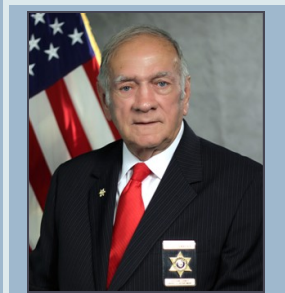




**Chatham County
Sheriff's Office**

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Sheriff's Note:

I want to thank everyone who participated in the American Diabetes Association walk on Oatland Island. Diabetes impacts so many families and I am glad to see my employees raising awareness and money for this great cause.

Now we are embarking on our United Way campaign. For the past few years we've raised more money than any other county department—let's keep it that way! I have full confidence that we will be able to exceed our \$30,000 goal.

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

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CCSO Takes on Mission to Raise Money for United Way

Sheriff Al St Lawrence and several of his officers and deputies looked mighty sharp at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office 2012 United Way campaign kickoff.

Their short skit played off the United Way's theme this year—Mission: Possible. The mission for these CCSO secret agents is to make sure this year's campaign is a big success.

"My employees have such big hearts and they know how to have fun. I think that's why our United Way fundraising is always so successful," said the Sheriff.

Unit 2 Housing Manager Lt. Julie Mitchell, one of the CCSO United Way co-chairs, organized the kickoff event.

"It was great, fantastic!" Mitchell said. "Everyone looked like real secret agents. I hope this kickoff gets the message out to everyone in the department that the campaign has begun and I hope they will give from their hearts."

This year's goal is \$30,000. Last year the Sheriff's Office raised more than \$37,000.

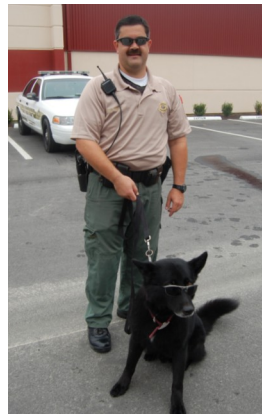
Lt. Mitchell and her co-chair Cpl. Nicole Scott already have several fundraisers planned and are collecting employees' individual contribution sheets.

All the money raised goes to help families in the Coastal Empire. The campaign ends November 16.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Sheriff Al St Lawrence led the CCSO at the United Way kickoff, posing as "secret agents" to make reaching the \$30,000 goal a Mission: Possible. Front row—Pvt. Reginald Scott, Ofc. Kacilya Beal, Cpl. Maxine Evans, Sheriff St Lawrence, Pamela Blanks, Ofc. O'Neil Young, Ofc. Learie Pope, Sgt. Don Hollinger. Back row—Ofc. Andera Bell, Ofc. Freddie Blackmon, Sgt. Tyrone Warren, Ofc. Ashton Tatum. Lower left: Sgt. Michael Street and K-9 Bo donned their shades too!



Above: (left to right) New BJOT grads Ashton Tatum, Quincy Smalls, Kathy Smith, Learie Pope, Kacilya Beal, Andrea Bell, Burt Ambrose and Freddie Blackmon got in on the act! Photos by: Michelle Gavin and Sgt. Felicia Williams

CCSO United Way Fundraising Events

- October 8 Raffle Ticket Sales Start
- October 12 Bake Sale
- October 26 Breakfast Sale
- To Be Announced Dress Down Days

Fundraising Goal



Sheriff's Finest Honored at Summer Awards Ceremony



Above: Sheriff Al St Lawrence presented Cpl. Todd Young with his new rank during the promotion ceremony.

Photo by: Cpt. Herb Harley

While some longtime deputies have ended their careers at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, many others are enjoying their rise in the department's ranks.

Three deputies and three civilians were promoted at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Summer Awards program, six deputies retired and two were honored for their 25 years of service.

The event was held August 23 at the Savannah Morning News auditorium.

Dozens of family members, friends, and CCSO employees attended along with County Manager Russ Abolt and Chatham County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence promoted Sergeant Stephen Robbins, Corporal Edward George, Corporal Todd Young, Administrative Assistant III Jill McCall, Administrative Assistant

II Jayda Jackson and Account Tech I Rene Nethels.

Retiring from the department were Col. Terry Enoch, Lt. Col. Tommy Smoak, Sgt. Dean Ray, Sgt. Steve Collins, Deputy Newton Davis and Cpl. James Strickland.

Three ladies who joined the CCSO together in August 1987 celebrated their silver anniversary at the ceremony. Major Kimberly Middleton, Cpt. Gloria Wilson and Cpl. Fannie Small were each presented with a commemorative ring.

The Sheriff also recognized two Savannah business leaders for their contributions to the Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Homes. D.K. Patel and Coca-Cola Bottling Company Vice President Rick Terrell helped sponsor a trip to Disney World for the children.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Middle Left: Recent promotees Sgt. Stephen Robbins, Cpl. Todd Young and Cpl. Edward George.

Bottom Left: Businessmen Rick Terrell and D.K. Patel were recognized for their support of the CCSO.

Above: All the Summer Awards recipients posed for a group photo. Photos by: Sgt. Felicia Williams and Michelle Gavin.

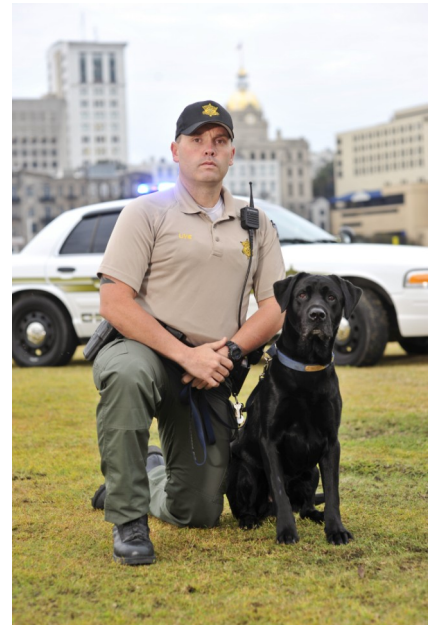
K-9 Sniffs Out Guns from Recent Shootings

Deputy Jason Livie and his K-9 Cpl. Aldo recovered a gun linked to a recent homicide investigation and another gun near where a shooting occurred in Daffin Park during the Safety Palooza event. The pair are requested several times a month to assist Savannah Chatham Metro Police in finding firearms used in recent crimes.

Whether the gun is in a wooded area, storm drain, under a house or car—Livie says Aldo is great at what he does.



Above: Take a close look in the leaves—this a gun found by Aldo near Daffin Park. Right: Deputy Jason Livie and K-9 Cpl. Aldo.



Operation New Hope Garnerers New Attention

The seventh class of Operation New Hope inmates and dogs are in training at the Chatham County Detention Center and the program is still enjoying many successes and community support.

Operation New Hope is a program in the Detention Center that allows inmates to train unadoptable dogs from the Humane Society for Greater Savannah.

On August 24 Cadets from the Peace Officer Academy at Savannah Technical College donated dog food, dog treats, crates and cash to Operation New Hope.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence said, “Operation New Hope is a great program. It helps our inmates learn important skills that can translate to the workplace and it helps the dogs get the training they need so they can get adopted. Donations like this are very much appreciated. All of this dog food and supplies from the cadets will go a long way.”

On October 3, Operation New Hope

got a special visit from a host on Animal Planet.

Victoria Stilwell, host of “It’s Me or the Dog,” and an animal behaviorist, toured the facility where Operation New Hope inmates and dogs live and train.

Operation New Hope is funded entirely by the Humane Society and community donations.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Animal Planet’s Victoria Stilwell talked to one of the inmates about his dog in training. Left: Cadets from Savannah Tech donated a truck load of supplies to Operation New Hope. Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Windows in the old Administration area have been knocked out as renovations are well underway.

Right: The main entrance to the Sheriff's Office is now under construction. Detention Center visitor must now go to Unit 5.
Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Expansion Project Enters Major Renovation Phase

By the first of the year most of new construction for the Detention Center Expansion Project will be completed. But renovations to the existing jail and administrative area have only just begun.

The Enforcement and Corrections administrative offices and the front lobby are unrecognizable. They will be transformed into new office space, new court rooms and a brand new lobby. That part of the project likely won't be completed until early next Spring.

The new pre-booking area is already nearing completion. If fact in should be operational in late October. It is equipped with state-of-the-art security systems and is nearly twice the size as the existing booking area. Once the new area opens, renovations will begin on the existing space.

The next area to open will be the property room. It includes a high-tech carousel to store all the inmates' clothing and a computerized safe to store the inmates' valuables. Each deputy and officer assigned to work in booking or property will have to be trained on all the new equipment and computers before the areas can open.

By the end of this year construction should be complete on the new warehouse facility. The enormous space includes two loading docks, portable lifts and is designed to make it easier for semi trucks to make deliveries.

Constructing the new inmate towers has been the biggest undertaking. The foreboding concrete structures are scheduled to be finished in early 2013.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Middle Right: This is the view walking into the main entrance which is undergoing a major renovation. New court rooms, equipped with video conferencing equipment, are being built where the Corrections administration offices used to be.

Bottom Right: This is a view of the old Administration and Street Operations area. After renovations are complete this area will be for the entire Administrative staff and Quartermaster. This area will include new conference rooms and a media room.



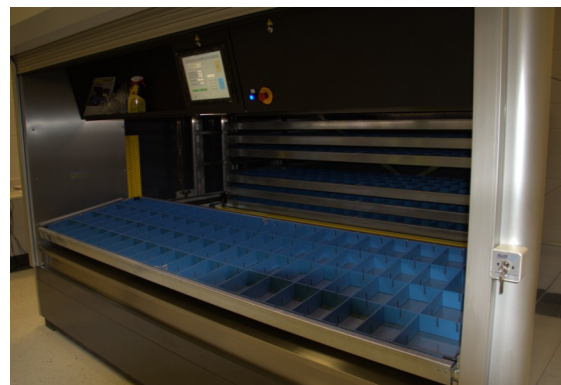
Left: Aerial view of the new jail towers which will nearly double the CCSO inmate capacity to 2,360. **Above:** Cell doors have just been installed in one of the new housing units. The new housing units will likely be completed in early 2013. Photos by: Chief Deputy Roy Harris and Michelle Gavin



Above: The CCSO's telecommunications staff and engineers are putting the final touches on the new pre-booking area. It should be complete later this fall.

Below: Hundreds of new security cameras are being installed during the construction. Officers in the new pre-booking will be able to monitor several of them at the same time.

Right: The bottom building with the red stripe is the new pre-booking area. The top new building will house the new warehouse.



Bottom Center: This new property carousel takes up an entire room and will be able to hold up to 4,000 bags containing inmates' clothing.

Above: This giant computerized safe will hold all the valuables for inmates while they are in jail.

Sheriff's Office Turns Out in Mass for Diabetes Walk

Chief Deputy Roy Harris is a borderline diabetic. Five years ago when doctors raised concerns, Harris knew little about the disease. Now it's a daily effort to keep the diabetes at bay.

A couple of months ago when Chief Harris was approached by Savannah's American Diabetes Association about their annual walk—he wanted the CCSO to get involved.

"I think it was important for us to participate because many of our people at the Sheriff's Office suffer from diabetes or they are potential candidates. I wanted our people to be aware of the symptoms," Harris said.

And just like the other charity fundraisers the Sheriff's Office takes on, the deputies and staff members gave it their all.

More than 100 deputies, officers, staff members and their families and friends joined "Team St Lawrence" and participated in the ADA's Step Out: Walk to End Diabetes on October 6.

"I am so proud of our team," Harris said. "We had the largest team there!"

The event took place at the Oatland Island Zoo. It was a two mile leisurely walk around the zoo's exhibits.

Team members held several fundraisers in September and October, and through contributions raised more than \$3,000.

The top two givers from the Sheriff's Office were deputies Michael Brown and Charles Hunter.

Brown, who works at Juvenile Court, raised \$371 while Hunter, who is a construction security officer, raised \$250.

Under Chief Harris' direction, Lt. Joni York and Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby led the charge at the Sheriff's Office and deserve a lot of the credit in making this event such a success.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Top: Savannah's American Diabetes Association Assistant Manager Suzanne Willis posed with Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby, Chief Deputy Roy Harris and Chatham County's chairman Col. George Bowen.

Bottom: Dozens of CCSO employees wore their ADA "Team St Lawrence" t-shirts to the walk at the Oatland Island Zoo.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Photos by: Sgt. Felicia Williams and Michelle Gavin

S.O.R.T Keeps Close Tabs on Chatham County Sex Offenders



Members of the S.O.R.T. Unit posed for a quick picture. Left: Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub, Dep. Octavius Anderson, Dep. Rick Hall, Dep. Christopher Blount, Dep. Brian Slate.

Missing from the photo is Administrative Assistant, Gabrielle Lewis.

Photo by: Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registration and Tracking (SORT) Unit is tasked with monitoring and tracking nearly 500 sex offenders that are registered in Chatham County.

These offenders include men and women convicted of child molestation, rape, statutory rape, possession of child pornography or other sex offenses.

It's such a big and important job that a sergeant, four deputies and an administrative assistant are assigned to the unit.

Every day the SORT investigators go out and verify the addresses that are provided to them by the registered sex offenders. This unit is also responsible for verifying the offender's place of employment.

The unit is led by Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub.

Sgt. Eichenlaub said, "I am proud to work with such a great group of investigators. We recently had two new investigators assigned to SORT—investigators Rick Hall and Brian Slate. Both investigators

are doing an outstanding job along with Investigators Octavius Anderson and Christopher Blount."

While the investigators are in the field, the administrative assistant, Gabrielle Lewis, is responsible for registering all sex offenders and keeping the sex offender website current.

SORT is tasked with the prosecution of each sex offender they find in violation of the registry and aids in the prosecution of sex offenders who they find are living in Chatham County from other states that have not registered in Chatham County.

SORT also works hand in hand with every local law enforcement agency in Chatham County to include the United States Marshal Service, Probation

and Parole.

Investigators say one of the challenges that they face with this job is when a sex offender's family member or friend are untruthful during a registry violation investigation.

Investigator Brian Slate is one of the

newest members of SORT. "I enjoy working in the unit. Some investigations can be harder than others, but the support from fellow investigators has been very helpful," he said.

However, they say being a member of SORT gives them a lot of job satisfaction. The unit prides itself on having 100% conviction rate of sex offenders who fail to properly register.

And they know by keeping close tabs on these convicted criminals they are making the community safer for everyone—especially our children.

Investigator Hall said, "The importance of a unit like this is to maintain a tracking system for sex offenders. The unit helps to enforce the laws of the state as it pertains to the sex offender registry and these laws are to be followed closely."

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has a website where citizens of Chatham County can sign up to receive an email notification when a sex offender moves into their neighborhood. Take a moment and visit the site. <http://sort:chathamsheriff.org/>

Article by: Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby

"I am very proud to work with a great group of investigators..."

BJOT Grads in High Demand

Since the end of August, Sheriff Al St Lawrence has hired 17 new correctional officers and 11 more start their Basic Jail Officer Training course on October 15.

The Sheriff is making sure the department's vacancies don't go unfilled for long because it can compromise the security of the facility.

The Sheriff recognized each of the new graduates during special ceremonies held at the Training Unit's new multipurpose building.

The graduates of BJOT class 0712 are officers David Bennett, Harley Freeman, Gary Fowler, Jerome Joyner, Class President Craig Morton, Christopher Reed and James Steiner.

The graduates of BJOT class 0912 are Burt Ambrose, Kacilya Beal, Andera Bell, Freddie Blackmon, Mitchell Minick, Learie Pope, Quincey Smalls, Kathy Smith, Class Vice President Lirinthia Smith and Class President Ashton Tatum.

Article by: Michelle Gavin

Right: Officer Freddie Blackmon's mother placed his new Sheriff's badge on his uniform during the BJOT graduation ceremony on October 5.



Above: Sheriff Al St Lawrence swore in seven new correctional officers on August 27.

Below: Ten new correctional officers were sworn in by the Sheriff on October 5.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Enoch Retires from CCSO; Joins Savannah Impact

After 27 years with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Jail Administrator Colonel Terry Enoch retired from the department on August 31 to begin a new career.

Enoch is now the Director for the Savannah Impact Program—a branch of the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department that deals with adults and juveniles who have committed crimes in the past and are a high risk to reoffend.

Enoch says it was not easy to leave the Sheriff's Office. He started out

as an intern and worked his way up through the ranks in both the Enforcement and Corrections bureaus, working in K-9, Internal Affairs, the jail, Court Services, Street Operations and spent time with the DEA.

"The people at the Sheriff's Office have been and will always be my family. The Savannah Impact position was a job I couldn't pass up. It is better for me and my family and I truly believe it will allow me to have a significant impact on the lives of the troubled youth in this community," said Enoch.



Above: Chief Deputy Roy Harris and Sheriff Al St Lawrence presented Col. Terry Enoch with this golden eagle at his retirement party.

BIRTHDAYS AND EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 James Powell Natasha Hills	3	4 Rosetta Ross	5 Terry Boyles Carlos Michael Justin Garrison Julius Johnson	6 ADA 5K Walk/Run on Oatland Island Joseph Tillman
7	8 Leroy Smalls Leander Brown	9 Patrick Welch	10 Corbin Wooding Sherry Moss	11	12 Beverly Thompson Danitra Beadles	13 Kenderly Wise
14	15	16	17	18 Synthia Taylor Barbara Ransom	19 Jacquelyn Sutton Annie Jones Andrew Shearhouse	20 CRIMESTOPPERS POLICEMAN'S GALA
21	22	23 Veatta Cargill Joseph Hanton Gregory Williams	24 Walter Anderson Ella Mae Murshinson	25	26 Benfred Gastin John Phillips	27 Alicyn Whaley
28 Natasha Small Ray Hunter	29 Brenda Johnson Ernest Brinson	30 William Boyette	31 HALLOWEEN Freddie Ruth Jake Westendorf Kevin Burns	<h1>October 2012</h1>		

November 2012				1	2	3
				Parnell Wilder Cassandra Barnwell	Gerald Millien	Karen Cotton Kimberly Richards
4 Robert Solomon Madeleine Pinckney	5	6 ELECTION DAY Scott Kimball Jonathan Lustig	7 Michael Street	8	9 Lawrence Wright	10 John Elder Steven Cahall
11 VETERAN'S DAY Thomas Gilberg Michael Holmes	12 Don Hollinger	13 Robert Lamb Bret Parker Pamela Cervone	14 Jason Pentecost	15	16 Terrell Narcisse Brett Kellogg	17 Larry Johnson John Jones
18 Willie Wallace	19 Frank Ringlewood Barbara Edwards Naomi Deloach	20 Reginald Scott	21 Monica Bryant Ronald Cason	22 THANKSGIVING David Walker	23 Lindsay Rowse	24 Dennis McInnis
25 Ted Glisson William Johnson Charles Bradford	26	27	28 Andrew Staley Edward Tharpe	29 Gretchen Derryberry	30	

Who am I?

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



I am 4 years old in this photograph. I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My favorite food is snow crab legs. My favorite television shows are Law and Order and First 48 Hours. My most memorable vacation is every time I go home to Philly to visit with family and eat some REAL Philly food! I have worked for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for 18 years. In my spare time I enjoy working on my "old school" car. Who am I?



I am 8 months old in this photo. I was born and raised in Savannah. My favorite actor is Idris Elba. My most memorable vacation was when I went to visit my sister and her family in Denver, Colorado. I have been employed with the Sheriff's Office for 5 1/2 years. I enjoy reading a good book and fishing during my spare time Who Am I?



I am 4 years old in this photograph. I was born and raised in Whitney, Texas. My favorite food is sushi and I enjoy eating at Chinese Restaurants. My favorite movie is The Longest Day. My favorite actor is John Wayne. My most memorable vacation was when I went to Mexico to visit the Aztec Ruins. I have worked for the CCSO for 13 years. In my spare time I love to fish and spend time with my granddaughter. Who am I?

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Cpl. Nicole Scott
Street Operations



Cpl. Trey Leggett
Street Operations



Deputy Richard Brome
Transport

Anniversaries

(October/November)

25 Years

Cathie Griffin

20 Years

Mark Eichenlaub

Edwin Meeks

Carlos Michael

Anza Rowland

Michael Street

Tyrone Warren

10 Years

Charlton Willoughby

Employees of the Month

July

Deputy Shania Gardner (Court Services)

Pvt. Dana Rice (Housing Unit #2)

Michael Holmes (Telecommunications)

Jackie Drake (Admin. Asst. in Housing Unit #2)

August

Deputy Ernest Frazier (Court Services)

Pvt. Diana Gubko (Video Visitation)

Dottie Wilcher (K-9 Admin. Asst. II)

James Baker (Engineer)

September

Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby (PIO)

Pvt. Raymond Alston (Housing Unit #4)

Julie Hauser (Quartermaster)

Stephanie McIver (Account Specialist I)

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Follow the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others and Responsibility for all your actions."

—Dali Lama



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In Other News....



Left: Deputies Freddie Hall and Leroy Smalls collected unwanted and expired prescription drugs at the Walmart on Whitemarsh Island as part of the DEA's Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Deputies were also stationed at the Walmarts in Pooler and Sandfly and collected 80 pounds of pills and other medications.

Below: Americus Police Chief Mark Gerbino (center) presented Sheriff Al St Lawrence, Chief Deputy Roy Harris and members of the CCSO K-9 team with plaques in appreciation of the narcotics training for the Americus P.D. K-9 Unit.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Right: Chief Deputy Roy Harris (far right) and Major Tom Gilberg (center) took members of the South Korean International Police on a tour of the jail on a recent visit to Savannah.

