

# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF KNOX COUNTY



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

### SHERIFF DAVID SHAFFER

#### MISSION STATEMENT

*The Knox County Sheriff's Office is a full service law enforcement agency.*

*Our duties are to maintain a safe and secure jail, perform services of the court, and perform law enforcement services to residents of the county while upholding the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Ohio.*

*Our mission is to perform these duties fairly, impartially, professionally, and efficiently. We will strive to conduct ourselves with honor, integrity, and the highest ethical standards.*



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**SHERIFF DAVID SHAFFER**

To the citizens of Knox County,

On behalf of our officers and staff, I would like to thank you for your support this past year. This report contains statistical information, activity, and notable accomplishments relating to the Knox County Sheriff's Office for 2022.

We welcomed eight new employees to the agency in 2022. Five of them had prior law enforcement experience, and three were new to the profession. Four employees left to pursue other careers, and one transferred to another law enforcement agency.

Ohio mandated twenty-four hours of continuing professional training for all certified peace officers. All of our certified deputies completed at least thirty-two hours of training. Mandated training topics included diversity, inclusion, equity, responding to mental health calls, use of force, legal updates, officer personal wellness, responding to sexual assaults, and domestic violence. This is in addition to firearms proficiency and *Taser* training.

Plans for 2023 include a mental wellness check in program for all of our employees. We have also begun the process of a jail modification that will allow more space for female inmates.

Thank you,

***Sheriff David Shaffer***

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## COMMAND STAFF

### *SHERIFF*

**Sheriff David Shaffer** was first elected as the Sheriff of Knox County in 2012. He was re-elected in 2016, and again in 2020. He has 29 years of service with the agency, and 35 years of full-time law enforcement experience. He is an active member of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and serves on the board of directors as a district representative. He serves on the legislative, community corrections, and court security committees. He has received the designation of Certified Law Enforcement Manager from the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association's Accreditation Program for the past ten years. He also is an associate member of the Knox County Township Trustee's Association. Sheriff Shaffer serves on the executive board of the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team and is involved with the Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee, Suicide Prevention Coalition, and several other local groups.



## ***CAPTAIN***

**Captain Jay Sheffer** is second in command of the agency and part of the administrative staff. He has over 27 years of full time law enforcement experience. His duties include coordinating training, preparing and overseeing grant proposals, equipment acquisitions, information releases, public relations, and assisting in personnel and labor contract issues. He is a certified firearms and TASER instructor. He is also an Ohio peace officer academy instructor. Capt. Sheffer is an active participant with the Knox County Domestic Violence Collaborative, Safe Communities Coalition, and Project Lifesaver. He serves as a member of the Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Capt. Sheffer is an ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) instructor. He has helped provide safety and security training to numerous county schools, government offices, churches and organizations.



# REPORTS SUMMARY

## REPORT TYPE

REPORT TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ASSAULT	42	35	34	33	42
BURGLARY	120	73	67	64	68
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	37	36	43	52	49
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	132	152	131	69	97
DRUGS	128	135	106	92	66
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSONS	50	42	45	41	57
FRAUD	70	116	105	180	122
HOMICIDE	0	1	0	0	4
MISSING PERSONS	24	22	13	20	25
RAPE / SEX OFFENSE	41	44	34	49	44
STOLEN VEHICLE	19	17	23	20	17
SUICIDES, ATTEMPTS & THREATS	121	129	97	94	66
THEFT	199	202	170	256	185
VANDALISM	94	115	97	93	90
VEHICLE CRASH NO INJURY	142	186	133	206	209
VEHICLE CRASH WITH INJURY	25	33	34	38	46
TOTAL VEHICLE CRASHES	167	219	140	244	255
WARRANT / ARREST	156	160	94	78	51
TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTS	3285	3609	2590	2721	2538

***CALLS FOR SERVICE - TOTAL***

<b>2021</b>	10,854
<b>2022</b>	10,549

***CALLS FOR SERVICE AND REPORTS BY TOWNSHIP***

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE 2021</b>	<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE 2022</b>	<b>REPORTS WRITTEN 2021</b>	<b>REPORTS WRITTEN 2022</b>
Berlin	244	265	72	77
Brown	197	218	53	64
Butler	204	242	53	60
Clay	201	195	53	56
Clinton	1439	1291	404	425
College	153	96	40	24
Harrison	171	162	48	43
Hilliar	354	368	98	96
Howard	1258	1193	318	301
Jackson	146	136	43	40
Jefferson	122	109	37	20
Liberty	445	408	120	101
Middlebury	190 (corrected)	196	29	37
Milford	191	180	47	53
Miller	188	185	57	49
Monroe	619	612	167	157
Morgan	190	213	50	66
Morris	480	481	123	122
Pike	230	215	62	60
Pleasant	322	289	101	65
Union	297	239	85	56
Wayne	191	178	40	34

***CALLS FOR SERVICE AND REPORTS BY VILLAGE***

<b>VILLAGE</b>	<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE 2021</b>	<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE 2022</b>	<b>REPORTS WRITTEN 2021</b>	<b>REPORTS WRITTEN 2022</b>
Bladensburg	18	26	4	8
Brinkhaven	8	12	5	0
Centerburg	596	588	173	178
Danville	171	150	24	15
Fredericktown	374 (corrected)	346	29	22
Gambier	294	287	130	116
Martinsburg	57	94	14	20

***REPORTS – CITY OF MOUNT VERNON***

<b>CITY</b>	<b>REPORTS WRITTEN 2021</b>	<b>REPORTS WRITTEN 2022</b>
Mount Vernon	263*	251*

**\* Includes reports taken at the Knox County Sheriff's Office and jail facility**



## PATROL / ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Patrol / Enforcement Division is responsible for providing law enforcement services to the residents of Knox County. Their duties include, but are not limited to, responding to criminal complaints, traffic enforcement, serving court issued summons, subpoenas, and warrants.

The Villages of Centerburg and Gambier have contractual agreements with the Knox County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. Two officers are assigned to Centerburg and currently one officer is assigned to Gambier.

### ***PATROL / ENFORCEMENT DIVISION STAFF***

Lieutenant: **Tim Light**

Sergeants:

<b>David Devolld</b>	<b>Jeremy Carpenter</b>	<b>Dan Selby (Resigned in 2022)</b>
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Deputies:

<b>Kenny Aurand</b>	<b>David Nally</b>
<b>Ryan Burgess</b>	<b>J. P. Paul</b>
<b>Kreig Cline</b>	<b>Tre Phelps</b>
<b>Mike Collins</b>	<b>Connor Prince</b>
<b>Breyer Ehrnfield</b>	<b>Jesse Ramsier (Promoted to Sergeant)</b>
<b>Masen Gilbert</b>	<b>Shari Rice</b>
<b>Luke Guthrie</b>	<b>Jared Scoles</b>
<b>Josh Jones</b>	<b>Brian Sindel</b>
<b>Curt Kelly</b>	<b>Matthew White (transfer to Detective)</b>
<b>Annette Mercer</b>	<b>Kevin Williams (Resigned in 2022)</b>
<b>Zac Miller</b>	<b>Richard Wise</b>
<b>Josh Montgomery</b>	

### ***SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS***

The Knox County Sheriff's Office has three school resource officers working in Knox County Schools. Deputy Annette Mercer works in the Centerburg School District. Deputy Mike Collins and Josh Jones are assigned to the East Knox School District. These deputies work in the schools full time, instructing, mentoring, and interacting with students. They work to build positive relationships with both students and school staff and provide an important added layer of security. They assist with patrol operations when school is not in session.

## ***K9 TEAMS***

### **Deputy Luke Guthrie and Feyd.**

**Feyd** is a three- year old German Shepherd that is trained for tracking and article search. He is certified in drug detection.

### **Deputy Shari Rice and Eri**

**Eri** is a four-year old Labrador Retriever. She is certified in drug detection.

## ***MARINE PATROL***

The Knox County Sheriff's Office receives funding assistance from the Ohio Division of Watercraft to operate and maintain a part-time Marine Patrol Unit. The unit conducts patrol, enforcement and educational activities on the 1400 acres of waterways in Knox County. Apple Valley also pays for additional patrol hours that are focused on Apple Valley Lake.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Total Personnel Hours</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>538.5</b>
<b>Total Boat Patrol Hours</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>Reported Boat Accidents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Full Inspections</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Decals Issued</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Boater Contacts</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1541</b>
<b>Boaters Assisted</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Vessels Assisted</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vessels Terminated</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Written / Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>

## DETECTIVE DIVISION

### *DETECTIVE DIVISION STAFF*

Lieutenant: **Craig Feeney**

Sergeants:

<b>James Ferenbaugh</b>	<b>Brandon Minot</b>
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Deputies:

<b>Aaron Phillips</b> (Resigned in 2022)	<b>Matthew White</b>	<b>Terry Wolfe</b>
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### *CENTRAL OHIO DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE*

The Knox County Sheriff's Office is an active member of the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force (CODETF). The task force is comprised of agencies from Coshocton, Guernsey, Knox, Licking, Muskingum and Perry Counties. These agencies include sheriffs' offices, prosecutors' offices and police departments. The mission of the task force is to provide professional investigative and technical resources, with an emphasis on narcotics, vice and organized crime investigations to the enforcement agencies and citizens throughout our region.



Task force drug case investigations conducted by Knox County detectives.

YEAR	NUMBER OF CASES
2020	88
2021	66
2022	42

## JAIL DIVISION

The Knox County Sheriff's Office operates a full service jail that houses several classes of inmates: Those who are awaiting trial on either misdemeanor or felony charges, those who have been sentenced on either misdemeanor or certain felony charges, and those who have been sentenced on felony charges and are awaiting transport to prison. The Knox County Sheriff's Office also has a contract with the U.S. Marshal's Service for housing federally charged inmates.

Facilities at the Knox County Jail are inspected regularly by the Knox County Health Department and the Mount Vernon Fire Department. In addition, the jail is inspected and certified annually by the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. In 2022 the jail was in compliance with 175 standards, (*53 Essential, and 122 Important*). The jail is in compliance with 100% of the *Essential Standards* and at least 90% of the *Important Standards*.

### ***JAIL DIVISION STAFF***

Lieutenant: **William Shaffer**

Sergeants:

<b>Nate Miray</b>	<b>Bryan Price</b>	<b>Jeremy Talbot</b>
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Deputies:

<b>Bruce Butler</b>	<b>Tony McFarland</b>
<b>Nick Byers</b>	<b>David Merillat</b> Court Security/ Transport
<b>Brianna Copley</b>	<b>Fred Michael</b>
<b>Dustin Davis</b>	<b>Brandy Moore</b>
<b>Logan Dodd</b>	<b>Cole Nethers</b>
<b>Brandon Feeney</b>	<b>Griffin Rothgeb</b>
<b>Mark Fincato</b> Court Security/ Transport	<b>Jason Stachler</b> Court Security/ Transport
<b>Devin Fritz</b>	<b>Jeremy Talbott</b>
<b>Lindy Good</b>	<b>Allison Whaley</b>
<b>Bret Higgins</b> Court Security/ Transport	<b>Matt Wilson</b>
<b>Eddy Johnson</b>	<b>Donald Wyckoff</b> (Resigned in 2022)
<b>Tammy Lutz</b>	

## JAIL STATISTICS

### TOTAL PRISONERS HOUSED

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1615	1820	2070	1979	1349	1142	1114

### TOTAL MALE PRISONERS HOUSED

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1158	1290	1475	1468	835	848	854

### TOTAL FEMALE PRISONERS HOUSED

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
453	530	595	505	185	210	260

### AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
81	85	82	88	73	68	69

### PERSONS BOOKED INTO THE JAIL BY MONTH 2021

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
67	51	84	113	105	110	90	113	108	102	91	108

### PERSONS BOOKED INTO THE JAIL BY MONTH 2022

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
83	102	90	82	100	103	103	97	98	82	88	88

### PERSONS BOOKED INTO THE JAIL AGE GROUP

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE
18-24	116	30
25-34	227	88
35-44	281	94
45-54	120	20
55-64	32	13
65 & Older	24	2

## ***FOOD SERVICE STAFF***

Cooks: **Jennifer Legros, Tracy Montgomery, Lisa Perrine**

### **COST PER MEAL**

AVERAGE FOOD COST PER MEAL \$ **1.76**

PERSONNEL COST PER MEAL \$ **1.86**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST PER MEAL \$ **3.62**

**TOTAL MEALS PREPARED 78,174**

## ***MEDICAL STAFF***

Physician: **Dr. William Elder**

Nurses: **Kristin McKeever / Ginger Harris**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2929.37 & 2929.38, the Knox County Jail has established a reimbursement program for convicted inmates. Any prisoner who has been convicted of an offense is required to pay all or part of the costs of confinement.

## ***MEDICAL COSTS***

Self-initiated non-emergency requests that require a co-payment

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Medical staff assessment | \$5.00         |
| 2. Physician sick call      | \$10.00        |
| 3. Dental Clinic            | \$10.00        |
| 4. Pharmacy handling fee    | \$5.00         |
| 5. OTC Medicines            | \$.10/per pill |

Co-pays are deducted from the inmate's commissary account

All sentenced inmates booked into and released from the Knox County Jail are assessed an inmate processing fee (IPF) of \$20.00 to assist in defraying the cost of intake processing and release. The fee is deducted from the inmate's commissary account.

## ***JAIL SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS***

### **Video Visitation**

The Knox County Jail utilizes a video visitation feature that allows inmates to visit more often with family and friends. Visitors can participate from a video screen located in the lobby, or use a computer or cell phone from any location.

### **Mail Scanning**

A mail scanning system has been implemented to reduce contraband. Mail that is sent to inmates goes to a location that scans and uploads all mail to an inmate account that is viewable in each dorm.

## ***SPECIAL INMATE SERVICES***

### **Freedom Center**

Substance abuse counselling services are provided for inmates. A full-time staff member from the Freedom Center provides assessments, individual and group counseling, as well as support services.

### **Behavioral Health Partnership**

Mental health assessments and counseling services are provided to the inmates. Behavioral Health Partnership staff averages approximately 40 hours per week at the jail. They also assist with arrangements for housing, medical, and counseling assistance after release.

### **Health & Human Services Administration (HRSA): *Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Grant***

The Knox County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Freedom Center, Mental Health & Recovery for Licking & Knox County, along with other community agencies and organizations have been awarded a three year grant to expand substance abuse education and treatment. Knox County Jail inmates who qualify, are eligible to participate in the program.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT***

**Jan Wasiluk:** Her duties include budget preparations, preparing and analyzing agency billings and accounts. Maintaining records of agency financial transactions. Maintaining personnel documents, processing payroll, scheduling, and all other duties required of an administrative assistant.

### ***INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY***

**Jarrold Laslo:** Jarrod is an I.T. Technician for Knox County and assists part time at the Knox County Sheriff's Office. His duties include maintaining and servicing the office and mobile computers, network systems, software, and storage devices

### ***FRONT DESK ASSISTANT***

**Jill Wells:** Her duties include answering phone calls, assisting with walk in visitors, processing concealed carry weapon permits and background checks. Jill also assists with processing public records requests.

### ***EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT***

**Michael Glaser:** His responsibilities include recording, sorting, storing, and returning evidence in accordance with procedures established by the Ohio Revised Code and the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

### ***BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESSOR***

**Grant Lyons:** His duties include fingerprinting civilians for concealed carry permits and employment background checks. He assists in scheduling inmate transports and sex offender registrations. He also assists with front desk duties.



## CIVIL PROCESS DIVISION

### ***COURT SECURITY AND INMATE TRANSPORTS***

This year we assigned four deputies from the Jail Division to be responsible for security at the Knox County Common Pleas Court and adjacent county office buildings. They also perform inmate transports to and from hospitals, treatment facilities, other county jails and prison facilities.

### ***CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS***

**Deputy Chad Kennedy and Deputy Kyle Johnson** In 2015, the Knox County Sheriff's Office entered into a contract with the Knox County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) to provide additional services for their agency. As part of the agreement, the county receives a reimbursement from the State of Ohio on a portion of the officer's wages, equipment, and expenses. The two deputies are responsible for the serving of summons, subpoenas, and notices of hearings. They also work to locate individuals with outstanding warrants and manage the *SEEK WORK PROGRAM*. Officers meet with participants in the program on a regular basis to verify that they are actively seeking employment. Participants are also required to provide documentation verifying their activity.

### ***RECORDS CLERK***

**Karen Hall:** Her duties include processing subpoenas, warrants and all other documents issued by local, out of county, and out of state courts. Filing and maintaining all reports and case files. Processing public records requests and background requests.

### Civil Process

Type of Order	2021	2022
Writs / Orders of Possession	2	7
Writs of Execution	0	0
Civil, Temporary, and Stalking Protection Orders	273	304
Indictments	159	138
Inmate transport orders to and from prison and rehabilitation facilities	123	136
Juvenile Orders to Convey	9	7
Summons (All types)	235	178
Subpoenas	320	281
Warrants	609	693
Other types of papers	78	91
Total Papers Processed	1808	1835
Sealing of Records/ Expungements	74	79

\* Additional summons and warrants are covered under the CSEA calculations

## ***SHERIFF SALES & CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS PERMITS***

**Marie Blubaugh:** Her duties include processing all foreclosure paperwork including orders of sale, appraisals, deed preparations and filings. She also assists with processing background checks, court documents, electronic fingerprinting, billing, concealed carry weapons permits and staffing the lobby office for public walk-ins.

**Online Foreclosure Sales:** As part of the Ohio Legislatures statewide requirement, in October a transition was made from in person sales, to an online auction format. Persons interested in participating may register at the following link.

<https://knox.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov/>

### **Sheriff Sales**

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
86	65	64	37	48

	2021	2022
Orders of Sale	37	48
Withdraws / Dismissals prior to sale	10	22
No bid / No Sale	0	0
Total Properties Sold	27	26
Total Sales	\$2,654,354.20	\$2,596,913.26

### **Child Support Enforcement Program**

	2021	2022
Papers Served	421	474
Persons on <i>SEEK WORK PROGRAM</i>	263	311
Funds collected for child support	\$661,737.95	\$706,584.79
Warrants served	21	53

### **Carrying Concealed Weapons Permits**

	2021	2022
<b>License Issued New</b>	372	128
<b>License Renewed</b>	1010	490
<b>License Suspended</b>	9	8
<b>License Denied</b>	10	4

## ***SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATIONS***

The Knox County Sheriff's Office is responsible for registering all convicted sex offenders who live in Knox County. These registrations are performed by the jail division officers. Patrol officers and detectives do random checks to verify the offenders are actually living at the registered locations. Deputies also investigate any cases of offenders who fail to register.

Citizens are able to search the offender database through the Knox County Sheriff's Office website. They can also sign up to receive email alerts if a registered offender moves to their area.

## **SPECIAL DEPUTIES UNIT**

Captain: **William Watson**

Special Deputy William Bumpus (Retired)	Special Deputy Dennis Phillips (Retired)
Special Deputy J.T. DeChant	Special Deputy Mark Prince
Special Deputy Tom Durbin	Special Deputy Trent Randall
Special Deputy Tim Knell	Special Deputy Gary Rohler
Special Deputy David Light	Special Deputy Dan Walton (Retired)
Special Deputy Mark Maxwell	Special Deputy Kyle Chism (Resigned)
Special Deputy Wayne Noggle	

The special deputies unit is comprised of Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certified officers who are able to supplement full-time officers. They provide volunteer time in areas such as:

- Security at the Knox County Treasurer's Office
- Supplemental jail and patrol functions
- Traffic control
- Security at fairs, festivals, school functions, and special events

## 2022 DEPUTIES OF THE YEAR

### *Sergeant Jesse Ramsier*



**Sergeant Jessie Ramsier** began his career with the Knox County Sheriff's Office in the jail division in 2017. While assigned to the jail division, he completed the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. In 2019 he transferred to the patrol division, and in 2022 he was promoted to sergeant. He currently serves as a shift supervisor in the patrol division.

## 2022 DEPUTIES OF THE YEAR

### *Deputy Bruce Butler*



**Deputy Bruce Butler** began his career with the Knox County Sheriff's Office in 2005 in the jail division. Bruce assists in mentoring inmates and staff members. He participates in ministry programs locally, and nationally.

## **CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY**

### ***COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS***

Representatives from the Knox County Sheriff's Office participate in various groups and organizations. Some of these organizations include the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team, Safe Communities Coalition, Domestic Violence Collaborative, Suicide Prevention Coalition, Child Protection Team, Sexual Assault Response Team, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Healthcare Coalition, Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and Rescue Task Force training, .

### ***COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS***

Officers regularly attend various functions throughout the county to help inform and educate the public on a variety of safety issues. Presentations are made to civic clubs and organizations, scouting groups, schools, universities, church groups, businesses, and neighborhood watch groups. Several officers are trained instructors in the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) program.

### ***CRIME TIP LINE NUMBER***

Citizens are encouraged to use the confidential tip line to leave information on suspected criminal activity, including drug activity, burglaries, wanted persons, child and elder abuse, and welfare fraud. The tip line is not for reporting crimes in progress or when an immediate officer response is needed.

**The 24 hour tip line is 740-399-3959**

## ***DRUG DROP OFF BOX***

The Sheriff's Office maintains a secure drop off box where anyone can drop off unused pills for proper disposal. The box is located in the lobby and is available twenty-four hours a day. Persons are asked to remove the pills from their original container and place them into a clear plastic bag. The bag can then be deposited into the drop box. In 2022, **327.78** pounds of pills were collected for destruction.

## ***PORTABLE DRUG INCINERATOR***



To help dispose of the large amount of medications that are collected in the drop box, we began using a portable incinerator. The device is also used to dispose of illegal drugs that are no longer needed for evidence.

## ***KNOX COUNTY ALERTS***

Residents may sign up for free email and text alert messages. This service enables citizens to be informed of road closures, emergency notifications, and weather alerts. Users are able to custom select the types of notifications they wish to receive. Citizens can sign up for alerts by going to the website below.

[http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/knox\\_co\\_oh/wens.cfm](http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/knox_co_oh/wens.cfm)



## ***SOCIAL MEDIA***

The Knox County Sheriff's Office uses social media to relay information to the public. We invite you to follow our postings for current information including press releases, wanted persons, criminal activity, and articles about the agency. Information on activity and reports are regularly sent to local media outlets for publication.

**Facebook** 

**Twitter** 

## ***WEBSITE***

To help make information available to the public we have several features on our website, <http://www.knoxcountysheriff.com/>.

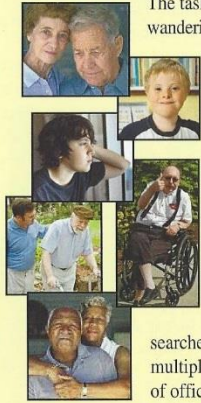




Items on the website include:

- the current list of jail inmates along with their information and visiting times
- the list of foreclosure properties set for sheriff sales
- the ability to search for registered sex offenders in your area
- the procedure for completing a CCW permit
- employment announcements



## PROJECT LIFESAVER

PROJECT LIFESAVER aids caregivers and families of persons suffering from Alzheimer's, wandering, and other related disorders such as Downs Syndrome and Autism. Clients who are enrolled in PROJECT LIFESAVER wear a wristband that emits a tracking signal 24 hours a day on an individually assigned FM radio frequency. That signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles, should the client be reported missing. The Knox County Sheriff's Office has joined with the Knox County Health Department, Station Break, Region 5 Area on Aging, Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities as well as local citizens and groups to provide this service.

What is Project Lifesaver?	How it works	How it can help you
<p>The <b>primary mission</b> of Project Lifesaver is to <b>provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander</b> due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders.</p> <p>The task of searching for wandering or lost individuals with <b>Autism, Alzheimer's, Pick disease, Down syndrome, dementia or other cognitive conditions</b> is a growing and serious issue. Without effective procedures and equipment, searches can involve multiple agencies, hundreds of officers, countless hours and thousands of dollars.</p> 	<p>Currently, 1,200 agencies in 45 states participate in the program—police, sheriff, fire, public safety departments and other emergency responders. <b>The method relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams.</b></p> <p><b>Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal.</b></p>   <p>If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency and a <b>trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area.</b> Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, with <b>search times reduced from hours and days to minutes.</b> Recovery times for Project Lifesaver clients average 30 minutes</p>	<p>If you have a loved one who is prone to wandering, Knox County Project Lifesaver can <b>provide them with a transmitter</b> which will track their whereabouts should they wander away.</p> <p>It is highly recommended that each participant <b>have a 24-hour caregiver.</b></p> <p>The transmitter can be <b>worn on either the ankle or wrist.</b> Each participant receives six bracelets and six batteries, good for 60 days each - plus a battery tester.</p>  <p>A <b>home health aide</b> with the <b>Knox County Health Department</b> will make arrangements with each family to visit the participant and change the batteries on a regular basis.</p> 

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**or**

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