

Addressing Substance Abuse

Community Collaboration: Continue partnerships with local organizations to combat drug issues in Brown County.

Quick Response Team (QRT): Support our QRT which swiftly responds to non-fatal overdoses, as well as provides Narcan training, recovery resources, and pathways to recovery programs.

Support for Incarcerated Individuals: Expand assistance to both the community and incarcerated individuals in accessing mental health and addiction services through partnerships with various agencies.

Youth Education: Engage with local schools, offering programs and assemblies to educate and deter youth from drug use and destructive behaviors.

Educated & Experienced

- 17 years of road patrol service
- Road Patrol Sergeant for 6 years
- Currently serving in 7th year as Chief Deputy at the Sheriff's Office, responsible for operational supervision and reporting directly to the Sheriff
- Graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command in 2016
- Successful completion of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program offered by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation between 2019 and 2021
- Graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy for law enforcement executives in 2022

CHRIS
HODGES
For Brown County Sheriff



A Distinguished Law Enforcement Career

Chris Hodges graduated from the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Academy in April 1999 at Hocking College, where he also earned his Associates of Applied Science Degree. His law enforcement journey began in the Village of Fayetteville as an auxiliary police officer.

In February 2002, Chris joined the Village of Mt. Orab. During his tenure with that department, Chris investigated a wide range of cases, from minor misdemeanors to homicides. He actively pursued advanced training in areas such as SWAT operations, hostage negotiations, first-line supervision, and master evidence technician certification. In July 2010, Chris achieved the rank of sergeant and assumed the role of road patrol supervisor for the department.

In November 2016, Chris was chosen by Sheriff-Elect Gordon Ellis to serve as the new Chief Deputy of the Brown County Sheriff's Office. Taking office in January 2017, Chris has played a vital role in leading the department alongside Sheriff Ellis. Together, they have focused on transforming the agency into a professional organization equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enhance service delivery to Brown County residents.

Notably, from May 2019 to May 2020, Chris stepped into the role of Acting Sheriff during Sheriff Ellis' deployment as a Major General in the Arabian Peninsula, demonstrating his commitment to public service and the community.

He firmly believes that the public's best interests are upheld when law enforcement officers are well-led, well-prepared, and equipped with the latest tools and training. Over the course of seven years, significant efforts have been invested in transforming the office into a highly professional entity, dedicated to serving the county effectively. Chris emphasizes the importance of maintaining this momentum and continually innovating strategies to address evolving crime trends. Having successfully established a solid foundation, he is keenly focused on strategic planning for a promising future.

Chris is married to Brandy (Lang) Hodges, and has three children: Nathaniel, Brianna, and Allison. He is motivated by his profound commitment to serving others, encompassing both the county's citizens and the dedicated employees within the office.



Leading with Family Values and Community Commitment

Key Issues & Priorities

- Community Oriented Policing
- Office Professionalism
- Strategic Planning for the Future of our County's Law Enforcement

Scan to learn more about Chris Hodges and his vision for Brown County.

