

Franklin County Sheriff
ZACH SCOTT
COUNTY STAR



Sheriff Zach Scott
Franklin County Sheriff's Office

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The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad robot dropped the puck at the OSU v. Michigan State hockey game on January 30.

WHO WE ARE

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio, is a full-service law enforcement agency, an arm of the courts and the custodial keeper of those who break the law.



Super Deputy Helps Deliver Super Bowl Baby

While most of us were watching the Broncos defeat the Panthers February 7th during Super Bowl 50, a Super Deputy helped deliver a Super Bowl baby.

That Sunday night, Deputy Steven McKinney responded to a home in Hamilton Township on a call for a woman who was in labor. Dep. McKinney assisted in the final stages of delivering the baby and keeping the baby safe until medics arrived. Mom and baby were safely transported to the hospital. This will be a Super Bowl they will never forget.



Sheriff Zach Scott said, "Our deputies respond to a variety of calls and must be prepared to jump into action whenever and wherever necessary. Dep. McKinney did an outstanding job keeping mom and baby safe until medics arrived."

On February 10th, Deputy McKinney was reunited with mom, Jamaica, and baby Aaron, who are both doing well.

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Winter is Opportune Time for Motor Vehicle Theft

About 293 reports of motor vehicle thefts have been investigated by Franklin County Sheriff's Office detectives since 2014.

During the winter months, many motorists are heating up their cars before heading out on the road.

Sheriff Zach Scott warns drivers to never leave their vehicle unlocked and running with the keys inside. "Although we all would like to have a warm car and defrosted windows to get into, so do car thieves. Leaving a car running and unlocked in the driveway is an open invitation for potential criminals to drive off with a car that they normally couldn't steal."

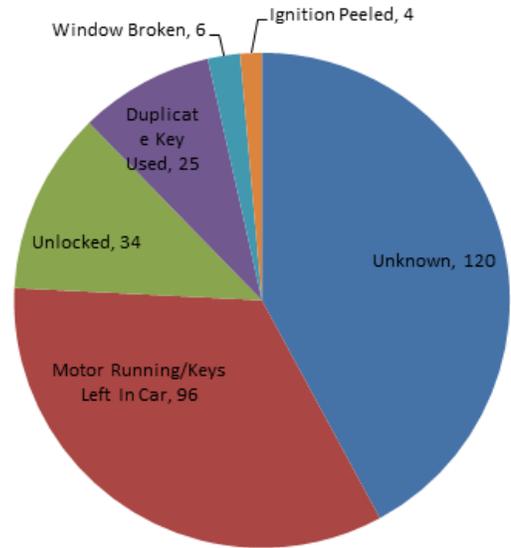


Of the 293 motor vehicle theft reports investigated by FCSO detectives, 96 of those reports indicated that the vehicle was entered due to the motor running and/or the keys were left in the car.

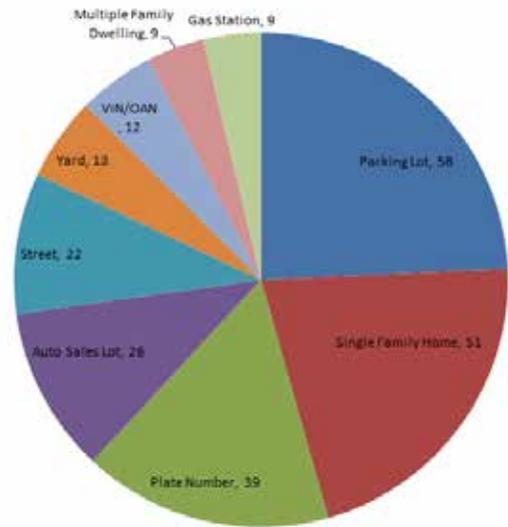
To combat this issue, Sheriff Scott offers the following tips:

- Invest in a remote start.
- Never leave children or pets in an unattended vehicle, especially one that is running.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed, unventilated area due to the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Leaving a car running with the keys in the ignition is illegal under the Ohio Revised Code and can result in being charged with a minor misdemeanor.



How the vehicle was entered (if the deputy indicated).



Where the vehicle was located before it was taken.



Promotions

On January 29th, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office celebrated the promotions of 18 deputies and civilians.

"We're excited about the futures of these 18 leaders of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Their promotions mark a consequential change for each individual and for the families and friends who support them," said Sheriff Zach Scott.

Those deputies and civilians promoted were: Sgt. Matthew Andrews, Sgt. Charles Vanvlack, Sgt. Lewis Schrader, Cpl. Candy Clark, Cpl. Melissa Ford, Cpl. Jonathon Miller, Cpl. Virgal Neal, Cpl. Damien Neely, Cpl. David Pennington, Cpl. Craig Rau, Cpl. Ronald Rhoads, Security Supervisor Starlene Baird, CRO Supervisor Josh Ende, CRO Supervisor Christina Goble, Communications Supervisor Farron Hummel, Security Supervisor John O'Bryant, Payroll Manager Annetta Rogers, and Fiscal Officer Vicki Volpe.



Congratulations to our newly promoted staff.

Perfect Attendance in Corrections

Franklin County Sheriff's Office Corrections supervisors recognized deputies at our two jail facilities on having perfect attendance. Those recognized did not call off sick at any point during calendar year 2015. We appreciate their dedication and commitment to the FCSO!



*Front row: Major Perry and Sgt. Rennie
Back row: Sgt. Johnson, Deputy Floyd, Deputy Rambardan and Lt. Goodrich*



*Front row: Major Perry, Deputy Joyce, Deputy Boubary, Deputy Buckman, CRO Sanchez, CSC Earle and Deputy Lucas
Back row: Sgt. Howard, Sgt. Schrader, Deputy Kilpatrick, Deputy Blake, Deputy Bateman, Deputy Bankes, CSC Pace, Cpl. Randall Jeane and Lt. William Cox*



*Front row: Major Perry, Deputy Ball, Deputy Yoder and Sgt. Coleman
Back row: Sgt. Frazier and Lt. Myers*

FCSO Hosts R.A.D. Instructors Training Class

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit offers many free programs to the residents of Franklin County. One of those programs is the Rape Aggression Defense Systems class. The R.A.D. class is a 12 hour comprehensive course offered to females only.

The course places focus on risk awareness, risk reduction, risk recognition, and risk avoidance. Being aware of the four risks of personal safety is 90 percent of self-defense education. Participants will learn physical defense skills that will become viable considerations should she be attacked.

The R.A.D. program presented by FCSO continually receives requests to present the program. With the popularity of the program, it was necessary to certify more instructors to teach the program.

On February 3rd, six Franklin County Deputies, along with ten law enforcement officers from other agencies in Ohio and West Virginia, began a thirty hour R.A.D. Instructors Training Class. By hosting the training, it afforded FCSO the opportunity to train multiple instructors at minimal expense.

The six new instructors to Franklin County Sheriff's Office are Deputies Jessie Hatfield, Elizabeth Kennedy, Tammy McCoy, Tyler McDowell, Shawn Short and Roderick Thorne. Their completion of the program increases our staff to 19 certified R.A.D. Instructors available to provide this valuable training to the women of our county.

If interested in joining a scheduled R.A.D. class, or to schedule a R.A.D. class for a group of 20 or more women, please visit our website at:

<http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/rape-aggression-defense-system.cfm>



Deputy Stahr and Instructor Jon Brill Jr show the importance of distance and stance during the R.A.D. Instructors Training Class.



Pads are used to practice knee strikes, kicks and elbow strikes.

Being aware... is 90% of self-defense education.



FCSO Volunteer Appreciation Day

On Saturday, January 23, 2016 the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit hosted our very first Volunteer Appreciation event for more than forty of our volunteers. These volunteers are citizens who have completed the Sheriff's Office's Citizens Academy or Volunteers in Public Safety Support program; several volunteers having participated in both courses.

Sheriff Zach Scott stated, "We cannot thank you enough for the hours you have donated to the Sheriff's Office and to Franklin County. Your dedication and service is unmatched and this event is a little token of our gratitude."

The volunteer force of the Sheriff's Office is comprised of people of all ages and of all walks of life. We have spouses, siblings, and even multi-generational family members who put forth the effort of serving our community, right alongside the deputies of Franklin County. These volunteers help with countless community events, DUI checkpoints, ceremonies, training events, and even our deputy pre-employment physical abilities test.

Several awards were given out in recognition of hours donated since the beginning of these programs in 2013. Among the top distinctions were those having donated the first, second, and third most hours, those having donated over 100 hours, as well as husband and wife duos having donated combined totals of over 100 and 200 hours.



Most Hours Volunteered (Youth): Nick Holmes: 252.5 hours presented by Sgt. Sam Byrd and Commissioner Paula Brooks.

Third Most Hours Volunteered

Becky Sonner: 129.5 hours

Second Most Hours Volunteered

Nancy Mihalek: 200.25 hours

Most Hours Volunteered

John Bryant: 230.25 hours

Over 100 Hours Combined (Husband and Wife)

Jeff & Karen Glazier: 100.5 hours

Jo Ann & Ron Baumgartner: 112 hours

Susan & Wayne Strohacker: 162.25 hours

Michelle & Scott Smith: 170.5 hours

Kelly Moran & John Key: 216.25 hours



Over 100 Hours (Individually)

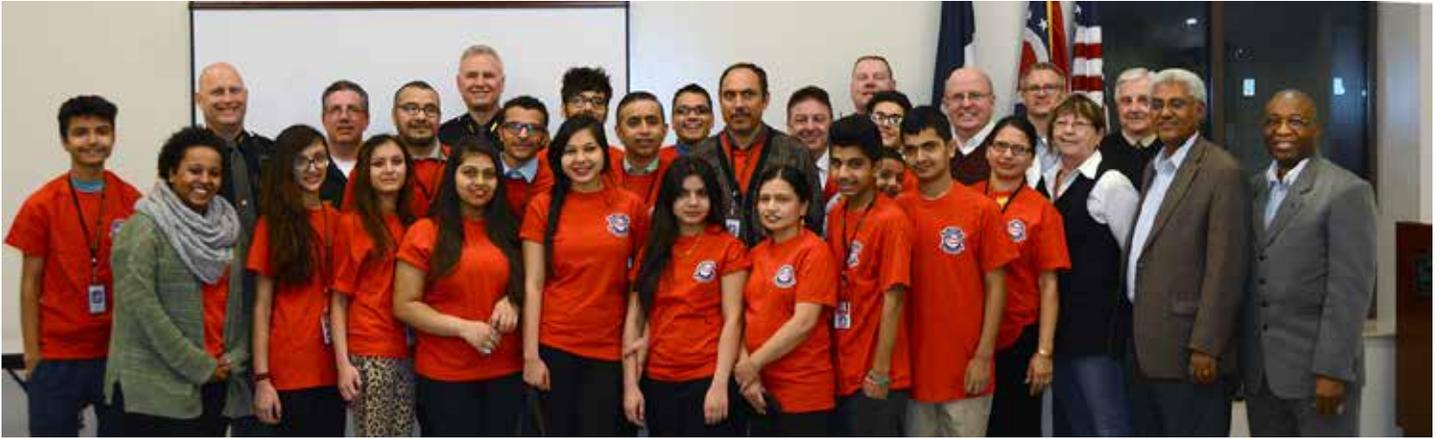
Donald Dale: 100.75 hours

Denny Vorhees: 109.25 hours

Lisa Timley: 117.25 hours

Katharina Beynon: 120.25 hours

Volunteers in Public Safety Support Graduation



We are proud to announce the graduation of another Volunteers in Public Safety Support (VIPSS) class, who successfully completed the course on February 11th.

For the first time, we hosted, in coordination with Franklin County Homeland Security & Justice Programs, a class specifically for the New American community. Representatives from the Bhutanese, Nepali, and Somali communities attended the program to become volunteers for Franklin County.

Sheriff Zach Scott stated, “We appreciate the willingness of these graduates to become more involved in their community and to take on the responsibility to be called upon to assist first responders during emergencies or natural disasters. Their dedication is tremendous.”

The group of 19 will be called upon to provide support during times of emergencies as well as volunteer during special and routine events. VIPSS graduates are called upon to help at DUI Task Force Checkpoints, the Franklin County Fair, and at community events.

We wish to specially thank VIPSS Executive Board members Sharon Township Chief Don Schwind and Fred Bowditch for organizing this special class.

The next VIPSS program will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting April 5th at the Hall of Justice at 369 S. High St. in downtown Columbus. If interested in attending this program, please call 614-525-4507 or fill out an application on our website:

<http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/volunteers-in-public-safety-support.cfm>

Accepting Applications for Citizens Academy

Ever wonder what it is like to be a FCSO deputy? Want to learn more about our day to day operations?

Check out FCSO’s Citizens Academy! The nine week course to show you various units and duties of FCSO is starting Tuesday, March 22. The group will meet every Tuesday from 6 pm to 9 pm at the FCSO Training Academy in Grove City.

For more information or to sign up, check out our website:

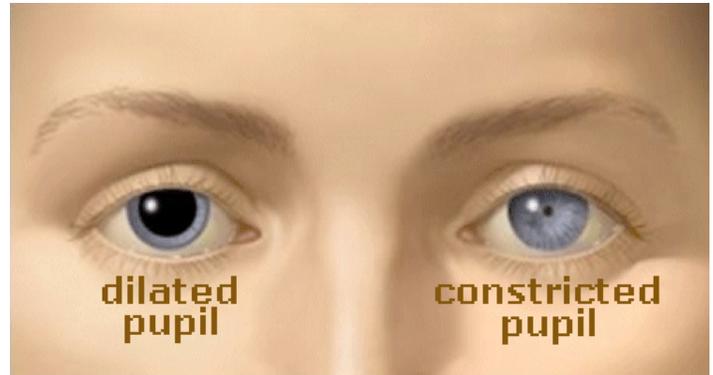
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Continuing the Discussion on the Heroin Epidemic

Heroin takes over a person's life. It will be the first thing an addict thinks about when they wake up and the last thing they think about before going to bed. You will see the signs of drug abuse before you find the drugs. Although individually these signs do not necessarily mean someone is abusing heroin, these signs together should give you pause.

At the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, we are taking the heroin epidemic seriously and doing everything we can to combat it. In the following months, we will explore warning signs of heroin and opiate abuse, so you are able to identify if your loved one has a problem.



Behavioral/Physical Signs

- Loss of appetite/weight
Opiates suppress appetite. Frequent vomiting makes food unappealing
- Itchy arms/neck/legs
Frequent injections cause skin irritation. Cuts, bruises or scabs from skin picking
- Wearing long sleeves
To cover needle marks. Suspect when long sleeves seem inappropriate.
- Constricted/pinpoint pupils
Heroin causes this involuntary effect unlike other drugs that dilate (enlarge) pupils
- Anxiety
Looking at phone compulsively, usually when trying to find drugs
- Behavior change
A sudden change in routine and mood, suppressed emotions
- Isolation
Social needs are secondary to heroin
- Nodding off
Addiction saps body of energy. heroin causes a sleep-like effect and disorientation. Heroin can also cause cycles of hyper alertness followed by suddenly nodding off
- Sudden change in hygiene
Sudden hair loss, bad complexion, cold sweaty skin, no interest in appearance
- Shortness of breath
- Dry mouth
- Droopy appearance, as if extremities are heavy
- Runny nose (not explained by other illness or medical condition)
- For women, loss of menstrual cycle



Excessive scratching can be a physical sign of heroin abuse.

Operation: Street Smart

Targeting those who have a nexus to children, FCSO narcotics detectives teach up-to-date narcotics information on trends, terminology, paraphernalia, and physiological effects.

To learn more or to schedule a presentation, contact Cpl. Brian Toth at 614-525-3318 or batoth@franklincountyohio.gov

H.O.P.E. Task Force Continues Work Against Heroin

A joint operation between the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education (HOPE) Task Force and the Reynoldsburg Police Department has identified Anthony James Reitan as the source of supply responsible for at least two overdose events in the southeastern portion of Franklin County.

Sheriff Zach Scott states, “The HOPE Task Force has been working diligently to go after the source of heroin that is causing overdoses. We will not tolerate dealers causing harm to Franklin County residents. We will continue to aggressively enforce drug trafficking laws while providing awareness and education with our treatment provider partners to combat the heroin epidemic.”

Anthony Reitan sold heroin to two known individuals, which caused serious physical harm carrying a substantial risk of death to the individuals. The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Bureau and the Truro Township Fire Department responded to the scene and rendered life saving aid to the individuals who experienced the overdose events. Reitan was arrested by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team the morning of February 12.

Sheriff Scott continues, “We are taking a community based approach to combat the heroin epidemic. Anyone with information regarding the listed overdose events or information on any other overdoses, especially in Reynoldsburg or southeastern portion of Franklin County, is encouraged to call the Franklin County HOPE Task Force at 614-525-3318.”



The Sheriff’s Office is hiring Facility Security Specialists.



Check Out All the Amazing Job Opportunities at the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office

We want the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office to continue to reflect the community we serve and encourage minorities to apply.

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<http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/employment>

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Active Shooter event training now being offered by Patrol and SWAT deputies.

Be prepared, take a CRASE class today!

For more information, visit our website:

<http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/>

or contact Deputy Casper: trcasper@franklincountyohio.gov