

PRESS RELEASE

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Fairfield County Sheriff's Office receives 2015 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

On May 20th 2015 the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office received a 2015 Harley Davidson Police Edition Motorcycle from Joe Carson Motor Sales, 2930 Helena Drive Carroll, Ohio 43112. This motorcycle was acquired from Joe Carson on a \$1 a year lease agreement.

With the rising number of accidents and fatalities in the State of Ohio and in Fairfield County we decided to look into additional options to help patrol the streets of Fairfield County and enforce more traffic laws. According to the Ohio Department of Transportation; Ohio had a 5% increase in traffic crashes in 2014 from 2013 there were a total of 282,368 crashes with 919 of those crashes resulting in fatalities.

Deputies wishing to patrol on the motorcycle for the office are required to attend and pass an 80 hour Northwestern University Police Motorcycle Operations Course provided by either the Columbus Police Department or the Ohio State Highway Patrol. While performing traffic enforcement duties, Deputies will choose a stationary observation position that will afford clear detection of traffic violators and high visibility of the motorcycle. The motorcycle will also be used to patrol neighborhoods, private escorts, and other special events.

Sheriff Phalen would like to thank Joe Carson for his kind generosity in assisting the Sheriff's Office to make the streets of Fairfield County a little safer.