



Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



Cliff Pinkney
Cuyahoga County Sheriff

It's that time of year again! Friday, October 27th will mark the 4th Annual Operation Safe Halloween for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Lakeside Avenue will be closed between Ontario and West Third Street from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, so kids can safely trick-or-treat, interact with law enforcement officers, and enjoy a variety of games and activities. 30+ police and safety agencies within Cuyahoga County will be participating, by handing out candy from their decorated cruisers. I encourage you to bring your kids or grandkids to join in on the fun!

As you all have noticed, "Employee of the Quarter" is a new feature I added to the Sheriff's Department's newsletter. Each quarter, we'll highlight an employee who deserves to be acknowledged for their hard work and dedicated effort to the department and the community. Since we have roughly 1,100 employees, I would appreciate your help in recognizing CCSD staff who go above and beyond the call of duty to

make our organization better. If you would like to make a nomination, please e-mail tpulling@cuyahogacounty.us and tell us why you would like to see that person featured.

There are a few people I want to recognize and thank for their contributions to the Sheriff's Department over the years. Associate Warden Vic McArthur dedicated 38 years of service to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department's Corrections Division. Although he retired in September, he will forever be a part of the CCSD family, and will be deeply missed. Frank Bova, former Sheriff and Chief Community Safety and Protection Officer for the Cuyahoga County Executive's Office accepted a position with MetroHealth as Director and Chief of Public Safety, beginning October 2nd. He is a mentor and a friend and we wish him the best of luck for the future.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support, and I wish you a very happy and healthy

PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Protective Services Division is responsible for servicing and securing 31 county operated facilities, thus ensuring the safety of the public and 8,000 county employees. Our officers strive to maintain a highly visible, courteous, and professional presence and seek to supplement, not duplicate, the services provided by law enforcement agencies. The security operation in each building is constantly being monitored and evaluated, with changes implemented when necessary.

135 armed Protective Services Officers are deployed at almost all county agencies. As a

first responder, the officers respond to a variety of incidents and emergencies. Various methods are used to enhance building safety while screening visitors. Officers operate metal detectors and x-ray machines. In 2016, over 3,000 items that were deemed possible weapons were confiscated, and not permitted in county building(s). Officers respond to wireless duress alarms to assist employees, monitor closed circuit cameras, and building access control systems. The Department also employs 3 Physical Security Specialists who are in charge of technical equipment utilized by staff and making building security recommendations in an effort to maintain building safety.

Protective Services is staffed 24 hours per day. Along with building security, Protective Services has a mobile patrol unit that provides aid and attention to buildings and employees throughout the county. They respond to all motor vehicle accidents involving county employees, and give assistance to the public when needed. Additional services provided include: employee escorts, injury reports, OSHA violation reports, workplace violence training for employees, and much more.

Submitted by: Effrem Speigner

CCSD COURT SECURITY DIVISION

The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department's Court Security Criminal Division is the largest and most active unit within the Sheriff's Department. The unit is supervised by Lieutenant Nestor Rivera and Sergeant Todd Cox, and consists of thirty-four deputies.

The overall mission of the Court Security Division is to oversee the safety and security of thirty-four Common Pleas Judges, their staff, and all persons involved in the court process. Each deputy within this unit must work closely with several departments that are attached to the Court Security Division. These departments consist of the Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, Court Probation Office, Court Psychiatric Clinic, Veteran's Court, Mental Health Court, Drug Court, and the Court Re-Entry Program.

In 2017, these deputies have completed numerous assignments to ensure the court process and handling of inmates are conducted to the highest professional standards and safety. The following statistics listed below are an example of these tasks:

2017 Statistical Data

16,532 Jail inmate escorts, **11,366** Bail inmate escorts, **972** Remanded, **4,069** Arraignments, **2,120** Probationers monitored, **1,200** Psychiatric inmates monitored, **1,943** Attorney/Inmate visits.

Submitted by: Sgt. Anthony Cox

NEW HIRES

Correction Officer: Aliyah Bates, Timoteo Cruz, Ethan Day, Margie Feliciano, Antoinette Fisher, Chardai Franklin, Briana Gale, Russell Graham, De'Shawn Gray, Valerie Gudger, Jalen Howard, Sarah Jacobs, Denise Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Arthur Lichtinger, Taeje Price, Ramone Ramirez, Prenis Wenson, Karla Wiggins

Security Monitor: Marilynn Broski

RECENT RETIREMENTS

Associate Warden: Victor McArthur

Correction Officer: Ronald Crayton, William Ellis, Catherine Smith

Deputy Sheriff: Neal Ebenger

Security Sergeant: Kelly Purcell

Licensed Practical Nurse: Mary Kissling

Clerk Typist: Veronica White

CCSD EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Deputy Sheriff Eric Williams has been with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department for approximately 4½ years. He is

currently assigned to the Transport Unit, and brings 20 years of law enforcement experience to the CCSD. When asked about his position with the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Williams says: "What I enjoy most about my work is the camaraderie with the other deputies and how we come together to get the job done. I also enjoy that the day-to-day functions vary and that I am supervised by a competent command staff who are knowledgeable and confident in their work ethic."

Deputy Williams was recognized by Sheriff Pinkney for his quick response, professionalism and excellent communication during a traffic stop incident on August 12th, 2017. A male had wrecked his vehicle and was ejected from his van. As construction workers approached the male to see if he was okay, the male produced a handgun and started to fire off rounds randomly at people. Once notified by the construction workers, Deputy Williams called dispatch and instructed civilians to take cover. Deputy Williams engaged and pursued the active shooter, who was at this point attempting to carjack civilians on the roadway. Cleveland Police and Deputy Williams continued the pursuit, until Deputy Williams was able to flank and tackle the subject to the ground, dislodging the handgun from his hand. The subject was taken into custody without any further incident and without injury. The subject was found to be under the influence of PCP during this encounter. This incident ended with no casualties or loss of life to any civilian, and we commend Deputy Williams for his bravery.



IN MEMORIAM
Maurice Brown