

Chatham County Sheriff's Office

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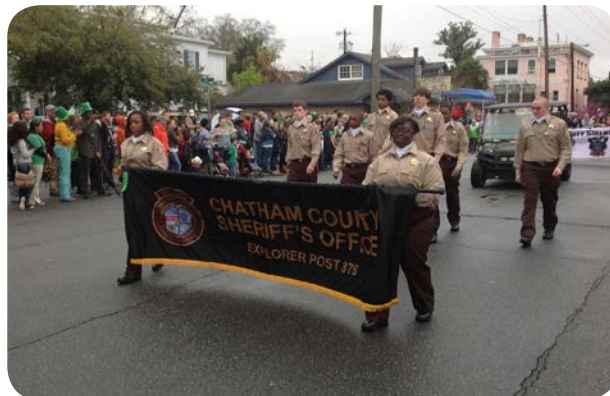
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March 2014



ST PATRICK'S DAY IN SAVANNAH

This year like every year the St Patrick's Day celebration made its way to Savannah. Large crowds were predicted for the festival; terrible weather too. The weather forecasters had their hands full with an ever changing forecast.

Finally the day was here and the bad weather right along with it. I've heard a lot about the rain during the parade, things like; it NEVER rains on St Patrick's Day, along with, it has only rained a few times in the history of the parade, finally I was told it rains every 10 years or so. In my experience....rain happens, but so does the celebration! After all, its rain in Ireland so all the Irish should be right at home.

This is the 2nd largest celebration in the country, with over 300 entries. The crowds were thinner but still enthusiastic. One person was noticeably missing as we passed the cathedral, Mike Manhattan. Mike was laid to rest just the Friday before from complications of colon cancer.



Even with the weather the CCSO was happy to be a part of the 125th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade. Sheriff Al St Lawrence was even celebrating a special anniversary of his own; on March 15th he completed his 55th year in law enforcement in this very community. He has been riding in the St Patrick's Parade for the previous 45 of those years.

This year, like most, he was joined by Chief Deputy Roy Harris, the Honor Guard, and Explorer Group 876. Rolling in right behind the CCSO was special guests of the Sheriff, the Sk8 City Sirens (Jr. Roller Derby). The Sirens were super excited to be skating with one of their biggest supporters, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.



Happy St Patrick
Sheriff Al St L
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EXPLORERS WIN AT WINTERFEST 2014

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 876 & Advisors were welcomed to Winterfest 2014, the 40th Anniversary of this event, in the great city of Gatlinburg, TN. Over 3,000 participants gathered from 12 states to experience what Exploring and Venturing are all about. Explorers Post 876 had the opportunity to meet new people, share ideas, and compete against other posts while learning life lesson skills. Under the direction of Cpl. Rhonda Bryant-Elleby & the staff of volunteer advisors, Explorers Post 876 placed in four of six events. During the competition the team received excellent training from Chatham County Sheriff's Deputies and guest instructors from the law enforcement community.

The training schedule for the Explorers is typically two Thursday evening every month, along with some Saturday afternoon sessions. The training included but is not limited to; Felony Stops, Cell Extraction, Handcuffing Techniques, Responding to Vehicle Accidents, and Responding to Bomb Threats. The time, effort, and energy that the Chatham County Sheriff's Explorers Post 876 put into training was truly recognized during the competitions. With three 1st Place awards, & one 2nd Place award, the Chatham County Sheriff's Explorers Post 876 was in the spotlight of honor. The 1st place awards were achieved in the Caving Challenge, Uniform Competition Class A, and Responding to a Bomb Threat Event. The 2nd place award was received in the Talent Show event.

When the preparation & events were completed, the Chatham County Sheriff's Explorers & advisors had an opportunity to break bread together, and experience the Ripley's Believe it or Not, in Gatlinburg. The Winterfest experience served to inspire young men & women who are interested in a career in the Law Enforcement field to be motivated and prepared for their roles as productive citizens in the Coastal Empire.

Article by Rhonda Bryant-Elleby
Photos by Dep Wermuth



Explorer Troop 876 and Advisors at Winterfest 2014



1st Place Caving Challenge, CCSO Explorer Jamari Barton signing the challenge box

2014



Scotty Carlson, Andrea Stokes, Jada Cooper, and Zach Brooks



Explorers Scotty Carlson, Andrea Stokes, & Zach Brooks



ONH 2 Years Later



This April will mark the two year anniversary of Operation New Hope. Almost everyone knows that Operation New Hope partners unadoptable dogs with inmates in the jail so that they can be obedience trained and become adoptable. Now I want to tell you what everyone does not know about Operation New Hope. Operation New Hope started in April 2012 with six dogs. Since that time 138 dogs have passed through our doors and that translates into 828 lives saved. Each dog that is housed in Operation New Hope is the equivalent of two lives being saved, because while one dog is being housed in the jail program, at least one more dog is being made available for adoption in the kennel the jail dog would have otherwise occupied.

Operation New Hope has had 94 graduates in the past two years. I would like to tell you about just one of those graduates. Inmate George Bailey entered the program in July 2012. He was in the program for three months and got out of Jail in October that same year. He had lost his job at Gulfstream and had almost lost his home. Inmate Bailey took the skills that Operation New Hope taught him to find a full-time job at the Humane Society for Greater Savannah. He has been there for almost a year and a half.

In the past two years, Operation New Hope has been featured in several different types of media. Operation New Hope was voted as one of Savannah's best dog programs by Savannah Magazine. Operation New Hope was featured in Well Feed Magazine for its service dog work.

Operation New Hope is a success because of the employees of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. There is no way one person could have made Operation New Hope the success it is today; it has been a team effort all the way. I thank everyone who has shown an interest in the Operation New Hope.

Article by Lt. Robert Brooks

CCSO PARTICIPATES IN MARDI GRAS

Chief Deputy Harris made his way down the crowded streets of Tybee Island on March 1st for the annual Mardi Gras Parade.



The Sk8 City Sirens Jr Roller Derby Team (sponsored by the CCSO to help spread their drug free message) skated behind the Chief's vehicle. The girls handed out candy, bracelets and Frisbees all with the "Anti Drug" message.



This is the 2nd parade the Sirens have participated in with the Sheriff's Office. Several more are planned this year. St Patrick's Day, Stand Up America and Pirates Fest.



Photo By Doug Curry

Class 02-2014

Inluded are deputies from Effingham, Bryan, Liberty and Chatham Counties. Only CCSO deputies are listed, and are dressed in yellow.

L-R back row- Stephen Roesel, Kirk McGee, Ian Hall, Wanda Edmons, Danniell Smith, Demetrius Berry, Michael Henderson, Thamaro Blot.

L-R front row- Aaron Green, Danaisa Rice, Samel Herrington, Anthony Infante and Alex Anderson.



DEA National Take Back Day

The DEA National Take Back Initiative is coming up April 26th. The CCSO participates in this program every year to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Besides the longstanding drop off location at Savannah Chatham Metro (201 Habersham St.), The CCSO will have deputies set up at three locations for the day.

Walmart- 1955 E. Montgomery X Rds.

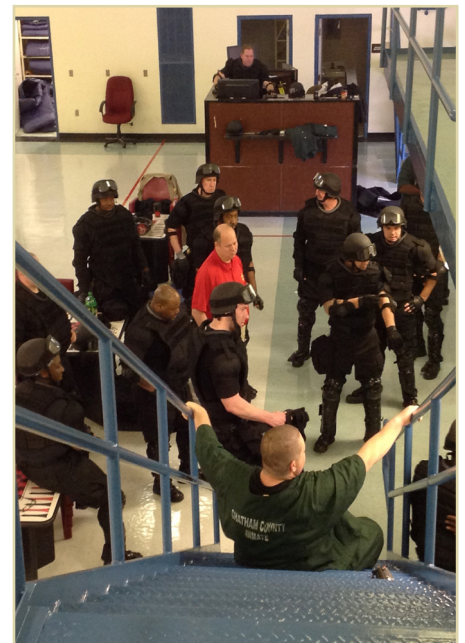
Walmart-6000 Ogeechee Road.

Walmart-4725 E Highway 80.

Deputies will be on hand from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on April 26th.



CCSO CERT TRAINING



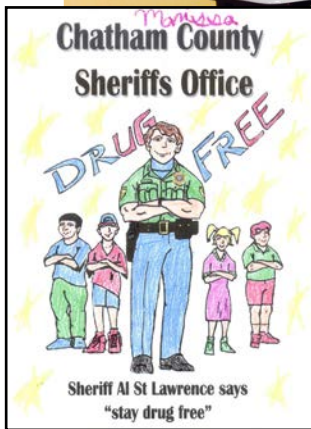
This past January the CERT team (Corrections Emergency Response Team) conducted forty hours of training for new members of the CERT team.

This training consisted of Cell Extractions, Open Area Extractions, Pressure Point Control Tactics, Ground Fighting, Restraint Chair training, and Command and Control.

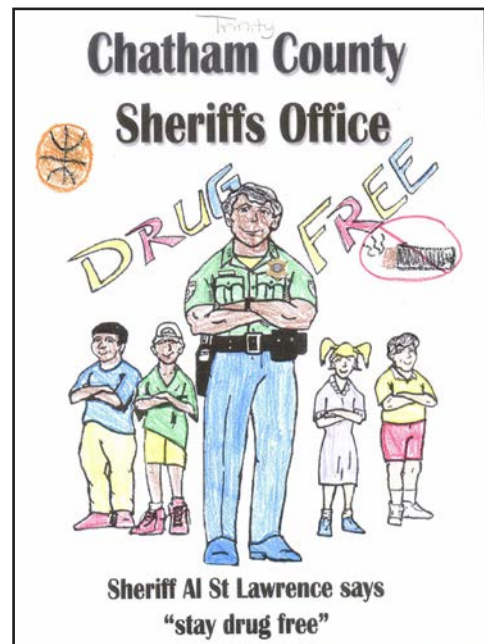
They also learned the importance of training as a team not as an individual. The team training concept teaches the officers to think of how his/her decisions will impact the team as a whole.

Photos by Deputy Wermuth
Article by Lt. Brooks

CCSO Deputies Teach Safety Lessons



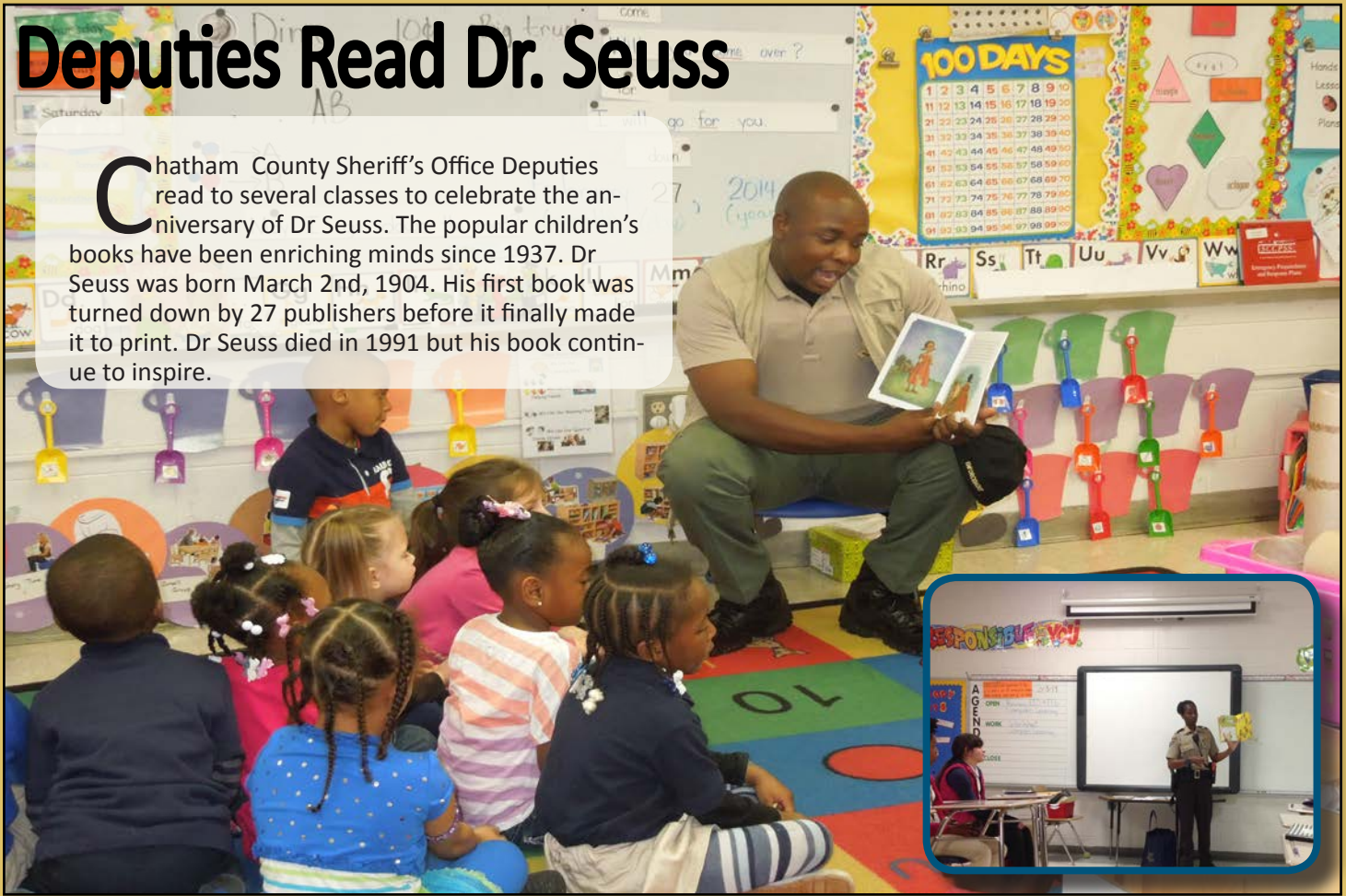
On 2/14/14 Deputy Wermuth and Deputy Bilbo taught Safety Lessons at Godley Station School from 10am to 12 noon. The Deputies provided Safety Lessons to two 2nd grade classrooms. The instructional material included but was not limited to; "Knowing 911", "What to do if lost at a mall", "Why parents or guardians need to know your location", and "What to do if you find a gun". For the closing of the lesson, students had the opportunity to color in the "Chatham County Sheriff Office-Stay Drug Free" coloring sheet. The sheets will be posted on the Sheriff's website and Facebook Page- www.chathamsheriff.org



Article and photos by Wayne Wermuth

Deputies Read Dr. Seuss

Chatham County Sheriff's Office Deputies read to several classes to celebrate the anniversary of Dr. Seuss. The popular children's books have been enriching minds since 1937. Dr. Seuss was born March 2nd, 1904. His first book was turned down by 27 publishers before it finally made it to print. Dr. Seuss died in 1991 but his book continue to inspire.



SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

Christopher and Ashanti Blount

The Blount's are being recognized for their heroic actions on May 18, 2013. After a tragic accident, Deputy Blount and his wife Officer Ashanti Blount, aided a young neighborhood boy after a TV fell on the child and he stopped breathing.

The Blounts performed CPR and aided the child until emergency services arrived.

The Blounts were awarded the "Heroic Award" during a recent awards ceremony. Christopher Blount has been with the CCSO since 1999, his wife Ashanti Blount joined the CCSO 7 years ago.

Christopher is currently assigned to the U.S. Marshals Office, Ashanti is assigned to Unit 9.





EMERALD SOCIETY COOKS IT UP FOR IRISH FEST

The Police Emerald Society of South East Georgia was cooking up traditional Irish fare at the 2014 Irish Festival. The festival is the kick-off of the “ Irish” season for many in area. The Civic Center was the location for vendors from all over the county as well as traditional Irish performers and dancers. The Emerald Society of South East Georgia was formed in the late 90’s. The very first Emerald Society was established in the 50’s by a group of Irish-American Police officers from NYPD. A portion of the monies raised goes towards the “Fallen Officer fund.

TYBEE ISLAND PARADE



A DAY IN THE LIFE.....

K-9 DEPUTIES



K-9 assisting the U.S. Coast Guard

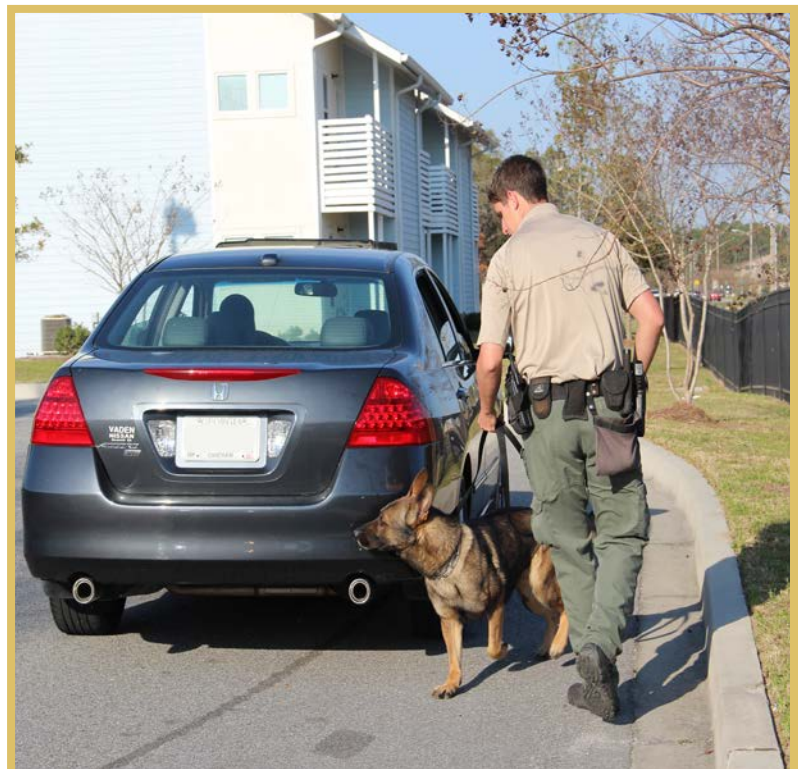


The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is much more than just a detention center. Over the next months I will feature each and every department within the Sheriff's Office. This edition my focus is on R&D and our K-9 Unit.

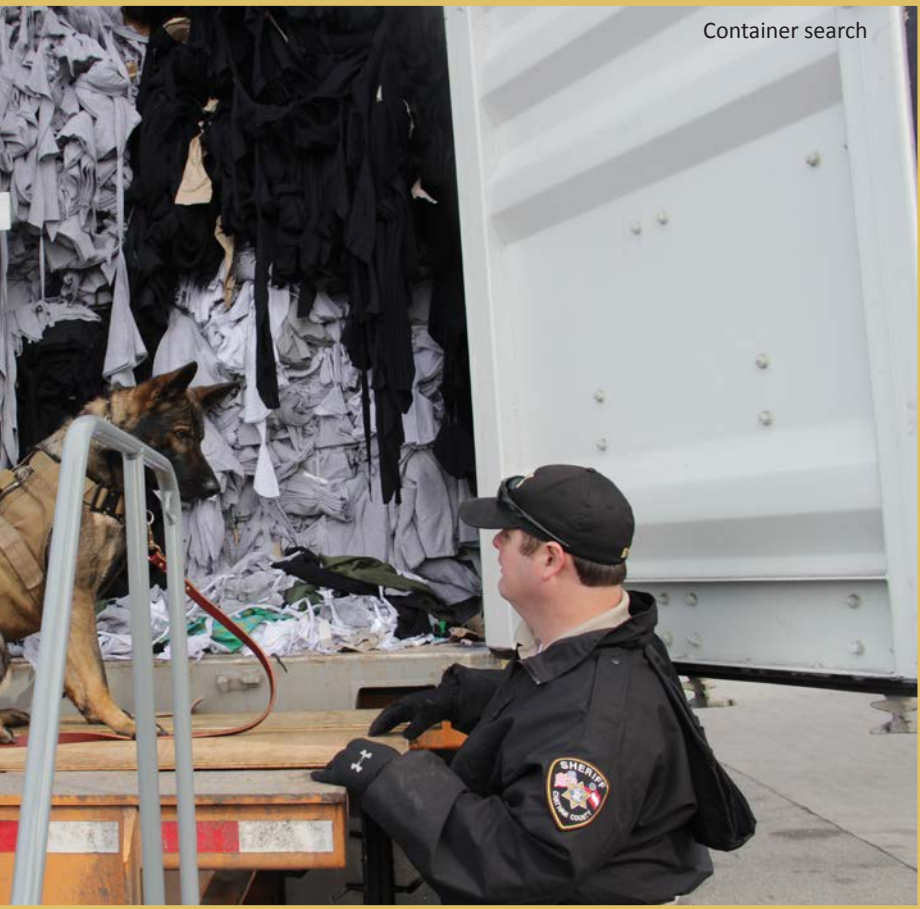
Unlike many K-9 Units ours is actually the only one of two units that can certify other agencies dogs and handlers in the state of Georgia. They hold a K-9 Medic class each year open to students from all over. They also have the only explosive sniffing dogs in the County.

Our K-9's along with their handlers are very proactive. School searches, gun searches, container searches and vehicle searches are just a few of the jobs they perform. In 2013 the CCSO K-9 Unit performed 10,084 searches. The breakdown: 8813 narcotics searches, 998 explosive searches and 273 firearms searches. 48 total schools were searched for a total of 108 school searches. Plus over 700 thousand dollars worth of marijuana and illegal drugs were seized before they could get into the hands of drug dealers.

A BIG Thanks to our K-9 Unit for all their hard work and dedication.



Routine traffic searches assisting Metro PD



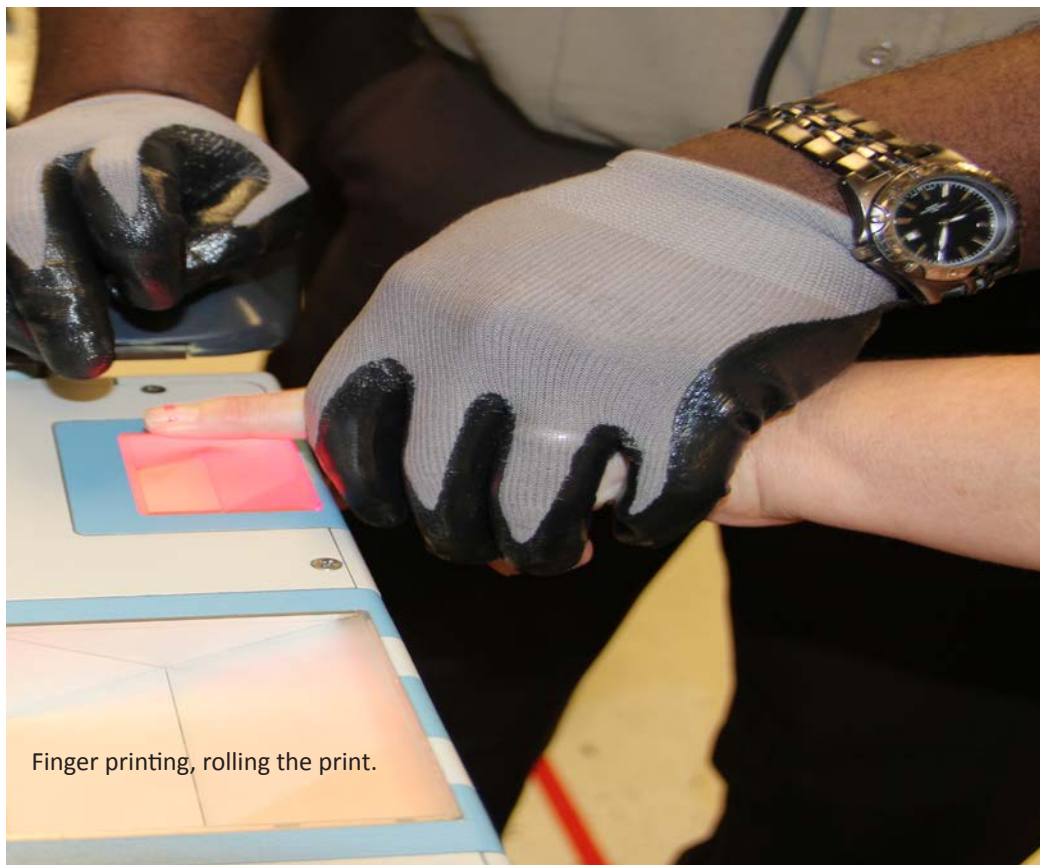
One of the MANY school searches conducted



Car searches on Interstate 95



A cold day at the PORTS



Finger printing, rolling the print.



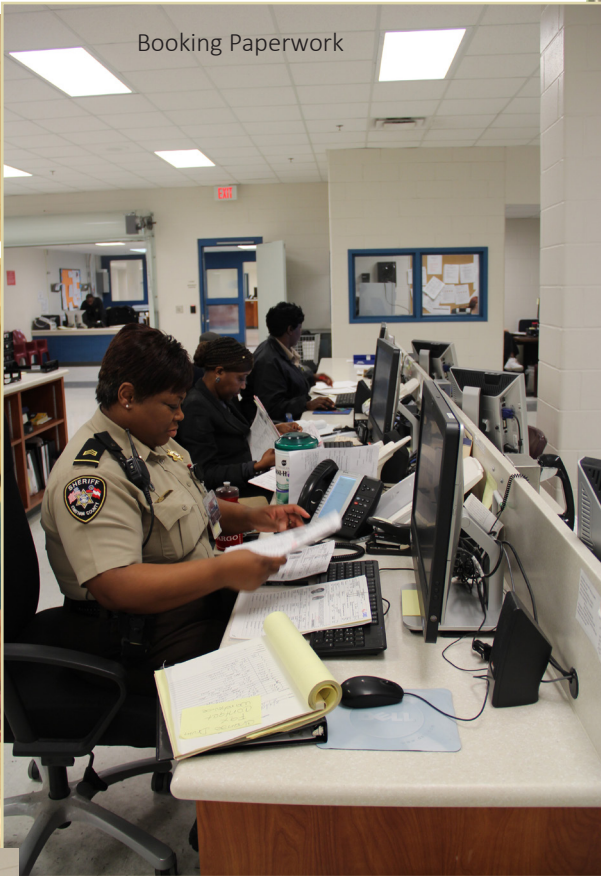
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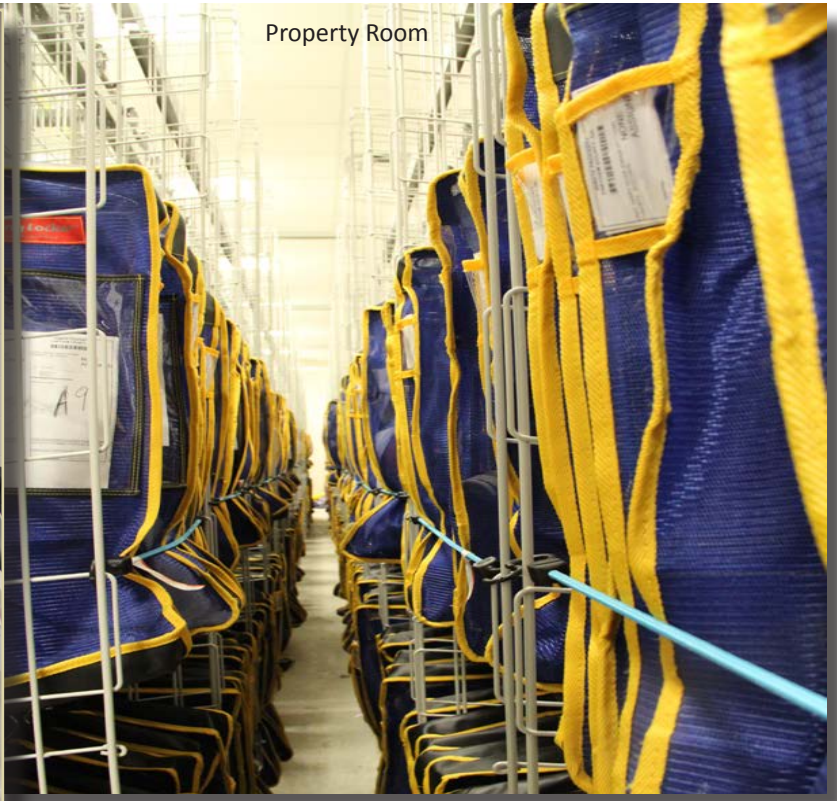
Finger printing, checking your work



Pat Down



Booking Paperwork



Property Room



Your new outfit

A DAY IN THE LIFE... *R&D*

Imagine..... you have been arrested, you're transported to the CCDC, now what?? R&D (Receiving and Discharge) is one of the busiest places to work in the Chatham County Detention Center. On an average weekend R&D Deputies take in upwards of 200 people. That's 200 mug shots, pat-downs, fingerprints, pre-booking forms, property forms, strip searches, "slides" and jump suits issued. If someone comes to jail with an injury they have to be seen by a nurse. If they come to jail with a combative attitude the process slows WAY down, and you could find yourself strapped in a special chair.

I worked a few hours in R&D so I could really speak to what goes on back there. Honestly, after four hours I can almost do one part of the process. I was amazed by the amount of work that goes on AFTER an officer drops someone off at the jail. When a person comes to jail it's not a quick process, then on weekends like St Patrick's the unit can get very backed up.

My hats off to the very patient folks in R&D. If you have never been to jail (and let's hope it stays that way) I have included a few pictures of SOME of the things you're missing out on.



-I'm from Savannah, Georgia (was adopted from the Bethesda Home for boys at only a couple months old) I was approximately 9 months old in the photo.

I'm married to wife Michelle for 22 years, have a daughter Jordan (19) who is a freshman at Flagler College (attending on a softball scholarship), and a son Ryan (16) who is a sophomore at Savannah Christian Prep School.

My favorite T.V. shows. -I like superhero and action movies, as far as television was hooked on Breaking Bad but now enjoy Almost Human and Marvel's Shield.

WHO AM I ????

-I Was born in savannah ga...my favorite food is seafood... my favorite place is the beach. ..my hobbies are reading and traveling

I have been married about 2 and a half years and I have 1 daughter.

I have been with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for just over 5 years.

I am assigned to the enforcement bureau. If you look through the Sheriffic News you will find a picture of me as an adult, working with the CCSO



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Maj. Robert Lamb

Who Am I... Last Edition



Sgt. Ted Glisson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY

1. Michelle Allen-Hunter, Joan Joseph, Nichole Walker, William Warren, John Bayides, Samuel Dell, Vivian Bacon- **2.** Bernandine Joseph- **3.** David Wood, Stephanie Parker, - **4.** Sean Baxter, Michael Stephens, Fredrick Lennon, Issac Guthery- **6.** Bryant Watson **8.** Glen Williams, Leroy Scott- **9.** Christina Rowland- **10.** Harold Singleton, Eugenia Lonnon, Geneva Campbell- **11.** Charlton Willoughby, George Walker- **12.** Pamela Miller- **13.** Ayanna Cooley- **14.** Roland Gibbs JR., Cynthia Sampson- **15.** Bradley Hill- **16.** Ricky Downey- **17.** Rhonda Edwards, Andrew Hill- **18.** Kenneth Meeks, Antonio Hodges- **19.** Tara Montgomery- **20.** Lutricia Kelly-James, Gabrielle Lewis- **21.** Patricia Gardner, Gary Murphy- **24.** Joseph Gross- **26.** Ernest Frazier, Jammes Barbee- **27.** Brandan Kennedy- **28.** Cathie Griffin, Brandon Ransby- **29.** James Barbee Jr., Julie Mitchell, Debra Stokes, Makisha Hampton- **30.** Rick Fisher, Charles Hunter- **31.** Thomas McKnight, Nolan Fandrich.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY

1. Sharleen Simmons, Ladonna Wright, Ida Beazer, Alphonzo Rodgers, Shalene Williams- **2.** Lorraine Lovett- **4.** Steven Cobb- **6.** Darryl Hilton, Precious Smith- **8.** Patrick O'Brien, Karlos Manning, Kevin Robinson- **9.** Jill McCall, David Lamb, Brian McLean- **10.** Torrey Mackey- **11.** Mark Carpenter, Kelly Newcomer, Julie Hauser, Joshua Flynn- **12.** Ivy Orr- **13.** Rusty Smith, Rony Bacon- **14.** David Clayton, Shakeem Jefferson, David S. Frazier, Roberto Davila- **16.** Raymond Smith-**17.** Stephen Robbins- **18.** Stephanie Bush- **19.** Tyrone Warren, Thomas Sexton- **20.** Stuart Williams- **21.** Eugene Brown- **22.** Stephen Williams, Aaron Price, Tonya Makinye- **23.** David Wilcox, Dustin Medsker, Sonya Crabb, Michael Jackson- **24.** Deundra Johnson- **25.** Eva Hicks, Richard Allen Hall, Craig Morton- **26.** Jo McCutchen, Tiniesha Cochran- **27.** Yolanda Henry-Henderson- **28.** Daniel Mares, Larry Morris- **29.** Marcus Smith

...*IN OTHER NEWS*

Employees of the Month

Corrections Officer of the Month

January- Capey McNeil \ February- Lawrence Padgett

Corrections Civilian of the Month

January -Donna Hodges \ February -Stephanie Bush

Enforcement Officer of the Month

January- David Strobert \ February- Cpl. Gary Murphy

Enforcement Civilian of the Month

January- Julie Hauser/ February- Diane Sasser

Anniversaries

January

20 yrs- Robert Solomon - 20 yrs

15 yrs -Teffanie Lowe, Jan Wells

10 yrs -Joan Joseph, Terrell Narcisse

5 yrs - Michael Holmes , Samuel Richardson,

Lashawanya Holmes, Michael German

February

10 yrs- Rene Nethels, Cassandra Barnwell, Paul Sibilio

15 Yrs- Corey Harper

30 Yrs - Herbert Harley



Chatham

14th

Registr

Napa Auto Parts, 220

First Bike Out-9 am

Last Bike Out-11 am

Last Bike In -2 pm

Registration Fee

\$15 Per Hand

Or \$25 Per Couple

For More Information

Contact Col. John Wilch

Gretchen Derryberry=6

Gena Bilbo =652-7606

This is the 14th year the Chatham County
Come be a part of the fun and help out th

Northam County Sheriff's Office

14TH ANNUAL POKER RUN



Registration at 8 a.m.
20 Eisenhower Drive

DOOR PRIZES

Changing Lives

Thats How We Roll!!



**Straight Poker
Poker Hand WINNER**

- 1st \$500.00**
- 2nd \$400.00**
- 3rd \$300.00**
- 4th \$200.00**
- 5th \$ 100.00**

APRIL 27, 2014
(RAIN DATE MAY 4)

652-7609
652-7632

Northam County Sheriffs Office is hosting the 14th annual Poker Run to benefit the Georgia Youth Home.
Join us at this great cause.

A NOTE FROM THE SHERIFF...



As most of you know, an external staffing audit was conducted on the Sheriff's Office operations for both Bureaus. The audit was very thorough, and the comments made by the audit team was predominately complementary of what you each do for this great agency.

The auditors did group interviews, and individual interviews with about 40 employees. In their executive summary they noted that many of the functions of both Bureaus were "performing well within the parameters of industry norms and best practices". They went on to say "Throughout this report we identify many of these areas and complement the Sheriff's Office for them".

One of the main areas they looked at was staffing of the jail. They noted that our facility was understaffed in 1993 when the new jail was opened. This problem has never been corrected. Hopefully, in the near future this can be corrected.

I appreciate all the work staff members contributed to getting through this in a professional manner.

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