

ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SHERIFF AND PROSECUTOR
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Effective June 30, 2019, Ashtabula County will no longer be a member of the Trumbull-Ashtabula Law Enforcement Group (TAG). The existing Interagency Agreement between Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties has expired and will not be renewed or extended. Further, a new agreement between the two jurisdictions will not be negotiated and executed.

Ashtabula County is creating a multi-jurisdictional county-wide drug enforcement task force, similar to TAG but covering Ashtabula County only. As part of the newly created task force, Ashtabula County will continue to utilize the existing and experienced TAG drug enforcement officers previously assigned to Ashtabula County and to cooperatively and more inclusively work with other county law enforcement agencies to carry out its attempts to aggressively enforce drug trafficking and possession laws. Further, Ashtabula County contends that a more local unified effort will enable it to be able to better provide increased and improved programming and treatment options to those who are part of the criminal justice system, addicted to drugs, and uniquely qualify for such options in lieu of incarceration.

Officials from all participating jurisdictions will be conducting a press conference in the latter part of June 2019 to more fully outline the details of the new drug task force.

Ashtabula County sincerely thanks Trumbull County for the opportunity to work in partnership over the past several years to fight the proliferation of drugs in the respective counties, and wishes Trumbull County the best in the future in its continued crusade against drugs.