



The Summit County **SHIELD**

A quarterly bulletin from the Summit County Sheriff's Office

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**Hope for the best,
prepare for the worst.**

Members of the Summit County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team participating in a full-scale active shooter drill at the Akron-Canton Airport in May.

Did you know there's now *three* ways you can read the SHIELD?!

- 1. Receive it via our email.** Head to *sheriff.summitoh.net* and find The SHIELD on the "Information" tab. Click the sign-up link and enter your email.
- 2. Read it online.** The current issue, as well as the previous year's issues of The SHIELD are available to read on the above-mentioned page of our website.
- 3. Find a hard copy.** The SHIELD will also be available at all Summit County Library branches, numerous recreational centers throughout the county, and most city, township, and village halls and administration buildings. You can also keep an eye out for it at most Giant Eagle stores. *(Please note: Availability at these locations is subject to their individual COVID-19 restrictions beyond our control)*

We appreciate your past and continued support of this bulletin and for making it such a success.

Thank you!



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Sheriff Fatheree Announces the Following Commendations and Awards:

Elizabeth Franks & Deputy Joseph Winkler

On Monday October 18, 2020, Ms. Franks received a transfer call from the crisis text line from a 14-year-old female who wanted to take her own life. She was able to keep the girl on the phone for over 25 minutes until the call could be transferred to Deputy Winkler. She then worked diligently to determine the location of the girl, which she discovered was Harrison County. Deputy Winkler and Ms. Franks contacted the Harrison County Sheriff's Office and remained on the phone with the girl until local deputies arrived on the scene. Throughout the incident they maintained their composure, resulting in the juvenile being located and getting further assistance. For this, Deputy Winkler will receive a Commendation and Ms. Franks will receive a Civilian Award of Excellence.

Deputy Stacy Kelty & Deputy Dennis Bayus

On November 18, 2020, Deputy Kelty was working in the Jail Intake area. An inmate who was on suicide precautions had covered himself up with a suicide blanket, but Deputy Kelty noticed that he was laying in an unusual position. She entered the cell and discovered that the inmate was in the midst of attempting to commit suicide by strangling himself with a noose he had fashioned from the tag of his mattress. Deputy Kelty immediately called Deputy Bayus for assistance in saving the inmate who was not breathing but had a faint pulse. Deputies Kelty and Bayus began life-saving efforts until the inmate began to breathe again and was put under the care of medical staff. For the perception, speed, diligence, and care demonstrated by their actions, Deputy Stacy Kelty and Deputy Dennis Bayus will receive the Life-Saving Award.

Deputy Nick DiSabato

On Friday, February 19, 2021, Deputy DiSabato responded to a call of an unresponsive twelve-day-old infant at the Acme Fresh Mark on Manchester Rd. When he arrived the infant had stopped breathing. Deputy DiSabato immediately started CPR and continued to perform it until paramedics arrived and transported the child to Akron Children's where it survived and recovered. For this, Deputy DiSabato will receive the Life Saving Award.

Deputy Timothy Kensinger

On February 3, 2021, Deputy Kensinger responded to a three-car crash on I-77 South at Arlington. Upon arrival he found a male slumped over in the one of the cars who was not breathing and had no pulse. His skin was purple in color and he had fluid coming from his mouth and nose. Deputy Kensinger immediately retrieved the Narcan from his cruiser and administered a dose to the male and after approximately 90-seconds he began to gain some color back into his lips and cheeks but failed to regain consciousness. After a second dose and approximately 2.5 minutes later, the male became conscious and started to take several deep breaths. Green Fire arrived on scene and transported the male to the hospital for further medical treatment. If not for Deputy Kensinger's immediate actions, this man would probably not have survived. For this, Deputy Kensinger will receive the Life Saving Award.

A fun time was had by all who participated in the Summit County Safe Communities' St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Giovanni's in Akron. Thank you to all the volunteers from the Sheriff's Office and Summa Health who helped educate party-goers on the importance of driving sober and undistracted, and of having a designated driver. *(Photos: Scott Moss, Summa Health Police)*



Christmas With a Cop "Dine-to-Donate"

Thank you to all who participated in the Dine-to-Donate event at TGI Friday's in Green, benefitting our Christmas With a Cop program. Your support helps us brighten the holidays for many low-income families throughout the county! (Photos: Scott Moss, Summa Health Police)



Questions for the Sheriff



QUESTION: We love the *Christmas with a Cop* program and support it every year, but we're still a little hesitant to attend an in-person fundraiser at the moment. Is there a way to send in a contribution?

ANSWER: Absolutely. And thank you for your support. Checks can be mailed to Summit County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Christmas with a Cop, 53 University Ave., Akron, OH 44308. For those unfamiliar with it, each year the SCSO partners with local law enforcement agencies to host *Christmas With A Cop*, a program in which economically disadvantaged children are partnered with members of law enforcement to do some Christmas shopping for their families and themselves.

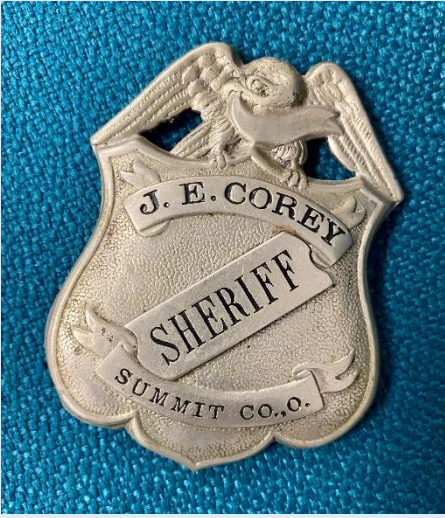
QUESTION: What steps do I need to take to apply to become a Sheriff's Deputy?

ANSWER: In order to apply to become a Deputy with the SCSO, you have to either be enrolled in, or have completed basic peace officer academy training, known as Ohio Police Office Training Academy (OPOTA). Here in Summit, we partner with the University of Akron to offer OPOTA training, which you can learn more about at uakron.edu/police-academy.

QUESTION: I haven't seen the Sheriff's work crew van in a while. Is that program still active? There's a lot of trash on the sides of roads that needs to be cleaned.

ANSWER: Like many things this past year, this program was negatively impacted by COVID-19. We are currently working with the Ohio Department of Transportation to get it back up and running again this summer.

The Mysterious Badge that Bridged a Century of Sheriffs



During the course of the administrative transition from Sheriff Barry to Sheriff Fatheree (and all the moving and re-arranging that comes with it!) one of our staff found a very old badge tucked away in an odd corner of the office. The badge had the name *James E. Corey* on it. Naturally, our first instinct was to crack open our history books here at the office, which is when we discovered that a *James A. Corey* served two terms as Summit County Sheriff from 1915-1919.

Could this badge have belonged to a previous Sheriff from a century ago? If so, why was the middle initial different? What was James Corey's story? We decided to turn to our friends at the Summit County Historical Society for their help in solving this mystery. Their findings uncovered the interesting life and times of James Corey, and helped to bridge that often intangible connection with our past.

Corey was born in Massillon on August 13, 1877. His father worked as a mechanic and boilermaker, while his mother raised James and his four siblings. Unfortunately, by the time James was twelve years old, both of his parents had died and he was forced to drop out of school and find work. James and his brother William became apprentices at a sheet metal shop in Canton, where they mastered the trade.

FOR EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL THE EDISON ELECTRIC CO. ALL THE TIME FOR EVERYBODY 109 SOUTH HOWARD BOTH PHONES
AKRON 1913 DIRECTORY 349
Corey Brothers J. A. COREY, Manager
Slate, Tin, Felt Roofing and Spouting Sheet Metal Work of Every Description
843 South Main Street Bell Phone 1936

A 1913 ad for Corey Brothers from the Akron City Directory

James volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War in 1898, serving in both the Cuban and Philippine campaigns before his discharge in 1901. The following year, he and William opened *Corey Brothers* in Akron, a sheet metal and tin roofing company.

James Corey was made a Deputy Sheriff in 1907. He declared his candidacy for County Sheriff in 1914 and won in that year's general election, assuming the Office the following January. He served two terms (which were two years at that time), "leaving nothing undone to enforce the law according to his conscience," according to a later biographer. Among his accomplishments, Corey may have been the first to introduce a motorcycle patrol to Summit County, in order to help "rid the roads of drunken and reckless drivers," as one article put it.



James A. Corey

Corey remained in law enforcement after leaving the Sheriff's Office, serving as an officer with the County Prosecutor's Office, then with the Common Pleas Court. Later in life he also served on the County Board of Elections, as Chair of the County Republican Party, and as Director of the Akron Commercial Savings & Trust.

Corey never married, and lived with his sister-in-law in a home on Thornton Avenue in Akron (where the Thornton Terrace Apartments are located today). He died on December 15, 1941, and is buried alongside his parents in the family's plot in Massillon.

As you comb through the many articles and biographies on Sheriff Corey, you notice that throughout his career his middle initial is constantly listed both as "A" and as "E" – in one particular newspaper clipping, they used both initials within the same article! This error even crept into campaign literature, and onto the very badge in our possession. Our best guess is that the mix-up originated over confusion with Corey's brother and business partner, William E. Corey. Sheriff Corey seemed to take it all in stride throughout his career, though one has to wonder if perhaps the reason he left behind this badge for us to find was because it contained the wrong initial!

Sheriff Corey's badge is now in a framed place of honor at the Summit County Sheriff's Office, with this article tucked behind the frame, just in case another Sheriff a century from now rediscovers it and is again perplexed by the mysterious badge of Sheriff James A./E. Corey!

We would like to thank the Summit County Historical Society and their volunteers for their assistance with this research. If you've never visited them in Akron, we strongly encourage it!

Biography
In Brief **Jim Corey**
By **KEYES BEECH**

JIM COREY has always been an independent man. He has, for instance, never worn a dress suit although frequently the occasion demanded it. His independence in this respect was never better demonstrated than at a banquet in Toledo. Told that formal clothes were compulsory, Corey made his appearance with a pair of violent-hued pajamas drawn on over a business suit.

Ordinarily, however, Corey's will asserts itself in less spectacular fashion. He has for 20 years been the republican boss of Summit county and, much to the disappointment of some of his critics, has shown no sign of losing his grip.

It is true that Corey is not as active as he once was. He observed his 62nd birthday last Aug. 13, and his eyesight has been seriously impaired by cataracts. This has made it necessary for him to delegate his leg work to trusted subordinates. But physical disability has not affected the cold, keen political judgment that put Corey at the top of the republican heap in Summit county and keeps him there.

JIM COREY

Snippet from a Sept. 1939 Beacon Journal bio of Corey

The SCSO Celebrates Women's History Month!

This March, the Summit County Sheriff's Office commemorated Women's History Month. Did you know that nearly 1 in 3 employees of the Sheriff's Office is a woman? We're also one of only three counties in the entire state with a woman Sheriff! We don't know where we'd be without the incredible women (just some of whom are pictured below) who make the SCSO such a success. Thank you all for your service and dedication, past, present, and future.



How do I know who is pulling me over?



One of our “neighbors” on the *Nextdoor* app contacted us recently about a situation involving his granddaughter who was recently pulled over by a car with red and blue flashing lights and a man in a uniform who asked for her ID. As it turns out this was not an actual officer, but an individual impersonating an officer. Fortunately she did not get out of her car, and the man did not do anything beyond this, but needless to say, she and her family were alarmed by it, and reported it to authorities.

We thought this might provide a good opportunity to remind residents of what to look for if they are stopped by a member of law enforcement to confirm that it’s an actual officer or deputy.

Firstly, examine the vehicle stopping that is you. We understand that it’s not always easy to discern the shape or markings of a law enforcement vehicle, especially at night while safety flashers are on. But to the extent that you can, try to determine if the vehicle says “Police” or “Sheriff” or “Highway Patrol” somewhere on it. Also, look for other distinguishing features, such as the push or “bull bar” on the front bumper, a computer mounted on or near the front console or dash, a dash cam, a spotlight near the driver’s side window, a shotgun visible somewhere in the front seat, and guard or bars blocking off the back seat. Not every law enforcement vehicle will have all of these features, but many will.

Examine the person pulling you over. Members of law enforcement are likely to have a well-fitted, clean, ironed uniform on, and they themselves are likely to be clean-shaven or have reasonable length facial and head hair, or have their hair up. Highway Patrol will most likely be wearing a hat. They will have both a badge indicating their organization, AND a nametag of some sort. They will also be wearing a belt, which may contain things like a pistol, a taser, handcuffs, a radio, etc. You are well within your rights to ask to see their ID, badge, or nametag.

In some extreme cases (likely not minor traffic violations), an unmarked car may be inclined to pull somebody over. The officer or deputy may be plain-clothed in this situation as well. You can and SHOULD still ask them for your identification.

Remember, you DO have to pull over, but try to pull over in a well-lit or public area. We know this is not always possible, but it is a good safety practice in the case of any type of traffic stop – both for you and for our officers and deputies. You may lock your doors and roll your window down only partially for your own safety. A member of law enforcement is only likely to ask you to get out of your car if he or she is suspicious of any criminal behavior beyond the traffic violation, or if the location in which you pull over is potentially dangerous to you and them both.

If you feel uncomfortable or suspicious anytime you are stopped by a member of law enforcement, you can also call 911 or your local police/sheriff dispatch to confirm that the individual stopping you is actually one of theirs. Law enforcement calls their traffic stops in when they make them, and dispatch will be able to confirm by your location if one of ours is pulling you over. Be aware, however, that this might take some time depending on your area of the volume of calls at that time.

2020 Annual Report



The Summit County Sheriff's Office 2020 Annual Report is now available for public viewing. This report contains statistical and biographical data for the previous year for every division, bureau, and unit within the Sheriff's Office.

You can read the full 2020 Annual Report on the homepage of our website at sheriff.summitoh.net.

The week of April 12th was **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**, which we celebrated on our social media by honoring and expressing our heartfelt gratitude to our fantastic team of dispatchers at the Sheriff's Office.

In addition to the communities patrolled by the Sheriff's Office, our dispatchers also provide services to the Lakemore Police Department, the Medical Examiner's Office, the Human Trafficking Tip Line, the Metro Parks Rangers, the Special Operations Response Team, the Juvenile Court's probation staff, the Crime Stoppers Program, State Emergency Law and Fire Response Plans, and serve as the after-hours contact for the Summit County Emergency Management Agency. They also issue Amber Alerts, Reverse Alert notifications, and other emergency warnings for numerous Summit County communities.



Honoring Our Chaplains



Summit County Sheriff's Office Chaplain James Allshouse made county history in April when Sheriff Fatheree promoted him to the first full-time chaplaincy in the history of the Summit County Sheriff's Office! "I can't tell you what an honor and a dream come true this is," Deputy Allshouse said after receiving word of his promotion.

Allshouse has been with the Sheriff's Office for 27 years, and has been a chaplain for 16 of those years. He is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, is Assistant State Representative with the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC), sits on the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association board and on their Funeral and Mourning Committee, and is Chaplain for the FOP Local 139. When asked about other hobbies or interests, Deputy Allshouse humbly replied, "My family is my hobby. My family and serving the Lord."

A couple weeks prior, our other Chaplain, Deputy Glenn George, was honored by the ICPC his many years of service to our Office, to the State of Ohio, and to Region 4 of the ICPC. Deputy George joined us in 1976 as a Special Deputy before becoming a full-time Deputy in 1982. He has been the ICPC state representative for over 15 years, and helps many agencies in our area.

Much of the difficult work of a chaplain in law enforcement goes unseen and unknown, but it's truly a 'round-the-clock, constantly on-call job. Our chaplains are there for our deputies and civilian staff during some of the most difficult times of their lives, and minister to all, regardless of one's faith. Our two chaplains here at the Summit County Sheriff's Office are especially busy, as they not only serve the county, but are also the State Rep. and Assistant State Rep. for the ICPC – meaning they serve the entire state, and are often called upon after critical incidents like mass shootings, line-of-duty deaths, and natural disasters.



Questions for the Sheriff Video Series



With how popular the *Questions for the Sheriff* section of the SHIELD is, we were inspired to expand upon that idea in our ongoing efforts to make the SCSO ever more accessible to the public. In March we launched a *Question for the Sheriff* video series, which will feature Sheriff Fatheree, our Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants, our Deputies, and members of our civilian staff fielding questions submitted to us by you!

You can check out our *Questions for the Sheriff* series on our social media accounts, and on the SCSO YouTube page.

Feel free to submit your question as a comment on any previous video, or email it to tgawlak@sheriff.summitoh.net with the subject line: Questions for the Sheriff.



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