

Auglaize County Sheriff's Office

Facebook Page Privacy Policy & Terms of Use

1. Introduction and Scope

This policy governs the official Facebook page of the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). This page is maintained by ACSO to provide information regarding public safety, community events, department updates, and critical alerts.

By interacting with this page (including liking, following, commenting, or sharing), you agree to this Privacy Policy and the accompanying Terms of Use.

2. Information Collected and Stored Automatically

Like most public social media pages, certain information about your visit is collected automatically by Facebook and may be accessible to ACSO:

- **Public Profile Data:** Any information you choose to make public on your Facebook profile (e.g., name, profile picture, gender, networks).
- **Interactions:** Your comments, likes, reactions, shares, and direct messages sent to this page.
- **Metrics and Analytics:** Facebook provides ACSO with anonymized, aggregate data regarding page visitors (e.g., age demographics, geographic location, peak viewing times) to help us improve our public outreach. ACSO does not use this data to track individual users.

3. Ohio Public Records Notice

Important Notice: The Auglaize County Sheriff's Office is an Ohio public agency. Therefore, all content on this Facebook page — including posts by ACSO, user comments, replies, and direct messages — is subject to the **Ohio Public Records Act (Ohio Revised Code § 149.43)**.

- **Retention:** Content posted to this page may be archived and retained by ACSO to comply with public records retention schedules.
- **Disclosure:** Any information collected or posted on this page may be subject to public inspection and disclosure upon request, unless an explicit legal exemption applies under Ohio law (such as confidential law enforcement investigatory records).

4. Limited Public Forum & Comment Moderation Policy

To maintain a safe, informative, and constructive space for the community, this page is designated as a **Limited Public Forum**. ACSO does not discriminate based on viewpoint, but we reserve the right to remove comments or content that violate specific, content-neutral restrictions.

Comments will **not** be edited by ACSO. However, a comment may be hidden or deleted in its entirety if it contains:

- Profanity, obscenity, or vulgarity.
- Defamatory statements, personal attacks, or direct threats toward any individual.
- Discriminatory or harassing language targeting race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin.
- Spam, commercial solicitations, or links to third-party websites unrelated to the topic.
- Information that could compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or public safety.
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of third parties, such as phone numbers, home addresses, or social security numbers.
- Encouragement of illegal activity or copyright violations.

Repeated violations of these terms may result in a user being banned from interacting with the page.

5. Emergency and Reporting Notice

DO NOT use this Facebook page to report a crime or an emergency. This page is not monitored 24/7 for emergency response.

- For emergencies, always dial **911**.
- For non-emergency assistance or to report a crime in Auglaize County, contact the ACSO communications center directly at **(419) 739-6565**.

6. Third-Party Privacy and Platform Policy

This page is hosted by Facebook (Meta Platforms, Inc.). ACSO has no control over Facebook's internal data collection policies, tracking cookies, or advertising algorithms. We encourage you to review the [Meta Privacy Policy](#) to understand how your data is handled, stored, and commercialized by the platform.

7. Changes to This Policy

ACSO reserves the right to modify this policy at any time to reflect updates in Ohio public records law, constitutional law, or Facebook platform policies. Changes will be posted directly to this page and take effect immediately upon posting.

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