



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office

2023

Annual Report

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The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is Ohio Collaborative Certified



Sheriff Alex Lape

Sheriff Lape began his Law Enforcement career in 1992, after completing the basic peace officer academy. He was then commissioned by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, serving as an Auxiliary Deputy.

In 1994, he was hired as a full-time deputy assigned to the Jail Bureau. He later transferred to the Patrol Bureau, where he served as a SWAT deputy and fatal crash investigator. In 2002, Sheriff Lape was promoted to Sergeant, and served in the Patrol and Jail Bureaus. In 2005, Sheriff Lape assumed command of the SWAT team and was also transferred to the Community Services Unit.

In 2010, he was assigned as the Commander of the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau.

In 2012, Sheriff Lape was promoted to Lieutenant and became the Patrol Bureau Commander where he served until promoted to Chief Deputy in 2017.

In 2020, Alex Lape was elected Sheriff by the residents of Fairfield County.

Sheriff Lape resides in Violet Township with his wife Sherry and has three children.



Mission Statement

The mission of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide the highest level of professional law enforcement service to the citizens of Fairfield County. We are committed to public safety by protecting and enhancing the quality of life, upholding all laws, preserving the peace, and preventing crimes while protecting the constitutional rights of those we serve. We will perform our duties with compassion and integrity, while maintaining high ethical and moral conduct at all times. We will establish a reputation for responsiveness, competency, decisiveness, and equality which will inspire confidence in the Sheriff's Office for all residents of Fairfield County.

Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the public, to safeguard lives and property, to protect those in need, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men and women to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will courageously maintain calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule while employing self-restraint being constantly mindful of the welfare of others. I will be honest in both my personal and professional life while obeying the laws of the land and the policies of my office.

I will never put myself above others or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. I will allow no compromise for crime. I will relentlessly prosecute those who violate the law. I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without favor or will, never employing unnecessary force or violence.

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

...Law Enforcement



Core Values

Loyalty - Heartfelt commitment to the Law Enforcement Profession through Integrity and Honor.

<u>Equality</u> - Treatment of all individuals with impartiality under the law.

Accountability - Accepting responsibility for actions and behaviors.

<u>Duty</u> - Obligation to take action that is ethically and morally right.

Ethics - Standard of action for doing the "right" thing at the "right" time.

<u>Respect</u> - To have due regard for other's feelings, wishes, or rights.

<u>Service</u> - Be the servant first. Only when we are proven and trusted will others freely follow. Live the Golden Rule.

The Sheriff's of Fairfield County: 1801 - Current



1880-1884Hiram Shumaker
1876-1880George See
1872-1876William Bush
1868-1872John D. Jackson
1864-1868Emanuel Shisler
1860-1864James Miller
1856-1860Aaron W. Ebright
1854-1856William Potter
1852-1854James Weaver
1848-1852Oliver H. Perry
1844-1848Elias Perry
1840-1844Samuel Ewing
1838-1840Thomas Edingfield
1834-1838Silas Tam
1832-1834Nathan Wetherby
1828-1832Geroge D. Sites
1824-1828Edward B. Thompson
1820-1823William Crook
1816-1820George Sanderson
1814-1816Adam Weaver
1808-1814John Williamson
1806-1808Emanuel Carpenter
1801-1806Samuel Kratzer



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Personnel



Uniform Personnel

Sergeant......13

School Resource Deputies......8

Corrections Officers......37

Deputy......57

Total Uniform Personnel......132

Civilian Personnel

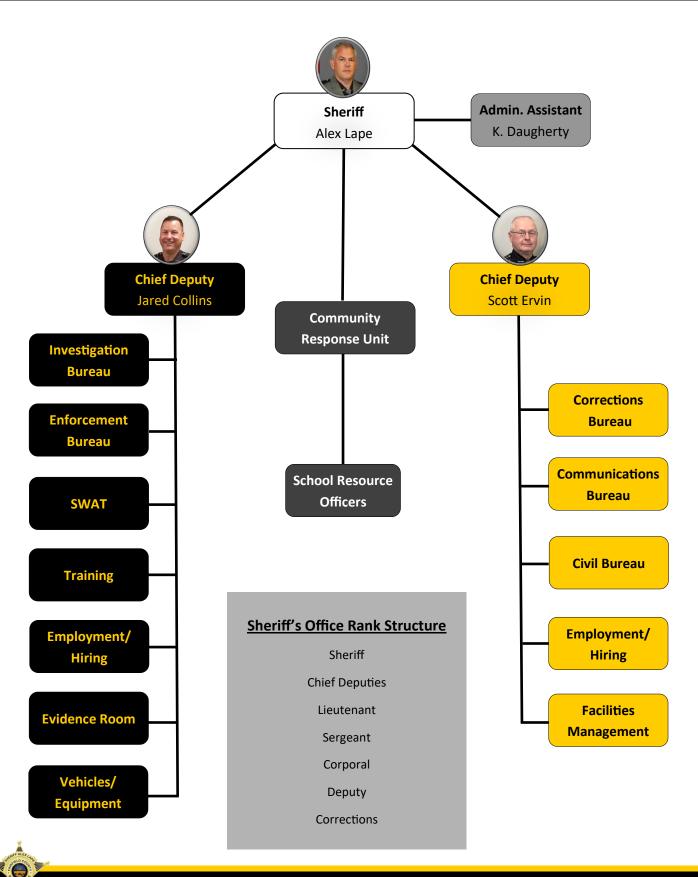
<u>Position</u>	Strength on 12/31/23
Administrative/Civilians	10
OD Investigator	1
Jail Support Specialist	1
Property Room Clerk	1
Director of Fiscal & Civil Services.	1
Re-Entry Coordinator	1
Radio Room Supervisor	1
9-1-1 Dispatchers	15
Pastor - Part-Time	1
Maintenance	1
Total Civilian Personnel	33

165

Combined Personnel
Counts



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart







Fairfield County Data

Founded1800
GovernmentCommissioners
Population165,360*
Area505.7 sq miles
Miles of County Road362.2
Miles of Township Roads587.5
Miles of State Routes197.7
County SeatLancaster
General Fund Budget\$59,650,000
Total County employees 995

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Data



Serving Since 1798

Uniform Personnel	132
Civilian Personnel	33
Sworn Officer to Population Ratio	1 to every 1,740 Residents
Marked Patrol Vehicles	62
(Includes 5 Community Watch Vehicles)	
Unmarked Vehicles	22
Bicycles	6
Canines	3
General Fund Budget	\$18,300,000
SWAT Team Members	23



Wall of Honor

This page is dedicated to the memory of all fellow Law Enforcement Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.



Deputy Chad S. Edwards

End of Watch: May 18, 1995

Deputy Chad Edwards end of watch was on Thursday, May 18, 1995, at the age of 22 while enroute to an undercover narcotics assignment.



Deputy Ethan Collins

End of Watch: January 4, 2006

Deputy Ethan Collins end of watch was on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at the age of 29 while responding to an officer in need.

Chief Deputy Jared Collins



Chief Deputy Jared Collins commands law enforcement operations at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Collins, who started his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1992, has served in nearly every division.

He has operational experience in undercover drug operations, Corrections operations, K-9 Handler and Trainer, and SWAT. Chief Collins has also held command roles as both a Sergeant and a Lieutenant in Enforcement, K-9, Narcotics, Training, Investigations, SWAT, and Court Services.

Chief Collins is responsible for the overall operations of the Enforcement Bureau, Investigation Bureau, SWAT and Property Room.

After graduating from Fairfield Union High School in 1990, Chief Collins attended classes at The Ohio State University, Muskingum University and Polk State University. Chief Collins is also a recipient of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award, which he earned by completing the command leadership course of study. He has extensive experience teaching law enforcement topics throughout the region. Chief Collins is a

former instructor at the International Police Training and Assessment Service and a former instructor at Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. Currently he is an Adjunct Instructor at Hocking College.

A lifelong resident of Fairfield County, Chief Collins lives with his wife of 26 years, Jenny. He is an avid boater and outdoorsman.

Chief Deputy Scott Ervin



Chief Deputy Scott Ervin is responsible for the overall operations of Corrections, Communications, Civilian Unit, as well as, Maintenance at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Ervin started his career in Public Safety in 1981, and has served in many capacities. His experience is in Jail, Communication, Patrol, Investigation and SWAT Operations, as well as, inservice firearms training.

Chief Deputy Ervin graduated from Lancaster High School in 1980, attended Basic Police Academy at Hocking College and the Lancaster Police Department Academy in 1982.

Throughout his career, he has attended numerous training classes throughout the State of Ohio.

Chief Deputy Ervin lives with his wife of 36 years, Rita. They enjoy outdoor activities and spending time with their children and grandchildren.



Communications Bureau

The Communications Bureau is the heart and nerve center of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. The bureau plays an essential role with ensuring operations run smoothly.



Communications Bureau 2023 Statistics



30,697 Total Number of 9-1-1 Calls



78,500 Approximate Number of Non-emergency Calls Answered



1,169 Total Number of Warrants Entered



986 Total Number of Protection Orders on File (Approximately 600 Entered in 2023)



121,447 CAD Entries Created



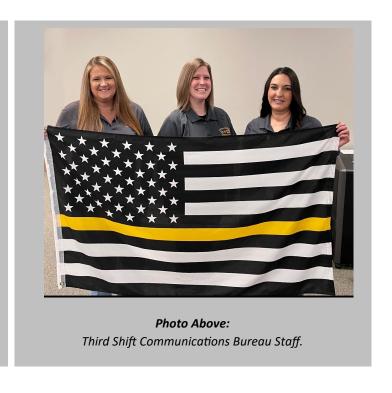
Communications Bureau

Communications Bureau Personnel

The Sheriff's Office
Communications Bureau dispatches
for the Sheriff's Office, five village
police departments, and eleven
Fire / EMS departments.









Communications Bureau

Communications Bureau Training Information

The Sheriff's Office Communications Bureau dispatchers are all Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (APCO) Certified and are trained as Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD) that provide life-saving instruction.

Every telecommunicator is required to complete 24 hours of continuing education as well as state mandated training yearly. They must recertify in APCO, EMD, and Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) security training biannually.

The Communications Bureau hosted, attended or completed online trainings for the following in 2023:

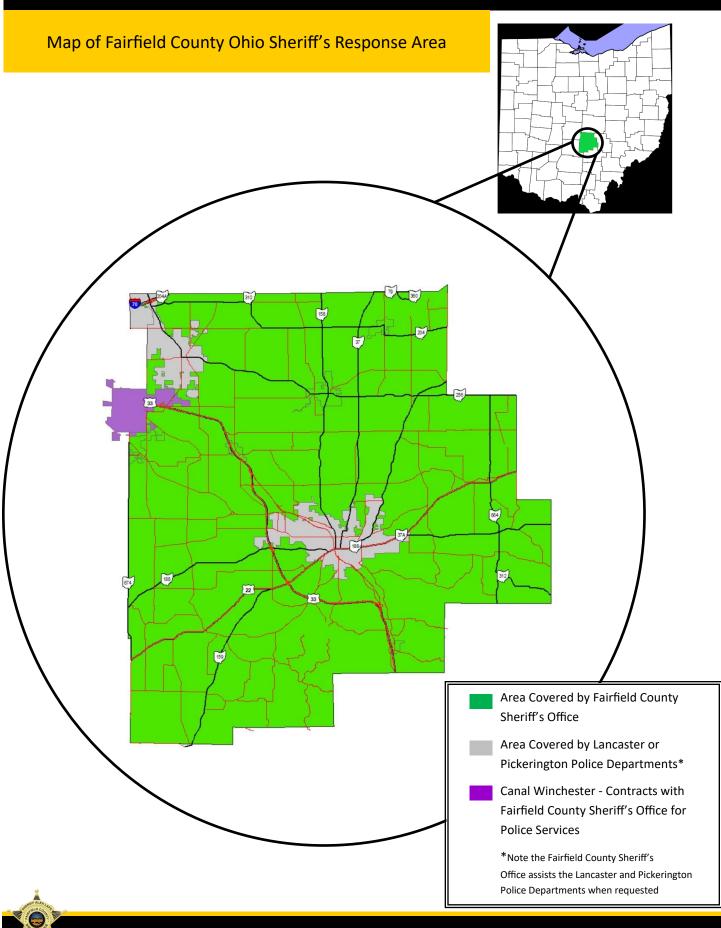
- Ohio Alerts training Amber Alert, Senior Alerts
- Kyle Plush Training Answer the Call
- Am I Just a Dispatcher? The Public Safety Training Group
- Crisis Awareness, After the Call, Suicide Awareness Training Ohio DPS
- Hostage Negotiations Training The Public Safety Training Group
- Suicide Intervention Training The public Safety Training Group
- Attorney General's Office Alerts Conference
- APCO Comprehensive Quality training (to begin reviewing 9-1-1 calls for quality assurance and compliance)
 (Completed by two Communications Personnel)
- APCO Certified Training Officer Program (Completed by all Communications personnel)
- Mental Health & Resilience Retreat

Communications Bureau Community Events Participation

In addition to dispatch and training responsibilities, Communications Bureau Personnel:

- Worked in the Mobile Command Unit for Luke Bryant
- Taught Elementary School Students about 9-1-1
- Participated in 2 Parades
- Participated in 2 Community Events
- Worked in the County Fair Booth
- Participated in the Tractor pull at the County Fair





Enforcement Bureau

The Enforcement Bureau is the anchor of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and is composed of the majority of all sworn personnel. Deputies are primary responders to calls for service. A few of the other functions of the Enforcement Bureau include the investigation of criminal offenses, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, and service of civil process.



30,731

Primary Calls for Service*

31,363

Backup Calls for Service*

*Lincon, Violet and Canal Bureaus Combined (2023)

Enforcement Bureau City & Village Support

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Enforcement Bureau provides law enforcement services to an estimated 165,360 residents, according to the population estimate from the United States Census Bureau, in Fairfield County as well as eight villages in the county:

Amanda

Bremen

Canal Winchester

Pleasantville

Rushville

Stoutsville

Thurston

West Rushville

The Enforcement Bureau also provides support to other villages and cities in the county that have their own law enforcement agencies:

Baltimore

Carroll

Columbus

Lancaster

Lithopolis

Millersport

Pickerington

Reynoldsburg

Sugar Grove



Enforcement Bureau

Enforcement Bureau Personnel



Photo Above:

Sergeant Carsey (seated in center), with corporal and deputies assigned to First Shift A.



Photo Above:

Sergeant Williams (seated in center), with corporal and deputies assigned to First Shift B.



Photo Above:

Sergeant Comer (seated in center), with corporal and deputies assigned to Second Shift A.



Photo Above:

Sergeant Schorr (seated in center), with corporal and deputies assigned to Second Shift B.



Enforcement Bureau 2023 Statistics

Lincoln Avenue & Violet Station Combined



20,944 Primary Calls for Service

18,304 Backup Calls for Service



3,077 Reports (Case/Crash/Addendums)



5,419 Subpoena Service Attempts

2,691 Subpoena Service Completions



2,128 Traffic Stops

597 Citations Issued

2,181 Warnings Issued



5,841 Vacation Checks



670 Arrests (Misd/Fel/Warrant/OVI)

536 Misdemeanor Charges Filed (MM-M1)

169 Felony Charges Filed (F5-F1)



Enforcement Bureau 2023 Statistics

Canal Winchester



9,787 Primary Calls for Service

13,059 Backup Calls for Service



1,440 Reports (Case/Crash/Addendums)



179 Subpoena Service Attempts

95 Subpoena Service Completions



1,329 Traffic Stops

296 Citations Issued

1,228 Warnings Issued



1,363 Vacation Checks



354 Arrests (Misd/Fel/Warrant/OVI)

201 Misdemeanor Charges Filed (MM-M1)

30 Felony Charges Filed (F5-F1)



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office K9 Units



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has two K9 Units:
Deputy Conrad & K9
Deputy Scoot (left photo) and Deputy Shanes & K9
Deputy Rafa (right photo).
K9 deputies are dualpurpose dogs, trained in the detection of narcotics, article searches, tracking, and handler protection.



K9 Deputies Combined 2023 Highlights*

Breakdown of Deployments:

- 81 Deployments for Detection (Narcotics Searches)
- 26 Deployments for Patrol (Area Search, Building Search, Tracking, and Article Searches)

Requesting Agencies:

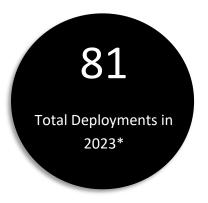
- Fairfield County: 84
- Ohio State Patrol: 2
- Lancaster Police Department: 7
- Carroll Police Department: 1

Narcotics Recovered Include:

- Methamphetamine: 358 grams
- Fentanyl: 5 grams
- Misc. Pills: 42 items
- Crack: 1 gram
- Cocaine: 0.1 grams

Seized

- 1 Firearm
- 48 items of Drug Paraphernalia
- \$2,929





*K9 Team Statistics from September - December 2023.

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Therapy Dog Unit



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has a trained Therapy K9 Unit: Deputy Peck & Therapy K9 Nala (left photo). K9 Therapy Nala is trained to provide emotional support, comfort, and aid to both law enforcement personnel and individuals during crisis situations, traumatic incidents and community outreach activities.

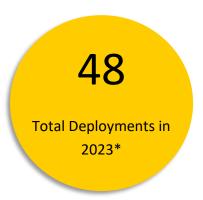
K9 Therapy Dog 2023 Highlights*

Highlighted Service

Deputy Peck, a School Resource
Officer in the Lancaster City
Schools, and Therapy K9 Nala,
were deployed to a hallway in the
school where a student was upset
and crying, sitting on the ground
with their knees pulled up to their
chest. Therapy K9 Nala walked up
to the student and sat down in
front of them. The student began
to pet Therapy K9 Nala and the
student calmed down almost
immediately. After less than five
minutes, the student was able to
return to class.

Training:

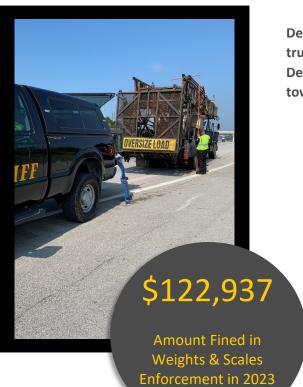
Deputy Peck and Therapy K9 Nala went through a six week obedience course before attending the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Therapy K9 program where Nala earned her AKC Canine Good Citizen, AKC Advanced Canine Good Citizen, AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen, and Alliance of Therapy Dogs certifications.



*K9 Therapy Dog Statistics from November - December 2023.



Weights & Scales



Deputy Mead is responsible for enforcing weight restrictions involving trucks and other vehicles traveling the roadways of Fairfield County. Deputy Mead takes enforcement action on state, county, and township roadways.

2023 Weights & Scales Statistics

194	Number of Traffic Stops		
19	Number of Axle Weight Citations		
76	Number of Gross Weight Citations		
424	Number of Written Warnings		





Corrections Bureau



Fairfield County Jail, along with its partner organizations, offer a variety of programming, assistance, and tools for inmates before they leave jail. Assistance may include mental health and substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral treatment, parenting classes, veteran support, educational classes, Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous groups, ministry services and more.

Corrections Bureau 2023 Statistics



4,558 Number of People Booked into Jail*



4,596 Number of Inmates Released from Jail*



Average number in Jail (per day):

155 Days: Males

60 Days: Females



214 Average Daily Populations*



^{*}Totals for the year combine the number of males and females.

Corrections Bureau

Corrections Bureau Personnel



Photo Above:
Sergeant Boring (back left) and Sergeant Neal (back right) with First Shift Corrections Bureau Personnel.



Photo Above:
Sergeant Boring (back left) and Sergeant Neal (back right) with Second Shift Corrections Bureau Personnel.



Photo Above:
Sergeant Boring (back left) and Sergeant Neal (back right) with Third Shift Corrections Bureau Personnel.



Photo Above: Sergeant Lape (back right) with Corrections Bureau Transport Personnel.



Corrections Bureau





In partnership with the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) and Fairfield County 2-1-1, the Fairfield County Jail offered programs to inmates to reduce suicidal behaviors in individuals.

In partnership with Action for Children, inmates were offered parenting classes at the Fairfield County Jail.

Fairfield County Jail Community Partnerships

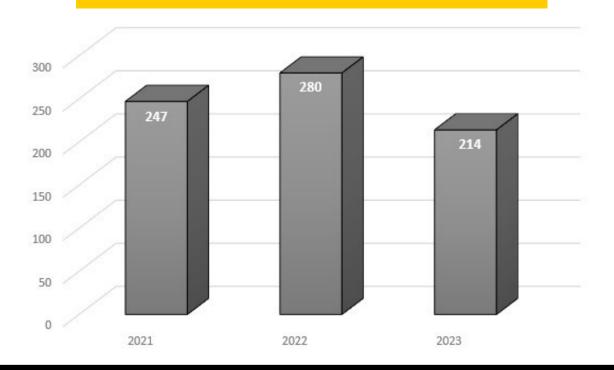
The Fairfield County Jail maintains several partnerships to benefit inmates who are housed in the facility. Partnerships include:

- Action for Children Parenting classes
- Connexion West Re-entry support
- Cornerstone Church Ministry services
- Decorative Arts Center Art classes
- Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) - Programming support & funding
- Fairfield County Health Department Vaccinations
- House of Hope Alcoholics Anonymous & Narcotics Anonymous groups
- Jail Chaplin Services Religious services
- Maywood Mission Clothing & hygiene items
- New Horizons Mental health, substance abuse, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services

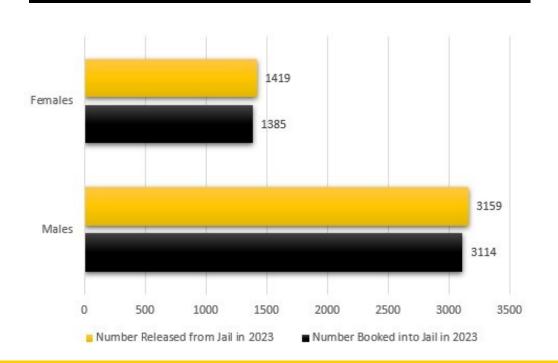
- Project FORT Narcan
- Public Transit Bus passes
- Right Path Financial Coaching for financial literacy classes
- STAR Community Justice Center Cognitive behavioral treatment
- St. Vincent De Paul Clothing vouchers
- Team Health Medical care
- Trinity Services Group Food services for the jail. The food service menu is written and approved annually by a licensed dietician to ensure the jails compliance with State nutritional standards.
- United Way Book donations & community support
- Veterans Outreach Veteran support



2021 - 2023 Average Daily Population in the Jail

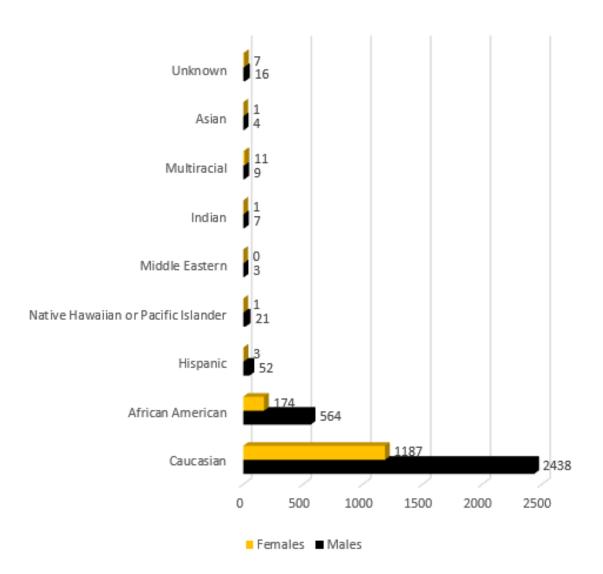


2023 Number of People Booked & Released





2023 Jail Bookings by Ethnic Origin







2023 Transport Unit Statistics		
285	Inmates transported to or from prison facilities	
219	Inmates transported to or from jail facilities outside Fairfield County	
132	Inmates transported to or from medical or mental health appointments	
47	Inmates taken for interview/evaluations	
106	Inmates presented for out of county court hearings	
1,113	Court paperwork served to inmates	
4,623	Arraignments held for Common Pleas Court/Muni Court	



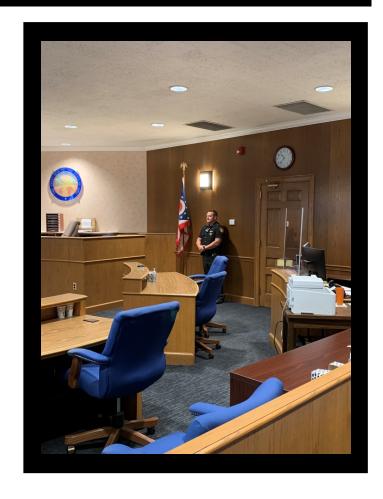
2023 Sexual Offender Registration & Notification (SORN) Statistics 429 SORN Offender Registrations 263 Follow-ups with SORN Offenders 266 Sets of Fingerprints for Courts 9 Arrests / Investigations



2023 Job & Family Services Statistics

1,239 Hearings attended by security in the Government Services Building

2,040 Hearing Attendees Scanned/Searched





2023 Hall of Justice Statistics 64,988 People & items scanned/searched entering the Hall of Justice Number of panic alarms we responded to in the Hall of Justice 18 **Prisoner arrests** 18 Hearings attended by Security 122 Inmates booked in through the Hall of Justice 108 DNA samples collected from inmates Sets of fingerprints for Common Pleas Court 197



2021 - 2023 Corrections Bureau Funds

Commissary Funds

	2021	2022	2023
Commissary Revenues	\$ 443,178.26	\$ 799,751.17	\$ 383,027.89
Materials and Supplies	\$ 182,724.61	\$ 185,663.87	\$ 187,648.87
Capital Outlay	\$ 27,582.78	\$ 18,867.71	\$ 108,723.55
Other	\$ 128,310.87	\$ 4,614.98	\$ 9,869.98
Total Expenditures	\$ 338,618.26	\$ 209,146.56	\$ 306,242.40
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 104,560.00	\$ 590,604.61	\$ 76,785.49

Data Above: Net profits from the sale of commissary items are utilized to purchase items to be used for the benefit of our inmates. The commissary account funds are governed by statute, and they can ONLY be used for certain approved purposes. Any expenditures are approved solely by the Sheriff.

2023 Revenue Generated from Out-of-County Prisoner Holds



Data Above: Contracts for Prisoner Holds include: Athens County, Canal Winchester, Gallia County, Hocking County, Meigs County, and Perry County.

*An additional \$3,120, not included in the total, was due but not paid in at the end of the year.



South Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit & Project F.O.R.T.



The South-Central
Major Crimes Unit is a
designated Ohio HIDTA
multijurisdictional law
enforcement task force.

During 2023, the Major Crimes Unit continued to observe the trend across the jurisdiction in which heroin was replaced by the dangerous synthetic opioid Fentanyl. Additionally, poly drug use to include Fentanyl, and Methamphetamine became normalized. Exacerbating this issue was the introduction of poly drug mixtures across the jurisdiction. Transnational Drug Trafficking Organizations also introduced Fentanyl pressed into tablet form mimicking legitimate prescription drugs such as Oxycodone and Xanax.

The task force added a newly designated overdose death investigator through their assignment by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office where this deputy was hired by Sheriff Lape for the express purpose of investigating these deaths and bringing those responsible to justice.

2023 Project F.O.R.T.

Project F.O.R.T (Fairfield Overdose Response Team)

- 157: Number of Engagements
- **90**: Number of Referrals
- **37**: Community Events
- 700: Naloxone Kits Distributed



- 201 Maionotte Emergency Boxes Bistribates
- 400: Transportation Vouchers Distributed
- **140**: Overdose Events
- 22: Overdose Deaths

Collaborations

The South-Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit is made up of the following law enforcement agencies who collaborate within the task force providing personnel and material resources.

- 1. Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
- 2. Lancaster Police Department
- 3. Fairfield County Prosecutors Office
- 4. Pickaway County Sheriff's Office
- 5. Pickaway County Prosecutors Office
- 6. Logan Police Department
- 7. Hocking County Prosecutors Office
- 8. Ohio University Police Department

2023 Enforcement Activity

• 135: Cases Opened

36: Indictments

• 143: Search Warrants

Contraband Seizures:

- Cocaine: 63.25 Grams

- Fentanyl: 143.6 Grams

- Methamphetamine: 4,718.54 Grams

- Rx Drugs: 137 Unit Doses

- Marijuana: 1,771.1 Grams

- Marijuana Plants: 220 Plants

- THC Edibles & Cartridges: 83.8 Unit Doses

- Psilocybin: 275.3 Grams

- LSD: 30 Unit Doses

- Firearms: 77

- US Currency: \$43,341.00



Investigation Bureau



The Investigation Bureau is responsible for conducting criminal investigations into all major crimes including murder, assault, and robbery, as well as property related crimes such as burglary and theft. In response to the needs of our community, the Investigation Bureau has a dedicated SVU detective with their focus being sexual assault cases involving juveniles and adults.

Investigation Bureau 2023 Statistics



446: Total Cases Assigned in the Investigation Bureau



58: Average Number of Cases Assigned per Detective



7.75: Average Number of Detectives



16.59%: Percent of Investigation Bureau Caseload Inside the City of Canal Winchester



Investigation Bureau

Investigation Bureau Personnel



Photo Above: Sergeant Reed (center) with Detectives assigned to the Investigation Bureau.

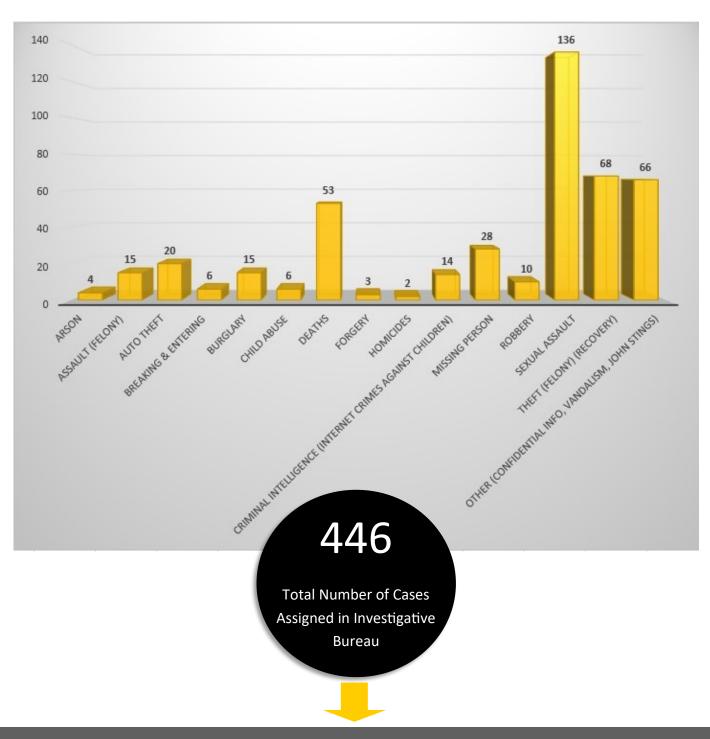
2023 Investigation Bureau Highlights

- **63** After hours callouts on various crimes
- 232 Background checks conducted
- 56 Computer Voice Stress Analysis conducted
- 326 Child Protective Services/Adult Protective Services referrals reviewed
- **3** John-Stings conducted yielding 33 arrests
- 6 Internet Safety classes taught
- Taught several training's for Sheriff's Office Deputies and Corrections Officers:
 - Testifying in Court / Report Writing Training
 - Interview and Interrogation Training
 - Crime Scene Photography Training
 - Crime Scene Training



Investigation Bureau Statistics

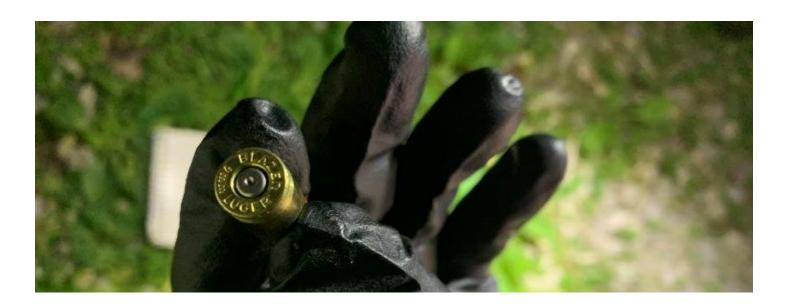
2023 Types of Cases in the Investigation Bureau



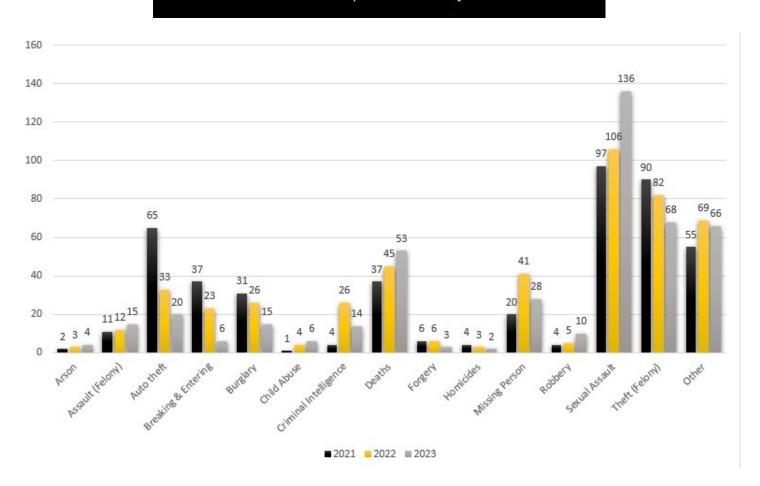
74 - Number of Cases Assigned to the Investigative Bureau in Canal Winchester



Investigation Bureau Statistics



Three - Year Comparison of Major Crimes





Data Above: Comparison of Major Crimes in Fairfield County from 2021 - 2023.

Community Response Unit



2023 Community Response Unit : Sergeant TJ Strawn (left), Corporal Tiffany Hedrick (center), Deputy David Maple (right).

The Community Response Unit (CRU) is responsible for overseeing, planning and coordinating all public relation events for the Sheriff's Office.
Other responsibilities include Community Watch,
Neighborhood Watch
Programs, Community
Policing, and Public Education and Safety.

2023 Community Response Unit Highlights

The Community Response Unit lead or participated in Community events held throughout the year such as threat assessments, self-defense, CREST (Civilian Response to Emergency Situation Training), ALICE (School Active Shooter Response), senior scams, fairs, festivals, community outreach events and parades. Programs included:

- 26 Active Aggressor Trainings
- 18 Senior Scam Presentations
- 22 Self-defense Classes
- **7** Threat Assessments
- 90 Speed surveys throughout the county and several citizens' complaints
- 249 Village area checks
- 37 School events (touch a truck, reading programs, classroom visits, career days, etc.)
- 18 Cyber safety classes (in schools and juvenile diversion classes)
- 102 Community events (Parades, festivals, fairs, community meetings, senior activities, etc.)



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement





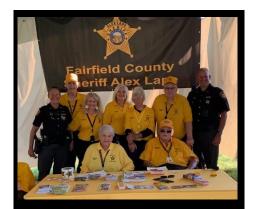
Independence Day
Celebration: From the
Buckeye Lake Blast, to the
Pickerington, Bremen and
Lancaster parades, the
Sheriff's Office was proud
to protect, serve and
participate with our great
community.
(July 2023)



Criminal Justice Class: Detectives assisted the Lancaster High School Criminal Justice class by providing training and insights on evidence collection. (June 2023)

Christmas Cheer Program with the SWAT Team: The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office SWAT team assisted the Salvation Army with their annual "Christmas Cheer" program. This program helps hundreds of lower income families in our community by providing gifts and a Christmas dinner celebration for their families. (December 2023)





Sweet Corn Festival: Great weather and awesome people made the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival a great success. (September 2023)



Bowl for Kids Sake: Members of the Sheriff's Office team supported the Big Brothers-Big Sisters event held at the Tiki Bowling Lanes. (April 2023)



CRU at Bremen Elementary School: The Community Response Unit spent time at Bremen Elementary reading to the 1st grade class about superhero's and law enforcement. (September 2023)

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement





Wheelchair Football
Challenge: The Sheriff's
Office accepted the
challenge from the
Southeastern Ohio
Center for Independent
Living (SOCIL) and
competed in wheelchair
football. We lost the
game but had a great
time! (November 2023)



Teen Night at Miller Pool: The Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers, in partnership with Lancaster Parks & Recreation, held another successful "Teen Night" at Miller Pool. (June 2023) Fallen Officer Memorial: The 2023
Fairfield County Fallen Officer
Memorial was held at the downtown
bandstand in Lancaster. We gathered
to honor the selfless sacrifice of our
friends and family members who are
gone but not forgotten. (May 2023)





Self-defense Awareness Training: The Community Response Unit conducted women's self-defense and awareness training at the Frontier Church of God. (July 2023)



Community Awareness Day: Dispatcher Roby and Deputy Hummel participated in an event in the Village of Amanda to share knowledge of available resources in Fairfield County. (August 2023)



Constitution Day: The Sheriff spent time with 8th grade students at Bloom-Carroll Middle School talking about the history of the Constitution. (April 2023)

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement





Proper Use of 911: Community Response Unit, Deputy Maple, and Communications TAC, Elizabeth Maple, read stories and taught Pleasantville Elementary Kindergarten classes about the proper use of 911. (February 2023)



Polar Plunge: The Sheriff and Sheriff's Office staff jumped into icy Buckeye Lake to help raise money for United Way of Fairfield County. (January 2023) Tech or Treat: The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office participated in "Tech or Treat" night at Eastland-Fairfield Career and Tech. Games, treats, and fun were had by all. (October 2023)





Hooks and Bobbers: The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, School Resource Officers, partnered with Lancaster Parks and Recreation and ODNR for the annual youth fishing event for our community. (June 2023)



Fairfield County Fair: Many friends stopped by the Sheriff's Office tent at the 173rd Fairfield County Fair. (October 2023)



Shop with a Cop: Students, School Resource Officers, Deputies, and Corrections Officers picked out gifts to give to other students in our community. (December 2023)

Community Watch & Special Deputies

The Community Watch Program is comprised of volunteers that decided to ensure the safety of the community by forming a partnership with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Volunteers receive training, a uniform, and guidance from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office to ensure the program succeeds in helping eliminate crime from neighborhoods.



Photo Above: Community Watch Volunteers

2023 Community Watch & Special Deputies Volunteer Hours

2023 Community Watch Numbers:

- **62** Active Members
- **2,976.25** Total Volunteer Hours for the Year
 - 1,658 Cruiser Hours 10,755 Miles Driven
 - **571** Office Hours
 - 747.25 Public Event Hours

2023 Special Deputies (Auxiliary Numbers):

- **25** Auxiliary Deputies
- **1,949.75** Hours Donated by Volunteer Deputies

Community Watch Program Responsibilities

- Patrol designated areas and observe suspicious occurrences, people or objects, and check closed buildings upon request
- Perform routine house checks, when requested, and report any unusual occurrences
- Contact the Sheriff's Office upon observation of any suspicious vehicle or person





School Resource Officers



The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program strives to provide a safe learning environment for the respective districts covered by the Sheriff's Office. Deputies assigned to the SRO Program are not only responsible for being present within the schools, reducing school violence, but to improve relationships and perceptions between students and staff. These Deputies are also

responsible for continuing these efforts throughout the year by being active in extracurricular activities and summer programs, which involve students and the community. SRO Deputies are also active in Sheriff's Office specialized units including the Watercraft Program, Dive Program, K-9 therapy, and others.

School Resource Officers

The Sheriff's Office provides School Resource Officers to five different school districts in the county.



Deputy Feasel





Bloom Carroll School District*:

• Deputy Mike Myers - Bloom-Carroll High School

Canal Winchester School District:

• Deputy Matthew Baughman - Canal Winchester High School

Fairfield Union School District*:

• Deputy Anna Feasel - Fairfield Union High School

Lancaster School District:

- Deputy Kristy Peck General Sherman Junior High School
- Deputy Brandin Peters Thomas Ewing Junior High School
- Deputy Jennifer Stavroff-Whitaker Lancaster High School

Pickerington School District:

- Deputy Tabitha Stephens Lakeview Junior High School
- Deputy Michael Busby Pickerington North High School









^{*}Jeff Dixon, Paul Roberts and Mark Bennington are Auxiliary Deputies

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office

Additional Noteworthy Accomplishments in 2023



Fairfield County Emergency Building:

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place at the Fairfield County Emergency Services building, signifying it is fully operational. This building can be occupied and used for Sheriff's Office operations.

(February 2023)



Awards and Recognition:

Sheriff's Office team
members and civilians were
recognized with 41 awards
and citations at the Awards
and Recognition Luncheon.
Out of the 41 awards, 17
were awards for team
members and civilians
involved in lifesaving
incidents.
(May 2023)



Corporal Promotion:

For possibly the first time in the history of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, the Corporal rank was added to Sheriff's Office rank structure for deputies and corrections officers. (May 2023)



Friend of an Educator:

School Resource Officer,
Deputy Stephens, was
recognized by the
Pickerington Education
Association with a "Friend of
an Educator" award for her
outstanding work in the
Pickerington schools.
(June 2023)



Implementation Week:

The Sheriff's Office computer systems were upgraded in Computer Assisted Dispatching, Report Management System, Civil Office, Enforcement and Investigative Bureau, and the Jail booking system.

(June 2023)



Violet Township Substation:

The Violet Township
Substation, located at 12941
Stonecreek Drive in
Pickerington, opened to the
public with a Civil Clerk
stationed in this location to
provide civilian
fingerprinting and incident
and accident reports.
(September 2023)



Deputy Baughman

Canal Winchester School
Resource Officer, Deputy
Baughman was recognized
by State Senator Michele
Reynolds and Madison
Township, for his part in
recovery and investigation of
firearms at a football game
in Canal Winchester.
(September 2023)

Recognized:



CLEM Accreditation:

Select leaders and administrators from the Sheriff's Office received accreditation from the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association as Certified Law Enforcement Managers (CLEM), a certification training in best practices and ethics in law enforcement. (November 2023)



Litter Enforcement

Deputy Hummel is assigned the duties of enforcing litter violations within the county. He investigates illegal dumping and other refuse related issues. This position is partially funded by the Coshocton, Licking, Fairfield, and Perry (CFLP) Solid Waste District.



2023 Litter Enforcement Statistics

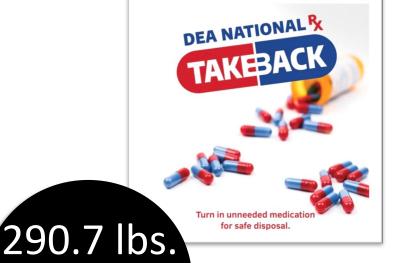
2023 Litter Statistics Summary:

- 81: Number of Litter Complaints Received
- 90: Number of Litter Complaints Investigated
- 52: Number of Litter Warnings Issued
- 7: Number of Illegal Dumping Charges Filed
- 32: Number of Insecure Load Warnings
- 206: Number of Traffic Stops
- **20**: Number of Insecure Loads

Bi-annual National Take Back Initiative

DEA Drug Take Back Days Overview

In 2023, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Violet Township, The City of Canal Winchester, Diley Ridge Medical, and the Fairfield County Soil & Water Conservation District held two drug collection events at three locations for the bi-annual DEA National Rx Take Back Days and electronics recycling events. Diley Ridge collected 200.7 lbs. of unneeded medication, while Walnut Township collected 43 lbs., and Violet Township collected 47 lbs. During these events, 12,351 lbs. of electronics were recycled.



Total Medication Collected on DEA Drug Take Back Days



Property Room

In 2023, there were approximately **2,125** items submitted to the Property Room for evidence, safe keeping, or destruction related to **853** cases. A total of **281** of these cases were submitted to the State Labs for drug analysis, alcohol levels, DNA profiling, and fingerprint comparisons, and other testing.

2,125

Approximate Number of Items Submitted to the Property Room



Drone Team



Photo Above: A photo taken by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Drone Team.

2023 Drone Statistics

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Drone Team consists of F.A.A. Certified Pilots and personnel working towards certification. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office drone team completed the following:

Total Missions Flown: 42

Total Distance Flown: 997,515 Ft. / 188.9 Mi

Total Flight Hours: 9,049 Min. / 150.82 Hrs.



Civil & Fiscal Unit Personnel



Photo Above: Civil & Fiscal Supervisor, Elisa Dowdy, (center) with Civil & Fiscal Unit Personnel

Civil & Fiscal Unit Responsibilities

The Civil and Fiscal Unit includes Civil Services, Fiscal Services, and Human Resources.

The Civil area oversees court process for service which can include summons, subpoenas, protection orders, and other court documents that require service by deputies or certified mail.

The Civil area also includes Records which is responsible for all Incident and Accident reports taken, civilian background checks, civilian fingerprinting, requests for reports, and maintaining arrest records.

Vacation checks are another responsibility of this area. This program is free to the residents of Fairfield County who live outside city limits.

The Fiscal area includes accounts payable and receivable, payroll processing, Human Resources, budget preparation and forecasting, managing grants and special funds, sheriff sales, and fulfilling various public records requests, including personnel files, body cam video, etc.



Civil & Fiscal Unit 2023 Statistics



2,884 Fingerprints (Includes 30 Fingerprints processed at the Violet Substation)*



890 Accident Reports Issued**



4,261 Incident Reports Issued**



5,737 Service Papers



1,274 Requests for Body Camera Video



^{*}Does not include Concealed Carry Fingerprints

^{**}Reports issued include report numbers issued by Dispatch where a report number is issued in error. This number will vary from actual accident reports fully processed.

Civil & Fiscal Unit 2023 Statistics



103 Sheriff Sales



11 Writs of Executions



13 Writs of Possession



Concealed Carry

119 Licenses Issued

1,152 Licenses Renewed





Fingerprinting

	2021	2022	2023
Webcheck BCI/I or FBI	1,201	1,107	1,109
Webcheck BCI/I and FBI	996	996	1,084
Webcheck/Law Enforcement (no charge)	199	188	273
Manual/Card (approx.)	318	436	418
Total*	2,714	2,727	2,884
% Difference from prior year	+1%	+0.5%	+5%

Data Above: Number of fingerprints processed over the last three years. The Webcheck stats do not include fingerprints completed for Concealed Carry.

Reports

		2021	2022	2023
Accident Reports	Non-Injury	623	657	665
	Injury/Death	198	203	225
	Total	821	860	890
	% Diff. from prior year	+36%	+5%	+4.5%
Reports Issued **	Incident	4,930	4,683	4,261
	Accident	838	860	890
	Total	5,768	5,543	5,313
	% Diff from prior year	+16%	-4%	-7%

Data Above: The number of Accident and Incident reports over the last three years. **Reports issued include report numbers issued by Dispatch where a report number is issued in error. This number will vary from actual accident reports fully processed.

Service Papers

		2021	2022	2023
Service Papers	Total	4,558	5,552	5,737
	% Diff from prior year	+30%	+22%	+3%

Data Above: Number and percent of service papers processed over the last three years.



Sheriff Sales, Writs of Executions & Writs of Possession

		2021	2022	2023
Sheriff Sale	Total	75	81	103
	% Diff from prior year	-22%	+8%	+21%
Writs of Executions	Total	5	7	11
	% Diff from prior year	-29%	+40%	+36%
Writs of Possession	Total	11	8	13
	% Diff from prior year	-21%	-27%	38%

Data Above: Comparison of the number of Sheriff Sales, Executions, and Writs of Possession over the last three years.

Concealed Carry

	2021	2022	2023
# License Issued	562	202	119
% Diff. from prior year	-11%	-64%	-41%
# License Renewed	1,768	937	1,152
% Diff. from prior year	+38%	-47%	19%
# License Suspended	9	4	8
# License Revoked	6	4	6
# Applications Denied	25	13	8
# Licensed Proc. Susp.	30	4	2
# Replaced	87	50	42
# Temp. Emergency Issued	0	0	0
% Diff. from prior year	-100%	-	0
# Temp. Emergency Susp.	0	0	0
# Temp. Emergency Revoked	0	0	0
# Temp. Emergency Denied	0	0	0

Data Above: Comparison of Concealed Carry licenses issued, renewed and temporary licenses issued over the last three years.



2023 Concealed Carry Overview

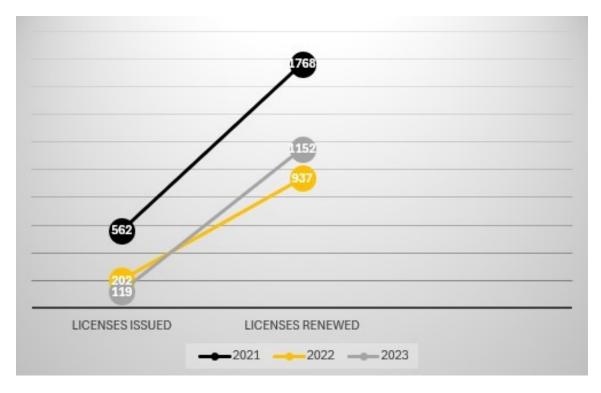


The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
Concealed Carry Office provides
licensing services for Ohio Concealed
Carry Licensing. The Ohio Constitutional
Carry that went into effect June 13,
2022 was a large factor affecting the
2022 Concealed Carry License
applications and statistics. Individuals
must educate themselves on the
benefits of continuing to be a licensed
Concealed Carry holder verses
Constitutional Carry. Some of the
benefits to retaining an Ohio Concealed
Carry License include: being able to

carry concealed in your vehicle (2923.16), carrying concealed outside of the state of Ohio to reciprocal states, and purchasing a firearm without a NICS check using your Ohio Concealed Carry License at participating firearms vendors.

The office has not wavered on the integrity of the background investigative process for each applicant to verify they meet all required state and federal law qualifications as required in ORC 2923.125.

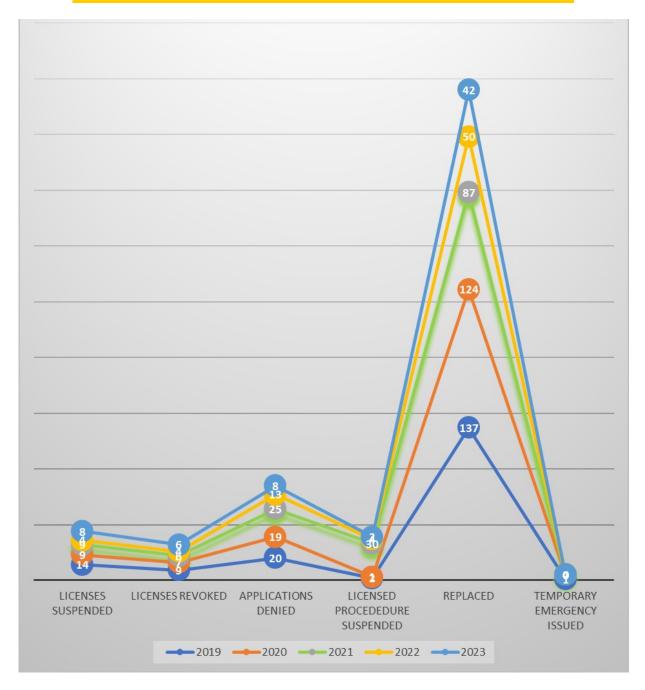
Issued Concealed Carry Licenses







Concealed Carry: Suspended, Revoked & Denied Licenses



Graph Above: 2021 had an unusual number of licenses where the processing had to be suspended. This was due to Ohio's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCII) overhauling their Criminal History servers and programs to upgrade to the Ohio Biometric Identification System (OBIS) which they utilize in the processing of electronic fingerprints. This rollout required some processes to have extensive delays which caused some applicants to exceed the 45 days allotted for the Concealed Carry Processing of an application. In those cases, the process got suspended until the full background was received.



2023 Money Generated in Civil & Fiscal Unit

Month	Fingerprints	Sheriff Sales	Service Fees	Copies/Local Background Checks	Concealed Carry	Total for the Month
			\$ (100.00)	Money paid into	wrong account	
January	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 90,851.70	\$ 5,451.07	\$ 295.75	\$ 4,546.50	\$ 111,045.02
February	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 102,532.01	\$ 5,636.90	\$ 251.70	\$ 3,855.25	\$ 119,900.86
March	\$ 10,575.00	\$ 80,100.00	\$ 14,147.89	\$ 272.10	\$ 6,322.25	\$ 111,417.24
April	\$ 7,575.00	\$ 455,979.20	\$ 8,617.08	\$ 124.05	\$ 3,813.25	\$ 476,108.58
May	\$ 8,970.00	\$ 186,449.10	\$ 12,476.50	\$ 250.50	\$ 5,843.25	\$ 213,989.35
June	\$ 8,590.00	\$ 690,069.40	\$ 10,825.30	\$ 314.05	\$ 4,085.00	\$ 713,883.75
July	\$ 8,715.00	\$ 1,024,396.90	\$ 4,358.27	\$ 440.05	\$ 4,892.50	\$ 1,042,802.72
August	\$ 9,605.00	\$ 465,184.60	\$ 4,964.85	\$ 3,882.96	\$ 6,343.25	\$ 489,980.66
September	\$ 6,810.00	\$ 143,429.50	\$ 7,360.84	\$ 105.05	\$ 4,147.50	\$ 161,852.89
October	\$ 7,990.00	\$ 341,486.83	\$ 4,775.75	\$ 181.10	\$ 4,206.75	\$ 358,640.43
November	\$ 6,445.00	\$ 28,866.07	\$ 6,343.26	\$ 274.60	\$ 4,152.00	\$ 46,080.93
December	\$ 5,635.00	\$ 88,254.00	\$ 7,792.65	\$ 146.05	\$ 4,133.25	\$ 105,960.95
Total for Year	\$ 98,435.00	\$ 3,697,599.31	\$ 92,750.36	\$ 6,537.96	\$ 56,340.75	\$ 3,951,663.38

2023 Excess Revenue Paid Back to the General Fund

Month	Fingerprints	Impounds	Sh	eriff Sales	Se	ervice Fees	Copies/Local Background Checks	(Concealed Carry	т	otal for the Month
January	\$ 7,803.25	\$ -	\$	200.00	\$	5,451.07	\$ 295.75	\$	3,270.00	\$	17,020.07
February	\$ 6,991.00	\$ -	\$	2,736.00	\$	5,636.90	\$ 251.70	\$	1,340.25	\$	16,955.85
March	\$ 4,000.25	\$ -	\$	50.00	\$	14,147.89	\$ 272.10	\$	4,496.00	\$	22,966.24
April	\$ 1,220.25	\$ -	\$	7,167.00	\$	8,617.08	\$ 124.05	\$	2,428.00	\$	19,556.38
May	\$ 2,879.25	\$ -	\$	50.00	\$	12,476.50	\$ 250.50	\$	4,185.75	\$	19,842.00
June	\$ 2,356.75	\$ -	\$	3,778.50	\$	10,825.30	\$ 314.05	\$	2,810.00	\$	20,084.60
July	\$ 262.75	\$ -	\$	400.00	\$	4,358.27	\$ 440.05	\$	3,435.25	\$	8,896.32
August	\$ 2,234.50	\$ -	\$	300.00	\$	4,964.85	\$ 3,882.96	\$	4,454.00	\$	15,836.31
September	\$ 932.75	\$ -	\$	50.00	\$	7,360.84	\$ 105.05	\$	2,691.00	\$	11,139.64
October	\$ 3,621.50	\$ -	\$	13,495.00	\$	4,775.75	\$ 181.10	\$	2,955.00	\$	25,028.35
November	\$ 1,103.75	\$ -	\$	4,235.00	\$	6,343.26	\$ 274.60	\$	2,945.25	\$	14,901.86
December	\$ 967.50	\$ -	\$	8,254.00	\$	7,792.65	\$ 146.05	\$	2,577.00	\$	19,737.20
Total for Year	\$ 34,373.50	\$ -	\$	40,715.50	\$	92,750.36	\$ 6,537.96	\$	37,587.50	\$	211,964.82



2023 Fingerprinting & Local Background Check Data

Fingerprinting on Webcheck	Type of Fingerprints	Number Processed	Amount
	BCI or FBI only	1,109	\$38,815.00
	BCI and FBI	1,084	\$59,620.00
	Law Enforcement	273	-
	Total Number of Fingerprints	2,466	\$98,435.00

Paid Manual Fingerprints		418	\$2,090.00
Paid Local Background Checks		131	\$655.00
	Total of Manual Prints and Local Background Checks		\$2,745.00

Data Above: The Civil Bureau can scan electronic fingerprints or take manual fingerprints on manual print cards. Electronic fingerprints are submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation through WebCheck. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office also does Local Background Checks which is a document that shows if a person has a criminal record in the Fairfield County Jail. The Webcheck stats do not include fingerprints completed for Concealed Carry.





2019 - 2023 Crime Statistics

Uniform Crime Index

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	1	2	1	3	3
Rape	23	21	23	44	49
Robbery	16	8	8	10	12
Aggravated Assault	8	28	2	12	12
Burglary	174	127	105	124	91
Theft/Larceny	1,040	939	924	912	994
Vehicle Theft	56	44	22	21	51
Arson	1	1	1	0	3
TOTALS	1,318	1,170	1,086	1,128	1215
% INCREASE/DECREASE	-9%	-11%	-7%	4%	7%

Graph Above: The following statistics were gathered from the Reports Management System (RMS). This system is an incident-based report program by ID Networks which can collect data on each single crime occurrence giving detailed information on a crime with data collected from the reports entered by our deputies into the RMS. Statistics from this section may vary from previous Fiscal Reports due to the change in computer programs, law changes, procedure changes, how deputies enter reports, and method used to obtain specific statistics.



2021 - 2023 Personnel Costs

For Personnel Paid from the Sheriff's General Fund Budget

		2021	<u>2022</u>	2023
Salary Total		\$7,579,816	\$7,910,054	\$8,152,472
Overtime		\$1,143,346	\$1,420,363	\$1,070,893
Benefits				
	PERS	\$1,427,213	\$1,525,243	\$1,483,995
	Unemployment	\$168	-	-
	Health Insurance	\$1,809,130	\$1,898,974	\$1,859,279
	EAP	\$469	\$275	\$403
	Worker's Comp	\$132,605	\$56,229	\$61,887
	Medicare	\$121,516	\$130,766	\$127,899
	Life Insurance	\$5,437	\$4,434	\$4,378
Benefit Total		\$3,496,538	\$3,615,921	\$3,537,840
GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES		\$12,219,700	\$12,946,338	\$12,761,205





2021 - 2023 Financial Statement

Evmonditures		2021	2022		2023
Expenditures GENERAL FUND		2021	2022		2023
MAIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE					
Personnel Services	\$	12,219,700	\$ 12,946,338	\$	12,761,205
Other Disbursements	\$	3,037,884	\$ 3,151,496	\$	3,687,352
Total Expenditures	\$	15,257,584	\$ 16,097,834	\$	16,448,557
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY				•	
Total Appropriations & Carryover	\$	16,094,569	\$ 17,000,549	\$	18,651,541
Total Disbursements	\$	15,257,584	\$ 16,097,834	\$	16,448,557
Encumbrances	\$	132,768	\$ 335,819	\$	920,813
Difference from General Fund	\$	704,217	\$ 566,896	\$	1,282,171
OTHER FUNDS					
ROAD & BRIDGE / WEIGHTS & SCALES					
Personnel Services	\$	105,085	\$ 105,816	\$	106,974
Other Disbursements	\$	-	\$ 846	\$	64,878
Total Expenditures	\$	105,085	\$ 106,661	\$	171,852
C.F.L.P. Litter Enforcement Fund					
Personnel Services	\$	66,818	\$ 77,595	\$	-
Other Disbursements	\$	15,430	\$ 6,628	\$	4,116
Total Expenditures	\$	82,248	\$ 84,223	\$	4,116
Policing Revolving Contract Funds	•				
Personnel Services	\$	1,820,021	\$ 2,029,868	\$	2,178,307
Other Disbursements	\$	73,877	\$ 84,021	\$	94,268
Total Expenditures	\$	1,893,898	\$ 2,113,889	\$	2,272,576
TOTAL OTHER FUNDING ACTIVITY					
Total Appropriations & Carryover	\$	2,062,132	\$ 2,382,986	\$	2,485,883
Total Disbursements	\$	2,081,231	\$ 2,304,773	\$	2,448,544
Difference From Available Funding	\$	(19,099)	\$ 78,213	\$	37,339
COMBINED GENERAL & OTHER FUND ACTIVITY					
Total Appropriations & Carryover	\$	18,156,701	\$ 19,383,535	\$	21,137,424
Total Disbursements	\$	17,338,815	\$ 18,402,608	\$	18,897,101
Encumbrances from GF	\$	132,768	\$ 335,819	\$	920,813
Difference From Available Funding	\$	685,118	\$ 645,109	\$	1,319,510



Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)



The Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team was formed in an effort to enhance the Sheriff's Office ability to quickly respond to dangerous and unusual situations. The unit is responsible for the service of high-risk narcotics warrants, high-risk search warrants, hostage and barricade situations, and other high risk or unusual law enforcement related functions.



SWAT Personnel

- 23 Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Deputies
- 5 Pickerington Police Officers
- 5 Fairfield Medical Center Police
- 3 Violet Township Medics

2023 SWAT Missions

16 missions were recorded in 2023:

- 9 Warrant Service - 1 Manhunt

- 5 Barricades - 1 Warrant Round-Up

Search warrants included **6** from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Investigation Bureau, **1** was a federal search warrant from the Drug Enforcement Administration, **1** search warrant was for the Pickerington Police Department, and **1** search warrant was for the Hocking County Sheriff's Office.

SWAT responded to **5** barricades. **2** barricades were from the result of domestic violence incidents. **1** of the domestic violence barricades was requested by Hocking County Sheriff's Office when deputies took fire from a suspect armed with several AR-15 rifles.

SWAT personnel attempted to serve a rape warrant for Franklin County Sheriff's Office. When SWAT arrived on scene, they were met with gunfire. SWAT eventually made entry into the home and discovered the suspect dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. SWAT also successfully resolved a vehicle barricade that started from a vehicle pursuit that the Baltimore Police Department initiated, and another from a suspect who was under the influence of methamphetamine and claimed he was being held against his will.

Other missions included an arrest warrant on a wanted felon through the Adult Parole Authority and an inmate that fled a vehicle while being transported by a rehab facility.

