



## **Police horses**

The Northern Ohio Mounted Mutual Aid Alliance has stated that there are approximately 20 law enforcement agencies in Ohio with equine units. Units typically consist of 1 to 20 horses. In Ohio, there are very few agencies that actually own their own horses. Agencies that do own their own horses include the Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland Metroparks, and the Columbus Division of Police.

The Buckeye State Mounted Association, which represents all of the county sheriff mounted units in the state, stated that a county sheriff's office does not own horses – each individual deputy owns/leases their own horse.

The length of time horses serve can be up to 20 years. The fair market value of a horse greatly varies based on their age, breed, condition, and training. The fair market value of a horse of retirement age is approximately \$500; the fair market value of a horse fit for duty ranges between \$7,500 and \$9,500.