

2019

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office

Year End Report

**THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO ONE PURSUES
BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ARE BOLD AS A LION
PROVERBS 28:1**



REMEMBER THE FALLEN * RESPECT THE RIGHTOUS

**Matthew A. Myers
Sheriff**

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Chief Deputy Lane graduates FBINA 278

Goals/Objectives

Any/all defendants mentioned in this report are considered innocent unless/until proven guilty in a court of law.

Mission

To provide the highest level of protection and service.

To prevent crime and injustice.

To enforce laws and defend rights.

To be good stewards of public resources.

Vision

To provide excellent public safety.

To create a world class agency.

To be a safe, enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

Core Values

Commit to honorably perform our duties with integrity, professionalism and respect.

To stand against bigotry in all forms.



To the Citizens of Bartholomew County

Greetings:

I am pleased to present your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) 2019 Year-end Report. This report serves as a blueprint of how we achieved our goals and objectives while keeping with our Mission, Vision and Core Values.

We set an aggressive agenda that clearly articulated our mission. Since 2015, we have continued to fine-tune our goals and objectives, provide excellent transparency, strengthen our partnerships, improve efficiency and enhance services.

Along with the men and women of BCSO, I stand committed to providing the most effective, efficient and professional services possible to the citizens of Bartholomew County by focusing on crime – specifically targeting drug dealers.

I have dedicated your Sheriff's Office to delivering the best possible public safety for and in a county where everyone matters. Our success is due, in large part, to the many sacrifices that members of our Sheriff's Office make every day to protect and serve Bartholomew county.

It remains my honor and privilege to serve you. I am forever grateful for this opportunity and for the relationships I am experiencing along the way.

Matt

Matthew A. Myers
Sheriff



January 1, 2019: The Honorable Judge James Worton administered the Oath of Office to Matthew A. Myers following his election to a second term as Bartholomew County Sheriff.

OATH OF OFFICE COUNTY SHERIFF, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY MATT MYERS

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF BARTHOLOMEW

I, Matthew A. Myers, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully, impartially and diligently discharge the duties of the office of Sheriff of the county of Bartholomew, Indiana, according to law and to the best of my ability.

Matthew A. Myers

Sheriff's Leadership Team



Matthew A. Myers
Bartholomew County Sheriff



Major Chris Lane
Chief Deputy



Vicki Thompson
Matron



Major John Martoccia
Jail Commander



Captain Dave Steinkoenig
Road Patrol Commander



Captain Christopher Roberts
Investigations Commander



Captain Brandon Slate
Administrative Commander

Patrol Division

The men and women of BCSO's Patrol Division are the most visible employees of the Sheriff's Office.

Uniformed deputies conduct preventive patrols, respond to calls for service, direct traffic and enforce local, state and federal laws. The Patrol Division must be equipped, trained and prepared to deal with situations ranging from administrative details to life-threatening encounters.

Patrol Deputies possess a wide range of technical skills including the ability to complete complex reports and to testify to his/her findings in a court of law.

Patrol deputies are assigned to one of three shifts.

The division has several specialized units including Canine, Water Rescue/Recovery and SWAT.



Protect/Serve



Deputies arrest suspect



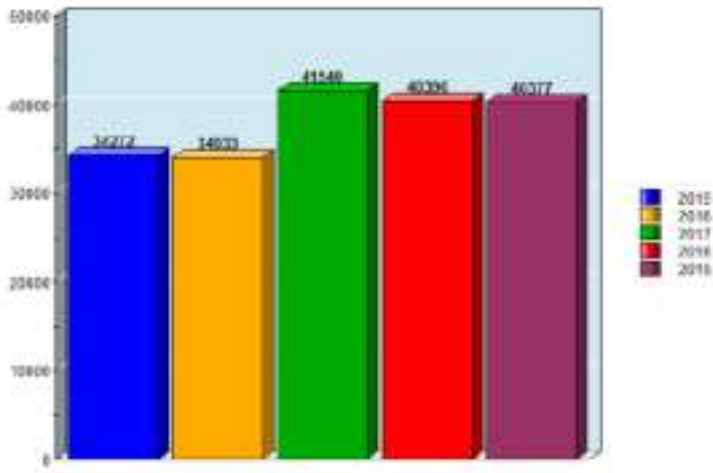
Deputy Jarod Aspenson



Captain Dave Steinkoenig

Total Calls for Service

40,377



Integrity
Professionalism
Trust

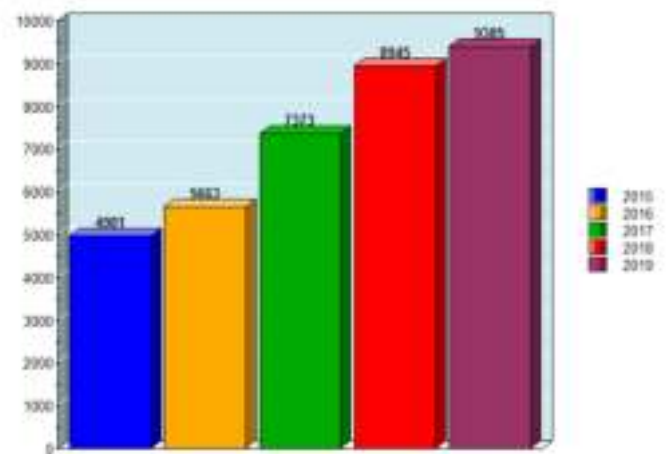
Total Traffic Stops

In 2015, residents asked for more aggressive Traffic Enforcement.

Deputies responded. Traffic Enforcement INCREASED!

Total Traffic Stops – 2019

9,385



88%
Since 2015



K9 Division

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's K9 Unit currently has three K9 teams:

Deputy Matt Bush with K9 Diesel, a German Shepherd; Deputy Leah Burton with K9 Bravo, a Dutch Shepherd; and Deputy Brandon Sellers with K9 Jari, a German Shepherd.

In addition to taking calls for service, K9 units respond to calls where a canine may be needed including crimes in progress, vehicular and foot pursuits, burglaries, robberies, narcotic investigations, missing/lost persons and other calls where a criminal suspect has fled the scene and canine deployment is required.

Demonstrations are available to area schools, churches, civic groups and similar groups based upon scheduling demands. For information on demonstrations or to make an inquiry about the K9 Unit, email: sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov



Law enforcement – the **thin blue line** that stands between chaos and order and between criminals and potential victims of crime.

#solidarity



Deputy Matt Bush and K9 Diesel



Deputy Leah Burton and K9 Bravo



Deputy Brandon Sellers and K9 Jari

BCSO K9's received new medical and NARCAN kits for their protection.

K9s Search Bartholomew County Courthouse for Contraband

Although metal detectors uncover many items at the Bartholomew County Courthouse, contraband remains a huge issue.

"Whether it's illicit drugs, drug-related paraphernalia, tobacco products or other prohibited items, contraband among prisoners remains a constant test for our Courthouse correctional officers."

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers.

Deputy Matt Bush and K9 Diesel search the Courthouse to detect any type of contraband.



Sheriff's Merit Board

BCSO's Merit Board brings a wide range of expertise to your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office.

Members L-R: Dan Davis, Steve Shireman, Ric King, Scott Andrews (Board attorney) Sheriff Myers, Susan Thayer Fye and Phyllis Nolting Apple.



Crackdown on Motorists Who Disregard School Bus Stop Arms

Sheriff Myers and BCSO deputies rode on school buses and followed buses in all areas of Bartholomew County checking for stop arm violations.

BCSO has a zero-tolerance policy for motorists who put Bartholomew County students at risk.

Deputies continue to follow school buses in every area of Bartholomew County watching for motorists who disregard stop arms.



BCSO also provides numerous school safety checks throughout the year. Keeping schools safe allows children to look forward to being in an encouraging environment that promotes social and creative learning.

*Total School
Safety Checks*

761

School Resource Officers

BCSO's School Resource Deputy (SRO) program is a partnership with the Bartholomew Consolidated and Flatrock Hawcreek School Corporations.

Our SRO's provide law enforcement and police services to Bartholomew County schools. SRO's work to maintain a positive relationship with students, develop crime prevention programs and conduct security inspections. SRO's also establish and maintain close partnerships with school administrators in order to provide safe school environments.

These deputies are visible in the community by attending and participating in school functions and by building working relationships with staff, students and parent groups.



Deputy Jessica Pendleton
Flat Rock Hawcreek SRO



Deputy Teancum Clark
BCSC SRO

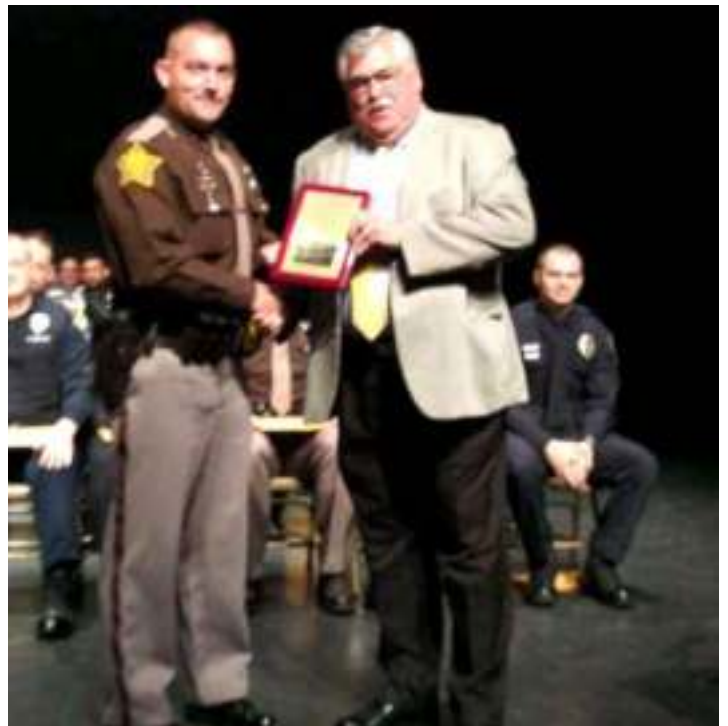
"We work closely with BCSC and Flatrock Hawcreek and, although our schools have a very good Safety Plan, we still need the community's help." "We don't want to cause undue alarm, but we all need to do everything we can to keep our children safe".

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

Deputy Robert A. Cooper Receives Prestigious Joshua Chamberlain Award

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Deputy Robert A. Cooper graduated from the 217th class of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on May 18, 2019. Due to Deputy Cooper's extraordinary display of leadership, his 141 peers at ILEA nominated him to be the recipient of the prestigious Joshua Chamberlain Award.

The Chamberlain Award is named in honor of Joshua Chamberlain, an American college professor, who volunteered to join the Union Army during the American Civil War. Chamberlain is best known for his gallantry at the Battle of Gettysburg for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor. Deputy Cooper is a U.S. Army retiree.



Deputies Recognized at 2019 Indiana Sheriff's Association Conference

On November 6, 2018, Bartholomew County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a house fire in the area of 7800 E/475 S. Dispatch advised that the residents were possibly still inside the home. Deputy Andrew Dougan and Deputy Robert A. Cooper were first on the scene. A woman told deputies that her husband was still inside the burning house.

Deputies Dougan and Cooper went inside, got on their knees and went in about 10-feet before the smoke became too thick for them to continue. They then went to the back of the house, entered through the garage – again the smoke was very thick but they could hear the man calling to them. They told him to keep talking as they eventually made their way through the thick smoke where they could barely see the shape of a man. Although the victim was disoriented and suffering from smoke inhalation, Deputies Dougan and Cooper walked him out.

At the time of the incident, Deputy Dougan, 26, a former volunteer firefighter, had been with BCSO for just under 5 years. Deputy Cooper, 38, was a newcomer to the Sheriff's office but had spent 20 years in the military including combat overseas.



ISA Executive Director Stephen P. Luce, BCSO Deputy Robert A. Cooper, BCSO Lieutenant Gary Knoef, BCSO Deputy Andrew Dougan, ISA President Vanderburgh County Sheriff David Wedding

New Deputies

March 25, 2019

Mark Helms, Grant Carlson and Joseph Pugh were sworn into service by Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers.

Deputy Mark Helms, 58, is a retired Indiana State Police Trooper.

Deputy Grant Carlson, 21, is an honor graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Deputy Joseph Pugh, 28, previously served with the Evansville Police Department.



Mark Helms Joseph Pugh Sheriff Grant Carlson

November 12, 2019

Dustin Allman was sworn into service by Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers.

Allman, 39, a graduate of CNHS and Thomas Edison University, retired from the United States Coast Guard.



Deputy Allman takes his Oath of Office from Sheriff Myers

BCSO Reserve Unit

BCSO's Reserve deputies are dedicated volunteers who assist and augment merit deputies with everything from road patrol to special events.

All reserve deputies are certified law enforcement officers sworn in as deputies by Sheriff Myers. Most have fulltime jobs outside the Sheriff's Office and donate their law enforcement time at no salary cost to taxpayers.

BCSO's Reserve Unit is a uniformed support unit and is under the supervision of Road Patrol Commander Dave Steinkoenig. Reserves are trained as deputy sheriffs in all aspects of law enforcement functions and they work alongside merit deputies.

Total Reserve
Hours

1,952.5

Property/Evidence Room

Our agency has a fiduciary and legal obligation to store and protect thousands of individual pieces of evidence and property. Equally important is our obligation to return property to its rightful owner or to facilitate the legal disposition of property and evidence.

BCSO ensures that all evidence is properly packaged and stored to allow for laboratory analysis and, if required, court presentation, transporting and/or properly disposing of property that is no longer needed for court purposes – this can include return to owner, auction, destruction or donation.

BCSO uses a bar code system that allows evidence to be quickly and easily managed. Evidence can be inventoried and audited for tracking the location/movement of items.

This allows BCSO's Property Room manager to track which items are up for review and which items are scheduled to be destroyed. Multiple evidence items can be entered in one submission.

Crime Scene Investigations

Sergeant Jim Stevens is BCSO's lead Crime Scene Investigations Technician.

CSI requires Sergeant Stevens to collect, preserve, package, transport and document any/all physical evidence left at a crime scene.

Bartholomew County Water Rescue/Recovery

The Bartholomew County Water Rescue & Recovery Team (BCWRR) is a special unit that responds to all water rescue calls within Bartholomew County.

BCWRR is organized for rapid rescue response, responding quickly, gathering information and deploying rescuers to perform a rapid and effective search and retrieval.

The number of water rescue calls received are usually higher as calls come in as a different nature when, in fact, they are actually water rescue calls.

Total Water Rescue Call Outs

16

SWAT

SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team is prepared to handle highly volatile situations including high-risk search warrants, armed suicidal persons, barricaded persons, hostage situations and many other high-risk scenarios. SWAT is comprised of Columbus Police Department officers and Bartholomew County Sheriff's deputies who train together regularly.

SWAT is activated when an incident presents significant risk to law enforcement officers or to the public.

Because SWAT is expensive and labor intensive, in 2016, BCSO partnered with CPD for a combined SWAT Unit.



SWAT: Elite professionals who use their advanced training in weapons, teamwork and strategy to resolve crisis situations.

SWAT Call
Outs
6

Promotions



Deputy Dane Duke is a 5.5 year BCSO veteran.

Deputy Duke was promoted to the rank of Detective in September, 2019.



Deputy Justin Arnholt is a 22-year veteran with BCJ/BCSO.

Deputy Arnholt was promoted to the rank of Merit Sergeant in September, 2019.



Deputy Andrew Dougan is a 5.5-year veteran with BCSO.

Deputy Dougan was promoted to the rank of Appointed Sergeant in September, 2019.

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers Elected to IN Sheriffs' Youth Ranch Board

May, 2019: Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers and former Marion County Sheriff Frank Anderson have been elected by fellow lawmen to help develop and lead the non-profit Indiana Sheriffs' Youth Ranch.

Recently purchased with private donations, the Youth Ranch will be a permanent venue for sheriffs and deputies from across the state to mentor future law enforcement officers, bond with at-risk kids and help young witnesses and victims of crime – including siblings, sons and daughters of fallen first responders.

“Sheriff Myers and Former Sheriff Anderson will be ideal board members for our Youth Ranch,” said ISYR President John Layton, also a former Marion County Sheriff. “Our deputies, police officers and state troopers want the right young people to go into law enforcement for the right reasons, mentored by the right people in the right way. Matt and Frank are exactly the right people.”

January, 2020: Along with: Allen County Sheriff David Gladieux, Boone County Sheriff Mike Nielsen, Clark County Sheriff Paul Harden, LaPorte County Sheriff John Boyd, Marion County Sheriff Frank Anderson (Retired) and Ripley County Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth, Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers was selected as one of eight Trustees for the Indiana Sheriffs' Youth Ranch.

Hoosier children who have been victims of crime, and kids who want to be law enforcement officers when they grow up, now have a place to come together, thanks to the purchase of the 62-acre property in western Indiana.

Through private donations, Indiana Sheriffs and Deputies bought the property, in the spring of 2019, in Brazil, IN, to create the Indiana Sheriffs' Youth Ranch.

Former Marion County Sheriff John Layton, who now serves as board president for the ranch, says the goal is to give at-risk kids a chance to enjoy summer activities.

"Kids that would never have a chance to have a fishing pole in their hand or walk a trail in the wilderness – it's those kids that we want to send in the right direction instead of them making the wrong decisions" Layton said.



Sheriff Myers is shown with a ceremonial ground-breaking shovel given to new Board members.



Sheriff Matthew A. Myers Appointed to: National Sheriff's Association Homeland Security Committee

The National Sheriffs' Association announced the appointment of Bartholomew County, Indiana Sheriff Matthew A. Myers to the NSA Homeland Security Committee.

“Sheriff Myers will be networking closely through the NSA with the other 3100 elected Sheriffs across America, bringing a professional “Heartland” perspective to this vast responsibility of keeping our Counties, States and Nation safe”, said National Sheriffs' Association president John Layton.

The National Sheriffs' Association is dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among those in the law enforcement field. NSA is a key player in shaping national policy on critical criminal justice and homeland security issues on critical criminal justice and homeland security issues important to

the nation's sheriffs, deputies and police in the halls of Congress, US Courts and at the White House.

Stephen P. Luce, Executive Director of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association said: "As Executive Director of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association it is an honor to know that the National Sheriffs' Association has appointed Bartholomew County Sheriff Matt Myers to the NSA Homeland Security Committee." "Sheriff Myers appointment will continue the strong presence that ISA and Indiana Sheriffs have with the NSA". "Sheriff Myers dedication and knowledge in Public Safety over the years allows him to be a perfect fit for the National Sheriffs' Association's Homeland Security Committee." "Sheriff Myers continues to lead the way for his community in Building Communities Trust!



Sheriff Matthew A. Myers Appointed to: National Sheriff's Association Drug Enforcement Committee

America's sheriffs play a critical role in keeping imported drugs out of our communities.

As an association that represents more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide, the National Sheriff's Association understands and has been vocal on the dangers that importing foreign medicines would pose to citizens and law enforcement officers. If not intercepted at the border, dangerous counterfeit prescription drugs become an interior enforcement issue. Opening our borders to drug importation would increase the threat of illegitimate products entering the United States, fueling criminal organizations' activities and profits while significantly worsening the opioid crisis.

The opioid crisis has grown substantially worse due to powerful synthetic opioids including fentanyl and fentanyl analogue-laced counterfeit pills being produced by illegal trafficking organizations that reach the United States through Canada and Mexico. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that among the estimated 70,200 drug overdose deaths in 2017, the sharpest increase occurred for those related to fentanyl and fentanyl analogs.

Leading experts, including four former FDA commissioners and former FBI Director Louis Freeh have actively opposed drug importation, citing patient safety risks and substandard drugs as just a few of many key concerns.

The DEA warns that exposure to even minimal amounts (approximately 2 milligrams) of fentanyl can have deadly consequences for law enforcement officers, their canines and other first responders.

NSA Opposes Drug Importation Legislation

The National Sheriffs' Association sent a letter to President Trump on August 8, 2018, requesting that the "Administration carefully weigh the potential harmful impact of drug importation on public safety and public health; and take drug importation off the table of consideration.



Sheriff Myers Goes to U.S. Southwest Border

In September, on behalf of the National Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Myers, along with five other Indiana Sheriffs, visited the southwest border of the U.S. to assess border security.



Sheriff Myers Attended U.S. Border Security and Safe Communities Conference

Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers, five other Indiana sheriffs and about 200 other sheriffs from across the nation, traveled to Washington, D. C. for a two-day border security and safe communities conference.

During the Conference, the sheriffs attended a White House briefing, visited with federal officials and met President Trump at the White House.



Sheriff Myers met with Indiana Senator Todd Young to discuss important issues to Bartholomew County and to particularly talk about drugs in/around our County.



Sheriff Myers and Indiana Senator Mike Braun spoke about the safety of Hoosier communities and the devastation drugs have caused Hoosier families.



The Indiana Sheriffs delegation met with Congressman Greg Pence.



Law enforcement attending the Conference had an opportunity to visit the White House and President Trump. A resident saw this on CSPAN and circled Sheriff Myers.

Training Division

BCSO's Training Division is responsible for the initial training and continuing skills development of all agency personnel. To fulfill these requirements, BCSO is dedicated to creating and providing quality training programs that reflect the needs and changing responsibilities of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Myers and his Command Staff are firm believers in the concept of "professionalism through training".

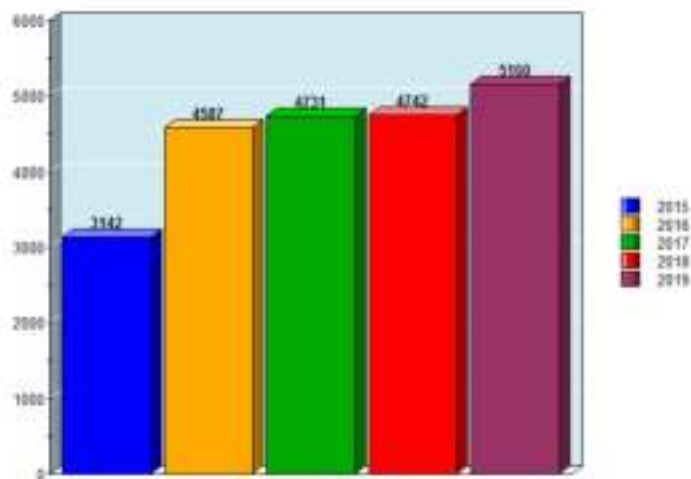
Since 2015, training has been a **"hallmark"** at your Sheriff's Office.

The State of Indiana requires 24 hours of training per deputy per year.

Total Training Hours

Merit Deputies

5,160



Today, your BCSO deputies receive more training, covering more topics, than in the past. BCSO training far exceeds the 24 hours of training per year per deputy that is required by the state of Indiana.



Citizen's Training

BCSO Chief Deputy, Major Chris Lane, speaks with employees of Precision Tools Service, Inc.



If you are interested in specialized training or if you need someone to speak to your club, organization, business, etc., please contact the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office.

Demonstrations are also available.

To arrange for a speaker or a demonstration, email: sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov

Investigations Division

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Investigations Unit is staffed with detectives who specialize in investigating various types of crime and evidence collection to aid in the prosecution of cases.

This Division is responsible for follow-up investigations. BCSO investigators work all crimes/investigations ranging from murder to misdemeanor crimes.



Captain Christopher M. Roberts
Division Commander



Lieutenant
Chad Swank



Detective
Will Kinman



Detective
Terrence Holderness



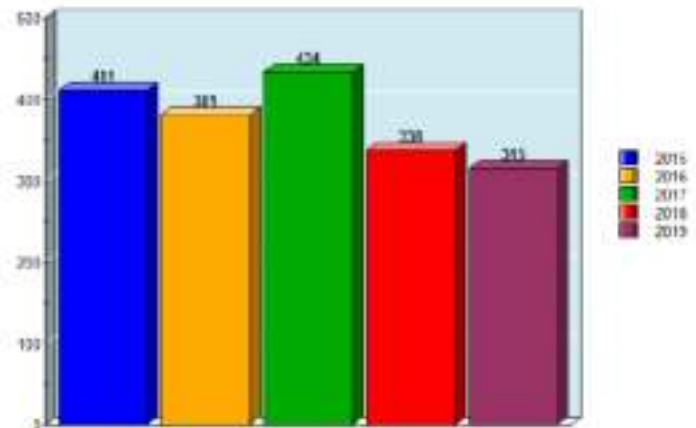
Detective
Dane Duke



Jeanette Downs
Investigations Administrative Assistant

Theft 2015 – 2019

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office - Thefts



If your home was damaged by a fire or a burglar stole your valuables, would you be able to provide deputies or your insurance company with a complete list of all the items damaged, destroyed, or stolen? Having an up-to-date personal property home inventory will help.

Downloading a Personal Property Inventory form on an annual basis will allow you to keep an accurate list of your personal belongings. This form may also be used to help you determine the amount of insurance you need to cover your contents. Go through your home room by room and make a list of the items in it. Try to fill in the information requested and be as detailed as possible. Taking pictures or a video of the contents of your home is also very important. Pay special attention to the most valuable items. Take shots from multiple angles on those items. The contents of covered outbuildings should also be listed.

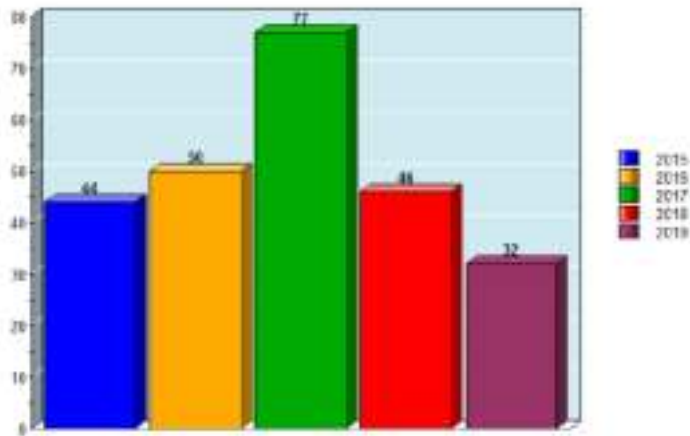
Download your Personal Property Inventory Form

In an effort to assist residents in documenting information about valuables, BCSO provides a "Personal Property Inventory" form that can be downloaded at:

www.bartholomew.in.gov/sheriff#forms

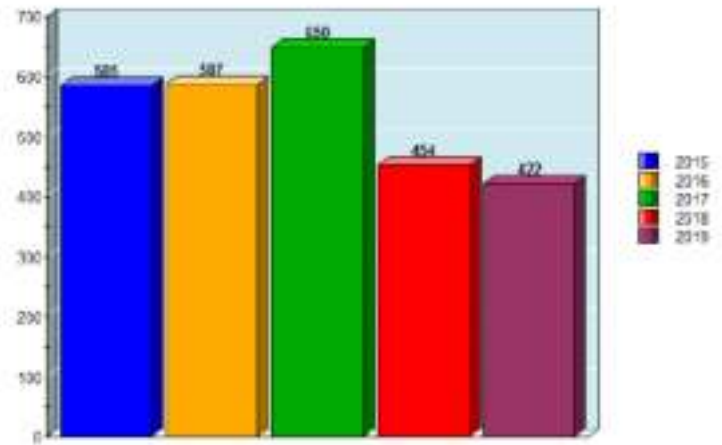
Auto Theft 2015 – 2019

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office - Auto Theft



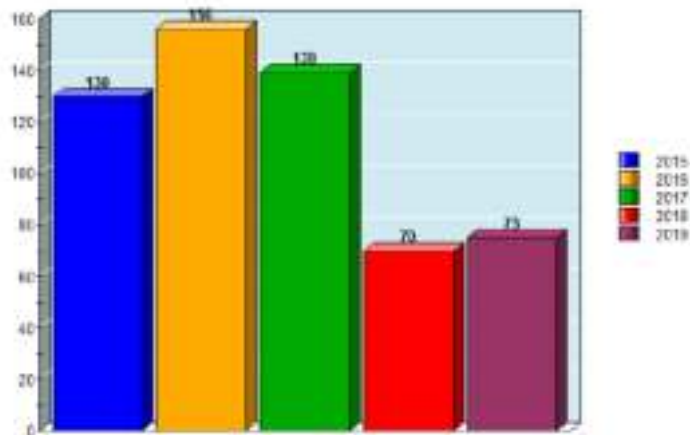
Property Crime 2015 – 2019

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office - Property Crime



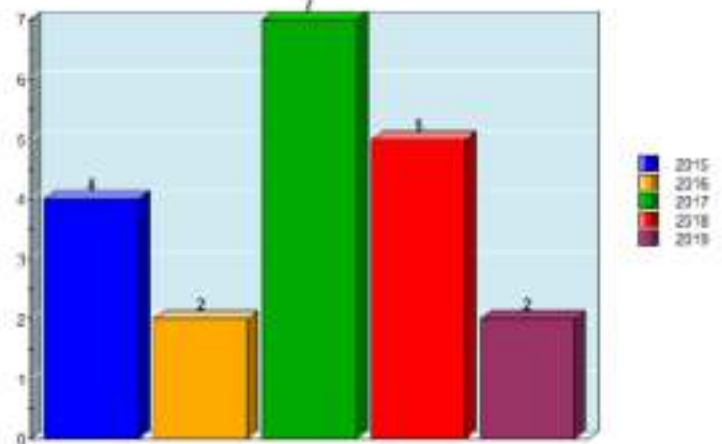
Burglaries 2015 – 2019

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office - Burglaries



Robberies 2015 - 2019

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office - Robbery



Jail Division

A person arrested in Bartholomew County may be brought to the Bartholomew County Jail for incarceration. The current facility opened in 1990. In 2008 an addition was added to accommodate additional housing. BCJ has a self-contained laundry, meal preparation and many medical services are provided within the facility.

Because of new legislation requiring jails to hold inmates sentenced to the Department of Corrections with a balance of 365 days or less and the trending of an increasing jail population, the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office completed a case study on opening the older part of the jail to add additional bed spaces.



All jail officers must successfully complete the jail officer training within a year of their appointment date.

The course is designed to provide new jail officers with the basic information necessary to allow them to function in their facilities and is intended to be supplemented by annual in service training provided by their respective departments.

Jail Leadership



Major John Martoccia
Jail Commander



Captain Tyler Stillabower



Lieutenant Kaleigh Morey



Sandy Capes
Jail Administrative Assistant

Correction's Staff

The Bartholomew County Jail is operated by a corrections staff that includes classification officers, transportation officers and administrative corrections officers. CO's are responsible for ensuring that statutory requirements from the state are met for all inmates. These requirements include booking inmates in/out, passing meals, supervising and dispensing medications and performing security detail among other duties.



Routine shakedowns are conducted by BCSO Jail staff. All contraband found is confiscated and removed for the safety of staff, inmates and visitors.

"Our Correction's staff go above and beyond on a daily basis." "These jobs are hard and our CO's are certainly "unsung heroes" who don't always get the appreciation they deserve".

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

Total Training Hours

BCJ Staff

5,610.75

Residents Encounter Christ (REC) Program

Sheriff Myers and the REC program he was instrumental in bringing to BCJ were awarded a RALi Grant – funds intended to further works which are helping Indiana's inmates reclaim their lives upon release.

REC is a 3-day weekend event. In separate sessions for male and female inmates, local volunteers offer an opportunity for participants to change their lives.

REC has been offered in the Bartholomew County Jail since 2017. The program (hopefully) is presently expanding into Decatur, Jackson and Brown Counties, and Sheriff Myers hopes to see it implemented across the state.



Deputy Mark Helms, Sheriff Myers, Sergeant Zack Morey and Pastor Dave Burnett lead REC activities in September.

Over a weekend in October, more than 30 inmates were baptized at the Bartholomew County Jail. The baptisms are part of the "Residents Encounter Christ" (REC) program.

REC will continue to be there for these men and woman after they are released from jail.

REC is a voluntary program for inmates. No one is pressured to attend the sessions; however, Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers says: "if an inmate at BCJ tells me that he/she wants to have a relationship with Jesus Christ, I'm going to do all I can to make sure they have that opportunity".

Work Crew

BCSO's Work Crew is the least restrictive of all BCJ programs. It saves taxpayers money by allowing inmates to perform community services at BCSO, county volunteer fire departments, Bartholomew County Courthouse, other city and/or county owned facilities and multiple parks throughout Bartholomew County.

Work Crew Total Hours
1,372



2019
Savings to Taxpayers
\$9,947.00

(Calculated at Indiana's minimum wage)

BCJ Inmate Averages, Booked in/Released/Extraditions, Visitors and F6 Inmates Daily Average

Average inmates (daily) **247**

Male = **192**

Female = **55**

BCJ Visitors

270

F6 Inmates
Daily Average

49

CERT

Bartholomew County Jail CERT (Correction's Emergency Response Team) is tasked with responding to incidents, riots, cell extractions, mass searches and disturbances within BCJ which possibly involve uncooperative or violent inmates.

This Team is allowed to handle the transport of high security inmates as well as provide security for the courts in cases of extremely violent inmates or high-profile court cases.



Transportation

Correction Officers have the primary responsibility of transporting inmates to and from other correctional facilities.

Total Inmates Transported
3,504

Total Miles Transported
62,517

Courthouse Security

Courthouse security falls under the Jail Division. Correction Officers are responsible for all enforcement and security to the building, scanning all who enter and searching all packages brought into the facility.

Courthouse Visitors
Monthly Average
10,679



Busiest Day at the Courthouse
MONDAY

Food Services

BCJ's kitchen is open 24/7 and serves thousands of meals annually.

Food services provides three nutritional meals each day for our inmate population. This unit strives for cost efficiency, maintains equipment and exceeds cleaning standards.

All food service areas and equipment are inspected daily by administrative jail personnel. Eating utensils are sanitized after each use. Medial diets, approved by the responsible physician, are honored.

Number of meals served

315,572

278,762 inmates
36,810 work
release

BCJ Receives Full Body Scanner

Following much discussion with the Bartholomew County Commissioners and the Bartholomew County Council about the purchase of a full body scanner, on August 23, 2019, Sheriff Myers finalized the policy along with Chief Deputy Major Chris Lane, Jail Commander Major John Martoccia and attorney Jeff Beck.

All incoming inmates are now screened for contraband by going through a full body imaging (similar to an x-ray) machine.

"We will actually be able to see inside someone's body to make sure they haven't swallowed something and there's no way we could know this without having this machine," said Jail Commander, Major John Martoccia.

This scanner will help jail staff to cut down on drugs and other contraband that people might be trying to smuggled inside.



Major Lane, Sheriff Myers, CO Sergeant Courtney Fisher and Major John Martoccia



Bartholomew County Councilman Jorge Morales takes a look at (and discusses the benefits of) the body scanner.

Partnerships

Sheriff Myers is committed to pooling resources and sharing information which will elevate public safety in all areas of Bartholomew County. The key to crime reduction is maintaining and building partnerships throughout the community.

Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team (JNET)

This Team includes deputies from the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Columbus Police Department and a Bartholomew County Prosecutor.

This relationship has led to additional partnerships with other state and federal agencies to collectively attack the supply of drugs in/around Bartholomew County:

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Bureau of Alcohol Tobaccos and Firearms (ATF)

U.S. Marshall Service

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Postal Service Inspectors

TRIAD

Partnership among law enforcement, older residents and community groups to promote older adult safety. TRIAD is designed to foster education and prevent consumer fraud while promoting safety issues.

Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress (ASAP)

BCSO is an active participant in ASAP's goals of eliminating the stigma associated with addiction, building an understanding of substance misuse as a public health crisis and encouraging broad community-wide support for the programs and facilities needed in Bartholomew County.

911 Center (Dispatch)

Our Bartholomew County 911 Center provides a vital link of emergency services between citizens and first responders. This is accomplished through professional and courteous public safety practices while keeping the safety of all first responders in mind at all times. This service is provided in the most cost effective manner possible, recognizing that the citizens of this county are funding this operation.

Drug Take Back Event

On August 26, BCSO and ASAP (Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress in Bartholomew County) held a Drug Take Back event at The Commons.

This event provided a safe, convenient and responsible way for residents to dispose of expired, unused and/or unwanted prescription drugs.



Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress
in Bartholomew County



Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council

Mission: To develop and implement a comprehensive youth and adult strategy to educate, to prevent and to reduce the incidents of alcohol and other drugs in Bartholomew County.

Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team (JNET)

BCSO's greatest focus and "number one" priority is drug eradication – particularly targeting people who provide illegal narcotics to Bartholomew County residents.

Mission

To identify and target criminal enterprise groups responsible for drug trafficking and money laundering.

To intensely focus on the apprehension of danger fugitives.

The Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team, a combined unit of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, the Columbus Police Department and the Bartholomew County Prosecutor's Office is proactively targeting the manufacturing and abuse of dangerous drugs in Columbus and Bartholomew County.



Bartholomew County
Sheriff's Office



Columbus Police
Department



Bartholomew County
Prosecutor

JNET Highlights

JNET was taken to the "next level" when a Bartholomew County Deputy Sheriff was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force.

"JNET and your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office will never stop pursuing those who are distributing and abusing dangerous drugs in Bartholomew County".
Sheriff Matthew A. Myers



Report of Shots Fired – 3 Arrested

Three suspects were arrested on several charges after officers received a report of shots fired at a Columbus apartment complex and later recovered a large amount of drugs and currency.

Arriving officers observed several bullet holes in two apartments and began evacuating residents.

Contact was made with a resident of one of the apartments who advised that he, and two others, were inside his apartment when several men wearing ski masks attempted to push their way in. He advised several shots were fired into his door a short time later.

JNET Highlights

Officers made contact with the shooters and negotiated their exit from the apartment. Officers secured a search warrant and located hundreds of THC vape cartridges, approximately two pounds of marijuana, psychedelic mushrooms and more than \$13,000.00 in cash.

A male subject was arrested for: Dealing in Marijuana, Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Another male was charged with: Dealing in Marijuana, Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance

A female was arrested for: Visiting a Common Nuisance

July 15, 2019 – Two arrested on multiple drug-related charges.

Arrested: 20-year-old Columbus man stemming from a drug investigation for two counts of dealing illegal narcotics.

Illegal narcotics, Fentanyl, marijuana, drug-related paraphernalia and cash were located inside the residence.

Arrested: 19-year-old Columbus woman.

Both taken to the Bartholomew County Jail on preliminary charges of:

Male subject:
Dealing in cocaine,
Dealing in marijuana,
Possession of cocaine/narcotic drug,
Possession of marijuana,
Maintaining a common nuisance,
Possession of paraphernalia,
Bartholomew County warrant for two counts of dealing illegal narcotics.

JNET Highlights

Female:
Dealing in cocaine,
Dealing in marijuana,
Possession of cocaine/narcotic drug,
Possession of marijuana,
Maintaining a common nuisance,
Possession of paraphernalia.

November 4, 2019 - 44-year-old man and 31-year-old woman arrested on multiple charges.

Heroin and methamphetamine found on male's person. Methamphetamine and (suspected) fentanyl located inside their room.

Both taken to the Bartholomew County Jail on preliminary charges of:

Possession of a firearm by a violent felon
Possession of stolen property
Dealing heroin
Possession of heroin
Possession of methamphetamine
Possession of a controlled substance
Maintaining a common nuisance
Possession of paraphernalia
Possession of a synthetic drug

DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) assisted with the investigation.

December 12, 2019 - Suspect Out on Bond Arrested in Drug Investigation

Subject out on bond after being arrested for dealing marijuana in October was arrested on felony drug dealing charges December 12.

Arrest led to a search warrant and recovery of a large amount of drugs and currency.

Suspect arrested as a result of an ongoing investigation into drugs being sold at a local high school. The investigation began after school resource officers received a tip about the man using a student to sell marijuana and THC vape cartridges at the school.

JNET Highlights



Subject reportedly recruited a high school student to sell drugs at the school – student was taken into custody by School Resource Officers.

Search warrant served on subject's residence where officers located marijuana, THC vape cartridges, psychedelic mushrooms, cocaine and more than \$20,000 in currency.

The subject was out on bond after being arrested on several charges including dealing marijuana on October 28, 2019.

He was remanded to the Bartholomew County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

- Possession of cocaine – Level 6 felony
- Dealing cocaine – Level 2 felony
- Possession of marijuana – Class B misdemeanor
- Dealing marijuana – Class A misdemeanor
- Possession of a controlled substance – Class A misdemeanor
- Dealing controlled substance – Level 6 felony
- Possession of paraphernalia – Class C misdemeanor
- Maintaining a common nuisance – Level 6 felony

JNET Highlights



December 6, 2019 – 12 people were taken in custody following a multi- agency narcotics investigation and warrant service. Large amount of drugs, guns, and currency were recovered.

Shortly after 10:00 p.m., SWAT served a search warrant on California Street after receiving information that the house contained narcotics as well as several firearms.

Officers from Intelligence Led Policing Unit, assisted by BCSO K-9 Diesel, conducted multiple traffic stops prior to the warrant service.

During the warrant service, investigators recovered approximately one pound of methamphetamine, a quarter ounce of heroin/fentanyl mixture, marijuana, several controlled substances, as well as drug paraphernalia, syringes, scales, and drug packaging material.

They also recovered several long guns including two AR-15 rifles, an AK-47 rifle, four handguns and a large amount of ammunition and U.S. currency.

Officers also recovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia that was located inside the bedroom of a small child who was not home at the time of the warrant service.



JNET Total Cases Opened

223 (Some of the 62 traffic stops are included in this total).

- 40 Dealing Meth
- 27 Dealing Heroin
- 38 Search Warrants
 - 3 Dealing Cocaine
 - 1 Dealing controlled substance
 - 2 Theft
 - 3 OD
 - 2 OD Death
- 47 Warrant Arrests
 - 1 Marijuana Grown
 - 1 Assist with bank robbery suspect
 - 1 Recovered stolen vehicle
 - 3 Operating without ever receiving a driver's license
 - 2 Methamphetamine lab
- 18 arrests – Walmart Detail
 - 2 Trash pulls

62 Traffic stops (Some traffic stops included multiple charges)

- 14 Possession heroin
- 24 Possession methamphetamine
- 4 Possession syringes
- 4 Dealing methamphetamine
- 3 Paraphernalia
- 3 Trafficking
- 5 Dealing heroin
- 9 Possession marijuana
- 2 Possession controlled substance
- 1 False informing
- 1 Possession of Cocaine
- 1 Robbery suspect
- 8 Arrest warrants
- 3 Dealing Marijuana
- 2 Possession of paraphernalia
- 1 Fake government ID
- 1 possession of handgun
- Surveillance – 365 hours



Intelligence Led Policing

Intelligence Led Policing (ILP) is a transition from traditional policing methods to improving public safety, reducing crime and making the best use of resources by centralizing all intelligence information, analyzing the intelligence and providing actionable direction for law enforcement activities.

ILP is an initiative that is recognized by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs and U.S. Department of Justice as being successful in combating complex crime problems plaguing communities.

2019 Summary:

ILP also assists JNET:

Highlights:

NB I-65: assisted JNET with a traffic stop that yielded 85 grams of suspected heroin.

14th Street: assisted in serving a warrant. 3 arrested: dealing in meth, possession of drugs/paraphernalia.

California Street: 7 arrested on multiple drug-related charges.

Sycamore Court: located a large amount of US currency and made arrest involving multiple drug-related charges.

Jonathon Moore Pike: 2 arrested on multiple drug-related charges as well as carrying a handgun without a license.



Triad



The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office announced its partnership with TRIAD in 2016. TRIAD and BCSO are working together to provide our older residents better safety and a better quality of life.

Project Lifesaver

On April 30, 2019, Bartholomew County Sheriff's Deputies and Columbus Fire Department personnel received Project Lifesaver training.

Project Lifesaver is a program of proactive involvement and specialized operations that respond to incidents of individuals with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, and related disorders who have wandered from a safe location and cannot find their way back to safety.

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Sergeant Jim Stevens obtained a grant from the Custer Nugent Foundation to get the Project Lifesaver program up and running.

Four Deputies and three Columbus Fire Department personnel were trained on the use and are certified to train others as Electronic Search Specialists.

Project Lifesaver Training

Initially, 50 transmitters were purchased and will be assigned to clients. A total of 6 receivers, that can pinpoint the location of the transmitters were also purchased.

The transmitters can be detected up to 3 miles away. Three of the receivers are kept at the Sheriff's Office and three were assigned to Columbus Fire Department.

Triad Training



April 30, 2019

There is no cost to the client, however there are a few guidelines that must be met in order to become a client.

Interested persons should contact TRIAD at triad@bartholomew.in.gov



TRIAD Director Dave Coffman accepts a donation from American Legion Post #24.

November, 2019: Dave Coffman stepped down as TRIAD Director.

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Dave for his service to our agency and to Bartholomew County residents.

Chief Deputy Major Chris Lane Graduates from Prestigious FBI National Academy #278



Major Chris Lane completed one of the toughest challenges available to local law enforcement officers: the FBI National Academy #278.

Major Lane graduated after attending a 10-week training session at the National

Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

There is a highly competitive process local law enforcement officers must go through to be selected for this honor. That process includes a nomination by a supervisor; interviews with the candidate and co-workers to determine leadership skills and abilities; a background check; a determination of physical fitness; and the support of former National Academy graduates.

During the ten weeks of training, local executive-level law enforcement officers spend most of their time in the classroom. Chief Deputy Lane's National Academy classes included Critical Incident Leadership, Crisis Negotiations, Contemporary Issues in Police and Media Relations, Essentials for Law Enforcement Leaders, Behavioral Science for Law Enforcement Leaders, Fitness in Law Enforcement, and Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement.

Each year, the FBI sponsors four sessions of the National Academy. Each session includes about 220 local law enforcement officers from throughout the United States and around the world.

After retiring from the Columbus Police Department, in 2015, Major Lane brought more than 20 years of solid law enforcement, security and staff management experience to his position as BCSO's Chief Deputy.

He is a graduate of Vincennes University and has completed numerous courses with the Police Executive Leadership Academy and the Drug Enforcement Administration. He attended and served as a police officer at Indiana University.



Major Lane receives his "yellow brick" after completing the final test of the fitness challenge, fondly known as the "Yellow Brick Road". The Yellow Brick Road is a grueling 6.1 mile run through a hilly, wooded trail built by Marines.

Along the way, participants must climb over walls, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net, and more.

When (and if) a student completes this difficult test, they receive an actual yellow brick to memorialize their achievement. The course came to be known as the "Yellow Brick Road" years ago, after the Marines placed yellow bricks at various spots to show runners the way through the wooded trail. The overall fitness challenge began at the National Academy in 1981 and has evolved over the years.

Major Lane completed the course in 1.5 hours.

"I am extremely proud of Chief Deputy Lane and I am very thankful he was able to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity for law enforcement leaders in this nation." "I am looking forward to his return to the office where the information, knowledge, and skills he gained at the FBI National Academy will be used for the betterment of our organization and the community we serve."

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers



BCSO FBI National Academy Grads



Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers, a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy himself, is shown with a plaque that will hang in his office recognizing all BCSO personnel who have graduated from the FBINA:

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

Chief Deputy Major Chris Lane

Major John Martoccia

Deputy T. A. Smith

Former Sheriff Ken Whipker

Former Sheriff Mark Gorbett

Former Deputy Greg Duke

FBI National Academy graduates make up the highest 1% of all senior law enforcement in the world. "They are truly the Best of the Best", said Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers.



Civil Process

Many people ask the question what is Civil Process and what is the Sheriff Office involvement?

Civil Process is the service of the court papers such as summons, subpoenas, garnishments, civil suit, small claims filings, ex-parte and protection orders, eviction notices and juvenile papers or any other document to be served for court purposes.

The Sheriff Office serves (on average) more than 3,500 papers per year. Indiana law requires certain fees to be collected for each served paper. Several attempts will be made on each service before any papers would be return for non - service.

A Six Sigma analysis addressed the Civil Process service and County Council approved our hiring two civilian Process Servers reducing the amount of time that merit deputies spent serving civil papers and increasing the time they now spend on calls for service and traffic enforcement.

"Our goal was to reduce the extreme amount of time that merit deputies were spending on serving civil papers and increase the time they could spend patrolling and proactively policing in county rural areas."
Sheriff Matthew A. Myers.

Sheriff Sales

Beginning in April, 2019, Bartholomew County Sheriff's Sales began being processed by SRI, Inc., Indianapolis.

Contracting BCSO's sheriff sale process through SRI's Sheriff's Sale program has eliminated the unnecessary administrative burden placed on BCSO's Sheriff Sales/Sex Offender Coordinator and has allowed him to allocate more time toward sex offender enforcement functions.

BCSO Sheriff's Sales continued to be conducted at the Sheriff's Office, 543 Second Street, Columbus.

Funding for SRI came from fees collected from the Sheriff Sales.

Sheriff Sales Scheduled

89

Sex Offenders 2019

136 Sex offenders registered.

190 Sex offenders were processed and tracked throughout the year.

IN Sex Offender Registry

You may view the website to research neighborhoods and addresses that are important to you. You can also register to receive e-mail notifications on registered sex offenders within proximity of the addresses.

<http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php>



L-R: BCSO Sex Offender Coordinator Rudy Olivo and Jackson County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Coordinator Lt. Adam Nicholson

Sex Offender Coordinators Olivo and Nicholson met at BCSO to collaborate their efforts on monitoring sex offenders in our respective communities and to discuss how to make our programs more efficient.

BCSO's Sex Offender Coordinator conducted periodic checks of registered sex offenders throughout the year.

Sex Offender Compliance Sweep

On November 14, 2019, Deputies with the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office partnered with members of the U.S. Marshal Sex Offender Task Force to conduct a county-wide check on registered sex offenders.

Deputies conducted surprise offender checks throughout Bartholomew County to determine the validity of information provided by individuals currently registered with Bartholomew County's Sex and Violent Offender Registry.

If determined to be non-compliant, individuals could face additional charges. This sweep was conducted in addition to regular checks that are conducted by Deputies throughout the year.



Fiscal Responsibility

During the budgeting process, Sheriff Myers and Division Commanders spend several weeks gathering information, obtaining costs and drafting proposals into detailed financial documents to account for every budgeting request.

BCSO's leadership evaluates every proposal against the value added it would provide in helping our agency fulfill its mission.

BCSO projects are driving a data-based approach for key decisions. This allows BCSO to provide County Council with the best information possible – including the impact of their decisions, so they can make the best possible budgeting decisions.

County Hires Jail Drug Treatment Coordinator

After county and city officials agreed to provide funding, Bartholomew County Jail officials hired a jail addiction treatment program coordinator who was tasked with developing BCSO's program curriculum.

The goal is to reduce recidivism by offering inmates with substance abuse problems evidence-based treatment and to help them develop life skills to re-enter the community after being released from BCJ.

Inmates who successfully complete the program can then enroll in other programs already in place: Women Recovering with a Purpose (WRAP) and Recovery Enables a Life for Men (REALM) programs.

"Our goal is to reduce recidivism by offering inmates with substance abuse problems treatment and to help them develop life skills to re-enter the community after being released from BCJ."

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

Meet Theresa Kennedy Patton BCJ Drug Treatment Counselor



Theresa is a native Chicagoan who has been working in the field of Addiction and Mental Health for over two decades.

She holds licensure and specialty certifications in Illinois, Indiana and North Carolina which include United States Department of Transportation, national and supervisory credentials. Ms. Patton has extensive experience in Addiction and Mental Health treatment, particularly designing residential treatment programs for substance use and mental health disorders.

Her experience includes development and design of new treatment facilities in North Carolina and Indiana as well expansion of programs for detoxification, partial hospitalization and outpatient care of adults. She has routinely lectured on treating co-occurring disorders and psychopharmacology at North Carolina universities and has successfully met request for proposals to develop freestanding treatment facilities for residential treatment in several states.

Theresa is married with two children. Family adventure destinations are particular favorites for relaxation.

Theresa speaks fluent French and travels abroad as often as possible.

2020 Sheriff's Budget Highlights

Overall budget increase of \$395,717 from 2019. Primary drivers include:

Pension actuarial increase of \$164,858

Salaries \$171,241.33

Matron wage rate proposal aligned with state statute

Add 1 detective to address caseload increase

Vehicle costs down from 2019 approved

8 vehicles in budget (7 replacements, 1 for new Detective

Taser payment approved in 2019

BPV & Stab vests

Water Rescue equipment and Airboat resurface

2020 Corrections Budget Highlights

Overall budget increase \$426,425

Utility costs increase

Salaries 3% increase

Matrix implementation

Drug Addiction Treatment Coordinator

Captain and Lieutenant to exempt status

Inmate medical costs



Jail Commander Major John Martoccia, Sheriff Myers, Chief Deputy Major Chris Lane, Administrative Captain Brandon Slate present 2020 Budget to County Council.

*Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers and his leadership team support a body-worn camera program and continue to ask Council to provide funding for this program.

Chaplaincy Program

BCSO's 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 employees on a professional level by making themselves available as trained and caring professions who can assist in times of need.

BCSO Chaplains provide this service to all Sheriff's Office employees and their families.



Chaplain Karen Hargett took her Oath of Office from Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers on November 12, 2019.

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing assistance to its employees and their families in time of need. Additionally, Sheriff's Office Chaplains can sometimes be of assistance to the public when dealing with the Office in sensitive situations.

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

BCSO Chaplains



Chaplain Robert Vestor



Chaplain David C. Bosley



Chaplain Keith Maddox



Chaplain David Burnett



Chaplain Karen Hargett

Community Outreach

Public Information Office

BCSO's Public Information Office is responsible for providing the community and news media with needed information. Our Public Information Manager plans and organizes public events, community meetings and provides informational material that help educate the public on various safety topics.



Our agency continues to strive to have a great working relationship with local and state news sources as Sheriff keeps residents informed of current happenings in Bartholomew County.

Social Media

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office is on Facebook. We currently have more than 15,000 followers. In addition to frequent updates regarding safety information, recent crimes, weather and road conditions, followers will see BCSO news releases.

Guest Speakers

Sheriff's Office representatives are available to speak on a wide variety of topics at your organization's functions throughout the year. Past events have included neighborhood functions, churches and meetings of concerned citizens. If you would like to arrange for a deputy to attend your event, email: sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov

CommUNITY Meetings

Since 2015, in an effort to continue to strengthen BCSO's partnership with residents, Sheriff Myers has taken BCSO to neighborhoods with his series of CommUNITY meetings.

These meetings have created great opportunities for residents to have informal conversations with Sheriff Myers and members of his staff. Providing these opportunities is a great way to ensure that BCSO is addressing needs and concerns in all areas of Bartholomew County.



Photos: previous commUNITY meetings held throughout Bartholomew County.

If you would like to host/schedule a commUNITY meeting in your neighborhood, please email:

sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov

Creating Legacy with young residents

Building trust and engaging young people is important to BCSO.

Sheriff Myers and members of the Sheriff's Office believe it is important to give back to the community. Therefore, we participate in a variety of events throughout the year to show support for our community.



PAAL Basketball Jamboree



WCSI Easter Egg Hunt



Bartholomew County 4-H Fair



Sheriff Myers with First Presbyterian preschoolers.



In September, Deputy Robert Cooper spoke to preschoolers from First Presbyterian about safety.



Reserve Deputy Jim Pridgen works with children during an after school program at Driftside Mobile Home Park.

Sheriff Myers speaks with students from St. Peter's Lutheran School who came to pray for inmates.



St. Peter's Lutheran School students and Sheriff Myers pray for inmates attending the REC program.



Deputy Nick Martoccia commemorated 9/11 with young residents at the Hope Community Center.

Sheriff Myers enjoys spending time with law enforcement students from Columbus East's C4 Law Enforcement class.



PAAL football players and cheerleaders join Sheriff Myers and BCSO employees for the Ethnic Expo parade.



Deputy Sellers and K9 Jari put on a demonstration for D.A.R.E. students.

Request a Speaker

For information, contact:

sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov

Need someone to speak at your next home owner's association, club or business meeting? Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office offers a Speaker's Bureau full of knowledgeable professionals who can help. Choose from topics like:

- Frauds
- Crime Stoppers
- Work Place Violence
- Crime Prevention
- Seniors vs Crimes
- Alzheimer/Dementia (Wandering)
- Internet Safety
- Drug Awareness
- Prescription Drugs
- Illicit Narcotics
- How to Become a Bartholomew County Deputy Sheriff
- How to Become a BCJ Correction's Officer
- Physical Fitness
- Courthouse Security
- Civil Processes
- Specialty Teams: SWAT, Water Rescue, K9

In addition to speaking engagements, demonstrations are also available.

To arrange someone to speak for your organization, contact:

sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov

St. Peter's Lutheran School Students Pray for REC Attendees



September 13, 2019 was a great day BCJ. REC (Residents Encounter Christ) weekend for female inmates.

Students from St. Peter's Lutheran School joined Sheriff Matthew A. Myers and Chief Deputy Major Chris Lane to pray for inmates and for the REC program. Each student held a card with the name of an inmate and each student prayed aloud and individually for the person whose name was on his/her card.

Thanks to St. Peter's Lutheran School, the students, Jim Sollenberger and Beth Mihay for bringing students to the jail and making this a day to remember.



9/11 Ceremony



Your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office was well represented at the 2019 9/11 ceremony. Most deputies came in on their off time to pay their respects. #bcsoproud



Captain Chris Roberts talks to CPD Youth Academy participants about BCSO's airboat.



Sheriff Myers mentors Evelyn Davis as they work on her 2019 Columbus East High School Senior Project.



While patrolling, Deputy Dylan Prather stopped to say hello to children who were outside enjoying the sunshine with their horses.



Deputies Whipker, Helms and Carlson assist Columbus Young Marines in completing the Fatal Vision Challenge

PAAL



Making Good Kids Great....

Lieutenant Gary Knoef, Ethan Knoef, Deputy Frank Munoz, Deputy Dylan Prather, Deputy Andrew Whipker



Sheriff Myers and former CPD Captain Dan Londeree coached a winning team.



PAAL Football

D.A.R.E.

Launched in 1983, D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive K-12 educational program taught in thousands of schools in America and 52 other countries. D.A.R.E. curricula addresses drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety and other high risk circumstances that today are too often a part of students' lives.

For many years, your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, in a collaborative effort with the Bartholomew County School Corporation, has been actively involved with the Drug Abuse Resistance program.



Deputy Jessica Pendleton, BCSO DARE Officer



Deputy Andrew Whipker, BCSO DARE Officer



Deputy Nick Martoccia, BCSO DARE Officer

Sheriff's Youth Academy

Since 2015, your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office sponsors the Sheriff's Youth Academy for young Bartholomew County residents who are interested in learning more about law enforcement and other public safety careers.

The Youth Academy is designed to expose young residents to role models in public safety as well as teach them valuable life and safety lessons.

Since 2015, hundreds of Bartholomew County kids have learned the basic functions of law enforcement and the requirements of a career in law enforcement through a series of activities and exercises designed to demonstrate the power and importance of teamwork.



The Academy presents a wide range of topical training subjects and provides a positive career development experience which acquaints attending youth with the goals and functions of a working law enforcement agency and stimulates a positive interest in law enforcement as well as heightens awareness of the positive aspects of being a good citizen.

Youth Academy Participating Agencies and Sponsors

BCSO would like to thank our participating agencies and our 2019 Youth Academy Sponsors.

Participating agencies include:

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office

Columbus Police Department

Indiana State Police

Indiana Conservation Officers

Indiana Excise

Bartholomew County Emergency Management

Homeland Security

Our Youth Academy is made possible due to the generosity and contributions of supporting businesses and organizations. 2019 sponsors:

American Legion Post #24

Aton's Self Storage, LLC

Beck Rocker & Habig PC

Boyer Machine & Tool Co., Inc.

CERAland Park

FOP Earl Brown Lodge #89

Friends of Matt Myers

Jimmy John's

Little Caesar's Pizza

Moose Lodge #398

Snappy Tomato Pizza

Sullivan Sign Co.

Timberline Restoration, Inc.

Tony London Co.

Information for the 2020 Youth Academy will be posted on the Sheriff's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SheriffMattMyers/notifications/> and the CERAland website <http://www.cereland.org/apps/search?q=sheriff%27s+youth+academy> as it become available.

Halloween 2019



"Treats" no tricks in Mineral Springs with Deputy Whipker.



All smiles as Deputy Trisler stops to discuss strategies with a fellow crime fighter.

Deputy Pugh and fellow crime fighter enjoyed some fun on Halloween.



Deputy Barnes met a young firefighter in E'town.

Thank you



Thank you to Centra Credit Union for their generous donation to the FOP Youth Program (Shop with a Cop).



Thank you to Dorel Juvenile Group for their generous \$10,000 donation to the FOP Youth Program (Shop with a Cop) and \$10,000 to our D.A.R.E. Program.

Thank you for your continued support of law enforcement and Bartholomew County youth.

Acknowledgements



BCSO would like to thank John and Emmylou Wischmeier for their most generous donation to our K9 Fund.



Thank you Janet Buchanan for your most generous donation to BCSO's K9 Fund.

Because of these generous donations, BCSO was able to send two deputies to K9 training and we now have 3 dogs on the streets.



Thank you Cummins, Inc. for your continued support with Six Sigma – at no cost to the Sheriff's Office or the county.

Thank you to everyone at Precision Tools Service, Inc., for your support of Bartholomew County TRIAD.

Your generous donation will certainly allow TRIAD to better serve Bartholomew County's older residents.



Thanks to the City of Columbus and the Bartholomew County Commissioners for providing the new parking lot across from BCJ.

We appreciate your partnership and your support.



On February 12, 2019, Real World Testing, a testing company for engines, donated \$4,000 toward the purchase of a second K9 for the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office.

Previously, Real World Testing donated \$18,000 to purchase BCSO's second K9, Diesel, and also chose his name. Since K9 Bolt retired in January, BCSO had only one police dog available.

"It is our goal to send a deputy to K9 school next month and to have two dogs back on our streets in May", said Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers. "Our ultimate goal is to have three K9 units", added Myers. "I can't thank the folks from Real World Testing enough for stepping up again", said Sheriff Myers.

Photo: Major Chris Lane, April Gray of Real World Testing, Dave Howard of Real World Testing and Captain Dave Steinkoenig.





Thank you to John Asel and Mike Kell (Columbus Kiwanis) for bringing in pumpkin pies.



Deputies and Correction's staff working Christmas Eve enjoyed piping hot pizzas delivered from Congressman Greg Pence and his wife Denise.

BCSO would also like to thank churches, businesses, organizations, families, individuals, etc., who, throughout the year, brought in treats, sent cards, dropped off notes of appreciation, etc. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you for your kindness.

If you see something...

WARNING

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMUNITY
Sheriff Matthew A. Myers



**WE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
TO THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

9-1-1

OR NON EMERGENCY
812-379-1712

...say something!

Pack a Patrol Car

Since 2015, your Sheriff's Office has organized the Pack-a-Patrol Car Food Drive for Love Chapel's Food Pantry and the Salvation Army.

The kick-off begins in October during the Ethnic Expo parade and continues through mid-November.

Each year, BCSO delivers thousands of pounds of non-perishable food items to these organizations.

2019 Pack-a-Patrol Car partners:



Hope Elementary



Columbus East High School senior Devon Reese assisted Pack-a-Patrol Car for his senior project.



Steve Blystone, PAAL Police Athletic Activities League President stopped by Kroger to support "Pack-a-Patrol Car" and to remind everyone to attend the PAAL championship games at CEHS.



Mr. Jeff Fasnacht and his grandson, Brandon, donated \$500 worth of non-perishable food items to "Pack-a-Patrol Car" while we were at Kroger on October 26.



Hope Elementary School students collected/donated 1,306 non-perishable food items.



Sheriff Matthew A. Myers, deputies, BCSO staff and Columbus East Senior Devon Reese delivered "Pack-a-Patrol Car" items to Love Chapel.

On December 23, a pickup truck, filled with non-perishable food items, delivered items to The Salvation Army.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2019 Pack-a-Patrol Car food drive – you made it a huge success!

Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

BCSO employees and their families assisted the State Street Association in delivering Thanksgiving meals throughout Columbus and Bartholomew County to people who couldn't get out on their own.



Assisting TRIAD

Sheriff's Office, TRIAD and Columbus Fire Department employees and families assisted an elderly Bartholomew County woman move from her home without heat into a Columbus apartment.



Shop with a Cop 2019



This is a fun-filled day, not only for the children, but for all who participate. #bcsoproud



Fun for all at the Bartholomew County 4H Fair



Detective Duke speaks with Girl Scouts about the duties of his position



Deputy Nick Martoccia plays in the Police vs Fire basketball game

Retirements

2019 was a year of transition in many ways, not the least of which was the retirement of long-time Deputy Sheriffs: Kris Weisner, his K9 partner Bolt and Greg Duke.

We wish them the best and thank them for their years of service to our agency and to the citizens of Bartholomew County.



Sergeant Kris Weisner



K9 Bolt



Sgt. Weisner and Bolt received their retirement badges on January 31, 2019.



Sergeant Greg Duke retired on August 31, 2019.

Thank you for your service

2020 Goals/Objectives

To proactively target the manufacturing and abuse of dangerous drugs in/around Bartholomew County.

To provide employees the support, development and resources they need to perform their jobs.

To promote excellence in protection and service.

To be effective while controlling tax dollars.

To continue looking for opportunities to share and coordinate.

To continue transparency.

To continue to refine our strategies, goals and objectives.

Conclusion

Your Sheriff's Office was extremely busy during 2019.

We continued to improve our training, our equipment and our capabilities, which took BCSO to the – Next Level.

We have:

Established strategic goals and priorities.

Developed performance measures.

Focused on effectiveness, timeliness and efficiency.

My office continues to be open and available to all citizens. As always, I welcome your comments and input.

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

Serving Bartholomew County



Sheriff Myers



Major Lane



Major Martoccia



Capt. Roberts



Capt. Steinkoenig



Capt. Slate



Lt. Swank



Sgt. Smith



Sgt. Johnson



Sgt. Stevens



Sgt. Knoef



Sgt. Arnholt



Sgt. Dougan



Sgt. Worman



Sgt. Whipker



Detective Kinman



Detective Holderness



Detective Duke



Deputy Tindell



Deputy Lancaster



Deputy Williams



Deputy Abner



Deputy Pendleton



Deputy Martoccia



Deputy Bush



Deputy Warner



Deputy Clark



Deputy Burton



Deputy Nichols



Deputy Aspenson



Deputy Lanning



Deputy Sellers



Deputy Newland



Deputy Fluhr



Deputy Prather



Deputy Munoz



Deputy Cooper



Deputy Helms



Deputy Pugh



Deputy Carlson

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Deputy
Allman

Serving Bartholomew County Civilian Employees

Captain Tyler Stillabower
Lieutenant Kaleigh Morey
Tim Burdine
Zachary Morey
Courtney Fisher
Haley Holdrieth
Logan Compton
James Greenlee
Michael Forney
Tom Rayburn
Tim Clayburn
James Oldham
Johnny York
Heaven Butler
Richard Swayze
Maurice Holman
Carly Searles
Matthew Booth
Devon Pattingill
Bryan Love
Tracey Stuckwisch
Cecilia King
Chandler Harper
Shane Chandler
Joshua Hounshel
Dakota Megal
Brent Chamberlain
Ashley McDaniel
Tammy Johnson
Amber Shelton
Kadin Pattingill
Jacob Riddle
Brandon Wolfla
Lane Cruze
Drew Yeley
Samuel Robinson
Colton Fowler
Alexis Wilson
Shayla Heagy
Dekota Burke

Isaiha Claycomb
Walker Tullouch
Kolbey Mount
Andrew Peters
Brandon Redd
Justin Mathis
Darrell Yates
Lydia Maurer
Cindy Weisner
Abby Drake
Donna Lowe
Alice Shouse
William Huffer
Danny Sipple
Charolotte Watts
Nathan Holland
Alexander Schluckbier
Jennifer Briseno
Brayden Barker
Josie Fields
Rick Thompson
Linda (Sis) Noble
Bruce Brown
Peggy Madden
Marvin (Ed) Burger
Patrick Stroup
David Finchum
Jeanette Downs
Vicki Thompson
Jessica Niese
Juanita Green
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Judy Johns Jackson
Caitlyn Gross Duke
Debbie Wheeler Londeree
Nichole Williams
Dave Brown
Max Haymaker
Rudy Olivo
Jim Finke
Theresa Patton

Within the first few weeks of taking office, I was extremely impressed by the strength and capabilities of our sheriff's Office staff. I remain so today.

Along with our men and women in uniform, BCSO's civilian employees have allowed us to enhance and build a renewed sense of confidence and pride in our workforce.

Sheriff Matthew A. Myers

Deputy Sheriff's Prayer

*When I start my tour of duty God,
wherever crime may be,
as I walk the darkened streets alone,
Let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding
with both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention
until their story's told.*

*Let me never make a judgment
in a rash or callous way.
But let me hold my patience,
let each man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord with your everlasting love
protect those special in my life.*

SERVICE

We are dedicated to serving, protecting and partnering with residents to make Bartholomew County an even safer place, proactively targeting the manufacturing and abuse of dangerous drugs, eliminating the duplication of services and providing fiscally conservative leadership.

Sergeant Jason Williams stopped to speak with young residents while on patrol.



INNOVATION

We seek to improve our quality and level of service.

We value innovation by our employees and community partnerships.

We support creativity and proactively seek improved, more effective and more efficient ways to carry out our Mission and our commitment to the residents and businesses we serve.

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office

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