



FROM THE OFFICE OF
 SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
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A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Since becoming Summit County Prosecutor I have made it my mission to help keep the community safe. I have held hundreds of safety speeches and FREE self-defense classes to give people the tools they need to reduce the chances of them becoming a victim.

That is why August is a very important month. The first Tuesday of every August is National Night Out. This year, it fell on August 7. My office was honored to work with local law enforcement and city officials in spreading the word about safety. It's a great way to build relationships with your neighbors and local law enforcement. But that should not end once the night is over.

As summer begins to wind down I want to make sure safety is a priority. Many of you are just wrapping up vacation and preparing to go back to school. Your mind is on other things. Now is the time to get back on the safety train!

One of the best ways to avoid being a victim is to just pay attention. I always bring it up at my self-defense classes and safety speeches. Being more aware of your surroundings allows you to see any potential dangers.

Always walk with your eyes up and not focused on any one thing—especially your cell phone!

Also, it's ok to look at people as they walk by you. I'm not suggesting you stare them down, but pay attention to them; specifically how they look and what they're wearing. Make a note if someone seems out of place.

Talk to people. Say hi as they pass by. First, this could potentially reduce your chance of becoming a victim. Criminals do not want to be noticed. Acknowledging someone as they walk by shows that you are aware of who they are. It might even give you an idea of why they're there.

Take a moment to see who's walking or driving around your neighborhood. Keep

an eye on nearby homes. Are people coming and going at all hours of the day and night. Know your neighbors. You also might want to take part in a neighborhood watch program. Unfortunately no plan is perfect, but doing these simple things will greatly reduce the chances of criminal activity in your neighborhood.

It's also back to school time. More people will be driving around, and don't forget about those school buses hitting the streets once again. Kids will also be out and about so make sure to keep an eye out for children as they walk to and from school.



Remember the rules when a school bus pulls over to pick up children.

On a two-lane roadway, drivers traveling in both directions must stop for school buses when the bus has its red flashing lights on. Drivers must remain stopped until the bus is in motion again or the bus driver signals that traffic can proceed. On a road with four or more lanes, drivers on the opposite site of a stopped school bus do not need to stop.

Keep these tips in mind so we can all stay safe throughout the year!

Sherrri B. Walsh



IN THE COMMUNITY

With summer in full swing, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office is not taking a summer vacation when it comes to keeping the community safe.



We kicked off July with our new program to keep drunk drivers off the road.

ArriveAlive provided free cab rides within Summit County for people during the July 4th holiday. Twenty-five people took advantage of the program, keeping the roads safer for the rest of us. We plan on bringing ArriveAlive back in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office was also proud to pay tribute to Twinsburg Police Officer Joshua Miktarian. July 13, 2018 marked ten years since Officer Miktarian was killed in the line of duty.



The community gathered outside the Twinsburg Police Department to remember Officer Miktarian. The event included the unveiling of two permanent flag poles which will fly flags honoring police and firefighters. The flag poles are placed at 45 degree angles, symbolic for Officer Miktarian's badge 45.

When the community is in need, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office steps up to help. In this case, several lied down!

Recently, the local chapter of the American Red Cross was in emergency need of blood. Several Prosecutor's Office employees rolled up their



sleeves and let the blood flow at a county blood drive! Thanks to all who donated and gave life.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office is also proud to be part of the Summit County Drug Unit. We join other law enforcement departments throughout the county in the fight to get drugs off the streets.

Recently, Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry named the drug unit the Sheriff's Office Unit of the Year.



Pictured are Assistant Prosecutor Colleen Sims, Chief Counsel Brad Gessner, Captain Matthew Paolino and Inspector Chris Rhoades. Thank you for all you do.

Assistant Prosecutors Vonsheay Brown and Heaven Guest provided safety information to about a dozen young girls taking part in a summer empowerment program at Akron's Schumacher Community Learning Center.

The girls learned about ways to stay safe, keep out of trouble, and stop bullying.



Oh, and our facility dog Avery was there too helping show the girls how he sits with young children who are victims of crime or who witness a crime!

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office also provides internship opportunities throughout the year for students. Interns learn about the ins and outs of the Prosecutor's Office as well as other law enforcement related fields.

Interns recently toured the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office and the Summit County Jail.

Here, intern Juliann Lawrence shows the results after she fired a Taser.





AVERY'S CORNER

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

Summer will soon come to an end. I'm excited because school is starting soon and I get to visit and meet new people.

I recently had a visitor where I work. She had some bad things happen to her. I was glad she came over and gave me a hug.



I also gave her a little stuffed toy so she can remember me when she gets sad.

I also love it when friends of the office come and visit.



This little human stopped by with his dad.

His dad is a police officer. I'm glad he stopped by to say hi.

After a brief vacation I finally made it back to one of my favorite places—Akron's Haven of Rest.



It was great to see everyone and the smiles on their faces.

I'll make sure I'm back next week!

GUILTY VERDICTS



July 2018

Congratulations to the following assistant prosecutors for obtaining convictions at trial.

Joe Dangelo

Tom Kroll

Felicia Easter

Zach Neumann

GREAT JOB PROSECUTORS!



TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

These defendants will be locked up for a lengthy period of time thanks to our dedicated Assistant Prosecutors:

Terrell Clayton, 23

- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Felonious Assault
- **17 YEARS IN PRISON**

Nathen Moynihan, 29

- Voluntary Manslaughter
- Felonious Assault
- **18 YEARS IN PRISON**

Richard Curley, 31

- Aggravated Robbery
- **10 YEARS IN PRISON**



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TOP COP

AKRON POLICE DETECTIVE RONALD KENNEDY

NOMINATED BY ASST. PROSECUTOR TOM KROLL

According to the FBI, a robbery occurs every minute in the United States. That's over half a million robberies a year. An arrest is made in about a quarter of those cases.



Local law enforcement works extremely hard to solve these crimes. That's why I nominate Akron Police Detective Ronald Kennedy for this month's TOP COP. This was his first case as lead detective and he did an excellent job.

This case was an aggravated robbery of two victims, a man and a woman. The woman was leaving work and asked the man, a security guard, to walk her home. Two men with guns approached the victims, demanded their money and other items and then took off. The two robbers ran and were driven away. Officers stopped the vehicle quickly after the incident and discovered four people inside. At first, it was difficult to determine who did what and how the other two people in the vehicle were involved. The victims were able to positively identify one of the vehicle's occupants as one of the robbery suspects.

Detective Kennedy submitted crucial evidence for DNA testing and processed several phones found in the vehicle. Both proved which role each of the four played in the robbery. This resulted in convictions of all four defendants.

Richard Curley, found guilty by a Summit County jury, was sentenced to ten years in prison.

The other three defendants pled guilty to various charges and were also sentenced to prison.

As this month's TOP COP, Detective Kennedy receives a gift card to Texas Roadhouse. Thank you Texas Roadhouse for your continued support of local law enforcement.

Congratulations Det. Kennedy!

CHILD SUPPORT SOLUTIONS

August is Child Support Awareness Month, a time when the Summit County Prosecutor's Office highlights our efforts to help local families.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$76 million dollars each year and handles almost 46,000 child support cases. **Child Support Solutions** provides an opportunity for parents who owe money to make things right.

This year the event covers three days, from **August 14-16**, to give non-custodial parents who owe child support extra time to find a solution to their child support issue.

Our Child Support Solutions event will run from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. during the 3-day event at our CSEA office at the Ohio Building.

Case managers will be available to discuss payment arrangements and support modification. Parents who have their driver's license suspended for failure to pay child support can learn about ways to get their license back the same day. Additionally, we will provide information from a number of local agencies to help attendees finish their education, get a new job and become a better parent.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY
CHILD SUPPORT?

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Presents
Child Support Solutions

A 3-Day Event To Help You:

- Determine if you qualify for a change in payment amount
- Get your driver's license back
- Learn about employment assistance
- Make payment arrangements
- Get free genetic paternity testing
- See if you qualify for a waiver or settlement of past due support owed to the state
- Learn about Fatherhood Initiatives

*Be prepared to make a good faith payment on site. Payments accepted on site: cash, check, credit, debit
*We will not handle warrants at this event. If you have a warrant call our office 330-643-2765

Tuesday, August 14th through Thursday, August 16th
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
175 S. Main St. 5th Floor
Akron, OH 44308

- Bring Your:
- Photo ID
 - Existing court orders
 - Most recent pay stub
 - Proof of employment/unemployment



Want More Information?
330-643-2765
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WHY I'M A PROSECUTOR

MARGARET SCOTT

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office has a new campaign to help inform the public about what it's like to be a prosecutor. Each month, an assistant prosecutor in our criminal division explains why they chose to be a prosecutor.

This month, Margaret Scott, Chief of our Criminal Division, discusses the reasons why she is a prosecutor.



help people and problem solve. I certainly enjoy when you can go into court and I feel that someone is being held accountable for something that they've done. I enjoy the ability to give victims a voice, but I also like problem solving. Sometimes I'll get a call from someone in the community who's frustrated. Maybe something has happened to them or they've called around to other places and no one is helping them out. I have a great sense of satisfaction when I'm able to help them. I really enjoy helping people in our community.

• WHY DID YOU BECOME A PROSECUTOR?

I've always had a passion for public service and I knew early on that I wanted to be a trial attorney and I wanted to make sure things are fair. It's always been very important to me to ensure things are fair and I thought what better way to do that than to be a prosecutor. A judge once said to me if you really want to ensure that things are fair the best way to do that is to become a prosecutor.

• WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF BEING A PROSECUTOR?

The best part of being a prosecutor for me is the ability to

• WHAT'S THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF BEING A PROSECUTOR?

We do see some very terrible things. You see the worst of the worst and you see people treating other people horribly. That can take a toll. You just have to remind yourself that most people are good and most people are kind to each other and it's a very small segment of society that we're seeing.

Margaret's full "Why I'm a Prosecutor" video is on our website and Facebook page.

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office is proud to help train members of the community about understanding the unique needs of crime victims.

On September 21st, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office is hosting its 3rd annual Responding to the Needs of Victims conference. The conference is geared for law enforcement, attorneys, counselors, and anyone who works with crime victims.

The goal is to define trauma and how trauma on a crime victim could impact an investigation and prosecution as well as help empower and encourage victims.

Responding to the Needs of Victims

Featuring Nationally and Internationally recognized experts
Police Chief Tom Tremblay (Ret.) & Lt. Mark Wynn

Friday, September 21, 2018

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Hilton Akron / Fairlawn 3180 W Market St. Akron, OH 44333



Cost: \$30⁰⁰

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