



The SHIELD

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Deputies escort
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Our deputies had a great time meeting and hanging out with Jaxon on his birthday last month. We hear that he's still talking about our visit!



Making Spirits Bright!

This year's *Christmas With a Cop* was our biggest yet! Nearly a dozen local law enforcement agencies came together to help brighten the holidays for 148 children who are economically disadvantaged or have had a rough year.





Summit Faith & Blue 2022 was a huge success!

Thank you to all the communities of faith, law enforcement, and local organizations that participated, and everyone who came out for this day of fun and fellowship!





Check out the *Community Programs* section on our website for more photos! sheriff.summitoh.net

2022 Awards Ceremony

*The Summit County Sheriff's Office annual awards banquet was held on November 22nd. Awards and Commendations were given by Sheriff Fatheree to those deputies and staff who went above and beyond in their service to the community. Over a hundred people were in attendance, including the families of those being honored. There's simply not enough room to tell all the stories behind their awards, but below are just a few of the **many** cases of exemplary duty...*



On July 8, 2022, Deputies Chase Rose, Bobby Bowen, and Green Tactical Medic Joe Huntley (a member of our SWAT Team) were assigned to a nightshift during the protests in downtown Akron. At approximately 9:15pm, a call of an active shooter at a memorial service unrelated to the protests went out in Akron. Our deputies and medic responded immediately and were the first on the scene. When they arrived to a very chaotic, crowded, emotional scene, Medic Huntley assessed a 4-year-old female who had a gunshot wound. He immediately ran her to an ambulance that was nearby. Unfortunately, the girl succumbed to her wounds. Medic Huntley then returned to the scene and provided life-saving measures to a 44-year-old male who had also been shot, which ultimately saved his life. Meanwhile, Deputies Rose and Bowen entered a crowd of over 150 people and began searching for the shooter. As other deputies arrived on scene, they were able to assist Akron Police in setting up a perimeter and sectioning off areas to secure the crime scene. For their brave actions, they all received Life Savings Awards from Sheriff Fatheree.

On November 6, 2022, Sheriff's Office dispatcher Monica Green took a phone call from a distraught male wanting to commit suicide. The caller was crying, very upset, and holding a gun. Monica was able to talk him into putting the gun away and walk into another room. She then spoke further with the caller, empathizing with him and keeping him calm and on the line until deputies were able to respond in-person. She then talked him into unlocking the doors and allowing the deputies inside. For her calmness, determination, and ability to take control of a tense situation and prevent a tragedy, Sheriff Fatheree has awarded Monica Green the Civilian Excellence Award.

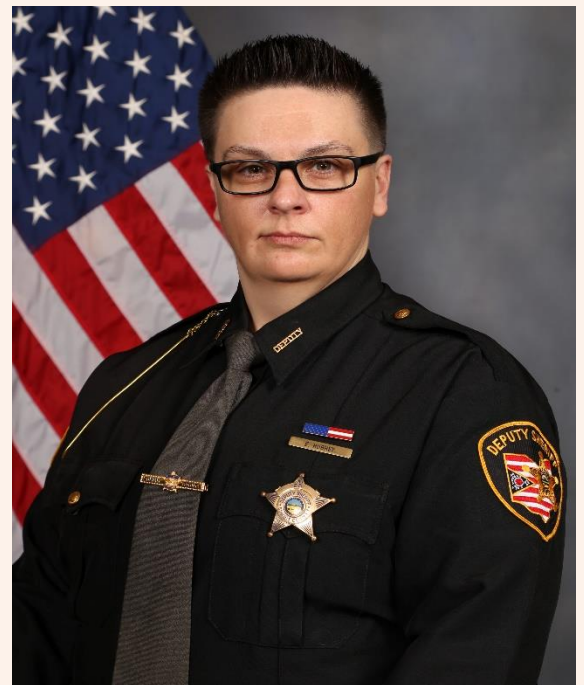




On April 16, 2022, Deputies Brian Woods and Christopher Gary responded to a robbery call with shots fired toward the victim. The vehicle had fled the scene and was traveling at a high rate of speed with little description other than a "white SUV with a black license plate cover." The license plate number was given, but the registration was returning to a different vehicle than the one described by the victim. While searching the area for the suspects' vehicle, Deputy Woods saw a white SUV turn into an apartment complex a few cars ahead of him. He approached the vehicle in the apartment complex parking lot, and two individuals jumped out and darted toward an apartment. Deputy Gary arrived on scene at this time and the two detained both suspects, who were later positively identified by the victim. The item that was taken in the robbery was recovered in the SUV, as well as two handguns, and the spent shell casing from the shot that was fired. It was also discovered that the SUV was a stolen vehicle out of Cuyahoga Falls. Sheriff Fatheree awarded Deputy Gary and Deputy Woods commendations for their diligence, bravery, and quick actions.

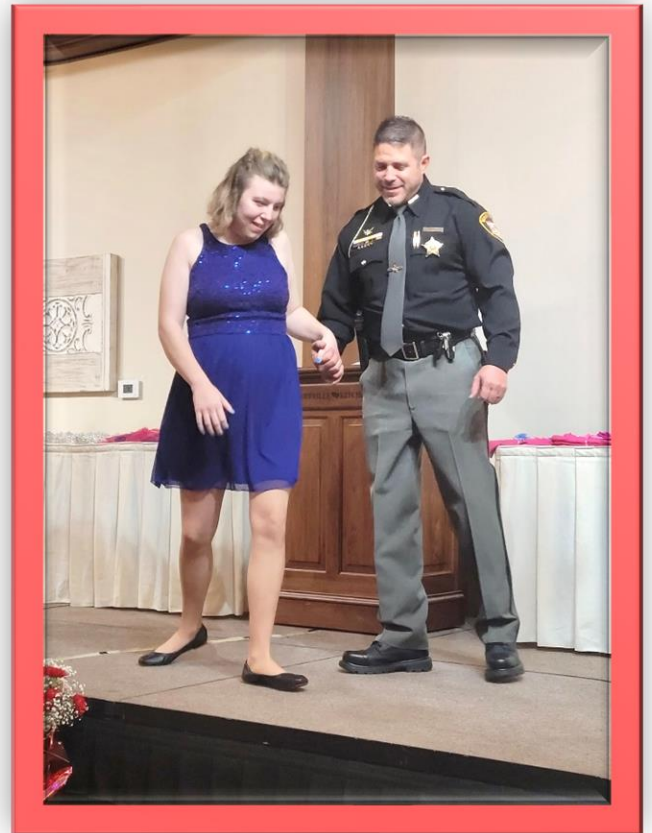


On October 4, 2021, Akron PD called the Jail requesting assistance identifying a female in custody on misdemeanor charges who they believed was misrepresenting her identity. During the intake process, the female was unable to provide any ID and stated that she had never requested an ID from any state. Although Deputy Elizabeth Hughey was not the booking Deputy, she overheard the conversation and informed a Lieutenant that she believed the female may be a victim of human trafficking. Deputy Hughey began communicating with the female, building a rapport and trust, and the female gradually grew more comfortable and began to open up to Deputy Hughey. As a result, she did indeed reveal that she was concealing her true identity because she was currently a victim in a human trafficking ring. Deputy Hughey's care and persistence led to the recovery of this young victim, and ultimately resulted in the arrest of her trafficker. Though she was unable to attend the Award Ceremony, Sheriff Fatheree has awarded Deputy Hughey with a Commendation for her actions.



The Princess Within

*In October, Sheriff Fatheree and a team of deputies and special deputies had the honor of serving as escorts at the annual **Princess Within Special Needs Pageant**, a non-competitive event for special needs ladies of all ages.*





A special thank you to Deputies Anthony Alemagno, Marcus Hanna, and Raquel Pamer, Inspector Larry Brown, Special Deputy Arvin Clar, and Sheriff Fatheree for their involvement.

In The News

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Truck Driver Involved in Fiery ODOT Crash Arrested After Sheriff's Office Investigation

AKRON – Summit County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 51-year-old Gregory Pree of Muskingum County last month on charges of aggravated vehicular assault and operating a vehicle under the influence.



Pree was behind the wheel of dump truck that struck an ODOT service vehicle parked along the shoulder of I-77 north in Green last May. The crash resulted in a large explosion and fireball that was caught on ODOT cameras, as both vehicles careened into the tree line.

Both Pree and the ODOT employee were transported to nearby hospitals, and both survived their injuries.

The Sheriff's Office investigation of the accident concluded that Pree was driving under the influence, as well as driving with a suspended license. He had both cocaine and amphetamines in his system the day of the accident.

Pree has been booked into the Summit County Jail where he awaits trial.

Dive & Water Rescue

In October, members of the Summit County Special Operations Dive/Water Rescue Team completed their certifications. The team consists of members from numerous emergency agencies throughout the county, including two of our own, Deputies Chris Amore and Milorad Cucuz.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2023

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