

Bartholomew
County
Sheriff's Office
2016
Annual Report

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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office is an honorable and historic agency. The men and women working here take great pride in the protection services they provide to citizens and visitors in Bartholomew County, Indiana.

We value loyalty, commitment and teamwork. We are committed to upholding public trust through the highest professional standards and quality of service.

Over the past year, we have worked to protect and serve Bartholomew County residents and businesses; to address crime and to stop the drug epidemic impacting families in Bartholomew County.

This report highlights our efforts. Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office is committed to continuing this work and providing outstanding service and assistance to Bartholomew County residents and visitors.

Integrity Professionalism Trust since 1821

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

On behalf of your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, I am proud to present our 2016 Annual Report. This report details our operations and the work that dedicated employees provided over the past year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Although we have made numerous changes since you afforded me the honor of serving as your sheriff, the professional manner in which our staff continues to perform allows us to provide a wide range of services in keeping with our Mission, Vision and Core Values.

We are accomplishing our goals, meeting our challenges and providing quality services for the safety of Bartholomew County residents while continuing to practice fiscal responsibility and managing our budget effectively ensuring that your tax dollars were being spent wisely. We continued to safely manage the jail and provide programs to reduce recidivism. Training and professional development remains a hallmark and we will continue to expand our partnerships and community outreach.

MISSION

To provide the highest level of protection to Bartholomew County residents by:
serving all people with respect, fairness and compassion;
preventing crime;
protecting life and property;
preserving peace, order and safety;
enforcing laws and ordinances;
safeguarding constitutional guarantees.

To provide the highest level of service to Bartholomew County.

To provide employees with the support, development and resources that improves the quality of their work experience, develops their full potential and increases job satisfaction.

VISION

Maintain the highest standards of excellence in public safety through outstanding leadership, sound community partnerships, and effective resource management.

We want Bartholomew County to be the safest and most enjoyable place to live and visit in the State of Indiana and for the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office to be a leader in public safety.

CORE VALUES

Public service is a public trust that is provided without bias to race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, culture or socio-economic status and is based on our core values of:

Integrity - We pledge to maintain a strong sense of honesty, morality and ethical character.

Professionalism - We are skilled in the performance of our duties and governed by a code of ethics that demands integrity and allegiance to our Oaths of Office and the laws that govern our nation.

Trust - We value the trust we earn through honesty and excellence in service. We pledge to treat those we serve with courtesy, respect, dignity, and compassion.



“We are committed to our efforts to serve as we endeavor to achieve our focus of responsibility and security. Our staff of professional employees continue to serve Bartholomew County with pride.”

Matthew A. Myers
Sheriff



“As Chief Deputy, I am responsible to the Sheriff to plan, organize, implement, administer and evaluate all BCSO operations.”

Major Chris Lane
Chief Deputy

SECTION 2: AGENCY OVERVIEW

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division, commonly referred to as “road patrol”, is on duty 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Deputies assigned to Uniform Patrol are first responders to all calls for service.

Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to: preventive patrol, crime prevention and traffic enforcement.

These men and women must be ready at all times to effectively handle calls ranging from domestic disputes, to civil matters to homicides.

In addition, it is our Uniform Division that builds positive relationships with residents, assists motorists, serves papers and protects persons and property. Our Uniform Division saw an extremely busy year. The demand on our deputies can be overwhelming. They responded to 14,091 calls for service in 2016.

K-9 UNIT

Our K-9 Unit is a valuable asset to our agency as well as other agencies within Bartholomew County. BCSO has two K-9s: Bolt and Diesel. Both are certified in several areas including narcotics detection, searches and criminal apprehension.

College student and Dispatcher, Dylan Prather, organized a fundraiser to purchase our second K-9. Donors included Real World Testing who presented Dylan with a check for \$18K that allowed us to purchase Diesel.



BOLT



DIESEL

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Residents repeatedly told Sheriff Myers that speeding is a problem on county streets and roadways. Enforcing traffic laws, reducing speeding and keeping Bartholomew County roadways safe remained a top priority during 2016. Since speed remains one of the leading causes of collisions, BCSO increased road patrols and utilized mobile radar trailers rotating them throughout the County.

BCSO was also a participating agency in 3 national and statewide traffic enforcement campaigns including:

“Dangerous and Impaired Driving During March”. Between our deep-rooted basketball pride and the St. Patrick’s holiday, much of Indiana and Bartholomew County celebrated throughout March. Celebrating responsibly is important to BCSO deputies and through federal funding from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, deputies were out in force to conduct around-the-clock patrols with a focus on impaired driving. 104 citations were given during this campaign between March 4 and March 27, 2016.

“Click It or Ticket” is an annual enforcement effort supported by federal highway safety funding to remind drivers and their occupants of the importance of wearing seat belts. During the 25 day “Click It or Ticket” Campaign, deputies wrote more than 90 tickets for lack of seat belt usage within Bartholomew County.

“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” is an annual enforcement effort supported by funding from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute that allows deputies to work overtime to conduct around-the-clock sobriety patrols and checkpoints. This campaign allowed BCSO the opportunity to remind Bartholomew County motorists that driving intoxicated is against the law and you will be pulled over. During this 2016 campaign, BCSO deputies wrote 69 tickets and made 14 arrests.

It remains our goal to enforce traffic laws in order to facilitate the safe and expedient flow of traffic in and through Bartholomew County.

RESERVE UNIT

Reserves report directly to the Uniform Division Captain. They are law enforcement officers who volunteer their time to our agency and Bartholomew County. BCSO Reserves provide additional personnel in numerous situations from emergencies to special events.



“As Commander of the Uniform Division, it is my responsibility to supervise deputies who are assigned to one of three shifts and who are the primary responders to calls for service in Bartholomew County. Our Uniform Division deputies are the backbone of your Sheriff’s Office.”

Captain Dave Steinkoenig
Uniform Division Commander

DETECTIVE DIVISION

BCSO investigators stayed busy in 2016. Our Detective division is comprised of 5 investigators each with expertise in certain fields of criminal investigation.

This specialized unit has the responsibility of conducting thorough investigations of offenses which are complex in nature or require special expertise. This division handles numerous criminal investigations annually including: death by a violent or suspicious nature...robberies...rapes...crimes against children...kidnapping or hostage taking...aggravated assaults...burglaries...property crimes resulting in a substantial loss.

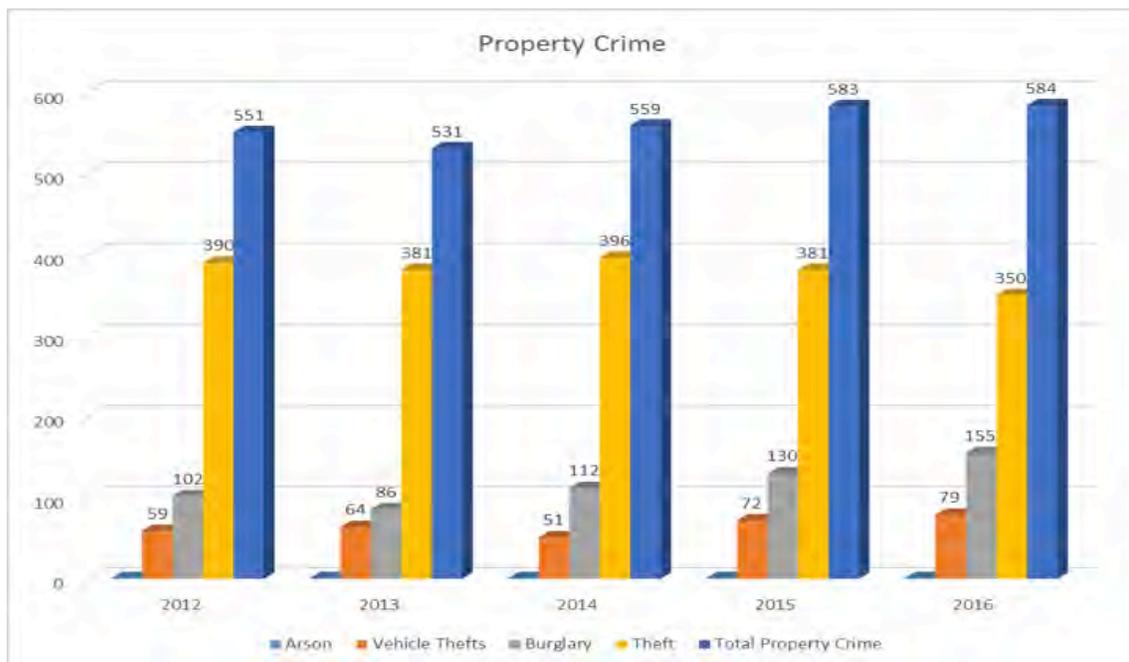
DOMESTIC ABUSE

Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Everyone has the right to be safe and no one has the right to hit, threaten or abuse others. Men, women and children can all be victims of domestic violence. Children witnessing domestic violence in their home are at risk to grow up to be abused by their partner or become abusers themselves.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, protect yourself. Assistance is as close as a phone call, a friend or a shelter.

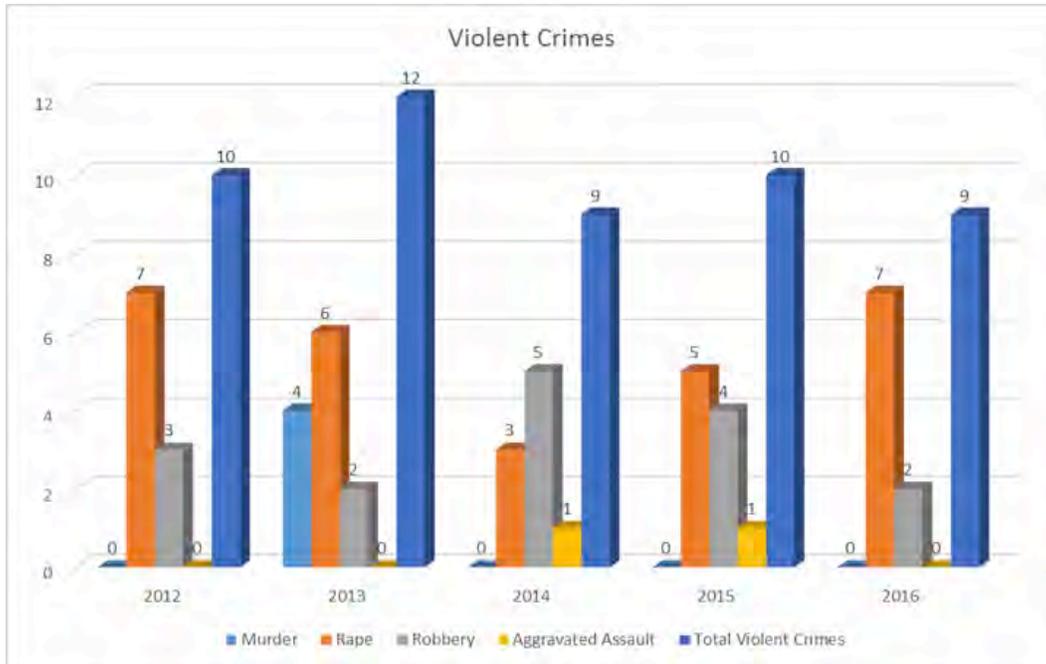
BCSO's Domestic Violence Coordinator is Captain Christopher M. Roberts 812-565-5924 and Turning Point offers a secure, emergency shelter in Columbus for victims of domestic violence and their families - 800-221-6311.

PROPERTY CRIME



Property crime includes the offenses of: arson, vehicle theft, burglary and theft. The object of this theft-type offense is the taking of money or property but there is no force or threat of force against the victims.

VIOLENT CRIME



Violent crime includes: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Violent crimes involve force or threat of force.



“As Commander of BCSO’s Investigations Division, it is my responsibility to ensure effective investigations, to seek specialized and advanced training for all members of my division and to provide an appropriate link to return stolen property back to its rightful owner.”

Captain Christopher M. Roberts
Detective Division Commander

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING

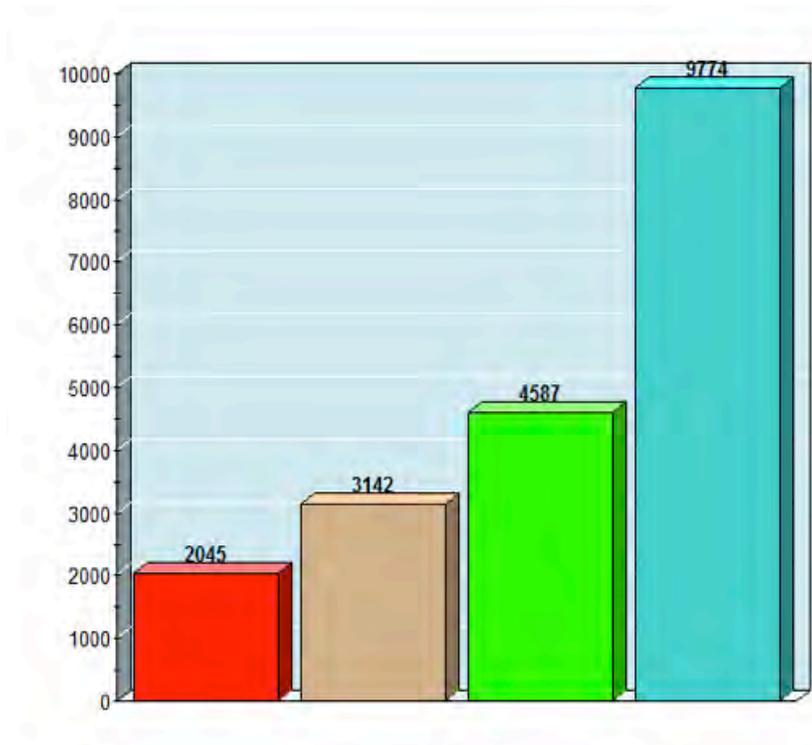
Sheriff Myers is a firm believer in the concept of “professionalism through training”. Therefore, training is a hallmark at your Sheriff’s Office. Over the past two years, your Bartholomew County Sheriff’s Office has made increased training a high priority.

We are dedicated to providing high-quality training and professional development services to all BCSO employees. BCSO training programs are designed to enable employees to perform their jobs safely and effectively. Training is planned and managed to ensure compliance with the needs of each employee’s job description and the requirements of the position. Training is a vital component consisting of advanced, specialized and career development training programs for law enforcement, corrections and support personnel.

MISSION: To develop the professional knowledge, skills and abilities of our employees by presenting state-of-the-art training programs.

Training topics include (but are not limited to): legal updates, defensive tactics, driving, firearms, departmental procedures, dangerous substances, criminal investigation, investigative procedures, and updates on jail and court related matters.

MERIT DEPUTY TRAINING HOURS



SEX OFFENDERS

Tammy Johnson is responsible for adhering to Indiana Statutes for BCSO's Sex Offender Registry and for maintaining information regarding Sheriff Sales.

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office currently monitors 83 sex offenders who reside in Bartholomew County. Sex offenders who reside in other counties, but work in Bartholomew County, have a statutory obligation to register with our office as well as their home county. Deputies complete residency verifications throughout the year.

SHERIFF SALES

A Sheriff Sale is scheduled once a Default Judgment is received from the Clerk's Office. Sheriff sales are advertised in The Republic as well as served to involved parties and may be cancelled at any time.

Updated lists are available on the Sheriff's Website at <http://www.bartholomew.in.gov/sheriff.html#sheriff-sale>

TRIAD

In our effort to work toward better serving our seniors, BCSO agreed to sponsor a Bartholomew County TRIAD program.

TRIAD is a partnership among law enforcement, older adults, and community groups to promote older adult safety. We look forward to TRIAD becoming another unique partnership designed to foster education and prevent consumer fraud while promoting safety issues for our older residents.



"As Administrative Commander, it is my responsibility to develop new and innovative training techniques, ensure the highest level of professional law enforcement services and continually improve job performance and proficiency."

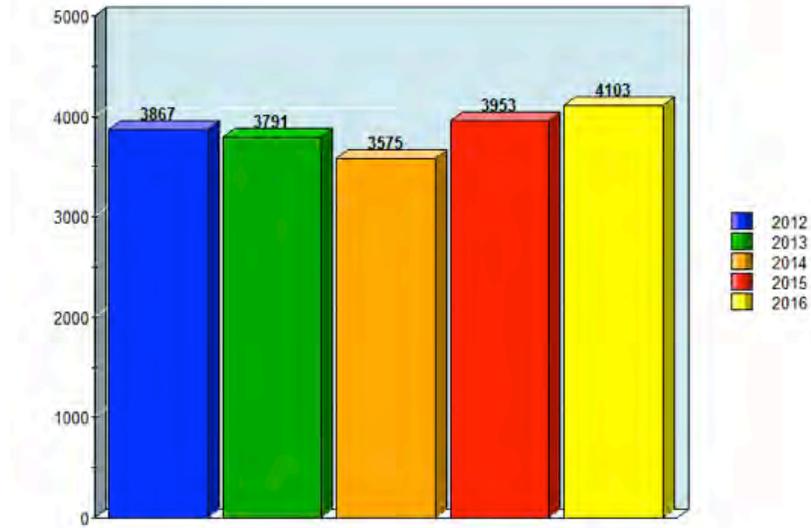
Captain Brandon Slate
Admin Services/Training Commander

JAIL

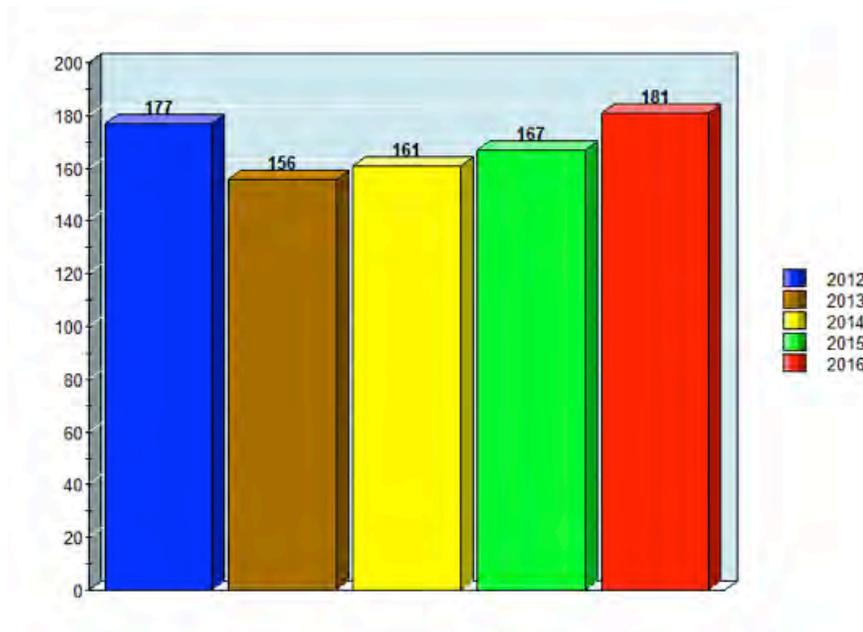
Today, Jails must be operated as professional institutions. Jail Commander, Major John Martoccia, is required to be a full-time administrator capable of handling multiple roles including all operational facets of the Jail including compliance with numerous federal, state, and local mandates, overseeing a staff of fifty (50) full-time and part-time corrections officers and clerical personnel, support services, and daily operations that ensures the proper care and secure custody of BCJ inmates.

In addition to overseeing Jail operations, Major Martoccia oversees all contracts for inmate programs and services, Court-house security, food services, inmate medical requirements, inmate transportation, and inmate work crews.

TOTAL BOOKINGS



AVERAGE JAIL POPULATION



COURT SECURITY

The Sheriff's Office provides uniformed security at the Bartholomew County Courthouse. Correction's Officers/Special Deputies are dedicated to providing security and safety for our judges, officers of the court, participants in court proceedings and citizens and employees who work in and visit our Courthouse. They secure the building, screen visitors and search all items brought into the Courthouse.

As you are aware, the Bartholomew County Courthouse is an incredibly busy place with an average of more than 500 visitors passing through the metal detector on any given day.

JAIL TRANSPORTATION

Our transportation unit provides safe and secure transport of defendants to numerous court proceedings. This unit also transports inmates to other correctional facilities.

CORRECTIONS OFFICERS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND



Sheriff Matthew A. Myers and Jail Commander Major John Martoccia, presented Life-saving pins and Certificates to Correction's Officers Donald Tooley, Sgt. Tim Burdine, Jacob Simo, Kyle Weaver, Brandon Anson and Courtney Lucas.

These officers performed in the line of duty which, through disregard of personal safety and/or prompt alert action, resulted in saving the life of a BCJ inmate.

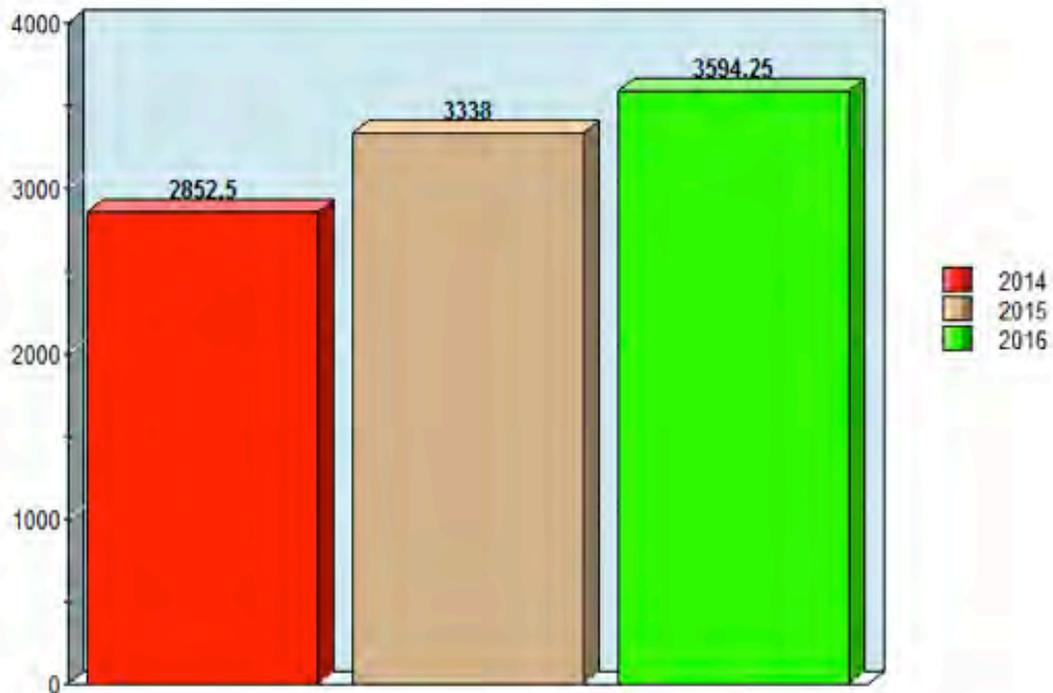
SHERIFF'S WORK CREW

The Sheriff's Work Crew (BCWC) is the least restrictive of all our Sheriff's programs. This program requires inmates to perform specific community services.

Inmates are given the opportunity to work outside the jail where they provide thousands of hours of labor (saving taxpayers thousands of dollars annually) by mowing and maintaining many county-owned and city-owned properties.

In 2016, BCWC provided 7,194.5 hours of service. At minimum wage, this is a savings of more than 52,000 tax dollars.

Jail Staff Development Hours



JAIL PROGRAMS FOR INMATES

BCJ inmates can sign up for a number of religious, educational and life skills programs including:

Celebrating Recovery

Bible Study

Health and Nutrition

GED

AA

POPS (Providing Opportunity for Parental Success)

Another example is "Jazzmin's Journey"



Jazzmin, a young woman from Greenwood, now paralyzed after overdosing on heroin, is trying to keep others from making the same mistake. Jazzmin's dreams included going to college but her journey has taken her down a very different path.

This young survivor now has a mission as she speaks to kids in schools, to parents and to other groups and organizations across central Indiana about the dangers of heroin. Jazzmin spoke with BCJ female inmates on May 20.

LEVEL 6 INMATES NOW HOUSED AT THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY JAIL

Although the Indiana Department of Corrections may be seeing a drop in the number of offenders, county jails throughout Indiana are seeing big increases. State legislation now requires low-level (Level 6) offenders to be housed in county jails rather than in the state prison system.

The Indiana State Legislature updated the criminal code and changed classifications of felonies (now rated Level 1 to 6, with 6 being the lowest) that requires counties to house criminals convicted of Level 6 felonies. Previously, all felony cases were handled by the Indiana Department of Corrections. This has put a burden on BCJ staff.

In 2015, BCJ had no Level 6 prisoners but in 2016 we had 76 Level 6 inmates.

We addressed this issue by hiring a consultant (recommended by the Indiana Department of Corrections) as we tried to get ahead of the overcrowding issues faced by many Indiana jails.

JAIL POPULATION CONTINUED TO RISE

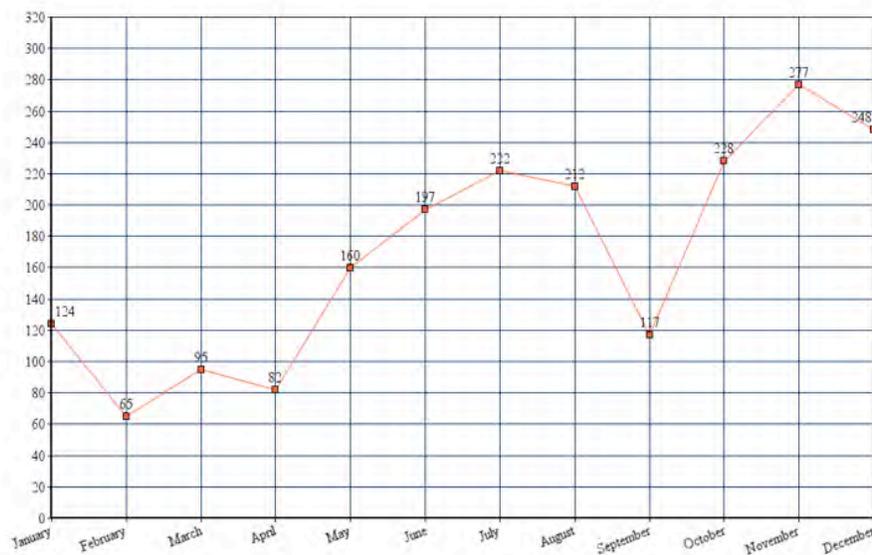


BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL STAFF

BCJ's medical staff is responsible for providing primary medical care for jail detainees and acting as liaisons for other health care providers under the supervision of a physician.

Our medical professionals treat a wide array of medical problems each and every day.

INMATES SEEN AND TREATED BY BSCO MEDICAL STAFF



*Inmates began paying \$15 copay in September, 2016.



“As Jail Commander, it is my responsibility to achieve professional excellence in the delivery of correctional services, develop a professional staff committed to fiscal responsibility and to develop a strategy to monitor growth while improving efficiency.”

Major John Martoccia
Jail Commander



“As Matron, my responsibilities are numerous and diverse. Duties include coordinating complex activities including: tax warrant collections, book-keeping, supervising BCSO's Records Division, processing payroll and managing the budget for the Sheriff's Office. I also have an active role in employee policies and procedures as well as employee benefits.”

Vicki Thompson
Sheriff's Matron

SECTION 3: SPECIALITY UNITS AND PARTNERSHIPS



SWAT is an elite specialized unit used when carrying out high risk operations. Because SWAT is expensive and labor intensive, BCSO partnered with the Columbus Police Department for a combined SWAT team.

Deputy Andrew Dougan, Deputy Jarod Aspenson and Deputy Jon Lanning

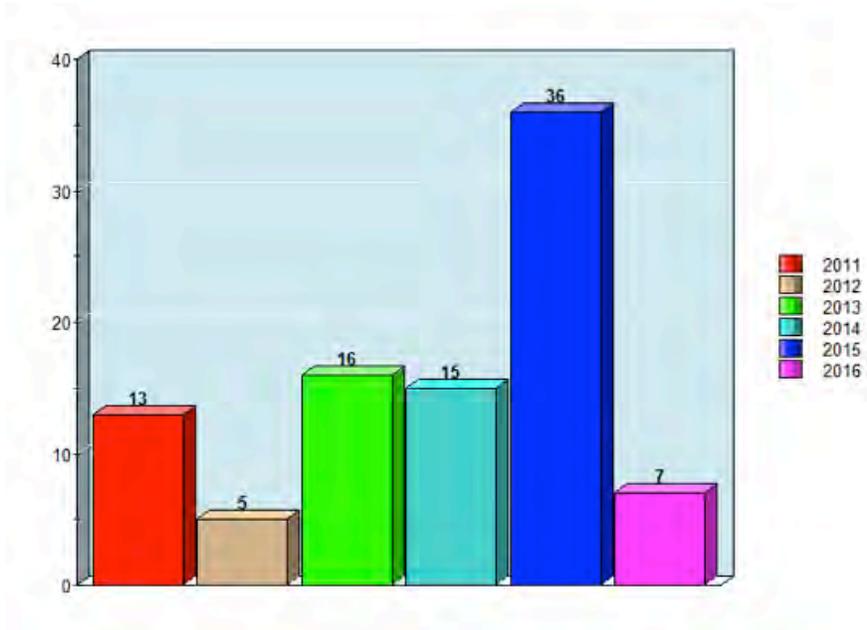
We continue to work toward pooling resources in our effort to elevate public safety in all areas of Bartholomew County.

WATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY

The Bartholomew County Water Rescue and Recovery Team are highly trained deputy sheriffs who, in addition to their regular duties, respond to emergencies on our county's rivers and lakes.

This Team is trained for emergency deployment in all types of water rescue emergencies.

Bartholomew Co. Water Rescue and Recovery 2011-2016



EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY ROOM MANAGEMENT



Sergeant Jim Stevens is BCSO's Evidence and Property Manager. The importance of his work cannot be overstated. Our agency has a fiduciary and legal obligation to store and protect evidence and property that is in our custody. Equally important is our obligation to return property to its rightful owner or to facilitate the legal disposition of property and evidence.

In 2016, BCSO deputies submitted 1619 items for processing. Sgt. Stevens receives, catalogs, safely stores and maintains the integrity of all evidence and property in BCSO's possession.

In addition to evidence and property room management, Sgt. Stevens is also BCSO's lead Crime Scene Investigations technician. CSI requires Sgt. Stevens to collect, preserve, package, transport and document physical evidence left at a crime scene. He has provided 224 lab submissions which will use forensic science to examine the evidence.

Sgt. Stevens also performs other administrative responsibilities and assists other law enforcement agencies with CSI services.

PARTNERSHIPS

BCSO remains committed to working closely with all law enforcement agencies in our effort to elevate public safety in all areas of Bartholomew County. Effective partnerships between law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders are essential to public safety.



JOINT NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (JNET)

In a unique collaboration, just days after Sheriff Myers was sworn in (January 1, 2015), a Memorandum of Understanding was entered into by and between the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, the Columbus Police Department and the Bartholomew County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of establishing the Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team (JNET).

JNET was established to aggressively pursue drug dealers in our community. In 2016 JNET added a direct connection to the federal drug fighting efforts by assigning a Bartholomew County Deputy Sheriff to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force.

JNET is a well-coordinated initiative that has enhanced the effectiveness of local law enforcement resources. JNET aggressively pursues drug dealers and has "beefed up" local narcotics investigations by providing Bartholomew County an entirely new approach and attack on dealing with drugs.

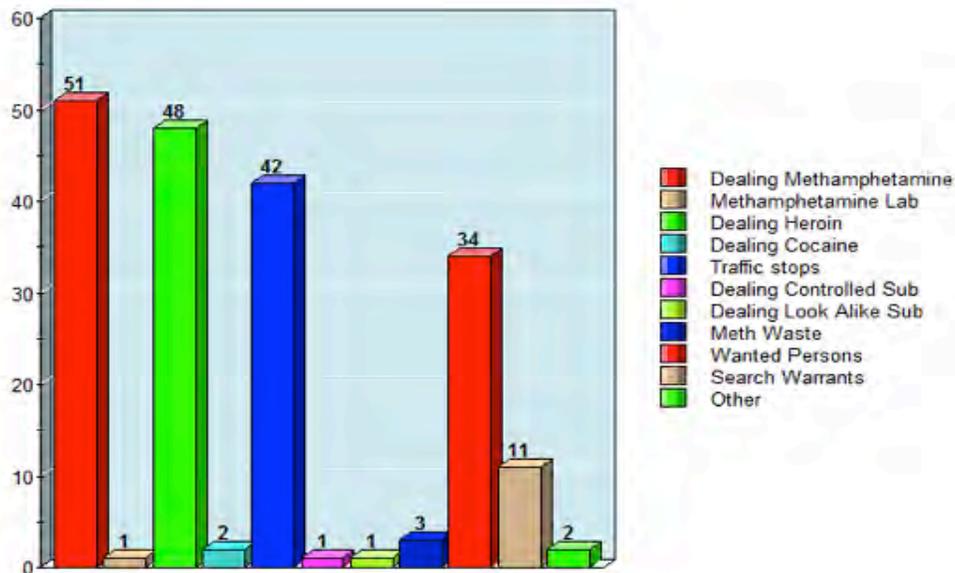
MISSION: To identify and target (for prosecution) criminal enterprise groups responsible for drug trafficking and money laundering and to intensely focus on the apprehension of dangerous fugitives.

2016 Accomplishments:

JNET assisted in a bank robbery where the suspect was located and apprehended in Bloomington with the assistance of Bloomington PD and SWAT. With the assistance of the FBI and Seymour PD Narcotics Unit, a large scale dealer with ties to drug cartel families was arrested and convicted of dealing cocaine. A significant amount of methamphetamine and counterfeit money was recovered when a search warrant was executed following a dealing methamphetamine investigation which ended with the apprehension of the methamphetamine supplier. JNET assisted in a burglary case that had a drug nexus in Bartholomew and Johnson counties. This investigation resulted in the recovery of a stolen semi-tractor trailer that contained 112 stolen engine blocks and the arrest of the suspect for the burglary as well as heroin-related charges.

On September 27, 2016, JNET, with the assistance of the DEA, arrested 3 individuals on multiple drug-related charges. After Bartholomew County experienced multiple drug-related overdoses, JNET identified this location as one of the main sources for "bad heroin". In addition to the 3 arrests, JNET located approximately 5 grams of suspected "bad heroin" as well as an additional (approx.) 9 grams for a total of (approx.) 14 grams throughout the investigation. JNET also recovered more than \$1,000 in cash and numerous drug-related paraphernalia.

JOINT NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT TEAM SUMMARY OF 2016 CASES (TOTAL CASES IN 2016 = 196)



The work of JNET in 2016 further proves the theory that our high property crime rate is driven by the distribution and use of narcotics and that the added partnership with the DEA and other law enforcement entities has been an invaluable resource in combating these community concerns.

Again this year, JNET has been successful in proactively targeting the manufacturing and abuse of dangerous drugs in Bartholomew County.

DEPUTY JOINS DEA TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN JNET

For the first time, the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office assigned a deputy to the DEA as a DEA Task Force Officer. This deputy is working directly with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Indianapolis office, in an effort to keep drugs out of Bartholomew County. The mission of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) is to enforce the controlled substances law and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and/or civil justice system those organizations and members of organizations involved in growing, manufacturing, or distributing controlled substances.

As drug trafficking increased nationwide, DEA recognized the need for cooperation and coordination of drug enforcement efforts with their state and local counterparts. This cooperation provided several advantages to all participating agencies: DEA was able to draw on the expertise of state or local law enforcement; DEA could share resources with state and local officers thereby increasing the investigative possibilities available to all; state and local officers could be deputized as federal drug agents, thus extending their jurisdiction.

DEA agents are trained to operate within some of the most dangerous criminal environments imaginable. They may infiltrate criminal organizations as undercover financiers, middlemen or buyers. They may also assume a completely tactical role in some of the federal government's most elite tactical units. Our relationship with federal drug enforcement efforts has allowed JNET to investigate crimes they would not previously have had the resources to address, increase funding, manpower and other resources that are necessary for such investigations and increase intelligence information gathering and sharing - all of which resulted in a more efficient, broader and swifter attack on drug issues plaguing our community.

INDIANA STATE POLICE OFFICE AT BCJ

Because the Indiana State Police Department is broken down by geographical districts with each district encompassing multiple counties, this sometimes leaves Troopers without office space immediately available for their use.

Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office remains dedicated to delivering the best possible public safety and, in our effort to work closely with other law enforcement agencies, Troopers now have office space available to them in the Sheriff's Office.

One of the main areas in which ISP Troopers are concentrating at BCSO is cybercrime. Cybercrime is a very fast-growing area of crime because more and more criminals are exploiting the speed, convenience and anonymity of the Internet to commit a diverse range of criminal activities.

This is another example where pooling resources and information can elevate public safety in all areas of Bartholomew County.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

We continue to partner with our Volunteer Fire Departments. Many areas of our county rely on volunteer departments for fire protection. BCSO deputies often work alongside volunteer fire fighters and we remain committed to working closely with them.

SHERIFF CHAPLAINS

Our chaplains offer guidance and assistance to members of our agency during crisis situations and can be called upon to provide comfort and counseling during tough times.

Chaplains work with law enforcement personnel on a professional level by making themselves available as trained and caring professionals who can assist in times of need.



PASTOR ROBERT VESTER
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH



PASTOR DAVID C. BOSLEY
PASTOR AND FOUNDER
DAYSPRING APOSTOLIC CHURCH

SECTION 4: BUDGET

The budgeting process continued to be “spirited” in 2016. Sheriff’s Office 2017 budget requests included:

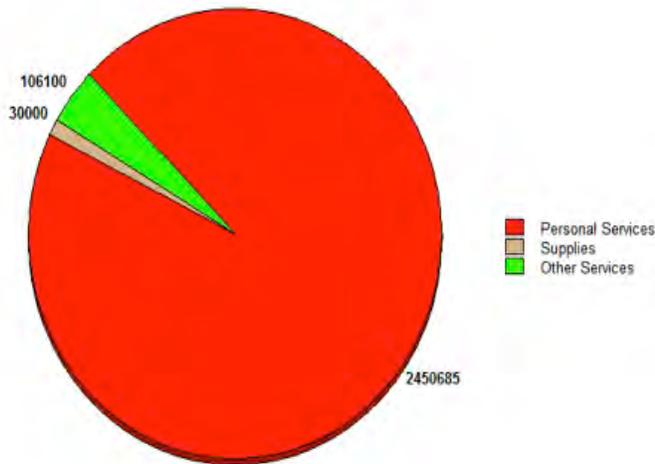
10 vehicles (13 if 3 additional deputies were approved), radios are more than a decade old and parts will not be available after 2017) and body cameras (public has repeatedly told us that they want BCSO deputies to wear body cameras).

In order to cut costs, we increased mileage on our vehicles from 100,000 miles to 150,000 miles, completed two Six Sigma projects and presented Council with a 5-Year Capital Plan.

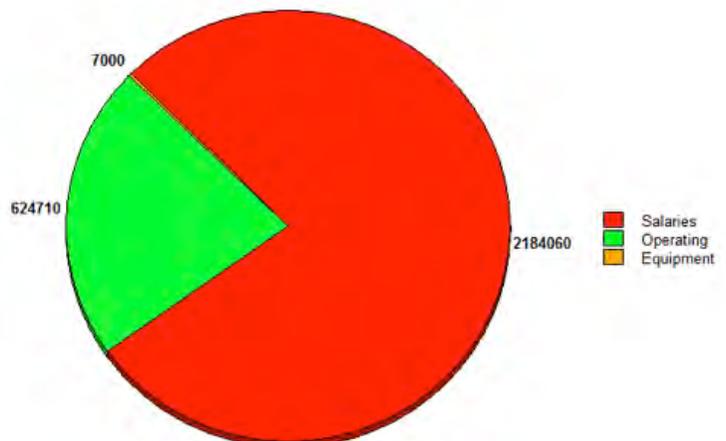
County officials worked through this process and, together, we found resolution. BCSO was approved to hire 1 additional deputy, 2 part-time civil process servers and money was earmarked for the purchase of radios and body cameras. Eight vehicles were also approved and Council gave a 2% COLA.

We certainly appreciate all that our County Council has done in working with our agency. They have a tough job balancing the budget, the needs of department heads and the concerns of taxpayers. The Sheriff’s Office thanks our Council for their efforts in helping the citizens of Bartholomew County and a particular thank you for their advocacy for county employees.

2016 SHERIFF’S BUDGET: \$2,173,421.00



2016 JAIL BUDGET: \$2,586,785.00



CIVIL PAPERS

As the Civil Process was seeing another increase in the workload, merit deputies were averaging 45-50 hours each week attempting to serve civil papers. Approximately 68% of these papers required service within the Columbus corporate limits. Our goal was to reduce the number of hours that merit deputies were spending on the Civil Process and increase their time spent on proactive policing and traffic enforcement.

The total number of civil papers served in 2016 was 6,888. You will read how a Six Sigma project helped us to solve this challenge.

SIX SIGMA PROJECTS

We completed two Six Sigma projects in order to increase performance. The first, to address our Civil Process service. Our goal was to reduce the extreme amount of time that merit deputies were spending on serving civil papers and increase the time they spend on traffic enforcement, warrant service and other community policing.

We believed too much time was being spent inside the city limits serving papers when we wanted an increased presence in patrolling and proactive policing in the county rural areas. Because of Six Sigma, County Council saw the benefit of providing funding for BCSO to hire two civilian Process Servers (who began their duties early 2017) allowing better utilization of our current merit deputies.

Our second project, "BCSO 2017 Budget", allowed us to explore options to increase public safety, increase the number of deputies on street patrol, reduce liability by using body cameras and address citizen complaints. We value any tool that will help us improve our service to Bartholomew County residents.

We want to thank Cummins, Inc. for providing Six Sigma experts Kelvin Tippit II and Dana Vogt to lead us in these projects (at no charge to the Sheriff's Office or to the County).

Again, we thank the Bartholomew County Council for approving (in BCSO's 2017 budget) funding that allowed BCSO to hire two civilian process services and one additional merit deputy and for the approval of a 2017 radio upgrade allowing for radio service to continue state-of-the-art interoperability for the next several years.

We have an excellent agency but we will continue to strive to make it even better.

GRANTS

In an effort to supplement our budget, BCSO continually applies for grants. During 2016, BCSO received \$6000 from REMC and \$5000 from the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council toward the purchase of TruNarc Narcotic Analyzers.

A \$45,000 federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security provided funding for the purchase of Trauma Kits for deputies and grant funding also purchased 30 Active Shooter kits for deputies.



SECTION 5: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

It is the policy of your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office to establish a close relationship with the community through partnership and community outreach.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Because we believe it is an investment in our County, it strengthens our partnership with residents, it's an investment in the people who live here and it gives us an opportunity to "give back", your Sheriff's Office participates in numerous local activities and provides a great deal of community service.

MERIT BOARD

The Merit Board is comprised of five members. Three are appointed by Sheriff Myers and two are elected by merit deputies. Each member serves a 4-year term. Certain BCSO regulations require Merit Board approval including transfers resulting in a reduction of rank or change in rate of pay.



2016 Merit Board members:

L-R: Phyllis Nolting Apple, appointed member, Susan Thayer Fye, appointed member Dan Davis, elected member, Steve Shireman, elected member, Ric King, appointed member.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We believe providing information allows residents to see clearly how we have spent tax money and it holds us accountable. Today, your Sheriff's Office communicates with citizens like never before by holding numerous community meetings and by disseminating and sharing more information than ever before.

We believe the daily use of social media and providing an annual report also highlights our commitment to transparency, professionalism and high ethical standards.

We have more than 5,000 "likes" on our Facebook page. The most "views" we received in one week was 100,000. We are also in the process of revamping our webpage and hope to have the new page available by fall, 2017.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Knowing the importance of communicating with the public and with a goal of increasing the speed of disseminating information, Sheriff Myers hired a part-time civilian employee to provide accurate and timely information to the media and to the public allowing more deputies to remain on the street.

News releases and social media continues to provide a great platform for outreach and news sharing. Although we did not accept Facebook comments in 2016, we did continue to maintain an existing email that allowed people to contact the Sheriff's Office 24/7: sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov

Visit the Sheriff's webpage: www.bartholomew.in.gov and the Sheriff's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SheriffMattMyers



Sheriff Myers makes himself available to regularly meet members of the media.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Each year, Sheriff Myers and members of his administration hold neighborhood meetings in various locations throughout Bartholomew County including: Hope, Hartsville, Taylorsville, Ogilville, Elizabethtown, Harrison Township, Petersville, Clifford and Jewell Village.

We believe that providing an opportunity for residents to actively discuss issues important to them is the best way to ensure that BCSO can better address their needs and concerns.

SAFETY CLASSES

In addition to training BCSO employees, your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office provides a myriad of services to those outside law enforcement and community outreach service providers. Our goal in doing this is to enhance the safety and security of Bartholomew County residents and businesses.



Detective Jason Williams meets with Breeden Century 21 Realtors to discuss ways they can keep themselves safe and protect themselves while showing properties.

OPERATION SAFE PROM



Deputies provided the extraordinary experience of “Operation Safe Prom” teaching Bartholomew County high school juniors and seniors the consequences of impaired driving.

PACK-A-PATROL CAR

Tammy Johnson and Ashley Lowman co-chaired our 2016 “Pack-a-Patrol Car” food drive. Much community support and participation led to another successful food drive for Love Chapel’s Food Pantry.

With the help of Kroger employees, Old National Bank and Qmix, Sheriff Myers collected more than \$600 and almost 2-tons of non-perishable food items during a November 5 event.

Donations from area businesses, as well as student and staff donations from Ogilville Church of Christ Preschool, ABC Stewart, St. Peter’s Lutheran School, Taylorsville Elementary and Hope Elementary were also appreciated.

Your Sheriff’s Office, Jail staff and Reserve staff participated in several team competitions and collected donations during the Ethnic Expo Parade, the County Auction, the State Street Association and Thrive Alliance Columbus Trunk or Treat event, Sweet Treats event and a “Jeans and Polo” Day event.

In total, BCSO collected more than 2-tons of non-perishable food items and \$1,700.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE/REFLECTION EVENTS

On September 11, 2016, Sheriff Myers and Capt. Christopher Roberts attended the 9/11 Remembrance and Reflection event held at the Moose Lodge.

Major Chris Lane also attended a 9/11 event held at Columbus City Hall.

STATE STREET ASSOCIATION

BCSO employees and families assisted the State Street Association delivering Thanksgiving Day meals.

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Sheriff’s staff and Merit Board members attended the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year, Sheriff Myers and members of his staff are involved in the development of programs and projects for Bartholomew County youth. They participate in a wide variety of events because Sheriff realizes that community leaders must step forward and create a process that directs our young people toward positive life choices.

INDIANA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, ISA awards 40 \$500 scholarships to qualifying students throughout Indiana. In 2016, 3 scholarship winners were from Bartholomew County: Kyle Weaver – Columbus, Dylan Prather – Columbus and Abigail Kidwell – Hope.



Kyle Weaver, a BCJ Correction's Officer receives his award certificate from Sheriff Myers.

INTERNSHIPS



Michelle Monge spent the summer as an Intern with the Sheriff's Office. Michelle is a senior at Indiana State University majoring in Criminal Justice and specializing in Forensic Science. Michelle's internship offered her an exciting insider's view of BCSO's operations and provided an opportunity for her to explore career options available within the Sheriff's Office.

D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive education program taught in Bartholomew County 6th grades. D.A.R.E. curricula address drugs, violence, bullying, Internet safety and other high risk circumstances that today are too often a part of students' lives.

D.A.R.E. envisions a world in which students are empowered to respect themselves and others and to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse and other dangerous behaviors.
Sheriff's Deputy Jessica Pendleton is BCSO's D.A.R.E. officer.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Be the Best You Can Be books were distributed to Bartholomew County 4th graders. Be the Best You Can Be is a collection of stories, character statements and themes centering on the development of good character in young people. The books are designed to help children in developing positive character traits.

SHERIFF'S YOUTH ACADEMY

Our 2016 curriculum consisted of hands-on, interactive educational activities as well as physical training activities. The 2016 Youth Academy included a 2-day camp for 6-9 year olds and a 4-day camp for 10-14 year olds. BCSO's goal is to educate young people about public service and law enforcement.

"Designed by law enforcement professionals, this Academy provides participants with a real understanding of the law enforcement experience," said Sheriff Matthew A. Myers. "This unique opportunity allows young people to focus on strengthening their life skills of self-respect, respect of others, teamwork, and commitment to one's goals."

This Academy is designed to provide insight into the functions and training of local law enforcement agencies. Activities/demonstrations included: Scuba and Water Rescue, Bomb Squad, SWAT, K-9, Boating Safety, Hunter Safety, Firearms Safety, Crime Scene Investigation and other "fun" activities.

2016 Youth Academy was made possible due to the generosity and contributions of these great businesses and organizations:

American Legion Post 24
Boyer Machine & Tool Co., Inc.
CERAland
Fraternal Order of Police(FOP) Lodge
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Friends of Matt Myers
Jimmy Johns
Sheriff Matt Myers
Snappy Tomato Pizza
Sullivan Sign Company
Timberline Restoration
The Tony London Company

2017 Youth Academy
Dates Announced
6-9 year olds: June 8 and 9
10-13 year olds: June 6 – 8



BOY SCOUT DAY

Local Boy Scouts got an up close look at what it takes to keep Bartholomew County safe by shadowing Sheriff's Office employees and seeing first-hand the operation of our offices and how BCSO employees work to serve the residents of Bartholomew County.

GIRL SCOUT DAY

Local Girl Scouts also had an opportunity to see local government from the inside by shadowing BCSO deputies.

This gives these young women a chance to see how the Sheriff's Office operates.



(L-R): Deputy Nick Martoccia and Zoe Barnsfather - Central Middle School, Deputy Jarod Aspenson and Jolene England - Columbus East High School, and Deputy Jessica Pendleton and Emily Wessel - Northside Middle School.

PROJECT CHILD SAFE

In an effort to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among firearms owners, BCSO distributed hundreds of free gun locks to Bartholomew County residents.

The cable style gun locks are provided through Project Child Safe in an effort to promote safe handling and storage of firearms and protecting children from being injured by securing firearms with a gun lock when guns are stored at home. Our goal is to prevent a child or any unauthorized person from accessing a firearm.

Project Child Safe is a nationwide program to help ensure safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage. Since 2015, we have provided, at no charge, more than 2500 cable style gun locks to Bartholomew County residents.

4-H FAIR

The Bartholomew County 4-H Fair has been an integral part of our local community by providing a venue for families to enjoy rides, food and entertainment activities and countless youth the opportunity to participate in 4-H and other educational activities. Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office is a key partner providing security and ensuring the safety of those attending the Fair and those participating in its activities.

Each year, numerous Sheriff's Office personnel is on-site to provide a law enforcement presence and maintain an atmosphere of safety and security for all who attend.

BCSO remains committed to ensuring that our children are safe at home, school, and places they visit for fun, including our Bartholomew County 4-H Fair.

A boy's and a girl's bicycle were presented to the Sheriff's coloring contest winners during the 4-H Fair.



POSTER CONTEST FOR BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY K-6 STUDENTS



During Crime Prevention Month, October 2016, BCSO launched a Poster Contest open to all Bartholomew County K-6 students.

Winners: Richard's School 2nd grader: Hendrix Gillespie, Southside Elementary 3rd grader: Maya Nugent and Southside 6th grader: Yianna Seibold.

DANCE MARATHON

After 17 years, Dance Marathon's goal remains the same: to raise awareness surrounding dating and domestic violence.

Students on the 2016 Dance Marathon committee met with Sheriff Myers and his Leadership Team to discuss plans for the annual event.

SUPPORTING PAAL/COACHING YOUNG ATHLETES

Sheriff Myers and former CPD Officer Dan Londeree coached their PAAL basketball team to the 2016 Championship.



Captain Brandon Slate coaches 4/5 year olds basketball team for the Edinburgh Department of Parks and Recreation.

CO Johnny York is assistant coach for a youth basketball league in Hope.

Sgt. Kris Weisner coaches Jr. High Girls' volleyball and officiates Middle School volleyball.

Deputy Jessica Pendleton will coach "Girls on the Run" (spring 2017) at Taylorsville Elementary, Mt. Healthy Elementary or both.

Deputy Jeff Tindell is assistance coach for the 5th grade girls' basketball team at St. Bartholomew.

Deputy Teacum Clark is baseball coach for the Foundation for Youth and officiates PAAL football and FFY basketball.

Captain Dave Steinkoenig coaches Bartholomew County Girl's Slow-pitch softball. His team won the "League Championship" last summer and they were sponsored by D.A.R.E.

Sergeant Gary Knoef currently serves as vice president of the PAAL Board, coaches youth basketball and assists with our local high school C4 law enforcement traffic stops program.

SHOWDOWN OF THE SHIELDS

A team comprised of merit and reserve deputies from your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office represented BCSO at the annual Showdown of the Shields benefit competition March 5. The competition was conducted at Fair Oaks Mall as a fundraising event with proceeds going toward Special Olympics of Indiana.

This year's Bartholomew County team finished in third place for overall repetitions and 4th place for team fundraising.

MLK, JR. commUNITY BREAKFAST

Members of our Sheriff's Office staff, Merit Board and others attended the 19th Annual commUNITY Breakfast celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ETHNIC EXPO



Children from the Sheriff's Youth Academy enjoyed riding on our float during the 2016 Expo parade. They joined deputies and treated children along the parade route to more than 30-pounds of candy during the event.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE



BCSO employees and their families enjoyed decorating BCJ's float and participating in December's Festival of Lights parade.

POLAR PLUNGE

Deputies, Correction Officers and Reserves volunteered their time to be “super plungers” Freezin’ for a Reason at the 2016 Polar Plunge. All proceeds from Polar Plunge benefited more than 11,000 Special Olympic Hoosier athletes.



LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY



L-R: Chaplain Robert Vester, Chief Deputy Chris Lane, Sheriff Matthew A. Myers, Captain Christopher M. Roberts, part-time PIO Caitlyn Gross and Captain Brandon Slate.



Jail Commander, Major John Martoccia, selected as a “torchbearer”

We were very proud of Major John Martoccia who was selected as a torchbearer for Indiana’s Bicentennial.

SECTION 6: RETIREMENTS

We wish all BCSO employees who retired during 2016 a long and joyous retirement.



Tom Covert
Maintenance



Cory Ruble, Dana Vogt and Lloyd Miller
BCSO Reserve Deputies



Dalene Pattingill
Matron



Merrill Henderson
More than 40 years of service

SECTION 7: GOALS/OBJECTIVES

We are very proud of our accomplishments during FY 2016, particularly given the fiscal challenges that our agency and county government faced.

We plan to continue to pursue a path of safety and service to Bartholomew County.

Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office is committed to excellence in law enforcement, detention and public safety.

We will serve with integrity and the highest professionalism while building community trust.

Because we believe in Six Sigma techniques, we have again partnered with Cummins, Inc. for two 2017 projects:
Leadership Analysis Project and
Jail/Courthouse Staffing.

We believe that this project will conclude that a small adjustment in Leadership structure will have a significant positive impact on shift coverage – at a very minimal cost.

CONCLUSION

I am proud of BCSO employees and their work throughout 2016. I am grateful for our public/private partnerships which help us make Bartholomew County a better place to live, work and raise a family. We will continue to work hard every day to provide the most competent, courteous and effective law enforcement services in the country.

I also want to thank the numerous individuals, churches and community organizations who brought food and gifts throughout the year to show their support of BCSO. We truly appreciate their kindness and their support.



Matthew A. Myers
Bartholomew County Sheriff



IN MEMORIAM



Sheriff's Office employees were among those paying tribute to former Bartholomew County Deputy Joe Bill Whipker, as his funeral procession passed the Bartholomew County Jail on June 7, 2016.

Joe Bill had a 30-year career with the Sheriff's Office and served three separate 4-year terms on the Bartholomew County council.

Joe Bill died on Friday, June 3, 2016, at the age of 68.