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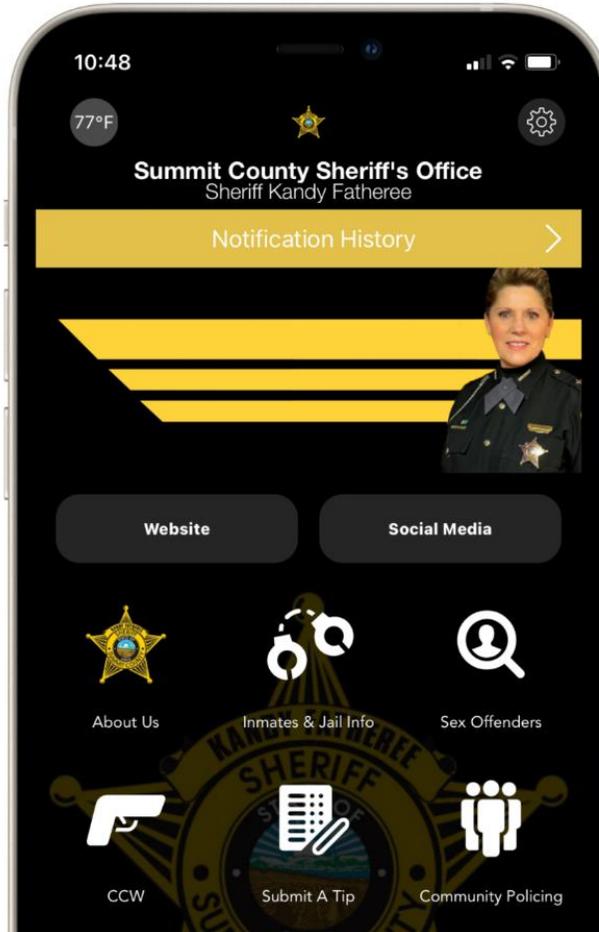


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Meet our Commanders



Cpt. Scott Cottle
Operations Commander

Captain Cottle was born in Colorado and raised in Wayne County, Ohio. He is a graduate of Smithville High School and studied Political Science at the University of Akron. He finished his time in the Police Academy in 1991 and joined the Summit County Sheriff's Office shortly thereafter as a part-time deputy.

In February 1992, he was hired as a full-time deputy. After one year working in the Corrections Division at the Summit County Jail he was transferred to Patrol, then to the Summit County Narcotics Unit. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1999. Ten years later in 2009 he was transferred to the Investigations Bureau and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011. He was later promoted again to Captain in 2019 and became supervisor over both the Investigations Bureau and Patrol.

Captain Cottle helped develop the litter cleanup program for misdemeanor inmates, was involved in the development of the Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Unit, helped form the Summit County Human Trafficking Task Force, and helped organize the Street Crimes Unit in the City of Green.

Captain Cottle has received many commendations throughout his career, including two for his assistance and leadership in locating missing children. He has also earned three Life-Saving Awards during his career. In 2007 and 2019 he was given the Supervisor of the Year award. He has attended numerous leadership trainings and school and received multiple certifications. He has been described by Summit County residents and other local agencies as a "fine public servant," and has been complemented for his "expertise," his "professionalism," and his "willingness to go out of his way."

Captain Cottle has operated a 500-acre cattle farm for the past 25 years. He has three daughters, and in his spare time enjoys deer hunting and drag racing.



Cpt. Matamba Kaalima
Corrections Commander

Captain Kaalima was born in New Jersey and moved to Ohio with his family in the 1980s. He is a graduate of Central Hower High School and attended the National Institute of Technology before joining the Police Academy. Captain Kaalima joined the Summit County Sheriff's Office as a Special Deputy in 2002, then became a part-time Deputy. He was hired full-time in September 2003.

Captain Kaalima has spent his law enforcement career in corrections, a field that he considers his calling. Throughout his time at both the Glenwood Jail and Summit County Jail he rose through the ranks to Sergeant in 2013, Lieutenant in 2016, Administrative Lieutenant in 2019, and was promoted to Captain in 2020.

Captain Kaalima received commendations in 2011 and 2018 for his outstanding administrative leadership. In 2018 he was honored with the Supervisor of the Year award. He has earned certifications in Jail Administration from the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, a Trilogy Award for the completion of leadership courses from the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, and is currently working on several future certifications and a BA in Organizational Leadership.

Summit County residents have described Captain Kaalima as "knowledgeable," "professional in look and demeanor," "humanitarian," "dedicated, and "so sincere."

Captain Kaalima lives in Akron with his wife and three children. In his spare time, he plays the trumpet and enjoys reading and writing poetry. He is also a published author, with an article he wrote on Field Training Officer and Correctional Training Officer programs appearing in American Jails Magazine.



Uncuffing the Cure



Our deputies and staff marked Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October by wearing special pink badges and selling t-shirts, and took part in a No-Shave November to raise funds for Men's Cancer Research. Together we raised nearly \$5,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and American Cancer Society.



NATIONAL
FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND

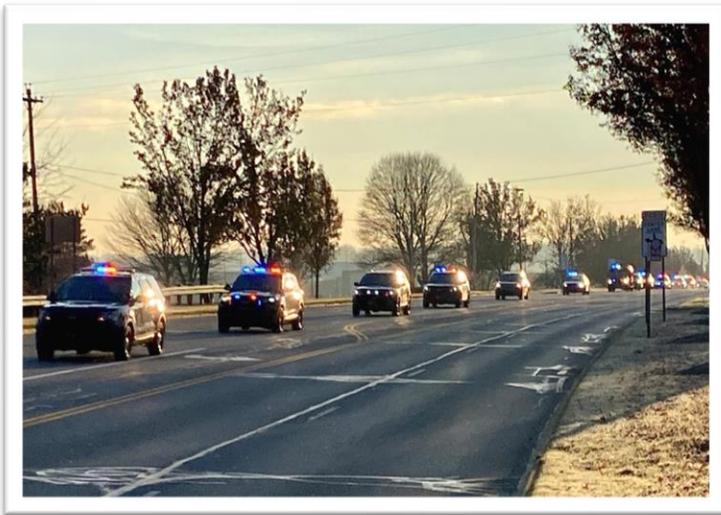
Summit County's inaugural *Faith & Blue* event in October was a great success! Sheriff Fatheree is proud to bring this national movement to our county in an effort to build bridges and heal divisions between law enforcement and the community. Stay tuned for continuing *Faith & Blue* events throughout the year, and more information on next year's *Faith & Blue* weekend!



See our Facebook page for more photos!

Christmas With a Cop

Deputies and staff from the Summit County Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies took part in our annual *Christmas With a Cop* event on Saturday, December 4th. This program partners economically disadvantaged children from throughout the county with deputies and officers for a fun day of Christmas shopping for themselves and their families. The kids are also treated to a breakfast with Santa, a full-scale "lights and sirens" escort, and lunch after they've finished their shopping. Thank you to all who support this program and make it possible every year.







Summit County Sheriff's Office 2021 Awards Dinner

Our annual Awards Dinner was held on Friday, November 19th at Raintree Event Center in Green where commendations and awards were given to our deputies and civilian staff for their outstanding work in serving and protecting the residents of Summit County.



Perfect Attendance

Lt. Jeff Hemsley 5 years
Detective Jason Kline 10 years
Detective Larry Brown 15 years

Certificates of Merit

Deputy Andrew Kish
Deputy Vincent Tersigni
Deputy Shane Smith

Certificates of Appreciation

Lt. Karla Bloomingdale
Kelly Pongracz
Deputy Demetrius Gardner
Leigh-Ann Slaughter
Deputy Kyle Johnson

Civilian Service Award

Shannon Lopez
Tommy Parker
Jane Warmus
Jennifer Ringer
Jim Davis

Civilian Award of Excellence

Elizabeth Franks
Office Citation
Detective William McKinney

Commendations

Capt. Scott Cottle
Deputy Mark Adams
Deputy Jon Rimedio
Deputy Michael Lopez
Deputy Corin Usinski
Deputy Nathan May
Deputy Joseph Winkler

Life Saving Awards

Deputy Dennis Bayus
Deputy Nathan May
Monique Bushner
Deputy Nolan Ritchie
Deputy Delvon Carson
Deputy Jason Ruggles
Deputy Nick DiSabato
Deputy Corliss Stargen
Deputy Adjar Kazim
Deputy David Roberts
Deputy Stacy Kelty
Deputy Jason Ruggles
Deputy Tim Kensinger
Deputy Kayla Szalay
Deputy Terrell Kemp
Deputy Matthew Tait
Deputy Frank Vottero

Sheriff's Award

Dr. James Orlando, Ph.D.



TRUNK OR TREAT

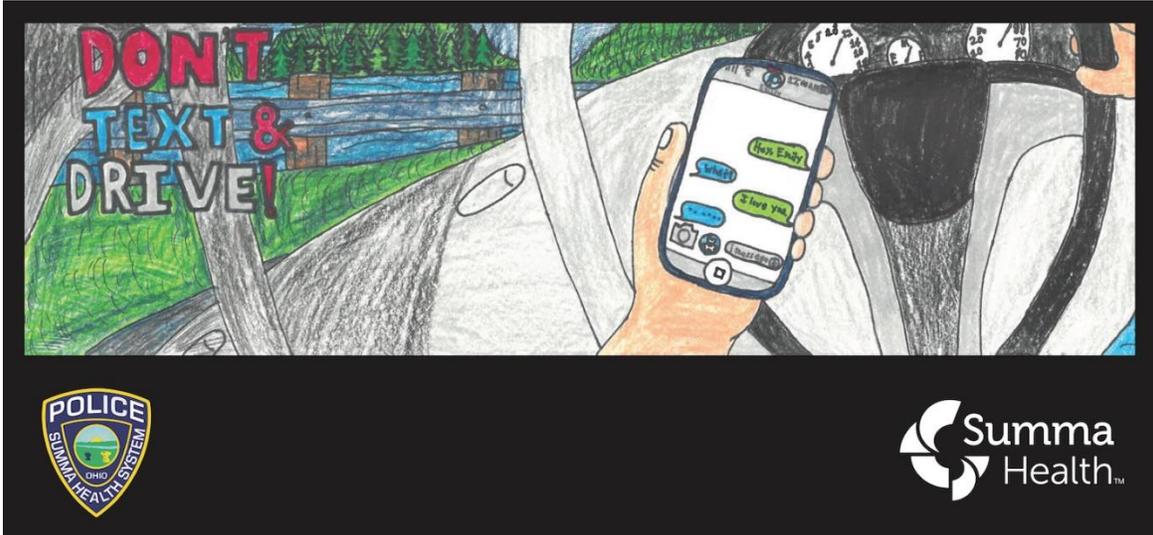
Sheriff Fatheree and Chaplain Allhouse had a great time handing out candy to some very excited youngsters and meeting parents and neighbors at the Trunk-or-Treat hosted by Pastor Rodney Bowden at Patterson Park in Akron.



FAITH & BLUE WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



Every year the SCSO, State Farm Insurance, and Summa Health sponsor a distracted driving billboard design competition for high school students. The winning billboard designer receives a \$500 cash prize, and the runner-up receives \$300. In addition, we award two \$100 prizes for designs that are made into stickers and handed out at events throughout the year. This year's billboard winner and runner-up are Avani and Jacob from Nordonia High School, and our sticker winners are Calvin and Brooke from Green High School. The winning billboard sponsored by the Sheriff's Office will be located at Manchester Rd. and Jacoby Rd., and the runner-up billboard sponsored by Summa will be located at Main Street and Cuyahoga Falls Ave.





**The Summit County Sheriff's Office
Wishes You and Yours a Happy and
Safe Holiday Season!**