations, our own citizens are being victimized by illegal immigrants (some that have been deported multiple times, but return time and time again because it is so easy to get here). Other American families are being destroyed by the death of their loved ones, made possible by the drugs that are flowing through our open borders.

We are in a drug crisis with one of the deadliest drugs we have ever seen – fentanyl. Fentanyl is produced in China, trafficked across the Mexican border and is being distributed throughout the United States. Fentanyl has killed over 170 Butler County citizens in the last twelve months. Ohio has seen more than 4,500 deaths and over 100,000 people have died at the hands of Fentanyl in the United States.

Here in Butler County, we are extremely fortunate that our citizens continue to support law enforcement, the judicial system and the prosecutor. Together, we are all working hard to make this county a better place to live and work.

We cannot fail. We must stop the carnage. Fentanyl has taken a stronghold in our Country and the fight to save lives will take all of us.

Together, we will prevail.

Your Sheriff

R. K. Jones



## Administration

Chief Anthony Dwyer is a lifelong resident of Butler County. Born and raised in Middletown, Chief Dwyer began his employment with the Sheriff's Office in 1984, originally working the Corrections Division and then as a patrol officer.

In 1986 Chief Dwyer was transferred to the Detective Division where he remained for the next 13 years. He was promoted through the ranks of Detective, Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant, and finally Detective Captain. During his tenure in the Detective Bureau, Chief Dwyer worked on several high-profile homicide investigations that have been featured on "America's Most Wanted" and the Discovery Channel's "New Detective" Series. He is also a recipient of the National Sheriff's Association award for exceptional investigative work and has been published in "Ohio Police" magazine.

In 1999, Chief Dwyer accepted a management position as Major, overseeing all operations of the Sheriff's Office. Chief Dwyer was promoted to his current position in 2005.



Chief Deputy  
Anthony E. Dwyer



## Administration

Major Gary Michael Craft is a lifelong resident of Hamilton, Ohio. He began his career in 1989 as an undercover drug agent. After being promoted to Detective in 1996, Major Craft completed three tours in the Drug Unit, and was a D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. Officer assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit. He was the first Detective assigned to the newly created "Crimes against the Elderly" program in 1995. In 1996, Major Craft, then Detective Craft, was named "Employee of the Year."

Major Craft was assigned to the Detective Division and Drug Unit when promoted to Sergeant, and in 2000 was promoted once again, to Lieutenant. While Major Craft was Lieutenant, he was responsible for Court Security, Civil Division, and Deputy Warden until he was promoted to Captain in November 2013.

Major Craft was promoted to the rank of Major in February 2015. He has also been a member of and supervised the Marine Patrol Unit and Hostage Negotiators. With over 30 years of experience at the Butler County Office, Major Craft has worked countless high profile cases.



Major Mike Craft



## Administration

Executive Secretary Pam Stroup has been with the Sheriff's Office for over 38 years and is responsible for coordinating Sheriff Jones' daily schedule, visitors, emails, and conferences. Pam maintains the Sheriff's correspondences, training documents, FOJ funds, directives and memos. She is also responsible for the issuance of all departmental I.D. cards, Oaths of Office, Special Deputies, Mounted Patrol, and Business Specials. She is the record holder for all Peace Officer Commissions and the Annual Report for the OPOTC.



Executive Secretary  
Pam Stroup

## Finance

Finance Director Vickie Jo Barger leads the Finance Division of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The Finance Division oversees all financial, human resources, payroll, inmate accounts, grants administration and purchasing functions. 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 division represents the Sheriff when presenting budget, fiscal, and contract requests for the Board of County Commissioners for approval. This division also monitors and oversees multiple budgets, ten general fund departments and 24 non general/agency funds.



Finance Director  
Vickie Barger

# Finance

*Significant changes from the 2019-2020 bi-annual monetary status and the current 2021-2022 status are directly related to the current economic and inflationary issues that are ongoing in the United States.*

## Human Resources/Payroll

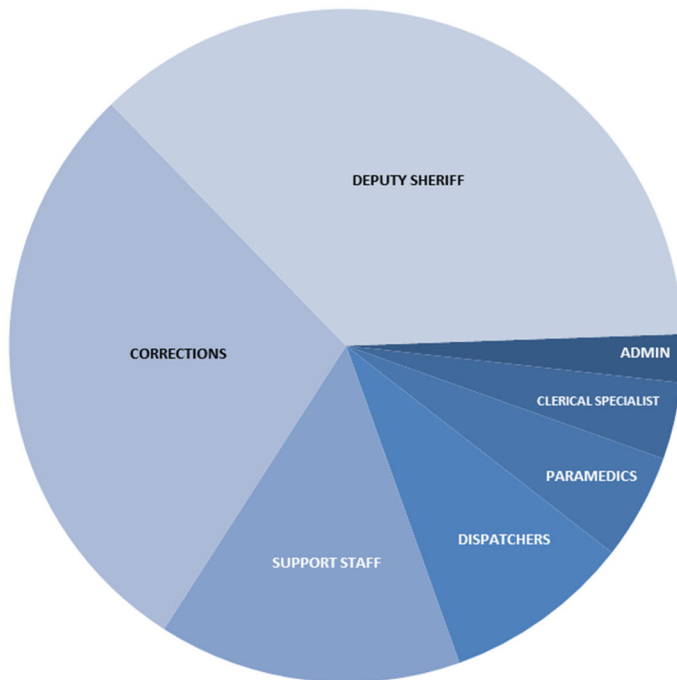
In 2022 the Butler County Sheriff's Office employed 428 total employees within the classification below.

### Total 2022 Workforce Includes:

377 Full-Time Employees

51 Part-Time Employees

As we now work in a post COVID-19 era, our agency has been able to sustain current staffing levels. However, we are now faced with new changes like re-engaging the workforce, recruiting new applicants, and retaining employees.



WORKFORCE ALLOCATION

9	Administration
13	Clerical Specialist
16	Paramedics
35	Dispatchers
94	Support Staff
127	Correction Officers
134	Deputy Sheriffs

## **Human Resources**

During 2021 and 2022, the Human Resources/Payroll section of the Finance Division processed 58 new full-time employees, 19 part-time employees, 126 resignations/terminations, and 10 retirements.

With a workforce of over four hundred employees, Human Resource/Payroll provides daily support to BCSO employees. Topics include payroll, insurance benefits, health and wellness, promotions, transfers and onboarding new employees – making sure that everything from the first day to each subsequent day is navigated successfully.

Whether employees need assistance with health issues, injuries or other life occurrences (getting married, having a child or need for accommodations), support is available.

Most people know that Human Resources (HR) handles matters such as benefits and employee records, but HR also works with administration to address trending human resource issues and changes. HR provides statistical employee data and ensures that administration has digital access to employee data, records, and career history, while preserving the security and integrity of such records. Both HR and Payroll actively seek new ways to streamline procedures eliminating the need for paper records. Employee files have been converted to digital formats, and in 2022 payroll transitioned to a paperless environment. The hope is with the addition of the Kronos time-keeping and scheduling software program, employees and supervisors will find it easier to review their electronic timecards and schedules, while the payroll process is streamlined for Auditor's Office processing of the records.

Additional responsibilities include providing information for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) compliance, managing Workers' Compensation Claims, the recruitment of new employees, tracking performance appraisals, absenteeism rates and other employee data, while promoting a wellness program and employee assistance program (EAP) to employees in order to maintain a healthy workforce. HR also processes insurance changes, promotions and staffing moves. Payroll maintains and monitors employee accrual records, leave/overtime request documentation, and processes all payroll changes while as retirements and resignations, while maintaining accurate pay records.

While HR is about people, the Payroll section is about fiscal reporting and responsibility. Payroll and Human Resource, within the Finance Division of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, work closely in-sync to ensure that payroll is processed, balanced, accurate, and submitted to the county for processing on-time each pay cycle.

# Finance

## RETIREMENTS

Reggie Bronnenberg	01/18/2021	Sergeant
Jodie Souhrada	05/20/2021	Courty Security
Kevin Mofield	02/27/2022	Deputy
Vee Hurst	03/12/2022	Correction Officer
Brenda Johnson	03/31/2022	Correction Officer
Jan Carpenter	03/31/2022	Sergeant
Jennifer Carey	03/31/2022	Dispatcher
Felicia Shelton	10/31/2022	Clerical
Farquis James	12/30/2022	Warrants
Fisher Melvin	12/31/2022	Correction Officer

## 2021-2022 PROMOTIONS

Michael Page	01/16/2021	Court Services
Nick Fisher	01/26/2021	Captain
Matthew Murphy	01/29/2021	Deputy
Andrew Grenier	01/30/2021	Court Services
Robert Dreske	03/26/2021	Deputy
Ben Stultz	05/08/2021	Deputy
Corneal Rowe	05/18/2021	Corrections Sergeant
Michal Hamblin	08/05/2021	Corrections Sergeant
Tyler Tabbert	09/14/2021	Deputy
Curtis Cook	10/09/2021	Deputy
John Boyd	10/09/2021	Deputy
Andrew Youn	10/10/2021	Deputy
Kevin Grathwohl	10/14/2021	Lieutenant
Josh Allen	10/14/2021	Corrections Sergeant
Zack York	01/15/2022	Deputy
Jack Bucheit	01/20/2022	Detective
Chris Renkle	01/29/2022	Court Services
William Mcguire	02/12/2022	Court Services
Zach Mitchell	02/28/2022	Court Services
Matt Kohl	03/26/2022	Deputy
Andrew Grenier	03/27/2022	Deputy
Joseph Snyder	03/28/2022	Court Services
Jocelyn Alexander	03/29/2022	Dispatch Supervisor
Ryan Hensley	05/31/2022	Sergeant
Steve Daugherty	08/27/2022	Court Services

# Finance

## Revenues

The Sheriff's Office collects and deposits receipts with the County Treasurer from Area Courts, Boarding of Prisoner contracts, Dispatching Services, Policing Services, and other miscellaneous service fees.

The Sheriff's Office deposited during 2022 and 2021, respectively, \$19,417,193 and \$22,125,925 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund, Contract Funds, and Grants Funds. The decrease of \$2,107,766 from the 2021 to 2022 was due in part to the termination of the contractual agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the housing of detainees. Of the annual revenue collected by the Sheriff's Office, 54% was generated through the operation of the jail. This revenue comes predominately from the housing of U.S. Marshal inmates, but also includes various local Boarding of Prisoner contracts, as well as the monies collected through the Inmate Phone Service, and the Social Security Incentive Program. Butler County Sheriff's Communication Division provides dispatch services and has generated \$1,617,234 in revenue during 2022 and \$1,556,891 in 2021. The Sheriff's Office continues to explore other new avenues to bring in additional monies to Butler County while maintaining the existing grant funding.

The Dog Warden operates independently of the General Fund. Revenues are generated from the sale of dog tags and fines assessed on individuals due to non-compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. The Dog Warden recognized a decrease of \$48,428 from 2021 to 2022 due in part to the reduced need to issue citations and/or collection of fines and the sale of dog tags.

The Concealed Weapons Permits Fund recognized a 54% decrease from 2021 - \$424,243 to 2022 - \$195,581. The CCW licensure is longer required in the State of Ohio and will affect ongoing revenues.

### **2022-2021 BCSO Revenue**

#### **Summary**

<i>Category</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Increase/Decrease</i>
<i>Boarding of Prisoners</i>	\$ 10,397,952	\$ 12,505,718	\$ (2,107,767)
<i>Contract Deputies</i>	\$ 4,575,936	\$ 4,873,764	\$ (297,828)
<i>Sheriff Fees</i>	\$ 1,975,264	\$ 1,892,930	\$ 82,334
<i>Grants</i>	\$ 2,594,772	\$ 1,916,938	\$ 677,834
<i>Patrol</i>	\$ 282,693	\$ 336,852	\$ (54,159)
<i>Dog &amp; Kennel</i>	\$ 472,524	\$ 520,952	\$ (48,428)
<i>Concealed Weapons Permits</i>	\$ 195,581	\$ 424,243	\$ (228,662)
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$ 151,653	\$ 81,298	\$ 70,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,646,375</b>	<b>\$ 22,552,695</b>	<b>\$ (1,906,321)</b>

no

# Finance

## Expenses

The Butler County Sheriff's Office General Fund expenditures, excluding the Payroll expenses, totaled \$10,100,093 in 2022 and \$9,602,212 in 2021.

There were two extraordinary expenses for the Sheriff's office in 2022; the upgrade to the HVAC system at the Hanover facility totaling around \$ 373,715 and the replacement of the pod panels at the Hanover street location for a cost of \$ 221,186.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office purchased 12 replacement law enforcement vehicles, including equipment for \$410,820. This expense affords the ability to rotate out older, less safe vehicles used by the deputies daily.

In 2022 and 2021 the Court Street facility continued to be utilized as a quarantine facility for inmates that tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Incarceration Alternatives account showed a significant increase during 2022. The State of Ohio advanced the grant funding for the entire program. Expenditures for incarceration alternatives include but are not limited to electronic monitoring/GPS services, residential drug/alcohol treatment within the correctional facility, upgrade electronic monitoring/GPS services, residential drug/alcohol treatment within the correctional facility, upgrade of the County court rooms, and outpatient treatment and/or counseling services.

### 2022-2021 BCSO General Fund Budget Expense Summary

<i>Category</i>	<i>2022 Actual</i>	<i>2021 Actual</i>	<i>Amount Change</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
<i>Academy</i>	<i>\$98,120</i>	<i>\$88,310</i>	<i>\$9,810</i>	<i>11%</i>
<i>Boarding of Prisoners</i>	<i>\$3,861,814</i>	<i>\$3,598,554</i>	<i>\$263,260</i>	<i>7%</i>
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>\$28,650,028</i>	<i>\$27,313,987</i>	<i>\$1,336,041</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>Incarceration Alternatives (T-CAP)</i>	<i>\$633,051</i>	<i>\$381,538</i>	<i>\$251,514</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Paramedic</i>	<i>\$2,086,220</i>	<i>\$2,026,664</i>	<i>\$59,556</i>	<i>3%</i>
<i>General Communication</i>	<i>\$2,864,970</i>	<i>\$2,947,284</i>	<i>(\$82,314)</i>	<i>-3%</i>
<i>Dispatching Services</i>	<i>\$4,118,075</i>	<i>\$3,596,497</i>	<i>\$521,579</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Deputy Services Pass-through accounts</i>	<i>\$675,320</i>	<i>\$672,110</i>	<i>\$3,210</i>	<i>0%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,987,599</b>	<b>\$40,624,944</b>	<b>\$2,362,656</b>	<b>6%</b>

## **Inmate Accounts**

The Sheriff's Office has been utilizing inmate accounting software, which was installed in 2018, along with contracting the commissary operation with the Keefe Group. When inmates are booked into the jail any money on their person will be deposited into an intake kiosk, which automatically posts to their account. The intake kiosk, also installed in 2018, has alleviated the risk of inmate money being lost or posted to the wrong account. The Debit Card Release System allows the Corrections Sergeant to produce a debit card for the inmate at time of release. This system has reduced the number of written checks to released inmates, as well as the number of outstanding checks that do not get cashed, or checks that get lost in the US mail, and reduces the risk of check fraud. In 2022, the debit card funds totaled \$286,345, saving the Sheriff's Office the cost of printing checks, administration costs, and bank processing fees. Any balance that remains on the inmate's account at time of release is refunded to the inmate either by debit card or by check.

One full-time Administrative Clerical Specialist maintains the Inmate Accounts. Each inmate has an account assigned to him/her when entering the facility in which money is deposited. These funds are used for commissary purchases (snacks, clothing, telephone cards and special meal orders) as well as reception fees, court related fees, attorney fees and/or bond fees. Visitors can deposit cash or money via credit card onto the inmate's account by utilizing the kiosk machine located in the main jail lobby. For added convenience, family and friends, who do not want to come into the jail may deposit money via online credit card and/or contacting Access Corrections.

The vending machine in the pods are a huge success for the inmates because they are able to access the machines 24/7 for a snack. The total amount of vending sales for 2022 was \$803,205 and \$663,160 in 2021. Total commissary activity for 2022 equaled \$1,609,550 and \$2,136,352 for 2021. During 2022, the inmate account deposits totaled \$2,517,300 and for 2021 the amount equaled \$2,162,498.

## **Grants**

The Finance Division is responsible for managing all grants received by the Sheriff's Office, which include submitting applications, reconciling accounts, and preparation of financial reports. These grants maximize the services the agency is able to provide the citizens of the county while lessening the financial burden upon them. The Sheriff's Office also received funding from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections during 2021 and 2022, respectively, in the amount of \$1,238,348 and \$1,857,524, to support the Incarceration Alternatives through the Targeted Community Alternatives Prison (TCAP) grant.

The final Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental reimbursement received in 2021 was \$138,797.

The Sheriff's Office received a total of \$40,000 grant funds from the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation for the reimbursement of deputy body armor. Reimbursements were received in 2019 and 2020 with the final reimbursement of \$13,020 during 2021.

There are three separate grants – BURN Task Force, Drug Law Enforcement Grant and the Ohio Recovery Grant – that help support the Undercover Drug Task Force in their constant battle of removing illegal drugs from the streets of Butler County.

# Finance

## **2022-2021 BCSO Grant Summary**

<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>2022 Amount</b>	<b>2021 Amount</b>
<i>BURN Task Force</i>	\$ 62,084	\$ 36,683
<i>Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF)</i>	\$ -	\$ 138,797
<i>Drug Law Enforcement Grant</i>	\$ 42,589	\$ 20,178
<i>Drug Use Prevention Grant (SRO)</i>	\$ 20,765	\$ 36,323
<i>Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant</i>	\$ 16,050	\$ 51,180
<i>High Visibility Enforcement Overtime</i>	\$ 129,286	\$ 143,097
<i>Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Grant</i>	\$ -	\$ 13,020
<i>Ohio Peace Officer State Grant</i>	\$ 80,683	\$ -
<i>Ohio PET Grant</i>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
<i>Ohio Recovery Grant</i>	\$ 19,606	\$ -
<i>Psychotropic Drug Program</i>	\$ 129,286	\$ 143,097
<i>State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant</i>	\$ 72,144	\$ -
<i>Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) Grant</i>	\$ 1,857,524	\$ 1,238,348
<i>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)</i>	\$ 67,663	\$ 85,116
<i>Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)</i>	\$ 22,691	\$ -
<i>Waterway Safety (Marine Patrol)</i>	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,557,872</b>	<b>\$ 1,943,340</b>

## Operations Section

Captain Rick E. Bucheit is a 1987 graduate of Stephen T. Badin High School and graduated from Miami University in 2004 with an Associate degree of Applied Business. He entered the U.S. Army as a Military Police Officer in 1988 where he served four years.

Captain Bucheit was hired by the Butler County Sheriff's Office in 1995 as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the jail, and then transferred to the Patrol Division in 1996 assigned to Liberty Township as a contract Deputy. In 2005 he was assigned to the Warrants Division and was promoted to Detective in 2008. Captain Bucheit was promoted to Sergeant in 2012, and assigned to the Investigation Division until his promotion to Lieutenant in 2014. He was then assigned as the Administrative Services Division Commander.

In 2016 he was reassigned as the Investigations Division Commander. In 2019 he was promoted to Captain, assigned over the Operations Section for the Sheriff's Office.

Captain Bucheit has been assigned to The Dive Team, SWAT, Marine Patrol, and attended the FBI National Academy and is a graduate of the 269th session.



Captain Rick Bucheit



## Downtown Road Patrol



Lieutenant  
Randy Lambert

Lieutenant Lambert is the Division Commander for the Road Patrol covering Oxford, Milford, Wayne, Madison, St. Clair, Ross, Hanover, Morgan, and Lemon Townships. Lieutenant Lambert Supervises seven(7) sergeants and thirty-six (36) deputies that includes Traffic, Emergency Response Services (ERS), K9, Dog Wardens, Salvage, Aviation, and Weights and Scales contracted, by the Engineers Office to enforce overweight vehicle laws.

## Supervisors



Sgt. Ron Owens



Sgt. Joe Agnew



Sgt. Jeff Schuster



Sgt. Aaron Sorrell



Sgt. Kim Peters



Sgt. Jeff Gebhart

# Downtown Road Patrol

## Downtown Patrol

### 2021

25542 calls

1218 traffic crashes/reports

5767 Incident/Offense Reports

### 2022

27384 calls

1167 traffic crashes/reports

6054 Incident/Offense Reports

The Butler County Patrol Unit serves as the foundation and is the most visible divisions at the Sheriff's Office. Deputies are usually the first to respond to call for assistance and generates most of the reports submitted to other divisions for follow up. The Patrol deputies are responsible for traffic law enforcement throughout Butler County along with answering calls for domestic violence, alarm drops, burglaries, and thefts just to name a few.

In 2021 and 2022 our deputies responded to 52,926 calls for service and took 11,821 Incident reports along with 2,385 traffic crash reports. They have a non-stop commitment, working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, offering the county the highest level of police services and protection.



# Liberty Township Road Patrol

Lt. Michael Nutt spent 5 years on road patrol and was promoted to Sergeant in 2000. Lt. Nutt has supervised the Court Street Jail, Resolutions, Court Services, Transport, Investigations, Traffic, Warrants, and Road Patrol downtown. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in December of 2019 and was assigned to Liberty Township. Working under the levy-generated contractual budget, the Sheriff's Office maintains a workforce of one Lieutenant, four Sergeants, one Corporal, three Detectives, and 18 road patrol deputies that are dedicated to Liberty Township.



Lieutenant Mike Nutt

## Supervisors



Sgt. Greg Wargo



Sgt. Connie Rocky



Sgt. Hung Tri-Rudolf



Sgt. Jason Rosser



Cpl. Robert Reiff

## Liberty Township Road Patrol

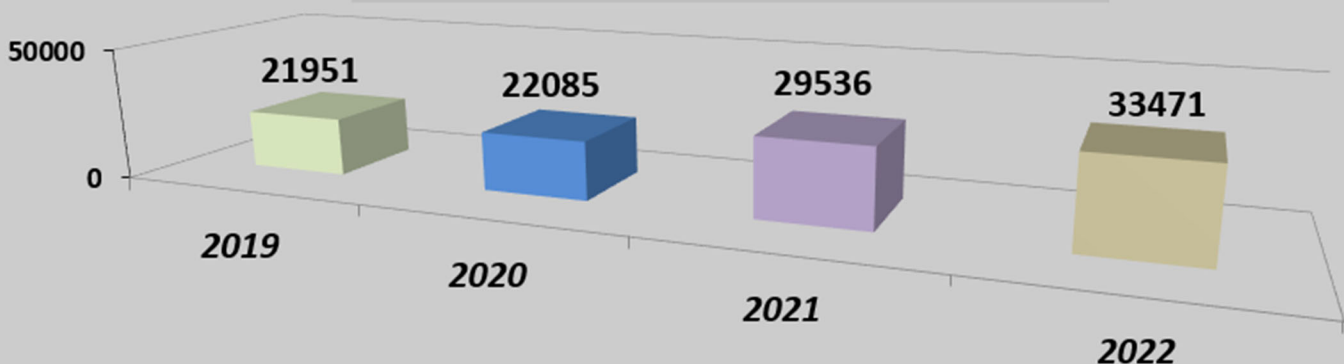
Since 1992, the Butler County Sheriff's Office has provided contract police services for Liberty Township (population 43,999). This successful collaboration between the Township and Sheriff's Office provides township residents with comprehensive and affordable law enforcement services. The Sheriff's Office assigns 27 full time positions to the township and supplements resources as needed to provide 24/7 protection to Liberty Township residents. Provisions of the contract address supervision, administration, school resource officer, road patrol, and specialized enforcement/investigative units. Liberty Township Deputies under this contract are able to enforce township ordinances in addition to state and federal law.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Liberty sub-station is located 5021 Winners Circle Drive.



In 2021 and 2022, the Liberty Township Deputies responded to 63,007 calls for service.

### ***Yearly Call Volume Comparison***

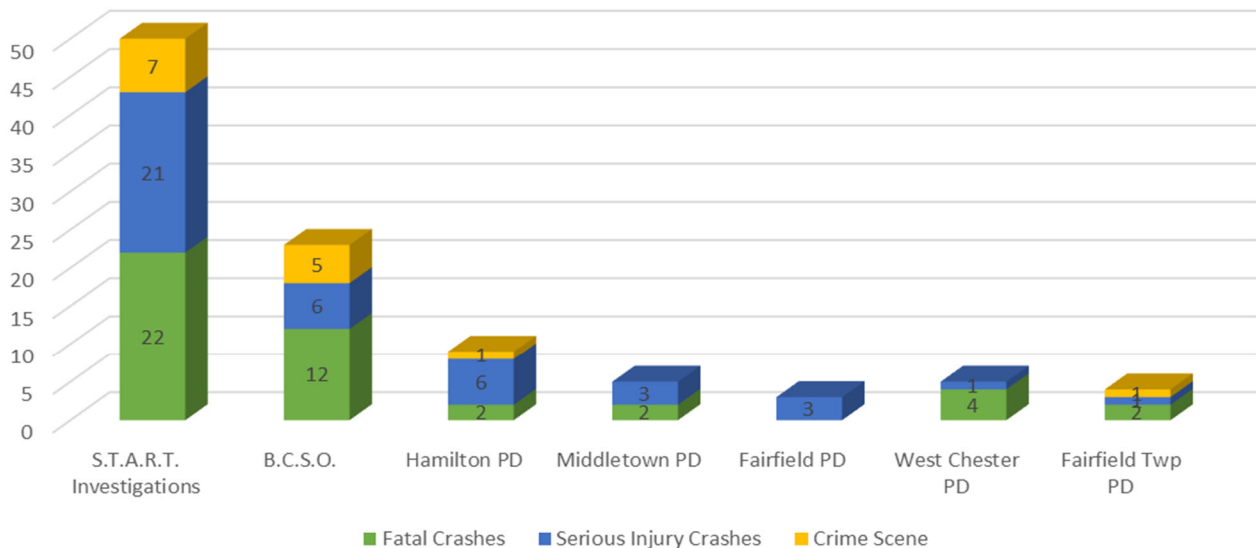


# S.T.A.R.T.



The Sheriff's Traffic Unit is an active member of the Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team (S.T.A.R.T.) which is comprised of multiple law enforcement agencies within Butler County. They respond to serious injury and fatal crashes at the request of the reporting agency. Those agencies that were active in 2022 are: Butler County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton PD, Middletown PD, Fairfield PD, Trenton PD, West Chester Police Department, and Fairfield Township Police Department. In 2022, S.T.A.R.T. responded to 50 call-outs for crashes and crime scenes

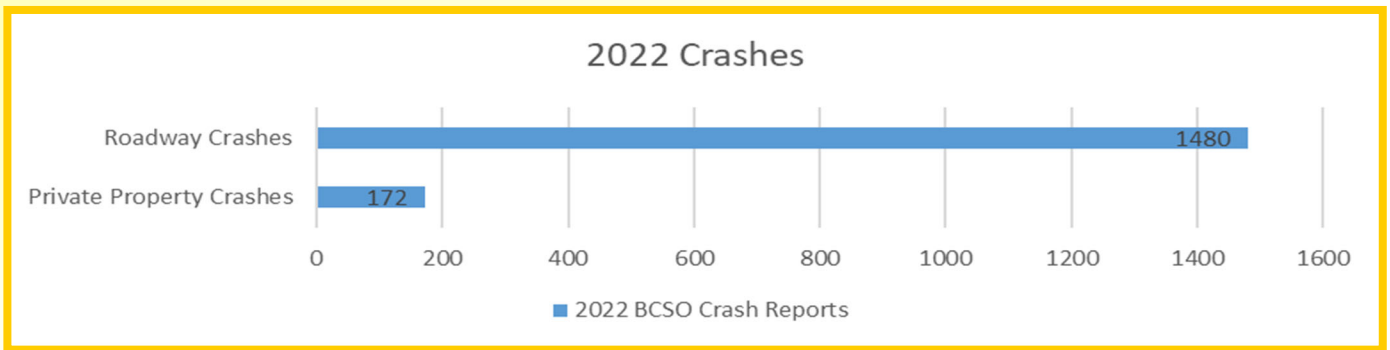
2022 S.T.A.R.T. Investigations



# S.T.A.R.T.

The primary responsibility of the Traffic Unit is to investigate, collect data and evidence, and reconstruct serious injury and fatal crashes. Deputies assigned to the Traffic Unit are highly trained in Traffic Crash Investigations and Reconstruction. In 2022, the Traffic Unit upgraded their technology to aid them in their investigations. Sheriff Jones added state-of-the-art technology to aid the investigators in documenting the scenes of crashes and crime scenes. The Leica RTC 360 laser scanner and new drones will aid in the quality of the documentation, as well as investigation and courtroom presentation of these scenes.

In 2022, the Butler County Sheriff's Office handled 1,480 roadway crashes and 172 private property crashes for a total of 1,652. The Traffic Unit investigated 12 fatal and 5 serious injury crashes. The Traffic Unit is also assists patrol with minor and non-injury crashes.



## Aviation

The Butler County Sheriff's Office operates an aviation unit with two helicopters: a Robinson R44 and a Bell OH58. They are used for crime related searches, missing people, photo flights, river patrol missions, drug related flights and funerals. They also operate five drones that assist in traffic investigation and small area searches.



## Dog Warden

As a Dog Warden, Sheriff Richard K. Jones is committed to serving the community by protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals. BCSO's Deputy Dog Wardens focus on issues regarding domestic animals such as dogs and cats. The office consists of 4 Deputy Dog wardens who are all certified Humane Agents. Their job duties consist of calls for dogs at large, animal bite cases, license enforcement, and animal welfare checks. They also assist the Butler County Sheriffs Office and other local Police Departments with search warrants and in some cases, with wildlife.

They also handle livestock concerns. They do welfare checks on horses, cattle, pigs, and even zebras. In 2021-2022 they seized a mule as well as a group of pigs due to neglect.

The Dog Wardens work 8 hour shifts, however there is always at least 1 person who is on call. This means that they make themselves available to respond if an emergency arises. The Dog Wardens Office has jurisdiction across the entire county. They handle calls from Madison Twp. to Morgan Twp., with the busiest area being the City of Hamilton. They also assist other local Animal Control agencies as needed.



In 2021 and 2022 the Dog Wardens drove over 148,511 miles and impounded 1689 dogs and cats, either returning them to the owner or transporting them to the shelter. They issued 184 written warnings, 799 citations, and 133 humane warnings. They handled 2360 suspected cases of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment.

## Investigations



Lieutenant Ed Tanner

Lt. Ed Tanner started at the Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer in 2000 where he spent two years until promoted to Court Security. After a year in Court Security Lt. Tanner was promoted to deputy on Road Patrol. In 2007 Lt. Tanner was promoted to the rank of detective where he spent the next six years assigned to Criminal Investigations. In 2013 Lt. Tanner was promoted to Sergeant and also became the Assistant Commander of the Butler County Regional SWAT Team. In 2019, Lt. Tanner became the Division Commander over the Criminal Investigations, Butler Undercover Regional Narcotics Taskforce (BURN), Warrants, CSEA, Welfare fraud, CSB, and Ohio Means Jobs. Lt. Tanner has three sergeants under him, Sgt. Ryan Hensley, and Sgt Mike Hackney, who run the criminal investigations division, one sergeant in B.U.R.N., and two clerical specialists, Melissa Achterman and Sara Pruett.

## Sergeants



Detective Sgt. Ryan Hensley



Detective Sgt. Mike Hackney



BURN Sgt.



A.C.S. Melissa Achterman



C.S. Sara Pruett

# Investigations

The Criminal Investigations division consists of seven (7) detectives from headquarters and three (3) from Liberty Township for a total of ten (10) detectives. Detectives work a wide variety of cases that include homicides, robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults and just about any other type of reported criminal activity. In 2021 and 2022 the Criminal Investigations Division handled nearly 5500 reports of crimes against persons and property.

## Butler County Sheriff's Office 2021 Division Summary

Investigations														
Criminal Invest	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Avg.
Total Assigned Cases	48	57	63	68	56	51	67	56	42	45	44	48	645	54
Information Cases	144	132	158	165	149	142	142	139	142	144	158	152	1,767	147
Crimes Against Person	72	93	71	110	86	89	68	80	72	77	78	94	990	83
Crimes Against Property	61	69	77	72	60	76	82	73	64	51	64	56	805	67
Crimes Against Society	41	49	43	51	59	28	52	39	46	54	45	27	534	45
Domestic Violence	38	44	40	47	49	38	52	38	33	47	37	50	513	43
Cases Cleared	120	171	134	165	143	129	149	136	123	123	142	163	1,698	142
Juvenile Cases	15	17	23	35	30	19	18	14	24	25	27	18	265	22
Juvenile Arrests	8	5	4	3	6	1	3	3	11	13	13	8	78	7
Adult Cases	131	146	151	198	175	174	176	145	135	157	146	160	1,894	158
Adult Arrests	21	26	31	30	32	26	34	55	24	34	26	37	376	31
Search Warrants	2	1	4	8	11	5	2	1	2	7	6	6	55	5
Death Investigations	7	4	3	8	5	6	11	11	8	2	12	4	81	7

## Butler County Sheriff's Office 2022 Division Summary

Investigations														
Criminal Invest	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Avg.
Total Assigned Cases	50	90	143	147	143	143	160	171	111	152	138	102	1,550	129
Information Cases	158	88	155	134	131	159	129	119	167	130	115	125	1,610	134
Crimes Against Person	93	85	129	117	111	146	151	155	150	156	133	128	1,554	130
Crimes Against Property	69	63	98	91	83	109	93	97	89	94	86	71	1,043	87
Crimes Against Society	46	30	71	73	80	47	45	38	39	32	34	28	563	47
Domestic Violence	41	42	53	46	41	37	43	37	16	28	27	31	442	37
Cases Cleared	108	92	153	151	146	186	189	178	167	182	159	109	1,820	152
Juvenile Cases	25	19	25	17	11	13	21	17	22	18	11	10	209	17
Juvenile Arrests	10	6	11	9	4	4	10	9	11	9	8	7	98	8
Adult Cases	183	159	273	264	263	289	268	273	256	264	242	217	2,951	246
Adult Arrests	34	16	54	46	42	81	57	61	59	63	56	49	618	52
Search Warrants	4	5	11	9	6	13	13	11	9	10	7	8	106	9
Death Investigations	6	7	13	8	6	15	11	12	11	9	10	9	117	10



## Investigations



**Trevor Fraley**

The Investigations Division arrested Trevor Fraley, age 24, of Middletown, Ohio, with multiple counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material, a felony of the 5th degree, trafficking, and aggravated trafficking in drugs. A lengthy investigation was conducted after receiving an ICAC cyber-tip. Fraley was convicted of 16 counts of Child Pornography and sentenced to more than 30 years in prison.



**Roger Reynolds**

The Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds was found guilty of Improper Interest in a Public Contract. Reynolds was sentenced to 30 days in the Butler County Jail and 5 years probation. This investigation began with complaints about Mr. Reynolds involvement with land development. A special prosecutor from the Ohio Attorney General's Office was assigned to try the case and the investigation lasted nearly two years. The trial ended with a conviction and Mr. Reynolds being removed from public office.



**Alan Daniel**

Madison Township Trustee plead guilty to having unlawful interest in a public contract after over a two year long investigation. Mr. Daniel chose to vote for personal interests while holding positions as a trustee and board member for the Butler County Board of Zoning and Appeals. Mr. Daniel and his family would have benefited directly from the re-zoning, sale and development of family owned property. As an outcome of the investigation Mr. Daniel resigned from both positions and was sentenced to three years probation, two hundred hours of community service, and fines of over \$2,000.00.

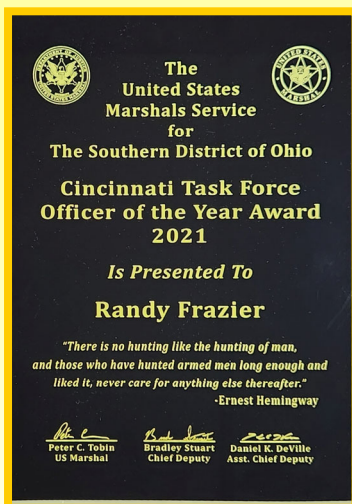
## CSEA /W arrants

The Warrants Division is responsible for warrant service such as Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) warrants, CSEA paperwork, warrant transports, and felony apprehension. This highly trained specialized unit will follow every lead to catch any fugitive of justice. In 2021 and 2022 the Warrants Division served over 1500 warrants and 14,000 court orders for child support hearings.

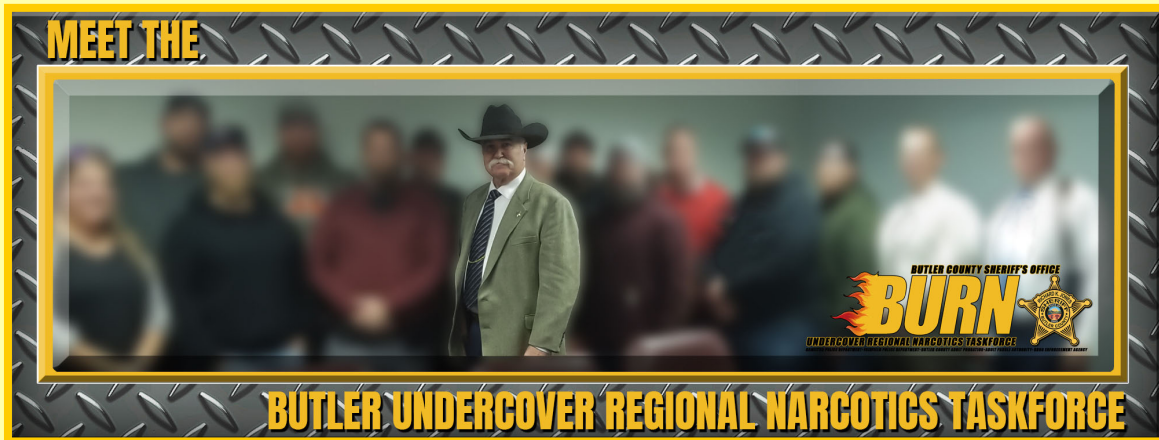


## U S .M arshals

Deputy Randy Frazier has been assigned to the U.S. Marshals SOFAST unit for the past three years. In 2021 Deputy Frazier received the Cincinnati Task Force Officer of the Year Award. During 2021 and 2022, Deputy Frazier and SOFAST arrested 148 fugitives and closed 172 warrants in Butler County Ohio.



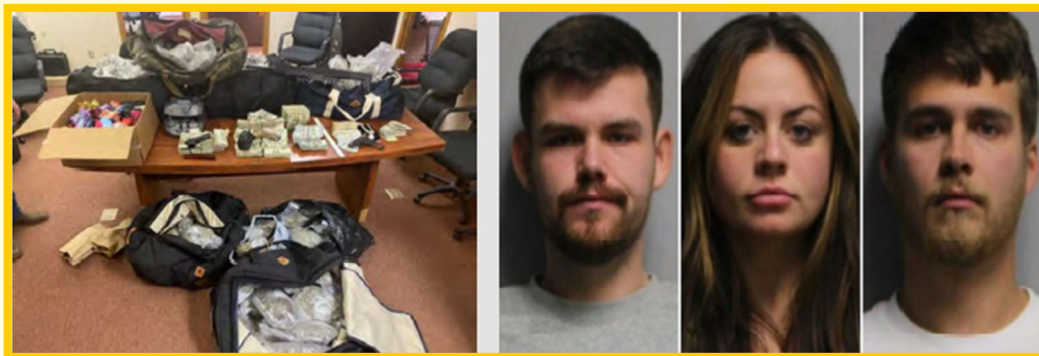
# BURN



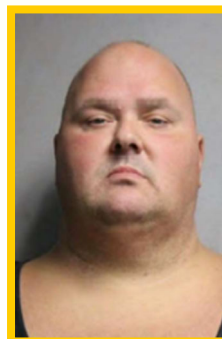
The Butler Undercover Regional Narcotics Task Force (BURN), is comprised of deputies and officers from our Sheriff's Office, Hamilton Police, Fairfield Police, Butler County Adult Probation, and Parole Authority. Butler County has been designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), which allows us to receive funding from the federal government to help combat the drug epidemic within our county.

## Notable Cases

BURN arrested Charles Rowland, Cameron Bush, and Heather Colby for Possession of Drugs and Trafficking in Drugs. Two hundred pounds of marijuana, six firearms, and three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in cash were seized during a search warrant.



As a result of an extensive Trafficking in Drugs investigation, BURN arrested Josh Riley of Hamilton, who was charged with Trafficking and Possession. BURN located 15 firearms, 1000 fentanyl pills, 5 lbs of methamphetamine, 350g of cocaine, 40lbs of marijuana-

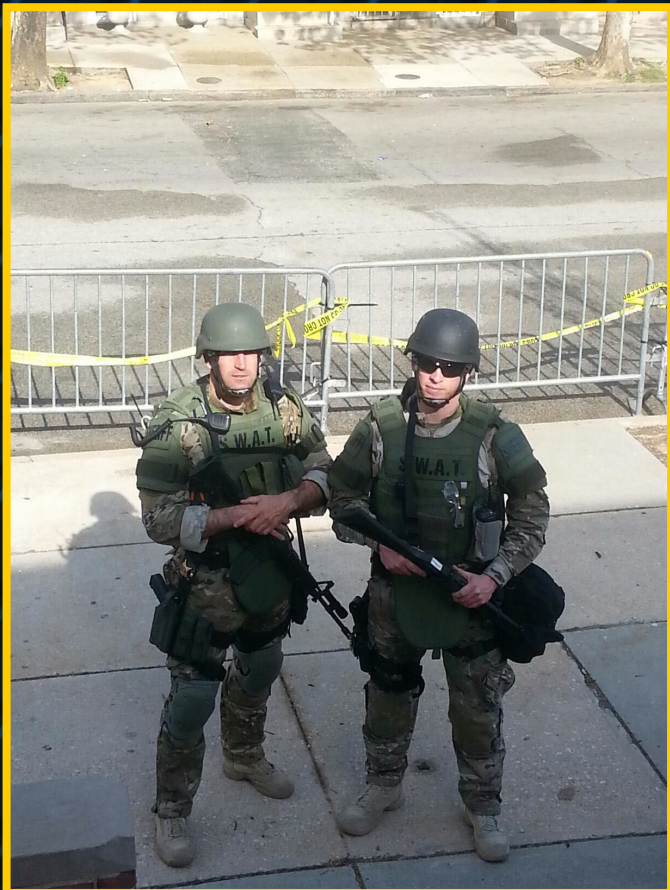


## Administrative Section



Captain Morgan Dallman

Captain Morgan Dallman has over 25 years of service with the Sheriff's Office. He holds an Associate's Degree in Police Science, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in business. Captain Dallman has worked in Drug and Vice Unit, Corrections, Road Patrol, and has been the Commander of the SWAT Team. Captain Dallman oversees the Administrative Section, which includes Court Security, Community Corrections, Victim's Advocates, the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Unit (SORN), the Prisoner Transport Division, CCW, Civil Litigation, Public Information Officer (PIO), Civil Division, Crime Prevention, Sheriff Sales, Property Room, Range, Training, and Salvage inspections. Captain Dallman is also the Critical Incident Manager over the SWAT Team.



## Administrative Section



Lieutenant Joe Fuller

Lieutenant Joe Fuller has been employed with the Butler County Sheriff's Office since 03/13/2000. Lieutenant Fuller served in Corrections until he was promoted to the Road Patrol on 07/03/2005. Lieutenant Fuller was promoted to Detective on 07/22/2008 where he investigated many high profile crimes and received awards and commendations. After being promoted to sergeant in 2014, he was assigned to Road Patrol and then moved back to the Investigations Division in 2020. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2022 and is currently assigned to Administrative Services. Lieutenant Fuller has also been a SWAT Negotiator since 2008.

## Sergeants



Sgt. Jason Owens



Sgt. Mike Matala

# Training



**Specialist Mark Worley**



The Butler County Training Unit is directly overseen by Specialist Mark Worley. In 2021 and 2022, over 16,000 total man-hours were logged for training. Training is one of the more important elements of a successful law enforcement department, resulting in more professional and skilled officers, along with reduced liability for the agency.

In October of 2022, the Butler County Sheriff's office hosted Phil Chalmers, a renowned writer and criminal profiler. His seminar, "Profiling Teen Killers, School Shooters, Mass Murderers, and Serial Killers", was attended by close to 125 members of various local law enforcement agencies.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Firearms Training Center was opened in 2001 as a joint effort between the Sheriff's Office and the West Chester Police Department. The range is utilized for the annual firearms re-qualifications required by the state. Deputies also attend additional firearms training during the fall.

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

## SW AT



The Butler County Regional SWAT Team consists of thirty-three members from six different agencies within Butler County. Those agencies include Oxford Police, Ross Township, Liberty Township Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Office .

The Butler County Regional SWAT Team responded to three (3) callouts in 2021 and five (5) callouts in 2022. The team responds to various situations, including barricade and hostage/barricade situations, search warrants for criminal investigations, and drug investigations, fugitive apprehension, and search

warrants for other agencies outside of Butler County. In 2021 and 2022 the team trained about 150 hours per year. Annual training include vehicle/bus assaults, dynamic entries, stealth tactics, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, school crisis/active shooter response, and man-down rescue. Members of the team also have to pass a bi-annual physical agility test to remain an active member on the Butler County Regional SWAT Team.

## Forensic Unit



Deputy Brad Emmons

The Forensic Unit consists of one deputy whose primary responsibility is to serve the Butler Behavioral Health Services. Deputy Emmons assists the crisis workers 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, that person could become combative. The deputy performing this duty also provides security for the case workers who respond to help these citizens. In 2021 and 2022 Deputy Emmons responded to over two hundred (200) calls. Other responsibilities Deputy Emmons is responsible for is making appearances at facilities that deal with citizens with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities, making presentations to agencies regarding workplace safety when dealing with the mentally ill, and educating other police agencies on protocol for dealing with mentally ill citizens.

## S O R N

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Unit (SORN) is run by Deputy Mike Jacobs and Deputy Toby Spencer. The S.O.R.N. unit is responsible for keeping Sexually Oriented Offenders, Sexual Predators, Juvenile Sex Offenders, and any offender convicted after January 2008 in compliance with court mandated procedures. These procedures require offenders to register with the Butler County Sheriff's Office and provide accurate information about where they reside. The S.O.R.N unit makes address verifications with offenders, which require deputies to respond to the offender's residence to make personal contact to confirm the address is accurate.



Dep M. Jacobs



Dep. Toby Spencer

In Butler County alone there are 560 active sex offenders. The S.O.R.N. unit completed 26 new registrations. There were 1232 address verifications completed and numerous investigations conducted. As a result of these investigations 10 sex offenders were charged, generally for failing to notify the Sheriff's Office of a new address or simply not registering.

Every year during the Butler County Sheriff's Office inspections deputies do a round up and address check on all sexual offenders.



## Honor Guard



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard perform several different activities throughout the year, such as parades, Presenting Colors, swearing-in ceremonies, and casket guard. In 2021 the Honor Guard stood at casket guard and grave side service for Deputy John Reiring, Deputy Craig Mills, and Lieutenant David Reynolds, who all passed away due to Covid-19.

## Caisson



The Butler County Sheriff's Office acquired an Military caisson in 2000. The caisson and all associated equipment were acquired through donations. The Caisson Unit is used as a final tribute to our deceased comrades in arms, as our last respects to those who so proudly served our community and country.

The Caisson Unit is currently under the command of Lt. Joe Fuller.

# Mounted Patrol

## Mounted Patrol Doesn't Horse Around

The Butler County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol is a dedicated group of volunteers who are Honorary Special Deputies that share a common interest in horses, law enforcement, and community service. Members have a variety of backgrounds, and consist of both employees and members who work outside the agency. The Mounted Patrol Unit includes auxiliary members who are volunteers without their own horses but willing to assist to help make the unit's activities a success.

The twenty or so total members participated in over 15 events in 2022, including the Butler County Fair and multiple parades. In addition, the unit has monthly meetings and regular trainings, and members volunteer well over 2500 total hours, a number which shows how much dedication and passion the unit has for what they do and for the community they serve.



## Court Security

Court Security is supervised by Sgt. Jason Owens, who has 20 deputies under his command. These deputies provide security for the Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court, Area I in Oxford, Area II inside the Historical Courthouse in Hamilton, and Area III in West Chester. Outside the court they are responsible for security at Children Services. These deputies specialize in making sure the courts run as safely as possible.



## Property Room

The Butler County Property Room was run by specialist Jeff Riegert in 2021 and 2022 with Specialist Carrie Schultheiss taking over responsibilities in late 2022. They process, inventory, catalog, and store every piece of property or evidence that is collected by Sheriff's Office personnel. Strict guidelines are

Property Room														
Property Room	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	AVG
Tags in	69	52	121	90	91	93	76	75	90	81	110	50	998	83
Tags out	10	5	23	11	6	14	916	8	9	8	4	9	1,023	157
Tags to the lab	32	28	53	30	22	25	26	21	4	5	31	7	284	24
Purge sheets sent	162	124	103	128	85	69	83	70	66	39	80		1,009	84
Total	273	209	300	259	204	201	1,101	174	169	133	225	66	3,314	#REF!

followed and limited access by staff is permitted in order to maintain the integrity of the property.

Once every year the Property Room is scheduled for a destroy and an audit. This audit and destroy is performed by the investigations division to provide transparency to the evidence logged and destroyed under court order. All weapons are taken to a metal shredder and all non metal items are taken to Covanta in Indianapolis for incineration.



## Victim Advocates

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program serves victims of crime in the Butler County Area I, II, and III Courts. Advocates are present at all court proceedings Monday through Friday to ensure victims remain notified and their rights are enforced. Advocates stay in consistent contact with victims either in-person or via phone calls, emails, or virtual calls to answer any questions and notify them of court continuances, subpoenas, plea/sentencing hearings, and additional information about their case. Advocates review Marsy's Law victims' rights information so victims are aware of their rights within the criminal justice process. Advocates assist victims with registering for VINE so they are notified when defendants are being released. Advocates accompany victims to court dates and law enforcement/prosecutorial meetings. Our advocates will relay to the assistant prosecutor any expectations or concerns victims have regarding their case. Advocates will sit next to victims while they testify at trials or preliminary hearings for emotional support. Advocates help victims prepare Victim Impact Statements for offender's sentencing hearings and provide them to the judge to read silently. Advocates acquire out of pocket restitution estimates, pictures of injuries/medical documents, and videos to provide to the assistant prosecutor on the criminal case. If restitution cannot be ordered through the criminal case, our advocates meet with victims one-on-one to fill out an application for Victims of Crime Compensation. Advocates provide follow-up communication after their case is resolved, crisis intervention, and regularly create/review safety plans. Advocates make referrals to community agencies based off of individual needs such as counseling, support groups, relocation services, emergency assistance, and shelter. Advocates assist with filing petitions for Domestic Violence Civil Protection Orders, Dating Violence Civil Protection Orders, Stalking Civil Protection Orders, and Civil Sexually Oriented Protection Orders. Advocates attend ex-parte and final hearings with victims for emotional support. Our office provides in-person assistance with applications for the Safe at Home Confidentiality Program through the Ohio Secretary of State when victims are moving to a new safe location.

Advocates provide eight local law enforcement agencies with program pamphlets and folders with information regarding our program, victim rights, VOCC, VINE, and local community resources. Officers distribute our folders to victims of crime when dispatched to 911 calls or if victims come into the police department to file a report. Advocates regularly stock folders monthly to ensure our program information is readily available.



Michelle Losekamp



Hallie Vernon



Savanah Schwarz

## Civil Division

Every Sheriff's Office in Ohio is mandated by the Ohio Revised Code to serve the court system. The Butler County courts served by our Civil Processing Unit include the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, Area I, Area II, and Area III Courts. Civil processing includes serving a variety of court documents and orders such as subpoenas, writs of possession, domestic violence protection orders, restraining orders, foreclosure notices, grand jury notices, and notices for petit jury service.

Sgt. Matala supervises the "serving process" which is handled by five (5) part-time Deputy Sheriff process servers and civil clerks. These deputies are tasked with serving civil papers that are processed by several courts and the Butler County Sheriff's Office. There are a variety of court documents mandated by the Ohio Revised Code to serve.

### *2022 Civil Stats*

Civil Deputy	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD		AVG
Colyer	343	288	439	418	344	358	337	458	347	266	410	307	4,315		360
Schwein	343	328	401	402	262	277	280	390	306	283	394	273	3,939		328
Smallwood	365	461	489	269	310	455	178	458	309	414	136	0	3,844		320
Sulfridge	506	357	542	488	518	507	520	521	572	512	482	569	6,094		508
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>18,192</b>		

## Sheriff Sales

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Sales Unit is ran by Captain Dallman who is assisted by Bobbie Benton and Paralegal Sherry Buchheim. During 2021 and 2022 the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed four hundred forty-two (442) 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. A portion of those initial orders of sale are withdrawn or recalled by the plaintiff's for a variety of reasons before completion of the legal foreclosure process. In 2021 and 2022 the Sheriff's Office conducted two hundred sixty-three (263) public auction sales of properties.



Bobbie Benton



Sherry Buchheim

## Bike Patrol

During 2022, the Bike Patrol was deployed as part of a daily patrol routine, weather permitting. There has been an increase in deploying the Bike Patrol Unit in the Liberty Township area due to having an increase in population and a new Liberty Center Mall. The Bike Patrol, besides their daily routine of patrol, is also involved in riot situations, parades, school functions, and are concentrated in high-theft areas of neighborhoods, the Butler County Fair and different bike runs that require the presence of the Sheriff's office. Bike Patrol Personnel, throughout the year, bring their bikes with them mounted on their patrol units so they can utilize the bikes at any giving time during their daily patrol.



## Motor Unit

The Motor Unit is overseen by Lieutenant Michael Nutt. Members include Deputy Damon Mayer, Deputy Matt Ginter, Dep. Mitch Wells, Dep. Derek Collins, and new member James Davenport. Sheriff Jones was able to secure funds to replace one of the older motors with a 2022 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide motorcycle this past year. With this addition, Deputies are able to utilize them on routine patrol, traffic enforcement/complaints, and other specialized details. The unit routinely participates in holiday parades, VIP details, escorting of collegiate teams to/from football games, and funeral details throughout the county. The unit works alongside the Queen City HD HOG group and other charitable organizations and assists with escorting their benefit rides throughout Butler County. Although difficult, our members considered it an honor to have participated in escorting our fellow "brothers" to their final resting place this past year. The Motor Unit continues to be a participant in the Ohio Peace Officer's Memorial Ride for fallen officers in Columbus, Ohio.



## Corrections Section

Captain Nick Fisher is a 1993 graduate from Hocking College. In 1995 he attended the Butler County Sheriff's Office Basic Police Academy. Upon graduation he was appointed as a special deputy at the Butler County Sheriff's Office where he became road certified.

In 1997 Captain Fisher was hired by the Butler County Sheriff's Office as a full time deputy assigned to the patrol division. In 1999 he was assigned to the Hanover Township contract where he remained until his promotion to detective in 2001. In 2005 he was promoted to sergeant assigned to the Investigation Division. A promotion to lieutenant in 2007 gave him the assignment of Deputy Warden in the Corrections Division where he was responsible for refurbishing the Court Street Jail facility and managing the Resolutions Jail facility.

Over the next 16 years Captain Fisher was the Deputy Warden, he was assigned to two tours in the Court Security/Transport Division, one tour in the Communications Division, one tour as the Liberty Contract Deputies Lieutenant, and 3 assignments as Warden for the Corrections Division.



Captain Nick Fisher



# Corrections

The Butler County Corrections Division consists of three facilities under the command of Warden – Captain Nick Fisher: the Main Jail on Hanover Street, the Resolutions Facility on South Second Street and the Court Street Facility behind the historic Court House in downtown Hamilton.



The Main Jail is capable of housing 848 inmates. This facility holds maximum and medium security inmates as well as contracted inmates from the United States Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons, and other contracts with Counties in Ohio. All incoming prisoners are booked, classified, and screened medically before housing assignments are determined at this facility. The Main Jail holds the main Medical Housing Unit which is equipped with negative pressure cells, dental lab, physician's exam facility and medication holding area.



The Court Street Jail is capable of housing 149 inmates and was remodeled in 2017. This facility holds medium and minimum security inmates. The facility houses programming inmates, inmate worker program inmates, and other low level medium and minimum inmates.

The Resolutions Jail facility is capable of housing 160 inmates. This facility holds medium and minimum security inmates. The facility houses programming inmates, inmate worker program inmates, and other low level medium and minimum inmates.

# Corrections



In 2022, a total of 7,427 inmates were booked into the Butler County Jail and a total of 6,992 inmates were released from the jail. These procedures never stopped within the 24 hour, 365 day jail operation. On June 30, 2022, The Bureau of Adult Detention collected the following data on Butler County's incarcerated population:

274	Awaiting sentencing
180	Sentenced to Ohio Department of Corrections
6	Held on a Parole Holder
311	Held by the United States Marshalls Service
300	Held with at least one drug offense related charge

636	Their most serious charge was a felony
135	Their most serious charge was a misdemeanor

<i>Age</i>	
213	18-29
480	age of 30-49
78	50 and above

<i>Race</i>	
421	White
307	African American
33	Hispanic
6	Asian
4	Other

771	<b>Total inmates incarcerated on June 30, 2022</b>
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# Corrections

## Inmate Discipline

Every inmate has access to the Inmate Handbook through the kiosks, in-house TV, and book carts that inform them of the rules and regulations of the facilities as well as an Inmate Orientation Video that plays in all of the housing units and in-house TV's.

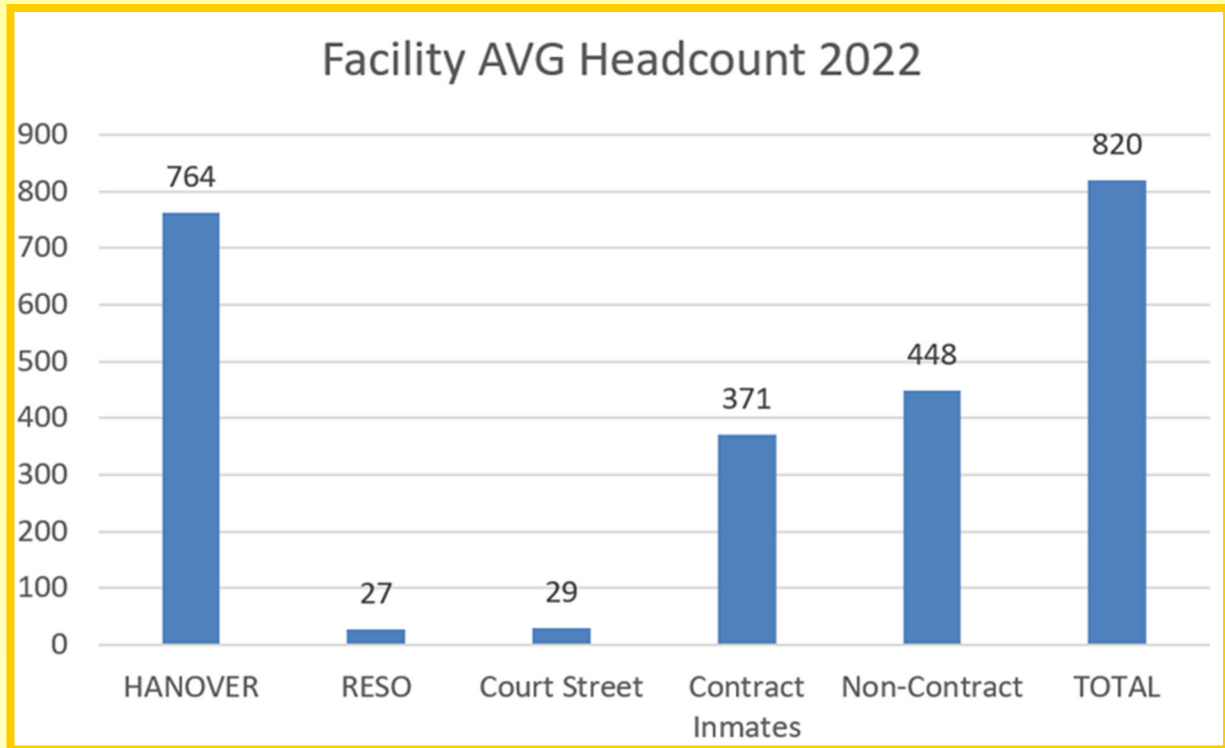
When inmates violate one of these rules, he/she receives a ticket and a disciplinary hearing. Violations are divided into three categories: Minor, Major and Serious. The level of restriction depends on the violation level and can bring isolation, commissary and visitation restrictions, and the Warden Burger.

2022 Inmate Discipline Report							
DAY OF WK	HEARINGS	ISO	COM/VISIT	VERBAL	NT GUILTY	EXPIRED	RELEASED
JAN	56	37	8	9	0	0	2
FEB	69	29	11	13	2	6	8
MAR	43	18	10	7	1	2	1
APR	97	53	17	14	3	1	9
MAY	108	43	35	11	7	0	12
JUN	94	52	8	22	6	0	8
JUL	114	43	44	17	2	0	9
AUG	87	32	37	13	1	0	6
SEP	101	51	34	7	9	0	0
OCT	116	42	49	15	6	0	4
NOV	86	52	17	5	9	0	1
DEC	109	44	37	12	10	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	1080	496	307	145	56	12	62

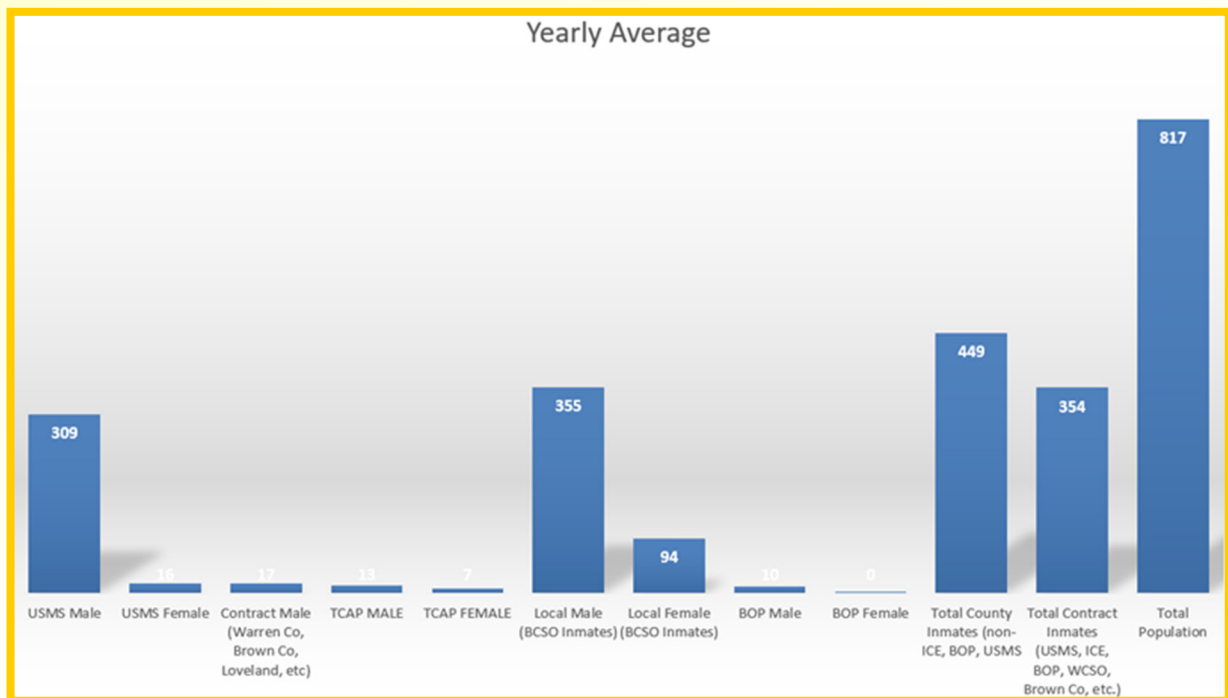
Type of Report	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Administrative Issue	3	6	1	0	2	5	2	3	3	4	6	1	36
Assault Inmate to Inmate	5	7	6	7	9	13	12	9	14	8	12	7	109
Assault Inmate to Staff	1	2	1	3	7	6	3	2	2	4	2	1	34
Commissary	58	52	61	56	50	63	66	111	73	64	63	69	786
Escape/Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Facility Issue	350	288	276	282	305	250	294	350	284	350	272	264	3565
Fire Drills	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	9	12	8	8	9	105
Fires/Natural Disasters	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Food/Laundry Issue	1	0	0	3	1	7	2	1	3	0	3	6	27
Forensic	53	65	55	63	64	70	71	81	109	86	91	91	899
Inmate Issue	76	87	75	87	90	112	114	109	97	105	112	129	1193
Inspections	12	1	2	4	1	3	0	1	2	1	0	2	29
K-9 Search	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	10	2	0	0	19
Mail	15	14	18	19	13	13	15	20	14	15	16	14	186
Medical Issue	34	32	42	53	65	101	76	79	74	70	85	92	803
Miscellaneous	11	7	8	9	15	13	10	13	21	17	16	16	156
Perimeter Inspections	10	10	13	13	17	19	17	22	16	17	16	13	183
Shakedown/Contraband	230	39	25	20	9	13	31	22	16	24	27	25	481
Suicide Attempt/Deaths	3	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	7	24
Visitor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
<b>TOTAL REPORTS</b>	873	623	593	627	659	699	723	835	753	776	732	746	8639
<b>CRITICAL INCIDENTS</b>	12	12	17	15	17	23	22	14	18	15	19	13	197

# Corrections

## Facility Average Headcount 2022



## Contracted Inmate Demographics



# Corrections

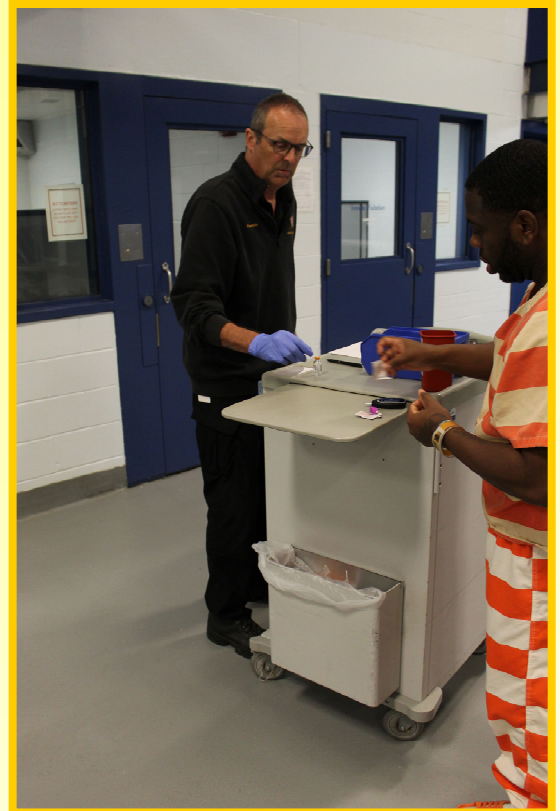
## Medical Services

The Medical Division staff includes:

- Medical Director/Physician
- Physicians' Assistant
- Psychiatrist
- Dentist
- Medical Administrator
- Two Medical Supervisors
- Medical Clerk
- Seven Full-time Paramedics
- Three Full-time EMTs
- Five Part-time Paramedics
- Two Part-time EMT

The Medical Division is a 24-hour, 365 day operation, and is managed by Medical Administrator Brian Ruhl. Duties and responsibilities include screening new inmates, sick call, medicine distribution, and emergency responses.

The Medical Division coordinates and schedules all on site and outside inmate medical appointments. This includes routine specialist appointments, surgeries, routine exams, eye care, and other appointments deemed necessary while inmates are incarcerated. X-ray and lab procedures are completed in the compound when possible to reduce the need to transport inmates out of the secure parameter.



## Communications Section



Captain Mathew Franke

Captain Franke was first hired by Sheriff Jones in 2008 after a 26 year career at the Oxford Police Department. In 2009, Franke was promoted to Director to the newly created Communications Division which consisted of Computer Services and the Dispatch Center as well as BRICS. Sheriff Jones promoted Franke to Captain in 2012 and assigned him as Commander of the Administrative Section, which then included Communications and Administrative Support divisions. Today, Captain Franke commands the Communications Section, which includes the Dispatch Services and Technical Services divisions. Active in both the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), Franke has served on several groups for the State of Ohio and the Federal Communications Commission. In 2016, he was elected to the Board of Directors of APCO international. Captain Franke has 45 years of experience in public safety serving residents of Butler County.



## Communications

Lieutenant Langmeyer commands the dispatch Service Division consisting of the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center (also known as 9COM) and the Warrant Post. The Butler County Regional Dispatch Center is responsible for answering 9-1-1 and non-emergency phone calls, dispatching police and fire for the villages and townships covered by the Sheriff's Office as well as the City of Hamilton and City of Oxford. The Warrant Post is responsible for warrant maintenance and confirmation as well as LEADS required entries and second checks.



Lieutenant  
Todd Langmeyer

## Supervisors



Miranda Sheppard



Debra Rednoure



Angela Mondello



Jocelynn Alexander

# Communications

Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer commands the Dispatch Services Division consisting of the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center (also known as 9COM) and the Warrant Post. Lieutenant Langmeyer has over 26 years of service with the Sheriff's Office and has worked in the Jail, Criminal Investigations, and the Road Patrol.

The Communications Division is manned by Manager Miranda Sheppard, Shift Supervisors Angie Mondello, Debbie Rednour, and Jocelynn Alexander, Specialist Bonnie Short, thirty-five full-time Public Safety Telecommunicators (dispatchers), (four) full-time LEADS Operators, and two part-time LEADS Operators.

## Regional Dispatch Center

Dispatchers are responsible for maintaining radio communication for first responders and non-law enforcement agencies, as well as answer 9-1-1 calls, non-emergency calls, and administer pre-arrival instructions to callers through Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols. Dispatchers are also responsible for setting off the weather sirens for parts of Butler County.

Butler County has a shared 9-1-1 system consisting of four primary PSAPs: the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center, the City of Fairfield, the City of Middletown, and West Chester Township. The City of Trenton, the City of Monroe and Miami University are considered secondary PSAPs but 9COM is responsible for answering and processing their 9-1-1 calls.

In 2021, 9COM took 54.1% of call received Butler County

### 9-1-1 Calls Received: January – December 2021

	Landline	Wireless	VOIP	Unknown	No Record	TOTAL
3COM	1,529	21,602	2,082	30	141	25,384
7COM	1,220	23,273	2,703	252	84	27,532
8COM	1,351	33,441	3,462	171	222	38,647
9COM	5,958	93,449	6,832	849	861	107,949
TOTAL	10,058	171,765	15,079	1,302	1,308	199,512
%	5.0%	86.1%	7.6%	0.7%	0.7%	

Landline Residential phone line

Wireless Wireless, Phase 1/Phase 2 (wireless call with caller phone number and tower location)

VOIP Voice Over Internet Protocol (phone service via the internet)

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In 2022, 9COM took 53.8% of the calls received in Butler County.

## 9-1-1 Calls Received: January – December 2022

	Landline	Wireless	VOIP	Unknown	No Record	TOTAL
3COM	1,329	20,608	2,780	25	28	24,770
7COM	1,233	21,990	2,755	469	21	26,468
8COM	1,210	31,848	3,553	116	47	36,774
9COM	6,116	88,650	6,844	760	208	102,578
TOTAL	9,888	163,096	15,932	1,370	304	190,590
%	5.19%	85.57%	8.36%	0.72%	0.16%	

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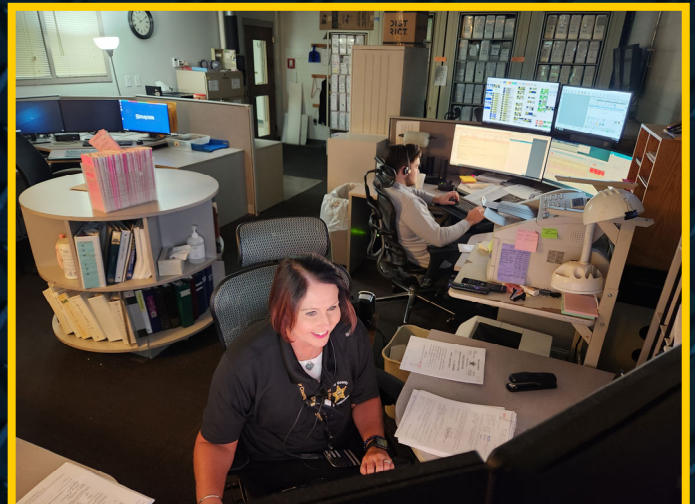
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## Warrant Post

LEADS Operators are responsible for maintaining entries such as warrants, protection orders, missing persons, stolen vehicles, guns and property. Over the course of 2021 and 2022 we worked on changing our entry process to be more efficient. We worked with the agencies for whom we dispatch and the courts to go paperless for most processes which allowed us quicker entry times. We were also able to remove dismissed warrants and protections orders in a timely manner.

In 2021, the warrant post entered 219,270 entries

In 2022, the warrant post entered 229,252 entries



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## Technology Services



**Director  
Ken Carpenter**

Technology Director Ken Carpenter commands the Technology Services Division. Director Carpenter joined the Sheriff's Office in 2004 and has worked directly with all facets of Sheriff's Office technology.

Technology Services is comprised of two units, Information Technology (I.T.) and Communications Technology. The I.T. group is focused on core business systems of the Sheriff's Office while Communications Technology staff are focused on the communications related systems. 2022 offered an exciting opportunity to bring in new technical staff with diverse skillsets and a myriad of experience.

New Technology Staff:  
(front) Paul Weddle, Natalie  
Fitzpatrick, Ed Strecker,  
(rear) Brian Stiens and Iosif  
Covalenco



## Information Technology (I.T.)



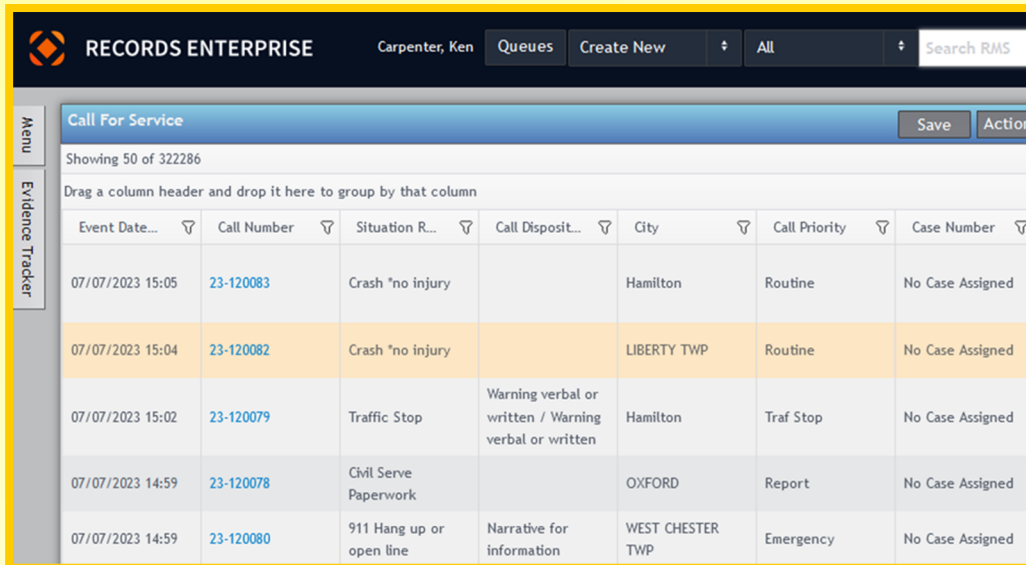
**Manager  
Kyle Klein**

The Information Technology unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is responsible for supporting the computer and non-emergency telephone systems of the Sheriff's Office. The group consists of a manager, Kyle Klein, and two technicians. I.T. supports around 1,000 users and 20 software systems. These systems are utilized by the Sheriff's Office as well as 15 outside agencies.

In 2021 I.T. led a project to replace the software used by the Corrections Division. The legacy application, Vision Jail, was replaced with Central Square Jail Professional. The new application has greater vendor support, regular updates, and a more efficient user interface. This simplified and more efficient interface has reduced both training requirements and mistakes made by users.

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In 2022 I.T. led another major software replacement; the legacy VisionAir suite of applications was replaced with a single browser-based application called CentralSquare RMS Web. This application is used for creating incident reports (police reports), managing investigative cases, providing records to the public, and sending crime statistics to the State of Ohio. The new application features customizable user interfaces and workflows. The customizations allowed the software to be tailored to the users and resulted in a more simplified and efficient experience. The browser-based architecture has also reduced the strain on I.T. resources because there is no software to be installed directly on the user's computer.

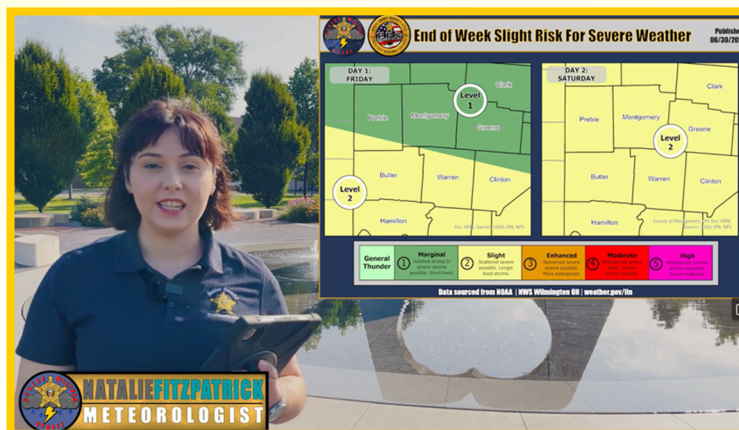


Event Date...	Call Number	Situation R...	Call Disposit...	City	Call Priority	Case Number
07/07/2023 15:05	23-120083	Crash *no injury		Hamilton	Routine	No Case Assigned
07/07/2023 15:04	23-120082	Crash *no injury		LIBERTY TWP	Routine	No Case Assigned
07/07/2023 15:02	23-120079	Traffic Stop	Warning verbal or written / Warning verbal or written	Hamilton	Traf Stop	No Case Assigned
07/07/2023 14:59	23-120078	Civil Serve Paperwork		OXFORD	Report	No Case Assigned
07/07/2023 14:59	23-120080	911 Hang up or open line	Narrative for information	WEST CHESTER TWP	Emergency	No Case Assigned

## Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

The GIS unit of the Sheriff's Office is responsible for creating and maintaining computerized maps which are used by Dispatch systems to ensure that first responders are provided with the fastest route to an incident when the public needs them. Additionally, the system ensures that the correct agencies and types of equipment respond to the emergency.

Natalie Fitzpatrick is the lead technician in the two-person GIS team and she also serves as our



resident meteorologist. Natalie has degrees in both meteorology and geographic information systems and the Sheriff's Office has been leveraging her knowledge and skills to improve upon our GIS systems and also to start new weather initiatives. These weather initiatives are focused on providing localized weather information when weather is forecasted to be a risk to the public.

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## Communications Technology (BRICS)



The Communications Technology unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is responsible for managing and maintaining the two major countywide communications systems. The 800Mhz radio system and the next generation 9-1-1 system. These systems are utilized by all first responders in Butler County and their regional design has increased interoperability and efficiency of communications. Approximately 5,000 public safety users are supported by this technology group.

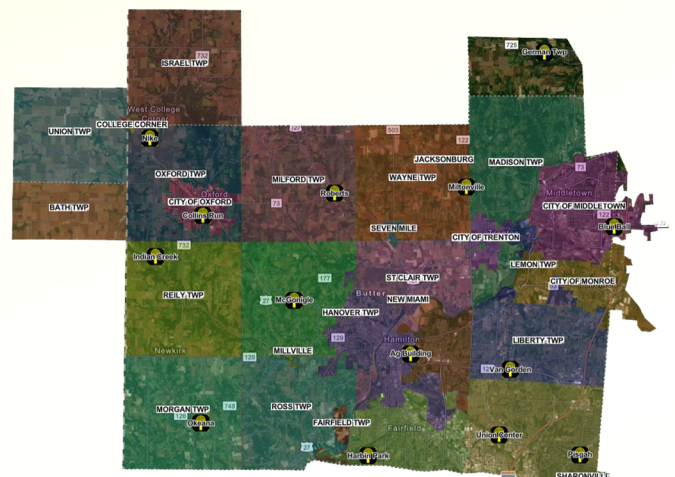
The Communications Technology team is made up of a group of 7 skilled technology professionals, each of which has a base knowledge in communications technology but also specializes in specific areas. 2022 offered the unique opportunity to bolster the team with a new manager and a group of technicians and analysts who bring over 100 years of combined experience to the team.

## Radio System

The Butler Regional Interoperable Communications System (BRICS) is an independent regional radio system serving all of Butler County as well as parts of Warren County and a few eastern Indiana counties. The system is made up of a prime site where the radio servers and central networking equipment is housed as well as 12 radio towers spread throughout Butler County, and one tower in each of Warren and Montgomery counties.

In 2021 improvements were made to the infrastructure to enable remote radio programming change using Wi-Fi. In 2022 reconfiguration and testing were completed to begin using over-the-air radio programming on a large scale. Over the air programming allows radio technicians to remotely reprogram Motorola radios connected to the system regardless of location.

To maximize interoperability and share resources BRICS has partnered with the state of Ohio MARCS radio system. This partnership allows other counties and cities in southwestern Ohio to leverage radio servers at the Butler County Sheriff's Office to carry their radio traffic and saves those jurisdictions from having to purchase these same servers. Examples of jurisdictions utilizing BRICS servers are Hamilton County, Montgomery County, and the city of Cincinnati. In exchange, Butler County radios are able to use the state of Ohio (MARCS) radio network to maintain connectivity as they travel throughout the state. This network is constantly evolving through the efforts of the state as well as the local jurisdictions to increase redundancy and radio coverage area.



*BRICS Radio Towers*

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**Analyst**  
**Rick Weiskittel**

## 9-1-1 System

The county-wide 9-1-1 system is utilized by all four 9-1-1 call answering centers in Butler County (Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, Middletown and West Chester). The system is a fully IP (VOIP) 9-1-1 telephone system connected by a wide area fiber network. Dispatchers use telephone software on computer workstations to answer phone calls on wireless headsets. The system handles 190,000 emergency and 245,000 non-emergency calls annually.

In 2022 Rick Weiskittel accepted the position of 9-1-1 Analyst overseeing the system. Rick has over 30 years of experience in technology and has held the positions of I.T. Manager and Communications I.T. Manager at the Sheriff's Office.

Rick has completed improvements to statistical analysis systems and is currently focused on bolstering security to protect the system from cybersecurity threats.

## Fire Station Alerting

The Communications Technology unit also supports a Locution fire station alerting system utilized by 10 firehouses. The system enables the fire department to configure automation such as turning on lights or turning off a stove when they are dispatched to an emergency. Additionally, an automated voice will announce the details and location of the emergency as soon as a dispatcher enters that information into their computer system. The servers, computers and, VPN network that comprise the system are all supported by Communications Technology staff with Rick Weiskittel serving as the in-house expert.

## Multimedia



**Chad White**

Digital Media Specialist Chad White is responsible for the day to day upkeep of the Sheriff's Office multimedia representation to the public. The Sheriff has a multifaceted approach to meet the public where they are. This approach includes information shared on the BCSO website, Facebook, and Twitter as well as occasional advertising in other media outlets or on billboards. To keep these platforms running smoothly, Facebook and Twitter messages are checked daily, as are anonymous tips from the public. In addition to maintaining our social media presence, Chad produces the BCSO videos you see online and is responsible for our general graphic design work for multimedia projects within the B.C.S.O.

The Sheriff's goal is share as much information with the public in the fastest way possible. To achieve this a team of staff are monitoring BCSO activities, news, and weather around the clock to pass along any relevant information. Follow the Sheriff's Office on Facebook or the Sheriff on Twitter for public safety related news and weather alerts.

## ERS

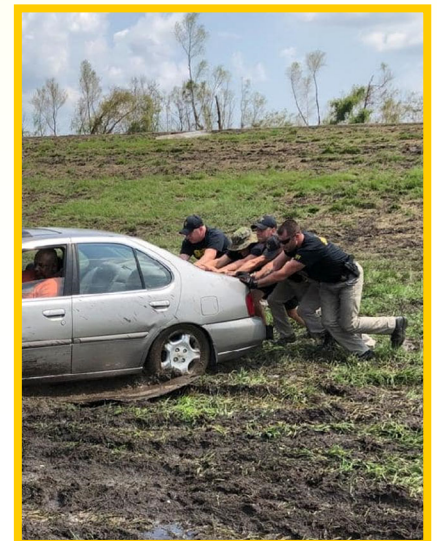
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Services (ERS) Unit is a regional technical rescue team partnering with Hanover Township Fire Department. Members are trained in multiple disciplines including Hazmat, Swift Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Vehicle Extrication, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse, Ice Rescue, Grain Bin Rescue, Wide Area Search, Large Animal Rescue, and All Hazard Incident Management. Some ERS members are also part of the regional Task Force 1 Dive Team as well as being helicopter and drone pilots for the Butler County Sheriff's Office.



Some of the vehicles available to ERS include a semi-tractor with a 53' command trailer, multiple rescue trucks, multiple boats, UTVs, ATVs, helicopters, aerial and underwater drones, a light truck, a communications truck, a dump bed truck, enclosed trailers, flatbed trailers, and a fork lift.

ERS consistently trains in various disciplines and are dispatched whenever an incident exceeds the normal capabilities of first responders or when additional support is needed. ERS responds to regional and national incidents through mutual aid agreements at the expense of the requesting agency. Examples of some incidents we may respond to include flooding/swift water, hurricanes, tornados, search and rescue, incident management, field force, and damage assessment.

ERS must be ready to respond for a minimum fourteen-day deployment within three hours of a request. During a deployment, the team is expected to be self-sufficient for up to two weeks. In 2022 the team responded as part of the Northern Kentucky All Hazard Incident Management Team during the Eastern Kentucky floods. ERS members were deployed for approximately two weeks during this incident and worked in various incident



# B o m b S q u a d



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad was created in 1980, consisting of one Butler County Sheriff's Office Detective and a Detective from the Middletown Police Department. Hazardous Devices Training at that time was being jointly conducted by the U.S. Army and the F.B.I., and was a three week course. This training was done at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, and it still is today. In 2016 the F.B.I. took over the training program at Redstone Arsenal, which includes mock villages, business buildings, a train station, an explosives range, and classrooms. Hazardous Devices Technicians (Bomb Technicians) are required to recertify at HDS every three years. In addition to the Bomb Training, all Bomb Technicians are required to be Hazardous Materials Technicians, which also requires a refresher annually.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad operates with two bomb trucks and one total containment vessel (TCV). The larger truck is the work horse of the unit and carries bomb mitigation equipment to include two robots (Andros F6B and an Icor Mini-Caliber). We also utilize fixed and portable digital x-ray technology in package analysis.

In 2022 we had 40 RECOVERIES. These are broken down into four categories, with the total weights of the recovery shown:

Fireworks      42.01 lbs. (includes both 1.3g and 1.4g fireworks)

Explosives      230.21 lbs.

Ammunition    446.88 lbs.

Misc.            .62 lb. (unidentifiable substance)

Included in the Recoveries Category, but not in weight were 11 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's).

Military Ordnance in Recoveries included 14 hand grenades, 6 hand grenade fuzzes and 1 Claymore Mine.

Another explosive article we picked up in 2022 was a defective Air Bag Explosive Device. We received a total of 54 of these units for disposal.

## M e m o r i a l



Deputy John Reiring

John Reiring was hired on 06/11/13 as a Civil Deputy. Deputy Reiring spent his career at Middletown Police Department. After retiring from Middletown, John joined the Sheriff's Office. John passed away on 3/12/21. Two departments mourned his passing.



Deputy Craig Mills

Craig Mills was hired on 12/16/00 as a Deputy Sheriff. Craig was Deputy of the Year in 2013. Deputy Mills was known for his passion for fishing and baseball. He not only loved those hobbies but loved to teach them to a lot of lucky kids. Craig passed away on 09/12/21.



Lt. David Reynolds

David Reynolds was hired on 02/12/01 as a corrections officer. David made his way through the correction ranks by becoming a sergeant in 2007 and a lieutenant in 2013 . Lt. Reynolds was not only a supervisor, but also a mentor and friend to many officers. He was always available to help when someone needed it. David passed away on 9/30/21.



## Mission statement of the Butler County Sheriff's Office

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.

## Our Core Values

### Honesty

Fostering sincerity, openness and transparency

### Integrity

Adhering to moral and ethical principles

### Humility

Modesty of one's own importance

### Sense of Community

Being part of, not above, those we serve



**"SPECTEMUR AGENDO"**  
LET US BE JUDGED BY OUR ACTIONS