

An aerial photograph of Boone County, Missouri, at sunset. The Boone County Courthouse is the central focus, featuring a large, ornate dome with a clock tower and a portico with columns. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. The surrounding area includes residential houses, streets with cars, and green spaces.

2023

Boone County Sheriff's Office

YEAR END REPORT



SHERIFF
Anthony R Harris

To the Citizens of Boone County,

As 2023 is in the books, I am reminded of the fantastic support we received last year from our community! I'm honored to serve as your Sheriff. I am also very grateful to the 120+ men and women at the Boone County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) who have helped build and sustain the legacy of safety for our community. We live in one of the safest counties in America and the BCSO mission to "Keep Boone County Safe" will continue to be our top priority.

We must never take the unparalleled safety of Boone County for granted. As your county-wide law enforcement, we understand that the safety of our neighborhoods is being challenged daily and it is up to us to uphold the rule of law. As long as there is evil in the world, the innocent will need to be protected, and our quality of life will need to be defended.

Our mission to "Keep Boone County Safe" involves everyone, especially you! This year brought new and unique challenges and you valiantly stepped up as a community. Our citizens, business owners, community leaders and public safety partners all deserve credit for our collective successes. The men and women at the Sheriff's Office have not only stepped up to these new challenges, but they have committed their daily lives to our mission.

We began 2023 by establishing specific objectives that would result in a safer community, lives saved, and crime deterred. This report outlines these goals and exceptional accomplishments. I hope you will find this report informative, but also that it will inspire you to be ever vigilant about the safety of our great community.

Sincerely,

Tony

Anthony R Harris
Sheriff, Boone County, Indiana



CHIEF DEPUTY

Mike Beard

Our mission statement and five specific value points continue to solidify Sheriff Harris’ vision. These fundamental concepts correlate with measurable objectives for each division. The division commanders worked tirelessly with Command Staff to keep Boone County safe.

AGENCY MISSION

The Boone County Sheriff’s Office, in partnership with the citizens of Boone County, provides ethical and professional services that promote and protect the well-being, safety, and security of all people in our county; and to operate a safe constitutional jail system. The Boone County Sheriff’s Office is committed to providing a safe and supportive community through honest, competent, professional, and proactive law enforcement services.

VALUE POINTS

INTEGRITY

honesty and having strong morals

LEADERSHIP

leading a group of people

LOYALTY

quality of being loyal

PROFESSIONALISM

competence or skill expected of a professional

COMMITMENT

being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.

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MISSION CRITICAL: PROTECT & SERVE

Insight Into Challenges

CHILD ABUSE

- More than 600,000 children are abused in the U.S each year www.nationalchildrensalliance.org
- www.macrotrends.net1,750 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States www.cdc.gov

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

- Burglaries steadily decreased in the USA and Boone County showed a 16% decrease.
- Thefts in the USA showed a slight increase and Boone County showed a 11% decrease.
- The average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before their first arrest (Madd.org).
- 90% of child sexual abuse victims know the perpetrator in some way. 68% are abused by a family member www.childprotect.org/
- In 2019 Indiana had the second highest rate of child abuse in the nation
- Total Child Abuse case reports in Boone County increased from 67 (2022) to 84 (2023).

ALCOHOL and DRUG ABUSE

- 138.522 million Americans 12 and over drink alcohol www.drugabusestatistics.org
- 59.277 million or 21.4% of people 12 and over have used illegal drugs or misused prescription drugs within the last years www.drugabusestatistics.org
- In Indiana, males between 25-34 are the biggest offenders for OWI
- Boone County had an 28% decrease in reported drunk drivers from 380 (2022) to 276 (2023).

CRASHES

- Although the U.S. population has continued to grow since 1975, the rate of crash deaths per 100,000 people in 2021 was 39 percent lower than it was four decades ago www.iihs.org
- In 2021, the percentage of crash deaths involving speeding was higher on minor roads (33 percent) than on interstates and freeways (29 percent) or on other major roads (26 percent) www.iihs.org
- Daydreaming is considered the most common factor www.westlandbennett.com
- Traffic fatalities are down across the state and Boone County has a 43% reduction at this time
- BCSO crash reports decreased from 777 (2022) to 565 (2023).

ENFORCEMENT

- The Patrol Division was the frontline defense against crime in 2023. They were led by Captain Jeremy McClaine and Lieutenant Craig Fouts. Drug Recognition Experts, D.A.R.E., Honor Guard, K-9 Units, Peer Support Team, & Bicycle Patrol.
- Indiana motor vehicle thefts increased while here in Boone County we have shown a 68% decrease
- BCSO has minimal decrease in fraud/forgery cases 33 (2022) to 32 (2023)

CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE

- United States Crime Trends had decreased for several years until 2021, when they began to increase. The latest rates show an increase over the past two years to a rate of 6.8% in 2021
www.macrotrends.net
- USA firearms homicides continues to lead the world with a 4.52 rate
- 75 sex offenders lived in Boone County in currently
- BCSO investigated 0 murders, 0 robbery, 3 rapes, 5 child molestation cases 2023

TOP 5 OFFENSES FOR BOONE COUNTY JAIL LAST YEAR (2023)

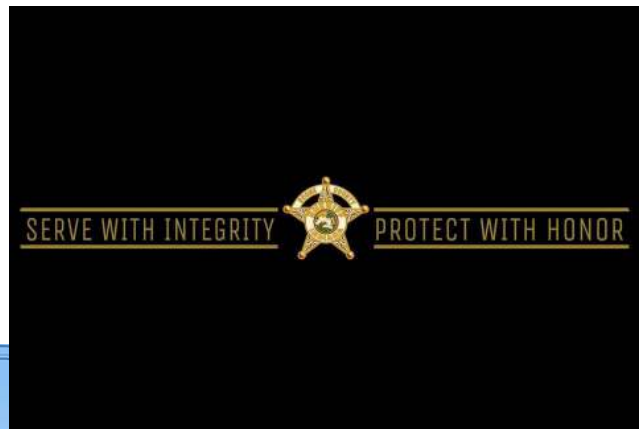
Failure to Appear (FTA)

Violation of Probation (VOP)

Operating While Intoxicated

Public Intoxication

Domestic Battery



GOAL 1

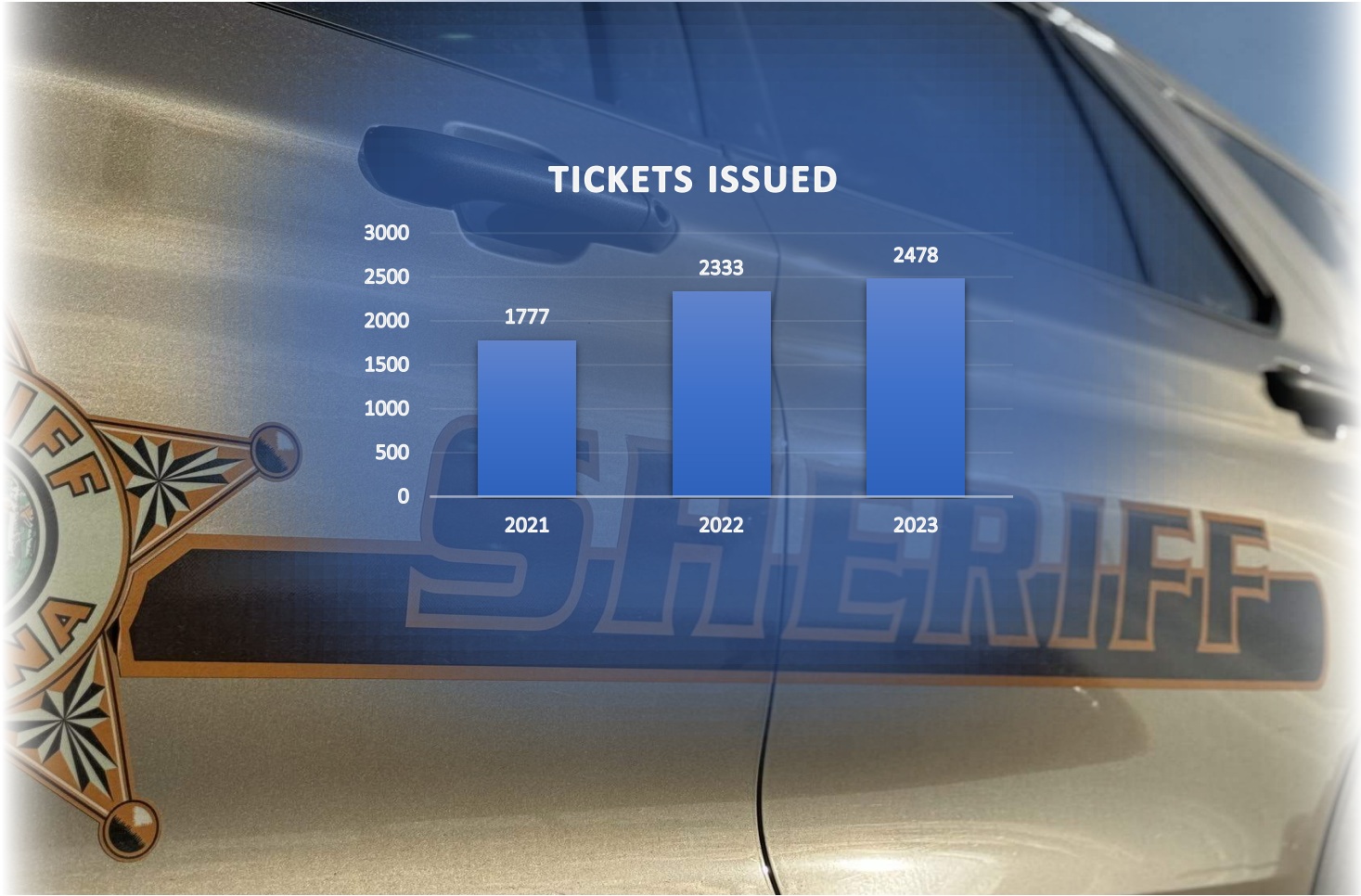
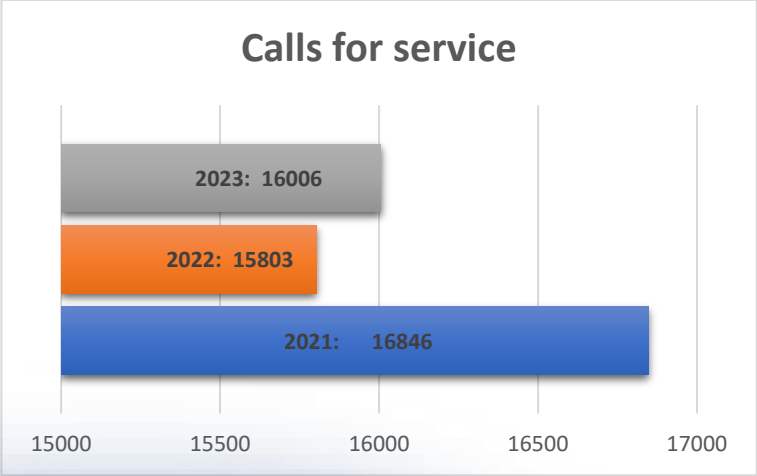
Proactive Enforcement

How did the Sheriff's Office reduce crime, violence, and death in Boone County?

ENFORCEMENT

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Traffic Stops: 10,332
Documentation: 4,288

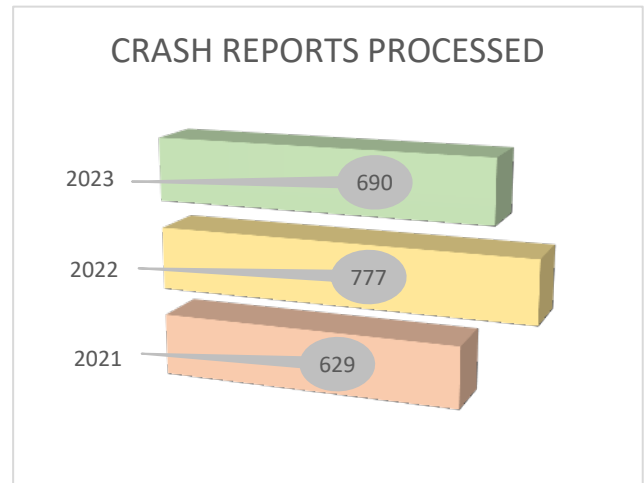


GOAL 1 Proactive Enforcement

CRASH PREVENTION

Traffic enforcement is a key strategy to help reduce crashes in Boone County. The most common cause of crashes: following too closely. Additional traffic enforcement was emphasized in areas with a high volume of crashes.

The Boone County Sheriff's Office is responsible for many heavily traveled roadways and intersections. In 2023, data compiled showed 690 crashes. Four of those were fatal crashes with four fatalities total in 2023. Specifically, 134 crashes resulted in personal injuries.



CRASH TEAM

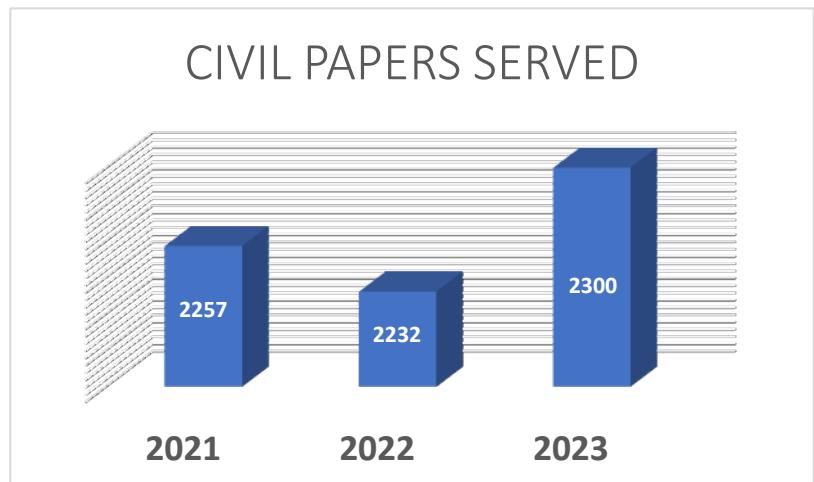
The BCSO FACT Team investigates vehicle collisions involving serious bodily injury or death. They utilize specialized tools and software to accurately reconstruct the scene.

- Cases: 11
- Drug or Alcohol Cases: 7
- Manpower Hours: 52
- Bicycle Involved Crashes: 0
- Motorcycle Crashes: 0
- Pedestrian Crashes: 1
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Crashes: 4
- ATV/Farm Crashes: 1
- Interstate: 2
- State Road: 6
- County Road: 3



CIVIL SERVICE

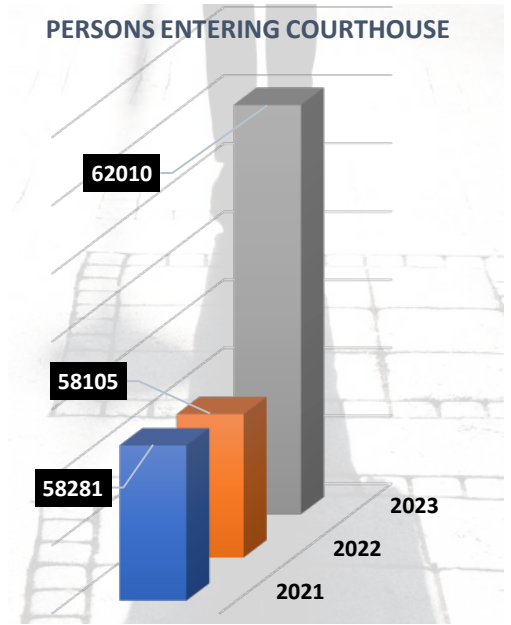
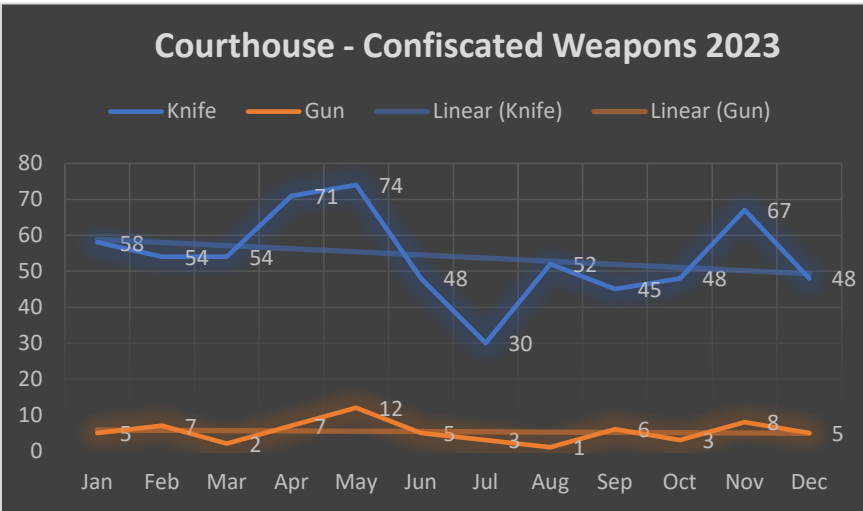
Retired Captain Jeff Keller serves papers such as summons, subpoenas, eviction orders, protective orders and notices to appear for agencies in and out of the state. These critical components help our community thrive.



COURT SECURITY



Courthouse Deputies vigilant attentiveness was once again imperative in 2023. The staff is led by Sergeant AJ Naekel and has 5 assigned deputies.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a rapidly growing crime in Indiana as well as the United States. Each year, the number of identified cases in Indiana rises as awareness and education increases across the state. While there is currently no unified state database for human trafficking statistics in Indiana, 123 cases involving 176 victims were identified in Indiana through the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2021 alone. Indiana Department of Child Services Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 800-5556

CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

The Support Division helped keep children from birth to age 8 safe by hosting a National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. Seventeen technicians successfully completed the course. Ten families visited BCSO to seek assistance and eight car seats were replaced.

Remember all children under the age of 8 must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster. Children under 1 year and less than 20lbs must face the rear of the vehicle. To request a car seat inspection call: **317-482-1412**.

46% of Children's Car Seats & Booster Seats are Used Incorrectly.

Car Crashes are a Leading Cause of Death for Children Ages 1-13.

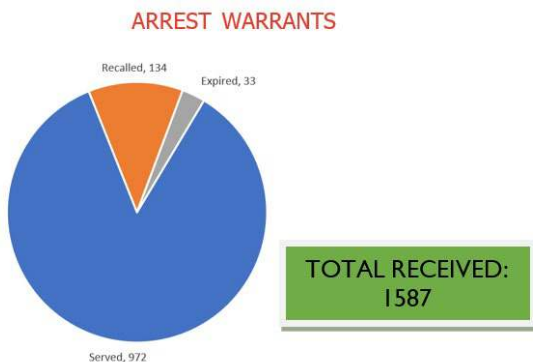
Encourage rear facing car seats up to the age of 2 or as long as the seat fits the child by the height & weight requirements.

BODY CAMERAS

BCSO continued a body camera program. As part of the program, deputies within the Boone County Sheriff's Office are using the Utility intelligent **body cam** technology on service calls across all shifts. The body cam cameras are durable high-definition cameras worn on the front of deputy's uniforms that are Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and GPS-enabled. The unit uploads the video and audio captured to a secure cloud-based site where videos can be reviewed by deputies and administration.

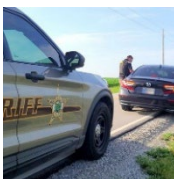
WARRANT SWEEPS

The Sheriff's Support Division managed all the records related to warrants in Boone County. Correctional Officers processed the warrants, while patrol deputies focused on serving as many warrants as possible to help keep fugitives off the streets.



CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT (CIU)

Eight uniformed deputies and a detective worked as a small, but proactive unit within the Investigations Division to help reduce crime. This unit focused its efforts to target any help reduce crime. This unit focused its efforts to target any criminal element in Boone County. They assisted with drug investigations, serving warrants, and generating intelligence.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

- Statement related to commercial sex
- Youth advertised on social media
- Controlling adult who speaks for a child
- Inappropriate age difference of an older "boyfriend/girlfriend"
- Someone else controls their identification card or documents
- Runaway juvenile recovered at a motel
- Foster care runaway who was gone for an extended period of time
- Brands & tattoos related to numbers, bar codes, or names
- Malnutrition
- Gang affiliation
- Unfamiliar with area
- Story that doesn't make sense
- Building security designed to keep people inside
- Workers who owe a debt to their employers
- Workers whose movements are restricted

**Criminal Intelligence Statistics
2023**

279	Traffic Stops
625	Grams of Marijuana Seized
24	Grams of Methamphetamine Seized
14	Felony Arrests
3	Misdemeanor Arrests

BICYCLE PATROL

Boone County is proud to have the Big 4 Rail Trail and the Sheriff's Office wants it to remain safe for family recreation. BCSO routinely can be seen on bike patrols or ATV patrols on the trail. In addition, we attend many festivals to aid local agencies.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Our Animal Control Division continues to be an asset to those communities in Boone County struggling with animal complaints. The county has received over 300 animal complaints this year.



Ordinance Reminder: When Temperatures Drop Below 40 Degrees or Rise Above 80 Degrees Animals Kept Outside Require Additional Resources.

Animals are Often Returned Home Without Being Processed through the Humane Society. Due to Micro-Chips. This Saved the Taxpayers Over \$10,000 Dollars.

Dogs & Cats are Required to Have a Permanent ID in the Form of a Tag or Micro-Chip.

GOAL 2

Community Involvement

How do you enhance the quality of life in a community and school?

JACOB PICKETT RESPONSE ORGANIZATION

The Boone County Sheriff's Office is a proud supporter of the Jacob Pickett Response Organization (JPRO). JPRO is committed to relieving hardships for law enforcement families, finding unconventional ways to help ease the effects of tragedy, and support a more caring world.

Website

<https://remembering626.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/JacobPickettResponseOrg>

Volunteer

<https://remembering626.org/volunteer-sign-up/>



CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Boone County Sheriff's Office remains committed to bringing back the Citizens Academy in the future. With the current construction going on for the Justice Center, we are looking for a location to meet the needs to host an academy.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn what the Sheriff's Office does in your community
- Interact with Deputies
- Ask those questions you've always wanted to ask
- Experience firsthand what it is like to patrol Boone County
- See what proactive steps the Sheriff's Office is taking in many areas
- Learn about the Challenges that are Facing Law Enforcement



GOAL 2 Community Involvement

BATTLE OF THE BARBEQUE

The Boone County Cancer Society hosts an annual event that raises awareness for cancer patients battling the disease. In 2023, the Boone County Cancer Society hosted its 16th annual Battle of the BBQ! It was a HUGE success. They raised over \$99,000 with about 40 sponsors and in-kind sponsors. They had 30 teams come and cooked for over 2,000 people. Each year the BCSO team gathers a team to compete in the event. Over the years our team has won several awards for our entries.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Boone County Sheriff's Office had a strong social media presence in 2023. The timely press releases or notification of public incidents increased our ability to communicate. BCSO will continue to expand our outreach to include employee spotlights and other agency activities.



BOONE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES OLYMPICS



Boone County Senior Services was founded in 1978 and continues to serve and educate seniors on life's changes that affect them. One of the great events that occurs once a year is the Olympics. This event engages seniors of all ages in sporting events that pit them against others in their age group. Whether it be running, throwing, or playing games, the BCSO staff has been involved for many years in assisting and cheering on the seniors.



PARADES AND FESTIVALS

The BCSO staff participates in many parades and festivals throughout the year. From the annual Lebanon 4th of July parade to the many fall festivals that occur across the county, BCSO is well represented. Staff and their families from across divisions hand out candy, walk the parade routes, and tend to our booth during these events. These events promote community pride and BCSO wants to show our dedication and support for all communities in Boone County.



GOAL 2 Community Involvement

SCHOOL PARTNERS & PARTICIPATION

The Sheriff's Office assigned 7 full time SROs (Student Resource Officers) to the Western Boone Community Schools and the Zionsville Community Schools. The SRO program is led by Sergeant Neil Randolph and includes Deputies Jesse Boggs, Tony Bayles, Ken Conley, Cary Clanton, Bob Anderson, Marc Mitalski, and Cameron Thomas.

High Schools

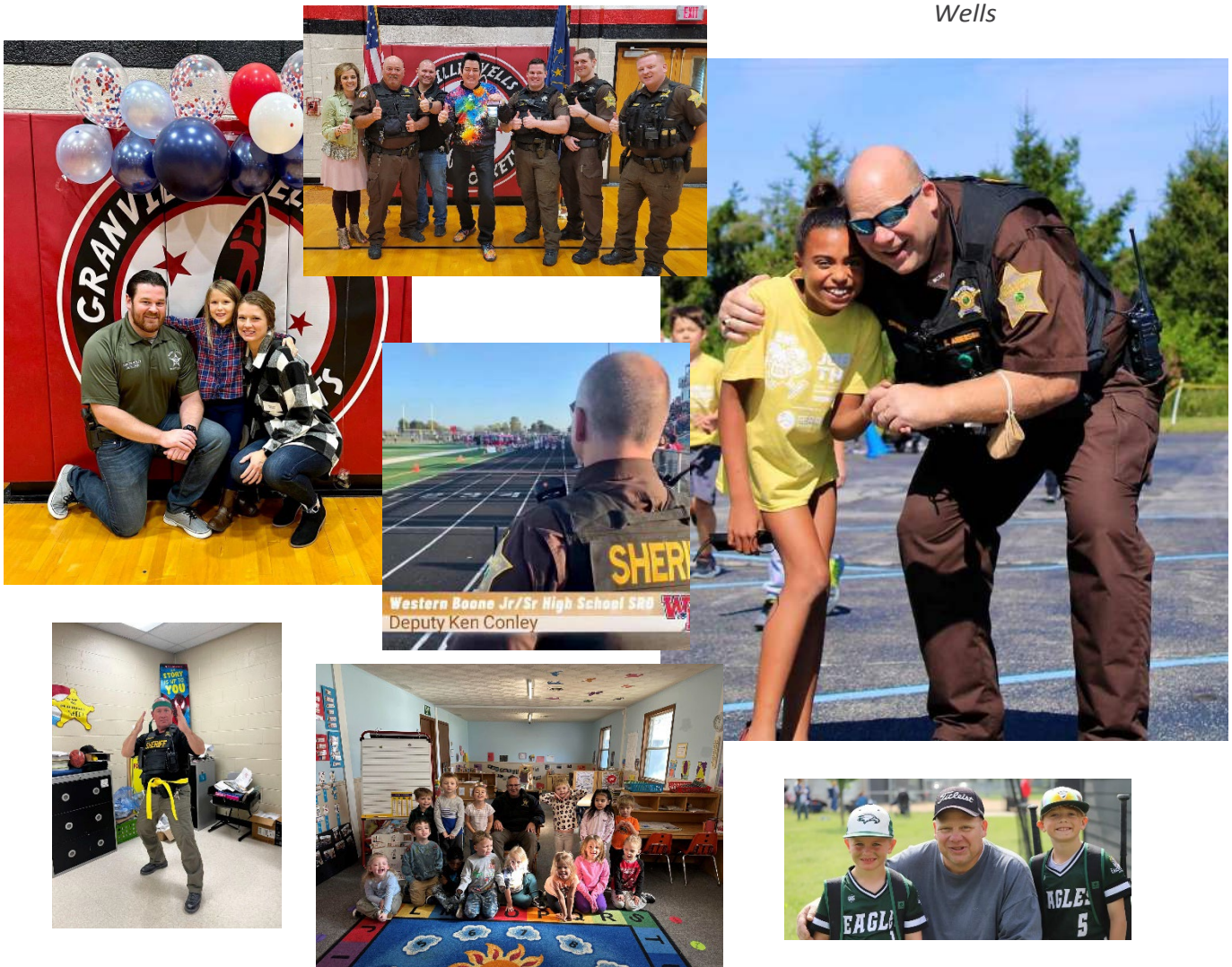
Zionsville High School
Western Boone High School

Middle Schools

Zionsville West Middle School
Western Boone Junior High School

Elementary Schools

Stonegate
Boone Meadow
Thorntown
Wells



A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate): Drills and dynamic active shooter training were completed by all schools to ensure safety for all students and staff.

GOAL 2 Community Involvement

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Sheriff's Office began taking advantage of the many programs being offered at area high schools with their career development programs. One of the programs that we are using is the West Central Indiana Career and Technical Education program. The program centers around ensuring an education system of high quality and equity for academic achievement and career preparation for students. Through the program BCSO has been able to hire students directly from high school and into positions within our agency.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

The Boone County Sheriff's Office partnered with the City of Lebanon Fire Department to offer a 5-day camp that showcases many police and fire skills, along with life skills to help campers in their daily lives. Campers get to experience an obstacle course, shoot simunitions and make mock traffic stops.



INDIANA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

The camp celebrated its 41st year in 2023. The program is designed to achieve three basic objectives. First, the deputies want to foster a stronger relationship between our state's youth and the men and women who enforce the laws. Second, the deputies want to give children, who ordinarily would not have the opportunity, a chance for a summer camp experience. The third goal is to give youth a chance to build character and inspire leadership skills.



GOAL 2 Community Involvement

CITIZENS GUN CLASSES

The Boone County Sheriff's Office Firearms Division led by Major Brian Stevenson and Lieutenant Craig Fouts, offers citizens from across Boone County and Central Indiana the opportunity to take certified gun training classes. Both instructors possess a vast knowledge of tactics and an overall mindset that will enable citizens to obtain training to be a responsible and skilled gun owner.



To obtain information about upcoming training courses please visit our sign-up site at: <https://www.boonecountyindianasheriff.com/divisions/administration/training/>

V150 RIDES

The United States Military instituted a loaner program years ago that allowed local agencies across the country to utilize surplus military vehicles for use in department activities. BCSO was fortunate to obtain the 4x4



amphibious vehicle to use in Special Response Team emergencies. When not being utilized for call outs, the vehicle is used to transport school children to school that have won a chance from raffles at charity events. Many school PTOs and other fundraising organizations contact our staff to give students rides to school.



POLICE WEEK

Each year Law Enforcement agencies from across the country descend upon Washington DC to the National Police Memorial to pay their respects to those officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Regionally and locally, many jurisdictions have their own tributes. The BCSO, along with other countywide agencies, is no different and we celebrate our fallen officers each year at a ceremony on the grounds of the Boone County Courthouse.



GOAL 2 Community Involvement

CRIME TIPS

The Investigation Division followed up on all crime tips. Captain Jason Reynolds leads the division, which is composed of two general case detectives, two crime scene investigators (CSI), one media specialist, three task force officers (TFOs), and a sex offender registrar. The division also encompasses the Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU), which is comprised of eight uniformed deputies, a sergeant, and a K-9. Their fundamental strength is based on the general public being cognizant and aware of their surroundings to report suspicious activity.

CRIME TIP HOTLINE

If you have information about a crime, please contact the Boone County Crime Tip Line: **765-482-1412** or email: tips@co.boone.in.us to submit a tip online.

Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana:
317-262-TIPS (8477) or online www.CrimeTips.org

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Investigation Division oversees the sex offender registry via OffenderWatch. Our multi-disciplinary team (MDT) worked hard to keep families safe. This team consisted of: child protection services (Indiana DCS), victim advocates (Boone County Prosecutors Office), child advocacy centers (Slyvia’s Place), and prosecuting attorneys.

Approx. 861,837 Registered Sex Offenders in US.

80-95% Sex Offenders Assault People They Know

Over 80% of Convicted Adult Rapists Report They Also Molested Children

1/3 of Sex Offenders Report Assaulting Both Males & Females

CHILD SERVICES HOTLINE

If you have information about an abused or neglected child, please call the Indiana Department of Child Services hotline at: **1-800-800-5556**.

SEX OFFENDER DATA	
71	ONLY WORK IN BOONE COUNTY
75	RESIDE IN BOONE COUNTY
146	TOTAL REPORTING TO BOONE COUNTY

PERSONAL PROTECTION

GUN PERMIT STEPS

- 1. APPLY ONLINE**
Complete an application online at <https://firearms.ariesportal.com>
- 2. SCAN FINGERPRINTS**
Schedule an appointment online to have your fingerprints electronically scanned at a convenient [IdentoIQ location](#)
- 3. CALL (765-482-1412)**
Complete the final step in the application process at the Sheriff’s Office within 90 days. Please wait at least 48 hours after your fingerprint session has been completed before contacting the Sheriff’s Office

The Sheriff’s Office facilitated the process for residents to obtain gun permits to legally sell or possess firearms. Constitutional carry went into effect on July 1st, 2022. It allows anyone who is at least 18 years old, that can legally possess a firearm, to carry openly or concealed without a license.

141 GUN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

9,195 ACTIVE GUN PERMITS IN BOONE COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Sheriff's Office in 2023, with funds provided and approved by the County Council, purchased a speed trailer. The trailer is a portable unit that contains a radar detector and is available for deployment anywhere in the county. When we receive several complaints in an area, we will deploy that unit and conduct a speed survey (see sample below). For more information concerning placing this in a problem area, please contact Captain Jeremy McClaine (jmclaine@co.boone.in.us)



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New Customized Report

Boone County Sheriff's Office

Survey Summary

Survey Description

Survey Location	SR 267 and CR 750 S,Zionsville, IN 46077		
Survey GPS Coordinates			
Survey Dates	Start	Stop	
	Monday, 8/21/2023 11:40 AM	Wednesday, 8/30/2023 8:09 AM	
Posted Speed Limit	30 mph		
Traffic Zone	Normal		

Survey Result

Total Vehicle Count	32900			
	Traffic Direction	Closing	Away	
		North	South	
	Vehicle Count	32896	4	
			Combined	
			32900	
Posted Speed Limit	30 mph			
<i>Vehicles Under the Speed Limit Count</i>	24970	4	24974	
<i>Vehicles Under the Speed Limit Percentage</i>	75.91%	100.0%	75.91%	
<i>Vehicles Over the Speed Limit Count</i>	7926	0	7926	
<i>Vehicles Over the Speed Limit Percentage</i>	24.09%	0	24.09%	
Excessive Speed Threshold	45 mph			
<i>Vehicles Over the Excessive Speed Count</i>	108	0	108	
<i>Vehicles Over the Excessive Speed Percentage</i>	0.33%	0	0.33%	
<i>Average Violation Speed</i>	33.42 mph	0	33.42 mph	
Speed Profile	Average Speed	27.09 mph	12.25 mph	27.09 mph
	Minimum Speed	1 mph	5 mph	1 mph
	Maximum Speed	94 mph	22 mph	94 mph
	85th Percentile Speed	32 mph	12 mph	32 mph
	Standard Deviation	5 mph	6 mph	5 mph
	10 mph Pace	23-32 mph	8-17 mph	23-32 mph
	In Pace Count	22272	2	22272
Data Recording Limits	Highest Speed Allowed	120 mph		
	Lowest Speed Allowed	10 mph		
	Minimum Following Time	0 Second(s)		

GOAL 3

Supporting our Employees

How do you ensure the future will be successful?

WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Support Divisions worked diligently again in 2023 to care for all BCSO employees. These divisions assist our employees in many ways physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Chaplains (*Spiritual Health*)

The BCSO Chaplaincy was led by Joni Scott and has 8 other chaplains in the program. Boone County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is a 501-C-3 not-for-profit, non-denominational faith-based organization aimed at serving public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, as well as all residents of Boone County. Their mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.

Therapist (*Mental Health*)

Rachel Hall once again partnered with the Sheriff's Office to help keep our staff mentally healthy by striving to improve our already exceptional ability to be resilient. It is a proactive solution to a complex problem. Deputies, correctional officers, and civilian employees all deal with trauma, which is inflicted upon them from working in the law enforcement realm.

Peer Support Team (*Mental Health*)

As the "Peer Support Team" name implies, team members are NOT mental health experts. Instead, they primarily focus on peer-to-peer leadership to help coworkers quickly recover from stress. EVERYONE faces tense and uncertain circumstances, but healthy coping mechanisms are crucial. The team added four new members in 2023.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE DATA

(Violanti, 2013)

The life expectancy of a police officer is 20 years less than his or her civilian counterpart.

The average age of a law enforcement officer (LEO) who has suffered a heart attack is 49 years, compared to 67 years of age for the general population.

LEOs are 25 times more likely to suffer death and disability from heart disease than from a violent action of a suspect.

Despite this information, many agencies have been slow to develop wellness programs and cardiac screening assessments.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

In 2023, BCSO continued to send deputies to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in pursuit of our goal to have 100% of patrol officers trained in CIT. At the end of 2023, over 90% of all officers assigned to the patrol division had attended the training. Officers receive 40 hours of training in topics such as suicide prevention, de-escalation, psychotic disorders, PTSD, substance abuse disorders, veterans, homelessness, developmental disabilities, autism, and dementia. CIT is a community-based program designed to improve the response to mental health crisis. It focuses on developing collaborative relationships between law enforcement, mental health providers, and individuals impacted by mental illness. As a pre-arrest diversion program, the goals of CIT include increasing safety, decreasing the number of individuals with mental illness entering the criminal justice system, and increasing referrals to mental health services.

TRAINERS

Skills related to firearms, emergency vehicle operations (EVO), and physical tactics required knowledgeable instructors. The Sheriff's Office strived to utilize seasoned trainers mixed with newer instructors to pass along institutional knowledge. Boone County Sheriff's Office went above and beyond the state mandated training.

NEW HIRES AND RETIREES



GOAL 4

Supporting our Public Safety Partners

How did the Sheriff's Office support other law enforcement agencies?

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK



In 1984, Former President Ronald Reagan established National Correctional Officers Week. He saw the need to create a week for correctional officers to thank them for their services and celebrate their contributions to society. Often, they are to make sure the court orders are seen through and implemented. During this week, various U.S. agencies honor correctional officers in our jails, prisons, and community correctional facilities by organizing different programs for them.

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WEEK

In 1991 Congress proclaimed the second full week in April to be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to recognize the importance of those special individuals who coordinate the efforts of police, fire, and EMS workers. Telecommunications Operators are the unsung heroes of public safety.



NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

The federally mandated revised method of counting crime was a complex transition in 2020 & 2021. This was a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, reporting data on offenses reported or known.

DRUG TASK FORCE

The Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force is a partnership of nine law enforcement officers from several agencies (Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Lebanon, Zionsville and Whitestown) which stem the flow and distribution of illegal substances into and within the two counties. Through the use of specialized training and technology, the Drug Task Force investigates the illegal trafficking of controlled substances, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, alprazolam, buprenorphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, MDMA, psilocybin, and synthetic drugs.

The primary mission of the Drug Task Force is to identify and arrest individuals or members of organizations that are selling, delivering, or storing illegal drugs and/or weapons in the jurisdictions of Hamilton and Boone Counties. The Drug Task Force also works to identify property and assets that have been acquired with the proceeds of the sale, delivery, or storage of illegal drugs and/or weapons and submit those items for forfeiture. Accordingly, improving the quality of life for the area's neighborhoods is a key goal.



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The SRT includes officers and deputies from several agencies (Lebanon, Whitestown, Zionsville, and the Boone County Sheriff's Office). These men and women are specifically trained and equipped to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigators. This includes, but is not limited to, hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. SRT may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where public and officer safety issues necessitate such use.

SPECIALIZED K9 UNITS

The Boone County Sheriff's Office had four unique K-9s throughout the year. These magnificently talented animals include: two bloodhounds, a Dutch Shepherd, and a Belgian Malinois. These K-9s helped our deputies solve crime in 2023, but they also gave a great deal of assistance for nearby agencies.



K-9 Chase

Sergeant Ryan Musgrave and K-9 Chase were very active with Search and Rescue in 2023. K9 Chase is a full Bloodhound and has been with us for 5 years. They helped track several missing persons over the years. Sergeant Musgrave does several demonstrations throughout the year. In his off time, Chase enjoys spending time with his family and playtime.



K-9 Kylo

Sergeant John Barnes and K-9 Kylo were very active with Search and Rescue in 2023. K9 Kylo is a 3-year-old German/Dutch Shepard from Belarus. K9 Kylo is trained in narcotics detection and patrol utility and works alongside Sergeant John Barnes. K9 Kylo was responsible for 31 arrests in 2023 ranging in nature from dealing narcotics to violent assaults. During the summer, K9 Kylo assisted the Boone County Criminal Interdiction Unit and the Zionsville Police Department SAFE Unit in the location of hundreds of doses of fentanyl being transported through Boone County. In his off time, K9 Kylo enjoys barking at the other dogs in the neighborhood and making new friends.



K-9 Justice

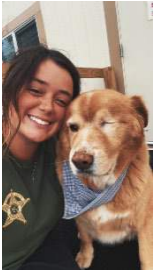
Sergeant Travis Sutphin and K-9 Justice were very active with Search and Rescue in 2023. K9 Justice is a 2-year-old full Bloodhound. He is trained to track missing endangered adults, missing juveniles, and criminal suspects. Justice loves going to events, especially the schools where she gets a chance to slobber on as many kids as possible. They helped take several fugitives and narcotics off the street.



K-9 Rikko

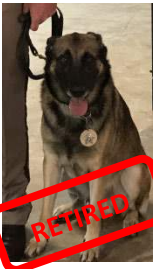
Deputy Tanner Long and K-9 Rikko were very active in enforcement patrols in 2023. K9 Rikko is a 2-year-old full Belgian Malinois. He is trained as a patrol canine in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension, obedience, handler protection, area searches, and article searches. Rikko was released to begin working on patrol with his handler, Deputy Long in June of 2023. During his time following training, Rikko assisted in several narcotics arrests and civil apprehensions during 37

deployments in 2023 on his night shift patrols along with assisting outside agencies on tracks and searching the jail for any potential contraband. On his days off, Rikko excels at being a couch potato and finding ways to get into mischief with his baby human sibling and the other dogs of the house. They helped take several fugitives and narcotics off the street.



K-9 Addy

Administrative Assistant Madyson Portish and K-9 Addy are assigned to the Boone County Sheriff's Office Administration Division. She is a rescue canine that was in the county. She gives comfort to all that interact with her in the office.



K-9 Zino

K-9 Zino was officially retired in 2023. He spent most of his career working both on the road and in the school system. Zino is enjoying retirement with the McClaine family.

Hours of Training = 1007 (New K9 added in the summer)
Arrests (Patrol) = 45
Search and Rescue Tracks = 7
Total Unit Deployments = 95

CASE UNIT

BCSO once again partnered with the Boone County Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitation Task Force. This specialized unit is affiliated with the federal Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program and includes, Lebanon, Whitestown and Zionsville police agencies, along with the Boone County Prosecutors Office.

The Department of Justice, specifically the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquent Prevention, created the ICAC programs in 1998. Since its inception, 61 units have been established across the country. This national network is comprised of more than 4,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. They will provide forensic and investigative technical assistance to law enforcement and prosecutors as well as educational information to parents, educators and others concerned with child victimization.

Anyone with information about a child predator or internet crimes against children should call **911** or **1-800-843-5678**. Online tips can also be submitted via tips@co.boone.in.us or <https://report.cybertip.org/>.



AWARDS AND HONORS



GOAL 5

Steward Taxpayer Resources

How did the Sheriff's Office function financially?

VOLUNTEERS

Bob Craig led the Reserve Division in 2023. This group consisted of 5 deputies (2 Patrol, 3 Auxiliary). They were required to work a minimum of 192 hours annually (16 hours per month). They volunteered a total of 8,126 hours for the citizens of Boone County in 2023.

In addition to their patrol responsibilities, they provided security at numerous special events. They also worked at the Boone County 4H Fair, Thorntown Festival of the Turning Leaves Festival, Lebanon Back to the Fifties, Zionsville Fall Festival, Mischief on Meridian, Lebanon Christmas Parade, and Thanksgiving meal delivery.



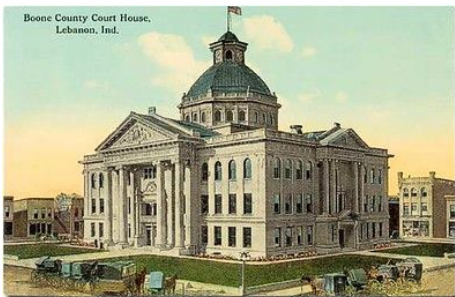
DIVISION FINANCIAL PLANS

Each division organized economic information based on their unique needs. This inversion gave responsibility and decision-making authority back to lower levels within the organization.

STATE FUNDING

In 2023, the Boone County Jail recouped over \$60,560 thousand dollars from housing the state's level 6 felon offenders. This was due to the restructured Indiana Code which required county jails to absorb additional low-level security inmates.

EXECUTIVES AND COUNTY COUNCIL



Through careful planning and work with our county council, the following items were approved: additional SRO for the school systems, more vehicles for our fleet, and competitive pay for our employees. We meet regularly with council members to make the most efficient fiscal decisions for the tax payers

MERIT BOARD

The merit board is a civilian board with 2 members elected by the deputies and 3 members appointed by the Sheriff. This board oversees the merit deputy pension fund, approves the Sheriff's hiring and promotion process for merit employees, helps prepare a list of qualified merit applicants, and acts as a discipline board for merit employees who may receive discipline more severe than a 15-day suspension. They play a very important role in the merit system at the Sheriff's Office.



TAX WARRANTS

The Sheriff's Office is tasked with assisting in the collection of monies owed to the Indiana Department of Revenue. These tax warrants are a chance to make voluntary restitution for taxes owed. The Sheriff's Office partnered with Liberman Technologies to help process tax warrants. A few benefits include payments at the push of a button, faster response time, and a better internet transaction process.

COMMISSARY

We have expanded our jail commissary to bring in additional income to fund programming for inmates. Most of our programs were paid for by the inmates and community partners, instead of using taxpayer monies.

SHERIFFS SALE

Sheriff property sales are held the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Boone County Fairgrounds, Annex Building. Located at 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052, except for December, which there will not be a sale.

SRI takes care of all our Sheriff Sales and should be able answer to any questions that you may have. You can either go to their website: <https://sriservices.com/> or call them toll free at [800.800.9588](tel:800.800.9588). If you need to speak to someone in our office, you can contact Joy Stewart at 765-483-5946.



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