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Christmas at the Youth Ranch





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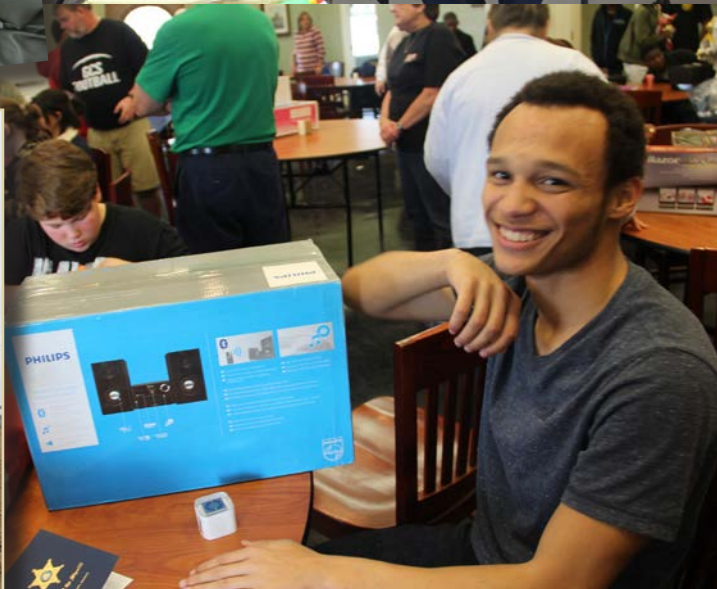




Christmas Cont....



Catham County Sheriff's Office has hosted the Poker Run for the past 14 years to raise money for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch. Each year the CCSO does a summer trip and Christmas presents for the boys and girls at the ranch. The kids are at the ranch because they are mistreated, abandoned or orphaned. These kids are being raised by the ranch staff. The CCSO and its employees buy presents and donate their time to hand deliver the gifts to the kids. The trip is always fun and enlightning. The explorers and several CCSO employee kids also make the trip to deliver some holiday cheer. These amazing kids that are doing great inspite of their circumstances inspire all of us and make us look forward to the next visit.



GIFT WRAPPING FOR THE RANCH



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office does fund raisers every year to benefit the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch. After much planning and shopping we finally prepare for our trip by having a gift wrapping party. This year we wrapped over 65 presents for the needy kids at the ranch. A lot of love goes into each and every gift.

Special Donation to the Youth Ranch



This year the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch received a special gift from Angel Tutoring. Laukik Patel and the wonderful folks at Angel donated six tablets preloaded with educational information for the kids at the ranch. Laukik also provided them with the contact information to Angel Tutoring so that anyone who needs it can get the help they need in school.



TOGETHER WORKING WONDERS

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has some good sports! Col. Gilberg and Col. Counihan both "took one for the team" and volunteered to do something special for the United Way. We asked for 100% participation on donations and we got very close. So close in fact that both Counihan and Gilberg went ahead with their promise. Col. Counihan dressed up as Wonder Woman and COI. Gilberg let them shave his head. The "real" Wonder Woman showed up and took over. It was a great morale boost for the troops and we raised over 28 thousand dollars for the United Way of the Low Country.

2ND ANNUAL SAFETY EXPO

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office along with Armstrong State Police Department, Perry Rubber, Explorers Post 876 and the Sk8 City Sirens joined together to participate in the 2nd Annual Safety Expo and Bike Rodeo. The CCSO was well represented by Honor Guard, Training, Operation New Hope, K-9, Project Lifesaver and SORT, we even had a visit from the Chatham County Helicopter. . We gave away bike helmets to the first 200 attendees and Walmart provided bikes for a raffle and bike rodeo. ASPD Bike Patrol hosted the bike rodeo as well as a fire safety tent. Perry Rubber showed their support by conducted bicycle safety checks, our Explorer Post 876 did fingerprinting for the kids and the Sk8 City Sirens painted a lot of faces. Other attendees included the Safe Kids Coalition and the Pink Heals pink fire truck. Fun was had by all who attended.





HALLOWEEN CANDY GIVE-AWAY





Halloween is always a fun time for kids and adults alike. The Sheriff and employees at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office like to also make it safe. They volunteer their time and candy for the Halloween Candy Give-away. Each Halloween 10 to 12 deputies and corrections officers gather together and deliver candy to kids in neighbourhoods all over Chatham County. This is a great opportunity to interact with kids in neighbourhood that might have reservations about law enforcement. The candy is donated by employees and purchased by the CCSO. The reflective bags that are distributed have the Sheriff's drug free message.



A DAY IN THE LIFE..... *INFORMATION TECHNOLOG*

A Day in the Life of the IT department proved to be yet another fascinating learning experience. Brian Anderson is the Network Administrator who manages the IT department to keep it moving forward in the right direction. The seven dedicated experts in the IT department are; George Enfinger, Michael Holmes, Billy Lappin, John Bayides, Rudy Gosyne, Gabriel Wright & Dana Mulvehill who work on computer issues, cyber security, audio/visual systems, security cameras, & SharePoint management just to name a few. Now, IT would like to share some helpful tips. Helpful Computer Tips, from the IT Department.

-The IT department will NEVER send a link in an email to reset your password.

- When having computer issues, use the in-house work order system thru Sharepoint. Stopping IT staff in the hallway is not a good way to ask for help as they often get side tracked & may forget your request later. Putting a work order into the system provides a written reminder. If you do not have the permissions to submit a work order ask your supervisor to do it for you.

-If your computer is doing something out of the ordinary, the first thing you should do is restart and see if the problem goes away. Doing this before submitting a work order will save everyone time.

-If you are receiving a lot of pop ups or other weird behavior and think your computer may have a virus the first thing you should do is unplug the network cable from your computer and then submit a work order or call the helpdesk at extension 7629.

I want to say, "thank you" to everyone in the IT department for taking time out of a very busy schedule, and also for providing useful Computer Tips for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office employees.

Photo's and article by Dep. Wayne Wermuth



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TEEN MAZE

The Teen Maze 2014 event took place at the National Guard Armory. Public health, juvenile court, law enforcement and education officials gathered to act out realistic scenarios and show students what could happen if they don't make good decisions when they're in difficult situations. Thank you to all the CCSO staff who volunteered to work with youth over the three day learning experience.

Photos and article by Wayne Wermuth



DEA DRUG TAKEBACK

CCSO Deputies teamed up with the DEA Staff for a very successful National Take Back Initiative on 9/27/14. A total of 510 pounds of unused, expired, or unwanted prescription drugs were collected. A special thanks to all the volunteers, CVS stores, and the citizens of Chatham County for helping to keep youth safe while protecting the environment.

Photos and article by Wayne Wermuth



QUARTERLY AWARDS CEREMONY

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office once again honored the department's outstanding deputies and civilians at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony. Sheriff Al St Lawrence promoted 17 deputies and four civilians. He also congratulated five retirees, and eight employees celebrating 25 years, as well as four people being awarded the life saving award. Employees who were recognised:

Life Saving Award EMT Steven Tucker, Dep. Ashanti Blount, Pvt. Norma Fabela and Officer Samuel Dell
 Promotions Col. Thomas Gilberg, Lt. Lamiles Hill, Lt. Terry Boyles, Lt. Edwin Meeks, Sgt. Gregory Agee, Sgt. Stephen Darnstaedt, Sgt. Diane Hooper Cpl. Christopher Blount, Cpl. Desmond Bryant, Cpl. Pamela Cervone, Cpl. Kenneth Cochran, Cpl. Jeffrey Follette, Cpl. Michael German, Cpl. Herbert Harley, Cpl. Michael Holmes, Cpl. Alfred Nevels, Cpl. Ronald Robinson, James Baker- facilities Engineer Supervisor, Beverly Hardee- Sheriff Admin, Betty Joy Harper-K-9 Admin, Linda Jenkins- Account Tech.

The Sheriff and Cpl Kenny



Cpl Cochran and his two deputy daughters



Deputy Duff is awarded the Life Saving Award



Explorer Post 876 is recognized



Cpl .Pamela Cervone



DK Patel is recognised



L-R Sheriff St Lawrence, Beverly Thompson, Gretchen Derryberry, Corbin Wooding and John Simmons

L-R Sheriff St Lawrence, Mrs Robinson, Cpl Robinson and Capt Bryant



Jail Administrator Col Gilberg poses with family and the Sheriff

L-R Sheriff St Lawrence, Capt Bryant, Cpl Darnstead and Lt Moore

AWARDS CONT...

Sheriff St Lawrence and Beverly Hardee



Sheriff St Lawrence and Corey Harper



L-R Sheriff St Lawrence, Major Smith, Sgt Robbins, Lt Lovett, Sgt Jones, Lt Johnson, Cpl Crowder, Capt Bryant and Cpl Brown



Sgt Hooper with family



Deputies Ashanti and Christopher Blount



Cpl Harley poses with family and the Sheriff



Sgt Agee poses with the Sheriff, Lt Williams and family



Cpl Bryant poses with the Sheriff, Lt York and family



Cpl Nevels poses with Sheriff St Lawrence and family





CCSO DELIVERS THANKSGIVING

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has been helping needy families for Thanksgiving along with the International Longshoremen's Association 1414, for well over a decade. Tuesday, November 25, deputies loaded up bags full of food and got them ready for delivery to ten Chatham County families. The ILA donates gift cards for the turkey and collard greens and deputies and CCSO staff donated stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce and much more to make sure each family has a big Thanksgiving meal.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence "On Thanksgiving families shouldn't have to worry about paying for their meal—many thanks to the deputies, my staff and the ILA 1414."



ANNIVERSARIES

September

20 Years- John Stephens

5 Years- Marcus Smith and William Johnson

October

30 Years- Sheila Allen, Julie Mitchell and Ivy Orr

15 Years- Michael Fontaine and Ronald Robinson

10 Years- Kenneth Cochran, Betina Richards and William Johnson

5 Years- Sandra Grimaldi, Bernadine Joseph, Joe McDaniel and Alfred White

November

30 Years- Mark Carpenter and Joni York

Congratulations to
Ofc. Alex Anderson and Sunny Cavan



Employee of the month

CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER- DAWN RENZLER

NOVEMBER- DEP. KENDERLY WISE

CORRECTIONS CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER- SYNTHIA TAYLOR

NOVEMBER- PATRICIA STANFIELD

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER- CPL RUTH BROWN

OCTOBER- CPL MICHAEL CROWDER

NOVEMBER- DEPUTY CHARLES HUNTER

ENFORCEMENT CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER - PATRICIA FRAPS

OCTOBER- MAKISHA HAMPTONA

NOVEMBER- FREDRICK PRAYLO

...IN OTHER NEWS



Drug Drop Box

The Sheriff's Office is pleased to showcase our new Prescription Drug Collection Unit. The Unit is located in the main lobby area of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, 1050 Carl Griffin Drive, Savannah GA 31405. Citizens & employees are welcomed to drop off their unwanted and expired prescription drugs, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence and the Command Staff want to recognize CVS Caremark Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program for supplying the FREE Drug Collection Unit, and the support of Van R. Johnson II, Mayor Pro Tem on this endeavor.

Photo and article by Wayne Wermuth

Chief Harris Attends Parade

Chief Harris attends or participates in numerous parades and events throughout the year. In November he was proud to ride in the Veterans Day Parade and in December he also participated in the Savannah Christmas Parade.



Chief Harris and Tak Argentinis before the 2014 Savannah Christmas Parade



CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JAIL BREAK CHALLENGE

1ST ANNUAL

CCSO
INMATE

**FREEDOM IS ONLY 30
OBSTACLES AWAY...**

JUNE 13, 2015

COMING SOON....The CCSO will be hosting the 1st Annual Jail Break Mud Challenge on June 13, 2015. This will be our fundraiser for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch. Wanna get involved? Think your up to the challenge?? contact gmbilbo@chathamcounty.org or wfwermuth@chathamcounty.org

See this story and more on FB or online at www.chathamsheriff.org

or at www.jailbreakmudchallenge.com



A NOTE FROM THE SHERIFF...



As we go into the Christmas Season, I am grateful for the fact that we have gone through another year without suffering a line of duty death. Unfortunately, we have had some members injured and are looking forward to their full recovery and return to duty. I am also grateful for the recent positive publicity our agency has been receiving. That is a direct result of the professionalism each of you demonstrated during the year.

We are all aware of the current threats against law enforcement and should be mindful of taking all precautions available to protect both ourselves, and our families. This includes not putting personal information that link us to our profession on internet sites as FaceBook. And, it includes being alert in all situations both on and off duty.

The Chief and I wish that everyone will have a merry and safe Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year!

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