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New Lake County Sheriff's Training Facility Construction Underway

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, September 8, 2022– County Officials celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Lake County Sheriff's Training Facility on September 8, 2022. This was located at the current Sheriff's Shooting Range located at 2041 Blasé Nemeth Rd. in Painesville Township.

In early fall of 2021, Sheriff Leonbruno met with the Board of Lake County Commissioners who agreed to fund a multi-jurisdictional training complex at their current shooting range.

This current site has been the Sheriff's Office Shooting Range since the early 80's. However, the property was equipped with only an outdoor shooting range and an old trailer. No classrooms or modernized training platforms existed.

"Today's event is yet another example of our commitment to public safety in Lake County. Our Sheriff's Office and local officers deserve state of the art facilities and this investment will begin to address their needs," said Commissioner John Hamercheck.



From the left: Commission President John Hamercheck, Commission Vice President John Plecnik, Sheriff Frank Leonbruno, Commissioner Mark Tyler

Sheriff Leonbruno reflected, "After discussing this project with the Lake County Chiefs, it was clear there was need to construct a facility that all of our Police Department partners could use, which will benefit everyone in Lake County. To have better trained officers who have the ability to work together in a training setting and adapt that to crisis situations is paramount."

The facility, which will be available to County law enforcement agencies, will include a new multi-purpose training building that will incorporate a classroom setting that can be converted to a training site for defensive tactics or a shooting simulator to assist Officers in scenarios from crisis negotiations to shoot/don't shoot decision-making. The existing two outdoor shooting range stations will also be utilized, and a new precision rifle range will be constructed.

"I am grateful to Sheriff Leonbruno for his vision and dedication to public safety. As with all professions, continuing education and training of our law enforcement agencies is paramount in providing high quality safety service to our residents and businesses," said Commissioner John Plecnik.

The Lake County Sheriff's office will continue to manage the range operations but will work with all Lake County Police Departments so that their officers will have access to the training facility on a regular basis.

"I continue to be impressed with the County's public safety agencies and this starts with the Sheriff's Office. I am honored to support such a valuable project and the impact it will have in Lake County," said Commissioner Mark Tyler.

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