

Warren County Sheriff's Office



Year in Review 2021



2021 Year in Review

Greetings,

We are pleased to provide you with our 2021 annual report.

While still having some impact from the COVID-19 virus, our office returned to a more normal state. Deputy Sheriff's responded to and handled a variety of calls for service throughout the county.

The biggest change was the opening of our new Office and 499 bed Jail.

This project began a little over two years ago. Our county leaders approved a ¼% sales tax increase to fund this \$50,000,000.00 facility. While fundamentally against tax increases, the sales tax increase allowed for funding from sources other than Warren County residents. The increase took effect January 2018 and sunsets at the end of 2022. At that time, our sales tax returns to the original 6 ¾%.

Remarkably, our facility will be paid for and the county returns to being debt free. I do not believe you will find this type of sound funding decisions anywhere in the State.

Our administrative personnel, road patrol, detectives, etc. moved into our new facility the weekend of October 8th, 2021.

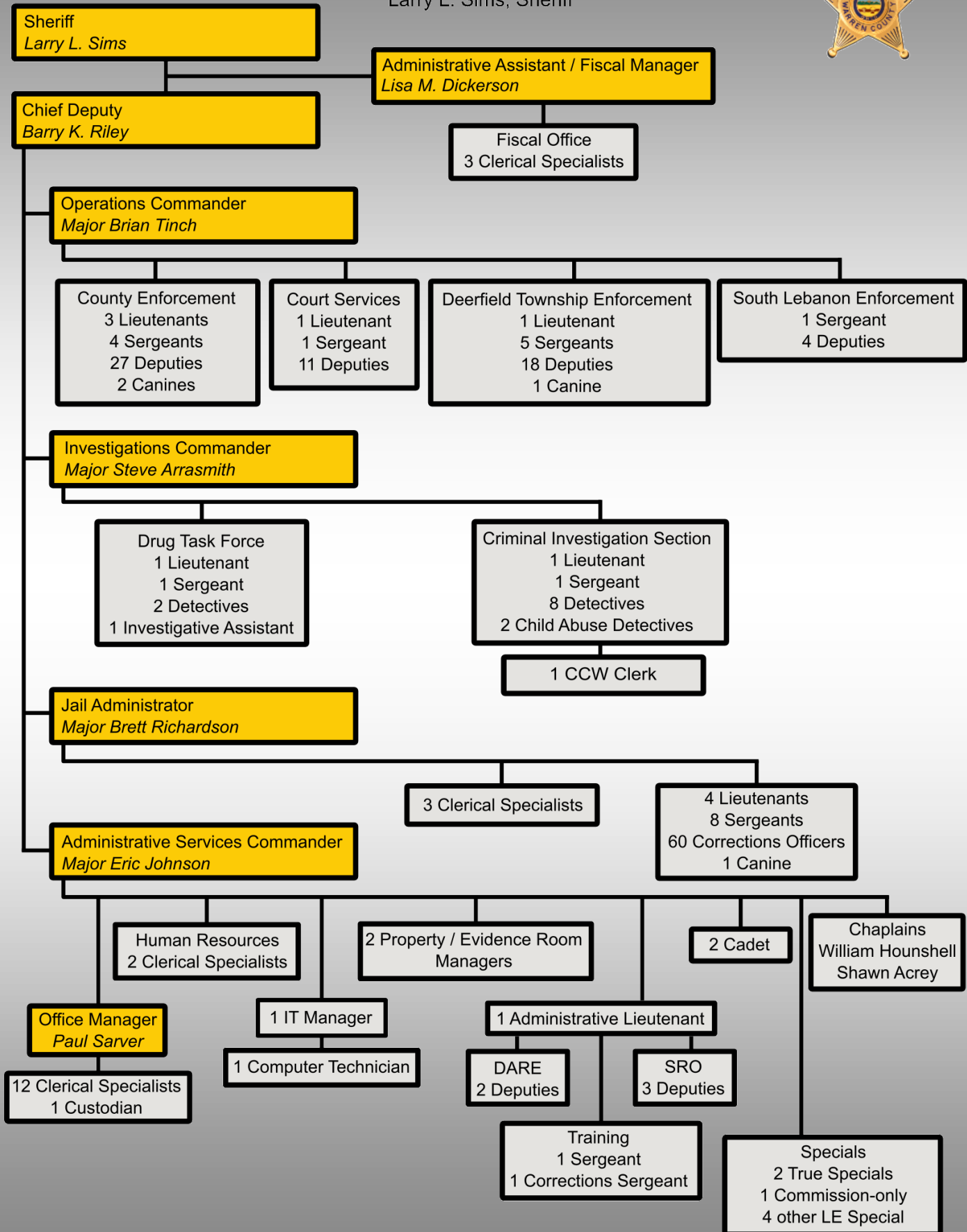
On October 22nd, members of our office moved into the new jail. This also required the moving of 300 inmates and their property as well as properly assigning their new housing locations. With the operation plan calling for twelve hours, our corrections and sworn staff was able to complete it about half the time. This outstanding accomplishment was all due to the incredibly efficient members of our office.

Lastly, our 499 bed facility should last for many years and allow our criminal justice system to work much more efficiently in order to keep our communities safe. The forward thinking of our county leadership has prepared this facility, as the future demands, to be expanded an additional 600 beds at its current location.

Sheriff Larry L. Sims

Warren County Sheriff's Office 2021 Organizational Chart

Larry L. Sims, Sheriff



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

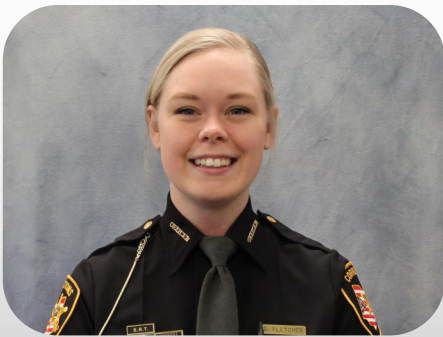
Every year our office recognizes employees who are nominated by their peers and/or supervisors for their exceptional duty and willingness to go above and beyond to serve our community. An employee of the year is selected for each of three categories; civilian, corrections, and deputy sheriff. Congratulations to 2021's employees of the year.

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR



Deputy Sheriff Noah Billmaier

CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Corrections Officer Samantha Maynard

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Property Room Evidence
Manager Bev King

OPERATIONS DIVISION



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

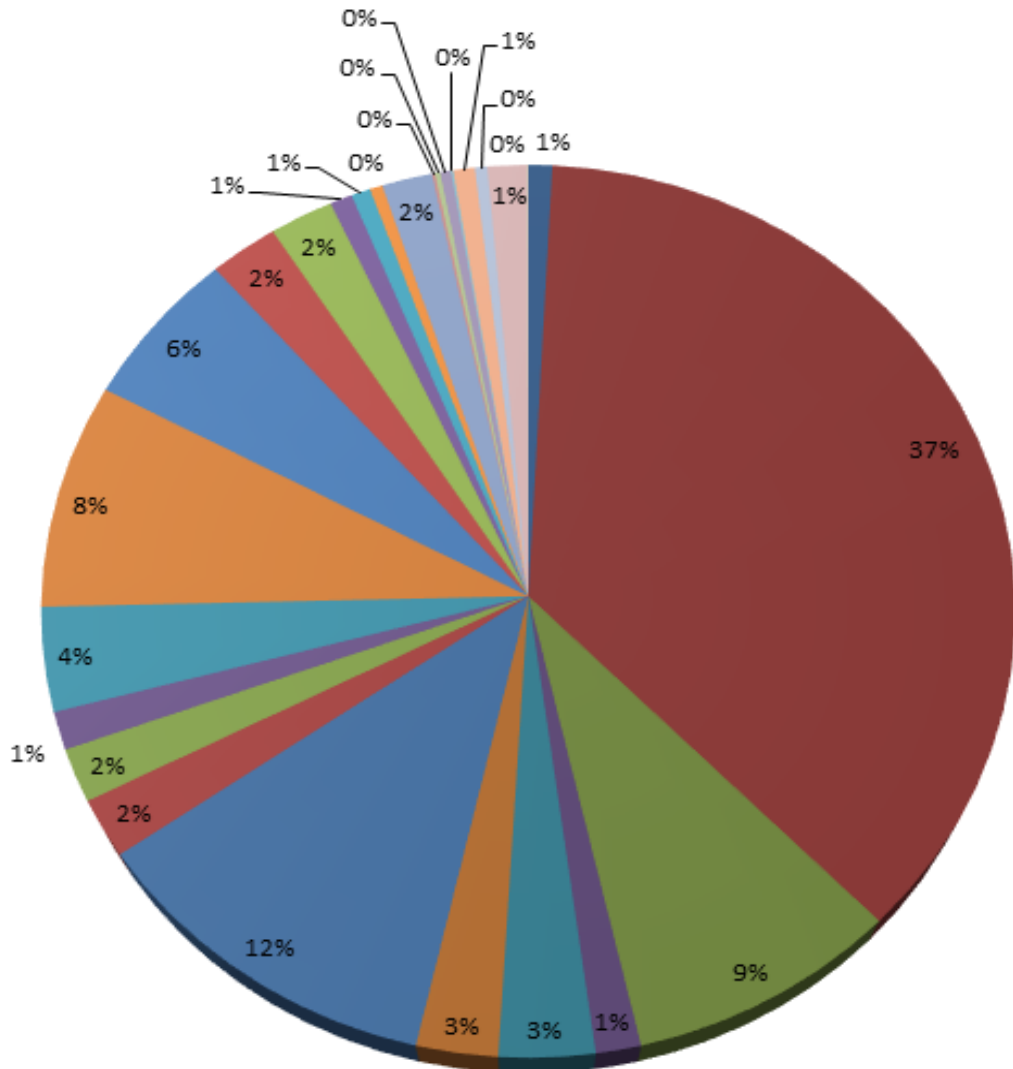
ENFORCEMENT SECTION

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 2021, this section handled a combined 68,355 calls for services.



2021 Calls for Service

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| ■ Clearcreek Twp | ■ Deerfield Twp | ■ Franklin Twp | ■ Hamilton Twp | ■ Harlan Twp |
| ■ Salem Twp | ■ Turtlecreek Twp | ■ Union Twp | ■ Washington Twp | ■ Massie Twp |
| ■ Wayne Twp | ■ South Lebanon | ■ Lebanon | ■ Mason | ■ Franklin |
| ■ Springboro | ■ Waynesville | ■ Harveysburg | ■ Morrow | ■ Pleasant Plain |
| ■ Butlerville | ■ Corwin | ■ Maineville | ■ Carlisle | ■ Monore |
| ■ Middletown | ■ Loveland | ■ | | |



Total Calls For Service by Area**

Clearcreek Twp - 529

Waynesville - 417

Deerfield Twp - 24,318

Harveysburg - 273

Franklin Twp - 6,100

Morrow - 1,094

Hamilton Twp - 946

Pleasant Plain - 69

Harlan Twp - 2,092

Butlerville - 109

Salem Twp - 2,091

Corwin - 233

Turtlecreek Twp - 7,952

Maineville - 52

Union Twp - 1,514

Monroe - 267

Washington Twp - 1,404

Middletown - 862

Massie Twp - 868

Loveland - 18

Wayne Twp - 2,676

Carlisle - 463

South Lebanon - 5,159

Lebanon - 3,624

Mason - 1,497

Franklin - 1,388

Springboro - 486

** These totals are only for calls of service handled in jurisdictions within Warren County.

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

2021 Corrections Canine Stats

Canine Uses	325
Drug/Paraphernalia Finds	80

2021 Enforcement Canine Stats

Drug Sniffs	242
Tracks	64
Article Searches	18
Area Searches	4
Canine Demonstrations	39

2021 Narcotics and Money

Marijuana	26,845.00 Grams*
Heroin/Fentanyl	73.8 Grams*
Methamphetamine	349Grams*
Money	\$2,900

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



CANINE UNIT

Top L: Canine Hendrix
 Top R: Canine Luna
 Bottom L: Canine Vader
 Bottom R: Canine Mako

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.

2021 Court Transports

Common Pleas	2595
Juvenile	144
County Court	351
Lebanon	301
Franklin	64
Mason	452

2021 Courtroom Hours

Common Pleas	1050
Juvenile	92
County Court	246
Lebanon	238
Franklin	215
Mason	474
South Lebanon	5
Springboro	12

Court Transports

General Transports

Total Transports	4,740 Miles
Total Mileage Traveled	129,089 Miles

Civil and Criminal Process Service

Warrants Served	1,474
Miles Traveled	52.468
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

2021 Inmate Booking and Releases

Bookings 4,666
Releases 4,630

Monthly Average 321
Monthly Average 385

Total number of inmates booked or released from the facility 9,296

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

In 2021, the Emergency Response Team took on many missions. No mission was more important than the daunting task of moving inmates from our old facility to our new one. This endeavor took many hours and man power. The safety of the inmates, officers and public were paramount. Not only was this event a success it was done with great efficiency .

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 325 uses in and around the facility in which she has located drugs, drug paraphernalia, and/or electronics 80 times.



SECURITY THREAT GROUP

The officers assigned to this team keep track of inmates who are known members of security threat groups (STGs). Throughout 2021, 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 2021 the Evidence Technician Team continued to be used for situations involving use of force, suicide attempts, and in custody deaths

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 used 10 times in 2021.



In 2021 there were 3421 total CCW permits issued . Of those, 1,031 were new licenses, 2,210 were renewal licenses, and 87 were replacements.

WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

The WCDTF has a staff of **21** 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 2021 with methamphetamine and heroin/fentanyl remaining our greatest drug threat. Our investigations continue to identify Mexico as a primary source of supply for the methamphetamine and fentanyl 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 2021 seizure data, as reported by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, indicate Warren County as the **13th** highest county in the State of Ohio for methamphetamine seizures and **10th** highest for fentanyl seizures.

During 2021, the combined investigative activity of our detective staff and criminal patrol units resulted in **669** new cases and drug tips. These investigations resulted in **300** felony arrests, and **101** misdemeanor arrests. Overall enforcement efforts led to **122** search warrants, **64** firearms seized, **1,501** traffic stops and **110** K9 deployments/sniffs.

Because of the long term nature of our investigations, many will remain active through 2022.



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



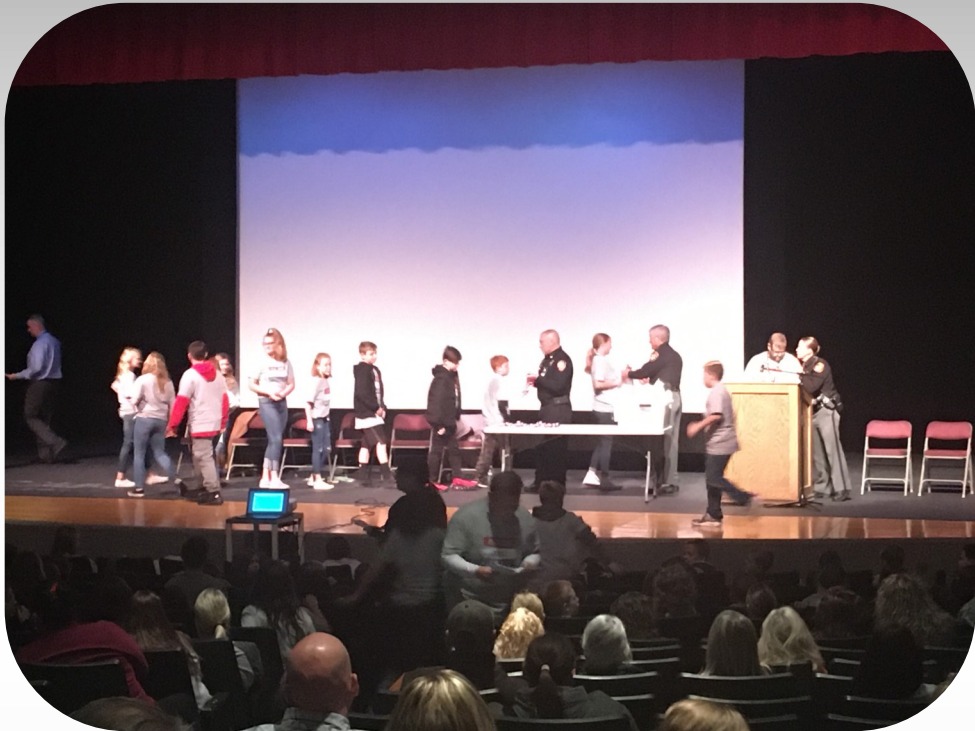
D.A.R.E./CRIME PREVENTION

Dare Program

In 2021, Deputies Kelly McKay 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 \$35,496 in funding for drug abuse education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Deputies were able to teach 4,050 students the D.A.R.E. curriculum during the 2020-2021 school year and extra community programs which provided drug prevention education.



Safety / Crime Prevention Courses offered in 2021

- 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 2021.

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 Trent Barker (left) 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 2021, the training section provided a variety of firearms training, in-service training, and roll call training to the staff of the WCSO.

In April of 2021, Sergeant Jim Doddy joined the Training Section. Sergeant Doddy brings many years of experience as a patrol supervisor and SWAT team member to the Training Section.



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 2021 the property evidence room received 2,637 items. These items were a mixture of evidence, found property, and/or property kept for safe keeping.

In addition to the items received, 4,128 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 2021. We conducted 9 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 deputy sheriff retire ,1 corrections officer promoted to corrections sergeant, 1 deputy sheriff promoted to enforcement sergeant and 1 corrections sergeant promoted to corrections lieutenant. In addition to retirements and promotions, we hired 16 correction officers, 1 deputy sheriff, 2 clerical specialists, and 1 chaplain.

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.

2021 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.

2021 Public Records Request

Our office filled requests for public records and 2637 local background checks.

2021 Webcheck

Our office completed 3,840 Webchecks for our citizens.

2021 Vacation House Checks

We received 160 vacation house check requests.



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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