

## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

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### Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Certified by the Ohio Collaborative

**Hamilton County, Ohio** – The Ohio Collaborative has awarded final certification and compliance to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, according to Sheriff Jim Neil.

The Ohio Collaborative, which was established by the Ohio Governor's Office in 2015 to establish state standards for police agencies in the state, is a 12-person panel of state elected and appointed officials, representatives from law enforcement, and community members.

"This has been a two-year process, which included policy submissions, checks on compliance, and an on-site verification visit," Sheriff Neil said.

More than 500 agencies, employing over 28,000 officers (in all 88 counties representing nearly 82 percent of all law enforcement officers in Ohio), are either certified or are in the process of certification.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has achieved final certification in the following standards set forth by the Ohio Collaborative: Community Engagement, Employee Recruitment and Hiring, Use of Force, Body-Worn Cameras, Bias-Free Policing, and Investigations of Employee Misconduct.

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“As Sheriff, one of my primary goals after taking office in 2013 was to improve accountability and police-community relations within the communities I am sworn to protect.” Sheriff Neil said. “Receiving this certification shows the tremendous efforts my deputies have taken to achieve this goal. I look forward to continuing to lead this office in meeting and exceeding existing standards or any new standards the Ohio Collaborative sets in the future.”