



The SHIELD

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The Summit County Sheriff's Office mourns the loss of Special Deputy Patrick Sullivan, who passed away unexpectedly in December. Patrick worked at the Sheriff's Office for 27 years before his retirement in 2010, and after retiring continued to serve as a Special Deputy and Criminal Bailiff with the Summit County Domestic Relations Court.





From the desk of

Sheriff Kandy Fatheree

As we enter a new year and a new term, we have many exciting things in the works at the Summit County Sheriff's Office!

Firstly, we have three brand new chiefs that we will introduce you to here in the pages of The SHIELD. With the retirement of our previous chiefs at the end of last year, I'm very excited to promote the next generation of leaders within our office. These three new chiefs bring a wealth of knowledge and years of law enforcement experience with them, as well as a fresh outlook and new ideas.

We also have some new plans for the Summit County Jail. As you may know, our now 35-year-old jail has been undergoing extensive renovations for the past several years. Many of these projects are finally nearing completion, however we are not done with our upgrades. It is my intention to expand and improve the intake area of the jail over the next two years.

These new initiatives are three-fold. Firstly, they will include a physical expansion of the sallyport at the jail, allowing law enforcement to more smoothly bring arrestees to be booked, and be back out on their way more quickly to keep our communities safe. Secondly, I intend to add mental health and permanent medical staff to our intake area to better assess inmates upon arrival and get them into a customized and thorough treatment plan. This is particularly important for those who are facing the prospect of detox after they are booked, which is a difficult and potentially dangerous time for them. Lastly, I am designating an entire unit solely for those needing medical, mental health, detox, and other specialized care, which will be staffed full-time with professionals trained in those fields.

My hope is to have these projects fully underway within the coming months and completed within the next two years. These initiatives will help to make our jail more modern and effective, they will streamline our booking process, and they will ensure that inmates receive prompt medical and mental health care upon arrival and throughout their time in our care and custody.

Kandy Fatheree

Kandy Fatheree
Sheriff, Summit County, Ohio



Law Enforcement Impersonation Scams

A common trend that is running rampant in our area involves scammers calling residents and claiming to be Sheriff's Office deputies or other law enforcement officers or employees. These scammers may use the name and rank of actual individuals who work for the Sheriff's Office or other agencies and in some cases, they even make it appear as though the call is coming from a phone number associated with our office. This is called "spoofing."

The scammer may tell you that you're negligent in paying a fine or ticket, that you've failed to respond to a summons for jury duty, that you or a family member have a warrant out for your arrest, or that a family member has been arrested and is in our jail awaiting bond or payment for an ankle monitor or some other condition for their release. They may also simply leave a voicemail urging you to call back regarding an "urgent matter."

Ultimately, the scammer will try to get you to make some sort of payment over the phone, through a payment website or mobile app, or with a pre-paid credit card. They may even tell you that refusal to pay will result in criminal charges or arrest.

Their goal of the scammer is to alarm or shame you into taking immediate action. If you receive such a call, please take a moment to pause and think. Don't react immediately, and don't let the caller intimidate you. Remember...

- The Sheriff's Office does **NOT** call residents to notify them of outstanding warrants or unpaid fines.
- The Sheriff's Office does **NOT** call on behalf of inmates seeking the payment of a bond or other condition for their release.
- The Sheriff's Office does **NOT** issue warrants for missing a jury summons.
- The Sheriff's Office does **NOT** ask for or accept any payment over the phone, through PayPal or other payment apps, or through pre-paid credit cards.

If you receive one of these calls and want to verify its legitimacy or report it, please contact us at (330) 643-2181.

Meet Our New Chiefs:



Chief of Operations Larry Brown

Larry has worked at the Sheriff's Office for 32 years. His most recent rank before becoming Chief was Inspector, and he previously supervised the Detective Bureau, the Drug Unit, and the SWAT Team. As Chief of Operations, Larry will oversee the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Civil Process and Court Services, our Specialty Units, Community Policing, and more.



Chief of Corrections Tim Miller

Tim joins us from the Stark County Sheriff's Office where he served as Jail Commander and was instrumental in overhauling and improving the Stark County Jail. He is an Army veteran and certified Jail Officer and previously worked in substance abuse recovery. As Corrections Chief, Tim will oversee the daily function and operations of the jail and implement new improvements.



Chief of Administration Bill Holland

Bill has been in law enforcement for 25 years and worked for the FBI before joining the Sheriff's Office. He previously served as Jail Commander and is also Commander of the Sheriff's Office/University of Akron Police Academy. As Chief of Administration, Bill will oversee Finance & Budget, Purchasing, Human Resources, Training, Special Operations, and more.

When Deputies Patrolled Summit County's Skies

Did you know that Summit County Sheriff's Office deputies once patrolled the skies over our county? Indeed, our Office was one of the first couple in the nation to have aerial deputies patrolling our skies!

To get the full story, we have to reach back over a century to 1924. That's when an Akron resident and Goodyear employee named Bain Ecarius Fulton purchased a farm on Massillon Road and began clearing the land of its fields and orchards with the intention of building an airplane runway.

Fulton (who went by the nickname "Shorty") opened a small airfield and flight school on his land, which was later expanded for the manufacture and docking of the Goodyear company's new zeppelin airships. The Akron Municipal Airport, as it was then called, was officially opened in 1929, and later renamed the Akron Fulton Airport in Shorty's honor.



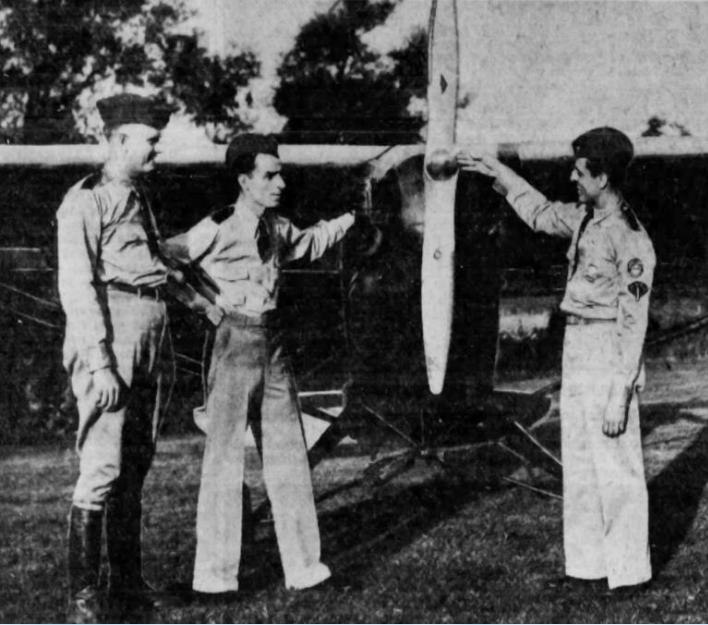
"Shorty" Fulton in front of Akron Municipal Airport, 1933
From the Akron-Summit Library's Bain E. "Shorty" Fulton Collection

By the 1930s, the utilization of airplanes was being explored to serve many new functions, from delivering the mail, to spotting forest fires, to transporting individuals to hospitals. It was then that Summit County Sheriff Walter O'Neill had an idea.

On September 23, 1937, Chief Deputy Mark Derwort of the Sheriff's Office was sent to Lake Forest Country Club in Hudson to deputize five area pilots who would become some of the first airborne deputies in the nation.

The deputies who would make up this new Air Patrol unit were members of the Junior Chamber's Aeronautical Committee: Richard Bell, Kenneth Benson, Willis Sperry, and Ralph Maglione. And the Chief of this aerial unit? None other than Shorty Fulton himself!

The Air Patrol unit consisted of four airplanes which would be made available around the clock for Sheriff's Office use at the Akron Municipal Airport. At least a couple of the planes were also equipped with two-way radio for communication with the ground crew.



Summit County Air Patrol Deputies, 1937
Akron Beacon Journal

"The air is being used for a lot of things these days. We feel that this new use will be a most practical one," Chief Derwort told the Akron Beacon Journal. "Flying deputies marks a step forward in the modernizing of Sheriff's Offices."

Although Prohibition had been repealed four years earlier, the illegal manufacture of spirits was evidently still an issue in the region, as Chief Derwort made clear when explaining the potential uses of the Air Patrol:

"These deputies can aid in tracking criminals, in locating stills, and in transporting criminals from one city to another."

It's not clear how long the Air Patrol unit functioned or whether it was formally ended or simply faded into disuse. However, the unique nature of the unit has earned our office a permanent place in American history, with the badge once belonging to Air Patrol Deputy Richard Bell now being housed in the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, forever commemorating the Summit County Sheriff's Office's innovative venture into the skies.



Deputy Richard Bell's badge
National Air and Space Museum

Thank you to the Summit County Historical Society for their assistance in finding 1937 Beacon Journal article covering the Air Patrol.

March is Women's History Month. While we have enough amazing women at the Sheriff's Office to fill an entire book, we're limited in the pages of The SHIELD. So, we thought we'd introduce you to just a handful of employees who are representative of the incredible spirit and drive of the women of the Summit County Sheriff's Office!



Deputy Melanie Mangan

Deputy Mangan is the School Resource Office at Green Intermediate School. She spends her mornings and afternoon dismissal hours directing traffic for both buses and parents, and her day making sure the school is secure and interacting with the students and staff.

Deputy Mangan joined the Sheriff's Office family in 2014, she previously worked with the Akron Children's Hospital Police Department. Before being selected as an SRO, she worked 9 years in intake at the Summit County Jail.

Deputy Mangan is a 21-year veteran of the Air Force and has been deployed a total of 8 times all over the world.

In her spare time, Deputy Mangan enjoys spending time in the outdoors, corresponding with friends that she has met all over the world, and hanging out with her other half Sharon. She loves music and photography, and is a diehard Cleveland sports fan. Her absolute hero is Alan Alda, who she has loved since the age of 5 and who she actually gets to speak with every month via Zoom!

When asked what advice she would give to another woman considering a career in law enforcement, Deputy Mangan responded, "go for it all! Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something." She encourages new hires to learn as much as they can in whatever position they are in, because it all applies down the road.

"Keep an open mind," said Deputy Mangan, "and have empathy for all walks of life."



Stacy Kulon

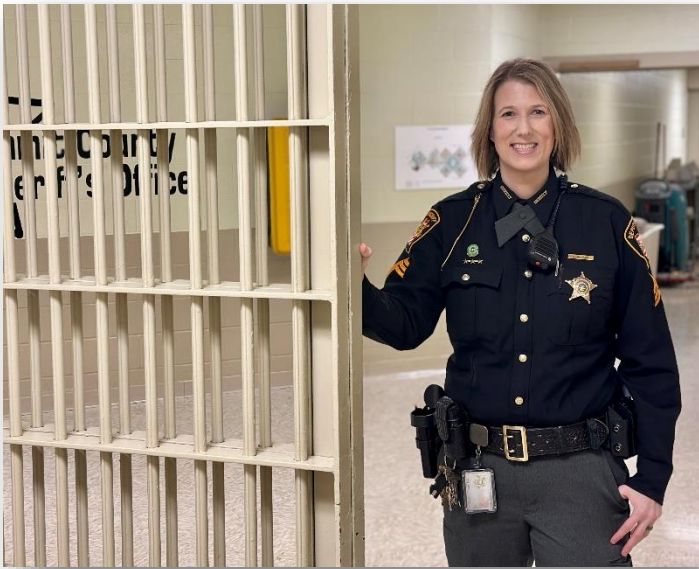
Stacy is responsible for classifying and maintaining inmate housing, and she oversees the county's Sex Offender Registry, maintaining the records and registry of over 1,100 Sex Offenders, as well as other violent offenders and arsonists.

Stacy has been with the Office for 22 years and has also worked in Inmate Services and the Civil Division. Prior to joining our team, she worked at the former Glenwood Jail.

Stacy is a proud blood donor and donates every 56 days. "It costs nothing but time," she told us.

Reflecting on her time working at the jail, she reminds everyone that we are all human and just one bad decision away from being on the other side of the bars. "Don't be too quick to judge," she adds.

When asked what advice she would give to another woman considering a career at the Sheriff's Office she says to believe in yourself, and that gender does not dictate what you can and cannot do. "You know who you are and what you stand for. Never let anyone make you second guess that."



Sergeant Amanda Haught

Sergeant Haught works in the Corrections Division where she is responsible for making sure the daily operational needs of the Summit County Jail are met.

Sergeant Haught joined the Sheriff's Office in 2007. During her time with us she has worked at the Summit County Jail, the Glenwood Jail, the County Courthouse, the Juvenile Detention Center, and she has served on the Crime Scene Unit and Mobile Field Force.

"As a supervisor, the most important things I can do to ensure that the deputies are successful is to lead by example, give support when needed, give constructive feedback when necessary, and always make sure that I'm approachable and that the deputies feel that they can rely on me for guidance," Sergeant Haught says.

Among her fondest memories are her time volunteering with the Christmas with a Cop program, which provides a free holiday shopping experience for area children experiencing difficult economic circumstances or have experienced a trauma.

On her days off, Sergeant Haught loves spending time with her family, and especially her daughters. They enjoy doing anything outdoors, including hiking, camping, boating and swimming.

Sergeant Haught aspires to continue learning and growing in her current role and eventually gain experience in other divisions and move up in rank. She also hopes to obtain her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.



Deputy Allandra Klein

Deputy Klein has been with the Summit County Sheriff's Office for nearly 5 years. During that time, she has worked in both the Corrections and Patrol Division, and currently works in patrol in Twinsburg Township. Deputy Klein has also served on the Crime Scene Unit and Human Trafficking Task Force.

Deputy Klein shared that she loves running into former inmates that she once supervised at the jail while she is out on patrol, and seeing that so many of them have become productive members of the community and are working to better themselves. They often thank her for what she does and for treating them so well during their time at the jail. "It makes me reflect back on the long, hard hours I put in at the jail, and helps me to realize that it was more valuable than I had ever thought it would be," said Deputy Klein.

She also conveyed the story of one of her favorite residents, a 78-year-old Twinsburg Township resident who, unfortunately, had been the victim of a scam. Deputy Klein now checks in frequently with her, calling her one of the sweetest people she's ever met.

Outside of work, Deputy Klein enjoys being active, whether it's at the gym or hiking outdoors with her pup. She is a big Marvel Fan. And she also spends a lot of her time off with her nephew Noah, who thinks every "whee woo" car is his Auntie.

Deputy Klein's advice to any woman considering or just beginning a career in law enforcement is to stick with it. "It's not always an easy journey, but it's so worth it and it's a fulfilling career, and we need more women." She encourages those working in law enforcement to do the job with humility and grace.



Deputy Emanie Wheeler

Deputy Wheeler works at the Summit County Jail, ensuring the safety and security of the inmates.

While she is relatively new at the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Wheeler previously worked at the Summit County Juvenile Detention Center before attending the Summit County Sheriff's Office-University of Akron Police Academy.

Deputy Wheeler has enjoyed meeting all her new coworkers and supervisors and gaining knowledge from each of them. She ultimately aspires to be a School Resource Officer and/or DARE Instructor for the Sheriff's Office.

Outside of work, Deputy Wheeler enjoys spending time with her family and going to the gym. And she loves playing volleyball.

Deputy Wheeler lives by the motto of "treat others how you want to be treated." And when times get tough, she reminds herself and others to "remember why you started."

When asked what her advice would be to other women considering joining the Sheriff's Office she replied, "Go for it! There are many different paths you can take... just find the role that's best for you. Women are very much needed. Be confident in your abilities and always believe in yourself."



Jen Kline

Jen oversees all purchasing for the Sheriff's Office, as well as writing checks, reimbursements, invoicing, and other fiscal responsibilities.

Jen has worked for the Sheriff's Office for 23 years. She started working in Inmate Services at the Jail and gradually worked her way up into Administration.

Like many who work in law enforcement, Jen comes from a family of individuals who have chosen to wear the badge. Her father is a retired Sheriff's Office Major and former Jail Commander, and her brother works in the Detective Bureau.

Outside of work, Jen is an avid runner. She has completed numerous half marathons, one full trail marathon, and plans to complete her first full road marathon this year.

She enjoys working out with her friends at the gym, baking customized cakes for events held by her friends and family, and is a proud cat mom.

Jen is also a recent breast cancer survivor and finally received her "all clear" just two months ago! She has taken to volunteering with local non-profits that assist others on their breast cancer journey.

Jen encourages anyone looking for a job or considering a career change to join the Sheriff's Office family. "There's lots of opportunity for advancement and growth, whether you're a deputy or a civilian employee."

She also added that one of the most fulfilling things about working at the Sheriff's Office are the volunteer opportunities with the charitable programs the office has.



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- Enjoy a free hot or iced small McCafé coffee or vanilla cone!
- Free Family-Friendly Event!

Wednesday, April 2nd 8-10am
3272 Manchester Rd., Akron

Wednesday, April 9th 8-10am
5020 Darrow Rd., Stow

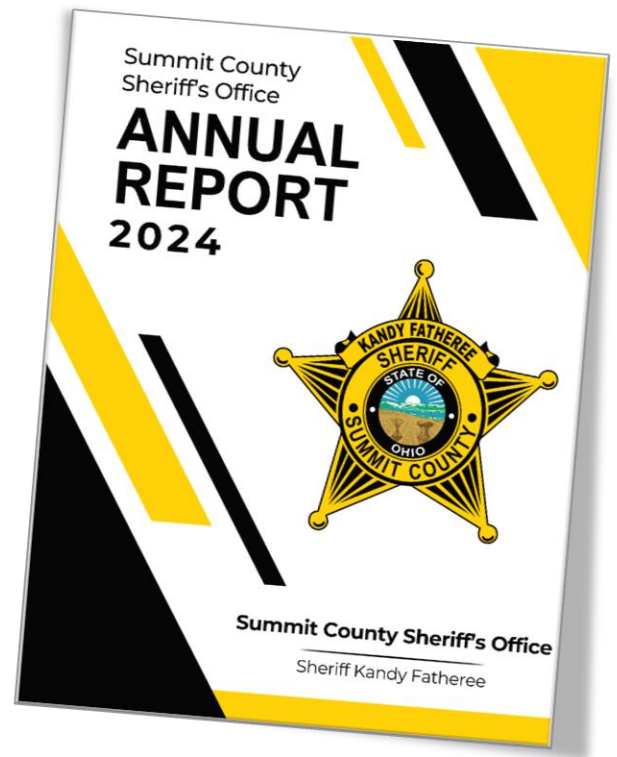
Wednesday, April 16th 8-10am
482 Howe Rd., Cuyahoga Falls

Wednesday, April 23rd 8-10am
5165 Manchester Rd., Akron



- 58,697 Patrol calls for service
- 1,150 Detective Bureau cases
- 2,122 residents assisted on the Portage Lakes
- 112 survivors of Human Trafficking rescued
- 230 felons with warrants arrested
- 31 explosive devices recovered
- 5,395 students taught DARE instruction
- 5,714 traffic stops conducted

These stats and more are available now in our **2024 Annual Report**, which you can read in the “About Us” section of our website at sheriff.summitoh.net



On February 15th we marked **National School Resource Officer Day** by giving a shout out to our SROs: Deputies Beers, Buck, Gruelle, Klopfenstein, Kuzas, Mangan, Morgan, Salser, Trustdorf and Weathers. Our office currently has SROs in the Green, Coventry, Nardonía, and Revere School Districts, we provide DARE instruction in five districts and nine parochial schools, and we have dozens of deputies and special deputies that work extra details at schools all over Summit County.

