



What is the U.S. Marshals Service?

The U.S. Marshall Service was the first federal law enforcement agency in the United States. Serving as the enforcement arm of the federal courts, the role of the Service is to protect and defend the legal system, as well as supporting the security of court facilities and judges and executing federal court orders. A [core part of their mission](#) is to provide leadership among law enforcement across the country and role models when it comes to decision-making.

How does one become part of the U.S. Marshals Service?

Application Process: For several positions within the U.S. Marshals Service, interested individuals may [apply directly](#) to be considered. Potential candidates must be between the ages of 21-36 and complete rigorous training, medical and fitness tests, and background checks. The positions individuals may apply for include:

- Deputy U.S. Marshals
- Federal Enforcement Officers
- Aviation Enforcement Officers
- Detention Enforcement Officers

Appointment: For each federal judicial district, the President appoints a U.S. Marshal to lead that specific district. There are 94 U.S. Marshals nationwide. When appointed, U.S. Marshals serve a four-year term, which can be extended by the next administration. Ohio has two U.S. Marshals, one representing the Northern District and one representing the Southern District of Ohio.

What are the responsibilities of the U.S. Marshals Service?

Custody of Prisoners: The U.S. Marshals Service assumes custody of individuals arrested by all federal agencies and is responsible for the housing and transportation of prisoners from the time they are brought into federal custody until they are either acquitted or incarcerated. Responsible for more than 63,000 prisoners in federal, state, local and private jails, the Service maintains the secure confinement of these individuals.

Deportations and Extraditions: The Service works with foreign nations to apprehend fugitives wanted by those nations. Additionally, they also are responsible for bringing offenders from foreign countries into custody in the United States.

Fugitive Investigations: The U.S. Marshals Service often aids law enforcement at the local, state, and federal level to investigate high-profile incidents.

Judicial Security: The Judicial Security Division of the Service focuses on protecting and defending those in the judicial process. This includes supporting federal judges, jurors, and other members of the federal judiciary, as well as maintaining safe conduct during court proceedings.

Ohio U.S. Marshals Service Resources

- In Ohio, the U.S. Marshals service uses the Northeast Ohio Correction Center – a privately operated prison by CoreCivic.
- Find Ohio's [U.S. Marshals](#).
- Learn more about the [roles and responsibilities](#) of the Service.