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Franklin County Sheriff's Office

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Cadet Class 15-011 warms up with an early morning run at the FCSO Training Academy on Young Road. Graduation was May 8.

WHO WE ARE

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio, is a full-service law enforcement agency, an arm of the courts and the custodial keeper of those who break the law.



Watch Out for Phone Scams!

Sheriff Zach Scott warns residents to be wary of telephone scammers. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office recently investigated an incident in which a person claiming to be from the "U.S. Grant Department" called a Franklin County resident.

The caller/suspect reportedly spoke with a heavy foreign accent and indicated that federal grants, in an amount up to \$9,000, are being awarded annually to persons who are in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service. The caller/suspect provided a confirmation code and directions to immediately call the U.S. Treasury Department at a specific phone number to receive payment.

Stories like this one are not legit. Sheriff Scott says that anyone who receives a suspicious phone call or email of this nature should take precautions. For example, don't provide personal information or money in response to an unsolicited phone call, email, fax or text message, no matter how legitimate it may seem. Insist on written information.

Contact the FCSO immediately at 614-525-3333 if you're unsure of the legitimacy of any phone calls, or if you've responded to what you believe may have been a scam.

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Operation: Shield Yields Results

More than 26,000 units of heroin seized, 84 felony arrests, five stolen vehicles recovered and \$10,000 in currency seized – these are a few of the statistics from Operation: Shield, conducted May 6-8.



FCSO Investigations Chief Deputy Richard Miner Jr., Capt. Charles Williamson and Major Steven Tucker at the Command Center for Operation: Shield.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office teamed up with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for focused enforcement in the area south of I-70. Sheriff Zach Scott said the project aimed its efforts especially on domestic violence offenders, school zone speed enforcement and narcotics interdiction.

With a Command Center set up at the Franklin County Correctional Center II on Jackson Pike, Operation: Shield received assistance from the Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts for clerking affidavits on site and from the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) South Central Task Force with staffing and funds.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF OPERATION: SHIELD

- 1,509 total vehicle stops
- 964 traffic citations
- 541 warnings issued
- 103 misdemeanor arrests
- 43 pounds of marijuana seized
- 43 grams of methamphetamine seized
- 15 search warrants executed



Above: Deputy Brandon Walls, Cpl. Timothy Longshore and Deputy Seth Nibert worked a number of search warrants for Operation: Shield.



Above: This suspect was arrested on OVI. His blood alcohol content was measured at .237 - way over the limit.



Some of the cash and drugs, plus a weapon, seized.

Angel Dust

Angel dust is the street name for phencycline (PCP) or 1-(1-phenylcyclohexyl) piperidine, one of the early anesthetic drugs introduced into the market in the early 1960s. However, the drug has serious dissociative hallucinogenic compounds.

Since the discovery, PCP has been refined into a better dissociative drug for recreational and non-recreational purposes. However, the drug's side effects vary from death to disorganized thinking, euphoria, drowsiness, loss of inhibition, as well as anxiety and disorientations.

Most PCP users also complain of paranoia, increased blood pressure and inability to pronounce words properly due to slurred speech. Extreme cases are also characterized by profuse sweating and fever. Other effects include visual and hearing hallucination and an upset stomach. Overdose may lead to aggressive behavior as the users become indiscriminately violent.

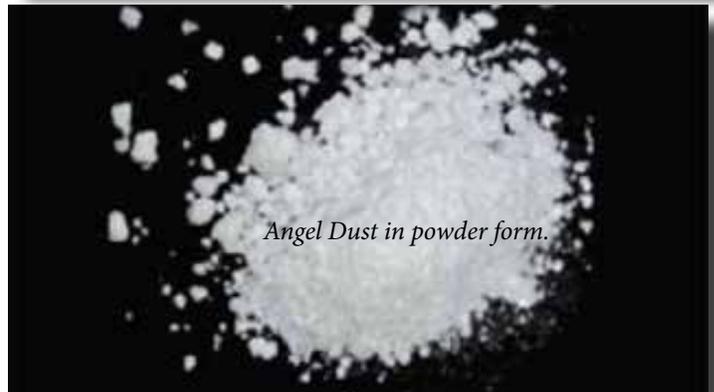
Some users become self-mutilating; others suicidal. Experts say amnesia, coma and convulsion are some of the most common symptoms of angel dust overdose. As a schedule II drug, PCP can only be dispensed by doctors as it has high potential for abuse.

An individual who discontinues use of PCP could experience withdrawal symptoms such as depression and paranoia. While the drug is not commonly used by itself, it's often used with other narcotics. For example, PCP has been known to be combined with drugs like ecstasy or sprayed in leafy drugs such as tobacco or marijuana. Considering the side effects, angel dust (PCP) is a very dangerous drug.

-Lt. Bryan Bachelder, Special Investigations Unit



Angel Dust in powder form packed in capsules.



Angel Dust in powder form.



Angel Dust in powder form.



Angel dust sprayed Cannabis.

FCSO Cadet Class 15-011 Graduates

They came as many and left as one – a single unit - a class unified by eight weeks of training that tested their determination and commitment to a law enforcement career. Cadet Class 15-011 graduated May 8, adding 27 Deputies to the ranks of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Each new Deputy begins field training this month at one of Franklin County's two Correctional Centers.

Here are a few images from their time starting March 16 at the new FCSO Training Academy on Young Road through their graduation day May 8.



Above: Deputy James Dishong oversees cadets during subject control evaluations on March 27.



Above: Deputy Jason Evans wipes a cloth saturated with pepper spray on Cadet Shoopman on May 1.



Deputy Daniel Fahy helps Cadet Viers prepare his uniform shirt on April 24.

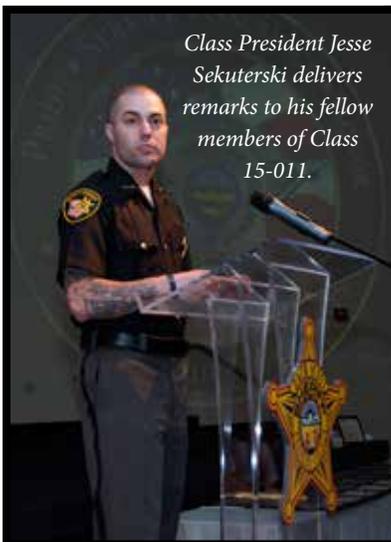


Class 15-011, Graduation Day

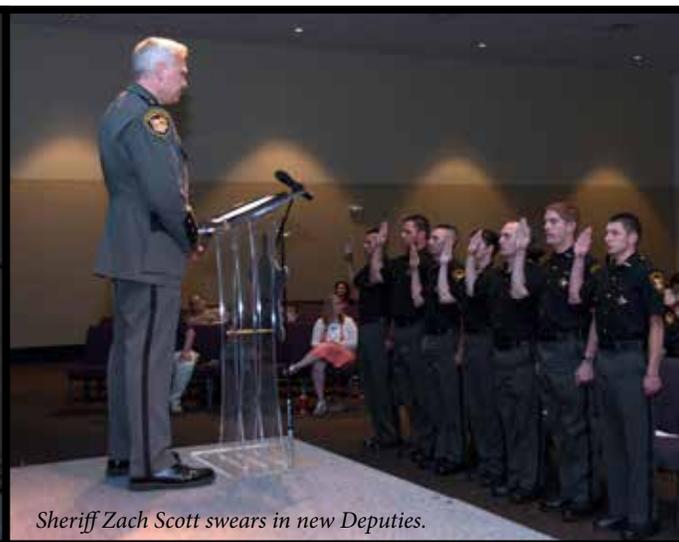


Meet Deputy Ahmed Shukri (left), 20, the first Somali American Deputy at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. He's one of our 27 new Deputies. Born in the U.S. of Somali-born parents, Deputy Shukri is believed to be the first Somali American in law enforcement in central Ohio.

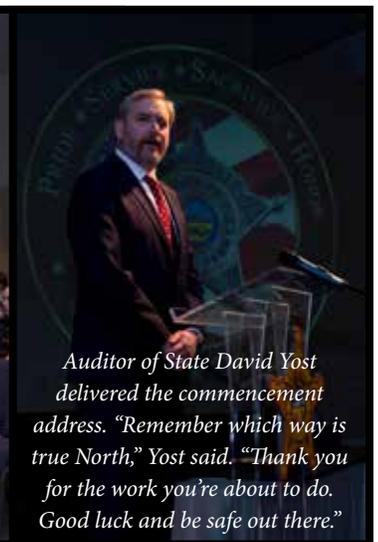
Sheriff Zach Scott states, "At the Sheriff's Office, we strive to reflect the community we serve. By doing so, we demonstrate our respect for the people we protect and the values of our institutions and laws. Deputy Shukri's successful completion of training is a reflection of our work to expand our diversity recruitment program. We continue to encourage minorities and women to apply for positions on my staff."



Class President Jesse Sekuterski delivers remarks to his fellow members of Class 15-011.



Sheriff Zach Scott swears in new Deputies.



Auditor of State David Yost delivered the commencement address. "Remember which way is true North," Yost said. "Thank you for the work you're about to do. Good luck and be safe out there."



Community Feedback

On his experience in the FCSO Citizens Academy and a ride-a-long with Patrol Deputy Doug Bernier:

.... Anyone can put on a show for a few minutes. However, what had become increasingly apparent from my time with the Citizens Academy is that the way the Franklin County Sheriff's Office employees act was not a façade, but a genuine desire to teach, share and build a better community together. Deputy Bernier cemented that feeling, making me feel like an equal from the moment we met at 1500 to the end of the shift eight hours later. It turned out to be more than just an experience to be lived; it became an experience to learn from and another reason to have pride in the county where I reside.

At a time when so much of the spotlight on law enforcement is on the few who make questionable actions, I believe it should be focused instead on the many who serve with the highest degree of honor and integrity. Deputy Bernier emblemizes this ideal, continuing the long line of professionals I have met through the Citizens' Academy who do, and I feel compelled to make sure that their actions get the recognition they deserve.

Thank you for this extraordinary opportunity.

-Robert D. Toonkel, Hilliard



Congratulations to the graduates of this spring's Franklin County Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy.

On a roadside assist for a flat tire on I-70 around 10 p.m. April 25, praising the work of Patrol Deputies David Arriaga Jr. and William Castle:

"A NASCAR pit crew couldn't have been as well organized."

-Gary Chandler, Springfield

On the off-duty assistance of Deputy Scott Tipton, who lives near the Upper Arlington house that exploded March 21, damaging several homes, disrupting power and spreading debris across several roadways:

"Deputy Scott Tipton arrived on the scene and assisted our officers with traffic control on an adjacent street. Deputy Tipton remained on the scene until we were able to complement our manpower with additional staff. His willingness to provide mutual aid allowed us to maintain control of the scene and to answer other calls for service during this emergency. I want to commend Deputy Tipton for his professionalism and prompt response during this incident."

-Chief Brian L. Quinn, Upper Arlington Police Department

Around the Franklin County Sheriff's Office



Proper Disposal – Rx Take-Back Event

Thanks to everyone who dropped off old medicine at Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, April 25. Our deputies collected more than a ton of unneeded, expired medicine at five Kroger stores in Franklin County. Pictured are deputies and Kroger employees assigned to the store at 1375 Chambers Road, Columbus.

The total amount diverted from the landfill and water supply – and from abuse – was 2,334.78 pounds. Pills accounted for 1,455.75 pounds. The rest was comprised of syringes, needles, syrups and other medicine.

Deputies assigned to the Kroger store at 300 S. Hamilton Road in Gahanna collected 635.43 pounds of medicine - the most among the five Kroger stores in Franklin County participating in the Take-Back event. Not far behind was the Kroger store at 7625 Sawmill Road in Dublin, where we accepted 627.4 pounds of old medicine.

Missed the spring Take-Back event? Visit this website to search for a law enforcement drop-off location near your home: rxdrugdropbox.org

Dispatching Success

She takes her job seriously and always gets the best information to assist the public and our officers. Calm and professional, she uses great customer service skills with irate callers and offers steady direction in high-stress dispatch situations.

For these and other qualities, FCSO Communications Technician Margie Sergent-Fisher has received the 2014 Gold Star Award from a local committee of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials/National Emergency Number Association. The ceremony was part of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 12-18, 2015.

Communications Supervisor Christina Walker says Tech Sergent-Fisher has earned respect for her efficiency and reliability. “She emphasizes both public and officer safety in her line of questioning on 911 calls,” Walker said. “She often goes beyond the normal required queries to gather information resulting from other things the caller has said or disturbances heard in the background. She also assists her co-workers in any way she is able.”



K9 Jack is Back - On Light Duty

K9 Jack lost a canine – and got it back. Last month, the 6-year-old partner of Deputy Michael Severance gripped a bite sleeve so hard during training that his tooth tore from the jaw. Jack is expected to recover fully after undergoing immediate surgery to replant the tooth. Ten days after his mishap, he was back at Operation: Shield, where his nose for narcotics helped the FCSO team. Good job, K9 Jack!

Honor Roll

Members of the FCSO Bike Unit proudly joined officers with Columbus Division of Police and law enforcement from the Midwest for the inaugural Honor Roll ride in commemoration of fallen officers.

Starting from Indiana May 1, the Honor Roll stopped in Columbus on May 3 and arranged for a 20-mile tour of the city the morning of May 4 before heading east to Washington, D.C. Joining us before the start of the ride in Columbus was Kyle Martin, son of fallen FCSO Deputy Marty Martin.



To no one's surprise, Ohio Stadium was one of the stops on the Columbus tour. From left, FCSO Deputy Jessie Hatfield, Deputy Tony Casper, Sgt. Dave Barrick, Sgt. Dan Johnson and Deputy Eric Hooks.



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