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The Clermont County Sheriff's Office is comprised of 82 full-time, sworn deputies. To ensure accountability and efficient supervision, Sheriff Leahy has structured the agency in the following manner as it relates to sworn personnel:

- (1) Chief Deputy
- (3) Captains
- (1) Lieutenant
- (6) Sergeants
- (6) Corporals
- (6) Detectives
- (3) Deputies assigned to Narcotics Unit
- (56) Deputies
- (31) Special Deputies (deputies who perform in an auxiliary capacity)

The Sheriff's Office maintains a number of specialized units which have or could have a direct impact on schools and students throughout Clermont County.

- (3) - K9 units which are crossed trained for narcotics, building searches, tracking.
- One bloodhound unit used for tracking and various crime scenes where an individual has fled on foot
- The County Special Response Team
- The County Narcotics Task Force
- Crime Scene Unit
- School Resource Officer Program (CNE is staffed 40hrs a week with a deputy)
- JPA (Junior Police Academy)
- School Safety Patrols (Sheriff's Road Patrol units check buildings and property multiple times a day)
- Drug awareness educational programs (instructional presentations to students by trained Narcotics Agents)

The Sheriff's Office dedicates staff members to a number of committees and teams which are in place not only to prevent tragedies in schools, but to provide assistance to students who become a victim of violence while at school or at home:

- The School Safety Committee was formed and is hosted by Sheriff's Office Staff members
- Child abuse and sexual assault team (law enforcement, CPS, Prosecutor's etc.)
- Opiate Task Force
- The Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center (includes school incidents locally and across the country- range from bomb threats to active shooters)
- Partnership with Board of Mental Health: Mobile Crisis Responder is stationed at the Sheriff's Office to respond to assist deputies with who are dealing with individuals in crisis.

Sheriff's Office Personnel receive advanced training that far exceeds the state required training to maintain officer's certification:

- Road Patrol Deputies are trained in **A.L.I.C.E.** Which is the most advanced school-incident based training available, and **ALERT level 1 & level 2:** This training is an active shooter response training which includes entry and casualty care to wounded victims.
- All sworn personnel are trained in **CIT** which includes **verbal de-escalation training.**
- Detectives receive advance investigatory training, which includes, but not limited to: interview techniques, social media investigations, sexual assaults, evidence collection and preservation.
- Narcotics agents have extensive training in narcotics identification in order to teach high school students drug awareness education programs.
- The County Narcotics Task Force utilizes a proactive investigative system to collect data from cell phones. This system requires continues training of agents in order to maintain a level of proficiency. Cell phone data is not only used in narcotics investigation, has shown to have a direct correlation with school related incidents/violence- e.g. texts between friends, co-conspirators, and social media post etc. which advertise incident, alerting school officials, parents and law enforcement of pending threats.

The Clermont County Sheriff's Office is currently in compliance with State of Ohio law enforcement standards and has been certified by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

- The Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board was established in April of 2015 when Governor Kasich signed Executive Order 2015-04K, following a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation which highlighted challenges between the community and law enforcement
- The Sheriff's Office is currently in compliance with the "Use of Force/Use of Deadly Force" and "Recruitment and Hiring" standards set by the Collaborative.
- All sworn personnel are tested and must meet standards annually

The resources outlined above result in safe and efficient services provided to the Clermont Northeastern campus. These same resources, coupled with others, provide for a safe community for those citizens who reside between the campus and the Village of Owensville.

- (4) - K9 units: 3 are crossed trained for narcotics, building searches, tracking and protection, and 1 bloodhound which is used for tracking of missing persons, lost children, crime scenes where suspect has fled etc.
- The County Special Response Team (our version of S.W.A.T.)
- The County Narcotics Task Force: staffed with 1 supervisor and 6 Agents (3- deputy sheriffs and 3 additional officers from Miami, Union and Pierce Townships)
- Full-service Crime Scene Unit
- Investigative Division: staffed with two supervisors and 6 Detectives
Additional: Traffic Safety Unit, Mobile Crisis Responder on staff at Sheriff's Office, and the Sheriff's Narcan Program (patrol deputies are trained and carry Narcan while on duty).

The information documented below has been provided by the Clermont County Communication Center, and analyzed by Sheriff's Office Staff:

- Sheriff's deputies have responded to Clermont Northeastern School campus 785 times for dispatch calls for service, SRO details and school checks (School Safety Program).
- The Village of Owensville Police Department handled 503 dispatched calls for service in their jurisdiction and stopped 1021 motor vehicles for traffic violations inside and outside of the village limits.