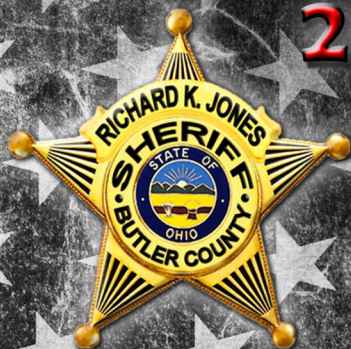


# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## 2016 Annual



Butler County Regional  
Dispatch Center







***Established in 1803***  
***Still Thriving in 2016***



## **Mission Statement of the Butler County Sheriff's Office**

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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**

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### **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

## **Our Motto**

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"Spectemur Agendo"

Let us be judged by our actions.



# Richard K. Jones



## Message from Sheriff Jones

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### The Heroin Epidemic

This powerful drug has grabbed the world and is turning lives inside out. It affects people in all walks of life. Heroin's addictive and deadly qualities make no distinction between the very poorest to the wealthiest of people. Our jails, our courts and our hospitals are overburdened with the heroin epidemic.

In the United States heroin overdoses took the lives of an estimated 45,374 people from 2011 to 2015. Ohio's portion of those numbers of heroin overdose related deaths more than quadrupled from 426 in 2011 to an estimated 1,883 in 2015.

Closer to home, the heroin overdose related deaths in Butler County have increased from 7 in 2011 to an estimated 160 in 2016. Toxicology reports are pending in death investigations in December of 2016, so a total is not available as of this writing. It is important to note here that these numbers obviously do not reflect those who have been rescued from an overdose death with the use of Narcan at the scene.

Our BURN unit has arrested 398 people and investigated 222 heroin related criminal cases in the past two (2) years alone.

Heroin affects the lives of those who use it, their children, family and friends. An unknown number of infants throughout this country are born addicted to heroin because their mother and father are heroin addicts.

On August 12, Dispatcher Rebecca Hartman received a 9-1-1 call from a father whose son had just overdosed on heroin. Using her newly updated Emergency Medical Dispatch protocol for Narcan administration, Dispatcher Hartman instructed the caller on the proper use of the Narcan that he had on hand. This was the first use of what is sure to become a frequently used set of instructions on life-saving measures for subjects who have overdosed. Due to her efforts that day, Dispatcher Hartman received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Additional lives are being destroyed as you read this message. I don't know that we are winning this battle from the enforcement perspective, or with the current medicinal treatment options.

We need to continue and enhance our "Just Say No" program. Working with children at an early age and educating their parents is of critical importance as well.

The workload of all Sheriff's Office employees has increased due to the heroin epidemic. I am proud of all they do to protect and respond to the calls for service to the citizens of Butler County, Ohio.

"This job is not for everyone – but I can say that those who have chosen this as a career with the Butler County Sheriff's Office are *Second to None*".

Proud to Serve as your Sheriff,

*R.K. Jones*



## Sheriff Richard K. Jones

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Richard K. Jones was elected to serve as the forty-fifth (45th) Sheriff of Butler County, Ohio in November 2004. He took over the office on Monday, January 3, 2005. He was elected to serve his fourth (4th) term as our Sheriff in November 2016. Before being elected as Sheriff, he served as Chief Deputy of the Butler County Sheriff's Office for twelve (12) years.

Sheriff Jones' history as an administrator of the Butler County Sheriff's Office for over twenty-four (24) years reflects a continuing dedication and commitment to the safety of everyone in Butler County.



# Executive Staff



## Chief Deputy Anthony E. Dwyer



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Chief Anthony Dwyer was born, raised and continues to reside in Middletown, Ohio. He began his career at the Butler County Sheriff's Office in 1984 when he was hired as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Jail. Over the next twenty (20+) plus years he was assigned to the Road Patrol Division before being promoted through the ranks of Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Major. When Sheriff Jones was elected in 2005 he promoted Dwyer to his current position of Chief Deputy.

Chief Dwyer is second in command and has the responsibility of managing every aspect of the Sheriff's Office including a budget that exceeds 50 million dollars. While his current position as Chief Deputy is mainly an administrative one, the Chief will readily admit that his passion still lies in the Detective Division where he worked on several high profile cases that were featured on "America's Most Wanted" and other television shows. Chief Dwyer stated "There's just something about the nature of the hunt when you're working a case. You can never really replicate that feeling, and it's quite addicting". In all Chief Dwyer has served the citizens of Butler County for more than thirty-two (32) years.

## Major G. Michael Craft

Major G. Michael Craft graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1980. He is a lifetime Hamilton resident and a former Champion Paper employee. He made his career switch to law enforcement when he joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office in October 1989 as an undercover drug agent. After attending the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy, Major Craft was assigned as a Corrections Officer until he was promoted to Road Patrol in June 1991.

After being promoted to Detective in 1996, Major Craft

completed three tours in the Drug Unit, was a D.A.R.E. & G.R.E.A.T. Officer assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit and was the first Detective assigned to the newly created "Crimes against the Elderly" program in 1995. In 1996, he was named "Employee of the Year."

After his promotion to Sergeant, Major Craft was assigned to supervise the Detective Division and Drug Unit until his promotion to Lieutenant in 2000. As Lieutenant, he worked assignments in Court Security and the Civil Division and served as Deputy Warden of Corrections for over four (4) years. His final assignment as a Lieutenant was with Criminal Investigations until his promotion to Operations Captain in November 2013.

In addition to his other assignments, Major Craft has also been a member of and supervised the Marine Patrol Unit and Hostage Negotiators. With over twenty-eight (28) years of experience at the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Major Craft has worked countless high profile homicides and investigative cases along with county-wide, record breaking drug cases.

Based on his extensive knowledge and experience throughout his many years of service, Sheriff Jones promoted him to Major on February 24, 2015.

## Executive Secretary Pam Stroup



Pam was hired in 1984 under Sheriff Robert R. Walton. She has served the Sheriff's Office for 32 years as an Executive Secretary to four (4) consecutive Butler County Sheriffs. Sheriff Jones and Pam worked closely on many projects while he served as Chief Deputy. He chose to continue that valuable working relationship by continuing Pam's employment as Executive Secretary.



# “Shots fired Madison School...”

## Madison Junior / Senior High School



SRO Deputy K. Hall

On February 29, 2016, at 11:17am, the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center received a radio call from a familiar voice, but in no way, for a familiar reason. When retired Sergeant, now School Resource Officer Deputy Kent Hall keyed up his radio and announced “**shots fired Madison School**”, it was a first for the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

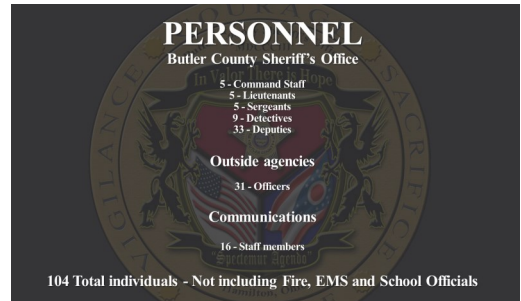
As Deputy Hall pursued the fourteen (14) year-old suspect into a field off school grounds, several scared students and a school administrator dialed 9-1-1, reporting the shooting as well as identifying who the shooter was. Deputies swarmed the scene to assist in locking down and securing the school, as well as to render aid to those that were shot or hurt. As law enforcement from surrounding areas arrived on scene and a perimeter was set, deputies actively pursued the suspect who was shortly taken into custody without incident. The weapon used in the shooting was also located in a field and recovered.

The handgun used was a .380 Sig Sauer P238 that was seen by other students the day of the shooting but not reported. Those students were also criminally charged.



As word of the shooting reached parents, the media, and other law enforcement agencies, the response to the school was overwhelming. Law enforcement personnel from numerous agencies responded to the school to assist. In all, there were over 100 law enforcement individuals, not

including all medical personnel on scene.



Parents were parking where ever they could and running to the school to try and locate their child, or to find out if their child was being flown in one of the two medical helicopters called to the scene.



Even though this was the first active school shooting the Sheriff's Office handled, every division responded to the scene quickly, efficiently, and did their part to bring a very chaotic and highly emotional incident under control with a good outcome. The eight (8) dispatchers and one (1) dispatch supervisor working this incident pulled together



Detective M. Barger points out the path the suspect took during the shooting.

and handled an abundance of phone calls (from students, parents, media, etc) and radio transmissions from law enforcement and fire & EMS like a boss. The four (4) students injured, ages fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) years old, all survived and made a full physical recovery. The suspect was charged with four (4) counts of Attempted Murder and plead guilty.







## Former Sheriff Richard S. Holzberger



Richard "Dick" Holzberger served as Butler County's Democratic Sheriff from 1989 - 1992. During his term as Sheriff, the Sheriff's Office received its first grant for the Marine Patrol which is still going strong today.

Former Sheriff Richard Holzberger was a police officer for the City of Hamilton for twenty (20) years. After retiring, he became Sheriff until his term ended in 1992.

Former Sheriff Holzberger ran a small business in the City of Hamilton before he passed away on January 24, 2016 at the age of seventy (70).

## Former Sheriff Harold D. Gabbard

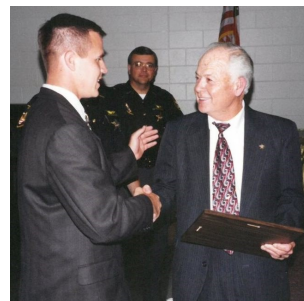


Harold "Don" Gabbard served as Butler County's Republican Sheriff from 1993 - 2004. During his term as Sheriff, inmates were actually housed in tents when the jail became overcrowded.

Former Sheriff Harold "Don" Gabbard was a police officer for the City of Hamilton for twenty-

eight (28) years. After retiring as a Detective, he became Sheriff serving three (3) terms from 1993 - 2004.

Former Sheriff Gabbard enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing golf. He was eighty-four (84) years old when he passed away on May 30, 2016.



***Your service to Butler County will never be forgotten. May you rest in peace...***





# Former Sheriff's of Butler County



James Blackburn	1803 - 1804
William McClellan	1804 - 1806
John Wingate	1807 - 1808
William McClellan	1809 - 1812
James McBride	1813 - 1816
Pierson Sayre	1817 - 1820
Samuel Millikin	1821 - 1824
John Hall	1825 - 1828
Pierson Sayre	1829 - 1830
William Sheely	1831 - 1834
Israel Gregg	1835 - 1838
John K. Wilson	1839 - 1842
William J. Elliott	1843 - 1846
Ferd Van Derveer	1847 - 1848
Aaron Schenck	1849 - 1850
Peter Murphy	1851 - 1855
Joseph Garrison	1856 - 1959
A.A. Phillips	1860 - 1863
A.J. Rees	1864 - 1867
R.N. Andrews	1868 - 1871
W.H. Allen	1872 - 1875
Marcellus Thomas	1876 - 1879
F.D. Black	1880 - 1883
George St. Clair	1884 - 1887

Ike Rogers	1888 - 1891
Franke Krebs	1892 - 1895
William Brucks	1896 - 1899
Peter Bisdorf	1900 - 1903
Luke Brannon	1904 - 1908
Andy Graf	1909 - 1912
Harry Metcalf	1913 - 1916
Franke E. Pepper	1917 - 1920
Rudy Laubaugh	1921 - 1924
Luther E. Epperson	1925 - 1926
George Sloneger	1927 - 1928
Luther E. Epperson	1929 - 1930
John C. Schumacher	1931 - 1936
Charles B. Walke	1937 - 1956
Paul A. Pell	1957 - 1961
James F. Hixon	1961 - 1967
Harold Carpenter	1968 - 1976
Charles S. Sroufe	1976
Robert R. Walton	1976 - 1988
Richard S. Holzberger	1989 - 1992
Harold D. Gabbard	1993 - 2004

**Richard K. Jones**

**2005 - Present**





## National Peace Officers Memorial Day — May 15, 2016

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. National Police Week was Sunday, May 15 through Saturday, May 21, 2016.

*"National Police Week is a time for all of us to stop and remember all the brave men and women Peace Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to communities throughout Butler County, the State of Ohio, and the nation. Paying this small tribute to them is the very least we can do to show our respect for all that they gave..."*

### Line of Duty Deaths in the USA

9 / 11 related incident	3
Aircraft accident:	1
Animal related	1
Assault	3
Automobile accident:	23
Drowned	2
Duty related illness:	1
Fall	1
Gunfire:	63
Gunfire (accidental):	2
Heart attack:	6
Motorcycle accident:	7
Stabbed	1
Struck by train:	1
Struck by vehicle:	9
Vehicle pursuit:	4
Vehicular assault:	12

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Male: 134  
Female: 6

K9 Line of Duty Deaths: 34



*The Sheppard's supporting  
law enforcement*



*Butler County Sheriff's Office  
Officer's Memorial*

***You may be gone but will never be forgotten. May you rest in peace brothers and sisters...***





## Butler County Sheriff's Office Mobile Incident Command Post

### Pike County Massacre

On April 22nd, eight members of the Rhoden family were murdered execution style in their homes while they slept in Piketon, Ohio.

The only family members spared were three small children who's age ranged from four (4) days to three (3) years old.

While the Pike County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation were actively investigating the slayings, Sheriff Jones wanted to make sure they had a comfortable and efficient command post to operate from. Sheriff Jones sent his Incident Command Post to the Pike County Sheriff's Office to utilize for as long as they needed it. Pike County has determined there were at least two (2) shooters and the case still remains open.



air conditioned unit that allows personnel to work in a controlled environment that provides security and the ability to monitor surroundings through a telescopic camera.

### USA Triathlon - Voice of America Park

The Voice of America Park hosts the USA Triathlon Youth / Junior National Championships annually. Each year for this event, the Mobile Incident Command Post is staffed with an Incident Dispatcher from the Butler County Sheriff's Office Regional Dispatch Center.



### Hueston Woods July 4th Fireworks

Annually, Hueston Woods has an elaborate fireworks show that brings in large crowds to the beach and lodge areas. Every year, the Communications Section provides assistance to the Preble County Sheriff's Office and State Parks by providing the Incident Command Post, and the portable tower for radio communications. The Incident Command Post is stationed in the beach area, and is set up and manned by Communications Unit Technicians and an Incident Dispatcher. The Incident Command Post is an



*Dispatch Supervisor  
Miranda Sheppard*

*Incident Dispatcher  
Tami Miller*



# Butler County Jail Lobby



**The Butler County Jail lobby serves the public in many ways.**

## Kiosk - Leaving Money for Inmates

AccessCorrections Kiosk accepts MasterCard, VISA, and cash if you like the convenience of not waiting in line. The Kiosk allows the individual to pick a language to make every transaction quick and easy.



injured, I'm going to do just that" Sheriff Jones said.

Exchanges can take place seven (7) days a week between 8 AM and 8 PM.



## Warming and Cooling Center

*"When the weather outside is frightful"*

## Prescription Drug Drop Box



A prescription drug drop box, designed for the disposal of outdated or unneeded pharmaceuticals, is installed in the lobby area of the Butler County Jail. Citizens have the ability to dispose of medication, no questions asked, at any time year round.



The Butler County Jail opens the lobby to the public when temperatures are below freezing and anyone is in need of a place to rest and warm up. Sheriff Jones hopes that providing a temporary place to warm up will provide some help and assist others when the more traditional shelters are overcrowded, under staffed, or otherwise not able to assist someone during cold and snowing weather. The jail lobby also serves as a cooling area to get out of the heat when temperatures are extremely high.

## Home to the Massive Swear In

## Safe Place for Internet Transactions

Sheriff Jones is offering a safe exchange zone to conduct internet business transactions. Those who make purchases on internet sites such as Craigslist and eBay normally do not personally know the buyer or seller. Meeting a complete stranger to conduct any business has potential to be dangerous. Having a safe place to make the exchange can make a difference.

There have been several cases where people have been assaulted, robbed, even killed from using these sites to make purchases or sell items. "People have lost their lives over a few dollars and if I can lessen any chance for someone to get

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ONLINE PURCHASE  
SAFE EXCHANGE  
ZONE



Mass swear in 2013 - next swear in will be in January 2017





# Highlights from 2016



## Promotions

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01/09/2016	Phillips, Ricky	from Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff
01/10/2016	Schroeder, Andrew	from Corrections Sergeant to Deputy Sheriff
01/29/2016	Hensley, Joseph	from Deputy Sheriff to Detective
02/23/2016	Frazier, Randy	from Court Security Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff
03/08/2016	Marcum, Derek	from Corrections Officer to Court Security Deputy Sheriff
03/21/2016	Catron, James	from Corrections to Deputy Sheriff
03/22/2016	Vaughan, Timothy	from Paramedic to Medical Supervisor
04/12/2016	Burkett, Michael	from Corrections Officer to Corrections Sergeant
04/13/2016	Benjamin, Brandon	from Corrections Officer to Corrections Sergeant
05/05/2016	Sandlin, Irvin	from Court Security Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff
05/20/2016	Bronnenberg, Reggie	from Deputy Sheriff to Sergeant
05/24/2016	Meek, Brittney	from Corrections Officer to Court Security Deputy Sheriff
05/24/2016	Durham, Erik	from Court Security Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff
06/09/2016	Depew, Evan	from Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff
06/09/2016	Essell, Kyle	from Court Security Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff
06/24/2016	Cox, William	from Corrections Officer to Court Security Deputy Sheriff
06/24/2016	Bear, Anthony	from Court Security Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff
06/30/2016	Boyd, John	from Corrections Officer to Court Security Deputy Sheriff
06/30/2016	Stewart, Chase	from Court Security Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff
08/20/2016	Wells, Ronald Chris	from Corrections Officer to Deputy Sheriff

## Retirements

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01/04/2016	Combs, Jimmy Roy	Corrections Officer	BCSO service since November 2006
04/30/2016	Johnson, Candi M.	Deputy Sheriff	BCSO service since January 1991
05/18/2016	Maxwell, Mathew	Deputy Sheriff	BCSO service since January 1993
05/31/2016	Hansel, Corby	Deputy Sheriff	BCSO service since April 1998
05/31/2016	Laymon, Charles A.	Sergeant	BCSO service since March 1998
07/31/2016	Flanagan, Julie K.	Deputy Dog Warden	BCSO service since September 2013
11/02/2016	Cox, Charles M.	Corrections Officer	BCSO service since November 2006



# Operations Section



## Captain Lance Bunnell

Captain Bunnell commands the Operations Section which consists of: Headquarters Road Patrol Division, Liberty Township Road Patrol Division, Hanover Township and College Corner patrol assignments, which also includes K-9, Weights and Scales, Animal Control, Forensic, and Motorcycle Units.

Captain Bunnell's command also includes the Investigations Division composed of Detectives, Warrants, START, Property Room, Victims Advocates, Children Services Investigations, Welfare Fraud, BURN, Bomb Unit, Caisson, OVI Task Force, and DEA Task Force.

His command includes the following special teams: Marine Patrol, Dive Team, and Regional Water Rescue Team.

Captain Bunnell brings twenty-three (23) years of service to the Sheriff's Office.



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Sheriff Jones and his Command Staff conduct an intense inspection of staff and vehicles annually to ensure all personnel and equipment are ready to react and deploy at any moment for any reason.

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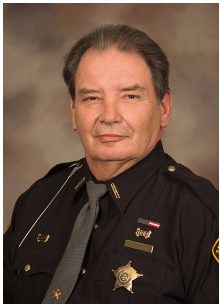
# Lieutenant Jeff Riegert



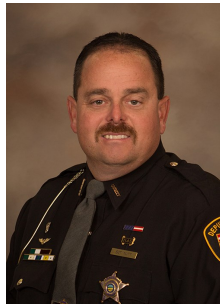
Lieutenant Jeff Riegert commands the following divisions in the Operations Section.

## Headquarters Road Patrol Unit

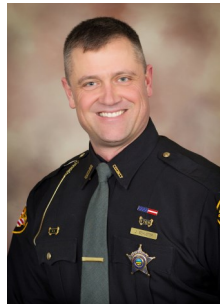
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol Unit consists of the first responders who routinely patrol the residential areas of the county to keep the citizens safe during their daily routines. They are responsible for all calls for service within the unincorporated areas of Butler County's 469 square miles. They also respond to calls within the areas covered by part-time service agencies and assist other full-time municipal agencies for critical incidents when requested. The Headquarters Road Patrol Unit provides contracted patrol service to Hanover Township and the Village of College Corner. These contract deputies provide extra patrol units in addition to the other road patrol units working. In 2016, patrol deputies responded to over 48,000 calls for service throughout Butler County. Lieutenant Riegert supervises Sergeants Carpenter, Nutt, Schuster, Bronnenberg, Hackney, and Fuller, as well as Corporals Newton and Brockman.



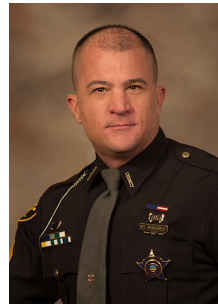
*Carpenter*



*Nutt*



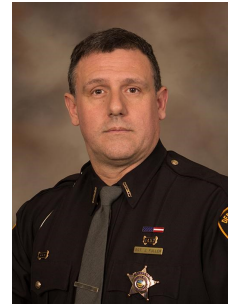
*Schuster*



*Bronnenberg*



*Hackney*



*Fuller*



*Newton*



*Brockman*

## K9 Patrol Program

The K9 Unit provided a valuable service to the Butler County Sheriff's Office as well as other agencies within the county. Four (4) specially trained deputies work with the canines every day they are on duty. The handlers and canines attend specialized training together to perform their duties which include illegal narcotics detection, building searches, vehicle searches, crowd control, and tracking suspects or fugitives who flee on foot, just to name a few.

Often, the mere presence of a police canine can be a psychological deterrent to lawbreakers and can turn a chaotic situation into a calm one quickly. Deputy Betz and K9 Herto, Deputy Brown and K9 Beck, Deputy Duke and K9 Jackson, and Deputy Rhoads and K9 Kaiser, are Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) certified. K9's Beck, Jackson, and Kaiser are nationally





# Lieutenant Jeff Riegert



certified through the North American Police Working Dog Association. These canines and handlers are extremely dedicated to serving the citizens of Butler County at a moments notice, and are on call twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) days a week.

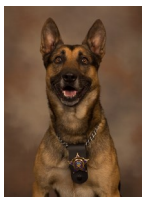


*Wells, K9 Herto, Betz*

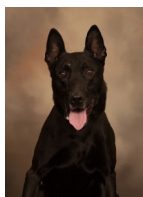
The unit trains a minimum of sixteen (16) hours a month to maintain proficiency in performing the skills associated with their duties. They train with the Southwest Regional

Training Group that is formed from canine units from various departments throughout Butler County, Preble County, and Darke County. The training group pushes the limits during the training sessions so the canines and handlers are prepared for almost any situation that arises when the canines are requested.

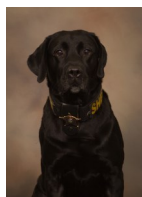
In November of 2016, a fifth canine was added to the unit. The newest canine, Radi, is an explosives detection canine. Radi and his handler Deputy Davenport will prove to be yet another valuable asset to the citizens of Butler County, and to the safety of first responders.



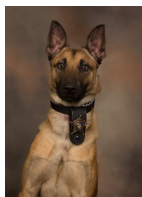
*K9 Beck*



*K9 Herto*



*K9 Jackson*



*K9 Radi*

## Animal Control



*Supervisor Kurt Merbs, A. Forkner,  
P. Todd, J. Hearlihy*

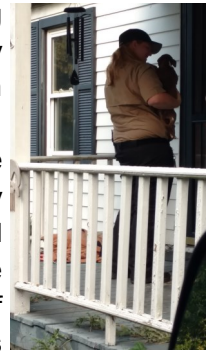
As Dog Warden, Sheriff Richard K. Jones is committed to serving the community by protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals. BCSO's Deputy Dog Wardens are primarily

focused on domestic animal issues and the enforcement of dog laws. They are also certified humane officers.

Deputy Dog Wardens respond to calls of dogs at large, dog

license enforcement, dog bites, and dog attacks. They also assist BCSO Deputy Sheriffs and local police departments with search warrants and selling dog licenses. Deputy Dog Wardens, as certified humane officers, handle all animal cruelty complaints, neglect cases, and abandonment cases in the county. These cases involve many different kinds of animals from horses and goats to dogs and cats. The Deputy Dog Wardens normally work an eight hour shift, however the job does not stop there. The Deputy Dog Warden unit is on call at all hours for emergency situations as they arise.

In 2016, BCSO Deputy Dog Wardens drove 89,880 miles, impounded a total of one thousand two hundred sixty (1,260) animals either to the shelter or back to the owners, wrote one thousand five hundred twenty-six (1,526) citations and seven hundred ninety-six (796) written warnings, handled nine hundred sixty-five (965) counts of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment cases, and wrote one hundred twelve (112) citations for cruelty or abandonment and 284 humane warnings. They patrol and cover all of Butler County except the City of Fairfield and the City of Oxford as they have their own Animal Control Officers. BCSO's Deputy Dog Wardens have the responsibility of full time duties in the City of Middletown and the City of Hamilton.



## Forensic Unit



*Wargo*

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Forensics Unit has been serving citizens of Butler County now for over twenty (20) years. The unit consist of one Deputy assigned to the Butler Behavioral Health Services Crisis Team. Deputy Greg Wargo's primary responsibility is the protection of the Crisis Therapists as well as the patients wellbeing while being evaluated. Other responsibilities Deputy Wargo is responsible for is making appearances at facilities that deal with citizens with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities, making presentations to agencies referencing workplace safety when dealing with the mentally ill, and educating other police agencies on protocol for dealing with mentally ill citizens.





# Lieutenant Jeff Riegert



In 2016, the Forensic Unit had two hundred and thirty-four (234) calls for service. Eighty-five (85) of those calls required transport of those evaluated to area hospitals for mental health reasons.

## Weights and Scales



*Day*

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

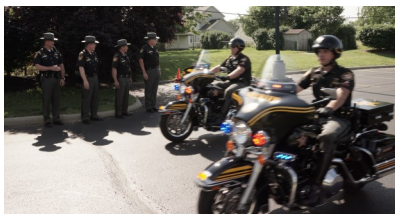
of one (1) Deputy, Mike Day.

In 2016 with the GEMMA Power Plant being constructed in the City of Middletown, the unit aided in planning the movement of construction equipment and machinery into the facility. Since at times loads exceeded the structure rating, the unit aided in the movement of these pieces during the day and night closing the roadway for short periods of times. One piece of machinery had to perform what's called a "Bridge Jump" in which another structure was built overtop the road structure to cross it without damaging anything. This type of jump has never been done in the State of Ohio and was Butler County's heaviest load to date exceeding 727,000 pounds.



Fines associated with overweight loads are utilized to conduct repairs to the roadways throughout the county. In 2016, Deputy Mike Day issued 67 citations for a total of over 1,526,380 pounds in overweight violations and over \$54,887.40 in fines.

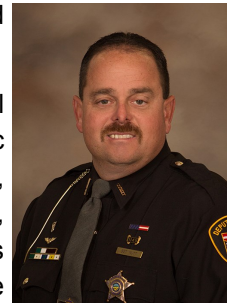
## Motorcycle Unit



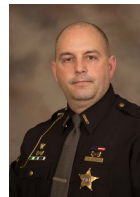
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit is comprised of Sergeant Mike Nutt and three (3) Deputies who are utilized for traffic

control, routine patrol, and specialized traffic details.

The Motor Unit is used for patrol purposes such as congested traffic situations, funeral escorts, V.I.P. details, shopping center and business patrol, sporting events, parades, various charitable events, and displays at the Butler County Fair. In addition to routine functions, the Motor Unit provided escorts for such charitable events as the Fire & Iron Ride for Child Abuse Victims, the 9-11 Hero's Ride out of Fairfield, the Miller / Coors Benefit Ride out of Trenton, the Autism Benefit Ride, ALS Benefit Ride out of Tri-County Harley, and the Ross Avenue AMVETS Benefit Ride.



*Nutt*



*Mofield*



*Mayer*



*Ginter*

Other notable details include the 4th of July parades in Hamilton, the Memorial Day parade, and escorting five (5) Edgewood Elementary School bike rides around St. Clair Township with retired teacher Joe Malicote. The Motor Unit was also requested to escort the home and visiting collegiate football teams to Miami University in Oxford during this years' football season.

In 2016, we lost former Sheriff Richard Holzberger and former Sheriff Harold "Don" Gabbard, as well as retired Sergeant Lonnie Jones. It was truly an honor and privilege to participate in the procession and escort these men to their final resting place.





# Lieutenant Morgan Dallman



Lieutenant Morgan Dallman commands the following divisions in the Operations Section.

## Liberty Township Road Patrol Unit

In 1992, the Butler County Sheriff's Office began providing contract police services for Liberty Township. This successful collaboration between the township and the Sheriff's Office provides township residents with a comprehensive and affordable law enforcement service.

There are currently twenty-six (26) full-time deputies and three (3) Detectives assigned exclusively to Liberty Township. Among these deputies is the Division Commander, Lieutenant Morgan Dallman. Lt. Dallman acts as the first shift road patrol supervisor and handles the operational needs of all the police services within Liberty Township.

In 2015, seven (7) additional deputies were assigned as School Resource Officers for the Lakota School District in Liberty Township and one (1) deputy was assigned to the new Liberty Center. These deputies enhanced local police services to match the township's ever increasing call volume.

Together these deputies provide 24 / 7 police coverage for all of Liberty Township, dealing with anything from traffic enforcement to homicide investigations. Township ordinances are also enforced in addition to state and federal laws.

In 2016, deputies assigned to Liberty Township responded to 19,212 calls for service. This number continues to grow as the population of over 38,000 residents increases and businesses flourish. In May 2014, the residents of Liberty voted "Yes" to the police levy which will maintain the Sheriff's Office current services until 2020.

Lieutenant Dallman supervises Sergeants Rich Prescott, Hung Tri-Rudolf, and Corporal Rob Reiff.



*Deputy A. Johnson*

Deputies assigned to Liberty Township strive to stay connected with the community they serve and protect.



*Prescott*



*Tri-Rudolf*



*Reiff*



*Deputy M. Matala*

## School Resource Officers

With violence increasing in schools across the country, the Butler County Sheriff's Office has pledged to provide extra patrol in the schools that are in their areas of responsibility. With the high call volume for road patrol, this is exceedingly difficult. To combat this issue and provide superior protection, the Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with several

school districts, has added thirteen (13) deputy sheriffs to act as School Resource Officers. The sole responsibility of these specially trained deputies is to work within the schools across the county. They interact with the students, staff, and parents in a community oriented manner, but provide increased security as well. The duties of an SRO range from investigating criminal offenses within the schools to guiding troubled youth.





# Lieutenant Morgan Dallman



Currently there are SRO deputies assigned to Lakota, Edgewood, Madison, New Miami, and Talawanda School Districts. The SROs work with students from pre-school up to high school.

## Regional SWAT Team

The Butler County Regional SWAT Team consists of thirty-five (35) members from six (6) different agencies within Butler County. In recent years the Oxford City Police Department and the Monroe City Police Department joined the Butler County Regional SWAT Team, which also includes Fairfield Township Police, Trenton Police, the Liberty Township Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Office. The membership positions are broken down as follows: Critical Incident Manager, Captain J. Sons; Team Commander Lt. M. Dallman; two (2) Assistant Commanders Lt. R. Lambert and Sgt. Ed. Tanner; two (2) team leaders, two (2) assistant team leaders, two (2) entry teams, and one (1) negotiator team. Team personnel include twenty-four (24) entry team members, five (5) snipers, seven (7) negotiators, three (3) tactical medics, and seven (7) members of the Regional HAZSWAT Team. Personnel who are part of the sniper and HAZSWAT teams are cross trained and perform other duties when needed.



The Butler County Regional SWAT Team responded to nineteen (19) callouts during 2016. The team responds to various situations including barricaded subjects, hostage or active shooter situations, search warrants for criminal and drug investigations, fugitive apprehensions, and search warrants for other agencies outside of Butler County. In 2016, the team responded to a total of seven (7) high-risk narcotics search warrants for the BURN Regional Narcotics Unit, and ten (10) barricade situations, one (1) dignitary protection, and one (1) active shooter.



The team trained a total of eighty (80) hours in 2016. Annual training topics included Vehicle / Bus Assaults, Dynamic Entries, Stealth Tactics, Hostage Rescue, Barricaded Subjects, School Crisis / Active Shooter Response, Physical Agility Testing, and Man-down Rescue Drills.



## Liberty Center

In October 2015, the Liberty Center complex opened its doors to the public. Liberty Center is located at 7100 Foundry Row on the east side of Liberty Township just off of I-75. Liberty Center is a multi-use complex that brings together the community's recreational, social and civic passions. With this expanding new development comes the need for added police presence. The Butler County Sheriff's Office took the initiative to contract a full-time deputy to work exclusively on the Liberty Center property.

This deputy actively patrolled the shopping centers, restaurants, bars, hotel, and apartments, as well as attended a multitude of special events that were hosted by Liberty Center. From January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, the Sheriff's Office fielded one thousand two hundred fifty-six (1,256) calls for service on the property. These calls ranged anywhere from public assistance calls to robbery. While business is booming with more commercial tenants coming in, residents moving into the residential developments, and the construction of phase two just around the corner, the need for full-time deputy sheriffs totally dedicated to Liberty Center is increasingly evident.





# Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer

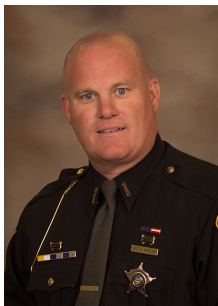
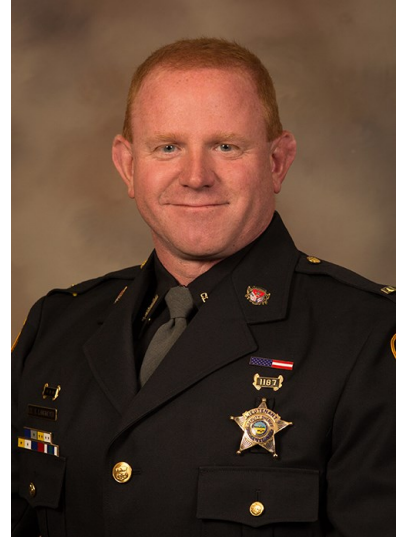


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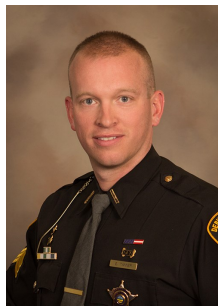
## Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigations Unit consists of nine (9) detectives and two (2) sergeants. The detectives are assigned to townships throughout the county. In 2016, the unit investigated a total of three thousand one hundred eight (3,108) cases. Of those, three hundred twenty-two (322) cases were juvenile, and two thousand six hundred sixty-three (2,663) were adult cases. The unit did a total of eighty (80) search warrants and sixty-three (63) death investigations.

Lieutenant Langmeyer supervisors Sergeants Whitlock, Tanner, Rosser, and Owens.



*Whitlock*



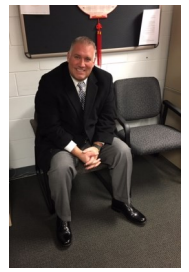
*Tanner*



*Turner, Barger, Steele, Hensley, Sorrell, Sprague*



*Nerlinger, Peters*



*Ventre*

## Notable Case

In December of 2015, deputies responded to a residence in Madison Township for an unresponsive three (3) year old girl, Kinsley Kinner. Deputies realized early on that the story of the adults were not consistent to the injuries observed on Kinsley, and notified detectives. When Kinsley arrived at the hospital, information was given back to detectives that she had no brain activity and would die as a result of her injuries.

Detectives transported three (3) adults from the residence and began interviews. After over eight (8) hours of interviews, two (2) adults were arrested. Rebekah Kinner, the mother of Kinsley Kinner, and Bradley Young, the boyfriend of Rebekah Kinner, were charged with Murder and Permitting Child Abuse.

After the arrests, detectives conducted a total of seven (7) search warrants and conducted dozens of interviews over the next few weeks. Detectives were able to build a timeline of the days leading up to the 9-1-1 call. This timeline was critical in convictions of both Rebekah Kinner and Bradley Young.

In May of 2016, Rebekah Kinner plead guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter and was sentenced to eleven (11) years in prison. In October of 2016, after a jury trial that lasted seven (7) days, Bradley Young was convicted of Murder and sentenced to fifteen (15) years to life in prison.

## BURN Task Force



BURN (Butler Undercover Regional Narcotics) is a multi-agency narcotics taskforce hosted by the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The taskforce is designed to use the resources and information of multiple agencies more effectively.

The United States as a whole has experienced a 60% increase in heroin-related overdose deaths in 2016. Butler County has experienced this increase as well. Agents with the BURN Taskforce are constantly battling heroin traffickers bringing their drugs into Butler County.







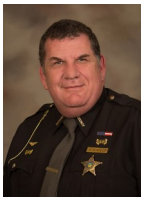
# Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer



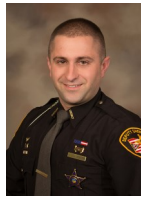
Agents attempt to target the source suppliers and disrupt the pipeline of heroin entering the county.

## Traffic Unit / START Team

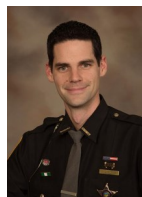
The Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team (START) is a multi-jurisdictional, specialized collaboration of Butler County law enforcement agencies who have pooled resources to respond twenty-four (24) hours a day to assist with serious traffic crashes by mapping the crash scene and conducting a reconstruction of the incident. START is currently staffed with three (3) members from the Butler County Sheriff's Office, two (2) from Monroe Police Department, one (1) from Fairfield Township Police Department, one (1) from Butler County Prosecutor's Office, and one (1) from the Oxford Police Department, all certified in crash reconstruction.



*Bussell*



*Ellcessor*



*Poff*

When a serious traffic crash occurs in a particular agency jurisdiction, the handling agency may choose to have START assist with the investigation. If START is needed, Butler County dispatchers are notified and they request



*Left of Center Head on Crash on 127 / Somerville Rd.*

members of the START team to respond. Members respond directly to the scene with equipment needed to conduct the crash investigation. It is the responsibility of the agency where the incident occurred to complete the crash report and file the appropriate criminal

charges. START is responsible for mapping and reconstruction of the scene and to testify in court if deemed necessary.

START conducts bi-monthly training sessions to become familiar with other agencies' equipment and the capabilities

of all members assigned. This allows the team to know everyone's strengths which translates into timely and organized crash investigations. Training sessions also contribute to information sharing in the field of reconstruction, legal updates and familiarization with new technology available.

START has been operational for seven (7) years and has proven very successful. In 2016, START investigated one thousand seven hundred eighty-one (1,781) crashes, eight (8) being fatal accidents. START also assisted other agencies with fatal accidents as well.

## Property Room

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Property Room is managed by Sergeant Ed Tanner and Deputy David Rumpler. They process, inventory, catalog, and store every piece of property or evidence that is collected by Sheriff's Office personnel. They also return property, auction, or destroy items as determined by court dispositions.



*Rumpler*

In 2016, the Property Room processed 5,776 items. Deputy Rumpler also transported evidence to various laboratories for testing purposes. Fifty-six (56) lab runs were made in 2016 with 600 items to be tested.

## Warrants Unit

The Warrants Unit consists of four (4) deputies and one (1) clerk. The unit received seven thousand six hundred forty (7,640) warrants and served six thousand three hundred sixty one (6,361) in 2016. At year end, there were six thousand five hundred thirty-one (6,531) active warrants.

The unit is responsible for a quarterly Most Wanted poster and also does a weekly Most Wanted that goes to the Sheriff's Office website and social media followers. The unit has received numerous tips throughout the year that have resulted in multiple arrests.



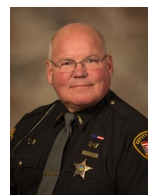
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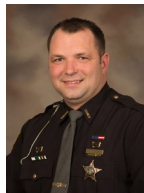
*Mills*



*Farquis*



# Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer



*Rockey*

Deputy Connie Rockey was assigned to Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Team (SOFAST). The team consists of multiple agencies in southwest Ohio and is run by the U.S. Marshals Service. What SOFAST brings to residents of Butler County is the ability to apprehend fugitives that commit any violent crimes in the county wherever they hide, because the team has no jurisdictional boundaries. They are also able to utilize all federal resources when looking for these violent felons.

Deputy Mark R. Smith is assigned to Juvenile Court and handles all juvenile warrants. Deputy Smith averaged twelve (12) juvenile arrests per month.



*Smith*

## Welfare Fraud Unit



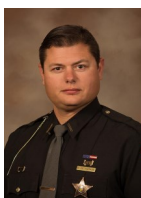
*Rosser*

BCSO's Welfare Fraud investigative unit began in 2012 and is lead by Sergeant Jason Rosser. Deputy Green Detherage and Deputy Mike Gutowski served as investigators in the unit and hit the ground running every day to deter welfare fraud. In 2016, the unit continued to see many of the same types of investigations related to drug related offenses. Trading or selling of food stamp benefits for heroin or crack cocaine was typical.

In 2016, the unit received four hundred thirty-six (436) tips regarding fraud being committed by individual benefit recipients. From the tips received, eighty-five (85) arrests were made with an additional one hundred forty (140) administrative disqualifications.



*Gutowski*



*Detherage*

Administrative disqualifications are where recipients agree to a voluntary disqualification of benefits based on facts of an investigation. Administrative disqualifications carry a penalty of removal from the food stamp program from one (1) year up to a lifetime ban depending on whether they were previously disqualified. In 2016, seventy-seven (77) recipients were disqualified for a lifetime, never being able to apply for benefits again, nationwide.

Not only does this unit combat fraud, they track fleeing felons receiving benefits while attempting to hide from their warrants. This year, fifty-one (51) individuals were arrested on one hundred eleven (111) outstanding warrants.



As part of a combined effort to investigate retail establishments, the unit worked cooperatively with the USSS, USDA and OIU as part of the Southern District of Ohio Task Force.

## Children Services Investigator

Nine (9) years ago, Sheriff Jones and the Butler County Commissioners created a Criminal Investigation Unit at Butler County Children Services—the first of its kind in Ohio. It was recognized that case workers needed immediate information on persons involved in child neglect, abuse and sexual abuse cases before entering the field to make contact with a suspect. The issue was safety for those case workers, who were having to enter the homes unaware of the person or persons who could be a threat or danger to them.



*Riegert*

The unit consists of four (4) civilian investigators and one (1) Deputy Sheriff supervisor, Deputy Ginia Riegert. The unit creates a criminal history report on every person involved in a Children Services case and investigates all "threat" cases against case workers. It also provides support for the Adoption Unit at BCCS by providing fingerprints via electronic BCI / FBI criminal history checks with immediate results. The number one commitment of BCSO, BCCS and this unit is "to keep the children and families of Butler County safe."

### Children Services Activity in 2016

Incoming Referrals	6,6062
Adoption Background Checks	517
Agency Visits	86
Hits Processed	1,245
People Monitored by CJIS	82,659
Assist Other Police Agency	100
Scans of Documents	38,882



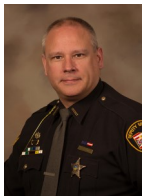


# Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer



## Ohio Means Jobs

For the people of Butler County using Ohio Means Jobs, Sheriff Jones, the County Commissioners, and Job and Family Services provides a deputy, from the Investigation



Division within the Sheriff's Office, to maintain a safe and secure environment for its citizens. Deputy Michael Farthing is posted at Ohio Means Jobs to help deter any illegal or inappropriate behavior by being highly visibly to staff and clients. Deputy Farthing is responsible for assisting clients with guidance through the building, providing staff with security training, performing vehicle unlocks, escorts to vehicles, and addressing any other security needs that may arise. Deputy Farthing is responsible for providing a safe and controlled environment for employers to hold job fairs at Ohio Means Jobs along with outside locations. Within Ohio Means Jobs the deputy consults with the WIAO (Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act) coordinators and the Ohio Means Jobs staff, to help determine eligibility for the programs that are offered. Deputy Farthing further assists Children Service investigators on daily warrant and background checks.

Ohio Means Jobs received an increase of clientele within the last year by nearly 15%. In 2016, Ohio Means Jobs had 32,465

people utilizing the agency. With the increase of clientele Ohio Means Jobs completed an addition to their building taking over the unit adjoining their office. This program continues to see an increase in the number of people using this site looking for job placement. With the number of clients continuing to increase, it opens opportunities to allow a deputy to connect with the community and build stronger relationships between the Sheriff's Office and Butler County citizens.

## Victim Assistance Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program was founded in 1997. Program Director Sara Flynn and advocates Michelle Lawrence and Christy Case maintain a strong presence in the Butler County courtrooms. Their mission is to empower victims of crime

by serving as a liaison of communication between the courts and the victim, providing each victim with information and support both during and after the victim's involvement in the judicial system.

In 2016, court advocacy was provided to approximately three thousand five hundred seventy-six (3,576) victims of crime in Butler County.

The Victim Assistance Program serves Area I, Area II, Area III, and Fairfield Municipal Court. They also serve as advocates at Domestic Relations Court and Common Pleas Court to victims filing for Civil Protection Orders. Advocates fulfill many duties including: crisis intervention, emotional support, safety planning, assistance with restitution, court advocacy / escort, notification of court dates and times, and much more. We believe that each person has a right to live free of violence and have a voice in the judicial process.



Case, Lawrence, Flynn

## Operations Employee Highlight



Melissa Achterman is the Administrative Clerical Specialist for the Investigations Division. She fields phone calls for the detectives along with filing their completed cases and placing supply orders for the division. Melissa coordinates training registrations and reservations for the detectives, road patrol deputies, court services deputies, and dog wardens. She also fills in for other clerical staff as needed.

She is on the Uniform and Awards Committee and works closely with the uniform representative to try to alleviate issues that arise. In conjunction with this she tracks the bullet proof vests and tries to ensure everyone is in a current vest. She helps coordinate any award ceremonies and orders the awards and plaques that are needed. She tracks the awards for each individual employee at the Sheriff's Office.

Melissa also assists with the STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program), IDEP Impaired Driving

Enforcement Program), and OVI grants. She processes all the Deputy logs and submits the monthly stats and billing to a designee from the Sheriff's Office and someone from OVI taskforce.

On a lighter note, Melissa coordinates a visit from the Easter Bunny and a Deputy to sick children in the hospital (as long as flu restrictions are lifted) at Easter time to hand out gifts. She also coordinates Adopt-a-Family at Christmas time for families that are less fortunate. In 2016 with the help of Princeton Road Wal-Mart, the Fairfield Ohio Harley Owners Group, the Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol, the Butler County FOP 101, and many Butler County Sheriff's Office employees we were able to adopt 7 families that encompassed twenty-three (23) children.

## Bomb Squad

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit consists of three (3) certified technicians and two (2) assistants. It services not only Butler County, but several adjacent counties as well. As of December of 2016, there were four hundred sixty-six (466) accredited Bomb Squads nationwide. This squad is one of nineteen (19) FBI accredited squads in the State of Ohio, with ninety-eight (98) Technicians collectively.



*Wargo, Grimes, Rosser, Detherage, Bailey*

FBI Accredited Bomb Squads and Bomb Technicians are like no other public safety entity in the United States. All bomb technicians have nationally mandated certification requirements that are taught at the FBI Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. This unique approach of one training facility and one training curriculum is unlike any other public safety agency's (law enforcement, fire and EMS) training. Public safety agency training and certifications vary by agencies, counties, state or regions. Additionally all bomb technicians are also required to be hazardous materials technicians and have

other training deemed necessary by their work environment.



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad operates with two (2) bomb trucks and one (1) total containment vessel (TCV). The larger truck is the work horse of the unit and carries bomb mitigation equipment to

include two (2) robots (Andros F6B and an Icor Mini-Caliber). We also utilize portable digital x-ray technology.

Newer instrumentation to battle WMD threats includes the Fisher Scientific TruDefender and First Defender, both chemical analyzers that can identify unknown products to include homemade explosives.

Bomb Squad instruments also include a MultiRae Pro which shows oxygen levels, hazardous gases and explosive atmospheres as well as radiation hazards. In 2016 the unit added three (3) handheld thermal imagers to their threat analysis tools, one for each technician. This instrument shows heat signatures, such as a chemical reaction occurring in a chemical bomb. It will also show liquid levels in containers, based on the temperature differentiation of the liquid level and the empty portion of the container.

In 2016, the Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad worked with Hamilton County Department of Homeland Security and acquired a grant to upgrade our regional radiological defenses. RadEYE portable radiation pagers were purchased before the end of 2016 for bomb squad technicians, explosives K9 officers as well as traffic units in Butler, Hamilton, and Warren County.

In Southwest Ohio, there are four (4) bomb squads, which include the Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, Cincinnati Fire Dept. Bomb Squad and the Dayton Police Bomb Squad. These units have strived to purchase compatible equipment and train together. This regional concept allows a seamless operation on a mission regardless of which technicians are involved and whose equipment is being used. We also work very closely with our Federal counterparts in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The Bomb Squad also supports the Butler County Undercover Regional Narcotics Unit with responses to clandestine drug labs. Mitigation of labs requires



technicians to have additional training in the neutralization techniques needed to render the lab safe. In the clandestine lab culture, it is not uncommon for suspects to also experiment in the manufacturing of home-made explosives. In 2016, the Bomb Unit assisted in three (3) clandestine lab calls.

Technicians monitor emerging threats to the nation and our local communities, by tracking and reporting all known incidents. This information is reported to the National Bomb Data Center Database called “Bomb and Arson Tracking System” or BATS. This database tracks trends and threats nationwide and gives immediate feedback to the technician. The database also steers our in house training, in dealing with specific improvised explosive device threats that have been identified, most common being M-series devices, and pipe bombs. This system also tracks our annual call statistics, again providing a uniform reporting and statistical collection that is the same across the United States.

Incident Type	Incident Count
Explosions	3
Hoax Devices	5
Recoveries	37 *
Suspicious Packages	11
Bomb Threats	10

*\* Includes six (6) Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's)*

The Bomb Squad categorizes recoveries in 2016 into fireworks, explosives, ammunition (collected for disposal), precursor chemicals (for making homemade explosives) and military ordnance. The Bomb Squad captures the amounts and poundage of these recoveries as indicated below:

Recoveries	Pounds
Fireworks	11,251.09 lbs
Explosives	97.05 lbs
Ammunition	396.17 lbs
Precursor Chemicals	30.69 lbs
Military Ordnance	56 pieces

As call statistics show, 2016 was a very active year for both bomb threats and operational standby's. Bomb threats plagued bomb squads throughout the United States, most being robot calls to schools and subsequent copycat

threats from within the school districts. Our operational standbys are protection details mostly for political candidates. With 2016 being a presidential election year and Ohio being a key state, our protection venue saw a lot of visiting presidential and vice presidential candidates vying for voter support.



During the year the Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad also hosts an assortment of training opportunities for our first responders. A couple more notable of these are Post Blast Investigation Training (PBIT) and the FBI's Chemical Outreach Program. Even though PBIT is an ATF based curriculum, trainers from our state and federal partners bring a blend of expert information to the students who spend a week in training.

Chemical Outreach Program brings local business industry leaders together and shows them how terrorists (both at home and abroad) can use common day chemicals and make explosives and explosive devices. All training involves other agencies due to the tremendous time and effort required to put on a demonstration or class. These include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Transportation Safety Administration Explosive Security Specialists (TSA-ESS), the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office (OSFM), the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, Cincinnati Fire Department Bomb Squad and the Dayton Police Department Bomb Squad.



*One of two (2) 'hoax' improvised explosive devices attached to utility boxes in West Chester Township.*





# Administrative Section



## Captain John A. Sons

Captain Sons commands the Administrative Section consisting of:

Citizens on Patrol, Firing Range, Quarter Master, Training, Professional Compliance, Special Deputies, Honor Guard, Pipe and Drums, Mounted Patrol, Explorers, Bicycle Patrol, Public Information, SORN, CCW, Civil, Sheriff Sales, Court Security, Transportation, and the Hiring and Exit Process.

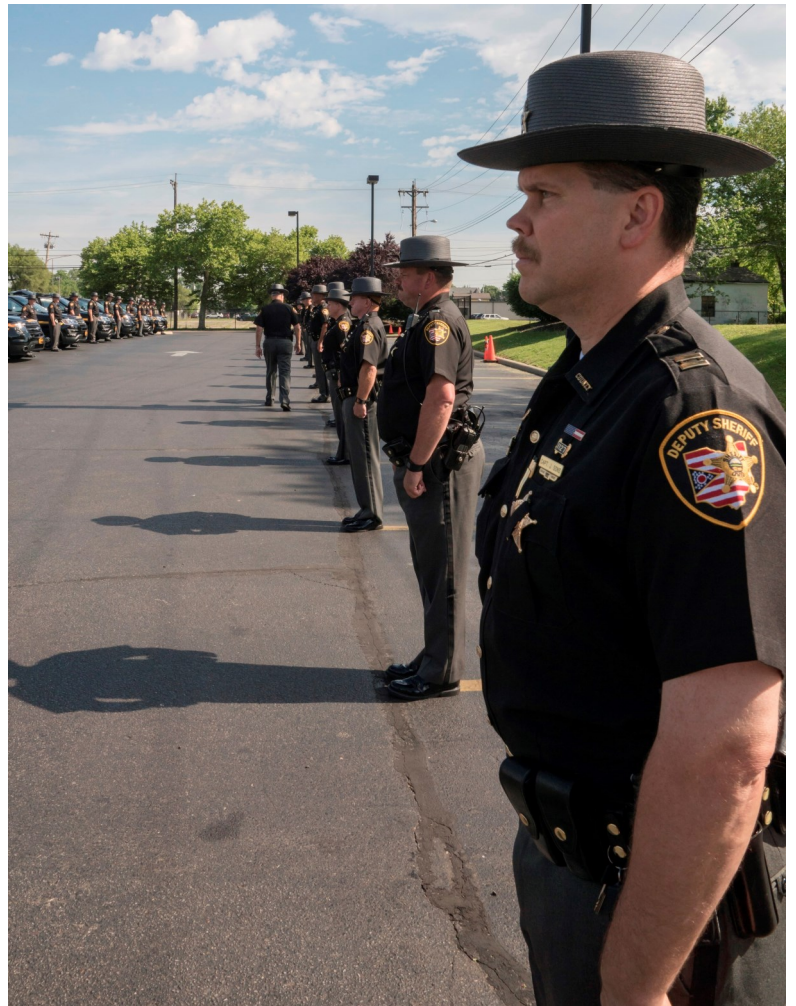
His command also includes the Regional SWAT Team. Captain Sons brings twenty-three (23) years of service to the Sheriff's Office.



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*SWAT training and team building.*



***Spectemur Agendo" - Let us be judged by our actions***





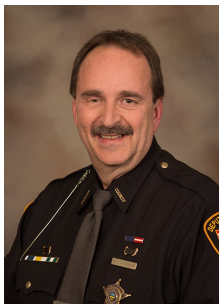
# Lieutenant Randy Lambert



Lieutenant Randy Lambert commands the following divisions in the Administrative Services Section.

Lieutenant Lambert and Sergeant Jeff Gebhart oversaw the activities of the thirty (30) deputy sheriffs assigned to this division in 2016.

## Court Security Unit



*Gebhart*

The men and women of the division are committed to providing a safe and secure environment during the operations of the Butler County Court system, and to ensure the timeliness of court proceedings for those arrested and incarcerated. The primary areas of responsibility includes the seven (7) Common Pleas Court General Division Court Judges, two (2) Domestic Relations Court Judges, and various Magistrates housed in the Government Services Building on High Street. Additionally, the Court Services Unit serves two (2) judges and their respective magistrates housed at the Juvenile Justice Center on Fair Avenue.

On specific days, additional security is provided at all three (3) of the Area Courts. These are: Area I Court in Oxford, Area II Court inside at the Historical Courthouse in Hamilton, and Area III Court in West Chester. The unit also provides security for the Children Services offices in Butler County. Lastly the unit is responsible for providing security for the 12th District Court of Appeals. Various methods are used to enhance courtroom safety while screening visitors. Court Services personnel utilize metal detectors (walkthrough and hand-held devices), x-ray machines, and if the need arises, a physical pat-down.

In 2016, two hundred fifty-eight thousand forty-four (258,044) items were checked through the x-ray machines. Based on those x-rays and metal detector alerts, more than two thousand four hundred six (2,406) items considered as contraband were stopped at Court Security checkpoints and prevented from entering various courtrooms. It is unknown whether the possession of any of that contraband was truly an innocent oversight, or a clever attempt to get a weapon into the courtroom and ultimately into the hands of a jail inmate who might be in court for a hearing or trial.

Court Services deputies frequently respond to other county offices housed inside the Government Services Building for

any kind of trouble call or request for assistance. Court Services deputies also routinely handle issues that may arise within the parking garage which is attached to the Government Services Building.

Through investigation, collaboration with the courts and probation, deputies made over 470 arrests at the various posts.



On November 13, 2016, Honorable Judge Craig Hedric of the Butler County Common Pleas Court, passed away of natural causes. Judge Hedric will be greatly missed by all.

## Transportation Unit

Prisoners housed in the Butler County Jail, other correctional facilities, and prisons have to be transported to the various county courts for their respective trials and hearings. The Transport Unit is responsible for the movement of those inmates along with the movement of ICE detainees and United States Marshal inmates to court in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus. The Transport Division also conducts the movement of inmates to outside medical appointments. Prisoners / inmates are often transported in groups to the court buildings where they are placed in holding cell areas. Prisoners must then be escorted to the individual courtrooms to ensure they remain in custody and arrive safely before the judge or magistrate. The Transportation Unit drove over one hundred eighty thousand three hundred seven (180,307) miles in 2016 transporting fourteen thousand one hundred seventy-five (14,175) inmates.





# Lieutenant Randy Lambert



## Aviation Unit

The Butler County Sheriff's Office operates an Aviation Unit with two helicopters - a Robinson R44 Police Helicopter that has been part of the fleet since 2007, and a Bell OH58 Kiowa helicopter that was acquired in 2015. The unit flew the R44 for one hundred sixty (160) hours, and the OH58 for one hundred thirty-four (134) hours, for a total flight time of two hundred ninety-five (295) hours, which is twenty-seven (27) hours less than last year's total of three hundred twenty-two (322) hours flown.



**Bell OH58 Kiowa**  
**Air 2**

**Robinson R44**  
**Air 1**

The OH58 received from the 1033 Program, a Federal program that puts surplus equipment into service with local law enforcement, began operations with the Aviation Unit in April of 2015. It was utilized primarily for the drug eradication contract to help reduce flight time on the Robinson R44 helicopter, thus extending the time before it will be subject to a mandatory overhaul.

Throughout the year, BCSO's Aviation Unit assisted several different law enforcement agencies including other sheriff's offices, police departments, BCI, DEA, ICE, and other county agencies such as the EMA and the Butler County Engineers Office. The assists were for everything from drug surveillance, searches, photo flights, evaluations of the river, memorial ceremony flyovers, funeral escorts, and other requested events and applicable missions.

From August 8th to September 22nd, the unit assisted twenty-one (21) counties across northwestern Ohio with marijuana eradication. During the eradication effort, the

unit found three thousand (3,000) plants with a street value of over three million dollars (\$3,000,000). This was a decrease of plants from the year before. The remaining hours were for everything from drug surveillance, searches, patrol, photo flights, flight training, pilot recertification, and displays.



The unit flew one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours on a drug eradication contract for Ohio's Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI), the same hours as the year previous. In the coming year, the unit plans to continue to find ways to utilize the helicopters more cost effectively. Due to the economic concerns of Butler County, we must try to combine flights whenever possible, only respond to situations which we believe we have a good chance of success with the mission, and try to find other sources of revenue so that the unit will continue to operate as it has since 2001, without any tax monies being used in the operation of the helicopter.

## Butler County Sheriff's Office Drone

In 2016, the Aviation Unit purchased a Yuneec Q500 4K quad copter (drone). The drone can be operated for one (1) hour utilizing batteries before a charge is needed. The drone films in 1080 and 4K and is quickly deployed. After receiving FAA approval, the drone was used to take aerial photos of a crime scene. Unmanned Aircraft System, or UAS, is an inexpensive tool that many law enforcement and fire agencies will be utilizing in the future. The Butler County Sheriff Office is the first County in the State of Ohio to receive FAA approval for UAS's.







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Lieutenant Rick Bucheit commands the following divisions in the Administrative Services Section.

Sergeant Melissa Gerhardt, who is the Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer (PIO), is responsible for the Public Information Unit, Civil Unit, Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) Unit, Sheriff Sales, Crime Prevention, and the Sex Offender Registration & Notification (SORN) Unit. Sergeant Gerhardt has twenty (20) years of experience and has worked in Corrections, Court Security, Road Patrol, and Investigations.

## Public Information Unit



*Gerhardt*

The Public Information Unit deals with news media as well as social media. Over the last two (2) years, the Sheriff's Office has taken a digital approach to disseminate information to the public. Social media has become a huge asset to the agency. It allows the Sheriff's Office to reach the public quickly without going through news media outlets. The Sheriff's Office utilizes Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and the Sheriff's Office web page ([butlersheriff.org](http://butlersheriff.org)) to post important information. Wanted persons, road closures, videos of important events, snow advisories, fatal crashes, homicides, major drug busts, and Sheriff's Office accomplishments are just some of the types of incidents deemed important for public disclosure. As the PIO, Sergeant Gerhardt is responsible for keeping the public and news media informed of these types of events. The Sheriff also released several public service announcements such as the video referencing the heroin epidemic in Butler County.

## Civil Unit

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 includes the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and Area I, II, and III Courts. In addition, the Butler County Sheriff's Office must provide for "Foreign" service. Foreign Service includes serving various papers that originate from courts



*Owens, Horvath,  
Schwein, Colyer*

outside Butler County (from other Ohio counties or other states), but must be served upon people or businesses who live or operate in Butler County.

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 (for both civil and criminal proceedings), and notices for petit jury service.

Sergeant Gerhardt supervises the "serving process" which is handled by seven (7) part-time Deputy Sheriff process servers who are occasionally assisted by volunteer Special Deputies. 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 that we are mandated by the Ohio Revised Code to serve. In 2016, there were fourteen thousand six hundred sixty-four (14,664) subpoenas and summons served as well as five hundred sixty-one (561) domestic violence protection orders and two hundred seventy-four (274) civil stalking orders served. The unit receives the paperwork from the courts, processes it at the Sheriff's Office and provides it to the deputies to serve.

Foreign paperwork comes from agencies outside of Butler County to be processed and served to citizens in Butler County. Once processed, the paperwork is distributed to be served to the alleged defendant or responsible parties of a court case. When those papers are served or failed due to no contact with the party involved, an invoice is issued for the fees and they are mailed to the respective agencies. The Civil Unit served one thousand two hundred forty-two (1,242) of the one thousand six hundred eighty-nine (1,689) foreign papers received.





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## Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) Unit



*Webster*

The Butler County Sheriff's Office has been responsible for the issuance of Ohio's Concealed Handgun Licenses since 2004. Corrections Officer Ken Webster and Clerical Specialist Vickie Baird are tasked with handling all CCW appointments and background checks, as well as revoking, suspending, and issuing new licenses. Applications are accepted from residents of Butler County and any adjoining counties. Background checks are required for any potential candidates. The applications are reviewed for renewals, suspensions, revocations, and if needed, denials.



*Baird*

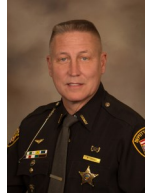
With the demand for CCW licenses growing, the Sheriff's Office must remain diligent in ensuring that all the mandated guidelines are followed by the public. Applicants for a CCW must first attend a firearms safety course which includes six (6) hours of instruction and two (2) hours of range training. Next applicants must provide a certificate of competency of the safety course, a valid Ohio Identification or Driver's License, and the processing fee for the background check. The Sheriff's Office obtains fingerprints from applicants and conducts an extensive background check through a National Web Check, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. There were four thousand four hundred sixty-seven (4,467) new applications, one thousand six hundred three (1,603) replacements and renewals, and ninety-nine (99) suspended, revoked, or denied licenses issued in 2016.

## Sex Offender Registration Unit

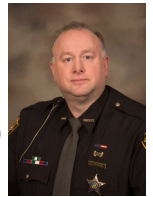
On July 27, 2006, the Adam Walsh Act organized sex offenders into three (3) tiers according to the crime committed and mandates. Tier III (3) offenders, the most serious tier, update their residential address every three (3) months with lifetime registration requirements. Tier II (2) offenders must update their whereabouts every six (6) months with twenty-five (25) years of registration, and Tier I (1) offenders must update their residential address every year with fifteen (15) years of registration. Failure to register and update information is a felony under the law. States are required to publicly disclose information of Tier II

and Tier III offenders at a minimum. It also contains civil commitment provisions for sexually dangerous persons.

Deputies Mike Jacobs and Toby Spencer are assigned to the SORN unit and have a combined forty (40) years of service in law enforcement. Deputy Jacobs has been assigned to the SORN unit for nine (9) years and Deputy Spencer for five (5) years. Both deputies conduct address verifications on a regular basis even though it is not a requirement to do so. They also plan an annual address verification sweeps which involve approximately twenty-eight (28) deputies and over a hundred (100) address checks in one day, each year.



*Jacobs*

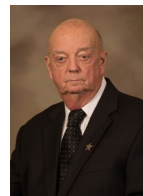


*Spencer*

Along with the annual sweep, Sheriff Jones randomly conducts "mini sweeps" for home verifications utilizing the Operations Division. Deputies Jacobs and Spencer prepare packets consisting mostly of Tier III offenders, and several deputies are coordinated to execute the sweep on the counties worst registered sexual offenders.

In Butler County alone there are four hundred fifty-six (456) active sex offenders that the SORN Unit tracks. In 2016, the SORN Unit completed one thousand four hundred forty-five (1,445) registrations (some offenders must register multiple times per year). There were three hundred ten (310) address verifications completed and numerous investigations conducted. As a result of the address verifications, several investigations were initiated that resulted in warrants being issued. Some sex offenders were charged for failing to notify the Sheriff's Office of a new address or simply not registering at all.

## Sheriff Sales Unit



*Allen*

In Ohio, each county's Sheriff has the unenviable task of processing and administering court-ordered foreclosures. Here in Butler County, the Sheriff has delegated those responsibilities to Civil Administrative Specialist James Allen, who is assisted by Clerical Specialist Bobbie Benton and Paralegal Sherry Buchheim. During 2016, the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed one thousand one hundred ninety-eight (1,198) initial orders for foreclosure sales of real property, primarily the result of defaults on





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Benton



Buchheim

mortgage payments and / or non-payment of real estate tax bills. A good portion of those initial orders of sale are withdrawn or recalled by the plaintiffs for a variety of reasons before completion of the legal foreclosure process. In 2016 the Sheriff's Office conducted six hundred forty-three (643) actual public auction sales of properties.



## Crime Prevention



Day with car seized from drug dealers.

Law enforcement and Community Partnerships create an opportunity to work together to improve the safety of our community. We do this by sharing information about neighborhood crime issues and discussing ideas and tips on how to solve and prevent them. The safety of our community is a shared responsibility and crime

prevention is everybody's business.

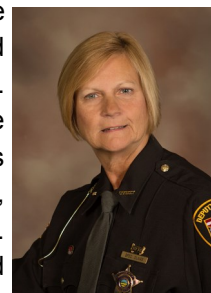
Deputy Garry Day is in charge of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit. Deputy Day frequents businesses, neighborhoods, residences and festivals to help the public stay safe in their homes, businesses and daily lives. He provides tips on how to reduce chances of being a victim of a crime, current crime statistics and how the public can aid law enforcement if they do become a victim of crime.

## Training Unit

In 2015, the Butler County Sheriff's Office started using PowerDMS, a document management system. This system has many benefits, but one of the most utilized at the Sheriff's Office in 2016 was the ability to conduct online training. All training certificates achieved in 2016 were

uploaded to PowerDMS, which provides the Training Unit quick and easy access to records, as well as the ability for employees to research their training records.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office implemented a voluntary health and wellness program for their employees. The benefit for participating in these Wellness Programs, as well as completing a physical fitness portion, was a .5% base rate wage increase. The Training Unit, which only consisted of Training Specialist Marian Olivas, was tasked with selecting appropriate topics for the quarterly initiative incentives. The final product was uploaded to PowerDMS, which allowed the Training Unit the ability to run reports for the Finance Division so personnel who completed the courses could be easily identified and awarded their incentive pay.



Olivas

With the unfortunate number of officer involved shootings that has occurred over the past couple of years, the Department of Justice handed down the following training recommendations for 2016:

- Training in the use of de-escalation to avoid a situation escalating to the use of force;
- Re-inforce constitutional and other legal restrictions on officer action, as well as training in police legitimacy and procedural justice;
- Employ scenario based and adult learning methods.



Classroom Trainings Conducted at Butler Tech Room 202

How can an agency ensure officer safety in a society that has placed targets on the backs of every uniform? The Butler County Sheriff's Office Training Unit encouraged critical thinking and making good decisions, gave personnel new skills and had them practice a variety of scenarios to make the training stick, reinforced constitutional and



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statutory law. Personnel learn the value of soft skills such as de-escalation and how to recognize situations that could benefit from a soft approach, without ignoring those skills that are used in high risk situations such as firearms, ASP, OC, and Taser.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office hosted the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and Intoxilyzer 8000 course in which fifteen (15) staff members were recertified.

In 2016, the state mandated a total of eleven (11) hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT), but the Butler County Sheriff's Office exceeded this standard and required certified staff to complete twenty-seven (27) hours of training. Training topics covered were:

- Community / Police Relations (four hours)
- De-escalation and Mental Health Crisis (two hours)
- Constitutional Use of Force (two hours)
- Human Trafficking (one hour)
- Stops and Approaches (twelve hours)
- Report Writing (six hours)



*Stops & Approaches Instructor Sgt. Nutt observing Deputy Wells demonstrating a right side approach on a traffic stop.*

With the increase in active shooter and suicide bombing situations in the U.S., law enforcement agencies are being encouraged to consider Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC). Officers are taught how to enter "hot" situations to rescue injured civilians and first responders. They are also given the skills to perform potentially life-saving measures on themselves and fellow officers until advanced care can safely enter the scene.

## Special Deputy Unit

The Butler County Sheriff authorizes and provides the framework for a Special Deputies Unit that supports, assists and complements the full-time staff of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Special Deputies are state certified as Ohio Peace Officers and must meet the same continuing education and training requirements as full time personnel. Over the years many special deputies have become full-time officers with the department. Most special deputies are employed in other vocations full time or have prior law enforcement experience but each special deputy must volunteer at least sixteen (16) hours per month to fulfill his /her obligations to the Sheriff's Office.

These individuals contributed to the betterment of the quality of life in Butler County by infusing their time, talent, experience and enthusiasm in complimenting departmental operations. Special Deputies are assigned as needed to support overall operation of the Sheriff's Office.

The Special Deputy Unit strives to serve the Sheriff and community by assisting patrol operations, corrections operations, civil and court services, sexual offender registration and notification, chain gang operation, transport services and community-charity events. Community services and charity support have included Hamilton Clean-Up Days, Butler County Fair, Memorial Day and July 4th parades, Veterans Day Ceremonies, Hanover Township Kids Fest and Car Show, Hanover Haunted Harvest as well as other special details that arise throughout the year.

Future goals of the unit are to expand training for members, provide quality support to community activities and events, and to enhance the unit's effectiveness, professionalism and reliability in support of the Sheriff's Office functions. The Special Deputies Unit is under the general direction of Special Deputy Steve Vollmar, a retired police chief and a former training officer with the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

## Marine Patrol

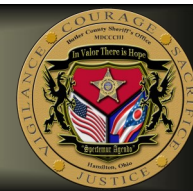
The Butler County Sheriff's Office is responsible for all waterways throughout the county. The Sheriff's Office works in partnership with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Watercraft. The Marine Patrol provides services







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including: rescue, boat inspections and general assistance to boating public. During the summer months, Marine Patrol deputies conduct boater safety inspections for required equipment, boater education and enforce traditional law and alcohol enforcement while on water patrol. These duties take place on the Great Miami River and on Acton Lake at Hueston Woods State Park.

The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol is often times called upon to provide water rescue stand-by at special events. In 2015 the Marine Patrol provided such duties at Voice of America Park in West Chester for the USA Tri-Athlon National Championship.

## Regional Water Rescue Team



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Regional Water Rescue Team is in its fifth (5th) year of existence. Sheriff Jones realized the need to pull resources together in these tough economic times. The sharing of

manpower and equipment is a true benefit to the citizens of Butler County.

The team currently consists of the following agencies: Butler County Sheriff's Office, Madison Township Fire Department, Middletown Police Department, St. Clair Township Fire Department, Hanover Township Fire Department and Fairfield City Fire Department. The members from these agencies are trained in many diverse areas of expertise and bring many years of experience to the team.

Members have specialty training in Swift Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, Hazmat, and certified in NIMS / ICS. They are required to train together as a team which makes them better prepared to respond to a water related emergency in Butler County and to assist other jurisdictions.

With two (2) fully equipped mobile units located in separate areas of the county, they are prepared to respond quickly due to proper training and equipment.

Sheriff Jones is committed to advancing the expertise of this unit every year with new equipment and training while saving tax dollars.

In addition, the Regional Water Rescue Team participates in ice rescue training each year with members of surrounding agencies to maintain proficiency in ice rescue incidents.

## Dive Team

The Task Force One Dive Team is a multi-jurisdictional dive team based in Loveland, Hamilton County, Ohio. The team consists of



members from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, Union Township (Clermont County) Police Department, Liberty Township (Butler County) Fire Department, and the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Butler County members include Deputy Evan Depew, Deputy Steve Tanner, Deputy Mike Matala, and Dive Team Co-Commander Deputy Greg Wargo.

Task Force One serves all of Southwest Ohio and has qualified for a Type One status allowing the team to respond anywhere in the nation, in the event of a natural disaster, if needed. All members are certified divers through Dive Rescue International with a few members holding dual certifications through PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors).

## Citizen on Patrol Program



*Ittel, Schellenbach*

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) is an active volunteer group that was established by the Sheriff's Office over nine (9) years ago. The members originally attended the Sheriff's Citizen Academy classes and then were recruited for the Citizens on Patrol. Members were chosen after interviews with department staff and then attended an eight (8) week course specially designed for patrol members. All patrol members wear uniforms, consisting of a tan top and black pants, only when out on patrol or assigned a community service project.

The patrol members drive a marked cruiser and cover all of Butler County. They check on the homes of those who have requested vacation checks in all thirteen (13)



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townships. These are radioed into dispatch after each home check. The patrol also checks the Metro Parks and other small parks.

They patrol school lots within the county, neighborhoods and other businesses. All the areas are documented by a patrol member and these are kept for reports. Members aim to go out on patrol twice a month and try to see that each week of the month has some coverage. Most patrol times are from six (6) to eight (8) hours.

Reports are made and documented for the Sheriff's Office and a special volunteer hour report is generated for the Auditor's Office. This and the monthly schedule of patrol hours and correspondence are handled by the Civilian Coordinator who is a patrol member.



In 2016, Citizens on Patrol logged one thousand one hundred ninety (1,190) hours of volunteer time, conducted seven hundred forty-six (746) vacation home checks, one thousand six hundred ten (1610) extra patrol requests and drove in excess of eight thousand nine hundred ninety-six (8,996) miles throughout Butler County. There are currently fourteen active COP members.

Marilyn Schellenbach is the civilian coordinator of the program. Her duties include scheduling, maintaining statistical information, and assisting with meetings. All the members are proud to be a part of Citizens on Patrol and take our commitment seriously.

## Bicycle Patrol Team



Bike patrol is another asset the Sheriff's Office utilizes when weather permits. Bike Patrol personnel, throughout the year, brought their bikes

with them mounted on their patrol units so they could utilize them at any giving time during their daily patrol. The Bike Patrol Unit was able to acquire newer up to date uniforms that consist of specialized coats, and pants that are flexible yet keep the Bike Patrol personnel warm and dry. As the weather breaks the Bike Patrol is utilized more often. In areas of higher populations where the crime rate increases, the bikes are deployed to give law enforcement the upper

hand. It is much easier to locate criminal activity riding the bikes through streets and alleyways without being detected. By doing so, criminals are surprised when they are actually caught in the commission of a crime.



*Tri-Rudolph*

During 2016, the Bike Patrol was deployed as part of a daily patrol routine. 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 parades, Butler County Fair, training students at local schools and even assisting with large groups of children on cross county bike rides

## Mounted Patrol Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol is a dedicated group of volunteers who are Honorary Special Deputies and come from a variety of backgrounds. The unit is made up by employees of the Sheriff, along with members who work outside the agency. All mounted patrol members share a common interest in horses, law enforcement, and serving their community.



*Larry Lunsford Jr. - Mike Tilton - Bill Kelly*

The Mounted Patrol has eighteen (18) regular members and four (4) "Friends of the Butler County Mounted Patrol Members," who in total have volunteered one thousand two hundred sixty-nine (1,269) hours of service in 2016 at no cost to the community. Members range in age from twenty-four (24) to eighty-six (86) and have a total of two hundred fifty-seven (257) years of experience.

All members have passed a personal interview, criminal background check, financial background check, drug screen, and horsemanship test. They are required to be active within the unit throughout the year and are required to stay certified through trainings that are offered within the Sheriff's Office.

The members participate in many activities throughout the





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county. Activities in 2016 included: the Butler County Fair, memorial Day and Independence Day parades in Hamilton, the Strawberry Festival in Shandon, Darrtown Community Parade, Halloween at the Sheriff's Office, Christmas in Shandon, the Buckeye State Mounted Patrol meetings, Buckeye State Mounted Patrol rides, along with monthly unit meetings at the Sheriff's Office.

In 2016, the Mounted Patrol unit had the pleasure of having Sheriff Jones as a guest rider in the summer. The unit was also able to supply a golf cart with the Sheriff's badge and pin striping for use at no cost to the Sheriff's Office or taxpayer dollars.

## Honor Guard Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Honor Guard is made up of deputies who are assigned to various positions throughout the agency such as Corrections, Court Security and Patrol. Employees tryout for the Honor Guard and are put through military drill and ceremony movements. Deputies who perform the best during tryouts are then selected for the Honor Guard.



*Coleman, Wells, Depew,  
Romans, Turner*

The Honor Guard consists of sixteen (16) members who have a talent for precision and mental focus in any environment. When not reporting for their regular assigned duties within the Sheriff's Office, the Honor Guard is training in an array of complex drills. Members

attend dinners, parades, swearing-in events, and funerals. They may present the Colors for various ceremonies or be faced with performing casket guard for a fallen law enforcement officer.

In 2016, the Honor Guard presented the colors for the Citizen Naturalization Ceremony at Miami University's Hamilton Campus, participated in the 4th of July parade, Memorial Day parade, and several other events throughout the year.

## Pipe and Drum Band

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Pipe and Drum Corp consists of thirteen (13) volunteer members that perform in

parades, memorials and funeral services. The band functions at no expense to the taxpayers of Butler County. Expenses for uniforms, instruments and maintenance are all covered through the volunteers themselves and through generous donations from the community. It can cost in excess of two thousand dollars to outfit one performer!



*Benjamin, Vaughn, Young,  
Sheriff Jones, Nickell,  
Ritchie, Adams, Saurbert*

The Pipe and Drum Corp has performed in many parades in Butler County and traveled across the state, playing for memorials, funerals and for law enforcement meetings. The band provides weekly lessons to members ranging from the beginners on practice chanter to advanced musical theory and piping techniques.

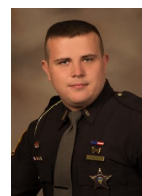
## Explorer Program



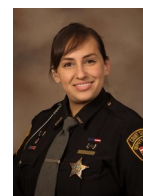
*Ginter*

Our Explorer program allows youths ages 14 – 21 the opportunity to see and learn all of the exciting facets of a career in law enforcement. Our Explorers meet every Tuesday to learn and practice law enforcement techniques. Each year our Explorers are tested on their knowledge of what they've learned over the past year. They apply their learned skills in scenarios designed to be as realistic as possible.

In December 2014, Sheriff Jones was pleased to announce the addition of a second Explorer Post, when he re-chartered Post 2916 he also signed a new charter for Post 2917. Both posts will continue to receive the same top level of instruction as the one post has since 1989. Deputy Brian Romans and Deputy Adam Boyd were assigned as the Advisors of Post 2916. Deputy Matt Kellum and Deputy Nicole Roberts were the advisors of Post 2917. Both Explorer Posts are under the direction of Deputy Matt Ginter.



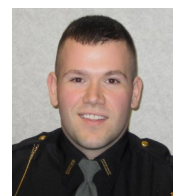
*Boyd*



*Corbin-Roberts*



*Romans*



*Kellum*



# Communications Section



## Captain Matt Franke

Captain Franke commands the Communications Section, consisting of: the Regional Dispatch Center, LEADS and Entries, Information and Technical Services, Fleet Management, Salvage Inspections, Master Name Index, Website and Social Media, 800 MHz Radio System, VHF Radio System, County Wide 911, and Weather Sirens.

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. He brings thirty-four (34) years of service to the Sheriff's Office.

### An Overview

The Communications Section continues to grow in capabilities and responsibilities. The Regional Dispatch Center expanded once again when the City of Oxford closed their center; additional personnel were hired to handle the added workload. The Oxford merger substantially increased the number of users for both our data records system as well as our mobile data system; computer technicians successfully migrated these users to the common platform.

Section technicians continued to improve and expand existing systems. Radios were reprogrammed at the request of our first responders to meet their needs and more radios, including some new agencies, were added to the trunk radio system. New technology, such as the latest model radios and digital pagers, were researched and readied for implementation, as were mobile computers for the fire service and an automated fire station alerting system. The 9-1-1 system continued to lead the state in performance and innovation as Ohio prepares for Next Generation 9-1-1.

Communications Section personnel continue to be active at the regional, state and national level on various boards and committees to insure Butler County stays current on the rapidly changing technologies and operational best practices to provide the finest communications for our first responders and the public they serve.

Captain Franke serves as the County 9-1-1 Coordinator overseeing compliance of all dispatch centers on the system with Ohio law and the direction of the Butler County 9-1-1 Planning Committee. He is charged with insuring the 9-1-1 system meets the newly enacted operational standards and structural and funding mandates of the state.





# Lieutenant Nick Fisher



Lieutenant Nick Fisher commands the Technical Services Division in the Communications Section, which consists of I.T., BRICS, and Fleet.

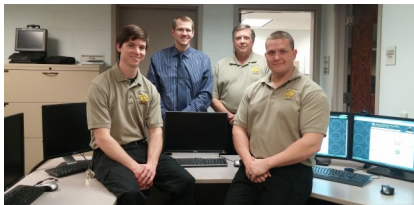
## I.T. Services Unit



*Carpenter*

The Information Technology Services Unit supports the information technology needs of every division in the Sheriff's Office as well as some other local law enforcement agencies. The I.T. Services staff is responsible for approximately three hundred fifty (350) workstations, including one hundred twenty (120) vehicle mounted workstations. I.T. Services is also responsible for more than twenty (20) servers hosting more than thirty (30) applications and serving approximately one thousand (1,000) users.

The daily duties of the four staff members of I.T. Services, full-time technicians Ben Berry and Johnnie Allen, and part-time technician Mark Ketteler, encompass every element of Information Technology. Some examples are server management; application installation; hardware acquisition, configuration, and repair; database management; report writing; desktop support; and general troubleshooting.



*Berry, Carpenter, Ketteler, Allen*

2016 was a year which featured the expansion of Sheriff's Office data systems to include some smaller local departments. The City of Oxford made the decision to migrate their

Police Department to the Sheriff's Office data systems to take advantage of the existing reporting, record management and dispatch systems. This technology merger went hand-in-hand with the contract for the Sheriff's Office to provide dispatch services. The solution will reduce costs and increase data sharing for all agencies involved.

In 2016, the Oxford Township Police Department underwent a similar transition, where dispatch services which had previously been provided by Oxford City are now provided by the Sheriff's Office. This created an opportunity for Oxford Township to take advantage of the dispatch and mobile software utilized by the Sheriff's Office. I.T. Services is now supporting their in-car mobile units and related applications.

The final agency to move under the umbrella of I.T. Services and Sheriff's Office data systems is Butler County MetroParks. MetroParks has historically operated their units with minimal technology and no access to dispatch

information. In 2016, MetroParks acquired mobile workstations and software licensing necessary to bring their vehicles online. Equipped MetroParks vehicles now have access to dispatch information (current and historical) as well as the ability to check criminal and driving histories. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of I.T. Services who configured and installed both the hardware and software for this project.



*Duke*

Keeping up with the massive Master Name File in VisionRMS is a grueling task with an agency the size of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Clerical Specialist Carla Duke works daily on making this file as accurate as possible which benefits all divisions.

With a focus on creating more reliable and less costly systems many of the older physical servers were migrated to a virtual server environment. Some examples of this are personnel / payroll applications, inmate electronic medical records, messaging and printing functions.

The Sheriff strives on providing value to the public and a great example of this is the installation of a public web camera overlooking high traveled routes and busy intersections. Year-round this internet camera, which is available at [www.butlersheriff.org](http://www.butlersheriff.org), is a great way to check road conditions and general traffic conditions before you walk out the door.



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## BRICS Support Unit

The Butler Regional Interoperable Communications System (BRICS) is operated by the BRICS Support unit, including responsibility for the county's 800MHz radio system, VHF system, and the IP-based 9-1-1 system. BRICS staff consists of five (5) technicians and one (1) clerical specialist.

### BRICS 9-1-1 System

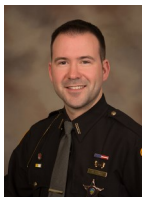


*Young*

In 2016 the BRICS 9-1-1 system delivered 217,377 emergency 9-1-1 telephone calls to the five Public Safety Answering Points in Butler County. The system also delivered 413,233 non-emergency calls to those PSAPs and processed 146,008 outgoing calls.

In 2015, BRICS staff worked with wireless companies to allow callers in Butler County to send texts to 9-1-1. The new software also permitted dispatchers to send messages to callers on '9-1-1 abandoned' calls – calls where the caller disconnected before reaching a dispatcher.

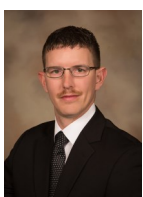
### BRICS Radio System & Support



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BRICS staff provide communications support for all fifteen (15) law enforcement agencies, twenty-three (23) fire and EMS agencies, eight (8) dispatch centers with thirty-three (33) dispatch consoles, as well as twenty-four (24) non-public safety agencies that include hospitals, transit, and public works. There are 3,019 radio users on the system. This also includes eighty-five (85) school buildings in the county that have had emergency radios installed from a School Security Grant.

The county-wide 800MHz radio system had 10.338 million Push-To-Talks (PTTs) in 2016, an increase of 600,000 from 2015. This represents the number of times a radio user transmitted from their radio to the system by pressing the PTT button.

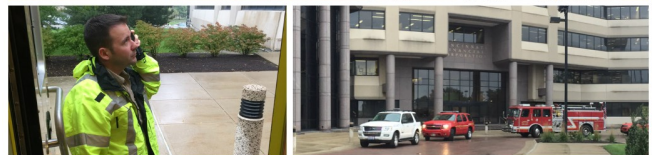


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Butler County's 800 MHz system has fourteen (14) tower sites and eight (8) dispatch centers supported by BRICS. Our technicians are on call to respond for problems that may arise at either end of a connectivity or technical problem. It is not unusual to have one address the issue while another helps users and

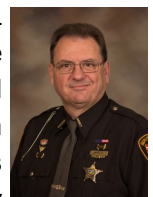
dispatch centers continue operating despite an outage. Technicians perform monthly site inspections on each of the towers that include routine testing of equipment alarms. Generators are tested on a weekly basis to ensure they are operating correctly should a power outage occur.

Through a program developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, several of our staff are trained and certified as COMT (Communications Unit Technician) and COML (Communications Unit Leader). During an incident, natural disaster, or pre-planned event, the Incident



*BRICS personnel conducting exercises to keep their skills fresh and make sure equipment is working properly.*

Command System (ICS), led by the COML and assisted by one or more COMTs are responsible for both the technical and operational aspects of interoperability. In 2016, the BRICS Incident Communications Team provided support for public safety agencies working at the Butler County Fair, the USA Triathlon Junior National Championship, Independence Day fireworks, special events and scenario based training with fire departments.



*Miller*



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BRICS staff routinely performs preventative maintenance and repairs for users as well as providing replacement parts and accessories to agencies at cost. In 2016, nearly all of the three thousand (3,000) radios on the BRICS system were touched by staff for Preventive Maintenance and Template changes. The vast majority of this work was to allow all fire and law enforcement agencies to be able to make radio contact





# Lieutenant Nick Fisher



with Hamilton and Montgomery counties who now have their radio systems up and running on the 800mhz platform. This has expanded the interoperability available to field users in an emergency to speak to our neighboring counties. This change has made Butler County the Master Site for Hamilton County, Montgomery County, City of Cincinnati, and Preble County dispatch centers.



*Prewitt*

Although each agency using BRICS has discretion as to how it will maintain its Subscriber Equipment, they are strongly encouraged to utilize the flat fee annual maintenance and repair program offered by the Butler County Sheriff because of the significant cost savings which can be achieved over commercial repair facility costs, as BRICS has the ability to provide a temporary portable radio for the user while the radio being repaired or maintained remains out of service. Non-public safety agencies are charged a monthly user fee per radio. Items such as speaker mics, antennas, batteries, etc. are also made available at cost for our subscribers. Over \$230,000.00 was invoiced out in 2016 for maintenance, repairs, and purchases with \$220,000.00 received by the end of the year.

In 2016, a grant was awarded to automate fire station alerting, Locution. This is the latest in technological advances that BRICS is working with to assist The Butler County Regional Dispatch Center (9COM) in expediting the alerting of fire departments for their need. This automation is sent via a computer over the radio and it tells fire personnel about the emergency freeing up a dispatcher or call taker for other tasks. It is anticipated that this project will be fully implemented in the first quarter of 2017.



## Fleet Services Unit



*Readnower*

Fleet Services is responsible for managing and maintaining all vehicles along with the safety and other specialized equipment installed in cruisers, transport vans and buses, K-9 and dog warden units, unmarked units, motorcycles, and other support vehicles.

Preventative maintenance is a key factor for safety and maximum usage of each vehicle.

Emergency safety equipment such as lighting, sirens, etc. is done in house if possible by Fleet Manager Josh Readnower. He also assists technicians from I.T. Services and BRICS Support with troubleshooting and repair issues with mobile computer software and wireless communications equipment as well. When repairs and maintenance require the services of an outside vendor, these are coordinated and tracked by Manager Readnower.



## Salvage Unit



*Martinsen*

In 2016, the Butler County Sheriff's Office impounded approximately five hundred seventy-two (572) vehicles within Butler County. Of the five hundred seventy-two (572) police impounds, one hundred seventy-nine (179) of the vehicles were referred for salvage and title processing and transfer. This is managed by Deputy Mike Martinsen.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office also processed 29 vehicles impounded by the Ohio State Highway Patrol which were referred for salvage and title transfer.

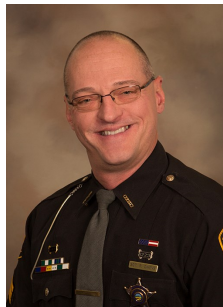


# Lieutenant Carrie L. Schultheiss



Lieutenant Carrie L. Schultheiss commands the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center and Warrant Post in the Communications Section.

Lieutenant Schultheiss has over twenty-two (22) years of service with the Sheriff's Office and has worked in the Drug Unit, Jail, SORN, Investigations, Road Patrol, and BRICS.



Owens



Sheppard



Rednour



Mondello



Short



The Communications Division was manned by Sergeant Ron Owens, Specialist Bonnie Sheppard, Shift Supervisors Miranda Sheppard, Debbie Rednour, and Angie Mondello, thirty (30) full-time dispatchers, five (5) part-time dispatchers, three (3) full-time LEADS Clerks, and four (4) part-time LEADS Clerks.

## Regional Dispatch Center

Dispatchers handle dispatching all first responders and non law enforcement agencies, as well answer 9-1-1 calls and administer pre-arrival instructions to callers through Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols.

In 2016, The Butler County Sheriff's Office Regional Dispatch Center (also known as 9COM) handled one hundred eleven thousand eight hundred one (111,801) total 9-1-1 calls for service, an increase of 4.80% from the previous year. 9COM handled 51.43% of all 9-1-1 phone calls received by PSAPs in Butler County, with the remaining percentage being handled by the three (3) other PSAPs (Fairfield, West Chester, and Middletown). Total phone calls handled by 9COM (9-1-1 and non-emergency calls) were three hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred twenty-eight (315,928) for 2016 resulting in two hundred twenty-two thousand three hundred forty-seven (222,347)

calls for service. 9COM also received and handled seven hundred sixty-nine (769) Text to 9-1-1 messages and sent six thousand eight hundred forty (6,840) texts out to callers that were disconnected for whatever reason before dispatchers answered the call (abandoned calls, butt dial)..

Beginning late December 2015, 9COM took over all of the 9-1-1 calls and most of the dispatching duties for the City of Oxford.

By March of 2016, 9COM completed their second PSAP consolidation by absorbing all dispatch responsibilities for police, fire and EMS calls for the City of Oxford and Oxford Township. With the addition of both these agencies, an extra twelve thousand two hundred forty-nine (12,249) calls were generated to the center. 9COM saw a significant 24% workload increase from 2015.

## Warrant Post

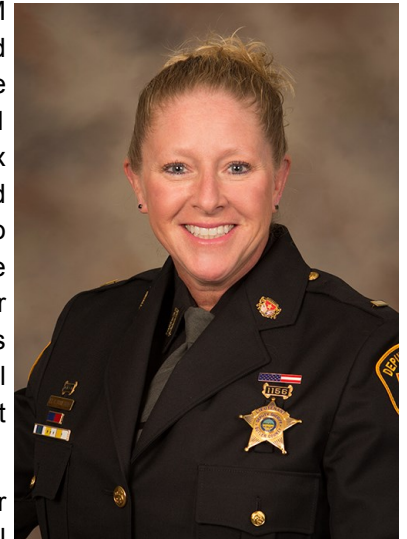
LEADS Clerks handle warrant checks completed by officers in the field as well as enter warrants and perform a LEADS-required second checks on warrants. LEADS Clerks competed sixteen thousand seven hundred thirty-eight (16,738) of these for the year.

### Notable Individual Calls For Service



Alexander

On September 13, Dispatcher Jocelynn Alexander received a panicked 9-1-1 call from a female subject who had just pulled a toddler from the bottom of a swimming pool in Liberty Township. It was not known how long she had been there, and she was unresponsive and not breathing. Using her EMD protocol, Dispatcher Alexander directed the caller and another adult on the scene to administer CPR to the victim. After six minutes of CPR instructions, the child started breathing on her own and her color started to return. Upon medics' arrival, she was alert and crying. Due to Dispatcher







# Lieutenant Carrie L. Schultheiss



Alexander's handling of the incident, the child's life was saved and she made a full recovery. Dispatcher Alexander was awarded a Life Saving Award for her efforts that day.



On September 5, Dispatcher Elizabeth Anglin received a 9-1-1 call from a female subject who was initially screaming incoherently into the phone. After the call disconnected, Dispatcher Anglin attempted to call her back. She established an open line in which she could hear a baby crying in the background and what sounded like an adult snoring (which was likely the female experiencing agonal breathing). Police units on the scene were unable to get anyone to answer the door, and at Dispatcher Anglin's insistence, they eventually forced entry to find a female who had overdosed and an infant nearby. Dispatcher Anglin's persistence saved two lives that evening, and she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her actions.

## Notable Shift Calls for Service

On July 24, 2016, at approximately 0158 hours, 9COM third shift dispatchers started receiving an abundant amount of 9-1-1 calls in reference to an active shooter inside a bar in the City of Hamilton. In the first twenty (20) minutes of the incident, dispatchers processed a total of fifty-one (51) calls, forty-eight (48) of which were 9-1-1 calls. One of the individuals that called 9-1-1 was a victim who was shot in the head. Callers were providing descriptions of the shooter and advising that shots were still being fired. While patrons were running out of the bar and into the parking lot and surrounding businesses, dispatchers were sending first responders into a situation that was clearly chaotic and very dangerous. The team work exhibited by dispatchers working third shift during this incident was remarkable. Unfortunately one victim died at the scene, but first aid and police protection was delivered to others by first responders dispatched by a calm voice on the other end of the mic. Dispatchers working this incident were: *Jocelynn Alexander, Katie Nethers, Elizabeth Anglin, Allison Wagoner, Jill Powell, Holly Robertson, and Darla Turner.*

On August 3, 2016, at approximately 1433 hours, numerous calls came in to first shift dispatchers that two (2) people were shot dead in a vehicle drive-by style on Central Avenue in the City of Hamilton. The suspects fled the scene in a vehicle but was located and pursued by

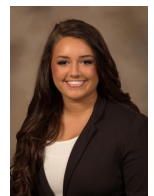
Hamilton Police, Ross Township Police, Butler County Sheriff's Office, Middletown K9, and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office until all suspects were caught. This was a multi-jurisdictional situation that involved 9COM staying on top of officers locations (some ran into woods after suspects) while also calling local school districts and businesses with instructions to lock down until further. Dispatchers working this incident were: *Shift Supervisor Debbie Rednour, Specialist Bonnie Short, Dispatchers Tami Miller, Katie Nethers, Shauntee Adams, Allison Wagoner, Whitney Grimes, Rebecca Hartman, and Beth Potter.*

As already noted in the beginning of this annual report, another notable call that exhibited tremendous teamwork completed by 9COM's first shift dispatchers was the active shooter at Madison Junior / Senior High School involving a fourteen (14) year old student. 9COM personnel working this incident were: *Shift Supervisor Miranda Sheppard, Dispatchers Tami Miller, Katie Nethers, Diamon Simpson, Buddy Jackson, Whitney Grimes, Donna Root, Lindsay Partin, Kelli Flick, Specialist Bonnie Short, and LEADS Clerk Sophia Hensley.*

Dispatchers Robin O'Neill and Katie Nethers were recognized in 2016 for their efforts in handling a very difficult call for service in 2015. Both were awarded the 2015 Civilian Employee of the Year Award for a shooting call involving a three (3) year old child in the City of Hamilton.



O'Neill



Nethers

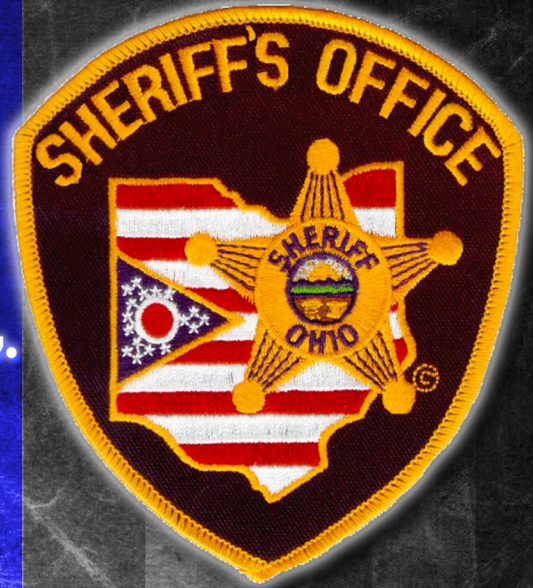
## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



*Dispatchers are recognized nationally for their outstanding work for an entire week every year. They are truly the unsung hero's that are always heard but are rarely seen.  
Thank you for your service...*



**Currently the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center (9COM) dispatches for nine (9) patrol agencies, Butler County Probation Department, Butler County Coroner's Office, Butler County Prosecutor's Office and the Butler County Emergency Management Agency.**



Adult Probation Department



Butler County  
Coroner's Office





**Currently the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center (9COM) dispatches for sixteen (16) fire and EMS agencies, and the Butler County Fire Investigation Team. Towards the end of 2016, the Milford Township Fire Department absorbed the Somerville area serviced by the Somerville Fire Department.**



**Not pictured: Wayne Township, New Miami Fire**





# Corrections Section



## Captain Dennis Adams

Captain Adams commands the Corrections Section consisting of: the Correctional Center at 705 Hanover Street and the Resolutions jail facility at 442 S. Second Street, both in the city of Hamilton.

Classification, 287g Program, Housing Contracts, Public and Inmate Records, PREA Compliance, Food Service, Laundry, Facility and Grounds Maintenance, Commissary, Environmental Services, Medical Services, CERT Team, PRIDE and Chain Gang operations, GED, Recreation and Religious Services and the Inmate Worker Program.

Captain Adams has fifteen (15) years of service with the Sheriff's Office, serving as the Warden for four (4) years.

### An Overview

Butler County's correctional facilities are a multi-million dollar operation with the goal of providing a safe environment for the employees as well as the inmates and visitors who enter the complex. When an inmate enters the jail complex, they are immediately aware of the professionalism of the staff and the expectations of their behavior while they are incarcerated in the jail.

The Warden of the Butler County Correctional Centers, Captain Dennis Adams, was promoted to the position in 2012 and continues to ensure the jail is used to its maximum potential. Captain Adams has continued to make improvements within the facility, increasing bed space and contracts held by the Sheriff's Office.

The Hanover Street facility houses all classifications of inmates and has an inmate capacity of 848. Built in 2001, it is a state of the art facility that houses not only Butler County inmates, but also contracted inmates for the US Marshals Service, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Prisons. Contracted beds are also available for inmates of other county jurisdictions. All inmates are received, booked and released from this facility. Last year alone, over 13,900 inmates were booked into the facility. An equal number were released. The jails are a 24/7 operation.

Since 2008, the Resolutions Minimum Security Jail on South Second Street has a current capacity of 200. It has been mostly utilized to house trustys (inmate workers). When a neighboring county temporarily closed their jail for repairs in November 2015 through the first half of 2016, two additional dormitories were opened for housing of eighty (80) inmates.





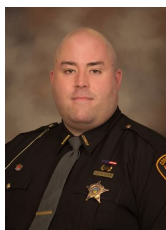
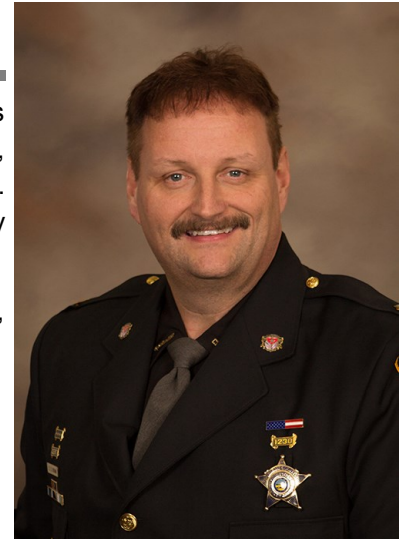
# Lieutenant Scott Brown



## Corrections Lieutenant Scott Brown

Lieutenant Brown brings nineteen (19) years of service to the Sheriff's Office and is responsible for jail housing units, security, inspections, facility grounds, communications, chain gang, and the Corrections Emergency Response Team. Lieutenant Brown has been the Butler County Sheriff's Corrections Academy Commander since August of 2013.

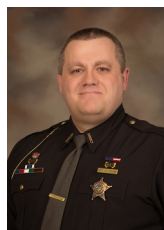
Lieutenant Brown supervises Sergeants Bill Roark, Kevin Grathwohl, Charles A. Young, and Brandon Benjamin.



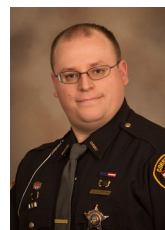
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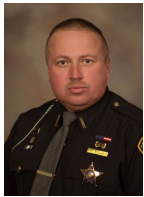


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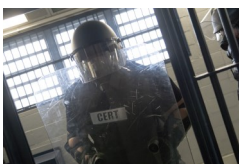
## Pride Detail



*Wells*

The PRIDE (Providing Responsibility for Inmates through Duties for the Environment) Detail, supervised by Corrections Deputy Chris Wells, conducts litter control throughout the county. The program is funded primarily by state and federal grants; the "Chain Gang" recycles the cans collected and puts the money from the cans toward the program as well. During 2015, the Chain Gang worked 1,562 hours and collected 4,958 bags of garbage while walking more than 400 miles of both county roads and state highways. The detail gives the inmates an opportunity to show PRIDE in their community by serving the community and cleaning their roads.

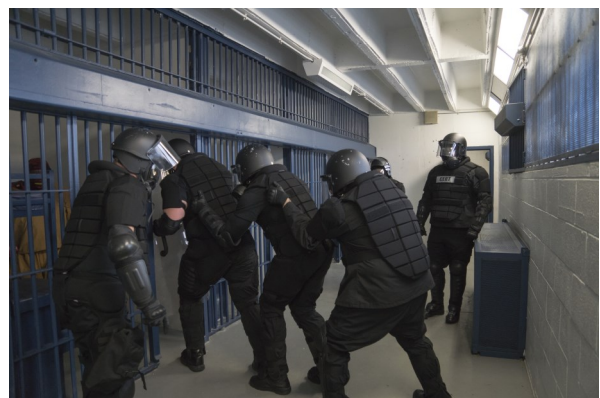
## Corrections Emergency Response Team



CERT is a group of officers who have received extensive and specialized training in the areas of cell extraction, riot control, and munitions. Sergeant Kevin Grathwohl is the commander of the CERT team and has been instrumental in the improvement of regular in-service training as well as specialized training with the SWAT team and CERT teams from other jails and prisons.

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with the purpose to "provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape." In August of 2014, the Butler County Jail underwent an extensive three day audit and was found to be in compliance of all PREA Standards. The next audit will occur in 2017. Corrections Lieutenant Scott Brown ensures that the jail is always in compliance with PREA Standards



*The CERT team training on cell extraction when inmates do not follow verbal commands from corrections officers.*



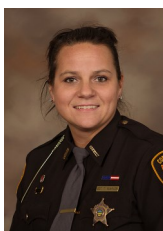
# Lieutenant Rob Clendenin



## Corrections Lieutenant Rob Clendenin

Lieutenant Clendenin brings eighteen (18) years of service to the Sheriff's Office and is responsible for inmate discipline, classification, records, intake, visitation, federal contracts and the ICE 287(g) program.

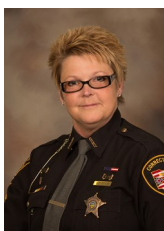
He supervises Sergeants Teresa Dietz-Rumpler, Jeff Smith, Carol Seals, and Michael Burkett.



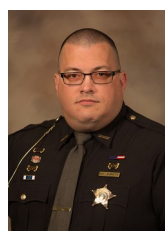
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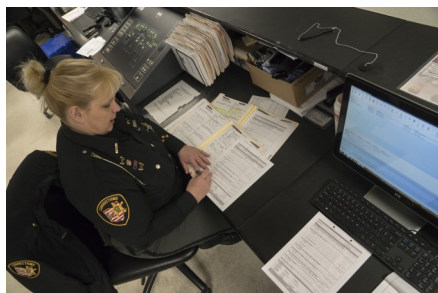
*Seals*



*Burkett*



## Classification Unit



*Classification Officer McIlvaine*

Upon entering the facility, inmates go through the booking process. All inmates are interviewed by the Classification Officer and classified to their proper level. Once they are classified they will be moved to the proper housing units to minimize risk to both the inmate and the facility. Inmates are classed Minimum, Medium or Maximum, depending upon their charges, prior criminal histories, jail behaviors and physical and mental conditions. Uniforms are colored according to classification level, which helps officers distinguish their level of security at a glance. Inmates are reclassified every thirty days to assure no changes to their classification are warranted.

## Forensic

The Sheriff's Office recognizes that an arrest and incarceration can be one of the most traumatic events in the average person's life. Thus, a forensic team comprised of three full time licensed employees and a part-time psychiatrist is available to provide the inmates with crisis intervention, suicidal/homicidal risk assessments, special housing requirements, medications, and post discharge

planning. Inmates are assessed for their need of forensic intervention upon entering the facility, and a system has been implemented allowing inmates to leave a request via phone for forensic aid during their stay. This line is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once under forensic care, the forensic team interacts with these inmates on a daily basis or until they are returned to the general population.

## ICE 287(g) Program

Butler County currently has five (5) 287(g) program officers which encounter criminal aliens suspected of being illegal in the Correctional Facility and have the responsibility to perform the same duties as ICE agents. Criminal aliens are placed into removal proceeding through the Federal Immigration Court in Cleveland, Ohio. A video connection to the court allows detainees to attend legal proceedings



*287(g) Program Officer's Tendam & Turco*





# Lieutenant Rob Clendenin



without leaving the facility. This cuts the elevated costs of transporting ICE detainees to their proceedings, and the amount of manpower needed to do so.

## Inmate Discipline

Rules and regulations must exist in any correctional facility to maintain order and inmate / officer safety. Upon entry into the facility, inmates are issued a handbook which outlines the facility rules and consequences if they are not adhered to. Inmate rule violations can result in a loss of privileges such as; commissary, visitation or even in the more extreme cases, for the security of the facility and safety of other inmates and officers, physical isolation with three meals a day comprised of the Warden Burger. Inmates requesting a hearing in regards to their "ticket" can meet with the Hearing Officer, who will hear the facts and determine guilt or innocence. In 2016, over one thousand four hundred fifty (1,450) such hearings were held.

## Central Records

Sergeant Theresa Rumpler is the supervisor over the Central Records unit. As an initial point of contact for the public and other government agencies, Central Records is the "hub" of the Sheriff's Office. This division offers the public such services as fingerprinting (FBI and BCI National Web Checks), tow releases, background checks, public records requests, inmate property releases and copies of accident and criminal offense reports. They also receive all traffic citations and entered three thousand four hundred sixty-one (3,461) into a database.



*Lorentsen*



*Dutterer*



*Proffitt*

Central Records processed seven thousand twelve (7,012) reports and validated three thousand five hundred twenty-nine (3,529) offense and incident reports created by patrol deputies. They also performed over three thousand (3,000) background and Web checks, collecting more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Providing the courts and other public agencies with necessary information is another important function of the Central Records Division. More than one thousand six hundred

(1,600) crash reports and five thousand (5,000) offense reports were distributed this year to outside agencies.

The Inmate Records section of the Central Records Division is responsible for updating each inmate's file after a court appearance or an issued court order. This department not only processes inmate files while they are incarcerated but prepares the files for close-out when they are released. They facilitate video arraignments and process inmates for prison ride-outs.



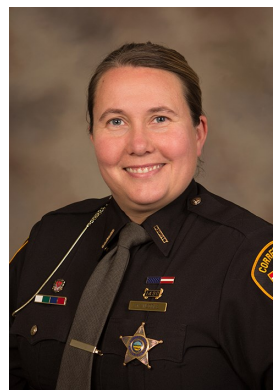
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*Isaacs*

## Corrections Employee Highlight

Corrections Specialist Melinda Weddle is the backbone of the Butler County Corrections Division. She has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office since October 2000, beginning her career as a Corrections Officer in the old, main Jail at 123 Court Street. She has worked several facets of the facility and was an active participant in the planning and organizing of the opening of the current Jail at 705 Hanover Street.



Weddle coordinates and facilitates the administrative tasks of the Correction Division, including: collecting and reporting statistical data to State and Federal Agencies, maintains and reports cost analysis on material usage for the jail, maintains schedules, time cards, uniforms and equipment for over a hundred Corrections Officers assigned to the Butler County Corrections Division.

Weddle is tasked with preparing all newly hired Correction Officers for duty and orders all specialty products for the Sheriff's Office facilities and products for the inmates daily needs.



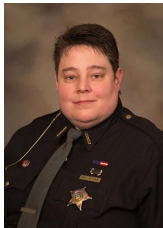
# Lieutenant Dave Reynolds



## Corrections Lieutenant Dave Reynolds

Lieutenant Reynolds brings fifteen (15) years of service to the Sheriff's Office and is responsible for housing units, employee awards, trusty inmate workers, facility fire drills, security reports, key control, volunteer inmate services and the jail control room.

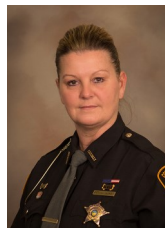
He supervises Sergeants Melinda Lay, James Calhoun, Vee Hurst, and David D. Rumpler.



Lay



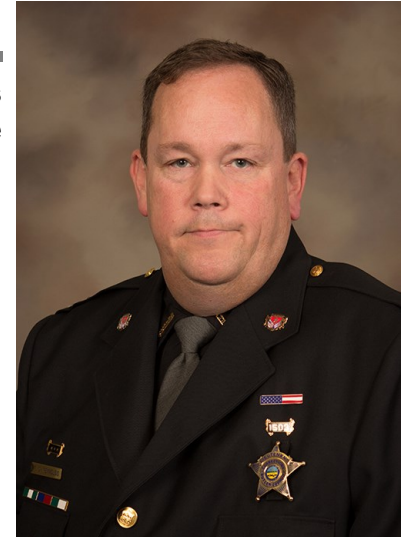
Calhoun



Hurst



Rumpler



## Inmate Services



Gill

Inmates use our Inmate Services unit to request legal services which include the law library computer, voice grievances and request special services. Clerical Specialist Susan Gill receives these "Kites" and processes them. In 2016, she responded to twenty-nine thousand eight hundred (29,800) inmate requests. She is also responsible for supplying indigent inmates with packets containing hygiene, correspondence and phone card items on a weekly basis. During the year fourteen thousand eight hundred seventy-eight (14,878) indigent packets were distributed.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office realizes the need for increased educational programming for inmates and the increasing impact of drug abuse within the community. In 2015, a full time Jail Program Services Supervisor (Matt Brashear) was hired. Matt supervises five staff members providing drug and alcohol services within the jail. He oversees and coordinates the Adult Educational Program, facilitated through Butler Tech, which provides two programs and four staff members. He oversees and coordinates the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, and religious services-which provide Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, Rastafarian, Wicken, Jehovah Witness, and non-denominational services to inmates several days per week.

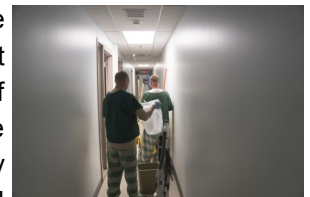
Future goals include: continuing growth of existing programs, providing medication assisted treatment to

inmates, introduction of a faith based mentoring program, introduction of an alternative sentencing program-working with all of the local court jurisdictions, and continuing to strengthen the relationship between the jail services program and all local commitment authorities.

## Trusty Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Office utilizes inmate labor to help offset costs in the everyday operation of the agency. Work details are coordinated by a Trusty Coordinator who qualifies and

assigns inmates to their details. In 2016, inmates worked on inside details (including commissary, kitchen, and laundry) and outside details (grounds crew, maintenance, and miscellaneous details) for a total of 135,969 hours saving the county \$1,057,722 in labor cost. Inmates work in our facility and also assist with numerous details within the community. Inmate labor is used to do all the laundry in house, keep the grounds well maintained at our facility, and assist in the kitchen with the preparation of all three meals for all the inmates. Those in house details were completed by approximately 720 inmates during 2016. Inmates who work are eligible to receive "Good Days" from their sentencing Judge after they work at least thirty days. Inmates can earn up to three "Good Days" for every thirty days worked. As an example: Inmate works for ninety days, and he or she is eligible for up to nine "Good Days" for their work.







# Medical Administrator Curt New



## Medical Administrator Curt New

Administrator New and two (2) shift supervisors lead the Medical Services Unit. He is responsible for all inmate medical needs, including routine and emergency medical care, medical isolation, outside medical appointments and the administration of medications.

He supervises Medical Supervisors Vaughan and Estep.



Vaughan

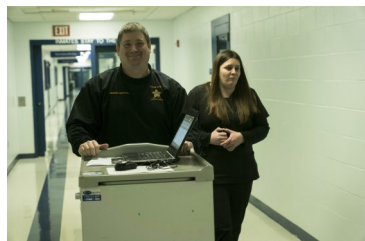


Estep



## Medical Services

Medical services are provided to the inmates through our Medical Services Division. Inmates are medically screened upon entering the facility to discern special needs or medication requirements. Inmates who require medical



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care during their stay may make a request for medical services by filling out a "green slip." The "green slip" is much like an Inmate Service Request. These requests are submitted to the medical staff that then triages them in order to provide timely and appropriate medical treatment. Medical staff performs sick-call visits in each housing unit and medical screening of inmates on a daily basis-averaging sixty per day.



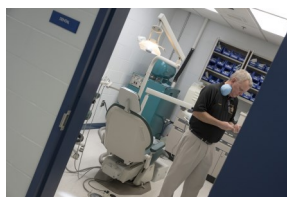
Adams

The Medical Service division is comprised of: Health Services Administrator, two (2) Medical Supervisors, medical billing clerk, part-time registered nurse for immigration detainees, four (4) full-time paramedics, seventeen (17) part-time paramedics, one (1) part-time RN, one (1) part-time LPN, one (1) Physician, one (1) Psychiatrist, one (1) Physician Assistant, one (1) dentist, and one (1) full-time clerk. Mental health services are augmented through Transitional Living Inc.

Health Services Administrator Curt New and his staff have implemented additional on-site lab testing, innovative procedures to help cut medication and medical procedure costs, and improvement of medication delivery methods to assist with the ever increasing number of dispensed medications to our inmate population.



Inmate Examining Room



Dr. Floyd DDS

The Medical Services Division is committed to offering the best medical care to all inmates during their stay, to include: working closely with the Transportation Unit on outside medical appointments and continues to make improvements in the areas of electronic filing of inmate medication requirements-including the ordering, processing, recording, and control of prescription medication.



# Finance Director Vickie Jo Barger



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, grant administration and purchasing functions of the Sheriff's Office. It directs the annual performance-based program budgets for the office, which includes monitoring expenditures and performance measures, producing financial reports and projections, conducting financial analysis, and implementing fiscal control policies and procedures.

This 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 – six general fund departments and twenty-four non-general/agency funds.



## Expenses

The 2016 Butler County Sheriff's Office General Fund expenditures, excluding the expenses associated with the Payroll, totaled \$8,240,300 which was a 16% decrease from the prior year general operating expenses. General Fund expenses including payroll increased 4.6% over 2015. This increase is a result of additional dispatching staff to accommodate the new Oxford dispatching service, the 2016 bargaining unit wage increases coupled with the associated fringe benefits and the increased costs of health insurance.



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## Revenues



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

During calendar year 2016, the Sheriff's Office deposited \$14,360,779 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund, Contract Funds and Grants Funds. This was an increase of \$2,218,345 or 18% from the 2015 collected revenue of \$12,142,434. Of the revenue collected by the Sheriff's Office, 46.9% was generated through the operation of the jail. This revenue comes predominately from the housing of federal 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. Boarding of Prisoners recognized an increase of \$1,475,188 during 2016 as well as the Contract Deputies Fund with an increase of \$134,141. The agreement

between Butler County and the City of Hamilton and the City of Oxford for emergency dispatch services generated \$1,334,429 in revenue during 2016. The Sheriff's Office continues to explore new avenues in which to bring in additional monies to Butler County as well as maintain the existing grant funding.

The Finance Division is charged with developing and administering contracts for deputy services for agencies throughout the county. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office received \$4,099,020 in revenue for the Sheriff's Policing Revolving Fund from these contracts.

The Dog Warden operates independently of the General Fund. Revenues are generated from the sale of dog tags and fines assessed on individuals for non-compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. The Dog Warden generated an increase of \$880 for 2016 due in part to higher collection of fines even though the sale of dog tags decreased approximately \$20,837.

## Inmate Accounts



*Riley*

The Inmate Accounts Unit is manned by one full-time Administrative Clerical Specialist. Each inmate has an account assigned to them when they enter the facility in which money is deposited. These funds are used for commissary purchases such as 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 money onto the inmate's account by utilizing the kiosk machine located in the main jail lobby installed in 2015.

Credit card deposits can also be made by telephone or via the internet. When inmates are booked into the jail, any





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money on their person may also be deposited into their account for use during their stay at the Butler County Jail. The inmates use the deposits for commissary purchases, reception fees, court related fees, attorney fees and/or bond fees. During 2016, the inmate account deposits totaled \$1,905,396 with commissary sales totaling \$1,347,732. Any balance that remains on the inmate's account at time of release is refunded to the inmate.

## Payroll



*Whitlock*

The Finance Division's payroll responsibilities include maintaining, preparing and processing bi-weekly payroll, tracking all employee accrual balances, pay adjustments, account changes and leave usage records. Payroll staff also performs internal audits of employee payroll records to certify accuracy and completeness. TimeTrak portals have been placed throughout Sheriff's Office facilities which allow employees to check their accruals. Payroll is trended to budget to ensure continuity and compliance with the Butler County Auditor and Ohio Revised Code.

## Grants



*Maloney*

The Finance Division is responsible for managing all grants received by the Sheriff's Office which includes submitting applications and financial reports. They have a history of aggressively pursuing grant funding. These efforts maximize the services the agency is able to provide the citizens of the county while lessening the financial burden upon them. During 2016, the Sheriff's Office received additional funding for the Victims of Crime Act grant in the amount of \$65,676 due to increased funding provided by the Ohio Attorney General. The Sheriff's Office also increased the number of School Resource Officers at local schools and increased their time spent on drug prevention counseling which allowed for an increased amount of funding from the Ohio Attorney General for the Drug Use Prevention Grant. Overall grant funding increased 30% from 2015 which increased services provided to the constituents of Butler County.

Grant Name	2016
High Visibility Enforcement Overtime	114,456
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	40,737
Violence Against Women Act	63,552
BURN Taskforce	46,705
Victims of Crime Act	122,594
Waterway Safety (Marine Patrol)	35,225
Ohio Peace Office State Grant	18,880
Ohio PET Grant	2,500
Drug Use Prevention Grant (SRO)	177,041
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)	87,295
Total	708,985





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## 2016 BCSO General Fund Budget Expense Summary

Category	2016 Final Budget	2016 Actual Expense	2016 Carry Forward	2016 Total Expenditures
Academy	31,677	28,527	2,918	31,445
Boarding of Prisoners	3,706,670	3,491,835	155,189	3,647,024
Sheriff	22,965,318	22,648,680	199,147	22,847,827
Paramedic	1,749,601	1,620,003	89,500	1,709,503
General Communication	2,967,264	2,896,853	57,597	2,954,450
E911 Dispatch	3,029,916	2,891,919	54,816	2,946,735
Total	34,450,446	33,577,817	559,167	34,136,984

## 2016 BCSO Revenue Summary

Revenue Category	2016	2015	Increase/Decrease
Boarding of Prisoners	6,742,046	5,266,858	1,475,188
Contract Deputies	4,122,428	3,988,287	134,141
Sheriff Fees	2,083,928	1,833,232	250,696
Grants	707,048	543,695	163,353
Patrol	657,533	463,446	194,087
Dog & Kennel	47,796	46,916	880
Total	14,360,779	12,142,434	2,218,345





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## Human Resources



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With an agency of over four-hundred employees, The Human Resource (HR) Division must be well-versed in multiple human resource disciplines - compensation and benefits, employee relations and personnel related data / statistics.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office HR Division monitors and provides information regarding employee benefit packages and conducts open enrollment for employees' annual elections pertaining to health care coverage. Additional duties include addressing employee issues as related to medical benefit discrepancies and/or changes, along with providing assistance to employee for other benefit issues and questions. Additionally, the HR Division works in conjunction with the Butler County's wellness coordinator to offer a wellness program to all insured

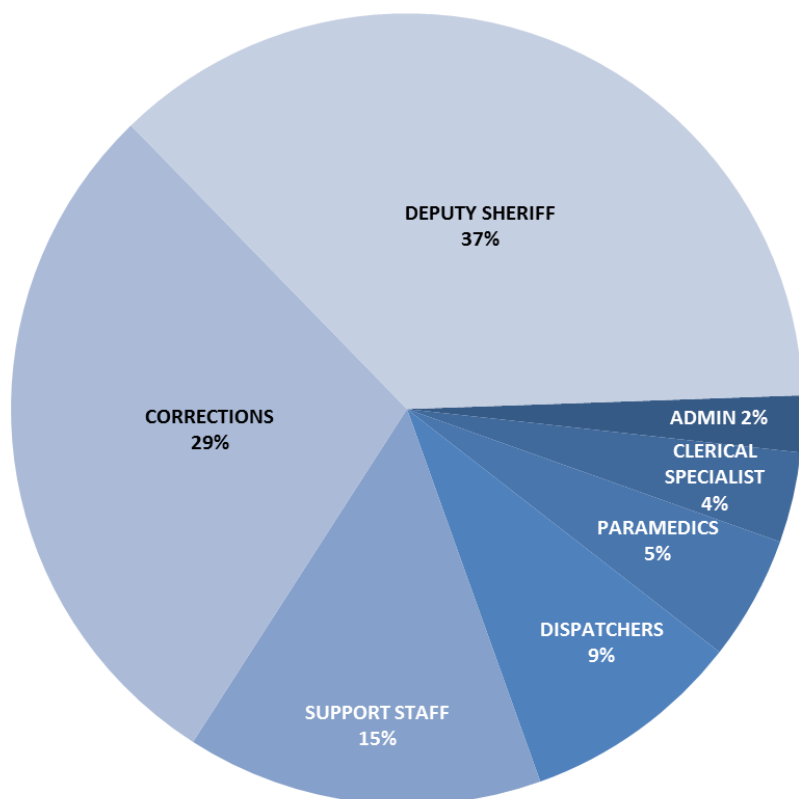
employees, in an effort to maintain a healthy workforce.

Other responsibilities include: monitoring Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) compliance and employee tracking, managing Workers' Compensation claims, and maintaining leave request records and transitional duty assignments.

HR has made great advances in "going green" over the last year. All personnel and medical files for employees are maintained in a digital format, creating a paperless HR environment, while insuring the preservation, security and integrity of such records.

HR provides a link between management and employees for addressing any employee benefit related issues or problems. They work closely with management, providing feedback on related HR functions and process. HR also maintains records and compiles statistical reports concerning personnel-related data such as hires, transfers, performance appraisals, and absenteeism rates.

### 2016 WORKFORCE



433	TOTAL EMPLOYEES
10	Administration
16	Clerical Specialist
22	Paramedics
39	Dispatchers
63	Support Staff
124	Correction Officers
159	Deputy Sheriffs

### Total 2016 Workforce Includes:

355 Full-Time Employees

78 Part-Time Employees

including

36 New Full-Time Employees

(with 20 Full-Time Terminations  
and 7 Retirements)

31 New Part-Time Employees

(with 31 Part-Time Terminations)



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