

# Franklin County Sheriff ZACH SCOTT COUNTY STAR



## Franklin County Sheriff's Office

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*FCSO Class 16-015 has 24 new Cadets training to be FCSO Deputy Sheriffs*

### 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.



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The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is training 24 new cadets who will have an initial assignment in Corrections. A deputy in Corrections is responsible for maintaining security and discipline of inmates; patrolling and monitoring floors, dorms, and recreation areas; receiving and releasing prisoners; securing prisoner property; preparing and maintaining reports; and performing other duties as assigned. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office operates under a para-military organizational structure.

Upon hire, new deputies must successfully complete the Correctional Officer training course held at the FCSO's Training Academy. Deputies receive an assigned shift and facility for on-the-job training after completion of the training course. The training is nine weeks long. If you are interested in a career with FCSO, visit the [Franklin County Sheriff's Office](http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov) website.



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## Severe Summer Weather

Severe summer weather is classified as thunderstorms, hail, lightning and damaging wind. Each of these hazards has its own severity measure and often all four occur in one storm system, causing much more damage than each would have alone. Based on data from 1999 to 2008, Franklin County can undergo as many as 15 severe thunderstorm warnings each year.

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security would like to offer the following safety preparedness information about severe summer weather to help keep you and your family safe.

### Indoors:

- Stay away from windows.
- Use flashlights if the power goes out. Have a battery-powered NOAA weather radio on hand to monitor weather reports.
- Discontinue use of landline phones and electrical equipment. You may want to unplug appliances and computers.
- Avoid taking a shower or bath. If lightning strikes your house it may send a current of electricity across metal plumbing throughout the house.

### Outdoors:

- Stay low. If possible, find shelter in a building.
- Keep away from trees, tall objects, metal objects and water.
- Boaters and swimmers should get to land as soon as possible.

### While driving:

- Reduce your speed.
- Pull off to the shoulder of the road. Be sure you're away from tall objects, such as trees, which could fall due to wind or lightning. Do not clog highway underpasses.
- Turn on your emergency flashers, and remain in the car until the storm passes.
- Do not touch any metal objects in the car.
- Avoid driving on roads covered by water.

For more information about severe summer weather visit:

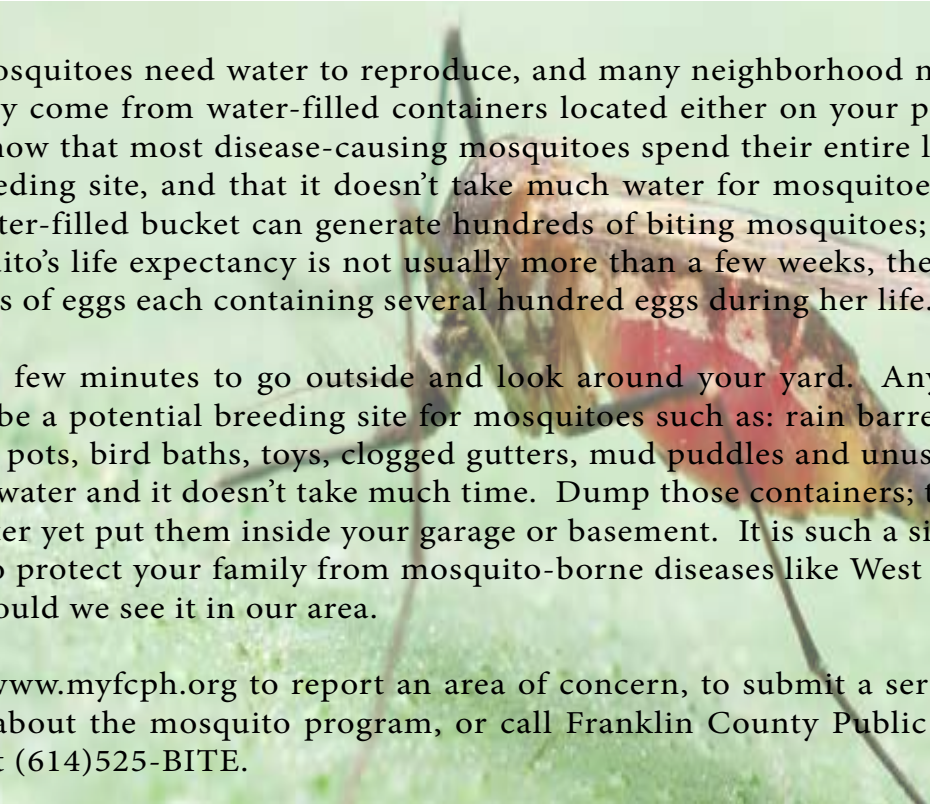
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## Mosquito Season

### Why are You Raising Mosquitoes? Be Part of the Solution!

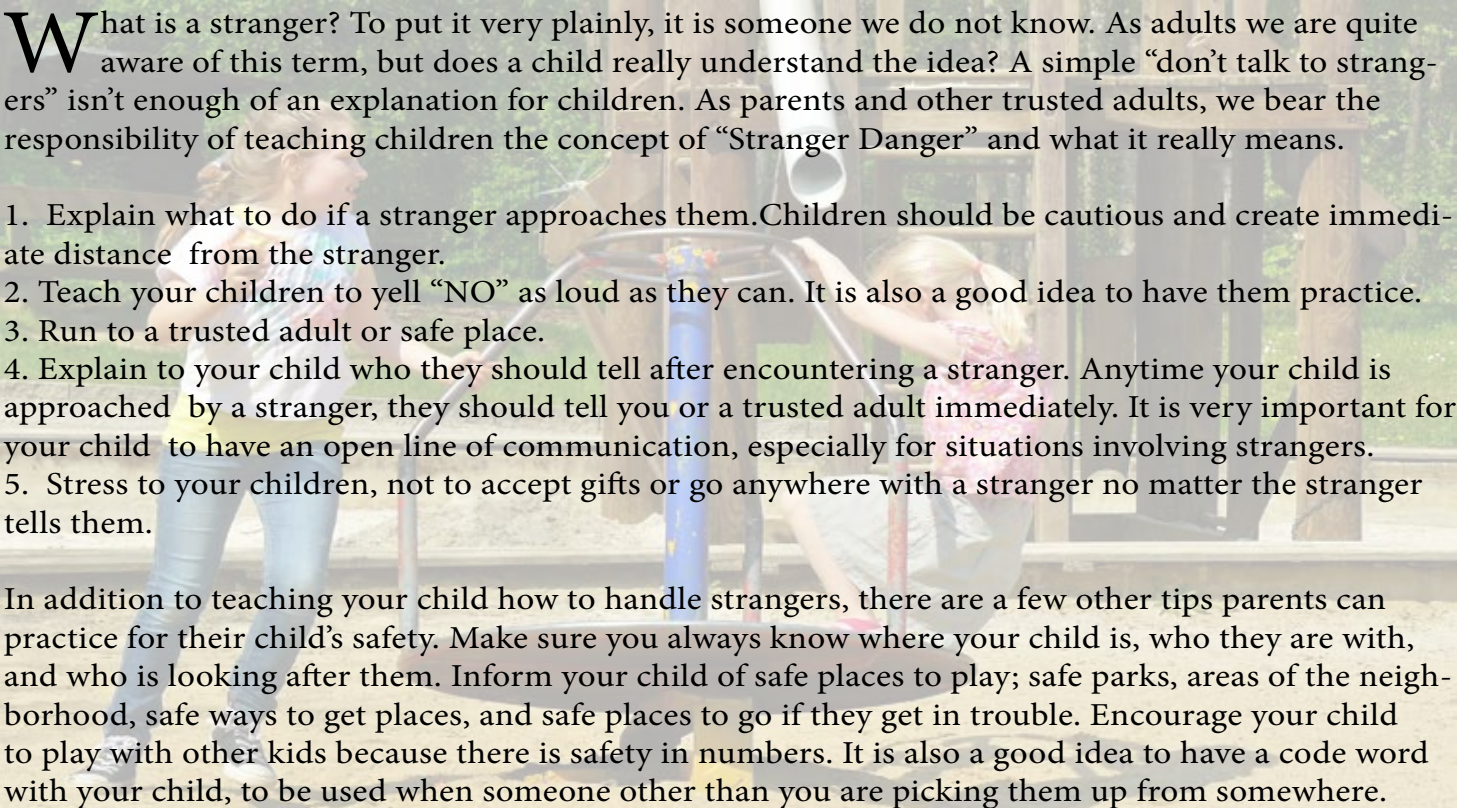


**M**osquitoes need water to reproduce, and many neighborhood mosquito problems likely come from water-filled containers located either on your property or nearby. Did you know that most disease-causing mosquitoes spend their entire lives near their container-breeding site, and that it doesn't take much water for mosquitoes to reproduce? A single water-filled bucket can generate hundreds of biting mosquitoes; and although the adult mosquito's life expectancy is not usually more than a few weeks, the female may lay several batches of eggs each containing several hundred eggs during her life.

Take a few minutes to go outside and look around your yard. Anything that holds water could be a potential breeding site for mosquitoes such as: rain barrels, wading pools, tarps, flower pots, bird baths, toys, clogged gutters, mud puddles and unused tires. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. Dump those containers; turn them upside down; or better yet put them inside your garage or basement. It is such a simple, but very effective way, to protect your family from mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus, and Zika virus should we see it in our area.

Visit [www.myfcph.org](http://www.myfcph.org) to report an area of concern, to submit a service request or to learn more about the mosquito program, or call Franklin County Public Health's Mosquito Bite Line at (614)525-BITE.

## Stranger Danger



**W**hat is a stranger? To put it very plainly, it is someone we do not know. As adults we are quite aware of this term, but does a child really understand the idea? A simple "don't talk to strangers" isn't enough of an explanation for children. As parents and other trusted adults, we bear the responsibility of teaching children the concept of "Stranger Danger" and what it really means.

1. Explain what to do if a stranger approaches them. Children should be cautious and create immediate distance from the stranger.
2. Teach your children to yell "NO" as loud as they can. It is also a good idea to have them practice.
3. Run to a trusted adult or safe place.
4. Explain to your child who they should tell after encountering a stranger. Anytime your child is approached by a stranger, they should tell you or a trusted adult immediately. It is very important for your child to have an open line of communication, especially for situations involving strangers.
5. Stress to your children, not to accept gifts or go anywhere with a stranger no matter the stranger tells them.

In addition to teaching your child how to handle strangers, there are a few other tips parents can practice for their child's safety. Make sure you always know where your child is, who they are with, and who is looking after them. Inform your child of safe places to play; safe parks, areas of the neighborhood, safe ways to get places, and safe places to go if they get in trouble. Encourage your child to play with other kids because there is safety in numbers. It is also a good idea to have a code word with your child, to be used when someone other than you are picking them up from somewhere.

# Hostage Negotiations

## The Power of Listening – FCSO Hostage Negotiators Team

He climbed his way up a television tower - 600 feet off the ground - and threatened to jump. That is when hostage negotiators were called. Communication is key, and when the subject is 200 yards above ground, it is difficult for negotiators to find a method of communication. After some time, he slowly came down to a level where conversation was possible. One FCSO negotiator talked the subject into surrendering and he climbed down unharmed and without incident.

FCSO has nine hostage negotiators that are called to action in situations like this. Since 1987 - when the specialty team started with only two members - to present day, the negotiators are dispatched during dangerous situations that have the potential to turn violent or deadly. Negotiators are commonly called to barricade situations, whether hostages are involved or not.

Crisis situations are risky and options may be limited on what law enforcement can do. That is where negotiation plays a significant role in dangerous crisis. Hostage Negotiation Team Commander, Chief Mike Flynn, explains, "The reason we have a negotiations team is to save lives and to ensure the safety and security of the public. Our ultimate goal is to resolve a situation successfully, which means everyone involved is safe, including the subject and the deputies."

A skilled negotiator must find out what the subject wants, intelligence about the subject and what it will take to achieve a peaceful resolution, all while ensuring the safety of the subject, deputies on scene and any other bystanders. Often times barricaded subjects just want to vent or tell their side of the story.

When applying to join the team, deputies go through an internal interview and role playing test to determine whether they exhibit



it necessary traits: the ability to remain calm, listening skills, patience, and the ability to communicate. Once selected, the deputy will attend specialized training to handle volatile situations. During the 40 hour Basic Negotiators Course through the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, deputies learn active listening skills, basic communication, de-escalation techniques, and crisis intervention through scenario based training. Team members take continuing training courses at least once a year to refine their skills.

During an active situation, a Patrol supervisor will make the determination to call SWAT, which includes an automatic negotiations team response. Working closely with SWAT, both teams will inform the incident commander about what is occurring and make recommendations for resolutions to the situation.

Whether they are working with a suicidal subject or someone who has barricaded himself inside a home, negotiators will try to end all situations as the one at the TV tower did: peacefully and with no one harmed.



# Suboxone

## Special Investigations & Corrections Team Up to Keep Jails Safe

In an effort to continue keeping inmates and deputies in the jails safe, the Corrections Division and SIU are continually taking proactive steps to stop contraband from entering our jails. Sheriff Zach Scott stated, "We will not tolerate contraband coming into our facility and if someone tries to bring in illegal drugs, they will be prosecuted."

Furthermore, of those arrested in this round up, who were identified as having addiction issues themselves, were provided treatment resources through the HOPE Task Force.

Since Franklin County built its first jail, people have tried to smuggle in contraband. For many years, marijuana was the most common choice. With the advent of the opiate epidemic, Suboxone is the most common item attempted to be smuggled into the jail.

Within the last year, the Corrections Division has seen an increase in people trying to sneak in Suboxone. On average, there are three to four reports a week of the prescription medication being caught before it makes its way into the facility.

### What is Suboxone and why are people trying to smuggle it in to the jail?

Suboxone is a prescription medication that is an opioid blocker. It blocks the opioid receptors in the brain. A combination of buprenorphine and naloxone, Suboxone helps to suppress the physical symptoms of withdrawal and reduce cravings. It is currently used to treat opioid addiction, commonly referred to as medically assisted treatment. Suboxone comes in pill form or as a dissolvable film.

When bought legally at a pharmacy, one film of Suboxone costs approximately seven dollars. The value of Suboxone in the jail skyrockets.

Inside the jail, suspects try to illegally convey Suboxone to sell to other inmates who may want to avoid going through withdrawal. It is the preferred fix for anyone who can't get their hands on heroin.

### Changes to Come

Due to the attempted smuggling of contraband typically being hidden in books, magazines, and clothing, the Sheriff's Office will be changing its policy on what can be provided to inmates from third parties. In the next month, the Sheriff's Office will no longer allow printed materials or undergarments to be delivered to inmates from the outside visitors. Only books and magazines ordered directly from a verifiable commercial distributor, publisher, or retailer will be accepted. Inmates will also have to purchase undergarments exclusively from the inmate commissary. For further details, you will be able to find out more information on the policy change by checking out our website at <http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/services/inmate-information.cfm>



## Crisis Intervention Training

### Arming Deputies with a Different Kind of Weapons: Communication, Patience, and Knowledge



“Sometimes I feel like I work in a mental health facility,” explained Sergeant Shannon Beaudry, first shift supervisor at the Franklin County Corrections Center II in Columbus, Ohio.

Sergeant Beaudry was part of the first group of Franklin County sheriff’s deputies who participated in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training specifically designed for those that work in Corrections. The training, which took place last August, was hosted by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and was the first-of-its-kind in Ohio. The NIC also provided the information and framework for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) to establish their own CIT training. The training has proven to be invaluable in the daily work for the 24 corrections deputies who successfully completed it.

FCSO patrol deputies have participated in CIT training for years; realizing the need for training when interacting with the mentally ill on the streets in the community. The Columbus Division of Police offers the training multiple times a year and it has been beneficial for FCSO deputies and surrounding municipal agencies.

However, FCSO Command Staff realized the need for specialized CIT training for Corrections deputies. Corrections deputies encounter different issues and were in need of training specifically for them. Corrections Chief Deputy Geoff Stobart explains, “Patrol officers interact with a person one time while he or she is in crisis. The officer then takes that person to either a mental health facility or to us, at the jail. We have to care for that person over and over, day in and day out until he or she is released.”

The 40 hour training is based on the NIC core components. Deputies learn mental health basics including types of disorders. They also hear from consumers, people who have suffered or currently suffer from a mental illness. Students are taught about the Probate Court warrant process, issues affecting veterans and victims of human trafficking, and will hear from a panel that includes representatives from the LGBT, Somali, and Hispanic communities. Franklin County courts offer multiple specialty dockets, including Veterans, Drug, and Mental Health Courts.







Another specialty docket is CATCH (Changing Actions to Change Habits Court), which helps human trafficking victims who struggle with drug addiction. Deputies in CIT training learn about the goals of the specialized courts and how cases can be referred to them. Importantly, deputies learn about de-escalation and communication techniques they can use in their daily job duties. Two full days are dedicated to scenario based training – placing deputies in situations they may encounter and work on how to deal with what issues may arise. CIT for Corrections offers scenario based training specific to a jail facility. In scenarios, actors engage in challenging behaviors to allow deputies to apply classroom training to handle the situations efficiently, safely, and with compassion.

Awareness is key to early intervention and ensuring inmates receive mental health care while in FCSO's facilities and potentially linked to services post-release. For the first time, deputies are learning about community resources and treatment services. Deputies are armed with pertinent information to give to inmates while they are in crisis. They also understand the lexicon to better connect inmates with services from outside agencies. "We can better

recognize when an inmate may be a client of a mental health care provider before they came into our facility and we can ensure they are linked with their case worker so they continue receiving the care they need," Sergeant Beau-dry states.

In collaboration with the Ohio chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County, 24 FCSO deputies successfully completed CIT training that culminated in a ceremony on May 20, 2016. With an additional training in August, FCSO will have 72 total deputies trained in CIT. "It is not often in government that everyone can benefit. CIT is truly a win-win: deputies, inmates and the community all benefit," explains Chief Stobart.

CIT training is one piece of a complex puzzle when discussing the issue of the mentally ill who are incarcerated and how best to respond to their needs. Beyond the ability to communicate with mentally ill inmates, long term solutions are necessary to ensure they do not recidivate.



## Citizens Academy



May 2016 FCSO Citizens Academy Class Graduation. For more information on all the programs offered by the FCSO go to <http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/>



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Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and enter their address.