Message from Sheriff Dallas Baldwin

The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office is moving forward with plans to change our operational philosophy. The project is quickly gaining momentum, and I’m confident the planned changes will provide a better working environment and ensure greater safety and security for both inmates and staff.

Last week, FCSO Administration attended a week-long training and coaching session with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). The training focused on Strategic Inmate Management (SIM), NIC’s evolution of Direct Supervision and Inmate Behavior Management. SIM is defined as the intentional integration of the principals and strategies of Direct Supervision and the elements of Inmate Behavior Management as a unified operational philosophy.

Over the next 6 to 12 months, NIC will provide training, coaching, and technical support to Franklin County to facilitate the successful integration of SIM as our new operational philosophy. We have begun to schedule passes of SIM training beginning in April and will continue through the end of the year.

It is my sincere belief that SIM will create an environment where all will thrive.

2020 Externship Program

We recently started the first cycle of our 2020 FCSO Externship Program. For the next 12 weeks De’Chelle Buckhalter and Samuel Eastwood from Ohio State University, Jason Hanneman from Columbus State and Lauren Kachure from Capital University will be working alongside our Outreach & Engagement unit. During their time with us, they will have an opportunity to develop their own community based program that benefits the wellbeing of Franklin County residents. They will also attend community events, trainings, and events such as our Cadet Class 19-045.
Bike Patrol Unit

The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Bike Patrol Unit added 4 new members in the month of February and they will soon complete a 40-hour training course. The goals and objectives of the Bike Unit is to enhance the level of service provided to the citizens of Franklin County and to augment the Patrol Division by utilizing Bike Patrol Deputies to maintain a high visibility in areas that are identified as having a higher potential for criminal activity.

Additionally the Bike Patrol Unit will provide the best opportunities for community policing for the citizens of Franklin County, whether it’s patrolling communities or providing security at special events.

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), is a program presented by deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Community Relations Bureau and SWAT. Active shooter events involve one or more persons engaged in killing or attempting to kill multiple people in areas occupied by multiple unrelated individuals. The deputies who instruct CRASE provide instruction to the public on how to respond to an active shooter event and what to expect when deputies arrive. CRASE is presented to schools, businesses, places of worship and residents within Franklin County. In 2019 there were 172 CRASE presentations with over 4000 participants. In 2020 the CRASE program is currently on track to equal or surpass those statistics due to high demand. To schedule a CRASE class contact Deputy Michael Fetherolf at 614-525-5014, or mtether@franklincountyohio.gov.