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Bomb Squad's
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The SCSO celebrated **Twins Day** in August by highlighting our very own Tim and Terry Pike! The twins joined the Sheriff's Office together 28 years ago, and today work in court security.

The Bomb Squad's Robotic Mascot

When we heard that our Bomb Squad gave their robot a makeover this summer, we thought we'd invite the public to come up with a name for this robotic mascot. Entries were collected on our Facebook page and we selected our favorite finalists for the public to choose from:

La Bomba
Deputy D'Fuse
Boomer
Sparky
Nitro

By overwhelming vote, the public chose Deputy D'Fuse!



Our robots are a crucial component in keeping the members of our Bomb Squad safe. The SCSO Bomb Squad consists of six deputies under the direction of Cpt. Chris Plance, as well as our K-9 Piper and her handler Deputy Cutlip. Together they serve not only Summit County, but also Portage, Medina, Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Carroll counties.



Sheriff Kandy Fatheree

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Dear Reader,

I'd like to invite you and your family and friends to the second annual ***Summit Faith & Blue***, which will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 11:00am - 2:00pm at the Akron Fulton Airport.

Faith & Blue is a nationwide initiative launched in 2020 with the goal of healing divisions and building bridges between law enforcement and the community. Thousands of Faith & Blue events will be held nationwide during that second weekend of October.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office hosted Summit County's first Faith & Blue event last year, bringing together participants from throughout the region for a day of fun and fellowship. We hope to make this year's even bigger and better, and to grow it with each successive year.

Local law enforcement, communities of faith, community organizations, and the public are invited to participate in ***Summit Faith & Blue***. This is a free community event open to ALL members of the public.

If you are interested in participating in *Summit County Faith & Blue*, please contact our Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Ms. Esther Thomas, at (330) 643-2154 or faithandblue@sheriff.summitoh.net. And please share this event with your friends, family, congregation, and community.

You can find more information on the Faith & Blue initiative at faithandblue.org.

Thank you.

Kandy Fatheree
Sheriff, Summit County, Ohio



NATIONAL
FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND

The mission of Faith & Blue is to build bridges and reinforce the bond between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Join the Summit County Sheriff's Office as they host this second annual day of fun, fellowship, and resolution. This family-friendly community event is free and open to the public!

Saturday, October 8th
11:00am - 2:00pm

The Akron Fulton Airport
1600 Triplett Blvd., Akron, OH 44306
(Triplett Blvd. entrance)

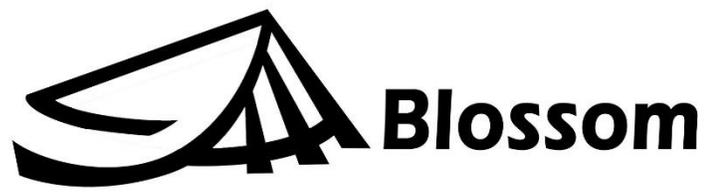
Live Performances Fun Activities Games & Contests Giveaways
Mounted Unit K-9 Demos Touch-a-Truck Food & Drink
Helicopter Landing Interfaith Prayer And much more!

For participation info or inquiries please contact:
faithandblue@sheriff.summitoh.net or (330) 643-2154



Learn More: WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG

Four Decades of Safe Entertainment



As the concert season draws to a close, we wanted to thank and acknowledge our many deputies who work to keep Blossom Music Center safe for hundreds of thousands of concertgoers each year.



Deputy Cutlip and explosives-detection K-9 Piper perform a sweep of the entire premises before attendees arrive.



Deputies perform traffic control and enforcement on the roads surrounding Blossom Music Center.



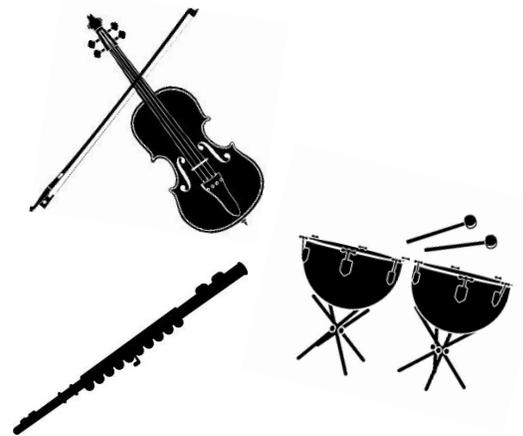
The Mounted Unit patrols the grounds, providing an elevated perspective.



Deputies are stationed throughout the venue to provide security, assist concertgoers, and offer peace of mind.



Deputies watch over the crowd as they enjoy the band.



A Summer of Safety City



We had another very busy and successful season teaching our **Safety City** program to youngsters throughout Summit County this summer. The weeklong program teaches preschool and kindergarten-aged children the safety basics, include things like stranger danger, 911, electricity safety, crossing the street, swimming pools, internet safety, gun safety, and much more!



Deputy Beers teaches how to safely cross the street and look both ways: left, right, and left again.



School bus safety! Stay seated, arms in the windows, listen to the bus driver, and be careful when crossing the street.



Firefighters from the communities we serve come in to talk about fire safety. Then we have a fun hosing down!



Sing-along time with Deputies Leigh, Buck, and Beers!



Graduation day, with Sheriff Fatheree proudly looking on.

Sheriff Fatheree and her team had a wonderful time at this year's *National Night Out* in the North Hill neighborhood of Akron in August.



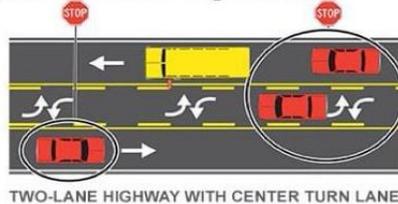
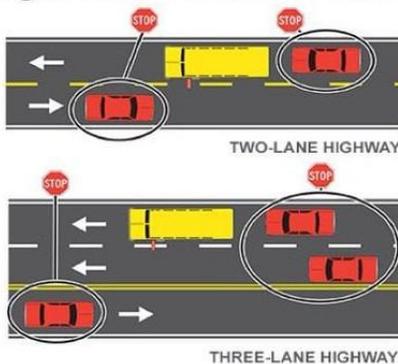
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



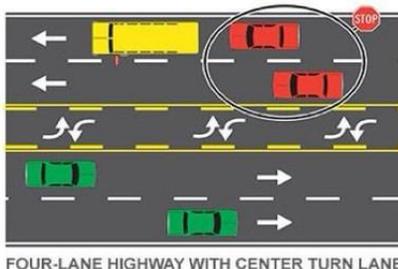
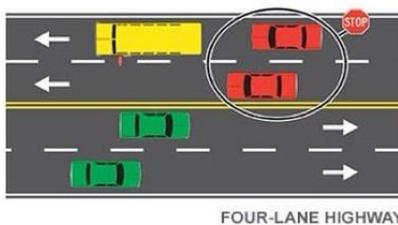
With kids back in school for the year, we thought we'd take the time to remind Summit County residents what Ohio's laws are regarding stopping for a school bus.

If you are on a road with any less than FOUR lanes (regardless of whether you are behind the bus, approaching it, or on the opposite side of the road) you must STOP and remain stopped until the flashing lights and stop sign on the bus are turned off. Drivers who fail to stop for a school bus could face fines of \$500 or more, have two points added to their license, or have their license suspended for up to a year.

On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.



If the bus is stopped on a street with **four or more lanes,** only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.



And don't think that just because a member of law enforcement wasn't there to witness the infraction that we won't catch up with you. Most school buses nowadays have on-board cameras, and we do frequently issue citations from camera footage.

Most importantly, try to remember the precious cargo that is aboard these buses. Nobody wants to injure a child, or worse. The consequences of a few seconds of impatience could wreck lives, including your own.

*We've had a very busy summer!
Did you spot us at any events in your
community?!*



Akron Rubberducks Game



Barberton Labor Day parade



Summit County Fair



Akron Pride Fest



Akron Zoo back-to-school event



Twinsburg Twp. Touch-a-Truck