

# CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



**SCOTT M. KENT, SHERIFF**

To the citizens of Crawford County:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the annual report for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for calendar year 2025. This report covers in detail the activity generated as we carried out our responsibility to the residents of this county.

Your Sheriff's Office consists of three divisions: Enforcement which is comprised Deputy Sheriffs, Detectives, Dispatchers, a Jail Division and a Civil Division. As you review this report, you will see that the Sheriff's Office carries out several responsibilities, all with the same purpose in mind, to protect and serve the citizens of Crawford County.

Other information of interest for 2025 for your Sheriff's Office includes the following:

- In April, the Sheriff's Office received a lightning strike to the building. This affected radio communications, security cameras and door controls. In total, \$66,169.00 worth of equipment was affected. We worked closely with our vendors and insurance companies and temporarily brought our systems back on-line using loaned equipment. In December, the last of the backordered equipment was installed and operations were back to normal.
- Enforcement Officers completed a minimum of 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training to maintain their Peace Officer certificates.
- Jail training was conducted with corrections staff, support staff, and maintenance, in compliance with jail standards.
- \$28,851.18 in grant money was awarded to this office for 2025, to increase patrols in Crawford County, enforcing selective traffic laws and impaired driving. This High Visibility Enforcement Overtime is scheduled around holidays and school functions such as Prom and Homecoming. The goal is to provide safe travel for motorists traveling in Crawford County, to reduce alcohol / drug related crashes, and encourage seatbelt use. Traffic grants are awarded to law enforcement agencies whose jurisdiction experienced an average of 2 or more fatal crashes over the previous 3 years. Law Enforcement efforts are combined with visibility elements and a publicity strategy to educate the public and promote compliance with the law.
- At the end of this annual report, you will find our statistics section. We monitor our calls for service very closely and remain proactive in our enforcement of the laws.

If you have any questions or want to discuss this report, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott M. Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Scott M. Kent

Sheriff



## **About your Sheriff**

Sheriff Scott Kent is a lifelong resident of Crawford County, residing in the City of Bucyrus. Kent graduated from Colonel Crawford High School in 1992.

After high school, Kent was a member of the Whetstone Township Volunteer Fire Department, until he moved from the township.

He started his career at the Sheriff's Office as a Special Deputy in 1994 and obtained his peace officer certificate from North Central Technical College.

Kent was hired full time as a Deputy Sheriff in 1995. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2002, overseeing afternoon enforcement operations.

In 2005, Kent spent 3 months in Quantico, Virginia while attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. He graduated from session #223 in December of that year.

Kent was elected as Sheriff in 2013.

He is the Chairman of the METRICH drug taskforce, which serves 10 counties in North Central Ohio and serves as a Criminal Justice Advisory Member at North Central State. Kent sits on several committees at the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and was elected to serve as the 2026 Second Vice President for the Association.

He is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association and is a member of the National and Ohio Chapters of the FBINAA.

## **Enforcement Division Overview**

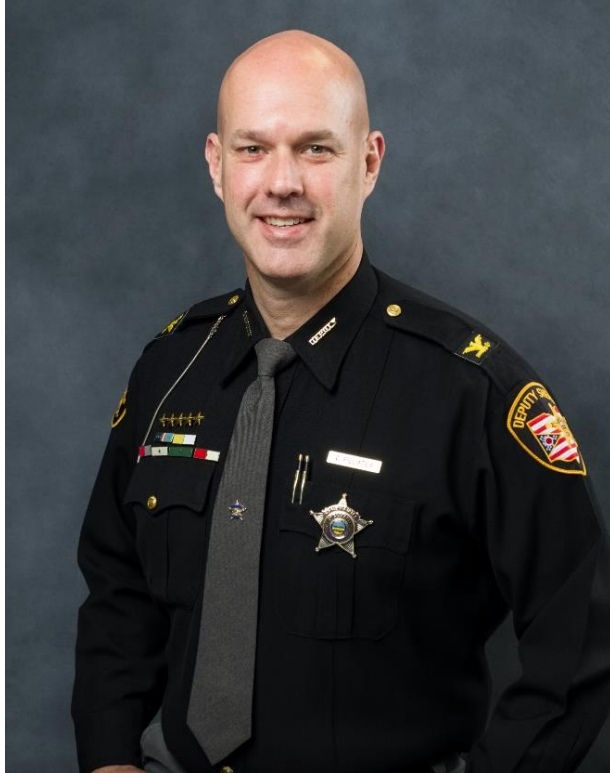
The Sheriff, is the chief law enforcement officer of the county. He is responsible for serving a landmass of approximately 402 square miles. This includes 862 miles of road, of which 182 miles are state highways, 238 miles of county roads and 443 miles of township roads. The enforcement division is also responsible for traffic law enforcement in the county.

The Enforcement Division remains the most visible division of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The road patrol consists of Deputy Sheriff's serving the county in a proactive approach to problem solving and community policing. The deputies work together with the citizens of this county to fight crime. These deputies are responsible for answering calls for service. These calls can include everything from serious felony crimes to assisting residents with minor problems at their home. The Enforcement Division investigates crimes, safeguards property, and responds to complaints and accidents. We also assist State and Federal agencies when requested. Deputies are responsible for the service of subpoenas, warrants, summons and other legal documents issued by the courts.

Deputies from this office have given talks to youth groups about safety issues, such as drugs, internet safety, seatbelt use, and teen driver safety. Tours of the facility have been given to the Cub Scouts, the Grand Jury, as well as other civic groups. Deputies trained as instructors in A.L.I.C.E. and active shooter, and have given presentations to schools and businesses in Crawford County.

Deputies are responsible for reporting adverse road and weather conditions to dispatch, who in turn, notify school officials, county and state garage employees, township trustees, and news media.

All Deputies assigned to the enforcement division are graduates of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), and are certified Peace Officers by the State of Ohio. They must complete yearly state mandated training in a wide array of topics to maintain their state certification. They stay updated on changes to criminal laws and traffic laws. These are well trained and professional Officers who serve the citizens of the county.



Chief Deputy Chad Filiater is the Operations Officer at the Sheriff's Office. He is responsible for day-to-day operations at the facility as well as scheduling.

Filiater was hired in 1997 as a Corrections Officer in the Jail. He later transferred to the Enforcement Division. He also worked several years as a Detective.

In 2013, Filiater was promoted to the rank of Chief Deputy. Filiater is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy, session #259.

Filiater sits on the Civil Process Committee, Legislative Committee, and Training & Education Committee at the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association. He is also a criminal justice advisory member for North Central State.



## K-9 Unit

The Sheriff's Office has three K-9 handlers. Part-time Deputy Tim Mutchler and Deputy Jeff Windbigler are both bloodhound handlers and are members of the National Police Bloodhound Association. Both Mutchler and Windbigler attend yearly training with the Association and renew their certification annually. Lt. Mutchler is an instructor for the Association.

The Bloodhound and handler are available not only to the Sheriff's Office, but also to any agency requesting assistance. The K-9's are used to search for missing adults and juveniles, and are used to search for suspects who have fled a crime scene.

Both bloodhound handlers give presentations at different events throughout the year to several different groups.

Deputy Benjamin Petrie has K9 Nora. Nora is a female Belgian Malinois imported from Holland. Nora is a dual purpose K9 which consists for patrol work, narcotic detection, and tracking. Patrol work consists of apprehension (bite) work. This consists of open area, wooded area, or building searches for suspects. The four narcotics Nora is trained and certified in detecting are methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and crack cocaine. Nora is also a tracking dog, which her tracking is from ground disturbances, and fresh skin cell odor.

Nora and Deputy Petrie completed four weeks of training through Tri State K9 Services in Warren, OH with OPOTA certification testing at the end of the four weeks. This is required to be a certified team. Nora completes 16 hours of monthly training that is state mandated, covering patrol, narcotics detection, and tracking. Nora and Deputy Petrie also complete a yearly OPOTA certification.

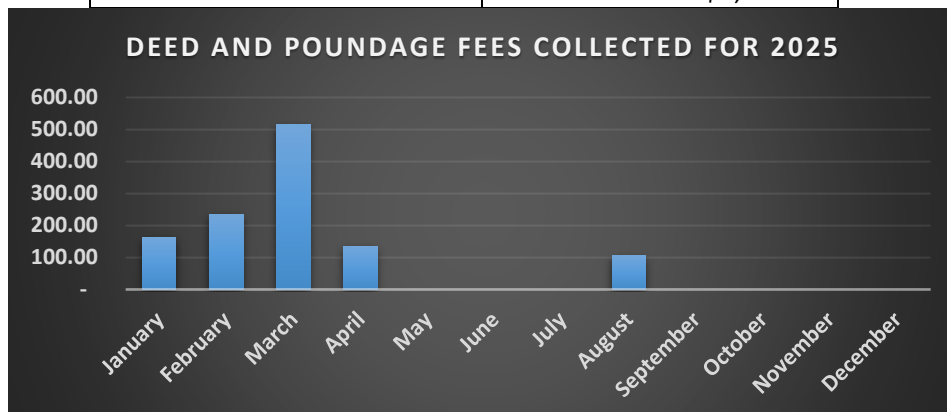


## Fiscal / Civil Division

The Fiscal Division is responsible for payroll of the employees at the Sheriff's Office. All vacation time, sick leave, overtime, and human resource functions is processed through this office. The Financial Director keeps track of the bills from all the divisions of this office as well as invoices for services. The Sheriff's Office operates on two budgets. One budget funds the jail operations, and the other budget funds enforcement operations. In addition to budget activities, the financial director must also keep track of grants obtained by the Sheriff's Office. The Financial Director and the Sheriff, work closely with the Auditor's Office and Commissioners, forecasting future needs of the Office in budget requests.

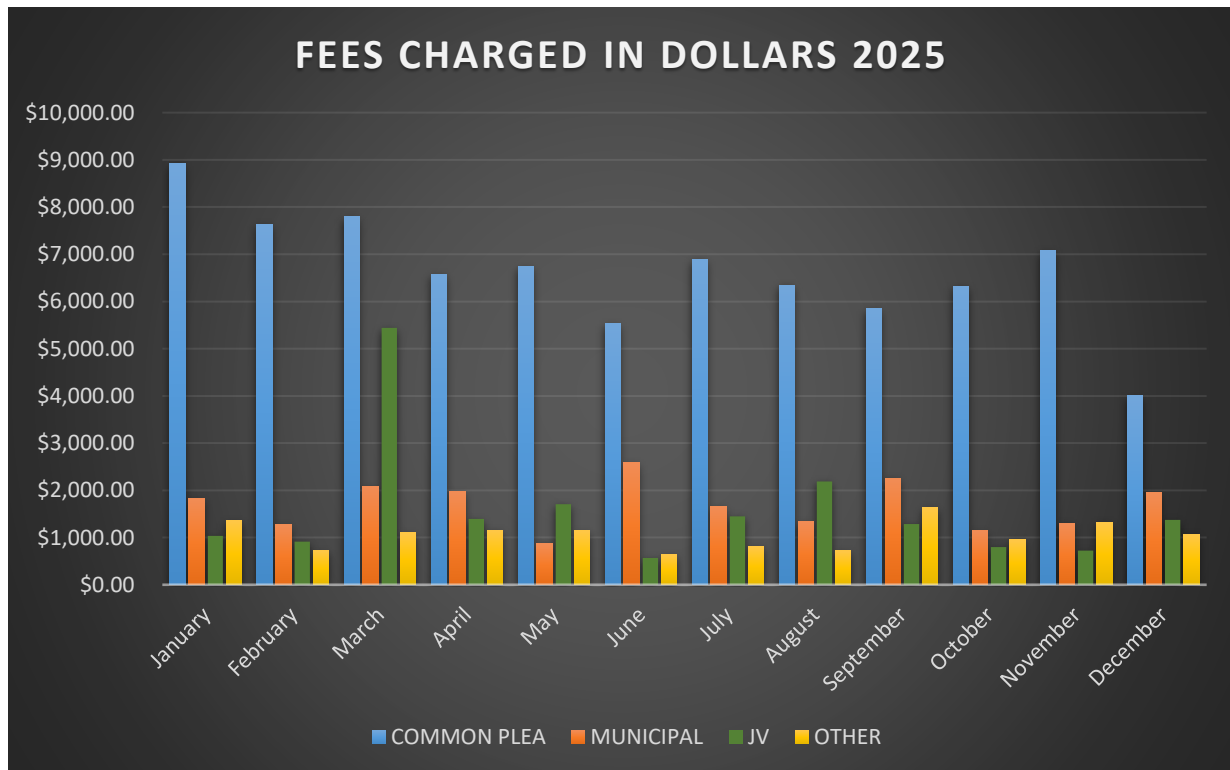
The Civil Division is responsible for the service and return of civil process paperwork received from the court system. These court papers not only come in from the courts in Crawford County, but from other courts across the United States. The Civil Division prepares the paperwork for service, then forwards the paperwork to the deputies, so that these processes can be served in a timely manner and returned to the courts. The Civil Office processed 2,646 court orders for 2025. Improper service of these papers can directly affect the outcome of legal proceedings. The Civil Division is also responsible for Sheriff's Sales of real estate, Sheriff's Sales for delinquent taxes and summoning jurors. Sheriff Sales must be appraised, advertised and sold according to the Ohio Revised Code.

<b>Summary of deed and poundage 2025</b>	
<b>January</b>	163.00
<b>February</b>	235.00
<b>March</b>	515.50
<b>April</b>	134.58
<b>May</b>	
<b>June</b>	
<b>July</b>	
<b>August</b>	105.54
<b>September</b>	
<b>October</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>December</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,153.62</b>



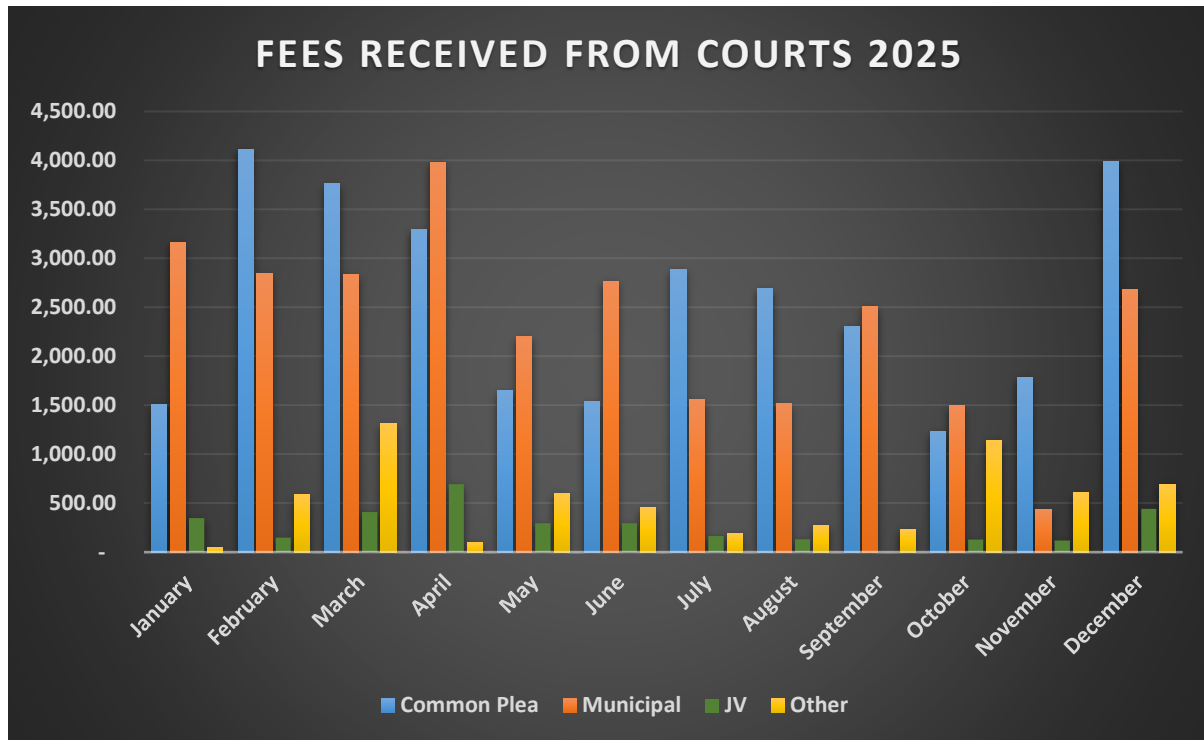
## FEES CHARGED IN DOLLARS 2025

	COMMON PLEA	MUNICIPAL	JV	OTHER
January	\$8,921.00	\$1,829.00	\$1,035.00	\$1,358.80
February	\$7,632.00	\$1,269.00	\$915.00	\$723.40
March	\$7,796.00	\$2,087.00	\$5,438.00	\$1,098.80
April	\$6,582.00	\$1,973.00	\$1,392.00	\$1,159.20
May	\$6,750.00	\$879.00	\$1,708.00	\$1,146.93
June	\$5,528.00	\$2,585.00	\$569.00	\$640.00
July	\$6,892.00	\$1,663.00	\$1,447.00	\$816.40
August	\$6,342.00	\$1,335.00	\$2,186.00	\$717.04
September	\$5,851.88	\$2,255.00	\$1,288.00	\$1,646.06
October	\$6,320.00	\$1,145.00	\$799.00	\$949.80
November	\$7,079.00	\$1,302.00	\$725.00	\$1,326.60
December	\$4,004.00	\$1,946.00	\$1,374.00	\$1,071.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,697.88</b>	<b>\$20,268.00</b>	<b>\$18,876.00</b>	<b>\$12,654.91</b>



## FEES RECEIVED FROM COURTS 2025

	Common Plea	Municipal	JV	Other
January	1,508.08	3,163.70	348.00	45.00
February	4,116.00	2,843.02	149.27	587.36
March	3,762.78	2,834.03	411.32	1,310.65
April	3,294.75	3,980.92	692.68	100.00
May	1,649.00	2,198.58	295.00	599.47
June	1,533.47	2,766.10	295.00	452.84
July	2,890.48	1,559.00	165.00	192.84
August	2,692.48	1,516.00	132.00	270.34
September	2,308.83	2,510.00		235.59
October	1,233.52	1,499.00	130.00	1,142.91
November	1,784.40	433.50	119.03	608.08
December	3,987.87	2,679.00	442.34	695.29
TOTAL	\$ 30,761.66	\$ 27,982.85	\$ 3,179.64	\$ 6,240.37



## **Sex Offender Registry**

The Sheriff's Office has a SORN Officer, whose primary responsibility is protecting the citizens of the county from those who have been convicted of Sex Offenses. Once convicted, the sex offender must report to the Sheriff's Office to be registered as a sex offender. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the dates of the offense, the SORN Officer checks the offender's address to make sure it is not within a restricted distance of schools, day care centers, or child care facilities. According to the offender's Tier level or Pre AWA classification, community notifications may be sent out to neighborhoods where the sex offender lives, as well as local school districts and law enforcement agencies and the offender's information is constantly updated on the Sheriff's Office website. In 2025, the Sheriff's Office sent out approximately 802 sex offender notifications, to the public.

The Sheriff's office also makes random home visits to confirm addresses and to make sure there are not any violations of law at these addresses. The Sheriff's Office currently monitors 96 adult sex offenders and 8 juvenile registrants in Crawford County.

The SORN officer is also responsible for registering Offenders convicted of arson, and violent offenses. Crawford County currently has 5 active Arson registrants and 7 active Violent Offender registrants.

In addition to these duties, The SORN officer conducts web checks for members of the public who need to be fingerprinted for employment, concealed carry permits, various licensing as well as the custody and care of children and background investigations. In 2024, there were approximately 1184 web checks conducted.

## **Detective Division**

The Detective Division consists of two detectives. The detectives investigate all high-profile investigations, as well as follow-up on felony cases forwarded to them by the enforcement division and the jail. Detectives investigate crimes that include burglary, breaking and entering, theft, narcotics, homicide, sex crimes, computer crimes, identity theft, and crimes against children along with numerous other crimes.

Detectives at the Sheriff's Office are involved in investigations that reach beyond the borders of Crawford County. Detectives are assigned to METRICH, a 10-county decentralized drug task force. On numerous occasions, the detectives are called upon for assistance in conducting raids, undercover drug operations, surveillance, and investigating other types of crimes. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office is the access point for all law enforcement agencies that belong to the METRICH drug task force in Crawford County. Being the access point for the county means that all METRICH money, equipment, and general information coming from the home office in

Mansfield, comes into the county through the Sheriff's Office. This information is then distributed to all the other law enforcement agencies in the county. Sheriff Kent is the chairman of the METRICH control board.

During these investigations, several types of drugs have been removed from our county.

The Sheriff's Office directed or assisted in 47 search warrants in 2025.



Heroin



Heroin packaged for distribution



Crack Cocaine (left) & Heroin (right)  
recovered while executing a search warrant.



Methamphetamine



Fentanyl pressed into pill form. These pills had  
the proper markings for a commonly prescribed  
medication.

## **S.R.T. (Special Response Team)**

Seeing an increase in drug availability and a number of firearms being seized during drug investigations, Sheriff Kent, Galion and Bucyrus Police Chiefs, and the Crawford County Prosecutor formed a Special Response Team (S.R.T.) to combat the drug issues in the county, as well as the firearms being found in connection to drug trafficking.

Since being formed, Crestline Police Department and New Washington Police Department have also added members to the team.

Each agency nominates members for the team and they are voted on by the Sheriff and Police Chiefs. All team members receive specialized training, or have had prior military combat experience. The team trains together and is an available resource to all law enforcement agencies in the county.

Each agency is responsible to providing adequate training and equipment for their officers. The team is activated whenever high-risk search warrants are executed.

Bucyrus City and Galion City Fire Departments also have members attached to the team, allowing medics to be on scene, in case of a medical emergency.

This team has been successful in combating illegal drug use in Crawford County. The Special Response Team was activated 8 times in 2025.





The Special Response Team received tactical readiness training in 2025 in addition to monthly trainings.



A drug investigation which led to ¼ lb of Methamphetamine being seized.



Deputies conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the driver being arrested on warrant. Fentanyl was also seized from the vehicle.



Deputies from Crawford and Marion County Sheriff Offices investigated a complaint of Prostitution at Fantasy Land West. Three individuals were arrested during the execution of the search warrant.



A traffic stop was conducted and a driver was arrested on an arrest warrant. Nora was deployed and found drugs and paraphernalia in the vehicle.



Deputies stopped a vehicle for a speeding violation and K-9 Nora alerted to the presence of a narcotic odor. Cocaine was seized from the vehicle.



Approximately 70 lbs. of pre-packaged marijuana along with various prescription medications was seized from a home during the execution of a narcotic search warrant.



Detectives and the Special Response Team executed a narcotics search warrant on Spore Brandywine Rd. The investigation resulted in 2 subjects being arrested. Methamphetamines and firearms were seized from the residence.



Deputies worked with authorities from Michigan, recovering commercial lifts that were being taken from the Cleveland area and sold in several states.



Deputies investigated a complaint of illegal possession of firearms and stolen property. A search warrant was executed, resulting in the seizure of firearms, stolen truck and stolen tractor.

## **PROJECT LIFESAVER**

In 2017, the Sheriff's Office partnered up with the Local Lions Clubs and Project Lifesaver and brought this project to the area. The Project Lifesaver program places personalized radio transmitters on identified persons with Alzheimer's and other Disabilities or on persons who are prone to wandering away from home.

The Lions' Clubs purchased all the equipment to make this possible. Deputies obtained training and learned how to use a tracking device to protect and locate missing persons enrolled in the program. Chief Deputy Chad Filliater oversees Project Lifesaver in Crawford County.

Participants in Project Lifesaver wear a radio transmitter on their person 24/7. The transmitter operates on a radio frequency specific to the wearer. In the event of a person that goes missing, Deputies respond to their last known location with a radio frequency receiver and begin searching for the persons unique radio frequency to assist in locating the missing person. The radio transmitter worn by a member of Project Lifesaver is battery operated. A caregiver to the wearer of a transmitter checks the battery life of the transmitter on a daily basis and is instructed to contact the Sheriff's Office when the battery needs replaced. Battery life is roughly 60 days.

Project Lifesaver has been implemented into a number of different law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Families and/or caregivers are provided with the radio frequency that has been assigned to their loved one. In the event a Project Lifesaver member would go missing outside of Crawford County, Ohio, families can provide the radio frequency assigned to their love one to responding law enforcement to assist in locating them.



## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

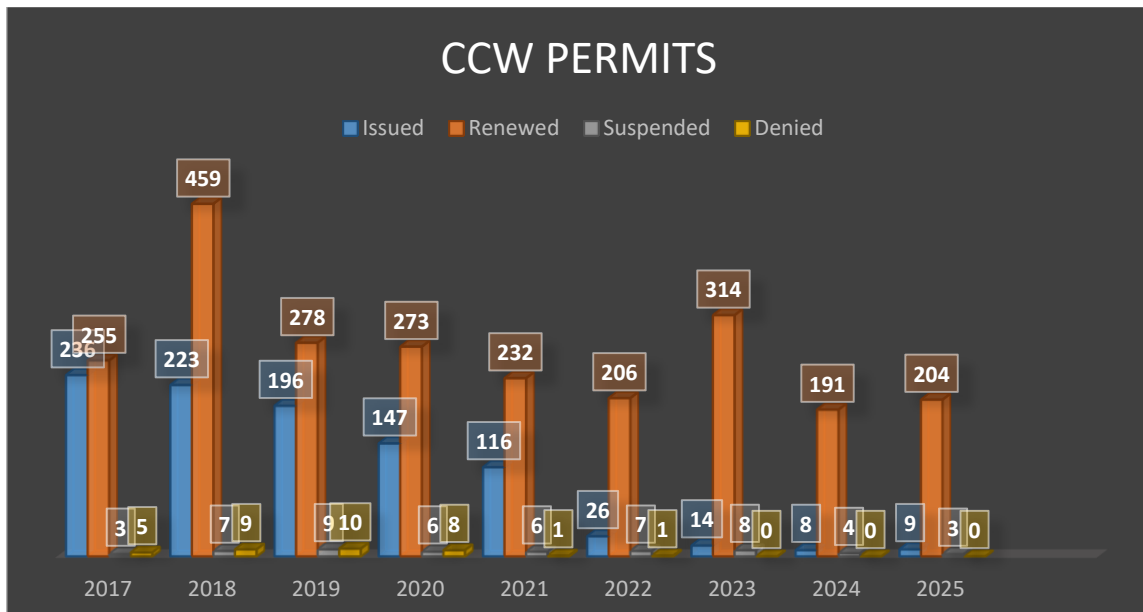
The Sheriff's Office participated in the Prescription Drug Take Back initiative in 2025, collecting 63 lbs. of unused or expired medications. A drop box is location in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office and available to the public at all times.

## Concealed Carry Weapon Permits

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for handling all CCW applications and renewals. Applicants must first apply and then an extensive background check is done to make sure the individual is in compliance with requirements as defined in the Ohio Revised Code. The Sheriff's Office also suspends and revokes CCW permits as required by law. The laws have changed several times and staff attend training to stay up to date with current laws.

Since permitless carry passed in 2022, we have seen a decrease in new CCW applications, however many still renew their CCW permit every 5 years, because of the reciprocity that Ohio has with many other states.

In 2025, 9 new CCW permits were issued, 204 permits were renewed, 3 were suspended, and 0 was denied.





## Drug Abuse Resistance Education

The Sheriff's Office offers D.A.R.E. in several schools in Crawford County. Sheriff Ronny Shawber and Deputy Tim Ley initiated this program at the Sheriff's Office in 1989 and we still offer D.A.R.E. today. In 2007 Deputy Chris Martin took over instructing the D.A.R.E. curriculum. The D.A.R.E. program is the largest anti-drug program which focuses on school age children.

Deputy Martin's salary is paid for by the Sheriff's Office as well as grant funding. Classroom materials, awards and shirts for the students, are paid for through gifts and donations from the local community and the support of the schools.



The D.A.R.E. curriculum focuses on teaching children how to make good choices. Those choices will help them when it comes to making good friends and ultimately helping them resist drugs, violence, and not to bullying. Children from kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade receive these lessons. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade learn the lessons of Strangers, who gives us medicines, 911, Good and Bad Taste, and School Safety. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades learn the lessons on the meaning of D.A.R.E., What is a Drug, How to Say NO, Bullying, why we are Special and Why Compliments are important. Deputy Martin has also talked to groups of teenagers in high school.

D.A.R.E. classes are offered in the following schools: Colonel Crawford, Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Crestline, Galion, Wynford, Sacred Heart, and Saint Joseph Catholic School.

# The Sheriff App



The Sheriff was looking for a way to push out information immediately to the public, without being dependent on the reporting timelines of news media or social media. The Sheriff App was one of the solutions we were looking for.

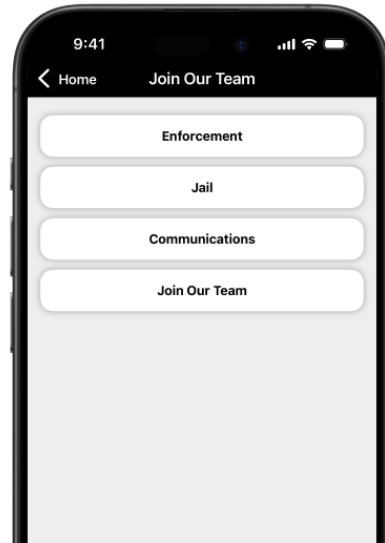
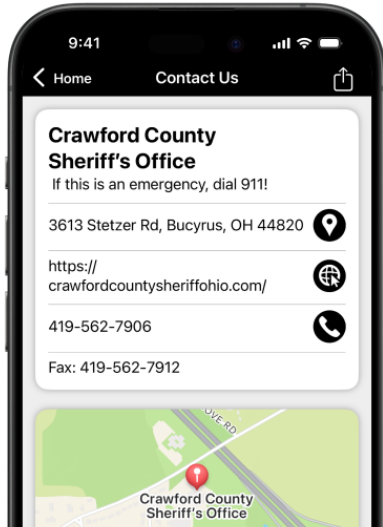
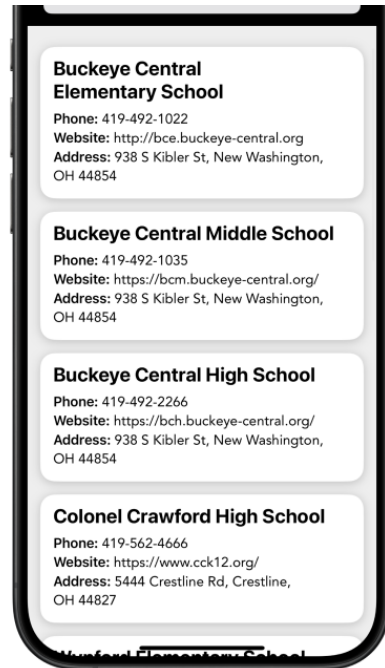
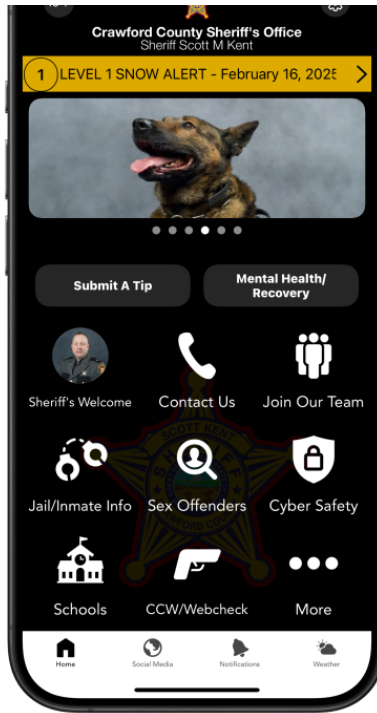
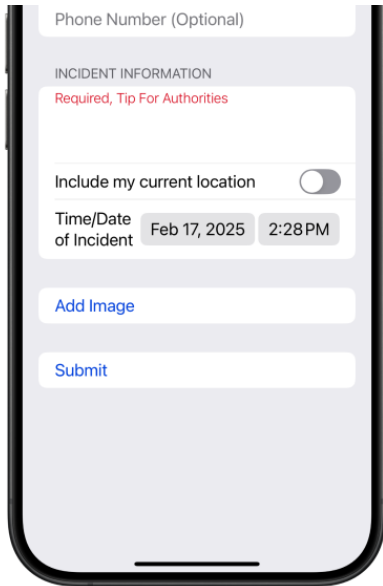
Citizens can download a free app on cellphones and other mobile devices. Once the app is downloaded, citizens will be informed of incoming severe weather conditions at the same time the Dispatch Center is being notified of weather changes. An alert comes across the phone with a weather notification, giving timely notifications and allowing residents additional time to take the proper precautions.

The Sheriff App allows the Sheriff's Office to send out road closings, news releases and other information we feel may be of interest to the citizens.

Inside the Sheriff App are other resources, including but not limited to:

- Submit a Tip
- Mental Health and Recovery services
- Sheriff's Welcome
- Contact information
- Job Applications
- Jail roster and inmate service
- Sex Offender information
- Cyber Security Safety
- School information
- CCW and Webcheck information
- Project Lifesaver
- Sheriff Sales
- Vacation checks

The Sheriff App continues to be a valuable tool for the Sheriff's Office and residents. The jail roster is by far the most popular item in the app.



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Anyone interested in downloading the Sheriff App, can download it at the Apple App Store or on Google Play.



V.F.W. Post 1078 has been very supportive and frequently donates to the D.A.R.E. program. Many other individuals and groups have also supported this program.

 A 2025 calendar for Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The top section features the Sheriff's Office logo, the name "2025 CRAWFORD County Sheriff's Office", and a photo of Sheriff Scott M. Keast. Below this is contact information: "3613 Stetzer Road - Bucyrus, OH 44820 • (419) 562-7906 • Emergency dial 911 • www.crawfordcountysheriff.com". The calendar grid covers the months from January to December. The bottom section is filled with various business advertisements, including:
 

- Donkey Towing**: 888-446-6666
- MOSIER**: 119-683-1000
- Recycling Motes Cent**: (419) 468-2788
- AMERICAN LEGION**: (419) 562-7211
- Wendy's**: 419-566-5112
- AMERICAN BAIL BONDS**: 419.522.0607
- Guy's**: 419-468-6585
- SCHIEBER'S**: 419-468-7017
- HSM**: 419-468-2884

We also put out a calendar yearly, to raise funds for the D.A.R.E. Program. Many businesses in the community support this and we are very thankful to have the support to keep this program going.

# Chaplain Program



Pastor Michael Greenler was appointed as the Office Chaplain in late 2023. Pastor Greenler responds to the needs of all Sheriff's Office staff, in the following manner:

- Responds to Office members' needs during times of death, injury, or emotional distress;
- Provides spiritual support and guidance to personnel;
- Assists the Sheriff in notifying an Office member's family upon receiving news of a serious injury or death of an employee;
- Assists the Office upon request, in providing comfort and support to members of the community during times of emotional trauma;
- Serve in an on-call capacity for after-hours response to critical incidents; Maintain contact with local clergy as requested;
- Foster public confidence and support by attending civic events and remaining available during periods of heightened public interest;
- Serve as a resource for spiritual counseling to Sheriff's Office members and their families as appropriate; and
- Provide Sheriff's Office members and their families with additional in-home or external supportive resources.

A Chaplain adheres to applicable laws regarding confidentiality, privileged communications, and mandatory reporting.



## School Resource Officers

The Sheriff's Office has three School Resource Officers. Special Deputy Jo Stahl is assigned to Wynford Schools. Special Deputy Stephen Knapp and Special Deputy Lynn Sterling are assigned to Colonel Crawford School District.



## Court House Security

Deputies assigned to the Crawford County Courthouse are responsible for the security of the building and the safety of those inside the building. Deputies screen individuals and their property upon entrance to the courthouse, using an x-ray machine and magnetometer, which enables them to seize several knives and many other prohibited items each year. Deputies X-rayed 11,867 items in 2025.

Deputies patrol the building and are called to the courtrooms whenever there is a disturbance. They monitor security cameras, fire alarms, and assist the public.

Deputies are also qualified to assist the court system by signing criminal summons paperwork, to respond to any health or medical emergencies, and to also provide security coverage for the Board of Elections when necessary.

## Special Deputies

The Crawford County Special Deputy Unit is composed of individuals who are engaged in other full-time occupations, but wish to contribute their law enforcement service to their community. These deputies are certified peace officers and have full powers of arrest.

Special Deputies are required to maintain their peace officer certification by completing yearly mandated training and annual firearms training. In addition, these reserve deputies assist the Sheriff's Office by providing needed manpower on incidents and large-scale emergencies. The Special Deputy Unit has purchased equipment for the Sheriff that could not be purchased, through the regular budget.

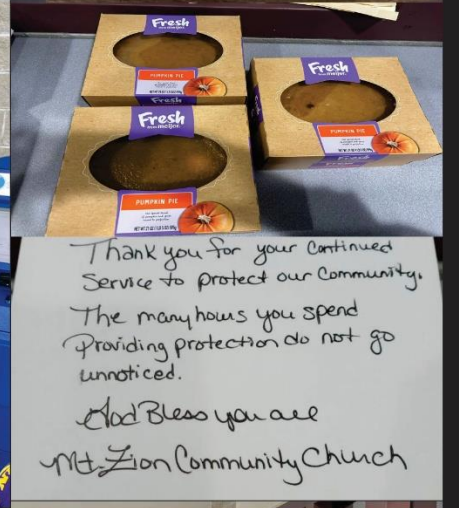
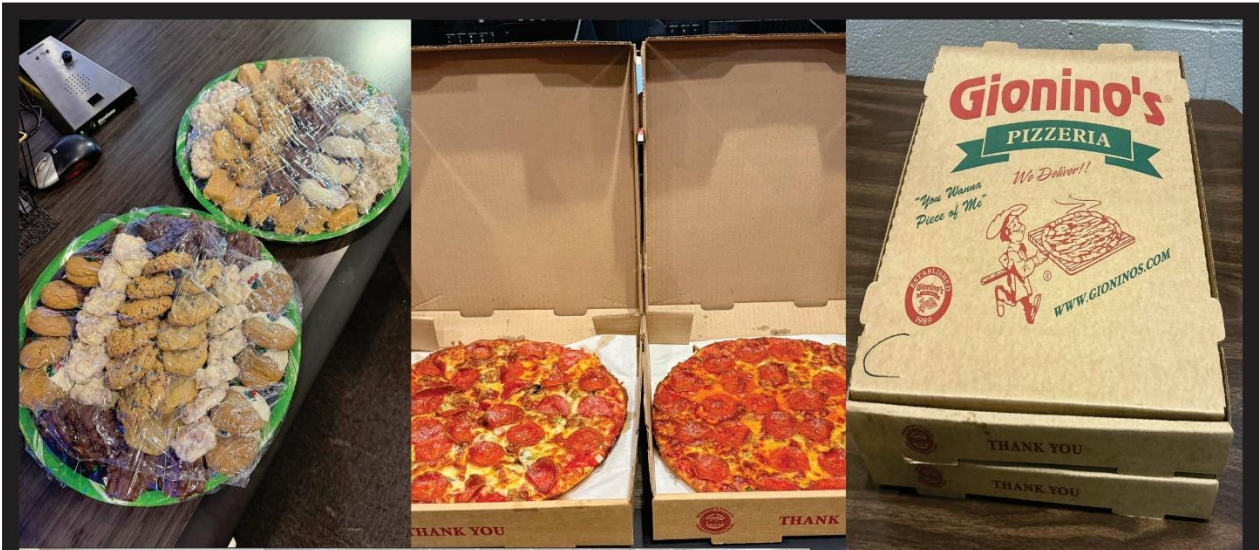
A Special Deputy Unit also serves as a trained group of officers from which potential recruitment and full-time employment is made possible, should an opening occur in the Sheriff's Office. Special Deputies provide security at the Crawford County Fair, and school events, and serve as the eyes and ears at many other events throughout the community. This unit also provides security at the polling locations on election days.



Special Deputy Bradley Stuckman retired in November 2025, after 50 years of service. Stuckman served under three different Sheriffs during his time with the Sheriff's Office and will be missed. Thank you, Deputy Stuckman for your service to this community.

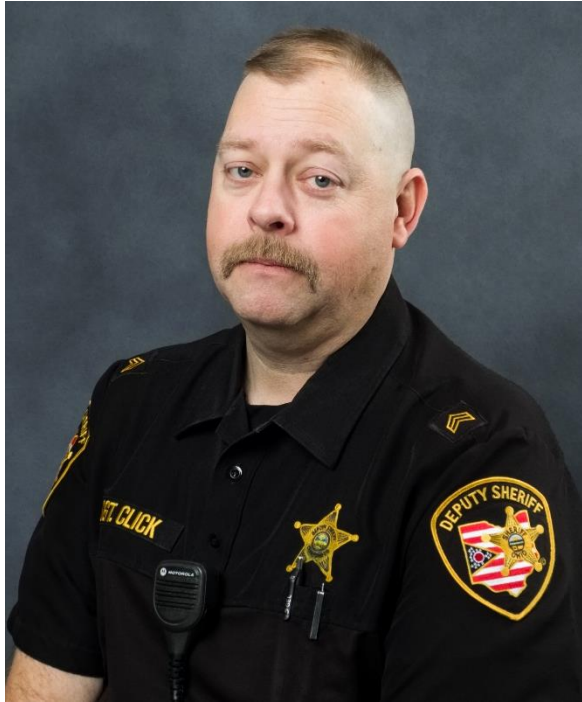
We are honored to serve this community. Several businesses and individuals delivered meals and other acts of kindness to us throughout the year and it means a lot to us. We are very lucky to have a community that supports us.





# Jail

The Sheriff's Office operates the only jail facility in the county. Corrections Officers are needed to maintain a secure facility. Inmates are provided with food, clothing, medical treatment, and supervision. The Jail is responsible for transporting inmates to and from court proceedings. When an inmate receives a prison sentence, corrections staff are responsible for transferring inmates to prison.



Major Jeff Click is in charge of Jail Operations. Click was hired at the Sheriff's Office in 1997, as a Corrections Officer. In 2015, Click was promoted to Sergeant and in 2024, he was promoted to Jail Administrator at the rank of Major. He is a member of the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and sits on the Community Corrections Committee.

Major Click oversees daily operations of the jail. The Jail is required to meet the state minimum standards as defined by the Department of Corrections. A yearly inspection is conducted by the state to make sure policies are in compliance.

Corrections Officers and Support Staff are required to complete yearly training requirements, and all Corrections staff must complete a Corrections Academy within their first year of

employment.

Corrections Officers monitor several security cameras in housing areas and around the perimeter of the Justice Center. These cameras are recorded 24 hours a day.

The Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in inmate medical costs. This increase for the most part is due to inmates being brought in with drug related medical issues and those experiencing mental health issues.

We contract with Wellpath Solutions, Correctional Healthcare Company and have a doctor and a full-time nurse, who address inmate medical needs. 2025 Medical costs in the jail were \$359,147.13.

Food Services are provided by Summit Food Service. In order to reduce costs, inmates with trustee status are assigned to the kitchen to help prepare meals and assist with clean up. Sheriff Kent has met with Summit and monitors menu options to reduce costs. In 2025, the kitchen prepared 95,841 meals for inmates, at a cost of \$ 294,840.69.



In 2025, the Justice Center had 1,422 total inmate bookings.





Correction Officers use a body scanner in the jail. Inmates being booked-in are scanned, to prevent conveyance of contraband into the facility. Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia hid inside the body cavity have been seized because of the body scanner. Inmates granted work release or trustee status are scanned when coming back into the building.

To prepare inmates for re-introduction back into society, Alpha 12-step recovery program is offered to inmates who are here on drug related charges. Pastor Margie Maddox offers comes to the jail and holds classes for those looking to recover from their drug addiction. This program is funded through donations received by Pastor Maddox.

Pastor Maddox has expanded her services to the jail population to include Behavior Modification and Anger Management. She also works closely with the court system, letting the courts know of the progress of the inmates.

Sheriff Kent and Third Street Family Health Services partner together to address the mental health needs of inmates. Counselors provide in-person counseling at the jail and follow-up counseling sessions are conducted virtually.

The Gideons provide Bible Study on a weekly basis.

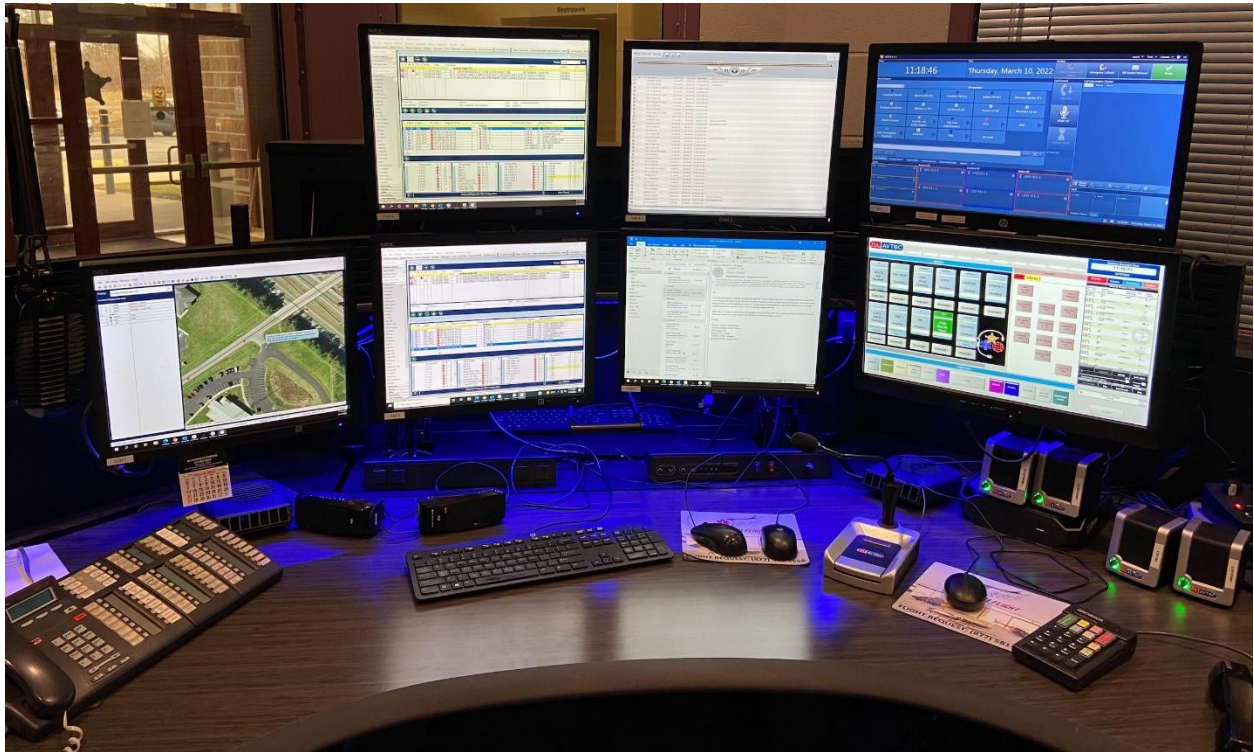
Together We Hurt, Together We Heal provide resources to in mates with substance abuse disorders.



Video Court is held at the Sheriff's Office, through an internet connection tied into the courthouse. This system saves the county money as many of the hearings can be held over the video system, reducing transportation costs, and number of staff needed for transports. We utilize CPI Guardian property management system. This allows us to secure inmate property in tamper proof packages, reducing property getting misplaced or lost. We can also secure inmate clothing in a vacuum sealed package, which frees up space in the property room as well as eliminating

odors and hygiene issues.

# Communications



The Communications Division is truly the heart of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has 10 full time dispatchers. Communications is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Work areas were installed that allows for dispatchers to sit or stand instead of remaining seated for 8 or more hours at a time. Headsets were added to allow for additional mobility. In the picture above, you will see one of four dispatch consoles. Dispatchers have to be able to multi-task, effectively using several monitors, telephones, radios and 911 at the same time. Dispatchers are also trained in Emergency Medical Dispatching (E.M.D.).

Dispatchers are responsible for dispatching fire departments and the ambulance services as well. We provide radio communications for the following agencies:

Sheriff's Office Enforcement Division  
State Band radio frequency  
Crawford County Emergency Management  
Tiro Auburn Volunteer Fire Department  
Chatfield Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dallas Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Lykens Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Crawford Co. West Joint Ambulance District

Sheriff's Office Jail Division and Maintenance  
New Washington Police Department  
Bucyrus City Fire Department  
Bucyrus Township Volunteer Fire Department  
New Washington Volunteer Fire Department  
Holmes Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Whetstone Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Life First Ambulance District



Communications is responsible for monitoring and operating LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System). This system allows dispatchers to check vehicle registrations and the driving status of motorists. Arrest warrants are entered through this system and other arresting agencies communicate with dispatch through LEADS. Dispatch can also use LEADS to enter missing persons, along with stolen property.

Dispatchers must also enter information into a county-wide records management system, monitor a weather computer, and activate tornado sirens. They operate security doors and cameras for the lobby, administration, along with security cameras located around the building.

The 911 server for all of Crawford County sits in the Sheriff's Office. The computer sorts out landline calls and sends it to the proper jurisdiction. There were 13,446 calls made through 911 in 2025. 10,745 of those were wireless calls. The Communications Center receives all wireless 911 calls and all rural landline calls.

# CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Nature Statistics

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Date Range From: 1/01/2025 Through: 12/31/2025

Nature	Total
911 Call Transfer	2929
911 Hangup	518
911 Misdial	318
911 Misuse	23
911 Open Line	509
Abuse - Adult	1
Abuse - Child	3
Accident - Other	1
Alarm Drop - Bank	12
Alarm Drop - Business	283
Alarm Drop - Other	29
Alarm Drop - Residence	607
Alarm Drop - School	6
Ambulance	2816
Animal Abuse	4
Animal Kill	4
Animal Loose	74
Animal On Roadway (Dead)	32
Animal Problem	48
Animal Struck	143
Assault	5
Assist - Ambulance	3
Assist - K-9	15
Assist - Law Enforcement	472
Assist - Motorist	18
Assist - Other	472
Auto Accident - Fatal	4
Auto Accident - Injury	134
Auto Accident - Injury - HS	1
Auto Accident - Non Injury	413
Auto Accident - Non Injury - HS	9
Auto Accident - Non Injury - PP	9
Bad Check	5
Building Check - Walk Thru, Etc	368
Burglary - Attempt	3
Burglary - Business	2
Burglary - Residence	7
Burglary In Progress	1
Civil - Orders / Writs	4
Civil Complaint	4
Custody - Interference With	3
Death Of Person - Unknown	2
Disorderly Conduct	3

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Nature	Total
Dispute	44
Disturbance	1
Dog - Barking	3
Dog - Bite	10
Dog - Loose	122
Dog - Stray	33
Dog - Vicious	8
Domestic Dispute	41
Domestic Violence	32
Drug Offense	10
Drug Offense - Overdose	1
Drunk - Intoxicated Person	3
Duplicate Call	7
Duplicate Call	196
Embezzlement	1
Escort	3
Falsification	1
Fire - Alarm Drop	177
Fire - Arson	1
Fire - Carbon Monoxide Detector	35
Fire - Controlled Burning	83
Fire - Field, Trees, Brush, Grass	28
Fire - Mutual Aid	18
Fire - Obnoxious Odor	45
Fire - Other	150
Fire - Page - Info Only	49
Fire - Smell Of Smoke	27
Fire - Structure	33
Fire - Vehicle	21
Fireworks	3
Flooding	12
Fraud	71
Harassment - Person	8
Harassment - Phone	28
Homicide	1
Hunting Without Permission	1
Identity Theft	26
Information Only	214
Investigate Complaint	536
Jail Occurrence	1
Juvenile - Unruly	15
Juvenile Alcohol Incident	1
Juvenile Incident	23

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Nature	Total
Late For Work	12
Littering	3
Lock Out - Residence / Business	1
Loud - Other Noise Problem	13
Loud Music	12
Loud Party	6
Menacing	1
Mental Person	14
Mental Transport	11
Missing Person - Adult	1
Missing Person - Juvenile	7
No Contact Order	41
No Contact Order Violation	2
Obstructing	2
Open Door	9
Pedestrian	94
Property - Disposed Of	2
Property - Found	37
Property - Missing	8
Property - Returned	1
Property - Safekeeping	1
Property Damage	120
Property-Seized	1
Protection Order	116
Protection Order Violation	3
Restraining Order	9
Road Closed	44
Road Sign - Repair/Missing/Etc.	1
Search Warrant - Business	2
Search Warrant - Other	13
Search Warrant - Residence	13
Services Down	69
Sex Offender Check	219
Sex Offender Registration Violation	2
Sex Offender Violation	2
Sex Offense	7
Shooting	1
Shooting - Accidental	1
Shooting - Hunting/Sounds/Target	12
Sick Leave	210
Snow Advisory (Level 2)	2
Snow Alert (Level 1)	16
Snow Removal	4

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Suicide	1
Suicide - Attempt	3
Suicide - Threat	16
Suspicious - Other	3
Suspicious - Person	44
Suspicious - Vehicle	54
Test Call	26
Theft - Attempt	1
Theft - Business	6
Theft - From Vehicle	10
Theft - Mail	1
Theft - Mailbox	1
Theft - Other	18
Theft - Residence	21
Theft - School	1
Threats - Mail	2
Threats - Person	6
Threats - Phone	12
Traffic - Parking Problem	4
Traffic - Parking-Improper/Illegal	2
Traffic Complaint-Incl ATV/MC/Etc	339
Traffic Hazard	117
Traffic Offense	2
Traffic Signal - Repair/Missing/Etc	17
Traffic Stop	1705
Train Complaint	16
Train Crossing Equip Malfunction	30
Trash Dumping	31
Trespass - Business	2
Trespass - Other	4
Trespass - Residence	16
Vandalism - Business	2
Vandalism - Other	2
Vandalism - Residence	3
Vandalism - Vehicle	4
Vehicle - Abandoned	12
Vehicle - Disabled	372
Vehicle - Lock Out	156
Vehicle - Parked - Occupied	46
Vehicle - Parked - Unoccupied	107
Vehicle - Stolen	3
Vehicle - Towed	15
Vehicle - Towed - Other Agency	1

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Nature	Total
Vehicle - Unauthorized Use	3
Warrant - Arrest	248
Weapon Violation - Possess	1
Weather Related Calls	152
Weather Severe Thunderstorm Warning	12
Weather Tornado Warning	1
Well Being Check	120
Wires, Trees Or Poles Down	125
<b>Total incidents:</b>	<b>17481</b>