

2016 Warren County Sheriff's Office Year In Review



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Greetings,

As you will see in our following annual report, we remain extremely busy providing a variety of services to our Warren County residents, employers and visitors.

While much of 2016 consisted of what often gets labeled typical calls for service, our office faced a near fatal attack on one of our own.

On June 9th, Deputy Katie Barnes was shot while responding to and handling a domestic violence call in Deerfield Township. Fortunately, due to Katie's physical conditioning, training and tactical response, she was not fatally wounded. It has, however, been a long difficult road to her recovery. We fully anticipate Deputy Barnes' return to duty in the near future.

While we believe Warren County to be a safe community, we do realize there are dangerous situations we walk into on a regular basis. Our men and women are a skilled and highly trained group of dedicated professionals more than capable handling any situation.

Warren County Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives have worked tirelessly for several years on the 1992 murder of furniture salesman Richard Woods. They were able to successfully bring this to a close in 2016 with the arrest and prosecution of Sam Perone. Mr. Perone was the owner of Just Living Rooms furniture store in Lebanon. The hard work, on this case, by the Warren County Sheriff Office and Prosecutor's Office came to a conclusion with Perone's guilty plea to Voluntary Manslaughter in October.

As an office, one of our most important responsibilities is to operate an efficient and safe county jail. Our jail is staffed by 70 civilian corrections and clerical personnel. They have an enormous responsibility to provide for over 280 inmates as well as be a liaison for all municipal and county courts.

Jail overcrowding has been a consistent issue for several years. The last couple of years have seen a steady increase in early releasing of inmates as well as refusal of prisoners to be booked. Needless to say this makes it very difficult for our area law enforcement and courts to perform their duties.

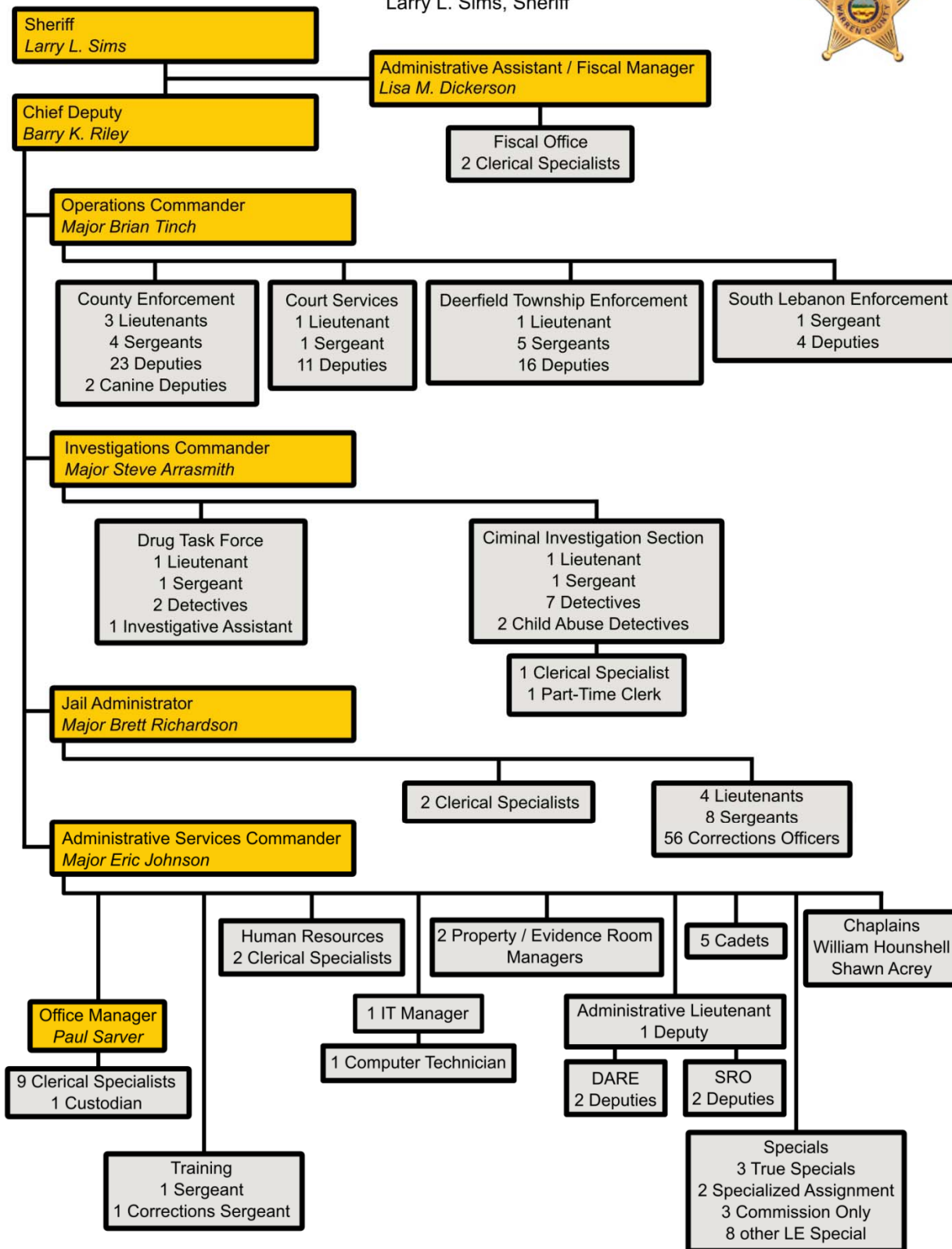
The Warren County Commissioners approved the hiring of a jail consultant. After much review and discussion, the Commissioners have committed to building a new jail in the near future. The process to accomplish this is under way at this time.

Ferry L. Smith

Sheriff

Warren County Sheriff's Office 2016 Organizational Chart

Larry L. Sims, Sheriff





Enforcement Section

In 2016 our Enforcement Section is comprised with those men and women in uniform assigned to County Road Enforcement, Deerfield Township Enforcement and South Lebanon/Union Township Enforcement. In 2016 these men and women handled 66,537 calls for service. Below is the breakdown by location.

Geographic Location	2016	Monthly Average
Butlerville	85	8
Carlisle	269	22
Clearcreek Township	586	49
Corwin	207	17
Deerfield Township	21,434	1,786
Franklin	2,405	200
Franklin Township	5,607	467
Hamilton Township	861	71
Harlan Township	2,126	177
Harveysburg	228	19
Lebanon	4,764	397
Maineville	41	4
Mason	1597	133
Massie Township	422	36
Morrow	748	62
Pleasant Plain	72	6
Salem Township	1,644	137
South Lebanon	5,697	475
Springboro	602	50
Turtlecreek Township	7,329	610
Union Township	1,668	139
Washington Township	1,362	113
Wayne Township	2,981	248
Waynesville	296	24



Canine Unit

Our Canine Unit currently has two canine handlers. These deputies are available by both our office and other agencies when requested.

Handler Deputy Kelly Hammonds – Tango, a Black German Shepherd

Handler Deputy Jack Simpson – Axel, a Black and Tan German Shepherd

2016 Combined Yearly Statistics

Vehicle and Building Searches	183
Tracks	45
Finds	08
Article Searches	07
Area Searches	12
Canine Demonstrations	45

2016 Narcotics and Money Seizures

Marijuana	20,923.0496 Grams
Heroin	86 Grams
Cocaine	60 Grams
Pharmaceuticals	22 Pills
Drug Paraphernalia	90 Items
LSD	200 Unit Doses
Methamphetamine	137.65 Grams
Guns	4
Currency Seized	\$ 668,440.00



Court Services Section

The Court Services Section provides services to several courts in Warren County. Deputies in this section are also responsible for inmate transports and process service.

2016 Statistics

Court	Transport Totals	Courtroom Hours
Common Pleas Court	2694	1,223 Hours
Juvenile / Probate Court	258	137 Hours
Warren County Court	380	249 Hours
Lebanon Municipal Court	408	328 Hours
Franklin Municipal Court	334	341 Hours
Mason Municipal Court	747	526 Hours
Springboro Mayors Court	Video Arraignments	13 Hours
		2,817 Total Hours
Medical Transports	49	
Psychological Transports	25	
Correctional Facilities	294	
Out of State Extraditions	10	
Law Enforcement Agencies	550	
Total Transports	5,750	
Total Mileage Traveled	134,134 Miles	



Civil and Criminal Process Service

2016 Statistics

Warrants Served	2,732
Miles Traveled	85,561

Subpoenas / Summons Served	5,156
Subpoenas / Summons Attempted	9,015

The Sheriff's Office is also tasked with serving and processing special court orders with varying details. In 2016 the Warren County Sheriff's Office Court Services section completed many of these orders.

Writs of Restitution Served	29
Miles Traveled	1,054

Writs of Possession Served	69
Miles Traveled	3,293

Writs of Execution Served	10
Miles Traveled	533



Community Services/D.A.R.E.

Our office is very proactive in educating the citizens of Warren County in many fashions such as:

- D.A.R.E.
- School Resource Deputies
- Crime Prevention Tips
- Women's Self Defense Classes
- Block Watch Meetings
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Safety tips for High School students prior to attending college

In 2015-2016 school year, Deputy Kelly McKay and Deputy Nick Behymer taught the D.A.R.E program in Elementary Schools throughout Warren County.

Total number of Children taught D.A.R.E. in 2016 2,178 students

Safety / Crime Prevention Courses offered in 2016

Students instructed in Line Safety before attending college

Self Defense instruction to young women attending college

Self Defense instruction offered to women of all ages

After School Safety classes in conjunction with schools

Enriching Kids Baby Sitting Class

Decision Making Classes for Youth

Safety Town for Children in Deerfield Township

Security Assessments of Local Business, Churches and Homes

2016 was the fourth year the Warren County Sheriff's Office teamed with Camp Joy to offer a free weekend police camp to 50 children.



School Resource Section

Our office is responsible for providing security and services to the Kings Local School District and the Warren County Career Center. Currently there are two Deputy Sheriffs assigned to these schools.



Deputy Mark Schulte is assigned to the Warren County Career Center and Deputy John Downs is assigned to Kings High School.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office is committed to school safety and has assigned school resource deputies to the Warren County Career Center and Kings High School. They conduct training for staff and students related to safety and security. They also constantly monitor, update and review our safety plans for our schools. The Warren County Sheriff's Office along with members of the Deerfield Township Fire Department conducted a joint training session for active shooter victim rescue in July.



Warren County Jail

In 2016 our jail population remained at a high level. With this high population a new jail has been proposed and remains in a planning stage.

2016 Inmate Booking and Releases

Bookings	4573	Monthly Average	381
Releases	4599	Monthly Average	383

Total number of inmates booked or released from the facility – 9,172.

Inmate Housing Units

Total Operating Capacity: 280

A-Pod / Minimal Security	Capacity 87	Average 71.97
Medium Pod / Maximum Security	Capacity 90	Average 81.96
Female Pod C-1	Capacity 38	Average 37.58
Female Pod C-2	Capacity 28	Average 26.29
Disciplinary Pod C-3	Capacity 10	Average 8.37
Administrative Segregation	Capacity 13	Average 9.06
Trustee / Work Release Pod	Capacity 24	Average 22.95
Medical Pod	Capacity 03	Average 0.66
Twelve Hour holding Cells	Capacity 03	Average 1.07



Training Section

The Training Section remains dedicated to training to the highest level of professionalism and safety for each and every member of the organization

During 2016 the training staff facilitated many different types of training sessions totaling **8,143** hours of training for members of the agency. Training sessions included county wide active shooter training, specialized training sessions, and various in-house training sessions.

In addition to training members of the organization, the training section was also instrumental in providing active shooter / intruder training (A.L.I.C.E.) to many school administrators, educators, and court staff members.

During 2016 the fifth annual Citizens Sheriff's Academy was held. This ten week Sheriff's Academy provided insight into the daily operation of the Sheriff's Office.

Our training staff also participates in many details outside of their assigned job tasks. These include the county fair, community events, sheriff's office annual police camp, and many other public events.



Human Resources

Our human resources office is responsible for payroll, hiring and maintaining personnel files for 201 sheriff's office employees.

During 2016 our office processed hundreds of applications for openings for Deputy Sheriff, Corrections Officer, Clerical Specialist and Deputy Cadet. These processed included physical agility testing, written tests, interviews and extensive background examinations. Hundreds of hours are spent selecting the right candidate to be a part of our office.

In 2016, we conducted 15 hiring processes for Deputy Cadets, Corrections Officers and Deputy Sheriff positions. We hired 6 Deputy Cadets, 15 Corrections Officers, and 2 Deputy Sheriffs.



Warren County Drug Task Force

The Warren County Drug Task Force (WCDF) is a multi-jurisdictional unit that specializes in the investigation of drug-related crimes. These crimes can range from drug trafficking to prescription drug diversion.

The WCDF is made up of the following agencies: Warren County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Springboro Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio National Guard, and Ohio State Highway Patrol.

During the year 2016, the WCDF investigated 441 cases, conducted 83 search warrants, eradicated 7 methamphetamine labs, and made 233 arrests.

Heroin overdoses have continued to rise and the Warren County Drug Task Force continues to be on the front line of this epidemic. In 2016, the Warren County Drug Task Force collaborated with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to target two heroin trafficking organizations significantly affecting our jurisdiction. These criminal organizations were operating in northern Warren County and southern Montgomery County and supplying bulk amounts of Heroin to most counties in southwest Ohio.



Criminal Investigation Section

The Investigative Section is comprised of plain-clothed detectives that are responsible for conducting investigations into many crimes throughout the county. These investigations can range from Homicide to Identity Theft. This section is also responsible for the issuance of Concealed License Permits (CCW).

In 2016, the Investigation Section investigated 508 cases. The Investigation Section closed 579 cases. Of the 579 cases closed, 58 were closed with arrest. Many of these crimes were property and non-violent crimes. In 2016, there were 32 Breaking and Entering, 61 Burglary and 172 Theft cases assigned to the Investigative Section.

In 2016 there were 3,021 new CCW permits issued. This was a 27% increase from 2015. There were 1,125 CCW renewals processed.