



Chatham County  
Sheriff's Office

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## Undersheriff Anderson Retires

After 36 years at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Donald Anderson retired May 31.

A retirement celebration was held at the Morris Center at Trustees Garden June 10. Anderson was surrounded by his family, friends and colleagues.

"He is as loyal as a hound dog," said Sheriff Al St Lawrence. "And we are really going to miss him."

"It's not the same coming to work at not seeing Donnie sitting in his office," added Col.

McArthur Holmes.

Anderson got his start in law enforcement working for the Savannah Beach (now Tybee Island) Police in 1972.

Anderson served 23 years at the CCSO as Undersheriff, working for three different sheriffs. "I want to thank Sheriff Al St Lawrence, he has always supported me and my family and I will always be grateful," Anderson said.

Anderson also thanked all the CCSO employees. He said they will always be part of his family.

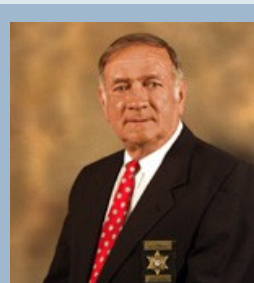


Above: County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis joined the man of the hour in a photo with Major Enoch and Sheriff St Lawrence.

Right: The Undersheriff poses with one of his "work wives" Janell Belton.

Lower Left: The Undersheriff and his wife Nancy listened as members of the command staff talked about his dedicated service to the CCSO

Lower Right: Col. Holmes addressed the crowd of more than one hundred of Anderson's closest friends and family members.



### Sheriff's Note:

There have been some big changes in the command staff with Undersheriff Anderson and Jail Administrator Colonel Holmes both retiring after many years of service with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. I wish them both well in their retirements. I also want to reassure everyone that the new people who will fill those positions will help lead this great organization into the future.

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence



# Enoch Named New Jail Administrator

Major Terry Enoch has been named the new Jail Administrator for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. The appointment will officially take effect July 1, 2011.

Sheriff St Lawrence says Enoch brings a wealth of experience to the office.

Enoch has worked for the CCSO for 26 years. In May 2007 the Sheriff appointed Enoch to the rank of Major and he served as the Enforcement Operations Administrator. He oversaw the Street Operations Unit and Court Services Division. Enoch has also held supervisory positions in K-9, Corrections Bureau, and Professional Standards Unit.

Enoch holds a Masters Degree in Pub-

lic Administration from Columbus State University and graduated from Savannah State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Enoch is also a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Sheriff St Lawrence said, "I have full confidence in him and I know he will do a good job. We have worked together for the past 19 years."

Former Jail Administrator Colonel McArthur Holmes retired from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office yesterday after 33 years of service.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Major Terry Enoch joined the Sheriff's Office May 20, 1985. He has been a member of the Sheriff's command staff since May 2007.

## Underground Work Current Focus of Jail Expansion

Construction equipment of all sizes have been moving dirt, digging holes and pouring concrete for the Detention Center Expansion Project now for nearly 100 days.

According to Project Manager Parveez Yousuf things are pretty much going as planned,

except for the large number of unforeseen conditions encountered underground. Which is why it appears contractor have stopped work in several areas.

This week workers began putting in foundation test piles where the future inmate

housing towers will. If there aren't any problems workers will then start putting in 1,083 piles which will provide the foundation for tower. Yousuf says the reason so many piles are needed is because of the weight of the structure. The cells are fabricated in modules with each module comprising of two cells, a front and rear balcony. The weight of each module varies between 50-60,000 pounds!

Another eye-catching part of the construction is the enormous hole that is being dug near along the main road next to the employee parking lot. This is for an emergency sewer structure. It will measure 30'x16'x22' and will arrive in eight shipments. Yousuf says this sewage storage tank

will be an important but short term measure, if a hurricane ever hits Savannah. If the city's sewage plant on President Street gets flooded, the CCSO will be able to store sewage from the jail in this giant holding tank.

The footings have started in the future Visitation Center. The parking lot adjacent to it should be completed by the end of July, adding 122 parking spaces. Fencing, landscaping and lighting will follow at a later date.

The Sheriff says he is pleased with the progress and says he has full confidence in the deputies and county staff members who are overseeing the project.

Article and photos by: Michelle Gavin



Left: Excavators have been working for weeks digging a massive hole to house an Emergency Sewer System.

# Sheriff Names Employees of the Year



Above: Sheriff St Lawrence poses with the 2010 Civilians of the Year. The Corrections Bureau chose Administrative Assistant I Jennifer James-Smith. Administrative Assistant IV Stephanie King was chosen from the Enforcement Bureau.

Right: Cpl. Johnny Webb is the 2010 Corrections Officer of the Year, Deputy Madeline Pinckney was selected as the Enforcement Bureau's Officer of the Year. Both were honored along with CNT agent and CCSO Deputy Donald Wood at the Southside Optimist Club's Officer of the Year awards ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn in Savannah. (You can read their bios at [www.chathamsheriff.org](http://www.chathamsheriff.org))



## Deputies Invited to Inaugural Policeman's Gala in Savannah

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office, along with every other law enforcement agency in Chatham County, is invited to the CrimeStoppers Inaugural Policeman's Gala. This premiere event will be held September 24 at the International Trade and Convention Center from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

The event will include dinner, drinks, and dancing to the live band Tommy and the Aristocrats.

The purpose of the event is to give law enforcement officers and their spouses a night out. Never before has Savannah had an event of this magnitude to say "thank you" to these well-deserving men and women who help keep this community safe.

Every local, state and federal law enforcement officer, retired officer, and civilian support staff are invited.

So far several Savannah businesses have made large financial donations to help make this gala a success, including Coca-Cola, WTOC-TV, Sapp's Wrecker Service, Dan Vaden, Hernandez Collision Center, Prince Bush Smith Hotels, Spanky's, Bahama Joe's and Colonial Oil.

Tickets cost \$50 a piece and will go on sale in July. Tickets to the event includes dinner, two drink tickets and a commemorative Policeman's Gala coin.

All law enforcement officers who will be on duty at the time of gala will be able to stop by the Trade Center for a FREE

Reverse Side



"Signal 33" brown bag meal. That means all corrections officers on duty will receive a free dinner. This meal is being paid for by the International Trade and Convention Center so that no officer is left out of the gala.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets you can contact Public Information Officer Michelle Gavin at 652-7613 or at [mgavin@chathamcounty.org](mailto:mgavin@chathamcounty.org).

# Going All Out for a Good Cause



Thirty-five Sheriff's Office employees laced up their running shoes this past Memorial Day weekend to participate in the Two Hundred Club's Savannah Mile race.

Most of the deputies participated in the Heroes Heat, running alongside members of the military, police officers and fire fighters.

Deputy Brian Slate was the fastest member of the CCSO, finishing with a time of 6:51.30. The CCSO's fastest female was Pvt. Norma Fabela, running the mile in 8:17.96

The Two Hundred of the Coastal Empire provides immediate financial assistance to the families of fallen law enforcement officers, fire fighters and paramedics in our community. Sheriff Al St Lawrence is a member of the Two Hundred Club. "This run was a great way to get our deputies involved in a community event, build camaraderie and support an organization that is means a lot to so many of us," he said.

Members of the Honor Guard and Reserve Unit helped escort the families of fallen heroes down Drayton Street during the event's Memory Walk.

Article by Michelle Gavin  
Photos by Cpl. Felicia Williams and Michelle Gavin



Top: Deputy Brian Slate, Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt and K-9 Malachi were the fastest members of the Sheriff's Office.

Middle left: Pvt. Kenderly Wise and Pvt. Freddie Ruth escorted the families of fallen heroes.

Middle right: Officer Norma Fabela was the fastest female deputy.

Lower left: Members of "Team St Lawrence" posed at the start of the race.

Above: Juvenile Court Security Officers Jimmy Woods and Jack Willis participated in the Savannah Mile with their families.

# Poker Run Raises \$27K for Youth Homes

The 2011 Boy's Ranch Poker Run was again a huge success. Even in these tough economic times there was still a large group of folks willing to come, ride, and give money.

This year the Poker Run brought in more than \$27,000!

The Poker Run was Major Johnny Wilcher's brainchild and he brings in most of the sponsors and riders.

The Poker Run also is known for the homemade chili that is served at the end of the ride. Record's Manager Beverly Thompson spent several weeks in the kitchen cooking 38 gallons of chili! She browned 152 pounds of hamburger, cut up 20 pounds of



Above: Maj. Wilcher accepts a donation from the Buffalo Soldiers.

onions and went through 57 packages of chili seasoning to make sure the riders always come back for more.

Major Wilcher and I want to

thank all staff, friends, riders, sponsors for all of your help. Without this support, we would not be able to be the largest "hands on" Sheriff's Office with the children.

Not only does the Chatham County Sheriff's Office provide a Christmas party—complete with gifts and goodies, but each year we sponsor a educational week where the children are taught about issues that have real meaning in their lives and are also treated to a "real" family vacation.

Last week the children went to the World of Coca Cola and the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. (For more on the trip see pages 8-9.)

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of these children.

Article by Gretchen Derryberry  
Photos by Cpt. Herb Harley and Michelle Gavin



Top right: Riders waited to find out who won the big money.  
Top left: Several ladies from the CCSO put in a lot of hours organizing this year's event.  
Bottom left: Riders parked their bikes at Napa Auto Parts to register for the run.  
Bottom right: Deputy Cynthia Kight her daughter and Stephanie King helped riders register for the run.

# Movement and Multi-tasking

Officers assigned to Housing Unit 1 move more inmates on a daily basis than any other unit in the detention center

Lt. L. Lovett is able to run Housing Unit 1, which houses more than 300 inmates and employees 32 officers, and still keep a smile on her face.

Housing Unit 1 is the jail's intake unit. Almost all of the male inmates spend their first three days in this unit so they can be classified and medically screened. Another reason Unit 1 is so busy is during this three day period most of the inmates have meetings with their attorneys prior to their first appearance in court.

Lt. Lovett credits her staff for keeping things running so

smoothly. She says Housing Unit 1 has a lot of be proud of. "We're the first unit, the first people an inmate sees after

they are booked, so we treat them with respect and we feel it is important to be professional at all times."

Unit 1 is comprised of a lieutenant, one sergeant, five corporals, 32 officers, a classification specialist, a classification officer, a counselor, and a nurse and an administrative assistant.

Unit 1, like all the other units at the Detention Center, is dealing with major overcrowding issues. Cells designed to

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*Lt. L. Lovett*



Above: Pvt. J. Vaught takes his job of running a wing in Unit 1 very seriously.

hold one inmate are holding two. Cells designed to hold two inmates are holding three.

Lt. Lovett, is anxious for the expansion project to be completed. Until then her staff will

keep doing what they do, with professionalism and with compassion.

Article and photos by Michelle Gavin



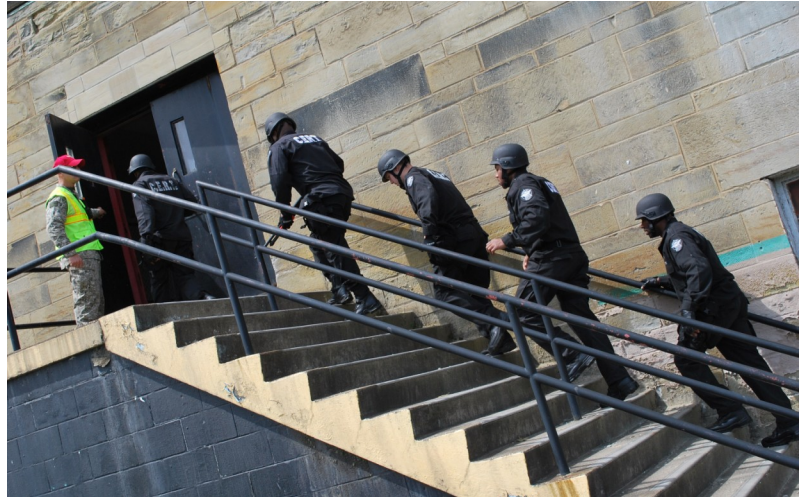
Above: Pvt. L. Williams, Pvt. S. Gibbs reviewed the board in the Unit 1 hub that lists all the inmates currently living in each wing. Left: Lt. Lovett is proud to lead the busiest housing unit in the Chatham County Detention Center.





Above: CERT spent three days in May at the old West Virginia Penitentiary in Moundsville.

Right: The CCSO's skills competition team is preparing to engage a riot situation inside this dorm. Below: Pvt. Sandra Grimaldi leads the CCSO team clearing a building .



## CERT Members Compete in Mock Prison Riot

Members of the Corrections Emergency Response Team recently participated in the Mock Prison Riot competition on the grounds of the former West Virginia Penitentiary in Moundsville.

The Mock Prison Riot is a four-day competition and provides comprehensive law enforcement and corrections tactical and technology training.

Twenty members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office CERT unit participated along with more than 50 teams from across the globe, including teams from Canada, China, Singapore, Norway and Australia

They competed in five Skills Competitions which included an obstacle course, team shoot, and three scenarios. The scenarios required the CERT officers to rescue a child from a sex offender, serve an arrest warrant and respond to a disturbance at a dormitory.

The CERT team also participated in several training exercises that focused on inmate disturbances. Two other agencies trained with them—five officers from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office and seven officers from the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department's Mobile Field Force Unit.



Lower left: Two Forsyth County deputies and CCSO deputy worked together to restrain an officer acting as an inmate.

Above: Twenty-three members of the Sheriff's Corrections Emergency Response Team, led by team commander Cpt. Gilberg, posed for a team photo.

# CCSO Takes Youth Home Children on Memorable Vacation to Atlanta



Before the children who live in the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes in Hahira and Harrington even made it to Atlanta, they were already thanking members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for taking them on a vacation.

On Wednesday, June 15 Deputy Mike Crowder picked up all the children and counselors on the Sheriff's bus and took them to a hotel in Forsyth where they played games and splashed in the pool with several other members of the CCSO. Crowder said, "I enjoy spending time with these kids any chance I get."

The next day it was off to the World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium in downtown Atlanta.

The children got to taste Coke products from around the world, see Beluga Whales, touch Stingrays, hula-hoop with Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby and much more.

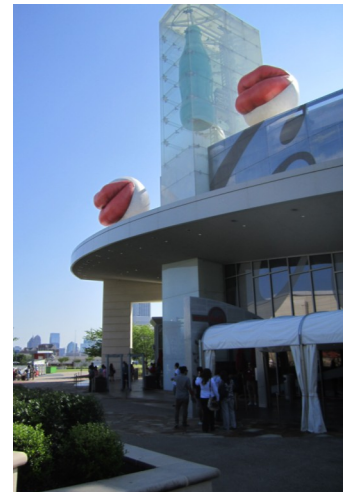
Many of the CCSO deputies who went on the trip had never been around these children before. Deputy Darrin Harvey said he had a great time getting to know these amazing kids. "Count me in for next year," he said.

The entire trip was paid for with money raised at the Poker Run.

Prior to the Atlanta trip, Deputy Ron Robinson and Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt joined deputies from Lowndes and Colquitt counties to put on a three day DARE Camp at the Boy's Ranch in Hahira.







Article by Michelle Gavin  
Photos by Deputy Ron Robinson  
and Michelle Gavin



# Lest We Forget

Fifty-one names are etched in stone on the Police Officers Monument on Habersham Street. They are names of men and women from Chatham County who have died in the line of duty.

On May 11, Chatham County Sheriff's deputies stood in formation as those fallen officers were remembered. Deputy Nicole Mitchell helped place roses at the base of the memorial in their memory. The Honor Guard presented the 21 Gun Salute.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence knew several of the officers who were killed—one was his former partner, another was his sergeant and

two of the officers he hired. The Sheriff reminded the officers who attended the ceremony to always be vigilant, never become complacent and he thanked them for the putting their lives on the line each day. Deputy Lester Ellerbe attended the memorial service for the first time. One of the fallen officers on the memorial was former GBI Agent Frank Ellerbe. Deputy Ellerbe said, "I can't help but wonder if we are related. It reminds me that you never know when someone you know, or even my name, could end up on that memorial."

Article and photos by Michelle Gavin



Upper left: More than one hundred people gathered at the Police Officers Monument on Habersham Street to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Upper right: Chatham County Sheriff's Deputies along with Col. McArthur Holmes, Major Johnny Wilcher and Major Terry Enoch stood in formation during the service.

Lower left: Deputy Nicole Mitchell salutes the Police Officers Monument.

Upper right: Sheriff St Lawrence addressed the crowd.

# K-9 Malachi Nominated for National "Hero Dog" Award



You can help K-9 Cpl. Malachi win! Now until August 31 you can vote for him by visiting [www.herodogawards.com](http://www.herodogawards.com) Click on the "law enforcement and arson dogs" and look for Malachi's name and photo and vote. You can vote once a day.



Check out this story and more on the new Chatham County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. "Like" the page and you'll receive news and photos about Chatham County's finest at work and at play!

When Sgt. Robert Brooks convinced the Sheriff's K-9 unit to turn this pound dog into a police dog he knew one day Malachi would make them all proud.

Since K-9 Cpl. Malachi joined the CCSO in 2008 his nose for narcotics has led to 145 felony arrests and more than a hundred misdemeanors. He has helped seize nearly a ton of marijuana, 55 firearms and \$111,000 in cash.

Sgt. Brooks found Malachi at an animal shelter in Hinesville. The pup was just days away from being put to sleep. The Labrador's former owner

tried to train him to fight other dogs and they too were put behind bars.

Sgt. Brooks saw that Malachi had potential and soon so did his handler Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt. Now the two deputies want the nation to know what an amazing "hero dog" Malachi is.

Malachi is entered in the American Humane Association's Hero Dog Award presented by CESAR Canine Cuisine. The winner will be announced in Hollywood, California on October 1.



K-9 Cpl. Malachi and his handler Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt have conducted 982 narcotics searches since October 2008. win! Now until August 31

## Congratulations to our Graduates



Left: Pvt. Nathaniel Smalls and Pvt. Jeffrey Follette were recently sworn in by the Sheriff after graduating from the Savannah Tech academy. Not pictured: Pvt. Carlista Stoner.

Right: Pvt. Michael Holmes and Pvt. Edward Bargeron graduated from the Georgia Public Training Center on June 17.



### In Other News....



Top Left: Cpl. Craig Stanfield places "beer goggles" on a teen at the Sand Gnat's Hometown Hero Day. The goggles show children what it's like to be under the influence of alcohol.



Above: Sheriff St Lawrence received a \$5,000 donation for Project Lifesaver from Scott Berry. Berry's mother has Alzheimer's Disease and went missing from her apartment at Savannah Commons on June 8. She was found unharmed in car with a friend who took her out of the assisted living center.



Left: Sgt. Robert Brooks took a member of the American Correctional Association accreditation team on a tour of the jail. The CCSO will be officially reaccredited later this year.

## CCSO Hosts Noble Conference Picnic



Above left: The Chatham County Sheriff's Office bus shuttled folks from the Noble Conference in downtown Savannah to Tom Triplett Park on April 9.

Photos by: Cpt. Herb Harley



Above left: Col. McArthur Holmes welcomes Noble Conference guests to the picnic.



Left: Participants lined for a BBQ meal prepared by our own food services director Joe Malony.

# Deputies Receive Critical Crisis Intervention Training

Nineteen deputies spent a week receiving Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training in April.

CIT is a collaboration of professionals committed to people with mental illnesses and other brain disorders. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Georgia sponsor the CIT program. The program is successful due to the partnership of volunteers, law enforcement, mental health providers, advocates, consumers, and family members.

Officers who are trained in CIT can effectively assist individuals with mental illnesses who are in crisis. This intervention minimizes injuries to those involved. A person can be in crisis for various reasons—they can be off their medication, or a catalyst can bring it on. There is no way to know who or what the catalyst can be at a given time.

The class spent the first day learning the signs and symptoms of mental illness, mood and personality disorders, and understanding/preventing suicide. The second day the class visited The Clark Center, Memorial University Medical Center, The Recovery Place and Georgia Regional where mental health individu-



Above: Deputies Gregg Rhode and Leroy Smalls participated in a role playing scenario.

als received treatment.

The most challenging portion of the training was when the class had to participate in the de-escalating scenarios given by the instructors.

These scenarios were based on actual calls received by the SCMPD dispatcher. Once completed, the student was critiqued by other classmates as well as the instructors.

The class was an eye opening experience from the actual de-escalation scenarios the class participated in to the site visits. Overall the training received by the class will be utilized whether in the jail setting or on the street.

Article and Photos by Cpl. Felicia Williams



Above: Members of the CCSO's Corrections and Enforcement Bureaus took part in Crisis Intervention Training. The deputies and officers learned more about how to deal with people who suffer from mental illnesses.



## Employee



**Ms. LaDonna Wright**  
GCIC/NCIC Terminal  
Agency Coordinator

- LaDonna Wright serves as the liaison between GCIS/NCIS and the CCSO.
- She joined the Sheriff's Office in 2002.
- As the TAC she oversees warrants, protection orders, offender tracking numbers during booking, criminal history records, sex offender records, Uniform Crime report, agency service agreements, validations, in-transit warrants, criminal history program and deceased inmates in Phoenix.
- Works for Enforcement, PSU, R&D, Criminal History Division, Records, Front Office, IT and Classification.
- Researches and develops agency policies and procedures, multi-department agreements, proposals and training resources.
- As a hobby, LaDonna restores furniture.
- She has one son.

## BIRTHDAYS AND EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>June 2011</b>			1	2 Louise Reed Shavon Herrington Patricia Fraps	3 Curtis Rewis	4
5 Anza Rowland	6	7 Michael Crowder	8	9	10 Alfred Nevels, II	11 Edward Wilder
12 Wendy Smoot- Lee	13 Frankie E. Stumps O'Dell Robinson	14 Lisa Leach	15 Brian Gorby	16	17 Roderick Wilson	18 Geraldine Sheppard Jason Kenny
19 Ralph Salas Wanda Williams Brenda Shermer Mike Uribe	20	21	22	23	24	25 Ethan Davis Stephanie King
26 John Wilcher	27 Larry Ranson Charles Hadwin David Strobert	28 Lester Ellerbe Wanda Cotton Jack Willis	29 Robert Brooks	30 Michael Key George Mascunana		
<b>July 2011</b>					1 Sharon Aikens Iris Wheeler	2
3 Pam Green-Scott	4th of July	5 Carl Milton Robert Best Warren Onken	6 Joseph Brown	7	8	9
10 Carl Brown Maxine Evans	11 Carmen Pilecok Roger Martin Chris Thomas Chase Strappello	12 Sheriff St Lawrence Stanley Rucker Tony Alston	13	14	15 Todd Young	16 Jason Harwood Leon Peters
17 James Bennett Marichal Liles	18 LaShawnya Holmes	19 Morgan McCumber Malcolm Hardaway Wilbert Martin	20 Gloria Ancrum	21 Edward Givens, Jr.	22 Edward George Kerwyn Pierre Jocelyn Lavant- Morell	23 Diane Sasser Dottie Wilcher Robert Gay Eddie Barger
24 Rufus Powell Keith Gray	25 John Bacich Leroy Scott Jerry Tipton Tiashawn Duncan	26	27 Demetrius Jelks Gary Parker	28	29	30
31 Debra Johnson Gretsel Swinton	Helen Vargas Charlesetta Hawkins Kenol Mompremier Francis Williams Crystal Shiggs					

# Who am I?

(Hint: They are all on the birthday calendar!)



I was 4 years old in this photograph. I am from Chicago and I have worked for the CCSO for six years. I used to work for Phillip Morris as a plant engineer. My favorite movie is Band of Brothers and my favorite actor is John Wayne. My most memorable vacation was a cruise from Athens, Greece to Istanbul, Cairo, Malta and Rome. I am a volunteer for the Red Cross Disaster Team for Bryan County and I traveled to the Gulf Coast in 2005 to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Who am I?

I was 5 years old in this picture. I was born in Glenn County and I'm a Georgia Tech fan. I enjoy traveling, in fact my favorite song is "On the Road Again". I was a member of the U.S. Navy and Army Reserves. I collect baseball cards and I have watched Robo Cop with my son at least 50 times! I believe in doing what you want today because you might not be here tomorrow. Who am I?



I was about six months old in this photograph. I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. When I was in the Air Force I served in the Vietnam War and was apart of Operation Linebacker II which helped release all of the POWs. Before I joined the Sheriff's Office I worked in construction. My favorite thing to eat are hamburgers and my favorite restaurant is El-Porto. My favorite TV show is CSI: New York. I love spending time in the mountains. I collect eagles. Who am I?

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Tony Davis  
Court Services



Agent Willie  
Tyler  
CNT



Cpl. Stephen  
Darnstaedt  
K-9

# Anniversaries

## 25 Years

Deborah Stokes

## 15 Years

Deputy Joseph Hanton

Cpl. Nathaniel Holmes

Cpl. Tonya Roberts

## 10 Years

Pvt. Lonnie Clarke

Cpl. Glenn Moye

## 5 Years

Cpl. Gwendolyn Osborne

Sonya Jenkins

Jennifer James-Smith

# Employees of the Month

## April

Pvt. Ricky Wright (Nighttime Sanitation)

Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt (K-9)

LaDonna Wright (Enforcement-GCIC TAC)

Cassandra Barnwell (Mental Health Director)

## May

Deputy Bobby Jones (Dispatch)

Cpl. James Strickland (Unit 1)

Pamela Miller (Classification)

Michelle Gavin (Public Information Officer)

## WORDS OF WISDOM

"My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am."

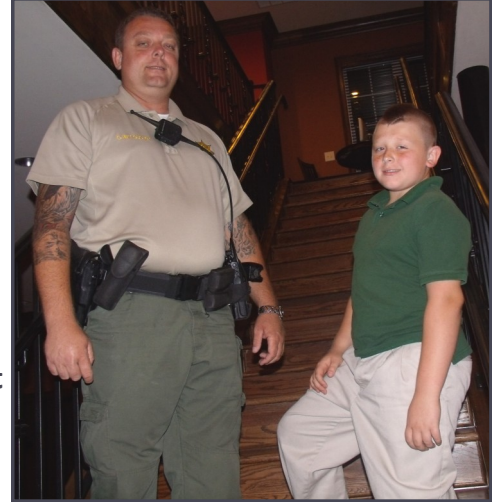
—Anonymous



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## Youth Home Children Make Lasting Impression on Deputy's Son

My son Harley Willoughby is just your average ten year old boy. He loves football, video games and playing with his friends. One thing that stands out about this little fellow is his compassion for others. In the fall of last year I thought it would be a great idea to bring Harley along to deliver Christmas presents to the children at the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes in Hahira. I felt Harley should see first hand how blessed he is to have a lot of the things we take for granted on a day to day basis. He seemed to enjoy spending time with the children, but I didn't know just how it had penetrated his heart.



On the evening before Harley's 10th birthday party this past April, he asked his mom for a black sharpie marker and returned it about an hour later, along with several bags of toys he had labeled to go to those children at the boys and girls home he had recently visited. Many of the toys he had just received for Christmas.

When his mom asked why he would give away all of those new toys he replied, "Well, I'm gonna get some things at my party and these can go to those kids who don't have toys to play with. They need them more than I do."

After a few days the bag of toys still remained in the hallway. Harley asked me when I was going to take them to the kids. Over and over he asked until his mom put them in the closet and assured him the children would get them at the appropriate time.

This just reminds us we can all do our part, no matter how small, to be a blessing to others as God as blessed us.

— Deputy Chuck Willoughby, K-9 Unit, Proud Father  
Chatham County Sheriff's Office

— Deputy Chuck Willoughby, K-9 Unit, Proud Father  
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