



# Sheriffic News

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## United Way Campaign Kicks Off

### Sheriff's Note:



I would like to take a moment to let each and every one of my employees know how much I appreciated their hard work and dedication. Because of the tough economy there haven't been any raises in almost three years. We have been fortunate here that no one has been laid off and I have not heard a lot of complaints because people understand the state of the economy. Please continue to be patient. I am constantly working with the Chatham County Commission to go back to the Police Pay Module. In the meantime, please keep up the good work!

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

The United Way of the Coastal Empire helps so many people in our community and now it's time for us to help the United Way.

This year the Chatham County Sheriff's Office is hoping to raise \$33,000. We did it last year, we know we can do it this year!

To kick off the campaign several deputies and civilians performed a skit for the TV news cameras near the employee entrance.

They transformed the gazebo into a wishing well house and showed how the United Way can grant wishes and help those in need—from cutting medication costs, to providing food and clothing, to helping parents get Christmas presents for their children.

The Sheriff's office was

joined by the United Way's campaign chairwoman Camille Russo, also known this year as Tinkerbell. Also on hand to grant wishes were some junior fairies, all part of our sheriff's office family.

"The employees who work here are the greatest group of people, they are always going out of their way to support people in need," the Sheriff said.

The 2010 CCSO campaign co-chairs are Lt. Joni York for the corrections bureau and public information



Sheriff Al St Lawrence is joined by Camille Russo, aka Tinkerbell, and other fairies to help the United Way make wishes come true.

officer Michelle Gavin for enforcement and court services.

There will be prizes for the teams that raise the most money. And many teams already have fundraisers in the works.

The deadline to make your contribution to the United Way is November 12th.



Left: The Sheriff says he is proud to see so many enthusiastic employees helping the United Way.



Right: Sgt. Robert Brooks gets tapped by a fairy

## Drug Court Awards Presented to CCSO Deputy, Employee

A deputy and a contract employee with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office were honored for their dedication to Chatham County's Drug Court.

September was National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month and members of the Recovery Month Celebration committee presented CCSO Lt. Rick Hall with the annual William F. "Billy" Purvis Memorial Award.

Purvis was a sheriff's deputy for 15 years and served as the primary deputy for Chatham County Superior Court Judge James Bass and the Drug Court. Purvis held Drug Court participants to the letter of the law, but also showed them concern and compassion. Purvis died in 2008.

The Recovery Month Celebration

Committee said Lt. Hall shows the same dedication and commitment to the Drug Court participants as Deputy Purvis. Lt. Hall joined the department in 1985. He has been involved in Drug Court since its inception in 2001. He works tirelessly with treatment court clients and provides support and guidance as they fight to overcome substance abuse.

The Recovery Month Celebration Committee also presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Ronald Dunbar. Dunbar works for HDH Addiction Services and has been a contract employee with the sheriff's office for the past 14 years. Dunbar works with inmates in the detention center as a substance abuse counselor and is involved with Chatham County's DUI and Mental Health courts.

Right: Lt. Rick Hall was awarded the William F. "Billy" Purvis Award  
Below: Ronald Dunbar was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award



### Happy Anniversary

<p><b>30 years:</b> Jean Myles</p> <p><b>25 years:</b> Cpt. Brian Counihan Lt. Pamela Green Scott Sgt. Blondell Peoples-Lewis</p>	<p><b>15 years:</b> Sgt. Robert Brooks Cpl. Gregory Agee Cpl. Shanterria Wright Pvt. Octavius Anderson Cynthia Mayo</p>	<p><b>10 years:</b> Pvt. Glen Williams Louise Reed Sherran Miles-Johnson</p>	<p><b>5 years:</b> Pvt. Sheena Akins Pvt. Andrea McPherson-Grey Pvt. Angelina Jackson Jo McCutchen</p>
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## Court Services Move into New Digs at Courthouse



Sgt. Ted Glisson shows off renovations which include large muster room, conference room, kitchen and locker rooms.

In March Court Services became operational in their new offices in the Judicial Courthouse basement as part of the Courthouse Renovation Project.

After years of planning and preparation, staff was able to move into a much larger space.

The renovations include an enclosed sally port and a state-of-the-art inmate transfer station. Inmates are moved safer and quicker from the holding stations to the court rooms.

New cameras were installed and deputies can monitor activities outside and inside the courthouse, even in the courtrooms.

Many working in court services say they want to thank the Sheriff and county officials who vigorously moved this project along.



Deputies man new control room

# New Look for Command Staff, Honor Guard

Recently Sheriff Al St Lawrence and his command staff and the CCSO Honor Guard unit assembled to take photographs in their new uniforms.

The command staff uniforms feature hash marks on the left sleeve. Each hash mark signifies four years of service. The bands signify their rank.

Colonel McArthur Holmes helped select the new uniforms. "I think it's part of a level of professionalism for departments to have them," said Col. Holmes.



Maj. Smoak, Maj. Enoch, Undersheriff, Sheriff, Col. Holmes, Maj. Harn, Maj. Wincher

The Honor Guard uniforms are in the Marine Corps high-collar design. They have several variations of uni-



The are 19 deputies assigned to the Honor Guard unit.

forms that can be worn for specific ceremonial occasions.

## CERT Officers Compete to be "Top Cop" in Richmond Hill

Two members of the Corrections Emergency Response Team received top honors at a regional "Top Cop Cross Fit Challenge" in Richmond Hill in September.

Private Parnell Wilder placed second and Private David Strobert placed third.

Wilder and Stobert competed in five events which required them to lift, jump, row and throw.

The officers competed against officers from several other local agencies including SCMPD and GBI.

CERT team leader Sgt. Robert Brooks said, "I think it is important to do competitions because competition builds camaraderie and puts us out in front to other police agencies and interact with them."

"...Competition builds camaraderie..."  
Sgt. Robert Brooks

### Words of Wisdom

LAUGHTER—"You don't stop laughing because you get old, You grow old because you stop laughing."

## Sheriff Hosts Secretaries for Low Country Boil



Several of CCSO's finest were serving up some Southern Hospitality.

More than a hundred secretaries and administrative assistants from sheriff's offices all over the state spent several days in Savannah in September as part of the Georgia Sheriff's Association's annual conference.



Above: Secretaries line up for some home cooking.

Left: Cory Harper mans the grill.

### Mark Your Calendar

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sat
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The Chatham County Sheriff's Employee Association is sponsoring an Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil Saturday October 16 from 6-9 P.M. at the Travis Field Pavilion.



**Meet Michelle Gavin  
Public Information Officer**

- Joined the CCSO family September 18, 2010 after working for six years at WTOC-TV
- Married to Savannah Chatham Metro Police Sergeant Rob Gavin. They have two children.
- Graduated from Indiana University and still calls Indiana home.
- Michelle wants to hear from you! Contact her at 912.433.5384 or mgavin@chathamcounty.org.



**Welcome to Our Team**

Welcome aboard to the newest member's of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office:

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Basic Jail Officer Training: | Jermaine Maxwell |
| Danitra Beadles              | Mathew Parrill   |
| Steven Cobb                  | Dana Rice        |
| Gary Conyers                 | Eric Vinson      |
| Samuel Curry                 | Jerome Williams  |
| Dustin Dahm                  | Jessie Wilson    |
| Martelle Davis               |                  |
| Wilfred Davis                | Civilians:       |
| Tony Grant                   | Carmen Pilecek   |
| Isaac Johnson                | Michelle Gavin   |
| Brandan Kennedy              |                  |

**Happy Birthday!**



**October:**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 James Powell       | 23 Joseph Hanton    |
| 4 Janet Matheson     | 23 Howard Harn      |
| 4 Sharron Morgan     | 24 Ella Murchison   |
| 4 Rosetta Ross       | 26 Benfred Gastin   |
| 5 Justin Garrison    | 26 John Phillips    |
| 5 Julius Johnson     | 27 Alicyn Whaley    |
| 5 Robert Lewallen    | 28 Ray Hunter       |
| 5 Carlos Michael     | 28 Lawrence Padgett |
| 6 Linda Reed         | 29 Ernest Brinson   |
| 7 Kimberly Templeton | 29 Shekevia Manning |
| 8 Leander Brown      | 30 William Boyette  |
| 8 Cindy Mayo         | 31 Freddie Ruth     |
| 8 Leroy Smalls       | 31 Jake Westendorf  |

**November:**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10 Corbin Wooding            | 1 Parnell Wilder         | 10 Carlselita Irwin      |
| 12 Beverly Thompson          | 2 Gerald Miller          | 11 Michael Holmes        |
| 13 Kenderly Wise             | 3 Karen Cotton           | 12 Christopher Hannon    |
| 15 Joseph Blackston          | 3 Van'nessa David-Lotson | 12 Donald Hollinger      |
| 15 Barbara Pinckney-Williams | 4 Robert Solomon         | 12 Robert Simmons        |
| 18 Barbara Graybill          | 4 Larry Smith            | 13 Pamela Cervone        |
| 18 Ronnie Myles              | 4 Madeleine Pinckney     | 13 Debbie Freeman        |
| 19 Annie Mae Jones           | 6 Percell Hendrix        | 13 Bret Parker           |
| 19 Andrew Shearhouse         | 6 Jonathan Lustig        | 14 Jason Pentecost       |
| 22 David Ashley              | 7 Michael Street         | 14 Rickey Watkins        |
| 23 Veatta Cargill            | 9 Irina Rotaru           | 16 Undersheriff Anderson |
| 23 James Davidson            | 9 Lawrence Wright        | 16 Brett Kellogg         |
|                              | 9 Irina Rotaru           | 16 Terrell Narcisse      |
|                              | 9 Lawrence Wright        | 17 Larry Johnson         |
|                              | 10 Melvin Ray            | 17 John Jones            |
|                              |                          | 20 Reginald Scott        |
|                              |                          | 21 Ronald Cason          |
|                              |                          | 21 Monica Bryant         |
|                              |                          | 22 Diovanni Fenn         |
|                              |                          | 22 David Walker          |
|                              |                          | 25 Ted Glisson           |
|                              |                          | 25 William Johnson       |
|                              |                          | 25 Monica Milton-Smith   |
|                              |                          | 28 Myrtice Singleton     |
|                              |                          | 28 Andrew Staley         |
|                              |                          | 29 Gretchen Derryberry   |

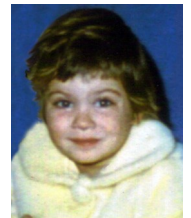
**Who am I?**



This picture was taken when I was 16 years old. I am from Lincolnton, GA. I love the Lincoln County Red Devils! My favorite food is seafood and my favorite restaurant is Sam Snead's. My favorite movie is

The Transporter. My most memorable vacation was with my wife, we rented a house in Florida and went to Walt Disney World. I have worked for the CCSO for 21 years. Who am I?

I was 3 years old in this picture. I am from Savannah with a little Pennsylvania and Massachusetts thrown in for good measure. I joined the CCSO in 2008.



My favorite food is my mother's recipe for anything! My favorite TV show is Real Housewives of NJ. The best vacation I ever took was to Atlantis in the Grand Bahamas via private motor yacht. Nothing makes me happier than a clean house, except salt water game fishing. Who am I?

I am 18 years old and a member of the US Army when this picture was taken. I served in the Army for 20 years and I have worked for the CCSO for 17 years. I am from Roanoke, VA. I love to eat at Golden Corral and I hate Chinese food! I like to watch football and The Young and the Restless. I have four grandchildren. Who am I?



**Were you left out of the Sheriffic News?**

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