


# Summit County Sheriff's Office

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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The background features a large, semi-transparent watermark of the Summit County Sheriff's Office logo. The logo is a five-pointed star with a central seal. The seal depicts a landscape with a sun, mountains, and a river. Text within the logo includes "SHERIFF", "STATE OF NEW YORK", and "SANDY FATHER".

**The mission of the Summit County Sheriff's Office is to enhance the quality of life for all people by working in partnership with the communities of Summit County. Providing the highest level of law enforcement and correction services to our citizens will determine the success of our mission.**

**The dedication and commitment of all personnel of the Summit County Sheriff's Office are required to accomplish our mission; a commitment where all members constantly strive to raise our performance standards, the level of service we provide, and the bar of professionalism.**

**To accomplish our mission, to lead us in our quest to achieve and maintain excellence, we embrace these Six Pillars of Character:**

**Caring  
Citizenship  
Fairness  
Respect  
Responsibility  
Trustworthiness**



## **Kandy Fatheree**

**Summit County Sheriff**

Kandy Fatheree assumed the office of Summit County Sheriff in January 2021. She is the first female Sheriff in Summit County history, and one of only three to be elected in Ohio history. As Sheriff of the fourth largest county in the state, she has nearly 400 deputies and civilians under her command.

Fatheree grew up in Springfield Township, Ohio, one of six children born to working class parents. Her journey to the Sheriff's Office began in grade school, where she recalls wanting to work in law enforcement from the age of six. As a single mother, she sold nearly everything she owned to attend the Police Academy and Corrections Academy. She began her law enforcement career in 1993 with the Lakemore Police Department, and two years later she became a Deputy with the Sheriff's Office.

Fatheree rose through the ranks to reach the level of Captain, and ultimately realized her dream of becoming Sheriff in 2008 after graduating from the FBI's National Academy for Executive Leadership. She was elected Sheriff in November 2020, and upon taking office she quickly embarked upon a program of reform and rejuvenation within the Summit County Sheriff's Office.

Among her top priorities is improving the professionalism and performance of the organization, increasing the diversity, equity, and inclusion of the office and its recruitment and community outreach efforts, and focusing on the mental health of both of her employees and those within the Sheriff's Office care and custody. She sums up her leadership with three words: Command, Community, and Collaboration.



# Operations Division

The **Operations Division** encompasses all patrol, investigative, civil, and dispatch functions of the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The Division also includes our Training Bureau, our many Specialty Units, and our Community Policing programs. The Operations Division is headed by Division Commander, Chief Scott Cottle.



**Chief Scott Cottle**

**Chief, Operations Division**

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Internal Affairs Bureau is responsible for investigating citizen complaints, internal investigations, employee background investigations, drug testing, and any other special investigation. It is led by Lieutenant Ryan Gleespen and Sergeant Barry Davidson.



### 2023 Complaints and Investigations

Sustained	7
Not Sustained	0
Exonerated	60
Unfounded	28

### 2023 Background Investigations

Deputies	22
Civilian Employees	17
Cadets	44
Internal Investigations	24

### 2023 Other Services Rendered

Voice Stress Analysis Tests	66
Applicant Psych Tests	40
Random Drug Tests	151

## FLEET SERVICES

Fleet Services handles the care, maintenance, allocation, and customization of vehicles. In 2023, we had 217 vehicles, including patrol cars, unmarked cars, specialized vehicles such as SWAT and Bomb Squad, inmate transport vans, and three boats on the Portage Lakes. Kevin Tinney oversees Fleet Management.



## COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Bureau processes emergency calls and communicates with patrol units in the field. In addition to the communities patrolled by the Sheriff's Office, they also provide services to Lakemore PD, the Medical Examiner's Office, Human Trafficking Tip Line, Metro Parks Rangers, Special Operations Response Team, Summit Children Services, the Juvenile Court's probation staff, Crime Stoppers, State Emergency Law & Fire Response Plans, and more.

In October of 2023, the Sheriff's Office Communications Bureau became part of the newly operational Summit Emergency Communications Center (SECC), a consolidated effort consisting of numerous law enforcement agencies and fire departments from throughout Summit County. The new SECC will speed up emergency response times by eliminating the transfer of 911 calls and the need to initiate mutual aid requests between jurisdictions. It will also better allow for the transition to NextGen 911 technology, allowing residents to send texts, images, and video to dispatchers.

<b>2023 Calls for Service</b>	
911 Calls	22,773
Non-Emergency Calls	16,963
Officer-Initiated Calls	88,818
TOTAL:	

<b>2023 Dispatch Entries</b>	
Warrants	6,384
Articles	23
Protection Orders	1,281
Stolen Vehicles	133
Missing Persons	23



*Ribbon-cutting at the new SECC dispatch facility*

## TRAINING

The Training Bureau provides state of the art training of the highest standards to all Sheriff's Office personnel, as well as other local law enforcement agencies. As of 2023, all deputies are required to undergo 40 hours of in-service training each year. The Training Center is located in Green near the Akron-Canton Airport and is under the supervision of Captain Rich Paolucci.



### 2023 Training Hours

Deputy In-Service	1,120
University of Akron Basic Academy	696
Special Deputy	104
Marine Patrol	8
Support Services	8
Chemical Agent	6
OVI Task Force Meetings	16
Human Trafficking Task Force Meetings	24
Special Deputy Meetings	6
Threat Assessment Off-Site	24
1911 Armorer	8
Civilian DT & Use of Force	4
Active Shooter	12
MRAP Driving	32
Sexual Predator	24
Vest Shoot Demo	2
Safe Communities Meetings	12
Ballistic Glass Demo	8

### 2023 Advanced Training Hours

SWAT	
SWAT Sniper	
Bomb Squad (FBI included)	299
Negotiator Training	
Crime Scene Investigation	40
Patrol Rifle Operator Course	16
Stop Stick Training	12
Response to Active Assailant	76
Subject Control	80
Firearms Red Dot Training	16
Less Lethal Impact Munitions	4
New Hire/Chemical/Scenarios	24

### 2023 Other Agency Firearms Training

Akron Police Department	200
County Prosecutor's Office	4
Signet Jewelers	24
DEA	24
Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force	48
Drug Unit	48
Summit Metro Parks	24
Special Deputy	24



## COURT SERVICES

The Court Services Bureau provides security for the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, Ninth District Court of Appeals, the Clerk of Courts Office, the Child Support Enforcement Agency, the Summit County Health Department, the Department of Job and Family Services, and Civil Process. They also conduct inmate transports between the Jail and Courthouse and within the Jail for CCTV hearings, and guard inmates during their hearings. In 2023, the Bureau consisted of 30 Deputies overseen by Captain Dave McCutcheon and Sergeants Dan Horba and Kathy Diesch.

### 2023 Building Attendance

Safety Building	53,058
Main Courthouse	65,541
Domestic Court	58,244
Juvenile Court	69,864
TOTAL:	246,717

### 2023 Inmate Transports

Convey to and from Prisons	887
Common Pleas Court	1,063
New Inmates from Court	378
Juvenile Facilities	105
Local & Municipal Transports	227
Common Pleas Court CCTV	4,453
Other Jails/Facilities	141
TOTAL:	

### 2023 Incident Overview

Arrests	3
Assaults	2
Bomb Threats/Suspicious Items	0
Disorderly Conduct	1
Fire Alarm	6
Medical Emergency	4
Drug Offense	0
Theft/Forgery/Counterfeit	2
Obstruction	2
Misc. Non-Violent Incidents	4
Use of Force	4
Lost/Found	4
TOTAL:	30



## CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division consists of both deputies and civilian clerks who handle and serve the legal matters and paperwork issued by the Courts. These include processing warrants, foreclosure and eviction notices, and conducting the auction of properties for mortgage foreclosures and delinquent taxes. Judy Houston Sexton oversaw the Civil Division in 2023.

### 2023 Documents Processed

Domestic Court	2,423
Juvenile Court	490
Civil Court	4,361
Criminal Court	15,641
Probate Court	299
Municipal Courts	1,500
Out-of-County Courts	1,635
Out-of-State Courts	98
Court of Appeals	3
TOTAL:	26,450

### 2023 Warrants & Indictments

Indictments	3,932
Warrants to Arrest/Capias	5,893
Extraditions	33
Fugitive Felony Court Services	62
TOTAL:	9,920

### 2023 Sheriff Sales

Scheduled Sales	635
Sold	354
Cancelled/Forfeited/No Sale	281
Evictions	79
TOTAL:	\$34,125,298

## CONCEALED CARRY

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the processing and issuance of Concealed Carry (CCW) licenses. This includes performing federal, state, and local background checks, fingerprinting, payment, and record keeping.



### 2023 CCW Activity

New Licenses Issued	499
Licenses Renewed	1,176
Licenses Suspended	23
Licenses Revoked	2
Applications Denied	13

## PATROL BUREAU

The Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau patrols the entire county, and is the policing agency for the City of Green, Coventry Township, Northfield Center Township, and Twinsburg Township, as well as providing security for the Akron-Canton Airport. Captain Dave McCutcheon, Lt. Mike Lowe, and Lt. James Rimedio oversee the Patrol Bureau in 2023. Our Patrol deputies received nearly 67,000 calls for service in 2023.



City of Green	
<b>Patrol Activities</b>	
Traffic Stops	4,192
Traffic Citations	1,416
Courtesy Citations	2,510
Advised/Verbal	126
Arrest/Summons	435
Calls for Service	34,901
<b>Major Crimes</b>	
Assaults	86
Burglary/B&E	57
Vandalism	78
Kidnapping/Abduction	3
Larceny/Theft	360
Vehicle Theft	26
Homicide	1
Overdose Death	4
Sexual Offense	42
Robbery	1
<b>Accidents</b>	
Non-Injury	754
Injury	39



Traffic Stop Demographics		
Race	Male	Female
White	1,024	720
Black	140	98
Hispanic	14	1
Asian	0	0
American Indian	0	0
Unknown	72	44
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>863</b>



**Northfield Center Township**

Patrol Activities	
Traffic Stops	387
Traffic Citations	60
Courtesy Citations	301
Advised/Verbal	8
Arrest/Summons	32
Calls for Service	8,911
Major Crimes	
Assaults	7
Burglary/B&E	6
Vandalism	6
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Larceny/Theft	65
Vehicle Theft	3
Homicide	0
Overdose Death	1
Sexual Offense	7
Robbery	1
Accidents	
Non-Injury	141
Injury	23

**Coventry Township**

Patrol Activities	
Traffic Stops	985
Traffic Citations	287
Courtesy Citations	779
Advised/Verbal	69
Arrest/Summons	285
Calls for Service	11,950
Major Crimes	
Assaults	55
Burglary/B&E	39
Vandalism	39
Kidnapping/Abduction	1
Larceny/Theft	223
Vehicle Theft	15
Homicide	0
Overdose Death	1
Sexual Offense	15
Robbery	3
Accidents	
Non-Injury	351
Injury	43

**Traffic Stop Demographics**

Race	Male	Female
White	89	44
Black	29	17
Hispanic	4	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian	0	0
Unknown	16	3
TOTAL:	138	64

**Traffic Stop Demographics**

Race	Male	Female
White	676	259
Black	164	61
Hispanic	4	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian	0	0
Unknown	47	29
TOTAL:	891	349

## Twinsburg Township

Patrol Activities	
Traffic Stops	539
Traffic Citations	133
Courtesy Citations	346
Advised/Verbal	21
Arrest/Summons	46
Calls for Service	11,232
Major Crimes	
Assaults	7
Burglary/B&E	6
Vandalism	16
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Larceny/Theft	38
Vehicle Theft	1
Homicide	0
Overdose Death	0
Sexual Offense	2
Robbery	1
Accidents	
Non-Injury	70
Injury	10



## TWINSBURG TOWNSHIP

Traffic Stop Demographics		
Race	Male	Female
White	120	74
Black	100	84
Hispanic	3	4
Asian	3	4
American Indian	0	0
Unknown	3	5
TOTAL:	229	171

### GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION TEAM

In 2023, the Summit County Sheriff's Office placed 3 detectives on the Akron Police Department's Gun Violence Reduction Team. The goal of the task force is the reduction of gun violence and removal of illegal guns from throughout Summit County. Other agencies on the team include the Barberton Police Department, University of Akron Police Department, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, and the ATF.

### 2023 GVRT Activities (Sheriff's Office only)

Cases	20
Guns Seized	125
Arrests	103
Warrant Arrests	3
Search Warrants	72
Full Auto Switches	12
Currency Seized	\$3,000
Cocaine	11.5 grams
Fentanyl	29 grams
Methamphetamine	1,126 grams

## AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the law enforcement at the Akron-Canton Airport. This includes security for the entire 2,700-acre facility and grounds, 10 miles of perimeter fencing, 47 airport-based businesses, 50 individual parking lots, and traffic control on the premises and the surrounding roadways. Sergeant Jerome Angerstein oversaw Airport Security in 2023.



### 2023 Airport Incident Report

	Reports	Arrests
Abandoned Vehicle	3	
Aggravated Menacing	1	1
Aircraft Emergency	1	
Assist Other Agency	1	
Civil Disturbance	5	
Counterfeit Currency	1	
Custody Dispute	1	
Criminal Trespassing	1	
Disorderly Conduct	3	
Door Alarms	263	
Drug Possession	2	1
Duties of License	2	2
Escorts	8	
Found Property	1	
K-9 Check: General	266	
K-9 Check: Common Areas	91	
K-9 Check: SIDA Vehicles	45	

### Continued...

K-9 Check: Sterile Area	99	
K-9 Check: Unattended Bags	4	
Laser Light on Aircraft	2	
Lockout	2	
Lost/Recovered Property	2	
Medical	36	
Missing Person	1	
Parking Complaint/Ticket	20	
Prohibited Item	2	1
Runaway	1	
Stolen Vehicle	4	
Suicide Threat	1	
Suspicious Person/Activity	14	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	2	
Unattended Bag	1	
Unsecure Door	1	
Vehicle Crash	4	
Warrant Arrest	3	1
Welfare Check	4	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>6</b>

## MARINE PATROL

The Marine Patrol Unit serves as the primary law enforcement agency on the waters of the Portage Lakes. Marine Patrol has been a partner with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 35 years, and has received the Outstanding Marine Patrol Award sixteen times. Sergeant Pete Nervo oversees the Marine Patrol.



2023 Marine Patrol Activity	
Patrol Boat Hours	825
Special Events Hours	388
Written Safety Inspections	151
Citations/Arrests	24
Warnings	514
Vessels Assisted	407
Persons Assisted	1,527
Accidents	2
Tows	11

## BOMB SQUAD

The Bomb Squad consists of deputies under the direction of Sergeant Pete Nervo, as well as our bomb-detecting K-9. They serve Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison counties. The team are on-call around the clock, and regularly participate in regional and national training to remain FBI accredited.



2023 Bomb Squad Activities	
Actual Device	12
Hoax Device	3
Inert Device	13
Recovery of Explosives	9
Bomb Threats	7

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Suspicious Package	6
Recovered Military Ordinance	15
Specialized Training	3
Demonstrations/Special Events	48
VIP Sweeps	21

## SWAT

The SWAT Team consists of Sheriff's Deputies and a team of tactical medics from the Green Fire Department. Team members participate in specialized training every month, with a total of 5,231 training hours completed in 2023. The SWAT Team is under the direction of Sergeant Miguel Hunt.



### 2023 SWAT Call Outs

Akron	14
Chardon (Geauga County)	1
Copley	1
Coventry Twp.	3
Fairlawn	1
Green	9
Lodi (Medina County)	1
Mogadore	2
Northfield Center Twp.	1
Protest Assists (Akron)	14
Twinsburg	1

## K-9 UNIT

In 2023, our K-9 Unit consisted of five dogs: patrol K-9s Freddy, Marlo, and Nero with Deputies Woodyard, Kemp, and Bowen; narcotics-detecting K-9 Taro with Deputy Gary, and explosives-detecting K-9 Piper with Deputy Cutlip.



### Bomb-Detecting K-9 Activities

Bomb Threats	8
Suspicious Vehicle Sweeps	11
Suspicious Item/Bag	16
Self-Initiated Sweeps	372
Public Event Sweeps	18
VIP Sweeps	4
EMA Drills	1
Other Agency Assisted	11

### 2023 Patrol/Narcotics/Gun K-9 Activities

Deployments	231
Alerts	70
Narcotics Seizures	13
Arrests	25
Tracking	13
Building Searches	8
Community Policing Events	89
Other Agency Assists	23



## CRASH INVESTIGATION

The Crash Investigation Unit is a group of highly trained deputies responsible for investigating fatal and serious-injury crashes. Members possess a variety of skills dealing with motorcycle, pedestrian, and commercial vehicle crash investigation, accident reconstruction, vehicle dynamics, and mapping and diagramming. The Unit is under the direction of Lieutenant Mike Lowe. They responded to 32 crashes in 2023.



2023 Crash Investigations		
Vehicle	Fatal	Serious Injury
Semi-Truck	3	1
Car	8	6
Motorcycle/ATV	4	2
Pedestrian-Vehicle	7	1

## CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

The Crime Scene Investigation Unit collects and processes physical, biological, and trace evidence at crime scenes, which is then presented to detectives, prosecutors, and the courts. The CSI Unit responded to 85 calls and assisted 2 other agencies in 2023. It is under the direction of Lieutenant Jeff Hemsley.



2023 CSI Calls	
Homicide	1
Rape	2
Shooting	8
Deaths	16
Overdose	5
Burglary	19
Robbery	2
Theft	4

Continued...	
Assault	2
Stolen Vehicle	7
Fire	3
Abduction	1
Gun Call	1
Suicide/Suicide Attempt	10
Vandalism	4

## CRISIS NEGOTIATORS

The Crisis Negotiation Team is dispatched to resolve incidents involving barricaded subjects, hostage takers, or persons threatening to commit suicide. Members accompany the SWAT Team on all high-risk operations. Negotiators partake in yearly training, including addressing those with mental illnesses or in altered mental states. Sergeant Chris Rhoades leads the Crisis Negotiation Team.



### 2023 Crisis Negotiator Activities

Callouts	29
Callout Hours	39
Trainings	5
Training Hours	146

## MOUNTED UNIT

The Summit County Sheriff's Office has the largest Mounted Unit in the State. It consists of deputies and civilian auxiliary members who participate on a voluntary basis. They are dispatched to perform crowd control at public events, demonstrations, festivals, high-profile visits, etc. Lieutenant James Rimedio leads the Mounted Unit.



### 2023 Mounted Unit Activities

Mutual Aid/Crowd Control	16
Events/Functions/Parades	11
In-County Training Days	5
Statewide Training Days	6

## HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard consists of six Deputies under the command of Sergeant Timakya Lewis. They serve as Guardians of the Colors at special ceremonies and events, and to honor their fallen comrades. In 2023 they performed their duties at six events.



## MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Mobile Field Force was formed to respond to planned and unplanned events such as riots, protests, mass casualty disasters, and any other large-scale events where a team of deputies is needed. It is under the Command of Inspector Bill Holland.



## DIVE & WATER RESCUE

The Summit County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Summit County Special Operations Dive & Water Rescue Team, consisting of several local emergency agencies throughout Summit County.



## TOWING & IMPOUND

The Towing & Impound Unit handles the towing and records-keeping of vehicles towed by the Sheriff's Office, Summit Metroparks, and Highway Patrol (within Summit) including crashes, traffic offenses, disabled vehicles, seizures, etc. Jim Schlagel oversees the operation.

2023 Towing & Impound	
Total Tows	1,622
Ohio State Patrol Tows	117
Metro Parks Tows	1
Total Affidavits	352

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau works on felony assignments and includes the Sex Offender Unit, Welfare Fraud Unit, Computer Crimes Unit, and members that work with the Summit County Human Trafficking Task Force. The Bureau also partners with Adult Protective Services and the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board to conduct investigations within their purview. In 2023, the Bureau was led by Lieutenant Karla Bloomingdale.



The Sheriff's Office is also responsible for receiving property and evidence found, recovered, seized, and abandoned, as well as ensuring that all documents are completed for chain-of-custody purposes. In 2023, we received 1,925 pieces of property and returned or disposed of 1,043 pieces.

### 2023 Investigations by Region

Akron	369
Barberton	3
Bath Twp.	2
Clinton	4
Copley	4
Coventry Twp.	189
Cuyahoga Falls	14
Fairlawn	7
Green	419
Hudson	2
Mogadore	1
Munroe Falls	1
New Franklin	4
Northfield Village	1
Northfield Center Twp.	81
Norton	4
Richfield	2
Sagamore Hills	4
Springfield Twp.	9
Stow	8
Tallmadge	8
Twinsburg	6
Twinsburg Twp.	37
Outside of Contracted Areas	232
Outside of County	3

### 2023 Case Numbers

Total Cases Assigned	1,285
Closed	715
Arrests	169
Warrants Issued	102

### 2023 Special Operations

Illegal Gambling	3
Sex Offender Sweeps	2
Underage Alcohol/Tobacco Checks	55
Human Trafficking Operations	10
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas	85

### 2023 DD Investigations

Total Cases Reviewed	634
Cases Opened	120
Cases Closed	25
Wellness Checks	97
Arrests	22
Indictments	10

The Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities contracts with the Sheriff's Office to investigate criminal cases that involve developmentally disabled persons residing in Summit County.

### 2023 APS Investigations

Total Cases Reviewed	264
Cases Closed	240
Pending Cases	69
Home Visits	352
Grand Jury	3
Indictments	3
Arrests	6

Summit County Adult Protective Services (APS) contracts with the Sheriff's Office for investigations of crimes against the elderly, such as neglect, abuse, and financial exploitation. Complaints are taken around the clock through the APS hotline.

### 2023 Direct Indictment Cases

Completed Cases	407
Warrants Entered	41
Pending	10

The Direct Indictment Unit is responsible for the review of all felony arrests by Sheriff's Office deputies, and expediting those cases through the Municipal and County Courts.

### 2023 Computer Forensics Investigations

Human Trafficking	5
Child Porn	5
Rape	3

The Sheriff's Office has a detective assigned as a computer forensic investigator whose primary responsibility is to analyze computers and cell phones for criminal evidence.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

The Summit Regional Human Trafficking Task Force is a multi-agency task force is led by the Summit County Sheriff's Office. It serves Summit, Stark, Medina, and Portage Counties, and partners with Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center in Akron to offer support to rescued survivors.



### 2023 Task Force Operations

Operations	10
Arrests	53
Hotline Calls	67
Survivors Rescued	117

## OVI TASK FORCE

The Summit County OVI Task Force is funded through a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant that is administered by the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety. Its goal is to reduce the number of alcohol-related auto accidents. In 2023, the Task Force was comprised of Sheriff's Deputies, as well as officers from the Akron, Bath, New Franklin, Richfield, Silver Lake, and Stow Police Departments.

### 2023 OVI Task Force Activity

OVI's	16
Seatbelt Citations	31
Speed Citations	140
Driving Under Suspension	78
No License	20
Other Citations	503
Felony Arrests	6
Total Traffic Stops	1,250
Checkpoints	16
Total Hours Worked	913

## SEX OFFENDER UNIT

The Sex Offender Unit is tasked with maintaining the registry and compliance of over 1,100 sex offenders in Summit County. In addition to this, they also maintain a registry of arson offenders. In 2023, Becky McCutcheon oversaw the Sex Offender Registry, with a patrol deputy assigned to conduct residency verifications throughout the county.

### 2023 Sex Offender Stats

Sex Offender Registry	
Registered Adult Offenders	1,156
Registered Juvenile Offenders	141
Registered Violent Offenders	51
Initial Offender Registrations	138
Offenders Removed from Registry	51
Offender Address Verifications Performed	236
Warrants Issued	88
Registered Arson Offenders	95

### 2023 Sex Offenders by Tier

Tier 1	249
Tier 2	388
Tier 3	152
Sexually Oriented Offenders	66
Habitual Sex Offenders	54
Sexual Predators	221
Child Victim Offenders	26

### Megan's Law Classifications

- **Sexually Oriented Offenders**  
Required to register annual for 10 years.
- **Habitual Sex Offenders**  
Required to register annually for 20 years.
- **Sexual Predators/Child Victim Predators**  
Required to register every 90 days for life.

### Adam Walsh Act Classifications

- **Tier 1:** Offenders must register annually for 15 years.
- **Tier 2:** Offenders must register every 6 months for 25 years.
- **Tier 3:** Offenders must register every 3 months for life.

*Sex offenders are required to register according to the schedule established by which classification they fall into, and any time they change their address. Community notification cards are sent to all households within 1,000 feet when a Tier 3 or Sexual Predator changes their address. Additionally, residents can sign up on the Summit County Sheriff's website for email notifications of sex offenders moving into their neighborhood, or view an interactive map of nearby offenders on the Summit County Sheriff's Office mobile app.*

## DRUG UNIT

The Summit County Drug Unit is a collaborative unit comprised of local, state, and federal law enforcement, overseen by Sheriff Fatheree. It is comprised of our deputies, and officers from the Akron, University of Akron, New Franklin, Copley, Silver Lake, Cuyahoga Falls, and Stow PDs, the Ohio Dept. of Parole, the Ohio National Guard, the DEA, ATF, and FBI. The Drug Unit is overseen by Lieutenant Michelle Wiltrout.

2023 Case Information	
Cases Initiated	121
Arrests	89
Overdose Investigations	82
Overdose Death Investigations	6
Firearms Seized	68
Search Warrants Served	221
Package Search Warrants	14
Title III Wire Tap Investigations	16

The Drug Unit also received 5,656 pounds of pills through its voluntary pill takeback program.

2023 Drugs & Currency Seized	
Cocaine	72,938 grams
Crack Cocaine	362 grams
Fentanyl	3,572 grams
Promethazine	136,274 doses
Marijuana	103,236 grams
Marijuana Plants	155
Methamphetamine	65,018 grams
Pharmaceuticals	205 doses
THC (edibles)	9,525 grams
THC (vape cartridges)	3
US Dollars	\$239,756

## ONSET

The Summit and Medina County Sheriff's Offices and Copley PD jointly operate the Ohio-Northeast Smuggling Enforcement Team (ONSET), which focuses on bulk narcotics and currency interdictions at hotels, airports, and bus terminals. They partner with the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission and Department of Homeland Security.

2023 Case Information	
Cases Initiated	90
Arrests	36
Warrant Arrests	49
Firearms Seized	6
Search Warrants	36
Consent Searches	37

2023 Drugs & Currency Seized	
Cocaine	16,850 grams
Fentanyl (pills)	5,903 doses
Fentanyl (powder)	3,909 grams
Marijuana	244,611 grams
Methamphetamine	11,581 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms	1,842 grams
MDMA	52 doses
US Dollars	\$2,556,216



## COMMUNITY POLICING

The Community Policing Unit consists of numerous programs and events for county residents of all ages that are designed to both serve and bring together the community with the Sheriff's Office in order to form a better understanding and a stronger, mutually beneficial bond. Sergeant Pete Nervo oversees our Community Policing operation.

**Carnival With a Cop** – Local children are partnered with a deputy or officer who spends the day with them riding rides, playing games, visiting exhibitions, and eating all that great fair food. Lunch was provided for all, and bookbags and school supplies were handed out at the end of the event.



**Christmas With a Cop** – The Sheriff's Office partners annually with other local law enforcement agencies to host Christmas With a Cop, in which economically disadvantaged children are partnered with officers and deputies to do some Christmas shopping for their families and themselves.

**Juvenile Diversion** – A partnership between the Sheriff's Office, the Juvenile Court System, and local communities to help reduce juvenile crime by offering first-time, non-violent offenders the opportunity to perform community service.

**Knox Box Program** – Part of our *Senior Services*, the Knox Box program promotes senior safe living by allowing quick access to our seniors that are in need of prompt medical attention. Durable and secure lock containing house keys are hung outside the participant's home which only first responders can gain access to in the event of an emergency.



**Neighborhood Watch** – The Sheriff's Office is active in the Neighborhood Watch program, which is a special partnership between deputies and residents who share a common goal of identifying crime problems and working together on solutions in the areas where they patrol or live.

**Quick Response Team** – A team comprised of a counselor, a paramedic, and a member of law enforcement that visits individuals who have suffered a drug overdose, with the goal of convincing them to seek treatment and establish a path to recovery. While on scene, the team provides resources for overdose victims and their families.



**S.M.A.R.T. Trailer** – The Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (S.M.A.R.T.) is used by the Sheriff's Office to address speed complaints, educate the public on problem areas, and gather data related to speeding and traffic volume to develop remedies.

**Safety City** – A five-day program designed to educate pre-kindergarten children residing in or attending school in one of our patrol districts. The program covers a variety of topics such as: stranger danger, bicycle safety, water safety, seat belts, crossing the street, traffic lights, fire safety, 911, and more.

**School Resource Officers** – The Sheriff's Office has deputies assigned to several school districts in the county that provide security at their assigned schools, engage in conflict resolution with the students, and educate parents and students on safety and security matters. We also perform safety assessments at the request of school districts, offering security recommendations, and developing lockdown and rapid response plans.

**Senior Coalition** – Sheriff's Office volunteers and different community entities and organizations arrange programs and presentations throughout the year that cover topics relevant to seniors.

**Senior Watch** – Designed to serve and protect senior citizens who live alone, those enrolled in the program are paired with a deputy who will check in regularly with them to ensure their safety and well-being.

**Summit Safe Communities** – Funded by a grant to the Sheriff's Office from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Summit Safe Communities focuses on driving safety issues such as seatbelt use, distracted driving, impaired driving, and more.

**Take Me Home** – A partnership between the Sheriff's Office and Prosecutor's Office designed to support those with disabilities who may need extra help communicating in an emergency situation. This program allows for the rapid identification and safe return of citizens who are unable to adequately communicate vital information such as their name and address to law enforcement.

**Toys for Tough Times** – Our Community Policing Unit partners with local churches, organizations, and individuals to provide stuffed animals, blankets, and other toys to our patrol deputies to give to children in difficult situations or who have just experienced a trauma or loss.



## D.A.R.E.

Summit County Sheriff's Deputies have taught Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) for over 30 years. It is offered to over 6,000 children in five school districts and nine parochial schools each year. Currently, the Sheriff's Office provides five programs from Pre-K through Eighth Grade.



<b>2023 DARE Program</b>		
<b>District &amp; Grades</b>	<b># of Classes</b>	<b># of Students</b>
Coventry – Kindergarten	6	78
Coventry – Elementary	16	281
Coventry – Middle School	9	204
Coventry – High School	8	127
Green – Kindergarten	15	245
Green – Primary	36	830
Green – Intermediate/Mid.	24	615
Green – High School	4	627
Nordonia – Kindergarten	11	240
Nordonia – Elementary/Mid.	53	1,182
Nordonia – High School	12	592
Mogadore – Elementary	3	60
Hudson – High School	12	725
St. Barnabas (K-8)	14	271
St. Hillary (5 <sup>th</sup> )	3	68
St. Mary (5 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> )	2	42
St. Vincent (5 <sup>th</sup> )	1	19
Our Lady of the Elms (5 <sup>th</sup> )	1	15
St. Sebastian (5 <sup>th</sup> )	2	37
St. Francis (5 <sup>th</sup> )	2	38
Immaculate Heart (5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> )	6	108
Seton Catholic School (5 <sup>th</sup> )	2	56
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>6,460</b>

## CHAPLAIN

Our full-time Chaplain is Deputy Jim Allshouse, a 30-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. In addition to his duties counseling and serving the spiritual needs of our staff, he is also heavily involved in our Community Policing presence, organizes our Adopt a Family program, and co-organizes the Faith & Blue program, among other functions.

Chaplain Allshouse is assisted by part-time Associate Chaplains Deputies Josh Christner and John Grimm, and Special Deputy Steve Klopffentstein.

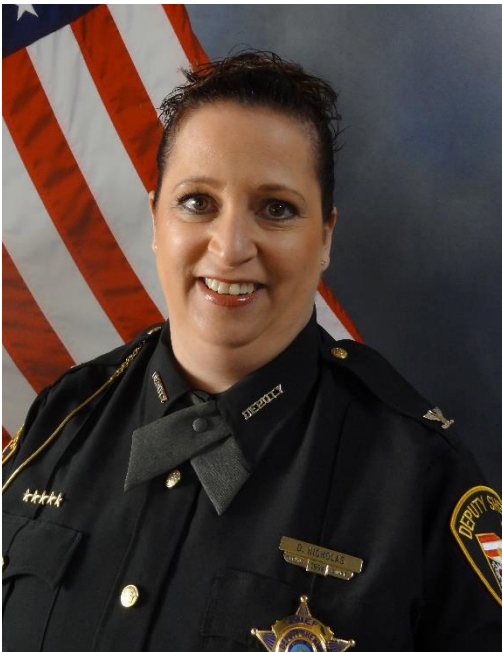


<b>2023 Chaplain Hours</b>	
Funerals	30
Calling Hours	35
Counseling	85
Training	97
Crisis Callouts	4
Hospital Visits	35
Swearings-In	7
Teaching	34
ASSIST 77 (Critical Incident Stress Mgmt. Team)	38
New Staff Orientation	20
Employee File Reviews	10
Meeting with Academy Students	8
Promotional/Award/Retirement Ceremonies	8
Adopt-a-Family	50
Summit Faith & Blue	50
Donut With a Deputy	16
Holiday Events	10
Misc. Community Events	112
FOP Meetings	24
FOP Chaplain Services	56
Addiction Recovery Programs	33
Back to School Programs	10
Misc. Employee Activities	30
BSSA Meetings	34
Misc. Meetings	49
Office Time	200



# Corrections Division

The **Corrections Division** oversees the functions and operations of the Summit County Jail, including Security, Inmate Services, Records & ID, Classification, Population Control, and more. The Division is under the leadership of Division Commander, Chief Donna Nicholas, with assistance from Major Matamba Kaalima and Captain Troy Dellinger.



**Chief Donna Nicholas**

**Chief, Corrections Division**

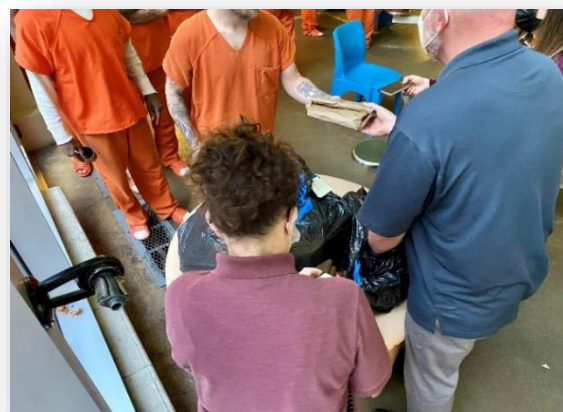
<b>2023 Jail Incidents</b>	
Assault	62
Assault on Staff	25
Disorderly Conduct	249
Illegal Conveyance (Drugs, Weapons, Contraband)	7
Medical/Mental Health	62
Falsification/Fraud/Forgery	8
Narcotics	22
Property Complaint (Recovered, Lost, Found)*	165
Refusal of Inmate	208
Sex Offenses	22
Suicide Attempts	11
Successful Suicides	0
Theft	1
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	32

The above incidents resulted in 95 uses of force and 217 uses of restraints.

\*Individual pieces of personal property.

## INMATE SERVICES

The Inmate Services Department provides critical support for the day-to-day operations of the Jail. In addition to providing ministerial, educational, recreational, legal, and other services, they also act as the liason between inmates and their families, as well as outside agencies and resources. This unit is comprised of civilian staff under the supervision of Rebecca McCutcheon.



<b>2023 Inmate Services Activity</b>	
Video Visitations	12,759
Inmate Requests (Kites)*	56,199
Inmate Property Releases	624
Notaries	375
<b>Inmate Programming</b>	
Religious Services	3,171
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings	364
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings	362
Books Distributed	2,849
Gym Attendance	5,291
Christmas Gift Bags Distributed	532
Inmate Messaging	1,107,501
Inmate Phone Calls	795,973

## JAIL REGISTRARS & POPULATION CONTROL

A team of Registrars under the supervision of Becky McCutcheon are responsible for maintaining the records of all inmates at the Jail from booking to release, while Abbey Leonard oversees Population Control, working to reduce our inmate population, and preparing and analyzing population statistics. The Registrars and Population Control work closely with the Prosecutor's Office, Common Pleas and Municipal Courts, and Summit County Adult Probation, as well as process transfers to local alternative sentencing facilities.

<b>2023 Average Daily Population</b>			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan	499	83	582
Feb	535	98	633
Mar	522	98	620
Apr	483	76	559
May	455	66	521
June	473	75	548
July	471	82	553
Aug	454	94	546
Sept	486	93	579
Oct	481	102	583
Nov	504	101	604
Dec	482	89	569
AVERAGE:			575

<b>2023 Bookings</b>			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan	614	156	770
Feb	542	155	697
Mar	538	136	674
Apr	474	120	594
May	514	145	659
June	527	133	660
July	506	164	670
Aug	534	170	704
Sept	549	161	710
Oct	603	199	802
Nov	558	158	716
Dec	518	153	671
TOTAL:	6,477	1,850	8,327

<b>2023 Releases</b>			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan	564	152	716
Feb	527	154	681
Mar	590	146	736
Apr	487	119	606
May	560	159	719
June	512	132	544
July	486	139	625
Aug	564	172	736
Sept	530	157	687
Oct	589	193	782
Nov	564	171	735
Dec	550	164	714
TOTAL:	6,523	1,858	8,381

## RECORDS & ID and INMATE ACCOUNTS

Located within the Summit County Jail, the Records & ID Bureau is responsible for maintaining all records and reports for the entire Summit County Sheriff's Office, as well as processing records requests from the public and all other entities. Kelly Pongracz oversees Records & ID and Inmate Accounts.

Inmate Accounts is responsible for the daily processing and reconciliation of all monies going into and out of inmates' accounts.

<b>2023 Records &amp; ID Bureau Activity</b>		
	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Sealings/Expungements Processed	1,625	n/a
Incident Reports Processed	8,632	n/a
Accident Reports Processed	1,924	n/a
Body Cam Requests Processed	689	n/a
Inmate DNA Swabs Processed	759	n/a
Accident/Incident Reports Reproduced for Pickup	604	\$604
Accident/Incident Reports Reproduced for Mailing	563	\$844.50
Carfax Crash Documents Processed	1,057	\$1,057
FBI/BCI Background Checks	21	\$990
General Public Record Checks	43	\$430
Inked Fingerprint Cards	15	\$150
Electronic Fingerprints	89	\$1,335
Pages Reproduced	1,441	\$144.10
DVDs Reproduced	94	\$376
Postage for Mailing	107	\$53
Certified Documents	14	\$14
Direct Billing Webchecks Processed	191	n/a
Other Misc. Revenue		\$4,403.10
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,401.20</b>

<b>2023 Commissary Data</b>	
Commissary Ordered	\$594,794
Commissary Commission	\$225,198
Fresh Favorites Ordered	\$76,660
Fresh Favorites Commission	\$15,460
I-Care Ordered	\$55,635
I-Care Commission	\$10,958

Inmate meals are provided through a contract with Aramark, with menus approved by a dietician to meet nutritional standards.

In 2023, there were a total of 620,208 meals provided to inmates.



## MEDICAL SERVICES

The Medical Unit is a contracted service provided by VitalCore Health Strategies and consists of a physician, medical director, nurse practitioner, dentist, dental assistant, administrative assistant, health services administrator, and a team of 6 registered nurses and 11 licensed practical nurses overseen by the Senior Vice President of Operations, Leah Carreon. Medical care is provided 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

<b>2023 Medical Services</b>	
Practitioner Sick Calls	230
Chronic Clinic Visits	79
Dental Visits In-House	309
Dental Kites Answered	77
Nurse Sick Calls	5,820
14-Day Physical Assessments	5,897
Nurse Emergency Response	136
Diagnostic Procedures	78
Pregnancy Tests	214
Total Pregnant Inmates	49
Off-Site Referrals to Specialists	138
Inmates Sent to Emergency Room	187
Special Diets Ordered	457
Deaths	3

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Mental Health Unit is a contracted service provided by Summit Psychological Associates and funded by the Summit County ADM Board. It is under the supervision of James A. Orlando, Ph.D., and Assistant Clinical Director of Jail Services Ruthann Paulus-Bland, MSW, LISW-S, and consists of three contracted psychiatrists, a team of clinicians, a registered nurse, support staff, case managers, and interns.

<b>2023 Mental Health Services</b>	
Inmates on Mental Health Meds	2,505
Monthly Average on Mental Health Meds	209
Encounters with Inmates	13,063
Psychiatrist Visits with Inmates	2,456
Re-Entry Visits with Inmates	158
Number of Kites Answered	4,720
Inmates in Suicide Precautions	951
Suicide Attempts	11
Successful Suicides	0



# Administration

The Summit County Sheriff's Office **Administration** consists of staff that perform a variety of duties that serve our deputies and staff, as well as the public. These include Human Resources, Fiscal and Budget, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Media and Communications, Special Operations and more.



## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.

The Human Resources Department handles interviews, hiring, promotional exams, disciplinary issues, employee benefits, Equal Opportunity and Fair Labor Standards reports, employee ADA accommodations, and more. The Department is headed up by Steven Dyer.

<b>2023 Full-Time Employees (Year End)</b>	
<b>Sworn Employees</b>	
Sheriff	1
Chief	2
Major	1
Inspector	1
Captain	3
Lieutenant	16
Sergeant	22
Deputy	225
TOTAL:	271
<b>Civilian Employees</b>	
Administrative Support	65
<b>Part-Time Employees</b>	
Sworn	8
Civilian	1
Cadets	12
TOTAL:	21
TOTAL ALL:	357

<b>2023 Staffing Activity</b>	
New Hires	64
Re-Hires	1
Promotions	17
Demotions	0
Transfers	30
Resignations	59
Terminations	5
Disability Retirement	0
Retirement	17
Death	2

<b>2023 Absenteeism, Comp, Overtime, Discipline</b>	
<b>Compensatory Hours Earned</b>	
Summit County Jail	1,271
Patrol Division	632
Training	48
Court Services/Civil	104
Detective Bureau	301
Drug Unit	7
Administration	70
TOTAL:	2,433
<b>Overtime Hours Paid</b>	
Summit County Jail	31,197
Patrol	17,284
Training	874
Dispatch	3,383
Court Services/Civil	9,329
Detective Bureau	4,855
Drug Unit	4,332
Administration	2,729
TOTAL:	73,983
<b>Discipline</b>	
Written Warnings	11
Written Reprimands	6
Administrative Referrals	20
<b>Grievances</b>	
FOP/Ohio Labor Council	31
Supervisors Union	4
AFSCME	4

## FISCAL DIVISION

The Fiscal Division is responsible for the entire operational budget of the Sheriff's Office, including all purchasing, special revenues, accounts payable, accounts receivable, auditing, expense tracking and reimbursements, competitive bidding, contracts, payroll, and grants. The Division is led by Budget Director Angie Just and a team of Fiscal Officers.

General Funds	2022	2023
Sheriff – General Office	\$10,892,200	\$11,302,700
Sheriff – Jail Operating	\$22,855,000	\$24,341,500
Courthouse Security	713,500	\$756,700
TOTAL:	\$34,460,700	\$36,400,900

2023 Special Revenues & Grants	
Police Rotary	\$8,646,200
Foreclosure Task Force	\$85,100
Foreclosure Rotary	\$141,400
Inmate Phone Commission	\$683,200
Inmate Welfare	\$521,600
CCW	\$96,200
DARE Grant	\$227,700
Marine Patrol Grant	\$44,000
Juvenile Diversion Grant (South)	\$44,980
Juvenile Diversion Grant (North)	\$55,275
Training Rotary	\$50,000
Insurance Retention	\$150,000
DUI Enforcement	\$73,000
ESAC – Drug Unit	\$217,500
ESAC – Sheriff's Fund	\$170,000
CPT Training Fund	\$50,000
IDEP Grant (10/1/23-9/30/24)	\$42,907
STEP Grant (10/1/23-9/30/24)	\$46,407
Safe Communities Grant	\$93,500
OVI Grant	\$250,000
Human Trafficking Grant	\$899,811
JAG Byrne Grant	\$110,452
Major Drug Interdiction ONSET Grant	\$279,242
Law Enforcement Staffing Grant	\$2,918,250
Women and Minority Recruitment Grant	\$81,404
Ohio Recovery OT Grant	\$120,106
DL-LEF Grant	\$182,685
Hot Spot Violence Reduction Grant	\$421,241
CSEA Grant	\$658,900
TOTAL:	\$17,361,061

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Fostering a diverse, welcoming, and inclusive environment is a top priority of the Summit County Sheriff's Office. In 2023, a total of 75 hours of DEI instruction were taught to over 400 deputies and special deputies. Esther Thomas served as our Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion.



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACADEMY

The SCSO offers a state certified, cutting-edge OPOTA course through a collaboration with the University of Akron. The Academy is ranked one of the best in the state, offering both a full-time and a part-time Peace Officer Basic Academy (740 hours), which graduated 65 students in 2023. They also offer Corrections Basic Academy and a Court Officer Basic Academy.



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Special Operations is responsible for the scheduling, coordination, and pay of all extra details worked by our Deputies and Special Deputies at the request of public and private entities. In 2023, the process was overseen by Frank DiMenna, and our Deputies and Special Deputies worked over 5,487 jobs, totaling 39,129 hours.



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