



**Chatham County  
Sheriff's Office**

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**Sheriff Note:**

It is with great anticipation that we approach the relocation of the Sheriff's Administrative offices back to the main complex. Under the reconstruction design, the administrative area will house the Sheriff's immediate staff, the Enforcement Bureau and the Corrections Bureau. This will greatly assist in giving all of us a sense of one purpose, to protect the citizens and visitors to Chatham County, and to operate a safe and efficient detention center. I look forward to getting back into the complex. I realize that the construction and refurbishing of many areas of our complex has been stressful for all involved. The Command Staff and I commend you for your patience and especially for your significant contributions to make this work in a positive and productive manner. This operation is a big machine, with many moving parts. It takes all of us doing our daily jobs and duties for it to be successful. For that, I thank you.

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## Officers Awarded Special Commendations



Sheriff Al St. Lawrence was proud to issue two special commendations at the quarterly awards ceremony.

Officer Kendal Duff was awarded the Medal of Valor and Sergeant Bobby Irvin was awarded a Letter of Merit.

On June 1st, Officer Duff, while off duty, observed an armed robbery in progress. He called 911 and followed the suspects.

He was physically involved in their capture, and the recovery of the stolen property. Thanks to Officer Duff's bravery and alertness he was awarded The Medal Of Valor.

Sgt Bobby Irvin was awarded a letter of merit. Sgt Irvin's proactive approach and attention to detail allowed him to give critical leads in an unsolved homicide.

Sgt Irvin works as an intelligence officer and has assisted several agencies and the District Attorney's Office with their prosecutions.

# Sheriff Promotes 10

## Sheriff Promotes 10 Deputies at Quarterly Awards Ceremony



**TOP—L-R :** Cpl. Staley, Cpl. Elleby-Bryant, Cpl. Jackson, Reserve Sgt. Kent-  
**BOTTOM ROW –L-R** Lt. Eichenlaub, Lt. Michael, Capt .Tillman, Reserve Lt. Murray, Sgt. Voisine

To the right:  
Capt. Tillman  
and Cpl. Staley  
receive their  
new epaulets  
from their  
mother and  
wife.



21 honorees were joined by loved ones and public officials to celebrate at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony. Guests included Chatham County Commission Chairman Al Scott, Vice Chair Priscilla Thomas and County Manager Russ Abolt.

The CCSO Muster Room was at full capacity for the event. The Sheriff promoted 10 Deputies to include two reserve deputies. Four people were recognized for their years of service and four retirees were honored. The Sheriff told them all how proud he was of them and to keep up the hard work. He went on to speak about leadership and the qualities of a good leader.

Chief Deputy Roy Harris continued the theme and spoke to the deputies about leadership, even quoting a scripture, Proverbs 19:12-Mean tempered leaders are like mad dogs; The good natured are like fresh morning dew. He encouraged the new promotees to treat their employees they way they would want to be treated and lead by example.

Promotions photos by Felicia Williams.

### Promotions

- Captain Thomas Tillman
- Lieutenant Mark Eichenlaub
- Lieutenant Carlos Michael
- Sergeant Terry Voisine
- Sergeant James Patrick Barbee
- Corporal Andrew Staley
- Corporal Rhonda Bryant-Elleby
- Corporal Angelina Jackson
- Reserve Lt. Jim Murray
- Reserve Sgt. Walter Kent

### Employees of the Year

- Corporal Ernest Frazier
- Corporal Maxine Evans
- Mrs. Marva Gresham
- Mr. Billy Lappin

### 25th Anniversaries

- Sergeant Martha Lucas
- Corporal Deborah Freeman
- Corporal Allen Walden
- Ms. Beverly Thompson

### Retirees

- Retired Captain Shawn Taber
- Retired Cpl. Earl Milliken
- Retired Cpl. Joe Stanford
- Mrs. Louise Reed



**RIGHT:** Lt. Michael shakes hands and is congratulated by Sheriff St Lawrence.



**LEFT :** Lt. Eichenlaub receives his new epaulets from his children, Mark Jr. and Brooke.



**LEFT:** Sgt. Barbee receives his new epaulets from his wife Megan.



**RIGHT:** Cpl. Bryant - Elleby receives her new epaulets from her father, BOE Chief Bryant and husband, SCMPD Sgt. Kevin Elleby.



**LEFT:** Sgt. Voisine is congratulated by Sheriff St Lawrence.



**RIGHT:** Cpl. Jackson receives her new epaulets from Sgt. Brome and her son Ouaron.



**LEFT:** Reserve Deputy Lt. Murray is congratulated by Sheriff St Lawrence.



**RIGHT:** Reserve Deputy Sgt. Kent receives his new epaulets from Lt. Eichenlaub and Col. Counihan.

# Four CCSO Employees Honored For Their Years Of Service



Sheriff St Lawrence honors four retirees and four silver anniversary recipients.



TOP: Retired Sergeant Milliken with his wife. LEFT: Captain Shawn Taber and Sherriff St Lawrence. BOTTOM: Cpl. Stanford receives his plaque.



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TOP: Retired Captain Taber and Corporal Stanford– Cpl. Milliken and Sheriff St Lawrence– Cpl. Walden receives his 25 year ring.



TOP: Ms. Beverly Thompson and Sheriff St Lawrence– LEFT: Corporal Walden and Corporal Deborah Freeman.

# 2012 Employees Of The Year



Top: L-R Cpl. Ernest Frazier-Cpl. Maxine Evans-Mrs. Marva Gresham- Mr. Billy Lappin

Four outstanding employees were recently named Officers and Civilians of the Year.

Corporal Ernest Frazier was recognized for authoring the protocol and guidelines for the courts FTO program. His supervisor Captain Tillman said "Frazier was a valuable employee and proved to be very moral and dependable."

Cpl. Maxine Evans was awarded for saving an inmates life. She performed the Heimlich maneuver after she observed him choking. She also assisted with the care of an injured "New Hope" dog after it was caught in the fence. Her supervisor stated "Cpl. Evans was professional, confident and takes the time to do the job right."

Bill Lappin is a transfer from engineering. His expertise in surveillance equipment and video cameras earned him his nomination and award for Employee of the Year.

Mrs. Marva Gresham has been with the Sheriff's Office for the past 3 years. She currently serves as a communication officer with over 20 years experience.



LEFT: Billy Lappin-



RIGHT: Mrs. Marva Gresham and Sheriff St Lawrence



LEFT: Sheriff St Lawrence congratulates employees of the year-Cpl. Ernest Frazier.



RIGHT: Cpl. Maxine Evans-

# Sheriff Hosts K-9 Medic Class



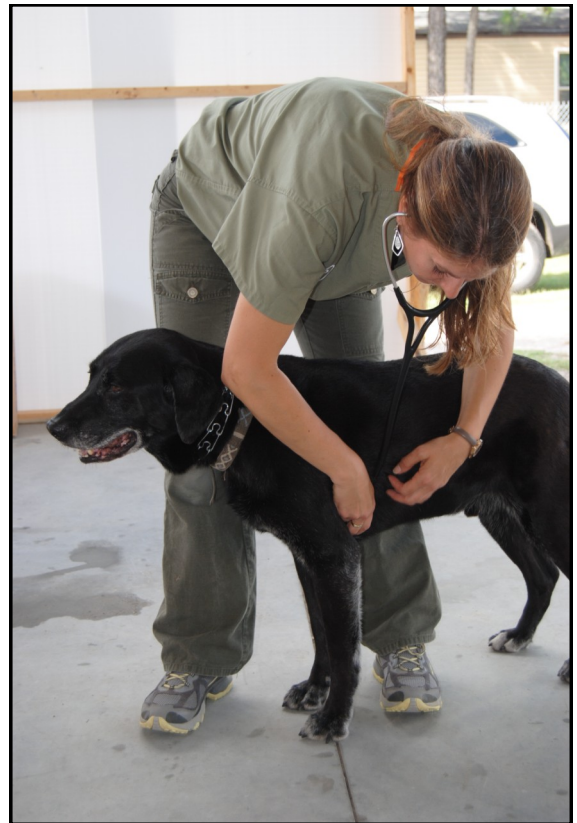
Above: Participants of the class practice real world scenarios on a teddy-dog.

Photos by Kamal Brenner



Above: Attendees getting started on their 1st day of class. Chief Deputy Harris extends a warm welcome.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office, along with The Georgia Emergency Management Agency conducted a three day K-9 Medic Class. It was hosted by the CCSO and GEMA and sponsored by Tactical Medical Solutions and Pet Emergency and Specialty Hospital. Attendees came from all over the state to participate. Over 45 tactical medics and K-9 handlers attended, and learned what to do in the case of their K-9 partner becoming injured. The class covered everything from massive hemorrhage to snake bites and bullet wounds. The instructors include; licensed veterinarians as well as EMT's. Hands on skill stations and real world scenarios were all part of the training. Several of the participants were interviewed for the media and said they learned a lot and would attend again if given an opportunity.



Above: A very patient "Angel" is getting her heart rate measured during the 3rd day of class. That day was especially for handlers and their K-9 partners.

# Boston Butt Sale Huge Success for Explorer Post 876



**TOP:** Col Counihan, Deputy Harvey, Lt Eichenlaub, Cpl Crowder, Cpl Bryant-Elleby and Lt Moore ( on the tire) all helping out.

Explorer Post 876 held their annual Boston Butt Fundraiser June 28th. The Explorers hold fund raisers throughout the year so they can attend upcoming competitions and to purchase equipment needed for training. The mission of Explorer Post 876 is to educate young men and women who are interested in a career in the law enforcement field and to enhance their future by mentoring, motivating and preparing them for their roles as productive citizens in the Coastal Empire. The 16 young men and women in Explorer Post 876 represent eight local public and private high schools.

# Work Release Program Gives Inmates New Hope.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Sheriff's Community Work Release Program graduated its latest group of new participants. Almost all of them are now working full time jobs in the community.

Since early 2012, the Promise Land Community Development Corporation has worked with the Sheriff's Office in a public/private partnership to advance alternatives to incarceration in Chatham County. All Work Release Program participants spend a week in job readiness training. It includes resume development, time management coaching, interviewing techniques, and the development of presentation skills.

The Work Release Program also works with other community organizations that provide critical services such as anger management, alcohol counseling, drug counseling, family reunification, literacy, and basic computer skills training.

To date, the program has close to 30 participants actively working, looking for work or participating in training. The next program graduation is set for the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>.

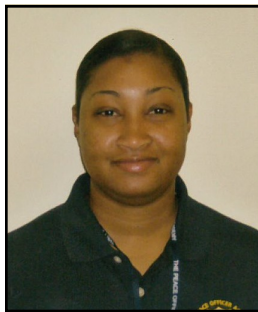
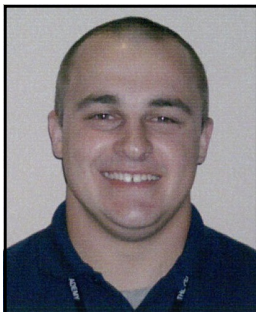
Submitted by Rodney Sprauve

# Congratulations Graduates



**ABOVE:** Four members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office graduated from the Georgia Public Safety Training Academy ( POST) . From left to right are Gary Conyers, Deon Gibson, Raymond Alston and Christopher Stansfield.

Thirty new officers and deputies were sworn in Friday, June 14th after they successfully completed 11 weeks of training. Four of the graduates belong to The Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Every corrections officer has to go through Basic Jail Officer Training then after a predetermined time they are afforded the opportunity to attend the police academy. The proud deputies along with their classmates were joined by close to a hundred family members all anxious to see their loved ones receive their certification. Also in attendance to welcome the deputies back were Chief Deputy Harris, Colonel Wilcher, Lt Colonel Gilberg, Major Smith and other members of the command and training staff.



Savannah Technical College also hosted a graduation on May 3. Two deputies, Johnny Griner and Kenderly Wise, graduated and were sworn in.

## Welcome to Our Team!

Deputy Randal Powell  
( Street Enforcement)

Deputy Samantha Uribe  
(Internal Affairs)

PIO Gena Bilbo  
( Public Information)

### BJOT Class

Yolanda Henry-Henderson – Unit 1  
Bradley Kicklighter – Unit 1  
Eugenia Lonon – Unit 5  
Jacquel Green – Unit 3  
Latrecia Woods – Unit 5  
Benjamin Webster – Unit 4  
Sierra Sanders – Unit 1  
Zachariah Greaves – Unit 4  
Anthony Saxon – Unit 1  
Nicole Johnson – Unit 3  
Derek Jenkins – Unit 1  
Corey Barella – Unit 5  
DaKeeyah Garvin – Unit 3  
Robert A. Brooks – Unit 5  
MaKia Baker – Unit 3





Above: Col. Wilcher, Major Smith and Chief Deputy Harris along with several members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office pose with new deputies Gary Conyers, Deon Gibson, Raymond Alston and Christopher Stansfield, after their graduation from the Georgia POST Academy.



New deputies prepare to receive their certificates.



Major Harlan Proveaux and Chief Bob Bryson preparing to present each class president with the class guide – on.

# Welcome To Our Team



## Chatham County Sheriffs Department Basic Jail Officer Training

Above: Bottom row– Yolanda Henry Henderson-Bradley Kicklighter-Eugenia London- Jacquel Green- Latrecia Woods- Benjamin Webster- Sierra Sanders- Zachariah Greaves.

Top row– Anthony Saxon-Nichole Johnson- Derek Jenkins-Corey Barella- Dakeeyah Garvin- Robert Brooks Jr.-Makia Baker.



TOP L-R - Deputy Mira Fisher , Deputy Norma Fabela and PIO Gena Bilbo are sworn in by Sheriff St Lawrence.



Deputies Fabela and Fisher flashing big smiles after being sworn in.

# CCSO Employees Run For a Great Cause



## Spotlight Employee

**Public Information Director Gena Bilbo**

**Sheriff St Lawrence would like to introduce the new Director Of Public Information Gena Bilbo.**

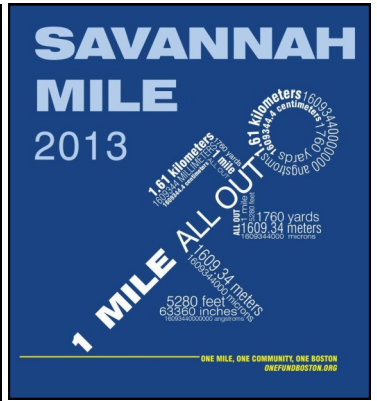
Gena has an extensive background in radio as an on-air personality, marketing director and program director . She is a sworn officer and worked for The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department from 2007-2012, working in patrol crime prevention and as the departments PIO for over three years.

**We are happy to have her and welcome her to the fold—**

*"I am very excited to be here and working with my partner Cpl. Rhonda Bryant-Elleby. Everything is still a blur so if I forget your name, accept my apologies in advance! I will also be working as a reserve officer so I will see you out there. I would like this news letter to continue to be successful so, if you have an idea, pictures or even a child you would like recognized please let me know.*

*Looking forward to working with all of you."*

Gena Bilbo



The 200 Club of the Coastal Empire held its seventh annual Savannah Mile race over Memorial Day Weekend to honor the families of police officers, firefighters and paramedics who have been killed in the line of duty.

The Savannah Mile is a 1-mile walk/ run that starts at Drayton Street, goes through Forsyth Park, and ends at Broughton Street.

Members from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office participated as well as SCMPD, the SCMPD SWAT team and the Savannah Fire Department.

The proceeds from the walk benefit the 200 Club of Coastal Georgia.



Photos by Sgt Felecia Williams

# Operation New Hope Trains Service Dog For Autistic Child



June 25th was a special day for of Abigail Maas. She is 8 years old and suffers from severe autism. She is from Jacksonville Florida and traveled to Savannah after hearing about Operation New Hope .

Abigail and her family picked out a dog from the Humane Society that will be trained to be used as a service dog for Abigail . On the BOTTOM-New Hope trainer Jennifer– TOP- Abigail and her family.



Photos by Lt. Robert Brooks



## Employees Of The Month

### March

Corrections Officer of the Month- **Pvt. Sherry Moss**

Corrections Civilian of the Month- **Beverly Hardee**

Enforcement Officer of the Month- **Joseph Hanton**

Enforcement Civilian of the Month- **Janell Belton**

### April

Corrections Officer of the Month- **Pvt. Leroy Scott**

Corrections Civilian of the Month - **Marcus Smith**

Enforcement Officer of the Month- **Cpl. Michael Crowder**

Enforcement Civilian of the Month- **William Burrows**

### May

Corrections Officer of the Month- **Cpl. Rick Fisher**

Corrections Civilian of the Month- **Rosetta Ross**

Enforcement Officer of the Month- **Pvt. Nichole Scott**

# Big Moves Happening In July



**ABOVE:** Carmen Pilecek, PIO Bryant Elleby, Col Wilcher and Janel Thomas are all getting ready. The big move back to the facility was July 8.

July 8 was the big day. The administration offices as well as Unit 6 should be moving into their new/ renovated spaces. Construction on the jail originally started in 2011. So, seeing the completion of some of the projects is a great feeling. When its all said and done there will be space and staffing for 1650 inmates, a renovated muster room, gym, break room and quartermaster. The new video visitation is already open but there is still plenty to be done, Housing units 7, 8 and 9 are still being finished and some of the older sections are in dire need of repair. Leaky roofs and inoperable sinks are a constant problem in some areas. As the administration offices move back home, Training will be moving to Park Of Commerce Drive while the new donated office space is installed in training. .

Once all the new units are complete, the Sheriff hopes to start refurbishing some of the older wings in the jail.

The jail is very crowded but Sheriff St Lawrence is doing everything he can to fix the problem and bring the department into the 21st century.

BIRTHDAYS AND EVENTS

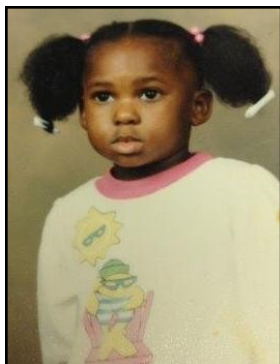
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16 James Currier	17 <b>Father's Day</b> Roderick Wilson	18 Geraldine Sheppard Jason Kenny	19 Ralph Salas Wanda Williams James Miles	20	21 Albert Devoe	22
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# Who am I?

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



I am 5 years old in this photo. I was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. My favorite food is seafood. My favorite television show is Necessary Roughness. Angela Bassett is my favorite actress. My favorite Book is the HOLY BIBLE!!!! I have been employed at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for 3 years. During my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and playing softball. Who Am I?



I am 4 years old in this photo. I was born in Ridgeland, South Carolina. My favorite movie is the Best Man and my favorite actor is Idris Elba. My favorite restaurant is Applebee's. I love to eat everything, but seafood. My most memorable vacation was going to the Lakers game at the Staples Center and I met Kobe Bryant and Phil Jackson. I have been employed at the Sheriff's office for two years. I enjoy bowling and dancing. Who am I?

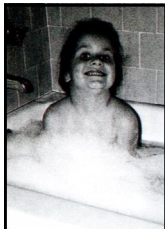


I am 6 years old in this family photo. I'm a Navy brat so I've lived from coast-to-coast. About 6 years ago I relocated back to Georgia, where I lived as a child. I've worked for the Sheriff's Office for the past 3 years. My favorite food is anything chocolate, and pizza. Someday they'll make me really happy and create chocolate pizza. My favorite movie is the "Sound of Music." In my spare time I like to read and spend time with my family, especially my niece Bella. I own a yappy puppy who is the boss of me. Who am I?

## "Who Am I" answers from last edition



Sgt Felicia Williams



Jill McCall



Stephanie Bush

## Anniversaries

### 35 Years

Capt. Elijah Powell

### 25 Years

Geraldine Sheppard  
Beverly Thompson

### 20 Years

Veatta Cargill  
Deputy Harold Singleton

### 10 Years

Linda Jenkins  
Diane Sasser  
Carl Quarterman

### 5 Years

Marchelle Holmes  
Marcia Wright  
Reginald Scott  
Deputy Parnell Wilder  
Deputy Brian Slate  
Deputy John Burroughs

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

*If you could get up the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed.*

*David Viscott*



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## In Other News....

# Operation New Hope Changing Lives



Operation New Hope has been nominated for the Georgia Chiefs Association [Curtis McClung Outstanding Achievement Award](#). This program allows inmates to train unadoptable dogs from the Humane Society in the Savannah and surrounding areas. Lieutenant Brooks originated this program and was pivotal in its implementation. The purpose of this program is to decrease the recidivism rate among the inmates, help inmates learn a new skill, help previously unadoptable dogs find loving families of their own, and cut rates of euthanasia. Operation New Hope has helped to rehabilitate inmates and has reduced altercations within the Chatham County Detention Center. Approximately 99 percent (99%) of the inmates who worked as trainers have not returned to jail since their release and graduation from the program. Upon being accepted into the program, involved inmates are being more compliant and ZERO Inmate Disciplinary reports have been filed on involved inmates. All 54 dogs that have graduated from the program have been adopted into new homes. In addition, two of the dogs that graduated from the program are now therapy dogs for the U.S. Army's Third Infantry Division soldiers who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. July 16, the winner will be announced at the Georgia Chief's Association meeting.



Photos by Steve Morton