

KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

To the citizens of Knox County,

This report contains activity and information relating to the Knox County Sheriff's Office for 2013. This year began with a transition to a new sheriff. Sheriff Barber retired after serving twenty years as the Knox County Sheriff. During 2013 we have been able to implement some changes, and we continue to build on the philosophy of being a progressive agency. I think it is important to share our accomplishments and what we are doing with the public. The report that follows includes some of those accomplishments and programs.

Thank you,

Sheriff David Shaffer

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Knox county Sheriff's Office is to enhance the quality of life in Knox County by reducing crime and the fear of crime.

CAPTAIN

Captain Jay Sheffer was hired in February 2013 and added to the administrative staff. Captain Sheffer began his career with the Fredericktown Police Department in 1996. He began as a patrolman and most recently served as their lieutenant. His current duties include assisting with contract and labor issues, training, grant proposals, equipment acquisitions, information releases, and public relations. Captain Sheffer was able to step in and make a positive impact immediately.

PATROL / ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Lieutenant Tom Durbin

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Sergeants□□ Allen Dexter

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Deputies□□□□ Scott Baker

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The Patrol / Enforcement Division is responsible for providing law enforcement

services to the residents of Knox County. Their duties include, but are not limited to

responding to criminal complaints, traffic enforcement, serving court issued summons, subpoenas and warrants.

The Villages of Centerburg and Gambier have contractual agreements with the Knox County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. Three officers are assigned to Centerburg and two officers are assigned to Gambier.

REPORT SUMMARY

REPORT TYPE

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSE

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29

39

48

ASSAULT

77

65

41

42

46

34

BURGLARY

231

198

187

233

226

195

DEATH

23

36

46

32

33

28

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

132

75

108

121

129

102

DRUGS

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69

90

93

HOMICIDE

3

1

3

3

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1

MISSING PERSONS

61

12

27

20

17

14

RAPE / SEX OFFENSE

33

55

52

67

36

25

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STOLEN VEHICLE

46

30

27

17

23

24

THEFT

391

381

374

332

456

405

VANDALISM

194

182

150

192

150

144

VEHICLE CRASH NO INJURY

117

134

174

175

153

114

VEHICLE CRASH WITH INJURY

16

7

20

39

26

24

TOTAL VEHICLE CRASHES

193

141

194

214

179

138

WARRANT / ARREST

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134

161

134

TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTS

3048

2888

3058

3580

3761

3695

* Information not readily accessible from the prior record management system

2013 OFFICER AWARDS

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Sheriff David Shaffer:

Certified Law Enforcement Manager (Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Accreditation Program)

Deputy Danial Bobo, Deputy James Ferenbaugh:

Certificate of Merit for outstanding performance of duty under unusual or difficult conditions. Their involvement in an armed, barricaded situation led to the peaceful surrender of the suspect.

Deputy Brandon Minot:

Knox County Sheriff's Office outstanding officer of the year for 2013.

JAIL DIVISION

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Cooks□□□□□□□□ **Jennifer Legros**

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Physician □ □ Dr. William Elder

The Knox County Sheriff's Office operates a full service jail that houses several classes of inmates: Those who are awaiting trial on either misdemeanor or felony charges, those who have been sentenced on either misdemeanor or certain felony charges, and those who have been sentenced on felony charges and are awaiting transport to prison. The Knox County Sheriff's Office also has a contract with the U.S. Marshall's Service for housing federally charged inmates.

The Knox County Jail is inspected regularly by the Knox County Health Department and Mount Vernon Fire Department. The jail is certified by the State of Ohio and by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. This year the jail received a full compliance rating on their state jail inspection.

TOTAL PRISONER HOUSED

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

1558

1694

1651

1520

1669

1637

1540

TOTAL MALE PRISONERS HOUSED

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

1237

1333

1296

1183

1259

1273

1197

TOTAL FEMALE PRISONERS HOUSED

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

321

361

355

337

402

364

338

AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

53

55

57

57

71

69

58

PERSONS BOOKED INTO THE JAIL BY MONTH

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

140

125

128

113

140

130

119

144

142

119

119

121

TOTAL PERSONS BOOKED INTO THE JAIL 2013

1540

COST PER MEAL

AVERAGE FOOD COST PER MEAL \$ 1.00

AVERAGE STAFF COST PER MEAL \$ 1.55

TOTAL AVERAGE COST PER MEAL \$ 2.55

Effective: January 1st, 2012

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2929.37 & 2929.38, the Knox County Jail has established a reimbursement program for convicted inmates. Any prisoner who has been convicted of an offence is required to pay all or part of the costs of confinement.

Self-initiated non-emergency requests that require a co-payment

- Medical staff assessment \$5.00

- Physician sick call \$10.00

- Dental Clinic \$10.00

- Pharmacy handling fee \$5.00

- OTC Medicines \$.10/per pill

Co-pays will be deducted from the inmate's commissary account

All sentenced inmates booked into and released from the Knox County Jail will be assessed an inmate processing fee (IPF) of \$20.00 to assist in defraying the cost of intake processing and release. The fee will be deducted from the inmate's commissary account.

AUTOMATED INFORMATION SERVICE SYSTEM:

In order to provide inmate information to the public, and at the same time free up staff from spending time answering repeated phone calls we have implemented a new service. The Knox County Jail utilizes the Securus Automated Information Service (AIS) system as a means to provide information about Jail Inmates via an automated telephone service. The AIS system provides callers with information on a specific Knox County Jail inmate regarding criminal

charges, bond amount, court dates, visitation eligibility, commissary balance and facility location.

RECORDS CLERK

☐☐ Beverly Griffith

SHERIFF'S SALES & CCW

☐☐ Christi Baldwin

COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

☐☐ Bill Watson

SHERIFF SALES

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2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

506

495

325

425

413

2013

Orders of Sale

413

Withdraws / Dismissals prior to sale

158

No bid / No Sale

14

Total Properties Sold

241

Total Sales

\$14,474,928.01

CIVIL PROCESS

Papers processed for 2013

Writs of Possession

42

Writs of Execution

5

Civil Protection Orders & Temporary Protection Orders

73

Transports to and from Prison

99

Summons (All types)

669

Subpoenas

815

Warrants

437

Other types of papers

127

Total Papers Processed

2262

Carrying Concealed Weapons Permits

2013

License Issued

1051

License Renewed

▣ 238

License Suspended

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License Denied

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Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force

In 2013 the Knox County Sheriff's Office joined the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force (CODETF). The task force is comprised of 14 law enforcement and prosecution agencies from Coshocton, Knox, Licking, Muskingum, and Perry Counties, to include sheriff's offices, prosecutor's offices and police departments. The mission of the task force is to provide

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NOTABLE EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

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2/14/13 A 36 year old male, 35 year old female and two 18 year old males were charged as part of an indoor marijuana growing operation

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5/6/13 A 34 year old male was arrested for public indecency after several reports of someone exposing himself on the Kokosing Gap Trail.

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5/10/13 The Licking County MADD chapter recognizes Deputies Aaron Phillips and Brandon Minot as the top OVI enforcement officers from the Knox County Sheriff's Office for 2012.

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5/19/13 Mount Vernon Police Officers are involved in a pursuit during a burglary investigation. A Danville Police Officer is struck by the suspect's vehicle. The suspect then attempts to flee from deputies and is apprehended after crashing in Centerburg.

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6/4/13 A 21 year old male from Willowick Oh. was arrested after attempting to meet what he thought was an underage female.

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6/26/13 Robbery at the Hometown Market in Centerburg.

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8/5/13 A 41 year old male and a 49 year old female were discovered deceased at a residence on New Delaware Rd. The incident was the result of a murder suicide.

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8/7/13 A 55 year old male surrendered after a barricade situation involving an eviction on Newark Rd.

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9/26/13 A 33 year old male and a 33 year old female were arrested while being in possession of a large amount of stolen prescription medical, illegal drugs and stolen property.

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9/27/13 A 31 year old male was arrested and charged with escape, inducing panic, possession of cocaine, tampering with evidence and two firearms offenses.

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10/1/13 The Knox County Sheriff's Office receives over \$32,000 for a special traffic enforcement grant.

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10/9/13 The Knox County Sheriff's Office gives the public the opportunity to view online crime mapping. The maps display reports taken in the county

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10/4/13 A 33 year old male is arrested after attempting to meet what he thought was an underage female.

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11/9/13 A 58 year old man is arrested after attempting to meet what he thought was an underage girl.

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12/21/13 Officers are certified to carry and use Taser units. The equipment was purchased after several local businesses and individuals made generous donations for their purchase.

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SPECIAL DEPUTIES UNIT

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Captain William Watson

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Special Deputy Mark Maxwell

Special Deputy Jerry Scott

Special Deputy Dan Walton

Special Deputy Roger Yarman

Special Deputy John Yust

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The special deputies unit is comprised of Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certified officers who are able to supplement full time officers in areas such as:

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Prisoner transports

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Court security

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Security at the Knox County Treasurer's Office

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Supplemental jail and patrol functions

-

Traffic control

-

Security at fairs, festivals, school functions, and special events

MARINE PATROL TOTALS

The Knox County Sheriff's Office receives funding assistance from the Ohio Division of Watercraft to operate and maintain a part time Marine Patrol Unit. The unit conducts patrol, enforcement and educational activities on the 1400 acres of waterways in Knox County.

Total Marine Patrol Man hours

521

Total Boat Patrol Hours

260.5

Reported Boat Accidents

0

Full Inspections

247

Spot Checks

37

Decals Issued

161

Citations

18

Boater Contacts

1393

Boaters Assisted

20

1

Warnings for Type 4 Throw able

19

Warnings for Fire Extinguisher

6

Warnings for Visual Distress Signal

24

Warnings for Audible Device

12

Warnings for Registration/Numbering

47

Warnings for ☐☐☐☐☐ Navigation Rules

2

Warnings for ☐☐☐☐☐ Careless/Reckless Op.

0

Warnings for ☐☐☐☐☐ BUI / OUI

0

Warnings for ☐☐☐☐☐ Misc. Other Violations

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CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

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In order to make information more available to the public we have added several features to our website.

<http://www.knoxcountysheriff.com/>

Items on the website include the current list of jail inmates along with their information and visiting times. The list of foreclosure properties set for sheriff's sale. The ability to search for registered sex offenders in your area. The procedure for completing a CCW permit. The Mount Vernon Municipal Court active warrant list.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office regularly uses social media to relay information to the public. We invite you to follow our postings for current information including press releases, wanted persons, criminal activity, and articles about the agency.

Information on activity and reports are regularly sent to local media outlets for publication.

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CRIME MAPPING FOR THE PUBLIC

[BAIR Analytics](#) ' public crime map, [RAIDS Online](#) , connects law enforcement with the community to reduce crime and improve public safety.

[Crime mapping](#)

helps the public get a better idea of the crime activity in their area so they can make more informed decisions about how to stay safe. Information from reports that are taken by the Knox County Sheriff's Office is uploaded to a mapping system. Citizens can then view the types of crimes that are occurring in a specific area.

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DRUG DROP OFF BOX

The Sheriff's Office maintains one of the two locations in Knox County where anyone can drop off unused medication for proper disposal. The box is located in the lobby and is available twenty-four hours a day. Persons are asked to remove the pills from their original container and place into a plastic bag. The bag can then be deposited into the drop box.

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PROJECT LIFESAVER

PROJECT LIFESAVER aids caregivers and families of persons suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, wandering, and other related disorders such as Downs Syndrome and Autism. Clients who are enrolled in PROJECT LIFESAVER wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal 24 hours a day on an individually assigned FM radio frequency. That signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles, should the client be reported missing. The Knox County Sheriff's Office has joined with the Knox County Health Department, Station Break, Region 5 Area on Aging, Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities as well as local citizens and groups to provide this service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS

Representatives from the Knox County Sheriff's Office participate in various groups and organizations. Some of these organizations include the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team, Safe Communities, Domestic Violence Collaborative, Suicide Prevention Coalition, Child Protection Team, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Healthcare Coalition, and Law Enforcement Torch run to benefit Special Olympics

Crisis/Hotline and Information Center of Pathways

Call 211