



THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SHERIFF CLIFFORD PINKNEY

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County Executive Armond Budish
2079 East 9th Street
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Council President Dan Brady
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Dear County Executive Budish & Council President Brady;

Please except this letter as notice that after nearly 30 years of service I will be retiring from my position on August 2, 2019. First let me say thank you for the tremendous honor and opportunity to serve the residence and visitors of Cuyahoga County as their Sheriff. I have spent most of my adult life to service, serving in the US Army and then with Cuyahoga County and it is time for me to spend time with my family and pursue new opportunities that have presented themselves.

I want to also take time to thank the many State, Federal, and Local partners that I have worked with throughout my service. At the risk of missing a few partners I wanted to take time to thank a few. Prosecutor Mike O'Malley and his Office, Administrative Judge John Russo and the Common Pleas Judges, Administrative Judge Michelle Earley and the Municipal Judges, Domestic Relations and Probate Judges, Juvenile Court Judges. Cuyahoga County Council, Executive Director Robert Cornwell from the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and the Sheriff's in the State of Ohio, Ohio State Patrol. And my Federal partners with the FBI, DEA, ATF, Secret Service, Homeland Security, HUD-OIG, & US Marshal Service. Also all of my Local partners (to many to name) and everyone who I have had the honor to work with and collaborate with. I also have had the pleasure serving on many Boards and Committees, such as Boards of Directors with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Chairperson for Ohio HIDTA,



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several committees for the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, the Legal Affairs Committee for the Major County Sheriff's of America, Board of Directors for Crimestoppers just to name a few.

When I took office I dedicated my efforts in trying to modernize the Sheriff's Office and I have attached just a few of the accomplishments we made during my tenure. Again thank you for this honor and privilege to serve with the men and women at the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. If I can be of any assistance with the transition of this office please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford E. Pinkney
Sheriff



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CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH SHERIFF PINKNEY TO DATE

Law Enforcement

- Participated in President Barack Obama's Police Data Initiative, in effort to enhance community policing by utilizing technology and digital data. 1st County in Ohio and 2nd County in the Nation to participate.
- Launched the State of Ohio's first ever custom Sheriff's Office App, which can be downloaded to the user's smart phone. The App is designed to send out multi-channel push notifications, both privately and publically, relating to emergency situations, traffic alerts, national weather service alerts, and more. It is also linked to Crime Stoppers, our social media, and website.
- Worked in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to secure 150 body cameras for Cuyahoga County Sheriff's deputies, thus modernizing our community policing.
- Cuyahoga County Criminal Justice Information Sharing Division (CJIS) was moved from the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services to under the Sheriff's Office.
- Provided high level security with our local, county, state and federal Law Enforcement partners for the 2016 Republican National Convention.
- Relocated CCSD Radio Room to a new state of the art facility.
- Established a partnership with Cuyahoga Community College for training new Correction Officers as well as utilizing the facility for yearly firearms qualifications.
- Trained and equipped Cuyahoga County Sheriff deputies and Correction Officers with NARCAN Kits.
- Implemented mandatory 40 hour in-service training for all Deputy Sheriff Personnel.
- Established a partnership with the Ohio Attorney General, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Organized Crime Commission Ohio, and the Department of

Homeland Security created two new Task Forces focusing on investigations related to Human Trafficking and Money Laundering.

- Enhanced online commissary services for family and friends of inmates, created a new in-house commissary menu for inmates, and established easy access drop box for overnight customer deposits for inmates.
- The Protective Service Division successfully moved from the Marion Probation Department to the Justice Center and created a new entrance/security post, as well as created a Bike Patrol at the Juvenile Justice Center.
- Utilized technology to create efficiency within the Department, implemented E-processing for extraditions, initiated E-processing for Clerk of Courts, and streamlined expungements.
- The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office implemented a new comprehensive records management system (RMS), TAC Public Safety Software offers cutting edge Law Enforcement technology.
- Transition to a new Home Detention Monitoring System (SCRAM) that has saved the county money and provided newer technology to assist the Court with monitoring clients.
- Consolidated the Home Detention Unit with the Patrol Division to create the new Field Operations Unit to better utilize personnel and reduce overtime by changing the hours of operations.
- Created a Use of Deadly Force Team focusing on investigations related to use of deadly force within the County.
- Coordinated with Public Works Department to add additional security systems (Body Scanner and Secured Garage Gates) to the Justice Center access points, which provides more efficient and secure accessibility for the public.
- Received Cuyahoga County Inspector General Report commending the Sheriff's Office Civil Division for utilizing technology systems to reduce duplication of services and provide better service to the Court and Community by reducing and repurposing staff.
- Provided 61 Drug Drop Boxes to 47 Communities for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office Rx Drug Drop Box Program.
- Created the 1st Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy.
- Contracted and utilizing a policy management system called Lexipol to improve policy.
- Lexipol is America's leading provider of State-specific policy management resources for Law Enforcement Organizations.
- The entire SWAT Team was outfitted in new CBRNE suits and SCBA's through the FY14 and FY15 State Homeland Security Law Enforcement grant.

- Enhanced security practices by conducting the necessary training to arm the Court Security Monitors at the Lakeside Courthouse and Justice Center.
- Hosted the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association's North Eastern District monthly meeting for 3 successful years.
- Hosted the 5th Annual Operation Safe Halloween.
- Sheriff's Office created a new Cuyahoga Council Animal Abuse Registry.
- Sheriff Pinkney successfully completed the 115th Session of the National Sheriff's Institute, he was the 1st Sheriff from Cuyahoga County to graduate the Institute.
- In 2018, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department (CCSD) has 27 active grants and was awarded approximately \$400,000 in Federal, State, and local grants in 2018. Highlights include funds to pay for the operation and maintenance of the Marine Patrol, law enforcement radios, and overtime for deputies to participate in the High Visibility Enforcement road patrols.

Jail and Jail Medical Operations

- Entered into a contract with Metro Health to provide correctional medicine and all medical needs for all inmates.
- Modernized the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center by integrating new technology, installed digital surveillance cameras, updated the inmate phone system which increases accessibility for families, In-pod Kiosks, Video Visitation, and Online access to Commissary.
- Proactively sought partnerships with public and private entities to aide in the successful transition from custody and to reduce recidivism.
- Provide sentenced offenders education (GED), employment assistance, job skills and substance abuse treatment.
- Partnered with Edwins Leadership and Restaurant Institute to establish a culinary arts program.
- Partnered with Veterans Affairs, Veterans Court and Community service providers to establish a dedicated Veterans Housing Unit.
- Worked with Ohio Means Jobs and Cuyahoga Community College to determine the feasibility of offering a 5 day Hospitality Boot Camp training program for sentenced misdemeanors nearing release.
- Partnered with Metro Health Hospital to create a corridor outside the jail facility to become part of the release process, in effort to reduce recidivism. Every released inmate

will have access to pharmaceuticals, housing agencies, Medicaid registration, continued treatment/health care appointment scheduling, and a host of other services.

- Acquired an ADA van to transport disabled and paralyzed inmates to appointments/ other facilities/etc.
- Through Metro Health's Infectious Disease department, the Gilead Grant provides funding to screen all inmates at high risk for Hep-C and HIV. All positive results are relayed to the patient and arrangements are made to link patient to treatment post release.
- 340b pricing for medication is now applied to purchases for inmates, this reduces cost to county.
- Intensive outpatient treatment provided for drug users that want to stop using, treatment started in jail and continued at Metro Health.
- Initiated Job Reentry Project in collaboration with Towards Employment. Incarcerated inmates with an interest in acquiring employment are screened by Towards Employment and offered a 6 week workshop to prepare for employment.
- Participated in Community Reentry Program in collaboration with Open Door of YMCA of Greater Cleveland. Open Door provides Transitional Housing for homeless inmates upon their release. Metro Health identifies candidates and performs a 3 month assessment to determine placement in a program. Upon successful 6 month completion of Open Door transitional living program, individuals receive first consideration for housing through CMHA.
- Partnered with Cuyahoga Community College, Public Safety Institute to create a month long pre-service training of all new hires.
- Designed structured on the job training for current and newly hired employees.
- Developed professionalism initiatives by employing an aggressive and innovative 3 prong approach to training, utilizing low cost/high impact resources such as online National Certified training, In-house training and formal class room training.
- Dental suite has added 2 new operator chairs and new imaging equipment, including a panorex which takes images of the whole jaw. Additions of new services beyond extractions only, preventative cleaning, fillings, and teaching inmates proper dental hygiene.
- Chronic Care Management of inmates has expanded to include Hypertension as well as Diabetes.