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Sheriff Kandy Fatheree

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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**



Sheriff Kandy Fatheree

Summit County Sheriff's Office

Kandy Fatheree assumed the office of Sheriff in January 2021 and is now serving her second term. As the Sheriff of Ohio's fourth largest county, she has more than 500 deputies, special deputies, and civilian staff under her command.

Fatheree grew up in Springfield Township and recalls wanting to work in law enforcement since the age of six. As a struggling single mother in her 30s, she sold nearly everything she owned to pay her way through the Police Academy. She started her career with the Lakemore Police Department in 1993, then joined the Summit County Sheriff's Office two years later.

Over the course of her three decades with the Sheriff's Office, she worked in nearly every unit and division and learned the office inside and out. She rose through the ranks to reach the level of captain, where she was tasked with overseeing the office's \$45 million budget.

In 2008, Fatheree attended the FBI National Academy for Executive Leadership, and it was then that she realized her dream of becoming Sheriff. She was proudly elected by the residents of Summit County in 2020, becoming the first woman to hold the office of sheriff in county history, and only the fourth in Ohio's history.

Among her top priorities, Fatheree is focused on boosting professionalism, performance, and efficiency within the agency, increasing diversity, outreach, and communication, and confronting the mental health and addiction crises in our community.

Sheriff Fatheree serves on the Board of Directors of the National Sheriff's Association, and she and her administration have been nationally recognized for their innovative and groundbreaking approaches.



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. In 2024, the Operations Division was headed by Division Commander, Chief Scott Cottle.

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, L.t Mike Lowe, and Lt. James Rimedio oversaw the Patrol Bureau in 2024.



City of Green	
Patrol Activities	
Traffic Stops	3,654
Traffic Citations	1,027
Courtesy Citations	2,457
Advised/Verbal	107
Arrest/Summons	480
Calls for Service	31,056
Major Crimes	
Assaults	76
Burglary/B&E	40
Vandalism	65
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Larceny/Theft	277
Vehicle Theft	12
Homicide	0
Sexual Offense	35
Robbery	5
Accidents	
Non-Injury	765
Injury	33



Traffic Stop Demographics		
Race	Male	Female
White	989	699
Black	208	123
Hispanic	10	0
Asian	4	1
American Indian	2	0
Unknown	77	46
TOTAL:	1,290	869



Northfield Center Township

Patrol Activities

Traffic Stops	459
Traffic Citations	92
Courtesy Citations	346
Advised/Verbal	13
Arrest/Summons	41
Calls for Service	6,968

Major Crimes

Assaults	5
Burglary/B&E	5
Vandalism	4
Kidnapping/Abduction	1
Larceny/Theft	51
Vehicle Theft	3
Homicide	0
Sexual Offense	8
Robbery	1

Accidents

Non-Injury	109
Injury	20

Coventry Township

Patrol Activities

Traffic Stops	969
Traffic Citations	267
Courtesy Citations	710
Advised/Verbal	33
Arrest/Summons	266
Calls for Service	11,258

Major Crimes

Assaults	46
Burglary/B&E	37
Vandalism	39
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Larceny/Theft	201
Vehicle Theft	1
Homicide	2
Sexual Offense	18
Robbery	6

Accidents

Non-Injury	325
Injury	19

Traffic Stop Demographics

Race	Male	Female
White	137	84
Black	42	26
Hispanic	1	1
Asian	0	0
American Indian	2	0
Unknown	16	9
TOTAL:	198	120

Traffic Stop Demographics

Race	Male	Female
White	474	376
Black	117	100
Hispanic	6	2
Asian	2	1
American Indian	0	0
Unknown	43	36
TOTAL:	642	515

Twinsburg Township

Patrol Activities

Traffic Stops	632
Traffic Citations	161
Courtesy Citations	421
Advised/Verbal	28
Arrest/Summons	51
Calls for Service	9,415

Major Crimes

Assaults	9
Burglary/B&E	3
Vandalism	8
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Larceny/Theft	29
Vehicle Theft	0
Homicide	0
Sexual Offense	5
Robbery	0

Accidents

Non-Injury	53
Injury	6



TWINSBURG TOWNSHIP

Traffic Stop Demographics

Race	Male	Female
White	238	116
Black	205	99
Hispanic	10	3
Asian	0	3
American Indian	3	3
Unknown	17	9
TOTAL:	473	233

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.

2024 Towing & Impound

Total Tows	1,787
Ohio State Patrol Tows	137
Metro Parks Tows	4
Total Affidavits	495

AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for law enforcement at the Akron-Canton Airport. This includes security for the entire 2,700-acre facility and grounds, 10 miles of perimeter fencing, dozens of airport-based businesses, 50 individual parking lots, and traffic control on the premises and surrounding roadways. Sergeant Cathy Diesch oversaw Airport Security in 2024.



2024 Airport Incident Report		
	Reports	Arrests
Abandoned Vehicle	1	
Aircraft Crash	1	
Assault	2	
Assist Other Agencies	4	
Civil Disturbance	5	
Criminal Damaging	1	
Criminal Trespassing		1
Disorderly Conduct	8	3
Door Alarms	124	
DUI/Intoxicated	5	1
Duties of License		1
Fire Related	1	
Lost/Recovered Property	25	
Medical	35	
Misc.	6	
Parking Complaint/Ticket	4	
Suspicious Person/Activity	15	
Theft/Larceny	5	
Trespass	1	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	3	
Unattended Vehicle	157	
Warrant Arrest	1	2
Weapon Law	3	
Welfare Check	6	

MARINE PATROL

The Marine Patrol Unit is the primary law enforcement on the waters of the Portage Lakes. They have been a partner with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 35 years and have received the Outstanding Marine Patrol Award 16 times. Sergeant Pete Nervo oversees the Unit, which consisted of 9 members in 2024.



2024 Marine Patrol Activity	
Search and Rescue Cases	35
Written Safety Checks	151
Spot Checks	167
Citations/Arrests	23
Warnings	607
Vessels Assisted	520
Persons Assisted	2,122
Accident Investigations	10
Thefts and Other Incidents	1
Total Patrol Hours	898

BOMB SQUAD

The Bomb Squad consists of skilled deputies who take part in year-round local and national training to maintain their FBI accreditations. They serve Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison counties, and remain on-call at all times. The Unit is under the command of Sergeant Pete Nervo.



2024 Bomb Squad Call Outs	
Actual Device	2
Recovery of Explosives	31
Bomb Threats	11
Suspicious Package	4
Recovered Military Ordinance	15

Continued...	
Dignitary Protection	1
VIP Sweeps	21
Specialized Training Sessions	3
Demos/Special Events	41
Hoax Devices	5

SWAT TEAM

The SWAT Team consists of deputies and a team of tactical medics from the Green Fire Department. Team members participate in monthly specialized training, with a total of 5,721 training hours completed in 2024. The SWAT Team is under the direction of Sergeant Miguel Hunt.



2024 SWAT Call Outs	
Akron	24
Barberton	3
Coventry Twp.	2
Fairlawn	1
Green	3
Lakemore	1
Macedonia	1
Mogadore	1
New Franklin	1
Northfield Center Twp.	1

K-9 UNIT

The K-9 Unit consists of seven dogs with specialties ranging from narcotics detection, to explosives detection, to tracking and apprehension, to article search. In 2024, the Sheriff's Office also launched a new initiative of having narcotics-detecting K-9s working within the County Jail. The K-9 unit engaged in over 2,000 hours of training in 2024.



2024 K-9 Activities	
Deployments	426
Alerts	86
Other Agency Assists	103
Narcotics Seizures	56
Arrests	193

Continued...	
Tracking	21
Building Searches	94
Apprehension Assists	18
Physical Apprehensions	2
Public Events/Demos	114

CRASH INVESTIGATION

The Crash Investigation Unit is a group of highly trained deputies responsible for investigating fatal and serious-injury crashes involving motorcycles, pedestrians, and commercial vehicles using accident reconstruction, vehicle dynamics, diagramming, and other skills. The Unit is also a part of the Summit Metro Crash Response Team, and in 2024 was under the direction of Lieutenant Mike Lowe.



2024 Crash Investigations		
Vehicle Type	Fatal	Serious Injury
Semi-Truck	2	0
Car	11	10
Motorcycle/ATV	4	7
Pedestrian-Vehicle	3	2

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

The Crime Scene Investigation Unit collects and processes physical, biological, and trace evidence at crime scenes, which is presented to detectives, prosecutors, and the courts. The CSI Unit responded to 86 calls in 2024, including 8 from other agencies. The unit is under the direction of Lieutenant Jeff Hemsley.



2024 CSI Call Outs	
Homicide	3
Rape	1
Shooting	2
Deaths	6
Overdose	9
Burglary	13
Robbery	3
Theft	3

Continued...	
Assault	4
Stolen Vehicle	2
Fire/Arson	2
Abduction	1
Suicide/Suicide Attempt	11
Vandalism	1
Breaking and Entering	13
Barricaded Subject	1

CRISIS NEGOTIATORS

The Crisis Negotiation Team is dispatched to resolve incidents involving barricaded subjects, hostage takers, or persons threatening 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.



2024 Crisis Negotiator Activities

Akron	21
Barberton	3
Coventry Twp.	3
Fairlawn	1
Green	1
Macedonia	1
New Franklin	1
Northfield	1
Springfield Twp.	2

MOUNTED UNIT

The 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, VIP visits, and more. Lieutenant James Rimedio leads the Mounted Unit.



2024 Mounted Unit Activities

Mutual Aid/Crowd Control Call Outs	16
Events/Functions/Parades	13
In-County Training Days	5
Statewide Training Days	5

DRONE RESPONSE TEAM

The Drone Response Team was created in 2024. The unit consists of deputies who are FAA certified to fly drones to be used in incidents like missing people, barricaded subjects, fleeing suspects, and more. The unit responded to 31 call outs in 2024. It is under the command of Captain Michelle Wilttrout.



DIVE RESCUE & RECOVERY

The Dive Rescue and Recovery Team consists of deputies who are certified divers and is attached to the South Summit Water Branch of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SORT). The team performed 252 hours of training in 2024, and responded to 2 call outs.



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 2024 they performed their duties at eight 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.



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, the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, and Summit County Children Services to conduct investigations within their purview. In 2024, the Bureau was led by Captain Karla Bloomingdale.



The Sheriff's Office is also responsible for property and evidence found, recovered, seized, or abandoned, and ensuring that all documents are completed for chain-of-custody purposes. In 2024, we received 3,638 pieces of property and returned or disposed of 1,102 pieces.

2024 Investigations by Region	
Akron	302
Barberton	10
Bath Twp.	1
Clinton	1
Copley	2
Coventry Twp.	193
Cuyahoga Falls	1
Fairlawn	6
Green	421
Hudson	1
Lakemore	1
Mogadore	1
New Franklin	1
Northfield Village	1
Northfield Center Twp.	67
Norton	2
Richfield	1
Sagamore Hills	1
Springfield Twp.	7
Stow	5
Tallmadge	4
Twinsburg	2
Twinsburg Twp.	50
Outside of County	2

2024 Case Numbers	
Total Cases Assigned	1,150
Closed	858
Arrests	108
Warrants Issued	89

2024 Special Operations	
Illegal Gambling	2
Sex Offender Sweeps	2
Underage Alcohol/Tobacco Checks	52
Human Trafficking Operations	14
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas	41

2024 DD Investigations

Total Cases Reviewed	503
Cases Opened	88
Cases Closed	80
Wellness Checks	156
Arrests	11
Indictments	4

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.

2024 APS Investigations

Total Cases Reviewed	313
Cases Closed	293
Home Visits	410
Grand Jury	5
Indictments	5
Arrests	5

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.

2024 CSS Investigations

Hotline Calls Answered	1,427
Home Visits	250
Removals	7
Arrests	7
Warrants Issued	2

In 2024, Summit County Children Services began contracting with the Summit County Sheriff's Office to investigate crimes related to children, such as abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

2024 Direct Indictment Cases

Completed Cases	356
Warrants Entered	66
Pending	5

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

2024 Computer Forensics Cases

Human Trafficking	7
Child Porn	6
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 evidence.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

The Summit Regional Human Trafficking Task Force is a multi-agency task force is led by the 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.

2024 Task Force Operations	
Operations	14
Arrests	50
Hotline Calls	77
Survivors Rescued	112

GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION TEAM

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

2024 GVRT Activities	
Cases	14
Guns Seized	160
Arrests	107
Warrant Arrests	2
Search Warrants	80
Assist Other Agencies	257
Traffic Stops	63
Recovered Stolen Firearms	8
Full Auto Switches	3
Gun Calls	89
ATF Operations	63
Ballistics Database Leads	13
Response to Shootings	30
Currency Seized	\$39,607
Cocaine Seized	1,376 grams
Fentanyl Seized	798 grams
Meth Seized	3,164 grams

OVI TASK FORCE

The Summit County OVI Task Force is funded through a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant. Its goal is to reduce the number of alcohol-related auto accidents. In 2024, the Task Force was comprised of Sheriff's Deputies, as well as officers from the Akron, Bath, New Franklin, Richfield, Silver Lake, Tallmadge, Lakemore, Stow, Springfield Township, Macedonia, and Peninsula Police Departments.

2024 OVI Task Force Activity	
OVI's	21
Seatbelt Citations	21
Speed Citations	100
Driving Under Suspension	73
No License	7
Other Citations	613
Felony Arrests	6
Total Traffic Stops	1,352
Checkpoints	15
Total Hours Worked	1,011

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 and violent offenders. In 2024, Becky McCutcheon oversaw the Sex Offender Registry and it's 6 full time employees. A detective is assigned to conduct residency verifications throughout the county.

2024 Sex Offender Stats	
Sex Offender Registry	
Registered Adult Offenders	1,194
Registered Juvenile Offenders	54
Registered Violent Offenders	71
Initial Offender Registrations	66
Offenders Removed from Registry	25
Address Verifications Conducted	532
Warrants Issued	71
Registered Arson Offenders	110

2024 Sex Offenders by Tier	
Tier 1	274
Tier 2	427
Tier 3	181
Sexually Oriented Offenders	57
Habitual Sex Offenders	40
Sexual Predators	239
Child Victim Offenders	30

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 effort headed up by the Sheriff's Office. It is comprised of our office, as well as Akron PD, University of Akron PD, New Franklin PD, Copley PD, Silver Lake PD, Cuyahoga Falls PD, Stow PD, the Ohio Dept. of Parole, the Ohio National Guard, the DEA, the ATF. The Drug Unit is overseen by Captain Michelle Wilttrout.



2024 Case Information	
Cases Initiated	88
Arrests	38
Overdose Investigations	61
Overdose Death Investigations	10
Firearms Seized	31
Search Warrants Served	114
Title III Wire Tap Investigations	16

2024 Drugs & Currency Seized	
Cocaine	56,759 grams
Crack Cocaine	430 grams
Fentanyl	1,886 grams
Marijuana	9,771 grams
Marijuana Plants	30
Methamphetamine	4,461 grams
Pharmaceuticals	356 doses
US Currency Seized	\$824,852

The Drug Unit also received 5,336 pounds of pills through its voluntary pill takeback program.

SUMMIT STARK NARCOTICS INTERDICTION TEAM

In 2024, the Summit and Stark County Sheriff's Offices and Copley Township Police Department formed the collaborative Summit Stark Narcotics Interdiction Team (SSNIT). In partnership with the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission and Department of Homeland Security, the task force will focus on bulk narcotics and currency interdiction at hotels, airports, and bus terminals within the two counties.

During the time they operated in 2024, the SSNIT task force initiated 3 new cases and seized \$409,403.

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 Cathy Diesch.



2024 Complaints and Investigations

Sustained	15
Not Sustained	7
Exonerated	41
Unfounded	18

2024 Background Investigations

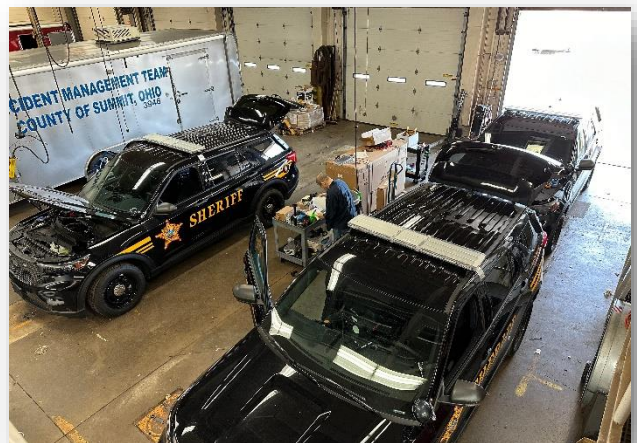
Deputies	30
Civilian Employees	26
Cadets	55
Internal Investigations	36

2024 Other Services Rendered

Voice Stress Analysis Tests	98
Applicant Psych Tests	47
Random Drug Tests	211

FLEET SERVICES

Fleet Services handles the care, maintenance, allocation, and customization of vehicles. In 2024, we had 238 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.



TRAINING BUREAU

The Training Bureau provides state of the art training of the highest standards to all Sheriff's Office personnel. All deputies are required to participate in a minimum of 40 hours of in-service training each year, with additional specialty training on top of that. The Training Center is under the supervision of Captain Rich Paolucci.



2024 Training Hours

Active Shooter Assessments	12
Bomb Squad (FBI included)	312
Bomb Squad/Akron Fire Dept.	16
Chemical Agent	6
Civilian DT/Use of Force/First Aid/CPR	8
Crime Scene Investigation	40
Crisis Negotiators	228
Deputy In-Service	1,120
Explosive Breacher Training	40
Firearms Red Dot Training	16
Marine Patrol	8
Misc. Group Tours/Discussions	8
Mobile Field Force	24
New Hire/Chemical/Taser	32
OVI Task Force Meetings	16
Patrol In-Service	72
Patrol Rifle Operator Course	16
Pursuit Training	98
Rifle Armorer	16
Sniper Training	102
Special Deputy	6
Subject Control	40
Summit County Adult Probation	12
Support Services	8
SWAT (Basic)	50
SWAT (In-Service)	40
SWAT (Monthly)	176
Threat Assessment Off-Site	12
University of Akron Basic Academy	744

2024 Other Agency Firearms Training

Akron Police Department	352
Summit County Prosecutor	4
Violent Fugitive Task Force	48
Signet Jewelers	28
Drug Unit	48
Summit Metro Parks	26
Special Deputy	32

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, Clerk of Courts Office, Child Support Enforcement Agency, Summit County Health Department, Department of Job and Family Services, and Civil Process. They also oversee inmate transport between the Jail and Courthouse and guard inmates during their hearings. In 2024, Court Services was overseen by Captain Dave McCutcheon.



2024 Building Attendance

Safety Building	91,175
Main Courthouse	94,586
Domestic Court	61,399
Juvenile Court	55,951
TOTAL:	303,111

2024 Inmate Transports

Convey to and from Prisons	823
Common Pleas Court	1,779
Common Pleas Court CCTV	5,642
New Inmates from Court	793
Juvenile Facilities	55
Local & Municipal Transports	276
Other Jails/Facilities	297
TOTAL:	9,665

2024 Incident Overview

Arrests	3
Assaults	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Medical Emergency	7
Theft/Forgery/Counterfeit	2
Misc. Non-Violent Incidents	6
Use of Force	1
TOTAL:	22

In 2024, the Court Services Convey Unit logged over 80,000 miles and transported over 600 inmates to and from the Summit County Jail to the Courthouse, as well as various other state and federal institutions.

CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division consists of 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 oversaw the Civil Division in 2024.

2024 Documents Processed	
Domestic Court	2,451
Juvenile Court	313
Civil Court	3,868
Criminal Court	11,500
Probate Court	243
Municipal Courts	1,546
Out-of-County Courts	1,557
Out-of-State Courts	104
Court of Appeals	0
TOTAL:	21,582

2024 Warrants & Indictments	
Indictments	3,861
Warrants to Arrest/Capias	5,731
Extraditions	43
Fugitive Felony Court Services	88
TOTAL:	9,723

2024 Sheriff Sales	
Scheduled Sales	584
Sold	290
Cancelled/Forfeited/No Sale	294
Evictions	72
Total in Sales	\$30,169,505

New in 2024, the Warrants Division had two full-time deputies. Together they were responsible for the arrest of 230 felons in and around Summit County.

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.



2024 CCW Activity	
New Licenses Issued	447
Licenses Renewed	1,292
Licenses Suspended	0
Licenses Revoked	14
Applications Denied	3

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 operations.

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.) across the county for over three decades. 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.



2024 DARE Program		
District & Grades	# of Classes	# of Students
Coventry – Kindergarten	5	115
Coventry – Elementary	13	360
Coventry – Middle School	4	94
Coventry – High School	8	122
Green – Kindergarten	15	270
Green – Primary	35	829
Green – Intermediate/Mid.	24	600
Green – High School	4	647
Nordonia – Kindergarten	7	156
Nordonia – Elementary	18	690
Nordonia – Middle School	7	262
Nordonia – High School	9	267
Mogadore – Elementary	3	50
Hudson – High School	6	365
St. Barnabas (K-8)	12	221
St. Hillary (5 th)	3	68
St. Mary (5 th and 8 th)	2	54
St. Vincent (5 th)	1	16
Our Lady of the Elms (5 th)	1	15
St. Sebastian (5 th)	2	39
St. Francis (5 th)	2	31
Immaculate Heart (5 th and 8 th)	4	69
Seton Catholic School (5 th)	2	55
TOTAL:	187	5,395



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. In 2024, the Division was under the leadership of Division Commander, Chief Donna Nicholas, with assistance from Major Matamba Kaalima and Captain Troy Dellinger.

REGISTRARS & JAIL POPULATION CONTROL

A team of Registrars under the supervision of Rebecca McCutcheon are responsible for maintaining the records of all inmates from booking to release.

Population Control is overseen by Abbey Leonard, who maintains inmate stats and acts as a liaison with the courts and other correctional insitutions and alternative sentencing facilities, with the goal of reducing the inmate population.

2024 Average Daily Population			
	Male	Female	Total
Jan	473	89	562
Feb	483	95	578
Mar	492	90	582
Apr	497	75	572
May	488	75	563
June	475	82	557
July	479	94	573
Aug	492	98	590
Sept	467	96	563
Oct	464	97	561
Nov	476	93	569
Dec	476	78	554
AVERAGE:			569

2024 Average Daily Bookings			
	Male	Female	Total
Jan	21	6	27
Feb	22	8	30
Mar	21	6	27
Apr	21	7	28
May	20	6	26
June	20	6	26
July	22	7	29
Aug	23	10	33
Sept	20	7	27
Oct	19	6	25
Nov	19	5	24
Dec	17	5	22
AVERAGE:	20	6	27

2024 Average Daily Releases			
	Male	Female	Total
Jan	20	6	26
Feb	23	7	30
Mar	19	7	26
Apr	22	7	29
May	22	6	28
June	19	5	24
July	21	7	28
Aug	24	9	33
Sept	20	7	27
Oct	20	6	26
Nov	17	5	22
Dec	18	5	23
AVERAGE:	20	6	28

2024 Jail Incidents	
Assault	70
Assault on Staff	15
Disorderly Conduct	303
Illegal Conveyance (Drugs, Weapons, Contraband)	21
Medical/Mental Health	157
Falsification/Fraud/Forgery	9
Narcotics	37
Property Complaints (Items Lost, Found, Recovered)	105
Refusal of Inmate	94
Sex Offenses	32
Suicide Attempt	29
Successful Suicide	1
Theft	3
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	32
Use of Force	115
Use of Restraints	220

INMATE SERVICES

Inmate Services 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 under the supervision of Rebecca McCutcheon.



2024 Inmate Services Activity	
Video Visitations	12,054
Inmate Requests (Kites) *	68,876
Inmate Property Releases	597
Notaries	492
Inmate Programming	
Religious Services	3,251
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings	47
Library Books Distributed	4,288
Gym Attendance	4,476
Christmas Gifts Distributed	520
Inmate Messaging	1,375,492
Inmate Phone Calls	2,537,145

* Inmate requests, better known as "kites," consist of any type of requests from inmates, such as medical, dietary, legal, spiritual, etc.

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.

Inmate Accounts is responsible for the daily processing and reconciliation of all monies going into and out of inmates' accounts. Kelly Pongracz oversees Records & ID and Inmate Accounts.

2024 Records & ID Bureau Activity		
	Completed	Revenue
Sealings/Expungements Processed	1,788	n/a
Incident Reports Processed	7,897	n/a
Accident Reports Processed	1,940	n/a
Body Cam Requests Processed	857	n/a
Inmates Processed Through Records	9,816	n/a
Felony Inmate DNA Swabs Processed	1,035	n/a
Accident/Incident Reports Reproduced for Pickup	442	\$442
Accident/Incident Reports Reproduced for Mailing	556	\$834
Carfax Crash Reports Processed	1,146	\$1,146
FBI/BCI Background Checks	13	\$594
General Public Record Checks	95	\$950
Inked Fingerprint Cards	11	\$110
Electronic Fingerprints	46	\$690
Pages Reproduced	2,420	\$242
DVDs Reproduced	91	\$364
Postage for Mailing	170	\$85
Certified Documents	66	\$66
Direct Billing Webchecks Processed	586	n/a
Other Misc. Revenue		\$5,857
TOTAL:		\$11,381

2024 Commissary Data	
Commissary Ordered	\$556,150
Commissary Commission	\$210,681
Fresh Favorites Ordered	\$90,429
Fresh Favorites Commission	\$18,029
I-Care Ordered	\$58,151
I-Care Commission	\$11,495

Inmate meals are provided through a contract with *Aramark*, with menus approved by a dietician to meet nutritional standards. In 2024, there were a total of 634,737 meals served. Additional options to purchase food and snacks are available through *Fresh Favorites* and *I-Care*.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Medical Unit is a contracted service with VitalCore Health Strategies and consists of a physician medical director, nurse practitioner, dentist, dental assistant, administrative assistant, and a team of 6 registered nurses and 16 licensed practical nurses. It is overseen by Director of Nursing and the Health Services Administrator, Kimberly Ward.

Medical care is provided 24/7, ranging from emergency response, medical screening and admission, chronic medical care maintenance, lab, and diagnostic testing, IV therapy, medication assisted drug treatment, detoxification and withdrawal, and more.

2024 Medical Services	
Practitioner Sick Call Visits	1,419
Nurse Sick Call Visits	7,621
Doctor Sick Call Visits	1,217
Chronic Clinic Visits	58
Dental Visits	375
Dental Kites Answered	532
Nurse Sick Calls	7,000
14-Day Physical Assessments	923
Nurse Emergency Response	173
Diagnostic Procedures	948
Pregnancy Tests	1,078
Total Pregnant Inmates	30
Off-Site Referrals to Specialists	201
Inmates Sent to Emergency Room	183
Special Diets Ordered	235
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.

2024 Mental Health Services	
Inmates on Mental Health Meds	1,833
Monthly Average on Mental Health Meds	153
Mental Health Staff Visits with Inmates	19,020
Psychiatrist Visits with Inmates	4,127
Number of Kites Answered	1,000
Inmates in Suicide Precautions	882



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, Finance & Budget, Legal Counsel, Media & Communications, Special Operations, and more.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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. In 2024, the Department was led by Steve Dyer.

2024 Employee Stats (Year End)	
Sworn Employees	
Sheriff	1
Chief	2
Major	1
Inspector	2
Captain	5
Lieutenant	12
Sergeant	22
Deputy	246
TOTAL:	291
Civilian Employees	
All Civilian Employees	65
Part-Time Employees	
Sworn	6
Civilian	2
Cadets	17
TOTAL:	25
TOTAL ALL:	381

2024 Staffing Activity	
New Hires	74
Re-Hires	0
Promotions	27
Demotions	1
Transfers	38
Resignations	36
Terminations	1
Disability Retirement	0
Retirement	12
Death	0

2024 Overtime, Discipline, Comp, etc.	
Overtime Hours Paid	
Summit County Jail	28,399
Patrol Division	18,422
Training	460
Court Services/Civil	8,576
Detective Bureau	5,348
Drug Unit	4,518
Administration	961
Community Policing	684
Academy	3,638
TOTAL:	71,006
Comp Hours Earned	
Summit County Jail	1,816
Patrol Division	2,264
Training	172
Court Services/Civil	94
Detective Bureau	816
Drug Unit	13
Administration	62
Community Policing	72
Academy	0
TOTAL:	5,309
Discipline	
Written Warnings	23
Written Reprimands	18
Administrative Referrals	3
Grievances	
FOP/Ohio Labor Council	30
Supervisors Union	6
AFSCME	1

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	2023	2024
Sheriff – General Office	\$11,302,700	\$12,094,200
Sheriff – Jail Operating	\$24,341,500	\$26,651,700
Courthouse Security	\$756,700	\$842,700
TOTAL:	\$36,400,900	\$39,588,600

2024 Revenue & Grants	
Police Rotary	\$9,627,400
Foreclosure Task Force	\$91,200
Foreclosure Rotary	\$175,800
Inmate Phone Commission	\$662,400
Inmate Welfare	\$384,400
CCW	\$81,600
DARE Grant	\$245,500
Marine Patrol Grant	\$45,700
Juvenile Diversion Grant (South)	\$57,210
Juvenile Diversion Grant (North)	\$71,487
Training Rotary	\$50,000
Insurance Retention	\$150,000
DUI Enforcement	\$41,000
ESAC – Drug Unit	\$235,500
ESAC – Sheriff's Fund	\$110,000
CPT Training Fund	\$160,000
IDEP Grant	\$44,146
STEP Grant	\$47,646
Safe Communities Grant	\$93,500
OVI Grant	\$250,000
JAG Byrne Grant	\$127,697
Major Drug Interdiction ONSET Grant	\$188,963
Ohio Recovery OT Grant	\$119,997
DL-LEF Grant	\$182,500
CSEA Grant	\$630,300
Drug Unit (ARPA)	\$11,090
Federal Vehicle Grant	\$963,000
TOTAL:	\$14,181,036

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACADEMY

The SCSO offers a state certified, cutting-edge OPOTA course through a collaboration with the University of Akron. The Academy offers both full-time and part-time options and has received "Star" accreditation from the Attorney General's Office, ranking it one of the best in the state. 111 individuals graduated from the Summit County Sheriff's Office-University of Akron Police Academy in 2024.



CHAPLAINCY

Our full-time Chaplain, Deputy Jim Allshouse, is a 31-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. He is assisted by Associate Chaplains Deputies Josh Christner and John Grimm, and Special Deputy Steve Klopfontstein. In addition to their duties counseling and serving the spiritual needs of our staff, they are also heavily involved in our Community Policing initiatives.



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 2024, the process was overseen by Frank DiMenna, and our Deputies and Special Deputies worked over 5,443 jobs, totaling 35,984 hours.



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