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WELCOME

Hello Ottawa County Residents and Visitors,

Welcome to the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office newsletter. The intent of this newsletter is to provide community members with insight and information about the Sheriff's Office and events happening around Ottawa County. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office is committed to serving the community, and we hope you will find this newsletter both useful and informative.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ottawa County is home to many fantastic events. We hope you have a chance to enjoy some of these great upcoming events and learn more about what makes Ottawa County so unique.

Community Events

- **Biggest Week in American Birding, Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Thursday, May 5th - Saturday, May 14th;**
- **Put-In-Bay Spring Fling, Put-In-Bay Friday, May 6th - Sunday, May 8th;**
- **Port Clinton Walleye Festival, Waterworks Park, Thursday, May 26th - Monday, May 30th;**
- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th;**
- **Genoa Homecoming, Thursday, June 2nd - Sunday, June 5th.**

Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Events

Your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office provides informative and educational events to county residents and visitors of all ages.

- Ongoing - All CCW Appointments are scheduled online. Appointments are offered Monday - Friday during regular business hours and typically last for 30 minutes. Please book your appointment online via our website (<https://ottawacountysheriff.info>).
- Friday, May 13th, 10:00 AM

STATISTICS (April 27, 2022 to May 4, 2022)

Total Calls for Service	359
Traffic Stops	53
Disabled Vehicle checks	8
Squad Calls	22
House Watch Checks	98
Civil Documents Received	92
Civil Documents Served	69
Subpoenas	20
Protection Orders	6
Warrants	50
Civil Papers and Transport Orders	7
Subpoenas	17
Warrants	40
Service and Attempts - Civil Division	4
Service and Attempts - Patrol Division	11
Service and Attempts - Corrections	17

Note- All civil documents are attempted to be served, if the person to be served does not live in Ottawa County, or we are provided an address that the person being served is not actually residing at. Not all warrants are issued for people that live in Ottawa County so we are unable to serve those warrants directly and rely on other agencies to apprehend those suspects.

NOTABLE CALLS FOR SERVICE

- Sergeant Skinner and Deputy Hanney were called to the 7000 block of Boysen Road for a theft offense. Sergeant Skinner and Deputy Hanney observed three individuals taking scrap metal from the property upon arrival. Summons were issued to Zachary Sutherland, Eric Robertson, and Korion Mutchler.
- The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau handled an investigation involving a sexual assault of two victims. An arrest was made of the listed suspect Matthew Gonzalez with the help of the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office. Gonzalez is currently in custody at the Ottawa County Jail while awaiting his court proceedings.

NOTE- A criminal charge or indictment does not mean that the person(s) involved are guilty of any crime. It means that probable cause exists to file the charge and or indict a person for a violation of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- A joint training was held in Lake Erie on May 2, 2022, and included the United States Coast Guard, United States Customs Border Protection's Air and Marine Division, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, the Port Clinton Police Department, the Erie County Sheriff's Office, the Sandusky Police Department, the Huron Police Department, The Jet Express, and Miller Boat Line. The training was hands-on boarding of ferry boat vessels which may encounter active shooting situations on their boats. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office vessel was used in this training, and personnel were deployed onto the ferry by our boat while both were underway. This tactic, although dangerous, is a necessary skill to perform and could save lives in the future.
- On May 5, 2022, Put-In-Bay Fire and EMS Department and Ottawa County EMA held a HazMat drill on South Bass Island. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office provided technical guidance for law enforcement response.

TRAINING & COMPLIANCE

- Three Deputies are currently taking Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). CIT is a forty-hour course that gives our Deputies the tools and tactics to help those in a mental health crisis appropriately. All Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Deputies are currently enrolled in CIT or have previously received this training.
- Two Members of your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and one Road Patrol Deputy recently completed a two-day course entitled "Strangulation: The Silent

Killer.” This course featured instructors in law enforcement, prosecutors, nurses, and victims of domestic violence in regards to investigation, prosecutions, and trauma-informed domestic violence investigations.

- Detective Sergeant Ross Glovinsky recently completed a three-day virtual training offered by End Violence Against Women International. This seminar provided Detective Sergeant with approximately 22 hours of training in trauma-informed policing involving crimes and assault-oriented investigations.
- Several of your Ottawa County Deputies attend training regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). PREA is a bill passed several years ago by the House and Senate and signed into law by President George W. Bush.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Residents and guests of Ottawa County can contact the Sheriff’s Office for non-emergency needs via phone, email, or online. Contact methods are below.

- Non-Emergency/General Inquiry Phone Number: (419) 734-6823
- Email: Deputy Heather Moss, hmos@ottawacountysheriff.org
- Online Form at <https://ottawacountysheriff.info>

DID YOU KNOW?

- If you live in one of the unincorporated villages or townships served exclusively by the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office, we will check on your home while you’re gone. The process is easy to set up! Simply call the Sheriff’s Office Non-Emergency number and have the information below available.
 - How long you will be gone
 - The make and model of any vehicles that you will leave at your residence along with the license plate number
 - any lights that you will leave on,
 - the name and address of anyone that may stop by to check on your home
 - any keyholders.
- Your Deputies do their best to stop several times throughout the day to check on your home. Once you return, please call and let us know that you are home and Sheriff Levorchick will send you a letter and list from our Computer Aided Dispatch System detailing how many times your residence was checked along with the dates and times of each check.

- The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office partnered with Lexipol in 2021 to re-write the entire policies and procedures manual. This process took several months and was completed at the end of 2021. On December 17, 2021, the last of the policies was released to the deputies. Sheriff Levorchick mandated that each deputy review and sign off on each policy and procedure. Through Lexipol, our policies and procedures are continuously monitored by attorneys, police officers, and support staff to ensure that all case laws, updated statutes, and required compliance are adhered to. The policies and procedures are updated as required and we maintain a policies and procedures manual that is updated daily.

- Additionally, each deputy is required to complete four (4) daily training bulletins per month. The daily training bulletin requires each deputy to read a specific portion of the policies and procedures manual, answer questions, and earn a passing score. Our partnership with Lexipol ensures that your deputies are properly trained, given proper policy and procedural guidance, and are trained on those policies. This greatly reduces the risk of civil liability.

- Sheriff Levorchick hired Scott Frank as a Director of Training and Compliance in 2021. Mr. Frank brings several decades of law enforcement knowledge to the Sheriff's Office, and he previously worked with the Sheriff's Office on two other occasions. In addition to his training and compliance duties, Mr. Frank is playing a pivotal role in updating equipment to improve the transparency of the Sheriff's Office to our citizens and visitors. This transparency increases the efficiency of your Deputies, allowing us to better serve our great community. We are excited to welcome Scott back to the Sheriff's Office and have him help us to more effectively and efficiently serve our community.

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