



# WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Prepared by the Administrative Division of the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

# Year in Review 2020

January 2021



## 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Greetings,

We are pleased to provide you with our 2020 annual report. As you will see, we remain extremely busy providing a variety of services to our Warren County residents, employers and visitors.

COVID-19 has impacted all of us in some fashion. If you lost a loved one, please accept our sincere condolences. We hope good health for everyone as we move forward.

Our office worked very closely with many of our county partners, including the Warren County Health District and Emergency Management, in Warren County's Emergency Operation Center through most of the pandemic.

Our office continued to provide good service in spite of the increase in infection by the virus. This includes our office performing services such as web-check fingerprinting for employment as well as issuing or renewing conceal carry permits. Our deputy sheriff's responded to and handled calls for service knowing full well the risks associated with the virus. Our jail personnel, the most impacted by the virus, managed the flow of inmates in and out of our jail. Corrections staff had to facilitate and manage quarantines for inmates and staff as well.

On September 1, 2020, Warren County went live on the new county wide dispatch and records management system. This has been a long process and there are still issues to resolve as we move forward. We are hopeful our system will provide a much more efficient and effective way of delivering service.

Our office partnered with Deerfield Township to add an additional Deputy and canine to our patrol division. On December 14, 2020, Deputy Dakota Tuck and Ma-ko began patrolling the streets in Deerfield Township looking to keep our streets safe from drugs and criminal activity.

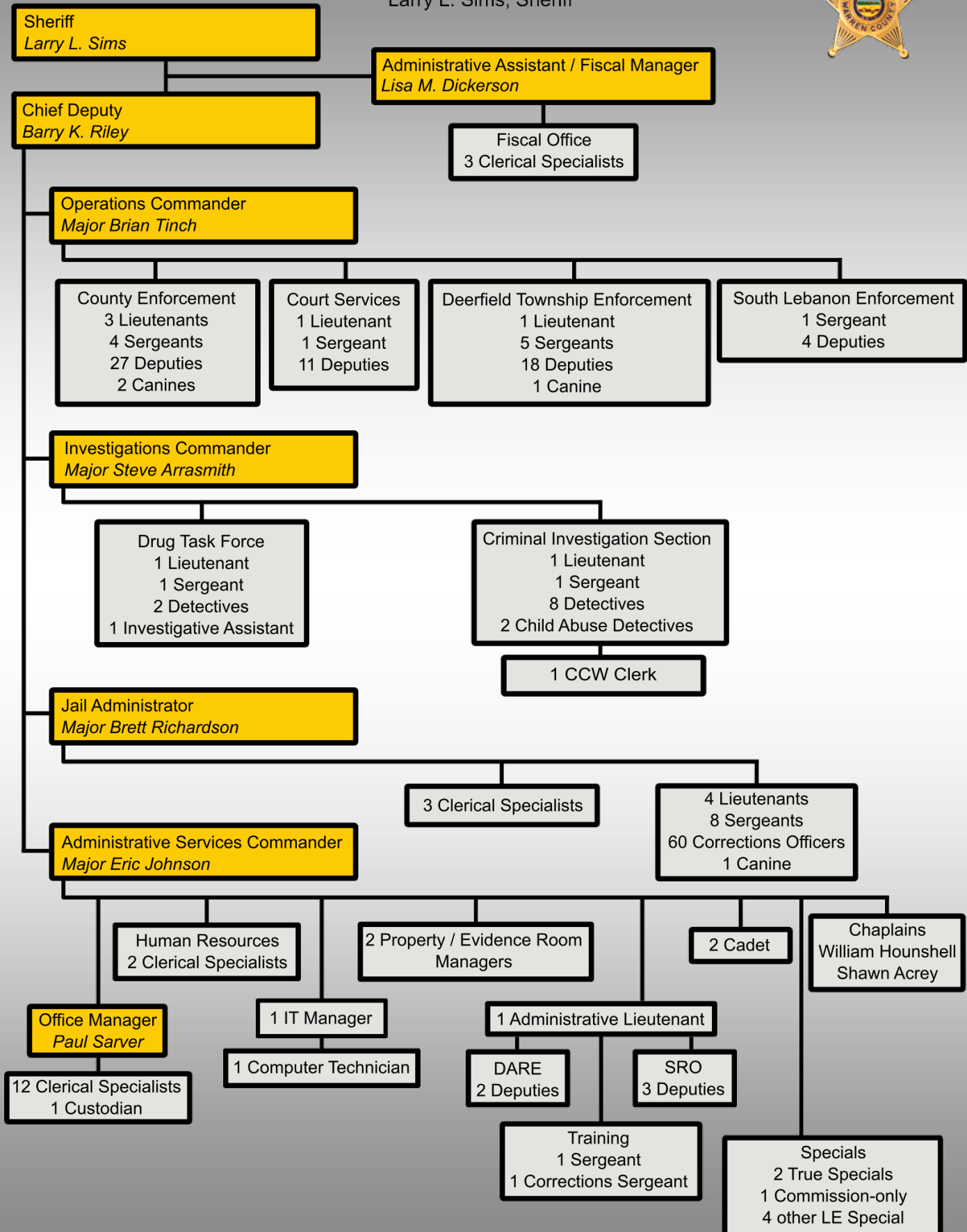
Lastly, we are progressing near the completion of our new Warren County Sheriff's Office and Jail. Our target date is October 8, 2021.



Sheriff Larry L. Sims

# Warren County Sheriff's Office 2021 Organizational Chart

Larry L. Sims, Sheriff



# EMPLOYEE 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 2020's employees of the year.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR



Deputy Edward Pangallo (R)  
and  
Deputy Brandon vonAhlefeld (L)



## CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Corrections Officer Mark Degenhardt

## CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Clerical Specialist Emily Hill

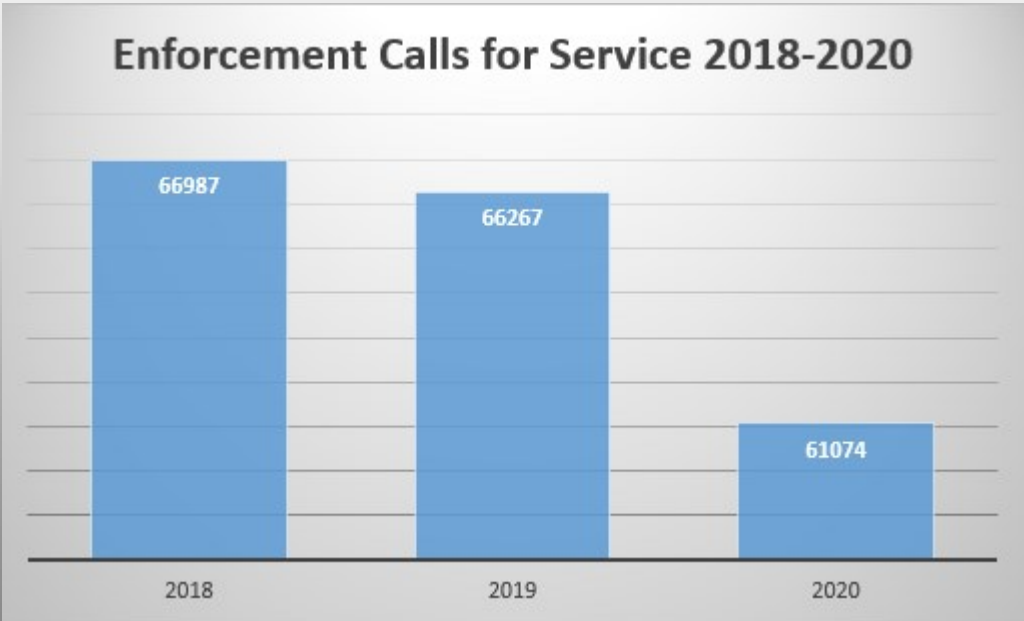
# OPERATIONS DIVISION



The Warren County Sheriff's Office Operations Division is comprised of two sections: Road Enforcement Section and Court Services Section.

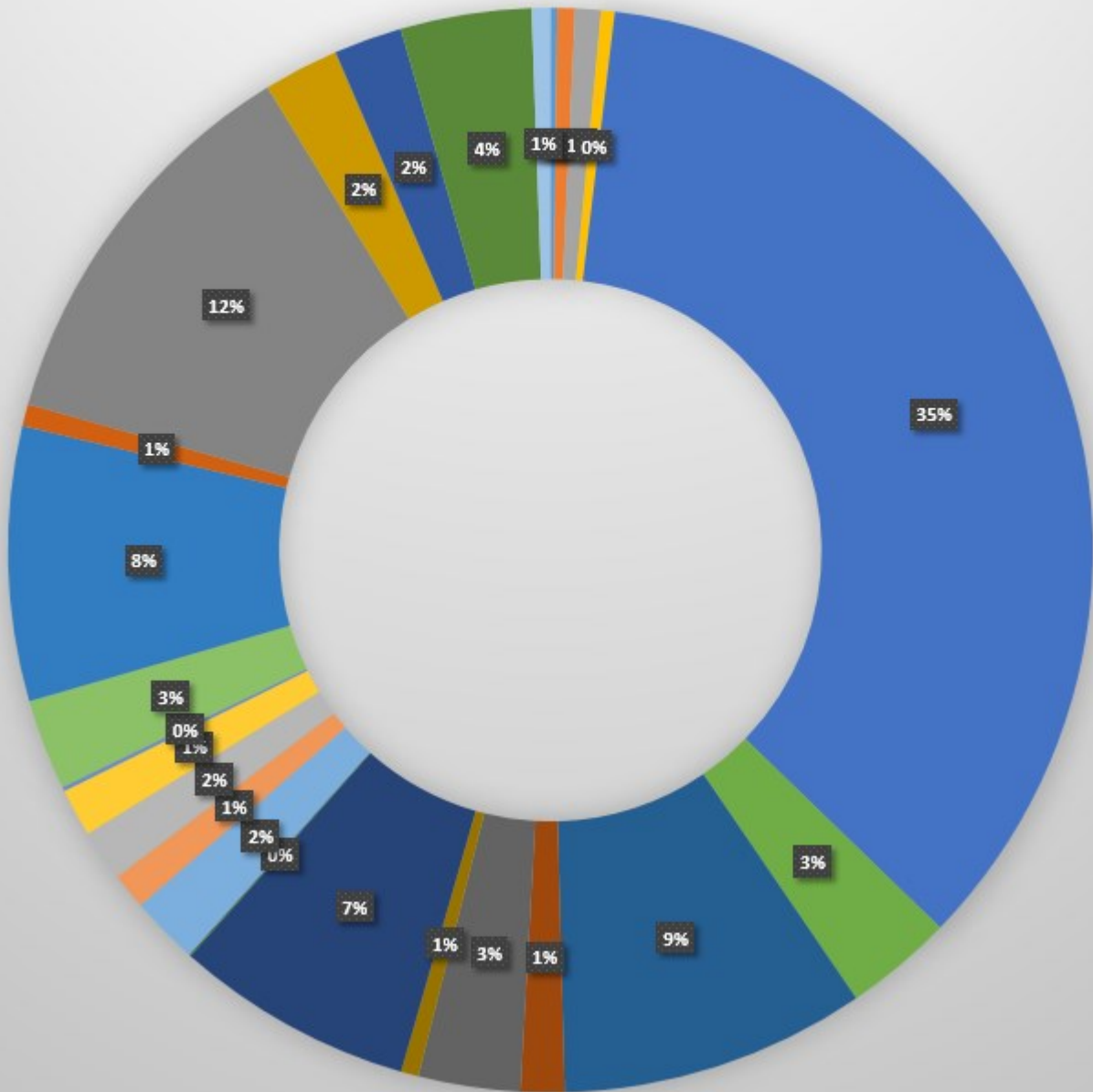
## ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The Enforcement Section is comprised of the uniformed men and women that are assigned to the Court Services Section, County Road Enforcement, Deerfield Township Enforcement, and South Lebanon/Union Township Enforcement. In 2020, this section handled a combined 61,074 calls for services.



## Calls for Service by Area 2020

■ Butlerville - 118	■ Carlisle - 308	■ Clearcreek Twp - 453	■ Corwin - 239	■ Deerfield Twp - 20822
■ Franklin - 1898	■ Franklin Twp - 5366	■ Hamilton Township - 770	■ Harlan Twp - 1786	■ Harveysburg - 310
■ Lebanon - 4185	■ Maineville - 29	■ Mason - 1202	■ Massie Twp - 639	■ Miscellaneous - 897
■ Morrow - 844	■ Pleasant Plain - 73	■ Salem Twp - 1595	■ South Lebanon - 4816	■ Springboro - 384
■ Turtlecreek Twp - 7029	■ Union Twp - 1323	■ Washington Twp - 1197	■ Wayne Twp - 2296	■ Waynesville - 326



# CANINE UNIT

2020 was the first full year of service for most of the Warren County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit. Canines Vader and Hendrix continued to serve the enforcement division, while canine Luna continued to serve corrections. Canine Mako was welcomed to the agency late in the year and will serve with Vader and Hendrix in the enforcement division.

## Canine Teams

Handler Deputy Noah Billmaier and Hendrix, a sable German Sheppard.

Handler Deputy Kelly Hammonds and Vader, a black and tan German Sheppard.

Handler Deputy Dakota Tuck and Mako, a black and tan German Sheppard.

Handler Corrections Officer Jennifer Ladrigan—Holt and Luna, a yellow Labrador Retriever

## 2020 Corrections Canine Stats

Canine Uses	305
Drug/Paraphernalia Finds	78

## 2020 Enforcement Canine Stats

Drug Sniffs	215
Tracks	34
Article Searches	14
Area Searches	2
Canine Demonstrations	14

## 2020 Narcotics and Money

Marijuana	33,678.78 Grams*
Heroin/Fentanyl	550 Grams*
Methamphetamine	10,745.35 Grams*
Money	\$101,471.00

\*These totals reflect joint investigations with the Warren County Drug Task Force



# COURT SERVICES SECTION

The Court Services Section is responsible for providing security and inmate transportation to several of our courts within Warren County. This section also has the responsibility for serving civil and criminal process for these courts.

## Court Transports

### 2020 Court Transports

Common Pleas	2371
Juvenile	111
County Court	339
Lebanon	256
Franklin	102
Mason	462

### 2020 Courtroom Hours

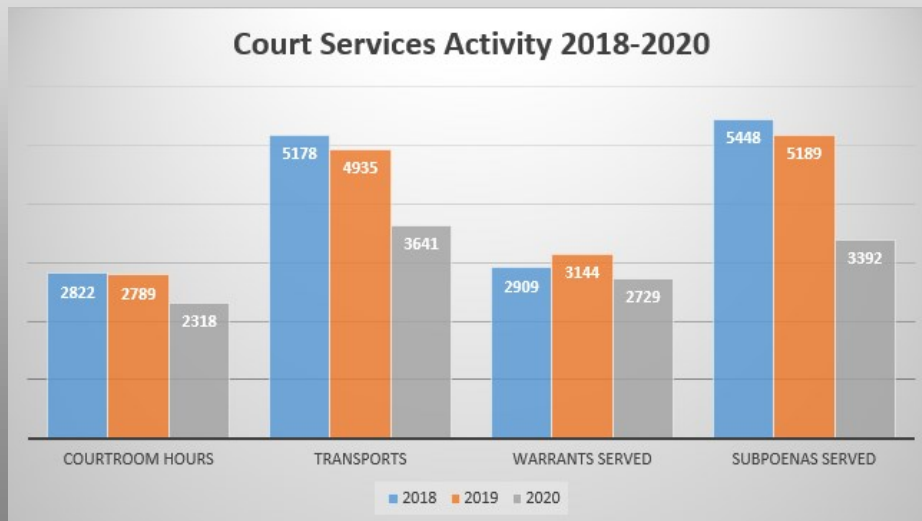
Common Pleas	1125
Juvenile	61
County Court	246
Lebanon	192
Franklin	236
Mason	444
South Lebanon	3
Springboro	11

## General Transports

Total Transports	4,324 Miles
Total Mileage Traveled	109,181 Miles

## Civil and Criminal Process Service

Warrants Served	2729
Miles Traveled	102,940
Subpoenas / Summons Served	3,392
Subpoenas / Summons Attempted	5,406





# CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The Warren County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division is comprised of several subsections, including the emergency response team, the corrections canine unit, the security threat group, and the evidence technician team.



## CORRECTIONS FACILITY STATS

### 2019 Inmate Booking and Releases

Bookings 3,854  
Releases 3,710

Monthly Average 321  
Monthly Average 309

Total number of inmates booked or released from the facility 7,564

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Despite the pandemic, 2020 was another busy year for the Emergency Response Team. The team was activated twice for planned facility searches and twice for unplanned facility searches. Members of the team also completed 3 cell extractions, along with the yearly generator test and the emergency evacuation button test. To prepare for operations such as these, members of the team train on topics such as pepperball certification, bomb threats, cell extractions, gas masks, gang identification, new jail and juvenile tours, and physical fitness standards.

## CORRECTIONS CANINE UNIT

Officer Jennifer Holt and her K9 partner Luna train 16 hours a month. Luna's primary responsibility is to patrol the Correctional Facility and perform Contraband Control. Luna has had 305 uses in and around the facility in which she has located drugs, drug paraphernalia, and/or electronics 78 times.



## SECURITY THREAT GROUP

The officers assigned to this team keep track of inmates who are known members of security threat groups (STGs). Throughout 2020, we have housed members from the following STGs; Cincinnati White Boys, Aryan Brotherhood, Bloods, Konvicted Family, Surenos, Aryan Nation, Gangster Disciples, Heartless Felons, and United Disciples.

## EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN TEAM

The Evidence Technician Team was started by Major Brett Richardson in 2017 and is comprised of one supervisor and two corrections officers. Throughout 2020, the jail's evidence technicians assisted with documenting 11 investigations. Situations involving use of force, suicide attempts, and in custody deaths are examples of the types of incidents the Evidence Technician Team would assist with.

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



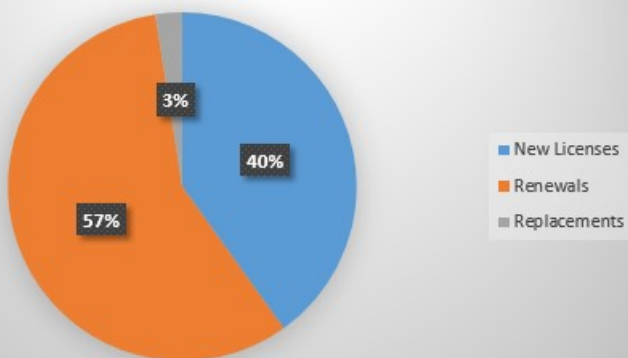
The Warren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of the Criminal Investigation Section and Warren County Drug Task Force.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

In 2020, the Criminal Investigations Section began using a drone to assist in various operations such as search warrants, missing people, suspect searches, inspections, and crime scene documentation. The drone was first utilized in June and over the course of the year the drone was used 27 times.



2020 CCWs by Type



In 2020 there were 3,530 total CCW permits issued . Of those, 1,416 were new licenses, 2,027 were renewal licenses, and 87 were replacements.

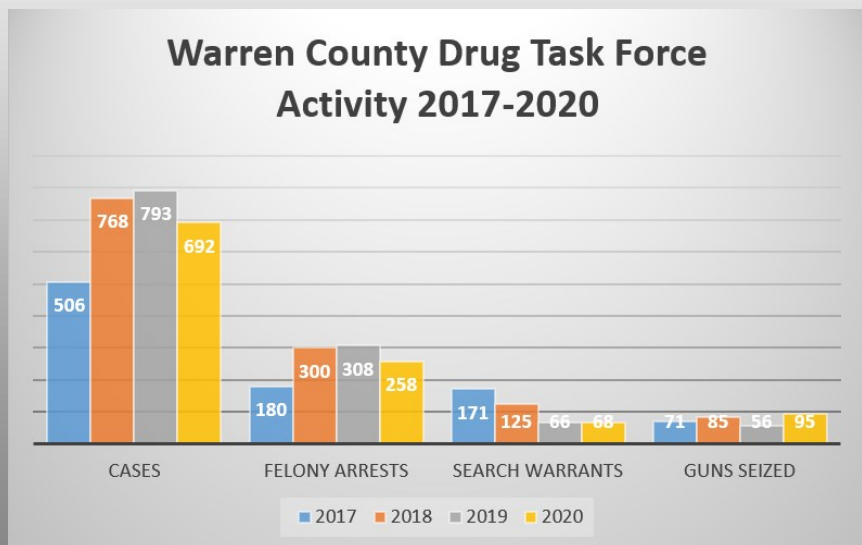
# WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

The WCDTF has a staff of **23** law enforcement and support personnel provided by the Warren County Sheriff’s Office, Warren County Prosecutor’s Office, Springboro Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Hamilton Township Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP), and the Ohio National Guard, Counterdrug Unit.

Drug trends remained consistent during 2020 with methamphetamine, fentanyl, LSD and cocaine being most prevalent. Our investigations continue to identify Mexico as a primary source of supply for the methamphetamine, fentanyl, and cocaine 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 2020 seizure data, as reported by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, indicate Warren County as the **6<sup>th</sup>** highest county in the State of Ohio for methamphetamine seizures, **4<sup>th</sup>** highest for fentanyl seizures, **4<sup>th</sup>** highest for cocaine, and **1<sup>st</sup>** in the state for LSD seizures.

During 2020, the combined investigative activity of our detective staff and criminal patrol units resulted in **692** new cases and drug tips. These investigations resulted in **258** felony arrests, and **122** misdemeanor arrests. Overall enforcement efforts led to **68** search warrants, **95** firearms seized, **1,770** traffic stops and **177** K9 deployments/sniffs.

Because of the long term nature of our investigations, many will remain active through 2021.



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



The Warren County Sheriff's Office Administrative Services Division is comprised of several sections, including the Community Services Section, the D.A.R.E./SRO Section, the Training Section, the Human Resources Section, the Property Evidence Room Section and the Support Services Section.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

Our Community Services Section is very proactive in educating and engaging 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
- Citizen's Police Academy



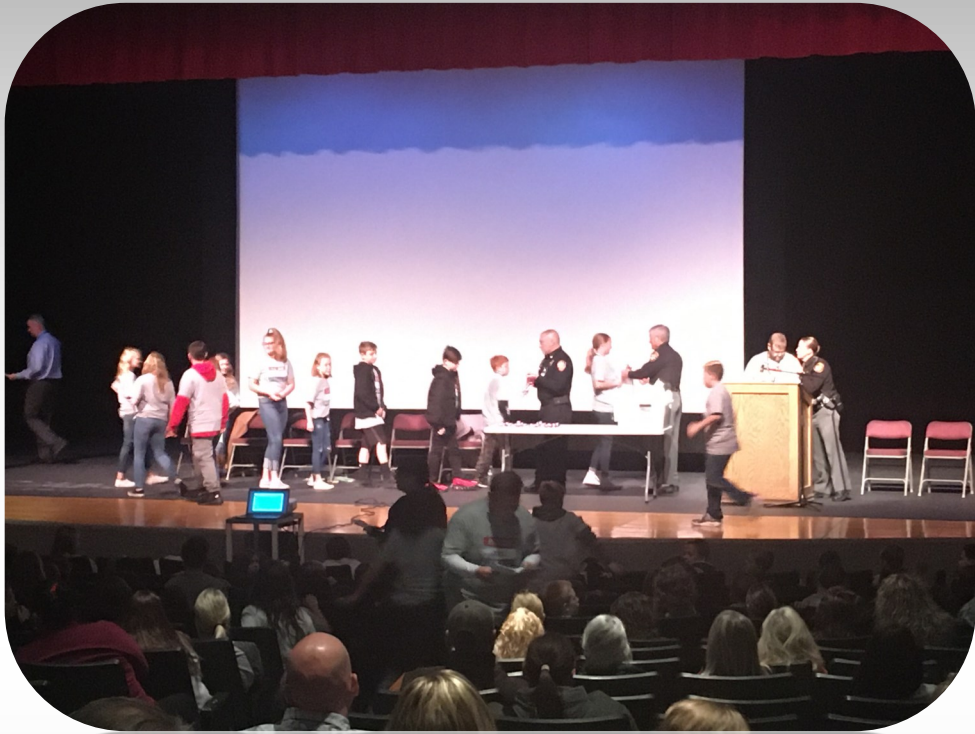
## D.A.R.E./CRIME PREVENTION

### **Dare Program**

In 2020, Deputies Kelly McKay, Nick Caito, and Katie Barnes taught the D.A.R.E. program to Elementary and Junior High students throughout Warren County.

The program is made possible through joint funding by the Warren County Sheriff and the Drug Abuse Prevention Grant. The grant provided \$26,538.20 in funding for drug abuse education for the 2019-2020 school year.

Deputies were able to teach 4,146 students D.A.R.E. curriculum during the 2019-2020 school year. And through extra community programs which provided drug prevention education.



### **Safety / Crime Prevention Courses offered in 2020**

- Active Assailant Prevention Training
- Self-Defense instruction offered to women of all ages
- After School Safety classes in conjunction with schools
- Security Assessments of Local Business and Churches

### **Warren County Police Camp**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Warren County Police Camp was cancelled for 2020.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Warren County Sheriff's Office is committed to school safety and has assigned deputies to the Warren County Career Center and Kings Local Schools. These deputies conduct training for staff and students related to campus safety. They also constantly monitor and recommend any necessary revisions relating to the school safety plans to the appropriate building administrators.



Deputy John Downs is assigned to Kings Junior High and High School.

Deputy Ron Smith is assigned to the Warren County Career Center.

Deputy Charles Hale is assigned to cover Columbia Intermediate, JF Burns, Kings Mills Elementary, and the Kings Education Center.

## TRAINING SECTION

The Training Section remains dedicated to training at the highest level of professionalism and safety for each and every member of our organization and members of agencies located in Warren County.

In 2020, the training section provided a variety of firearms training, in-service training, and roll call training to the staff of the WCSO. Additionally, the training section hosted three trainings that reached a wider law-enforcement audience. During training, topics such as taser training, software training, first responder selfcare/PTSD awareness training, and almost everything in between were covered.



## PROPERTY EVIDENCE ROOM SECTION

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 2020 the property evidence room took in 1,212 cases and 3,172 items. Of those 3,172 items, 523 were flash cards with photos. A business rules change in September means that flash cards are no longer required to be submitted for evidence.

In addition to the items received, 320 items were disposed of either by destruction order or by returning the item to its owner.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Section is responsible for the processing and maintaining of personnel files and payroll duties.

Our office received and processed hundreds of applications in 2020. We conducted 11 examinations for corrections officers, deputy sheriffs, clerical specialists, and cadets. These examinations included written tests, interviews, and extensive background examinations. Hundreds of hours are spent selecting the right candidate to fill a roll in our office.

Throughout the year we had 1 clerical specialist retire, 1 corrections officer promoted to corrections sergeant, 1 deputy sheriff promoted to enforcement sergeant, and 1 enforcement sergeant promoted to enforcement lieutenant. In addition to retirements and promotions, we hired 17 correction officers, 4 deputy sheriffs, 5 clerical specialists, and 1 cadet.



## 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.

### 2020 Sheriff Sales

Our office received **132** sheriff sales and completed **92** sheriff sales. **75** Sheriff sales were canceled either before or after the sale was completed. Our office has seen a decrease in sheriff sales since 2012. In 2012 our office received **1,338** Orders for Sale. Of those orders, **844** were completed and **602** were cancelled prior to the sale.

### 2020 Public Records Request

Our office filled requests for public records and 933 local background checks.

### 2020 Webcheck

Our office completed 3,986 Webchecks for our citizens.

### 2020 Vacation House Checks

We received 107 vacation house check requests.

Request Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Trend
Background Check	89	78	60	57	96	84	87	57	94	86	60	85	933	34.40%
CAD Log	3	9	3	12	3	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	41	1.51%
Call for Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	27	22	66	2.43%
Case Files	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Citation	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0.22%
Crash Report	34	31	22	18	9	18	22	19	34	29	24	32	292	10.77%
Cruiser Cam	0	4	1	4	5	0	2	4	4	0	3	3	30	1.11%
Field Interview	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.04%
Final Disposition	21	11	20	25	33	46	28	27	33	21	20	40	325	11.98%
Incident Report	85	83	54	79	70	92	81	84	77	39	21	17	782	28.83%
Inmate Packets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Jail Cam	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0.18%
Multi-Faceted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Non-Criminal Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	21	14	13	59	2.18%
Offense Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	28	29	24	92	3.39%
Other	4	5	5	4	6	5	4	3	0	10	4	4	54	1.99%
Personnel Files	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Photos	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0.15%
Pri. Prop. Crash Rpt.	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	18	0.66%
Witness Statements	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>100%</b>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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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