

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S STAR



Sheriff Warns Residents of IRS Scams

With the new year comes the return of tax season. As tax season begins, Sheriff Jamie Patton would like to warn taxpayers about scams that use the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) name in an attempt to steal your money, your identity, or both.

Scammers often alter phone numbers to make it look like they are calling from the IRS or another government agency. The callers use official IRS titles and fake, but official sounding information, to make their call appear legitimate. They may use a victim's exact name, address, and other personal information to make someone believe this is a legitimate request for information. "Unfortunately, contact information such as names and mailing addresses are easy to find on the internet. These scam artists have practiced their craft and will work very hard to make you think, or scare you into thinking, they are with the IRS," said Sheriff Patton.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Sheriff Warns Residents of IRS Scams
- Annual Turkey Shoot Held
- Citizen Academy Class Graduate
- Shop With A Cop a Success!

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Communications

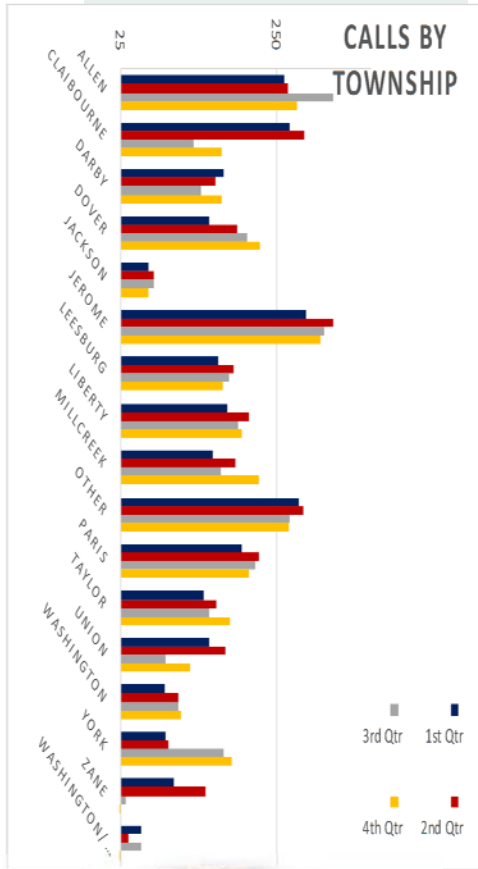
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Township Stats (9-1-1 Calls by Township)

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Allen	279	296	576	338
Claibourne	305	377	74	112
Darby	114	102	82	111
Dover	92	141	163	196
Jackson	38	41	41	38
Jerome	389	581	506	477
Leesburg	106	135	124	113
Liberty	121	166	142	150
Millcreek	98	136	110	190
Other	347	372	305	302
Paris	150	192	184	167
Taylor	85	103	92	126
Union	93	118	49	70
Washington	48	59	59	61
York	49	51	115	130
Zane	55	88	27	17
Washington/Dublin	34	28	34	20

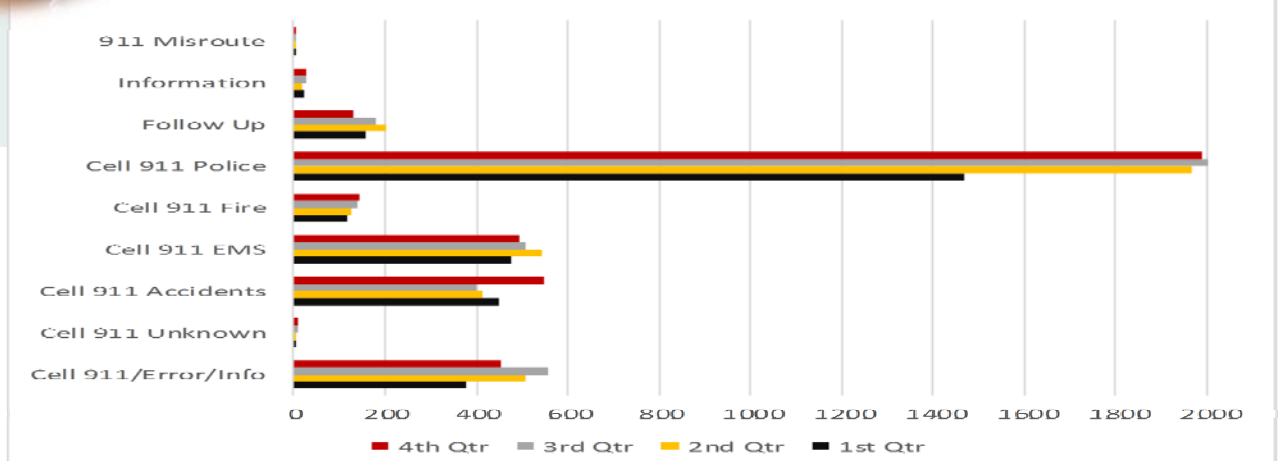


Union County 9-1-1 Calls

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
911 Misroute Information	5	2	1	1
Follow-up	23	20	27	29
Cell 911	159	203	180	131
⇒Police	1,467	1,967	2,017	1989
⇒Fire	117	124	139	142
⇒EMS	474	544	508	495
⇒Accidents	450	412	401	547
⇒Unknown	5	3	11	11
⇒Error/Info	376	509	556	453



Union County 9-1-1 Calls





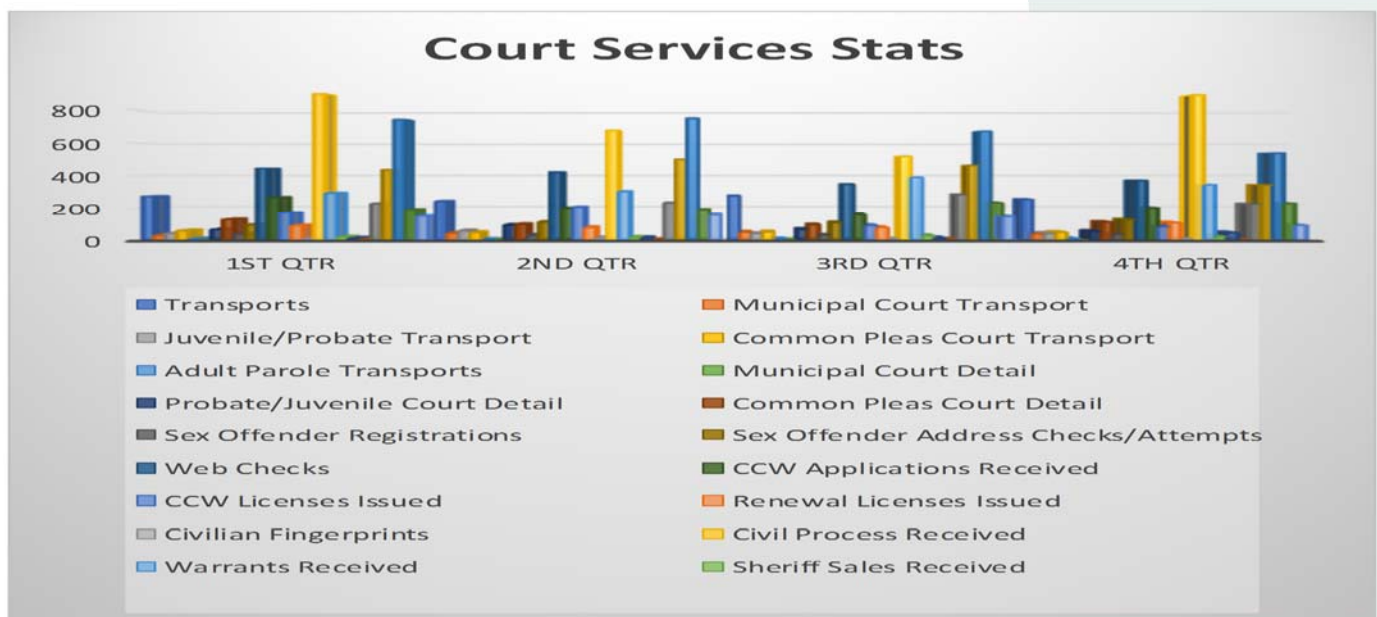
Court Services

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Court Services Stats

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Transports	273	243	276	254
Municipal Court Transports	29	42	48	39
Juvenile/Probate Transports	41	56	39	41
Common Pleas Court Transports	57	46	50	47
Adult Parole Transports	6	2	6	9
Municipal Court Detail	0	0	0	0
Probate/Juvenile Court Detail	65	92	66	53
Common Pleas Court Detail	127	96	95	110
Sex Offender Registrations	37	29	30	36
Sex Offender Address Checks/Attempts	94	110	107	125
Web Checks	446	424	348	371
CCW Applications Received	266	200	158	202
CCW Licenses Issued	169	206	90	82
Renewal Licenses Issued	89	77	77	106
Civilian Fingerprints	9	13	5	7
Civil Process Received	912	680	520	894
Warrants Received	294	303	391	345
Sheriff Sales Received	18	16	27	21
Sheriff Sales Sold	10	14	13	45
Sheriff Sales Returned (unsold)	6	1	4	4
Cases Processed	228	231	283	225



Tri-County Regional Jail



Local Sheriff Information

Champaign County Sheriff
Sheriff Matthew R. Melvin

Madison County Sheriff
Sheriff James P. Sabin

Union County Sheriff
Sheriff Malcolm J. "Jamie" Patton

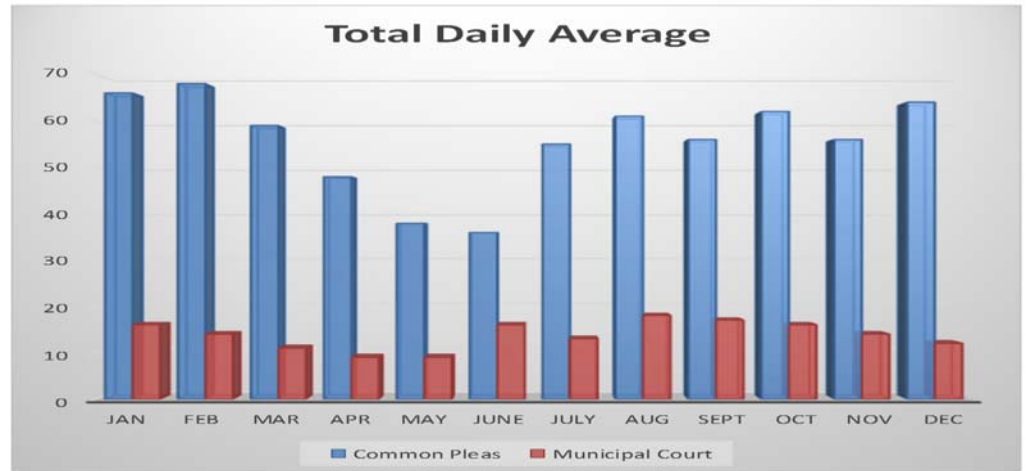


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Cost per day: \$45.00

Maximum Number of
Beds Allowed Per Day: 52

	Daily Average Common Pleas			Daily Average Municipal Court			Union County Total	Monthly Bed Overage	Overage Amt. Paid to Tri-County
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Fe- male			
January	66	53	13	16	14	2	82	822	\$36,990.00
February	68	48	20	14	12	2	82	933	\$41,985.00
March	59	41	18	11	8	3	70	470	\$21,150.00
APR	48	34	14	9	8	1	57	186	\$8,370.00
MAY	38	29	9	9	7	2	47	9	\$405.00
JUNE	36	28	8	16	15	1	52	92	\$4,140.00
JULY	55	45	10	13	10	3	67	407	\$18,315.00
AUG	61	51	10	18	14	3	78	736	\$33,120.00
SEPT	56	44	13	17	14	3	73	628	\$28,260.00
OCT	62	50	12	16	16	1	79	768	\$34,560.00
NOV	56	44	12	14	10	4	70	543	\$24,435.00
DEC	62	46	16	12	9	3	74	606	\$27,270.00



Patrol Division

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PATROL DIVISION STATS

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Calls for Service	4,490	5,355	5,645	5,428
Reports Taken	226	231	283	226
Civil Process Served	456	949	980	237
Citations	456	502	464	342
Friendly Warnings	742	757	676	540
Traffic Stops	1,258	1,628	1,499	1,207
Vacation Watches	957	374	244	299
Area Watches	1,117	1,268	1,722	2,207
Housing Additions	1,444	1,513	1,876	1,835
Alarm Responses	382	419	454	431
Crash Reports	112	130	130	182
OVI Arrests	22	15	17	17
Felony Arrests	44	39	77	55
Misdemeanor Arrests	105	101	89	97
Juvenile Arrests	10	10	14	15

SCALES—COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

	Actual Weight	Allowed Weight	Over Weight	Fine Amount	Sheriff's Office - Time	Engineer - Time
January	87,000	80,000	7,000	\$143.00	0.5	
February						
March	38,000	35,000	3,050	\$501.00	2	
April	393,910	371,400	22,510	\$1,241.00		12.5
May	490,690	374,200	11,990	\$642.00		17.5
June	128,520	124,600	3,920	\$211.00		4
July	858,620	817,100	41,520	\$2,903.00	1	25
August	301,640	287,000	17,390	\$1,440.00	0.5	21
September	280,140	254,900	25,240	\$1,407.00		8
October	1,134,570	1,084,700	55,310	\$3,020.00		39
November	203,250	194,650	8,600	\$673.00		0
December						

CRASHES



**CAUSING FACTORS KEY

OVI

Operating a Vehicle While Impaired

LOC

Left of Center

FTC

Failure to Control

ACDA

Assured Clear Distance Ahead

Sig. Device/FTY

Failure to Yield

Animal

Vehicle Strikes an Animal
(deer, dog, etc.)

Inters.

Intersection

Days of the Week

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Sunday	13	16	14	18
Monday	12	21	17	25
Tuesday	22	20	14	36
Wednesday	16	21	17	32
Thursday	17	15	28	23
Friday	23	23	19	26
Saturday	8	14	17	27

Road Contour

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Straight	94	109	103	158
Curve	16	21	22	29

Road Condition

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Dry	68	109	112	137
Wet	23	17	12	39
Snow/Ice	17	0	0	6

Weather

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Clear	47	103	95	115
Cloudy	34	15	17	35
Sunny	0	0	0	0
Rain	13	11	10	24
Snow	10	0	0	8
Fog	1	0	2	1

Vehicle Type

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Commercial	11	20	14	19
Passenger	84	78	74	138
Motorcycle	1	4	2	0
Bicycle	0	0	0	0

Gender of Driver

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Male	67	96	78	121
Female	34	28	39	59

Age of Driver

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<18	6	6	7	5
18-25	20	25	36	43
25-40	34	37	21	47
40-55	22	30	26	54
>55	18	26	27	30

Alcohol or Drug Related

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<18	1	0	0	0
18-21	0	1	1	0
>21	8	5	4	8

Causing Factor

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Speed	8	3	11	7
**OVI	9	5	5	8
**LOC	3	8	3	4
**FTC	41	31	41	41
**ACDA	24	32	36	39
**Sig.Device/FTY	8	20	20	1
**Animal	23	21	17	72
**Inters.	9	5	10	7

Investigations Division

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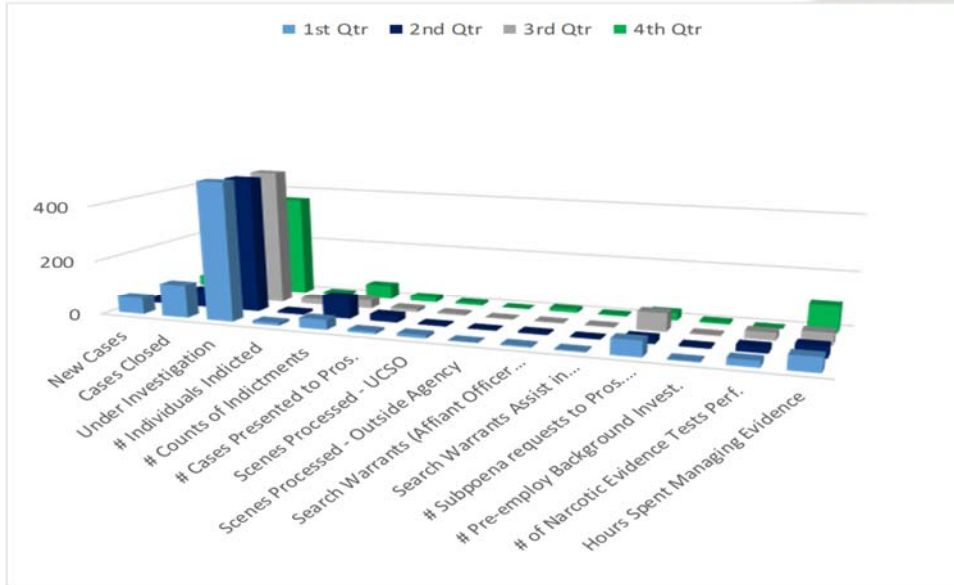
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The Union County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division is comprised of several areas of criminal investigation. In general, the division is assigned to investigate felony-level crimes of a more serious nature. Within this wide spectrum, detectives are trained to investigate crime relating to narcotics, computers, burglary, murder, sexual assault, white collar theft, fraud, arson and many other areas of criminal activity.



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
New Cases	60	13	6	38
Cases Closed	121	64	89	93
Under Investigation	581	489	491	367
# Individuals Indicted	10	8	21	8
# Counts of Indictments	36	79	31	52
# Cases Presented to Pros.	9	25	11	18
Scenes Processed—UCSO	11	5	6	8
Scenes Process Outside Agency	2	3	2	1
Search Warrants (Affiant Officer Only)	5	6	3	12
Search Warrant Assist in Execution	4	4	3	5
#Subpoena requests to Pros. Office	56	21	67	29
#Pre-employ Background Invest.	4	6	4	7
#of Narcotic Evidence Tests Perf.	23.0	22.0	28.0	0
Hours Spent Managing Evidence	51.5	40.5	43	96.5



2017 Quarterly Stats

Activity:	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Cases Initiated:	15 (36)	25 (13)	13 [33]	2 [37]
Cases Indicted:	4 (0)	2 (25)	17 [14]	0 [2]
Search Warrants Executed:	2 (7)	5 (10)	5 [7]	1 [7]
Drugs Seized:				
Cocaine: (grams)	0 [9.13]	0 (2.07)	44 [0]	0 [1]
Heroin: (unit dosages)	4 (8)	0 (0)	6	0 [10]
Marijuana: (grams)	10 [8.13 grams]	0 (0)	0 [18 plants]	0 [14 plants]
Pills: (unit dosages)	328 [105]	0 (26)	5 [0]	0 [1526]
Mushrooms: (grams)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0 [0]
Methamphetamines: (grams)	0 (8.13)	20.25 (4.71)	0 [0]	0 [0]
Synthetic Marijuana/CBD:(grams)	0 [0]	0 (6594.9)	0 [0]	0 [0]
Man Hours Utilized: (approx)	433 (1025)	447 (856.5)	599.5 [631.5]	200 [628]
Funds Dispersed:	\$935.75	\$1,294	\$141.39	0
Balance of Cash Funds:	\$2,018.91	\$2,725	\$2,844.52	\$2,823.13
Drug Take Back (Grams)	36,890 (58,787)	127635.42 (152545)	41027.78 [45,478]	102034.20 [56,760.49]

The red print within the columns are figures from 2016 during the same quarter.



IRS Scams Continued...

The information below is provided to inform taxpayers of the types of scams that are known to surface this time of the year.

Phone Scams: Taxpayers may get threatening phone calls from criminals impersonating IRS agents. Scam artists may threaten police arrest, deportation, and license revocation. Scam artist's claim their intended victim owes unpaid taxes and then demand immediate payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.

Identity Theft: Scam artists will use the IRS name and logo to appear legitimate in an attempt to collect personal information. After collecting your personal information, the Scam artist will then open new accounts using the victim's information or steal from existing bank accounts. Scam artists will also use the victim's personal information to file a fraudulent tax return in an attempt to get a tax refund.

Fraudulent Tax Return Services: There are a lot of different companies that provide tax return preparation services. Most of these companies provide honest service, but there are some companies who take advantage of taxpayers to "skim off" the victims tax refund or inflate preparation fees. Make sure the tax preparer you use is putting their *Preparer Tax Identification Number* on each form. Beware of preparers that charge a percentage of the tax refund as a preparation fee.

Phisherman: Phishing scams involve an email or text messages that appears to be from the Internal Revenue Service. The message instructs you to "update your IRS e-file immediately." It will give you a web link to click on and is just another way for the scam artists to get your personal information. The IRS recommends that recipients do not click on web links or open any attachments to emails they receive that are unsolicited or that come from unknown sources.

Inflated Refunds: Anyone who promises you a big tax refund without ever looking at your tax and income records first, should be avoided. Remember the old adage, if it sounds too good to be true, guess what? It probably is.

Five Things the IRS will never do:

Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.

Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying taxes.

Residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office or their local law enforcement agency with any questions or concerns about suspicious phone calls, letters, or e-mail correspondence.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION/ CRIME PREVENTION

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
<u>DARE Classes Taught</u>				
North Union	15	4	7	55
Fairbanks	4	0	0	28
Parochial	8	5	0	0
<u>Presentation Meeting Hours</u>				
Driving Simulator	2	0	0	0
Shop with a Cop	0	0	0	36
Neighborhood Watch	4	18	4	3
Project Livesaver	8	8	14	6
Senior Watch Program	16	36	1	32
Security Assessments	14	0	20	3
Citizen Academy	0	0	0	8
ALICE Training	8	9	20	7
Safety Town	4	8	0	0
Turkey Shoot	0	3	9	26
<u>Special Event Hours</u>				
Golf Outing	5	52	89	4
Union County Fair	2	11	122	0

Look for the Union Co. Sheriff's Office at these 2018 Events:

- Plain City Steam Threshers Show July 12-15
- Union County Fair July 22-28
- All American Balloon Festival August 9-11
- Richwood Independent Fair August 29– September 3
- Safe Heroes Golf Outing September 14
- Shop With A Cop December 15

Annual Turkey Shoot

The Union County Sheriff's Office held their Annual Turkey Shoot on November 4, 2017 at the Union County Sheriff's Range Facility.

Mark your calendars for the next Turkey Shoot!

Saturday, November 3, 2018

10 am to 4 pm.





VOLUNTEER IN POLICE SERVICES

The Union County Sheriff's Office Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) program was created to support the ranks at the Sheriff's Office. VIPS members volunteer their time and skills working in all areas at the Sheriff's Office.

2017 VIPS Donated Hours

January	183
February	169.5
March	238
April	229.5
May	222.5
June	204
July	317.25
August	262
September	309
October	257.5
November	217
December	245.5



2017 VIPS Volunteer Hours



Congratulations



The Union County Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate the 2017 Citizen Academy Class 006. The Citizen Academy participants completed a 12 week program, meeting every Monday night at the Sheriff's Office. During this program, they learned about the history and mission of the Sheriff's Office, the role of our dispatchers with a tour of our 9-1-1 Communications Center, the role and responsibilities of our Deputy Sheriffs and the Patrol Division including crisis intervention, domestic violence, traffic stops and accident investigations. They learned about our Community Education Division, Project Lifesaver Program, and the tracking device. Class 006 participants made a visit to the UCSO Range facility to learn about Special Response Teams and how the DRONE can help assist the Sheriff's Office. Participants toured the Investigations office on Main Street, learning about drugs in our community, crime scene investigation, interviews & interrogations, photography, fingerprinting, DNA analysis, and identity theft. The final two weeks consisted of learning about the responsibilities of our Court Services Division, court security, sex offender registry, background checks, concealed carry permits and prisoner transports, a tour of the Tri-County Regional jail, and a ride along with a patrol deputy.

Through the Citizen Academy program, members of the Sheriff's Office staff work to educate and build strong relationships with those they serve and protect. The Academy offers the opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the day to day responsibilities of the Sheriff's Office. This program creates a stronger partnership with the community and ultimately establishes a safer environment for all Union County residents.

The Citizen Academy Class 007 will begin on September 10, 2018. For more information on being a part of the 2018 Citizen Academy Class, please contact Alicia Bosch at 937-645-4100, ext 4448 or by email at abosch@co.union.oh.us.



The 2017 Shop with a Cop, held on December 3, was a great success!

Union County First Responders helped brighten Christmas for 75 area children. This was the largest group of children to-date. Each child was paired with a local Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, or Fire-fighter. The children took part in an emergency vehicle parade on the way to spend their \$100 gift card, donated by Meijer and Wal-Mart. Upon arriving at their respective store, the children were greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus, Elves, and many excited employees eager to help make their experience memorable.

***THANK YOU* to all who volunteered their time for this event! The amount of joy that this event brings to the children and all involved is priceless!**



The Union Co. Sheriff's Office Would like to wish everyone a Safe and Healthy 2018

Happy Retirement!

Capt. Jeff Frisch

Thank you for over 31 years of service with the
Union County Sheriff's Office!



Welcome Aboard

4th Quarter New Hires

Deputy William Stuff

Communications Officer, Noel Dickson

Accounts Payable Clerk, Jody Geer

Communications Officer, Tiffany Cook

Please visit our website for more information:
<https://www.co.union.oh.us/career-opportunities>

