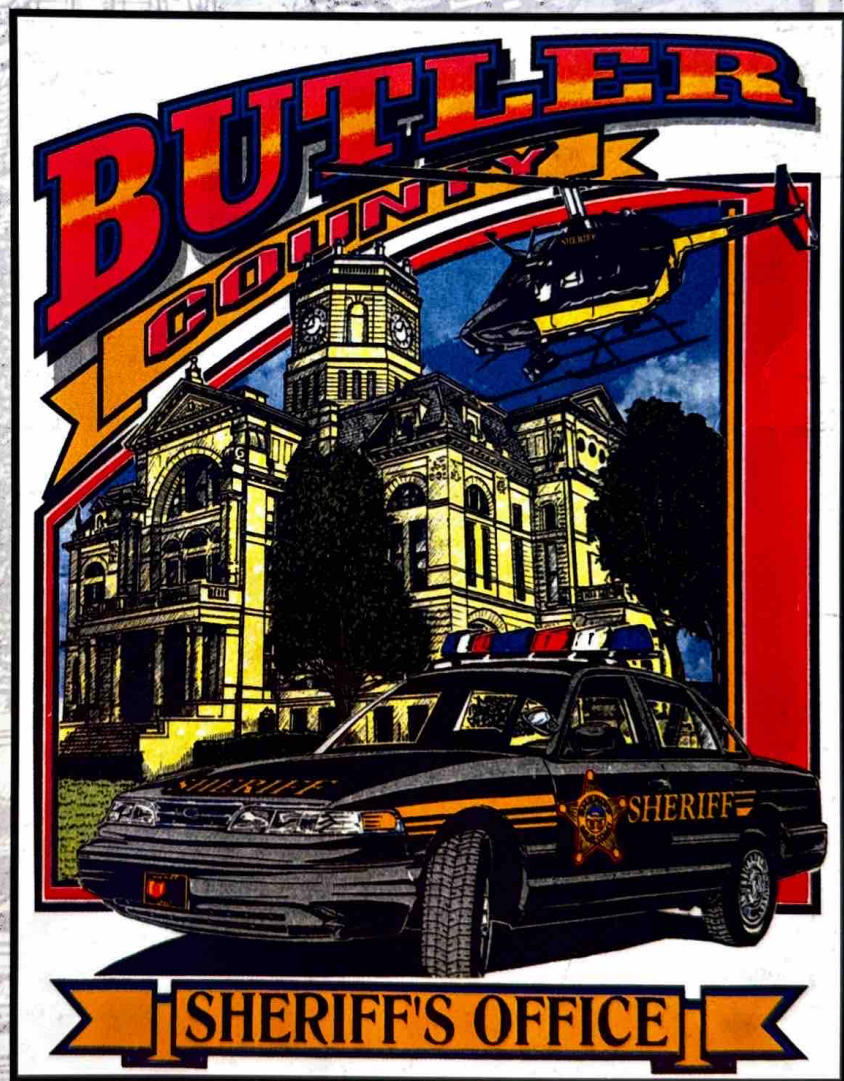


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1998 Annual Report*



Sheriff Harold Don Gabbard

Butler County Sheriff's Office



1998 Annual Report

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Introduction

To All Butler County Residents,

I proudly present to you the 1998 Butler County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. This "yearbook" explains in narrative and quantity, the responsibilities and accomplishments carried out by the employees of the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

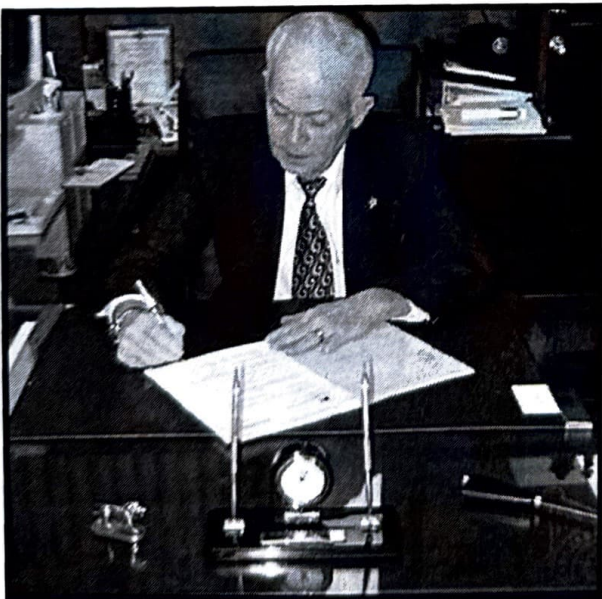
Our jobs are a vital and necessary part of the communities within which we live and work. The women and men of the Sheriff's Office are proud to carry out their duties in an exemplary and professional manner. Their dedication plays a large role in helping to make Butler County a safe and great place to live.

As evidenced by the rapid growth and numerous subdivisions under construction, this is an exciting time for the Sheriff's Office. We accept the challenge of keeping Butler County safe, no matter how large the population and numerous the businesses become. We have begun the long road of computerization to allow us to enhance our proactive and reactive law enforcement. We continually train our employees to keep them abreast of all the changes happening around us. We have traveled many roads of alternative funding for our needs. For example, we have helicopters free from the government, and contracts to add deputy sheriffs to the force in various areas.

We have a Bike Patrol, Marine Patrol, Aviation Unit, SWAT team, Fugitive Unit, Drug and Vice Investigations Unit, Motorcycle Patrol – just to mention a few and not intended to leave out anyone. All are included on the pages that follow.

I am very proud to be the leader of such a group of employees. They are dedicated to protect and serve in the most knowledgeable and professional manner possible.

When you see a cruiser on patrol or a deputy sheriff in uniform, know that they are there for you. They are to be commended for the care that goes into their responsibilities – protecting you – the citizens of Butler County.



Sincerely,

Harold "Don" Gabbard
Butler County Sheriff

“OUR PHILOSOPHY”

“OUR PHILOSOPHY”

- Our Citizens are the “Most Important” people in our profession.
- Our Citizens are not dependent on us... “We” are dependent on them.
- Our Citizens are not an interruption of our time... they are the “Purpose” of it.
- Our Citizens are not asking for a favor when they call... We are doing our “Duty” by serving them.
- Our Citizens are a part of our office...Not “Outsiders”.
- Our Citizens are not a cold statistic... They are Flesh and Blood human beings with feelings and emotions like our own.
- Our Citizens are not persons with which to argue or match wits.
- Our Citizens are people who bring us their concerns... It is our work and job to satisfy those needs.
- Every call reported to us is “Important” ... and is very important to our citizens.
- Our Citizens are deserving of the most “Courteous and Attentive” treatment we can give them.
- Our Citizens are the “Lifeblood” of our business and profession.

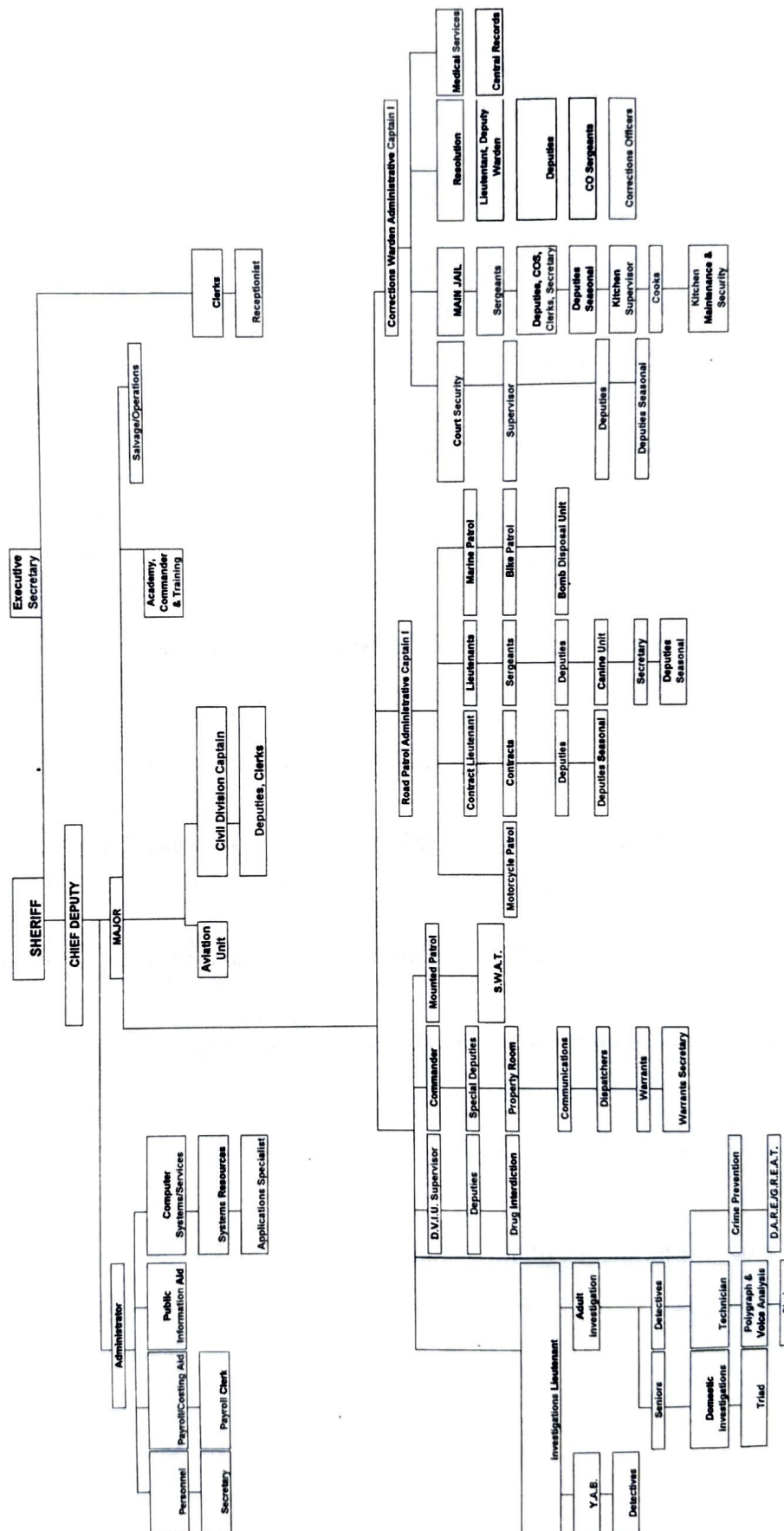
“OUR MISSION”

“Enhancing the quality of life in Butler County by reducing the crime and fear of crime.”



Harold “Don” Gabbard
Butler County Sheriff

BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Sheriff's Office Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression, the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others, honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of law enforcement. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself, before God, to my chosen profession...Law Enforcement.

Sheriff's of Butler County

BUTLER COUNTY HALL OF SHERIFFS



James Blackburn
William Mc Clellan
John Wingate
William Mc Clellan
James McBride
Pierson Sayre
Samuel Millikin
John Hall
Pierson Sayre
William Sheely
Isreal Gregg
John K. Wilson
William Elliott
Fred VanDerveer
Aaron Schneck
Peter Murphay
Joseph Garrison
A.A. Phillips
A.J. Rees
R.N. Andrews
W.H. Allen
Marcellus Thomas
F.D. Black

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1804-1806 Ike Rogers
1806-1809 Frank Krebs
1809-1812 William Brucks
1813-1816 Peter Bisdorf
1817-1820 Luke Brannon
1821-1824 Andy Graf
1825-1828 Harry Metcalf
1829-1830 Frank Pepper
1831-1834 Rudy Laubaugh
1835-1838 Luther Epperson
1839-1842 George Sloneger
1843-1846 John Schumacher
1847-1848 Charles Walke
1849-1850 Paul Pell
1851-1855 James Hixson
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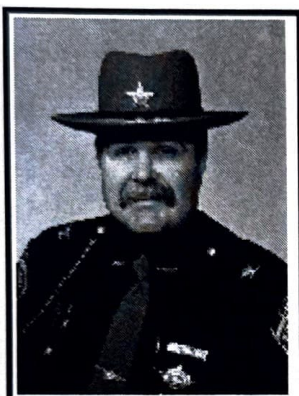
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Harold "Don" Gabbard
1993- Present

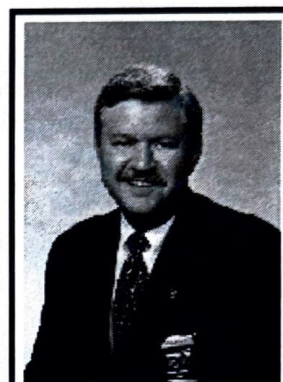
Administration and Command



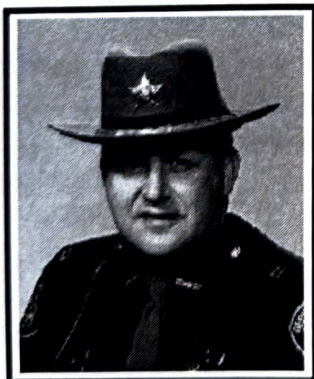
**Sheriff
Harold Gabbard**



**Chief Deputy
Rick Jones**



**Administrator
Randall L. Smith**



**Major
Rick Sizemore**



**Captain
Mike Grimes**

Support Personnel

Pam Stroup is the Executive Secretary to Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones. She is responsible for maintaining all information and paperwork relative to their responsibilities as Sheriff and Chief. She schedules and arranges for their appointments and travel as necessary, maintains the Sheriff's furtherance of justice account and tracks the budget figures through regular monthly account meetings.

Pam also issues all identification cards to employees, special deputies and business specials. Maintaining current information on them in the computer for future access.

In addition to Pam's daily tasks she is also charged with organizing various functions, business special dinners and Buckeye State Sheriff's Association meetings hosted by this Sheriff's Office.

Executive Secretary Stroup is also the supervisor of Receptionist Debbie Osterman, and Account Clerks Susan Riley and Vickie Baird.

Receptionist Debbie Osterman is the first person individuals who visit the operations and investigations building encounter. She also handles all incoming calls and routes them as necessary. It is important that Debbie has full knowledge of all the basic functions of the various divisions of the Sheriff's Office, as well as knowing when and where to transfer callers who have questions on subjects handled by other county offices.

Clerks Vickie Baird and Susan Riley are responsible for a variety of accounts payable and receivable for the sheriff's office.

These positions are always subject to changes and require flexibility on the part of those assigned to carry out and complete their tasks.



Pam Stroup



Debbie Osterman

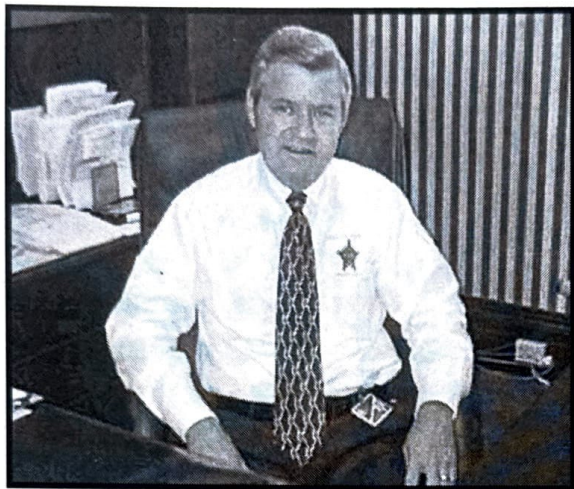


Susan Riley



Vickie Baird

Personnel



Administrator Randall L. Smith

Sheriff Gabbard's commitment to providing excellent service to the residents of Butler County is the inspiration for every employee. The size of the Sheriff's Office, has grown to 277 fulltime and part time employees at the end of 1998. This number includes 184 Sheriff's Deputies full and part time, 41 Resolutions employees, 31 Contract Deputies, contracted through the Townships and the 21 Medical Services Group employees that have returned to the Sheriff's staff. Randall Smith oversees the operations of the Personnel Division, the Public Information Division and Computer Services. The duties within the Personnel Division vary from tracking employee records, accounting, payroll, promotions, retirements, overtime and vacation along with many other responsibilities not specifically mentioned.

Donna Brewer is the Secretary for the Division. Sheila Robinson is the clerical person assigned to perform the payroll duties for the Division. Tony Brandenburg is assigned to oversee payroll and to assist Mr. Smith with Budgeting and Costing Reports for the Sheriff's Office.

The Personnel Division stays quite busy as the Administration meets the challenges of today, and projects the needs of tomorrow for our Sheriff's Office.



Donna Brewer

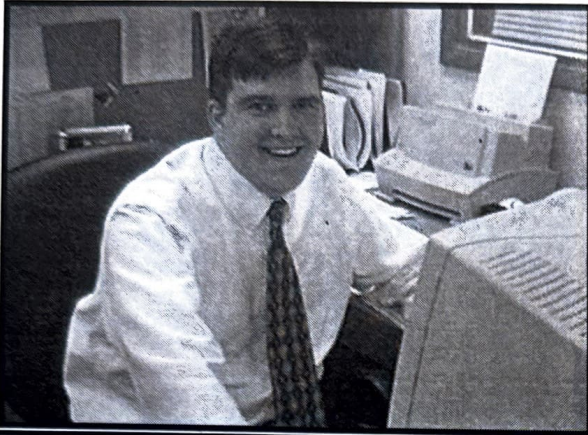


Tony Brandenburg



Sheila Robinson

Public Information



Bradley Kraemer, Esq.

An important aspect of the Sheriffs' Office is keeping the news media and the public aware of sheriffs' office activities. Again, due to the tremendous growth of Butler County and the Sheriff's Office and advances in equipment, the responsibilities of this position have increased. Due to the geographic location of Butler County it is necessary to provide information to seven television stations, nine newspapers, and eleven radio stations on a daily basis and sometimes even several times daily. Bradley Kraemer is responsible for providing this information through press releases, scheduling of interviews, and news conferences.

When not performing these responsibilities Bradley, who is also a licensed attorney, is responsible for the processing and assisting of departmental litigation as necessary. He performs legal research for the department and he also drafts the contracts for our contract deputies. Bradley also aids the Administrator in labor contract negotiations.



Sheriff Gabbard addresses the Press



**Major Sizemore at James Lawson
Press Conference**

Computer Services

One Unit Serving All the Others

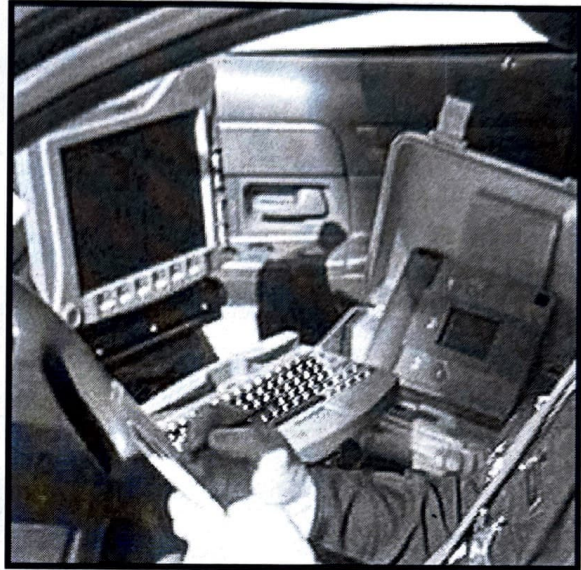
The Sheriff's Computer Services division is the only unit of the Sheriff's Office that directly interacts with, and supports all the other divisions. Computer Services, under the direction of Administrator Randall Smith, is responsible for all the computers, peripherals, and software in the Sheriff's Office. Supporting all this equipment and its users keeps division staff, Sergeant Mark Ketteler and Specialist John O'Hara very busy. In order to keep track of all the projects and requests for service, the division established a "Request for Service" form to be filled out and submitted by the requesting staff member. Computer Services received and completed 309 of these written requests in 1998. In addition to the written requests, Computer Services gets dozens and dozens of "emergency requests" where a users system is non-functioning resulting in a work stoppage. Calls of this nature always get immediate response.

Computing on the Road

One of Computer Services larger projects in 1998 was the procurement and installation of mobile computer workstations in the Sheriffs patrol cars. Working with four other police agencies in Butler County, the Sheriff's Office took part in the large task of establishing a county wide mobile data communications system. Funded by a matching federal grant, the Sheriff's Office was able to purchase 20 Motorola workstations with radio modems, and software. Expected to go on-line in 1999, these units will eventually be able to communicate with the communications center, State and National databases, and the other four agencies in the project. In addition, future enhancements may allow automated reporting and citation reducing repetitive data entry. Computer Services is proud to be a part of this technological advance in law enforcement.

Computing on the World Wide Web

Sheriff Gabbards administration is always looking for new ways to fight crime. Computer Services assisted once again by getting the Sheriff's Office on the World Wide Web! Sergeant Ketteler donated the many hours



Sheriffs' New Mobile Data Computer

it took to create the initial site to ensure that support would not suffer at the office. The site contains information about virtually all of the Sheriff's divisions as well as crime prevention tips and current news. The Sheriff's Office intends to utilize www.butlersheriff.org extensively in the future using information to help in the fight against crime.

Computing Between Users

An email server was added to the Sheriff's Office network in 1998 to more effectively pull together communication between users. This email server allows for group scheduling, distribution lists, message routing, group task management, and "public" information areas. Training on the use of this new tool will be a priority in 1999 to maximize its usefulness. Alpha-Paging through the network became a reality in 1998. This technology allows users to send alpha-numeric pages through the network without a modem on their individual computer. Dial-up connectivity to the server for email access from the sub-stations was initiated at the end of 1998 and should be implemented in 1999. Computer Services is making great strides in getting the Sheriff's network streamlined into a very beneficial component in the Sheriff's Office.

Court Security



Sgt. Manson K. Laney

The primary function of Court Security is to provide and maintain a safe environment within the Courthouse. Under the supervision of Sgt. Manson K. Laney, as well as ten other Deputies, security is supplied to Butler County Juvenile Court, and Butler County Children Services, Butler County Human Services (Hamilton and Middletown Branches). Deputies provide additional alarm services to the Butler County Administration Building, Butler County Soldier & Sailor Monument, Butler County Child Support Enforcement Division, and PIC/ETA.

Persons entering the Security Post of Butler County Common Pleas Court will enter the only entrance/exit. This is the main door on the Court Street side of the Courthouse. All persons will be stopped inside the doors and asked to place any carry in baggage on the x-ray machine conveyor belt and then asked to empty everything from their pockets onto the table between the two upright metal detectors before passing through the metal detectors. Should the person cause an alarm on the metal detectors that person will be hand scanned with a hand held metal detector.

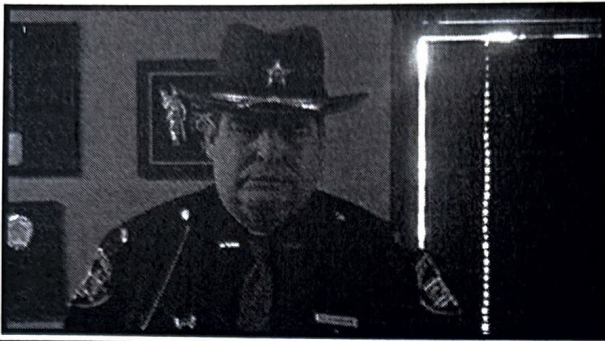
All persons entering the courthouse found carrying any contraband will have the contraband confiscated, either for the time it takes for that person to conduct his/her business, or it may be kept permanently with possible criminal charges filed.

All persons having business in Butler County buildings are encouraged to leave all pocket knives and any other sharp instruments at home as they will be held while they are in the courthouse. By leaving these items at home it will expedite their time through the security post.



Deputy Brockman checking for contraband on a visitor at the courthouse.

Honor Guard



Lieutenant Jim Sizemore

We would like to thank Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones for all of their support and encouragement with the Honor Guard, without them this special service would not be available.

The Honor Guard has been active since Aug 19, 1996 under the direction of Sheriff Harold Don Gabbard with Lt. Sizemore being in charge of the unit.

The following people have also been very active in the unit since it was re-activated Randy Lambert, Karen Gilbert, Nick Fisher, Jason Rosser, Kim Peters, James Blum, Terry Kiefer, Joe Ventre, Phil Clark, Steve Stewart, Cory Watson, Mat Maxwell and Rick Woods.

The functions of the Honor Guard are to perform several different activities such as, the Memorial Day Parade, the Fourth of July Parade, and the Fire Prevention Parade all in the city of Hamilton.

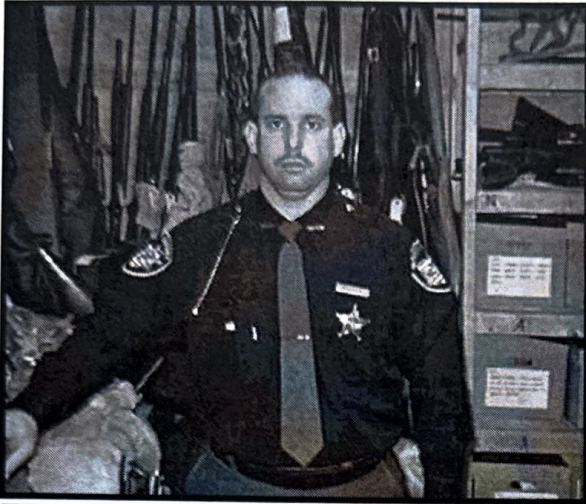
On May 13, 1998 the Honor Guard was called on to post colors at the Business Specials Dinner at the Receptions Hall in Fairfield, also on June 18, 1998 the Honor Guard posted colors at the FOP hall for an Awards Ceremony to honor a few of our fellow officers for the jobs they have done.

The Honor Guard also had the sad duty to pay last respects to two of our fellow police officers by standing at their casket side and by having a graveside service where they presented the families with an American Flag, gave a twenty one gun salute and C/O Ventre played taps as a final tribute.



Honor Guard Shows the Colors

Explorers



Deputy Dan Berter

The Butler County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, has established Explorer Post 916.

The program is designed to instruct youths that show an interest in law enforcement. The Post meets every Thursday night from 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM to practice police techniques and to learn the many facets of police work.

Over the past few years, the Post has grown in size and there are now approximately thirty explorers active in the Post. Participants range in age from fourteen to twenty-one. There are currently four deputies who serve as advisers to the Post. Deputy Dan Berter is the Post Adviser and he is assisted by associate advisers Deputy Dale Stewart, Deputy Jeff Duke, and Deputy Cliff James.

Throughout the year, the explorers provide assistance to the department by directing traffic, finger printing children and other support functions. In 1998 the Explorers attended numerous Fairs, Festivals, and Parades. Along with the annual competition where they finished second in the domestic violence scenario and

finished third place over all in the competition.

Sheriff Gabbard is pleased with the number of participants in the explorer program and hopes that we will have continued success.



New Explorer's Unit

Pipe & Drum Corp

The process of turning members into Bagpipe and Drum players has been difficult, all most all members had to learn how to read music and then that basic skill was transferred to what is called a Practice Chanter which is similar to a small flute.

Once the members of the Unit accomplished playing the "scales" and a few simple songs, that knowledge was then transferred to the Bagpipes which is the most difficult music instrument of all to play due to the physical conditioning required to keep the instrument inflated.

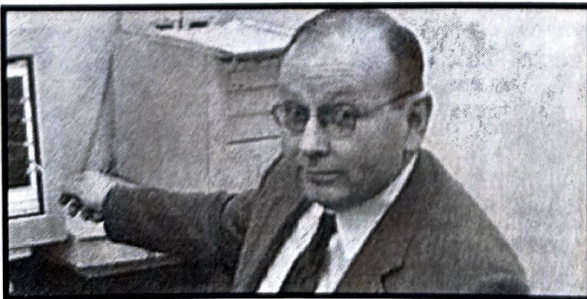
When the members were able to play a few songs on the Bagpipes, the very difficult task of having all members play together was then accomplished.

After all members could play several songs as a Unit, then the group attempted to march and play at the same time, and after many hours of training this was also accomplished.

This Unit is a very strict militaristic Unit, that has practice training each week, and all members have donated their own time with no cost to the taxpayers at all.

The Unit has received donations, held public functions, sold raffle tickets, in order to obtain the Bagpipes and Drums, and also the uniform that is worn by all members.

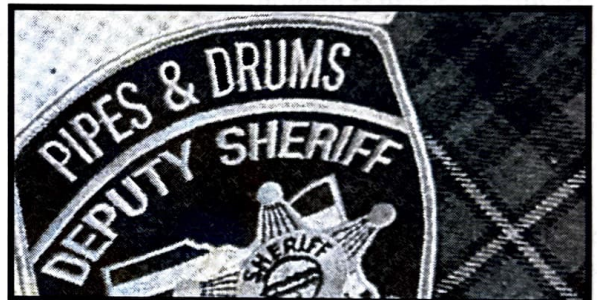
The Butler County Sheriffs Bagpipe and Drum Corps is now a totally self sufficient Unit, as they now teach new members to read music, play the chanter and the Bagpipes, and then play and march as a Unit.



Detective Frank Smith



Deputies Bower and Smith



Pipe and Drum Corps Patch

The Butler County Sheriffs Office Pipe and Drum Corps is very proud of all the accomplishments that have been made in 1998, and looks forward to 1999 for continued improvement and success.

TRAINING

Four members attended an 80 hour course at the Balmoral School of Highland Piping.

The entire Unit had 41 group training sessions, which were about two hours each in length.

FUNDING

The Unit held two public dances, and several raffle drawings.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Unit performed at ten memorial services.

Pipe and Drum Corp

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

Sheriffs Dinner at Receptions.
Desert Club Meeting.
Middfest in Middletown.
Commissioners Recognition Dinner at Receptions.
High 12 Club at Masonic Lodge.
Candlelite Services at Butler County Court House.
WKRC Channel 12 (Live Cincinnati TV Show).
Christ Jonson Benefit Concert.
Butler County Veterans Memorial Park Ground
Breaking.
Masonic Memorial Services.

PARADES

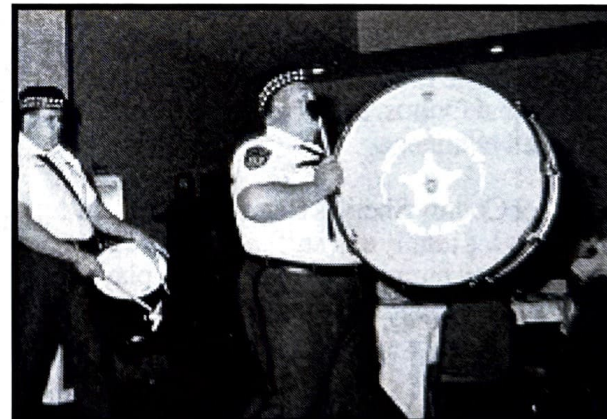
4th of July Parade in Hamilton.
Union Township Funfest Parade in Union Township.
Trenton Family Festival Parade in Trenton.

AWARDS

Received "Best of the Parade Trophy" in Union
Townships Funfest Parade.
Received "2nd Place trophy" in Trentons Family
Festival Parade.

GOALS

The projected goals for the year 1999 is to attempt
to increase the size of the Unit to about 40 members
so that the Unit will be able to perform at multiple
locations at the same time.

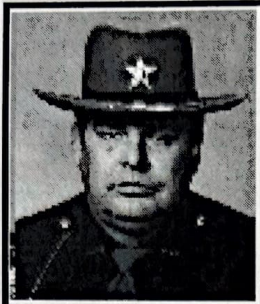


**Pipe and Drum Corp performing at the
Businessmens Special Dinner**

Promotions 1998



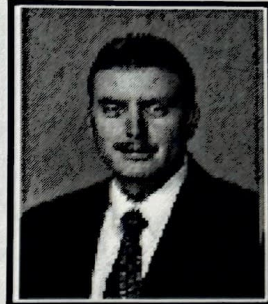
Richard Sizemore
Major



Jim Sizemore
Lieutenant



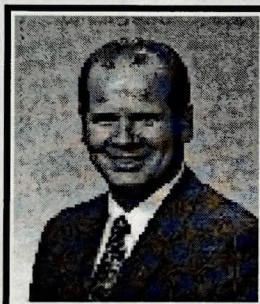
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Detective



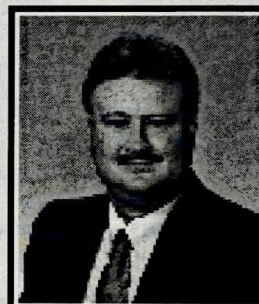
Robert Beebe
Deputy



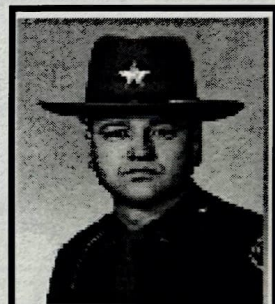
John Campbell
Sergeant



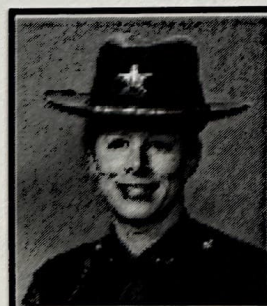
Mike Craft
Sergeant



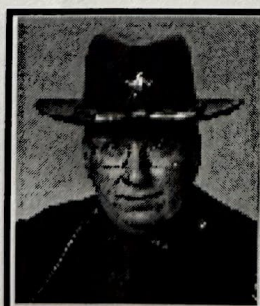
Dave Runnells
Deputy



Steve Sprague
Deputy



Jean Collett
Sergeant



D.B. Smith
Sergeant



Vickie Baird
Clerk

Retirements



Martha Swank



Deputy Fred Davis



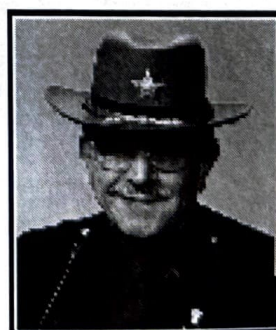
Sergeant Al Hughes



Sondra Bush

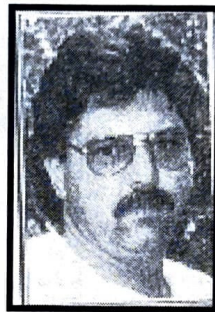


Capt. Dale Golden



Sgt. Lonnie Jones

In Memory 1998



Corrections Officer Rick Woods

Born: February 14, 1958

Deceased: November 1, 1999

You Will Be Missed

Honored Employees



**Deputies Dewey Hall and
Mike Jacobs**



Deputy Mike Needham



**Deputy Brett Casteel and
Deputy Don Tolley**



**Lieutenant Anthony Dwyer and
Detective Katie McMahon**

The Year in Review

Fairfield high teacher dies

Infirmary
Crowding let
inmates let
headed to ch
var SD ring
five

Ob inmates
headed to ch
var SD ring
five

Sheriff wants
prisoners

Hamilton alligator saga continues with reptile's exile

Butler sheriff
wants 'tent jail'

Butler cruisers going online

The Year in Review

Torso was remains of Middletown woman

5-19-98 HJN

Durkin was missing; last seen Feb. 16

By Lauren Pack
For the Journal-News
MIDDLETOWN

The woman whose torso was found along the Great Miami River last month has been identified.

Lt. Tony Dwyer of the Butler County Sheriff's Office said the



Police bring Durkin back to Middletown

Suspect to appear in municipal court Wednesday

By Mary Loll
and Ed Richter
Journal Staff Writers

After a three-month manhunt, James Lawson is finally back in Middletown.

An unmarked police car eased into the police garage late Monday with two detectives in front, and Lawson alone in the back seat. Another police cruiser blocked the circular drive leading to the police station.

Lawson, accused of killing Durkin, was taken to the police station.

Durkin, had eluded police since Sept. 1, when a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was arrested Saturday in Ky., after the family learned he was living with them. He was living with them when he was living with them on Thanksgiving Day. He continually dodged a video camera taping holiday festivities.

When Lawson arrived at 4:20 p.m., detectives Frank Hensley



Lawson



Peck guilty in body parts case
Mother of murder suspect admits to two felony charges

Garfield has still not been apprehended on a warrant for that homicide. Police allege the killed

12-1-98 MJS

Mounted Patrol

Sheriff Gabbard has a high quality Mounted Patrol led by Special Deputy Captain Joe Rich. At the end of 1998, the Mounted Patrol consisted of twenty-six volunteer members. Members of the unit are primarily special deputies. The unit volunteered over 2200 hours this past year.

Each deputy is responsible for his/her own equipment and their horse. They are also responsible for the transportation of their horse to and from events. Each horse goes through training and certification and can only be used for the Mounted Patrol upon completion of this training. Most members have a second certified horse as well.

Deputies on horseback fill a much needed role during events with large numbers of people, especially those containing groups with contrasting views. The riders and horses are highly trained to withstand hostile contact with large crowds should the need arise.

The Mounted Patrol is also used for manhunts when someone flees from a crime scene or an inmate escapes custody. The Patrol can be used to aid in the

search for missing persons. They have also been used for security at major events, such as the Butler County Fair.

Other appearances by the Mounted Patrol include the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dam Fest, the State Parade in Delaware, Ohio, Halloween Subdivision Patrols and the Sheriff's Hit the Streets Program.



Mounted Patrol on Parade



Members of the Mounted Patrol

Warrants



Warrants Clerk Carol Walton

The Warrants Division consists of: Sgt. Lonnie Jones, Warrant Processor Carol Walton, Deputies Mark May, Clint Burton, and Paul Newton. They are under the supervision of Commander Art Sauerwein. This year 3,421 warrants were received, of which 1,124 were felonies. A total of 3,511 warrants were cleared, 1,028 of them were felonies.

The Warrants officers also process Rule 4's and Extraditions. When a fugitive from justice is arrested outside of this or an adjoining counties jurisdiction, this paperwork along with a hearing must transpire with the Common Pleas Court. If a person outside our jurisdiction is arrested and they do not waive extradition a Governors Warrant must be obtained through the Governor of the State of Ohio.

Our warrants office receives, maintains, and executes warrants for the Common Pleas, Domestic Relations, Juvenile, Area I, II, III, and other courts that may originate a warrant for a persons arrest.

Generally our warrants officers will retrieve an arrested fugitives from justice. Those caught that involve travel time of more than 8 hours are contracted to a company that in turn transports them to our facility.



Deputies making a warrant arrest

Crime Prevention

- A helpline for reporting potential threats
- Staff training
- A public awareness campaign.

Neighborhood Watch is another example of community mobilization. Through Neighborhood Watch, residents learn how to be the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Office. They also learn how to report suspicious activities. Our goal for 1998 was to be able to maintain the level of Neighborhood Watch programs that were implemented the previous year. One method used was a Neighborhood Watch newsletter. This kept the Neighborhood Watch captains informed of activities that were taking place, pertinent information about crime, and safety tips. Several of the captains organized their own activities such as Kids' Days or block parties. Our staff was always welcomed guests at these events.

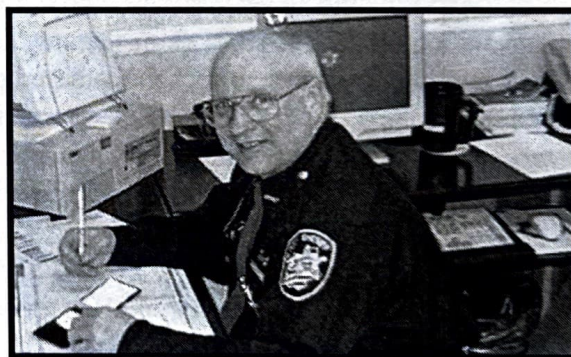
The Crime Prevention Unit continued in its endeavor to introduce deputies to the communities in which they work through the "Taking it to the Streets" program. The Mobile Education/Situation Unit became a temporary sub-station which was set up in a designated neighborhood, usually in conjunction with Neighborhood Watch. Residents were notified of the event and encouraged to visit our display. The Crime Prevention Unit conducted nine of these events with very positive feedback from the participants.

In true community-oriented spirit, the Crime Prevention Unit, several other members of the Sheriff's Office, area businesses, the Central YMCA and St. Joseph Consolidated School made it possible for 32 children to enjoy an afternoon at the Shrine Circus. Filled with popcorn, cotton candy, and a few other treats these underprivileged kids had an enjoyable afternoon watching clowns, elephants, and acrobats perform. The deputies, who also enjoyed the afternoon's events, pro-

vided a positive role model for the kids. They showed our young people that deputies are really sincere people who want to share themselves with our youth. In Butler County, Kids really do Count!



Sergeant Marian Olivas



Deputy Monte Mayer

D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office belief in our youth is evident in its support of the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. programs. It's not unusual to question the effectiveness of any first rate program. D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. have received their share of criticism! Would these same critics support the elimination of driver's training because teenagers continue to have accidents? No, they encourage the driver's training coordinators to intensify their programs.

D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T are joint ventures between the Sheriff's Office and the school districts aimed at giving students the necessary skills to live drug free and violence free lives. Education is provided to students in grades K-7 by a uniformed deputy. The D.A.R.E. core curriculum is provided to fifth and sixth graders over a 17 week period. The curriculum is modified to provide an abridged version to students in grades K-4. G.R.E.A.T. targets primarily seventh grade students with the message that violence is not the way to solve their problems. There is a version of G.R.E.A.T. that is taught at the fourth grade level in some of the schools.

These programs differ from other school-based prevention efforts in several ways. First of all, it is continuous versus short term or one-shot programs. For example, by the time a kindergartner reaches the fifth grade, he/she would have had 18 sessions of D.A.R.E. In fifth grade, he/she will receive 17 additional sessions. Another important element of the program is the time spent with the students out of the classroom. The deputy eats lunch in the cafeteria with the students instead of in the teacher's lounge. In addition, the deputy will participate in recess with the students. This time allows the students to get to know the deputy in a more relaxed atmosphere. Butler County D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. instructors are a part of the schools' "Just Say No" clubs, Red Ribbon Week events, mentoring, and latchkey programs.



Students spreading the Message



Crime Prevention Trailer



Kids Taking Part in D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T.

Their work is not limited to the schools. The D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. officers participated in many other activities that involved the students. One of these activities was the second annual D.A.R.E. to be Safe Day sponsored by the Hamilton Meadows Kroger's. The Butler County Sheriff's Office joined the Hamilton Police and Fire Departments in setting up displays and providing activities and food for the many people who attended the event. Again, one of the highlights was the "Dunk-A-D.A.R.E. Officer" booth. D.A.R.E. graduates from all over the county came to dunk their favorite D.A.R.E. instructor.

Innovation, motivation and creativity are desired qualities of a Butler County D.A.R.E. officer. The deputies rely on these qualities to inspire their students to choose a healthy life style. Deputy J.D. Smith challenged his fifth grade students to a poster contest. The four winners became Deputy Smith's guests at the D.A.R.E. Day with the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks. Although they enjoyed the hockey game, it was the time they had with their deputy that they liked the most. Deputy Karen Gilbert shared her experience as a member of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Unit with the students at Edgewood Middle School. Deputy Gilbert escorted the students on a bike tour through parts of St. Clair and Wayne Townships. The purpose of the bike tour was to promote healthy, drug-free living. Deputy Rick Johnson's dedication was evident in his desire to remain with the Crime Prevention Unit during the summer months. His participation in the multitude of summer time fairs and festivals helped him maintain a positive relationship with his students.

Sgt. Marian Olivas is a true, working supervisor. She maintained her own schedule of D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. classes, in addition to her other responsibilities. In May Sgt. Olivas took a team of fifth grade students from St. Julie Billiart School to the Southwest Ohio D.A.R.E. Challenge at the Law Enforcement Expo. Her efforts paid off as the team

scored enough points to be in the finals. St. Julie Billiart School, the only Butler County team to compete, placed second in the overall event.

These deputies reached more than 6000 Butler County youth in grades K-7. The Sheriff's Office provided the D.A.R.E. program to four school districts including: Talawanda, Madison, Ross, and Edgewood. There were also six parochial schools involved, including: St. Ann, St. Julie Billiart, St. Peter in chains, St. Joseph Consolidated, Sacred Heart, and Queen of Peace. In addition to these, the Sheriff's Office serviced the Butler County Children's Day Treatment Center, which is run by Butler County MRDD. The G.R.E.A.T. program reached students in the Ross and Edgewood school districts, as well as St. Ann's, St. Julie Billiart, St. Joseph and Queen of Peace.

How effective are these programs? The words of an Ohio businessman best summed up the answer to this question when he stated, "It takes 30 SWAT officers to catch one bad guy. One D.A.R.E. officer can reach 1500 young people with positive, supportive, prevention messages." In Butler County, four deputies reached over 6000 young people. You do the math! It takes a village to raise a child. The Butler County Sheriff's Office is proud to be a part of that village.



Taking the Message to the Streets

Butler County Racing Team



Racing Team's '71 Duster

This was a very exciting year for the Sheriffs' Office Racing Team. The Racing Team's purpose is to educate children on the dangers of drugs, gangs and violence.

The Racing Team featured a 1971 Plymouth Duster with a Chrysler 440 High Performance Engine. The driver of the car is Deputy Dave Marcum with depu-

ties Clint Burton, Mike Nutt and dispatcher Gina Buchannon as pit crew members. The team has recently added a new crew chief, Brett Procacinni who brings valuable experience to the team. The Team's best 1/4 mile time is 10.07 seconds and it has reached speeds up to 130 MPH.

This year's accomplishments include being the United States Eastern region Cop Car Champion at the National Trails Raceways in Columbus, Ohio, a runner-up finish in the "Steer and Gear" Bracket Championship and a runner-up finish in the NHRA Division Three "Quick 8" Shootout. The Team was also featured on television as the "Hotrod of the Race" on NHRA today and at the Pontiac Excitement Nationals.

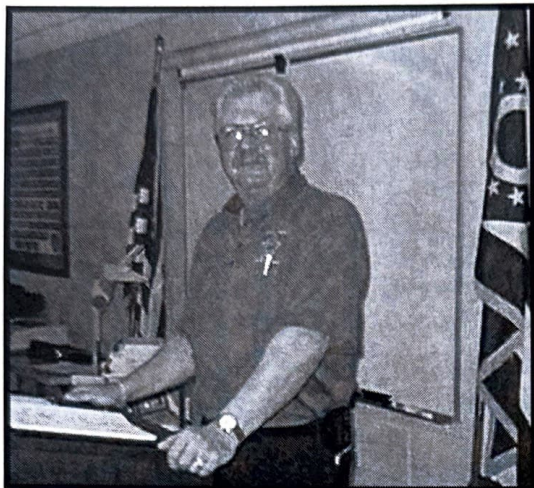
The team is sponsored by numerous local businesses. These contributions make the team possible and the team would like to thank them for their generosity.

Next year will be even more exciting as the Racing Team will become the first law enforcement agency to feature a rear engine dragster. This will enable the dragster to travel at an estimated 155 MPH.



Racing Team's New Dragster for 1999

Training Division



Commander Joe Rooks

Having well trained officers creates the foundation for a professional organization. For the Butler County Sheriff's Office, this task is being accomplished by Commander Joe Rooks, deputy Training officer Cliff Dye and a staff of approximately fifty part time instructors from throughout the area.

The Training Division is responsible for coordinating all seminars and in-service training for the Sheriff's Office, as well as operating a state of Ohio certified basic police and basic corrections academy. The basic Peace Officer Training Academy is offered to newly hired deputies and police officers throughout the Tri-County area. Cadets that are selected for the Sheriff's Academy are put through a vigorous screening process that eliminates nearly 60% of the applicants. This screening process consists of a background, driving and criminal history as well as a drug screen and polygraph examination. A report is then submitted to the Board of Admissions for final approval. The process is very extensive because Sheriff Gabbard wants to make every attempt to eliminate unacceptable persons from his academy. In 1998, five different sheriff and police organizations utilized the Sheriff's Office Basic Peace Officer Training Academy.

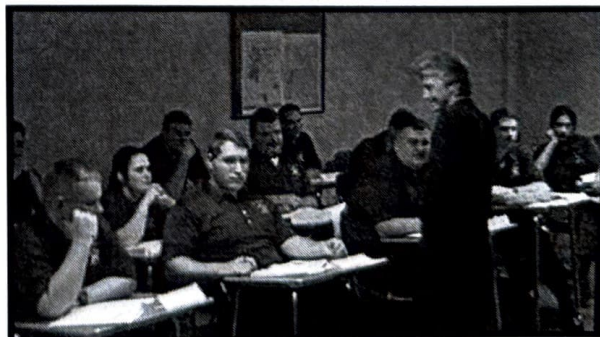
The training Division has implemented new curriculum for the basic Training Academy in 1998. With the help of Dr. Jeff Baker, a sixteen-hour criminal profiling course has been added to the Basic Training Academy. The course is designed to give the new officer an edge in recognizing a violent offender. New and innovative curriculum that is added to the Butler County Sheriff's Basic Training Academy is what makes it one of the best in the state.

The Sheriff's Office also offers a Basic Corrections Academy. This 120-hour academy is designed to give the new correction officer the tools to perform his/her duties in a highly professional manner.

Sheriff Gabbard's Training Division coordinated a total of 8,570 hours of continuous education for Butler County Deputies. Some of the training was conducted in-house and other professional associations conducted some across Ohio and other states. This is an average of 60.8 hours of continuous education for each deputy, an increase of 22 hours of continuous education from the previous year.

The Training Division also offered various advanced classes this year in areas such as Street Survival, Crime Scene Processing and K-9 training. All deputies were permitted to attend this advanced training for the betterment of the community.

Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones have given their permission to construct a new outdoor range in 1999, complete with a computer controlled target system. The range will be constructed without any taxpayer dollars.



Detective McMahon Teaches

Canine Unit

May 1998, "Deputy Nero" joined "Lieutenant Bess", "Lieutenant Arm" and "Deputy Alex" in Sheriff Gabbard's canine arsenal. As in the past, these dogs have proven to be a great asset to the Sheriffs Office. Lieutenant Bess, a Black Labrador, is used strictly for narcotics detection. Lieutenant Arm, Deputy Nero and Deputy Alex, German Shepherds, are cross trained in narcotics detection and the apprehension of humans. The four canine's are assigned to shifts suitable for their use, but in a moments notice can be called out for their specialty. The canine unit has been involved in numerous public showings in "Take it to the streets". The canines have also aided local school districts in the detection of illegal narcotics, which has shown to be a great deterrent for conveyance of narcotics on school property.

Lieutenant Bess, a seven-year-old Black Labrador, joined the Sheriffs Office in February 1995 and is the oldest member of the canine unit. The first half of 1998, under her handler Darryl Sizemore, was part of Sheriff Gabbard's "Highway Interdiction Team". For the remainder of 1998 Lieutenant Bess and Deputy Sizemore were assigned to the Road Patrol Division and assisted in the detection of large amounts of illegal narcotics and the confiscation of large amounts of money.

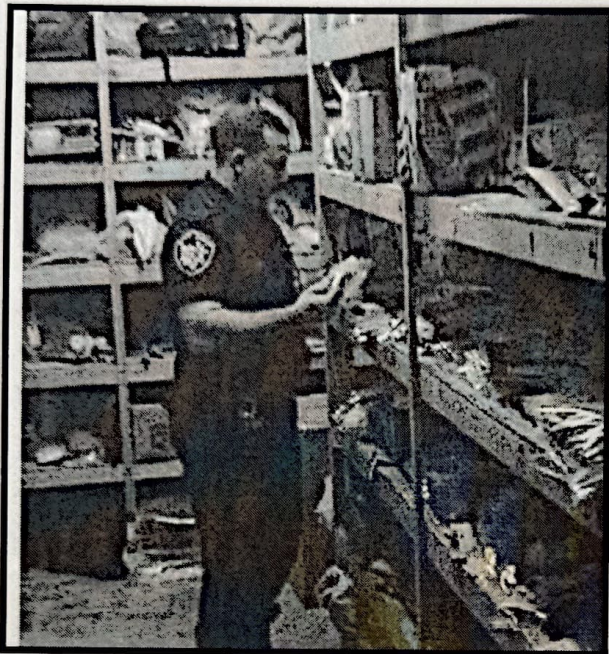
Lieutenant Arm, who was promoted from the previous year, joined the Sheriffs Office October 1996. Lieutenant Arm a four-year-old German Shepherd and his handler, Deputy Don Tolley, are also part of the Road Patrol Division. Lieutenant Arm has assisted in the apprehension of numerous suspects by tracking through fields, woods and buildings. Lieutenant Arm had his first human bite when he assisted the Hamilton City Police Department with the apprehension of a suspect who had broken into a local school. Lieutenant Arm located the suspect who then ran from the building. Deputy Tolley warned the suspect that the canine was present, but the suspect would not give up. Lieutenant Arm apprehended the suspect by sinking his teeth into the fleeing suspect showing that he was no match for Lieutenant Arm.

In June, 1997, Sheriff Gabbard along with Liberty Township Trustees added the third canine to the unit, Deputy Alex. Deputy Alex, a German Shepherd, received a new handler/partner in August of 1998, Deputy Arthur Brickles. Deputy Alex and his handler Deputy Brickles are assigned to the Liberty Township Contract Division and has shown that with vigorous training and dedication it is possible for a canine to excel with a new handler/partner. August through December Deputy Alex assisted other deputies in the apprehension of eleven suspects, six of those being felony arrests. Soon after Deputy Brickles assumed the position of handler of Deputy Alex, the team was requested to track a suspect who had robbed and fled from a local business establishment on foot to a wooded area. Deputy Alex picked up track and located the suspect right away. Like Lieutenant Arm, Deputy Alex shows specialty in tracking, building searches and narcotics detection. Deputy Brickles and Deputy Alex have shown their worth as a team for Liberty Township.

May 1998, Sheriff Gabbard added his fourth canine to the Canine Unit, Deputy Nero. Deputy Nero is a two-year-old German Shepherd. He and his handler, Deputy Jason Rosser are assigned to the Road Patrol Division. Deputy Rosser and Deputy Nero received their training, as did the other canines, in Mississippi. Like Lieutenant Arm and Deputy Alex, Deputy Nero is cross trained in narcotics detection and the apprehension of humans. Since May Deputy Nero has shown his worth as a canine by assisting deputies in the apprehension of fifteen suspects, seven of those being felony arrests. The most exciting apprehension came after a short vehicle pursuit, where Deputy Nero leaped from the patrol car chasing a fleeing felon. Deputy Nero tackled and detained the felon until Deputy Rosser arrived.

When people choose to travel in Butler County with illegal narcotics or run from the strong arm of the Butler County Sheriffs Office, watch out, you may be tracked by Sheriff Gabbard's canine arsenal!

Property Room



Deputy Dan Berter

The Property room is operated by Deputy Dan Berter under the supervision of Commander Art Sauerwein. In 1998 the property room handled evidence from 1,407 cases. The chain of custody and integrity of this evidence is extremely important. These cases include thousands of items that must be logged to and from the property room as needed, for testing at the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, the Court, and items to be returned to its owner. Blood and Urine for criminal cases needing processed for drug and alcohol content are also handled by the property officer.

Once a year cases are researched and determination is made as to what items can be destroyed by court order. A burn permit is obtained from the Ohio E.P.A. and a large pit is dug at the Butler County Engineers Office and drug items are destroyed by fire. The Sheriff or Chief Deputy must witness this and the proper paperwork is filed with the Clerk of Courts as to its disposition. The burn this year was very significant and

consisted of the following; 7-8 lbs. of Cocaine with a street value of \$317,000. 300 lbs. of marijuana street value \$540,000, 5-6lbs. of crack cocaine street value \$227,000, 2 lbs. prescription medicine with a street value of \$50,000, and 2lbs. of miscellaneous items. The combined total of the burn was at least \$1,134,800. This speaks very highly of the job well done by the Drug and Vice Unit and Road Patrol.

Other non valuable items are disposed of at the transfer station by Court order. Items of value are sold at County Auction and proceeds are turned over to Butler County's general fund.

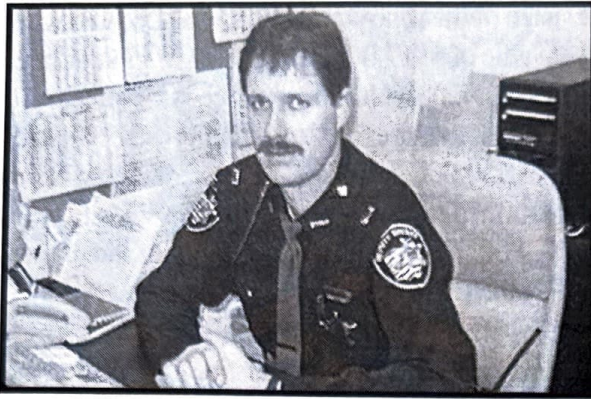


Chief Deputy Jones Starts Drug Burn



\$1,134,000 in Drugs Destroyed by Fire

Special Deputies



Commander Art Sauerwein

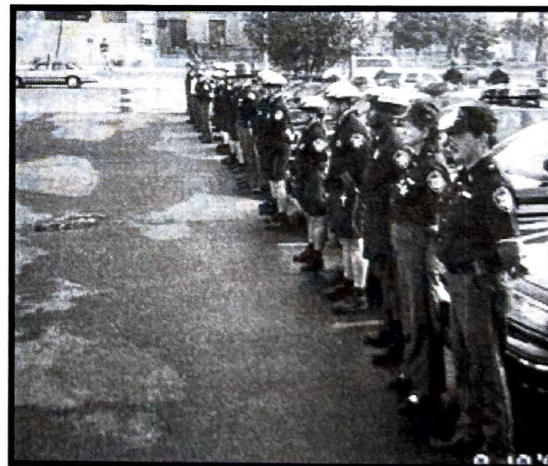
The Butler County Sheriff's Office is supported by Special Deputies under the supervision of Commander Art Sauerwein. They are volunteers that are State certified and hold the same authority as full time Personnel. Generally they have other full time occupations.

Special Deputies assist the department by providing manpower where shortages arise in everyday operations. They also provide coverage in special events like parades, festivals, and the fair. Manpower is a major concern with any department, and quite often, there are not enough officers. Specials provide the added assistance during trials, DUI checkpoints, and provide added visibility by monitoring area Businesses during the Holiday season to deter robberies. The Special Deputy Division continues to prove itself invaluable to the Citizens of Butler County.

The Butler County Special Deputies Division currently has a total of 55 active members. These Deputies are put through a very thorough back ground check and polygraph to obtain the "cream of the crop". Donating their time provides an excellent way for the Administration to observe who is best qualified for full time hire when hiring a replacement. 98% of the new hires for this reason come from the Special Deputies Unit and are of proven top quality. Many of them were hired as Corrections Officers this year. This has made for an active year recruiting new Special Deputies.

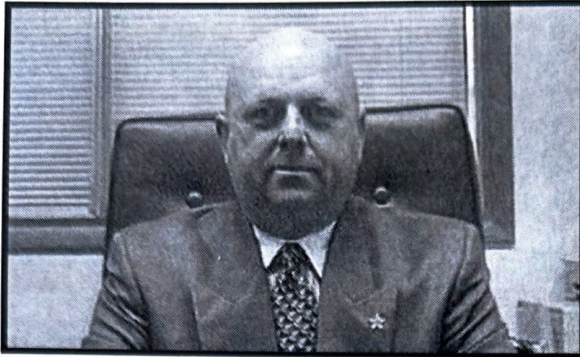


Butler County Special Deputies



Specials Aid in Warrant Saturation

Salvage Yard/Towing Operations



Deputy Chuck Barrett

The Ohio Revised Code requires that county Sheriff's inspect all salvage and towing operations within their jurisdiction semi-annually. Sheriff Gabbard has assigned this responsibility to Deputy Chuck Barrett. In Butler County there are 9 such Salvage / Junkyard Operations licensed by the Auditor's Office of Butler County. There are also 9 towing operation facilities that Deputy Barrett is also responsible for.

The major reason for inspecting these facilities is to locate the registered vehicle owners, and proceed in processing "unclaimed" vehicles to the state. Law Enforcement agencies as well as private property owners tow vehicles that later go unclaimed. Deputy Barrett must try to locate the rightful owners in a timely manner. If no owner can be found, Deputy Barrett can assist the Salvage / Towing Yards in obtaining a new title to a vehicle in question.

In 1998, Deputy Barrett along with the Butler County Sheriff's Office Computer Services implemented a computer system for the Salvage Yards / Towing Operation. With this system in place, Deputy Barrett has evaluated and processed more vehicles for the Butler County Sheriff's Office than has ever been done in the past. Deputy Barrett processed 221 unclaimed vehicles in 1998, of which Salvage Titles were obtained on 92 of those vehicles and Junk Titles were obtained on the remainder. These titles are obtained through

the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to obtaining the titles, Deputy Barrett begins the process of attempting to locate the registered owner or lien holder of any vehicle in question, by getting background information on the vehicle. Once all the information is received and gone over and the proper paperwork is sent via Certified Mail to those vehicle owners or lien holders that are entitled to the information. Deputy Barrett will send all the proper paperwork and a sworn Affidavit to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for Title approval. When the information is received back from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Affidavit will give the Salvage Yards / Towing Operators the right to sell, or otherwise dispose of the vehicles in question. This process takes approximately 60 to 90 days from start to finish.

Civil Division



Lieutenant Wendall Meade

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Civil Division is operated under the supervision of Lieutenant Wendell D. Meade. Lt. Meade, along with a staff of two Clerks and five Deputies, serve the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, and the three Butler County Area Courts. The Civil Division is also responsible for services mandated by other Ohio courts as well as nationwide courts having transactions within Butler County.

The Civil Division is responsible for serving criminal and civil subpoenas, divorce complaints, domestic violence protection orders, property foreclosures, delinquent tax sales, and any other documents required by Ohio Revised Code to be served by a representative of the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

The Civil Division clerical staff, Bobbie Ford and Melissa Falk, are responsible for keeping the monumental influx of paperwork flowing smoothly from the Courts and out to the Civil Division deputies who serve these documents.

In 1998, staff and deputies completed process of 40,570 documents. Deputies drove over 30,000 miles to make service of these documents. In addition, 153 Executions and Writs of Possession were processed and served. As a result, \$94,791.74 was recovered and returned to the plaintiffs. Foreclosure sales of real estate and delinquent tax sales totaled \$13,678,057.91. A total of \$168,620.58 was returned to the Butler County Treasurer.



The Civil Division

Criminal Investigations



Lieutenant Anthony Dwyer

DETECTIVE DIVISION

When asked to list the most important social issue that we face today, the crime rate is always at the top of the list. The one sure method to reduce a criminals ability to prey on society is the incapacitative effect of jail. The primary responsibility for follow up investigations of reported crimes to the Butler County Sheriff's Office rests with the Detective Division. This Division is under the command of Lieutenant Anthony E. Dwyer and is divided into two major groups;

- crimes committed by and against juveniles, also known as Youth Aid Bureau (YAB)
- crimes committed by and against adults, also known as Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

In 1998 the Detective Division investigated approximately 4000 reported criminal offenses. The most notable and horrendous case in 1998 was the murder of Cheryl Durkin. In early April, Ms. Durkin's torso was found on the bank of the Great Miami River in Hamilton, Ohio. Her body had been dismembered with a power saw removing her head, arms and legs. In June, the investigation focused on James Lawson of Middletown. After months of intense investigation the case was broke open when a family member led investigators to two shallow graves, one in Preble County Ohio and one in Indiana. This development gave investigators enough information to seek a warrant for Lawsons arrest. Lawson had already fled the area, and a nationwide manhunt began with Lawson being featured on the nationally syndicated show "Americas Most Wanted". In

late November Lawson was eventually located and arrested in Carrollton, Kentucky. Lawson was extradited back to Ohio and is now awaiting trial for murder.

YOUTH AID BUREAU

The Youth Aid Bureau is supervised by Sergeant Mike Thacker. Detectives Mike Laney, Tom Gibson and Debby Branigan are assigned to the division with each one being responsible for investigating crime in a geographical area of the county. Some of the most common investigations conducted by this division are;

- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Missing Persons
- And a variety of unruly offenses including assaults, criminal damaging and menacing

Youth aid officers perform many nontraditional police functions. Each officer not only has the responsibility of investigating criminal offenses, but they must also act as counselors to the youths they come in contact with.



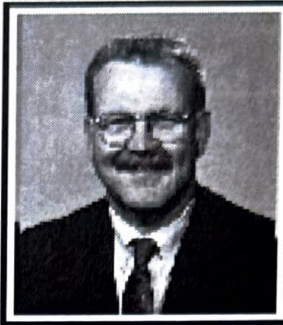
Sergeant Mike Thacker

Criminal Investigations



Detective Sergeant Mike Craft

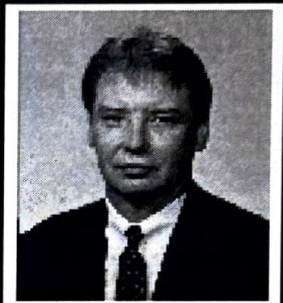
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
The Criminal Investigations Division is supervised by Sergeant Mike Craft and is subdivided into four areas; general investigations, domestic violence, polygraph and sex offender registration. Detectives Dave Rumpler, Katie McMahon, Jan Carpenter, John Sons and Ken Hardin are assigned to conduct all general investigation reported to the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Each officer works a specific geographical area and investigates a wide variety of reported crimes. Burglaries, rapes, robberies and homicides are the most serious crimes investigated by these officers. Detective Rick Laggenbauer follows up on the roughly 700 reports of domestic violence filed throughout Butler County. Detective Frank Smith is the division polygraph operator and administers polygraphs for criminal investigations, pre-employment applicants and for those who want to attend the police academy. Deputy Carrie Schultheiss coordinates the activities and registration of all sex offenders in Butler County. Deputy Schultheiss tracks the offenders addresses and is responsible for notifying local law enforcement, neighbors and schools when a sex offender moves into their area



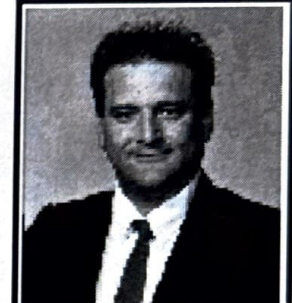
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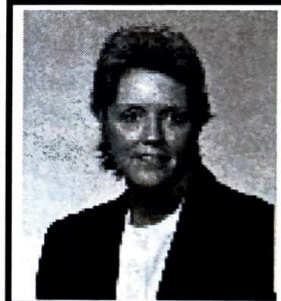
Det. Rumpler



Det. Carpenter



Det. Laggenbauer



Det. McMahon



Deputy Carrie Schultheiss

Victim Assistance Program



Linda Stephens

The Victim Assistance Program was created in June 1997. Their mission is to empower victims of misdemeanor crimes by serving as the liaison of communication between the courts and the victim, providing support both during and after a victim's involvement in the court system. Support services include: crisis intervention, emotional support, victim notification, victim of crime compensation claim forms, restitution support, court escort, and assistance in the preparation of protective orders in specific cases of domestic violence in both civil and criminal court. We believe all persons have a right to live free of violence and to have a voice in the judicial process.

The Victim Assistance Program works in conjunction with the Butler County Area Courts I, II, and III, Hamilton Municipal, and Domestic Relations court. This program has expanded to the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas in regards to assisting victims of stalking. In July of 1998 a law was passed providing relief for victims of stalking. The stalking civil protective order follows guidelines similar to those of the civil protective order set up to protect victims of domestic violence. The stalking protective order currently provides relief for persons who are not related or have not previously lived together. Prior law did not allow for acquaintances or strangers to obtain a protective order.

The provisions of the new stalking protective order and law are as follows:

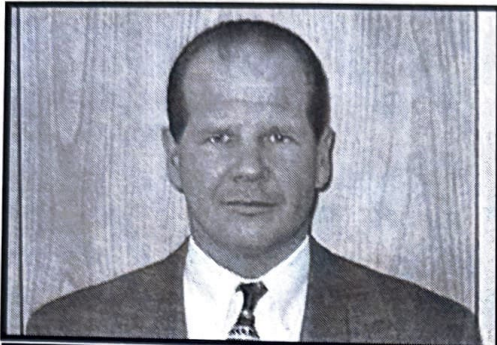
- Provides relief for strangers and acquaintances
- Allows registration of protective orders between counties
- Makes violation punishable both as a crime and as contempt of court
- Makes the protective order effective for 5 years
- Allows a victim advocate to accompany the victim through all judicial proceedings
- Orders the respondent to stay 2 blocks away from the victim
- Orders no telephone contact
- Orders the respondent not to harass, molest, or abuse the victim

The Victim Assistance Program is dedicated to providing support to victims of crime not only through the court process, but also through the healing process of a victim of crime. If you or a family member need our services feel free to contact the Victim Assistance Program at 887-3430.



Marietta Roy

Triad / Senior Safety



Sergeant Mike Craft

What is TRIAD? TRIAD is a county wide program developed by Sheriff Gabbard in 1996. The purpose of this program is to reduce the victimization of the elderly. Sheriff Gabbard realized the need to develop specialized programs to help the seniors in Butler County. An agreement was signed between the Butler County Sheriff's Office, local chapters of the A.A.R.P., senior centers, hospitals and other senior oriented agencies. The program is tailored to meet the needs of our seniors in Butler County which focuses on reducing the fear of crime and improving the quality of life for seniors.

Detective Mike Craft was given the responsibility to organize and coordinate TRIAD and other senior citizen related programs. In 1998, Det. Craft was promoted to Sergeant supervising the Investigations Division. With the increased calls for assistance by seniors, and new programs developed by TRIAD, Sheriff Gabbard realized the need to staff the TRIAD office Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Joining the TRIAD team are Cleo Ketay and Jack McCoy. Both bring a considerable amount of experience in senior organizations throughout Butler County. Seniors that call the TRIAD "Hotline" (887-5694) with needs, complaints, or suggestions now can speak to Jack or Cleo for assistance.

The first major program developed by TRIAD is the

"Are You Okay" Program, a free computerized telephone reassurance program for the elderly, home-bound individuals. This program is housed in the communications center at the Sheriff's Office. The computer calls the enrolled senior daily at a time the enrollee chooses, if the enrollee is unable to answer the phone for some reason a Deputy Sheriff or Law Enforcement Officer will be dispatched to their residence to check on the welfare of the enrollee. This program is less than two years old and has proved its self successful when a senior who did not respond to the call was found on the bedroom floor of their home with serious medical problems.

This year TRIAD introduced a new program to the seniors of Butler County, The "Senior Consumer Clearinghouse" is a program designed for seniors to share information with other seniors about vendors or contractors that have performed some service for them. Seniors fill out a form with both positive and negative comments about the company or individual who performed the service. These forms are kept on file at the three senior centers in Butler County. When a senior needs a service performed, they can review the forms and select a contractor that has treated seniors fairly in the past. This program will help reduce the risk of our seniors being taken advantage of or being scammed in the future.

Sheriff Gabbard and the employees of the Butler County Sheriff's Office feel that many programs in place today cater to the citizens of Butler County with the exception of our seniors. The TRIAD program is an avenue to give something back to the population that gave us what we have today, our seniors.

Drug and Vice Investigations



Sergeant Greg Blankenship

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Drug and Vice Unit is comprised of Sergeant Greg Blankenship, who heads the unit, and four deputies, Senior Agent Jeff Riegert, Agent Mark Smith, Agent Dave Pratt and Agent Morgan Dallman. The deputies are "hand picked" for their unique abilities and talents that when brought together form an elite specialized team in the fight against drugs. Their willingness to work countless late night hours and unpredictable shift assignments culminate to make the Butler County Sheriff's Office Drug and Vice Unit "Top Notch". In October of 1998 a new unit was formed within the Drug and Vice Unit itself, a Pharmaceutical Unit. This unit is comprised of one deputy, Dep. Rich Prescott, under the supervision of Sergeant Blankenship. Dep. Prescott concentrates on Pharmacies, Drug Stores, doctors, and investigating reports of persons involved in passing stolen or counterfeit prescriptions. Since its inception, the Pharmaceutical Unit has arrested a Pharmacist, and several persons who had obtained prescriptions illegally.

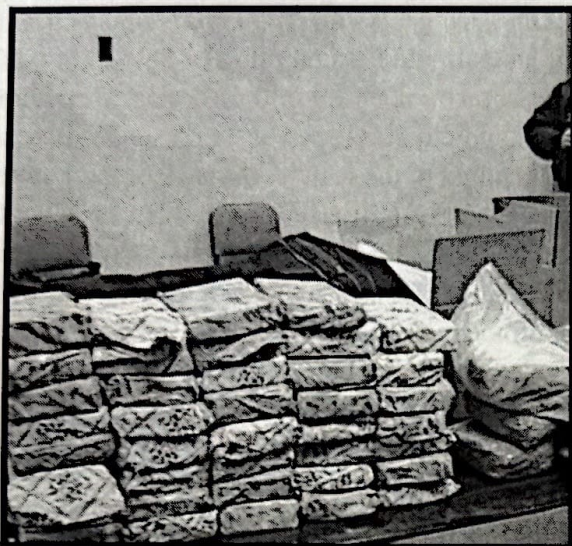
The year of 1998 was truly a record setting year for the Drug and Vice Unit. The unit handled 175 cases with all cases resulting in an arrest of a drug dealer. On February 3, 1998 countless hours of work came to a close when the Butler County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Dayton Police Department, and the DEA ex

ecuted a search warrant on Santa Clara Street in Dayton, Ohio. Deputies seized 39 kilos of uncut cocaine with an estimated street value of \$8,580,000.00. Deputies also seized 1.4 million dollars in cash and brought indictments down on 11 persons in the cartel. The night of the search warrant 9 of the 11 were arrested with 2 still at large. The Butler County Sheriff's Office will receive approximately \$462,000.00 of the cash that was seized to be used to continue the education about and war on deadly addicting drugs. The Drug and Vice Unit was given a citation from the Director of the DEA for their hard work and contribution to the case which started in Butler County with an informant working with the Sheriff's Office.

In October of 1998 an agent of the Sheriff's Office Drug and Vice Unit was able to infiltrate a major LSD ring in the county. LSD, a hallucinative drug popular in the 1960's had been reintroduced into Butler County. The undercover agent remained in the ring buying larger and larger quantities of the LSD and winning the trust of the dealers. The dealers then took the agent to the main supplier. Within four weeks, the Drug and Vice Unit was ready to move in. In the end five people were arrested, vehicles were seized, and the largest amount of liquid LSD in the history of Butler County was taken off the streets.

The Drug and Vice Unit discovered on more than one occasion this past year that the "bad guys" are becoming more and more high tech. Because of this, Sheriff Gabbard authorized the purchase of some highly sophisticated equipment that put the Drug and Vice Unit a step above the drug dealers. The Sheriff's Office is one out of three agencies in the State of Ohio that possesses this type of equipment.

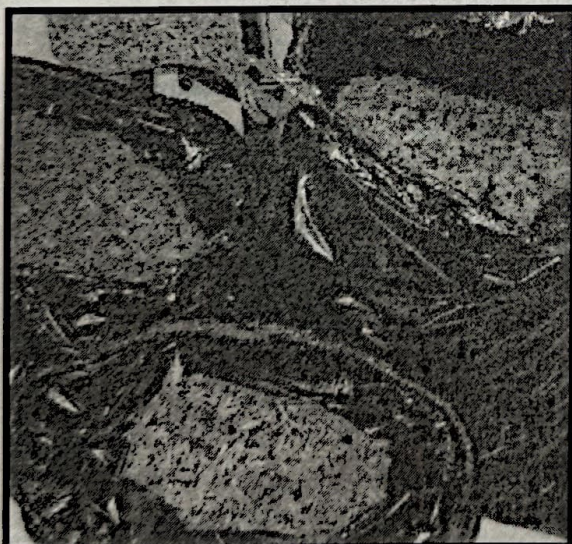
Drug and Vice Investigations



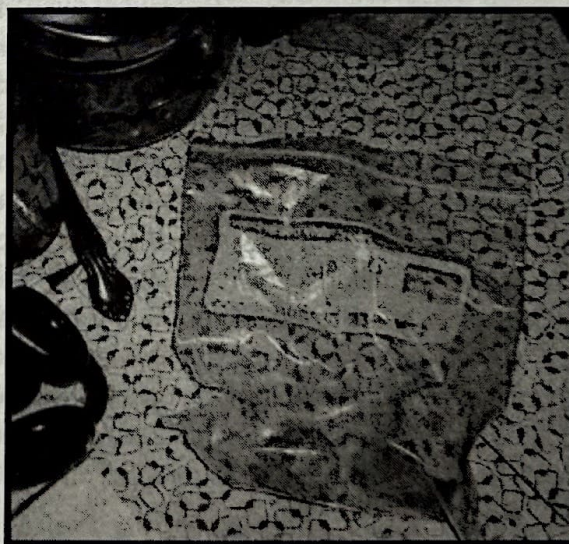
39 Kilograms of Uncut Cocaine



Seized Bottles of Liquid LSD



Eighty Pounds of Marijuana



Seized Crack Cocaine

Polygraph Unit



Detective Frank Smith

The Butler County Sheriffs Polygraph Unit was formed under Sheriff Gabbard's Administration in late 1993, and has saved an untold amount of money by having all Polygraph Examinations done in house, instead of contracting the Examinations to a private Polygraphist.

By using the polygraph in Criminal Cases, we have been able to save many man-hours by assisting our Investigators in the testing of witnesses and suspects, which resulted in the clearing of several cases by arrest and conviction.

The Polygraph Unit also examined persons who filed applications for the positions of Deputy Sheriff, Special Deputy Sheriffs, Corrections Deputy, Dispatchers, Medics, Office Personal, and students for the Butler County Sheriffs Academy. Those Examinations resulted in the hiring of the most qualified personal for those positions.

In 1998 the Polygraph Unit found even more Prosecutors, Lawyers, Criminal and Domestic Courts, and other Law Enforcement Offices contacting us in order to obtain the truth.

In 1998 the entire Polygraph Unit was updated not just to meet current times, but to exceed all standards of any other area Law Enforcement Polygraph Unit.

Our Polygraph Instrument which was bought in 1993 is still in use by most of the Law Enforcement Polygraph Units, but once again the Butler County Sheriffs Polygraph Unit wanted to maintain a status of "second to none" and I started a research study of the Computerized Polygraph System.

The study found that over 80% of the United States Government Polygraph Examiners (Military, F.B.I, C.I.A) had placed in use the Axciton Computerized Polygraph System.

This system is unlike any other Polygraph Instrument, as it is able to store all information and chart recordings on a disk, but most important the system is able to see reactions that are not visible to the human eye.

The System also provides three scoring algorithms, which takes the subjects responses during the Examination and then does a scoring analysis and provides a probability of Deception or No Deception Indicated.

We also added an extra VCR System in 1998 in order to be able to copy taped Examinations for Court Cases.

The Butler County Sheriffs Polygraph Unit is now equipped with the best and most modern Polygraph equipment in the field of detecting deception.

When the Polygraph Unit was started in 1993, it was designed to be a part-time Unit when needed for the Examinations of criminal suspects and Pre-Employment type Examinations, but in the last few years it has become a full time position due to the large amount of Pre-Employment Polygraph Examinations that have been administrated.

Sgt Lowell Bower has been assigned to do Background Investigations on applications filed for employment in our many Divisions.

Sgt. Bower has been able to eliminate many applicants by doing Background Investigations. This process has saved the time and the expense of polygraphing unsuitable applicants.

Polygraph Unit

In 1998 the Polygraph Unit conducted 159 Polygraph Examinations. The following is a break down of the types of Examinations conducted.

Total Examinations = 159

Pre-Employment Examinations = 101

Criminal Examinations = 47

Paid Examinations-B (total income is \$1,650.00)

Internal Affairs Examinations = 3

At the end of each year, goals are set for the next in order that the Butler County Sheriffs Polygraph Unit can maintain the highly regarded status it has earned. It currently utilizes the best equipment that is on the market for Polygraph Examinations, and reflects the professional ambiance we have worked hard to ensure.

In the near future, The Polygraph Unit will be faced with its largest challenge since the Unit was formed in 1993; the processing of applicants for the new jail will be a monumental task requiring countless man-hours.



New Polygraph Computer

S.W.A.T.

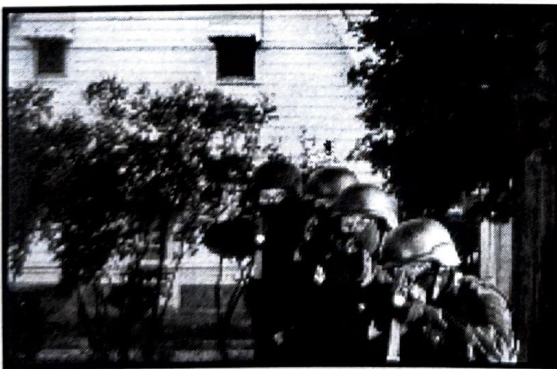
SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

Unfortunately, today's criminal exhibits an increased ability to commit acts of extreme violence. On a daily basis, news headlines highlight the latest victim to be gunned down by an armed assailant. More frightening than ever seems to be the increased number of hostage incidents and shootings that occur in the work place and within our schools. These incidents pose a special threat to law enforcement and often exceed the abilities of uniformed street officers. For this reason, the Butler County Sheriff's Office operates a Special Weapons and Tactics team that consists of 20 highly trained, hand selected officers. The S.W.A.T. team utilizes special equipment and methods to effectively suppress the dangerous situations encountered today.

The S.W.A.T. team is most often used to execute "High Risk" search and arrest warrants. Drug dealers and other fugitives are often armed and frequently fortify their homes and hideaways. The S.W.A.T. team utilizes its specialty equipment and training to swiftly and safely execute the warrants. The element of surprise is often used to protect team members as well as the suspects. By executing the warrant quickly and decisively, the suspects seldom have the ability to react to the situation or to retaliate with any type of force.



Training at the Moser Building

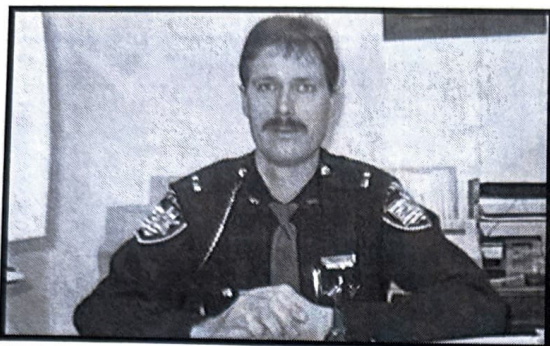


Four Ready Swat Deputies



Watching Each Other's Back

Communications



Commander Art Sauerwein

The Butler County Communications Division is staffed 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week by professional dispatchers trained to handle emergency situations. Commander Art Sauerwein supervises the 12 full time and 3 part time Dispatchers assigned to this division. These Dispatchers are not only responsible for the needs of the Sheriff's Office, they dispatch for 18 Fire Departments, 11 Life Squads and 5 other Police Agencies.

The Dispatchers receive all incoming calls on the 7 main lines of the Sheriff's Office and all 911 emergency calls on 4 separate lines. There were 24,734 911 calls placed to the Sheriff's Office in 1998. This number excludes non emergency calls. When the phone lines and radio become busy due to storms or a severe accident, it becomes very hard to sort and dispatch these calls. There are generally three dispatchers working on one shift. When a call is received, the dispatcher writes down all pertinent information, then if necessary dispatches a patrol unit and or life squad. If a unit responds, the dispatcher then documents everything that takes place, and completes any other request made by the officer and or life squad on the scene. This might include running a vehicle registration, looking up a phone number, making a warrant check, contacting the hospital or possibly Aircare. Additionally there is a significant amount of paperwork involved in entering war-

rants, stolen items, processing information for the courts, and other outside agencies.

The Communications Center handled 30,718 incoming and 61,729 outgoing LEADS transactions in 1998. For three Dispatchers each shift and all of the other tasks at hand this shows the level of skill our Dispatchers possess.

The Communications Division is not only responsible for incoming calls from the public, but they also respond to the needs of Patrol units including traffic stops and other self initiated contacts. Dispatchers are effectively the "lifeline" to the units in the field.

This has been a troublesome year with the electronics in Communications. The back up radio system went out. While it was down the main radio went out leaving us without an operational system for four hours. Twenty-four calls for service were made in a ten month period to patch our antiquated system. We were faced with a very expensive and time consuming replacement. Sheriff Gabbard made several calls and was able to locate a perfectly good system from Boone County, Ky. Boone County had recently replaced their system with a 800mhz system. Their setup, with little modification and cost replaced ours. This project saved the tax payers \$135,000.

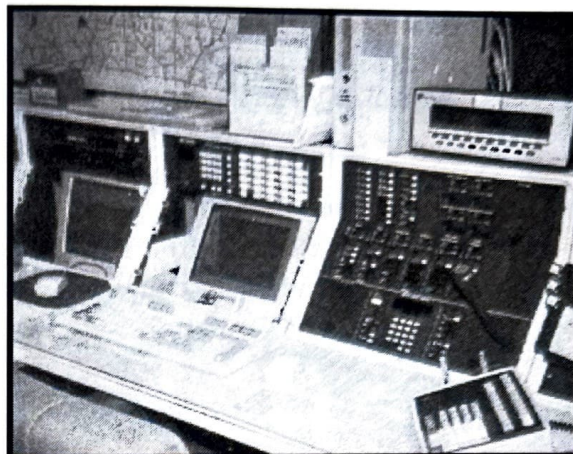
Computer Aided Dispatch "CAD" will assist in sorting, tracking and routing calls to the units in the field. As we continue to work toward starting up our CAD program. This is a very lengthy and time consuming project which will soon come to fruition.

The Road Patrols radio traffic has increased dramatically. Some shifts have up to two dozen Deputies working at a time. The Sheriff has added a fourth dispatch position consisting of a radio console and computer. This will help during bad storms and times when an additional Dispatcher is needed to ease the work load. The layout of the radio consoles has also

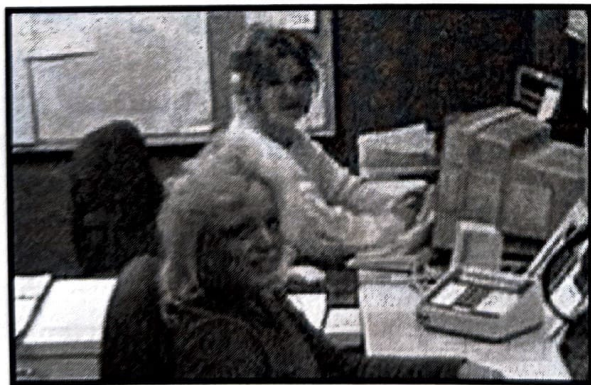
Communications

been re-situated. The computer monitors were placed into the consoles to free up work space on the desk top. An efficient workplace is helpful to reduce stress and improve productivity.

The Sheriff has initiated a new concept to the tri-state. We have pulled together five agencies to create what is now called the Regional Mobile Data Committee "RMDC". The group consists of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton City, Fairfield City, Union Township, and the Oxford Police Departments. The benefits of this concept are numerous. Foremost it provides the beat officer with more information at hand to better fight the criminal element. Together we have created a county wide radio infrastructure that will support "in car computers". Dividing the cost of the infrastructure is saving hundreds of thousands of tax payers dollars. One infrastructure can support all agencies rather than each agency having their own infrastructure. This allows for a wider range of communication for the agencies involved. Without this team effort some of the agencies would not be able to afford the technology. It also creates an information highway between the agencies. Grants are easier to obtain when communities are working together toward a common goal. The Sheriff applied for and received a \$154,285 grant to help fund this project. The units will become functional in the first half of 1999.



New Dispatch Equipment!



Dispatcher Mary Ream



Dispatcher Tammy Miller

Crime Prevention

"It should be understood, at the outset, that the principal object to be attained is the prevention of crime. To this great end every effort of the police is to be directed."

Although it has been more than 150 years since Sir Robert Peel gave this instruction to the first Order of the Metropolitan Police, this philosophy is imbedded in the mission of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. As we strive to enhance the quality of life in Butler County by reducing crime and the fear of crime, the role of crime prevention becomes more inherent.

All community education and prevention activities are handled by the Crime Prevention Unit. The staff consists of two enthusiastic crime prevention personnel, three outstanding D.A.R.E. officers, and a supervisor. Deputy Monte Mayer leads the county's crime prevention efforts. He has the responsibility of coordinating the many activities and displays that take place throughout the course of the year. Under his direction is Community Education Specialist Jerry Scrivner whose primary function is community mobilization, such as the Neighborhood Watch Program. The D.A.R.E. officers — Deputies Rick Johnson, Karen Gilbert, and J. D. Smith — are responsible for drug prevention and education within the schools and in the community. They also assist in community education efforts that involve the youth in our community. Supervising this unit is Sgt. Marian Olivas, whose many titles include Prevention Specialist, D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. instructor, and grant writer.

Crime prevention is everybody's business! The citizens' knowledge of ways to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of crime, as well as their responsibility to their community, makes crime prevention a cost effective crime fighting technique. This can be accomplished through community education. Topics that were of interest to various community organizations included workplace violence, personal safety,

senior safety, recognizing frauds and scams, gang awareness and prevention, drug awareness and prevention, safe travels, and school safety issues. The D.A.R.E. personnel assisted with presentations to the younger members of the community on topics pertaining to Stranger Danger, Halloween Safety, bicycle safety, gun safety, and the annual Third Grade Seatbelt safety program.

Public awareness is another strategy utilized by this unit in its endeavor to serve the community. Through a number of avenues, the citizens are made aware of crime problems in their community as well as the services available to them through the Sheriff's Office. Appearing at various county-wide fairs and festivals, the Mobile Education/Situation Unit proved an invaluable tool for this purpose. Over 32,000 people took advantage of the informative displays and literature available to them in the Mobile Unit. Often, other pieces of equipment would accompany this display, such as the helicopter, D.A.R.E. vehicles, Peace Keeper, etc. The success of these displays was made possible through the concerted efforts of the Crime Prevention Unit and many other dedicated employees of the Sheriff's Office.

Community mobilization is another strategy that crime prevention personnel use. Specific groups or neighborhoods work together to tackle identified problems. One such example came on the heels of the rash of school violence incidents around the nation. A contributing factor was the lack of communication between law enforcement and school officials. The Butler County Sheriff's Office was instrumental in opening up the lines of communication between these two entities on a local level. County school officials were surveyed regarding school-related safety issues. Representatives from the school districts and the law enforcement agencies met to identify priority issues that needed attention prior to the start of the 1998 school year. Through their concerted efforts, several responses occurred:

Central Records

The Central Records Bureau maintains tracking, filing and storing the documents generated yearly by the Sheriffs' Office staff including accidents, incidents, inmate release records, traffic citations and warnings statistics. This department is responsible for providing all the records to the public in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio which is done by copying reports, providing background checks and making those records available to the public in a timely matter.

In the year of 1998, there were 8,189 total offense reports, 8,494 traffic citations, 2,512 traffic warnings, 844 court summons, and 1,932 traffic accident reports filed within the Central Records Bureau.

Jail Release Records for the year totaled 4,096 and are archived by year with the close workings of the Butler County Micro Center.

The Sergeants, along with Warden, Captain Profitt supervised the staff of clerks, Melissa Falk and Karen Gabbard.



Karen Gabbard

Corrections Division-Main Jail



Warden, Captain Lewis

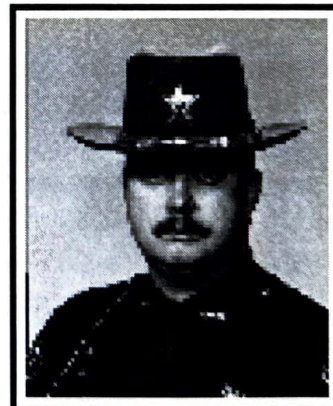
The Butler County Sheriffs' Office currently operates two (2) jails. The Main Jail is considered to be a "Maximum Security" facility. The Main Jail houses those prisoners that are awaiting trial or those inmates convicted of serious or violent crimes. Inmates at the Main Jail are "Locked Down" in cells and movement within the jail is restricted. Once convicted, some inmates are transported by Jail personnel, to various prison systems throughout the State of Ohio. Some non-violent offenders are transported to the Butler County Correctional Complex/Drug and Alcohol Resolutions, Inc. facility, to help ease Jail overcrowding.

The Corrections Division of the Butler County Main Jail is also responsible for Court Security, Central Records and Medical Services. This consists of: forty-five (45) Deputies and Corrections Officers, which provide the safety and security of the compound; twelve (12) Court Security personnel, which provide security and transportation for County Court systems; twenty-two (22) Medical Service personnel, which provide twenty-four (24) hour medical service to the inmates incarcerated at both the main Jail and Resolutions and two (2) Central Records clerks, who keep track of all reports and records for prisoners and answer civilian requests for reports and information.

In 1998, we booked over 4000 inmates into the Main Jail, with an average length of stay of 13 days. Charges ranged anywhere from Murder and Homicide to petty theft and DUI's.

The Butler County Jail was constructed to house only 138 inmates on a daily basis. The average daily headcount is currently at 180 inmates, with some days topping over 200 inmates. Needless to say, Butler County is in desperate need of a new and larger "Maximum Security" jail. An every day occurrence at the Main Jail and at the Resolutions Jail, is the practice of turning away prisoners whom have been arrested on various charges throughout Butler County, due to Jail Overcrowding.

This report consists of statistical data collected in regards to the following: Billing/Auditor information, Court Services, Medical Services, Classification Reports and General Inmate statistics.



**Classification Deputy
Dewey Hall**

Corrections Division-Main Jail

BUTLER COUNTY MAIN JAIL

Total Inmates Booked

Total Male Inmates Booked = 3425

Total Female Inmates Booked = 671

Total ALL Inmates Booked = 4096

Total Inmates Booked by Race

Total White Inmates Booked = 3101

Total Minority Inmates Booked = 995

Total ALL Inmates Booked = 4096

Corrections Division - Resolutions



Lieutenant Norm Lewis

The Butler County Correctional Complex / Drug and Alcohol Resolutions, Inc. is a joint effort between the Butler County Sheriff's Office and Drug and Alcohol Resolutions, Inc. The Butler County Sheriff's Office is in charge of all security staffing and is charged with the Safety and Security of the complex, its staff and inmates. Drug and Alcohol Resolutions, Inc. is responsible for all food service, building maintenance, commissary and inmate educational programming.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office employs forty-one (41) staff personnel: thirty-nine (39) Corrections Officers, one (1) Deputy Warden and (1) Administrative Secretary. Drug and Alcohol Resolutions, Inc. employs fourteen (14) staff personnel: one (1) Vice President, one (1) Director, one (1) Complex Manager, one (1) maintenance technician, two (2) Commissary staff, three (3) Kitchen staff and five (5) Inmate Services staff.

The facility holds a maximum capacity of 241 inmates (205 male inmates and 36 female inmates). In 1997 we booked over 2400 inmates and in the year of 1998, we booked over 3100 inmates. Our average Daily Headcount for 1998 was 215 inmates with an average length of stay of 25 days.

In 1998 we changed our state classification level to a Minimum/Medium Security Jail. This enabled us to house a wider range of charges and offenses, in an effort to help minimize the jail overcrowding situation in Butler County. Although this has helped a little, jail overcrowding is still a big issue for Butler County, and we are still in need of a bigger operational Maximum Security jail.

This report reflects the vast changes that have occurred since we opened the new facility in 1997. The five year trends in particular shows the difference in jail operations. The report provides detailed information from the Butler County Correctional Complex and shows statistical data on inmate population, monthly counts, average length of stay, gender stats, court information and billing information.

Corrections Division - Resolutions

Resolutions

**1998 Annual Report
Total Inmates Booked**

Total Male Inmates Booked = 2553

Total Female Inmates Booked = 538

Total ALL Inmates Booked = 3091

Inmate Population by Race

**Total White Males = 1956
Total White Females = 439
Total WHITES = 2395**

**Total Black Males = 555
Total Black Females = 95
Total BLACKS = 650**

**Total Other Males = 42
Total Other Females = 4
Total OTHER = 46**

Total Booked Inmates for 1998 = 3091

Corrections Division-Trustees



Sergeant Al Hughes

During 1998, trustee work details were at a premium. Areas of completion were the County Garage Engineer's Office, the Operations and Investigations Building and the Inmate Garden location in Woodsdale.

At the Engineer's Office, we installed seven sliding metal doors to enclose a garage area. Each door was constructed from raw materials and the carpentry skills of inmates. This was a huge accomplishment because each door is fourteen feet high and twenty feet long.

At the Operations and Investigations Office, there were several projects completed by the trustees under the supervision of Deputy Floyd Palmer and retired Sergeant Al Hughes. First, trustees completed manequin cabinets, each 2 1/2 feet deep, 3' feet wide and 7 feet tall. One has been placed at the Resolutions Center and another has been placed at the Main Jail. Also there were two trophy cases made for the lobby at the Operations building. We have received many compliments on the cases. Renovations in the basement of the Operations building included three dropped ceilings, one hallway, one stairwell and a lounge for the office personnel.

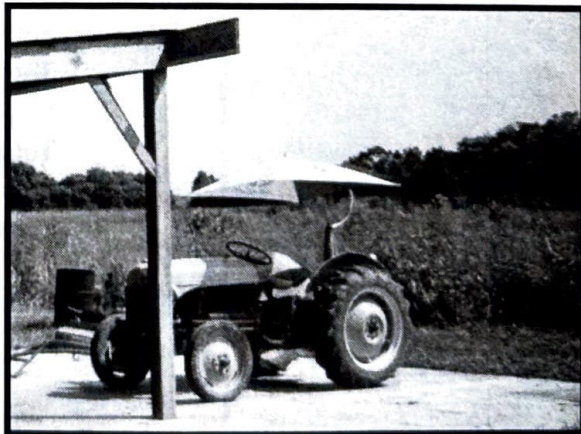
Deputy Clayton Walther, at the Inmate Garden location, has accomplished a great deal. In the low lying

areas, he has paved the road from the firing range, around the farm, maintenance buildings and eating areas. He hopes to complete the paved road all the way to the entrance gate in 1999. The road was constructed from contributions, left over raw materials and inmate labor.

We look forward to new projects in 1999 and saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars by using the labor and skills of our inmates.



Paved Road by Trustees



Inmate Garden Site in Woodsdale

Medical Services



Director Mike Lewis

The Medical Services Division is comprised of a medical staff of twenty-one part-time members. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Medical Services Division is directed by Dr. Robert Gabriele, M.D.. Administratively the division is overseen by Michael Lewis, EMT-P, M.S.D. Administrator. The Billing Coordinator, Larry Gassert, coordinates all of the fiscal services for the division. Operating within the Medical Services Division are Forensic Services, which contribute psychiatric and psychological services to the inmates. Dr. Tepe, M.D. and his staff, oversees the daily forensic operations in coordination with the Medical Division.

Dr. Robert Gabriele, M.D. is the Medical Director of the Medical Services Division. He is in control of all medical services and programs within the medical services system. Michael Lewis, EMT-P is the Medical Services Division Administrator in trust of the implementation of Medical Services Division curriculum and day to day operations of the division as so ordered by the Sheriff. Budgetary Operations, which comprise the managing and accountability of all inmate medical and departmental costs as ordered, are handled by Larry Gassert. Larry Gassert was and is involved in the research, creation and implementation of the Inmate Co-Pay Program. That program took affect April 1, 1998 and has since recovered approximately \$16,000.00 to date, which is returned to the inmate commissary fund.

Each infirmary, the Main Jail and Resolutions Jail, is operated under the guidance of a Medical Services Division Post Supervisor, who manages the daily operations of that particular jail medical facility. At the Butler County Main Jail Ray Barger, EMT-P is Post Supervisor and at Resolutions John Meyer, EMT-P is Post Supervisor. The remainder of the Medical Services Division staff is comprised of 15 fully accredited State of Ohio certified paramedics.

The Medical Services Division treats thousands of inmates yearly for a myriad of physiological and psychological illnesses, injuries and complaints. Inmates are treated with an exceptional level of medical and psychological health care, both preventive and practical. Lab services, x-ray services, emergency care and routine medical care are all rendered within the jail(s) confines. Other services such as dental and profound emergency care are accomplished at local dental facilities and hospitals. Non-emergency medical and psychological problems that cannot be treated within the scope or confines of the jail are often referred to a specialist within the field of the particular complaint.

The Medical Services Division operates twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year at both jails. All inmate medical complaints are reviewed, screened and prioritized. Medical and psychological emergencies are dealt with immediately.

This past year the Medical Services Division officially came under the command and direct supervision of the Sheriff's Office. Prior to this, the Medical Services were under the administrative guidance of the County Commissioners, working for the Sheriff's Office. With this new method of operations, the Medical Services Division has had some growing pains, but overall it has proven to be an extremely positive change. With the changes in command came some new duties and responsibilities. Now, as part of the Sheriff's Office, the Medical Services Division has

Medical Services

been asked to assist in more of the operations of the department. At the DamFest this past summer, Sheriff's Office Paramedics worked with the Sheriff's Office Marine Rescue Team to provide rescue and on and in water medical care for the skiers involved in the DamFest competitions. Sheriff's Office Paramedics worked hand in hand with shore based City of Hamilton Fire Department personnel in a coordinated effort of shared manpower and resources to provide prompt, professional medical services to all that attended DamFest.

Also coordinated through the Medical Services Division this past year was the placing in operations on the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol, three (3) Automatic External Defibrillators. These were issued to three (3) individual Sheriff's Deputies who were certified State of Ohio Emergency Medical Technicians, certified in the use of the A.E.D.. It is hoped that with the enactment of Sub House Bill 171, more of these life saving devices can be placed in service in the near future.

Within the Medical Services Division physically, new emergency response equipment was purchased for each infirmary. This included all new airway management equipment, new Automatic External Defibrillators, and first response equipment. In addition, as members of the Sheriff's Office, the staff has been given additional benefits. Accrued sick and vacation leave, dry cleaning for uniforms, cost of living increases, merit/step raises and pay scales were implemented.

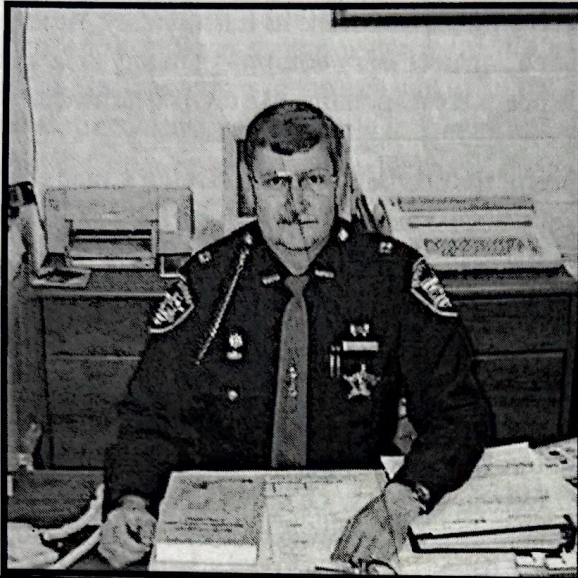
In conclusion, it was a very busy year again for the division. On the horizon for the division are many new programs and changes. The new jail, to be located behind the County Fairgrounds, and the Inmate Pay for Stay programs are of particular interest for the division. As mentioned before, the Medical Services Division has in place already a co-pay program requiring inmates, who can afford it, to pay a portion of their medical costs while incarcerated here at the Butler County Jail(s). Plans for the upcoming year include the recovery of inmates medical cost through

the inmates own insurance if they are enrolled in an insurance program. Inmates are already liable for the full cost of their medical care should it become extensive.



New AED Difibrillator

Patrol Division



Captain Michael Grimes

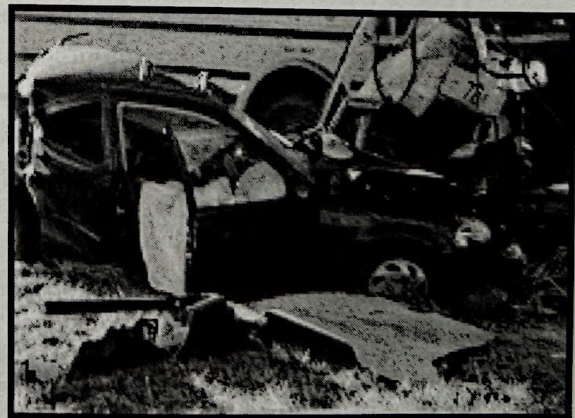
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division remains the most visible arm of the Sheriff's Office at the close of 1998. This division consists mainly of Deputies that are out in the county on patrol or responding to calls. The patrol deputies are also responsible for traffic law enforcement throughout our primary response area's of Butler County, as well as responding to calls for service. The service calls include citizens in need of help for an assortment of problems. These range from barking dog complaints, snakes in basements, domestic violence calls, alarm drops, burglary's and thefts, to name a few. If you can think of a problem that has occurred during your lifetime, its probably one we've responded to at one time or another (also includes alien landings and UFO's).

The unincorporated area's of Butler County are divided into Townships. Each Township is its own "district" in our patrol planning and has a minimum of one "district car" assigned to it each 8 hour shift, 365 days a year. Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones have also

contracted with several Townships, and Villages to supplement the initial "district car(s)" with a Deputy(s) to handle the specific needs of that community. These contracted units are referred to as "contract cars" and perform the same functions as the "district cars." All are integrated into the Patrol Division function.

The Sheriff, as the chief law enforcement officer of the County, is responsible for servicing a land mass of 469 square miles. This includes 1,628 miles of roadway and an estimated population of over 325,000 people. Only about 35% of all roadways in Butler County fall within municipalities. The remaining 65% is comprised of highways, county, and township roads. At the end of 1998, the Patrol Division amassed a total of just over 1 million miles driven by Sheriff's Deputies while on patrol or responding to calls, during their respective shifts. This is the most miles ever driven by Patrol Deputies and is a new mile stone under Sheriff Gabbard's tenure.

Captain Michael Grimes commands the Patrol Division. He is assisted by 3 Lieutenants and 3 Sergeants. Captain Grimes also coordinates the contract activity with the Contract Supervisor. Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones have continued their goal to increase the size of the Patrol Division on the streets. The increased



**Scene from Fatal Crash In
Liberty Township**

Patrol Division

number of deputies reduces response time to calls and allows the Patrol force to become proactive instead of just waiting for crime to occur and responding to take a report (reactive).

As we close 1998, the Patrol Division boasts of 40 patrol and 23 contract Deputies. The Patrol Fleet, including the contract cars and specialty units, consists of 59 patrol cars and one 4x4 pick-up truck. Of the 59 patrol cars, 5 are refurbished cruisers.

1998 proved to be a year of continued unrest in Butler County. Sheriff's Deputies responded to riots in Oxford on several occasions (3 nights of unrest during final exams) and 2 days of demonstrations that included the blocking of traffic on US 27). During the summer months, Deputies also responded into the City of Hamilton for large destructive crowds. Deputies responding would only have the riot control equipment assigned to their units, and would sometimes be limited in their personal protection. From this situation, the idea of equipment consolidation, with a degree of mobility, was created. Chief Jones and Captain Grimes spawned the idea of a "riot trailer" comparable to the Marine Rescue Trailer. The trailer was purchased and the interior was designed and built by Deputies. The trailer consolidates such equipment as riot shields, helmets, gas masks, batons, and also serves as a command center with status boards and communications

capabilities. Since its completion, the unit awaits the test by fire, to determine its functionality. At least, it can bring necessary equipment to any area where Deputies are responding to a civil disturbance.

One of the deadliest years on Butler County roadways was 1998. Sheriff's Deputies investigated 17 fatal accidents that resulted in 19 deaths. This is the highest fatal total recorded since 1993 (yearly statistics only date back to 1993 at this time). Of the 17 fatal accidents investigated in 1998, 2 were double fatality crashes. Of the 19 people killed, 1 was on a motorcycle, 1 was a pedestrian, and the remaining 17 were in vehicles. Of the 17 dead in vehicles, 14 of them were not wearing seatbelts (82% non-compliance rate). Of the 14 people killed who were not wearing their seatbelts, 3 were completely ejected from their vehicles, and includes 1 decapitation. Alcohol and / or drugs of abuse were factors in 10 of the 17 fatal crash, an impairment rate of 59%, well above Ohio's average rate in 1997 of 38.6%.

In keeping with the aggressive enforcement trend, Sheriff Gabbard dissolved the Highway Interdiction Unit in 1998 and moved those Deputies back to the Patrol Division for more comprehensive enforcement efforts. 1998 also saw the addition of a second Deputy to the Traffic Unit, to complement the additional work load. As we enter 1999, the Butler County Sheriff's Office will jump to the lead with the most technically trained traffic investigation patrol officers of any agency in Butler County.

The realization that criminal activity is directly detected and deterred by an aggressive traffic enforcement posture is proven again and again. Deputies as well as the public in general need reminded that the most heinous crime of the century, the Oklahoma City Bombing (Murrah Federal Building), was closed, in part, by the simple traffic arrest of Richard McVey.



Another View of Liberty Township Crash

Traffic Division

In 1998, Sheriff Harold Don Gabbard had the foresight to form a traffic safety unit, within the patrol Division. The primary focus of the unit was to follow up on hit-skip accidents, and complete additional follow-up investigations on serious or fatal crashes. The unit has also consolidated all school bus violation reports from the respective school districts serviced by the Sheriffs' Office for follow-up and subsequent citations if warranted.

Of the seventeen fatal accidents investigated in 1998, complete reconstructions were completed on fifteen. Seventy-three percent of all drivers reported to have violated school bus warning lights (reported on the consolidated form by bus drivers) were cited.

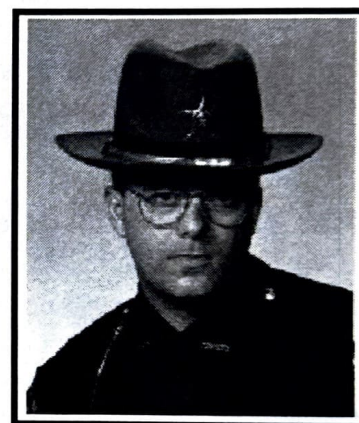
From the beginning the Traffic Unit has expanded from one to two deputies. Computer programs were also purchased in 1998, not only to enhance the mechanical analysis of the crash reconstructions, but to also draw accident scene diagrams as well as crush damage to vehicles.

Sheriff Gabbard also authorized the purchase of a "Quick Map" system for crash scene recording. The system utilizes a laser and portable data collector to shoot and plot countless points utilized in recording an accident or crime scene. The collector then dumps the stored data into a computer, which then generates the initial reference points with measurements. Not only has this system improved the efficiency of the information, it also improves accuracy and speed of the final product.

To help ensure the accuracy and thoroughness of the Sheriffs' Office crash reports, Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones embarked on an ambitious training project for the Patrol Division. All patrol/contract deputies were required to complete one week's training in traffic crash investigations. To complement this one-third of the patrol/contract deputies also attended an addi-



Deputy Ben Kramer



Deputy Jay Young

tional week of advanced traffic crash investigation. The training sessions were coordinated by the Traffic Unit, with these deputies also assisting in some of the instructional activity. The costs of the outside instructor were absorbed by opening the training up to outside agencies, which results in the deputies being trained at virtually no cost to Butler County taxpayers. The additional training has paid off, with complements coming in daily on the quality of the reports generated by the Butler County Sheriffs' Office.

Marine Patrol

Throughout 1998, Sheriff Gabbard maintained his commitment to the boating public through the efforts of the Marine Patrol. The Sheriff's Marine Patrol not only operates during the boating season, but is active throughout the entire year. The unit is commanded by Captain M. Grimes, with Chief Deputy Jones, being the Grant Administrator. The Marine Patrol is made up of Twenty-One Deputies, along with Two volunteer Special Deputies.

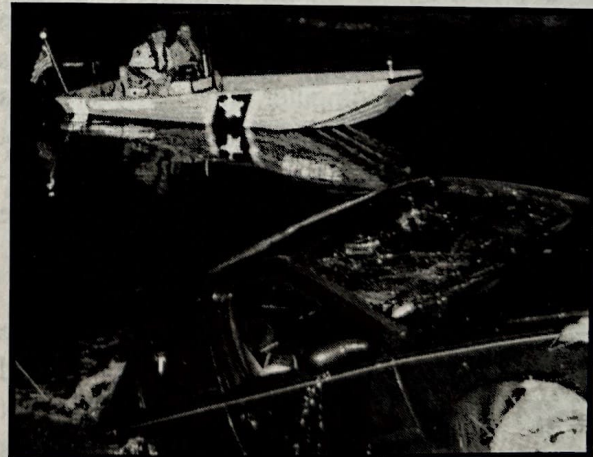
The Marine Patrol is a "specialty unit" within the Sheriff's Office, utilizing Deputies from all divisions. Their duties include patrol of the waterways during the boating season and responding to assistance calls involving water related incidents. One of the more recognized functions is the search and recovery duties of the Marine Patrol Deputies. Another visible function is Boating Safety Education, which is conducted through displays during festivals, events, and open houses. The Marine Patrol has also entertained students on field trips from schools throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Marine Patrol works in part from a Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Grant mainly funds the overtime costs incurred during the waterway patrols during the summer months. During this time, Marine Patrol Deputies utilize a patrol boat, set up much the same as a patrol car, and watch for violations on the water. Deputies also offer boaters free boat inspections, to ensure that their safety equipment is all there and in proper working order. These Deputies also ensure the safety of the boaters on the water, by checking for floating debris, and maintaining checks on navigational aids (such as the buoy safety lines above the two low level dams in the Hamilton area).

During the 1998 boating season, the Marine Patrol teamed up with the Sheriff's Medics to provide on the water protection for 14 ski teams from all over the nation. The event was the National Show Ski Championships, which was held on the Great Miami River in Hamilton. Each team averaged 6 boats and 100 ski-

ers. The three day event brought thousands of spectators to Hamilton and some long hours for the Marine Patrol personnel. During the three day competition, Deputies were on hand to monitor activity for 12 hour days, manning two patrol and one rescue boat.

Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones have continued to ensure that the Marine Patrol is equipped with quality equipment. The Marine Patrol currently maintains three boats and an equipment / command trailer. The boats range in size and function, depending on the situation that our diverse county demands. The primary patrol boat is a 17 ft. Boston Whaler, equipped with a 100 hp. Outboard. This boat is also equipped with communications and emergency equipment for enforcement and assistance to boaters calls. The second boat is a 17 ft. Sea Nymph, flat bottom boat, with a 40 hp outboard. The Sea Nymph is the primary rescue and recovery boat. It can be trailered into hard to reach area's and has a shallow draft. This boat is also equipped with emergency equipment, but is normally utilized in major incidents, where specialized equipment is added on an as needed basis. The third boat is a 12 ft. Inflatable, that is carried in the rescue / command trailer. It can be hand car-



Patrol Assisting Car Removal

Marine Patrol

ried to water incidents that can't be reached by wheeled vehicles. It is also the boat of choice for divers and for use in fast water rescue. The Equipment / Command trailer hauls equipment and doubles as a mobile command post. It is equipped with radio (both public safety as well as marine frequency's) and a cellular telephone. The trailer has its own generating system for trailer and supplemental scene lighting. The trailer also carries an assortment of rescue and recovery equipment from ropes to drag hooks. The equipment also includes two complete scuba outfits for emergency use. As a county agency, often times Deputies come from different area's of the county to an emergency. By an immediate response of the equipment, precious time can be saved by eliminating the need for our divers to pick up their personal equipment from an assortment of locations, most usually many miles from the emergency scene.



Marine Patrol Boat



Patrol at Work on River

Some of the activity conducted in 1998 by the Marine Patrol includes:

1/24/98 Boat crews assisted in the Officer Partin search on the Ohio River;

1/29/98 Divers and support crews looked for the Alana Gwinner in the Great Miami River in Fairfield;

2/10/98 Boat crews and helicopter responded to Hueston Woods State Park to assist a fisherman stuck in the mud;

2/13/98 Boat crews assisted the County Engineer with bridge inspections over the Great Miami River;

4/13/98 Human torso recovery, Great Miami River (Hamilton);

4/24/98 Body parts search with cadaver dogs, Great Miami River (Hamilton);

Marine Patrol

6/11/98 Man stranded on buoy line above new dam, Great Miami River;

6/11/98 Two boys missing in Indian Creek, Millville (rain swollen creek);

6/27/98 Scotty Cox drowning and body recovery, residential pond (Hanover Township);

6/30/98 Personal Watercraft Crash, Great Miami River (98TR-1060);

6/30/98 Rescue of two fisherman from island, Great Miami River;

7/8/98 Assist Hueston Woods Rangers in drowning investigation, Deanna King;

7/20/98 Flood evacuations, Warrick Road (Four Mile Creek - St. Clair Twp.);

7/27/98 Boat crews search the Great Miami River in the area of the SR 4 Bridge regarding a woman that possibly jumped from the bridge;

9/14/98 Car into subdivision pond off I 75 in Liberty Twp. Divers hooked tow cable to car and it was pulled from water. Driver escaped before car went to bottom.

As we begin gearing up for a new year and new season, Sheriff Gabbard hopes everyone can enjoy our local resources, and do so in a safe and courteous manner.



Marine Patrol Diver

During 1998, the Marine Patrol logged 596 patrol hours. Some 100 hours were spent on maintenance, with 33.5 hours spent on educational events. In 1998, Sheriff's Marine Patrol Deputies spent 469 hours in training and 235.5 hours involved in Search and Rescue Incidents.

This season, the Marine Patrol completed 156 boat inspections, made 26 navigational aid checks, and conducted 5 educational programs. In 1998, Deputies only took 1 boating accident report, which involved a collision between two Personal Water Craft on the Great Miami in Hamilton.

Bomb Squad

The Butler County Sheriff's Bomb Squad remained a hidden part of the Sheriff's arsenal against domestic terrorism through 1998. The Sheriff's Office bomb squad maintains 2 Redstone Arsenal graduate bomb technicians, and is accredited with the FBI Bomb Data Center. In 1998 both the FBI Bomb Data Center and Sheriff Gabbard increased the tools within this arsenal, to dramatically increase the effectiveness of the Bomb Unit and enhance public safety. The FBI gave the Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad a disrupter, valued in excess of \$3,500.00. The disrupter is utilized to remotely blow apart packages or pipe bombs subsequently exposing their contents for evaluation and additional render safe procedures as necessary. An even greater asset was purchased by Sheriff Gabbard in 1998, that being a portable X-ray. The X-ray enables bomb disposal personnel to look through a package or "bomb" and then study (at a safe distance) the components that are within the outer package. The X-ray was ordered in April, received the first of May, and first used May 11th on a home made bomb found in Madison Township. Another purchase made in 1998 was a "frag bag". This is a lightweight containment tool that is portable enough to take inside an office building or residence. The found "bomb" is then placed within the container and can be removed to a safe location, limiting the surrounding exposure to citizens and property. In another technological improvement, bomb squad personnel started using "shock tube" in explosive disposal operations. "Shock tube" is a plastic tube with an interior coating of a rapidly burning chemical, that carries an encased flame front down the length of the tube to a non-electric blasting cap. The "shock tube" gives total and immediate control on non-electric shots that conventional safety fuse does not. With safety fuse, once the fuse is lit, deputies would then move back to a safe area and observe the blast site for several minutes, with no way to stop the impending explosion. With shock tube, the detonation is almost instantaneous with the initiation of the shock tube. We also can achieve the almost instantaneous blasting by using electrically initiated blasting caps, but with our high tech society and

an abundance of unchecked radio frequency energy, this is now becoming a hazard. Electrical blasting is also frowned on during periods or fields of high static electricity, which was also putting some limitations on its use.

The 1998 educational programs are also worth mentioning. An annual demonstration is conducted at the Butler County Chief's of Police, Respect for Law Camp. This years Camp was again held at Miami University in Oxford. At the range, students saw an array of explosive components including safety fuse, shock tube, blasting caps, and dynamite. A highlight of this demonstration (for both officers and students) was the explosive destruction of two automobiles. Both showed the direction effects of explosives and the force of their action. Officers present took extra time to study the cars and make determinations on where the seat of the blast occurred. We also conducted a smaller scale demonstration for the YMCA at Camp Campbell Guard for a Safety Camp being hosted there.

In 1998, the Bomb Squad responded to 11 explosive incident calls, and received another 7 reports for review (where Improvised Explosive Devices were used), that resulted in property damage. Explosive / Ordnance Recovery's in 1998 included 25 feet of safety fuse, 20 blasting caps, 1 MK 2 hand grenade, 1 MK138 signal flare, and assortment of binary explosive liquid components.

At the close of 1998, we are beginning preparations for a new era, involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. Bomb Squad personnel have already begun interfacing with local Hazardous Materials Teams, with domestic terrorism leaning towards chemical and biological agents. A small scale nuclear threat is also within our immediate future and is not being overlooked. Federal Training is already in place with the Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad in position for these updates.

Aviation Unit

The Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit has been in operation since early 1995 and has logged over 700 accident free hours. The unit continues to operate at no cost to the taxpayer due to the aggressive nature of the Sheriff's Drug and Vice Unit. Moneys received from drug forfeiture supply the funds necessary to operate the two aircraft owned by the County.

The Unit flew over 263 hours in 98 with over 25% or 65 hours in missions for other police agencies. Which shows the commitment that Harold Don Gabbard has placed on sharing assets the Sheriff's Office has with agencies with limited resources. He is so committed to helping other agencies that he has not restricted the unit to the county borders. Only 18% of the total flight time flown in 1998 were flown in support of police agencies out side of Butler County.

The one most notable accomplishment this past year was saving a small child. The Unit was dispatched to a remote area of Preble County to search for a 9-year-old boy who had been missing for two hours one cold dark December evening. Sheriff Gabbard sent his Aviation Unit because he determined that due to the extreme cold temperature outside there was a danger to the child's health. The crew used an infared camera, which is mounted to Air 1 to search the area around the child's house. After one hour of searching the air unit was released from the search by the ground units. Acting on a hunch the crew started following the roads from the child's house to Eaton, Ohio. On one final pass the crew spotted the child in a ditch along the side of the road.

There was a large variety of occasions for the Aviation Unit in 1998. The unit hosted the first state wide aviation fly-in in which helicopters from across the state flew to Butler County to learn cooperation among the Ohio Aviation community. Fourteen Police agencies participated in the fly-in with 9 helicopters on display. Congressman John Boehner spoke to the group and expressed his support of law enforcement aviation.

The unit was also visited by Mario Lopez and Jeff Stearns; actors on the hit show Pacific Blue. Jeff and Mario were in town on a fund raiser and took time out to visit with the unit.

Missions Table

Pilot or Observer Training.....	24%
Assigned Patrol.....	14%
Searches for Lost or drowned people.....	13%
Searches for Suspects.....	11%
Photo or aerial recognizance.....	9%
Static Displays.....	9%
Maintenance Flights.....	9%
Evidence or individual transportation.....	5%
Drug Eradication.....	4%
Other Missions.....	2%



Sheriffs' Helicopter

Motorcycle Traffic Unit



Sheriffs' Office Motorcycles

Deputy Chuck Barrett coordinates the efforts of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Unit. The unit consists of 9 Kawasaki Police 1000 Motorcycles operated by 11 Butler County Sheriff's Deputies who are Certified as Police Motorcycle Operators. These deputies are highly motivated and truly dedicated to the Butler County Sheriff's Office and to this specialty unit. As in the past, each deputy is assigned a motorcycle and they maintain that motorcycle through a scheduled maintenance program.

Sheriff Gabbard utilizes the Motorcycle Unit for patrol purposes, congested traffic situations, funeral escorts, V.I.P. details, shopping center patrol, various sporting events, Butler County Fair, motorcycle poker runs for various charitable organizations and parades, such as: Memorial Day, 4th of July, Honey Bee Festival, Ft. Hamilton Days, Antique Car Caravan, Labor Day, Fire Prevention, Halloween Caravan, Thanksgiving Day/ Santa Claus in Cities such as Hamilton, Fairfield, Middletown, College Corner, Oxford, Union, Ross, Hanover and Liberty Townships. The Unit has also appeared in the State of Ohio Police Memorial Parade and Services at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy Center in London, Ohio the past 3 years and are invited again to participate in May of 1999.

Along with the previously mentioned areas, the unit also patrols the Great Miami Bike Path in Hamilton, Ohio, as well as all the Metro Park areas within Butler County. These areas are especially suited to our Deputies and their motorcycles, as the motorcycle deputy has trained on the dirt paths and walkways of the Metro Park System with their motorcycles. But the patrol unit deputy, who is driving a marked police car literally would have to exit his or her vehicle at the roadway or parking lot and proceed on foot to the dirt trails and walkways.

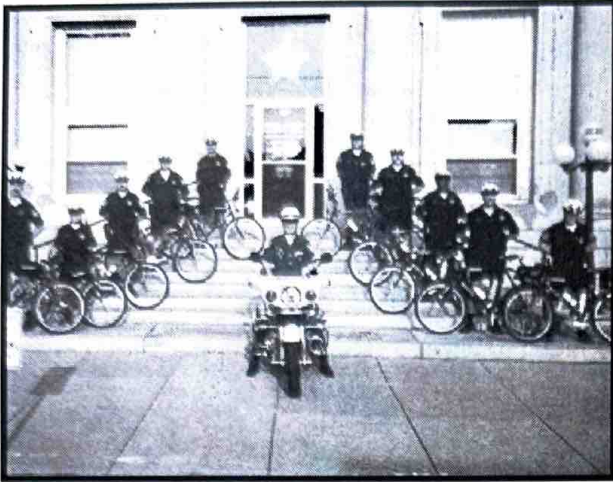
Deputies of the Motorcycle Unit have conducted approximately 35 traffic safety and educational programs to schools and groups who include the experienced and inexperienced motorcycle riders who wish to know more about motorcycle safety in Butler County.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Unit Deputies have driven approximately 26,400 miles in 1998. There are no signs of these miles decreasing because the County needs to be patrolled aggressively and the increased traffic situation be maintained as the population continues to grow. The safety of the citizens of Butler County is of the utmost importance to the Butler County Sheriff's Office.



Members of Motorcycle Unit

Bike Patrol



The 1998 Bicycle Unit

Once again the presence of the bike patrol will stop after hour juvenile problems in two to three days. This year they encountered several juvenile problems in Hanover and Ross Township. These problems were stopped immediately. Traffic complaints in Liberty Township are very common. If you could just see the look on people's faces when they are pulled over by a bicycle!

Deputy Dan Berter and Tom Lentz are preparing to become certified bike patrol instructors. The first class will be held in early 1999. This will improve the safety and effectiveness not only for our unit, but those throughout the area.

Commander Art Sauerwein heads the 13 man Bike Patrol unit. The common bicycle is a very effective tool in policework. While patrolling on bicycle the deputy is at ground level with the people he or she is serving. A deputy's attention is easily obtained by removing the barriers of a vehicle. People feel more at ease when approaching a deputy under these conditions.

The Bike Unit's main function is for patrol purposes, where it has been used during hours of limited visibility in high crime areas, a bike can move virtually undetected. Any time an increase in crime is detected in a limited area the Bike Unit is called upon for added patrol, giving Deputies the silent edge against the criminal element.

The Bike Unit has been very active in 1998. They have recorded approximately 1500 hours of patrol and training this year. They have been actively enforcing traffic violations throughout the County. The Unit has made 32 traffic stops. Most commonly they issued warning citations. One traffic stop led to a towed vehicle, because the driver was under suspension.



Sheriffs' Office Bicycle

Contract Deputies and Sub-Stations



Lieutenant Doug Johnson

Definition: Community Policing.. is an organizational-wide philosophy and management approach that promotes community, government and police partnerships; proactive problem-solving; and community engagement to address the causes of crime, fear of crime and other community issues. Personalized Policing.

At the end of 1998, 25 contract Deputies were in place under the direction of the Contract Commander, Lieutenant Doug Johnson. Officers were assigned in Liberty, Hanover, Madison, St. Clair, Morgan-Reily, Somerville-Milford, College Corner as well as the Forensic/Psychiatric Center, Truck Weight Enforcement Unit and the Lakota School Resource Officer.

Liberty Township: Consists of Supervisor Sgt. Doug Crawford, Det. Ken Hardin, Deputies Rick Bucheit, Jim Mueller, Rob Reiff, Kim Peters, Ray Moore, Todd Langmeyer, Mark Bolen and K-9 handler Dep. Art Brickles with "Alex". Alex is the new Liberty Township tracking/ drug dog and will be used primarily in Liberty Township but subject to call for other serious needs. Township meetings are held in the Township Administrative Building, which houses the Sheriff's newly renovated Sub-station, on the first and third Monday of each month. A report is given at each meeting by one of the Contract Supervisors or Officer on duty.

Hanover Township: Deputies Bill Stump, Mike Goins and Nick Fisher are the Contract Officers assigned to Hanover Township. The township meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, and Trustees and residents also receive a verbal report of the monthly activities of the Officers.

Madison Township: Deputies Kent Hall, Mike Dawson and Reggie Bronnenberg are the three Contract Officers in Madison Township, with their monthly meeting being the third Wednesday of the month.

St. Clair Township: Deputy Randy Lambert is the Officer assigned as part of the COPS grant program. Meetings are held on Monday evenings.

Morgan/ Reily Township: Is a COPS grant program and Dep. Faron Addis is the Officer assigned to serve both Townships.

Somerville/Milford: Is a COPS grant program and Deputy Dave Marcum is the Officer assigned to this area.

College Corner: Is a Community Oriented Policing Grant that is held by Deputy Matt Maxwell. He works closely with the Mayor and Village Council. His authority is unique, in that, he holds a commission in the State of Ohio as well as Indiana. He serves three counties in two States.

Forensic/Psychiatry Unit.. Dep. Jerry Stevison is the Officer assigned to assist with this unit and makes transports of CAPS and Forensic Center clients to required destinations or health facilities. Dep. Stevison made four hundred and thirty (430) Forensic contacts or transports.

Contract Deputies and Sub-Stations

School Resource Officer: Deputy Doug Hale is assigned as the School Resource Officer for the Lakota School District and works as a Liberty Township Contract Officer during the summer months.

His activities for 1998 included:

- 728..... Student contacts
- 189..... Parent contacts
- 55..... Conferences with parents
- 17..... Gang presentations
- 21..... Staff meetings
- 21..... Truancy complaints
- 14..... Drug reports taken
- 28..... Court appearances
- 80..... Visits to other schools in school dist.
- 25..... Reports taken
- 101..... Charges filed on juvenile
- 03..... In school arrests
- 21..... Thefts from lockers
- 09..... School fights
- 04..... Drug activity reported
- 25..... Truant students
- 22..... Road / accident assistance
- 04..... Sexual harassment cases

Truck Weight Enforcement

Sgt. D.B. Smith and Deputy Holly Harmon work varied shifts to accomplish the mission of truck weight enforcement.

The activities for 1998 include:

Total Overweight citations.....	429
Total overweight pounds.....	3,980,245
Average overweight.....	10,102 lbs
Total miles driven.....	60,450
Total courtesy weighs.....	18
Weight Law Education Programs..	25

Metro Parks : Deputy Greg Hodges was assigned in June of 1998 to assist the Metro Parks Officers and their staff. He looked forward to assisting, and participating, in the park projects and programs. Sheriff Gabbard and Chief Jones feel quite confident the mutual agreement will benefit all who frequent the Metro Parks in Butler County.

2216 Miles driven	20 citations
27 Park passes issued	05 Special events



Truck Weight Enforcement



Liberty Township Deputies

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