



**ISSUE: MAY 16th, 2022**

## **WELCOME**

**Hello Ottawa County Residents and Visitors,**

**The Summer season is almost here. Your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to have a safe and fun summer. Please keep the following tips in mind as the weather continues to warm up and help make this a great summer season. Stay healthy, hydrated, and safe!**

### **Vacation Watch:**

- Please notify your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office if you are going out of town and sign up for our house check service. Call the non-emergency line at 419-734-4404 to sign up or learn more about the House Check program.
- Do not post your vacation plans on social media.
- Lock and secure your home.
- Temporarily stop your mail or ask a friend or family member to collect it for you while you are out of town.

### **Bicycles:**

- Check your bicycle to make sure the tires are properly inflated and the brakes are in proper working order.
- Wear your safety gear.
- Bicyclists riding on the road should ride on the right side of the road (with traffic) and obey all traffic signs.
- Watch for traffic, yield to vehicles, and signal when turning.
- Use crosswalks and yield to pedestrians.
- Be alert and watch for hazards.
- Always lock your bike when parking it.

**Pedestrians:**

- Walk on sidewalks when available.
- If there is no sidewalk available, walk facing traffic (on the left side of the road) and as far from traffic as possible.
- Remain alert at all times.
- Use crosswalks to cross streets. Cross at an intersection if a crosswalk is not available.
- Wear bright colored clothing during the day and reflective materials at night.
- Never assume that a driver can see you. Always make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure they see you.

**Vehicles:**

- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. The temperature of a vehicle can be significantly warmer than the temperature outside. Excessive heat can cause serious injury or death.
- Secure your vehicle at all times, even at home. Do not leave your vehicle running unattended or leave the windows down
- Keep valuables out of sight or remove them from your vehicle.

**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**

- 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>).

**STATISTICS (May 5, 2022 to May 11, 2022)**

Total Calls for Service	423
Traffic Stops	69
Disabled Vehicle checks	7
Squad Calls	14
House Watch Checks	97
Business Checks	127
Civil Documents Received	45
Civil Documents Served	43
Subpoenas	6
Protection Orders	3
Warrants	19
Civil Papers and Transport Orders	9
Service and Attempts - Civil Division	23
Service and Attempts - Patrol Division	0
Service and Attempts - Corrections	20

*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.*

**DEPUTY OF THE YEAR**

On May 11th, 2022, Corrections Deputy John Morton was voted “**Deputy of the Year**” by his fellow Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office Deputies. The Port Clinton Kiwanis Club presents this prestigious award each year to one Ottawa County Sheriff’s Deputy and one Port Clinton Patrolman. The Kiwanis Club has always supported law enforcement and we are very appreciative for their continued support. Deputy John Morton is very hard working and is devoted to his job and serving our community. **Thank you John for all of your hard work and Dedication.**



*Sheriff Stephen Levorchick and Deputy of the Year John Morton*



*Pictured Left to Right- Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Stephen Levorchick, Deputy John Morton, and Deputy Scott Morton (Father of John and Retired Ottawa County Deputy)*



*Pictured (Front Left to Right)- Deputy Rachel Hinojosa-Parsons, Detective Jonah Boyer, Deputy John Morton, Deputy Kendra Dosh, Deputy Rhonda Reiter, Deputy Callie McConahay, and Deputy Lisa Radloff (Back Left to Right)- Captain Aaron Leist, Sheriff Stephen Levorchick, Deputy Scott Morton, Chief Deputy Brad Yrok, Captain Kent Davis, and Detective Sergeant Ross Glovinsky*

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

→ Several members of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office attended the annual Ottawa County Police Memorial held at the Catawba Island Club. President John F. Kennedy proclaimed the first National Peace Officer Memorial Day the week in which May 15th falls. It is a time to show our gratitude to those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty. Your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office has had one deputy killed in the Line of Duty. Deputy Bruce Mettler was killed on December 9, 1983 in a plane crash while responding to a medical emergency at Kelleys Island. Also on board was Port Clinton Police Department Sergeant Robert B. Rigoni and Put-In-Bay Police department Dispatcher Micheal Sweeney.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard also participated in the ceremony. The Sheriff's Office is very proud to provide this service to those we have lost and their families.



*The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard- Right to Left- Deputy Kendra Dosh, Detective Jonah Boyer, Deputy Zach Johnson, Deputy Randy Dykstra, Sergeant Brandon Amory, Detective Sergeant Ross Glovinsky, and Deputy Chris Timm.*

## **TRAINING & COMPLIANCE**

- Your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Deputies are currently taking their Continued Professional Training hours for the year 2022. There are a total of 24 hours required. The Deputies also take additional training throughout the year on a range of topics to better serve the community. This training may be performed by members of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office and Ottawa County also has several opportunities each year to attend free training. Your Deputies do their best to take the most cutting edge training available.
- Several members of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team will attend training next week.

- Detective Sergeant Ross Glovinsky recently completed a three-day virtual training offered by End Violence Against Women International. This seminar provided Detective Sergeant Glovinsky with approximately 22 hours of training in trauma-informed policing involving crimes and assault-oriented investigations.
- Several of your Ottawa County Deputies attended 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.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office has three K-9 units in our family; Kash, Diesel, and Finn.



- Kash and Diesel are trained in tracking, apprehension, building search, article search, narcotics detection, and handler protection. Kash is a German Shepherd-Belgian Shepherd mix assigned to Sergeant Garret Schling, while Diesel is a six-year-old Shepherd assigned to Detective Jonah Boyer.
- Finn is a three-year-old flat-coated retriever assigned to Deputy Millner and works as a therapy dog at North Point Educational Service Center. Finn is a rescue dog and he was saved in a program operated by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Finn helps students at North Point Educational Service Center unwind and work through their problems.
- The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol recently switched from 8-hour shifts to 12-hour work shifts. This change was initiated by OCSO Road Deputies in December of 2021, and went into effect in March 2022.

- The switch to 12-hour shifts will be cost saving to the taxpayer. In addition to cost savings, 12-hour shifts offer many benefits, including:
- Better work/life balance and more time with loved ones
  - More full days off
  - Ability to spend more time being proactive
  - More Deputies working at one time
  - Less commuting time
  - Fewer consecutive working days
  - Improved self-care
- According to Deputy James Reagan, a 20-year veteran of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, " Twelve hour shifts have allowed me to spend more time with my family, giving me more time to decompress and return to work refreshed." This has made being home and at work more enjoyable for me. I come back to work better rested and feel my energy is much better. I truly feel that because of this I am better able to serve our community".
- Deputy Dylan Rohrbaugh has also experienced multiple benefits from working 12-hour shifts. "Twelve- hour shifts allow me to come back to work more focused and give more to our community and provide the best service possible. I also feel that this change has allowed all of us to be better deputies for the community. We have time to be more thorough during investigations and also these 12 hour shifts put more Deputies on the road during a shift. This allows us to be more proactive." Deputy Rohrbaugh spent six years as a Corrections Deputy and transitioned to a Road Deputy nine months ago.

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