



Sheriffic News

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Sheriff's Note:



If managing more than 1,700 inmates or trying to serve thousands of warrants doesn't keep us busy enough, this time of year our deputies take on even more assignments.

March 17th is Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade and March 12th is Tybee Island's Irish Heritage Parade. Dozens of deputies will line the parade routes to make sure the events are safe and secure. Our deputies will also be manning the courts and the jail—dealing with the influx of arrestees who commit crimes at these festive events. Hats off to all of my hard working employees and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

Our Sheriff, Shamrocks and St. Patrick's Day

*I*t's hard to believe, but St. Patrick's Day is less than a month away.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence will once again join the Explorers and Honor Guard in the parade.

But this year one member of the department has been doing a lot behind the scenes to get ready for the big event.

Captain Brian Counihan is a member of the parade's executive committee. He is in charge of making sure all the parade participants have the proper insurance and he is overseeing the awards.

The CCSO has always played an active role in Savannah's St. Patrick's Day celebration.

"I think it's important to be part of this tremendous, historic celebration because it shows our ties to this community," said Sheriff St Lawrence. The Sheriff has been a member of the parade committee for nearly a decade.

Other members of the pa-



Above: Cpt. Brian Counihan, Sheriff Al St Lawrence and chaplain Fr. Patrick O'Brien don their green coats at Forsyth Park.

Below: This year's CCSO St. Patrick's Day lapel pin.

rade committee from the CCSO are Major John Wilcher, Major Tommy Smoak, Chaplain Fr. Patrick O'Brien and Corporal David Carpenter.



Who was St. Patrick?



St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, but he was not there. He was born in England to wealthy parents near the end of the 4th century. At age 15, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates from his parents' estate in the Roman province of Britain, and sold into slavery in Ireland, where he spent six years in captivity. After his escape, Patrick wrote in a letter of an "angel" speaking to him in a dream, telling him to become a missionary in Ireland. He started many parishes and schools. It is said he used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Hence, its strong association with St. Patrick's name and day.

Deputies, Civilians Honored at Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Sheriff Al St Lawrence had the pleasure of promoting several of his deputies and reserve deputies at the Quarterly Awards ceremony on January 20.

For the first time the ceremony was held at the Savannah Morning News auditorium. County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis was the guest speaker. He talked about what a first class organization the Sheriff's Office is.

The Sheriff praised the promotees for their hard work and dedication.

Jail Administrator Col. McArthur



Above: Lt. Wanda Williams receives her new epaulets from her two best friends.

Holmes reminded the deputies have far the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has come since he joined the department more than 30 years ago.

Deputy Promotions:

Lt. Wanda Williams
Sgt. William Thomas
Cpl. Bobby Irvin
Cpl. Gwendolyn Osborne
Cpl. Luis Vasquez

Reserve Deputy Promotions:

Reserve Lt. Thomas DeMaio
Reserve Sgt. John Bacich
Reserve Sgt. James Murray
Reserve Sgt. Patrick Welsh
Reserve Sgt. Wayne Wermuth

Retirees:

Lt. Dickey Williams
Cpl. Hector Perez
Pvt. Marvin Hill
Pvt. Thomas Thomas
Pvt. Arturo Viscarra
Mrs. Linda Reed
Mr. Clarence Taylor

CCSO launches JailATM program

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is changing the way they do business when it comes to an inmate's commissary account.

When an inmate comes to jail, they now deposit any cash they have on them directly into the new Jail ATM system.

There are now Jail ATM machines in the front lobby and inside Unit 5. Family members and friends can now deposit money into those ATMs for a small fee. Soon CCSO cashiers will be manning the booth less and the program is designed to save the county taxpayers money.

The Jail ATM system also allows someone to put money on an inmates account from home by logging on to www.JailATM.com.

Deputies and Explorers proudly march in Savannah's MLK, Jr. Day Parade



Above: The CCSO Honor Guard marches down Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on a chilly morning.
Top Right: Col. McArthur Holmes was decked out in his dress uniform for the 31st annual MLK, Jr. Day parade.
Bottom Right: Deputy Kenderly Wise tries to keep Explorer Aliciya Morris warm before the parade.

On the Road Again

Transport Unit logged more than 13,000 miles in 2010

Members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office transport unit haul so many out-of-state inmates each year, they might as well drive to China and back.

There are 10 deputies assigned to the unit and they operated a fleet of 12 vehicles.

The deputies drive all over the country. They've gone as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania to pick up inmates. Sometimes the transport deputies fly on commercial airlines to pick up wanted men and women.

Most of their travels take them to Georgia's state prisons and the Chatham County Judicial Courthouse. Many of the deputies spend several

hours each day on five-mile stretch of Interstate 16. In 2010 they transported 12,078 inmates to and from their court appearances in downtown Savannah.

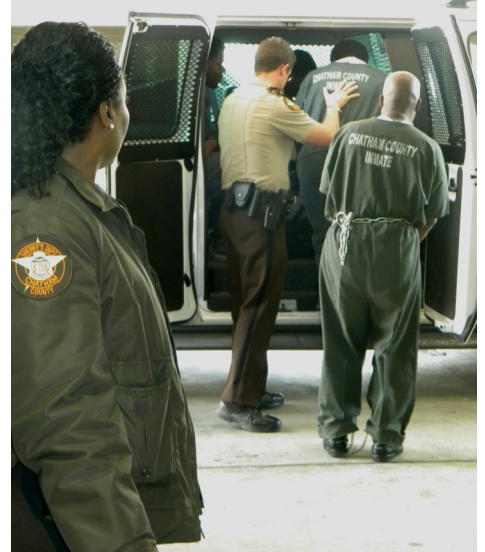
Last year the transport unit took 347 inmates to the hospital. There is one inmate that is transported three times a week to Memorial University Medical Center for physical therapy.

The unit's supervisor Sgt. Jennifer Moultrie has worked in transport unit for three years. She said there is a close bond between all the transport deputies.

"I enjoy the teamwork that goes into transporting so many inmates. And I enjoy traveling to new places," she said.

But these trips are serious business. The deputies often work long hours, sometimes 16 hour days. And sometimes their day starts as early as 2 a.m.

Sgt. Moultrie said it's a job that re-



Above: Pvt. A. McPherson and Pvt. J. Burroughs load up a dozen inmates for afternoon court.

quires you always to be alert and aware of your surrounding. There is always a security concern transporting that many inmates. She said the unit does a lot of "what if" training.

This year the transport unit will likely log even more miles on the highways and interstates. But this team of deputies will take it in stride. Their motto for this year— "Doing better in 20-11".

Words of Wisdom

"Most folks are as happy as they make their minds up to be."

-Abraham Lincoln



Above: Lt. D. Barbour oversees the transport unit. Behind her, from left to right: Pvt. J. Kenny, Pvt. J. Burroughs, Pvt. J. Garrison, Pvt. J. Johnson, Pvt. T. Roberts, Pvt. K. Cochran, Pvt. A. McPherson, Sgt. J. Moultrie, Pvt. R. Wilson
Not pictured Cpl. W. Smoot-Lee



Explorers Fired Up at Winterfest

Members of Explorer Post 876 traveled more than six hours into the cold, snowy mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee on February 4. For the first time they competed in the Winterfest competition, a competition organized by Boy Scouts of America for Explorers all across the region.

Fourteen CCSO Explorers joined nearly 3,000 other participants in a wide range of competitions, from bomb threats to cell extractions, shooting and domestic violence scenarios. They did not know what areas they would compete in until they arrived at convention center.

Several CCSO deputies helped these young men and women prepare for the competition for the past several months.

The Explorers also had some time to play—they went sighting and skiing with their advisors.

The next competition, Summerfest, will take place right up the road on Tybee Island. Since that's home turf, the advisors and Explorers will be training harder than ever.

Congratulations to all the Explorers and advisors for a job well done!

Article by: Cpl. L. Swinton

Photos by: Deputy R. Robinson and Deputy A. Whaley

Top Right: CCSO Explorer Justis Archbold shot 19 out of 25 in the shooting competition in the snowy mountains of Tennessee.

Top Left: Michael Ravitch takes aim shooting 22 out of 25. Archbold takes instruction from a Winterfest Coordinator while Advisor Deputy O'Dell Thomas watches on.

Below: Explorers Bria Fields and Avery Morrison interview a victim in a Domestic Violence scenario.



Left: Explorer Michael Lowe practices handcuffing his teammate Michael Morrison for the Domestic Violence scenario.

Right: Cpl. L. Swinton, Deputy N. Deloach, Mrs. G. McMahon, Deputy A. Whaley, Deputy K. Wise, Michael Ravitch, Aliciya Morris, Elijah West, Michael Lowe, Justis Archbold were among the Explorers and advisors who traveled to Tennessee.



McDonald's cooking up ways to recognize CCSO employees

McDonald's has partnered with the CCSO to show their appreciation for our deserving employees.

McDonald's has donated free sandwich coupons to recognize employees on their birthdays. They've also donated coffee mugs filled with coupons to CCSO employees of the month. On top of that, McDonald's is donating prizes for department fundraisers like last fall's



United Way campaign.

Cpt. Kim Middleton has been working with McDonald's for months to forge this partnership.

"It boosts morale when a large organization like McDonald's takes time to support the work that our employees do," said Middleton. "And it puts our uniformed officers inside their restaurants. So it's a great partnership."

Happy Anniversary

20 years:
Pvt. Joe Stanford
Ms. Stephanie Bush

15 years:
Cpl. Shelton Crowder
Sgt. Carl Milton

5 years:
Pvt. Edward George
Pvt. Jason Kenny
Deputy Jason Livie
Ms. Kendra Crawford
Ms. Latoya Lawrence

Officers Take An Oath to Become Deputies



Right: The Sheriff swore in six corrections officers who graduated in December from the Regional Police Academy in Garden City. Pictured from left to right are privates Ava Lucas, Jason Pentecost, Carey McNeil, Horace Harn, Keith Walker and class president Quinto Cato. Pvt. Pentecost received the high academic award.



Left: Pvt. Freddie Ruth (far left, back row) and Pvt. Angelina Jackson (front row, third from the left) graduated in November from the Peace Officer Academy at Savannah Technical College. Congratulations to all the recent graduates!

Photos by: Cpl. F. Williams

Mark Your Calendar!

- February 21—Presidents Day Holiday
- March 12—Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade
- March 16—Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- May 1st—CCSO Poker Run

GEORGIA SHERIFFS' BOYS RANCH
POKER RUN 2011

Welcome to Our Team

Corrections Officers:

- Bobby Ancrum
- Harold Edwards
- Sharon Edwards
- Beatrice Franco
- Michael Lowe
- Antonio Moody
- Sherry Moss
- Franklin Rollins
- Edwin Samaniego
- Edward Wilder

Officers and Civilians of the Month

Corrections Bureau:

- November: Cpl. Lamiles Hills and Ms. Sherran Johnson
- December: Officer Advance LeAnn Todd and Ms. Cathie Griffin
- January: Pvt. Charlesetta Hawkins and Ms. Jennifer Buffington

Enforcement Bureau:

- October: Deputy Darrin Harvey and Ms. Julie Hauser
- November: Cpl. Terry Voisine and Mrs. Stephanie King
- December: Deputy Darlene Godbee, Mr. George Enfinger
- January: Deputy Ron Robinson, Ms. Janell Rhett-Belton

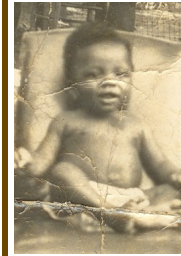


**Julie Hauser
Quartermaster**

- She outfits more than 500 CCSO deputies with everything from their uniform to their service weapon..
- Julie has ordered jackets ranging in size from XS to 6XL!
- She has been the Quartermaster since October 2006, longer than any other Quartermaster.
- Julie says she enjoys her job because she loves to talk and loves to shop!
- She has three children and one beautiful granddaughter.

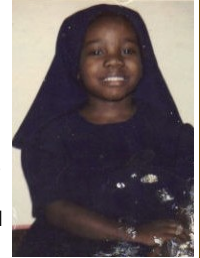


Who am I?



This picture was taken when I was 3 years old. I was born and raised in Savannah. My favorite movie is The Bourne Ultimatum and my favorite TV show is Meet the Browns. My all-time favorite actor is Sidney Poitier. I have worked for the CCSO for 33 years. Who am I?

I was 7 years old in this picture. I am wearing traditional Muslim clothing worn by females. I was born in Savannah, but have lived in Bronx, NY as well. I enjoy spiritual dancing and roller skating. I have practiced martial arts since I was 2 and I am now an instructor. I have been with the CCSO for 5 years. You may hear me say "Don't play with me!" Who am I?



This is me playing with my big guns. I am a Savannah native. As a teenager I dabbled at being a police officer on Tybee. I had several jobs prior to becoming a deputy, one was working on a shrimp boat. I enjoy hunting, fishing, woodworking and cooking. Some people say my chili is the best they have ever had! I have been on the department for 27 years. Who am I?

Happy Birthday!



February:	14 David Clayton		
1 LaDonna Wright	16 Toby Hodges	28 Earl Myles	
2 Lorraine Lovett	17 Stephen Robbins	29 Patrick Coiner	18 Lawrence Bently
3 Robert Mitchell	17 Ricky Brunson	30 Charles Hunter	19 William Thomas
5 Jack Drossopoulos	18 Stephanie Bush		20 Nathaniel Gibbons
5 Sharleen Simmons	18 Marvin Strode	March:	20 Cynthia Kight
6 Darryl Hilton	18 James Patterson	1 Dean Ray	20 Kendall Newton
6 Precious Smith	18 Robert McLean	2 Janell Rhett	21 Edward Gray
7 Andrea McPherson	19 Tyrone Warren	8 Deon Gibson	21 Eric Flint
-Grey	20 Denise Lee	8 Raymond Alston	22 Rocco Martin
8 Gary Floyd	20 Shelia Lewis	10 Henry Mallory	24 Elijah Powell
8 Shawn Taber	20 Connie Perkins	10 Rossie Williams	24 Octavius Anderson
8 Alice Walker	21 Cynthia Sallee	11 Beverly Rowe	24 Linda Jenkins
8 Fr. Patrick O'Brien	22 Glenn Johnson	13 Denise Brown	24 Bobby Irvin
9 David Lamb	22 Guy Bolinger	13 Margaret Miles	26 Melvin Washington
9 Seth Massie	22 Gregory Enoch	14 Herbert Murphy	28 Herb Harley
10 Torrey Mackey	23 David Wilcox	15 Angelina Jackson	28 Patricia Phipps
11 Mark Carpenter	23 Gregory Williams	15 Zane Dunn	30 Ava Lucas
11 Julie Hauser	24 Sammie Beck	16 Felicia Williams	31 Ruth Brown
11 Kelly Newcomber	24 Linda Williams	16 Luis Vasquez	31 Denise Chisolm-Suggs
11 Daarina Munir	25 Richard Hall	17 Ronald Rogers	
11 Alexandria Clayton	25 Eva Hicks-Perkins	17 Benjamin Smith	
12 Ivy Orr	26 Jo McCutcheon	17 James Crockett	
12 Carol Morsovillo	28 Daniel Mares	18 Inga Washington	
13 Rusty Smith	28 Larry Morris	18 Johnny Moore	
14 Trevor Ferguson			

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