2018
Sheriff’s Office
Annual Review

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The majority of Clermont County’s uniformed deputies are assigned to the Road Patrol Division. The Sheriff’s Road Patrol is the primary law enforcement service for villages in the county and ten townships in Clermont County. The patrol officers are the uniformed deputies, driving marked patrol cars, responding to calls for service within the county. Captain Paul Kamphaus oversees this division.

**Calls for Service**

Sheriff’s Patrol Deputies responded to 52,122 dispatched calls for service in 2018 and made 1,471 criminal arrests and those are broken down as follows:

- 1,458 adult misdemeanors
- 472 adult felonies
- 159 juvenile misdemeanors
- 8 juvenile felonies

**Traffic Enforcement**

- 3,163 traffic citations were issued by Sheriff’s Patrol Deputies
- 4,383 traffic warning were issued by Sheriff’s Patrol Deputies
- 856 traffic accident reports were generated by sheriff’s deputies

**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit**

- Commercial truck overweight citations-22
- Commercial truck overweight warnings-31

**Warrants**

- served– 5,259
- recited– 3,121
- attempted– 4,254
- out of county warrants- 404
The Civil Unit is also part of the Road Patrol and is primarily responsible for the service or delivery of legal documents in the state. This includes summonses, subpoenas, and lawsuits. They also handle evictions, repossessions, attach, and seize and sell property as ordered by the court.
Enhanced Services

2018 saw additions to existing contracts for enhanced law enforcement services, as well as a new contract

Batavia Township  The township finalized its contract for two additional deputies to be added to the township’s roster, bringing the total to six deputies.

Franklin Township entered into its first year of a three-year contract for enhanced services.
School Resources Officers

In 2018, the sheriff’s office contracted with three additional school districts in order to provide full-time School Resource Officers. Each school district was invited to participate in the SRO selection process held at the Sheriff’s Office:

Deputy Gebhardt—New Richmond
Deputy Patton– Clermont Northeastern
Deputy Johnson– Bethel Tate.

West Clermont Middle School renewed the existing contract, and after the selection process, Deputy Gregory was assigned to the school.
The Investigations Division is staffed with six full-time detectives, a detective sergeant, and is overseen by Captain Greg Moran. The primary responsibility is the in-depth investigation of crimes against persons and property in Clermont County. Crimes that escalate to this division are usually more severe, complex or time-consuming in nature such as burglary, financial crimes, assault, and homicide, as well as sensitive crimes involving sexual assault or child pornography. Statistics for the unit for 2018 are:

Report Statistics
- Reports worked by detectives– 766
- Reports closed by arrest-206
- Closed otherwise- 268
- Closed by referral– 3
- Inactivated– 217
- 2018 active assigned investigative cases- 72

Arrests
- Investigations Unit– 292 individual arrests (hand counted)
- Felonies charges filed– 303
- Misdemeanors filed– 111

Property Room 2018 (evidence-related data)
- Evidence entries 2,813
  CCNU-624
  all other divisions– 2,189
- Evidence releases (tags)–2,778(disposals, forfeitures and returns)
- Total tags/items in tracking system 4,424
- Crime Scene assignments 32
- Crime Lab (in-house submissions) 28 cases consisting of 45 articles
- Hamilton County Lab 259 articles
- BCI submissions 142 articles
The Clermont County Narcotics Unit is a multijurisdictional unit with employees from the Sheriff’s Office, Miami Township, Union Township, and Pierce Township Police Departments and overseen by the Sheriff and managed by a lieutenant from the Sheriff’s Office. The Narcotics Unit targets mid to upper level narcotics traffickers in all areas of Clermont County. In 2018 Narcotics Agents made 173 criminal arrests and seized property as a result.

### Seized Property
- Crack – 3.1 grams
- Cocaine- 22.9 grams
- Heroin– 8.53 grams
- Marijuana– 352 pounds
- Marijuana plants– 163
- Methamphetamine- 2,424 grams
- Meth Labs neutralized– 2
- Pharmaceuticals– 2,127 Dosage Units
- Vehicles- (15) –total value $156,800
- Currency $1,295,771
- Miscellaneous property value- $118,998
- Firearms- 19

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**Special Response Team (SRT)**

The Sheriff’s Office Special Response Team SRT is a county-wide multi-jurisdictional task force with the responsibility of responding to critical, life-threatening incidents. Examples of SRT operations include: hostage situations or barricaded subjects, tracking fugitives, and high-risk search warrants. The team consists of officers specially trained in offensive tactics, negotiation, and marksmanship. The SRT also has state-of-the-art and equipment to allow the team to professionally and effectively discharge its duties. In 2018, we added six tactical officers (one from the sheriff’s office, two from the Union Township Police Department, three from the Miami Township Police Department and two negotiators (one from the sheriff’s office and one from Union Township) Along with medics from Loveland-Symmes, Central Joint Fire and EMS, Union and Miami Township Fire Departments.

The team trains on a regular basis with 96 total hours of training in 2018 (32 hours of range training and 64 hours of tactical skill development). We also conducted a 40 hour basic SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) school for new team members.
Special Response Team (SRT) Continued

Listed below are the incidents that the SRT was called on in 2018.

2018 Calls for Service

January 12, 2018 – Call out in Union Township for an intoxicated person firing shots from a rifle at a neighbor. The subject was taken into custody.

January 21, 2018 – A search warrant request in Miami Township for persons and evidence related to a felonious assault. The residence was cleared and turned over to Miami Township Police for processing.

February 5, 2018 – A search warrant request in Stonelick Township to assist the Clermont County Narcotics Unit in securing an illegal marijuana grow operation. The subject was taken into custody.

May 14, 2018 – Call out in Pierce Township for an armed wanted felon with a violent criminal history including firing at police. The subject was taken into custody.

May 25, 2018 – Call out in the City of Milford for a barricaded armed wanted person with a violent criminal history. A female and two small children were removed from the residence before the subject was taken into custody.

June 14, 2018 – Call out in the Village of Amelia for a barricaded armed person. Negotiators determined the subject was suffering some type of mental health crisis and was taken into custody for a mental health evaluation at a local hospital.

June 17, 2018 – Call out in Union Township for a barricaded armed person that made threats to shoot police on scene. The subject was taken into custody.

June 18, 2018 – Call out in Union Township for an armed suicidal person. The subject was taken into custody for a mental health evaluation at a local hospital.

September 4, 2018 – Call out in Miami Township for a barricaded armed wanted person who told police on scene he would not surrender peacefully. The subject was taken into custody.

September 21, 2018 – Call out in Miami Township for an armed wanted person in a residence with an adult female and four children. The adult female and four children were removed from the residence. It was determined that subject fled prior to SRT arrival.

October 7, 2018 – Call out in Union Township for a barricaded armed person who fired shots prior to police arrival. The subject was taken into custody.

November 19, 2018 – Call out in Union Township for a barricaded armed person who could be heard damaging the apartment and made threats to harm police on scene. The subject was taken into custody.
SRT Calls for Service

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Task Force One (Dive Team)

Task Force One, an underwater search and rescue unit is a partnership between the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office, Loveland-Symphes Fire Department and Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office. Through its affiliation with Task Force One, the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office has acquired access to state of the art water craft, dive, and rescue equipment.

Deputies and jail corrections officers are members of Task Force One. The unit remains proficient by training regularly and has responded to calls for assistance throughout the tri-state area. Operations include underwater search, rescue, and recovery of bodies and evidence.

2018 Call for Service

April 12, 2018-Dive Team callout to assist the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office with the location and recovery of a suicidal female who drove her 2004 Dodge Caravan into the Ohio River. The victim, a 50 year-old white female and her van were recovered.

May 21, 2018-Dive Team callout to assist the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with the recovery of a 2008 Chevrolet Avalanche and boat trailer that had rolled down a boat ramp on East Fork Lake. Vehicle and trailer were recovered.

May 31, 2018-Dive Team callout to assist the Brown County Sheriff’s Office with the search and recovery of a seventeen-year-old. Successful recovery.

June 10-12, 2018-Dive Team callout to assist the Butler County Sheriff’s Office with the search and recovery of a twenty-nine year old male. He was last seen attempting to kayak on the Great Miami River in Hamilton, OH. Successful recovery

July 6, 2018-Dive Team callout to assist the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with the search for a missing male in Stonelick Lake in Clermont County. The subject was located and found to be o.k. prior to our arrival.

November 25-27, 2018-Dive Team callout to assist the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with the search and recovery of a missing boater on East Fork Lake at the Bethel Ramp. A Fifty-two year old was successfully located and recovered.
Task Force One (Dive Team) Continued

The task force is often called upon to attend public safety events to educate and interact with the public about the mission of the unit as well as to allow the public to see the equipment and meet the members face to face.

2018 Public Relations Hours

**May 19, 2018**
Miami Twp. Safety Fair (Hathorn, Pigman) 8 hrs.

**May 31, 2018**
Clermont Frontier Day Parade (Claypool, Popham) TF-1 callout

**June 1, 2018**
Olde Williamsburg Parade (Claypool, Pigman) 3 hrs.

**June 13, 2018**
CCSO SRT Demo (Earley, Shouse) 6 hrs.

**June 22, 2018**
Madeira Silverwood Presbyterian (Hunt, Levering) 4 hrs

**July 4, 2018**
New Richmond Parade (Morgan, Shouse) 4 hrs

**July 22, 2018**
Clermont County Fair Parade (Morgan, Shouse) 3 hrs

**August 7, 2018**
Clermont County National Night Out (Claypool, Shouse, Pigman) 4 hrs

**August 21, 2018**
Amelia P.D. National Night Out (Pigman, Shouse) 4 hrs

**September 2, 2018**
WEBN Fireworks (Matala, A. Huber, Pigman, McAllister)-15 hrs

**October 6, 2018**
Monroe Twp. Safety Days (Morgan, Pigman) 6 hrs
K9 Unit

The sheriff’s office currently has four canine units. All the canines and handlers attend training programs meeting State of Ohio canine certification criteria. Pictured clockwise from the top left are Deputy Bailey and his partner “Mox”, a German Shepherd, Deputy Kirker and his partner “Paik”, a German Shepherd, and Deputy Spears with his partner “Paco”, a Belgian Malinois. All three are trained for patrol duties. Deputy Dyer is the handler for “Dozer”, a bloodhound used for locating missing and wanted persons.
# K9 Unit

## K9 Uses

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Milford Wal-Mart donated funds to assist with the purchase of our new bloodhound puppy born January 22nd, 2018. We allowed the employees of the store to choose her name and the verdict was... Sammy!

K-9 Dozer (mentioned on page 14) passed away of natural causes at the end of 2018 and Sammy will take over for him as soon as she is certified.
Sex Offender Registration

In 1997, Ohio enacted a sexual offender registration law. This law requires certain designated categories of convicted sex offenders to register with the sheriff’s office in the county where they live.

In 2018, offenders registered 650 times in Clermont County and 742 addresses were personally verified by Clermont County deputies. At the time of this report 226 offenders were residing in Clermont County.

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Sex Offenders by Classification

- Sexually Oriented Offender: 27
- Tier I Offender: 45
- Habitual Sex Offender: 7
- Tier II Sex Offender: 69
- Sexual Predator: 60
- Tier III Sex Offender: 17
- Aggravated Sexually Oriented Offender: 1
The Clermont County Sheriff’s Honor Guard has distinguished itself as a professional, precision unit through participation at several community and civic events.

4/12/18 – Domestic Violence Awareness Lunch
4/20/18 – Republican Party Dinner
5/5/18 – Grant Vocational RAMTEC (Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing Technology Education Collaborative)
5/16/18 – Clermont County Police Banquet
5/19/18 – Police K-9 Memorial (Amelia)
6/5/18 – Cincinnati Reds Game
7/7/18 – National Police Softball Tournament (Riverstar)
7/22/18 – Clermont County Fair Parade
8/7/18 – Clermont County Sheriff’s National Night Out
9/23/18 – Hamilton Twp. retired Deputy Funeral
10/14/18 – Celtic Fest – Blue Ash
11/8/18 - Pace Setters Awards Banquet
11/9/18 – Congressman Brad Wenstrup’s visit to Nursing Home Detail
11/11/18 - Batavia Veteran’s Day Parade
11/18/18 – Wayne Twp. Veteran’s Day
12/5/18 – Clermont County Commissioner’s Meeting

Members of the Color Guard
Sergeant Nick Goslin, Detective Nick Crouch, Deputy Brian Dowers, Corporal Ryan Feihauer, Deputy John Schaefer, Detective Sean Schubert, Corrections Officer Josh Oberschlake, and bagpiper Robert Reid.
Motorcycle Unit

The sheriff’s office has two Harley Davidson motorcycles. In addition to patrol and public events, the unit participated in five public demonstrations and motorcycle escorts.

Miscellaneous Reports

Response to Resistance
There were eleven incidents of Response to resistance in 2018 and all eleven incidents were deemed to be within the scope of policy.

Vehicle Pursuits
Sheriff’s Patrol Deputies were involved in one pursuit in 2018 as backup only.

On-duty Vehicle Accidents
There were twenty-four on-duty vehicle accidents involving a deputy in 2018. Ten of those were collisions with deer or other animals. There were five collisions with other vehicles and nine collisions with fixed objects.

Internal Investigation Complaints/ Reports
There were twenty-three internal investigations during 2018, with six of them the result of a citizen complaint, the remainder initiated by staff. Of the citizen complaints, one resulted in documented discipline, five were unfounded. Of the remaining 17 IA cases, there were formal disciplines issued for 10 on duty at fault crashes, and four cases where staff was disciplined for policy violations.
Court Services Division

The Sheriff’s Court Services Division provides security for the county courtrooms and building security. Section 311.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, places the responsibility of the courthouse upon the Sheriff, under the direction and control of the Board of County Commissioners. Court Services is also responsible for transporting prisoners to and from court and to and from state correctional institutions. This division is managed by Captain Jeff Sellars who also manages our Social Media sites (Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook).

Court Services
The court services deputies had 5084 prisoner transport details from the jail to common pleas court, domestic, juvenile and probate courts. Inmates in need of medical care that cannot be provided at the jail are taken to other medical or mental health facilities. In 2018 there were 135 trips for medical and 54 transports for psychological care to Summit Behavioral. Additionally, there were also 540 out of county warrant pickups.

Social Media
The sheriff’s office continues to be active on social media platforms Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The sheriff’s office continues to use Nextdoor.com which started in 2017. Nextdoor.com is the private social network with the mission to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together to build stronger, safer, happier communities. We use this platform to share news and emergency notifications that are relevant to your neighborhood.

Outreach Officer
Captain Sellars is also the office’s Outreach Officer tasked with making personal contact with citizens, organizations, and political entities that wish to express public safety concerns to Sheriff Leahy. He has assisted schools with a school safety program with 3D imaging of floor plans and has engaged in tabletop exercises with West Clermont, Bethel-Tate, Clermont Northeastern, and Batavia School Districts. He has also worked with districts to display anti-drug messages on sports fields and scoreboards.

Rick Healey @RickHealey24 · 1h
Clermont County Sheriff’s department teams up with Williamsburg Athletics.
The Opioid Epidemic

The Clermont County Sheriff’s Office has taken multiple approaches to handling the opioid epidemic.

**Narcan (Naxolone)**
Deputies usually arrive on the scene of an overdose before EMS. Clermont County Deputies are equipped with Narcan so they can administer life-saving treatment before EMS arrives. This is a list of Narcan use in 2018.

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Quick Response Team (QRT)
On September 1, 2017 the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office was one of 40 law enforcement agencies in the State of Ohio awarded the “Ohio Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant” in the amount of $100,000.00. This program will run from October 2017 through June of 2019. QRT is made up of trained Clermont County Deputies and a Clermont Recovery Center “Recovery Coach” that partners with drug treatment providers and others who assist overdose survivors in the recovery process.

The QRT members visit survivors after an overdose and offer counseling and referrals to drug rehabilitation facilities for assessment, detoxification, on-going drug treatment, and aftercare. The QRT works to reduce overdose-related deaths, reduce repeated overdoses per victim, and increase the support network for survivors and their families.

From September 1, 2017 through December 2018, the team has attempted to contact 421 individuals. The team has been successful in contacting 237 of the 421 (56%). Of the 237 contacts, 60 individuals have entered treatment (25%) and of the 60 who entered treatment, 52 have maintained in treatment (86.6%) - all confirmed at CRC.

Directed Patrols
Additional efforts made by the Sheriff’s Office in the battle against the opiate epidemic is the increased police presence on the roadways or routes that users are taking to buy their drugs. These
The safety of staff and students on the school campuses is a priority of the Sheriff’s Office. Since 2014, administrators from the Sheriff’s Office have been attempting to bring ALL law enforcement agencies and first responders to the table with the school administrators. To date, every school district in the county, partnered with first responders throughout the county, make up the current countywide School Safety Committee.

With the increase in school related incidents throughout the country, administrators from the Sheriff’s Office saw the need for additional training of first responders. The Sheriff’s Office has partnered with Miami Twp., Goshen Twp. and Pierce Twp. Police departments, along with Clermont Board of Developmental Disabilities, Clermont County Emergency Management and the Clermont County Fire Chiefs Association to form a county wide training initiative, currently known as the school safety sub-committee.

The school safety sub-committee has worked with SRT and range instructors from the Sheriff’s Office to develop an active school shooter training. To date, 61 Law Enforcement officers from 8 different agencies have participated in the trainings, along with 41 members of 3 different Fire Departments in Clermont County. The trainings have been held at Clermont DD, Bethel Tate High School and West Clermont Middle School. Additional table top exercises have been held at Grant Vocational, UC Clermont, Bethel High School and New Richmond High School.

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In 2018, the Sheriff worked in conjunction with the union body to established a new training budget of $24,000.00 per year for the purpose of expanding the training opportunities for Deputies and Supervisory Employees. This $24,000.00 will come from the approximately $12,000.00 per year formally paid out under the physical abilities testing plus an additional $12,000.00 which was added by the county to the sheriff office budget.

The details of the new training opportunities shall be worked out by a Labor Management Training Committee. The committee investigates potential training opportunities and determine which opportunities are the most desirable based on:
1) the needs of the office
2) The interests of the deputies and supervisory employees
3) the costs associated with the various training opportunities

Employees selected for additional training opportunities is based on the following factors:
- the skills and abilities of the deputy
- the deputy's past performance
- prior training opportunities the deputy has had
- the needs of the office
- seniority

The objective will be to make training opportunities available to as many deputies as possible.
Corrections

Joe Palmer was appointed by Sheriff Leahy in January 2017 to oversee the Corrections Division. Jail Administrator Joe Palmer is a graduate of the University of Akron Law School. He is licensed by the Ohio Supreme Court and Federal District Court for Southern Ohio. He is an accredited Jail Administrator through the Office of the Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (O.P.O.T.A.)

During his legal career he has served as Assistant County Prosecutor for both Champaign and Clermont Counties, Law Director for the City of Urbana, Chief Municipal Court Prosecutor in Champaign County, Mayor’s Court Magistrate Champaign and Clark Counties, Municipal Court Judge in Champaign County, Adjunct Instructor Criminal Justice/Corrections Clark State Community College, and Chief of Advanced Legal Training and Instruction for Law Enforcement Professionals at the Office of the Ohio Attorney General (O.P.O.T.A.)

Hiring:
In 2018, the Clermont County Board of County Commissioners, at the request of the Sheriff, approved funding for five new correction officer positions. This was the first new hire, not replacement hire, in over ten years. Because the daily jail population had increased from 326 Inmates ten years ago, to 380 Inmates presently, the need had arisen to increase staff for inmate and officer safety considerations.

Inclusive of the five newly hired correctional officers, fourteen correctional officers were hired in 2018 to fill open positions bringing the total hiring to nineteen corrections officers.

Accomplishments:
A new Academic Enrichment program for inmates inclusive of high school/college curriculum. Participation in the Aspire and Work Initiative Job Placement Programs to assist Inmates in finding employment upon release.

Continuation of the Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (GCBH) Jail Liaison Officer Program which has referred over 800 Inmates to GCBH and over 1500 interactions between inmates and the jail liaison mental health professionals.

The jail also partnered with "Families of the Incarcerated" by disseminating their informational news and collaborated with the County Board of Elections to register eligible inmate voters. Policy Directives established for inmate/public defender/probation officer contact visitation. Introduction throughout the facility of the Aim Cam Video Glasses which provides officers with a body worn video/audio camera system.
Below is a detailed look at inmate population for 2018.

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2018 Statistics of Interest

Number of Inmates Booked Into the Facility 6,279 (2017-6,580)
Male Inmates 4,319
Female Inmates 1,960

Average Daily Jail Population 373 (2017- 359)

Average Number of Inmates Booked per Month 523

Average Number of Inmates Placed On Suicide Levels Monthly 40

Average Number of Inmates per Month Reporting Drug Usage 95

Average Number of Inmates per Month Reporting Mental Health Issues 80

Average Number of Inmates Detoxing per Month 147

Common Pleas Court Criminal Division Inmate Numbers rose from 3,483 in 2017 to 4,413 in 2018, a 930 person increase in felony charges. Also, Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division Adult Inmate numbers rose from 370 in 2017, to 407 in 2018. Further, Domestic Relations Division (Bureau of Support) Inmate numbers rose from 60 in 2017 to 125 in 2018.
The Clermont Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Clermont County law enforcement agencies to present the Clermont County Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet to recognize and show appreciation for exceptional acts performed by police and citizens countywide during the prior year. The following were awarded to the sheriff’s office in May 2018 for accomplishments in 2017.

Criminal Investigation Award

On June 19, 2017, a clerk called 911 and advised she had just been robbed at gunpoint at a grocery in Monroe Twp. The clerk reported that the suspect entered the store with his face partially covered by a bandana, pointed a firearm at her, and demanded that she give him the cash drawer containing $585 which she did. He then fled the store on foot.

Detectives Chris Allen, Nick Crouch, Sean Schubert, Mike Robinson, Sgt. BJ Boerger and Evidence Tech Gregg Shelley interviewed the victim, numerous witnesses, and an anonymous caller. The clerk identified the suspect via photo lineup and was taken into custody without incident within a few hours of the robbery at a residence near the scene. Detectives recovered $223.00 of the money taken along with the cash register drawer.

The suspect was indicted on September 26, for one count each of Aggravated Robbery, Robbery, and Kidnapping and later sentenced to seven years in prison.

Bravery/Devotion to Duty Award

On July 18, 2017, Deputy Ross was dispatched to the parking lot of Mercy Hospital-Clermont for a suicidal subject, armed with scissors, threatening to kill himself. Narcotics Agent Frasher was in the area when he observed Deputy Ross racing to the scene. As Deputy Ross approached and engaged the subject in conversation, Agent Frasher, who was in plain clothes, positioned himself behind the subject. Deputy Ross and Agent Frasher are both members of the SRT and, as a result, regularly train together, which includes the use of non-verbal communication techniques. Utilizing these techniques, Agent Frasher and Deputy Ross developed a plan. As Deputy Ross continued to distract the subject, Agent Frasher approached from behind, grabbing the subject and, with Deputy Ross’s help, disarmed him. The subject was secured and escorted into Mercy Hospital. The cooperative tactics employed by Deputy Ross and Agent Frasher served to disarm a subject intent on harming himself and bring a dangerous situation to a safe conclusion.

Bravery Devotion to Duty Award

On November 16, 2017, Deputy Christopher Shouse and Deputy Travis Blanton attempted service on an outstanding warrants for Possession of Heroin and Domestic Violence. Deputy Shouse knocked on the door several times with Deputy Blanton nearby. Unbeknownst to the deputies, the suspect was in a methamphetamine induced drug haze and answered the door pointing a gun to Deputy Shouse’s face. Deputy Shouse reacted immediately, knocking the gun away before any shots were fired. After a brief struggle, Shouse was able to subdue the suspect and arrest him for Felonious Assault, Resisting Arrest, and Having Weapons Under Disability. Deputy Shouse’s clear-thinking and quick action prevented a dangerous or even fatal outcome.
Sheriff’s Annual Awards

Each December Sheriff Leahy recognizes those who have performed “above and beyond the call of duty” for that year or those who have retired throughout the year, at our Annual Awards Lunch. Nominations can come from coworkers, supervisors, or from citizens. Citizens can also be nominated by staff. In 2018, the Sheriff recognized the following employees who retired:

Russell Ernst Corrections officer from February 3, 2003 until April 18, 2018

Sgt. Daren Wilson- Corrections officer hired at the jail on July 28, 2003 and retired May 31, 2018 as a sergeant

Lt. Doug Ventre- narcotics task force and SRT commander- hired June 20, 2011 and retired December 14, 2018


Karen Heller- administrative assistant in our narcotics unit from August 29, 2007 until December 31, 2018

Jack Grimsley – hired August 29, 2003 as a member of the Sheriff’s clerical staff and retired November 30, 2018 as a member of the fiscal department at the sheriff’s office.
Community Outreach-Continued

2018 National Night Out

The sheriff’s office held its second National Night Out on August 7, 2018, the Batavia Township Community Center. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that takes place the first Tuesday of August across the United States. There were more than fifty booths and displays made up of local churches, community groups and local businesses, along with displays by sheriff’s deputies and Central Joint Fire and EMS. Approximately forty sheriff’s office employees volunteered to help with food, drinks, games, face painting, fingerprinting, and the dissemination of drug resistance education materials. In spite of the rain, nearly 500 people attended the event. The 2019 National Night Out will be held at the same location on August 6, 2019.
Community Outreach - Continued
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Junior Police Academy

In June of each year, the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office and other law enforcement agency partners team up to present a week long, no cost, Junior Police Academy (JPA) for youth ages 13 to 17. This program provides a unique experience for law enforcement professionals to come together with young people and share basic law enforcement knowledge, techniques and experiences. The Sheriff’s Office along with Pierce Township Police, Union Township Police, Batavia Police Department, Williamsburg Police Department, Bethel Police Department and the Amelia Police Department hosted the camp in 2018.
Community Outreach-Continued

Shop with the Sheriff

Sheriff’s Office personnel led by Detective Sean Schubert and Sergeant B.J. Boerger raised $13,000 through a charity golf outing and donations from the community to provide clothing and toys for kids for Christmas. An additional $500 was donated to Batavia High School.
Concealed Carry Licensing

The Clermont County Sheriff’s Office is responsible for issuing Concealed Carry Licenses. In 2018 2469 new applications were processed by office personnel and 2386 renewal licenses were processed. The Sheriff’s Office also Suspended 128 licenses, revoked 42, and denied 49.

Head Start Program

This is a new program between the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office and Head Start to support children affected by the opioid epidemic. Our office is one of only nine other sheriff’s offices in the state participating in this type of program. This program will enable deputies to refer children and families who may be in need of or qualify for services offered by Head Start. Head Start is an early intervention program for low income children ages 0-5 and their families.

Who is eligible for Head Start?
Low income children ages 0-5
Homeless families (no permanent housing)
Children with special needs
Children in foster care
Children in temporary custody

When an employee has contact with a child or family that could benefit from services offered by Head Start, a referral should be completed and turned in to Captain Sellars. The referral will then be submitted to Head Start, who will make contact with the child or family within 24-48 hours. If you have any questions or need further guidance please do not hesitate to contact Captain Sellars.

Additional training on this program will soon be available for employees on our in-house Pow-erDMS computer training system.
In December 2014, Gov. John R. Kasich signed Executive Order announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenges between the community and police. More than 500 agencies employing over 27,000 officers (in all 88 counties, representing 79 percent of all law enforcement officers in Ohio are participating in the certification process.

The office’s policy is reviewed by the collaborative and must comply with the State Of Ohio Collaborative on Policing standards An on-site Inspection is completed by a representative of the collaborative.

All sworn personnel have completed the following standards:
- Use of Force and Use of Deadly Force
- Recruiting and Hiring
- Community Engagement Standard.
- Bias Free Policing
- Employee Misconduct

Each deputy must read and sign the policy, watch a PowerPoint Presentation and pass a written test.

Training
The Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) requires certified police officers to qualify with their firearms once per year. Clermont County Sheriff’s deputies qualify with their firearms twice annually as well as with less-than-lethal and non-lethal weapons such as Tasers and Oleoresin Capsicum or OC Spray once per year.
Compliance with Standards

Annual Administrative Review

The Clermont County Sheriff’s Office conducts a documented annual review of agency practices related to Bias Free Policing, to include: agency practices, data collected and any citizen concerns related to this topic. Listed below is data collected from self-initiated traffic stops, any citizen complaints related to gender or race and trainings on Bias Free policing that all sworn personnel completes:

Self-initiated collection of data (from traffic stops)

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