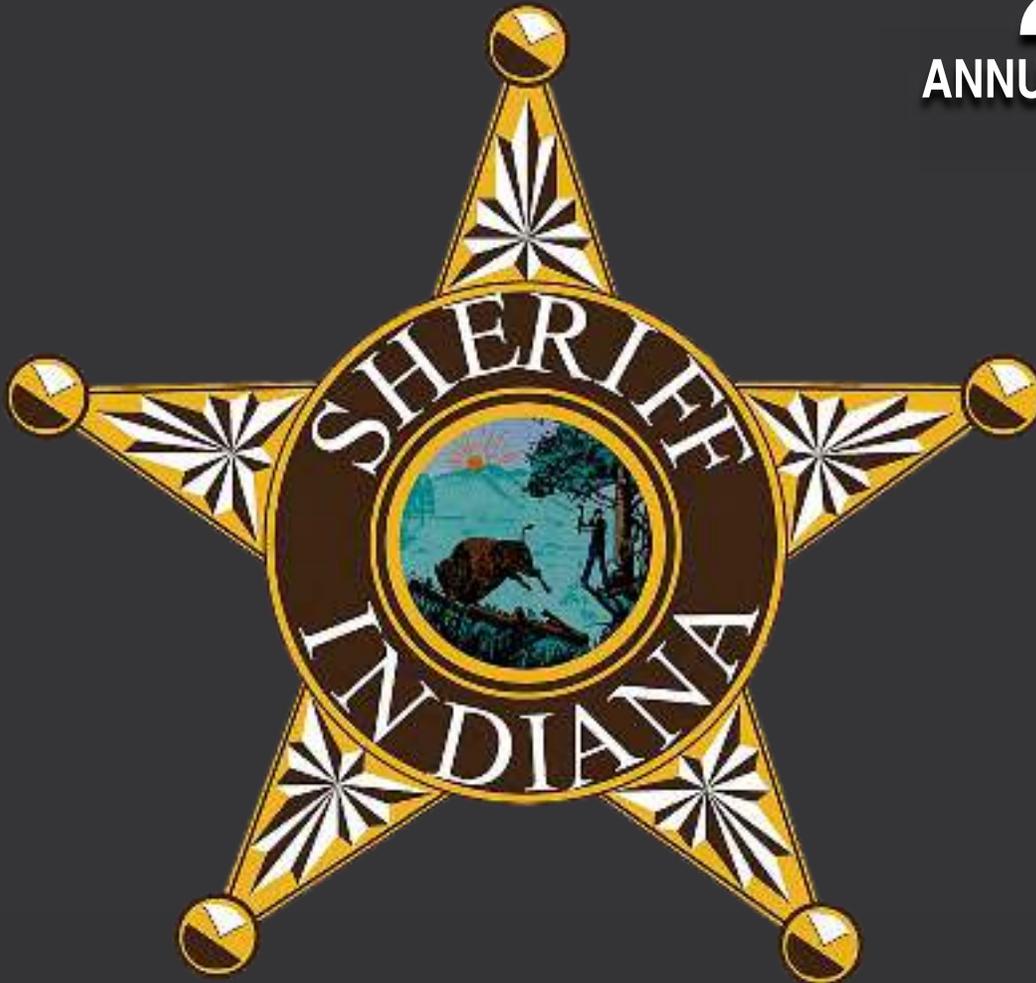


**2018**  
ANNUAL REPORT



**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## MISSION

**To lead** the fight to prevent crime and injustice in all forms.

**To enforce** the law fairly while defending the rights and freedoms of all.

**To be** conscientious stewards of public trust and resources.

**To partner** with the citizens we serve to secure and promote safety in our community.

## VISION

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

**To be a leader** in public safety creating a world class law enforcement agency.

**To be** a county that is a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

## CORE VALUES

As a member of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, I commit myself to: honorably perform my duties with integrity, professionalism and trust.

I stand for respect against racism, sexism and bigotry in all forms.



## TO THE CITIZENS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY:

I am pleased to present your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) 2018 Year-end Report: **CRIME IN BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY IS ON A DOWNWARD TREND.**

Since 2015, we have continued to fine-tune our goals and objectives, provide excellent transparency, strengthen our partnerships, improve efficiency, and enhance services. We continue to face challenges but, today, crime in Bartholomew County is on a downward trend and our community is a safer place to live, work and raise a family.

Bartholomew County saw a big dip in crime last year. It has a lot to do with the 'focus' of our deputies; but, it also has much to do with the willingness of our residents to be part of the solution.

Our focus on 'community outreach' is working. Since 2015, we have asked resident to report suspicious activity. We have increased BCSO's presence in all areas of Bartholomew County and established a line of communication with residents that is working.

As we transition into 2019, my first term as your Sheriff ends. It remains my honor and privilege to serve. I am forever grateful for the opportunity and for the relationships I am experiencing along the way.

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.



**Sheriff Matthew A. Myers**



# COMMAND STAFF



**Matthew A. Myers**  
**Sheriff**



**Major Chris Lane**  
**Chief Deputy**



**Vicki Thompson**  
**Matron**



**Major John Martoccia**  
**Jail Commander**



**Capt. Dave Steinkoenig**  
**Road Patrol Commander**



**Capt. Chris Roberts**  
**Investigations Commander**

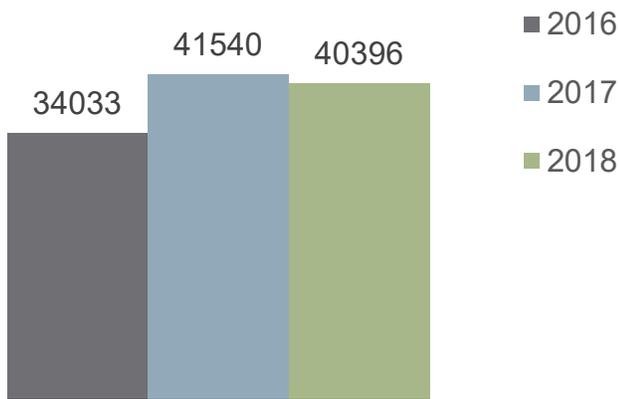


**Capt. Brandon Slate**  
**Administrative Commander**



# PATROL DIVISION

The men and women of the Patrol Division are the most visible employees of the Sheriff's Office. Uniformed deputies conduct preventive patrols, respond to public calls for assistance, 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.



## TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2018

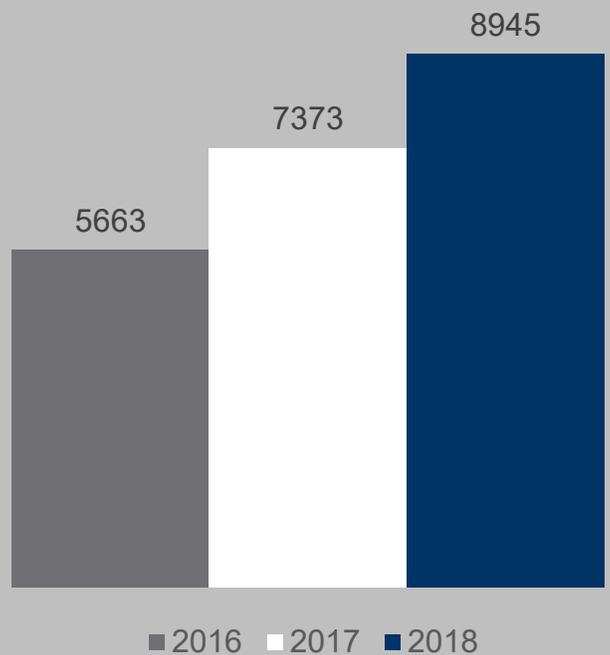
**40,396**

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

In 2015, residents asked for more aggressive Traffic Enforcement. We responded and Traffic Enforcement **INCREASED!**

## TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS – 2018

**8,945**



**↑ 21%**  
SINCE 2017

# AWARDS OF VALOR

## DEPUTIES CRAWL THROUGH HEAVY SMOKE TO SAVE MAN FROM BURNING HOME

On November 6, 2018, approx. 3:54 a.m., Bartholomew County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Dougan and Deputy Robert A. Cooper were first on scene of a structure fire and could see a large amount of smoke coming from the front door.

One of the residents was outside the home and advised deputies that her husband was still inside the residence. Deputy Dougan and Deputy Cooper entered the burning house crawling through the living room but were unable to get to the back of the residence due to flames and heavy smoke.

Deputies then went to the rear of the residence and entered the home through the garage. They could hear the victim yelling from inside. Although they were unable to see him, they asked him to keep yelling so they could locate him through the heavy smoke. Eventually, Deputy Dougan and Deputy Cooper reached the man and were able to get him out of the burning house.

Awards of Valor will be presented by IN State Fire Marshal James Greeson - date of the ceremony is TBD.



Deputy Dougan

Deputy Cooper

## MEN WHO PULLED WOMAN FROM BURNING VEHICLE HONORED DURING SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD MEETING

Two Good Samaritans were honored on February 7, 2019, with Medal of Valor Awards presented by Bartholomew County Sheriff Matthew A. Myers. Johnny R. Smith and Tim Meeks received Medals of Valor and Certificate Awards during the Sheriff's Merit Board meeting in BCSO's Training Room.

On Christmas Day, 2018, a Columbus woman was traveling east on 300 S when she ran off the roadway, through a chain-link fence and hit an embankment along I-65 before her vehicle became engulfed in flames.

Passing motorists, Johnny R. Smith and Tim Meeks saw the vehicle and both men stopped to pull the woman out.

"It is very impressive how two strangers immediately went into "team effort," said Sheriff Myers. "They are more than simply "good Samaritans", in all probability, they saved this woman's life.

Sheriff Myers then presented Smith and Meeks with Medals of Valor and special Certificates for their act of heroism.



L-R: Debra Stephens, Tim Meeks, Johnny R. Smith, Sheriff Myers

# K-9 UNIT

BCSO's K-9 Unit responds to calls including, but not limited to: crimes in progress, vehicular and foot pursuits, burglaries, robberies, narcotic investigations, missing/lost persons and other calls where a suspect has fled the scene and K-9 deployment is required.



**Bolt**

**2018**

- Retired
- 42 Vehicle searches
- 16 Building searches
- 9 Alarms
- 5 Warrant service assists
- 53 Drug related arrests
- 10 Misc.

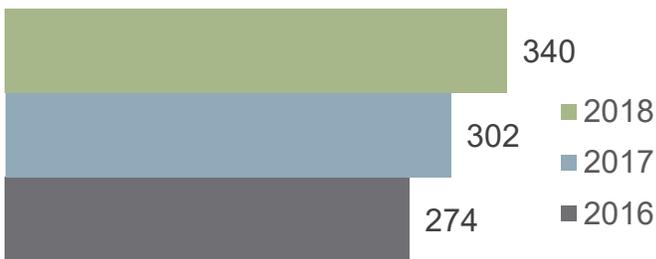


**Diesel**

**2018**

- 55 Arrests
- 6 Tracks
- 52 Vehicle searches
- 1 Located stolen handgun
- Multiple warrant assists
- Located several pounds of methamphetamine

## WARRANTS SERVED



## TOP 2 DEPUTIES SERVING WARRANTS:

Deputy Andrew Dougan  
Deputy Joshua "Matt" Bush

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



Deputy Jessica Pendleton



Deputy Teancum Clark

**2018**

## TOTAL SCHOOL SAFETY CHECKS

**731**

"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**

# PROPERTY ROOM / EVIDENCE ROOM

BCSO's Property and Evidence Room is supervised by Sergeant Jim Stevens. The importance of his work cannot be overstated. 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.

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

In 2015, BCSO implemented an evidence bar code system. Bar coding has allowed Sgt. Stevens to quickly and easily manage evidence: he can inventory and audit evidence for tracking item location and movement. This also allows him to track which items are up for review and which items are scheduled to be destroyed. Sgt. Stevens can also easily enter multiple evidence items in one submission. During 2018, Sgt. Stevens processed 1900 pieces of evidence from 131 cases.

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## CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS TECHNICIAN

In addition to Evidence and Property Room management, Sgt. Stevens is 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.



# SERVING BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY



**Sgt. Jim Stevens**



**Deputy  
Teancum Clark  
SRO**



**Deputy  
Jessica Pendleton  
SRO**

## FIRST SHIFT



**Sgt. T.A. Smith**



**Sgt. Greg Duke**



**Deputy  
Nick Martoccia**



**Deputy  
Brent Worman**



**Deputy Kevin Abner**



**Deputy Jeff Tindell**

## SECOND SHIFT



**Lt. Gary Knoef**



**Sgt. Dean Johnson**



**Sgt. Jason  
Lancaster**



**Deputy Matt Bush**



**Deputy Dane Duke**



**Deputy Andrew  
Whipker**



**Deputy Jon  
Lanning**



**Deputy Dustin  
Newland**



**Deputy Ryland  
Fluhr**



**Deputy Dylan  
Prather**

**SECOND SHIFT**



**Deputy Frank Munoz**

**THIRD SHIFT**



**Sgt. Justin Arnholt**



**Deputy Adam Warner**



**Deputy Leah Burton**



**Deputy Andrew Dougan**



**Deputy Nate Nichols**



**Deputy Jarod Aspenson**



**Deputy Brandon Sellers**



**Deputy Robert Cooper  
(Attending ILEA)**



# 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.

The Investigations Division is responsible for follow-up investigations. These investigators work all crimes/investigations ranging from murder to misdemeanor crimes.



Lt. Chad Swank



Jason Williams



Will Kinman



Terrance Holderness

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- April 25, 2018, a sex offender came to BCSO for his routine "check in" with our Sex Offender Coordinator. With him was his girlfriend and his four-year-old daughter, which is a direct violation of his Lifetime Parole. This man is currently wanted and, when apprehended, will be charged with a Level 6 Felony Violation of Lifetime parole.
- On July 27, 2018, BCSO Detectives were informed that a subject was on station wanting to report threats being made toward him. The subject reported that people from a local wrestling organization were threatening him due to him being a sex offender.

Upon making contact with an employee of the wrestling organization, he informed BCSO Detectives that the subject was telling people that he was an employee of the company. Sex offenders were not allowed at the company's shows because the shows were usually held in local school gymnasiums.

During the investigation, information was gathered that the subject (sex offender) was working for another promotion that also held activities in a school in Madison, Indiana. After making contact with the promotion, they confirmed that our subject was working as an announcer for a short time, until they learned he was a sex offender, at which time he has been fired.

Video was provided showing the subject sitting at an announcer's table. Special Deputy and Sex Offender Coordinator, Rudy Olivo, was notified due to this subject having a lifetime sex offender status. The man was interviewed and eventually confessed that he had worked as an announcer without obtaining permission from his probation officer. He also admitted the show was inside a school where he knew he was not permitted to enter.

The report and evidence were sent to Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office and the subject was charged with: Unlawful entry to a school by a registered sex offender, Unlawful employment near children and Habitual offender.

## Highlights continued:

- On August 5, 2018, a Bartholomew County resident reported a battery. The subject had several facial fractures including a severe injury to his eye.

After obtaining interviews and collecting video evidence, Detectives charged another resident with Level 5 Battery with Serious Bodily Injury.

- On August 20, 2018, Detective Kinman was contacted a Carmel Police Detective in reference to information that he had obtained.

The Detective informed BCSO that he was investigating the vandalism of the Synagogue Shaarey Tafilla, which was recently spray painted with a swastika and also fire set outside. The Detective advise that Indianapolis FBI office was also working on the investigation and had federally charged a 20-year-old male.

A 17-year-old Columbus juvenile was also being charged with arson and vandalism.

Contact was made with Agents form the FBI and information was obtained regarding possible involvement in the arson of Ohio Chapel United Methodist Church in Bartholomew County. It was also determined that there may be a link to the vandalisms that occurred in Brown County as well.

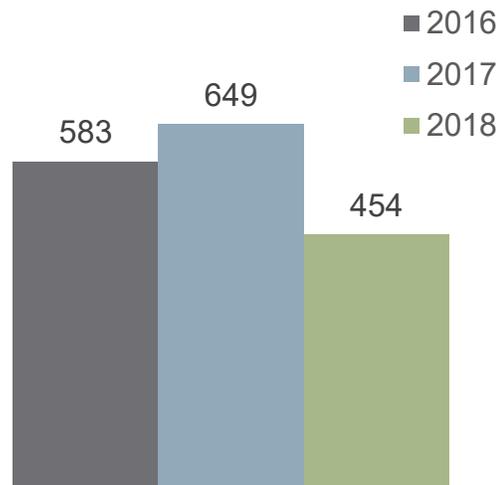
Parties were interviewed and information was obtained that a 19-year-old from Columbus was possibly involved as well. After being located at a local business and questioned, the subject admitted that he was involved with the vandalism to Ohio Chapel Church and also admitted to having a guitar that was taken out of one of the Brown County Churches during the vandalism.

The subject is currently being held in Brown County Jail on numerous charges and also has a warrant out of Bartholomew County for Level 4 Arson, Level 5 burglary and Level 5 Institutional criminal mischief.

**These cases show the extreme importance of agencies communicating and working together.**

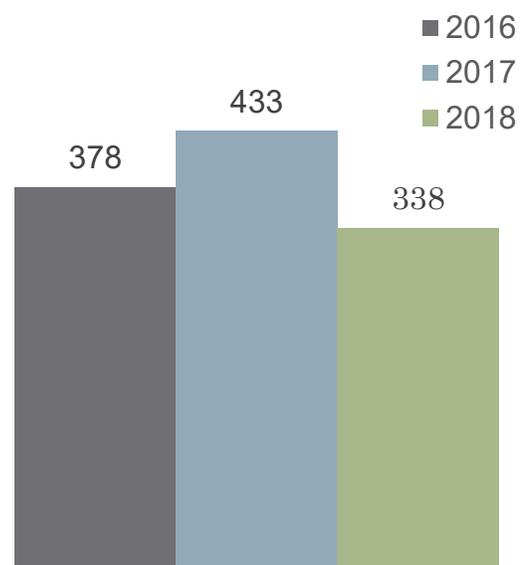
# PROPERTY CRIME

↓ 30%



# 2018 THEFT

↓ 21.94%



# 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.

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

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## MISSION

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

**To intensely focus** on the apprehension of dangerous fugitives.

JNET was taken to the **NEXT LEVEL** when a Bartholomew County Deputy Sheriff was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Task Force.

## A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 215 CASES INCLUDE:

Six people were arrested on drug charges after JNET, with the assistance of the ILP Unit and Uniform Division, served a search warrant at a residence in Columbus. Officers recovered marijuana, methamphetamine, as well as drug paraphernalia including syringes, corner cut bags, smoking pipes and a digital scale. They also located a syringe that contained an unknown fluid. This fluid was later tested using a handheld narcotics analyzer which confirmed the presence of a methamphetamine and fentanyl mixture.



Seven people were arrested after JNET served a search warrant at a residence in Columbus. JNET was assisted by officers from the SWAT Team as well as deputies from the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Columbus Police Department and troopers with the Indiana State Police. During the raid, 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine, with a street value of approximately \$60,000.00, was recovered. Officers also located marijuana, a large amount of pseudoephedrine, drug paraphernalia, stolen property and nearly \$24,000.00 in currency.

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Local law enforcement officers arrested nine people, many of whom are members or known associates of the Aryan Brotherhood gang, after a year-long investigation which JNET began in October 2017 with the arrests of two persons connected to the gang. This lengthy investigation focused on complaints of narcotics dealing, multiple burglaries and vehicle thefts in Columbus and Bartholomew County and also involved suspects attempting to sneak contraband into the Bartholomew County Jail. Officers from the Columbus Police Department, deputies with the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, ILP, the SWAT team, JNET, the Detective's Division, the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Edinburgh Police Department and the Bartholomew County Prosecutor's Office all collectively worked together during this investigation.

# JNET CONTINUED

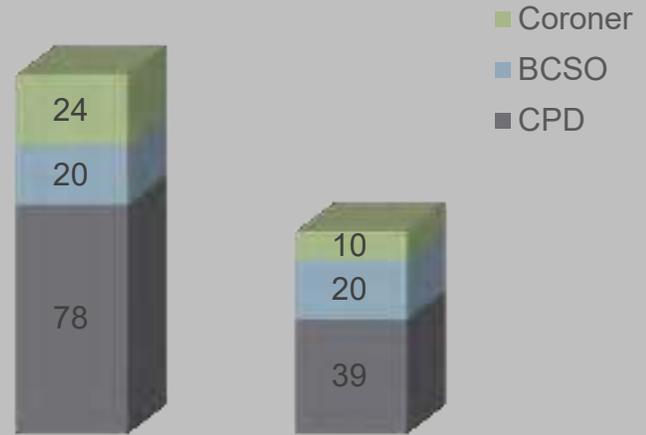
A local man was arrested for a felony methamphetamine dealing warrant. The arrest warrant was a result of a JNET drug dealing investigation that began in Seymour, Indiana in 2017. The local large-scale drug dealer was placed under arrest and transported to the Bartholomew County Jail where he was incarcerated with a \$500,000.00 bond.

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The recovery of more than 50 pounds of methamphetamine in Indianapolis led JNET investigators to a home near Taylorsville where two people were arrested after more methamphetamine and cocaine were located inside the residence. JNET learned that the methamphetamine recovered in Indianapolis, which had a street value of nearly \$1,000,000, was being prepared for delivery to Columbus and Bartholomew County. Officers from the Columbus Police Department and deputies with the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office assisted JNET with the investigation.



## 2017-2018 BCSO AND CPD NARCAN USES AND CORONER OPIOID DEATHS



Information provided by Bartholomew County Coroner's Office.

In 2015, Bartholomew County (including city of Columbus) confirmed 6 overdose deaths, in 2016, 12 overdose deaths, in 2017, 30 deaths. In 2018, overdose deaths dropped significantly.



JNET has been involved in cases spanning from Central Indiana to the west coast of the United States and Mexico resulting in a more efficient, broader, and swifter attack on drugs plaguing our county. "JNET and your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office will never stop pursuing those who are distributing and abusing dangerous drugs in Bartholomew County". "Collectively, we vow to maximize our resources to succeed in this mission."



**Sheriff Matthew A. Myers**

# CIVIL PROCESS

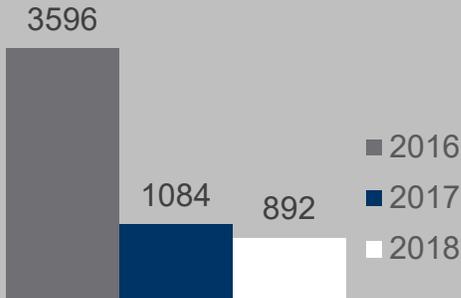
A Six Sigma analysis addressed the Civil Process service and County Council approved our hiring two civilian Process Servers reducing the amount of time that merit deputies spent serving civil papers and increasing the time they now spend on traffic enforcement and other services.

Our civil process servers are former Columbus Police Officers Dave Brown and Max Haymaker.

## CIVIL PAPERS SERVED BY PROCESS SERVERS

**2017 TOTAL = 3,340**  
**2018 TOTAL = 3,719**

## CIVIL PAPERS SERVED BY DEPUTIES



Since County Council approved hiring two Civilian Process Servers, this has significantly reduced the amount of time that Merit Deputies spend serving civil papers and increased the time they now spend on traffic enforcement and other services.

# SHERIFF SALES AND SEX OFFENDERS

## 2018 SHERIFF'S SALES

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**141 scheduled**

## 2018 SEX OFFENDERS

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**144**

**90 offenders reside in Bartholomew County**

**54 live in another county but work in Bartholomew County.**

**Indiana Offender Registry  
for Bartholomew County.**

**View at:**

[www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php](http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php)

# 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 prisoners 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 more bed spaces. This would help alleviate some of the overcrowding that has been experienced since 2016.

## CORRECTIONS 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 and out, passing meals, supervising and dispensing medications and performing security detail among other duties.



“As Sheriff, my number one responsibility is the jail”. “For that reason, I monitor activity in our jail on a daily basis.”

**Sheriff Matthew A. Myers**

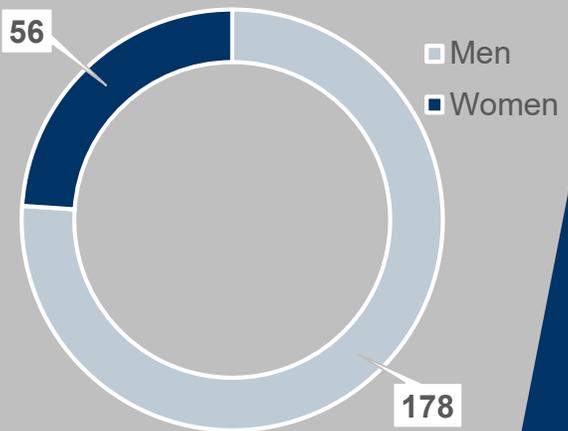
# CORRECTIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a team of highly-trained corrections officers tasked with responding to incidents, riots, cell extractions, mass searches, or disturbances possibly involving uncooperative or violent inmates.



Correction Officers are responsible for the protection of BCJ staff, inmates and the community. Routine shakedowns are conducted by BCSO Jail staff – sometimes with the assistance of merit deputies and K-9 Units. All contraband is confiscated and removed for the safety of staff, inmates and visitors.

## 2018 AVERAGE DAILY INMATE POPULATION



# TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES

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

## TOTAL INMATES TRANSPORTED IN 2018

**3,530**

## TOTAL MILES TRAVELED

**66,576**

# COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Courthouse security falls under the jail division. Correction Officers/Special Deputies are responsible for all enforcement and security to the building, scanning all who enter and searching all packages brought into the facility.

## COURTHOUSE VISITORS

**6,201**

## BUSIEST DAY OF THE WEEK MONDAY

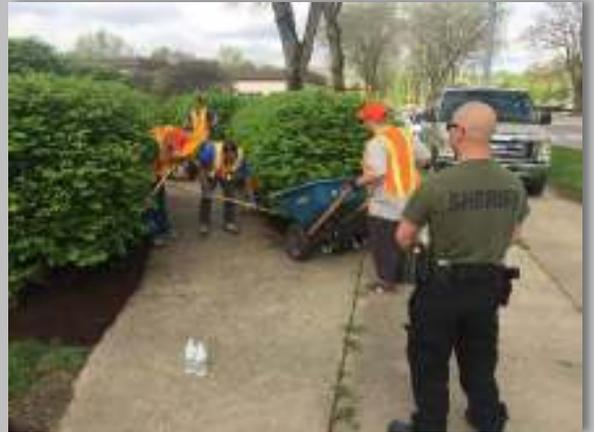
## WORK CREW

Our Sheriff's Work Crew, the least restrictive of all BCJ programs, saves taxpayer's money by allowing inmates to perform community services at BCSO, county volunteer fire departments, Columbus Animal Shelter, Columbus City Hall, Bartholomew County Courthouse, Breeding Farm, Historical Society and multiple parks throughout Bartholomew County.



## WORK CREW HOURS

**2,231.75**



## FOOD SERVICE

BCJ's kitchen is open 24/7 and serves thousands of meals annually. Food Services provides three nutritional meals each day. This unit strives for cost efficiency, maintains equipment, and exceeds cleaning standards.

## MEALS SERVED

**257,076**



BCJ's kitchen is maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. It is checked daily by Jail Administration.

Equipment is cleaned daily and utensils are sanitized after each use.



## TAXPAPER SAVINGS

**\$16,180**

Calculated at Indiana's minimum wage

# 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.

Law enforcement is an ever changing field that evolves with society, as such, it is important that law enforcement organizations recognize the importance of continuing education and training.

Today, it is also crucial that law enforcement professions have the interpersonal skills necessary to effectively communicate to investigate crimes, de-escalate situations, build trust with their communities and to write reports and grants.

Sheriff Myers is a firm believer in the concept of professionalism through training. Since 2015, training has been a *Hallmark* at your Sheriff's Office.



**GST – GRACIE SURVIVAL TACTICS:** Most defensive tactics programs rely on strength, speed and coordination of the user. All GST techniques are based on leverage, timing and efficient use of energy.

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

## TRAINING HOURS PROVIDED TO BCSO DEPUTIES

112

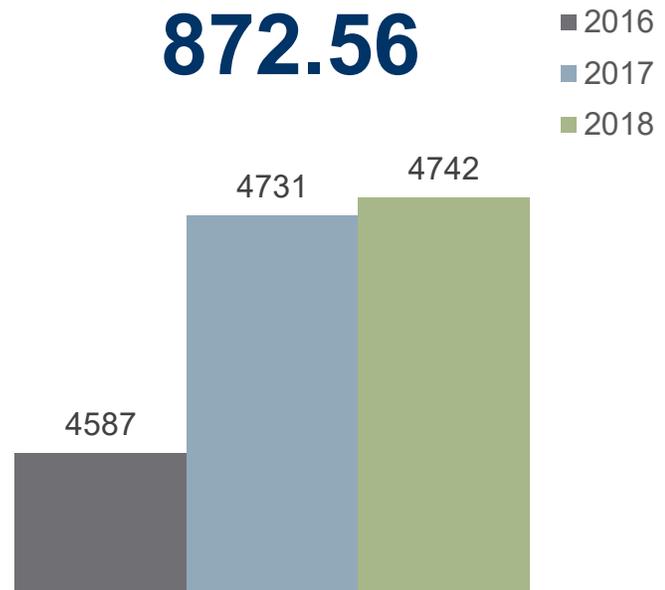
## TOTAL TRAINING HOURS COMPLETED

### MERIT DEPUTIES

4,742

### BCJ STAFF

872.56



# BUDGET AND GRANTS

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

\$3,765,740.19

## JAIL BUDGET

\$3,694,762.00

## TOTAL

\$7,460,502.19

## 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 budgetary request.

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

Our 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 for your Sheriff's Office.

## GRANTS

BCSO continues to seek grant opportunities to aid in funding so that improved services can be provided. Our employees work diligently to be resourceful, utilizing cost and savings measures whenever possible.

## OPERATION PULL OVER

The Operation Pull Over (OPO) grant promotes a coordinated effort to improve vehicular occupant protection strategies and reduce fatalities and injuries related to seat belt usage and impaired driving.

The OPO Enforcement Program is the primary seat belt enforcement program in Indiana. This program is intended to increase seat belt usage and overall occupant protection for Hoosier motorists.

## OPO GRANT 2018

**\$24,000**

# GRANTS CONTINUED

## CUSTER & NUGENT FOUNDATIONS

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office received a donation from the Custer and Nugent Foundations in the amount of \$29,000 to be used to initiate a Project Lifesaver ([projectlifesaver.org](http://projectlifesaver.org)) program in Bartholomew County.

This project provides transmitter bracelets to children with Autism or other such disorders, adults with Alzheimer's or other such disorders, who may wander away from their caregivers. This will allow deputies and the Columbus Fire Department, who will be trained by Project Lifesaver to respond with tracking receivers, to help pinpoint the "lost" person with the transmitter bracelet.

This money will allow the purchase of 50 bracelets and 6 transmitter receivers. This project will be managed by Sheriff's Office TRIAD volunteers.



## HOMELAND SECURITY

BCSO received a grant from Homeland Security in the amount of \$67,000 to purchase UTV's and trailers. Bartholomew County Sheriff's deputies utilized recently purchased new UTV's to check on stranded motorists and vehicles.



## REMC CPR

BCSO received a donation from the REMC Board of Trustees in the amount of \$2,030 for the purchase of new CPR manikins.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Sergeant Jim Stevens secured a \$5,100 grant from the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council.

# 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 our crime reduction efforts is maintaining and building partnerships throughout the community. Here is a brief overview of some of our partnerships, a few of which will be expanded on later in this report.

## JNET

This team is made up of deputies from the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Columbus Police Department and a Bartholomew County Deputy Prosecutor. Their purpose is to unite local efforts to aggressively pursue drug dealers in our community and this unit has combined local investigative and prosecution efforts as it relates to drug crimes.

This relationship has led to additional partnerships with other state and federal agencies to collectively attack the supply of drugs in/around our community.

### These additional partners include:

- The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA);
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF);
- The U.S. Marshall Service
- The Department of Homeland Security
- The U.S. Postal Service Inspectors

## HEROIN OVERDOSE RESPONSE INITIATIVE

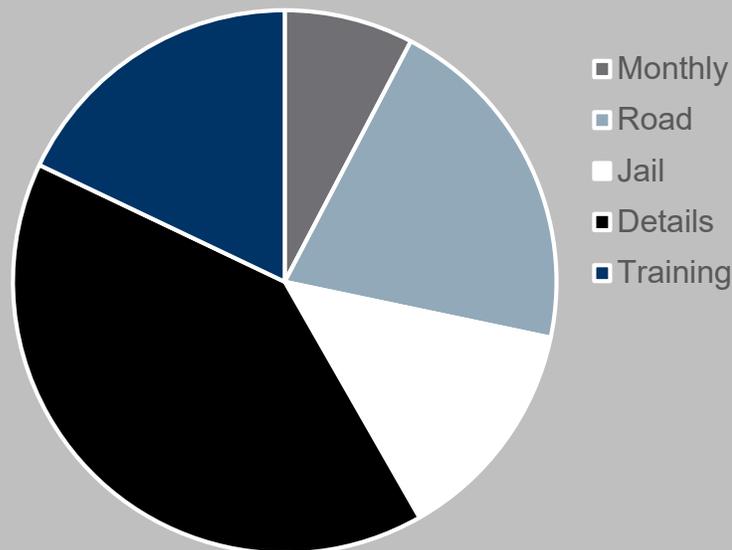
This is a partnership between the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Police Department to maximize interagency cooperation by establishing consistent investigation protocols and facilitating intelligence gathering and sharing between the agencies for heroin overdoses

# RESERVE DIVISION

BCSO's Reserve Unit deputies are dedicated volunteers who assist and augment merit deputies with everything from road patrol to special events. All Reserves are certified law enforcement officers most of whom have full-time jobs outside BCSO. Reserves work numerous hours each year and save taxpayers thousands of dollars.

## TOTAL HOURS

2,060



# S.W.A.T

## SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

The SWAT 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. The SWAT team is comprised of Columbus Police Department Officers and Bartholomew County Sheriff Deputies who train together regularly.

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

These elite professionals use their advanced training in weapons, teamwork and strategy to resolve crisis situations.

Because SWAT is expensive and labor intensive, in 2016, BCSO partnered with the Columbus Police Department for a combined SWAT unit.

## 2018 SWAT CALL OUTS

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# BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY WATER RESCUE

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 are probably higher as calls come in as a different nature when, in fact, they are actually water rescue calls.



## 2018 WATER RESCUES

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SOCIAL MEDIA

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Since 2015, Sheriff Myers has brought BCSO to Bartholomew County neighborhoods with his series of community meetings. Sheriff has held numerous meetings to discuss issues important to residents and to see how the Sheriff's Office is serving all areas of Bartholomew County.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

BCSO's Public Information Office is responsible for providing news media and the community with information important to the public.

Other responsibilities include: planning/organizing community meetings and providing material that helps to educate the public on various safety matters.

If you would like to receive Sheriff's Office news releases directly to your email, send your request to:

[sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov](mailto:sheriff@bartholomew.in.gov).

## SOCIAL MEDIA

MORE THAN 13,700 FOLLOWERS



The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office offers unique opportunities to learn firsthand how the Sheriff's Office functions and to experience some of the training offered to deputies.

Citizen's Training is designed to promote positive community relations and to provide communication between citizens and law enforcement.

# TRIAD

To better serve our older residents, BCSO partnered with TRIAD. TRIAD is a 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.

## Bartholomew County Triad 2018

- Expanded partnerships with local church's, 501(c)(3) agencies, healthcare organizations
- Secured a 501(c)(3)
- TRIAD provided the following referrals with services or resources: 3 for heating assistance, 4 home repair referrals, 6 food assistance referrals, 6 healthcare assistance or service referrals.
- The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Division added Triad as an entity allowing Triad to secure a 501(c)(3).
- BCSO's Project Lifesaver program (which will help locate lost individuals with Autism or Alzheimer) will be managed by Bartholomew County Triad.
- Assisted BCSO with community functions and events.

## 2019 Goals and Objectives

To continue educating seniors and connecting them with local resources and organizations in our community to enable them to stay safely in their homes for as long as possible.

# ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRESS (ASAP-BC)

In response to Bartholomew County's growing opioid crisis, ASAP-BC addresses all aspects necessary to a complete system of support. BCSO is an active participant in their 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.



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

The greatest gift we can give our children is a happy and safe life. Building trust and engaging young people has been our goal since 2015.

We want them to run to us if they are scared – NOT be scared of us.

## JUNIOR DEPUTY

Our Junior Deputy Program promotes strong, solid, patriotic, law-abiding citizens who possess good moral character, integrity, trustworthiness and the desire to perform good deeds for others.



## PAAL

PAAL is a youth program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create strong positive attitudes between youth and law enforcement. This mutual respect is beneficial to youth, law enforcement and our county.



## DARE

D.A.R.E. deputies perform a variety of duties. In addition to law enforcement, they instruct Bartholomew County students in Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs. For 25 years, BCSO has been actively involved with D.A.R.E.



Deputy Pendleton Deputy Martoccia Deputy Whipker

## BCSO Youth Academy

Each summer since 2015, your Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office sponsors the Sheriff's Youth Academy for young 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 to teach them valuable life and safety lessons.

Participating agencies include: Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Police Department, Indiana State Police, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Excise, Bartholomew County Emergency Management, and Homeland Security.



### 2018 Sponsors:

- American Legion #24
- Moose Lodge #398
- Aton's Self Storage
- Qmix
- CERAland Park
- Sullivan Sign Co.
- Friends of Matt Myers
- Timberline Restoration
- FOP #89
- Tony London Co.
- Jimmy John's
- White Castle
- Little Caesars Pizza

# PACK-A-PATROL CAR FOOD DRIVE

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 at the Sheriff's Youth Academy where young participants give back to their community by bringing non-perishable food items to camp. The food drive continues through mid-November.

BCSO employees and members of our community, donated almost 4,000 pounds of food to Love Chapel's food pantry and another 1,000+ pounds plus a voucher to the Salvation Army.



# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE



## IN MEMORIAM



In memory of  
Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office  
Records Division employee,  
**Sarah Katherine Temple**,  
who passed on March 23, 2018.



# IN MEMORIAM

## Sergeant Grover Crouch

Sgt. Crouch served the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office  
**2009 – 2018**

Grover was known for his smile and willingness to help anyone he crossed paths with. He never complained – ever. If you needed something right away, Grover was your go-to person.

It was with deep sadness that Sheriff Matthew A. Myers announced the death of Correction's Sergeant Grover Crouch who passed unexpectedly on the evening of August 27, 2018.

**Thank you for your service.**



“Sergeant Crouch left a lasting impression, not only on the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office, but on other law enforcement agencies and citizens as well.”

**Sheriff Matthew A. Myers**

## CONCLUSION

Your Sheriff's Office was extremely busy during 2018.

We continued to improve our training, our equipment and our capabilities, which took our service to the – **NEXT LEVEL.**

### WE HAVE:

- Established strategic goals and priorities
- Developed performance measures
- Focused on effectiveness, timeliness and efficiency

## 2019 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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

To provide the highest level of protection.

To provide employees support, development and resources needed to perform their jobs.

To promote excellence in protection and service.



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