



Delaware County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Jeffrey C. Balzer

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Dear Residents of Delaware County:

In response to the recent (March 30, 2026) report released to the news media by the ACLU entitled "ICE in Ohio", I wish to provide the following clarification.

While the ACLU's article is accurate, it is also incomplete. Like many local jails, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has housed inmates for the United States Marshals Service (USMS) for many years. In fact, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has had a contract to hold these prisoners since at least 1988. There are no federal jails in Ohio, so the USMS contracts with local detention facilities to hold people charged with federal crimes until they are sentenced and transferred to a federal prison.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office does not now, nor have we ever contracted with ICE to house people charged with civil immigration-related offenses. We have never entered into a "287(g) agreement" with ICE. I hope this information adds needed context to the ACLU story.

Thank you for your continued support of your Sheriff's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Balzer".

Jeffrey C. Balzer, CLEE
Sheriff
Delaware County, Ohio



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