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**OTTAWA COUNTY BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE | TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office attended "Bundle Up - Ottawa County", hosted by the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) at the Little Blue House on Madison in Port Clinton. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Garrett Schling and K9 Kash were present at this event to answer questions. This is a great event held by OCCF and our agency was honored to be asked to participate.



## OHIO COLLABORATIVE STANDARDS

Due to a series of events in Ohio and elsewhere in the nation, the fractured relationship existing between some local communities and the law enforcement agencies dedicated to serving them has been highlighted. In an effort to resolve this conflict, in December, 2014, Governor John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2014-06K creating the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations. Since its creation, the Task Force developed recommendations on how to improve relationships between law enforcement and their respective communities.

On April 30, 2015, Governor Kasich signed Executive Order 2015-04K establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. The purpose of the Collaborative is to advise and work with the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the Ohio Department of Public Safety to implement the Task Force's recommendations.

In addition, the Collaborative and OCJS developed statewide minimum standards in the following areas:

- Agency Employee Recruitment and Hiring
- Agency Wellness
- Bias Free Policing
- Body Worn Cameras
- Community Engagement
- Investigation of Employee Misconduct
- Response to Mass Protests & Demonstrations
- Telecommunicator Training
- Vehicular Pursuit
- Use of Deadly Force

Sheriff Levorchick is committed to establishing and maintaining compliance with the Ohio Collaborative Standards. Director Scott Frank (Training & Compliance) has been charged with the responsibility to ensure that all required processes are completed and documentation has been submitted to assessors.

Sheriff Levorchick is proud to state that as of December of 2022, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office has been granted provisional certification in all standards.

## 988 CRISIS HOTLINE

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) recently transitioned to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Ohioans, who are experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis, and their family members, will be able to call, chat, or text the 988 number in order to reach a trained counselor who can offer help and support.

Moving to the easy-to-remember, 3-digit number provides greater access to life-saving services. 988 builds on the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline system and will provide 24/7, free and confidential support to Ohioans in a behavioral health crisis. It is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress – whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or addiction concerns, or any other kind of emotional distress.

Research shows that most calls to the Lifeline can be managed and resolved through a consultation on the phone; however, if a person needs an emergency, in-person response, 988 counselors are trained to connect the person in crisis with a mobile response team, which may be a behavioral health team or first responder team (or a combination of both) who will meet the person at their place of crisis.



## DOG WARDEN'S OFFICE

Did you know that Ottawa County Dog Warden's Office is one of the many divisions of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office? All matters pertaining to the Dog Warden's Office are subject to approval and revisions by the Ottawa County Sheriff.

The Dog Warden's Office is responsible for the registration of all dogs within the County and picking up stray dogs that are running at large. Our Office is also responsible for investigating livestock killed by coyotes, dogs and black vultures.

The Ottawa County Dog Warden's Office is 100% self-supported and does not receive any money from general taxpayer funds. All expenses of the dog shelter are paid using the funds collected from the sale of dog licenses, impound and redemption fees in addition to court fines.

The Dog Warden's Office does not respond to barking dog complaints, cat complaints or wildlife complaints. Sergeant Matthew Shark oversees the Dog Warden's Office and is a sworn peace officer in the State of Ohio.

Dog licenses are now on sale for the 2023 calendar year. Having these licenses attached to your dog helps our deputies return your dog promptly if they ever run away from home. Deadline for purchase of these tags without a penalty is January 31st, 2023.

## Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

### Ottawa County Dog Warden

Division of the:  
Ottawa County Sheriff's Office (Ohio)  
Sheriff Stephen J. Levorchick

Address:  
8400 West State Route 163  
Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

Contact:  
Phone: (419) 898-1368  
Fax: (419) 898-2056

Email(s):  
mshark@ottawacountysheriff.org



**You can learn more about the Dog Warden's Office at:  
<https://dogwarden.ottawacountysheriff.info>**

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

Sheriff Stephen J. Levorchick implemented a new operating policy through Lexipol. With this new policy, a flurry of end of year reports are prepared and given to Sheriff Levorchick so he can continue to provide the highest level of transparency to the citizens of Ottawa County. This process will start in the next few weeks. The reports generated will be everything from year end stats to review of pursuits that occurred involving the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Deputies. Sheriff Levorchick has stressed the importance of continuing to learn and grow. By doing these year-end reports this gives Sheriff Levorchick an overview of what we can do to improve and also evaluate best practices to provide the highest caliber of service to our residence and visitors.

## SEASONAL CRIME TRENDS

While your Ottawa County Sheriff's Office is proactive, we ask that our citizens pay close attention this time of year. Since the world is doing most of its shopping online, packages and parcels are often put in mailboxes and front porches. Thieves across the country know this and often target homes with boxes on their front porches and mailboxes, this particular thief is often called a "porch pirate" . If you ever see vehicles pulling in and out of driveways please pay close attention to what they are doing. If you believe that someone is stealing packages or parcels make sure to call the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office non-emergency phone number to report the issues

Tips and Reminders to keep your home safe During the Holiday season and year round:

- Make sure all smoke detectors are working properly in your home and business and batteries have been changed.
- Call the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office and be put on our "House Watch List" if you will be out of town for more than three days. You can do this simply by calling the Non-Emergency number at 419-734-4404.
- Make sure that all vehicles are locked even in your driveway.
- Check all cameras and alarm systems in your home and business. This may include calling your alarm company to make sure that they have an updated contact list for your property.
- Do not leave empty boxes by the roadside if you can help it. Leaving these boxes can alert criminals that you just got a new item in the home such as a T.V. or other sought after items.
- Please make sure that your address is easily found on mailboxes or homes. This may save precious time in the event of an emergency when Fire, EMS, or Law Enforcement is trying to find your home.

**STATISTICS: NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

Total Calls for Service	1979
Traffic Stops	248
Disabled Vehicle Checks	19
Squad Calls	84
House Watch Checks	494
Business Checks	468
Civil Documents Received	224
Civil Documents Served	206
Subpoenas Served	53
Protection Orders	6
Warrants	86
Civil Papers and Transport Orders	61
Service and Attempts - Civil Division	143
Service and Attempts - Patrol Division	18
Service and Attempts - Corrections	60
Total Jail Bookings	77
Total Jail Releases	82
Total Jail Transports	116

*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.*

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