

Madison County, Ohio

SHERIFF

2005 Report



The Office of Sheriff is statutory in Ohio, created by Section 311.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Sheriff in each county holds public office and is elected once every four years. The powers and duties of the sheriff are extensive. Specific areas for which the Sheriff is responsible include: writs and process, ministerial duties, judicial sales, juries, criminal process and procedure, inmate housing and care, and courthouse security. Moreover, under Section 311.07, the Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the county charged with the responsibility of preserving the public peace within the county. This duty entails not only enforcement of the laws, but also preventing violence and providing protection to the citizens of the county. The Sheriff maintains jurisdiction throughout Madison County and therefore is required to assist other law enforcement agencies in maintaining order. Likewise, in execution of the abovementioned duties, the Sheriff may call for the assistance of such other law enforcement agencies, persons, or power of the county as is necessary.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office comprises six divisions:

- Administration
- Court Services
- Community Resources
- Communications
- Patrol
- Investigations

Each division is responsible for their respective duties as set forth in Title 311, as well as working in concert to provide a broad base of services to the citizens of Madison County.

Administrative Division:

The administrative division is overseen by the Sheriff and performs the primary record processing for all divisions of the office, while also acting as repository. All subpoenas, summons, writs, executions and other court process, local and foreign, are processed, issued and returned from this division. This division completes all executions and orders of sale, including collection and disbursement of funds. Additionally, all reports and records (including offense, intelligence, crash, and all other generated reports) are filed and maintained by this division. This division serves as the human resources office, maintaining all personnel records such as payroll, leave, contractual requirements, insurance, workers compensation and employment records. Also this division forwards all reports and updates of sworn personnel, training, qualification and status to The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Attorney General. The administrative division also serves as the accounting office: ordering, billing and ensuring payment of all expenditures.

Personnel:

Sheriff's Office:	26 full-time	6 part-time
9-1-1:	7 full-time	4 part-time

Court Orders:

Papers processed:	8,736 total	
Sheriff's fees billed:	\$136,983.46	
Orders of Sale:	172 received	111 sold

Over 9 million dollars was collected in property sales and disbursed.

In 2005 many of the duties and responsibilities of this division were changed with the in-coming administration. Expanded computerization resulted in more complete and accurate record keeping. A grant was received from the Ohio Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$5,700.00 to replace an over burdened computer server. The old server was then installed at the Garfield Avenue center to enhance their operation and communication. This also provides for redundancy of records and information in the event of emergencies or failures.

Court Services Division:

Court Services is directed by Lieutenant Doug Lillie. This division is responsible for the general security of the Courthouse and Courts while in session. It's primary duties are prisoner security, transportation and processing. This division also conducts background record inquires, fingerprinting, photographing, concealed carry investigations and licensing, sex offender registrations, compliance checks and notifications.

Lt. Lillie is also the information technology specialist for the Sheriff's Office. He is responsible for the day to day operation, maintenance and upgrades to the computer system and all other technology, including phone, 9-1-1, radio, video and security systems utilized by the office.

Inmates transported and accompanied for court hearings:
Adult: 1550 (to & from Tri-County Regional Jail)
Juvenile: 298 (to & from 5 County J.D.C.)

Inmates processed:
fingerprinted, photographed: 357

Civilian: Background checks: 490
Fingerprint checks: 686

Concealed Carry Licenses issued: 415

Sex offender registrations: 61

In addition, a new automated fingerprinting machine was received in 2005 to replace the old system, which is no longer supported by the Attorney General. The cost of the new system was \$39,928.00, which will be reimbursed as a grant from the Attorney General's Office.

Community Resources:

Lt. Teena Gallagher oversees the Community Resources Division which offers a myriad of educational and training programs for students, adults and officers. Of these, the best known is the D.A.R.E. program presented in all of the county school districts.

The following numbers are representative of students completing the D.A.R.E. program since fall of 2005, or the first half of the 2005/2006 school year.

2nd grade: 455
4th grade: 352
5th grade: 10
Middle school: 356
Total: 1173

DARE receives funding to assist in the presentation of the program from the Attorney General's Office. The funding is used to off-set costs of materials, incentives and salaries. In 2005, the Sheriff's Office received grants totaling \$30,110.40. Additionally, a grant has been received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for presentation of the safety belt program. This grant is directed towards student instruction and expected to be for approximately \$1,500.00.

Beginning in 2005, Lt Gallagher has offered her services as chaplain. This program has received overwhelming response from not only the Sheriff's Office but also from other local agencies and local families. In this capacity, Lt. Gallagher assists with notifications, comforting of family members, officer and responder concerns, and students coping with losses. This service was long overdue.

Communications Division:

The center is directed by Lt. Bob Henry and provides communication and dispatch services for the Sheriff, fire and medical responders. With the recent addition of Sterling Joint Ambulance, all fire and medical responders are dispatched from this central location, except for Tri-County Fire (Mt. Sterling). This provides for more rapid dispatch with improved consistency, dispatch without transfers, and multiple simultaneous dispatches. The Sheriff's Office is the primary 9-1-1 answering point and receives all 9-1-1 calls originating in Madison County, except those calls placed from inside London. The fire and medical runs in London are dispatched by the Sheriff's Office, however.

The communications division personnel maintain records of all activity and serve as information officers for other agencies and the public 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. A brief report of dispatched calls or activity reports in 2005 follows. The numbers are incident specific. For example a vehicle crash may require dispatch and response from several agencies. This is counted as one dispatch or incident.

Total incidents & activity dispatched: 13,243

Sheriff incidents & activity dispatched: 8,345

Primary Medic dispatch:

Madison Squad:	2,219
Jefferson Twp:	1,157
Pleasant Valley:	857
Mechanicsburg:	18

Primary Fire dispatch:

Central Twp:	397
Pleasant Valley:	381
London:	314
Jefferson Twp:	310
Range Twp:	83
Stokes Twp:	42
Mechanicsburg:	3

All incidents by month:

Jan: 929	July: 1249
Feb: 877	Aug: 1226
Mar: 1036	Sept: 1161
Apr: 984	Oct: 1149
May: 1141	Nov: 1175
June: 1172	Dec: 1144

Incidents reported by:

9-1-1:	3465
Phone:	5646
Radio:	3732

In addition to communications, these officers process and maintain warrants, act as Deputy Clerks for the courts, operate the state and national law enforcement data system and criminal history network. This division also maintains the 9-1-1 system verifying information, correcting discrepancies and adding new locations.

Warrants issued in 2005:	833
Warrants served in 2005:	641

Total active warrants currently maintained: 1437

Patrol Division:

Due to the close working relationship and concurrent duties, the patrol division is also overseen by Lt. Bob Henry. This division is the most active within the office and thereby utilizes the most resources.

Patrol officers are the front line defense against criminal activity in Madison County. They are the first responders and normally the first to arrive at emergency incidents. Non-criminal activity requires similar response, such as vehicle crashes, fires, accidental injuries, missing persons, traffic details, escorts, service of all court process and rendering general assistance to all those in Madison County.

In addition, outside funding is received. A school resource officer is maintained at the Tolles Career & Technical Center, a traffic and scales officer provided by the County Engineer, and new this year the Dog Warden.

The division is responsible for all vehicles, trailers and a majority of the equipment. The following are the highlights for the Patrol Division.

Vehicles:

Marked:	21	
Un-marked:	4	
Specialty:	3	(2 electric & 1 motorcycle)

Total miles traveled:	513,970
Total fuel cost:	\$61,813.92
Total maintenance cost:	\$24,672.36
Cost per mile:	\$0.17 per mile (less insurance)
Total crashes:	0

Trailers:

- 10' enclosed utility trailer
- 38' enclosed car hauler
- 10' flatbed utility
- 22' mobile office trailer

(Does not include EMA trailers)

Court process:

Total papers served:	8,736
Miles traveled to serve:	140,088
Fees billed for service:	\$136,983.46

Dispatched calls & activity:

Total:	8,345
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By month:

Jan: 499	July: 840
Feb: 497	Aug: 789
Mar: 610	Sept: 791
Apr: 602	Oct: 731
May: 742	Nov: 764
June: 750	Dec: 721

By type: (top ten)

Suspicious activity:	664
Alarms:	655
Theft related:	501
Vehicle crashes:	445
Domestic violence/dispute:	385
Disabled motorist:	360
Threats/menacing:	226
Vandalism:	214
Assault/fight	119
Assist other officer:	116

In addition to the calls and activity above a total of 2184 official reports and investigations were conducted. These primarily related to specific criminal offenses, one in four reports being theft related.

Traffic enforcement:

Vehicle stops:	2115
Citations issued:	942

By type: (top five)

Speed:	452
No license/suspension:	83
Seat belt:	61
Over weight:	48
Fail to control:	36

Traffic enforcement is primarily concentrated on county and township roadways and is secondary to criminal enforcement and service. The highest cited speed occurred on Lafayette-Plain City Road in Canaan Township, by a juvenile on their way to school at 98 miles per hour.

Dog Warden duties:

Total calls:	935
Dogs impounded:	257
Dog bite investigations:	68
Citations issued:	63
Dog licenses issued:	5065

The dog warden position was moved under the Sheriff in March of 2005. This has greatly enhanced the position by utilizing preexisting communications and operation procedures of the Sheriff's Office. It also provides an additional uniformed deputy and vehicle on patrol for emergency response and visibility.

Investigation Division:

Lt. Doug Crabbe oversees this division consisting of two detectives and himself. The duties span from assisting officers in minor investigations or paperwork, other agencies with follow-up investigations, the Prosecutor's Office with unrelated issues, internal investigations and other matters. Many investigations require an overwhelming amount man hours and equipment utilization.

New is partial funding for an investigator assigned to the Department of Job & Family Services. Their duties include conducting investigations in child abuse and support cases.

Notable investigations:

Theft related:	147
Sexual assault:	17
Undercover drug:	24
Support cases:	30
Suicide/attempt:	26
Suspicious death:	7

This year, due to a large marijuana seizure and trafficking investigation, a detective has teamed with the Drug Enforcement Agency to further the investigation. Because of seizures made, during the continuing investigation, and the federal sharing program, over \$4,200.00 will be returned to the Sheriff's Office to be utilized for future investigations.

In Summary:

It is not possible to identify all of the activities, duties, changes or advancement of the Office over the past year. Staffing, training, technology and professionalism were the primary areas of consideration. It has been a busy year. This hopefully, will continue in 2006 and years beyond, to enhance our service to Madison County, as is expected.