

Butler County Sheriff • 2014 Annual Report



We make your community a safe place to live, work and visit



City of Fairfield



Mission Statement

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

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

Core Values

Honesty

Fostering sincerity, openness and transparency

Integrity

Adhering to moral and ethical principles

Humility

Modesty of one's own importance

Sense of community

Being a part of, not above, those we serve

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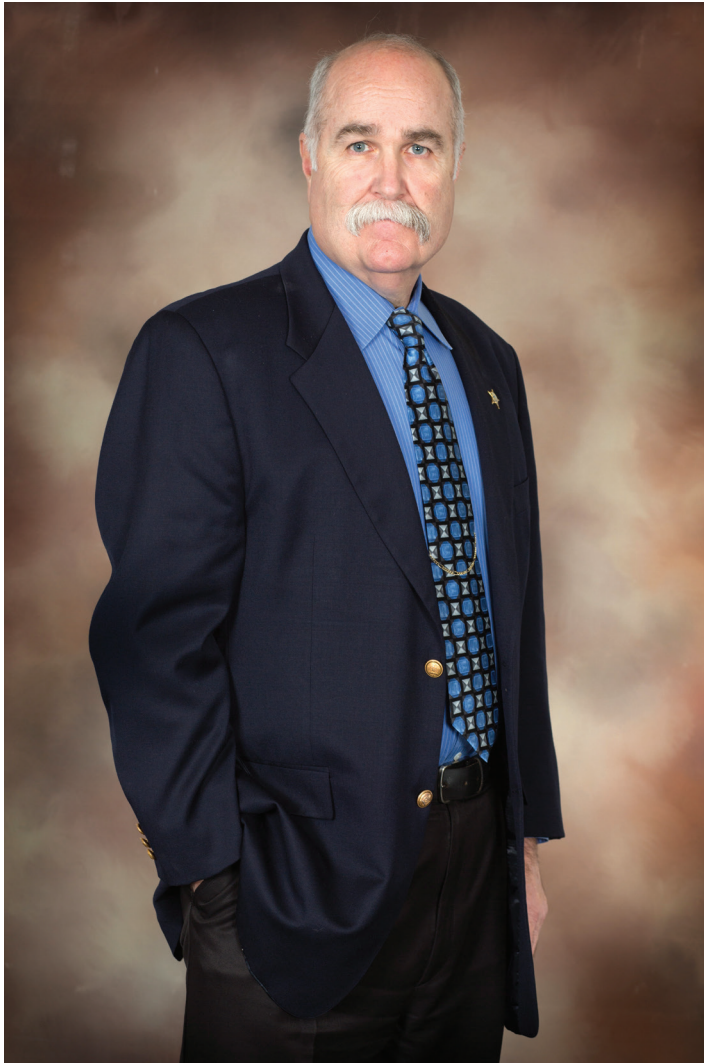
"Spectemur Agendo"

Let us be judged by our actions.





A note from Sheriff Richard K. Jones



2014 was a difficult year for law enforcement throughout the entire country. The citizens of the United States are fortunate to have organized and regulated law enforcement. It is a job different than any other job. Law Enforcement is the backbone in keeping our communities safe.

In 2014, personnel who retired from the Butler County Sheriff's Office took 320 years of police service and experience with them. The knowledge and expertise they developed in these years is tough to replace. We have, in turn, hired sharp and eager recruits who are just beginning their journey of gaining knowledge and experience in the law enforcement field.

The economy appears to be picking up in Butler County, so we are starting to replace some of the things we lost in the recent recession. We are slowly replacing the employees we had to lay-off, and are able to actively provide essential and advanced training.

We are very fortunate to have high quality employees here at this Sheriff's Office. They each represent this office in a highly professional manner and do their best to provide quality public service to the residents of Butler County, and those citizens who find themselves in need of services while in our county.

We are looking forward to 2015 and beyond.

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Richard K. Jones



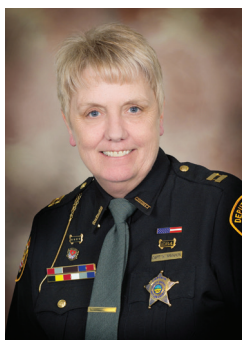
COMMAND STAFF



Chief Deputy Anthony Dwyer



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Captain
Kathryn McMahon



Captain
Matthew Franke



Captain
Dennis Adams



Captain
Mike Craft



Finance Director
Vickie Barger



Executive Secretary Pamela Stroup



FINANCE



**Finance Director
Vickie Barger**

Overview

The Butler County Sheriff's Finance Department 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.

The finance department represents the Sheriff by presenting budget, fiscal, and contract requests to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The finance division monitors and oversees multiple budgets – 6 general fund departments and 24 non-general/agency funds.

Expenses

The 2014 Butler County Sheriff's Office General Fund expenditures, excluding the expenses associated with the Payroll, totaled \$7,317,458 which was a 6.5% decrease from the prior year. During 2014, with the use of grant funds and the general fund, the Sheriff's Office was able to update the aging fleet with the purchase of 13 marked Police Pursuit Interceptors, 3 unmarked investigative units, and 4 transport vans. At the end of 2013 the Sheriff's Office began dispatching for the City of Hamilton, thereby increasing the need for dispatchers, which resulted in an increase in personnel costs. Overall the Sheriff's Office General Fund expenditures increased 3.89% from 2013 to 2014.

2014 Sheriff's Office General Fund Budget Expense Summary

Category	2014 Final Budget	2014 Actual Expense	2014 Carry Forward	2014 Total Expenditures
Academy	30,386	28,030	2,200	30,230
Boarding of Prisoners	3,756,470	3,242,696	400,764	3,643,460
Sheriff	20,663,507	20,163,100	103,055	20,266,155
Paramedic	1,732,346	1,557,454	62,562	1,620,016
General Communication	3,134,351	2,001,107	1,044,891	3,045,998
E911 Dispatch	2,401,012	2,242,565	73,175	2,315,740
Total	\$31,718,072	\$29,234,952	\$1,686,647	\$30,921,599

2014 Sheriff's Office Revenue

Revenue Category	2014	2013	Increase/Decrease
Boarding of Prisoners	6,707,000	6,017,067	689,933
Contract Deputies	3,652,845	3,465,733	187,112
Sheriff Fees	1,689,654	991,873	697,781
Grants	690,372	296,091	394,281
Patrol	360,656	475,987	(115,331)
Dog Warden	40,717	32,791	7,926
Total	\$13,141,244	\$11,279,542	\$1,861,702

Revenues

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

During the fiscal year of 2014, the Sheriff's Office deposited \$13,141,244 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund, Contract Funds and Grants Funds. This was an increase of \$1,861,702 or 16.5% from the 2013 collected revenue of \$11,279,542. Of the revenues collected by the Sheriff's Office, 51.0% was generated through the operation of the jail. This revenue is 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. Both Boarding

of Prisoners and the Contract Deputies funds saw increases of \$689,933 and \$187,112, respectively. The agreement between Butler County and the City of Hamilton for emergency dispatch services generated \$902,103 in revenue.

The Finance Department is charged with developing and administering contracts for deputy services for agencies throughout the County. In 2014, the Sheriff's Office received \$3,652,845 in revenue for the Sheriff's Policing Revolving Fund from these contracts.

The Sheriff's Office absorbed the responsibility of the Dog Warden in September 2013. The Dog Warden operates independently of the General Fund. Revenues are generated from the sale of dog tags.

2014 Sheriff's Office Grant Summary

Grant Name	2014
High Visibility Enforcement Overtime	103,514
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	58,780
Violence Grant Against Women Act	49,512
BURN Taskforce	133,110
Victims of Crime Act	31,890
Waterway Safety (Marine Patrol)	26,221
Drug Use Prevention Grant (SRO)	11,036
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)	276,308
TOTAL	\$690,371

Grants

The Finance Department has a history of aggressively pursuing grant funding. They are responsible for managing all grants received by the Sheriff's Office which includes submitting applications and financial reports. These efforts maximize the services

the agency is able to provide the citizens of the county while lessening the financial burden upon them. During 2014, the Sheriff's Office received State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) reimbursement for 2012 and 2013 program years.

Inmate Accounts

The Inmate Accounts unit is manned by one full-time clerical specialist. Each inmate has an account assigned to them when they enter the facility in which money is deposited. When inmates are booked into the jail, any money on their person may also be deposited into their account for use during their stay at the Butler County Jail. Visitors can place money in the inmate's account by coming to the Main Jail and depositing the money in person, or through the US Postal Service. The inmates use the deposits for Commissary purchases, reception fee, court related fees, attorney fees and/or bond fees. During 2014, the inmate account deposits decreased approximately 0.6% from the 2013 total of \$1,500,742 to \$1,492,243. Any balance that remains on the inmate's account at time of release is refunded to the inmate.

between management and employees for addressing benefit related issues or problems. The Human Resource Department also manages and tracks Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), workers' compensation claims, along with maintaining records and statistical data concerning personnel related dates such as hires, transfers, performance appraisals and absenteeism rates.

The 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. Payroll is then trended to budget to ensure continuity and compliance with the Butler County Auditor and Ohio Revised Code.

Human Resources & Payroll

Total 2014 Workforce Includes:

315 full-time employees and 70 part-time employees including:

30 New Full-Time Employees

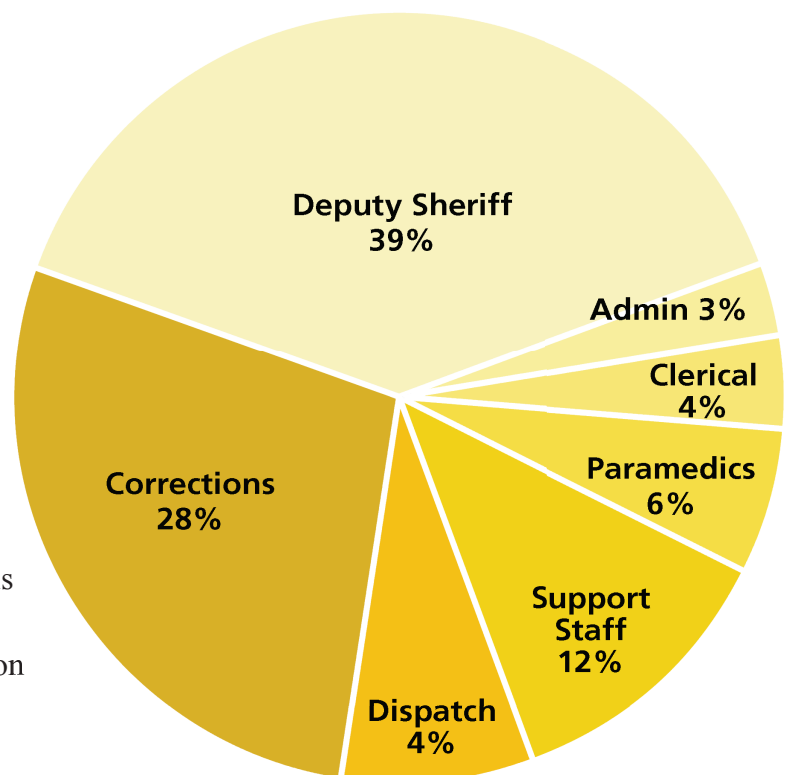
(with 27 Full-Time Terminations and 14 Retirements)

33 New Part-Time Employees

(with 24 Part-Time Terminations)

The Human Resources Department is responsible for maintaining personnel and medical files for all employees, personnel hiring, applicant tracking, skills development and the administration of employee benefit programs and compliance. They are the liaison

Distribution of Workforce by Department





OPERATIONS



**Captain
Mike Craft**

Aviation

In 2014 the Aviation Unit flew a total of 270.5 hours, which is a decrease of 31.3 hours from last year's total of 301.8 hours due to the economic conditions existing within the State and County governments. Consideration was given to flying patrols only when they would be most effective.

The Unit flew 179.5 hours on a drug eradication contract for BCI&I. From July 31st to October 6th, the Unit assisted 23 counties across northwestern and northeastern Ohio with Marijuana Eradication. During the eradication effort, the Unit found over 2300 plants with a street value of over \$2,300,000.00.

The remaining 91 hours were flown on surveillances, searches, patrol, photo flights, flight training, pilot recertification, and displays.

Throughout the year, the Unit assisted several different Law Enforcement Agencies including other Sheriff's Offices, Police Departments, BCI & I, 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.

The statistics for the Unit overall for the year are as follows:

Searches, crime related	5
Searches, lost or missing people	6
Searches, found missing	2
Searches, found suspects	6
Drug related flights	23
Photo flights	2
Displays	3
Callouts	9
Misc. assists -- other agencies - (other than drug eradications)	7

The unit also continued the river patrol program and ongoing training programs. Some of the numbers for these efforts are as follows:

River Patrol- 9 missions of patrol with a total of 15.6 flight hours logged

Observer Training -2 training sessions with a total of 4 flight hours logged

Pilot Training- 30 training sessions with a total of 58.2 flight hours logged

Forensics

Now in its eighteenth year of existence, the Forensic Unit still consists of one Deputy assigned to the Butler Behavioral Health Services Crisis Team. The Deputy's primary responsibility is the protection of the Crisis Therapists as well as the patients being evaluated. The Deputy also may assist in the evaluation of patients which may ultimately lead to transporting patients to area hospitals for psychiatric evaluation.

Deputy responsibilities include making appearances at area facilities that deal with citizens with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities, making presentations to area agencies referencing workplace safety when dealing with the mentally ill, and educating other police agencies on protocol for dealing with mentally ill citizens.

The Forensic Deputy responded to 240 evaluations in 2014, nearly half required transports to area hospitals.

K9

The K-9 Unit is a valuable tactical asset to the Butler County Sheriff's Office as well as other agencies within the county.



Five 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.

K-9 Unit Activity	2014
K-9 Tracks	44
K-9 Apprehensions	26
K-9 Assist Agency	211
K-9 Vehicle Drug Search	169
K-9 Warrants	69
K-9 BURN Unit Assist	53
K-9 BCSO Assist	476
K-9 SWAT Assist	6
K-9 Facility/ School Sweep	46
K-9 Area Search	22
K-9 Search Warrant Assist	13
K-9 Building Search	19
K-9 Demonstrations	8
Narcotics Seized	184

The unit trains sixteen (16) hours a month to maintain proficiency in performing the skills associated with their duties and are on call 24 hours a day. One of the canines and his handler are specially trained to detect cigarettes, cell phones, and other contraband within the confines of our correctional facility. Statistics for the year are listed above.

Motor Unit

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit is comprised of one Sergeant and three Deputy Sheriff's, and is utilized for several different phases of traffic control including routine patrol and specialized traffic details. At the beginning of 2014, the Motor Unit was



comprised of three Harley Davidson Electra Glides. In late December, Sheriff Jones was able to secure a fourth Electra Glide. The delivery date is expected in March of 2015.

The Motor Unit can be used for patrol purposes such as congested traffic situations, funeral escorts, V.I.P. details, shopping center / 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 Special Olympics Torch Run through the city of Hamilton and into Middletown, the 9-11 Hero's Ride out of Fairfield, the Miller/Coors Benefit Ride out of Trenton, the Autism Benefit Ride, the Shield Ride, and the Joe Nuxhall Miracle Field Ride. Other notable escorts include the 4th of July parades in Hamilton and Liberty Township, the Memorial Day parade in Hamilton, and escorting four Edgewood Elementary School bike rides around St. Clair Township with retired teacher Jo Malicote. Also, the Motor Unit was requested and participated in escorting the visiting collegiate football teams to/from Miami University in Oxford during the football season. Lastly, the Motor Unit played an integral part in the funeral escorts of local Soldiers, who were killed overseas, and the escort, procession, and last-call of Deputy Sheriff Ben Ballinger who passed in May. It was truly an honor to escort these distinguished Men to their final resting places.

Road Patrol

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

contracts with Liberty Township, Hanover Township, College Corner and Lemon Township. These contract deputies provide extra patrol units to the townships,



in addition to the core patrol units working from the Sheriff's Office.

Weights and Scales

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

In 2014, Deputy Mike Day issued 109 citations over 1,617,000 pounds in overweight violations equating to over \$60,000 in fines.



Bomb Unit

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit consists of three certified technicians and an assistant.

We service not only Butler County, but several adjacent counties as well. As of December of 2014, there were 466 accredited Bomb Squads nationwide. There are 11 FBI accredited squads in the State of

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.

The Bomb Unit 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 2014, the Bomb Unit assisted in 8 clan lab responses.



Ohio with 177 Technicians collectively. FBI Accredited Bomb Squads and Bomb Technicians are like no other public safety entity as far as training. All bomb technicians have nationally mandated certification requirements that are taught at the FBI – U.S. Army 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). Public Safety Agency's 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.

In Southwest Ohio we have 4 bomb squads, which include the Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bomb

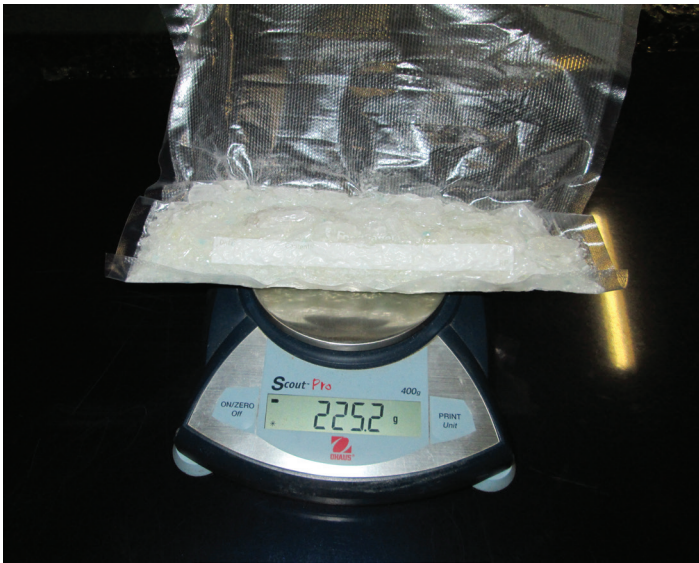
In 2014, the Butler County Bomb Unit provided training for the following: FBI Chemical Outreach program, Respect for Law Camp, Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) Airport screeners from the Tri-State area, Butler Tech Law Enforcement Academy, Greater Cincinnati Regional Arson & Fire Investigators and Improvised Device Awareness for the Hamilton City Schools.

Education in the bomb technician field is ongoing. Technicians monitor emerging threats to the Nation and our local communities by tracking and reporting all known incidents. This information is put in an ATF 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 threats that have been identified.

BURN Taskforce

The year 2014 marks the fifth full year of operation for the BURN Taskforce. BURN is a multi-agency narcotics task force hosted by the Butler County Sheriff's Office combined with such agencies as Butler County Adult Probation and Fairfield Township Police Department.

Early February 2014, BURN conducted a methamphetamine investigation at 6718 Morning Sun Road, Oxford Township; residence of Michael Wisecup. Throughout the course of the investigation agents learned that Dearborn County Indiana was



also working a methamphetamine investigation that crossed paths with Wisecup.

The end result was a search warrant on Morning Sun Road which yielded several tanks of anhydrous ammonia that were hidden in various locations all over the property as well as other chemicals and items of paraphernalia used in the process to manufacture methamphetamine.

A small amount of methamphetamine was also seized along with 3 guns. Wisecup was charged through Butler County and BURN was able to provide Dearborn County Indiana with enough information to lead to the arrest and conviction of Vernis Newton, also a resident of Butler County. Newton was ultimately sentenced to 30 years in an Indiana prison

facility and is expected to complete a minimum sentence of 20 years.

Also beginning in February of 2014, Agents from the BURN Taskforce began working a methamphetamine investigation that led investigators north to Delaware County just outside of Columbus. BURN agents identified a group of Butler County residents who were distributing "Ice" a form of methamphetamine that received this street name for the resemblance it has to glass shards or ice.

On February 7th, 2014; BURN arrested David Ables and Robert Murray in the City of Hamilton seizing approximately 31.34 grams of "Ice". Murray was arrested for Trafficking and Possession of Drugs each a Felony of the 2nd degree. On March 8th, 2014; BURN arrested Anthony McCormick in Ross, Ohio seizing approximately 50 grams of "Ice" and 1 unit dose of LSD. McCormick charges varied from Trafficking and Possession of Drugs, Having Weapons under Disability and Resisting Arrest. On March 25th, 2014; BURN arrested Brandon Mills and Donald Proctor in Liberty Township seizing approximately 225 grams of "Ice". Both Proctor and Mills were charged with Trafficking and Possession of Drugs, each a Felony of the 1st degree. On May 8th, 2014; BURN arrested Shawna Mason in the City of Hamilton seizing approximately 108 grams of "Ice". Mason was charged with Trafficking in Drugs a Felony of the 1st degree and Possession of Drugs a Felony of the 2nd degree and also Having Weapons under Disability.

BURN agents provided investigators in Delaware County with information which allowed them to execute a search warrant in Columbus seizing over \$300,000.00 of methamphetamine and arresting multiple individuals. Arrested in Columbus, James and Joe Dejarnette, were identified as the source of supply for the Butler County distributors.

In June of 2014, agents acting on a tip that methamphetamine was being manufactured in the City

of Oxford by Cody Powell, executed a search warrant along with Oxford Police on his residence



and discovered five “one pot” style meth cooks along with other items used in the manufacture process. Powell was charged with Illegal Manufacture of Drugs a 2nd degree Felony

BURN agents had learned of a heroin drug trafficking organization operated by Khaleim Waver and his criminal associates in late 2013. This began when observing suspicious activity while getting fuel for unmarked units at a service station. During this encounter agents ended up seizing \$10,000.00 from one of Waver’s heroin distributors who was later the victim of a homicide. In late August of 2014; BURN executed multiple search warrants throughout the City of Hamilton arresting Khaleim Waver, Nekisha Waver, William Lindsay, Adam Weber and Shana Panetta. Undercover agents had purchased heroin from this organization and ultimately seized over 380 unit doses of heroin, a 9 mm handgun, a 2003 BMW, a 2001 GMC suburban and a large amount of US Currency. Charges ranged from Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity a Felony of the 1st degree to Trafficking and Possession of Drugs and Having Weapons under Disability. To date Khaleim Waver, who is a self-proclaimed rapper using the alias “Slim Gutta” remains a fugitive. All others have been convicted and sentenced as a part of this investigation.

In September of 2014, BURN concluded an investigation into Keith Walter after making multiple undercover drug purchases from Walter. The investigation came to a conclusion with a search warrant at Walter’s residence in the City of Hamilton which yielded \$24,000.00 US Currency, 255 grams of marijuana, 36 grams of heroin, 24 grams of cocaine, 189 unit doses of miscellaneous prescription pills, a 1999 Dodge Ram and a 1999 Olds Alero. In October of 2014, BURN agents conducted a Prostitution investigation into an Asian Spa located in Fairfield Township. During the course of this



investigation agents were able to determine that the employees of the Asian Spa were offering services of a sexual nature in exchange for money. A search warrant was executed on the business, a home located in Dayton, Ohio and several bank accounts and safety deposit boxes associated with the business. Yunmei Wallis, Jiuying Matagolai and Xiaoyan Guo were all arrested for Promoting Prostitution and approximately \$34,000.00 US Currency was seized.

2014 END OF YEAR TOTALS

Search Warrants: 145
Shared Seizures: \$117,525.74
Cash Seized: \$321,798.00
Houses pending auction: 5
Cars Seized: 29
Vehicles pending auction: 7
Firearms Seized: 27

Vehicles awarded to BCSO: 3
Cocaine/Crack Cocaine Cases: 69
'07 Land Rover
Marijuana Cases: 50
'09 Dodge Avenger
Meth Cases: 43
'10 Ford F-150
Heroin Cases: 142
Pharmaceutical Cases: 30
Misc. Cases: 21
Cases Involving Felony 3 and Above: 157

NADDI Box in BCSO Lobby:

271 pounds medication collected
Cocaine Seized: 361.28 grams
Crack Cocaine Seized: 156.06 grams
Marijuana Seized: 48,844.05 grams
Methamphetamine Seized: 2,182.50 grams
Pharmaceutical Pills: 849 Unit Doses
Heroin Seized: 809.74 grams

Children Services Investigator

It has been 14 years since Sheriff Richard K. Jones and the County Commissioners created the Criminal Investigations Unit at Butler County Children Services. This Unit is still the only one in existence in the State of Ohio.

It was made a priority that case workers needed immediate information and resources involved in child neglect, abuse and sexual abuse cases. This information is imperative for the safety of the case worker and the safety of the children. Now every case referral received by the agency has a photo and a criminal background check given to the case worker before they respond to the field for their investigation. The Criminal Investigation Unit consists of three (3) civilian investigators and one Deputy Sheriff Supervisor, Ginia D. Riegert. This Unit creates a criminal history report on every person involved in a case by using police data bases that contains data from all fifty states. The Unit also investigates all "Threat" cases against case workers and provides support for

the Adoption Unit by providing fingerprints via the on-line electronic BCI/FBI criminal history checks. The Unit provides many services to Adult Protective Services and local Police Departments on a daily basis. The Unit uses CJIS, The Criminal Justice Information System to monitor all Foster parents and Foster facility employees and placement parents. The Criminal Investigation Unit is responsible for locating all foster juvenile runaways, and returning them safely to placement. Protecting children and families of Butler County will always be the driving force of the Criminal Investigation Unit.

Investigations

In 2014 the Investigations Division was lead by Lt. Lance Bunnell. The responsibilities within the Investigations Division include Criminal Investigations Division (CID), BURN Taskforce, Traffic Investigations, Warrants, Property Room, Victim Advocates, Bomb Unit, Marine Patrol, and Water Rescue. The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is lead by Sgt. Rick Bucheit and Sgt. Rob Whitlock. It is often said that the Criminal Investigations Division is the backbone of Law Enforcement. Agencies are often judged on their ability to solve crimes and put criminals behind bars. If an agency cannot solve the crimes in their communities, the people that law enforcement serve will lose faith in the abilities and may not come forward when they witness a crime. When witnesses fail to come forward, the solvability of a crime drops dramatically. The situation can spiral out of control when crimes do not get solved.

Sheriff Jones and his Administration are well aware of the concerns that citizens have for the criminal element that preys on society. They have equipped and trained the Investigators with the latest advances in technology, as well as maintaining man power levels to investigate criminals and drug dealers.

Detectives work a wide variety of cases that include homicides, robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults and just about any other type of reported criminal activity. Due to the diverse caseload it is not uncommon for the

investigators to be proficient and complete the role of photographer, evidence technician, victim advocate and interrogator all in the same day. Detectives are assigned to townships in the County and investigate those crimes that occur in their areas.

In 2014 the Criminal Investigations Division handled nearly 2000 reports of crimes against persons and property.

Two extraordinary cases from 2014

In August 2013, the Butler County Sheriff's Office (Investigative Unit) began an investigation that involved Lisa Andres acting as a travel agent in the Liberty Township area. The victims were not getting what they had paid for.

During the 8 month investigation, it was found that Lisa had scammed over sixty families out of money that they had paid her for vacations. The victims stretched from Liberty Township Ohio to Washington D.C. During the investigation, it was discovered that Lisa had taken the majority of this money and lost it at various casinos.

On April 24 2014, Lisa was indicted on thirty nine various counts including theft and engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity. When the warrants were served on Lisa, she was arrested at the Hollywood Casino in Columbus, Ohio. On February 02, 2015 Lisa plead guilty and was sentenced to four years in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

In June 2014, Detectives began a sexual assault investigation involving Luke Buchanan age 34.

Detectives executed several search warrants and also seized a large shed that was processed for several days. More than 50 items were sent to Miami Valley Crime Lab to be processed for evidence.

Buchanan was indicted on 19 counts from Rape to GSI. He plead to 8 felony charges including 5 counts of rape of victims under 13. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison and labeled as a Tier III sex offender.

Dive Team Activity

It was another safe year for the Task Force One Dive Team. We attempted to schedule non-emergency type calls for scheduled training dates to reduce costs for all departments involved.

Commander Rick Claypool (CCSO), Pat Packer (HCSO) and Greg Wargo (BCSO) continued to be active with many local committees throughout the year including: (AMSC) Area Maritime Security Committee of the Port of Cincinnati, River Interoperability Group, (ORCA) Ohio River Cooperating Agencies, (OHWTAC) Ohio Water Tactical Advisory Committee and (ORSANCO) Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission.

New Members added in 2014

- Hamilton County added 7 new members
- Butler County added 4 new members

Equipment and Training Enhancements for 2014

Task Force One was awarded \$136,839 in Homeland Security Grants.

- A FLIR Infrared camera system purchased through grants, navigational display for the FLIR system. The FLIR system will be mounted on the Clermont County Boat 360, \$17,976.88
- 2 Humminbird Sonar units also funded by grants, one will be put on Clermont County Boat 360 and Clermont County Boat (Rigid Hull), \$4,967.64
- 8 New dry suits were purchased through grants, \$15,760.00
- 20 New pair of dry suit gloves purchased through grants, \$660.00
- 8 Mustang survival suits purchased through grants, \$8,948.80
- 6 New Agua Lung Thermal Under garments funded by grants \$1,770.00
- 12 Heavy Duty Double Locking Carabiners funded by grants \$266.76
- 2 Portable Two Diver Air Intercom MK7 Buddylines funded by grants \$2,338.00
- Dive panel Upgrade (air regulator)
- In the process of purchasing another Sonar unit (Konesburg) through a grant \$69,500.00

- Consultant (Mike Wiley) to host Public Safety Diver Training Course and Dive Rescue One Course Instructor fee's \$17,990.00 and material cost \$6,335.05 (All paid for by Grants).

- Several dive suits were sent out this year to have neck seals repaired. Wrist cuff seals were fixed in house.

2014 Breakdown of calls for service by County

(10 Total calls for service; 493 personnel hours)

Brown County, Ohio Body Recovery (05-06-2014)

Clermont County, Ohio

01-05-2014 - Body Recovery - 947 Hopewell Road
Felicity Ohio 45120 (Recovered by Fire Department prior to equipment arriving on scene)

01-20-2014 - Body Recovery - 5490 Mt. Zion Road
Batavia, Ohio 45103 (Disregarded)

03-21-2014 - Vehicle Recovery
- Eastfork Lake State Park

05-24-2014 - Vehicle Recovery - 6514 SR 133
Goshen, Ohio 45122

06-28-2014 - Vehicle Recovery - 1337 US RT 52 New
Richmond, Ohio 45157

Hamilton County, Ohio

04-04-2014 - Standby for possible Body Recovery -
I-74 and US 50 Cleves, Ohio

05-22-2014 - Swift water call (disregarded) - 5341
South Milford Road, Milford Ohio 45150

09-01-2014 - Body Recovery - 8270 Glendale Milford
Road Cincinnati, Ohio

Butler County, Ohio

08-25-2014 - Body Recovery - 300 Oxford State Road
Middletown, Ohio

2014 Breakdown of Dive Team Trainings

(9 Total trainings; 1,211 personnel hours)

Training was held at various locations in the Tri-State area:

January - No Training

February – New Richmond High School pool training went over New Dive Helmet operations dive panel operations

March - No Training

April - Mill Creek Watershed Retention Pond – recovery patterns for stolen handgun

May - Indian Hill Rock Quarry - worked on dive patterns - Dive panel review

June - Indian Hill Rock Quarry - worked on dive patterns and new helmet operations

July – Eastfork Lake – Boat Operations

August - Eastfork Lake - Boat operations and dive operation off small island

September - Indian Hill Rock Quarry – went over dive patterns and dive panel operations

October – Loveland Equipment locker - Equipment inventoried, repaired and organized

November - No Training

December – Indian Hill Rock Quarry - Open water dives for PSD divers instructed by Mike Wiley

2014 Breakdown of Public Relation Events

(8 Events, 129 personnel hours)

Clermont County, Ohio

(5/05/2014) Milford Frontier Days equipment used
Chevy 2500 and Boat 360

(6/13/2014) Clermont County Junior Police Academy
equipment used International and Boat 360

(6/20/2014) Clermont County Junior Police Academy
equipment used Freightliner and Dive Trailer

(08/05/14) National Night Out Target Milford
Parkway equipment used Freightliner and dive trailer with international and boat 360

(08/16/14) New Richmond River Days equipment
used Boat 360 on water for event

(10/03,04/14) Washington Twp Autumn Bash
equipment used International and Boat 360

Hamilton County, Ohio

(08/31/14) River Fest WEBN – Fireworks equipment
used Boat 360 and Rigid Hull on water

(06/14/14) Loveland Amazing Race equipment used
Zodiak on the water

Marine Patrol

The Butler County Sheriff's Office is responsible for 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 to include rescue, boat inspections and general assistance to the boating public. During summer months, Marine Patrol Deputies conduct boater safety inspections; provide boater education; and deliver traditional law and alcohol enforcement while on water patrol. These duties take place on the Great Miami River and 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 2014 the Marine Patrol provided such duties at Voice of America Park in West Chester for the USA Tri-Athlon National Championship.



Regional Water Rescue

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Regional Water Rescue Unit is in its third 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 rescue unit 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 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.

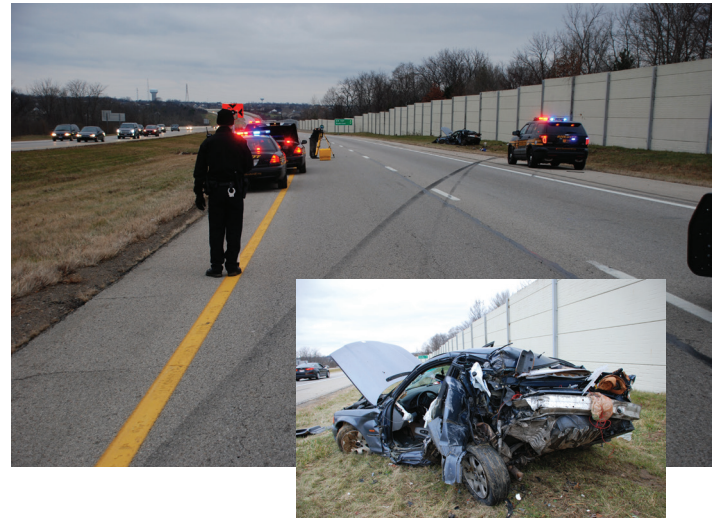
Property Room

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



In 2014, the Property Room processed 6,821 items. A total of 8,253 items were destroyed per court order. The Property Room deputy also transports evidence to various laboratories for testing purposes. They made 71 lab runs in 2014 with 1,083 items to be tested.

START S.T.A.R.T Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team



START is a multi-jurisdictional, specialized unit, made up of members from Butler County Law Enforcement Agencies who have pooled resources and will respond 24 hours a day to assist with serious traffic accidents by mapping the accident scene and conduct accident reconstruction. START is currently staffed with members from the Butler County Sheriff's Office (3) members, Monroe Police Department (2) members and Fairfield Township Police Department (2) members. All current members are certified in accident reconstruction.

When a serious traffic accident occurs in a participating agency jurisdiction, it is determined by that agency if START is needed to respond or the participating agency can handle the accident themselves. If START is needed, Butler County Dispatch is notified and an "all page" is sent to START members regarding the location of the accident. Members respond directly to the scene with equipment needed to conduct the accident investigation. It is the responsibility of the agency, where the accident occurred, to complete the accident report and file the appropriate criminal charges. START is responsible for mapping and reconstruction of the accident scene and to testify in court if deemed necessary. START conducts monthly training sessions to become familiar with other agency's equipment and the capabilities of all members assigned. This allows the

team to know everyone's strengths, which translates into timely and organized accident investigations. Training sessions also contribute to information sharing in the field of accident reconstruction, legal updates and new technology available.

START has been operational for five years and has proven very successful. Participating agencies have the advantage of getting quality accident reconstruction without having the burden of large overtime costs. Overtime is paid by participating agencies only to their personnel on START and only when that Officer responds to an accident. START investigated 11 fatal accidents in 2014. There were 102 Juvenile related accidents and 111 deer related crashes.

Victim's Advocate

The Butler County Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program was founded in 1997. Program Director, Sara Flynn and advocate, Michelle Lawrence, 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 2014, court advocacy was provided to

approximately 3,199 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. Our 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 all persons have a right to live free of violence and have a voice in the judicial process.

Warrants

The Butler County Child Support Enforcement Agency has a partnership with the Butler County Sheriff's Office to serve CSEA paperwork regarding court hearings and to also serve CSEA arrest warrants. In November 2014 Butler County CSEA was once again recognized as the best overall performing agency in Ohio with caseloads of 25,000 or higher. Butler County CSEA has won this award every year since 2003. In 2014 Butler County CSEA Deputies served over 13,000 court orders for child support hearings. Deputies also made over 1,000 child support arrests in 2014. The partnership between the Butler County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Butler County Sheriff's Office is an example of what can be accomplished when agencies work together to accomplish a common goal to make the lives of Butler County citizens better.

The Warrants Division is responsible for creating and updating the Butler County Most Wanted poster. The success of the Most Wanted poster is due to the strategic placement of the posters around the County and the Citizens of Butler County calling in tips and information on wanted felons.

The Warrants Division has also started the "Weekly Most Wanted", where wanted individuals are profiled on the Sheriff's Office website, Facebook and Twitter.

Welfare Fraud

The Welfare Fraud Investigative Unit was implemented in July 2012. Sergeant Jason Rosser developed the unit protocols and leads the entire unit. Since inception the unit has grown from one investigator to a total of three. Deputies Green Detherage and Mike Gutowski are valuable additions to the unit and each has made positive impacts to the unit. During 2014 there was an increase in investigations related to drug activity in particular the trading and or selling of food stamp benefits for heroin or crack cocaine.

In 2014 the investigative unit received 378 tips of

Welfare Fraud Unit- July 2012 through December 2014

Investigations Initiated	767
Arrests	209
Administrative Disqualifications	256

Total IPV saving to State Treasury	\$13,259,542
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Food Stamp Trafficking 2014

Investigations Initiated	378
Arrests	120
Administrative Disqualifications	143

Total IPV saving to State Treasury	\$8,693,283
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considered administrative disqualification. A one year suspension is automatic for the first offense and two year for second. A third offense results in a life time ban from the food stamp program.

A yearlong effort which combined resources from USSS, USDA and OIU focused on the investigation of retail establishments. The combined investigations resulted in the federal indictment of 2 retail owners,



fraud being conducted by individual recipients. From the tips received, 120 arrests were made with an additional 143 administrative disqualifications. Recipients who agree to a voluntary disqualification of benefits based on facts of an investigation are

12 individual recipients being arrested and 17 administrative disqualifications.

Liberty Township

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 24 full-time Deputies assigned exclusively to Liberty Township. Among these Deputies is the Division Commander, Lieutenant Morgan Dallman. Sergeant Rich Prescott and Corporal Rob Reiff are the second shift supervisors, with Sergeant Ed Tanner leading third shift. Under their supervision these veteran officers oversee seventeen Road Patrol Deputies and three Detectives. Five additional Deputies assigned as School Resource Officers for the Lakota School District in Liberty Township were also added in 2014. 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 2014 Deputies assigned to Liberty Township responded to 17,282 calls for service. These numbers are growing as the population of over 38,000 residents increase and businesses flourish. In May the residents of Liberty voted "Yes" to the police levy which will maintain the Sheriff's Office current services for the next five years.

The Liberty Township contract is the largest patrol contract at the Butler County Sheriff's Office. In 2014 the Sheriff's Office agreed to a five year extended contract with Liberty Township which will continue the outstanding police services that have been provided over the past years.

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 twelve 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 are to 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 counseling troubled youth.

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.



ADMINISTRATIVE



**Captain
Kathryn McMahon**

Bike Patrol

During 2014, the bike patrol was deployed as part of a daily patrol routine, weather permitting. There has been an increase in deploying the Bike Patrol Unit in the Liberty Township area due an increase in population and a new mall being built.

The Bike Patrol, besides their daily routine of patrol are also involved in parades, Butler County Fair and different bike runs. Bike Patrol Personnel, throughout the year, brought their bikes with them mounted on their patrol units so they can utilize the bikes at any giving time during their daily patrol.



The Bike Patrol Unit was able to acquire newer up-to-date uniforms that consists of specialized coats, and pants that are flexible yet keep the Bike Patrol personnel warm and dry. Members of the Bike Patrol Unit for 2014 is Dep. Casteel, Dep. Berter, Dep. Green, Dep. Gipson, Dep. Hensley, Dep. Kellum, Dep. Lambert, Dep. Matala, Dep. Wilson, Dep. Wilmer, Special Deputy Hasselfield, Special Deputy Hartel and Sgt. Tri-Rudolf.

Carry Concealed Weapons CCW

The Butler County Sheriff's Office has been responsible for the issuance of Concealed Carry Licenses since 2004. Corrections Officer Ken Webster and Ms. Vickie Baird are tasked with handling all CCW appointments, background checks, 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.

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 hours of instructions and two hours of handgun proficiency. 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 1,751 new applications and 2,317 renewals issued in 2014. There was also 118 permits suspended or revoked.

C.O. Webster has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office for over 12 years and has been assigned to CCW for the last 2 years. Ms. Vickie Baird has been an employee at the Sheriff's over 18 years.

Civil

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. This includes serving various papers that originate from courts outside Butler County (from other Ohio counties or even from other states), but must be served upon people or business 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 Melissa Gerhardt supervises the "serving process" which is handled by seven part-time Deputy Process Servers, who are occasionally assisted by volunteer Special Deputies.

In 2014, there were 14,167 subpoenas and summons served as well as 730 domestic violence protection orders and 288 civil stalking orders served. That is an average of 1,265 per month. The Civil Division consists of Deputy Don Owens, Deputy Dave Crawford, Deputy Steve Keist, Deputy John Reiring, Deputy Stephan Schwein, Deputy Bill Smallwood, and Deputy Dick St. John.

The Civil Division is also supported by clerical assistants Mrs. Mary Hancock and Mrs. Stephanie Harris. Both of these ladies receive the paperwork from the courts, process it here at the Sheriff's Office and provide it to the deputies to serve.

Citizens on Patrol

In 2006 the Butler County Sheriff's Office began the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. This program begins with citizens of our community wanting to assist and gain knowledge about local law enforcement. These dedicated individuals attend a twelve week citizen's academy run by the Sheriff's Office. During this academy cadets learn about topics ranging from homicide cases to traffic-crash investigations.

After graduation the VIPS can elect to volunteer their time with the Staff Support or Citizens on Patrol Program.

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) are trained volunteers who patrol in a marked cruiser. They assist with traffic control, premises checks, and crime prevention by making themselves highly visible to the public. COP members are in direct communication with Road Patrol Deputies in case any suspicious activity or crime in progress is observed.

In 2014 Citizens on Patrol logged 1,246 hours volunteer time, conducted 678 vacation home checks, 2,133 extra patrol requests and drove in excess of 10,000 miles throughout Butler County.



Explorers

The Explorers are given the opportunity to compete at the National level every other year. In 2014 the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference and Competition was held in Bloomington, IN on the campus of Indiana University. Butler County was 1 of 245 agencies represented at Nationals. Our Explorers were awarded Top 10 finishes in Domestic Violence, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Building Searches, Traffic Stops and Physical Agility. Explorer Lieutenant Jacob Sons finished 6th in the Nation for firearms proficiency.

In December of 2014 Sheriff Jones was pleased to announce the addition of a second Explorer Post. He re-chartered Post 2916 and signed a new charter for Post 2917. Both posts will continue to receive the same top level of instruction as the one post did since 1989. Deputy Connie Rockey, Deputy Brian Romans and Deputy Adam Boyd are assigned as the Advisors of Post 2916. Deputy Matt Kellum, Deputy Nicole Roberts and Officer David Geiger (Oxford Twp. PD). Both Explorer Posts are under the direction of Deputy Matt Ginter.

With the addition of Post 2917 there were promotions within the ranks to help structure the new post. Lieutenant Jacob Sons was promoted to the rank of Captain. Sergeant Lukas Gobell was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Explorer Olivia Gentry was



promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In Post 2916, Sergeant Austin Barker was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Explorer Rachel Pyle was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Honor Guard

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



during tryouts are then selected for the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard consists of fifteen 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 any fallen law enforcement officer.

In 2014 the Honor Guard stood watch over the casket of Deputy Ben Ballinger from the time of his death until he was laid to rest. Deputy Ballinger passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mounted Patrol

The Butler County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol is a



dedicated group of volunteers who are Honorary Special Deputies with the Sheriff's Office. Their duties include promoting positive public relations and providing security at local events as needed. All members share a common interest in horses, law enforcement, and serving their community. A total of 15 members volunteered their time in 2014 at no cost to the citizens of Butler County.

To be a member of the Mounted Patrol, applicants must pass a personal interview, criminal background check, financial background check, drug screen, and horsemanship test. All members must attend a monthly meeting, annual training sessions, and the Butler County Fair each year. Members visit schools, churches, and camps to put on demonstrations for children. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol is an active member of the Buckeye State Mounted Patrol and attends events throughout the State of Ohio.

Public Information Officer

Snow Advisories, fatal crashes, homicides, major drug busts, and sometimes simply Sheriff's Office accomplishments are just some of the types of incidents deemed important for public disclosure. As the "PIO," Sgt. Melissa Gerhardt is responsible for keeping the public and news media informed of these types of events. The providing of accurate, timely information to the Cincinnati and Dayton area television stations, the local newspapers, various radio stations, and national media outlets, is accomplished mostly through press releases. During 2014, a more digital approach has been implemented at the Sheriff's Office through social media. Additionally there are often video messages produced and distributed from the Sheriff, or other employees, for social sites such as Twitter, Facebook and the Sheriff's Office web page. The Sheriff has made several public service video announcements referencing the heroin epidemic in Butler County.

Range

All firearms training is coordinated by Deputy Mike Armocida who is the agency Range Master. Eight OPOTC, Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, certified firearms instructors conduct all firearms training for peace officer certified personnel within the Sheriff's Office. Currently, there are approximately 200 personnel who must qualify annually with their duty weapon, off-duty/backup weapon, shotgun, and patrol rifle if they are qualified to carry one.

Range Instructors include: James Blume, Morgan Dallman, Michael Farthing, Roger Johannes, Randy Lambert, Charles Layman, J.D. Smith, and John Sons. In addition to the annual firearms training, the range staff conducts inspections of all weapon systems utilized by personnel to ensure proper maintenance and safe operation of the weapons. The training facility is also used by outside agencies to conduct their annual firearms training. These agencies include other county, municipal, and federal agencies.

Sheriff Sales

In Ohio, each county 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 Ford and Paralegal Sherry Buchheim.

During 2014, the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed 1,725 initial orders for foreclosure sales of real property, primarily the result of defaults on mortgage payments and/or non-payment of real estate tax bills. A 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. Still, in calendar year 2014, the Sheriff's Office conducted 1,039 actual public auction sales of properties.

Sex Offender Registration Notification

On July 27, 2006 The Adam Walsh Act organized sex offenders into three tiers according to the crime committed, and mandates. Tier 3 offenders (the most serious tier) update their residential address every three months with lifetime registration requirements. Tier 2 offenders must update their whereabouts every six months with 25 years of registration, and Tier 1 offenders must update their residential address every year with 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 2 and Tier 3 offenders, at minimum. It also contains civil commitment provisions for sexually dangerous persons.

Deputies Mike Jacobs and Toby Spencer are assigned to the SORN division, have a combined 40 years of service in law enforcement. Deputy Jacobs has been assigned to the SORN division for 9 years and Deputy Spencer for 5 years. Both deputies conduct address verifications on a regular basis even though it is not a requirement to do so. They also formulate the annual address verification sweep which involves approximately 28 deputies and over a hundred address checks all in one day.

In Butler County alone there are 465 active sex offenders that the S.O.R.N. Unit tracks. In 2014, the S.O.R.N. Unit completed 2,229 registrations (some offenders must register multiple times per year). There were 261 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.

Special Deputies

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 hours per month to fulfill his/her obligations to the Sheriff's Office.

In 2014 there were 15 active Special Deputies serving under the direction of the Sheriff. 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, Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Family Day, 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 unit reports to the Lieutenant of the Administrative Services Section of the Sheriff's Office. The Special

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

SWAT

The Butler County Regional SWAT Team consists of 33 members from seven separate 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 and Trenton Police, Fairfield Township and Liberty Township Fire



Departments, and of course the Sheriff's Office. The membership positions are broken down as follows: Critical Incident Manager- Captain M. Craft; Team Commander- Lt. J. Sons; two Assistant Commanders- Lt. M. Dallman and Sgt. R. Lambert; two team leaders, two assistant team leaders, two entry teams, and one negotiator team. Team personnel include twenty-three entry team members, four snipers, seven negotiators, three tactical medics, and seven members of the Regional HAZSWAT Team. Personnel who are part of the sniper team and HAZSWAT team are cross trained and perform those duties when needed.

The Butler County Regional SWAT team responded to a total of twenty-one (21) callouts during 2014. The team responds to various situations including barricade and hostage/barricade situations, search

warrants for Criminal Investigations and Drug Investigations, fugitive apprehensions, and search warrants for other agencies outside of Butler County. In 2014, the team responded to a total of sixteen high-risk narcotics search warrants for the BURN Regional Narcotics Unit and five barricade situations.



The team trained a total of 108 hours in 2014. Annual Training included topics of Vehicle/Bus Assaults, Dynamic entries, Stealth Tactics, Hostage Rescue, Barricaded Subjects, School Crisis/Active Shooter Response, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Physical Agility Testing, and Man-down rescue.

Training

Training for Today's Threats

Increased gun violence and threats of domestic terrorism, in addition to traditionally anticipated police work, place law enforcement officers at a heightened risk of death or serious injury in the line of duty. Fundamental keys to safety and to the success of our mission are staff development, training and education.



The Sheriff's Office endeavors to conscientiously impart the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively, efficiently and safely so that staff can complete their current assignments while anticipating the requirements of a changing criminal and legal environment.

SFST and Radar/LIDAR

These topics were updated in late 2013 to increase consistency in use across the United States and proficiency in reporting and courtroom testimony. Patrol deputies were the recipient of this training. In addition to classroom lecture, deputies were given the opportunity to practice with the equipment.



Building Searches

Many deputies haven't had skill training in building



searches since their Peace Officer Basic Training. More effective methods have developed over the years. To bring veteran deputies up to speed

with younger officers, each first responder received 8 hours of training in building searches.

Continuous Professional Training

The State of Ohio has re-implemented Continuing Professional Training so this year, all commissioned staff were required to have four hours of CPT. Requirements included at least one hour on a topic related to crimes against the family. The Butler County Sheriff's Office provided on-line training to meet this requirement. Topics included:

- Handling the Autistic Individual
- Effective Communications Skills
- Diversity in the Workplace
- Police & Dog Encounters

Field Training Officer Program

One of the goals of the Training Division is to create an FTO Program that is legally defensible. This entails creating uniformity within the agency's various FTO Programs. The first step was initiated this year with the development of curriculum that could be

taught to a combined class of deputies, court services personnel and corrections officers.

Participants in the first class included: Sgt. Ed Tanner, Erik Betz, Jasen Hatfield, Mike Gutowski, Mike Barger, Shannon Cook, Aaron Sorrell, Terry Carroll and Whitney Tendam.

Fall Firearms Training

All commissioned staff received three hours of



firearms training in addition to the annual firearms re-qualifications. Practicals included: basic marksmanship skills, moving & shooting.

Correction Division Training

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division, as always, had a heavy training schedule this year. Due to an increase in newly hired staff two Corrections Basic Training Academies were required. Lt. Scott Brown was given the helm in the Fall academy. This was his first "command performance." All Corrections staff were re-certified in CPR and ASP/Handcuffing in addition to training in collecting DNA, MRSA, inmate mail, incident reports, report writing, emergency situations, suicide prevention, use of force and liability, subject management, restraint chair, TB, hunger strikes, classification, inmate segregation, sexual harassment and ICE.

Corrections produced two additional instructors: CO Benjamin—Less Lethal Instructor and CO Turco—Pepperball Instructor. These instructors will be utilized to keep staff certifications current.

Elective Training

Several instructors added these topics to their credentials: Radar/LIDAR Instructor, Basic Instructor in OC-Aerosol—Less Lethal, Ballistic Breaching Instructor, Corrections Less Lethal Instructor, and Pepperball Instructor.



Other topics of interest included: Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings, Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents, Bulletproof Mind, Crime Scene

Investigation, Supervisor Liability, and Range Medical Emergencies.

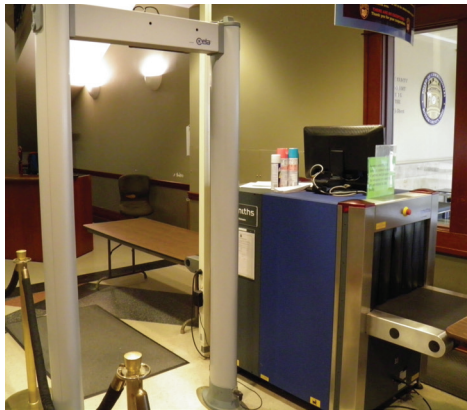
Animal Control Officers, Doug Stubenrauch and Amber Boeing, completed the National Animal Control Association Training Academy. Newly assigned school resource officers—Squance, McMahon and Matala—completed the SRO Training.

Kudos to Lt. Lance Bunnell

Lt. Lance Bunnell was added to the list of Administrative staff who have successfully completed the FBI National Academy. This training enhances leadership skills and provides networking opportunities to its participants.

Court Security and Transportation Unit

The Court Services/Transportation (CST) Unit is responsible for securing various Court related buildings, servicing and assisting the courts, escorting and transportation of inmates/prisoners, and providing security for Children Services. Lieutenant Nick Fisher and Sergeant Jeff Gebhart oversaw the activities of the twenty seven Deputies assigned to this division in 2014.



The men and women of the CST are committed to providing a safe and secure environment during the operations of

the Butler County Court systems, and to ensure the timeliness of court proceedings for those arrested and incarcerated. The primary areas of responsibility includes the seven Common Pleas Court General Division Judges, two Domestic Relations Court Judges, and various Magistrates housed in the Government Services Building on High Street. Additionally, the Court Services Unit serves two judges and their respective magistrates housed at the Juvenile Justice Center on Fair Avenue.

On specific days, additional security is provided at all three of the Area Courts. These are, Area-1 Court in Oxford, Area-2 Court at the Historical Courthouse in Hamilton, and Area-3 Court in West Chester. The unit provides security for the Children Services offices in Butler County. Lastly the unit is also 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 2014, at least 274,000 items were checked through the x-ray machines. Based on those x-rays and metal detector alerts, more than 1000 items, considered as contraband, were stopped at Court Security checkpoints 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.

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 Division is responsible for the movement of those inmates along with the movement of ICE detainees and United State 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 Division drove over 184,000 miles in 2014 transporting 13,000 inmates.

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 600 arrests at the various posts.



**Captain
Matthew Franke**

BRICS

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

The complex nature of this infrastructure requires twenty-four hour monitoring, support and response. Our technicians respond to everything from routine requests for user support to serious technical problems and incidents requiring communications support. In 2014, BRICS Support staff completed a number of large projects, including an upgrade to the county's

radio system that linked it with the state, and the completion of the countywide IP 9-1-1 system.

BRICS 9-1-1 System

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

In Butler County, our eight dispatch centers serve as the PSAPs; five are primary, where calls are



initially answered, and three are secondary.

In 2012, the Butler County 9-1-1 Planning Committee authorized purchase of an IP-

based 9-1-1 system to handle all 9-1-1 calls in Butler County. By the end of 2013, four of the five primary PSAPs had been cut over to the new system. In 2014, all primary and two of the three secondary PSAPs were served by the system. BRICS staff also worked towards becoming one of the first counties in Ohio to implement "text to 9-1-1" services. It was successfully tested, and is expected to become publically available in 2015.



Telephone System Usage Statistics

Incoming 9-1-1 Calls in 2014	208,927
Incoming Non-Emergency Calls in 2014	419,629
Outgoing Calls Processed in 2014	145,934

BRICS Radio Systems

Butler County began using a state of the art 800MHz P25 radio system in 2008. The system was built by the Butler County Board of Commissioners and is operated by the Butler County Sheriff. It supports all fifteen law enforcement agencies, twenty-three fire and EMS agencies and eight dispatch centers that are based in Butler County, as well as hospitals, transit and public works.

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

In 2014, the State of Ohio was in the process of constructing its next generation radio system and, in that process, had been partnering with local radio systems to build a comprehensive, interconnected “system of systems” to improve the ability to talk across borders while saving taxpayer dollars. The system, called MARCS-IP, was expected to be complete in 2015 and operates on the same Motorola P25 platform as the BRICS trunked radio system. Butler County opted to partner with the state, to take advantage of improved interoperability and cost savings. BRICS support staff and Motorola embarked on an intensive upgrade process that involved reprogramming thousands of radios, and reworking the system infrastructure to connect with the state network. All of this work was done in conjunction with an upgrade to the latest system release.

800MHz System Usage Statistics

Push-to-Talks (PTTs) in 2014 8.814 million

This represents the number of times a user transmitted from their radio on the 800MHz system, done so by pressing the “Push to Talk” or PTT button on the radio.

Butler County Radio Users by end of 2014 2,945

This represents the number of radios registered to use the system at Butler County’s public safety and public works agencies.

Service Response

Technicians are on call to respond to problems at any of our 14 tower sites and 8 dispatch centers, which are spread across the county and, in some cases, are outside the county. It’s not unusual for a problem to require a technician at either end of a connectivity problem, or for one person to address the technical issue while another helps users and dispatch centers continue operating despite an outage.

Incident Response

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

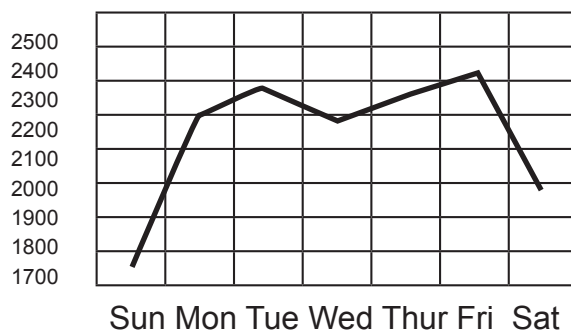
In 2014, the BRICS Support unit took possession of a donated fire truck from Oxford Township, which will be converted to provide mobile power, light and communications resources at incidents and events. This vehicle will work in conjunction with the communications truck and inflatable radio tower that can help provide services for an event or reestablish communications during a disaster.

Dispatch

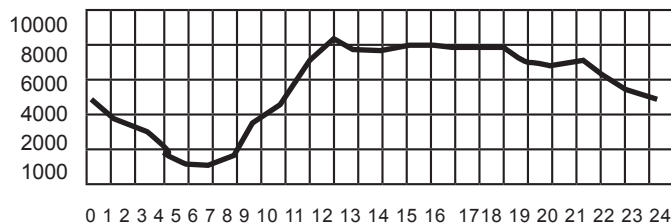
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Communication Division took on the Hamilton Police & Fire dispatching services in December 2013. This essentially doubled the calls for service and the work that was required by the dispatchers on a daily basis beginning in 2014. The center is currently staffed with 2 shift supervisors, 25 full time dispatchers, 7 part time dispatchers, and we have begun the addition of clerical staff to help with the paperwork that goes through our division daily.

The calls for service totaled 150,320 for 2014 in comparison to 80,330 in 2013. A breakdown of our calls for 2014 divided by days of the week and again by the hour of the day:

Calls by Day of Week



Calls By Hour of Day



The Butler County Communications Center is responsible to answer both 9-1-1 and administrative calls on our computerized phone system. The breakdown of phone calls answered in our Center for 2014 is:

Incoming 9-1-1 Calls	103,207
Incoming Admin Calls	188,278
Outgoing Admin Calls	71,277

Support Services IT Services

In 2014 the Sheriff's Information Technology Department underwent a restructuring; Sergeant Mark Ketteler retired in June with 26 years of law enforcement service. Sergeant Ketteler managed the Sheriff's Office computer systems for 24 years and built the majority of the existing systems from the ground up.

Following Sergeant Ketteler's retirement the position of I.T. Manager was filled by Ken Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter has been a member of the I.T. Services staff for 10+ years. Other members of the unit are Ben Berry, who has been with the department since 2013, and new employee Johnnie Allen. Mr. Allen brings 10+ years of private sector I.T. experience to the Sheriff's Office.

The largest project undertaken by the unit in 2014 was merging the Hamilton Police records system into the Sheriff's existing TriTech records system. Merging the two records systems allows for seamless data sharing as well as a significant cost savings to the taxpayers.

Other major projects completed this year include the installation of an updated e-mail server, implementation of a GIS system, updated electrical service and backup power for the server room, and replacement of the primary file server for the Sheriff's Office.

Projects planned for 2015 include updated backup software, new backup hardware, firewall replacement, and virtualization of some critical servers. These upgrades will improve the reliability and scalability of the data systems; moving Sheriff's Office technology into the best possible position to for future consolidation with additional agencies.



Deputy Dog Warden

Sheriff Richard K. Jones took over the duties of the Butler County Dog Wardens Office. At the time, the Dog Wardens Office consisted of 3 full time Deputy Dog Wardens and a Chief Dog Warden. Deputy Dog Wardens Kurt Merbs and Julie Flanagan transferred under the Sheriff bringing with them 34 years of experience. Sheriff Richard K. Jones is now the Dog Warden for Butler County. Deputy Merbs was promoted to Supervisor and hired were Deputy Amber Boeing and Deputy Jamie Hearlihy.



The job duties of the Dog Wardens consist of calls for dogs at large, license enforcement of dogs, dog bites, and dog attacks assisting the Butler County Sheriff's Office and local Police



Departments in search warrants, and selling dog licenses. Also the Deputy Dog Wardens are all certified Humane Officers and 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 dog wardens work an 8 hour shift however the job does not stop there as the Dog Wardens office is on call 24/7 for emergency situations that arise.

In 2014 the Dog Wardens drove more than 71k miles, impounded a total of 2,067 animals either to the shelter or back to the owners, wrote 1,427 citations and 199 written warnings, handled 528 counts of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment cases, and wrote 28 citations for cruelty or abandonment and 53 Humane Warnings. The Deputy Dog Wardens 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. The Deputy Dog Wardens have recently taken over full time duties in the City of Middletown which along with the City of Hamilton is the busiest areas worked.

Caisson

The Butler County Sheriff's Office acquired a military caisson in 2000. The caisson and all associated equipment were acquired through donations to the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The caisson is pulled by two horses belonging to Morris Vangordon. Mr.



Vangordon also drives the caisson during funerals. Traditionally, a caisson was used to carry fallen personnel from the battlefield.



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

The Caisson was used in 2014 to carry our brother Ben Ballinger to his final resting place.

Deputy Ballinger lost his courageous battle with cancer in May of 2014.

The Caisson Unit is currently under the command of Lt. Todd Langmeyer



**Captain
Dennis Adams**

Jail and Medical Corrections Division

An Overview

The Butler County Jail is a multi- million dollar business operation with the goal of providing a safe environment for the employees as well as the inmates who visit the complex. When an inmate enters the jail complex they immediately are aware of the professionalism of the staff and the expectations of their behavior as 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 has been a driving force in assuring the jail is used to its maximum potential. He has implemented numerous changes to 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's a state of the art facility that houses not only

Butler County inmates but also contracted inmates for the US Marshal's, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement and Bureau of Prisons. Contracted beds are also available for inmates of other county



jurisdictions. All inmates are received, booked and released from this facility. Last year alone, over 12,600 inmates were booked into the facility. An equal number were released. The jails are a 24/7 operation.



Classification Unit

Upon entering the facility, the 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 30 days to assure no changes to their classification are warranted.

Trusty Program

The Butler County Sheriff's Office utilizes inmate labor to help offset costs in their everyday operation of the Department. Work details are coordinated by a Trusty Coordinator who qualifies and assigns inmates to their details. In 2014, inmates worked on inside details (Commissary, Kitchen, Laundry...) and outside details (Grounds Crew, Maintenance, Miscellaneous Details...) for a total of 152,017 hours saving the County \$1,208,535 in labor cost.



Inmates worked in our facility and also assisted 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 to assist in the kitchen with the preparation of all three meals for all the inmates. Inmates who work are eligible to receive "Good Days" from their sentencing Judge after they work at least thirty (30) days. Inmates can earn up to three (3) "Good Days" for every thirty (30) days worked an example would be: Inmate works for ninety (90) days he or she is eligible for nine (9) "Good Days" for their work.

PRIDE Detail

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 towards the program as well. During 2014 the Chain Gang worked 462 hours and collected 3348 bags of garbage

while walking many 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 streets.

Inmate Discipline

Rules and regulations must exist in any correctional facility to maintain order and inmate and officer safety. Upon entry into the facility, inmates are issued a handbook which outlines the facility rules and consequences if they are not adhered to.

Inmate rule violations can be punishable by loss of commissary, loss of visitation or even in the more extreme cases, physical isolation 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 2014, over 2568 such hearings were held.

Jail 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.

Inmate Services

Inmates use our Inmate Services Division 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 2014, she responded to 22,748 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 16,077 indigent packets were distributed.

Medical Services Division

Medical services are provided to the inmates/detainees through our Medical Services Division. Inmates/detainees are medically screened upon entering the facility to discern chronic care needs or medication requirements. Those who require additional medical care during their stay may make the request by filling out a “green slip.” Much like an Inmate Service Request, these requests are submitted to the medical staff to assess and arrange the appropriate medical treatment.

The medical staff performs sick-call visits in each block daily based off these requests. On an average day the staff responds to 60 open orders which are made up of sick calls and screenings. The Doctor and Physician’s Assistant visit the facility 3 times per week to see inmate/detainees and address their medical concerns through a Provider Sick Call.

The Medical Department is comprised of a Medical Administrator, Curt New, a Medical Director Anthony Abdullah M.D., 2 Medical Supervisors, 1 part-time R.N. for immigration detainees, 1 full-time Pharmacy Tech, 4 full-time medics, 15 part-time medics, 1 part-time LPN, 1 physician’s assistant and 1 dentist. Also within the Medical Services Division is Transitional Living Inc., which is a contracted service which addresses the mental health concerns of the jail population.

ICE 287(g) Program

The Butler County Sheriff’s Office houses offices for local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents employed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Daily duties for agents in the Criminal Alien Program include the investigation, apprehension, and detention or deportation of criminal aliens encountered in the state of Ohio. Butler County 287(g) program officers encounter criminal aliens suspected of being illegal in the Correctional Facility and have the responsibility to perform the same duties as ICE agents. During 2014, over 148 Criminal Aliens were placed into removal proceedings through the Federal Immigration Court in Cleveland, Ohio. A video connection to the court allows detainees to attend legal proceedings 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.

Central Records

Carla Duke is the supervisor of Central Records. Central Records Division personnel serve the public, government agencies and all divisions within the Butler County Sheriff’s Office. It is the first point of contact for the public when entering the Sheriff’s Office building. Several services are provided by the Records staff including; fingerprinting BCI&I (state) and FBI (national) web checks, local background checks, public record requests, inmate/attorney visits, video arraignments for inmates, collection of inmate commissary money and copies of accident and criminal offense reports and release of towed vehicles.

Central Records processed 7,590 and validated 3,512 offense and incident reports created by the Patrol Division. Central Records brought in more than \$98,100 through fingerprinting, local background checks and accident report copies. They provided over 2,700 free background checks for our Armed Services and other government agencies and 1,829 free

accident and 6413 free Report Copies to the Courts, the public and other agencies. The Records Division is also responsible for assisting with updating inmate files and processing releases. We also processed 22,660 Inmate Service Requests and 14,345 inmate Indigent Giveaways for the Corrections Division. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Central Records Division is proud to serve the citizens and agencies of Butler and surrounding counties.

Pipe and Drum Corps

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

The band practices several times a month. Beginner lessons are provided for the Great Highland Bagpipes and Scottish drumming techniques by senior band members at no cost. Performances include services for Fallen Officers, Firefighters, Military and Community Leaders as well as parades and services such as



Veteran's Day, 4th of July and Memorial Day. The cost to outfit one member can be well over \$2000. To offset the cost to volunteers, the band receives donations and grants through the Hamilton Community Foundation to assist in outfitting each member. The Sheriff's Office and the public incur no cost for the operation and maintenance of the Pipe Band.



Instruments used by the band include the Great Highland bagpipes, Scottish Snare Drums, Tenor Drums and Bass Drums. The band is currently seeking experienced players or those seeking to learn to play the bagpipes.

2014 Retirements

Corrections Deputy Merlin Hoover

1/17/2014

Deputy Jerry Steverson

3/31/2014

Deputy Dale Paullus

3/31/2014

Corrections Sergeant Chester Luttrell

4/24/2014

Deputy Todd Cordes

5/31/2014

Sergeant Mark Kettler

6/30/2014

Sergeant Monte Mayer

7/30/2014

Deputy Douglas Hale

8/31/2014

Captain Kathryn McMahon

8/31/2014

Deputy Thomas Lentz

10/30/2014

Deputy Elbert Gray

11/20/2014

Sergeant Kent Hall

11/28/2014

Corrections Deputy David Green

11/28/2014

Captain Mike Craft

11/30/2014

Executive Secretary Pamela Stroup

11/30/2014

2014 Promotions

Corrections Deputy

Timothy Adams to Deputy Sheriff

1/25/2014

Corrections Deputy

Andrew Schroeder to Corrections

Deputy Sergeant

2/14/2014

**Technician Ken Carpenter
to Information Technology Manager**

5/31/14

Detective Ron Owens to Sergeant

8/6/2014

Detective Joe Fuller to Sergeant

11/13/2014

Deputy Joe Ventre to Detective

11/13/2014

**Sergeant Rick E. Bucheit
to Lieutenant**

12/17/2014

**Detective Hung Tri-Rudolf
to Sergeant**

12/17/2014

Deputy Mike Barger to Detective

12/17/2014

Lieutenant John A. Sons to Captain

12/19/2014

**Corrections Deputy Charles Young to Corrections
Deputy Sergeant**

12/23/2014

