

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



## Warren County Sheriff's Office

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*It's a familiar story in law enforcement. The officers are working out of a building from the 1970s, maybe refurbished or added to later, that doesn't suit today's needs. Fortunately, the Sheriff's department in Warren County was granted the opportunity to build a brand-new jail and office. When the architect on the \$58-million project suggested Patterson Pope to address the storage needs, that's all it took for Warren County Chief Deputy Sheriff Barry K. Riley to make the call.*

### THE PROBLEM

Warren County had “flat outgrown” its old space, Riley said. For one, the sheriff's office had upward of 4,000 arrest warrants and 80,000 arrest cards it needed to preserve, secure and be accessible as needed. Then, there were the weapons and uniforms. Plus, a wide range of evidence. Yet officers were working out of closets and evidence technicians were working out of old jail cells—literally.

When it came time to re-envision the work environment, Warren County drew on years of experience with what didn't work as far as storage. “We lived with things that did not work for so long,” Riley said. “We wanted exactly what we wanted—no-frills storage that met our needs and met our budget.”



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"The simplest part of the building process was the storage portion."

Warren County Chief Deputy Barry K. Riley

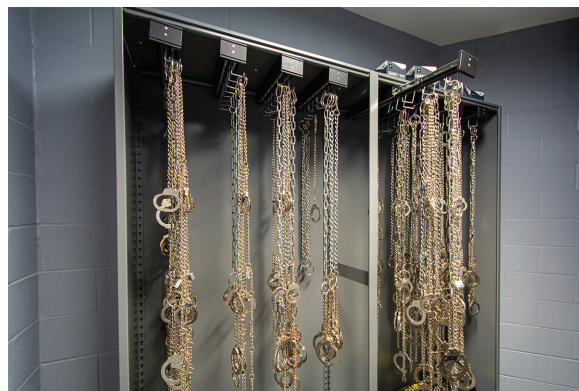
## THE SOLUTION

Through discussions with Patterson Pope public safety storage expert, Gordon Kwiecinski, Warren County developed a fresh vision for storage in the new space.

*"Today, as you walk through our office, we have an armory. We never had that before. We have evidence storage that has a secure facility for guns, drugs, and money. We never had that before. We have records keeping areas that allow us to store cases forever under lock and key. We never had that before,"* Riley said.

Patterson Pope also:

1. Streamlined central supply where the department's 209 employees access uniforms and gear
2. Provided secure, temperature-regulated drive-in, grab-and-go space for riot gear shields, helmets and sticks
3. Designed maneuverable, sliding racks to organize and provide quick access to shackles and belly chains in the county jail
4. Supplied the bag storage to hold property for the roughly 7,000 people booked in the jail annually



# Public Safety

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## THE OUTCOME

At 148,000 square feet, the new Jail and Sheriff’s Office more than doubled what they had before. Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims told the [Dayton Daily News](#) at the October 2021 opening of the facility, *“There is no better place to be in law enforcement than in Warren County.”*

But the officers’ enthusiasm for the new facility isn’t just due to the added space. *“Storage, we’ve learned, is critical for the efficiency of staff, the functionality of the office and aesthetics,”* Riley said.

The process of building a new office and jail was a monumental task. Yet, Riley has only compliments for Kwiecinski and Patterson Pope. *“Gordon had a can-do attitude,”* he said. With a

focus on simplicity in storage and thinking ahead to the future, Patterson Pope filled the space “the right way.”

The storage is adaptable and scalable as well. *“We added storage not just for my career, not for the person who starts tomorrow’s career, but for that third and fourth and fifth person.”*

The durability is great too, Riley said. *“Cops, soldiers and inmates can break rocks, so we needed something durable, and we needed something that looked good and something that fit the need that we had. Patterson Pope nailed it.”*



## ABOUT THE CLIENT

The Warren County’s Sheriff is trusted with preserving the peace, preventing criminal activity and providing judicious service to its southwestern Ohio community with integrity and professionalism.

