Forensic Anthropology Case Team

Purpose
FACT serves the Ohio community by assisting law enforcement agencies in searching for, recovering, and identifying human remains. The team comprises faculty and graduate students possessing a high level of scientific competence and ethical standing while promoting the highest quality of professional and personal conduct. FACT facilitates training programs for medicolegal, law enforcement, and search and rescue professionals. The team engages in outreach to dispel myths about forensic science and mentors students interested in forensic science.

Impact
FACT offers, at no charge, scientific expertise to the community in archaeological field methods and osteological laboratory methods to help resolve medicolegal death investigations.

FACT provides team members with opportunities for professional development, improving leadership and transdisciplinary team-based skills, and applying advanced training in anthropology and anatomy received from OSU.

In 2013, FACT participated in 12 cases across the state, including the search for War of 1812 soldiers buried in Fort Jennings, by using ground-penetrating radar.

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Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Department of Anthropology
Department of Public Safety
Division of Anatomy

Community Partners Involved
Academy of Pharmacy of Central Ohio
Belmont County Sheriff’s Office
Clark County Coroner’s Office
Clark County Sheriff’s Office
Columbus Police Department
Franklin County Coroner’s Office
K9 Response Search and Rescue
Lima Police Department
Mansfield Police Department
Mount Tabor Cemetery Association
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification
Ohio State Chapter of Sigma Xi
Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc.
PAST Innovation Lab
Perry County Sheriff’s Office
Powell Police Department
Search and Rescue Ohio
Six River Valley Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Ohio
Upper Arlington Citizen Police Academy
Village of Fort Jennings
Westerville Police Department

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