



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Sheriff's Message

Welcome!

The staff of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office is very proud to present our 2022 Annual Report. This report will highlight the work accomplished by the dedicated employees of your Sheriff's Office.

Every member of this office understands that we work for you, the citizens of Mercer County. We appreciate hearing the positive feedback that we get from time to time, but also welcome your constructive criticism when we fall short of your expectations. That is how we learn, grow, and become better.

Thank you for your continued support of the men and women of this office. We feel blessed to work in Mercer County for the best citizens in Ohio.

Sincerely,



Jeff Grey, Sheriff

## Meet Your Sheriff

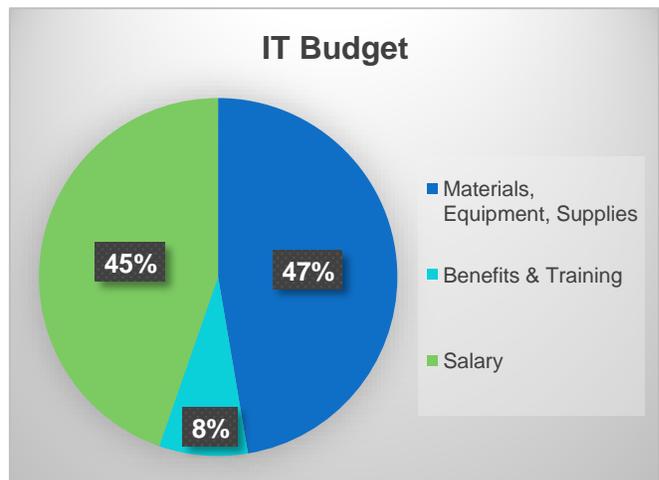
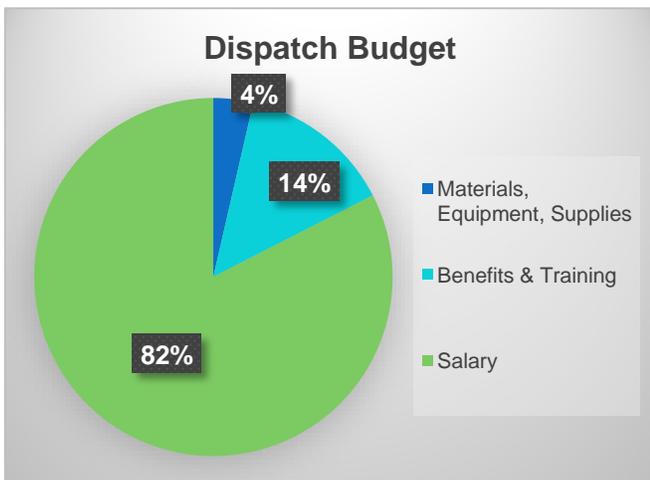
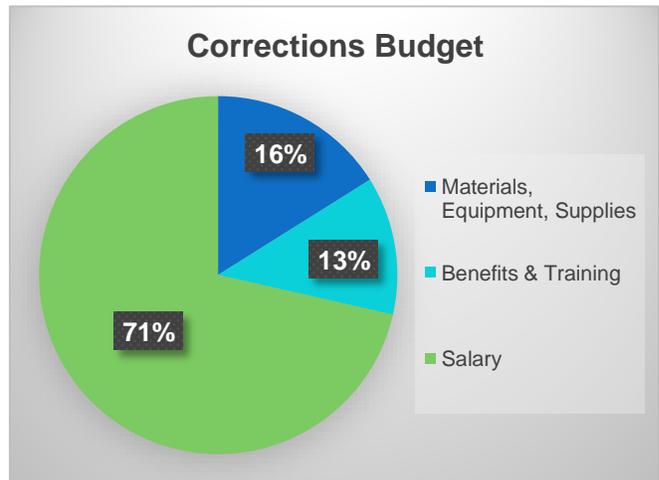
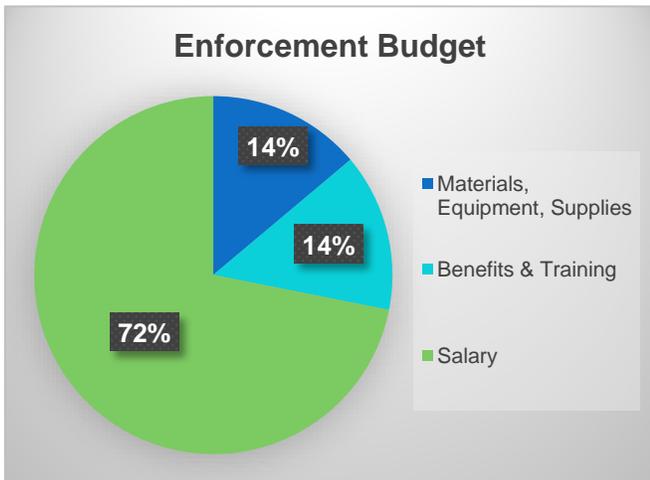
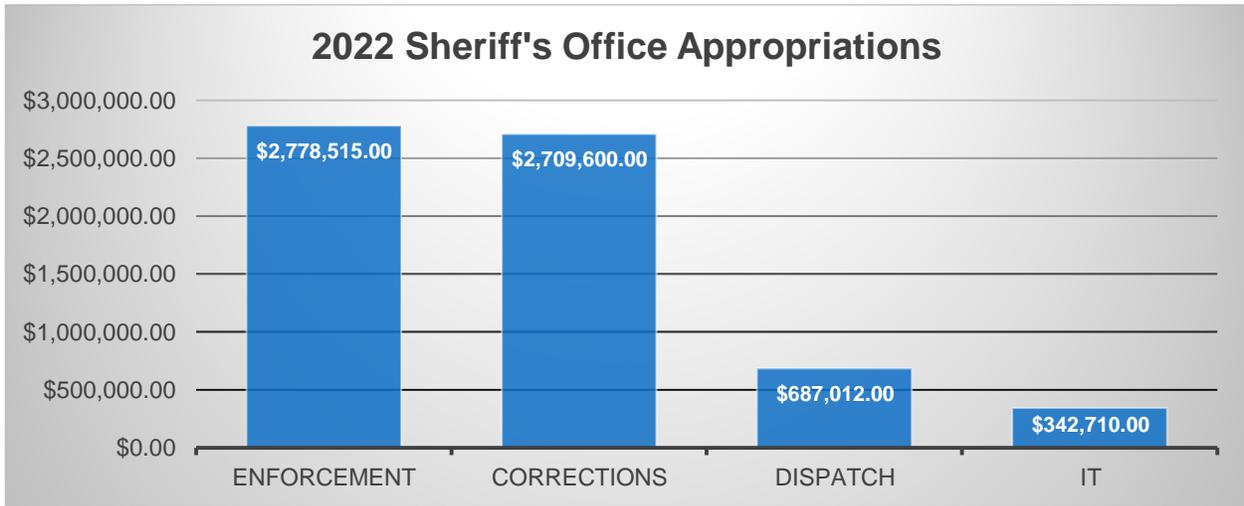
Sheriff Jeff Grey was elected Mercer County Sheriff in November 2000, taking office January 1, 2001. He has been in law enforcement in Mercer and Auglaize Counties since 1980.

Sheriff Grey is a 1977 graduate of Celina Senior High School and received an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Northwestern College, Lima, OH. He is a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, the FBI Executive Leadership School, Buffalo, NY, and the National Sheriffs' Institute, Longmont, Colorado.

Sheriff Grey is the past Chairman of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Committee and a past (2012) President of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. He is also a member of the Concealed Carry, Community Corrections, DARE/SRO, and Legislative Committees. Sheriff Grey trained newly elected sheriffs in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 on the SORN Laws and how they affect the office of Sheriff.

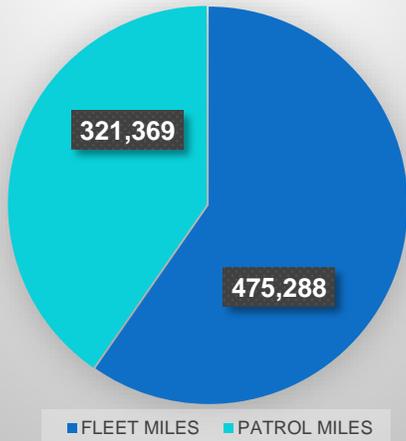
Sheriff Grey lives in Washington Township with his wife Kay. They have two adult sons, and six grandchildren.

# Budget Breakdown

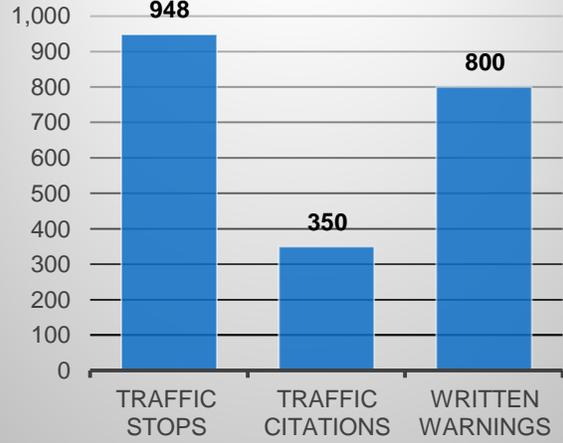




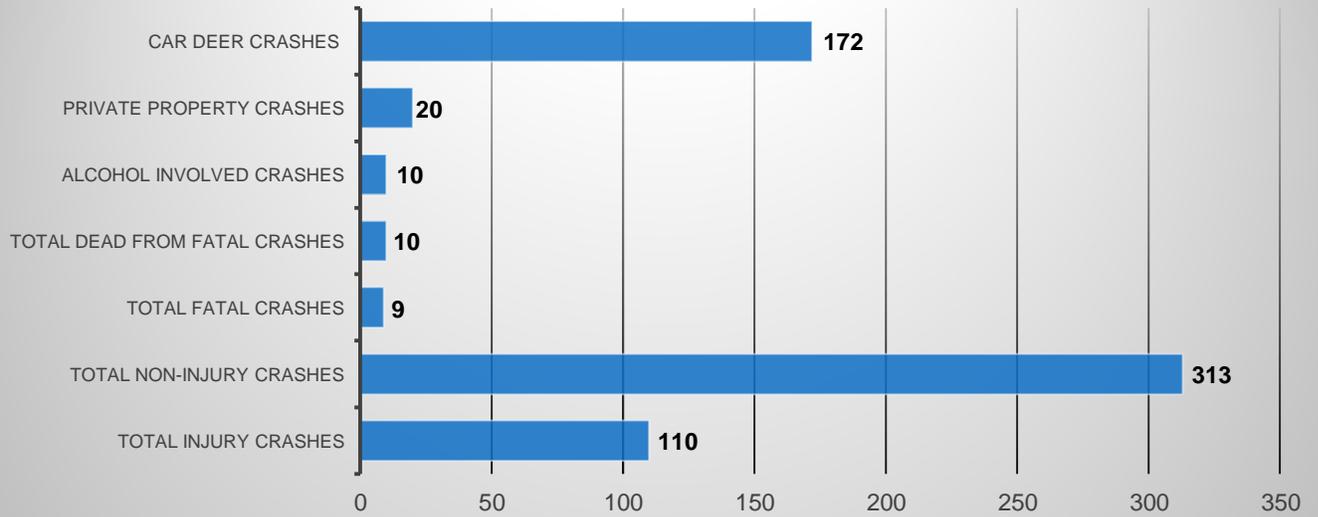
### Total Fleet & Patrol Mileage



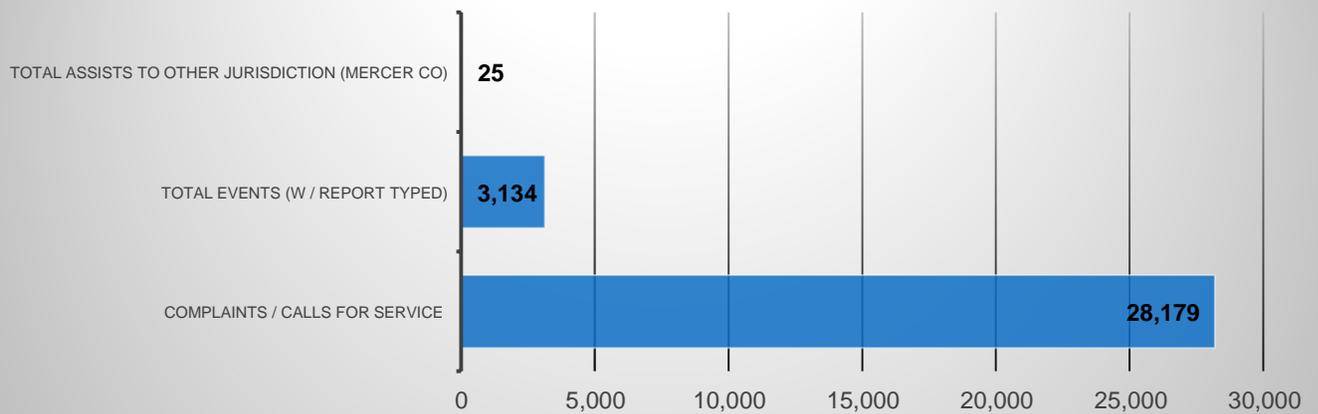
### Traffic Enforcement



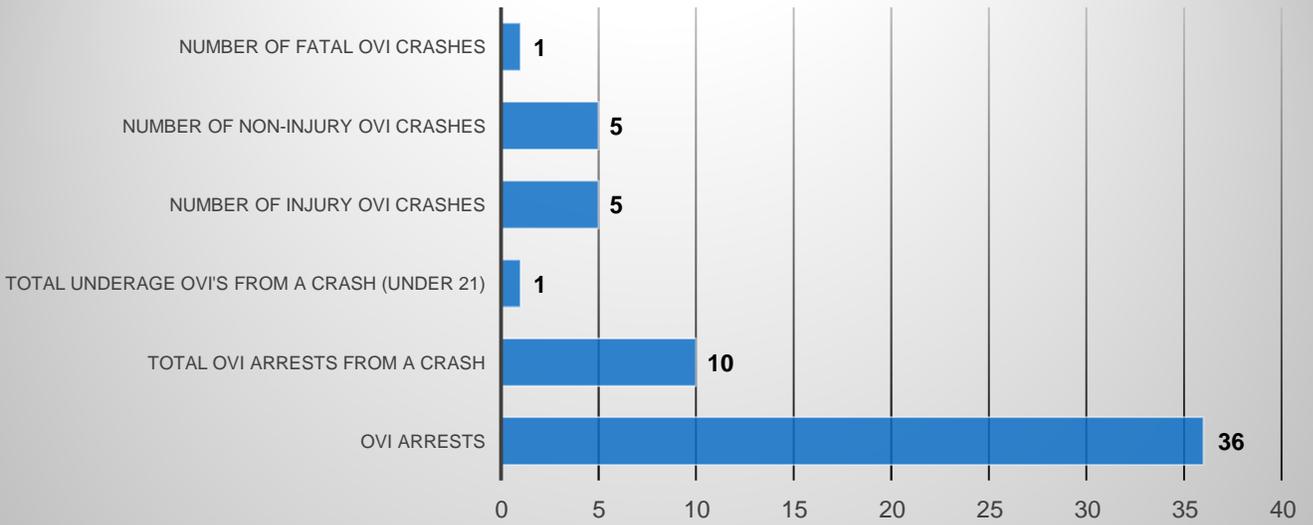
### Traffic Crash Totals



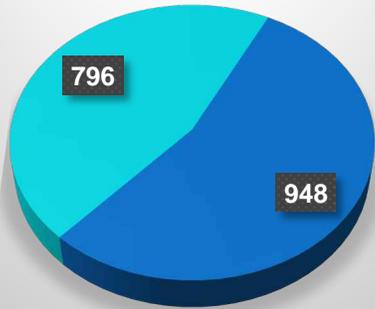
### Calls for Service



### OVI Statistics



### Paper Service

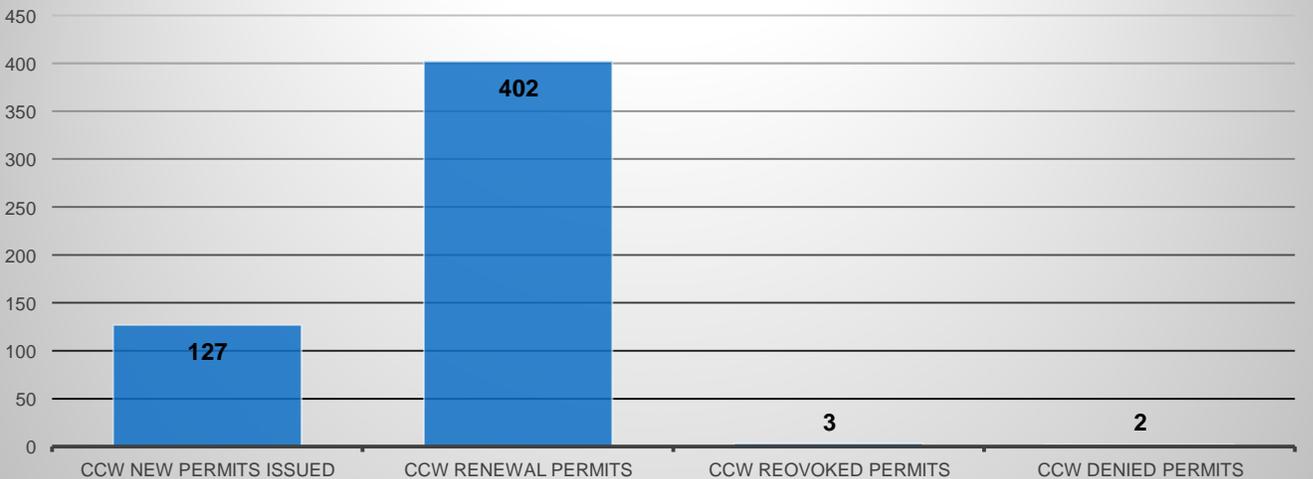


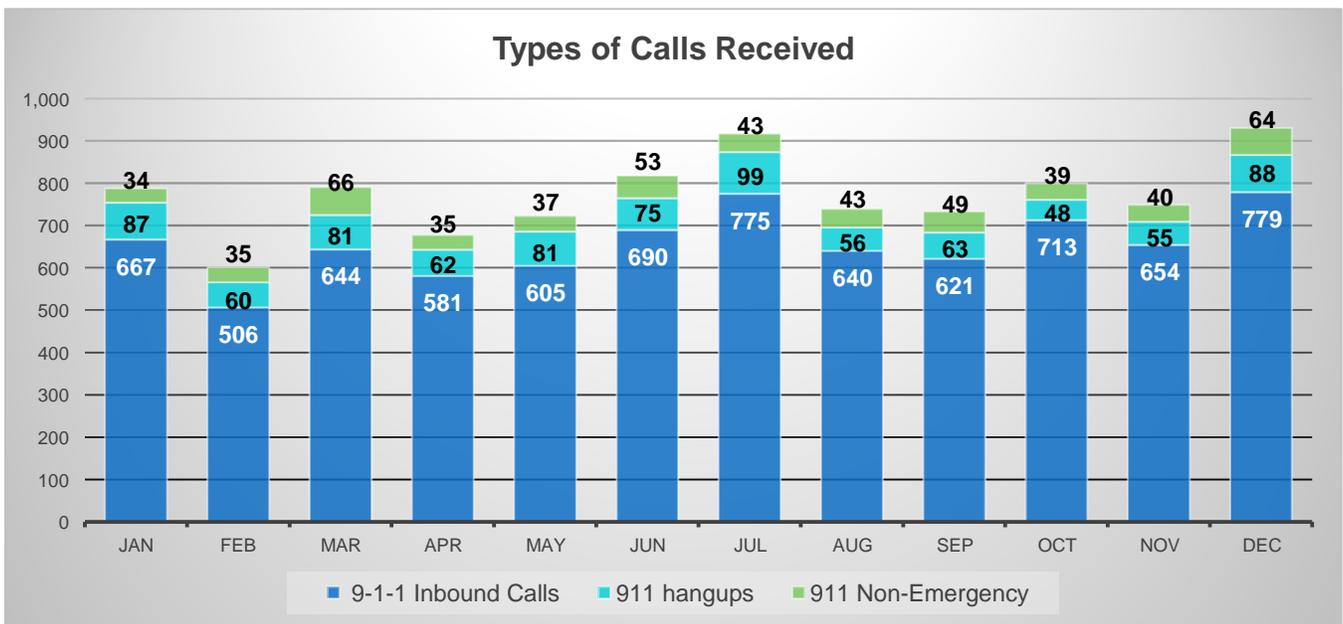
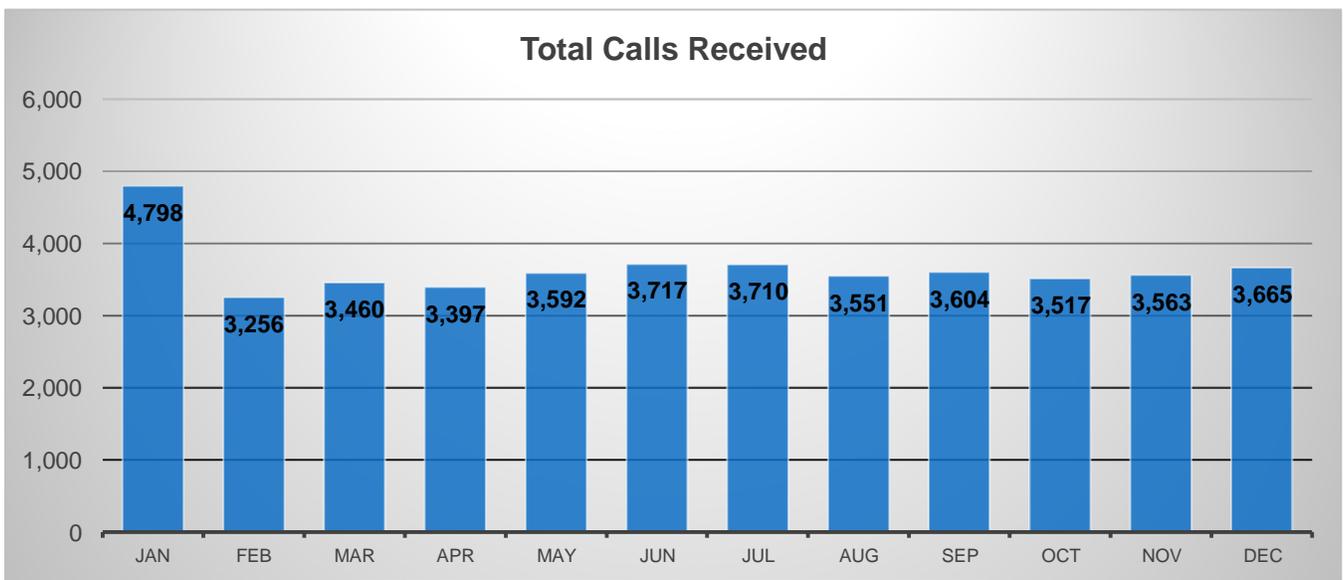
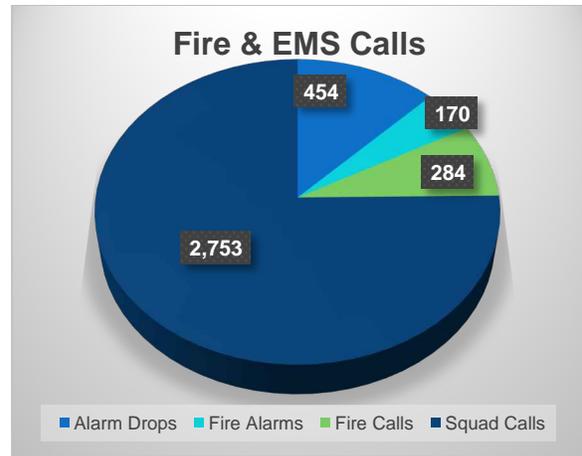
■ Papers Received ■ Papers Served

### Sheriff's Sales



### CCW Permits

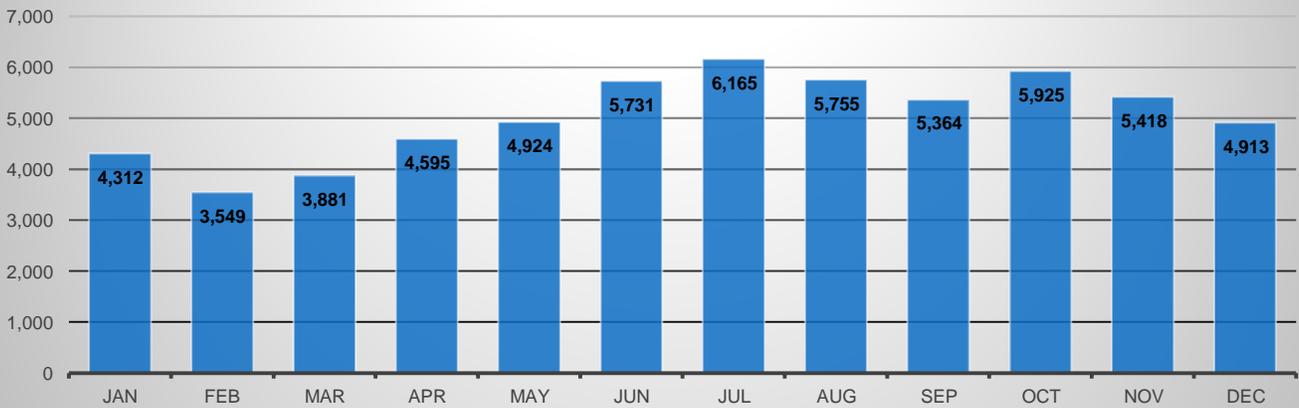




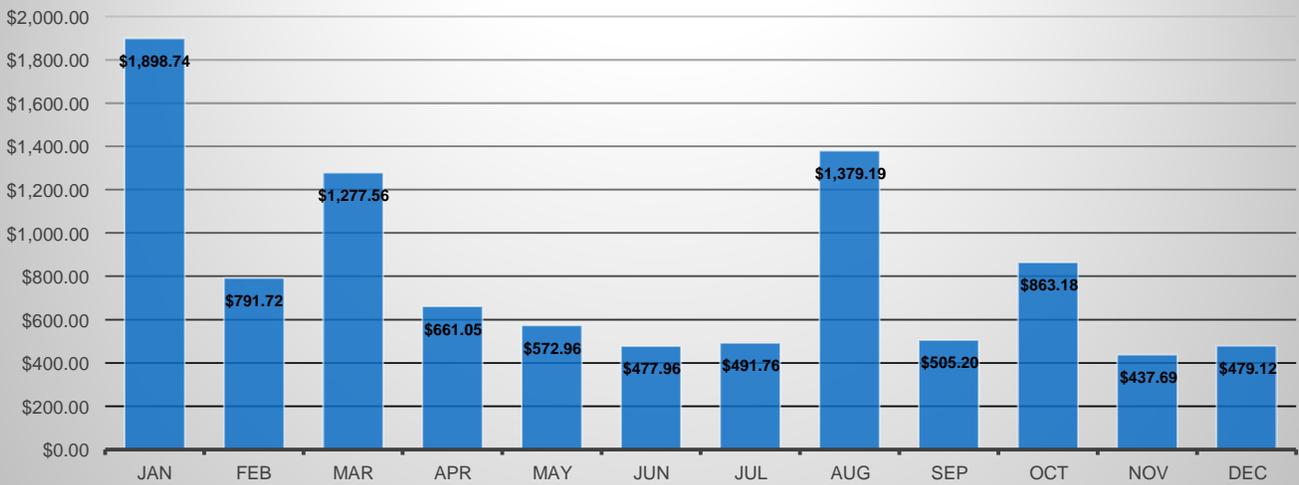
### Commissary



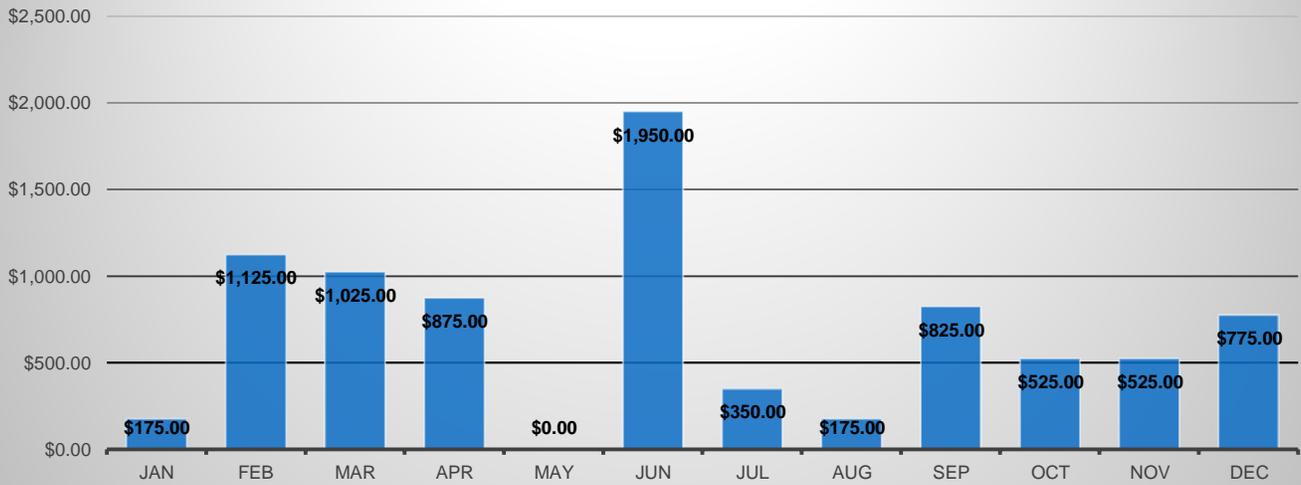
### Meals Served



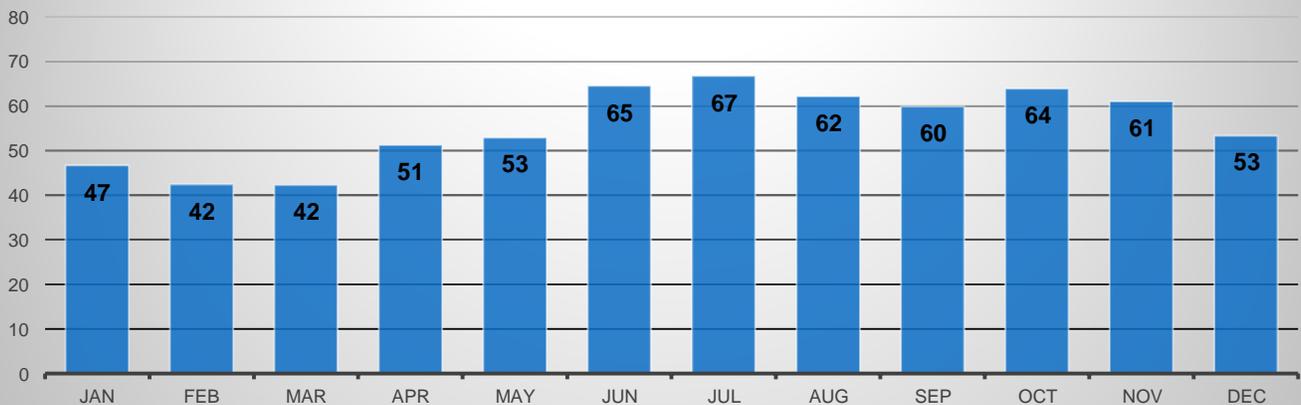
### Medical Reimbursement



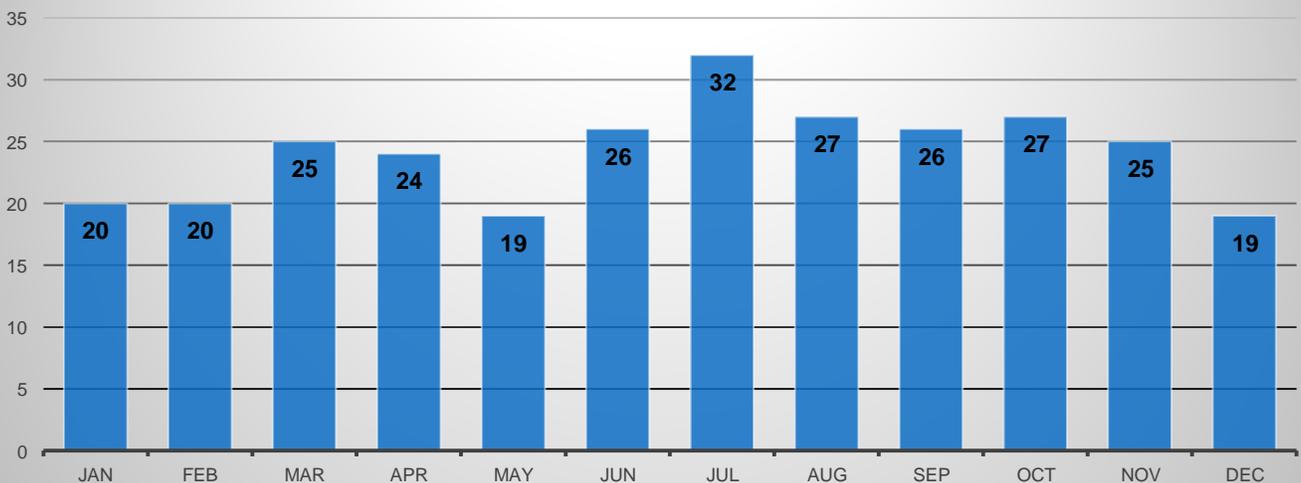
### Money Received from Work Release



### Average Daily Inmate Count



### Inmates Housed for other Agencies



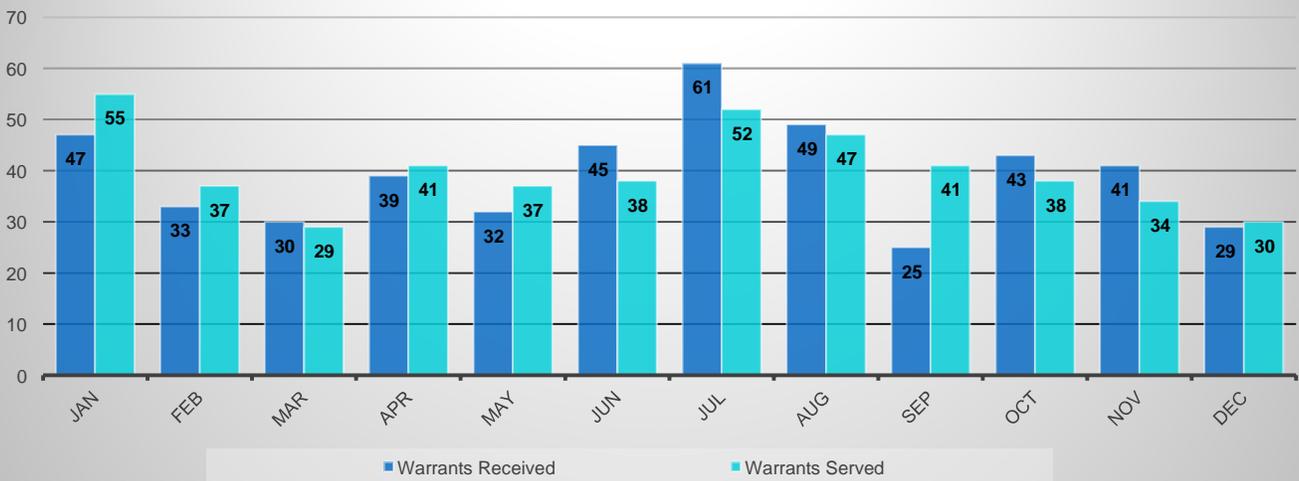
### Inmate Bookings



### Money Received for housing



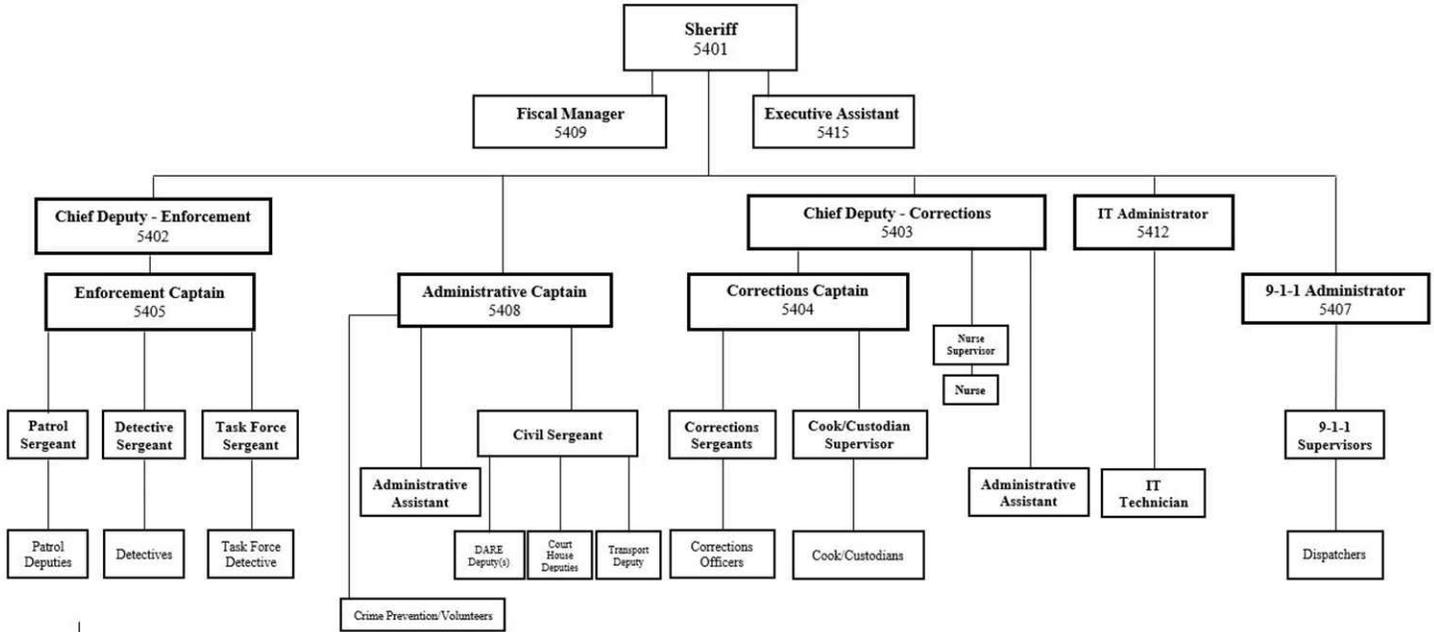
### Warrant Statistics



# Office Structure

Organizational Chart

January 14, 2022



# Awards Program

## 2022 Sheriff's Office Employee Awards

Awards are given for the following: Employee of the Year, Corrections Officer of the Year, Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Dispatcher of the Year, Citation, Certificate of Merit, Award of Valor, Life Saving Award, Commendation Award, Safe Driving Award, Seat Belt Award, Civilian Award, and Certificate of Appreciation. Employees are awarded pins that are worn on their uniforms. The awards are presented at the annual employee breakfast meeting. The Awards program is a great way to showcase employee achievements.



**Employee of the Year**  
*Deputy Hanna Oakley*



**Civilian Employee of the Year**  
*Admin. Assistant Nicole Grabow*



**Deputy Sheriff of the Year**  
*Sergeant Rachel Heintl*



**Corrections Deputy of the Year**  
*Deputy Jason Porter*



**Dispatcher of the Year**  
*Dispatcher Rachel Williams*



In 2023, these employees were given the following awards for accomplishments in 2022:

**Commendations:** *Dispatcher Elizabeth Johnson, Sergeant Nathan Post, Deputy Lisa Meeker, Deputy Jason Porter, Deputy Lori Pease, Deputy Austin Prenger, Dispatch Supervisor Brianna Vest, Dispatcher Alexis Metz, and Dispatcher Kaeleah Heyne*

**Certificate of Merit:** *Detective Sergeant Chad Fortkamp, Deputy Douglas Wuebker, Deputy Chase Kuhlman, and Deputy Jacob Huber*

**Civilian Citations:** *Supervisor Connie Kaiser, Cook/Custodians Kathy Giere, Betty Steinbrunner and Marie Stahl*

**Safe Driving Awards**

5 Years Safe Driving: *Deputy Scott Geis, Deputy Kristen Nixon, Deputy Donald Sites*

20 Years Safe Driving: *Captain Martin Emerine*

The Sheriff also hands out service stars at the annual breakfast meeting. Stars are awarded to employees who have served in Law Enforcement for at least 5 years. Stars are awarded for every 5-year increments of service.

In 2022, the following Service Stars were awarded:

**5 Year Service Star:**

*Sergeant Robert Cupp, Deputy Kristen Nixon, Sergeant Nathan Post, Supervisor Brianna Vest*

**10 Year Service Star:**

*Dispatch Supervisor Stephanie Bledsoe & Deputy Scott Geis*

**15 Year Service Star:**

*Administrative Assistants - Theresa Dellinger & Nicole Grabow*

# Administrative Staff



Jeff Grey  
Sheriff



Doug Timmerman  
Chief Deputy, Enforcement



Jodie Lange  
Chief Deputy, Corrections



Martin Emerine  
Captain, Corrections



Megan Baker  
Captain, Enforcement



Lori Knapke  
Captain, Civil Division



Kandi Baucher  
Fiscal Manager



Monte Diegel  
9-1-1 Administrator



Kory Hoffhines  
IT Administrator



Ashley Carr  
Executive Assistant



Nicole Grabow  
Administrative Assistant, Civil Division



Theresa Berry  
Administrative Assistant, Corrections



(Retired) Gery Thobe  
Chief Deputy, Enforcement



Cody Tebbe  
IT Technician

## Mission Statement

The mission for every member of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office is to consistently seek and find ways to affirmatively promote, preserve, and deliver a feeling of security, safety, and quality services to the citizens and visitors of Mercer County.

This mission is a commitment to quality performance by all employees. Each employee of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing these services in a caring, courteous, and common sense manner.

# Supervisors



Sergeant Donald Bird  
Civil Division



Supervisor Stephanie Bledsoe  
Central Dispatch



Sergeant Robert Cupp  
Corrections



Sergeant Darrell Etgen  
Enforcement



Nurse Supervisor Megan Fokine, RN  
Medical



Detective Sergeant Chad Fortkamp  
Enforcement



Sergeant Rachel Heintz  
Enforcement



Supervisor Connie Kaiser  
Custodial



Sergeant Heather Leist  
Corrections



Sergeant Nathan Post  
Corrections



Supervisor Brianna Vest  
Central Dispatch



Sergeant Jay Wehrkamp  
Enforcement



Detective Sergeant John Westgerdes  
Enforcement



Sergeant Jonathan Wolfe  
Corrections

## Sheriff's Office Motto

*"Caring, Courteous, Common Sense Law Enforcement"*

# Employees



Nurse Susan Backs, LPN  
Medical



Detective Carla Baucher  
Enforcement



Deputy Kari Begley  
Corrections



Deputy Maria Diana Contreras (Retired)  
Corrections



Dispatcher Leah Cramer  
Central Dispatch



Deputy Patrick Cupp  
Enforcement



Deputy Chad Etzler  
Corrections



Deputy Kyle Fink  
Enforcement



Deputy Patrick Forsthoefel  
Enforcement/K9 Handler



Deputy Madison Garland  
Corrections



Deputy Scott Geis  
Civil Division, D.A.R.E.



Kathy Giere  
Custodial



Deputy Spencer Heint  
Enforcement



Dispatcher Kaeleah Heyne  
Central Dispatch



Deputy Jacob Huber  
Enforcement



Dispatcher Elizabeth Johnson  
Central Dispatch



Marilyn Kahlig  
Custodial



Deputy Matt Kremer  
Corrections



Deputy Deric Kroft  
Enforcement



Deputy Chase Kuhlman  
Enforcement



Detective John Marbaugh  
Enforcement



Deputy Alexa Marlow  
Corrections



Deputy Lisa Meeker  
Corrections



Dispatcher Alexis Metz  
Central Dispatch



Deputy Noah Nieport  
Enforcement



Deputy Kristen Nixon  
Enforcement



Deputy Hannah Oakley  
Corrections



Deputy Lori Pease  
Corrections



Deputy Jason Porter  
Corrections



Deputy Austin Prenger  
Corrections



Deputy Kevin Schnipke  
Corrections



Deputy Donald Sites, Jr  
Enforcement



Deputy Joshua Sizemore  
Corrections



Marie Stahl  
Custodial



Betty Steinbrunner  
Custodial



Deputy Lisa Stewart  
Corrections



Deputy Kyle Strohl  
Civil Division, Courthouse Security



Deputy Jeremy Taylor  
Corrections



Deputy Kent Taylor  
Civil Division, Transports



Deputy Samantha Wehe  
Enforcement



Dispatcher Kelci Wiley  
Central Dispatch



Deputy Logan Williams  
Corrections



Dispatcher Rachel Williams  
Central Dispatch



Deputy Douglas Wuebker  
Enforcement

## Human Resources

Employee Activity	2021	2022
	Totals	Totals
New Hires	11	3
Resignations	9	6
Laid Off	0	0
Retirements	2	2
Disability Retirements	0	1
Removals	0	1
Deaths	0	0
Promotions, Demotions, Changes	4	3



# 2022 Christmas Party



# Dare Graduations

Coldwater – May 13, 2022



Celina – May 16, 2022



IC School – December 16, 2022



# Special Olympics Basketball Game

January 10, 2022 - Spiritual Center Gym in Montezuma



**Bobcats Team Photo**



**Wildcats Team Photo**

## Donations

*The Mercer County Sheriff's Office receives donations throughout the year from various sources to aid in financing our AED fund, Canine fund, as well as our D.A.R.E. Program. We are truly blessed to live in such a generous county.*



Celina Moose Lodge #1473 has donated money and stuffed animals to our office for many years now. We are thankful for their many donations. This year, they donated \$2500 to our AED fund!



Cooper Farms has been a supporter of our office for several years now. This year, they donated \$2000 to our AED fund. They also frequently donate turkey to feed our inmates.

# Mercer County Fair





# Employee Photos



