



**Senator Tom Patton**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**PATTON HONORS NORTHERN OHIO U.S. MARSHALS UNIT**



*COLUMBUS* – State Senator Tom Patton (R – Strongsville) today hosted members of the United States Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at the Ohio Statehouse. The Republican legislator presented the unit with a Senate Resolution recognizing the recent accomplishment of recording their 25,000<sup>th</sup> arrest.

Created by Marshal Peter Elliott in 2003, the Task Force has quickly evolved into the nation’s top performing unit. Its members have succeeded in arresting more than 500 suspected murderers and nearly 1,300 suspected rapists and sexual offenders. Their efforts in confiscating well over 1,200 dangerous weapons have made for safer city streets throughout the region.

With more than 350 officers and upwards of 90 partner agencies, the Task Force’s investigations have led to arrests on both the domestic and international fronts.

“The first priority of all our citizens is to ensure the safety of our families and neighbors,” said Patton. “Without question, the ongoing dedication of Marshall Elliott and his colleagues is helping to increase the level of safety in our region. Not only is their success worthy of commendation, but also well deserving of our sincere admiration and respect.”

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force currently has six divisions, located in Toledo, Mansfield, Elyria, Akron, Cleveland, and Youngstown.