

# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## 2004 Annual Report



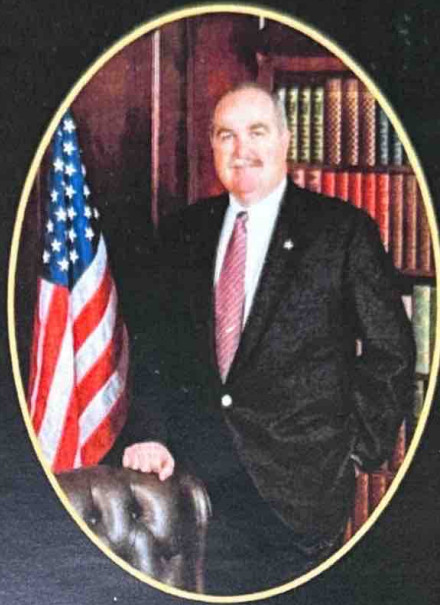
Sheriff Richard K. Jones







# Sheriff's Command Staff



Sheriff Richard K. Jones



Chief A.C. Dwyer



Major J. Geier



Captain N. Lewis



Captain M. Stump

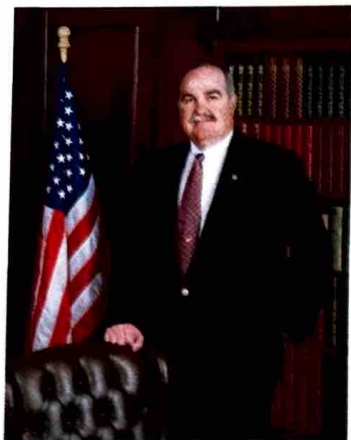


Captain K. McMahon



Captain R. Greer





## Sheriff Richard K. Jones

Richard Jones, known as "Jonesy" to his friends, was born on October 11th, 1953 in Hamilton, Ohio in Butler County. After graduating from the Hamilton City School system, he volunteered for the military draft where he served from 1973 to 1975 as a combat engineer and was promoted to the rank of Specialist 4 during his two-year enlistment.

Upon completion of his term in the military, a young Richard accepted a position in 1976 with the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections working as a Corrections

Officer. Richard's career with the Ohio prison system presented him with the opportunity to learn many new skills as he advanced through the ranks. During his employment with the prison system, Richard advanced from a Corrections Officer to an Education Specialist and then to the position of Training Officer where he was responsible for the training of over 400 employees.

In 1985 Richard was promoted to the rank of Senior Captain and was responsible for the prison's security audits. He served in this capacity of Senior Captain and the Warden's designee for inmate appeals from 1985 to 1990 when he was promoted again to the respected rank of Major.

Richard served as Major at the Lebanon Correctional Institute from 1990 until he accepted the position as Chief of the Butler County Sheriff's Office in 1993 where he proudly serves today.

Richard's formal education began in 1977 at the Hocking Technical College where he received an Associate Degree in Corrections in 1979. He then attended Wilmington College where he graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1984 he earned a Master Degree in Corrections from Xavier University.

Richard and his wife, Becky have two children: Richard Jr., who is a police officer with Fairfield Township and Amanda, who is a Communications Officer with the West Chester Township Police Department.

During Richard's tenure as Butler County Sheriff's Chief Deputy, he orchestrated putting more deputies on the streets to help the Sheriff's Office respond to calls for service faster. He's worked hard to help make more jail cells available to lock up more criminals and increase the productivity and efficiency of the office through computer automation.

Richard K. Jones was sworn in as the 45th Sheriff of Butler County Ohio on January 2nd, 2005. He took over the office on Monday January 3rd, 2005.

Richard's continuing record as an administrator of the Butler County Sheriff's Office for over 12 years reflects a continuing dedication and commitment to the safety of everyone in Butler County.





## Chief Deputy Anthony E. Dwyer

Chief Anthony Dwyer is a life long resident of Butler County. Born and raised in Middletown, Ohio he graduated high school in 1981, and then attended West Virginia Tech University on a football scholarship.

Chief Dwyer began his employment with the Sheriff's Office in 1984 originally working in the Corrections Division and then as a patrol officer. In 1986 Chief Dwyer was transferred to the Detective Division where he remained for the next 13 years being promoted through the ranks of Detective, Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and finally Detective Captain.

During his tenure in the Detective Bureau Chief Dwyer worked on several high profile homicide investigations that have been featured on "America's Most Wanted" and the Discovery Channel's "New Detective" Series. He is also a recipient of the National Sheriff's Association award for exceptional investigative work and has been published in "Ohio Police" magazine.

In 1999 Chief Dwyer accepted a management position as Major overseeing all operations of the Sheriff's Office. Traditionally, newly elected Sheriff's bring with them a new administrative staff. When Sheriff Jones took office in January of 2005 he promoted Dwyer to his current rank of Chief Deputy. This promotion marks the first time in modern Butler County Sheriff's Office history that the Chief Deputy has progressed through the ranks within the Sheriff's Office to the second position of authority.



## Major Jerry Geier

In May, 2005, Sheriff Richard K. Jones completed his Command Staff by naming Jerry Geier as the Major with the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Major Geier has a 22 year career with two Sheriff's Offices in Central Florida. Most recently serving as Bureau Chief. His previous experience includes serving in Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Internal Affairs, Special Operations, Traffic, and several other administrative assignments.

Major Geier also possesses expertise in SWAT and Hostage Operations and has served in a variety of undercover and tactical units.

Major Geier received his Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University and will soon be awarded his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and has attended many other management and executive level courses.



# Butler County Sheriff's Office

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## Administrative Services

## Division



# Administrative Services Division

Division Commander

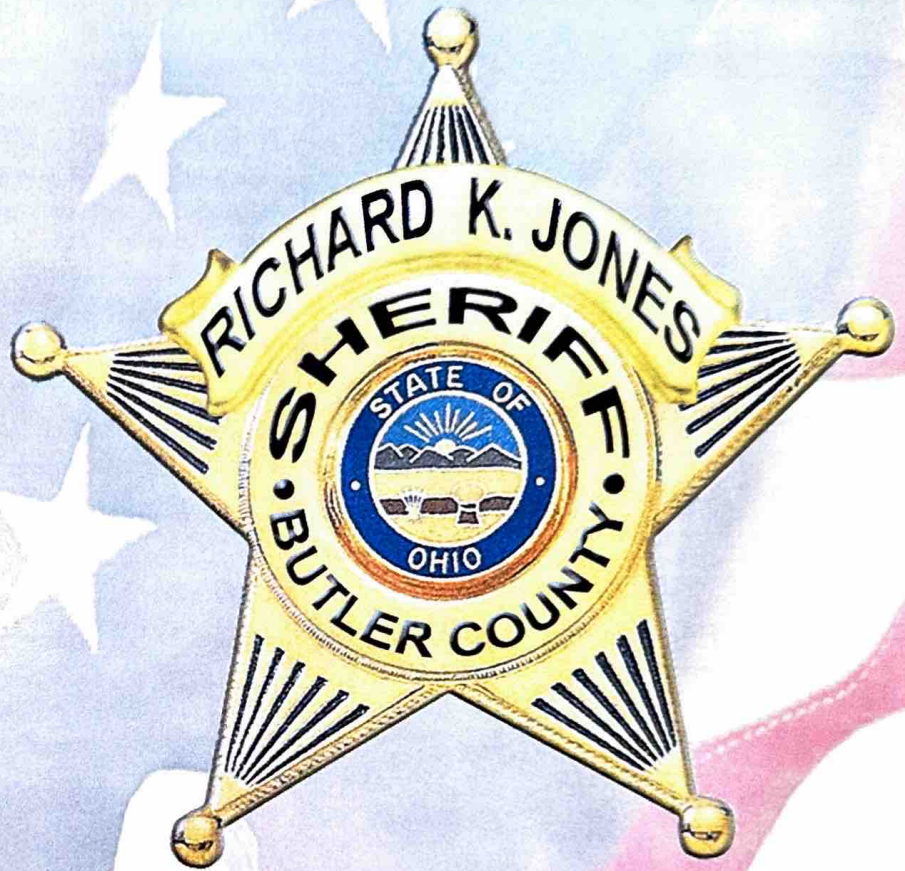


Norman Lewis  
*Captain*

Division Lieutenant



Ralph Martin  
*Lieutenant*



## Unit Supervisors

Civil Unit  
Warrants Unit  
Sheriff Sales



Jeff Gebhart  
*Sergeant*

Computer  
Services



Mark Ketteler  
*Sergeant*

Court  
Security



Rick Laggenbauer  
*Sergeant*

Records Unit  
Background  
Investigations



Marian Olivas  
*Sergeant*



# **Butler County Sheriff's Office**

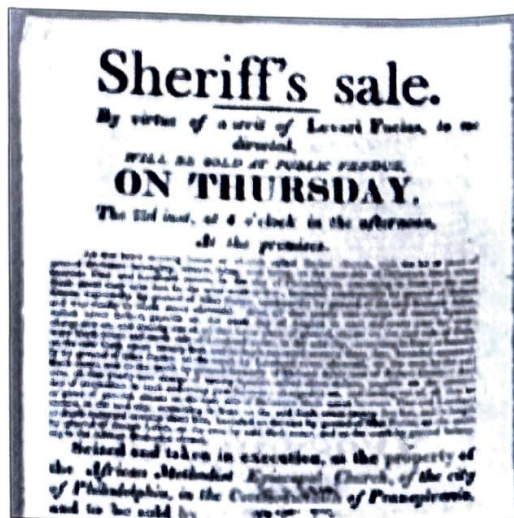
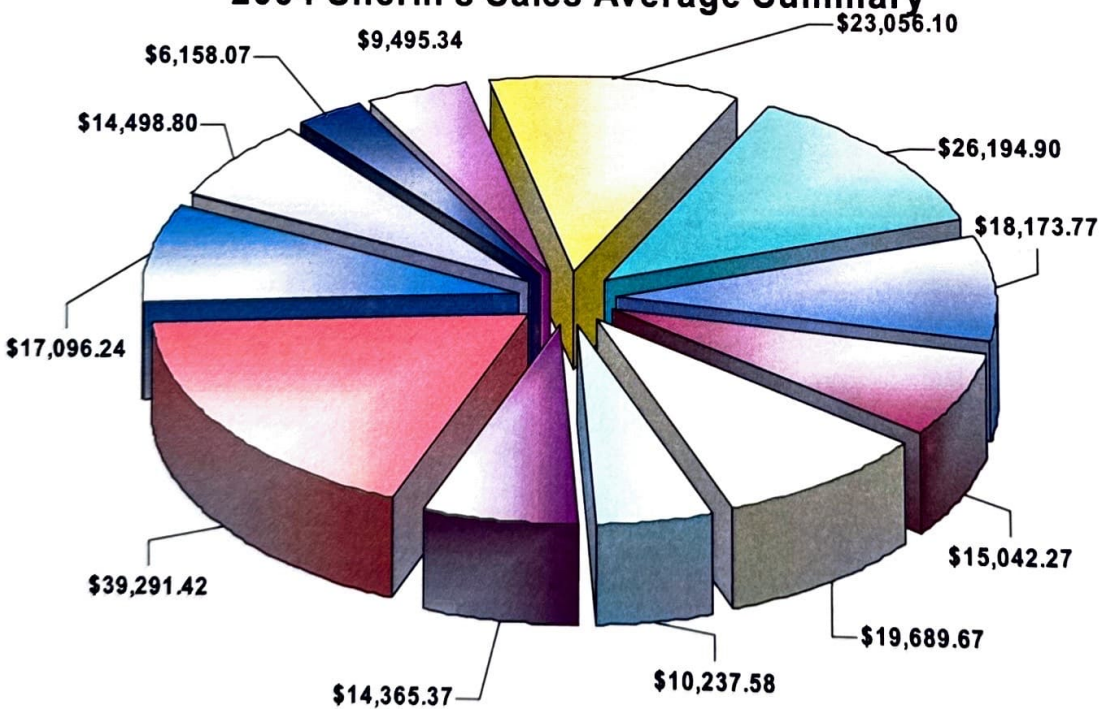
## **Sheriff's Sales 2004**



Each County has the task of processing and administering court ordered evictions and foreclosures. In 2004, the Butler County Sheriff's Office performed a total of 1577 Sheriff Sales with a total amount of \$25,548,308.38 which averages out to approximately \$16,200.58 per sale.



## 2004 Sheriff's Sales Average Summary





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Court Security Division

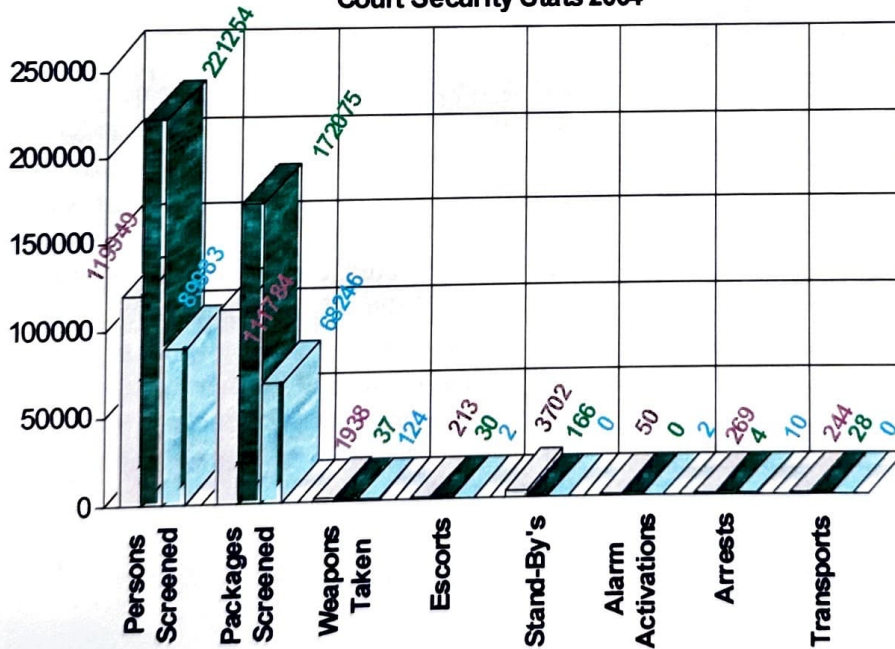


The Butler County Sheriff's Office Court Services provides security and ensure the safety of the citizens and County employees at the following Butler County sites: The Government Services Center, Historic Court House, Juvenile Justice Center, Family and Job Services Center in Middletown, Ohio, Butler County Children Services Office and the Family and Job Services Office in Hamilton, Ohio.

Court Security Deputies provide personal and package screening for the Butler County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts. These deputies serve warrants, fingerprint subjects per the order of the Courts and insure the timely movement of inmates within the courts.

Court Services personnel answer panic alarms located within the Government Services Center, as well as assisting with any drills within the County. They also respond to any vehicle crashes which may occur within the parking lot of the serviced agencies and issue/update personnel security cards as ordered by the different departments of the Government Service Center.

**Butler County Government Services Center  
Court Security Stats 2004**



**Historic Courthouse**



**Area I, II & III Courts**



**Juvenile Justice Center**



# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Warrants Unit 2004

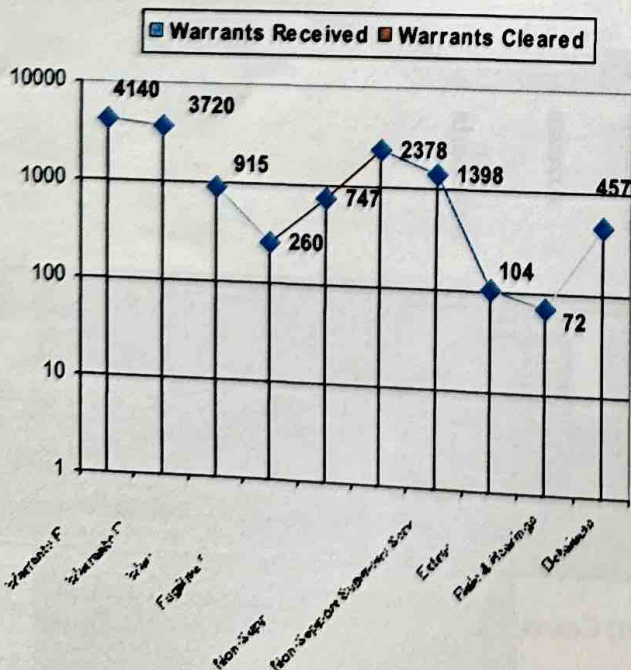
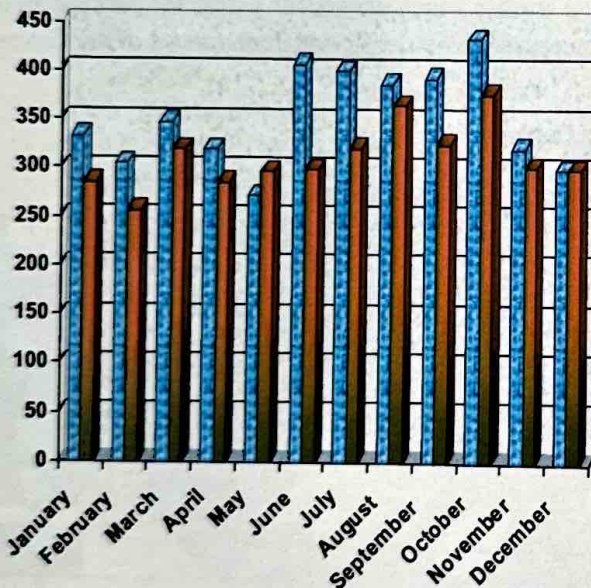


The Warrants Unit tracks down Butler County's most wanted fugitives. Our Warrants Unit hunt persons wanted for Felonies, Misdemeanors, Non-Support within Butler County and Extraditions / Rule 4 Hearings for other agencies within Ohio and Out of State. Our deputies drove approximately 140,000 miles to find these criminals in 2004 with over 1900 arrests. The total amount spent on transporting prisoners to Ohio was estimated at \$52,668.60.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> 2004, the Butler County Sheriff's Office received a Capias warrant for the arrest of Brian T. Stepp. Mr. Stepp was charged with Failing to Appear in Common Pleas Court to answer to the charges of Rape (3 counts), Kidnapping (3 counts) and Impersonating a Police Officer (3 counts). Mr. Stepp faces up to 70 years in prison if convicted on all counts. The Fugitive Unit began its investigation to locate Mr. Stepp on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Several local tips indicated that he had fled the area to avoid prosecution. A short time later it was

confirmed that Mr. Stepp had driven his SUV to Toronto, Canada. Deputies drove to Canada to recover the vehicle and obtained information that Stepp and his wife had flown from Canada on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to Amsterdam, Holland. The husband and wife stayed in Amsterdam until July 17<sup>th</sup> where they obtained boat tickets and traveled to London.

Countless hours went into the case communicating with the various police agencies in London. It was their cooperation and willingness to work with a foreign police department that brought Mr. Stepp to justice. At the present time he has been ordered back to the United States and is appealing the Presidential Order of Extradition. We have been advised that he may be returned any day as it appears his appeal will be overturned. This is the first known international extradition ever that has been attempted by a law enforcement agency in Butler County.





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Training | Firearms | Aviation Units



**Butler County Sheriff's Office Training Unit**

The Training Unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office offers a wide range of educational opportunities for our staff members. The Butler County Sheriff's Office has personnel within the department and also brings in guest instructors for specialty classes, that are qualified to instruct in a wide range of subject matter that relates to the duties of being a Police Officer in the State of Ohio.

In 2004, the Training Unit conducted one (1) Police Academy and turned out 18 new Deputy Sheriff's completing 582 hours of training and conducted two (2) Corrections Academies graduating 16 new Corrections Officers by completing 136 hour of training. All together, the Sheriff's Office sent deputies and other employees to more than 2200 hours of training.

The Firearms Training Facility is a joint venture between the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the West Chester Township Police Department. The facility has a classroom and 14 shooting lanes with computerized targets on each lane. There are two (2) running man targets, for moving target training and a live fire shoothouse for training Officers on conducting building searches using live ammunition. The range is capable of allowing the firing of any weapon within our inventory, from semi-automatic handguns, shotguns, rifles and submachine guns.

Each agency provides their own instructors to perform training for their department. Several agencies use the range to train their personnel. Each outside agency pays \$150.00 per day for the use of the facility and provide their own ammunition, instructors and targets for the training. With several agencies using the range, approximately 200,000 rounds a year are fired at the facility.

The training of Law Enforcement Officers in firearms and tactical training in these trying times is paramount to ensure that they are able to meet the challenges that may arise. Sheriff Richard Jones and Chief Deputy Anthony Dwyer are committed to ensuring that the law enforcement officers in Butler County are trained in the latest firearms and tactical techniques to protect the citizens of Butler County.



**Butler County Sheriff's Office  
Firing Range & Firearms Training**



**Butler County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit**

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Aviation Units has one aircraft, a Robinson R-44 Police Helicopter. It is a four place piston helicopter that is equipped with a video camera, forward looking infrared (heat seeking sensor) with recording capabilities on both, global positioning system for navigation, police and fire radios.

In 2004 the unit flew approximately 252 hours in support of Law Enforcement operations in Southern Ohio. Not only did the unit operate to support the Sheriff's Office, but also assisted 30 other agencies in Southern Ohio as well as the FBI and Secret Service. The unit recovered three stolen vehicles, assisted in the arrest of several suspects for drug related charges, flew 32 missions for drug eradication finding and seizing more that 3000 marijuana plants valued at over \$3,000,000.00. The unit also assisted in crime scene photo flights, high risk search warrants and more than 20 flights searching for missing persons or suspects. The unit also flew 21 missions in support of school, DARE and youth groups showing local children the capabilities of Law Enforcement Aviation.



# **Butler County Sheriff's Office Computer Services Unit**



In today's society, technology is a vital key for our organization to obtain, retain and administer information, within the Sheriff's Office and to other agencies. The Computer Services Unit of the Administrative Services Division maintains the integrity of computer based technology for all Divisions and Departments of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, from information servers, to hardware, to software, to website design, to troubleshooting and repair.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office purchased an all involved Records Management Program called VisionAir in 2000. This Program sustains all departments within the Sheriff's Office, including, but not limited to, Dispatch (CAD), Jail Management, Civil and Warrants, Records Management, Road Patrol functions and Paperless reporting from the mobile units. This program also offers a web based support structure called Vision Inform.



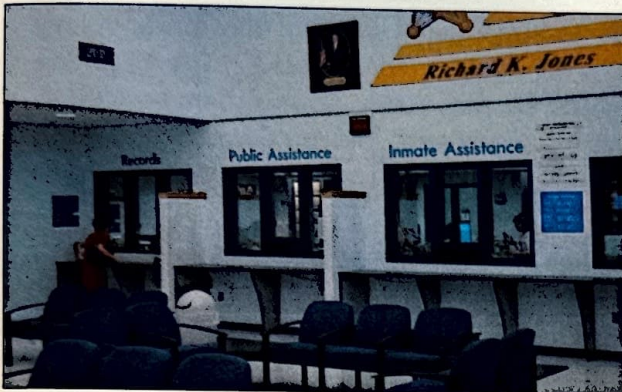
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Sheriff's Office on the internet at:

[www.butlersheriff.org](http://www.butlersheriff.org)



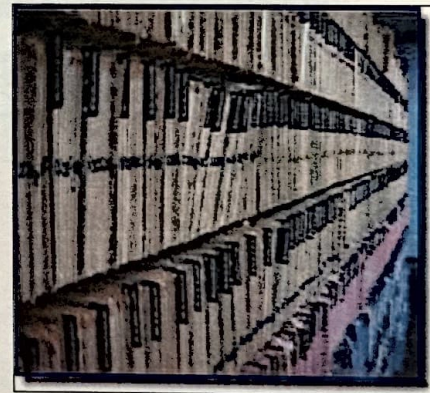
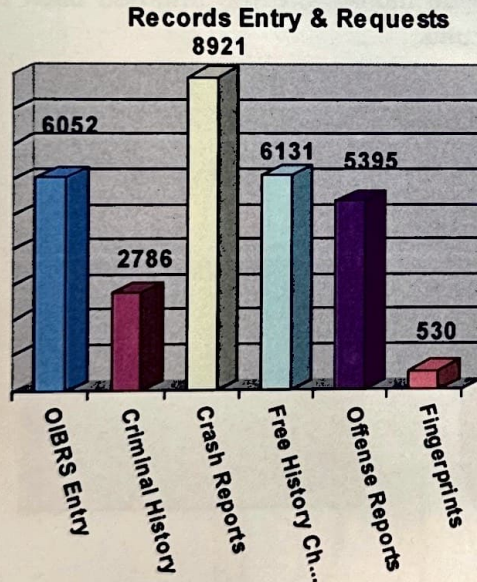
# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Central Records



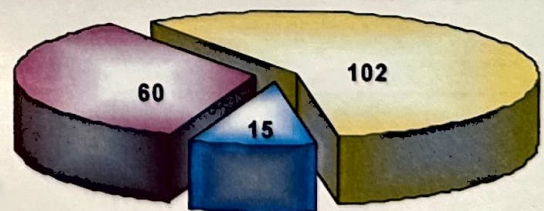
Central Records serves several departments within the Sheriff's Office, but falls under the command of the Administrative Services Division. They are responsible for serving the public and the Sheriff's Office with Criminal History checks, Traffic Crash Reports, Offense Report entry and requests, fingerprint requests and handling Tow Sheets and releases. Central Records is also responsible for handling incoming calls, accepts money deposits for inmates, obtains various inmate documents, organize and maintains Attorney/Inmate Visits and Inmate information processing, updates and releases.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Central Records enters and maintains the OIBRS (Ohio Incident Based Reporting System) reports for the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the State of Ohio. These reports are entered then forwarded to the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for State Statistics and Grant eligibility.



The Central Records Supervisor is also in charge of potential employee background investigations and interviews. In 2004 there were a total of 177 applications received for many different positions.

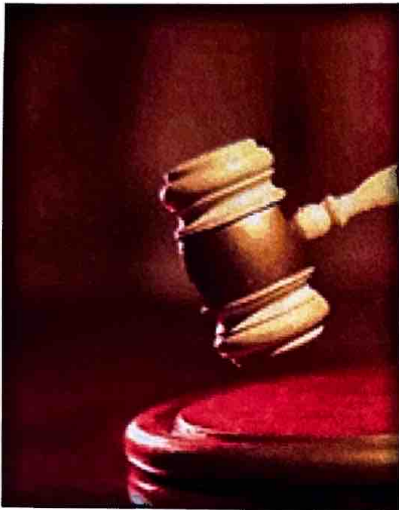
**2004 Background Investigations  
for Applicants**





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Civil Processing Unit

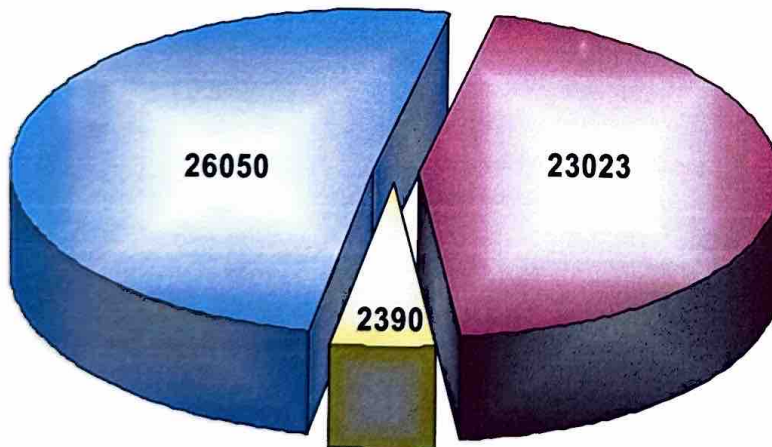


One of the Ohio Law mandated tasks of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is to "service the courts." The Civil Unit services the needs of the Butler County Common Pleas Courts, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Area I, II & III Courts and the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

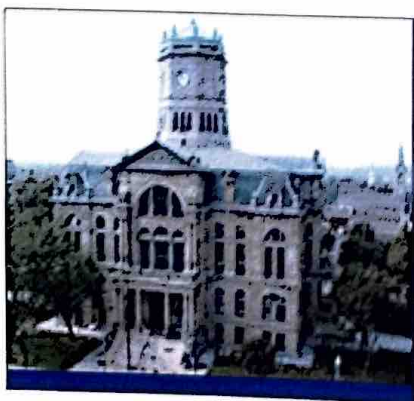
The Civil Unit processes and serve the various documents issued and handled by the Courts. These documents include criminal and civil subpoenas, divorce complaints, summons, warrants and indictments to name a few. During 2004, the Butler County Civil Unit received 26,050 such documents.

Under Ohio Law, the Civil Unit is permitted to collect fees for processing certain papers or conducting court ordered sales. When collected these monies are returned back to the County's General Fund.

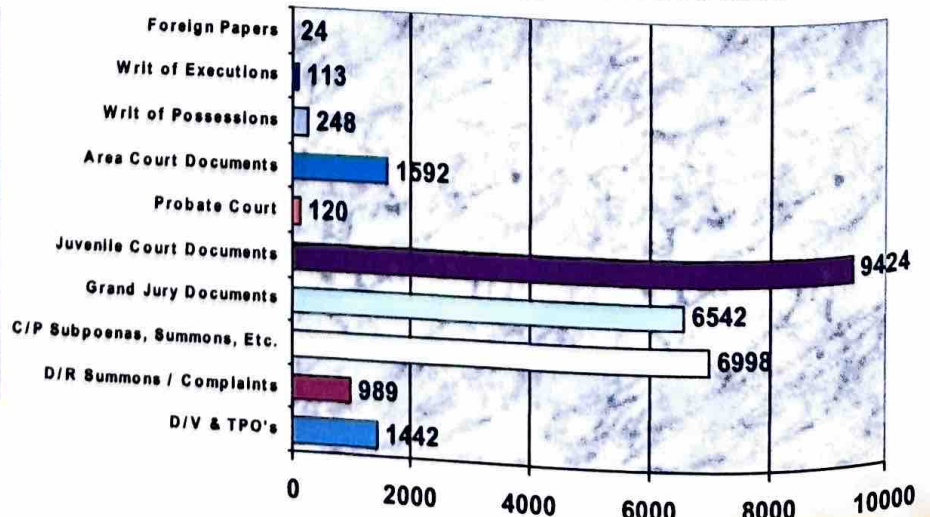
### 2004 Civil Unit Document Statistics



☐ Total Received 
 ☐ Total Served 
 ☐ Total Returned

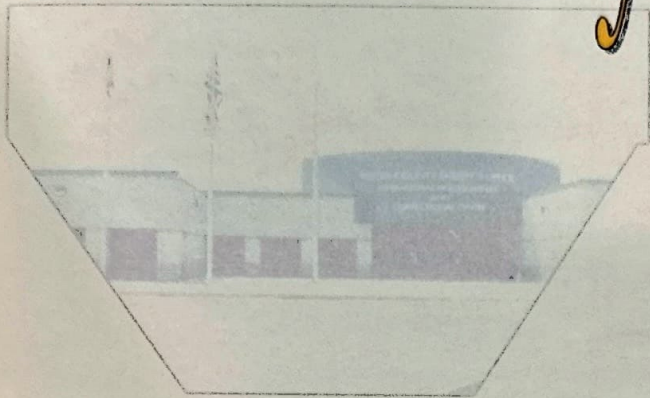


### Civil Unit Paper Type Received 2004

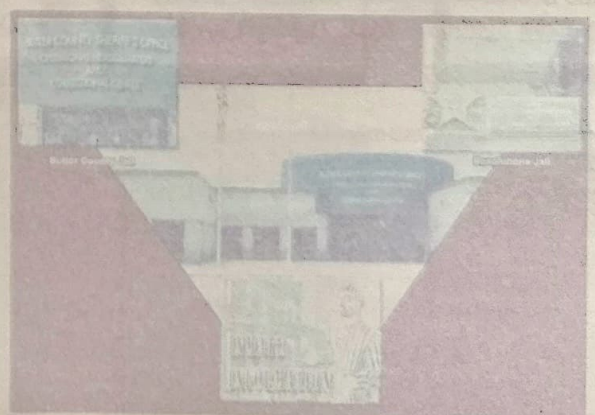
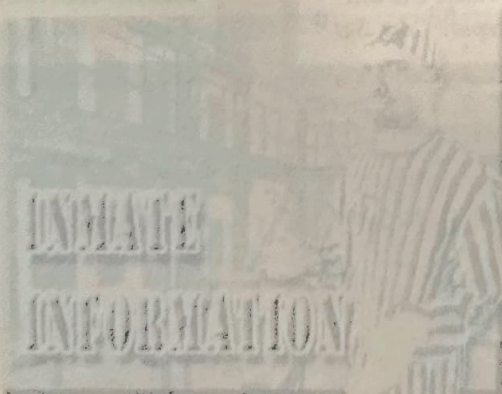
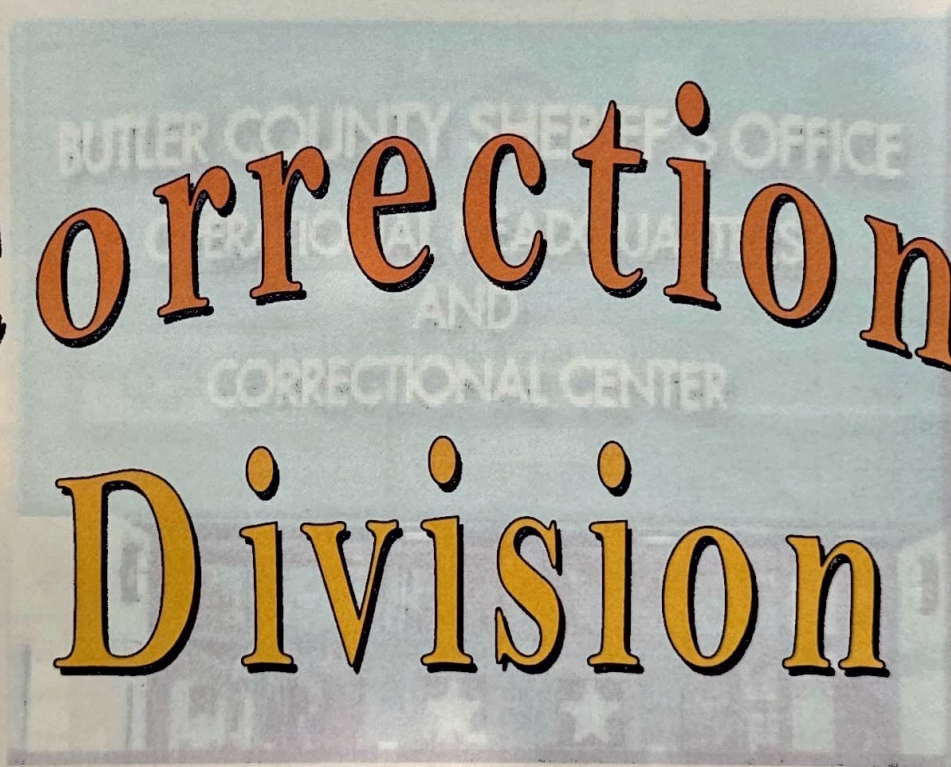




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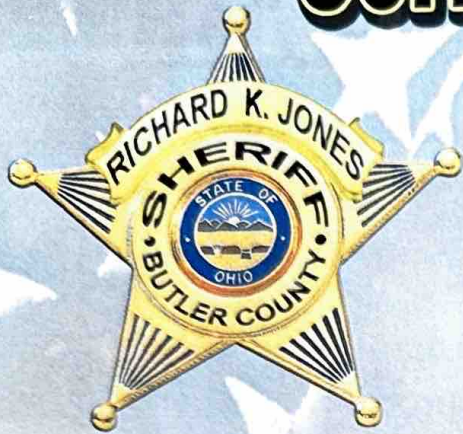
## corrections Division





# Corrections Division

Division Commander



William Stump  
*Captain*



## Supervisors



Michael Craft  
*Lieutenant*



Lance Bunnell  
*Sergeant*



Brian Ruhl  
*Medical Admin.*



Dennis Adams  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Lowell Bower  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Donald Brown  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



James Calhoun  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Rob Clendenin  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Neale Curwin  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Braden McCreadie  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Jeffrey Smith  
*Deputy/Corr. Sgt.*



Jeff Duke  
*Deputy/Acting  
Corr. Sgt.*



Diane Dunn  
*Deputy/Acting  
Corr. Sgt.*



Vee Hurst  
*Deputy/Acting  
Corr. Sgt.*



Lyle Luttrell  
*Deputy/Acting  
Corr. Sgt.*



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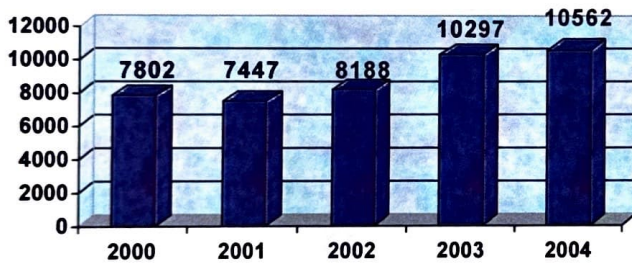
## Corrections Division

### Direct Supervision Maximum Security Jail

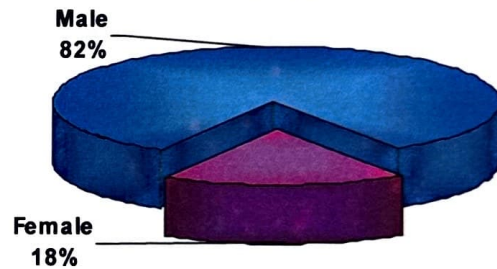


In the year 2000, the Butler County Commissioners, the Butler County Sheriff's Office and Resolutions; Community Solutions started construction on our new direct supervision, maximum security jail. In August of 2002, we moved our first inmates into the new, state of the art, modern jail facility. Now we have approximately 149 Correctional Employees and booked over 10,500 inmates in the year 2004. The average daily population for this jail alone was 563 inmates. Along with our minimum security Resolutions Jail, the average daily population for 2004 was 748 inmates, all direct supervision.

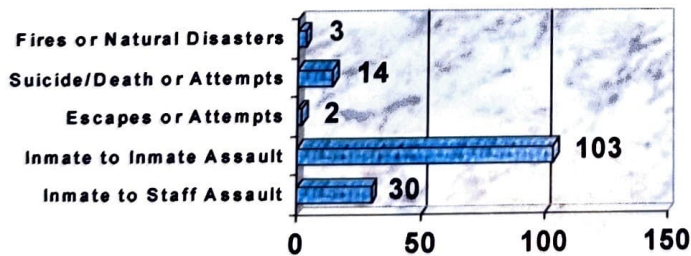
**5 Year Comparison of Inmates Booked**



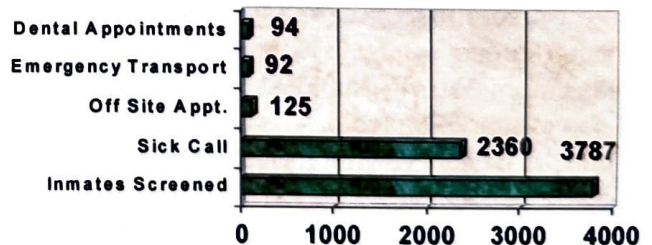
**Total Inmates Booked by Gender in 2004**



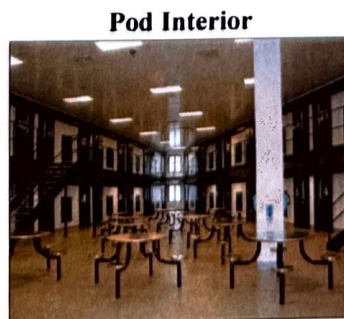
**2004 Critical Incident Summary**



**2004 Maximum Security Jail Only - Medical Division Totals**



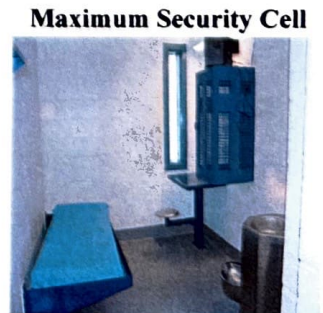
**Booking Desk**



**Pod Interior**



**Main Corridor**



**Maximum Security Cell**



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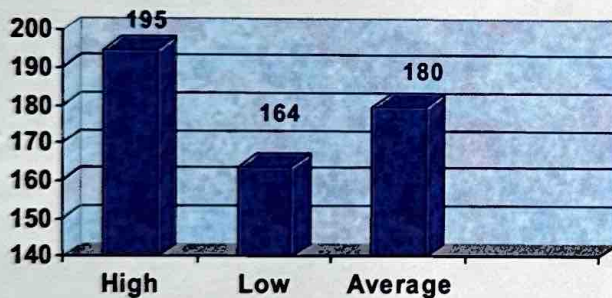
## Corrections Division

### Direct Supervision Minimum Security Jail

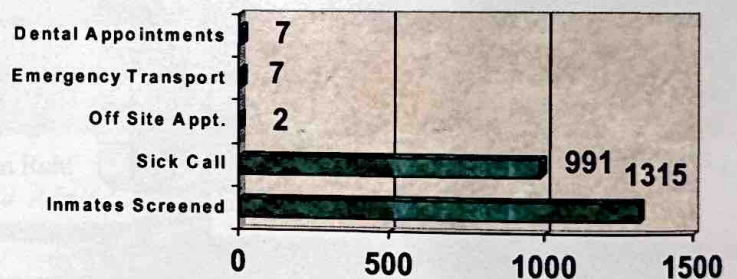


The Butler County Correctional Complex (Resolutions) is the minimum security direct supervision jail for the Butler County Sheriff's Office. This jail facility has a dorm style housing unit with a maximum of forty (40) inmates per dorm. This facility houses misdemeanor and non-violent offenders. Inmates can be sent to the minimum security jail from the maximum security jail, pending that they meet the required classification levels.

**Resolutions Minimum Security Jail High / Low / Average Daily Headcount**

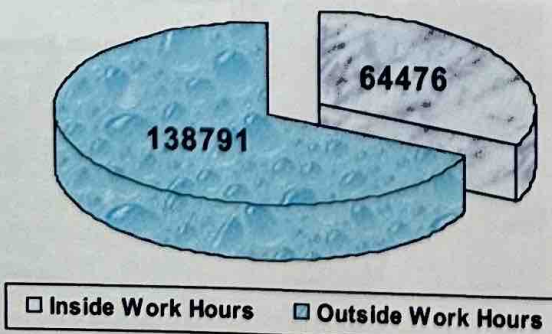


**2004 Minimum Security Jail Only - Medical Division Totals**



This jail facility also houses only male inmates and the inmate trustees (inmate workers). Inmate trustees work both inside and outside the Jail facilities, depending on the inmates charges, behavior and classification. These inmate workers help save the County and the taxpayers money on general labor to maintain the jail facilities and other areas. Outside work details include other County, Township and City Agencies, Litter Prevention and the Maximum Security Jail locations. Inside work details include working in the kitchen, laundry, maintenance and commissary. Based on the minimum wage rate of \$ 5.35 per hour, with a total of 203,267 hours worked, the Inmate Trusty Program saved \$1,087,478.45 in labor that would have been paid out to perform the same tasks.

**2004 Trusty Work Hours**





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

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## Criminal

## Investigations

## Division



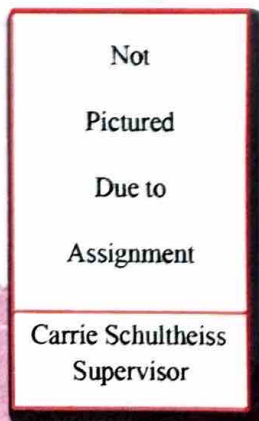
# Criminal Investigations Division

Division Commander



## Unit Supervisors

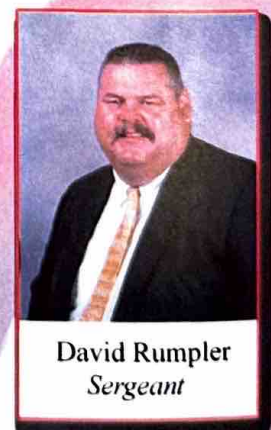
Drug &  
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Unit



Youth  
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Bureau





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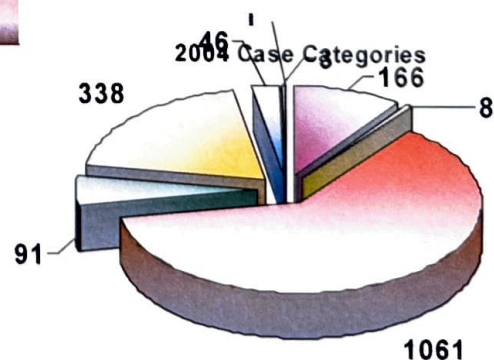
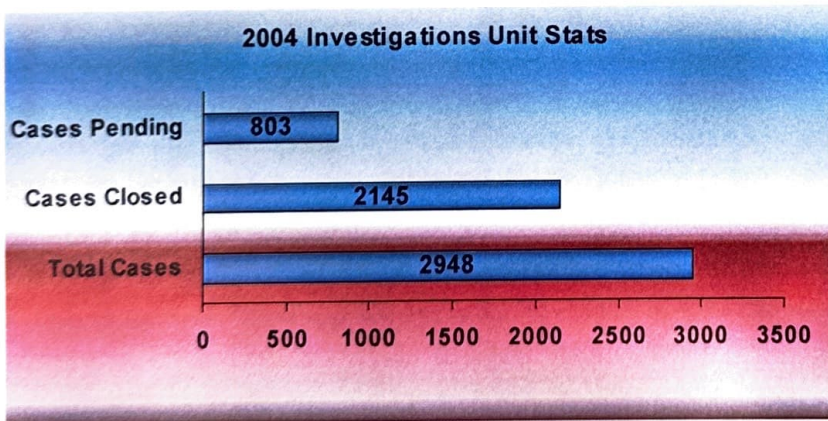
## Adult Investigations Unit



The Butler County Adult Investigations Unit work on a wide variety of cases that include homicides, robberies, burglaries, thefts and just about any other type of reported criminal activity. Once a crime has been reported, the Investigations Unit, commonly referred to as the Detective Bureau, is responsible for the ensuing investigation and efforts to bring the perpetrator(s) to justice. Investigators have been supplied with the latest advances in technology to investigate criminals and drug dealers.

With such a diverse caseload, these detectives must be skilled in the many methods of investigating the criminal element. It is not uncommon for these individuals to complete the role of photographer, evidence technician, victim advocate and interrogator, all in the same day.

The primary responsibility for any police agency is to investigate crimes committed against the citizens it is sworn to protect. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Adult Investigation Unit provides the necessary skills and tenacious attitude required.



- Death of Offender
- Prosecutions Declined
- Victim Refused
- Arrest
- Warrant Issued
- Closed
- Unfounded
- Unknown



# Butler County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Investigations Unit

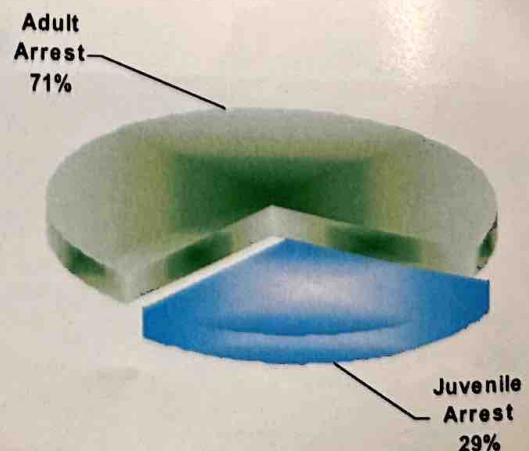
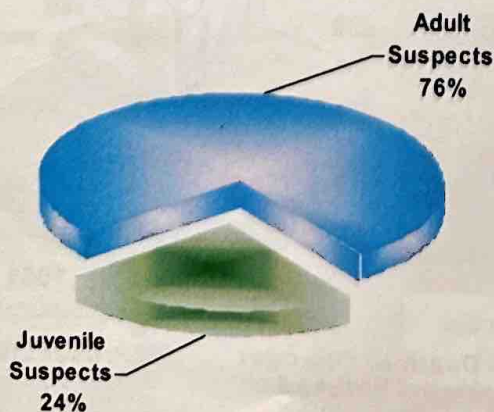
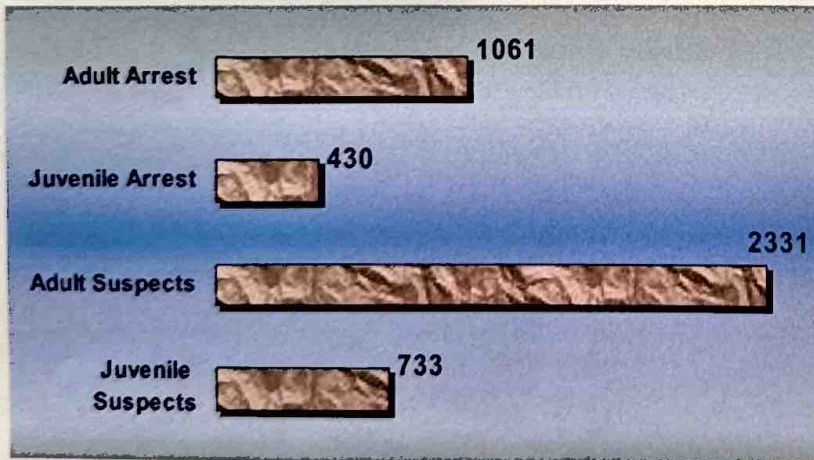


BUTLER COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Investigations Unit, commonly referred to as the Youth Aid Bureau, is responsible for investigating crimes committed by juveniles, or in which juveniles are victims. "Juvenile Crime" does not just mean "Kid Crime." Youth Aid Investigators have handled cases where juveniles have committed aggravated burglary, felonious assault, drug abuse, rape and just about every other type of "Adult Crime," as well as handling unruly child cases.

The Youth Aid Investigators are dealing with more and more juvenile victims of "Child Abuse." This abuse can come in many forms: neglect, emotional abuse, physical abuse and sexual abuse. These Investigators not only deal with the criminal element, but also with the social elements as well.

In the year 2004, the Investigations Unit handled 2948 cases. Out of the 2948 cases, 733 reports had Juveniles as suspects with 430 Juvenile Arrests.





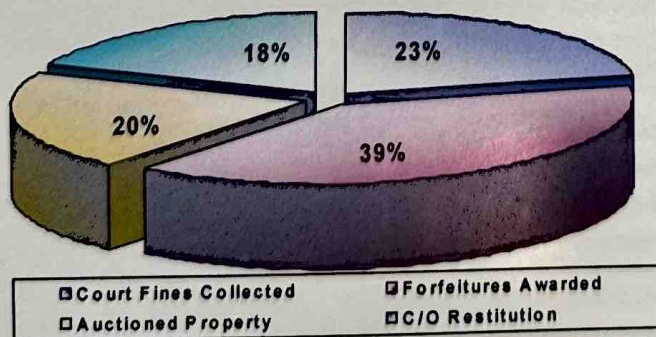
# Butler County Sheriff's Office Drug & Vice Investigations Unit



Making drug buys direct from a dealer is as up-close and personal as it gets. Few other times is an officer exposed to greater danger than when working undercover. The Butler County Sheriff's Office takes great pride in having an elite group of investigators willing to "take on" the drug dealers and make Butler County a better place for all who live and work here.

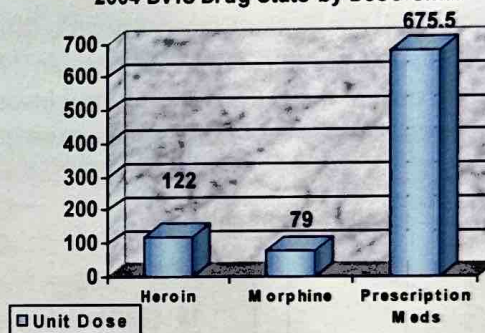
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Drug & Vice Unit is a "specialty assignment" and not every deputy is qualified to serve. Each agent is hand selected for individual qualities/talents that can be brought into the unit. Dedication and great discipline are key components to a successful agent. It has been said that not two drug deals go down the same way and no drug deal goes down on time. These agents often work throughout the night to bring a case to a successful ending.

In 2004 the DVI Unit Agents purchased illegal drugs / narcotics from a total of 245 individuals. The following charts show some break down totals of the different kinds of drugs bought and/or confiscated:

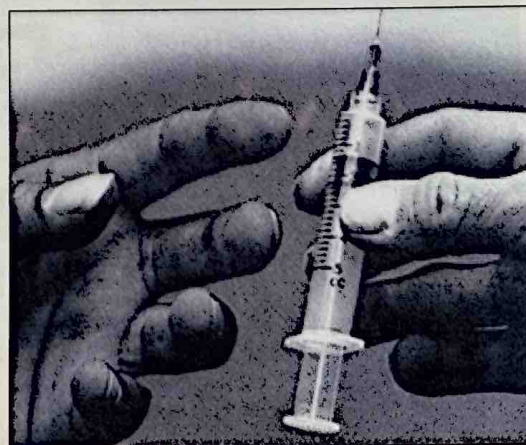
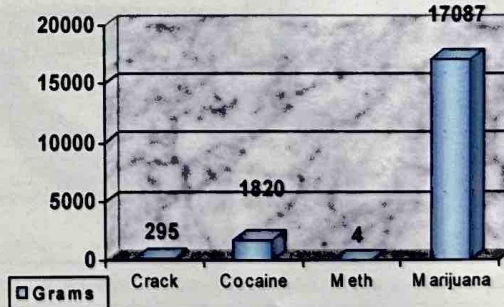


The above figures are the percentages of cash / check deposits that were made to the "Drug Account" during the year 2004.

2004 DVIU Drug Stats by Dose Units



2004 DVIU Drug Stats by Grams





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Polygraph Unit



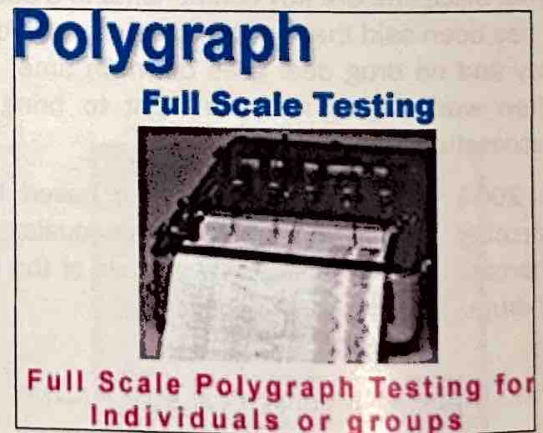
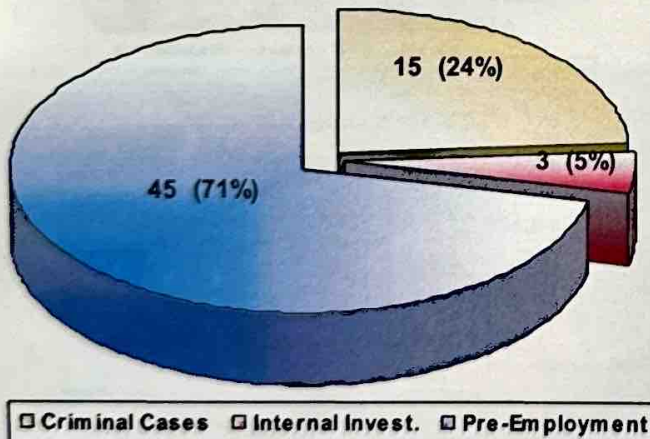
The polygraph is a sophisticated instrument that measures anatomical reactions to questions. The charts are then interpreted by the examiner to detect deception, or to verify truth. The polygraph has proven to be an effective tool for investigators.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office provides polygraph service for other local agencies, both inside and outside of Butler County.

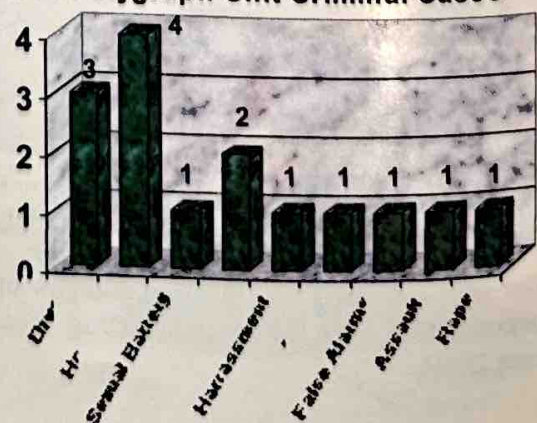
In the year 2004, the Butler County Sheriff's Office Polygraph Unit conducted 63 Polygraphs. Of those, fifteen (15) were Criminal Investigation cases, three (3) were Internal Investigations and the remaining forty-five (45) were pre-employment polygraphs.



2004 Polygraph Stats



2004 Polygraph Unit Criminal Cases





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Bomb Unit



Andros F6 on First Mission

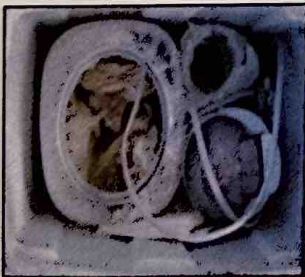
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit has been operational since 1980. During that time, equipment has evolved with technology. The Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit continually strives to stay abreast of developing threats and remedies.

The Bomb Unit conducts public presentations to explain the positive use of explosives and to make both children and adults familiar with these hazardous items they may encounter. These demonstrations show the power of selected quantities of explosives and the directional effects that can be produced. Bomb Unit personnel both photograph and record the materials used and blast effects for reference resources in actual bombing cases.

The bomb threat potential prompts a continuing review of the Butler County Bomb Threat Policy. The evolving policy modifications and related training needs in Butler county. These reviews are a joint effort of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Butler County Commissioner and the Department of Safety. Training session formats included search techniques as well as the identification/recognition of explosive components and suspected explosive devices.

### 2004 Operational Activity Brief

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>Bomb Calls</b>                         | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Meth Labs</b>                          | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Investigative Assists</b>              | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Protection Details</b>                 | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>Blasting (explosive use) permits</b>   | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Fireworks (commercial-1.3) permits</b> | <b>4</b>  |



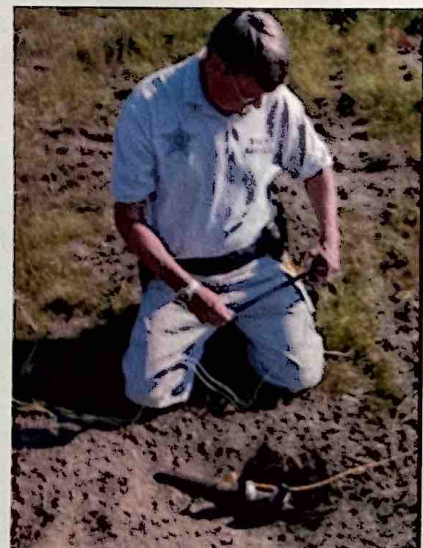
Portable Meth Lab

### 2004 Bomb Unit Highlights

- Protection detail for President Bush's visit to the Voice of America Park in West Chester Township on September 27, 2004
- Trained the U.S. Air Marshall's (based at the Greater Cincinnati International Airport) at the BCSO Demo Range with ATF in recognition of explosives
- In December we received the Andros F6 robot that was purchased through Federal Homeland Security Money



MK-II Hand Grenade Recovery



M-6 Heat Rocket prepped for countercharge



# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Ohio Concealed Carry Program

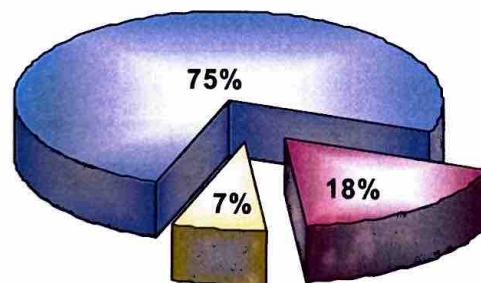


### The OHIO Carry Concealed Weapon Law

Carrying a concealed handgun is a privilege in Ohio and with this privilege comes a responsibility to be aware, not only of the common sense rules of safe firearm handling, but the laws that affect how, when and where you can carry a firearm and how to properly use the handgun to defend yourself or another person. On January 7, 2004, the Ohio General Assembly passed a revised House Bill 12, making concealed carry of handguns legal for any Ohioan who qualifies. The Act was signed into law the next day and became effective April 8, 2004.

During the year of 2004, The Butler County Sheriff's Office took in \$95,770.00 for fees for processing CCW Applications and permits. During that time \$56,210.38 was spent to support CCW Operations for supplies and Web Check services.

2004 CCW Account Expenditures



☐ Background Checks    ☐ Equipment    ☐ Supplies

**Butler County Sheriff's Office**  
**CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT**

*Permit applications will be processed:*  
 Tuesday from 8:00 am to Noon  
 Thursday from Noon to 4:00 pm

Applicants must provide the following items:

1. Completed, legible application
2. Copy of certification for completion of training
3. Concealed Carry Pamphlet
4. Cashiers check payable to Butler County Treasurer's Office  
 \$45.00 if you have resided in Ohio more than 5 years  
 \$69.00 if you have resided in Ohio less than 5 years
5. Ohio driver's license or other identification card
6. 2x2 color photo taken within 30 days of application

**DO NOT BRING YOUR FIREARM  
 INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



The Butler County Sheriff's Office provides an application form and makes the publication available at no charge. The applicant must pay a fee which will vary depending on the background check that the Sheriff must conduct. The law requires that a color photo (front view, head and shoulders, substantially similar to a 2 x 2 inch passport photo) taken within 30 days of the application date to accompany the completed application. The applicant must then provide evidence of competency certification. Applicants must also submit their fingerprints necessary to conduct the background check. The applicant must undergo certified firearms training before applying for a permit and have valid identification.



# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Sexual Offender Registration Notification (SORN)

**new legislation!**

**sexual  
offender &  
registration  
notification**

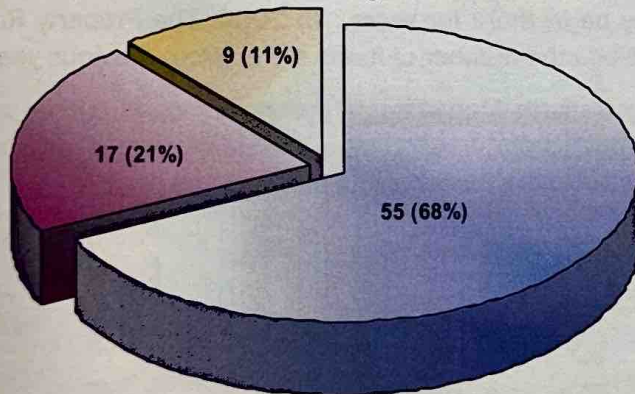
In the State of Ohio, sex offenders are required by law to be classified by their individual sentencing Judge. All sex offenders are placed into one of three categories;

1. Sexual Oriented Offender,
2. Habitual Sexual Offender
3. Sexual Predator

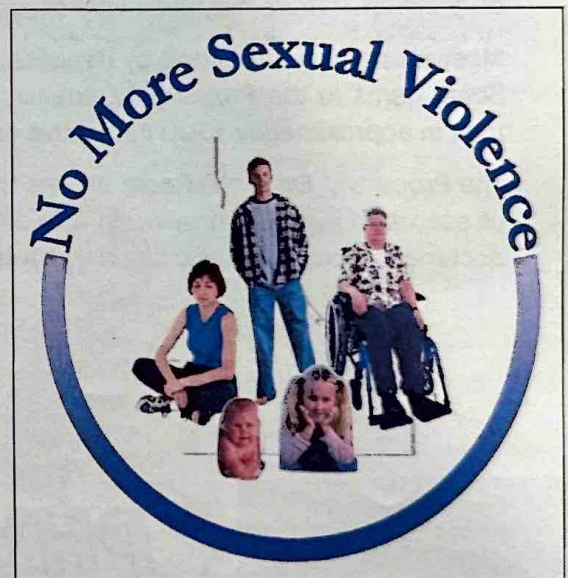
Each of these categories dictate the registration and notification requirements to which the offender is subject.

All sex offenders are required to register with the Sheriff of the County in which they reside within seven days of release from prison or moving to a new County.

2004 Sexual Offender Registration Offenders

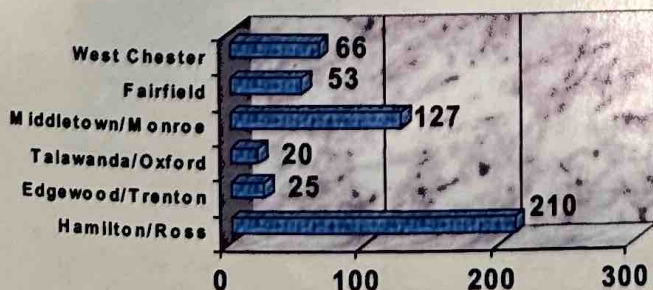


☐ Sexual Offenders
 ☐ Sexual Predators
 ☐ Juvenile Offenders

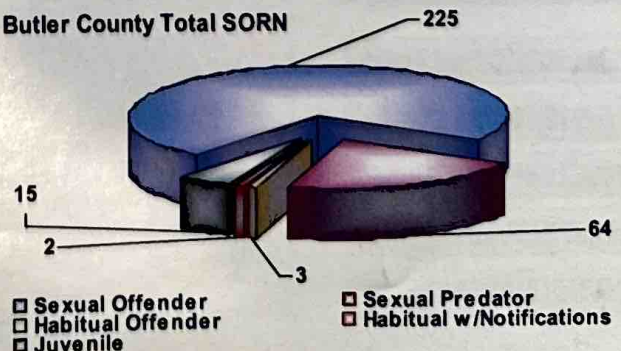


When a predator moves into Butler County, all the schools and daycares, both public and private, are notified. Every resident that lives within 1,000 foot radius of the Predator's residence is notified by postcard. There could be as little as 20 postcards to the public or as many as 300 depending on how populated the area is in which the predator resides. Thousands of notifications are distributed yearly.

Predator Notifications



Butler County Total SORN



☐ Sexual Offender
 ☐ Sexual Predator
 ☐ Habitual Offender
 ☐ Habitual w/Notifications
 ☐ Juvenile



# **Butler County Sheriff's Office**

## **Evidence / Property Unit**



One of the most critical functions of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is to maintain the "Property Room." Duties include the acceptance and tracking of property submitted by deputies as evidence. Once a piece of property is accepted, it is the responsibility of the deputy in charge to keep accurate records of the exact location of the property until a disposition of the property is achieved.

The types of property inside the Property / Evidence Room vary greatly. They may be a license plate found on the side of the road, drugs that were purchased by undercover officers or money seized from a drug dealer. There may even be weapons and bloody evidence used in a homicide.

Most property is submitted by deputies as evidence to be used in a Court of Law against a defendant. Some items in the Property / Evidence Room may be in there for years. In 2004, The Property Room took in approximately 1300 items, this does not include the number of items stored from previous years.

The Property / Evidence Room utilizes the VisionAir Records Management system for log and keep track of each and every item taken in and out. This Deputy is often called upon to testify in court and bring documentation on specific items that were submitted into the Property / Evidence Room.



**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**

**FIRE LINE DO NOT CROSS**

**POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS**

**SHERIFF'S LINE DO NOT CROSS**

**CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION**

## ***PHYSICAL EVIDENCE***





# Butler County Sheriff's Office



## Road Patrol Division



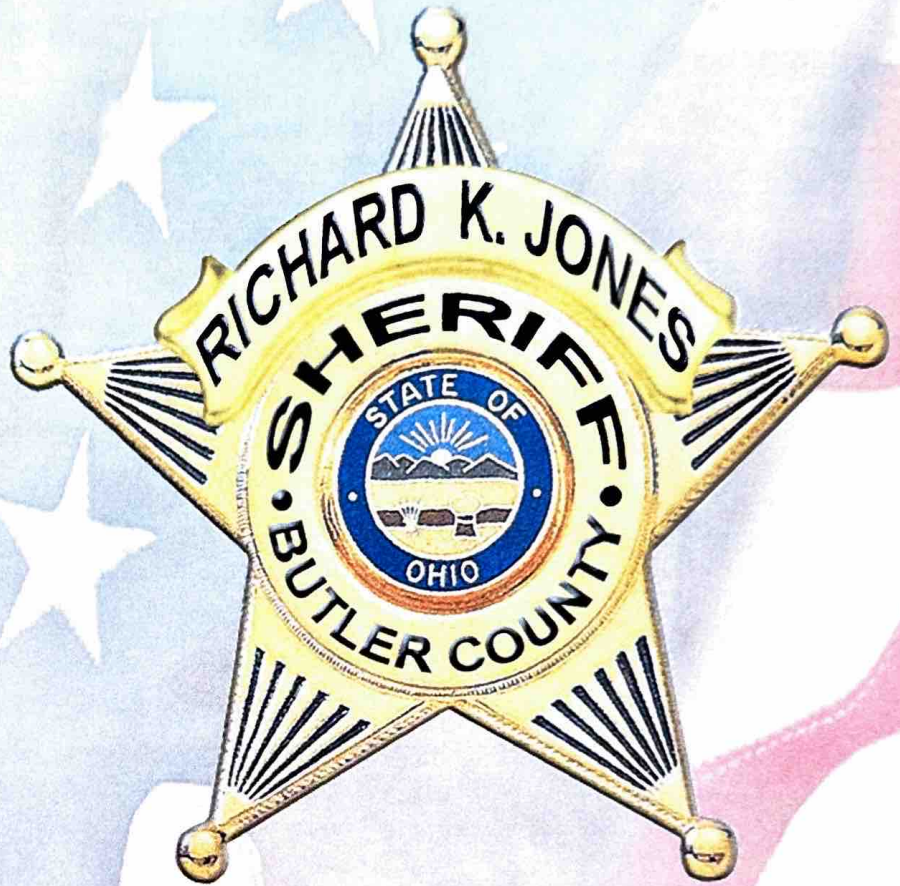


# Road Patrol Division

## Division Commander



R. A. Greer  
*Captain*



## Supervisors



Manson Laney  
*Lieutenant*



Jan Carpenter  
*Lieutenant*



Jean Collett  
*Lieutenant*



Michael Smith  
*Lieutenant*



Dave Waddell  
*Comm. Cord.*



Marcus Spicer  
*Sergeant*



Michael Nutt  
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John Hall  
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John Sons  
*Sergeant*



Bonnie Short  
*Dispatcher Mgr.*

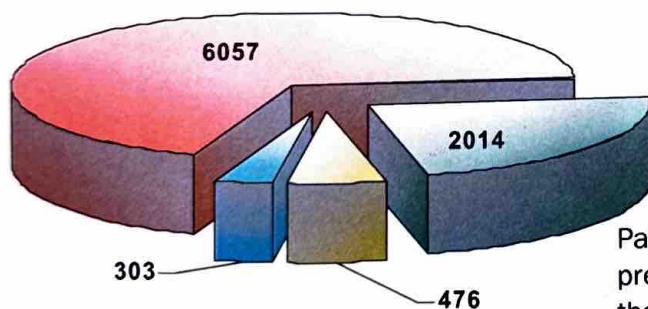


# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Road Patrol Unit

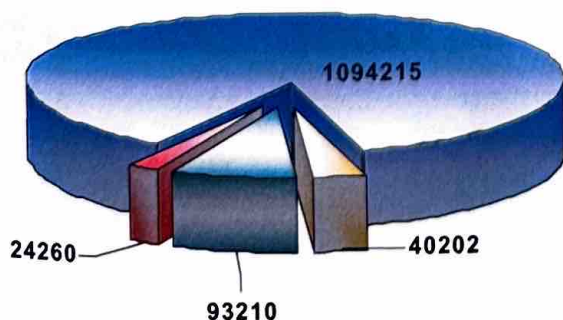


2004 Road Patrol Stats



■ Citations ■ Warnings ■ Summons ■ DUI's

2004 Deputy Log Totals



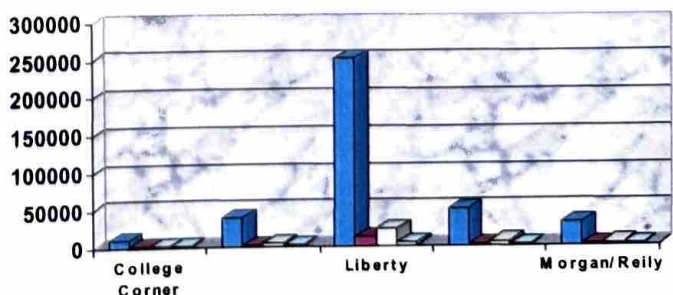
■ Mileage ■ Dispatches ■ Total Time ■ Special Details

The realization that criminal activity is directly detected and deterred by an aggressive traffic enforcement posture is proven again and again. The Butler County Patrol Unit serves as the foundation on which most of the other Sheriff's Office divisions build. It is the Patrol Unit that is most visible, is usually the first to respond to calls for assistance and generates most of the reports submitted to other divisions for follow up. The Unit 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, domestic violence calls, alarm drops, burglaries and theft, to name only a few.



Patrol deputies are regarded as "first responders" and must be prepared for any situation that arises. The extensive training that these deputies receive helps them to handle the wide spectrum of problems that they encounter every day. Few other occupations require an employee to be a counselor one moment and a guardian the next. This emotional roller-coaster can be a source of turmoil within the officers life. Deputies must learn to keep their priorities intact while devoting their lives to their families, careers and service to the community.

2004 Sub-Station Log Totals



■ Mileage ■ Dispatches ■ Total Time ■ Special Details



# Butler County Sheriff's Office Communications Unit



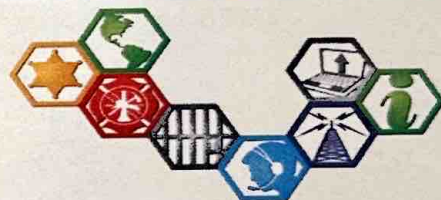
The Butler County Sheriff's Office Communications Unit is staffed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week; 365 days a year, with professional dispatchers who are dedicated and trained to handle life-threatening emergencies as well as all non-emergency calls that are received in the dispatch center. The Sheriff currently has 15 full-time dispatchers to assist the residents of Butler County for any emergency or non-emergency assistance.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office dispatchers take calls and dispatch for the Sheriff's Office, five (5) Police agencies, eleven (11) Life Squads and eighteen (18) Fire Stations located in Butler County.

Dispatchers are also responsible for contacting road crews throughout the County to notify them of road conditions in bad weather or for a repair, calling electric and phone companies for damaged poles or to turn off service at the residence due to a fire and most importantly, maintaining radio contact with all of the deputies or emergency personnel on the scene of an incident. Dispatchers are the "life-line" to the deputies and the Emergency Services workers on the street.

The Communications Center is where the Meteorologix Weather Radar receiver can be found at the Sheriff's Office. The radar updates every 5 minutes onto 2 monitors mounted in the center for the dispatchers to monitor. This weather radar has been a valuable asset in times of inclement weather allowing the dispatchers to notify the Sheriff and on-duty Road Patrol Supervisors in a timely manner so that appropriate action can be taken by the department.

The Communications Center is also the home to the County EAS (Emergency Activation System) so the dispatchers can connect directly with the local news media in times of emergency, as in the case of an Amber Alert or hazardous materials spill, that can affect residents within Butler County.



The dispatchers have the responsibility of the Ohio LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System) to provide immediate response to deputy's requests for driver's license or car license information and checking to make sure the suspect is not wanted by any other department. The dispatchers also enter stolen items, vehicles, license plates, missing persons, wanted persons, domestic violence orders and protection orders in the system every day.

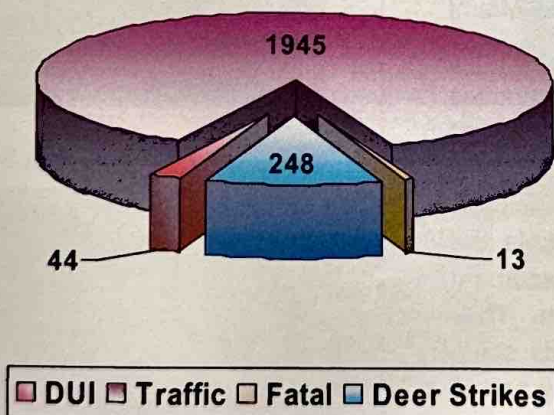


# Butler County Sheriff's Office Traffic Investigations Unit

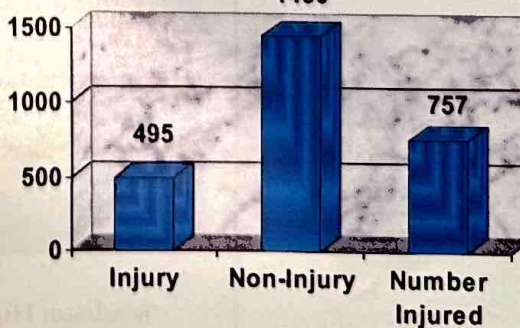


The primary focus of the Traffic Investigations Unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office is to follow up on hit-skip accidents and complete additional follow-up investigations on serious or fatal crashes. This unit has also consolidated all school bus violation reports from the respective school districts serviced by the Sheriff's Office for follow-up and subsequent citations if warranted. In the year of 2004, there were 195 accidents involving drivers 18 years old or younger and 1,945 traffic accidents. Of these accidents, 13 were fatal with a total of 14 deaths. There was a total of 44 crash reports that were DUI (Driving Under the Influence) related, all 44 were adult drivers.

2004 Accidents by Type



2004 Traffic Unit Accidents  
1450





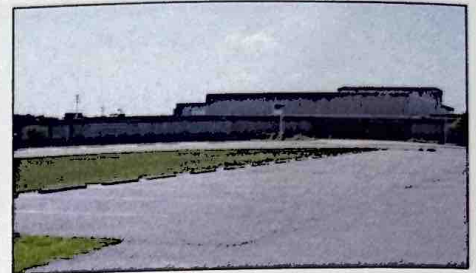
# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## School Resource Officers

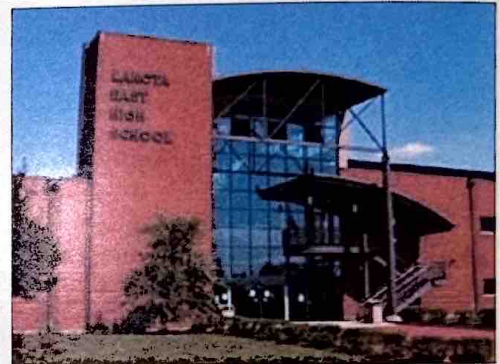


Allowing children to be safe and secure as they pursue their education is of paramount importance to the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The program is funded by the perspective school's Board of Education and the Butler County Sheriff's Office. As of 2004 the Butler County Sheriff's Office has designated five (5) deputies as School Resource Officers at four (4) different local schools: Lakota Local Schools, Madison Schools, New Miami Schools and Edgewood Schools.

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



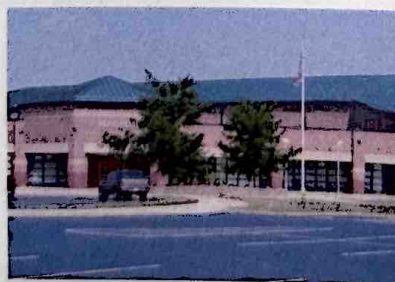
Edgewood High School



Lakota East High School



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Madison High School



New Miami High School

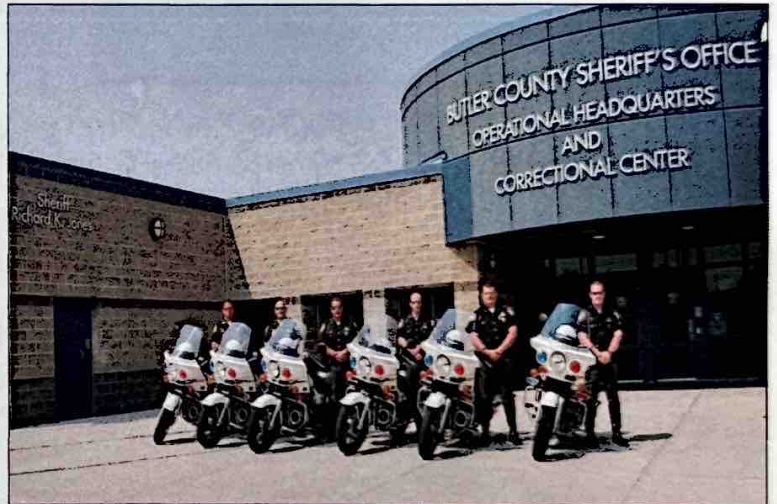


# **Butler County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Patrol Unit**



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Patrol Unit is utilized in all phases of traffic control, from routine traffic patrol to special traffic details. The Motorcycle Unit can be used for patrol purposes, congested traffic situations, funeral escorts, V.I.P. details, shopping center patrol, various sporting events, Butler County Fair and parades.

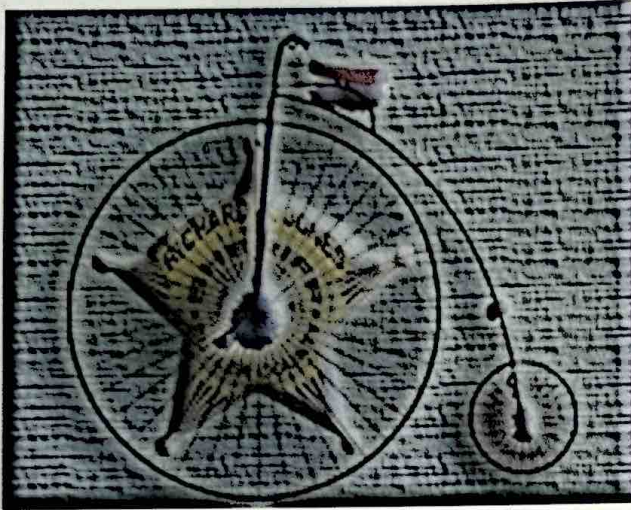
The Motorcycles have been proven to be quite an asset when it comes to accessibility and maneuverability. Motorcycles can not only go places that an average vehicle can not, but they also make quick turn-a-rounds to pursue violators quicker than an average vehicle.





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Bicycle Patrol Unit



Bikes are primarily used for patrol purposes in targeted areas. Assignments range from curbing vandalism and juvenile curfew problems, to burglaries, B & E's and thefts. A bike can move swiftly, maneuver more easily than a cruiser and can be quiet enough to move undetected. This gives the deputy the silent edge against the criminal element.

Another tool in the Butler County Sheriff's Office arsenal of community oriented policing programs is the Bike Patrol Unit. Removing the barriers of a vehicle, a deputy's attention is often easier to gain. Most people feel more at ease approaching a deputy on a bicycle rather than on in a cruiser. As with most "Specialty Units," the Bike Patrol members serve as volunteers, over and above their normal regular duty hours.



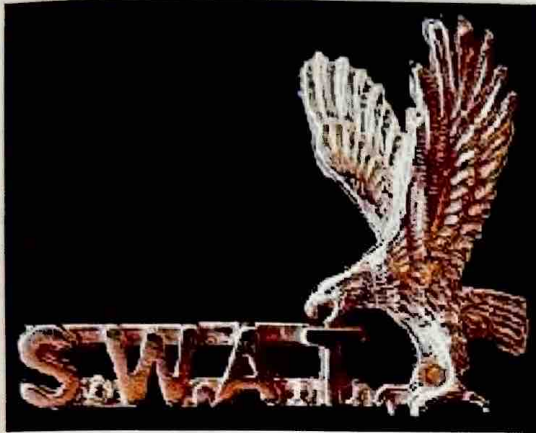
In addition to patrol duties, the Bike Unit also participates in various parades and public events throughout the year.

Always willing to help whenever, wherever and with whatever they can, the Bike Patrol has proven itself a great ambassador for the Butler County Sheriff's Office.



# **Butler County Sheriff's Office**

## **S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics)**



To deal with crisis situations requiring specialized skills and training beyond that of a basic academy, the Butler County Sheriff's Office has a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. The team consists of eighteen (18) members who participate in SWAT on a part-time basis in addition to their regular assigned duties. There are two negotiators and four snipers available to the team. The snipers cross-train as entry team members as well. To become a member of the SWAT team an officer must pass a three-phase process including physical agility, firearms proficiency, and an oral interview. Upon assignment to the team, members receive a basic issue of specialized equipment for tactical operations as well as advanced training in weapons and tactics.

All SWAT team members are on call twenty-four (24) hours a day should a situation arise requiring their response. Most team members have take-home cruisers, which aids in the rapid response to a crisis. The team has handled a variety of callouts in the past to include: high-risk warrant service (fugitives from justice as well as suspects wanted for murder), narcotics search warrants, barricaded subjects, and riot control. In addition, the team has responded to other jurisdictions to assist with the apprehension of violent criminals. Local agencies and agencies from other counties have both requested the team's assistance. The number of activations varies from year to year; however, the team has averaged 6-10 callouts per year for the past several years with a low of 3 and a high of 12.



Members of the team train eight hours a month to maintain their proficiency and skills. Each member of the team attends a basic SWAT school as time and finances permit. There are instructors within the membership of the team to provide training in tactics, firearms, less-lethal force, distraction devices, and gas deployment. Members have attended various tactical schools taught by instructors from the Los Angeles (California) Police Department, Miami-Dade (Florida) Metro Police Department, Dayton (Ohio) Police Department, Lexington (Kentucky) Police Department, and the United States Military. Tactics are taken from the various schools and evaluated and adapted by the team membership to form specific operational procedures and protocol for the team.



# **Butler County Sheriff's Office**

## **Marine Patrol Unit**



The Marine Patrol Unit is one of the Butler County Sheriff's Office "Emergency Services Units." The Marine Patrol has several functions, which have evolved with public needs since its inception. The Marine Patrol functions are both on duty (emergency responses) and enforcement patrol (grant funding).

The summer months is when the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol is most visible. Deputies will patrol the County waterways and perform such functions as boat inspections, monitor operator operation, tow disabled boats back to the dock or ramp, watch for navigational problems and assist boaters wherever possible. In the event an accident does occur, deputies are present to render aid, investigate the accident and complete the required State Reports.

Water Rescue is another function of the Marine Patrol Unit.

This group of the Marine Patrol Unit is also responsible for recovery (dragging) operations that stem mostly from drowning. The Marine Patrol's primary Rescue/Recovery boat is equipped with a sonar unit to show bottom terrain and can pick up a body that is suspended off the bottom.

The Marine Patrol also has Underwater Rescue/Recovery deputies commonly referred to as the Dive Team. Within the Marine Patrol, the Sheriff's Office have a group of certified scuba divers. All have been trained in basic and advanced scuba techniques as well as an assortment of specialty courses ranging from underwater navigation to underwater evidence collection.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office is committed to provide an enjoyable and safe recreational boating season. In addition, the Sheriff insists that emergency calls for rescue, search and other assistance be answered in a highly professional manner. The Marine Patrol Unit stands ready to provide those professional services that Butler County citizens not only deserve but have grown to expect from their Sheriff's Office.





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Fleet / Salvage Management



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Fleet Management Unit is in charge of vehicle maintenance, inventory and distribution. The Sheriff's Office Fleet consists of Patrol Cruisers, Transport Vans, Administrative and Detective unmarked units and motorcycles.

Upon reviewing the status and conditions of our current fleet, we have been transitioning higher mileage vehicles into less demanding positions within the agency, to include single man assignment cars. This has been an effective tool in reducing maintenance costs. In reviewing the fleet mileage, the Sheriff's Office would need to replace some 54 vehicles that are over the 100,000 mile mark. In the year 20-05, the Sheriff's Office will acquire approximately 32 new cruisers to replaced the older cruisers that outdated and way over their mileage.

### Fast Facts about Road Patrol and Fleet Equipment:

- Butler County has 469 square mile and 953 miles of just Township and County roadways, all of which (except those in West Chester Township) fall under the Sheriff's Office primary jurisdiction. Additionally, Butler county has 230 miles of U.S. and State Routes, most of which come under the Sheriff's Office Jurisdiction as well.
- Each Township we are responsible for is considered a *District*. Each of our *District's* average 144 square miles of Patrol area.
- In comparison with City's, such as Hamilton, Fairfield, Middletown and the combined areas of Trenton and Monroe, each has the Patrol area of a Township. Oxford has the Patrol area of 1/4 of one of our *Districts*.
- We currently have been replacing cruisers on a two (2) year cycle.



Also under this Unit is the Salvage/Towing responsibilities. The Ohio Revised Code requires that the County Sheriff's inspect all salvage and towing operations within their jurisdictions semi-annually. The major reason for inspecting these facilities is to locate the registered vehicle owners and proceed in processing "unclaimed" vehicles to the State of Ohio. Law Enforcement agencies as well as private property owners tow vehicles that later go unclaimed. The Fleet / Salvage deputy must try to locate the rightful owners in a timely manner. If no owner can be found or will not come forward, the deputy can assist the Salvage/Towing yards in obtaining a new title to the vehicle in question.





# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Weight & Scales Unit



To protect the Butler County roads and bridges, the Butler County Engineer's Office in conjunction with the Butler County Sheriff's Office implemented a truck enforcement program on January 1, 1991. The program is designed to reduce the overweight trucks on our bridges, but has also evolved into a comprehensive truck safety enforcement program which benefits not only the motoring public, but the truck drivers themselves.

The Butler County Engineer's Office and the Butler County Sheriff's Office Truck Weight Limit Enforcement Program utilizes a full-time Deputy who patrols the County and checks suspect vehicles for load limit violations by utilizing portable truck scales. The Deputy looks for visible loads, vehicles dropping material onto the roadway, "egged out" tires or how the truck seems to be riding down the road (slow, tilted, squatted, etc.).

The Deputy also assists the cities and works closely with the State Highway Patrol and PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio) to enforce truck safety throughout Butler County. The only real solution to this problem is voluntary compliance from the trucking industry. Many trucking companies simply consider fines part of the cost of doing business without taking seriously the dangers imposed on the general public and the truck drivers themselves.



Allen Road Bridge



Over Limit Truck Accident  
Photo Courtesy of BCEO



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Deputy works the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Butler County. He monitors truck traffic on the roadways and looks for probable cause that a truck is overweight and use this probable cause to initiate a stop, weight the vehicle with the "PAT Wheel Load Portable Scales" and then issue the appropriate citation(s). Once the case has been adjudicated in the Court of Law, the fines levied are turned over to a fund to repair any damage to bridges or roadways, caused due to overweight vehicles.



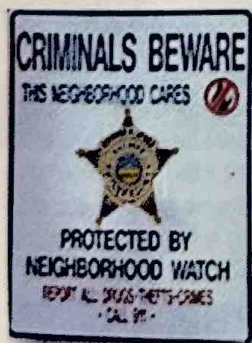
# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## Crime Prevention and D.A.R.E. Programs



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 phrase "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is more than just a slogan. 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.

Public awareness is another strategy utilized by the Crime Prevention Unit. 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 Butler County Sheriff's Office. Appearing at various county-wide fairs and festivals, the Mobile Education/Situation Unit proved an invaluable tool.



Neighborhood Watch programs can effectively decrease crime. The Crime Prevention Unit facilitates *Neighborhood Watch* programs in the township areas of Butler County. Teaching neighbors how to look out for themselves and each other is the main goal of this program. *Neighborhood Watch* residents learn how to be the eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Office and they also learn how to report suspicious activities. There are over 100 *Watch Units* in Butler County and approximately eleven (11) new ones were formed in the year 2004.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program and training is a joint venture between the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the school districts of Butler County, aimed at giving students the necessary skills to live drug free and violence free lives.

The D.A.R.E. classes are taught by a designated Deputy Sheriff, to students in grades K-7. The D.A.R.E. core curriculum is provided for 5th and 6th grades in eight Butler County Schools. A total of 1,491 students went through this program in 2004.





# **Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol Unit**

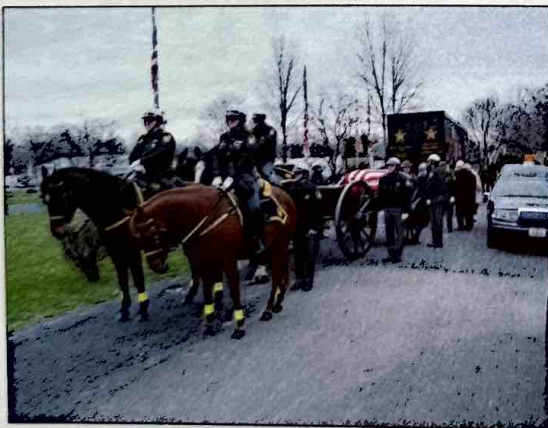


Members of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol are primarily "Special Deputies" serving entirely as volunteers. These Deputies must meet the same qualifications as any other employees of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. They must pass a thorough background check, polygraph examination, drug screen and also a horsemanship test, before being placed on the Mounted Patrol.

Each horse and deputy goes through training and certification and can only be used for the Mounted Patrol upon completion of this training.

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

In addition to the function of crowd control, the Mounted Patrol Unit is also used during searches when someone flees from a crime scene or when an inmate or criminal escapes custody. They are also used for security purposes at major events, such as the Butler County Fair. Additionally, they are present at a large number of parades and other public appearances.



**Mounted Patrol is always a parade favorite**



# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## K-9 Unit



The Butler County K-9 Unit and their handlers are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The K-9 teams are a great asset for patrolling the streets of Butler County. Suspects that commit crimes and try to hide or attempt to transport or sell narcotics are well aware of the K-9's ability to locate and end their activity, whether in a back alley, wooded lot or a vehicle.

The K-9 Teams are able to:

- Track and find wanted criminals or missing persons in urban, rural or rugged wooded areas
- Search all types of buildings for criminals in hiding
- Search for evidence or property connected to a crime
- Search for illegal drugs that have been hidden
- Chase and apprehend criminals escaping arrest who may be armed and dangerous
- Act as a deterrent and back up in dangerous situations, such as fights, riots and disturbances
- To provide high profile foot patrols of places, such as schools, shopping complexes and parks



The Butler County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit consists of two (2) new K-9 dogs, Ammo and Dex. Both dogs are Belgian Malinois, originating in Malines, Belgium. This is a new breed of patrol dog with the Sheriff's Office. The Malinois is a more athletic K-9 and are known for their excellent speed and bite work. The Malinois is a HIGH drive K-9 that are all business. In the Fall of 2005, The Sheriff's Office will obtain another K-9 Unit Dog that will complete the K-9 rotation.



# Butler County Sheriff's Office

## TRIAD Unit



The Butler County Sheriff's Office TRIAD Unit was designed to address senior safety issues. The purpose of this program is to reduce the victimization of the elderly in Butler County. An agreement was signed between the Butler County Sheriff's Office and the local chapters of the A.A.R.P., senior centers, hospitals and other senior organizations, reducing the fear of crime and improving the quality of life for the elderly.

In the year 1996, the TRIAD organization received a grant for the "Are you O.K." program whereby seniors living alone will be periodically contacted by the computer. If the computer gets no answer or an improper response, deputies or volunteers are dispatched to the elderly person's residence to check on their welfare. This program has saved several peoples lives through assistance that the elderly wouldn't normally have.

The Butler County Sheriff and Sheriff's Office employees 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 in which to give something back to the population that gave us what we have today, our seniors.





# Butler County Sheriff's Office



## Community Service Specialty Units





# Butler County Sheriff's Office Caisson Unit



In November of 1999, The Butler County Sheriff's Office with the help of the Office of the Governor of Ohio, then Chief Richard Jones, the Butler County Mounted Patrol and the Butler County Honor Guard, acquired two English Shire Horses from the U.S. Army at Fort Meyers Virginia.



The two Shires had been used daily for seventeen years in Arlington National Cemetery and various other ceremonial functions in the Washington D.C. area, including several inaugural parades.

In March of 2000, the Caisson arrived, making the Butler County Sheriff's Office the only Law Enforcement Office in the United States to have this type of Unit.

The Unit also acquired a semi-tractor and trailer at no cost. This Unit is totally self-sufficient at no cost to the taxpayers of Butler County. The Caisson Unit is used as a final tribute to our deceased comrades in arms, as they shall never be forgotten. This is our way of paying our last respects to those who so proudly served our community and Country.

Unfortunately, the two (2) Shires are no longer with us. The Butler County Sheriff's Office has acquired two more horses to pull the Caisson Unit, but the two (2) Shires will forever be a part of History with the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Most of the pictures below are from the Funeral of  
**Sheriff Thomas A. Hayes**  
Sept. 19, 1954 to Dec. 3, 2003  
**Sheriff of Preble County, Ohio**  
Services held Dec. 7, 2003





# **Butler County Sheriff's Office Pipe & Drum Corps**



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Pipe & Drum Corp was formed in the year 1997. When the unit was formed, most of the members had little or no musical background but were dedicated to the task of learning how to read music and being taught how to play the instruments. The band's first performance was in May of 1998. Since that date, the band has performed in numerous functions, to include: weddings, parades, memorials, private ceremonies and dedications, daycares, churches, festivals and events at many nursing care facilities to entertain the elderly and sick.

Our band was started from an idea and moved forward with hard work and determination. The Butler County Sheriff's Office is very proud of the fact that no money from the taxpayers funds the Pipe & Drum Corp. The band is supported by donations from private organizations and citizens. The group also sell raffle tickets and hold public functions to raise money to pay for the uniforms and equipment. Members of the band dedicate their own time and hard work to practice and perform many times through the year, regardless of the weather conditions. The Pipe & Drum Corp have performed in City, County and even State Events, winning several trophies for "Best in Show."





# Butler County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard Unit



The Butler County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard Unit standing guard during a ceremony held at the Sheriff's Office Memorial Site.

The Butler County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard perform several different activities throughout the year, such as: parades, presenting Colors for the Sheriff's Office award ceremonies, Buisnessmen's dinners and swearing in ceremonies.

One of the most somber duties consist of performing casket guard escort and grave side service to our fallen comrades or those in law enforcement who have served with pride and dedication.

The Honor Guard Unit would like to thank the Administration of the Butler County Sheriff's Office for all of their support and encouragement with their duties, without them, this special service would not be available.





# **Butler County Sheriff's Office**

## **Explorer Unit**



The Butler County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, has established Explorer Post 916. This program is designed to provide male and female youths, ages 14–21, an opportunity to experience law enforcement activities. The groups meets once per week to practice police techniques and to learn the many facets of police work. Items learned include: traffic stops, building searches and domestic violence scenarios.

Throughout the year, the Explorers provide assistance to the Sheriff's Office by directing traffic, fingerprinting children and other support functions. The Explorer Unit also attend numerous fairs, festivals and parades. These kids also attended the Annual Explorer competition where they placed high in numerous categories.

Quite often, participants end up choosing law enforcement as career paths, often being hired within the Butler County Sheriff's Office in some capacity. The Sheriff is pleased to provide interested youth this controlled exposure to the workings of law enforcement.



The 2004 Explorer of the Year:  
Brian Romans





# **Butler County Sheriff's Office**

## **Special Deputy Unit**



The Butler County Sheriff's Office is supported by Special Deputies. 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 support where shortages arise in everyday operations. They also provide coverage in special events like parades, festivals and the County Fair. Staffing is a major concern with any department and quite often, there are not enough deputies. Special Deputies provide added assistance during trials, DUI Checkpoints and provide added visibility by monitoring area businesses during the Holiday season to deter robberies. The Special Deputy Unit continues to prove itself invaluable to the citizens of Butler County.

Special Deputies are put through a very thorough background check, polygraph, drug screen and psychological exam prior to appointment. This ensures a top quality individual. Donating their time provides an excellent way for the Sheriff's Office to observe who is best qualified for full-time hire, for many of our employees were once a Special Deputy.



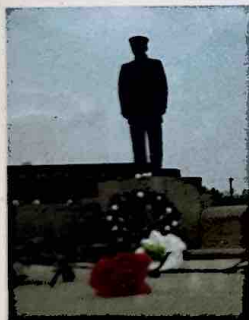


# Butler County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial

*To Honor Those Who Gave Their Lives in the Line of Duty:  
Fallen Officers Memorial*



*The names of 19 Officers are carved in the polished  
stone of a Memorial Wall to preserve them forever.*



Proudly presented by:  
The Butler County Sheriff's Office  
and  
The Butler County Board of Commissioners



The Law Enforcement Memorial is located in front of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Operational Headquarters and Correctional Complex. This Memorial is dedicated to each and every Butler County law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice while in the performance of their duties. Every law enforcement officer knows the dangers they face when putting on the uniform. They are dedicated to try and make this a safer world and to continue to do what is required in their job 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Butler County Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial was dedicated to those officers serving any and all law enforcement agencies within Butler County, Ohio on May 15, 2002. The Memorial honors all law enforcement officers who have made the "Supreme Sacrifice." It also honors all law enforcement personnel, living and dead.





# *“Spectemur Agendo”*

Let us Be Judged by our Actions

