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**OTTAWA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
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Robert L. Bratton, Sheriff



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"Lieutenant Theresa Shean"

It has now been ten years since Lieutenant Theresa Shean of the Huron County Sheriff's Office created an innovative plan – something that she presented to other sheriffs' offices and other law enforcement agencies. It was to start a correctional academy as mandated by the State of Ohio. In doing so, she found unique ways to cut the costs of the expenditures by these governmental agencies.

In the State of Ohio, in order to work in a correctional facility, an officer must have 3-1/2 to 4 weeks of certified training and one year in which to obtain that training. Lieutenant Shean presented a very simple plan for sponsoring the academy with each agency participating by presenting its State-certified instructors and providing items of need for the academy. This concept was presented to 15 agencies at that time.

This well-laid out and structured idea was accepted by those 15 law enforcement agencies. Each agency provided the necessary support, i.e., materials, items and instructors to cut the cost to about \$10 per officer. That \$10 covered the cost of the CPR materials.

In looking back over the past ten years, 436 officers have attended these classes. It is estimated that approximately \$190,000 has been saved by all of these entities that have participated. Huron County was joined by the Ashland County Sheriff's Office in serving as the host for the academy.

The Administration of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office expresses our sincere appreciation to Lieutenant Shean for this creative idea that has resulted in such a huge savings. This agency has participated since the inception of this program, and we have saved a tremendous amount of money in this way. The Huron County and Ashland County Sheriffs' Offices should be commended for offering this training plan, which is the only one in the State of Ohio. Thank you, Lieutenant Shean.

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During February, 2010, a new block watch program began within Ottawa County with the assistance of Sheriff Bratton and the members of The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office.

On February 4, 2010, the inaugural meeting of the Bay Township / Salem Township Block Watch was held at the Bay Township Hall. There was a very large turnout for this meeting, which was facilitated by Sheriff Bratton. This meeting was a very good starting point for the block watch program since it allowed all present to voice any concerns that they had. It also allowed those present to meet several members of the Sheriff's administrative team.

During the meeting, there were a number of concerns discussed and also several people voiced their dissatisfaction with the way that cases were handled, which had been investigated by deputies from the Sheriff's Office. All present were allowed their opportunity to speak on any law enforcement issue that they wished.

Once the meeting was complete, those with concerns were spoken with individually and their concerns were documented and would be investigated. All were advised that we would pursue their concerns and would work with them to better serve the citizens of Ottawa County.

The next meeting of the block watch will be held on March 4, 2010, again at the Bay Township hall. This meeting will be to further discuss the concerns brought forth at the first meeting. Also, Ottawa County Common Pleas Court Judge Bruce Winters will be present, as will Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney, Mark Mulligan. Those present at the first meeting requested both so that concerns could be discussed with them.

Captain Stephen J. Levorchick

The Civil Division is responsible to maintain the flow of all paperwork issued by the Courts or the Sheriff's Office. All indictments, summons, warrants, and extradition papers are filed through the Civil Division. They are also responsible for collecting and recording any Sheriff's fees generated by the service of this paperwork. The Civil Division performs all Sheriff Sales ordered by the Court.

Warrants	
Current Active Warrants	1987
New Warrants Entered	55
Warrants Served	30

Sheriff Sales	
Sales Scheduled for Month	18
Sales Actually Conducted	11
Total Sales for 2010	42

Civil Paperwork	
Papers Entered	275
Papers Served	215

Monies Collected

Service and Mileage Fees	
Mileage Monies	\$3,517.00
Services Monies	\$6,203.00
Grand Total for Month	\$4,957.49

Warrants Resolved by "Letter Program"	
Resolved by Appearance / Payment	10
Total Year to Date Resolved	18
Monthly Money Collections	\$5,602.00
Total for Collections Year to Date	\$7,388.00

The Records Division is responsible for maintaining all crime reports, accident reports, and other various records for the Sheriff's Office. These responsibilities also include providing documentation at the request of attorneys, prosecutors, citizens, or others needing public record access. The Records Clerk is also responsible for processing the CCW Licenses and Webcheck requests for Ottawa County.

Requests for Reports	170
Records Checks Performed	82
Initial CCW licenses/CCW License Renewals	28/11
Webchecks Performed	41

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office has always been committed to exploring new and alternative methods of providing better service to the public. One of those methods is use of Police K-9's. The K-9 Unit is responsible for narcotic searches, rescue, and apprehension assistance. This K-9 Unit has proven to be a great asset to Ottawa County and other outside agencies.

USAGES			
Narcotics	0	Tracking	0
Article Search	0	Apprehension	0
Area Search	0	Felony Warrants	0
Building Search	0	Public Relations	0

ARRESTS	
Misdemeanor	0
Felony	0

The Communications Division answers phones, dispatches emergency police, fire, and rescue units throughout the county. The Communication Center is also responsible for the county wide 911 system, the Davis-Besse emergency warning system and several alarm systems within the county. Two Communication Deputies on each shift man the Communications Center. There are presently 10 full-time communications deputies. All communications personnel are EMD certified for providing pre-arrival medical instruction.

Total "Calls for Service" for month	2110
Total calls for other Police Agencies	832
Total calls for Sheriff's Office	1061
Total calls for Fire/EMS	217
Total CCH's ran	229

Total 911 calls received by:	
Ottawa County Sheriff's Office	704
Port Clinton Police Department	62
Oak Harbor Police Department	52

The Sheriff's Office presently has two detectives to conduct investigations on criminal complaints received by the public. One Detective's primary function is in the criminal activity field. The other Detective focuses on narcotic enforcement and investigations. He is assigned full time to the Drug Task Force. Both are specially trained in several fields of investigative and crime scene processing.

The Uniformed Patrol Division is responsible for answering emergency and non-emergency calls for service to the citizens and guests of our community. These officers have jurisdiction over the entire county. The patrol deputy is often the first face an individual sees in a time of crisis. They not only respond to calls for service but also assist the various fire and rescue units in the community. The officers are also responsible for assisting the Civil Division in the service of civil papers and warrants. There is a patrol sergeant for every shift that is responsible for acting as a liaison between the uniformed deputies and the Captain.

DETECTIVE BUREAU			
Investigative		Drug Task Force	
New Cases/Closed	18/13	New Cases	6
Total cases Worked/Closed	39/22	Cases Closed	6
Felonies Filed/GJI	21	Cases Pending	0
Evidence received for Processing	5	Arrests	
Carried Over Cases/Closed	22	Felonies	1
Assistance Rendered	6	Misdemeanors	0
Misdemeanors Filed	3		
Call-outs	3		

ROAD DIVISION	
Total Citations	66
Total Warnings	0
Total Accidents	22
Total Arrests	31
Total Calls for Deputies	2110

The Corrections Division is the largest division within the Sheriff's Office, employing 27 full-time Corrections Deputies. The Corrections Division operates two jails, the Detention Facility (Full-Service) and a Minimum Security Jail. The Full Service Jail is a 48-bed facility housing adult men and women charged with or convicted of misdemeanor and/or felony offenses. The Minimum Security Jail is a 48-bed dormitory style facility housing sentenced, non-violent male and female offenders. Inmates housed at this facility are often on the "work release" program or one of the "Trustee" programs offered by the County.

CORRECTIONS POPULATION		
	MSJ	FULL SERVICE
Bookings	42	51
Average Population	31	34

MONIES COLLECTED		
MSJ and Full Service Work Release Program		\$2,884.00
Lodging for outside agencies		\$3,527.50
Medical Co-pay Program	Collected	Spent
	\$288.12	\$3199.28

TRANSPORTING INMATES

Total Transports	67
Total Miles	2538
Total Hours Spent	94

Municipal Court mileage	36
Municipal Court hours	11

Common Pleas Court mileage	52
Common Pleas Court hours	15

Juvenile Court mileage	6
Juvenile Court hours	3

Medical Appt. mileage	53
Medical Appt. hours	6

Total Out of County Miles	2047
Total Out of County Hours	48

Total Warrant Transports	3
Total Juvenile Transports	11
Total Prison Trans/Meet other Counties	0

Transports by day of the week						
Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
12	13	13	13	15	0	1

GROUP SERVICES

Full Service Jail	
AA	10 inmates, 3 days
Bayshore	0 inmates, 0 days
Giving Tree	17 inmates, 4 days

Minimum Security Jail	
AA	52 inmates, 4 days
Bayshore	0 inmates, 0 days
Giving Tree	0 inmates, 0 days

School Services	
Students Served	41
GED Students	37
Basic Skills Students	4
Completed TABE and Locator Tests	41
Passed Official Practice Test/Passed GED Test	10/9

TRUSTEE/INMATE WORK PROGRAM		
790	Trustee hours @ \$7.00 an hour for a total of:	\$5,530.00
433	IWP hours @ \$7.50 an hour for a total of:	\$3,247.50

DATA MASTER / BAC MACHINE	
Tests	1
Refusals	0
Average Test Result	0.177
Calibrations	4
Proficiency Tests	3