

Year in Review 2022



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Warren County Sheriff's Office:
Administrative Services



Sheriff Larry L. Sims

2022 Year in Review

Greetings,

We are pleased to provide you with our 2022 annual report.

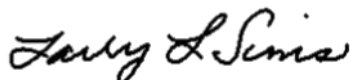
2022 was our first full year of operation in our new jail and Sheriff's Office. The transition has gone very smoothly.

As expected, we have made several adjustments to our jail operation. Our new facility has over 200 cameras as well as an electronic security round monitoring system. This state of the art technology allows for more efficient and safe observations as well as documentation.

With the anticipated increase in inmate population, we planned for an expanded our medical, mental health and dental unit. Contracting with a new full-service company has been a welcome addition to providing for and managing the health of a very difficult population.

With respect to our enforcement division, we, Deerfield Township and Kings' School District added to the district's compliment of school resource officers. In a cost sharing agreement, Deputies Phil Green and David Shepard joined Deputies John Downs and Trent Barker as resource officers for the Kings' School District.

Many of you may recall our office losing our Corrections Officer Ciera Greene when she died as a result of a car accident November 2014. Due to the tireless effort of Lorraine Greene, Ciera's mother, we held a road dedication ceremony in Ciera's honor on August 25th, 2022. A sign was erected on a section of SR 123 east of Lebanon, Ohio. We thank members of Ohio legislature and the Ohio Department of Transportation for making this happen.



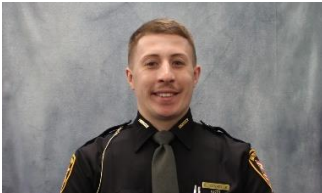
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Employees of the Year

Every year our office recognizes employees who are nominated by their peers and/or supervisors for their exceptional duty and willingness to go above and beyond to serve our community. An employee of the year is selected for each of three categories; civilian, corrections, and deputy sheriff. Congratulations to 2022's employees of the year.

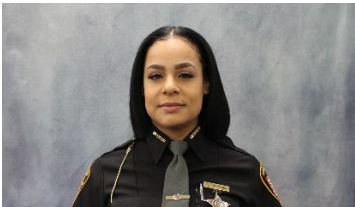
Deputy Sheriff of the Year

Deputy Easton vonHolle



Corrections Officer of the Year

Officer Heilyse Ventura



Civilian Employee of the Year

Clerical Specialist Janet Busald



Enforcement Section

Our Enforcement Section is made of up of men in and women in uniform. They are first responders to citizen's calls for service. These dedicated Deputy Sheriffs handle a multitude of call types to include, car accidents, domestics assaults/disputes, alarms, traffic complaints, thefts, burglaries and various other complaints. When a citizen calls for help these are the men and women that respond. Our office operates substations in the City of South Lebanon, Deerfield Township and our main office in Lebanon.

2022 Calls for Service

In 2022 our office handled 68,450 calls for service. Below you find the breakdown of calls for service by area.**

TOWNSHIPS

CLEARCREEK - 566
FRANKLIN - 6,055
HARLAN - 2,028
SALEM - 1,967
UNION - 1,616
WAYNE - 2,534

DEERFIELD - 26,349
HAMILTON - 1,107
MASSIE - 1,057
TURTLECREEK - 8,440
WASHINGTON - 1,498

CITY/VILLAGES

BUTLERVILLE - 216
CORWIN - 183
HARVEYSBURG - 266
LOVELAND - 15
MASON - 1,860
MONROE - 295
PLEASANTPLAIN - 59
SOUTHLEBANON - 5,722

CARLISLE - 364
FRANKLIN - 1,462
LEBANON - 3,614
MAINEVILLE - 60
MIDDLETOWN - 776
MORROW - 1,134
SPRINGBORO - 481
WAYNESVILLE - 339

Canine Unit

Our office has three canine units that are assigned to patrol and one that is assigned to our jail. These canine units are a valuable tool in our efforts to stop drugs from coming into our community and our jail. They also are just as valuable in assisting with tracking suspects as well as lost and endangered people. Our canines also have been used in control efforts in communities throughout our region.

Our canine units have seized over 1.2 million dollars in illegal drugs in 2022. They also conducted over 50 tracks of suspects and endangered people. Our jail canine has been used to find 130 items of contraband that were either brought into our jail or were attempted to be brought into our jail.



Criminal Investigations

Our Criminal Investigation Section is comprised of general detectives who investigate serious crimes throughout our county. Examples of the types of crimes they investigate are burglaries, frauds, assaults, sex crimes, crimes against children, murder, rape, and crimes against the elderly.

Our office has detectives that are assigned out of our main office and also Deerfield Township. In 2022 the section handled 800 cases.

This section also oversees our Crime Scene Unit. This unit is comprised of specially trained deputies that process our most serious crimes scenes. In 2022, the unit processed 15 scenes. Some examples of the types of scenes that were processed in 2022 include, arson investigations, shootings and robberies.



Drug Task Force

The Warren County Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional unit specializing in the investigation of drug trafficking, prescription drug diversion, money laundering and other drug related crimes. Our area of operation is all of Warren County and the City of Wilmington in Clinton County.

Drug trends in our jurisdiction remained consistent during 2022 with high availability of methamphetamine, heroin/fentanyl, cocaine, and marijuana. Our investigations continue to identify Mexico as a primary source of supply for the methamphetamine, fentanyl and most drugs seized in our area. Drugs arriving from the southwest border and various west coast states continue to flow through the Cincinnati and Dayton areas, and remain readily available for use by our addicted population. Mid-December 2022 seizure data, as reported by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, indicate Warren County as the **8th** highest county in the State of Ohio for methamphetamine seizures, **15th** highest for fentanyl seizures, **4th** highest for cocaine seizures and **5th** highest for marijuana seizures.

The investigation of prescription drug diversion crimes remain a priority for the Drug Task Force. During 2022, Warren County ranked **2nd** in the State of Ohio for the highest number of prescription drug seizures. Prescription drugs remain common drugs of abuse for many, especially those employed within the medical profession with increased accessibility to prescription drugs. This specialized area of investigation directly impacts the continued addiction crisis involving prescription opiates. The Warren County Drug Task Force remains one of the few Drug Task Forces in the State of Ohio providing a full-time investigative focus to drug diversion crimes.

As specific drug threats change, our commitment to target drug trafficking activities is unwavering. The investigation of drug trafficking offenses remain challenging as drug traffickers continue to evolve and learn many of the covert tactics commonly utilized by law enforcement. The ongoing specialized enforcement efforts of the Warren County Drug Task Force are critical as drug traffickers' prey upon our addicted population, and directly impact the quality of life in our communities.

During 2022, the investigative activity of our staff resulted in **437** new cases. These investigations resulted in **134** felony arrests, and **86** misdemeanor arrests. Overall enforcement efforts led to **132** search warrants, **79** firearms seized, and **1,914** traffic stops. ** DTF 2022 report



Court Services Section

The Court Services Section is responsible for the movement of prisoners, court security and service and enforcement of court orders. These deputies are some of the busiest deputies in our office. Many times their job duties have them traveling throughout the state and nation.

COURT TRANSPORTS

COMMONPLEAS-2,592

JUVENILE-123

COUNTYCOURT-386

LEBANON-301

FRANKLIN-32

MASON-565

COURTROOM HOURS

COMMONPLEAS-1,112

JUVENILE-97

COUNTY COURT-300

LEBANON-271

FRANKLIN-249

MASON-474

SOUTH LEBANON-4

SPRINGBORO-19

TOTAL HOURS-2,527

Corrections

Our new correctional facility opened in October 2021. This facility booked and released 9,507 inmates in 2022. This is an average monthly inmate bookings and releasing of 396 in 2022. There have been several upgraded features in our new facility such as, body scanners, surveillance cameras and new inmate/attorney rooms.



Community Services

Our Community Services Section is made up of School Resource Deputies and D.A.R.E. Deputies. These Deputy Sheriff's provide invaluable training and resources for our local school districts. Kings Local Schools have contracted with our office for School Resource Deputies on their schools. In addition to Kings Local our office also provides a School Resource Deputy for the Warren County Career Center. These dedicated deputies provide training for all staff and administrators as requested.

Our D.A.R.E. Deputies provide Drug Abuse Resistance Education to Kings Local schools, Little Miami Local schools, Wayne Local schools, Franklin Local schools and Carlisle Local Schools. In 2022, our deputies taught over 3065 students.

Our office also conducts many community outreach programs. These include, National Night Out, Women's Self Defense, Safety Town, Touch a Truck, Bicycle Rodeo, and attends many neighborhood watch programs throughout our great county.



Human Resources

Our Human Resources section had a very busy year in 2022. Our office processed 326 applications and conducted 14 testing sessions for corrections, deputy sheriff and clerical. Those testing sessions saw over 270 applicants who were seeking employment with our office.

Our office hired 6 deputy sheriffs, 32 corrections officers, 4 clerical specialist, 1 IT specialist and 1 cadet. We had 2 retirements within our office. We also promoted one deputy sheriff to sergeant.



Support Services

This section is comprised of Clerical Specialists who maintaining our vast records management systems. Additionally, these individuals assist the public with records, sheriff sales, and Webchecks.

In 2022 our office processed 2,608 requests for records, 2,599 CCW permits, 150 vacation house checks, and 4,123 Webchecks. We also handled 118 Sheriff Sale properties.

Property Evidence Room

Our Property Evidence Room Section is responsible for all property and evidence that our office takes control of and/or has custody of. Our office has two Property Room Evidence Managers that are dedicated to maintaining, controlling, disposing and releasing property and evidence.

In 2022 the property evidence room received 2,807 items. These items were a mixture of evidence, found property, and/or property kept for safe keeping.

In addition to the items received, 313 items were disposed of either by destruction order or by returning the item to its owner.

This document was prepared by the Administrative Services Section of the Warren County Sheriff's Office. If you have questions or would like additional information on any of the topics within, please feel free to reach out to Major Eric Johnson.

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