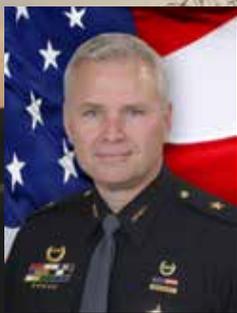


Franklin County Sheriff
ZACH SCOTT
COUNTY STAR



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Franklin County Sheriff's Office

April 2015

Cadet Class 15-011 begins a spring morning with drills. These cadets are the first to train at the new Training Academy on Young Road.

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.



One Text or Call Could Wreck It All

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Keep in mind:

- Because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is one of the most alarming distractions.
- According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55 mph for the length of an entire football field.
- The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration says 3,154 people were killed and an estimated 424,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2013, the most recent year for data.

In Ohio, it's illegal to drive a vehicle on public roads while using a handheld electronic wireless device to write, send or read a text-based communication.

For more information on national distracted driving issues, visit www.distraction.gov

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Training Gains Momentum with New Facility

A spread of mats the size of a basketball court might seem ordinary for Cadet Class 15-011. But for their instructors, it's an extraordinary change that greatly improves the climate for teaching.

When the 31 cadets reported March 16, they became the first to train in a single location – the new Franklin County Sheriff's Office Training Academy, 6347 Young Road, Grove City. "Before, we could train only one or two at a time on the mats," said Lt. Nathaniel Sheppard, who leads training for Corrections. "Now we can get 80 on a mat."



Long accustomed to arranging training at several facilities, FCSO instructors say the mat spread in a spacious multi-purpose room is just one of many upgrades to the workspace for training cadets for assignments in one of Franklin County's two jails.

The 24,500-square-foot building allows for multiple training events, including scenarios, to occur simultaneously. Lt. Sheppard praised the building's high ceilings, natural light and equipment such as smart boards in classrooms. "It's much more conducive to training," he said. "It's amazing what it allows us to do compared to our old space."



"This is a fantastic facility," said Cpl. Lucas Holt, a corrections training supervisor. "We can do a lot more training here. Everything is in a single location."

Ground breaking on Earth Day 2014 called attention to green aspects of the \$5 million project. Those features include low-flow plumbing, occupancy sensors for lighting, solar tubes to allow natural light from the roof into office space, downward pointing parking lights to reduce light pollution and harm to birds and erosion control for rainwater. The parking area features roller-compacted concrete to reduce maintenance costs.

Franklin County Public Facilities Management, which supervised the construction and manages the building's maintenance, has applied to the U.S. Green Building Council for basic certification in Leadership Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). A decision is expected later this year, said Mark Hunter, construction superintendent for PFM.

"It was important to the Commissioners to seek sustainable building practices," Hunter said. "It was also important to meet the needs of the Sheriff's Office."

Hunter said the Young Road facility was his first project for law enforcement. "In every project, you learn about your client and how they work," he said. "I can't say enough about the Sheriff's Office and how great they are to work with. I always appreciate a good client, and the Sheriff's Office was a good client."

The new building improves training for both law enforcement and corrections, said Chief Michael Flynn of the FCSO Administrative Services Division. "We've done a very good job of making do, but you can only make do for so long," Chief Flynn said. "I give my utmost thanks to the Commissioners, the County Administration, Sheriff Zach Scott and Sheriff Jim Karnes. It was through them that we have a really nice building."

Inmate Road Crew Back in 2015

The Inmate Road Crew is back at work helping Franklin County go green. Now in its second year, the program sends five to six inmates to pick up trash along Franklin County roadways each weekday, weather permitting.



Developed under the direction of Sheriff Zach Scott, Chief Geoff Stobart and the Corrections Division's Green Task Force, the Inmate Road Crew is a partnership between the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation's Columbus region office.

Last year, inmate crews collected 2,200 bags of trash from 265 miles of roadway at zero cost to the Sheriff's Office. The 2015 Road Crew launched March 23 and continues through early December, about a month longer than last year. Work will cover the area south of I-70 and northeast to I-670. "We expect to expand Road Crew next year," said Major Penny Perry of the Corrections Division. "We're looking to increase the program in responsibility and scope."

Inmates on Road Crew pick up litter on I-270 near Grove City. The litter-pickup program began its second year last month and will continue through early December.

Deputies provide direct and constant supervision of crews, composed of inmates at the Franklin County jail on Jackson Pike (FCCC2) who volunteer for the program. To be considered, an inmate must have a non-violent,

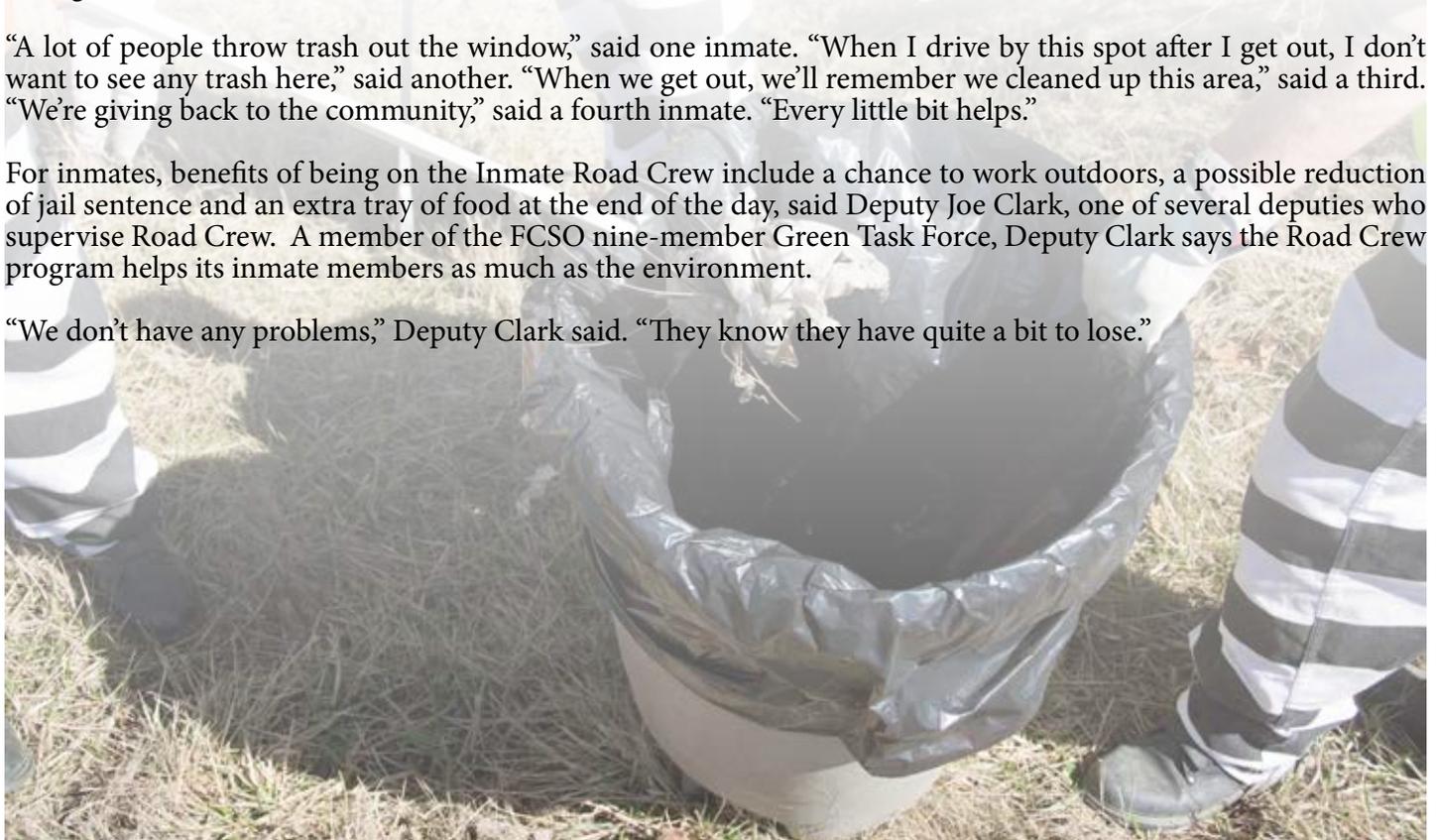
non-felony record and zero infractions of facility rules. This has led to a sharp decline in rule violations among nonviolent misdemeanants, who know that failing to follow rules precludes them from joining or staying on Road Crew.

One day last month, inmates picked up 34 bags of trash along I-270 West near Grove City – and perhaps some intangibles, too.

"A lot of people throw trash out the window," said one inmate. "When I drive by this spot after I get out, I don't want to see any trash here," said another. "When we get out, we'll remember we cleaned up this area," said a third. "We're giving back to the community," said a fourth inmate. "Every little bit helps."

For inmates, benefits of being on the Inmate Road Crew include a chance to work outdoors, a possible reduction of jail sentence and an extra tray of food at the end of the day, said Deputy Joe Clark, one of several deputies who supervise Road Crew. A member of the FCSO nine-member Green Task Force, Deputy Clark says the Road Crew program helps its inmate members as much as the environment.

"We don't have any problems," Deputy Clark said. "They know they have quite a bit to lose."



FCSO Helps Fight Illegal Dumping, Littering

Someone who litters in Franklin County might be surprised to learn someone is watching. Last year, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office sent 538 letters that began like this:

Recently, a citizen reported someone discarding (type of litter) from a vehicle with (license plate number) to the It's a Crime Hotline. This incident was observed at the following location (reported location). Littering is against the law and is punishable by a maximum fine of up to \$500 and up to 60 days imprisonment.

The "Litter Letter" goes on to describe the costly problem of litter and ways the recipient can make a difference. It's signed by one of two FCSO deputies who investigate complaints of environmental crimes. "We can't measure the impact, but we suspect many people change behavior after they read a letter like this," said Deputy Richard Coyne about a letter he signed last month addressed to a Worthington resident.



The letters are one example of work the Franklin County Sheriff's Office conducts for the Environmental Crimes Task Force of Central Ohio. An anti-littering and anti-dumping program in Franklin County, the Task Force is administered by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and includes Franklin County Public Health, the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney and the City of Columbus.

Task Force members work collaboratively to investigate complaints of littering and illegal dumping made through the Environmental Crimes hotline (614-871-5322) and website (www.itsacrime.org). Operators at the 24-hour-a-day service will take the information (time of day, make of vehicles, what was littered, etc.) and turn it over to the Task Force. Those who litter will receive a letter reminding them of the penalties for littering if an officer had seen the incident. Those accused of illegal dumping could face prosecution.

Last year, 1,508 complaints came from every part of Franklin County, with the City of Columbus generating 51 percent of all complaints - by far the most of any jurisdiction. Deputy Coyne and Deputy John Andrews, also assigned to the Task Force, work closely with Bryan White, a solid waste inspector for the City, in investigating and responding to illegal dumping. Using various techniques, deputies also investigate cases involving air or water pollution, illegal transportation of scrap tires, open burning and open dumping of infectious waste.

Until last year, FCSO deputies assigned to environmental crimes worked under the Patrol Division; now they are part of the Investigations Division. "It only makes sense - they're doing investigative work," said Lt. Charles Williamson of the FCSO Detective Bureau.

Responding quickly to illegal dumping is critical, as dump sites can grow if dumpers believe no one is watching, said Lt. Williamson. "Environmental Justice for Your Neighborhood" is the headline on the <http://www.itsacrime.org/> website and Task Force printed materials. "You have a right to be free of trash in your own neighborhood," Lt. Williamson said. "That's environmental justice. We want to find the person who is behind the dumping and bring them to prosecution."



Be Prepared - Support Public Safety with VIPSS



Congratulations to the graduates of this winter’s Volunteers in Public Safety Support (VIPSS) class in Westerville. They completed their eight-week class March 30 and are ready to provide support during times of emergencies or natural disasters as well as volunteer during special and routine events.

On the left side are Sheriff Zach Scott, Cpl. Shawn Pak and Kathy Crandall, Director of Franklin County Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

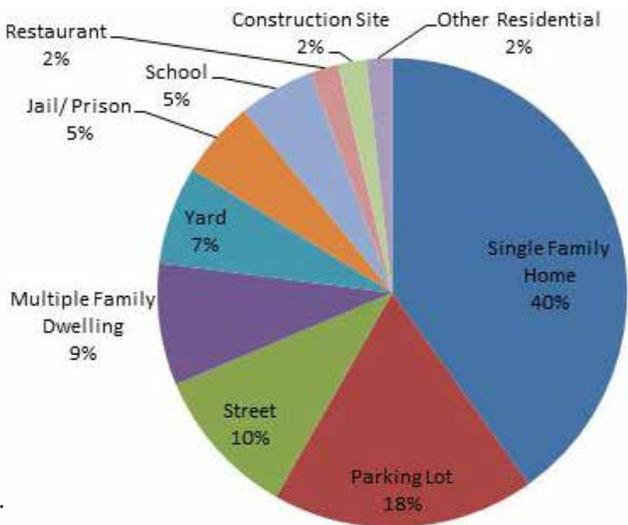
Among those on the right are Lt. Charley Brown, Westerville Police Chief Joe Morbitzer, retired Columbus Police Lt. Fred Bowditch, Sharon Township Police Chief Donald Schwind, Westerville Police Officer John Jeffries and FCSO Investigations Chief Richard Miner Jr.

In the middle of the back row is Sgt. Sam Byrd of the FCSO Community Relations Unit.

The next class begins May 21 in Reynoldsburg. Check this link for information and an application, due May 13: <https://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/volunteers-in-public-safety-support.cfm>

Vandalism Statistics

Vandalism picks up as temperatures rise. Single-family homes were the biggest target of vandals from March 2014 through March 2015.



Source: Reports to Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division.

Attacking Sexual Assault

Chances are you know someone who has been sexually assaulted.

According to the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, approximately 743,000 adult women in Ohio are survivors of rape. Numerous studies point to the continued underreporting of sexual violence and the need for better data.



Congrats to this great group of women who completed our Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System course Saturday at Potter's House Church on the Far West Side of Columbus.

In 2008, after months of researching various self-defense programs, Sheriff Zach Scott brought the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Systems program to the women of Franklin County. At that time, a series of unsolved rapes was in the local news and Sheriff Scott was serving as Corporal for the Community Relations Unit.



Empowering women in self defense is serious business, but it's also fun. These staff members of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities completed our Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System course last month.

Since then, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has certified 12 RAD instructors who have delivered RAD education to approximately 2,000 women. Each class has about 20 participants. The free, 12-hour course focuses on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance. A participant can expect to be mentally and physically challenged. Each participant will learn many self-defense skills to expand their viable options, should she be attacked.

"Sometimes one of our participants may be a survivor of rape, domestic violence or another violent crime," said Deputy Laura Stahr of the Community Relations Unit and one of the RAD instructors. "At any point in the training, a participant can choose not to participate for any reason. We don't want to cause any stress or discomfort to them. Our goal is to educate and empower the women who take this course."

Instructors cover topics such as body mechanics - how women of all ages and fitness levels can learn and practice movements that could help them fight off and escape an attack. "Some women are amazed to find how strong they are," said Deputy Erica Russell, another RAD instructor.



Take Our RAD Class

- Gather 20 women to participate
- Juvenile girls must be accompanied by an adult
- Schedule three 4-hour classes or four 3-hour classes.

For more info: <https://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/rape-aggression-defense-system.cfm>

GHB: Liquid X

GHB is a powerful synthetic drug that has euphoric and sedative effects. It acts as depressant on the central nervous system. It is rapidly metabolized by the body. The effects of the drug can be felt within fifteen to twenty minutes after ingestion.



GHB can lead to immediate negative effects, including sweating and loss of consciousness. The drug can be slipped into a victim's drink.

GHB is gamma-hydroxybutyrate. Historically, GHB has been promoted for body building, although the efficacy of the drug for this use has never been documented. In 1990, the FDA issued a general warning to consumers to stop using GHB because of its numerous deleterious effects. The only current FDA-approved medical use of GHB is restricted for the treatment of patients with a rare neurological disorder called Narcolepsy who experience cataplexy, a condition characterized by weak or paralyzed muscles.

Health Hazards due to GHP: Euphoria, increased sex drive, and tranquility are reported positive effects of GHB abuse. However, immediate negative effects of GHB use may include sweating and loss of consciousness (reported by 69 percent of users), nausea, auditory and visual hallucinations, headaches, vomiting, exhaustion, sluggishness, amnesia, confusion, and clumsiness.

GHB can have an addictive potential if used repeatedly. Withdrawal effects may include insomnia, anxiety, tremors, and sweating. Withdrawal can be severe and incapacitating.

Combined use with alcohol, other sedatives or hypnotics (such as barbiturates or benzodiazepines) and other drugs that possess CNS depressant activity may result in nausea, vomiting and aspiration, and dangerous CNS and respiratory depression.

High doses of GHB, even without other illicit substances or alcohol, may result in profound sedation, seizures, coma, severe respiratory depression and death. Emergency department episodes related to the use of club drugs usually involve the use of multiple substances,

such as marijuana, cocaine, and other club drugs, such as methamphetamine, Ecstasy, or Rohypnol.

GHB detection methods for emergency room use are not readily available. Emergency room physicians may



be unaware that GHB has been abused when a patient presents to the hospital, as well. Due to the short half-life of the drug, detection in the urine may be difficult.

Supportive care and keeping airways open are the primary measures used in the emergency overdose situation.

To protect yourself from date rape drugs, follow these suggestions:

- Don't put your drink down. If your drink is out of sight, even for a few minutes, don't finish it. Get yourself a new one.
- Don't accept an open drink from anyone. If you order a drink in a bar, make sure you watch the bartender open the bottle or mix your drink.
- Avoid punch bowls. You don't know what's in the punch.

If you feel any of the symptoms of a date rape drug, get help immediately. Call your local EMS or 911.

Common Street Names

Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH)	Liquid X
Liquid E	Liquid Ecstasy
G	Vita-G
Gamma 10	Energy Drink

Little information is available on treatment options for persons addicted to any club drug, including GHB. Some users of GHB are not physically dependent upon it, and can be treated and informed on an outpatient basis. Chronic use may result in severe withdrawal symptoms upon detoxification, and close medical supervision and supportive care is required for these patients. Hospitalization may range from 7 to 14 days.

CRASE II



With all the active shooter events across the world, it only makes sense to be prepared. Our Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training has expanded this year to include an advanced CRASE course offered to schools, hospitals, businesses and places of worship. Last month, deputies from Patrol and SWAT taught the four-hour CRASE II at Patrol Headquarters on Frebis Ave. Among the participants was Dr. John Casey, DO, an emergency medical physician at Doctor's Hospital West. Topics covered include emergency medical techniques and scenario training.

For more information, contact Deputy Tony Casper at trcasper@franklincountyohio.gov



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