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## NEWS-SUN IN-DEPTH



The Springfield Police plans to hire 10 new officers, and the Clark County Sheriff's Office is looking to hire between eight to 10 new deputies, who will start working inside the jail. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

# Local agencies seek to hire more officers

Clark County Sheriff and Springfield plan to hire 20 new officers.

By Parker Perry  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Police Division and the Clark County Sheriff's Office are hiring up to 20 new law enforcement officers as they try to fill their ranks.

The Springfield Police Division is opening the application process to the general public for open police officer positions.

The division is accepting applications for these positions starting

today through Oct. 4. A civil service exam will be held on Oct. 12.

"Policing is a noble profession, dedicated to the service of others. Police officers with the Springfield Police Division have been serving this community for over 150 years - this is a rewarding and challenging career," said Chief Lee Graf.

"We are looking for people who meet the job qualifications, but who also possess strength of character and a commitment to serve faithfully, and with fairness."

Springfield police are aiming to hire 10 positions and starting salary is more than \$45,000.

More officers continued on A5

### BY THE NUMBERS

10 Positions the Springfield Police Division is trying to hire

\$45,801 Starting yearly salary for Springfield police

8-10 Deputies needed at the Clark County Sheriff's Office

\$18/hour Starting salary for a Clark County Deputy.

701,000 Sworn police officers in America as of 2016

### UNMATCHED COVERAGE

The Springfield News-Sun provides unmatched coverage of public safety in Clark and Champaign counties, including policing personnel.

## NEWS-SUN IN-DEPTH

# Ohio Senate starts gun law debate

Background checks, raising purchase age, 'red flag laws' discussed.

By Laura A. Bischoff  
Columbus Bureau

COLUMBUS - State senators on Tuesday began debating multiple gun control bills that call for expanding background checks for firearms purchases, raising the legal purchase age to 21 for

all firearms and establishing a legal means to remove guns from people deemed to be a danger to themselves or others.

Kettering Republican Peggy

Lehner, a co-sponsor of the measures, opened her testimony by taking 29 seconds to read off the

Gun bills continued on A5

### CONTINUING COVERAGE

In the wake of the mass shooting in Dayton's Oregon District on Aug. 4, our team is keeping track of action state and federal lawmakers are taking on guns, mental health and other issues. Follow our team on our Ohio Politics Facebook page and on Twitter at @Ohio\_Politics

## ONLY IN THE NEWS-SUN

# Chamber to kick off speaker series today

Topics will be centered around revitalizing downtown Springfield.

By Hasan Karim  
Staff Writer

The Chamber of Greater Springfield is kicking off a speaker series this week with the hopes of getting more residents involved in community revitalization efforts.

Chris Schutte, vice president of destination marketing and communications for the chamber, said speakers will tackle a wide array of topics, centered around revitalizing the downtown area, ushering further investment into the community and discussing broad issues such as improving education as well as reducing crime rates.

Schutte said the conversations are a way to get residents more involved in the revitalization process as local organizations work to attract more businesses, housing opportunities and other amenities into Spring-

### HOW TO GO

What: Chamber of Greater Springfield Speaker Series, featuring Small Nation CEO Jason Duff

Where: Mother Stewart's Brewing Co., 102 W. Columbia St., Springfield

When: 5 p.m. today

Cost: Free

field's downtown.

"They are no longer sitting on the sidelines. We are pulling them into the action. It can only get bigger and better if we bring more people to the table," he said.

Presentations will be held every other month, starting today, at various locations in the community, such as Mother Stewart's Brewing Co. and the John Legend theater. It will include a mixture of live presentations and recordings.

Speakers continued on A5

## TOP NATIONAL STORY



United Auto Workers members picket at a gate at the General Motors Flint Assembly Plant after the UAW declared a strike against GM on Monday.

BILL PUGLIANO / GETTY IMAGES

# Progress in contract talks with GM, union

Health care one of the main sticking points, as GM looks to cut its costs.

By Tom Krisher and Mike Householder  
Associated Press

DETROIT - Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and General Motors showed some signs of progress Tuesday as a strike by more than 49,000 employees extended into a second day.

The walkout brought to a standstill more than 50 factories and parts warehouses in the union's first strike against the No. 1 U.S. automaker in over a decade.

Workers left factories and formed picket lines shortly after midnight Monday in dispute over a deal.

"They are talking, they've made progress, we'll see how long it takes," said Brian Rothenberg, spokesman for the UAW.

One of the main sticking points is health care. GM is looking to cut its costs, but workers say they shouldn't have to pay more because the company is making billions in profits. Union workers pay about 4% of their health care costs, but employees of large companies in the U.S. pay an average of 34%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

GM strike continued on A5



NATION & WORLD, A4  
**Exit polls: Netanyahu dealt political setback**

Benjamin Netanyahu, the longtime Israeli leader, falls short of a parliamentary majority, casting doubt on his future.

LOCAL & STATE, B1  
**Celebrating seasonal change in a cemetery**

Pam Cottrel asks: How better to observe summer's passing than with a walk through landscaped grounds rich in history?

SPORTS, C1  
**Buckeyes look inward while awaiting 'Hawks**

While Ohio State football coach Ryan Day is happy with his team's effort, he sees a multitude of mistakes to be addressed.

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