



# 2019 MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

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BE  
HUMBLE,  
BUT  
CONFIDENT,  
WALK  
WITH  
INTEGRITY.

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*Every workday, when the men and women of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office come and go from the office, they pass this message. It is my hope this simple message will result in uncompromising service to the community we serve.*

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*-Sheriff Matt Carter*

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# 2019

## McCracken County

### Sheriff's Office



#### MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF -(3)

Sheriff Carter shares his thoughts and welcomes reader to take a look at the McCracken County Sheriff's Office.



#### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION (7-9)

Each year the MCSO honors deputies who make significant contributions to the department, community, and the law-enforcement profession.



#### PATROL/DETECTIVE DIVISIONS (11-14)

34,500 calls for service and keeping McCracken County Safe.



#### SPECIAL EVENTS (21-25)

The men and women of the McCracken County Sheriff's making a difference in our hometown.

#### MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOUNDATION (28)

The foundation is dedicated to improving McCracken County and making our community a safer place to live and work by supporting law enforcement.



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# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Sheriff's Message



Sheriff Matt Carter

*Hello, and thank you for taking a few moments of your time to become more informed about the McCracken County Sheriff's Office. Know that we are working very hard every day to make our community one that is safe to raise our families and impossible for the criminal element to ever become comfortable.*

*Over the past year of my administration, we have taken great strides to advance the professionalism of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office. Many of the accomplishments and programs implemented over this past year are highlighted in this report. This report will also reveal the caliber of the men and women at the McCracken County Sheriff's Office, and they are second to none. The deputies*

*and staff of this office are devoted to serving you day in and day out and are among some of the very best law enforcement has to offer.*

*The dedicated members of this department advanced the professional service provided to the community in 2019. In turn, our dedication has quickly developed the McCracken County Sheriff's Office into one of the leading offices and a model agency for professional standards in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. 2019 offered many opportunities to advance our service to the community and to ensure that McCracken County is a safer place to work, play, raise a family, or enjoy retirement.*

*Again, thank you for your continued support to the men and women of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office as we strive for excellence in the service we all provide to each of you daily.*

*-Sheriff Matt Carter*

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Mission Statement

*The McCracken County Sheriff's Office strives to maintain the highest standards of excellence by utilizing training, knowledge, partnerships, and technology to create a safe community for residents and those working/passing through McCracken County.*

*The Sheriff's Office promotes public safety through service, educations, integrity, and professional demeanor. The goals of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office are:*

- 1. Prevent, reduce, and deter crime.*
- 2. Enhance safety on the highways, streets, and roads of the County by education and enforcement actions.*
- 3. Protection of individual liberties and rights.*

## STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

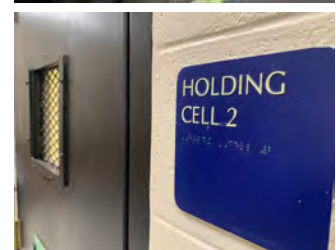
## Crime Reporting

2019

PART 1 CRIME	2018	2019	% CHANGE
MURDER	0	1	100%
FORCIBLE RAPE	17	14	-18%
ROBBERY	11	5	-55%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	24	28	17%
BREAKING AND ENTERING	136	129	-5%
LARCENY-THEFT	335	307	-8%
AUTO THEFT	61	46	-25%
ARSON	5	2	-60%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>-10%</b>

The FBI compiles data from law enforcement agencies across the country and publishes the results in what is known as the Uniform Crime Report. This report standardizes subtle differences from jurisdictions and allows comparison for agencies throughout the United States. The data is grouped into two categories, Part 1 and Part II crimes. Part I crimes are generally considered more severe offenses than Part II crimes.

Part I crimes consist of four violent crimes, murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Part I property crimes include burglary, larceny/theft, and arson. The 2019 Part I crimes are found above in the chart.



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## Crime Reporting

# 2019

Part II crimes consist of less severe offenses than Part I crimes. In 2019, the agency ended the year with an overall increase to our drug arrest by a rise of 59%, and subsequently, we observed a 10% decrease in felony crimes from the previous year. The drop in felony crime and the corresponding increase in drug arrests is directly associated with the rise of more aggressive drug enforcement efforts.

One of our top priorities and continued commitment is to make McCracken County a safe place to raise our families and impossible for the criminal element to ever become comfortable. I maintain that one of the most significant contributors to crimes that affect our community and law-abiding citizens are illegal drugs. The hard work of the men and women at the McCracken County Sheriff's Office is making a difference, and we will continue to look for ways to make even more improvements and strive for excellence in every endeavor. -Sheriff Carter

PART II CRIME GROUPED	PART II CRIME 2018	PART II CRIME 2019	% CHANGE
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	331	280	-15%
FORGERY	27	24	-11%
FRAUD	93	96	3%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	134	145	8%
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	4	33%
SEX OFFENSES (OTHER THAN RAPE)	47	73	55%
STOLEN PROPERTY	22	29	32%
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/ CHILDREN	77	75	-3
TOTAL	734	726	-1%



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Employee Recognition

### DEPUTY OF THE YEAR



Zack Dunnigan

Deputy Zack Dunigan joined the agency in 2018. He transferred to the department from Paducah-McCracken County 911. Before coming to Paducah, he was a deputy with Graves County. Deputy Dunnigan completed the Police Academy in 2016. Deputy Dunigan received his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Murray State University in 2012.

Deputy Dunigan enjoys an occasional game of golf. Dunigan said while he was working for Paducah McCracken 911, he developed a strong working relationship with local officers and decided to join the McCracken Sheriff's Office to continue the pursuit of his chosen career. Deputy Dunigan is passionate about drug enforcement and believes it is a significant causation of other crimes and causes needless destruction of citizen's lives.

*“Deputy Zack Dunigan, while working as a deputy at the McCracken County Sheriff’s Office, has started a career dedicated to fairness, humanity, and integrity to his co-workers and citizens of Paducah, McCracken County. Deputy Dunigan exemplifies the core values that are expected to be carried out by each employee at the sheriff’s office. He has shown great strides in being committed to those core values while setting the bar high for those he works around.”*

*-Sheriff Matt Carter*



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Employee Recognition

### DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR



Dustin Awbery

methamphetamine with a street value of over \$500,000.00 from McCracken County residents. This was one of the largest crystal methamphetamine seizures in the history of McCracken County.

Detective Dustin Awbery joined the agency in 2016 after working for two other law enforcement agencies.

As a patrol deputy, Awbery was awarded the governor's award two years in a row for leading the office in the arrest of DUI drivers. Awbery was also awarded the lifesaving award twice while serving as a patrol deputy.

In July of 2018, Deputy Awbery was promoted to the rank of detective and assigned to the office's drug enforcement unit. Detective Awbery quickly learned how to excel in his new position. His day-to-day duties include investigating illegal drug distribution, managing confidential informants, conducting surveillance, preparing search warrants, writing reports, and analyzing evidence.

In August 2019, Detective Awbery and other detectives with the drug unit seized more than 15 pounds of crystal

***"Through Detective Awbery's efforts this past year, the drug unit has been able to work complex cases seamlessly with state, local, and federal authorities. These investigations have not only had a positive impact on McCracken County but throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. Detective Awbery is a dedicated law-enforcement officer who makes a difference!"***

***-Sheriff Matt Carter***

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## *Employee Recognition*

### LIFE SAVING AWARDS



**11/19/2019-** Deputy Latta administered three doses of Narcan to an individual who had over dosed on drugs. He is credited with saving the individual's life.



**02/27/19-**Deputy Dwayne Pickett performed CPR on an infant who was not breathing. He revived the child prior to the ambulance arriving. He is credited with saving the child's life.



**11/03/19-** Deputy Kevin Lynn entered a burning house and rescued a child trapped inside. He is credited with saving the child's life. Both Deputy Lynn and the child had to be treated at the hospital.



**09/05/19 & 11/24/19** Deputy Ryan Burrow administered Narcan on two separate occasions to individuals that had overdosed. He is credited with saving the life of two individuals.



**05/19/19** Deputy Jeffrey Hartman entered a burning home and rescued three individuals that had not been able to get out. He is credited with saving all three people.



**04/30/19-** Deputy Ronnie Giles III administered four doses of Narcan to a severe heroin overdose. The female was revived. He is credited with saving the woman's life.



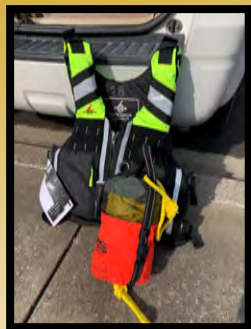
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## Life Saving Initiative

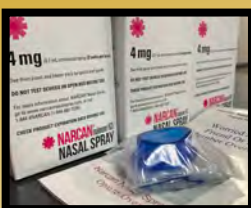
***In 2019, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office continued to develop the Life Saving Initiative. Many times, deputies are the first on the scene of accidents, medical emergencies and overdoses.***



New in 2019, the Sheriff's office deployed nine automatic defibrillators, (AED'S) to the field. These AED's are dispersed so that each shift has access to them 24/7. These AED's were made possible by a generous donation by Mercy Health Foundation.



The winter of 2018/2019 brought significant rain events in McCracken County. Many portions of the county experienced significant flooding. During the height of the flood, deputies patrolled the flooded areas in boats. In response, to this flood and regular seasonal flooding in areas of the county, the office was able to procure life vests and rescue throw ropes for each deputy. These purchases were made with seized drug monies.



Continuing on the successful implementation of the Narcan Program in 2017, every patrol deputy is trained and issued Narcan for administration in narcotic overdoses. Deputies saved lives by using Narcan in 2019!



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Patrol/Operations



Law-Enforcement Training Center

The backbone of any law-enforcement agency is the patrol or operations division. The members of the patrol division are the faces you may commonly see out in public, and they

are the first responders to emergencies, reports of crime, and general calls of assistance. The patrol division is responsible for patrolling 264 square miles of roadways in McCracken County. 24/7, the men and women of this division provide protection and response to emergencies.



A deputy sheriff must meet the state standard for certification, the Peace Officers Professional Standards. New officers will spend 22 weeks at the Department of Criminal Justice's Police Academy located on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky. Upon returning to McCracken County, recruit officers will partake in a field training program before solo duty. Also, all deputies in the department must maintain a minimum of 40 hours of professional development every year. Many of our deputies receive more than the minimum training required and attended specialized training in many different law-enforcement disciplines, such as accident reconstruction, SWAT training, advanced investigation skills, and leadership.



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## Patrol/Operations

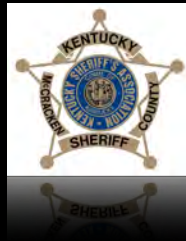
The Operations Division is comprised of three shifts, 1st , 2nd, 3rd shift, and the STORM Team. Each shift is assigned a sergeant which supervises the daily operation of the unit.



1st Shift -  
Sgt. Ryan Willcutt



2nd Shift -  
Sgt. Jim Wilson



3rd Shift -  
Sgt. Trent Hardin



STORM -  
Sgt. Chris Glenn

Kenneth Baldwin  
Ryan Burrow  
Bobby Cook  
Dylan Cook  
Steve Croft  
Zach Dunigan



Ronnie Giles III  
Jeff Hartman  
John Lancaster  
Kyle Latta  
Kevin Lynn  
Brent McDowell



Lindsey Miller  
Aden Pegram  
Dwayne Pickett  
Derick Pugh  
Jeremy Renfrow  
Tom Starks



David Shepherd  
Ray Sotomayer  
Jason Walters  
Wesley Wright



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## *General Investigations*

The McCracken County Sheriff's Office General Investigations Unit consists of four detectives. Detective Sergeant Benny Kauffman supervises the unit.

MCSO detectives investigate almost all felonies that are reported to the MCSO as well as some misdemeanors. The range of crimes investigated by detectives includes child abuse, firearm crimes, sexual crimes, burglaries, murders, and multiple other crimes.

While each detective will investigate any felony crime, the detectives also seek specialized training based on their interests and the benefit to the community. The MCSO has one detective that investigates virtually all of the sexual crimes that are reported to the Sheriff's Office. In addition, the MCSO has a detective that specializes in gun crimes and one that specializes in financial crimes. However, they also investigate crimes that fall outside those categories.

Detectives have advanced training and experience in investigation, interviews, and interrogation. Along with proper documentation, collection of evidence, processing the crime scene, detectives can have a significant impact on the prosecution of offenders.

The Sheriff's Office has a detective on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Detectives will respond to significant or complex crime scenes whenever needed.

The detectives at the McCracken County Sheriff's Office do not merely respond to crimes that have already been committed. To be proactive in the fight against theft, the General Investigations Unit has miniature GPS units that they utilize in an attempt to track stolen items and arrest the perpetrator. These sensors have been placed inside vehicles and other items throughout the county and are frequently moved to areas that see a rise in thefts.



Sgt. Benny Kauffman



Detective Jerry Jones



Detective Sarah Martin



Detective Kyle Seratt



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The McCracken County Sheriff's Office Drug Unit is comprised of a supervisor and two narcotics detectives who investigate illegal drug crimes in McCracken County. One of the detectives also serves as a task force officer with the DEA.

## *Drug Investigations*

In 2019, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office Drug Unit seized more than 22 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, 16 pounds of marijuana, 1550 various pills, a small amount of cocaine, and approximately \$215,000 in suspected drug monies in McCracken County alone. Additional investigations that were started by the drug unit led to significant drug seizures throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

In October of 2019, detectives conducted a complex investigation that led to the arrest of a Georgia resident in McCracken County, who was found in possession of a kilo of crystal methamphetamine. Detectives identified a potential source of supply and possible stash houses in Atlanta, GA. While working with federal authorities, several additional arrests were made, and more than 79 pounds of Crystal Methamphetamine were seized in Georgia in that case. Due to information learned and passed on by MCSO detectives.



Captain Jesse Riddle



Detective Dustin Awbery



Detective David Clark



Largest meth seizure in McCracken County history.  
2019

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Administrative Office



Chief Financial Officer  
Denver Watson

Kentucky Revised Statutes dictates that the annual collection of real and personal property taxes is one of the top duties of the Sheriffs of the Commonwealth. For the 2019 tax year, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office was assigned to collect approximately \$40 million to be distributed among fifteen state and local taxing districts. In just the first month of 2019 tax collections, our office processed a total of 26,000 tax bills. Strict accuracy in the tax collection and disbursement duties must be continuously monitored, as the State dictates that any unexplained shortage, whether \$100 or \$100,000, must be paid by the Sheriff's personal funds. In addition to collecting taxes, our office clerks answer countless calls throughout the year regarding tax inquiries from real estate closing agents and mortgage companies.



Office Manager  
Teri Frommeyer

The McCracken County Sheriff's business office is comprised of an office manager and three clerks. The office is open Monday-8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The front office staff is at your service to provide copies of reports, assistance with CCDW licenses, automobile inspection, accepting fees for services, and general public assistance. The staff of the front office processes tax payments that are received annually in November through April 15. The business office also does a fantastic job processing over 1000 phone calls weekly.



Cassidy Kinsey



Jana King



Jerica Davis

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Warrant Division



Mark Roberts

The McCracken County Sheriff's office has the position of one officer, who focuses on arrest warrants issued by any of the five judges of McCracken County. The Warrant officer also routes and researches warrants received from any other jurisdiction across the United States for persons that may be located in McCracken County.

In 2008 the Kentucky eWarrant system went online and considerably enhanced the ability to enforce an order of the court system. Before the implementation of the eWarrant system, arrest warrants that were issued in their respective jurisdiction in Kentucky on paper, with records kept only within the county. The

eWarrant system moves much quicker than any previous system and saves time for deputies on the street.

The McCracken County Sheriff's Office receives numerous inquiries daily from people asking if they, or someone else, have a warrant for their arrest. Our responses are based on a case by case basis, but often we do give the information out if it will not negatively impact the investigation. We found that many people wish to take responsibility for their actions and get their warrants cleared. They also appreciate having some degree of control by knowing the bond amount, if any, before their court appearance.

Warrants Served in 2019	
<b>Bench Warrants</b>	1062
<b>Criminal Complaints</b>	272
<b>Indictment Warrants</b>	161
<b>Parole Warrants</b>	44
<b>Fugitive</b>	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	1544



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## *Courthouse Security and Bailiff Section*

Melissa Dillion  
Don Copley  
Darrel Duncan  
Tony Horice  
Mark Sherrard  
Tyler Davis  
Tina Warren  
Tommy Morgan  
Ginger Culp  
Larry Dickson  
Robie Hunt  
Jim Boyett  
Bob Dowell  
Elaine Bartlett



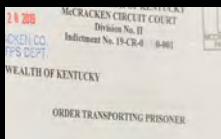
The McCracken Courthouse is home to an assortment of county and state offices. It also houses two McCracken County Circuit Courtrooms, two McCracken County District Courtrooms, and McCracken County Family Court.



Providing a secure facility for 300,000 visitors and employees that enter the courthouse each year is the responsibility of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office Bailiffs and court security officers. Bailiffs also provide security within the five courtrooms anytime a court



is in session. Also, bailiffs secure inmates awaiting their court appearance and protect the public who may be present in the courtroom. Bailiff's oversee the transport of inmates from the detention facility to the courthouse. Many times, inmates must be transferred from other locations back to McCracken County for their court appearances.



The McCracken County Sheriff's Office employs two full-time transport officers whose primary responsibility is transporting inmates from other counties and states back and forth to McCracken County. Transport Officers average 1200 court-ordered transports from detention facilities in different locations back to McCracken County Courts each year.

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Administrative Supervision



Chief Deputy Ryan Norman

### Chief Deputy

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Chief Deputy Sheriff responsibilities include training, recruitment/retention, personnel hiring process, and oversight of Special Deputies. The Chief Deputy provides leadership to the Special Operations teams and coordinates special events. In the absence of the Sheriff he commands the department. The Chief Deputy also helps create and revise policy and assists with accreditation.



Sergeant Todd Ray

### Operations Sergeant

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The operations section is responsible for the issuing and maintenance of equipment and vehicles of the Sheriff's Office, overseeing of the civil process service, assists with courthouse security and bailiffs, assist the patrol division as needed, and serve as a liaison between patrol and all other sections within the Sheriff's Office.



Sergeant George Johnson

### Evidence and Administrative Support

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The McCracken County Sheriff's Office evidence section is responsible for maintaining the physical integrity and security of more than 8,000 pieces of evidence. In 2019, the process of upgrading the inventory control software was initiated.

This section also serves to support several administrative activities such as annual reporting, policy revision, and pursuit of accreditation.

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Chaplains

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHAPLAIN WAYNE CARTER



End of Watch

September 19, 2018

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they  
shall be called the children of God.  
-Matthew 5:9



Chaplain Wayne Carter served as the Chaplain for the McCracken County Sheriff's Office for nearly 12 years. He was appointed as Chaplain under retired Sheriff Jon Hayden in 2007 and continued to serve until he passed September 19, 2018.

Chaplain Carter is fondly remembered for the passion he showed for caring and supporting the men and women of the Sheriff's Office. Chaplain Carter responded after hours on many occasions to provide pastoral care to the deputies, their families, and the community. He frequently volunteered his time to spend in the car with deputies while they performed patrol duties.

His wisdom, insights, and words of faith are cherished by the men and women of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office.

Chaplain Wayne Carter with his son, Sheriff Matt Carter



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Chaplains



Chaplain Tim Turner joined the McCracken County Sheriff's Office in 2018. He currently serves as the pastor for Christ Community Church in West Paducah. He has been with Christ Community for the past 21 years.

Chaplain Turner received his pastoral education from Lee College in Cleveland, TN. Chaplain Turner said, "My goals for the 2020 year are to provide pastoral care and support to the members of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office and to minister to citizens of McCracken County who are victims of crime or involved in critical incidents. In addition, to minister through counsel, comfort, and acts of kindness to those affected by tragedy, disaster, or trauma."



Pastor Trad York joined the McCracken County Sheriff's Office in 2019. Pastor York has been in the Southern Missionary Baptist ministry for 25 years. He is currently the pastor of Waldo Baptist Church in Metropolis, IL, and has been with them for 11 years. Before his current position, he was in the ministry at Hardin Baptist Church in Hardin, KY.

Pastor York says, "I want to provide support and encouragement to the deputies and staff of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office as well as spiritual leadership to the community. I hope to be able to give appropriate assistance, advice, and comfort in their time of need."

*—The McCracken County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy program is an essential part of the services we provide to not only our community but also the deputies that serve daily. Often the sacrifices made by those in public service can be easily overlooked and viewed as just part of their jobs. Many times deputies encounter tragedies and trauma that are very difficult to forget. Each individual in public service is a human being just like you. During times when these difficulties are being dealt with, our chaplaincy program affords avenues for deputies to have outlets of communication to gain additional support, encouragement, and prayer.*

*- Sheriff Matt Carter*

# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Special Events

Starting in 2018, McCracken County Sheriff Matt Carter developed the "Tickets for Good Behavior" program. During the summer for several months, deputies issued "tickets" to area children.

The program is designed to promote positive interaction between deputies and children. The goal of the program is to discourage children from being fearful of law-enforcement officers. Kids were encouraged to tell deputies about their good behavior and earn a ticket for that behavior. Sheriff Matt Carter said, "Our children are our future. I believe any time we spend with children in our community is the ultimate investment and time well spent."

The Sheriff's Office teamed up with local businesses to have giveaways for bicycles and helmets. On August 2, 2019, the department held a drawing at Noble Park and had a raffle for ten bicycles to give away. There were many happy faces, even for those that didn't win one of the grand prizes. There was plenty of food, ice-cream, and games to be played.

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*- Sheriff Matt Carter*

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# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## *Special Teams*

The McCracken County Sheriff's Office maintains a specialized services team, commonly referred to as SWAT. This team utilizes specialized training and tactics to increase the safety of officers and the community in potentially dangerous situations. The team is comprised of eight deputies, two paramedics, and two physicians.

Within the team, specialized positions such as hostage negotiators and snipers exist, and these team members received additional training in the specialized disciplines. The team has received additional training through Norse Tactical in Louisville, KY, in 2019.

The use of the team is guided by a specialized matrix that assists in determining the potential risks involved in a situation. Although deputies may encounter violent or armed suspects at any time when a situation is exceedingly dangerous, the preferable route to address the incidents is with specialized training and equipment. The team averages ten call-outs a year. The team trains monthly and bases its operation on guidelines developed by the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA).

Following the guidelines of the NTOA helps ensure that our team meets a recognized standard for evaluation, training, and deployment.





# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Deputy Jason Walters



Deputy Walters has been with the McCracken County Sheriff's Office since 2003. He is honored to be assigned these duties and says the DARE program has been one of the most rewarding experiences in his career.

D.A.R.E. is a program that is provided to 5th-grade students in McCracken County Schools. The program hopes to teach life-long lessons that can help students make good choices in the future. The program is designed to teach kids several concepts:

- Teach students to communicate effectively.
- Show students how to stand up for themselves and others.
- Teach students to resist bullying.
- Teach students how to say no to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- Show students how to manage stress.
- Teach students to use "Resistance Strategies" to deal with peer pressure and achieve positive consequences.
- Teach students how to help others and pledge to stop bullying.

Dare is taught to over 500 5th grade students every year in McCracken County. Participating schools include C.C.A. (Community Christian Academy, Concord Elementary, Heath Elementary, Lone Oak Intermediate, and Reidland Intermediate. Every 5th grader completes a D.A.R.E. essay and receives a D.A.R.E. t-shirt and other D.A.R.E. items.

Funds to support the D.A.R.E program in McCracken County are supplied by forfeited drug money from the McCracken County Sheriff's Office

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## DEPUTY DOGS PAWS FOR A CAUSE

## Special Events

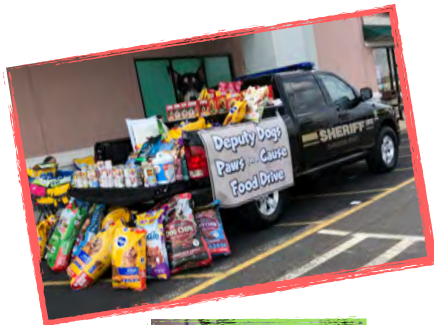
On September 28, 2019, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office hosted "Deputy Dogs Paws For a Cause." The 2nd annual event resulted in almost 3000 pounds of pet food and supplies donated for local animal shelters. The coordinator for this event, Deputy Melissa Dillon, says, "Law-enforcement officers see animals in distress from time to time, and this is a great way to help the agencies that take care of the animals we find."

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*Law-enforcement officers see animals in distress from time to time and this is a great way to help the agencies that take care of the animals we find."- Deputy Dillon*

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Many people stopped by to fellowship with the deputies and drop off pet supplies and food. Petsmart in Paducah assisted the Sheriff's Office during the event.



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## *Badges of Hope*

Badges of Hope is a program formed from an alliance with Kentucky Addiction Centers and the McCracken County Sheriff's Office. "Badges of Hope" is a grassroots effort to provide victims of addiction, hope for their future by providing access to free opportunities to receive compassionate, caring drug rehabilitation services here in McCracken County.

People from all socioeconomic classes can fall victim to addiction, and the rates of addiction are growing. The purpose of "Badges of Hope" is to provide deputies with a tool to respond to individuals in addiction crises. For many years, as the addiction crises grew in our community, few options were available to deputies wanting to assist individuals in addiction crises. As enforcement efforts increased, deputies had more and more contact with citizens struggling with addiction and hopelessness. In 2019, Sheriff Matt Carter allied with Kentucky Addiction Center here in Paducah to provide immediate care to individuals with no regard for financial ability.

We know that for individuals in crisis, the courage to ask for help can be fleeting. With this in mind, the deputies are prepared to assist those individuals who reach out for help. If an individual reaches out for assistance, the program is designed for deputies to arrange for care within 24 hours, if not immediately.

To receive help or more information about the program call 270-444-4719 and ask to speak to a deputy about Badges of Hope.





# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## STORM Team

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From day one, I have pledged to the citizens of this county that vigorous drug enforcement would continue under my administration. I have held to that promise by ending 2019 with our department's record year of illegal drug arrests with a 59% increase. I have always stood firm in my belief that drugs are the root cause of many other crimes, and last year's crime statistics were proof for any doubters that are, in fact, the case. With the increased number of drug arrests, we saw a reduction in many other categories, including a 10% decrease in Felony crimes and a 1% decrease in Misdemeanor crimes that were reported. These are crimes that affect the law-abiding citizens that call McCracken County home.

These increased arrests have been made possible by the efforts of many deputies. Everyone is aware of the current plague our community is under when it comes to illegal drugs, especially Methamphetamine. There are very few families that have not felt the impact of this poison in some way. Whether you have fallen victim to crime due to someone's actions that are addicted to illegal drugs, have a family member that has been affected by this poison, or know someone who has, we all have a story to tell.

I do not believe the answer is incarceration in all cases, especially those that are battling addiction. However, for those choosing a lifestyle and make your living off of trafficking illegal drugs while targeting those battling addiction, you are encouraged to take notice. If you are committing other crimes that endanger or interfere with the law-abiding citizens of McCracken County, you too should take heed. It is a profound but straightforward process.

- If you are committing crimes or a drug trafficker living in or providing this poison in McCracken County, we would ask, hope, and encourage that you reform from your errored ways.
- If you refuse to take this warning seriously, we encourage you to find another community elsewhere because your actions are not welcomed or wanted here.
- If you refuse to adhere to options 1 or 2, you can rest assured that you are and will continue to be on our radar. We will not back down until you are held accountable for your actions.

Thank you to the multitude of great citizens throughout our community that is always there to support us as we serve you! We will continue our vigorous efforts to make our community one that is safe to raise and enjoy our families while making it impossible for the criminal element ever to become comfortable.

- Sheriff Matt Carter

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## Reserve Deputies



Phil Williford



John Bauer



David Adams



Scott Wathen



Tyler Parker



Greg Garrison

The McCracken County Reserve and Special Deputy program provide support to the office through the use of individuals that have been trained and are dedicated to public service.

Kentucky statute allows for the McCracken County Sheriff's Office to enlist one special deputy for every 2500 people who reside in the county.

In 2019, Sheriff Carter revised the program increasing training requirements and qualifications. Before becoming a Reserve Deputy, one must meet the requirements of our policy in that; they must complete a minimum of 100 hours of in house training conducted by full-time deputies and an additional 40 hours per year in professional development. Deputies must pass range qualification and complete a Physical Fitness Test. Additional subject matter in the training regime include:

- Radio communications
- Use of Force
- Situational awareness
- Scenario-Based Range training
- Search and Seizure
- Active Shooter
- Civil Process Service
- Building Search
- Traffic Stops
- Communication / De-escalation Skills

This training regime is above and beyond what the State of Kentucky requires for this position. This training ensure Reserve Deputies are able to provide professional and consummate service to the public.



Chuck Jordon



Buddy Pugh



Pat Ward

Not pictured are Jeremy Jeffery and Michael Wray.



# MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOUNDATION

*A significant accomplishment in 2019 was the introduction of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office Foundation, a 501(c) (3) support organization. The foundation's mission is to secure funds for equipment, training, or other needs beyond usual governmental budgeting avenues. Also, the foundation supports specialized community programs of the Sheriff's Office and educational scholarships to children of active duty deputies. The foundation is dedicated to improving McCracken County and making our community a safer place to live and work by supporting law enforcement. A few of the community programs currently in place include the Sheriff's Citizen's Academy, Ticketing Good Behavior, Cram the Cruiser, and Paws for a Cause.*

*The McCracken County Sheriff's Foundation is administered through an all-volunteer board of directors that is wholly responsible for determining how donations are spent. Board members are Cory Samsil-Board Chair, Keith Murt-Vice Chair, Tom Clayton-Treasurer, Mark Workman-Secretary, Ronnie James-Member.*

**Tax deductible donations can be sent to:**



**McCracken County Sheriff's Foundation  
P.O. Box 41  
Paducah, KY 42002-0041**

**Or dropped off at any  
Paducah Bank location.**



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## *Sheriff's Citizen Academy*

In 2019, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office held the first Sheriff's Citizen's Academy. The goal of the program is to increase transparency and understanding of the daily operations of the sheriffs' office. In 2019, the SCA graduated 62 participants from two classes that were conducted during the year.

- Patrol Operations
- Courthouse Operations
- Criminal Investigations
- Legal Process
- K-9 Operations
- Accident Reconstruction,
- D.A.R.E.
- Traffic Stops

In addition to this, participants are informed on the statutory and constitutional requirements of the sheriff's office that differentiate us from other federal, state, and city law-enforcement agencies are not. Upon the completion of the course, participants are provided with an opportunity to go on a ride-along with a patrol deputy, take a tour of the sheriff's office, 911 center, and the McCracken Regional



Class #1, 2019

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**Matt Carter,  
Sheriff**



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