

**2023-2024 BI-ANNUAL REPORT**

**SHERIFF  
RICHARD K. JONES**



**CHIEF  
ANTHONY E. DWYER**

**MAJOR  
G. MICHAEL CRAFT**

As your Sheriff, I have the honor and responsibility of protecting the people of Butler County and standing on the front lines for law and order. Over the past year, we have witnessed incredible challenges across our nation. We live in a world that seems to be changing faster than ever, and not always for the better. Every day, we see evidence of moral decay, rising crime, and an erosion of the values that once defined the American way of life.

But through it all, I remain steadfast in my mission: to keep Butler County safe, to uphold the rule of law, and to ensure that every American family here can pursue their dream of security, stability, and peace.

One of the greatest threats that has faced our nation has been the crisis at our borders. Our federal government's lack of consistent enforcement has allowed drugs, crime, and individuals who have no regard for our laws to pour into communities across America. The closing of the border should never have been a debate — it is a matter of national security. The people of this country deserve to live in peace without the fear of drugs like fentanyl destroying their families or criminals entering freely without consequence.

In Butler County, we don't wait for Washington to act. We act locally to protect our citizens. Through our partnership with federal agencies like ICE and our 287(g) program, we continue to identify and remove individuals who are in this country illegally and who break our laws. This is not about politics; it's about protecting our people. When someone enters our country illegally and commits crimes against our citizens, they should be sent back to their homeland. Period. My deputies and I take that responsibility seriously every single day.

Every hardworking American wants the same thing: a safe community where they can raise their family, where their children can play outside without fear, and where opportunity still exists. That's the American Dream, and it begins with safety, affordability, and accountability. When a community is secure, people thrive. Families build stronger futures. Businesses grow. Citizens take pride in where they live. Law and order are the foundation of all of it.

Our team at the Butler County Sheriff's Office works tirelessly to keep that foundation strong. From patrolling our neighborhoods to targeting drug traffickers, to removing dangerous offenders, our commitment never wavers. We will always support the men and women in uniform who protect our streets, defend our borders, and stand up for what is right.

I believe in America, and I believe in the people of Butler County. Together, we will continue to stand strong, to fight for our communities, and to ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit a nation that values safety, freedom, and justice.

May God bless our deputies, our community, and the United States of America.

R. K. Jones





# SHERIFF

## RICHARD K. JONES





Chief Anthony Dwyer

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

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

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



Major Gary Michael Craft

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

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

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



Executive Secretary Pam Stroup

**Executive Secretary Pam Stroup** has been with the Sheriff's Office for over 41 years and is responsible for coordinating Sheriff Jones' daily schedule, visitors, emails, and conferences. Pam maintains the Sheriff's correspondences, training documents, FOJ funds, directives and memos. She is also responsible for the issuance of all departmental I.D. cards, Oaths of Office, Special Deputies, Mounted Patrol, and Business Specials. She is the record holder for all Peace Officer Commissions and the Annual Report for the OPOTC.



Finance Director Vickie Barger

**Finance Director Vickie Jo Barger** leads the Finance Division of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The Finance Division oversees all financial, human resources, payroll, inmate accounts, grants administration and purchasing functions. It directs the annual performance -based program budgets for the office, which includes monitoring expenditures and performance measures, producing financial reports and projections, conducting financial analysis, and implementing fiscal control policies and procedures.

This division represents the Sheriff when presenting budget, fiscal, and contract requests for the Board of County Commissioners for approval. This division also monitors and oversees multiple budgets, ten general fund departments and 24 non general/agency funds.



Human Resources Melissa Spurlock

**During 2023 and 2024, the Human Resources/Payroll section of the Finance Division processed 45 new full-time employees, 20 part-time employees, 118 resignations/terminations, and 11 retirements.**

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

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

**Most people know that Human Resources (HR) handle matters such as benefits and employee records, but HR also works with administration to address trending human resource issues and changes. HR provides statistical employee data and ensures that administration has digital access to employee data, records, and career history, while preserving the security and integrity of such records. Human Resources and Payroll continue to enhance efficiency through ongoing digital transformation efforts. After successfully converting all employee files to digital formats and achieving a fully paperless payroll system in 2022, the focus in 2023 and 2024 has shifted toward optimizing workflows for greater speed and productivity. With the continued use of the Kronos timekeeping and scheduling software, employees and supervisors can easily access and review electronic timecards and schedules. Meanwhile, HR and Payroll are developing new processes and automated reporting tools to further streamline tasks, improve accuracy, and enhance overall operational efficiency for both departments and the Auditor's Office.**

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

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

## Revenues 2023-2024

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

The Sheriff's Office deposited during 2024 and 2023, respectively, \$21,013,121 and \$21,195,999 with the County Treasurer in the General Fund, Contract Funds, and Grants Funds. The decrease of \$182,878 between 2024 and 2023 was due in part to the termination of the contractual agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the housing of detainees and the timing of revenues collected for the Dog and Kennel Fund. Of the annual revenue collected for the two years by the Sheriff's Office, 41% was generated through the operation of the jail. This revenue comes predominately from the housing of U.S. Marshal inmates, but also includes various local Boarding of Prisoner contracts, as well as the monies collected through the Inmate Phone Service, and the Social Security Incentive Program. Butler County Sheriff's Communication Division provides dispatch services and has generated \$1,994,455 in revenue during 2024 and \$2,142,570 in 2023. The Sheriff's Office continues to explore other new avenues to bring in additional monies to Butler County while maintaining the existing grant funding.

The Dog Warden operates independently of the General Fund. Revenues are generated from the sale of dog tags and fines assessed on individuals due to non-compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. The Dog Warden recognized a decrease of \$148,115 comparing 2024 to 2023. This is a reflection in the decreased purchase of dog tags and the reduced need to issue citations and/or collection of fines. The Concealed Weapons Permits Fund recognized an approximate 27% decrease in revenue collected between 2024 and 2023. The CCW licensure is no longer required in the State of Ohio and will continue to affect ongoing revenues.

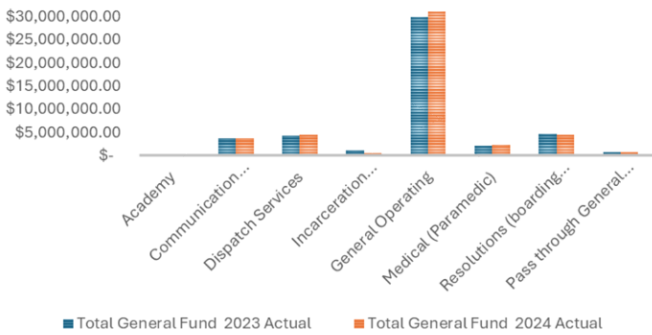
CATEGORY	2023	2024	INCREASE/(DECREASE)
Boarding of Prisoners	\$ 9,255,761	\$ 8,145,176	\$ (1,110,585)
Contract Deputies	\$ 5,819,517	\$ 6,130,962	\$ 311,445
Grants	\$ 2,341,318	\$ 2,496,760	\$ 155,442
Dispatch Fees	\$ 2,142,570	\$ 1,994,455	\$ (148,115)
Sheriff Fees	\$ 454,490	\$ 546,173	\$ 91,683
Dog & Kennel	\$ 370,459	\$ 578,001	\$ 207,542
E911	\$ 295,949	\$ 278,035	\$ (17,914)
800MGHZ	\$ 214,891	\$ 319,549	\$ 104,658
Miscellaneous	\$ 157,889	\$ 149,403	\$ (8,486)
Concealed Weapons Permits	\$ 143,155	\$ 103,192	\$ (39,963)
Federal Forfeitures		\$ 271,416	\$ 271,416
<b>Total Budgeted Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 21,195,999</b>	<b>\$ 21,013,121</b>	<b>\$ (182,878)</b>
<i>Non budgeted (Wireless 911 Comm; Civil Division; Commissary)</i>	<i>\$ 15,098,129.00</i>	<i>\$ 13,375,968</i>	<i>\$ (1,722,161)</i>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 36,294,128</b>	<b>\$ 34,389,089</b>	<b>\$ (1,905,039)</b>

## Expenses 2023-2024

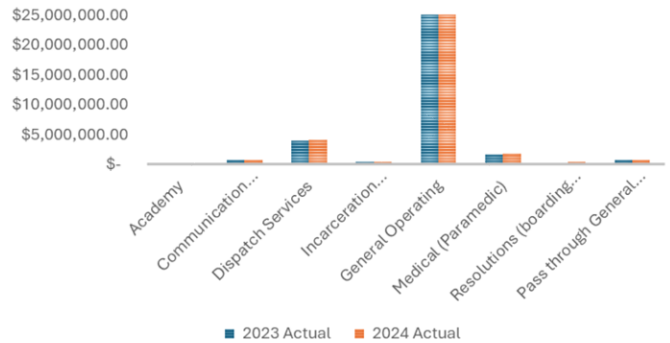
The Butler County Sheriff's Office General Fund expenditures, excluding personnel expenses, totaled \$12,087,390 in 2024 and \$11,870,114 in 2023.

Seventy four percent of the Sheriff's general fund budget is allocated for personnel. The total personnel costs for 2024 and 2023, respectfully, were \$35,460,505 and \$34,634,093.

### GENERAL FUND EXPENSES 2023-2024



### GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL 2023-2024



## Inmate Accounts

Organization	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	Amount Change	Percentage Change
Academy	\$ 179,621.00	\$ 191,762.00	\$ 12,141.00	7%
Communication System	\$ 3,680,392.00	\$ 3,748,767.00	\$ 68,375.00	2%
Dispatch Services	\$ 4,318,568.00	\$ 4,422,130.00	\$ 103,562.00	2%
Incarceration Alternatives	\$ 1,072,094.00	\$ 586,328.00	\$ (485,766.00)	-45%
General Operating	\$29,794,663.00	\$31,108,846.00	\$ 1,314,183.00	4%
Medical (Paramedic)	\$ 2,115,394.00	\$ 2,309,868.00	\$ 194,474.00	9%
Resolutions (boarding of inmates)	\$ 4,617,440.00	\$ 4,498,278.00	\$ (119,162.00)	-3%
Pass through General Fund Accts	\$ 726,035.00	\$ 681,916.00	\$ (37,376.00)	-8%

The Sheriff's Office utilizes Keefe Group financial accounting software for inmate custodial accounts. Keefe Group also manages the commissary operation. When inmates are booked into the jail any money on their person will be deposited into an intake kiosk, which automatically posts to the inmate account. The intake kiosk has alleviated the risk of inmate money being lost or posted to the wrong account. Any balance that remains on the inmate's account at time of release is refunded to the inmate either by debit card or by check. The Debit Card Release System allows the Corrections Sergeant to produce a debit card for the inmate at time of release. This system has reduced the number of written checks to released inmates, as well as the number of outstanding checks that do not get cashed, or checks that get lost in the U.S. mail, and reduces the risk of check fraud. In 2024, the inmate debit card funds totaled \$247,404, saving the Sheriff's Office the cost of printing checks, administration costs, and bank processing fees.

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

The vending machine in the pods are a huge success for the inmates because they are able to access the machines 24/7 for a snack. The total amount of vending sales for 2024 was \$582,300 and \$569,088 in 2023. Total commissary activity for 2024 equaled \$1,262,940 and \$1,317,762 for 2023. During 2024, the inmate account deposits totaled \$912,105 and for 2023 the amount equaled \$1,063,827.



## Grants

The Finance Division is responsible for managing all grants received by the Sheriff's Office, which include submitting applications, reconciling accounts, and preparation of financial reports. These grants maximize the services the agency is able to provide to the citizens of the county while lessening the financial burden upon the county. Grant funding is provided through several different agencies.

The following highlights a few of the grant funding received:

- a.) The County received funding from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections for the housing of F5 inmates. This funding known as the Targeted Community Alternative Program provided \$1,238,349 in 2024 and \$619,174 in 2023.
- b.) The Sheriff's Office law enforcement staff received a special ARPA First Responders grant in 2023 in the amount of \$755,076.
- c.) There was also special \$500,000 grant funding received from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the updating of the jail's medical unit.
- d.) There are three separate grants – BURN Task Force, Drug Law Enforcement Grant and the Ohio Recovery Grant– that help support the Undercover Drug Task Force in their constant battle of removing illegal drugs from the streets of Butler County.

GRANT SUMMARY	2023	2024
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ARPA First Responders	\$ 755,076	\$ -
Targeted Community Alternative	\$ 619,174	\$ 1,238,349
OCJS Body Worn Cameras	\$ 168,053	\$ 12,746
Ohio Peace Officer	\$ 160,849	\$ 169,975
High Visability Enforcement	\$ 138,855	\$ 124,296
Pyschotropic Drug	\$ 130,905	\$ 74,239
Justice Assistance Grant	\$ 86,446	\$ 21,223
Violence Against Women	\$ 57,764	\$ 40,741
Victims of Crime	\$ 57,524	\$ 68,274
State Criminal Alien Assistance	\$ 41,806	\$ 97,736
Waterway Safety	\$ 33,996	\$ 31,404
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance	\$ 25,322	\$ 19,195
Drug Use Prevention	\$ 24,991	\$ 18,475
Ohio Recovery	\$ 19,384	\$ 7,500
BURN Task Force	\$ 18,673	\$ 32,693
Ohio PET	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Gary Sinese/Eclipse Incident	\$ -	\$ 37,415
ODC Jail Program	\$ -	\$ 500,000
	\$ 2,341,318	\$ 2,496,760
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ODC Jail Program	\$ -	\$ 500,000

## **Captain Rick Bucheit / Investigations – Road Patrol**



*Captain Rick Bucheit*

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

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

**In 2016 he was reassigned as the Investigations Division Commander. In 2019 he was promoted to Captain, assigned over the Operations Section for the Sheriff's Office. Captain Bucheit has been assigned to The Dive Team, SWAT, Marine Patrol, and attended the FBI National Academy and is a graduate of the 269th session.**

## **Investigations**

**The Criminal Investigations Division consists of 12 detectives, who are individually assigned to specific townships and investigate a wide variety of reported criminal activity within their assigned area. These crimes range from serious offenses like homicides, robberies, burglaries, and sexual assaults all the way down to minor property damage. Detectives are responsible for case management from the time the report is assigned all the way through potential prosecution. Detectives are also subject to being on-call outside regular office hours. In the 2023-24 time period, the Criminal Investigations Division handled a total of over 5600 reports, with nearly 1200 of those entailing what can be considered a more involved investigation.**

**In addition to the detectives, the division also has Investigative Specialists assigned to Children Services and Welfare Fraud.**



*Lieutenant Ed Tanner*



*Sergeant Ryan Hensley*



*Sergeant Mike Hackney*

## High Profile Cases Summary



In December, 2023, in Liberty Township, during a family disagreement, Mia Harris shot her five-month-old granddaughter in the head. Road Patrol Deputies did an amazing job of securing the scene and providing medical assistance. The Criminal Investigations Division were able to obtain a confession from Ms. Harris. She was originally charged with four counts of felonious assault and one count of improperly discharging a firearm at or into a habitation. She eventually pleaded guilty to charges of felonious assault that includes a firearm specification and was sentenced to nine to twelve years in prison. The granddaughter underwent multiple surgeries and survived, but is still recovering with yet to be determined developmental issues



In July 2024, the Butler County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into sexual assault allegations. The incidents occurred in Liberty Township, between 2017 and 2024, and involved a child under the age of thirteen. After a lengthy investigation involving multiple interviews and search warrants, Kyle Plummer eventually confessed to the assaults. He pleaded guilty to 3 counts of Rape and was sentenced to 33 to 38.5 years in prison. He is also designated a Tier III Sex Offender, which means he has to register with law enforcement every 90 days for life.



In February 2024, the Criminal Investigations Division began an investigation regarding a possible sexual assault in Lemon Township. Isauro Garcia-Cruz was accused of giving alcohol to a teenager and sexually assaulting her. He was also accused of sending her sexually explicit photos of himself. As the investigation continued, Garcia-Cruz was found in Virginia, in the company of a different teenage girl. He was indicted on 18 separate felony charges and eventually pleaded guilty to rape, sexual battery, and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. He was sentenced to 11 to 15 years in prison, and is designated a Tier III Sex Offender, which means he has to register with law enforcement every 90 days for life. Garcia-Cruz was also found to be an illegal immigrant from Mexico.

## **CSEA/ Warrants**

**The Warrants Division consists of 6 officers. Assignments include warrant service for felony apprehensions, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA), extraditions, and Juvenile Court. The Warrants Division also assists with local transports to and from other law enforcement agencies. One Deputy is assigned to the U.S. Marshals Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAS), which is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement organization created to arrest the most violent felons in the Southern District of Ohio.**

## **BURN**

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

## **Notable Cases**



**November 2023, The Butler County Sheriff's Office Undercover Regional Narcotics Task Force, with the assistance of the Cincinnati Drug Enforcement Agency, executed a vehicle takedown in Fairfield. The vehicle stop stemmed from an ongoing investigation and resulted in the arrest of Napoleon Figueroa-Pineda, 44.**

**According to the sheriff's office, items seized from the vehicle included 10 kilograms of cocaine that came from Mexico.**

**Figueroa-Pineda was arrested and booked into the Butler County Jail. He is charged with possession and trafficking of cocaine, both felonies of the first degree.**



## Road Patrol – Headquarters



Lieutenant Jeff Schuster

**Lieutenant Jeff Schuster** began with the Butler County Sheriff's Office in 2006, quickly earning a reputation for professionalism, dedication, and exceptional investigative skill. His commitment to serving the community led to his promotion to Detective in 2012, where he excelled in complex investigations and case development. In 2015, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, assigned to road patrol. In 2023, Jeff was promoted to rank of Lieutenant, assigned to command the road patrol headquarters division.

Beyond his law-enforcement service, Jeff is deeply passionate about supporting veteran programs. His commitment is rooted not only in personal dedication but in his own remarkable military career. After 35 years of service, Jeff retired as the Command Sergeant Major of the 38th Infantry Division, the highest enlisted rank in the division and a position reserved for exemplary leaders who demonstrate exceptional character, mentorship, and mission focus.



Sergeant Aaron Sorrell



Sergeant Kim Peters



Sergeant Stephen Poff



Sergeant Jeff Gebhart



Sergeant Jack Bucheit



Sergeant Joe Agnew



Sergeant Ron Owens

## Road Patrol – Headquarters

The Road Patrol Division is responsible for Law Enforcement Operations in most Villages and Townships throughout Butler County. As such, it is the most recognizable Division of the Sheriff's Office, interacting daily with Butler County Citizens and Businesses.

Deputies respond to a wide variety of calls for assistance, investigating and enforcing criminal and traffic law violations. Deputies also respond to other noncriminal calls for service ranging from vehicle lockouts, welfare checks, traffic direction and control, vacation home checks, to name a few. Deputies also assist other agencies with specialized capabilities and equipment when requested.

In 2023 and 2024, Deputies responded to 117,168 calls for service, taking 7892 incident and crime reports along with 3167 traffic crash reports. Deputies show a continuing dedication to providing high quality police services and protection.

2023

56,560 Calls for Service

1572 Crash Reports

4101 Incident/Offense Reports

2024

60,608 Calls for Service

1595 Crash Reports

3791 Incident/Offense Reports



## Road Patrol – Liberty Township

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



Lieutenant Mike Nutt



Sergeant Jason Rosser



Sergeant Hung Tri-Rudolf



Corporal Robert Reiff



Sergeant Gregory Wargo



Sergeant Connie Rockey



Road Patrol Liberty Township	2023	2024
January	3198	3055
February	3062	2987
March	3325	3129
April	3135	3030
May	3276	3071
June	3439	2905
July	3162	2748
August	3272	3393
September	3255	3977
October	3117	3780
November	2760	3633
December	2637	3587
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>37638</b>	<b>39295</b>

Month	2023												2024												Totals	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
911 Calls / Hang-Ups	351	315	392	443	514	437	350	350	244	252	224	194	177	211	238	230	278	291	301	251	227	257	206	235	6968	
Alarm Bank/Business	44	41	46	48	31	40	53	53	32	42	38	29	62	27	31	34	23	34	58	43	26	46	29	39	949	Lowest
Alarm Residential	35	41	44	39	33	48	58	47	34	41	41	40	30	32	37	39	50	46	56	47	40	26	37	33	974	
Crash - Non-Injury / Hit-Skip	96	86	110	70	94	89	91	79	99	99	107	114	89	78	65	102	89	91	75	90	103	87	79	135	2217	Highest
Crash Injury, Trap, L.E.Crash	50	17	22	41	36	42	37	22	10	27	25	28	28	23	24	20	35	28	22	32	19	26	24	30	668	
Disputes / Domestic Viol.	28	31	30	37	33	37	42	34	34	30	36	24	20	25	26	36	26	41	20	44	34	31	29	38	766	
Reckless Operators	54	59	69	60	77	63	55	59	51	55	55	57	37	42	58	48	65	47	55	52	73	77	68	54	1390	
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	72	68	70	66	78	68	57	57	70	79	58	79	70	78	71	99	94	88	63	95	100	98	59	63	1800	
Traffic Stops	273	303	285	266	279	377	343	393	360	277	228	186	221	250	209	187	201	172	190	261	322	342	304	265	6494	
Extra Patrol / Safe School	1129	1158	1145	964	963	1095	979	1111	1216	1056	760	756	1238	1126	1157	1113	995	886	809	1238	1703	1573	1574	1406	27150	
Liberty Center Calls	217	226	233	192	212	236	206	203	200	176	194	232	213	211	235	206	226	196	196	221	246	189	244	202	5112	

## SWAT

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

The Butler County Regional SWAT Team responded to four (4) callouts in 2023 and four (4) callouts in 2024. The team responds to various situations, including barricade and hostage/barricade situations, search warrants for criminal investigations, and drug investigations, fugitive apprehension, and search warrants for other agencies outside of Butler County. In 2023 and 2024 the team trained about 200 hours per year. Annual training include vehicle/bus assaults, dynamic entries, stealth tactics, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, school crisis/active shooter response, and man-down rescue. Members of the team also have to pass a bi-annual physical agility test to remain an active member on the Butler County Regional SWAT Team.



## Forensics Unit



Deputy Bradley Emmons

The Forensic Unit consists of one deputy whose primary responsibility is to serve the Butler Behavioral Health Services. Deputy Emmons assists the crisis workers in home visit situations, performing evaluations on citizens with mental health issues such as suicidal, bipolar, manic depressives, and paranoid schizophrenics. This assignment always has the potential of becoming very volatile and dangerous because if the case worker determines the citizen requires transportation to a facility, that person could become combative. The deputy performing this duty also provides security for the case workers who respond to help these citizens.

## Dog Wardens



As Dog Warden, Sheriff Richard K. Jones is committed to serving the community by protecting the health, safety, and welfare of animals throughout Butler County. The Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) employs four Deputy Dog Wardens, all of whom are certified Humane Agents. Their responsibilities include responding to calls involving dogs at large, animal bite incidents, license enforcement, and welfare checks for domestic animals such as dogs and cats.

In addition to their primary duties, the Deputy Dog Wardens assist the Butler County Sheriff's Office and other local police departments with search warrants and, in some cases, wildlife-related calls. They also respond to livestock concerns and conduct welfare checks on animals such as horses, cattle, pigs, and even exotic species like zebras.

The Dog Wardens work eight-hour shifts, with at least one warden always on call to respond to emergencies. The office has jurisdiction across the entire county, handling calls from Madison Township to Morgan Township, with the City of Hamilton being the busiest area. They also assist other local animal control agencies as needed.

In 2023 and 2024 combined, the Dog Warden Unit drove approximately 122,640 Miles. They impounded 1,554 animals to the shelter and were able to return 318 animals to their owners. They served 793 citations and gave 226 warnings. Dog Wardens sold 977 tags. Additionally, they completed 1,107 Welfare check calls and issued 102 Humane Warnings. 64 Citations were served for abandonment/ cruelty.



## **Bomb Squad**



**The Butler County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad was created in 1980, consisting of one Butler County Sheriff's Office Detective and a Detective from the Middletown Police Department. Hazardous Devices Training at that time was being jointly conducted by the U.S. Army and the F.B.I, and was a three-week course. This training was done at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, and it still is today.**

**In 2016 the F.B.I. took over the training program at Redstone Arsenal, which includes mock villages, business buildings, a train station, an explosives range, and classrooms. Hazardous Devices Technicians (Bomb Technicians) are required to recertify at HDS every three years. In addition to the Bomb Training, all Bomb Technicians are required to be Hazardous Materials Technicians, which also requires a refresher annually.**

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



# United States Bomb Data Center Bomb And Arson Tracking System (BATS) Stats

## 2023

Incident Type	Incident Count
Explosion (Incident)	9
Recovery (Incident)	25
Suspicious Package (Incident)	6
Threat (Incident)	19
<b>Incident Sub-Total</b>	<b>59</b>
Activity Type	Activity Count
Briefings / Presentations (Activity)	1
Canine Search (Activity)	1
Canine Sweep / Event Security (Activity)	4
Community Outreach - Demonstration/Presentation (Activity)	12
Demo Range Operation (Activity)	4
Disposal / Destruct (Activity)	41
Operational Standby / Special Events (Activity)	15
Routine Disposal Operations (Activity)	1
Search Warrant (Assist) (Activity)	4
Training Provided (Activity)	7
<b>Activity Sub-Total</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>149</b>

## 2024

Incident Type	Incident Count
Explosion (Incident)	3
Recovery (Incident)	36
Suspicious Package (Incident)	8
Threat (Incident)	4
<b>Incident Sub-Total</b>	<b>51</b>
Activity Type	Activity Count
Briefings / Presentations (Activity)	1
Community Outreach - Demonstration/Presentation (Activity)	12
Demo Range Operation (Activity)	2
Disposal / Destruct (Activity)	23
Operational Standby / Special Events (Activity)	13
Training Provided (Activity)	2
<b>Activity Sub-Total</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>104</b>

## Traffic (S.T.A.R.T.)

The Sheriff's Traffic Unit is an active member of the Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team (S.T.A.R.T.), a collaborative group comprised of multiple law enforcement agencies within Butler County. The team responds to serious injury and fatal crashes at the request of the investigating agency. In 2024, participating agencies included the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton Police Department, Middletown Police Department, Fairfield Police Department, Trenton Police Department, West Chester Police Department, and Fairfield Township Police Department. That year, S.T.A.R.T. responded to 56 callouts for crash and crime scene investigations.

The primary responsibility of the collect data and evidence, and fatal crashes. Deputies assigned traffic crash investigation and Unit utilized state-of-the-art documentation of crash and crime scanner and drones significantly scene documentation, as well as the courtroom presentations.



Traffic Unit is to investigate, reconstruct serious injury and to the unit are highly trained in reconstruction. In 2024, the Traffic technology to enhance the scenes. The Leica RTC 360 laser improved the accuracy and quality of effectiveness of investigations and

In 2024, the Butler County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,723 crashes, including 1,571 roadway crashes and 152 on private property. The Traffic Unit investigated 24 fatal crashes and 39 serious injury crashes, and also assisted patrol deputies with minor and non-injury incidents.



*Traffic accident recreated by START utilizing the Leica RTC 360 laser scanner.*

## **Captain Morgan Dallman – Administrative**



*Captain Morgan Dallman*

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



*Lieutenant Joe Fuller*

**Lieutenant Joe Fuller has been employed with the Butler County Sheriff's Office since 2000. He served in Corrections until he was promoted to the Road Patrol in 2005. Lieutenant Fuller was promoted to Detective in 2008, where he investigated many high-profile crimes and received awards and commendations. After being promoted to sergeant in 2014, he was assigned to Road Patrol and then moved back to the Investigations Division in 2020. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2022 and serves in Administrative Services.**

## **Court Security**



*Sergeant Jason Owens*

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



## Aviation



Deputy Mike Armocita

The Butler County Sheriff's Office operates an aviation unit consisting of two helicopters: a 2022 Robinson R44 and a 1971 Bell OH-58. The aircraft are utilized for a variety of missions, including criminal searches, missing person investigations, aerial photography, river patrols, drug enforcement operations, and ceremonial flights. The aviation unit is staffed by three full-time pilots and five part-time pilots. In 2024, the unit hosted a Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) training course at Butler Tech, conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, resulting in the certification of five TFOs.



## Training



Specialist Mark Worley

Training instruction for the Butler County Sheriff's Office is conducted by a Training Unit managed by Specialist Mark Worley. Specialist Worley is directly responsible for overseeing and managing all facets of the Continuing Professional Training (CPT) program offered by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council (OPOTC). The Sheriff's Office utilizes over 30 employees as topic instructors in the delivery of advanced training. Outside agencies attending advanced training receive the same training as the Sheriff's Office employees and those attending sponsored training receive this at no cost. Training is conducted on either an annual or bi-annual basis based on assignment and classification.

In 2023 and 2024, over 15,500 total hours were logged for advanced training. Training is one of the more important elements of a successful law enforcement department, resulting in more professional and skilled officers, along with reduced liability for the agency.

## **Sex Offender Registration and Notification (S.O.R.N.) Unit**

### **Unit Oversight and Mission**

**The Sex Offender Registration and Notification (S.O.R.N.) Unit is overseen by Deputy Toby Spencer and Deputy Margo Kuderer. The Unit is responsible for the registration, updating, and monitoring of sex offenders, arson offenders, and violent offenders within Butler County. The S.O.R.N. Unit ensures strict compliance with all court-mandated procedures for both adult and juvenile offenders.**

**Operational Compliance and Verification In accordance with legal requirements, offenders are required to register with the Butler County Sheriff's Office and provide accurate, current residential information. To verify this data, the S.O.R.N. Unit conducts in-person address verifications, during which deputies visit residences to confirm the accuracy of the reported locations.**

**Additionally, as part of the Butler County Sheriff's Office annual inspection, deputies execute a comprehensive countywide roundup and address check for all registered sex offenders. These operations are designed to ensure continued compliance with legal obligations and enhance community safety through rigorous monitoring.**

### **2023–2024 Statistics and Activity**

**During the 2023 and 2024 operational period, the S.O.R.N. Unit completed significant oversight and enforcement activities, totaling 4,285 sex offender check-ins, arrests, investigations, and hearings.**

**The Unit currently monitors the following offender populations in Butler County:**

- **Active Sex Offenders: 560**
- **Arson Offenders: 31**
- **Violent Offenders:**

## **Honor Guard**

**The Butler County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard perform several different activities throughout the year, such as parades, Presenting Colors and swearing-in ceremonies. In 2023 and 2024, The Honor Guard provided final honors for Deputy Joel Markowski and nine retired deputies. The Honor Guard also provided the Firing Party for Preble County Deputy Joshua Hamilton.**



## Caisson Unit

The Butler County Sheriff's Office acquired a Military caisson in 2000. The caisson and all associated equipment were acquired through donations. The Caisson Unit is used as a final tribute to our deceased comrades in arms, as our last respects to those who so proudly served our community and country. In April of 2023, The Caisson Unit provided those honors for Springfield Twp. Officer Timothy Unwin.



## Mounted Patrol

The Butler County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol Unit is a dedicated team of approximately twenty individuals sworn in as special deputies. As part of the Ohio State Mounted Deputies, all members are highly trained and receive annual OPOTA certification.

The unit's members come from diverse backgrounds, consisting of both Butler County Sheriff's Office employees and dedicated volunteers from the community. An auxiliary unit also allows members

without a horse to provide vital support and contribute to the team's success. One thing is certain: all members share a common passion for horses, law enforcement, and community service. This dedication is on display at over twenty events each year, including the Butler County Fair, multiple parades, school functions, and festivals. Between these special events and monthly trainings, the unit volunteers well over 2,500 hours annually.



## Bike Patrol

The Bike Patrol is part of a daily patrol routine, weather permitting. There has been an increase in deploying the Bike Patrol Unit in the Liberty Township area due to having an increase in population and a new Liberty Center Mall. The Bike Patrol, besides their daily routine of patrol, is also involved in riot

situations, parades, school functions, and are concentrated in high-theft areas of neighborhoods, the Butler County Fair and different bike runs that require the presence of the Sheriff's office. Bike Patrol Personnel, throughout the year, bring their bikes with them mounted on their patrol units so they can utilize them at any given time during their daily patrol.

## Property Room



Specialist Carrie Schultheiss

The Butler County Property Room was run by specialist Jeff Riegert in 2021 and 2022 with Specialist Carrie Schultheiss taking over responsibilities in late 2022. They process, inventory, catalog, and store every piece of property or evidence that is collected by Sheriff's Office personnel. Strict guidelines are followed and limited access by staff is permitted in order to maintain the integrity of the property. Once every year the Property Room is scheduled for a destroy and an audit. This audit and destroy is performed by the investigations division to provide transparency to the evidence logged and destroyed under court order. All weapons are taken to a metal shredder and all non metal items are taken to Covanta in Indianapolis for incineration.

## 2023

Property Room	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Tags in	81	80	91	59	81	80	87	107	111	106	74	61	1,018
# of items in	195	142	185	96	186	172	175	248	231	224	162	126	2,142
Tags out	11	12	4	5	10	11	7	907	6	8	10	7	998
Tags to the lab	29	39	25	7	27	27	31	5	56	35	29	17	327
# of items to lab	38	56	32	29	39	32	42	33	86	49	39	26	501
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>4,986</b>

## 2024

Property Room	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
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## Victim Advocates



Advocate Michelle Losekamp

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



Advocate Savannah Schwarz



## **ERS – Butler County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Services**



*Sergeant Mike Matala*

**Built on a foundation of collaboration, the Butler County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Services (ERS) Unit is a specialized, regional technical rescue team operating in partnership with the Hanover Township Fire Department. Its members are highly trained in a comprehensive range of disciplines, including HAZMAT, Swift Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Vehicle Extrication, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse, Ice Rescue, Grain Bin Rescue, Wide Area Search, Large Animal Rescue, and All-Hazard Incident Management.**

**Enhancing this capability, select ERS members also serve on the regional Task Force 1 Dive Team and the Greater Cincinnati HAZMAT Unit. The unit's versatility is further extended by certified helicopter and drone pilots from within its ranks.**

**ERS maintains an extensive fleet of specialized assets, including a semi-tractor with a 53-foot command trailer, multiple rescue trucks, boats, UTVs, ATVs, helicopters, and both aerial and underwater drones. This is supported by a communications truck, a dump bed truck, various trailers, and a forklift.**

**The unit trains consistently to maintain peak readiness and is dispatched whenever an incident exceeds the normal capabilities of first responders. ERS responds to regional and national incidents through mutual aid agreements, with costs covered by the requesting agency. These real-world disaster responses serve as enhanced training opportunities, allowing the team to refine its skills, test its procedures, and strengthen its teamwork under high-stress conditions.**

**ERS must be ready to deploy for a minimum 14-day, self-sufficient mission within three hours of a request. In 2023 and 2024, this capability was demonstrated when the unit deployed on two separate occasions to Kentucky, assisting after tornadoes touched down in Carroll County and, in a separate incident, Prospect. The team also deployed to Ruidoso, New Mexico, for severe flooding and to the Florida panhandle following Hurricane Helene.**





**The Task Force One Dive Team is a highly-trained, multi-jurisdictional unit composed of members from several key regional agencies. This collaborative team includes personnel from the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the Clermont County Sheriff's Office, and the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department.**

**While serving all of Southwest Ohio, Task Force One has also achieved a "Type 1" status, qualifying the team for national deployment in response to natural disasters. All team members are certified divers through Dive**

**Rescue International, with several holding dual certifications from the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). Members representing the Butler County Sheriff's Office include Deputy Kerl Barrett, Deputy Steve Tanner, Corporal Evan Depew, Sergeant Greg Wargo, and Sergeant Mike Matala.**



## **Sheriff Sales**



*Specialist Bobbie Benton*



*Paralegal Sherry Buchheim*

**The Butler County Sheriff's Office Sales Unit is ran by Captain Dallman who is assisted by Bobbie Benton and Paralegal Sherry Buchheim. During 2023 and 2024 the Butler County Sheriff's Office processed six hundred fifty-eight (658) initial orders for foreclosure sales of real property, primarily the result of defaults on mortgage payments and / or non-payment of real estate tax bills. A portion of those initial orders of sale are withdrawn or recalled by the plaintiff for a variety of reasons before completion of the legal foreclosure process. In 2023 and**

**2024 the Sheriff's Office conducted two hundred ninety-three (293) public auction sales of properties.**

## **Citizens On Patrol**

**The Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) program recruits' citizens who wish to serve their community within the law enforcement profession. Established in 2006, this program provides a structured pathway for volunteers to become an integral part of the BCSO's community engagement efforts.**

### **Citizens on Patrol (COP) Operations**

**The COP program places highly trained volunteers into marked Sheriff's Cruisers to perform essential non-enforcement duties. Patrolling all 13 townships within Butler County, COP members serve as a vital force multiplier, acting as the "eyes and ears" for deputies.**

### **Core duties include:**

- **Traffic control**
- **Premises checks for schools, businesses, and parks**
- **Vacation checks for residents who are away from home**
- **General neighborhood patrols**



## Marine Patrol



**The Butler County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit is composed of eighteen members who serve on the unit in addition to their primary duties at the Sheriff's Office.**

**New members receive comprehensive training at a week-long marine patrol school hosted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Watercraft. This certification covers all critical areas, including advanced boat operations, first aid and basic rescue, Ohio watercraft laws and regulations, Boating Under the Influence (BUI) enforcement, and vessel safety checks.**

**The unit patrols all waterways within the county, including Acton Lake at Hueston Woods, and provides safety support for special events.**

**The Sheriff's philosophy is to ensure the public has a safe and enjoyable time on the water. As a result, the unit emphasizes education and prevention over citation. This is reflected in the unit's recent activity:**

- **2023: 133 vessel safety checks, 82 warnings, and 4 boater assists.**
- **2024: 116 vessel safety checks, 51 warnings, and 3 boater assists.**

**The vast majority of infractions are met with written warnings with the expectation that violations will be corrected immediately.**

**If you see us on the water, please feel free to stop and say hi. Our members are happy to answer any questions or perform a vessel safety check. Your safety is our top priority.**



## Civil

Every Sheriff's Office in Ohio is mandated by the Ohio Revised Code to serve the court system. The Butler County Sheriff's Office fulfills this responsibility through its Civil Processing Unit, which serves multiple courts, including the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and Area I, Area II, and Area III Courts.

Civil processing involves serving a wide range of court documents and legal orders such as subpoenas, writs of possession, domestic violence protection orders, restraining orders, foreclosure notices, grand jury notices, and petit jury summonses.

The Civil Processing Unit is supervised by Sgt. S. Poff and staffed by one full-time and five part-time Deputy Sheriff process servers, along with civil clerks. These deputies are responsible for serving court papers issued by the various Butler County courts and the Sheriff's Office. In 2024, the Civil Deputies successfully served a total of 16,304 court documents, as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

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

## Communications



Captain Matt Franke

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

2016, he was elected to the Board of Directors of APCO international. Captain Franke has 45 years of experience in public safety serving residents of Butler County.



Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer

Lieutenant Todd Langmeyer is responsible for the Dispatch Division consisting of the Butler County Regional Dispatch Center (also known as 9COM) and the Warrant Post. Lieutenant Langmeyer brings knowledge to the Center due to his years of experience in working several of the other Divisions within the Sheriff's Office. He has worked in the Jail, Criminal Investigations and the Road Patrol.

The Communications Division consists of thirty-four (34) full-time Public Safety Telecommunicators (dispatchers), three (3) part-time Public Safety Telecommunicators, five (5) full-time LEADS Operators, and one (1) part-time LEADS Operator. The Communications Division is manned by Manager Miranda Sheppard with the help of two (2) Shift Supervisors: Angie Mondello, Jocelynn Alexander.



Manager Miranda Sheppard



Supervisor Jocelynn Alexander



Supervisor Angie Mondello

The Regional Dispatch Center is responsible for maintaining radio communication for nine (9) Police Agencies, sixteen (16) Fire Agencies and other Miscellaneous Agencies (Adult Probation, Prosecutors Office, Ohio Parole and Coroner's Office to name a few) within Butler County. The Regional Dispatch Center also answers 9-1002D1 calls, non-emergency calls and administers pre-arrival instructions to callers through Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols. Along with radio communication and answering phones, the Dispatchers are responsible for setting off the weather sirens for parts of Butler County when warranted.

In 2023, 9COM answered 169,645 911 and non-emergency calls.

In 2024, 9COM answered 150,705 911 and non-emergency calls.

9COM also has the ability to receive and send text messages for emergencies. Most of the sending texts are related to an abandoned or hung up 911 calls.

**Text to 9-1-1 Dialogues - 2023**

Text to 9-1-1 (Texty)	680
Text from 9-1-1 (Rave and Texty)	8,788
Text from 911 w/ Chat Response (Rave) *** Call Hang-up Texts w/response	1,855

**Text to 9-1-1 Dialogues - 2024**

Text to 9-1-1 (Texty)	708
Text from 9-1-1 (Rave and Texty)	6,386
Text from 911 w/ Chat Response (Rave) *** Call Hang-up Texts w/response	2,095

## Warrants Post

**The Warrant Post is manned 24 hours by our LEADS Operators and they are responsible for maintaining the Desk Radio Channel as well as answering a dedicated phone number for the Warrant Post. The LEADS Operators also make several entries such as warrants, protection orders, missing persons, stolen vehicles, guns and property. Along with the entries, they work closely with the Courts in Butler County to verify active or dismissed cases.**

**In 2023, the Warrant Post entered over 238,000 entries**

**In 2024, the Warrant Post entered over 249,000 entries**

## Technology Services



I.T. Director Ken Carpenter

**Technology Services includes Information Technology (I.T.) and Communications Technology. I.T. manages the Sheriff's Office core business systems, while Communications Technology oversees communications systems. A team of 13 technical staff with diverse skills and experience supports the full range of public safety technologies.**

**The group provides critical support to more than 20 police and fire agencies across the county. This includes all 911 equipment, the countywide radio system (BRICS), and the mobile computer systems for many agencies. Their work ensures that first responders have reliable technology to perform their duties effectively and keep the community safe.**

## Information Technology



Manager Kyle Klein

**The Information Technology (I.T.) unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office supports the computer and non-emergency telephone systems for the Sheriff's Office and 17 outside agencies, serving approximately 1,000 users and maintaining 26 software systems. In recent years, I.T. has focused on moving technologies to the cloud and strengthening cybersecurity to ensure reliable and secure operations.**

**The CentralSquare cloud application FieldOps, managed and supported by I.T. Services, has seen significant growth within the Butler County fire service. Since early 2023, the application has expanded from use in 10 fire vehicles to 60.**

Units	Calls	Map
Assigned Call		
DOMw/W	2515 W ELM, SPRINGFIELD	S004, S002
Active		
VANDAL	1412 S MAIN, FRANKLIN	10:38:02 PDB2
ASSAULT	1816 S HAMILTON BLVD, MADISON	09:55:24 1111, PD94
FIRE/STRUCTURE	624 S 12 MILE RD, RIVERSIDE	09:01:56 S001
EXPLOSN	4563 MAIN AVE, JEFFERSON	16:41:42 PD133
Waiting		
INTOX	1800 S MORNINGSIDE AVE, FRANKLIN	14:21:26

**FieldOps provides two-way communication between Dispatch and fire personnel, sharing incident information and unit locations, and is accessible on any mobile device, enhancing coordination and response during emergencies.**



Technicians Chris Witte and Jonnie Allen

**In 2024, I.T. Services implemented a centrally controlled Wi-Fi network throughout the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Compound. The system provides public Wi-Fi for visitors such as teachers, counselors, and clergy, while also improving video conferencing capabilities for inmates attending court virtually.**

**Also in 2024, I.T. Services upgraded all users and devices to a stronger multifactor authentication system, replacing the previous biometric setup. This upgrade ensures compliance with FBI standards while providing staff with reliable security and ease of use, reinforcing the Sheriff's Office commitment to protecting both information and personnel.**

## Geographic Information Systems (GIS)



Technician Natalie Fitzpatrick

**The GIS unit of the Sheriff's Office develops and maintains computerized maps that support Dispatch systems, ensuring first responders reach incidents quickly and that the correct agencies and equipment are dispatched.**

**GIS technician Natalie Fitzpatrick keeps the maps accurate and current as well as serving as the office's resident meteorologist. With degrees in meteorology and geographic information systems, she has enhanced the Sheriff's Office GIS capabilities and led weather awareness initiatives that provide localized information to alert both the public and emergency responders to dangerous conditions.**

**In 2023, Natalie worked with Emergency Response Services to implement ESRI Field Mapping and Quick Capture. In 2024, she earned her drone pilot license and began developing a program for topographical mapping, with plans to expand into 3D building modeling, further advancing the office's mapping and situational awareness capabilities.**



## Multimedia



Specialist Chad White

Digital Media Specialist Chad White is responsible for managing the day-to-day upkeep of the Sheriff's Office multimedia presence. The Sheriff's Office employs a multifaceted approach to reach the public, sharing information through the BCSO website, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as occasional advertising in other media outlets and on billboards. This strategy ensures that the community has timely access to important information and updates. In 2024, Chad worked with a local web developer to design and implement a new website for the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The new site features a streamlined design, improved navigation, and enhanced compatibility with mobile devices, allowing the public to more easily access information and services online.

## Communications Technology (BRICS)



Manager Brian Stiens

The Communications Technology unit of the Butler County Sheriff's Office manages and maintains the county's two major communications systems: the 800 MHz radio system and the next-generation 9-1-1 system. These systems are used by all first responders in Butler County, and their regional design has greatly improved interoperability and communication efficiency across agencies. The unit supports approximately 5,000 public safety users throughout the county.

The Communications Technology team is composed of seven skilled professionals, each with a broad foundation in communications technology and specialized expertise in specific areas. Together, they ensure that critical communication systems remain reliable, responsive, and ready to support public safety operations at all times.

## Fire Station Alerting System



Specialist Rick Weiskittel

The Communications Technology unit also supports the Location fire station alerting system, which is utilized by 11 firehouses throughout the county. The system allows fire departments to automate key functions. An automated voice also announces incident details and locations the moment dispatchers enter the information into their system, helping crews respond more quickly and efficiently.

The servers, computers, and VPN network that make up the system are maintained by Communications Technology staff, with Rick Weiskittel serving as the in-house expert overseeing its operation and reliability. In 2024, Rick retired from full-time status, but the Sheriff's Office is fortunate that he has remained on part-time while the next generation of support staff are brought up to speed, ensuring continuity of expertise.

## Radio System



Ed Strecker, Paul Weedle, Kim Pruett

The Butler Regional Interoperable Communications System (BRICS) is an independent regional radio network serving all of Butler County and portions of surrounding counties. The system consists of a prime site housing the radio servers and central networking equipment, along with 14 strategically positioned radio towers designed to maximize coverage for all Butler County first responders.

In 2023, infrastructure security improvements were completed to give BRICS staff 24/7 visibility at all tower sites. Video feeds are transmitted across the existing network infrastructure, avoiding new ongoing costs. Alarm functionality was also upgraded, allowing technicians to receive real-time system alerts through a mobile app.

In 2024, two major projects were completed to further strengthen the reliability of the BRICS system. The first added new cybersecurity protections, including network traffic analyzers and threat detection and response tools across all servers and workstations. The second project enhanced redundancy of radio traffic audio recordings and also added offsite storage.

To expand interoperability and share resources, BRICS has partnered with the State of Ohio's MARCS radio system. This partnership allows other counties and cities in southwestern Ohio to leverage BRICS radio servers at the Butler County Sheriff's Office for their radio traffic, saving them the expense of purchasing their own equipment. Participating jurisdictions include Hamilton County, Montgomery County, and the City of Cincinnati. In return, Butler County radios can operate on the MARCS network while traveling throughout the state. This collaborative network continues to evolve through the combined efforts of state and local partners to improve reliability, coverage, and system redundancy.

## 9-1-1 System



James Sackenheim

The countywide 9-1-1 system serves all four call-answering centers in Butler County: the Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, Middletown, and West Chester. The fully IP-based (VoIP) 9-1-1 telephone system is connected through a wide-area fiber network, enabling seamless communication across jurisdictions. Dispatchers use software-based telephones on computer workstations with wireless headsets to efficiently manage calls. Each year, the system handles approximately 190,000 emergency calls and 245,000 non-emergency calls.

In 2024, advanced threat detection and response tools were deployed across the 9-1-1 network, significantly enhancing cybersecurity and providing staff with greater visibility into network activity. That same year, James Sackenheim joined the Communications Technology team, bringing nearly 20 years of experience in local government I.T. His initial focus is on strengthening the reliability and redundancy of the 9-1-1 system to ensure uninterrupted service to the public.

## Corrections



Captain Kevin Grathwohl

**Captain Kevin Grathwohl began his service with the Butler County Sheriff's Office in 1998 as a part-time dispatcher. In 1999, he transferred to the Corrections Division, where he served in a variety of operational assignments, including primary duties at the Intake Desk. He was an active member of the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT), contributing significantly to facility safety and emergency operations.**

**In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where he assumed supervisory responsibilities and was appointed Commander of the Corrections Emergency Response Team.**

**In 2021, he was promoted to Lieutenant, continuing to demonstrate strong leadership and operational command. In 2023, he was promoted to Captain of the Corrections Division, where he currently serves.**

**His career reflects a consistent commitment to professionalism, leadership, and operational excellence within the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Captain Kevin Grathwohl oversees the operations all three of the jail properties under the command of the Butler County Sheriff's Office; The Butler County Jail located on Hanover Street, the Resolutions Jail located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the Court Street Jail located behind the historic Court House in Hamilton, Ohio.**



Lieutenant Dennis Adams



Lieutenant Rob Clendenin



Lieutenant Michael Hamblin



Sergeant Josh Allen



Sergeant Kenneth Ritchie



Sergeant Robert Hoffman



Sergeant Mike Burkett



Sergeant William Roark



Sergeant Corneal Rowe



Sergeant Melinda Weedle



Sergeant Whitney Tendam



Sergeant Dave Rumpler



Sergeant Andy Young



Sergeant Theresa Rumpler



Sergeant Jeff Smith



Sergeant James Oaks

**The Main Jail is capable of housing 848 inmates. This facility holds maximum and medium security inmates as well as contracted**

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

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

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

## Inmate Discipline

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

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

<b>2023 Inmate Discipline Report</b>							
DAY OF WK	HEARINGS	ISO	COM/VISIT	VERBAL	NT GUILTY	EXPIRED	RELEASED
JAN	107	64	27	7	2	2	5
FEB	69	51	11	3	3	0	1
MAR	86	57	8	12	3	0	3
APR	103	65	13	10	5	8	2
MAY	85	39	6	29	6	3	2
JUN	134	83	18	27	2	1	3
JUL	153	89	19	26	14	0	4
AUG	117	51	49	16	1	0	0
SEP	158	81	44	21	7	2	3
OCT	109	64	19	17	7	1	1
NOV	107	54	32	11	7	1	2
DEC	108	59	27	11	6	4	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1336</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>2024 Inmate Discipline Report</b>							
DAY OF WK	HEARINGS	ISO	COM/VISIT	VERBAL	NT GUILTY	EXPIRED	RELEASED
JAN	86	62	12	5	5	0	2
FEB	97	70	8	4	11	0	4
MAR	105	69	16	6	13	0	2
APR	74	57	9	3	4	0	1
MAY	89	59	20	1	7	1	1
JUN	76	59	10	3	2	1	4
JUL	89	81	6	2	2	0	1
AUG	74	49	9	7	8	0	3
SEP	79	53	14	2	5	0	2
OCT	97	66	17	6	8	0	0
NOV	68	44	14	1	7	1	1
DEC	71	54	7	1	7	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>

### 2023 Incidents

Jail Reports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	%	AVG
Inmate/Inmate Assault	2	9	12	12	3	7	6	3	11	4	5	10	84	1%	7
Inmate to Staff Assault	3	1	3	0	4	5	3	1	4	1	4	5	34	0%	3
Inmate Issue	110	83	98	135	140	180	174	150	169	145	139	119	1642	21%	137
Facility Issue	331	248	287	307	290	295	314	352	319	265	260	0	3268	42%	272
Medical Issue	74	94	84	93	123	132	111	118	118	87	95	106	1235	16%	103
Food/Laundry Issue	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	3	0	25	0%	2
Escape/ Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Shakedown / Contraband	29	9	7	10	7	18	20	19	15	17	33	20	204	3%	17
Forensic	85	81	80	78	78	109	96	88	78	85	94	90	1042	13%	87
Suicide Attempt / Deaths	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	0%	1
Fires / Nautural Disasters	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0%	0
Administrative Issue	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	8	1	3	1	21	0%	2
Miscellaneous	15	13	9	8	13	26	20	30	15	20	20	10	199	3%	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7765</b>		<b>1195</b>

### 2024 Incidents

Jail Reports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	%	AVG
Inmate/Inmate Assault	8	7	6	10	1	6	5	6	8	6	6	8	77	1%	6
Inmate to Staff Assault	1	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	6	0	0	4	25	0%	2
Inmate Issue	137	129	172	120	133	111	115	111	103	135	126	140	1532	21%	128
Facility Issue	245	202	218	199	259	251	263	266	272	271	252	291	2989	41%	249
Medical Issue	96	121	100	69	111	111	102	110	120	106	119	80	1245	17%	104
Food/Laundry Issue	5	0	5	5	4	3	0	3	3	2	1	2	33	0%	3
Escape/ Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0%	0
Shakedown / Contraband	13	11	11	9	6	8	12	9	12	17	9	16	133	2%	11
Forensic	81	90	118	92	74	85	78	109	93	92	81	102	1095	15%	91
Suicide Attempt / Deaths	1	1	0	0	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	14	0%	1
Fires / Nautural Disasters	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0%	0
Administrative Issue	6	6	9	5	5	3	1	2	1	3	2	2	45	1%	4
Miscellaneous	19	16	13	10	12	9	13	9	16	11	13	21	162	2%	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>7354</b>		<b>1131</b>

**In 2023, a total of 7,833 inmates were booked into the Butler County Jail and a total of 7,935 inmates were released from the jail. These procedures never stopped within the 24 hour, 365 day jail operations.**

### 2023 Jail Facility Average Headcount



**In 2024, a total of 7,926 inmates were booked into the Butler County Jail and a total of 7,978 inmates were released from the jail. These procedures never stopped within the 24 hour, 365 day jail operations.**



**2024 Jail Facility Average Headcount**



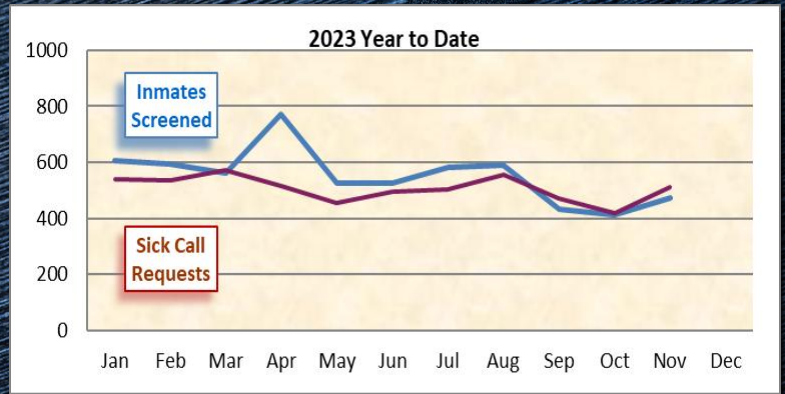
**Medical Administrator Brian Ruhl**

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

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

**The Medical Division staff includes:**

- **Medical Director/Physician**
- **Physicians' Assistant**
- **Psychiatrist**
- **Dentist**
- **Medical Administrator**
- **Full-time Paramedics**
- **Full-time EMTs**
- **Part-time Paramedics**
- **Part-time EMT**



## 2023 – 2024 RETIREMENTS

<b>Carrie Schultheiss</b>	<b>01/31/2023</b>	<b>Lieutenant</b>
<b>Steve Sprague</b>	<b>10/01/2023</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>Nick Fisher</b>	<b>01/31/2024</b>	<b>Corrections Captain</b>
<b>Mike Jacobs</b>	<b>03/29/2024</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Michael Mariano</b>	<b>05/20/2024</b>	<b>Corrections Officer</b>
<b>Kristy Lorentsen</b>	<b>06/30/2024</b>	<b>Clerical Specialist</b>
<b>Rob Reiff</b>	<b>09/26/2024</b>	<b>Corporal</b>
<b>Greg Money</b>	<b>10/31/2024</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Rob Whitlock</b>	<b>10/31/2024</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>Bobbie Benton</b>	<b>12/31/2024</b>	<b>Administrative Clerical Specialist</b>
<b>Duane Monroe</b>	<b>12/31/2024</b>	<b>Deputy</b>



## **2023 – 2024 PROMOTIONS**

<b>Joseph Synder</b>	<b>01/14/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Cody Brown</b>	<b>01/15/2023</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
<b>Michael Page</b>	<b>01/16/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Mike McGuire</b>	<b>01/18/2023</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>Zach Mitchell</b>	<b>02/11/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Jalen King</b>	<b>02/11/2023</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
<b>Keri Barrett</b>	<b>03/11/2023</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
<b>Jeff Schuster</b>	<b>03/11/2023</b>	<b>Lieutenant</b>
<b>Stephen Daugherty</b>	<b>03/25/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Jack Bucheit</b>	<b>04/20/2023</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>Mike Farthing</b>	<b>04/26/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Bill McGuire</b>	<b>04/27/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Christopher Benoit</b>	<b>04/27/2023</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
<b>Derek Marcum</b>	<b>05/06/2023</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>Ken Ritchie</b>	<b>05/09/2023</b>	<b>Corrections Sergeant</b>
<b>Jalen King</b>	<b>06/03/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Kevin Grathwohl</b>	<b>06/29/2023</b>	<b>Corrections Captain</b>
<b>Jeff Stevison</b>	<b>08/29/2023</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>Michal Hamblin</b>	<b>08/29/2023</b>	<b>Acting Corrections Lieutenant</b>
<b>Melinda Weddle</b>	<b>08/30/2023</b>	<b>Corrections Sergeant</b>
<b>Robbie Kammeron</b>	<b>09/09/2023</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Chad Rumpler</b>	<b>09/09/2023</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
<b>Stephanie Corhn</b>	<b>01/17/2024</b>	<b>Dispatch Supervisor</b>
<b>Chris Morris</b>	<b>03/09/2024</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>Ted Sensel</b>	<b>03/23/2024</b>	<b>Court Services</b>

<b>Cody Brown</b>	<b>03/23/2024</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Chris Benoit</b>	<b>03/24/2024</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Erik Durham</b>	<b>04/02/2024</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>James Oaks</b>	<b>07/13/2024</b>	<b>Corrections Sergeant</b>
<b>Mike McGuire</b>	<b>08/13/2024</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>Eric Partin</b>	<b>09/13/2024</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>Don Gabbard</b>	<b>09/14/2024</b>	<b>Detective</b>
<b>Keri Barrett</b>	<b>09/27/2024</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
<b>Autumn Waddell</b>	<b>11/02/2024</b>	<b>Court Services</b>
<b>Derek Marcum</b>	<b>12/11/2024</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>Matt Ginter</b>	<b>12/11/2024</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
<b>Brian Romans</b>	<b>12/11/2024</b>	<b>Corporal</b>
<b>Evan Depew</b>	<b>12/12/2024</b>	<b>Corporal</b>





**Deputy William Bowling dedicated his life to public service and faithfully served the Butler County Sheriff's Office with honor, integrity, and professionalism.**

**Deputy Bowling joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office in 2001 as a Corrections Officer, where he quickly distinguished himself through his strong work ethic, commitment to safety, and respect for those in his care and command. In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Corrections Sergeant, reflecting his leadership abilities and unwavering dedication to his fellow deputies and the community.**

**Later in his career, Deputy Bowling was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff and served in specialized assignments, including the BURN Unit and Weights and Scales Enforcement. He was subsequently assigned to the Road Patrol Division, where he continued to serve with professionalism and compassion until his passing.**

**Beyond his professional service, Deputy Bowling was known for his love of the outdoors. He had a deep passion for fishing and hunting, often sharing those experiences with his friends and co-workers, strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and camaraderie that defined his career.**

**Deputy William Bowling passed away on May 23, 2023.**



