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Message from Sheriff Dallas Baldwin

If you See Something, Say Something.

That's a phrase you hear almost daily as a reminder to always be aware of your surroundings, keep alert for suspicious-looking individuals, and to notify someone when you see an out-of-place package out in the open.

As Franklin County continues to grow in population, and larger events come to our area every year, we all need to keep a watchful eye in our neighborhoods and communities. For 2020, this also means that the world will be watching Central Ohio as candidates for President will make frequent trips here as they have in the past.



This month, I want to point out the work our Emergency Management Unit will be doing this year something you can read more about in this newsletter. While they already do a tremendous job on big events each year, presidential election years give them even more of an opportunity to use their talents and experience to keep us all safe when Franklin County is in the spotlight.

As the residents of Franklin County are preparing to enjoy upcoming events like the annual Arnold Sports Festival and St. Patrick's Day parades, we are all working hard to ensure everyone can safely enjoy.

Emergency Management Unit

The Emergency Management Unit is responsible for planning, coordinating and staffing large scale events throughout Franklin County, and 2020 will definitely be a busy year!

Along with annual events, such as the Arnold Classic, Red White and Boom and the many marathons in Central Ohio, a presidential election year creates new challenges. Candidates from across the nation will be coming to Franklin County to campaign. During this time, the Sheriff's Office will be working diligently with our federal partners to ensure the safety of both the candidates and the community.

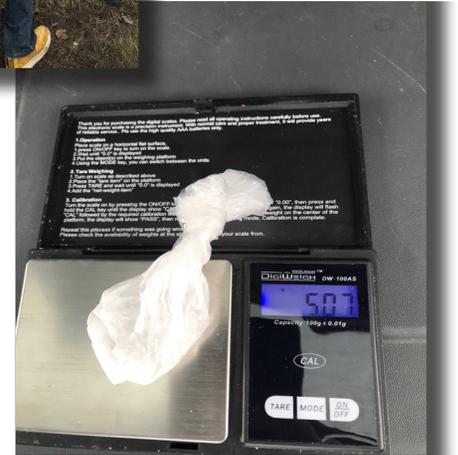
The Emergency Management Unit is comprised of Subject Matter Experts, some of whom have been nationally recognized. They spend countless hours coordinating and preparing each event, planning every detail from budgeting and staffing needs, to identifying emergency evacuation routes and potential threats and hazards.

Behind the scenes, you might never notice them, but they are always keeping watch for you.

Patrol Interdiction Team

On January 27, 2020, the Patrol Criminal Interdiction team (Deputy Greenberg, Deputy Derose, Deputy Romin, and Deputy Castle) were working interdiction in the area of Frank/Brown Road. The deputies observed a black Honda Accord failing to display a rear license plate. A traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle, and they made contact with the male driver and female passenger.

Through their investigation, deputies discovered the driver did not have a valid driver's license and had misdemeanor traffic and drug warrants out for his arrest. A subsequent inventory of the vehicle revealed a clear plastic baggie containing a white powdery substance suspected of being powder cocaine weighing at just over 5 grams. The male was interviewed and admitted to holding the bag for a "friend" so that his "friend" didn't go down the same path he did. The male was charged with F4 Possession of Drugs.



Paving the Way to a Sustainable Future

From the beginning of the planning and design stage of the new Franklin County Corrections Center, the Sheriff's Office was conscious of the environmental impact the new facility would have. Pursuing LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and following the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' Initiative on Environmental Sustainability, the Sheriff's Office explored ways to incorporate green building concepts into the overall design.

The Sheriff's Office recognized that a permeable paver system for the administrative, public and staff surface parking lots would be a step towards the goal of Environmental Sustainability. Permeable pavers allow rain to snowmelt to drain between pavers and back into the water table. These systems reduce the strain placed on storm and sewer infrastructure caused by storm water runoff, reduce the need for retention ponds, and improve groundwater quality by filtering water through their substrate layers.

Phase 1 of the new Corrections Center will have more than 60,000 square feet of permeable pavers installed. The Sheriff's Office will aspire to find and incorporate additional green systems for Phase 2.

