

MCCRACKEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2025



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Striving for Excellence

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This report provides readers with a snapshot of what the Sheriff's Office navigated and accomplished in 2025.

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Message From the Sheriff

Welcome and thank you for taking an active interest in the McCracken County Sheriff's Office. I hope this annual report is informative and gives you a sense of what your Sheriff's Office does for you and your community.

There are four main duties of a Sheriff's Office in Kentucky. In the following pages, we will attempt to illustrate what those duties consist of and how your Sheriff's Office carries out those duties.



Ryan Norman
Sheriff

One of the duties of a Kentucky Sheriff's Office is service to the courts. This broad responsibility includes providing security for the courthouse and all courtrooms, transporting prisoners from jails across the country, serving civil papers, serving warrants, and many more requirements. It is hard to believe, but over 180,000 visitors entered the McCracken County courthouse in 2025, and members of the Sheriff's Office inspected over 6,000 vehicles.

The MCSO is also a full-service law enforcement agency. We respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Those calls include everything from neighbors arguing to vehicle collisions and, unfortunately, to murders. In 2025, the MCSO had the most calls for service ever, at just over 46,000 calls.

Unfortunately, by statute, the MCSO also collects property taxes. For the 2025–2026 tax season, we were set to collect over \$56,000,000 of taxpayer money. Our Chief Financial Officer then sends all of the money to taxing districts such as the schools, fire departments, and the library, as well as to the state and county treasurers.

The last duty of the Sheriff's Office involves elections. In years that the Sheriff is not on the ballot, he is a member of the county election board. If the Sheriff is on the ballot, he must designate an employee to take his place on the election board. The election board is made up of the County Clerk, the Sheriff, and one member from the Republican Party and one from the Democratic Party.

One of my proudest achievements for 2025 is the implementation of a regional peer support team. Peer support is a statewide program that trains deputies to support colleagues after critical incidents. In 2025, the MCSO created its own team and partnered with three area counties to assist each other in times of need. I believe we have to take care of ourselves so that we can better serve you.

It is my hope that the pages that follow will give some insight into what your Sheriff's Office does throughout the year. Each member of the MCSO is a hardworking and dedicated public servant. I am proud of and thankful for each employee; without them, we would not be successful in serving you.

Service, Every Day

McCracken County Sheriff's Office | January 1–December 31, 2025

46,069

calls and recorded activities in 2025

126

per day, on average

The Sheriff's Office's daily workload ranges from checking properties and helping motorists to traffic enforcement, court-related activity, and follow-up work. These records show the breadth of service provided across McCracken County.

1,704 more calls and activities than 2024 • Up 3.8%

2024: 44,365 | 2025: 46,069

What that work included

Selected 2025 call and activity categories

9,221

Premises checks

6,164

Court-paper activity

4,923

Traffic stops

3,841

Call-by-phone entries

1,566

Warrant-service activity

1,229

Follow-up activity

1,029

Welfare checks

911

Motorist assists

641

Public assists

More than emergency response

Helping a stranded motorist, checking on someone's welfare, and carrying out court-related duties are all part of the workload. The figures above capture a mix of calls and recorded agency activities, not emergency calls alone.

Courthouse Security

Supporting safe access and the work of the courts.

180,242

courthouse visitors recorded in 2025

5

courtrooms supported by
bailiffs

Security inside and out

The Courthouse Security Division provides security inside and outside the courthouse, staffs the metal detectors, and provides bailiffs for five courtrooms. Personnel transport prisoners to and from the jail for court appearances. The division also conducts inspections of vehicles brought to the courthouse.

4,723

Inmates transported from the jail

4,553

Vehicle inspections at the courthouse

1,384

Weapons located inside and outside

19

Courtroom incidents

Related administrative workload

Separately reported civil-process and vehicle-inspection figures add context to the agency's 2025 workload.

Civil process

Civil papers received	5,208
Civil papers served	2,759
Subpoenas to deputies	1,010
Total served, both categories	3,769

Vehicle inspections

Office, trip & dealership total	6,185
ATV inspections	6

ACTIVITY & CRIME STATISTICS

Trends With Context

Kentucky State Police agency reports | Calendar years 2023–2025

KSP reports list 1,166 reported crime cases in 2025, down 151 cases (11.5%) from 2024. The expanded comparison below shows both increases and decreases across selected offense categories.

1,246 2023 cases	1,317 2024 cases	1,166 2025 cases
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Selected Group A offense cases

OFFENSE CATEGORY	2023	2024	2025	2024–25 CHANGE
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	2	1	1	0 (0.0%)
Kidnapping/abduction	8	4	10	+6 (+150.0%)
Rape	9	11	4	-7 (-63.6%)
Sodomy	8	9	4	-5 (-55.6%)
Fondling	22	23	19	-4 (-17.4%)
Robbery	3	2	4	+2 (+100.0%)
Aggravated assault	41	49	56	+7 (+14.3%)
Simple assault	242	233	185	-48 (-20.6%)
Intimidation	107	131	130	-1 (-0.8%)
Arson	4	3	5	+2 (+66.7%)
Burglary/breaking and entering	66	75	55	-20 (-26.7%)
Shoplifting	10	16	14	-2 (-12.5%)
Theft from motor vehicle	49	29	6	-23 (-79.3%)
All other larceny	189	191	157	-34 (-17.8%)
Motor vehicle theft	48	45	35	-10 (-22.2%)
Counterfeiting/forgery	19	27	16	-11 (-40.7%)
Credit card/ATM fraud	25	24	13	-11 (-45.8%)
Identity theft	27	23	14	-9 (-39.1%)
Stolen property offenses	10	17	21	+4 (+23.5%)
Property damage/vandalism	127	123	157	+34 (+27.6%)

Drug/narcotic violations	278	277	214	-63 (-22.7%)
Drug equipment violations	192	198	152	-46 (-23.2%)
Weapon law violations	26	25	30	+5 (+20.0%)
Animal cruelty	8	10	8	-2 (-20.0%)

TRAFFIC & ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Collisions & Citations

McCracken County Sheriff's Office | Calendar years 2024–2025

The agency recorded 855 collisions in 2025, compared with 846 in 2024. The citation report lists 3,909 total citations in 2025, an increase of 754 (23.9%) from 2024. These figures describe separate measures of agency activity.

Collision comparison

MEASURE	2024	2025	2024–25 CHANGE
Total collisions	846	855	+9 (+1.1%)
Fatal collisions	11	6	-5 (-45.5%)
Injury collisions	210	203	-7 (-3.3%)
Property damage only	631	649	+18 (+2.9%)
People killed	12	7	-5 (-41.7%)
People injured	296	309	+13 (+4.4%)

Both years exclude parking-lot and private-property collisions. Totals are shown as printed by KSP; collision classifications should not be added together.

Source: Kentucky State Police, agency 0730000 collision reports created September 23, 2026.

Citation activity

SOURCE MEASURE	2024 cita-tions	2025 cita-tions	CITATION CHANGE	2024 counts	2025 counts
Total citations	3,155	3,909	+754 (+23.9%)	6,127	6,862
Traffic	1,026	1,454	+428 (+41.7%)	2,380	2,947
Criminal	801	829	+28 (+3.5%)	1,534	1,639
Juvenile	62	51	-11 (-17.7%)	135	86
Outstanding warrant	1,073	1,239	+166 (+15.5%)	1,479	1,708
Criminal summons	193	336	+143 (+74.1%)	599	482
Arrests	1,873	2,034	+161 (+8.6%)	3,622	3,763

TRAINING & READINESS

Prepared to Serve

Continuous training for deputy readiness and public safety.

11,601 Total training hours	75 Total officers trained	65 Number of classes
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Scenes from MCSO training activities.

Improving Readiness

The McCracken County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to continuous, ongoing training, particularly in high-risk areas where sound judgment, proficiency, and readiness are essential to the safety of deputies and the public. This commitment emphasizes maintaining critical skills and preparing personnel for the challenges of law enforcement service.

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office recorded 11,601 training hours, with 75 officers trained across 65 classes. Training included 1,449 hours in firearms, 480 hours in driving, and 220 hours in drone operations. These areas represent part of the agency's broader commitment to professional development and service to McCracken County.

TRAINING AREA	HOURS
Firearms training	1,449
Driving	480
Drone training	220
K-9	372
SST	1,848

Applying the Training

Training is an investment in deputy readiness and public safety. Regular instruction and practice help officers maintain essential skills, exercise sound judgment, and prepare for demanding situations. Continued learning reinforces safe practices and supports professional, effective service to the community.

Recognizing Service

2025 annual awards

Jerry Jones

Deputy of the Year

Deputy Jerry Jones was selected as the 2025 Deputy of the Year for his leadership, initiative, and dedication to the McCracken County Sheriff's Office. A senior deputy whose judgment and investigative experience are widely respected, Jones serves as a trusted resource for colleagues throughout the agency.

Jones plays a significant role in preparing new deputies for their responsibilities. He helps them learn to use investigative resources, provides instruction, and encourages thorough case management. He also assists in coordinating agency training, updating training practices, and revising training-related policies. His commitment to professional development includes researching current requirements and sharing that knowledge with others.

Drawing on his experience in the Detective Division, Jones regularly assists with investigations beyond his own assignments. He has taken the initiative to review, update, and continue work on cases inherited from former employees, demonstrating a sustained commitment to bringing those matters to resolution.

Leadership & teamwork

As Team Leader of the Special Services Team, Jones provides calm, decisive leadership under pressure and encourages collaboration among team members. He has also helped develop funding opportunities and secure needed equipment. His concern for colleagues, willingness to accept responsibility, and consistent work on behalf of the agency distinguish his service.



2025 Deputy of the Year

Citation dated February 10, 2026

Deputy Jerry Jones

Ronnie Giles III

Detective of the Year

Detective Ronnie Giles III was selected as the 2025 Detective of the Year for his investigative skill, professionalism, and dedication to the McCracken County Sheriff's Office. Giles transferred to the Drug Division in late 2024, bringing experience as both a road deputy and a general investigator.

During calendar year 2025, Giles personally made 27 felony arrests and executed 28 search warrants involving residences and cellular devices. His investigations resulted in the seizure of approximately \$100,000 in currency and multiple pounds of narcotics. Through coordinated work with other agencies, his investigations extended beyond McCracken County to other jurisdictions and states.

Giles produced 42 investigative reports during 2025, supporting successful prosecutions through thorough documentation and interviews with suspects, witnesses, and cooperating sources. His careful case management and attention to detail reflect the experience he developed in patrol and general investigations.

Teamwork & service

Giles routinely assists patrol deputies and general detectives with investigations outside the Drug Division. His willingness to share his skills and support colleagues demonstrates a commitment that extends beyond his own assignments. His investigative accomplishments, integrity, and dependable service distinguish him as the 2025 Detective of the Year.



2025 Detective of the Year

Citation dated February 10, 2026

Detective Ronnie Giles III

Jonathan Bishop

Court Security Officer of the Year

Court Security Officer Jonathan Bishop was selected as the 2025 Court Security Officer of the Year for his dependability, leadership, and positive approach to service. Whether handling warrants, processing fingerprints, serving civil papers, or assisting with other courthouse responsibilities, Bishop consistently steps forward to help.

Bishop has also taken a leadership role in preparing newly hired officers for their duties. Through patient instruction and encouragement, he helps new employees develop their skills and confidence. His calm response to demanding situations provides reassurance to colleagues and contributes to a supportive working environment.

Throughout the courthouse, Bishop has earned the respect of judges, court staff, and prosecutors. The award citation recognizes the compliments he has received for his professionalism and reliability, as well as the strong working relationships he maintains. His willingness to work alongside others and support his coworkers strengthens the court security team.

Service beyond the courthouse

Bishop's service also reaches beyond the courthouse through community involvement, including participation in Paws for a Cause. His commitment to learning, improving, and helping others reflects the qualities recognized by this award. His steady leadership and dedication make him a valued member of the McCracken County Sheriff's Office.



2025 Court Security Officer of the Year

Citation dated February 10, 2026

Court Security Officer Jonathan Bishop

Corporal Patrick Crown

Meritorious Service with Valor

Corporal Patrick Crown received the Meritorious Service with Valor Award for his actions during a vehicle pursuit on November 7, 2025. Crown took the primary position in the pursuit in Lone Oak and continued toward Paducah, calmly relaying information to dispatch and other deputies.

After entering Paducah, the fleeing suspect repeatedly fired a handgun toward law enforcement. Crown's vehicle was struck by gunfire at least twice. Despite the immediate danger, he maintained his composure and continued communicating with dispatch and responding officers.

Recognizing the danger the suspect posed to the public, Crown performed a PIT maneuver that brought the pursuit to an end. His actions required him to confront a continuing threat of serious injury or death while working to stop the suspect.

Courage under fire

The award recognizes Crown's decision to place the safety of the public and fellow deputies above his own. His composure, decisive action, and commitment to protecting others reflect credit upon the McCracken County Sheriff's Office and the law enforcement profession.



Meritorious Service with Valor Award

Incident: November 7, 2025

Award effective: February 10, 2026

Corporal Patrick Crown

Deputy Travis Bradley

Meritorious Service with Valor

Deputy Travis Bradley received the Meritorious Service with Valor Award for his actions during the November 7, 2025 vehicle pursuit involving an armed suspect. Knowing that the suspect had already fired at pursuing officers, Bradley positioned his vehicle ahead of the pursuit so he could join and assist Corporal Patrick Crown.

As the suspect passed Bradley's location, he fired toward the deputy. Two rounds struck the side of Bradley's vehicle, narrowly missing him. Despite the immediate threat to his life, Bradley entered the pursuit to support his fellow deputies.

When the pursuit ended, Bradley promptly exited his vehicle and supported Crown as they attempted to take the suspect into custody. He did so knowing that the situation continued to present a risk of serious injury or death.

Commitment to others

The award recognizes Bradley's willingness to place public safety and the safety of fellow deputies above his own. His courage and resolve under gunfire reflect credit upon the McCracken County Sheriff's Office and the law enforcement profession.



Meritorious Service with Valor Award

Incident: November 7, 2025

Award effective: February 10, 2026

Deputy Travis Bradley

Meritorious Conduct

Incident: November 7, 2025 | Awards effective: February 10, 2026

These awards recognize deputies' actions during the November 7 vehicle pursuit that began in the Lone Oak area. The suspect repeatedly fired toward law enforcement, striking two Sheriff's Office vehicles. The recipients assisted in the response and rendered first aid at the conclusion of the pursuit.

Deputy Jon Wentworth

Deputy Jon Wentworth received the Meritorious Conduct Award for his actions during the November 7, 2025, pursuit. Wentworth successfully deployed stop sticks, helping bring the pursuit to an end while officers faced a suspect who had repeatedly fired at law enforcement.

At the conclusion of the pursuit, Wentworth approached the vehicle without knowing the status of the armed suspect inside and rendered first aid. His citation recognizes the courage he demonstrated in assisting with the stop and approaching the vehicle despite the uncertainty and danger.



Deputy Jon Wentworth

Deputy Daniel Griggs

Deputy Daniel Griggs received the Meritorious Conduct Award for responding quickly to assist during the November 7, 2025, pursuit. Knowing that the suspect had fired at officers and that he could also come under fire, Griggs responded to help bring the pursuit to an end.

After the pursuit ended, Griggs approached the vehicle without knowing the status of the armed suspect inside and rendered first aid. His citation recognizes his courage in responding to the danger and his willingness to provide aid under uncertain circumstances.



Deputy Daniel Griggs

Meritorious Conduct

Incident: November 7, 2025 | Awards effective: February 10, 2026

Deputy Austin Rushing

Deputy Austin Rushing received the Meritorious Conduct Award for his response during the November 7, 2025, pursuit. Rushing quickly responded to assist in bringing the pursuit to an end, knowing that the suspect was firing at law enforcement and that he could also be fired upon.

At the conclusion of the pursuit, Rushing approached the vehicle without knowing the status of the armed suspect inside and rendered first aid. His citation recognizes his courage in assisting fellow deputies and providing aid despite the danger surrounding the encounter.



Deputy Austin Rushing

Sheriff's Special Recognition

2025 Recognition | Award effective: February 10, 2026

Detective Lindsey Miller

Detective Lindsey Miller received the Sheriff's Special Recognition Award for her investigative work, professionalism, and compassion during her first full year assigned to the unit in 2025. Her work as an animal abuse investigator brought specialized skills to complex cases involving vulnerable victims.

On March 29, 2025, Miller began an animal abuse investigation in West Paducah. She obtained and executed a search warrant, and her investigation resulted in the rescue of numerous animals and multiple felony charges. Rather than stopping there, she continued following leads with partner agencies. That work uncovered suspected financial wrongdoing and led to the discovery of human remains. Miller showed compassion by contacting family members and learning about the deceased person's life.

In a separate investigation begun on May 2, 2025, in Reidland, Miller located 111 miniature dachshunds living in poor conditions. She devoted extensive time to transporting animals, conducting interviews, and preparing the case for prosecution. Her award citation credits that work with supporting a trial that resulted in a guilty verdict in McCracken County District Court.

Persistence & compassion

Miller's recognition reflects her willingness to pursue difficult investigations thoroughly while treating those affected with care. Her commitment to justice and investigative excellence exemplifies the service recognized by this award.



Sheriff's Special Recognition Award

Award effective: February 10, 2026

Detective Lindsey Miller

Sheriff's Special Recognition

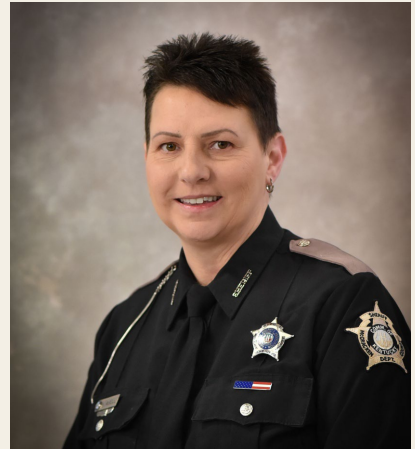
2025 Recognition | Awards effective: February 10, 2026

Warrant Deputy Marian Abell

Warrant Deputy Marian Abell received the Sheriff's Special Recognition Award for her dependable service and commitment to teamwork. She consistently steps forward wherever assistance is needed, including duties beyond her assigned responsibilities.

Her contributions include front-counter service, answering phones, assisting with taxes, overseeing the citizen academy, processing civil papers, and helping with court security responsibilities. Her positive attitude and communication skills help coworkers and citizens feel supported and respected.

Abell's willingness to help without diminishing others for seeking assistance makes her a trusted colleague. Her recognition reflects the professionalism and team-first approach she brings to the office.



Warrant Deputy Marian Abell

Records Clerk Jana King

Records Clerk Jana King received the Sheriff's Special Recognition Award for her accuracy, professionalism, and attention to detail in managing open records requests and digital evidence. Her knowledge of records procedures and commitment to compliance support the careful handling of sensitive information.

King works regularly with insurance companies, allied agencies, law firms, and other organizations. Those relationships, together with her technical knowledge, make her a dependable resource for records and evidence matters.

Her positive attitude and willingness to assist colleagues extend the value of her work beyond her daily assignments. The award recognizes her work ethic, reliability, and commitment to public service.



Records Clerk Jana King

Lifesaving Awards

Incident: February 18, 2025 | Awards effective: February 10, 2026



Sergeant Derick Pugh



Sergeant Ryan Burrow

Floodwater rescue

Sergeants Derick Pugh and Ryan Burrow each received the Lifesaving Award for their response to a floodwater emergency on Bonds Road on February 18, 2025. A motorist's vehicle had become disabled after entering a flooded roadway. Swept into the water, the man clung to a tree for approximately 30 minutes while temperatures were in the teens.

With the man weakening and unsure how much longer he could hold on, Pugh and Burrow obtained a small boat from a nearby resident and paddled to his location. When they could not initially bring him aboard, they helped move him to shallower water, where he was able to enter the boat.

The citations credit their prompt action with likely saving the man's life. The awards recognize both sergeants' response to the emergency and their commitment to helping a person in immediate danger.

Naloxone Lifesaving Awards

2025 incidents | Certificates dated February 10, 2026

RECIPIENT	INCIDENT DATE
Deputy Gary Colyar	January 31, 2025
Corporal Tyler Davis	February 1, 2025



Deputy Gary Colyar



Corporal Tyler Davis

Working Together

Deputy Dogs Paws for a Cause

Led by Chief Bailiff Melissa Dillon, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office's annual "Deputy Dogs Paws for a Cause" pet food and supplies drive collected donations for 15 recipient organizations in 2025. The drive collected 4,388 pounds of dog food and 2,717 pounds of cat food, along with treats, cat litter, and supplies. The collected donations were distributed to the participating organizations listed below.



Scenes from the 2025 Deputy Dogs Paws for a Cause pet food and supplies drive.

7,105 lb
Dog and cat food

68 lb
Cat and dog treats

231 lb
Cat litter

Additional supplies: 3 dog collars, 16 blankets, 5 food bowls, 6 pet beds, 8 pet toys, and 1 laundry detergent item.

Recipient organizations

McCracken County Humane Society
McCracken County Animal Control
Creatures Great and Small
McGansters
Marshall County Animal Care Shelter
Marshall County Humane Society
Project Hope
Cash for Cats

Sheree Senior Pet Rescue
Crittendon County Animal Shelter
Jackson Purchase Forgotten Felines
Ballard County
Murray/Calloway County Shelter
Humane Society of Calloway County
Mayfield Graves County Animal Shelter

New Deputies & Retirements

Welcoming new deputies and honoring retiring personnel marks both new beginnings and an opportunity to recognize service to McCracken County.

NEW DEPUTY HIRES

In 2025, the McCracken County Sheriff's Office welcomed five new deputy sheriffs. We look forward to their contributions to the agency and community.



Chez Jones
Deputy Sheriff



Daniel Griggs
Deputy Sheriff



Jon Wentworth
Deputy Sheriff



Ashley Copeland
Deputy Sheriff



Collin Garner
Deputy Sheriff

RETIREMENTS

We thank our retiring personnel for their service to the Sheriff's Office and the community. We wish them the very best in retirement.



Sergeant Benny Kaufmann
Retired



Detective Kyle Seratt
Retired



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