



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office is Ohio Collaborative Certified





Sheriff Alex Lape

Personal Leadership Statement

Introduction: Core Identity & Purpose

I am a law enforcement leader committed to serving with integrity, courage, and a deep sense of responsibility to the citizens of Fairfield County. My leadership is grounded in the belief that public trust is earned daily through transparency, accountability, and compassion.

Leadership Philosophy

I lead by example, believing that true leadership is not defined by rank, but by character and consistent action. My approach is built on servant leadership—supporting the men and women of our office while empowering them to grow professionally and personally. I value clear communication, collaboration, and ethical decision-making in every situation.

Vision & Mission Alignment

My mission is to ensure that the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office upholds the highest standards of public safety and community service. I strive to foster a culture where innovation, respect, and professionalism drive how we serve and protect. My vision is a safer, more connected community where law enforcement is trusted and respected as a proactive partner in public safety.

Commitment to the Team

I believe our greatest asset is our people. I am committed to mentoring future leaders, recognizing hard work, and ensuring that every deputy, dispatcher, corrections officer, and civilian staff member feels valued. I hold myself accountable for creating an environment where deputies are supported, well-trained, and encouraged to lead with honor.

Community Focus

Community engagement is a pillar of my leadership. I view every interaction with the public as an opportunity to build relationships and strengthen community ties. I support programs and partnerships that increase public safety, promote outreach, and reflect the diversity and needs of our residents.

Legacy & Long-Term Impact

My goal is to leave behind a stronger agency than I found, one that is resilient, forward-thinking, and deeply connected to the community it serves. I want to be remembered as a leader who listened, who acted with integrity, and who inspired others to do the same.



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.

Equality - Treatment of all individuals with impartiality under the law.

Accountability - Accepting responsibility for actions and behaviors.

Duty - Obligation to take action that is ethically and morally right.

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

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

Service - 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



2021-Current.....Alex Lape	1880-1884.....Hiram Shumaker
2001-2021.....Dave Phalen	1876-1880.....George See
1992-2001.....Gary Demastry	1872-1876.....William Bush
1980-1992.....Jim Peck	1868-1872.....John D. Jackson
1969-1980.....Dan Berry	1864-1868.....Emanuel Shisler
1961-1969.....Jack Blazer	1860-1864.....James Miller
1957-1961.....Dale George	1856-1860.....Aaron W. Ebright
1949-1957.....M. Dudley Crider	1854-1856.....William Potter
1945-1949.....Harley Highley	1852-1854.....James Weaver
1941-1945.....M. Dudley Crider	1848-1852.....Oliver H. Perry
1933-1941.....William W. Belhorn	1844-1848.....Elias Perry
1929-1933.....Gail Sesler	1840-1844.....Samuel Ewing
1925-1929.....Roy T. McNaughten	1838-1840.....Thomas Edingfield
1921-1925.....C. J. Speriky	1834-1838.....Silas Tam
1917-1921.....George E. Smetters	1832-1834.....Nathan Wetherby
1913-1917.....Ed W. Schaffner	1828-1832.....Geroge D. Sites
1909-1913.....Emmett Deffenbaugh	1824-1828.....Edward B. Thompson
1905-1909.....Frank W. Kraner	1820-1823.....William Crook
1901-1905.....Frank W. Raitze	1816-1820.....George Sanderson
1897-1901.....Joseph W. Stewart	1814-1816.....Adam Weaver
1893-1897.....Elisa M. Messerly	1808-1814.....John Williamson
1889-1893.....Amos Levan	1806-1808.....Emanuel Carpenter
1884-1888.....Benjamin F. Price	1801-1806.....Samuel Kratzer



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Personnel



Uniform Personnel

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Strength on 12/31/24</u>
Sheriff.....	1
Chief Deputy.....	2
Captain.....	1
Lieutenant.....	2
Sergeant.....	14
Detective.....	7
SORN Officer.....	1
Child Support Enforcement Officer.....	1
Weights and Scales Officer.....	1
Narcotics Officer.....	1
Community Response Unit.....	4
K-9 Deputies.....	3
School Resource Deputies.....	8
Narcotics Officer.....	2
Deputy.....	50
Corrections Officers.....	34
Total Uniform Personnel.....	131

Civilian Personnel

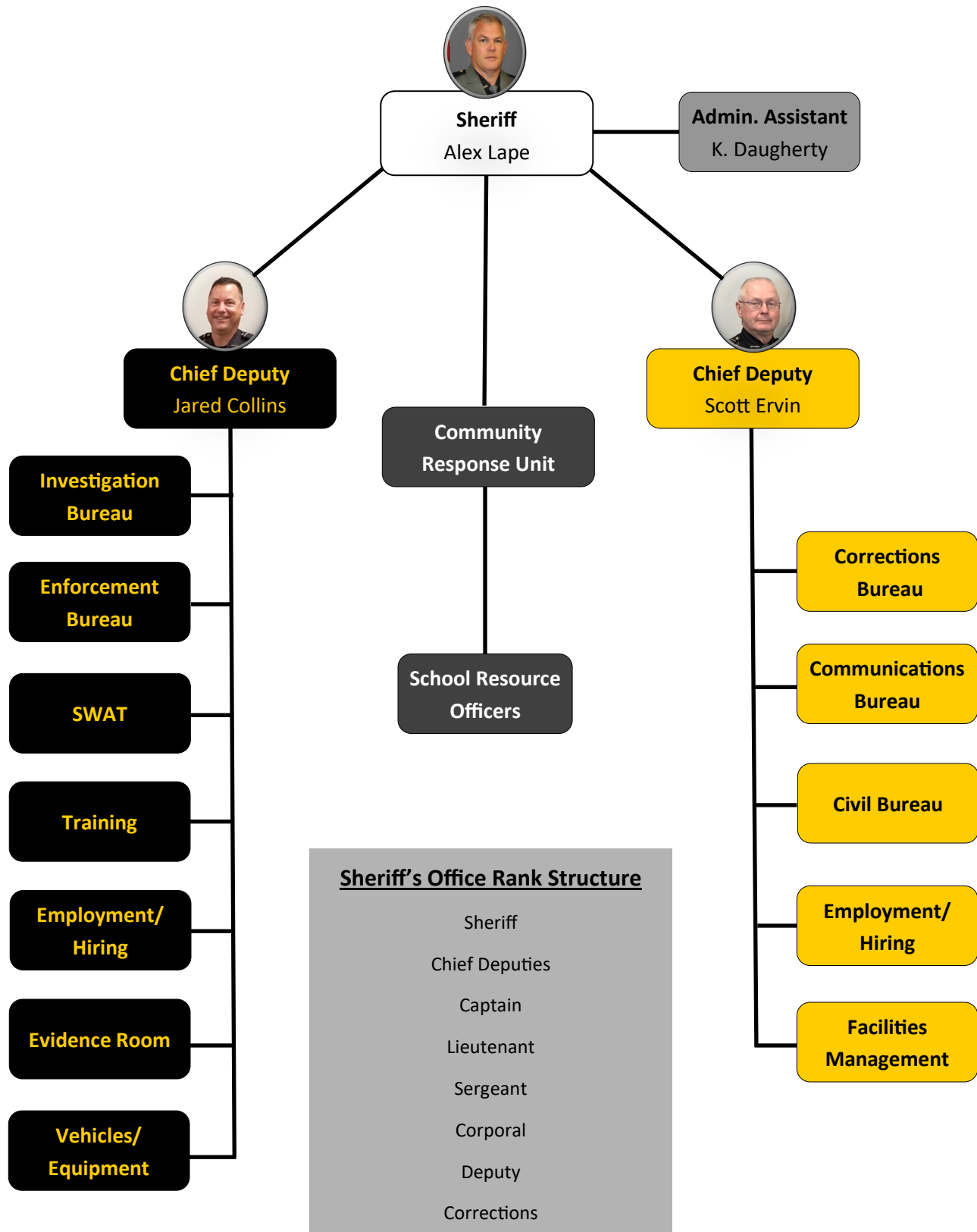
<u>Position</u>	<u>Strength on 12/31/24</u>
Administrative/Civilians.....	11
OD Investigator.....	1
Jail Support Specialist.....	1
Property Room Clerk.....	1
Director of Fiscal & Civil Services.....	1
IT Director.....	1
Re-Entry Coordinator.....	1
Radio Room Supervisor.....	1
9-1-1 Dispatchers.....	18
Pastor - Part-Time.....	1
Maintenance.....	2
Total Civilian Personnel.....	39

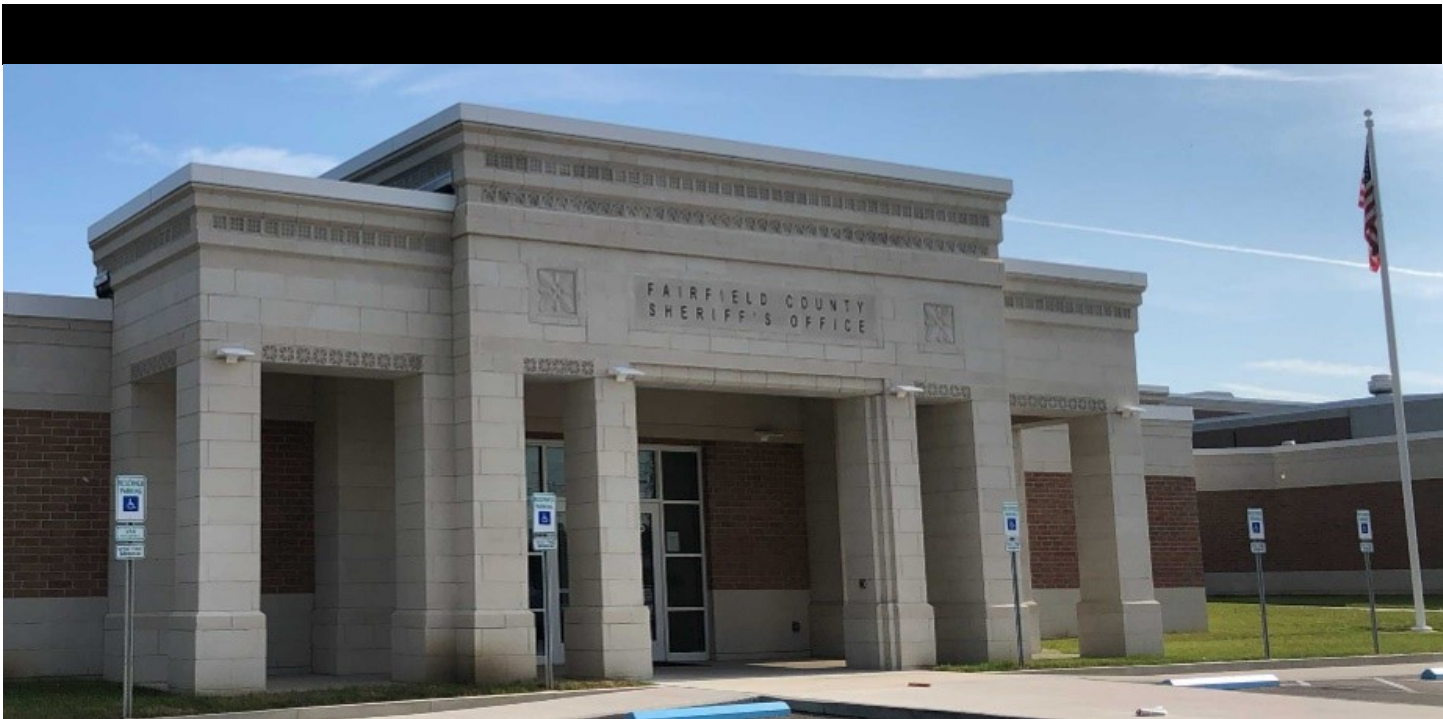
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Combined Personnel
Counts



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart





Fairfield County Data

Founded.....1800
 Government.....Commissioners
 Population.....170,168*
 Area.....505.7 sq miles
 Miles of County Road.....362.2
 Miles of Township Roads.....587.5
 Miles of State Routes.....197.7
 County Seat.....Lancaster
 General Fund Budget.....\$62,940,000
 Total County employees.....1,066

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Data



Serving Since 1798

Uniform Personnel.....131
 Civilian Personnel.....39
 Sworn Officer to Population Ratio.....1 to every 1,754 Residents
 Marked Patrol Vehicles76
 (Includes 6 Community Watch Vehicles)
 Unmarked Vehicles.....26
 Bicycles.....6
 Canines.....4
 General Fund Budget.....\$19,558,024
 SWAT Team Members.....20

** Approximate Population Estimate of Fairfield County, Ohio*



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 27 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, in-service 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 37 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.

AT A GLANCE:

2024 COMMUNICATION BUREAU STATISTICS

Handled/Dispatched
Calls for Service



91,780

Number of 9-1-1
Calls



20,294

Number of Non-
emergency Calls



83,116



918

Number of Warrants to Arrest Entered
into the Law Enforcement Automated
Data System



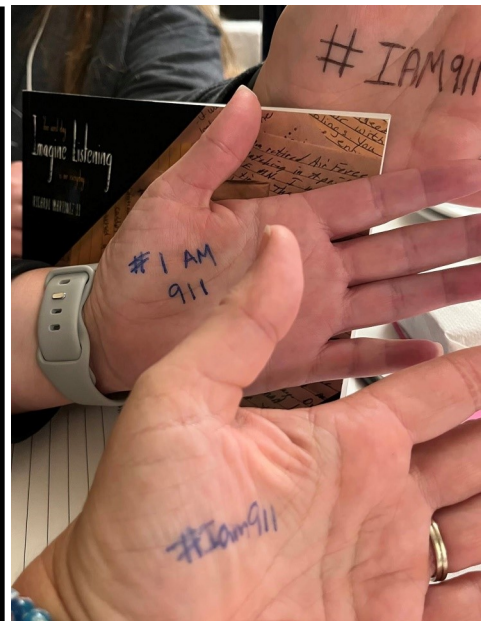
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Number of Protection Orders Entered

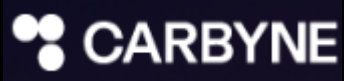


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Processed Criminal Summons on
Indictments



Communications Bureau



Taking a Step Toward the Future of Emergency Response

In September 2024, the Sheriff's Office Communications Division took a significant step toward the future of emergency response by implementing Carbyne APEX, a next-generation platform that is preparing our agency for the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911). This advanced system enhances our capabilities by allowing callers to text 9-1-1, share photos and videos, and significantly improves location accuracy, critical features that help telecommunicators respond more efficiently and effectively. Carbyne APEX also provides real-time transcription and translation services, enabling our team to better assist callers with hearing impairments or language barriers. This technology represents a major upgrade in our ability to serve the community with faster, more accurate, and more inclusive emergency response.

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

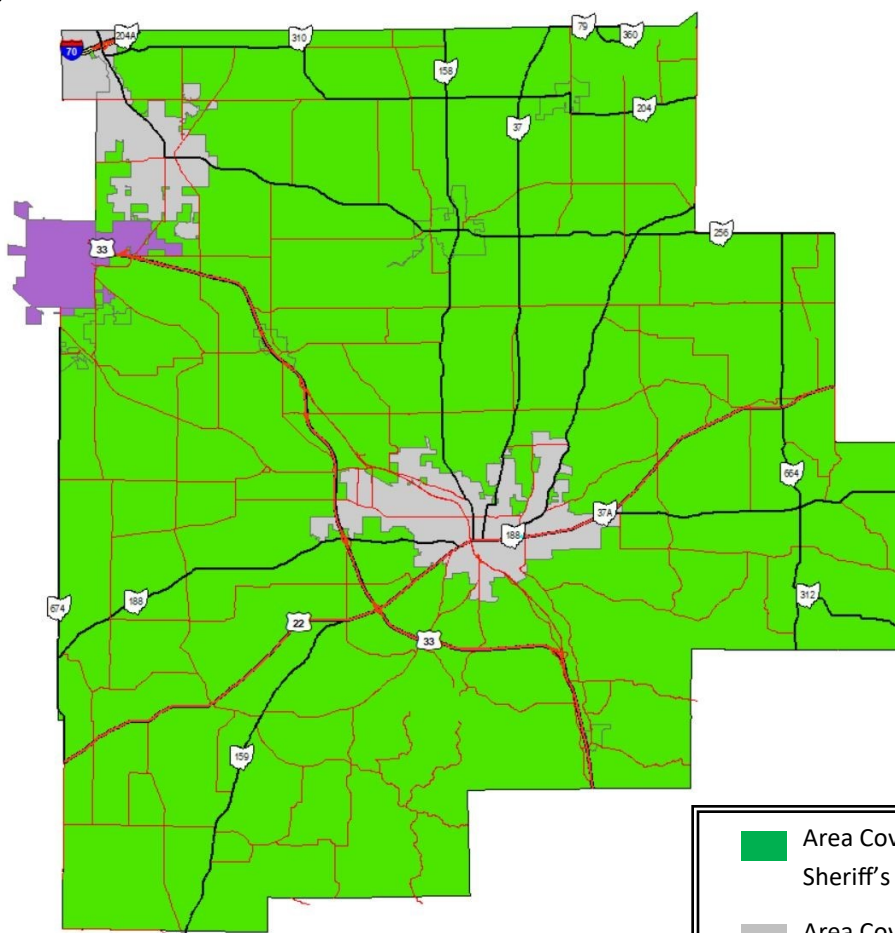
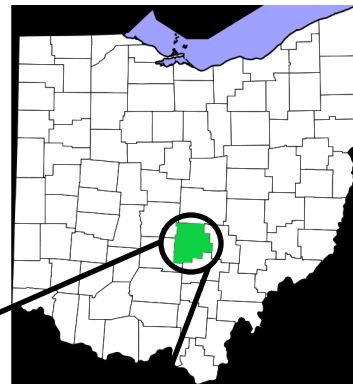
TRAINING



9-1-1 Telecommunicators continue to demonstrate their commitment to excellence and professional development.

- ◆ All telecommunicators are certified through the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and are trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD).
- ◆ Each team member is required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) annually.
- ◆ **In 2024, 18 Emergency Medical Dispatch Certified Public Safety Telecommunicators completed approximately 500 combined hours of Continued Education Training.**
- ◆ In addition to ongoing education, they are also required to re-certify in all APCO courses every two years and complete Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) Security training on an annual basis. This rigorous training ensures that our communications personnel remain well-prepared to handle emergency situations with professionalism, accuracy, and care.
- ◆ Several team members completed Critical Incident Stress Management training and APCO NG911 training.
- ◆ Our office hosted Nena Leadership in the 911 Center training.
- ◆ Our office hosted APCO Active Shooter training.



Map of Fairfield County Ohio Sheriff's Response Area



-  Area Covered by Fairfield County Sheriff's Office
-  Area Covered by Lancaster or Pickerington Police Departments*
-  Canal Winchester - Contracts with Fairfield County Sheriff's Office for Police Services

*Note the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office assists the Lancaster and Pickerington Police Departments when requested



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.

Enforcement Bureau City & Village Support

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Enforcement Bureau provides law enforcement services to an estimated 170,168 residents, according to a population estimate 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

**In 2024, the Enforcement Bureau
(Lincoln, Violet, and Canal stations combined) had:**

33,851

PRIMARY CALLS FOR SERVICE



Enforcement Bureau

Lincoln Avenue & Violet Station Combined

AT A GLANCE: 2024 ENFORCEMENT BUREAU STATISTICS

Primary Calls for
Service



26,589

Reports



2,364

Subpoena Service



5,542



3,011

Traffic Stops

413

Citations Issued

1,585

Warnings Issued



6,492

Vacation Checks



486

Arrests



*Data compiled through Tyler Technologies DSS Performance Dashboard—
Actively tracked January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.*



Enforcement Bureau

Canal Winchester

AT A GLANCE:
2024
ENFORCEMENT
BUREAU
STATISTICS

Primary Calls for
Service



7,262

Reports



1,229

Subpoena Service



469



2,084

Traffic Stops

125

Citations Issued

506

Warnings Issued



2,326

Vacation Checks



295

Arrests



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Fairfield County Sheriff's Office K9 Units



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has three K9 Units: Deputy Conrad & K9 Deputy Scoot (top photo), Deputy Grubb & K9 Deputy Rocky (center photo), and Corporal Shanes & K9 Deputy Rafa (bottom photo). K9 deputies are dual-purpose dogs, trained in the detection of narcotics, article searches, tracking, and handler protection.

2024 K9 Unit Highlights

- ◆ Deployments: 584
- ◆ K9 Training Hours: 1093.7
- ◆ K9 Assisted Arrests: 91
- ◆ US Currency Seizures: \$2216
- ◆ Paraphernalia Seizures: 212
- ◆ Methamphetamine: 795.84 Grams (1.75 lbs.)
- ◆ Fentanyl: 32.23 Grams
- ◆ Cocaine: 52.97 Grams
- ◆ Crack: 20.07 Grams
- ◆ Marijuana: 1,508.5 Grams (3.32 lbs.)

In 2024, the K9 unit also assisted in locating missing juveniles. They were also utilized effectively with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, Major Crimes, and other surrounding local and Federal agencies. The majority of the K9 assisted arrests led to probation or subjects sentenced to prison.

584

Total Deployments in
2024



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Therapy Dog Unit



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has a trained Therapy K9 Unit: Deputy Peck & Therapy K9 Nala. 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 2024 Highlights

Highlighted Service

In 2024, Deputy Peck was a School Resource Officer in Lancaster City Schools along with Therapy K9 Nala. They were requested by the staff of Fairfield Union High School after a student was killed in a car accident on the way to school. Deputy Peck and Nala responded to Fairfield Union and provided much needed comfort and support to the students and staff.

2024 Training:

Therapy K9 Nala became a member of the Fairfield-Hocking 1st Responder Peer Support team.

746

Total Deployments in
2024



Marine Patrol

AT A GLANCE: 2024 MARINE PATROL STATISTICS

Boat Patrol Hours



285

Ramp Inspection Hours



66

Business / Person
Contacts



610



11

Vessel Checks (Water)



102

Vessel Checks (Ramp)



40

Enforcement Stops



114

Warnings



6

Vessel Assists



24

Calls for Service



14

Assistance Calls



1

Training Hours



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.

\$105,768

Amount Fined in Weights & Scales Enforcement in 2024

AT A GLANCE: 2024 WEIGHTS & SCALES STATISTICS



257

Number of Traffic Stops



16

Number of Axle Weight Citations



85

Number of Gross Weight Citations



409

Number of Written Warnings

Bi-annual National Take Back Initiative



275.8 lbs.

Total Medication
Collected on DEA Drug
Take Back Days

DEA Drug Take Back Days Overview

In 2024, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, along with Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation, The City of Canal Winchester, Diley Ridge Medical, and Violet Township held two drug collection events at different locations for the bi-annual DEA National Rx Take Back Days. During these events, **275.8 lbs.** was collected. Electronics recycling was also available at the Violet Township location.



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.

AT A GLANCE:

2024 CORRECTIONS BUREAU STATISTICS

Number of People Booked into
Jail*



3,846

Number of Inmates
Released from Jail*



3,818



254

Average Population (per day)*



195/59

Average Population
Males/Females



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



Corrections Bureau

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
- ◆ **Pickaway Area Recovery Services (PARS)** - Behavioral health, substance use and prevention services
- ◆ **Project FORT** - Narcan
- ◆ **Public Transit** - Bus passes
- ◆ **Right Path Financial** - Coaching for financial literacy classes
- ◆ **Rise Up** - Drug and Alcohol recovery & 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

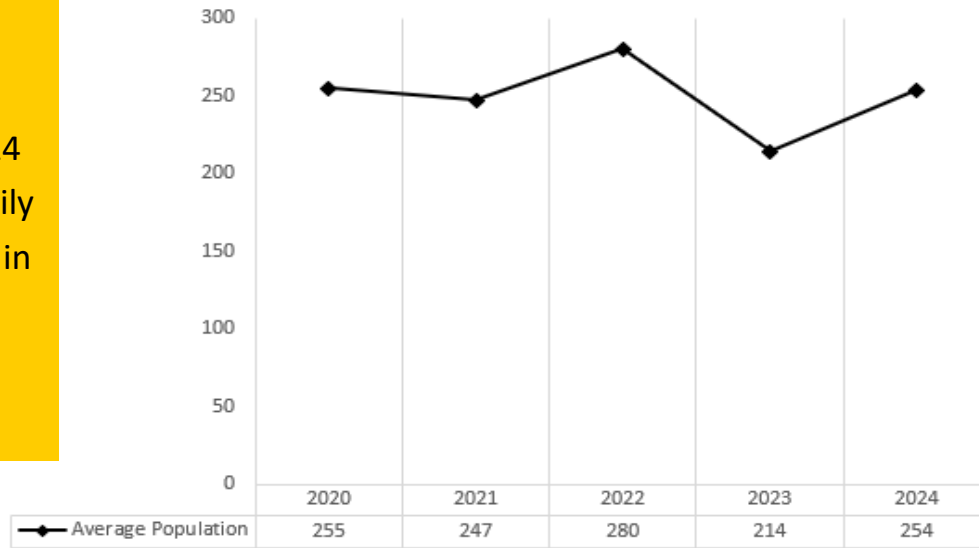


In partnership with Action for Children, inmates were offered parenting classes at the Fairfield County Jail.

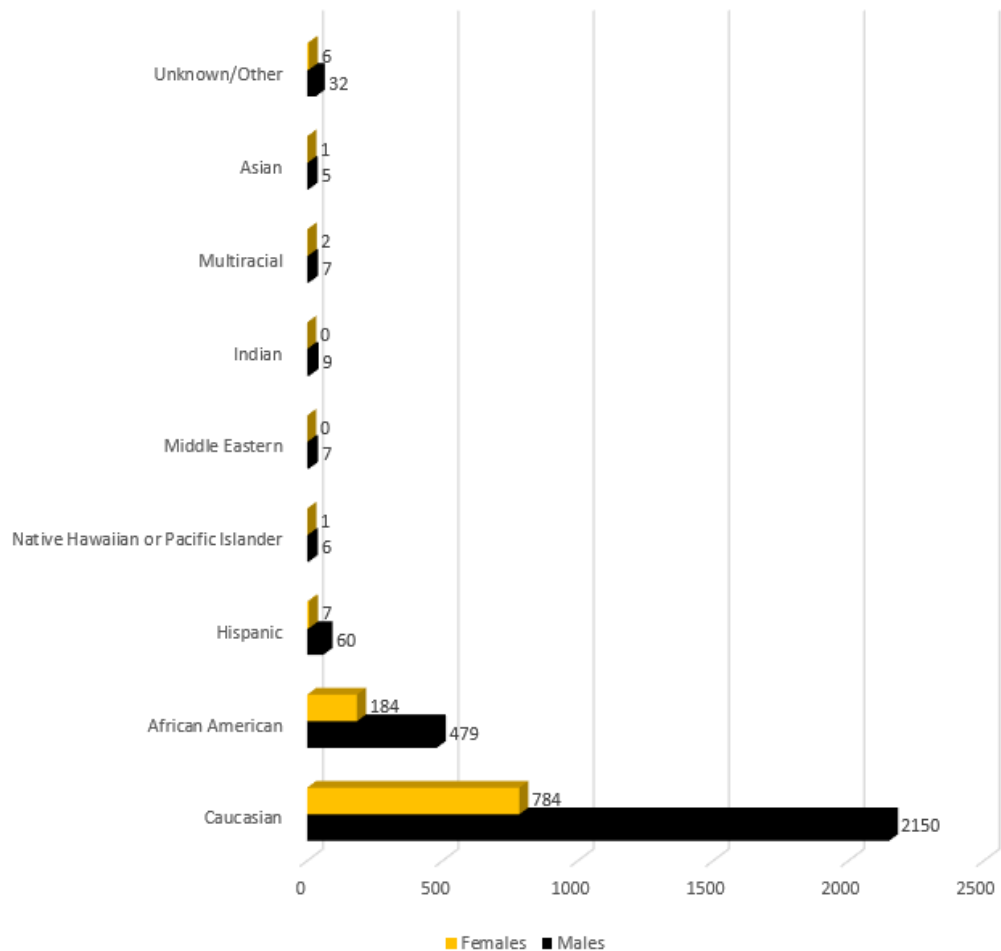


Corrections Bureau

2020 - 2024 Average Daily Population in the Jail



2024 Jail Bookings by Ethnic Origin



Transportation Unit

AT A GLANCE:

2024 TRANSPORT UNIT STATISTICS

Inmates Transported
to or from Prison
Facilities



231

Inmates Transported to
or from Facilities Out-
side Fairfield County



246

Inmates Transported to
or from Medical or
Mental Health Appts.



260



20

Inmates Taken for Interview /
Evaluations



84

Inmates Presented for Out of County
Hearings



1,106

Court Paperwork Served to Inmates



4,073

Arraignments for Common Pleas
Court / Muni Court



SORN

AT A GLANCE:

2024

SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION & NOTIFICATION (SORN) STATISTICS



466

SORN Offender Registrations



293

Follow-ups with SORN Offenders



306

Sets of Fingerprints for Courts



17

Arrests / Investigations

Job & Family Services

AT A GLANCE:

2024

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES STATISTICS

Hearings Attended by Security in
the Government Services Building



1,378

Hearing Attendees /
Public Scanned or Searched



2,587



Hall of Justice

AT A GLANCE:

2024 HALL OF JUSTICE STATISTICS

Hearing Attendees /
Public Scanned or
Searched Entering the
Hall of Justice



67,881

Number of Panic
Alarms we
Responded to in the
Hall of Justice



55

Sets of Fingerprints
for Common Pleas
Court



135



68

DNA Samples Collected from Inmates



98

Inmates Booked and/or Released
Through the Hall of Justice



24

Prisoner Arrests



32

Hearings Attended by Security



2022 - 2024 Corrections Bureau Funds

Commissary Funds

	2022	2023	2024
Commissary Revenues	\$ 799,751.17	\$ 383,027.89	\$ 440,032.74
Materials and Supplies	\$ 185,663.87	\$ 187,648.87	\$ 168,338.77
Capital Outlay	\$ 18,867.71	\$ 108,723.55	\$ 18,454.80
Other	\$ 4,614.98	\$ 9,869.98	\$ 63,723.28
Total Expenditures	\$ 209,146.56	\$ 306,242.40	\$ 250,516.85
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 590,604.61	\$ 76,785.49	\$ 189,515.89

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.

2024 Revenue Generated from Out-of-County Prisoner Holds

\$89,060*

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



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 2024, The South-Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit (MCU) continued to experience significant issues with fentanyl and other opiate derivatives, as well as Methamphetamine. MCU ramped up interdiction efforts along with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, focusing on the US33 corridor between Columbus and Logan. Those efforts were productive in terms of arrests made and drugs/contraband seized. It is anticipated that those efforts will continue in 2025, as Transnational Drug Trafficking Organizations continue to have a major presence in central Ohio, which eventually filters down to Fairfield County and points south.

While overdose numbers dropped overall in 2024, the

number of overdose deaths increased. MCU had a dedicated full-time overdose death investigator, who actively investigated those overdose deaths. The goal is to locate and prosecute those responsible for providing those drugs that proved to be fatal and bring those people to justice.

MCU continues to operate a robust outreach program called Project Fort. The Main goal of Project Fort is to lower the number of overdoses and to eliminate overdose deaths. Project Fort connects people to treatment and recovery options and educates the public on substance use disorders and drug identification.

2024 Project F.O.R.T.

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

- ♦ **162:** Number of Engagements
- ♦ **102:** Number of Referrals
- ♦ **58:** Community/Educational Events
- ♦ **Over 1,000** Naloxone Kits Distributed
- ♦ **80:** Naloxone Boxes Distributed
- ♦ **1,200:** Transportation Vouchers Distributed
- ♦ **125:** Overdose Events
- ♦ **30:** Overdose Deaths



2024 Enforcement Activity

- ♦ **71:** Cases Opened
- ♦ **11:** Indictments
- ♦ **185:** Search Warrants
- ♦ Contraband Seized:
 - **Cocaine:** **19,557.21** Grams
 - **Fentanyl:** **301.78** Grams
 - **Methamphetamine:** **161,970** Grams
 - **Rx Drugs:** **20** Unit Doses
 - **Marijuana:** **16,876** Grams
 - **THC Edibles & Cartridges:** **53** Unit Doses
 - **Mushrooms:** **52** Unit Doses
 - **Firearms:** **50**
 - **US Currency:** **\$17,092**



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.

AT A GLANCE:

**2024
INVESTIGATION
BUREAU
STATS**

Total Cases Assigned in
the Investigation Bureau



437

Average Number of Cases
Assigned per Detective



55



10

Average Number of Detectives



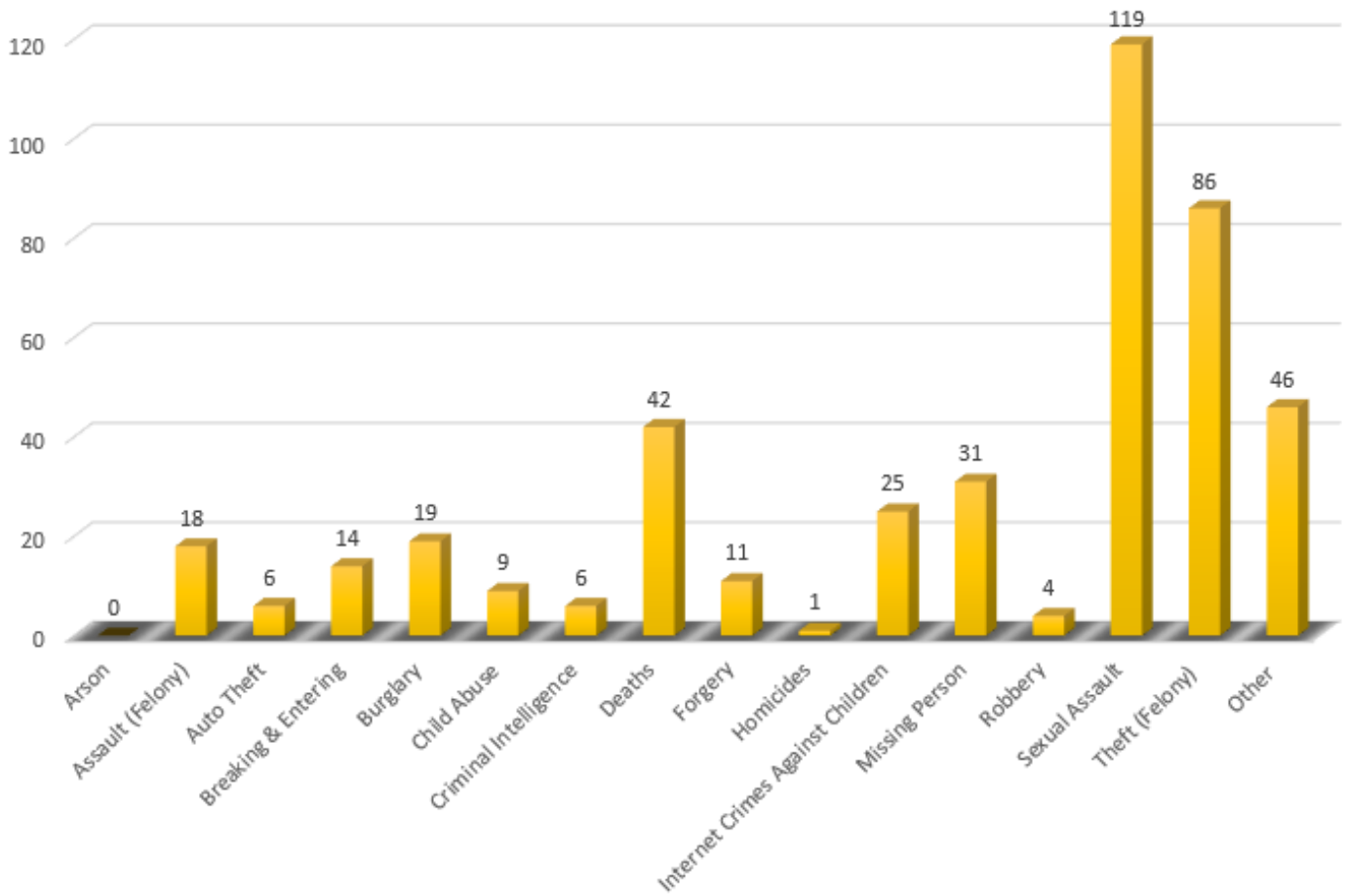
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Percent of Investigation Bureau
Caseload Inside the City of Canal
Winchester



Investigation Bureau

2024 Types of Cases in the Investigation Bureau



437

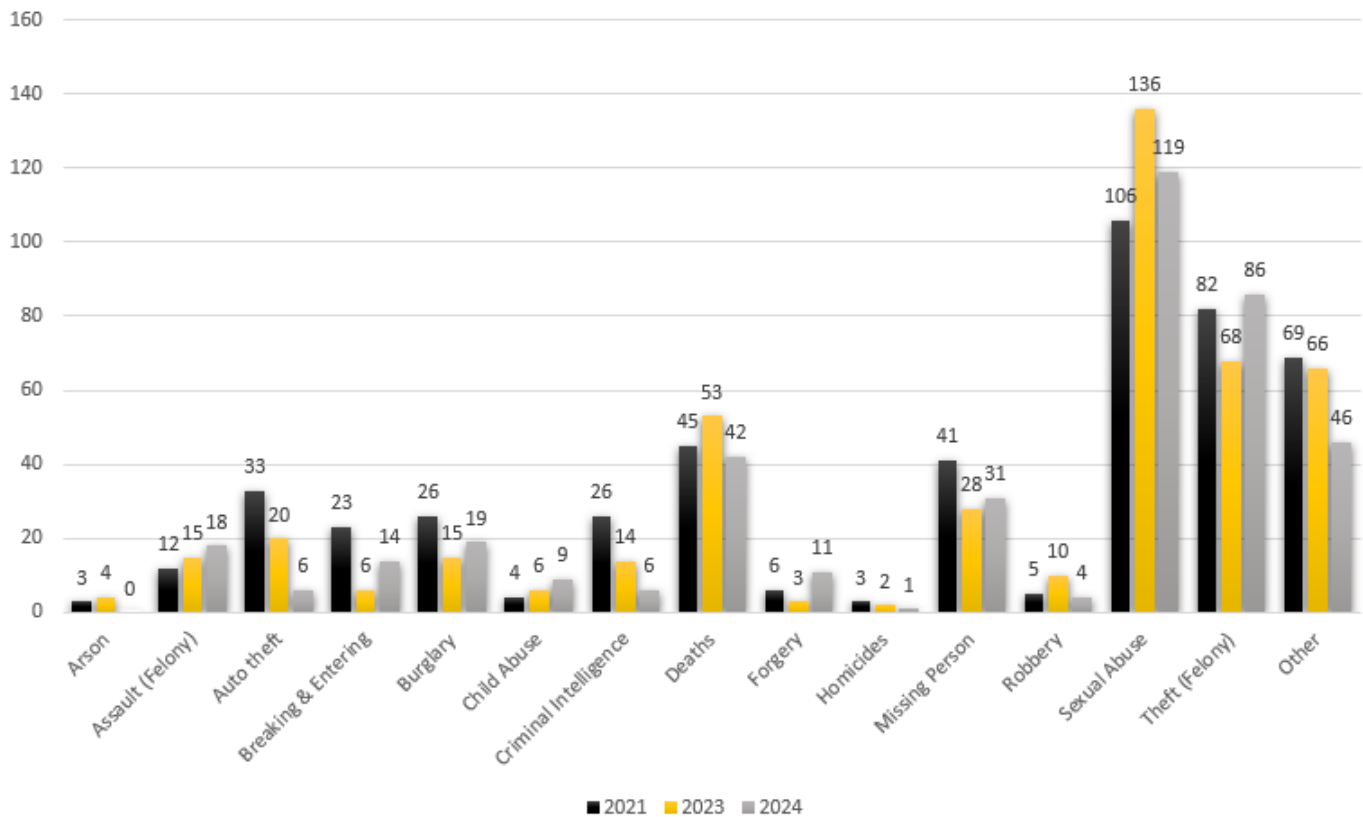
Total Number of Cases
Assigned in Investigative
Bureau

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



Investigation Bureau

Three - Year Comparison of Major Crimes



2024 Investigation Bureau Highlights

- ◆ **51** - After hours callouts on various crimes
- ◆ **134** - Employee background checks conducted
- ◆ **67** - Computer Voice Stress Analysis conducted
- ◆ **243** - Child Protective Services referrals reviewed
- ◆ **26** - Adult Protective Services referrals reviewed
- ◆ **2** - John-Stings conducted yielding 17 arrests
- ◆ 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



Community Response Unit

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.



2024 Community Response Unit : Deputy Laura Foster (left), Corporal Tiffany Hedrick (center), Deputy David Maple (right).

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.

2024 Community Response Unit Highlights

- ◆ **163** - Community events (Parades, festivals, fairs, community meetings, senior activities, etc.)
- ◆ **36** - School events (touch a truck, reading programs, classroom visits, career days, etc.)
- ◆ **7** - Recruitment events
- ◆ **15** - Active Aggressor Trainings
- ◆ **8** - Senior Scam Presentations
- ◆ **24** - Self-defense Classes
- ◆ **1** - Threat Assessment
- ◆ **101** - Speed surveys throughout the county and several citizens' complaints
- ◆ **547** - Village area checks
- ◆ **12** - Cyber safety classes (in schools and juvenile diversion classes)

163

Number of Community
Events CRU Attended in
2024



Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement



Police Memorial Ceremony: Members of the Sheriff's Office, along with our partner law enforcement agencies, fire personnel, community partners, and surviving family members came together to recognize our fallen deputies and officers. (May 2024)



Touch-a-Truck: Fun and great interaction with students at Touch-a-Truck events at Harmon Elementary, Pickerington, and Thomas Ewing. (June 2024)

K9 Deployment Team: Deputy Shanes and K9 Rafa, along with Deputy Conrad and K9 Scoot jointly initiated a deployment that resulted in an arrest and confiscation of narcotics. K9 teams work together to keep narcotics off the street and hold those who seek making a profit from selling it accountable. (January 2024)



Traditional Holiday Parade: Team members along with the Honor Guard, Community Watch, family members and the Grinch enjoyed the Holiday Parade. (November 2024)



Self-defense Class: The Community Response Unit held a self-defense class at Lakeview Junior High, Pickerington Schools empowering young women. (March 2024)



CRU at Hocking College Career Expo: The Community Response Unit shared information at the Hocking College Career Expo. (April 2024)

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement



Christmas Cheer Program:
The SWAT team partnered with the Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer Program. This relationship is almost 3 decades long and provides gifts and a Christmas dinner for families in need in our community. (December 2024)



Independence Day Parade: The Pickerington Independence Day Parade was lined with folks who were excited to celebrate America's birthday. (July 2024)

Protecting K9 Heroes: The Sheriff's Office Therapy K9 Nala received a life-saving medical trauma kit from Protecting K9 Heroes, ensuring her continued safety and well-being. (August 2024)



Raccoon Rescue: Deputies were notified of a raccoon trapped in a sewer in Canal Winchester. Thanks to the combined efforts of deputies, and a kind neighbor, the raccoon was successfully rescued. (September 2024)



Eyes of Freedom and Rockin' the Block: Escort group brought the "Eyes of Freedom" to Millersport for the "Rockin' the Block" event. (May 2024)



Earth Day event at Rising Park: Deputy Hummel spends a considerable amount of time ensuring our county is clean and litter free. (April 2024)

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement



Torch Run for Special Olympics
Ohio: School Resource Officer
Deputies participated in the Law
Enforcement Torch Run for Special
Olympics Ohio. (June 2024)



Basic Spanish for Law
Enforcement: Deputy Laura Foster
taught classes with curriculum she
created and tailored specifically for
Law Enforcement interactions with
Spanish speaking individuals.
(April 2024)

Marine Patrol
Deputies: The
Fairfield County
Sheriff's Office
Marine Patrol
deputies were
ready for the
summer boating
season on the
lake. (May 2024)



National Walk to School Day:
Some members of the Fairfield
County Sheriff's Office celebrated
National Walk to School Day with
students at Bremen Elementary.
(October 2024)



National Night Out: National Night Out
was a great opportunity for community
and law enforcement partners to come
together under positive circumstances.
(August 2024)



Millersport Sweet Corn Festival: We
celebrated the 77th Millersport
Sweet Corn Festival with activities
and handouts in our tent.
(September 2024)

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

2024 Community Watch & Special Deputies Volunteer Hours

2024 Community Watch Numbers:

- ♦ **53** Active Members
- ♦ **3,885.50** Total Volunteer Hours for the Year
 - **2,057.75** Cruiser Hours
 - **740** Office Hours
 - **750.75** Public Event Hours

2024 Special Deputies (Auxiliary Numbers):

- ♦ **20** Auxiliary Deputies
- ♦ **2,120.25** 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

53

Active Community
Watch Members



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 Myers

Bloom Carroll School District:

- ◆ Deputy Mike Myers - Bloom-Carroll High School



Deputy Feasel

Canal Winchester School District:

- ◆ Deputy Matthew Baughman - Canal Winchester High School



Deputy Peters

Fairfield Union School District:

- ◆ Deputy Anna Feasel - Fairfield Union High School



Deputy Stephens

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



Deputy Baughman



Deputy Peck & K9 Nala



Deputy Stavroff-Whitaker



Deputy Busby

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office

Additional Noteworthy Accomplishments in 2024



Brett Markwood First Responder Award:
Corporal Tiffany Hedrick received the 2024 Brett Markwood First Responder Award. She is the first female to receive this prestigious award that is given to first responders who provide exemplary service to the community.
(May 2024)



Certified Law Enforcement Manager Status:
Sheriff's Office team members were acknowledged by the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association for achieving the Certified Law Enforcement Manager status—a year of training, and study in leadership.
(November 2024)



Ohio Gold Star Dispatch Team of the Year Nomination:
Dispatchers Tessa Burroughs, David Pugh, and Blair Reed were nominated for Ohio Gold Star Dispatch of the Year.
(September 2024)



Public Safety Leadership Academy:
Captain Jason Hodder graduated from The Ohio State University Public Safety Leadership Academy. He received additional recognition for the professionalism and thoroughness of his capstone project.
(June 2024)



FBI Leeda Command Leadership Training:
The Sheriff's Office was honored to host the FBI Leeda Command Leadership Institute providing leaders with advanced education in management, leadership, and executive skills.
(August 2024)



Doug Barr Safety Award:
The Sheriff's Office SWAT team was honored to be the 2024 recipient of the Doug Barr Safety Award at the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Athena Celebration.
(May 2024)



Great Save Award:
Dispatcher Kevin Roby received the "Great Save Award" for providing life-saving CPR instructions to a 9-1-1 caller. Due to his efforts the caller and patient can still enjoy time with their grandchild.
(July 2024)



Freedom is Never Free Event:
Deputy Peck was selected to receive the honor of being presented with the event flag at the "Freedom is Never Free" event. Deputy Peck previously served in the Army National Guard and deployed to Iraq.
(November 2024)



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.

AT A GLANCE: 2024 LITTER ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS



104

Number of Litter Complaints Received



108

Number of Litter Complaints Investigated



70

Number of Litter Warnings Issued



8

Number of Illegal Dumping Charges Filed



21

Number of Insecure Load Warnings



175

Number of Traffic Stops



9

Number of Insecure Loads



Property Room



In 2024, the Property Room logged in **2,152** pieces of property, including **193** firearms, **270** electronic devices, and **700** Narcotic related items. **918** pieces of property were disposed, including **107** firearms, **81** electronic devices, and **361** Narcotic related items. **13** Sexual Assault Kits and **14** Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) kits for testing. **61** cases with approximately **300** items of evidence were submitted to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I).

2,152

Items Submitted to the
Property Room

Drone Team

2024 Drone Statistics

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Drone Team consists of F.A.A. Certified Pilots and personnel working towards certification. In 2024, the Sheriff's Office drone team completed the following:

- ◆ Total Missions Flown: **37**
- ◆ Total Flight Hours: **132 Hrs.**



Civil & Fiscal Unit



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

Civil & Fiscal Unit Responsibilities

SERVICE

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.

RECORDS

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

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

FISCAL

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

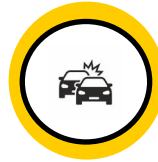
AT A GLANCE: 2024 CIVIL & FISCAL UNIT STATISTICS

Fingerprints



3,015

Accident Reports



1,032*

Incident Reports



3,310



5,249

Service Papers



1,219

Requests for Body Camera Video



83

Sheriff Sales



3

Writs of Executions



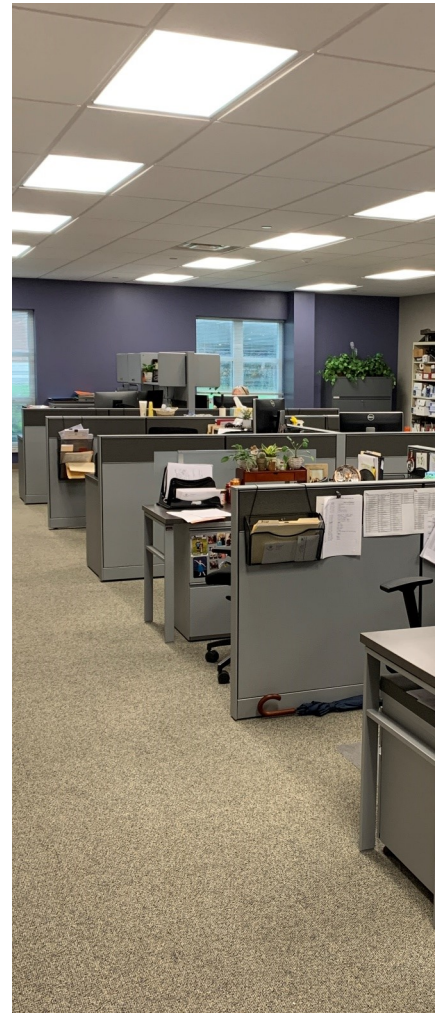
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Writs of Possession



105 / 924

Concealed Carry
Licenses Issued / Licenses Renewed



*Different report gave different total from other accident report total of 1,010.

Civil & Fiscal Unit Statistics

Fingerprinting

	2022	2023	2024
Webcheck BCI/I or FBI	1,107	1,109	1,214
Webcheck BCI/I and FBI	996	1,084	1,170
Webcheck/Law Enforcement (no charge)	188	273	259
Manual/Card (approx.)	436	418	372
Total*	2,727	2,884	3,015
% Difference from prior year	+0.5%	+5%	+4.5%

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

Reports

		2022	2023	2024
Accident Reports	Non-Injury	657	665	814
	Injury/Death	203	225	218
	Total	860	890	1,032*
	% Diff. from prior year	+5%	+4.5%	+15.9%
Reports Issued **	Incident	4,683	4,261	3,310
	Accident	876	1,052	1,010
	Total	5,559	5,313	4,320
	% Diff from prior year	-4%	-7%	-18.6%

Data Above: The number of Accident and Incident reports over the last three years. *Different report gave different total from other accident report total of 1,010. ** Reports issued include report numbers issued by Dispatch in error, this number will vary from actual accident reports fully processed.

Service Papers

		2022	2023	2024
Service Papers	Total	5,552	6,226	5,249
	% Diff from prior year	+22%	+11%	-15.6%

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



Civil & Fiscal Unit Statistics

Sheriff Sales, Writs of Executions & Writs of Possession

		2022	2023	2024
Sheriff Sale	Total	81	103	83
	% Diff from prior year	+8%	+21%	-19.4%
Writs of Executions	Total	7	11	3
	% Diff from prior year	+40%	+36%	-72.7%
Writs of Possession	Total	8	13	21
	% Diff from prior year	-27%	+62.5%	+61.5%

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

Concealed Carry

	2022	2023	2024
# License Issued	202	119	105
% Diff. from prior year	-64%	-41%	-11.7%
# License Renewed	937	1,152	924
% Diff. from prior year	-47%	+19%	-19.7%
# License Suspended	4	8	4
# License Revoked	4	6	3
# Applications Denied	13	8	6
# Licensed Proc. Susp.	4	2	2
# Replaced	50	42	38
# Temp. Emergency Issued	0	0	0
% Diff. from prior year	-	0	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.



Civil & Fiscal Unit

2024 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, carrying through school zones, 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.

20th Anniversary of the Concealed Carry License

New Applicants	New Licenses Issued	Temporary Applicants	Temporary License Issued
16,384	16,030	30	29

Renewal Applicants	Renewal Licenses Issued	Grand Total of all Applications Received	Grand Total Issued All Licenses
15,735	15,685	32,119	31,715

	New Applications	New Issued Licenses	Renewal Applicants	Renewal Licenses Issued
Average/Year	819.2	801.5	983.4	980.31
Average/Month	68.267	66.79	81.95	81.693

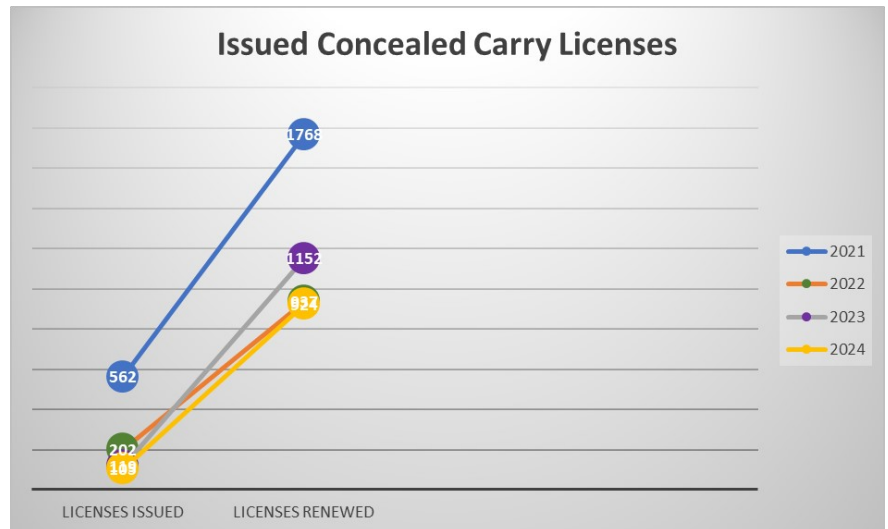
Data Above: 2024 was the 20-year anniversary of the Concealed Carry License law going into effect. The data includes the totals and averages over the last 20 years for Fairfield County.



Civil & Fiscal Unit

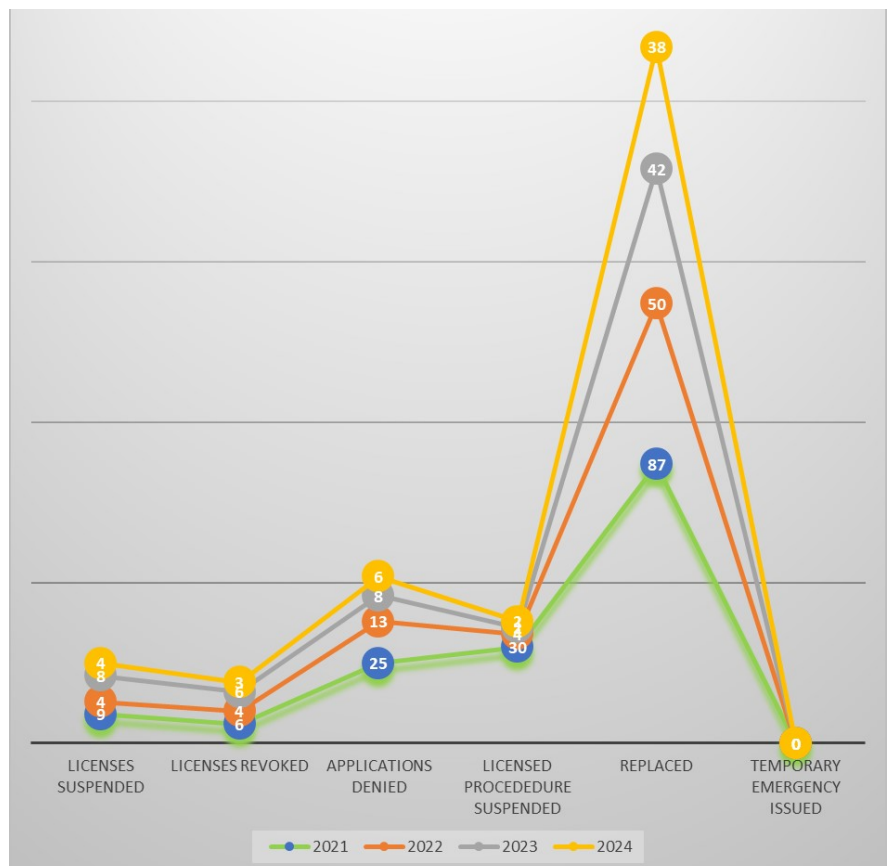
Issued Concealed Carry Licenses

Graph on Right: The number of Concealed Carry Licenses issued and renewed over the last four years.



Concealed Carry: Suspended, Revoked & Denied Licenses

Graph on Right: 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.



Civil & Fiscal Unit

2024 Money Generated in Civil & Fiscal Unit

Month	Fingerprints	Sheriff Sales	Service Fees	Copies/Local Background Checks	Concealed Carry	Total for the Month
January	\$ 8,130.00	\$ 224,765.10	\$ 4,586.23	\$ 269.70	\$ 5,556.75	\$ 243,307.78
February	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 142,106.00	\$ 4,397.68	\$ 279.05	\$ 4,983.25	\$ 160,765.98
March	\$ 8,385.00	\$ 449,270.90	\$ 8,531.30	\$ 222.91	\$ 5,481.75	\$ 471,891.86
April	\$ 7,225.00	\$ 132,419.50	\$ 14,755.67	\$ 96.30	\$ 3,739.50	\$ 158,235.97
May	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 156,977.70	\$ 6,525.78	\$ 228.40	\$ 4,086.25	\$ 177,178.13
June	\$ 9,950.00	\$ 488,498.21	\$ 8,607.08	\$ 403.75	\$ 2,771.50	\$ 510,230.54
July	\$ 9,425.00	\$ 275,695.50	\$ 19,562.05	\$ 283.55	\$ 3,573.25	\$ 308,539.35
August	\$ 11,335.00	\$ 492,226.20	\$ 10,127.44	\$ 280.80	\$ 3,225.75	\$ 517,195.19
September	\$ 8,910.00	\$ 334,298.30	\$ 5,946.62	\$ 340.75	\$ 2,164.25	\$ 351,659.92
October	\$ 9,260.00	\$ 69,295.38	\$ 9,019.24	\$ 278.30	\$ 3,228.50	\$ 91,081.42
November	\$ 8,210.00	\$ 81,683.00	\$ 5,407.58	\$ 82.50	\$ 3,883.50	\$ 99,266.58
December	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 87,353.20	\$ 4,187.45	\$ 298.40	\$ 3,459.25	\$ 102,948.30
Total for Year	\$ 106,840.00	\$ 2,934,588.99	\$ 101,654.12	\$ 3,064.41	\$ 46,153.50	\$3,192,301.02

2024 Excess Revenue Paid Back to the General Fund

Month	Fingerprints	Impounds	Sheriff Sales	Service Fees	Copies/Local Background Checks	Concealed Carry	Total for the Month
January	\$ 2,769.25	\$ -	\$ 108.00	\$ 4,586.23	\$ 269.70	\$ 4,000.50	\$ 11,733.68
February	\$ 2,660.75	\$ -	\$ 6,177.50	\$ 4,397.68	\$ 279.05	\$ 3,540.25	\$ 17,055.23
March	\$ 1,246.50	\$ -	\$ 431.50	\$ 8,531.30	\$ 222.91	\$ 3,828.00	\$ 14,260.21
April	\$ 1,918.75	\$ -	\$ 4,506.00	\$ 14,755.67	\$ 96.30	\$ 2,543.25	\$ 23,819.97
May	\$ 1,112.00	\$ -	\$ 1,514.00	\$ 6,525.78	\$ 288.40	\$ 2,626.75	\$ 12,066.93
June	\$ 2,568.00	\$ -	\$ 7,041.00	\$ 8,607.08	\$ 403.75	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 20,432.83
July	\$ 2,201.00	\$ -	\$ 10,438.00	\$ 19,562.05	\$ 283.55	\$ 2,605.75	\$ 35,090.35
August	\$ 2,134.50	\$ -	\$ 162.00	\$ 10,127.44	\$ 280.80	\$ 2,196.00	\$ 14,900.74
September	\$ 2,519.50	\$ -	\$ 8,657.00	\$ 5,946.62	\$ 340.75	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 19,013.87
October	\$ 2,001.00	\$ -	\$ 11,785.00	\$ 9,019.24	\$ 278.30	\$ 2,198.00	\$ 25,281.54
November	\$ 1,254.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,407.58	\$ 82.50	\$ 2,664.00	\$ 9,408.08
December	\$ 2,430.25	\$ -	\$ 7,592.00	\$ 4,187.45	\$ 298.40	\$ 2,308.75	\$ 16,816.85
Total for Year	\$ 24,815.50	\$ -	\$ 58,412.00	\$ 101,654.12	\$ 3,124.41	\$ 31,874.25	\$ 219,880.28



Civil & Fiscal Unit

2024 Fingerprinting & Local Background Check Data

Fingerprinting on Webcheck	Type of Fingerprints	Number Processed	Amount
	BCI or FBI only	1,214	\$42,490.00
	BCI and FBI	1,170	\$64,350.00
	Law Enforcement	259	-
	Total Number of Fingerprints	2,643	\$106,840.00

Paid Manual Fingerprints		372	\$1,860.00
Paid Local Background Checks		92	\$460.00
	Total of Manual Prints and Local Background Checks		\$2,320.00

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.



2020 - 2024 Crime Statistics

Uniform Crime Index

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Murder	2	1	3	3	2
Rape	21	23	44	49	189
Robbery	8	8	10	12	7
Aggravated Assault	28	2	12	12	45
Burglary	127	105	124	91	176
Theft/Larceny	939	924	912	994	820
Vehicle Theft	44	22	21	51	15
Arson	1	1	0	3	1
TOTALS	1,170	1,086	1,128	1,215	1,255
% INCREASE/DECREASE	-11%	-7%	4%	7%	3%

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. **2024 data compiled through Tyler Technologies DSS Performance Dashboard—Actively tracked January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.*

Additional 2024 Crime Statistics:

Driving Under the Influence (DUI) - 47

Riots - 2



2022 - 2024 Personnel Costs

For Personnel Paid from the Sheriff's General Fund Budget

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Salary Total		\$7,910,054	\$8,152,472	\$8,928,151
Overtime		\$1,420,363	\$1,070,893	\$1,292,186
Benefits				
	PERS	\$1,525,243	\$1,483,995	\$1,633,218
	Unemployment	–	–	–
	Health Insurance	\$1,898,974	\$1,859,279	\$1,892,230
	EAP	\$275	\$403	\$473
	Worker's Comp	\$56,229	\$61,887	\$64,563
	Medicare	\$130,766	\$127,899	\$142,080
	Life Insurance	\$4,434	\$4,378	\$4,541
Benefit Total		\$3,615,921	\$3,537,840	\$3,737,104
GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL		\$12,946,338	\$12,761,205	\$13,957,441



2022 - 2024 Financial Statement

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
MAIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE			
Personnel Services	\$ 12,946,338	\$ 12,761,205	\$ 13,957,441
Other Disbursements	\$ 3,151,496	\$ 3,687,352	\$ 5,028,097
Total Expenditures	\$ 16,097,834	\$ 16,448,557	\$ 18,985,538
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY			
Total Appropriations & Carryover	\$ 17,000,549	\$ 18,651,541	\$ 20,279,063
Total Disbursements	\$ 16,097,834	\$ 16,448,557	\$ 18,985,538
Encumbrances	\$ 335,819	\$ 920,813	\$ 1,047,114
Difference from General Fund	\$ 566,896	\$ 1,282,171	\$ 246,410
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>			
ROAD & BRIDGE / WEIGHTS & SCALES			
Personnel Services	\$ 105,816	\$ 106,974	\$ 112,895
Other Disbursements	\$ 846	\$ 64,878	\$ 825
Total Expenditures	\$ 106,661	\$ 171,852	\$ 113,720
C.F.L.P. Litter Enforcement Fund			
Personnel Services	\$ 77,595	\$ -	\$ -
Other Disbursements	\$ 6,628	\$ 4,116	\$ 6,362
Total Expenditures	\$ 84,223	\$ 4,116	\$ 6,362
Policing Revolving Contract Funds			
Personnel Services	\$ 2,029,868	\$ 2,178,307	\$ 2,332,730
Other Disbursements	\$ 84,021	\$ 94,268	\$ 91,082
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,113,889	\$ 2,272,576	\$ 2,423,812
TOTAL OTHER FUNDING ACTIVITY			
Total Appropriations & Carryover	\$ 2,382,986	\$ 2,485,883	\$ 2,687,509
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,304,773	\$ 2,448,544	\$ 2,543,893
Difference From Available Funding	\$ 78,213	\$ 37,339	\$ 143,616
COMBINED GENERAL & OTHER FUND ACTIVITY			
Total Appropriations & Carryover	\$ 19,383,535	\$ 21,137,424	\$ 22,966,572
Total Disbursements	\$ 18,402,608	\$ 18,897,101	\$ 21,529,432
Encumbrances from GF	\$ 335,819	\$ 920,813	\$ 1,047,114
Difference From Available Funding	\$ 645,109	\$ 1,319,510	\$ 390,026



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.



Photo Above: SWAT Personnel

SWAT Personnel

- 20 Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Deputies
- 4 Pickerington Police Officers
- 2 Fairfield Medical Center Police
- 3 Violet Township Medics

2024 SWAT Missions

25 missions were recorded in 2024:

- 10 Warrant Service
- 3 Missing Persons
- 1 Barricades
- 8 Arrest Warrants

All but **1** search warrant was from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Investigation Bureau, and the other was from Major Crimes Unit. **One** of the search warrants stemmed from a barricade and several others stemmed from Internet Crimes Against Children cases and a homicide case from the Investigative Bureau. SWAT also logged several hours assisting the Investigative Bureau with tracking down homicide suspects.

Other missions included **8** arrest warrants that scored high on the threat assessment, including warrants for homicide, rape, and importuning. SWAT also assisted in several missions locating missing/endangered persons.

During the 2024-year, SWAT was also utilized in assisting with "Jon" stings, security in the Fairfield County Common Pleas Courthouse, and providing security for the Board of Elections on Election Day.

