



**Chatham County
Sheriff's Office**

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Sheriff's Note:

The Chatham County Commissioners just approved a \$1,000 bonus for all county employees. The bonuses will be distributed to more than 1,200 full-time employees in April.

I think this is a well deserved bonus, but I wish there was more money in the county's budget to do more with. However, the economy is looking better and hopefully we can get back on track for giving raises to our deputies, corrections officers and civilians.

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

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Sheriff Offers 'New Hope' to Downtrodden Dogs

Sheriff Al St Lawrence is always looking for new ideas and programs that can help the community or help rehabilitate inmates in his jail.

That's why when Sgt. Robert Brooks presented "Operation New Hope" to the Sheriff, he immediately said yes.

Operation New Hope will bring unwanted dogs, scheduled to be euthanized, into the jail. Pre-selected inmates will potty train the dogs and teach them obedience in hopes of giving the dogs a second chance at being adopted.

The dogs will remain in the inmates care, living in the same cell for four weeks.

The Sheriff said this will not only benefit the dogs but the inmates as well.

Sheriff St Lawrence said, "We try to do whatever we can to decrease the amount of idle time our inmates have. Idle time often leads to trouble. I believe letting some of our low-risk inmates train the dogs will teach them a new skill, teach them compassion and responsibility and hopefully make this the last time they end up in jail."

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Greater Savannah Humane Society for Operation New Hope; they will be the ones selecting



Above: A Chatham County inmate selected to participate in Operation New Hope met one of the prospective dogs from the Humane Society on March 23. Photo by: Michelle Gavin

the dogs for this program.

The Humane Society's Volunteer and Special Programs Coordinator Erin Fontes said, "I grew up in a pet assisted therapy world and I have seen how it has made a difference. People have a different response to animals than they do people. It can improve a person's ability to relate in a more compassionate and loving way."

Fontes says the goal is two-fold. "Dogs will be adopted and we can help people improve their dispositions through the therapy of animals.

Sgt. Brooks will be overseeing Operation New Hope. He says he hope to have the program up and running in a few weeks. Eight

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inmates have already been chosen. They, along with the dogs, will be housed in Unit 5 where there is already a secure outdoor area for the dogs to play and train.

The idea for this program may be new to Chatham County, but there are several jails and prisons across the country that have similar programs, including the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office.

The CCSO has already received numerous donations from businesses and members of the community. "I have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have offered to help get this program going," said Brooks. "Citizens have come into the lobby and dropped off dog bowls, toys, brushes, dog food and treats."

Corizon Health, which provides medical services for Chatham County Detention Center inmates, donated \$1,500 towards the program.

Corizon's Health Services Administrator Ryan Haney works in Chatham County jail. He said, "I think it's a great program. Corizon runs the medical unit at the Gwinnett County jail and the dog program works there and it will work here. No question it helps inmates stay out of jail."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Cpt. Robert Lamb, Sgt. Robert Brooks, and Human Society coordinator Erin Fontes observed an inmate getting to know an Operation New Hope dog.



Left: Inmates selected for the new program met Jason the dog.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin

Donations

Corizon	\$1,500
PetSmart	3 dog kennels
Greater Savannah Humane Society	4 dog kennels
Bryan Co. Animal Care Givers	Shampoo and toys
Get Skills	Dog leads
Carphthia Paws	Toys and dog bowls
Maj. Jeroen and Sandra Verhagee	Dog kennel and toys
Deputy U.S. Marshal Mark Wilcox	Dog leads and harnesses
Elaine Briney, PetSmart	Pet Training Instructor
Guinn Friemann	Pet Training Instructor
Island Feral Cat Project	Dog toys and treats

Officers Work to Keep Contraband out of Courthouse

In 2011 Court Security Officers kept more than 2,500 knives, guns, box cutters and mace from entering the main judicial courthouse on Montgomery Street.

Already in 2012 they are off to a busy start. During the months of January and February officers sized a firearm, a set of brass knuckles and two knives off a courthouse visitors who failed to surrender the upon entering the courthouse.

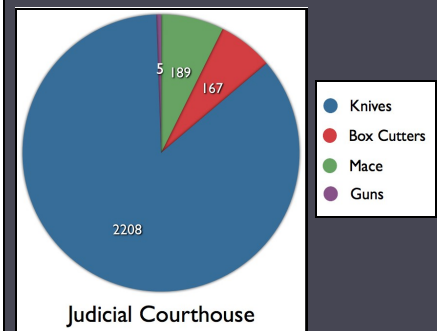
Court Services Lt. Tommy Tillman said

the knives and brass knuckles were actually seized during secondary hand searches and the gun was discovered by a Court Security Officer monitoring the x-ray machine.

The hearings and trials that take place inside the courtrooms can often invoke a lot of strong emotions. Tillman says that's why it is so important to prevent any and all weapons from coming into the courthouse.

Article by: Michelle Gavin

Contraband Seized in 2011



Deputies Assist Judges New to the Bench

There have been a few changes in the judiciary in Chatham County and CCSO deputies have been stepping up to help with the transition.

The Honorable Timothy Walmsley was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal as a new Chatham County Superior Court Judge in February. He filled a vacancy left by Chief Judge Perry Brannen. Brannen retired last year after 32 years on the bench.

Deputy Jon Lustig has been assigned as Walmsley's primary deputy. Lustig has a lot of experience as a primary, he was previously assigned to Judge Brannen.

It is now his job to help manage Judge Walmsley's courtroom and head up security.

Lustig said, "I look forward to being the primary deputy assigned as the newest Superior Court judge and all the responsibilities that come with it."

The Honorable Greg Sapp was named Chatham County's new State Court Judge last summer after Judge Ronald Ginsberg retired.

Deputy Sharleen Simmons is serving as Judge Sapp's primary deputy. This is her first time working so closely with a judge.

"I have worked with Judge Sapp since he took the bench on August 8. We work very well together," she said.

"Both of us are beginning a new adventure in State Court. It's a pleasure working with Judge Sapp and his staff and I look forward to serving many years as his primary deputy," Simmons said.

In Recorders Court, Judge Tammy Cox-Stokes was named the new Chief Judge after the passing of Judge Lawrence Dillon.

Judge Harris O'Dell will soon fill the vacant position. The now former Chatham County Commissioner was sworn in as a judge March 26 in the commission meeting room.

Once he moves over to the courthouse, the selection process will begin to find O'Dell a primary deputy.

Cpt. Elijah Powell oversees the CCSO's Court Services Division. Powell says anytime there is an opening for a primary deputy, deputies submit a letter of interest. A primary is selected based on their work, leadership and attendance.

"Choosing a primary deputy that will work well with a judge is essential," Powell said. "They are often the ones who help guide new judges along and introduce them to the many agencies involved in the judicial process." "I don't think many people realize the close working relationship our deputies have with the judges," Powell added. The judges put a lot of trust in the deputies to protect them and keep their court in order.

Article by: Diane Sasser and Michelle Gavin

"Both of us are beginning a new adventure...."



Above: State Court Judge Greg Sapp works closely with his Primary Deputy Sharleen Simmons.

Below: Primary Deputy Jon Lustig has been assigned to work with Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley.

Photos by: Diane Sasser



Right: Sheriff Al St Lawrence attended the swearing in ceremony of newly appointed Recorder's Court Judge Harris O'Dell. O'Dell was sworn in by Judge Harris E. Lewis in the Commission Meeting Room on March 26.

Photo by: Steve Salter of Daly & Salter Photography

Blood Hound to Join K-9 Team

Roscoe, a full-blooded Blood Hound, is in training to become the Chatham County Sheriff's Office's first tracking dog. Roscoe was donated to the Sheriff's Office by Aaron Jordan.

Jordan works for Braddy-Heard and is doing electrical work on the Detention Center Expansion Project. Jordan says he bought Roscoe for his youngest son Theron to track deer and hogs, but Roscoe grew to be too big and powerful for this son to handle. "He ended up sitting in the backyard and I didn't feel right about that," Jordan said.

After talking with Roscoe's breeder Ann Vision, Jordan decided to donate the dog to a law enforcement agency. So in January Jordan met with Sheriff St. Lawrence and Major Tommy Smoak and offered to donate the two-year-old Blood Hound to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. "I knew he would be taken

"If he is able to find someone one day, that would make me very proud."

care of there," Jordan said. Major Smoak said, "I thought it was a win-win situation, not only for Roscoe's owner but for the Sheriff's Office." "As the department grows and our inmate capacity expands, I felt we would be remiss to not act on this opportunity to have the capability of tracking someone if they were to escape from our jail," Smoak added.

Roscoe was sent to Ventosa Kennel, a police K-9 training facility in Scotland Neck, North Carolina, for 10 weeks of training. Lt. Ralph Salas said Ventosa Kennel's staff told him Roscoe is one of the best Blood Hounds they have ever seen at their training facility. "That means he's a pretty sharp cookie and fast learner," Salas said. "He is going to be a tremendous asset to our team." Roscoe learned to distinguish scents, obedience training and has bonded with his new handler, Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt.



Above: Roscoe took a breather during his four week training in North Carolina. He will be the CCSO's K-9 Unit's first tracking dog.

Photo by: Sgt. James Moore

Darnstaedt along with Sgt. James Moore underwent four weeks of training to become certified tracking dog handlers. "The training went really well," Darnstaedt said. "Roscoe tracked all day and slept well each night. He is different from the narcotics dogs I have partnered with in the past. Roscoe is more gentle and affectionate." Roscoe will live in the Sheriff's Office K-9 area and will be available 24-7 in case an in-

mate escapes or he is needed to help locate a lost or missing person. Smoak says Roscoe will also be an asset to the CCSO's Project Lifesaver program which helps locate missing autistic children or elderly persons who have Alzheimer's. Jordan said, "I miss him but I am happy with the decision. If he is able to help find someone one day, that would make me very proud."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Left: Before Roscoe became a CCSO K-9 tracking down he belonged to Theron Jordan and his father Aaron. Photo by: Aaron Jordan

Right: Deputy Stephen Darnstaedt and his new partner Roscoe had no trouble bonding during training in North Carolina. Photo by: Sgt. James Moore



Sheriff Office Makes Final Preparations for Poker Run Fundraiser

For the past 12 years the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has pulled out all the stops to host a Poker Run where the area's finest motorcyclists can have fun, and more importantly, spend their money.

Every year hundreds of riders from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and beyond participate in the annual ride through the countryside of Chatham and Effingham counties.

And every year the Sheriff's Office raises nearly \$30,000 for the Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Homes. The money goes directly to buy each child Christmas presents and take them on a summer vacation.

Colonel John Wilcher is in charge of the run. So far he has received several

high quality door prizes for the participants and has secured financial donations from many local businesses.

"It's all about the kids," Wilcher said. "It takes a lot of work to put this together, but it's always worth it."

The Poker Run will be held April 29 beginning at 8 a.m. Registration will be a Napa Auto Parts on Eisenhower Drive. The first bikes will leave at 9 a.m.

Due to construction at the Sheriff's Office, this year's Poker Run will finish up at the CCSO's range and training facility located off of Ogeechee Road.

And just like years past, there will be plenty of food and music to keep everyone entertained.

Article by: Michelle Gavin

Part-time Deputy Nabs Bank Robber

A part-time deputy with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office is credited for catching a man accused of robbing a bank in Pooler.

On February 24 a man walked into the Bank of America on U.S. Highway 80 and demanded money from a bank teller.

Deputy Charles "Tripp" Davis had just finished his shift at the Sheriff's Office and was using the drive-thru ATM outside of the bank.

Davis said moments after the robbery the bank manager ran outside screaming for someone to write down the robber's tag number. Davis did more than that. Still in his deputy uniform and driving his personal car, he followed the suspect until the suspect crashed near the Pooler library.

"He didn't resist," said Davis. "Once he saw the Glock that was it."

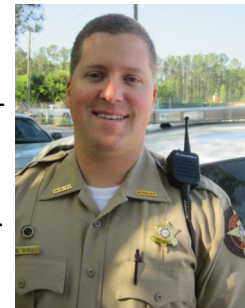
Pooler Police then arrived and took the suspect into custody.

In addition to working as a part-time deputy, Davis is also a full time officer for the Pooler Police Department.

"The guys were telling me to run home and put on my blue uniform," Davis joked. Davis had just been hired as a CCSO part time deputy the week before this incident occurred.

Davis has been a law enforcement officer for nearly a decade. "You can never let your guard down," he said. "Especially in law enforcement you never know where you are going to be when something happens."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Part time Deputy Charles "Tripp" Davis

Poker Run T-Shirts for Sale \$10

To purchase a shirt, see Gretchen Derryberry, Stephanie King or Janell Belton in the Enforcement Administration area; or see Veatta Cargill or Stephanie Bush in the Corrections Administration area.

The shirts are available in a variety of colors and sizes!



* Proceeds benefit the Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Homes

Mega Jail, Mega Progress

The massive expansion project, that has now been underway for one year, is an impressive sight.

On the ground, the new inmate housing towers tower over the existing complex. From the air, Chatham County Sheriff's Office complex spans over a sizeable amount of real estate.

The \$109 million dollar SPLOST funded project continues to stay ahead of schedule and under budget.

Hunt Construction Group is the general contractor. Construction manager Michael Savidakis says he expects to have a topping off ceremony later this spring which will mark the completion of all the major structural construction work.

"The very complex installation of structural precast and modular cells for the two new four-story housing units is progressing very well," said Savidakis. "This is due to the expertise of those involved, close management and coordination between all trades and our team's commitment to safety, quality and schedule. We appreciate their efforts."

Hunt Construction also plans to turn over the new Video Visitation

"Anytime you can be ahead of schedule and under budget on a project of this magnitude, that's a great thing."



Above: Since last November two large cranes have been stacking the new precast inmate cells into place.

Photo by: Chief Deputy Roy Harris

Center to Chatham County in early April. The new facility will allow inmates to visit family members via video monitors. Once the staffing is available the center will open to the public. A ribbon cutting ceremony is set for April 13.

The next new facility to open will be the new Enforcement building. The Street Operation's Unit is hoping to be able to move in sometime in May. Once that happens demo work will begin on the existing Enforcement building. The Enforcement's administrative staff will temporarily relocate into a nearby office building.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence said he is very pleased with how things are going.

"I think it's going great," he said. "Anytime you can be ahead of schedule and under budget on a project of this magnitude, that's a great thing."



Above: A view inside the inmate housing tower.

Below: A long corridor links the new inmate housing units to the existing ones.

Photos by: Sgt. Felicia Williams





Above: This aerial photo of the Chat-ham County Sheriff's Of-fice complex shows the magnitude of the construction project. Once completed it will nearly double the size of the current facility.

Photo by: Chief Deputy Roy Harris

Above: The Video Visitation Center just needs a few finishing touches. A ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the state-of-the-art facility is scheduled for April 13.

Photo by: Chief Deputy Roy Harris

Right: The new Muster Room will be located in the front section of the new Enforcement Bureau. Once completed it will include a stage, AV equipment and be used for daily briefings as well as award ceremonies.

Photo by: Sgt. Felicia Williams



Unit 3 Devoted to Helping Inmates Get Back on the Right Track



Above: CCSO Chaplain Greg Quarterman and a guest speaker lead inmates enrolled in the jail's chaplaincy program in prayer.

Photo by: Sgt. Felicia Williams

Inmate Programs Offered:

- GED
- Computer Skills
- Literacy
- Life Skills
- Work Release
- Chaplaincy
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Substance Abuse

Nearly 95 percent of the male and female inmates assigned to live in the Chatham County Detention Center's housing unit #3 are making an effort to turn their lives around.

Unit 3 is known as the Program's Dorm and offers inmates classes on substance abuse, computer skills, GED, literacy, chaplaincy programs and much more. All the classes are paid for by the jail's Inmate Trust Account, not taxpayer money.

"We call them detainees while they are in jail, but when they get out they are our fellow community members," said Unit 3 Manager Lt. Joni York. "Overall these programs benefit our community."

Lt. York has a team of officers, staff and volunteers that keep Unit 3 running smoothly. Her team includes a sergeant, 28 deputies and correctional officers, an administrative assistant, chaplains, counselors and volunteers.

"Officers assigned to my unit have a bigger responsibility than the other housing units because they not only have to pro-

vide safety and security for the inmates, but also the service provides and volunteers that are in and out of the area each day," York said.

Inmates either volunteer for the programs or they are ordered to attend by a judge.

The selected inmates living in the programs dorm receive a few extra incen-

tives, including an extra family visitation day. However, they also must adhere to more structured environment. They attended classes Monday thru Thursday and can have visitors Friday thru Sunday. "If we can help change one person, that's a member of our community changed for the better," said York.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Left: Seated are Sgt. Blondell Lewis and Rosetta Ross. Standing are Green Bryant, Ronald Dunbar, Lt. Joni York, Chaplain Myra Mitchell, Chaplain Canas Blackston, and April Jackson.

Photo by: Sgt. Felicia Williams

Sheriff's Programs Coordinator Locked Up for Doing Good

This year's Southside Savannah MDA Lock-up was a big success and the Muscular Dystrophy Association says the Chatham County Sheriff Office has a lot to do with that.

Programs Coordinator Latoya Lawrence and her partner-in-crime Kendra Crawford raised more than \$1,100 for the MDA.

Lawrence was asked to participate in MDA Lock Up in January. She held several fundraisers and was "locked up" for a bit on March 7 until she raised enough "bail" money.

"My experience with the MDA Lock-up was extremely fun," said Lawrence. "It was a humbling experience because everyone at the CCSO pulled together to help make this fundraiser possible."

Five CCSO deputies were responsible for rounding up nearly

100 Lock-up participants. Deputies Ron Robinson, Lester Ellerbe, Glen Williams, Brian Slate and Reserve Deputy Jim Murray traveled all across Chatham County "arresting" local business men and women, teachers, and community leaders.

This year's Lock-up was held at Outback Steakhouse on Abercorn Street. Sheriff Al St Lawrence, Chief Deputy Roy Harris and Colonel John Wilcher showed up to support Lawrence and all the participants.

"I would personally like to thank the Sheriff and Col. Enoch for their support," said Lawrence. "I want to thank everyone who assisted me, especially Kendra Crawford for joining me in raising money. She was not nominated to raise money but she saw the importance and came on board with me."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Top Right: Latoya Lawrence was photographed behind bars with Sheriff St Lawrence and a MDA Lock-up judge. The Sheriff helped put up "bail money" to free Lawrence.

Bottom Right: Reserve deputy Sgt. Jim Murray picked up dozens of MDA Lock-up participants in his patrol car.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Sheriff St Lawrence told MDA District Director Coleen Harvey his deputies look forward to this event each year.



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County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

"Like" the page and you'll received news and photos about Chatham County's finest at work and at play!

www.facebook/chathamcountysheriff.com

Sheriff's Office Shines in St. Patrick's Day Parade



Left: Sheriff St Lawrence and Chief Deputy Harris enjoyed the parade on a Mustang Convertible. Cpl. Ruth Brown was behind the wheel.

Above: The Sheriff and Chatham County commissioners Dr. Pricilla Thomas and James Holmes mingled before the parade.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office did not disappoint in this year's Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The CCSO was positioned in the first half of the parade. The Honor Guard led the way followed by the Sheriff's car and Explorer Post 876.

It was a picture perfect day as a record crowd lined the parade route.

"It's the biggest turnout I've ever seen. It was a great day," said Sheriff Al St Lawrence. He has ridden in the parade for the past four decades.

Twenty-two deputies from the Street Operations and Court Services were assigned to help provide security along the parade route.

"I enjoyed working the parade," said Sgt. John Jones. Jones was stationed on the corner of East

Broad and Broughton streets.

"I think it was a little long this year due to circumstances beyond our control, but the crowd was well behaved," said Jones.

They worked side by side with Savannah Chatham Metro Police officers and Georgia State Patrol troopers.

Nearly a dozen other deputies had the privilege of driving Chatham County leaders in the parade.

Leroy Smalls drove an electric car in the parade. He had a much different perspective of the parade-goers. "The parade was good. I thought the crowd was really calm and well behaved," Smalls said. "I had a great conversation with the salesman and he explained the operation of the car."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Deputy Alicyn Whaley was one of twenty-two CCSO deputies assigned to help keep the crowds in check along the parade route.

Photos by: Sgt. Felicia Williams and Michelle Gavin



Left: Deputies David Wilcox and Parnell Wilder posed with the Budweiser Clydesdales before the parade.

Above: Cpt. Brian Counihan serves as the Membership Chairman for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.



Above: Deputies Brian Slate and Freddie Hall took advantage of a photo op with Chatham County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis.

Below: The CCSO Honor Guard posed with members of Deputy David Wilcox's family.



Above: Members of Explorer Post 876 showed off their new uniforms and badges in the parade. The crowd adorned them with beads and kisses.

Left: Explorer Post Advisor Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby caught a ride with Sgt. M. Eichenlaub, also an Explorer advisor.



Above: Members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 and Advisors gathered for a group photo at their Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN.

Photo by: Clayton County Explorer

Explorer Post 876 Heads to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Winterfest 2012

On February 3 the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 packed up their gear and headed to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Winterfest 2012.

This event was a weekend filled of fun and competitive events that drew nearly 3,200 Explorers and Venturers between ages of 14-20 from across the country.

This year Post 876 did not compete in the law enforcement competition since a majority of the Explorers were new and had not received all the necessary training. However, they were able to participate in various team events and tournaments.

Explorer Andrea Stokes placed third in the Winterfest talent show while Explorers Devan Lace, Avery Williams, Malcolm Davis and Jordan

Water-Ford place third in the four on four basketball tournament.

Explorer Sgt. Mercedes Jones also lent a hand in the 4 on 4 basketball tournament.

"Winterfest was a great experience and I had a lot of fun. Now I am looking forward to competing in Summerfest 2012," said Explorer Avery Williams.

Sgt Mark Eichenlaub, a member of the Board of Advisors said, "The trip was exciting for both the Explorers and advisors. We look forward to competing in the law enforcement events next year."

Explorer Post 876 is currently preparing for Summerfest 2012 which will be held in Savannah.

Article by: Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby



Above: Explorer Andrea Stokes smiles as she prepares to sing. She took third place in the Winterfest talent show.

Photo by: Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub



Top Left: Explorer Devan Lace tried his hand at the Archery Free Shoot event.

Top Right: Explorer Jordan Waters- Ford inched his way thru the Squeeze Box Cave Challenge.

Middle: Members of the Explorer Post 876 decided to take an early morning break.

Photos By: Capt. Brian Counihan and Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub



Bottom Left: Advisor Deputy Darrin Harvey gave his new friend a big bear hug.

Bottom Right: Explorers lined the staircase at the hotel lobby after competing in the individual competitions at Winterfest.

Photos By: Capt. Brian Counihan and Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub

Students Face Real Life Consequences at Teen Maze

Over the course of just four days, members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office had the opportunity to try to deter hundreds of Chatham County teenagers from ending up in the Chatham County jail.

The CCSO was one of several local agencies that participated in the Teen Maze in late March. More than 800 first-time eighth graders from Savannah Chatham public middle schools attended the event held at the Army National Guard Armory on Eisenhower Drive.

The idea behind the maze is to teach students about the consequences associated their behavior, their actions, even unintentional actions.

When students first arrived they witnessed a mock crash scene. A man and women were ejected from a truck; the wreck was a result of texting and driving. The students then were divided into three "tracks"—the judicial system, social relationships and dating. During the maze scenarios some students ended up pregnant, some graduated, some died and several ended up in jail.

Several members of the CCSO served as role players for the event in the "judicial track". They worked along side Savannah Chatham Metro Police officers, Juvenile Court probation officers, Department of Juvenile Justice employees, attorneys and judges.

If a students scenario led them to jail, they were fingerprinted, put in inmate jumpsuits and locked up in a mock jail. The students had the opportunity to hear real life stories from the deputies and officers who work in the jail, meet with jail counselors and classification specialists.

Corrections Officer Pvt. Cantay Taylor said, "I am really glad I participated in the Teen Maze. It was a lot of fun and I think we really impacted several of the students."

The Teen Maze was coordinated by the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and the Savannah Youth Futures Authority.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Deputy Deon Gibson made sure this teen understood going in jail is no laughing matter.

Below: CCSO Counselor David Morgan talked to two teen-aged girls who were "arrested" for getting high and murdering two people in their scenario.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin





Top right: Teen Maze students witnessed a mock crash scene that resulted from texting while driving.



Top left: Deputy Gerald Millen escorted a Teen Maze participants to “jail” at the National Guard Armory.

Middle right: Officer Cantay Taylor fingerprinted each student whose scenario landed them in the Teen Maze jail.

Bottom: Members of the CCSO not only participated, but took the role playing seriously in hopes of keeping the students out of the real jail.



SPOTLIGHT

Employee



Sgt. Sheila Allen

Corrections Administrative Sergeant

- Sergeant Sheila Allen wears many hats for the Corrections Bureau.
- She is the Fire Safety Supervisor. She assists with the training of the fire safety officers in each housing unit and inspects all fire extinguishers, breathing apparatuses and conducts fire drills.
- Sgt. Allen manages the vehicle maintenance schedule for the Corrections fleet.
- She is the liaison for Pay-Tel Communications technicians who provide and service the inmate phones.
- Sgt. Allen joined the CCSO in 1984
- She has two children

Academy Graduates Sworn In as Deputies



Above: Sheriff St Lawrence swore in four new deputies after they graduated from the Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy in Garden City on March 23. Congratulations to deputies Jerald Burgess, Toby Hodges, David Gold and Bobby Jones. Photo by: Chief Deputy Roy Harris

Welcome to Our Team



Above: Six members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office graduated from the Basic Jail Officers Training Course on February 18. From left to right are Tiniesha Cochran, Deputy Alice Walker, Paul Folsome, Navnett Kapoor, Robert Lipovsky, Adam Pringle. Walker took the course as part of the Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy program.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Scouts Learn Lessons from Law Enforcement

Cub Scout Pack 9's young boys were very attentive during a visit from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Warren Blanton and Reserve Sgt. Wayne Wermuth spoke to the boys on February 28 about bike helmet safety, calling 911 in an emergency, what to do if they are ever separated from their parents and other valuable safety lessons.

One of the highlights of their visit was fingerprinting each child and explaining to them why fingerprints are taken.

"The kids liked seeing their own fingerprints and were surprised no two fingerprints are the

same," said Wermuth.

"I enjoyed talking with the Cub Scouts because kids need to know they can speak with CCSO deputies who are ready to listen," Wermuth added.

Deputy Blanton said he enjoyed talking to the boy and the experience earned them each a scout badge.

Blanton said, "The scouts were very inquisitive. At the end of our presentation we gave them all a chance to sit in a patrol car and learn its different functions. I think they enjoyed that the most. The event was as rewarding for me as it was for the kids."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Reserve Sgt. Wayne Wermuth taught the Cub Scouts about important road and traffic signs.



Right: Deputy Warren Blanton fingerprinted each child and they kept the cards as souvenirs.

Photos by: Res. Sgt. Wermuth and Deputy Blanton

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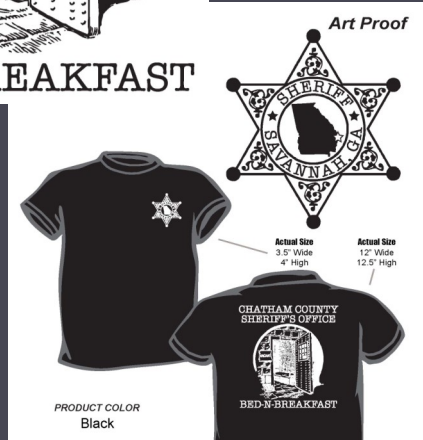


BED-N-BREAKFAST

T-Shirts for Sale

S-XL \$15

2XL-4XL \$17



- To order a shirt see Dep. Gary Murphy in Street Operations
- Deadline: Friday, April 6
- Shirts may be worn on dress down days
- Proceeds benefit CCSO Explorer Post 876

BIRTHDAYS AND EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deborah George	2 Thomas Hurst Michael German Desmond Bryant	3	4	5	6 Samuel Richardson Willie Tyler	7 Brian Lee Terry Voisine Rhonda Bryant-Elleby Brian Underwood Jurgen Mauras
8	9 James Hardy	10	11 Anthony Stephens Roger Browne	12 Rickey Watkins Robert Lewis	13	14
15 Diane Hooper Anthony Alston	16	17 Lashawnda Campbell Corey Harper Earl Milliken	18 Sarge Orr Tony Davis	19	20	21 Darren Sheppard Reginald Easterling Nicole-Jeannine Meyers Sharon Crittenden Paul Folsome
22 Joyce Baker	23 Lewis Lane Jason Livie	24 Yolanda Russell	25 Walter Kent	26 Carlista Stoner Christopher Edwards	27 Jesse Wilson Beverly Hardee	28 Christopher May
29 POKER RUN	30 Glenn Moye	<h1>April 2012</h1>				

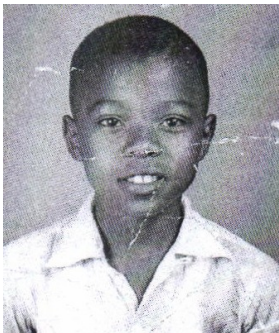
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Who am I?

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



I am one year old in this photo. I was born in Illinois. My favorite type of food is shark meat! My favorite television shows are NCIS and NCIS Los Angeles. My favorite actor is Brian Keith. My most memorable vacation was when I went to Barcelona, Spain. I have been employed with the Sheriff's Office for approximately 10 months. I am an avid golfer and a licensed NHRA drag racer. Who am I?



I am 7 years old in this picture. I was born and raised in Savannah. I am one of 15 sons and I have a twin brother. My favorite food is pork chops. My favorite TV show is Sanford and Son. My favorite actress is Angela Bassett. My most memorable vacation was to Hanover Maryland in 1972 where I met Richard Pryor at a concert. I have worked at the CCSO for 24 years. I enjoy working with the youth at my church. Who Am I?



I am 9 years old in this photo. I grew up in Louisiana. My favorite thing to eat are oxtails at Deanie's Seafood in New Orleans! My favorite movie is Face Off and my favorite actor is Nicholas Cage. My most memorable vacation was going to Disney Land in Los Angeles, California. I've worked at the CCSO for 12 years. I love to cook and host cookouts and family gatherings. I love the colors black and gold. Who am I?

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Jack Drossopoulos
Courthouse Security



Dep. Ruth Brown
Street Operations



Dep. Shawn Taber
Enforcement

Anniversaries

25 Years

Gregg Rhode

20 Years

Beverly Rowe

15 Years

Synthia Taylor

10 Years

Vivian Gray

5 Years

Ronald Harris
Barbara Ransom
Adrian Smith
James Miles
Kelly Folker

Employees of the Month

February

Deputy David Strobert (Court Services)
Pvt. Lutricia Kelly-James (Unit 2)
Joyce Baker (Court Security Officer)
Betty Roberson-Lang (Unit 1 Counselor)

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

—Will Rogers



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In Other News....



Above: Programs Manager Angelia Dorsey talked to a group of CCSO volunteers at the annual Super Saturday training event held in February. This year 140 volunteers attended the training on security and inmate programs.

Photo by: Henry Cobb

Right and Below: Members of Leadership Savannah visited the Chatham County Sheriff's Office on March 13 and had lunch with the Sheriff. They also toured the construction site and the inside of the detention center.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin

