



Dispatch Times

Retired Mason Police K9 "Major" 2010 – 2018

Mason Sgt. Michael Bishop first certified with K9 "Major" in January 2012, when they began working as a team. Major was born and raised in Germany where he obtained an obedience title under his original name, "Jasso von Eichendorf."

Purchased entirely with donation money from local organizations and businesses, when he arrived in the U.S., Major was trained and certified in narcotics detection and patrol. His patrol duties included human tracking, area search, building search, article and evidence search, criminal apprehension, and handler protection. He also received certifications during his career from the State of Ohio, USPCA, NAPWDA, and NAPCH.



Besides being successful in tracking and narcotics detection, Major received a life-saving award in 2012 for tracking and locating an endangered, elderly man. In 2015, he located 17lbs of GHB, otherwise known as the "date rape drug," the largest seizure of this drug recorded in this region.

Major was a very social partner that loved to interact with the children in the community. He was a favorite at schools and community events because of his gentle, approachable nature. In December 2017, Major was diagnosed with K-9 Degenerative Myelopathy, a neurological disease with no known cure and he retired.

Widely known and loved by law enforcement and community members alike, Major enjoyed his final months at home with Sgt. Bishop and passed away at the age of 8 on May 11, 2018. He will be truly missed!



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Mark Your Calendar!



June 2nd 8:30-12:00
River Ride, Franklin

June 9th
Lebanon Country Music Festival

June 17th
Father's Day

June 24th – 30th
Nat'l Lightning Safety Week

Music in Mason
Friday nights at 6:00

Employee Spotlight

Employee of the Month



Tonya Cornett
Employed since 1998

Birthdays

Brian Holtel
June 2nd

Cassidy Gaito
June 4th

Amberlee Applegate
June 13th

Tonya Cornett
June 15th

Keith Fudge
June 23rd

Milestones

Cassidy Gaito—11th
4 years

Carmen Carson—13th
11 years

Jonathan Bright—13th
2 years

Lesli Holt—20th
2 years

Melissa Abrams—25th
17 years

MaKenzie Cotton—27th
2 years



In the Limelight: Office Administrator Melissa Abrams



Melissa came to work for Emergency Services in June 2001. She grew up in Clarksville and graduated from Clinton Massie High School in 1997. Melissa attended Wilmington College where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. Before starting here she worked at Wendy's for 3 years.

Melissa is married and has a son, Conner, and daughter, Rachael. They live in Springboro. Outside of work Melissa stays busy with the kids' sports—Connor is into track and cross country and Rachel plays volleyball and basketball. Melissa coaches Rachel's volleyball team.

Melissa stays active and has run a half marathon and Triathlon. She likes scrapbooking—she created the picture that hangs in the lobby that was dedicated to the opening of our new building. Her family likes to go camping, hiking and taking part in their church activities.

Did You Know?

Ohio Drivers License and ID Card Changes July 2018

By Chris Dill

The days of waiting while your Drivers License or ID card is printed at the BMV are coming to an end. This change goes into effect July 2, 2018. You will still initiate driver's license and identification card transactions by visiting the BMV and they will still photograph you, however you will only receive a temporary proof of transaction. Your driver's license or ID card will be mailed to you in about 10 days.



There are a few reasons for the change. Besides complying with federal regulations, this allows for a centralized point of production. Additionally, this will make licenses and ID cards more secure and will save costs.

With this change, you will now have the option to receive a license or ID card that is acceptable for federal identification purposes. Beginning October 2020, new federal travel restrictions will require a secure Identification. Ohio is getting the early jump on this regulation by offering this secure identification now. A secure ID will meet all federal requirements for access to federal facilities such as TSA, airport security screening and boarding commercial airlines. For more information on the documents needed to obtain a secure ID, see the BMV.

The star in the upper right corner indicates a federally-compliant "REAL ID" card.

Warren County Will Host 2018 World Championship Ultimate Frisbee Matches

The World Flying Disc Federation selected Warren County as host for their 2018 club matches in which over 3,000 athletes from over 50 countries will participate. The tournament, scheduled for July 14th-21st, will include 128 teams from around the globe and will be held at the Lebanon Sports Complex. Finals will be held at Mason High School.

The U.S. Olympic Committee is also expected to attend as part of their process to determine if this sport will be included in the 2028 Summer Games. The championship matches take place every four years, taking place in 2014 in Lecco, Italy. Lebanon was one of three candidate cities being considered for the event and was chosen over cities in the Netherlands and France.



This sport was first developed in 1968 in New Jersey and combines the non-stop movement of soccer with passing and similar end zones as football with the object of the game to catch a pass in the opponent's end zone.

In The Spotlight

Addressing Safety Concerns at Our Schools

By Brian Holtel

As more security threats and incidents occur in schools, both locally and across the nation, school districts in Warren County have reviewed security procedures. Some steps used to address security include lockdown and active assailant drills, enhanced school resource officer programs, improved security camera coverage and building access procedures.

In recent years, state laws have changed to add “school safety drills” to the mandatory fire and tornado drills already required. Out of those, one must include a scenario where students are secured inside the building, as opposed to being rapidly dismissed. These safety drills must also be conducted in conjunction with local law enforcement. These are in addition to practicing the use of the MARCS school radios twice each school year.

The Warren County Career Center is one of those schools that is updating their security camera system. This includes the main campus as well as the Greentree Health Science Academy at Atrium Hospital in Middletown. Not only do school officials on site have access to these camera feeds, but access has also been given to law enforcement and dispatch. They will be able to view school activity in real time as well as access archived footage.

Finally, police presence has been addressed by several law enforcement agencies. In March, Wayne Local Schools announced that Waynesville Police Department has assigned Officer Ryan Wells as a school resource officer in their schools. Springboro Police Department added a detail officer to patrol the school grounds, in addition to



the two resource officers already in the schools. Mason Police as well as Warren County Sheriff's Office are both looking into adding additional resource officer assignments at the beginning of the next school year.

These are some of the steps that are being taken to keep our schools safe, even as every day brings more discussions on lockdown drills and procedures, metal detectors, see-through backpacks, safe rooms, and armed teachers and administrators.



Kings Island First Responder Days by Lesli Holt



May 14th – 20th, Kings Island Amusement Park celebrated first responder week. During this week, all active duty public safety personnel were allowed free admission into the park and to purchase discount tickets for their family members. Park goers were also given the opportunity to interact with emergency response teams and vehicles on certain days.

The Warren County Department of Emergency Services was at Kings Island throughout the weekend, giving the public a chance to spin the wheel to answer preparedness questions on topics such as winter and summer safety, tornadoes, thunderstorms, flooding, emergency preparedness, and 911 communications. Personnel also handed out preparedness information and gave tips on how to write family emergency plans. This was a great opportunity for the department to interact with the public and help prepare citizens for emergencies and disasters.

We would like to thank Melissa Bour, Samantha Hall, Lesli Holt, Andrew Jackson, April Kennard, Jesse Madden, and David Wood for their hard work in making Kings Island Safety Days a success!



Warren County Annual Police Memorial Service

On May 15th, the Warren County Police Chiefs Association honored Warren County’s fallen officers at the annual Warren County Police Memorial Ceremony. Held each May during National Police Week, the ceremony pays tribute to all of the officers who have given their lives in service to our communities. At the completion of the ceremony there was a procession from the memorial to Lifehouse Church on Utica Road.



Officer George Basore

Franklin Police Department

Sheriff W.E. Graham

Warren County Sheriff’s Office

Deputy Homer Burlile

Warren County Sheriff’s Office

Chief James Elder

Mason Police Department

Officer William Johnson

Springboro Police Department

Officer Jeffrey Phegley

Morrow Police Department

Sergeant Brian Dulle

Warren County Sheriff’s Office



National Lightning Awareness Week

by Nancy Machulskiy

Answer the questions about lightning, then unscramble the letters in the squares to reveal this years lightning safety slogan for the National Weather Service.

There are 40—50 lightning strikes that occur each which amounts to 25 million each .

Ohio ranks 12th as the state with the most lightning with 81% of those being .

Lightning heats the air to 50,000 degrees F which is five times than the of the sun.

The Empire Estate Building is struck by lightning an average of times each year.

Lightning can strike as far away as 25 miles from the parent .

There are an average of 51 from lightning each year.

“Heat Lightning” is lightning that is too from thunder to be heard.

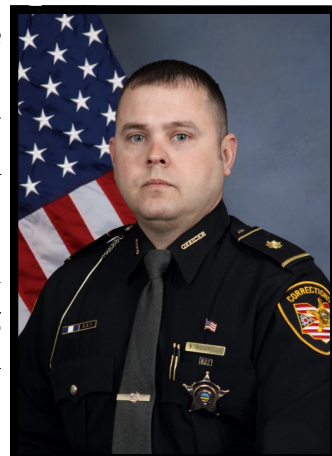
WHEN THUNDER GO !



Major Brett Richardson Visits Dispatch For Continuing Education

On May 23rd, Major Brett Richardson conducted three sessions so that all of the shifts could ask questions about the booking process, Rule 4 and what that entails. Major Richardson had several handouts that helped to explain a lot of that and why those arrested on non-adjoining county misdemeanor warrants cannot be held in the jail.

The discussions were informal with questions being asked about jail capacity and the plans that are being finalized for the new jail construction. It was an interesting discussion that everyone learned from. A special thank you to Major Richardson for taking time out of his busy day!



Where Am I ?

If you know the location where this picture was taken, email us at melissa.bour@wcoh.net no later than June 27th. Everyone that has the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Include your name, phone number, department you work for and your guess of the location and any other details. Don't forget to check back next month to see if you are the one that won!

Congrats to Allison Lyons with Telecommunications for guessing that last month's picture was taken at the Mystic Timbers shed. Stop by dispatch to pick up your prize!



April Monthly Dispatch Stats

	Total	First Shift	Second Shift	Third Shift
Created the Most Incidents	8,048	Emily Smitley 233 Calls	Tesci Davis 575 Calls	Emmaline Ritchie 495 Calls
Most Status Changes	44,726	Emily Smitley 1,763	Bob Anson 2,787	Rob Plummer 1,948
Total 911 Calls Received	4,153 Calls	616 Calls	1,790 Calls	1,747 Calls
Total 7-Digit Calls Received	8,082 Calls	1,243 Calls	3,747 Calls	3,092 Calls
Busiest Day (Based on 911 & Admin Calls)	Thursday 4/05 524 Calls			
Busiest Time of Day (Based on 911 & Admin Calls)	16:00-17:00 849 Calls			



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