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"Making a Difference"

## A Message from Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht

The Sheriff's Office has been receiving messages both in support and against the recent announcement to apply for 287(g), which would allow the Berks County Sheriff's Office to enter into partnership with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to enforce the federal immigration laws within the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office.

Hopefully, this message will help to clear up confusion regarding the authority the Sheriff's Office will have should application for 287(g) be granted.

- Only AFTER a serious arrest will the immigration status of a detained individual be verified.
- The Sheriff's Office WILL NOT conduct roundups or raids of known or reported illegal individuals, NOR WILL IT LOOK for any individual reported to be in the United States illegally.
- Deputies selected will be trained and approved by

ICE to perform certain functions of an immigration officer to be effected ONLY AFTER arrest on a separate matter.

- There is no additional cost to taxpayers. In fact, a detained illegal will be housed in York County (rather than at Berks County prison).

The Sheriff and his Deputies, as well as all law enforcement officers, have taken an oath and have sworn to uphold the law – and that means all laws. Rather than grant bail and thus release back into the community an arrested individual who has later been identified as an illegal alien upon processing, we need to continue to focus on protecting the innocent by preventing the arrested undocumented individual from committing another crime. Those in opposition are likely quick to point to reports or studies that find crime to be proportionately lower among illegals than those who are native-born, but what is missed when pointing to any statistic on crime is the fact that any number above zero is one crime too many, especially when the crime is committed by someone who already has broken the law simply by being in the country illegally.



## Features



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## Deputy Joseph Roslin, Jr. and Deputy Mike Moyer

The Berks County Sheriff's Office is recognizing two deputies who will retire in June 2017 after a combined 93 years in law enforcement. Joseph Roslin, Jr. began working as a deputy in April, 1997 and came to the Sheriff's Office after retiring from the Reading

Police Department in 1997. Mike Moyer began his law career in 1967 and includes service to Cumru Township, Lower Alsace Township, and Central Berks Regional Police Departments. He rose through the ranks as sergeant (of both Lower Alsace and Central Berks), lieutenant (Central Berks) and retired as Chief of Police (Central Berks) in 2007 before joining the Sheriff's Office in 2008.



Moyer and Roslin have a lot in common – Both deputies have spent their entire sheriff's office careers assigned to the Courts Division, both are happily married with two grown children, and both can't wait to spend time traveling and even more time with their grandchildren following retirement.



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BERKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Stars Of The Quarter

## BCSO Certified Instructors:



Deputy Zach Smith  
*Defensive Tactics*



Deputy Ken Rice  
*Defensive Tactics*



Deputy Ethan Darion  
*Defensive Tactics*



Deputy Bob Essig  
*Firearms & Taser*



Deputy Herb Carter  
*Firearms*



Deputy Guy Lehman  
*Firearms*



Sergeant John Parsons  
*Firearms*



Special Deputy Manny Kapelsohn  
*Firearms*



Deputy Mike Gring  
*First Aid*



Deputy Kevin Freed  
*First Aid & Emergency Medical Technician*

## Berks County Sheriff Deputies Required To Participate In Ongoing Training



Deputies in the Berks County Sheriff's Office regularly participate in mandatory training. Recently completed was a 7 hour block of defensive tactics to reinforce techniques in areas such as proper handcuffing, impact weapons, defensive counterstrikes, and weapon retention, to name a few. This training was facilitated by deputies certified to conduct such training through Red Scorpion Training, a Pennsylvania based company that teaches P.P.C.T. (Pressure Point Control Tactics).

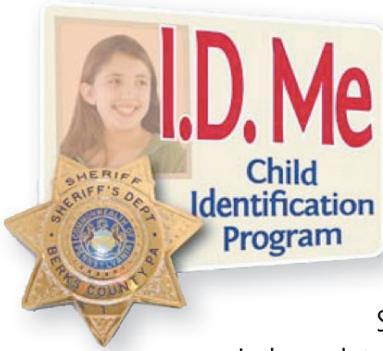
The BCSO Taser instructor will soon be joined by two additional instructors once they complete training. All BCSO deputies are issued Tasers and are taught the proper operation and application for Taser use.

Firearms training and qualifications on handgun, shotgun and patrol rifle also take place by deputies certified through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency and/or through the National Rifle Association and the Peregrine Corporation. Semi-annual firearms training requires a full day commitment and covers topics such as a review of firearm safety, use of force, tactical shooting and dim light shooting, among others.

The BCSO first aid instructors will train and certify deputies in the American Heart Association First Aid training once every two years. Additional training will emphasize hemorrhage control by applying tourniquets and pressure bandages. Deputies certified in first aid training also attended a class facilitated by Tac-Med out of Collegeville, Pa entitled "Emergency Medical Response to Active Shooter and Dynamic Threats" and the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center's "Trauma Management" class taught by Army combat medics.

Training is essential to make sure that each deputy is current with training techniques and policy. The training received by each Deputy is not only for his or her own protection but also for those each comes in contact with daily. It is imperative that law enforcement is given the training and resources they need to be able to make split second decisions that they will be later judged by.





## Berks County Sheriff's Office Ends ID Me Child Identification Program

It is with regret that the Berks County Sheriff's Office announces the end of the Berks County Sheriff Office ID ME program.

In the nearly ten years the program was in operation, the Sheriff's Office has photographed and recorded demographic information specific to thousands of children in Berks County for purposes of notifying the Pennsylvania State Police for submission to the Code Amber Alert organization following a child abduction.

Although the Child ID ME program was a free service offered to the public, there were costs to keep the program operational. Several years ago, specific county budget cuts nearly ended the program, but it was kept afloat by careful scheduling to ensure only one event each month, rather than several times a month and at the request of all who asked. Program directors found the service to be so rewarding that they were willing to be put on a waiting list for the following year.

Despite its popularity with event planners, there began a steady decline in the number of children photographed at each event. Today, nearly every parent has a cell phone and can snap photos of his or her children at any time. It's also more likely that a parent has a more recent photo of a child than the BCSO has in its system of that child.

**For identification purposes, parents should store in their cell phones a headshot photo of each child, height, weight, eye and hair color, and photo of any birthmarks or other identifying information. The information should be reviewed on a regular basis to update all changes.**

The BCSO appreciates the trust parents have placed with us in helping to keep their children safe over the years, but, like most areas in life which have been made easier through the use of technology, so too has this. Please see page 4 for an overview of the Amber Alert organization so you can continue to be prepared to protect.

## District Attorney's Office Hosts Meeting With Explorers

Seasoned members of the BCSO Explorer Post got the opportunity to meet with District Attorney John Adams; Assistant District Attorney, Justin Bodor; and Detective Ivan Martinez this past January. The group met for over an hour discussing the various job responsibilities of those who work in the District Attorney's Office and criteria for investigations in alleged criminal matters.



(L-R): Sergeant John Parsons; Berks County Detective Ivan Martinez; Explorers Bobbie King, Gunnar Bakke, Xena Vazquez, Dominic Lombardo; District Attorney John Adams, Assistant District Attorney Justin Bodor, Explorer Jozef Wilczynski; Deputy Zach Smith

# Amber Alert Overview



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STATE POLICE



Source: Pennsylvania State Police  
<http://www.psp.pa.gov/amber-alert/Pages/amber-alert.aspx>

The Amber Alert Plan is a method of alerting citizens of Pennsylvania when a child has been abducted. The program was developed for Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania State Police and named after 9 year old Amber Hagerman who was abducted while playing near her home in Texas and subsequently murdered in 1996.

The Amber Alert Plan uses the Emergency Alert System (EAS), via the code CAE – Child Abduction Emergency, to warn citizens by radio and television when a child abduction has occurred. The emergency alert contains information regarding the victim, the suspect and if applicable the suspect's vehicle information. This allows the citizens and the media to assist police by getting the message out immediately and reporting sightings of the child, perpetrator, or any other associated information. If a person does have information concerning an abduction, he or she should report that information immediately to police by calling 911. The ultimate goal is to save the life of a child.

In order for the Pennsylvania Amber Alert Plan to be activated, law enforcement must be satisfied the following criteria have been met:

1. The abducted child must be under eighteen (18) years of age;
2. The abducted child is believed to be in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury;
3. Additional factors are considered in the decision making process as to whether or not to activate the PA Amber Alert Plan. These factors include, but are not limited to: availability of descriptive information which could assist in the recovery of the child, time elapsed since the child was last seen, and reliability of witness(es).

The plan is limited to “abducted” children, and, therefore, excludes children believed to be runaways or throwaways from home. After a police department initiates an investigation of an abducted child and all of the above criteria have been met, State Police will analyze the reported information. If there is enough information available to believe that an activation will assist in the recovery of the child, the Amber Alert Plan will be put into effect. Timing is critical in a child abduction case.

The Pennsylvania State Police encourage investigators to report a case immediately in order to get information out to the public so the child can be found unharmed. This plan can be activated anywhere in the Commonwealth. The plan can also be utilized for interstate abductions through a cooperative effort with other states across the nation. The Pennsylvania State Police coordinates Amber Alert efforts with the help of stakeholders from PEMA, PENNDOT, PA Turnpike, PA Association of Broadcasters, PA Newspaper Association, PA Broadband Cable Association, PA Chiefs of Police Association, Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission, PA Lottery Commission and the Outdoor Advertising Association of PA.

## K-9 Raffle Winner Rides into Retirement

A popular item auctioned off at each year's Friends of the Berks County Sheriff K-9 picnic is the “ride to school or work with a K-9 team.” Dean Marks, a now-retired prison guard and winner of the ride, chose March 24 to ride home from his last day of work after 27 years at Graterford State Correctional Institution, Pennsylvania's largest maximum-security prison. Dean's ride began at Graterford and ended at the Hereford Fire Company where he volunteers and where his friends and family were waiting to wish him well.

To become a member of the Friends of the Berks County Sheriff K-9, download the membership form from [www.countyofberks.com/sheriff](http://www.countyofberks.com/sheriff)  
Gold membership includes two tickets to next year's K-9 picnic in September, 2017.



Dean Marks, winner of “K-9 Ride to Work,” with Deputy Guy Lehman and K-9 Max

# Safety Tips

## Smoke Alarms

According to the National Fire Protection Association, three out of every five home fire deaths result in the homes with no smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms save lives – if they are powered by a fresh battery. You should test them every month to make sure they work and follow the general rule to replace batteries twice a year, when switching to daylight savings time, and when switching back to daylight standard time. If the alarm makes a “chirping” sound, replace the battery immediately.

Smoke alarms should be located in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

Did you know smoke alarms can be interconnected wirelessly? That means, when one sounds, they all sound. A Consumer Product Safety Commission survey found this is the best way to notify everyone in a home if there is a fire. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).



## Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas, and it can kill you. Anything in the home that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible.

Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of debris.

Source: National Safety Council

# ON PATROL

WITH BERKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Did you know...

That it is unlawful to allow another to operate one's vehicle when said vehicle fails to meet all Motor Vehicle Code requirements.

Pa.C.S. Title 75, §1575 - No person shall authorize or knowingly permit another person to operate a vehicle owned by him or under his control in violation of this title (Motor Vehicle Code);

Any person violating this section shall receive the same penalty as the person they permitted to violate the section including any suspensions or revocations imposed.

**FINE: \$25 + 103.50**  
**(Minimum Costs) = \$128.50**

## BERKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Most Wanted



**Name:** Bridget Bailey  
**DOB:** 04/16/1979  
**Charges:** Bench Warrant  
**LKA:** 1530 Mineral Spring Rd., Reading, PA 19602



**Name:** Brittney Gonzalez  
**DOB:** 05/09/1990  
**Charges:** Robbery  
**LKA:** 205 Hanley Place, Reading, PA 19611



**Name:** Jose Gonzalez  
**DOB:** 09/17/1980  
**Charges:** DJ Warrant  
**LKA:** 484 Drenbelbis Mill Rd., Shoemakersville, PA 19555



**Name:** William Marrero-Rodriguez  
**DOB:** 11/6/1992  
**Charges:** DJ Warrant  
**LKA:** 739 Moss St., Reading, PA 19604

*If you have information that can help apprehend any of the fugitives in this publication, call the Berks County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Tip Line at 610-478-6390 or Crime Alert Berks at 1-877-373-9913.*

*All your information will be kept confidential.*

# Passion for Patch Collecting



Deputy Ron Uczynski has been collecting law enforcement patches for over 40 years. Pictured here is just a sampling of some of his patches which he estimates total 400. He has at least one patch from each state, including Hawaii and Alaska, and several from outside American borders such as Israel, Australia and Germany.

Deputy Uczynski has been a deputy with the Berks County Sheriff's Office since March 2009 and is a former police officer with the Mt. Penn Police Department where he worked as a patrol officer from 1976 to 1988 and as Chief of Police from 1988 to 1993. Uczynski was the last Chief of Mt. Penn which merged and became part of Central Berks Regional Police Department where Uczynski served as sergeant until he retired in 2009. His Mt. Penn Police Department patch, which is the most meaningful to Uczynski, gets the credit for being the first patch in his collection.

Law enforcement patch collecting is not for everyone, not for lack of interest in the hobby, but because it can be difficult to obtain patches if you're not from a law enforcement agency yourself. Different states also have different laws regarding the legality of law enforcement patch collecting, trading, or selling. The Berks County Sheriff's Office will trade patches with other law enforcement personnel and will, on special request, provide a patch to other passionate patch collectors. Other agencies, if allowed by law, will sell patches to raise money for charity or in-house programs.

Uczynski has actively stopped collecting law enforcement patches but still adds to his collection by receiving patches from retired officers who visit the firearms office where he currently is assigned.

A few of Uczynski's favorite patches among the hundreds in his collection: Reading Police patch from the 1960's; Sheriff's Office patch from the 1970's; and the last patch from Mt. Penn before it merged with Central Berks Regional Police.



Guinness World Records (as of February 18, 2009) credits **Richard Doyle (UK)** with the largest collection of police patches at 10,050.



1st Annual  
**Thin Blue Line Hero's Ride**  
 Benefiting the  
**Deputy Kyle Pagerly Memorial Fund  
 and Officer Scott Wertz Scholarship Fund**



**JUNE 24, 2017 (Rain or Shine)**

\$25 if registered by 6/1/17 and shirt guaranteed • \$30 after deadline • \$15 to just eat

**CARS WELCOME**

Registration begins at 10:00AM at CLASSIC HARLEY DAVIDSON • Ride departs promptly at noon Ride ends at Klinger's at the Airport for raffles, food & drinks

Music provided by **THE PARTY PROS** • Catering provided by **KLINGER'S AT THE AIRPORT**

Registration forms available at: [kylepagerlymemorial.com](http://kylepagerlymemorial.com) or email [kylepagerlymemorial@yahoo.com](mailto:kylepagerlymemorial@yahoo.com)