

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



**Franklin County
Sheriff's Office**



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Greetings,

Throughout the past year, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has implemented numerous programs and initiatives intended to strengthen our community trust and improve public safety. It has always been my goal to partner with local organizations and other law enforcement agencies to address the challenges that we face. I fully understand that our success is dependent upon collaboration and mutual respect between law enforcement and the citizens that we serve.

I am proud to be able to lead a great group of public safety professionals. We pledge to respectfully serve the citizens of Franklin County and to confront those who wish to victimize our law abiding citizens.

Thank you for the trust that you have placed in the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. We will continue to build partnerships in our communities, schools, with local leaders, and other law enforcement agencies with the common goal of building a safer environment for all citizens and visitors of Franklin County.

Sincerely,

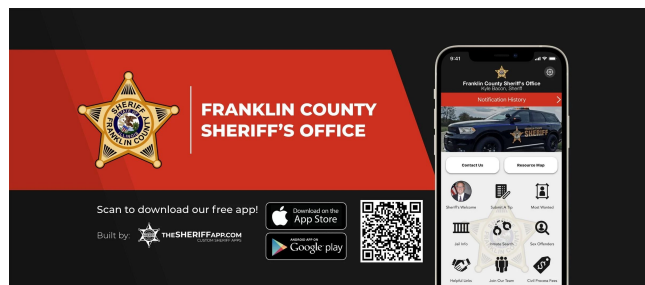
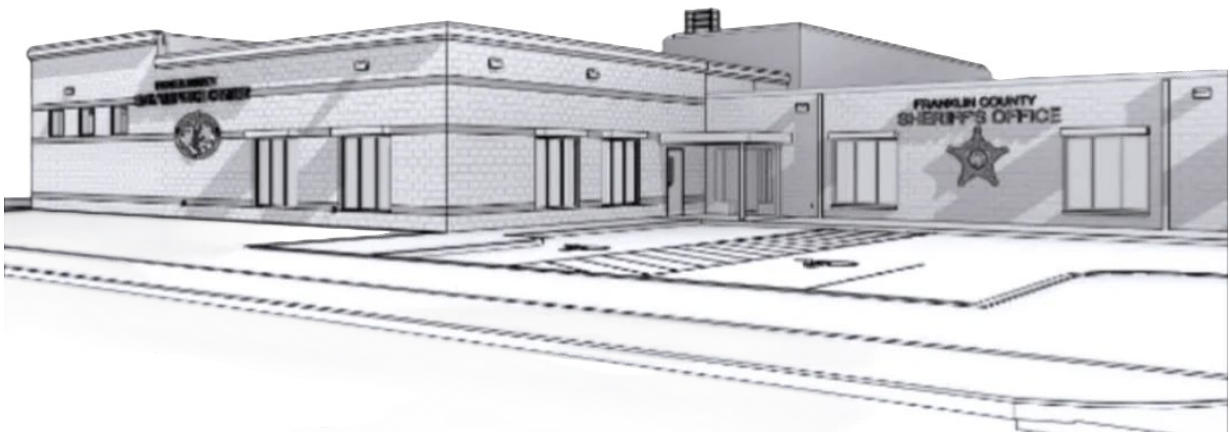
Sheriff Kyle Bacon

A collage of photos and text for Sheriff Kyle Bacon's 2025 year. On the left, a large white star contains the name "Kyle BACON" in yellow and black, with "Franklin County SHERIFF" below it. At the bottom left is a QR code and the year "2025". At the bottom center is the address and phone number: "403 E MAIN ST • BENTON, IL 62812 • (618) 438-4841". On the right is a small version of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office star logo. The central part of the collage consists of eight smaller photos of various staff members, each with a caption: "School Resource Deputies", "Administrative Office Staff", "Command Staff", "Patrol and Investigations", "Court Security Officers", "Transport Officers", "Correctional Officers", and "911 Dispatchers".

About the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

It is the Mission of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to provide quality law enforcement, detention, court security, and emergency dispatch services to the citizens and visitors of Franklin County. We are dedicated to conducting ourselves in a manner respectful of the trust that has been placed upon us. We are dedicated to this mission and to the people we serve to ensure that Franklin County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Our Vision is to work for excellence through education, training, and empowering our employees to provide the highest professional services to the citizens of Franklin County.





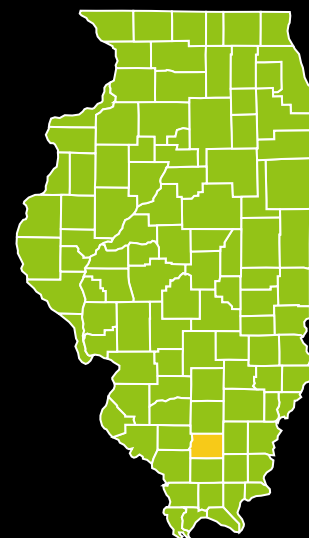
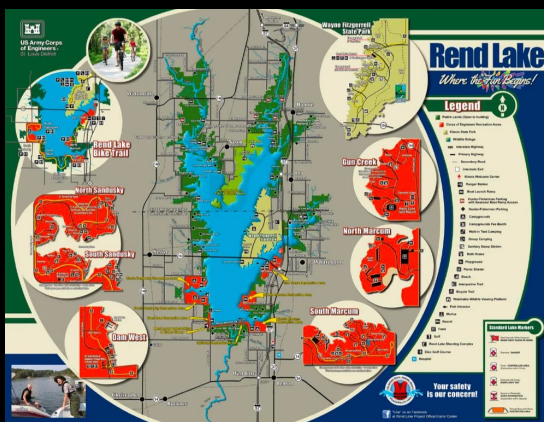
Geography

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office serves a 432 square mile area that consists of 409 square miles of land and 23 square miles of water.

Franklin County is bordered by Jefferson County, Saline County, Hamilton County, Williamson County, Perry County, and Jackson County.

FCSO Deputies have county-wide jurisdiction and are the primary law enforcement agency for the unincorporated areas of Franklin County. A vast majority of the recreational areas of Rend Lake are within Franklin County. Rend lake hosts approximately 1.6 million visitors annually.

The 2023 Census of Franklin County was 37,138.





FCSO Overview

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office consists of the following divisions: Administration, Patrol, Investigations, Corrections, Civil Process, Records, Court Security, School Resource Deputies, Dispatch, and Dietary.

Command Staff



Admin. Staff



Patrol / Investigations



Court Security



Corrections



School Resource Deputies



Inmate Transport



Communications

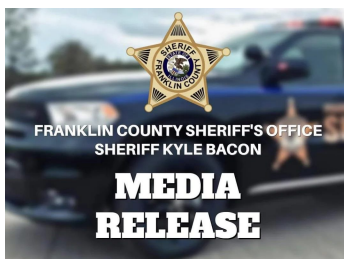




Year in Review Patrol

- **Traffic Crash Total: 366**
 - Property Damage: 162
 - Personal Injury: 80
 - Animal: 102
 - Property Damage DUI: 10
 - Personal Injury DUI: 5
 - Hit and Run: 7
- **Domestic Violence Calls for Service: 328**
- **Theft / Burglary: 218**
- **Stolen Vehicle: 42**
- **Trespassing: 48**
- **DUI Arrests: 52**
- **Traffic Stops: 2,623**
- **Business Security Checks: 857**
- **Traffic Citations Issued (Traffic Offenses / Crash Related): 558**
- **Criminal Arrests: 468**
- **Total Case Reports Generated: 3,617**

Highlighted above are calls for service that are most often received by our office, however, as you can see from the total number of generated reports, our deputies respond to, investigate, and document thousands of calls for service annually.



Year in Review - Corrections, Dietary, Civil Process and Dispatch

- **Corrections:**

Total Bookings / Intakes: 1,940

Average Daily Jail Population: 71

Inmate Cell Checks Completed by Staff: 564,000

- **Dietary**

Jail Meals Prepared and Served: 77,745

- **Civil Process:**

Documents Served: 2,500

- **Dispatch Center:**

Total Calls Processed (LE, Fire,
Medical): 30,502



FCSO K9 Program



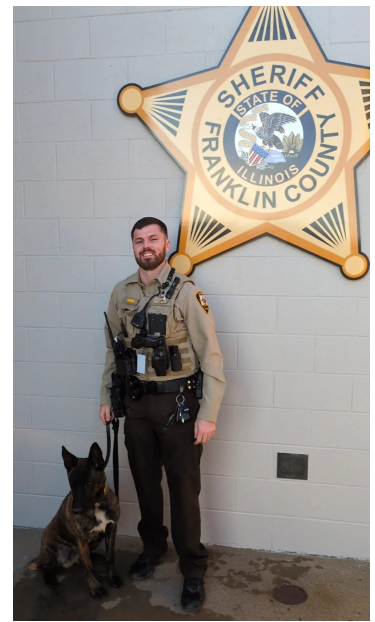
**Lt. J. Anthis and
K9 Vader**



**Deputy T. Flood and
K9 Stryker**



**Deputy T. Baxter and
K9 Caesar**



2025 K9 Stats (Vader and Stryker)

Training - (Vader and Stryker): 468 Hours
Total K9 Deployments: 362

Narcotics Seizures - Methamphetamine / Fentanyl / Cocaine: 396.17 grams

Firearms: 3

Items of Drug Paraphernalia: 46

K9 Affiliated Drug Arrests: 48

Member Agency - Southern Illinois Drug Task Force



School Resource Deputies

Our School Resource Deputies provide law enforcement services to Thompsonville High School and Grade School, Akin Grade School, Ewing Grade School, Sesser Valier High School and Grade School, and Zeigler-Royalton High School and Grade School.

Their work with students, parents, staff, and school administrators is invaluable and we are thankful for the partnerships they have developed throughout our school systems.





Community Engagement

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success"
Henry Ford

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTS
BIKES & BADGES

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN BIKE SAFETY SKILLS, GET FREE SAFETY CHECKS, AND HAVE FUN!

NO COST TO PARTICIPATE

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGES 6 AND UP BUT ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE BRING A BIKE

AN OPTIONAL GUIDED ONE MILE BIKE RIDE WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM.

THERE WILL BE THREE SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM AT 10AM, NOON, OR 2PM.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 11AM-1PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL (618) 724-2493

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR GENEROUSLY DONATING TO THE EVENT!

US Army Corps of Engineers
INFINITY TOOL MFG
DAVE'S SEVERIN

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD FCSD APP

1848 SKYLINE DRIVE BENTON, IL 62812
PHONE: 618-438-4841

ATTENTION

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PROVIDES LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE AND SERVICES TO THIS FACILITY.

FOR EMERGENCIES CONTACT 911 OR YOU MAY CALL THE NON-EMERGENCY LINE AT 618-438-4841

US Army Corps of Engineers

Sheriff's Citizens Academy

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce the next session of the Sheriff's Citizens Academy. This interactive, behind the scenes program will be taught by highly trained and experienced members of the Sheriff's Office who will share their unique perspectives and expertise.

The 8 week program will occur on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and run from October 1st through November 19th

History of the Office of Sheriff
• Patrol Functions
• K9 Functions
• Investigations
• Corrections / Jail Facility Tour
• School Resource Deputy Program
• Court Security Officers
• Communications Center
• Office of Emergency Management and Communications
• Franklin County Coroners Office
• Franklin County Courthouse Tour

The program is open to any any Franklin County resident 25 years of age or older. Applications can be picked up at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office or a digital application can be completed and submitted at www.franklincountyil.gov. The application process includes a background investigation and image release forms.

FCSD Mobile App

2025

Life Jacket Fit Facts

- U.S. Coast Guard-approved (check the label)
- Appropriate size and type for the intended wearer.
- A snug fit is a proper fit.
- Adult life jackets do not work for children.
- Do not buy a life jacket for a child to "grow into."

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

JOIN US: APRIL 26TH

10 AM - 2 PM
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
403 E. MAIN ST., BENTON, IL 62812

NO QUESTIONS ASKED
NO ID REQUIRED

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(618) 933-6890

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Franklin County
Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Reading

You're invited!

Please join us as Franklin County declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Wednesday, April 9th
5:30pm-7:00pm
Franklin County Courthouse
100 Public Square,
Benton, IL 62812

Please contact Rachel or Mandy for more information:
rbacon@franklincountyil.gov
mmandy@franklincountyil.gov

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Safe and Sound in Sesser:

A Community Conversation with
Franklin County Sheriff Kyle Bacon

FRAM THE SCAM DANGER THERFT

A FREE Luncheon Open to the Whole Community

CAR SEAT CHECK EVENT

Certified car seat safety technicians will provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to learn about child passenger safety and have their car seats checked for proper use and installation. If possible, bring the child who will be riding in the car seat, the vehicle owner's manual and the car seat instruction manual, if possible. Please allow 30 minutes per car seat.

Saturday, October 25, 2025
11 AM - 1 PM

Zeigler Fire Department
301 Church Street
Zeigler, IL 62999

DID YOU KNOW?
3 out of 4 car seats are installed wrong!

STU
Illinois Department of Transportation

THIS AREA IS UNDER 24 HOUR SURVEILLANCE

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EXCHANGE ZONE

FOR CHILD CUSTODY & E-COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS

Community Engagement

Office of Emergency Management and Communications

For many years, public safety leaders in Franklin County have looked at ways to modernize and improve public safety services. A consolidated dispatch center has always been at the top of the list. In 2024 the decision was made to move forward with the consolidated dispatch project. Through significant work and cooperation from many agencies the project came to fruition and was recently completed. The new center includes six fully functional answering points and is built to the highest standards as it relates to function and stability.

The project was financed through a combination of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and grants from the Department of Economic Development and Opportunity without using locally generated property or sales tax. The operational expenses of the dispatch center will be shared among the agencies utilizing the center. Significant technology investment was also made by the Franklin County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board.

Benton West/City Area Chamber of Commerce

2025 November Membership Luncheon

**Sheriff Kyle Bacon
Executive Director Ryan Buckingham**

Franklin County Sheriffs Office
403 E. Main St
November 12, 2025
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Optional Tour of the Facility after

**Lunch provided by:
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
TACO BAR**

Luncheon Sponsor

**Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Cops, Community, Coats & Kids
Kids
Winter Coat Drive**

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Franklin County Office of Emergency Management and Communications is hosting its 2nd annual "Cops, Community, Coats and Kids" winter coat drive. We are requesting assistance from our community partners in collecting new winter coats for students in our local schools. Many families in our region face financial challenges. Your donation of a winter coat in childrens sizes x-small to adult size large will comfort and bring smiles to the faces of these young learners. Donating is easy; simply drop off at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office anytime, or have your Amazon / e-commerce orders shipped directly to the Sheriff's Office.

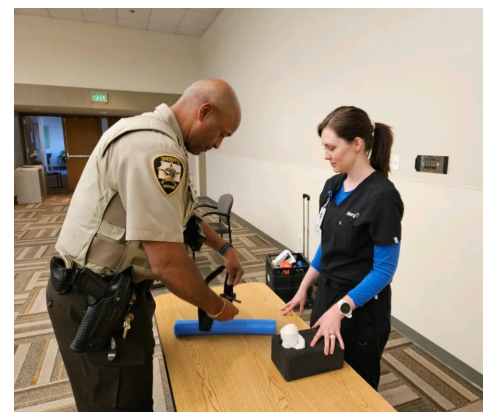
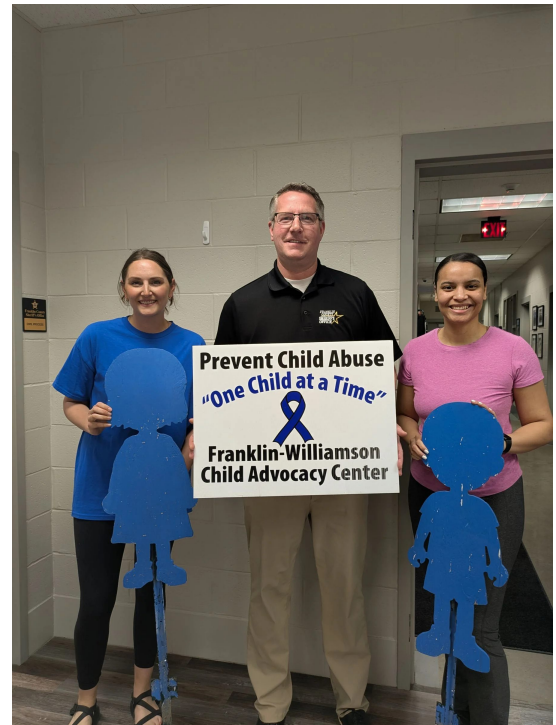
**DONATE DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
403 East Main Street - Benton, IL 62812**

We're Better Together!

**IL SHERIFFS SUPPORT & PROTECT THE 96%
FRANKLIN COUNTY
SHERIFF KYLE BACON
& MILLER FARMS**

Let's make sure we stand behind them!

SCAN ME *Become a Citizen Member Today!* ilsheriff.org/membership





2025 Events

January

- Active Threat Training - Franklin County Govt. Facilities
- Benton Consolidated High School - Career Day

February

- Rend Lake College Students - Tour of Jail Facility

March

- "Drive Your Tractor to School Day" - Sesser, Thompsonville

April

- Thompsonville Grade / High School - Health Fair
- Child Abuse Awareness Month - Courthouse Event
 - Rend Lake College - Health and Safety Fair
 - Drug Take Back Event - FCSO

May

- Bikes and Badges Event - Rend Lake
- Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship Award - Franklin County

June / July

- Numerous Community Festivals - K9 Presentations
- Additional Patrol at Numerous 4th of July Events

September

- Zeigler Homecoming - K9 Demonstration
- Christopher Library - K9 Demonstration
- Sesser First Baptist Church - Fraud and Elder Abuse Presentation

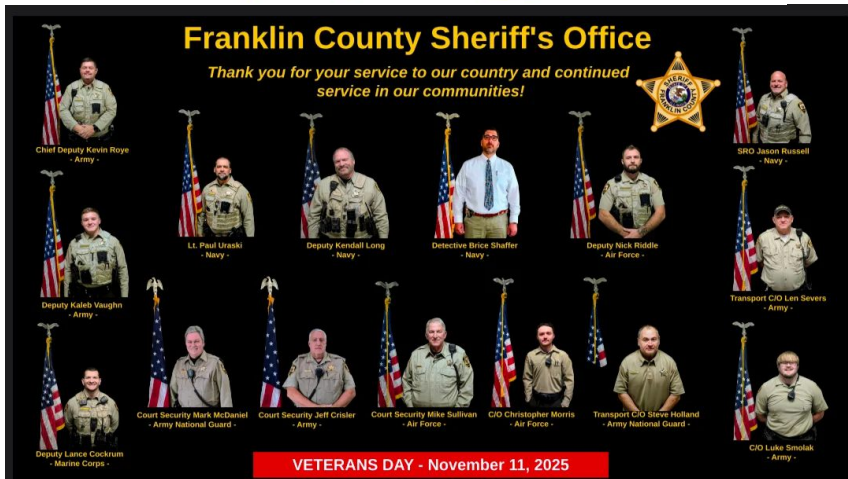
October / November

- Child Safety Seat Installation Event - ZFD
- Cops, Community, Coats and Kids - Winter Coat Drive
 - Sheriff's Citizens Academy - Session 3

December

- Criminal Justice Career Presentations - Benton Consolidated High School

FCSO STAFF SUPPORT



Creating Pathways to Connect our Communities

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is committed to fostering positive relationships with the communities that we serve. We believe that creating and maintaining relationships built on trust and mutual respect will improve the safety and quality of life for all citizens of Franklin County.

Our community outreach personnel are responsible for coordinating community events and programs in collaboration with the Franklin County Office of Emergency Management and Communications and other community partners. Our desire is to invest in the lives of young people, adults, seniors, and other organizations who seek to improve the safety and well being of our public areas, neighborhoods, and schools.

Presentations / Programs:

- Career Day
- Civilian Interaction with Law Enforcement
 - Internet Safety
 - Neighborhood Watch
- Senior Safety - Abuse, Fraud, Scams
 - Sheriff's Citizens Academy
 - K9 Demonstrations
 - Weather Awareness (OEMC)
- Drug Awareness (FCSO / SIDTF)
 - Back to School Events
- Vacation / Travel Extra Patrol Requests
 - RX Drug Take Back Program



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