

# COMMISSIONERS CORNER



Sandusky County, Ohio

December 2022

## Sheriff's Office Recognition



Detective Captain Arp pictured with Sheriff Hilton.

Detective Captain Ken Arp recently graduated from the 284th FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia.

To participate, candidates must be invited through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from over 160 international partner nations. This is an eleven week course.

Qualified candidates must meet a host of requirements to participate. Some of which include: Being in excellent physical condition, capable of strenuous exertion, participate in the use of firearms and defensive tactics, possess an excellent character and enjoy a reputation for professional integrity and exhibit an interest in law enforcement as a public service, a seriousness of purpose, qualities of leadership and enjoy the confidence and respect of fellow officers.



Sergeant Kline pictured with Sheriff Hilton.

Sergeant Jason Kline recently graduated from the 83rd Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) held in Columbus, OH.

PELC is a three-week executive leadership training program that is based on the premise that leadership skills can be learned, and that given the opportunity for feedback and practice, executives can substantially improve their abilities to lead. They provide law enforcement executives with one of those rare moments in their professional careers to learn how to practically apply leadership concepts. It is an intense learning experience focused on leadership skills vital to long term personal success and change in the organization—both for the benefit of the community.



**CONGRATULATIONS Detective Captain Arp and Sergeant Kline!**



The Sandusky County Sheriff's Office participated in the Shop with a Cop program.

This program is funded solely by donations made to the Fremont FOP Lodge in cooperation with Wal-Mart who hosts the event. Children are paired up with Officers and Deputies from Sandusky County and they are sent on a shopping spree to buy toys or whatever they may need for the Christmas season.

What a wonderful way to give back to the community. A little kindness means the world to those who need a little help during the holidays. Thank you for your participation!



Segreant Karn helping this young lady select a gift.



Deputy Arquette helping this young man select his gift.





# INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

Per Section 3.04 of the Inclement Weather Guidelines policy, when snow, ice, or other weather conditions makes travel to and from work difficult, but is not severe enough to require the closing of County facilities, employees are encouraged to make every reasonable attempt to report to work as scheduled. Refer to the policy for compensation under Bad Weather.

Under Weather Emergencies, it states that in cases when weather conditions are severe enough to cause the Sheriff to declare a "Level III Weather Emergency" or the Board of County Commissioners to officially close County offices and/or non-continuous-operating County Facilities, the following applies:

1. Employees who were scheduled to work, but were unable to do so because the office or facility was closed, shall be paid for their full shift.
2. If the office or facility is closed due to a weather emergency during employees' normal work shift and such employee is therefore required to leave early, the employee shall be paid for the remainder of the regularly scheduled shift.
3. If a Level III Weather Emergency is lifted during the shift and employees have already been notified not to report to work, such employees shall be paid for their entire shift.



## Weather Emergency Classifications

### LEVEL I

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

### LEVEL II

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

### LEVEL III

All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

**Make sure you are aware of the weather conditions and emergency classifications before driving in severe weather.**

## OUR FURRY FRIENDS

Don't forget that when temperatures fall below 32°F, pets that are smaller, with thinner coats, and are very young, old or sick, should not be left outside for very long.

Once temperatures hit 20°F, the potential for frostbite and hypothermia increases significantly for your animals.



# TEXT-TO-911

## NOW AVAILABLE IN FREMONT

This gives you the ability to send a “short text message” (SMS) to 911. Texting during an emergency could be helpful if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, or if a voice call to 911 might otherwise be dangerous or impossible.

### HOW IT WORKS

1. Start a new text message on your mobile phone, and enter the number **911** in the “to” field.
2. Text the **exact location** of the emergency.
3. Briefly describe what kind of help you need, using full simple words.
4. Push the “send” button.
5. Respond to any questions.
6. Follow instructions.
7. If you’re driving, pull over when it’s safe. **Do not text and drive!**

Similar to voice calls to 911, texts are routed to a 911 call center based on the location of the cell tower processing your text. In Sandusky County, the text should be received by the 911 call-takers in the Sandusky County Sheriff Office-Communications Center.

This service has been enabled on all cell towers in the service area of Sandusky County.

If you send a text to 911 in an area where it is not supported, your wireless carrier should send you a “bounce back” message indicating that the service is unavailable.

In order to use Text-To-911, the mobile device you are texting from requires a mobile phone number with a wireless carrier that will allow the device to send and receive text messages.

Making a voice call is the best and fastest way to reach 911 operators.



## REQUESTING THE USE OF A COUNTY VEHICLE

We have two vehicles that may be signed out for county business. Call Sandy Gillig at 419-334-6100 to reserve a vehicle. Provide the date(s) the vehicle is needed, purpose of your trip, when keys will be picked up, a contact number, and when you will be returning the vehicle.

You will be given the binder that is assigned to your vehicle when you pick up the keys. Please complete all fields in the Mileage Log and return the binder to the Commissioner’s Office when you return the keys.



### ITEMS TO KEEP IN YOUR CAR KIT DURING WINTER

- Flashlight
- Bag of cat litter (traction)
- Snow Shovel
- Jumper Cables
- First Aid Kit
- Matches
- Ice Scraper
- Reflective Triangles
- Toolbox
- Water
- Warm Clothes & Boots
- Blankets
- Non-perishable Snacks
- Phone Charger



# MEET YOUR NEW COLLEAGUES



Hello, My name is Sandy Gillig and I am excited to be a part of the Sandusky County Commissioner's team as a Clerical Specialist. During my 32 plus years of employment with FirstEnergy working at Davis-Besse and Toledo Edison, I was responsible for administrative work, training coordination, recruiting and Human Resources activities. I retired on April 1st, but it didn't take long to decide that I missed working and being with people.

My husband, Craig, and I live in Elmore with our daughter, Sidney, who is attending Michigan Tech University and our son, Mitchell, who is a Sophomore at Woodmore High School. We have two older girls, Jenny & Lindsey, and two amazing grandsons, Landon & Connor. I love spending time with family & friends, quilting, sewing and crafting. Go Browns!

Looking forward to working with you all. Big thank you to Theresa, Ian & Traci for all their help as I learn this new role!



Natasha Cousin  
Adult Probation



Justin Bailey  
IT



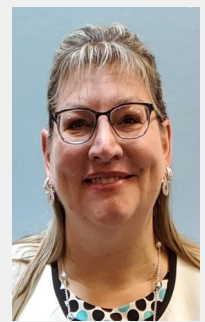
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Kelly Bachman  
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Cynthia Henline  
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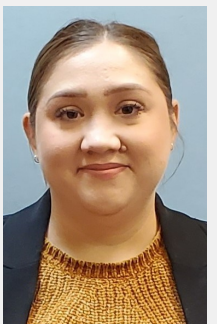
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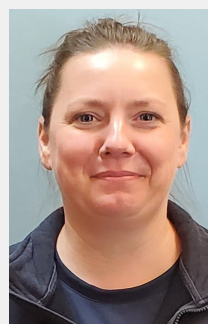
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Mandi Street  
EMS



Tori Boyer  
TASC



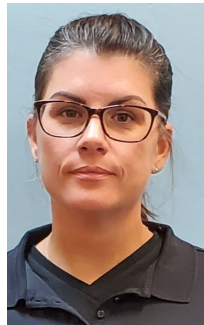
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Reghan Hinline  
JJC



Tristan Murdock  
EMS



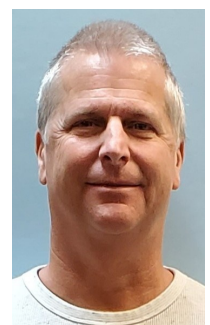
Caren Nemitz  
Sheriff's Dept



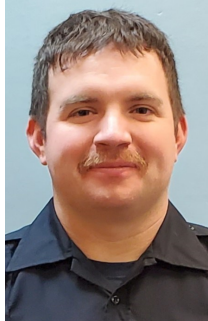
Tyler Pier  
EMS



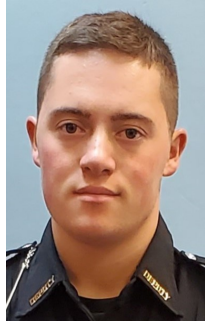
Bill Windnagel  
CWP



Keith Kruse  
Auditor



David Metcalf  
EMS



Kaleb Sprow  
Sheriff's Dept



Terry Stanforth  
Veterans



## DID YOU KNOW?

1. Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space.
2. Celebrating Christmas used to be illegal for 260 years in the US.
3. Queen Victoria sent the first official Christmas card.
4. "The Grinch" is the highest-grossing Christmas film of all time.
5. Candy canes date back to 1670.
6. Tom Hanks played six different roles in "The Polar Express".
7. The original Elf on a Shelf was named Fisbee.
8. "It's a Wonderful Life" was a box-office flop.
9. Santa has his own postal code in Canada.
10. The best-selling Christmas song of all time is Bing Crosby's "White Christmas".





# ENJOYING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As you spend time with family & friends during the holiday season, please remember to stay safe, be kind to others and celebrate the true meaning of the holiday.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS!**

## The Sandusky County Commissioners serve as administrators for Sandusky County by:

- Formulating a Multi-million Dollar Budget;
- Approving Purchase Vouchers;
- Negotiating and Approving Union Contracts;
- Pro-active long term planning;
- Handling day-to-day county issues;
- Approving the county road program for the County Engineer;
- Advertising and taking bids on all road, bridge, ditch and sewer projects;
- Implement maintenance on the inside and outside of county buildings;
- Holding hearings to discuss drainage ditch projects, establishing and vacating roads, personnel and equipment needs for county departments, budget and expenses for upcoming county projects; and
- Attend as a Commissioner Representative on 37 Local/Regional/State boards and committees.

**The Commissioners board meetings are held weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday, commencing at 8:00 a.m. Public forum sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. Evening sessions are held quarterly at 6:00 PM. Generally, all sessions are open to the public and anyone interested in attending the meetings are welcome to do so!**



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