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JAIL BREAK CHALLENGE

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Jail Break Mud Challenge

Catham County Sheriff's Office held their 1st annual Jail Break Mud Challenge on June 13th. The race, a fund-raiser for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch, raised over \$20,000. The 4.2 mile, 43 obstacle run was very muddy according to seasoned mud runners.

One runner, Jared Latham gave it 4 stars. **" haven't had that much fun in a while. Can't wait for next year!"**

Another runner Tammi Roberson — 5 star **" Let me just say.....that was awesome!! Can't wait to do it next year!!!!!"**

The reviews were great and the turnout was better than expected. Our first year and we had 374 runners that included 40 tethered teams.

The fastest man, Mohamed Sankoh, ran the race in 36:07. The longest it too someone to finish the course was just over 3 hours. Everyone that came and participated helped a great cause and hopefully had a good time doing it.



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**MUD
RUN**
CHARITY SERIES



Deputies Run Savannah Mile



Chatham County Sheriff Deputy Stephen Darnstedt ran the Savannah Mile with his retired K-9 partner, Malichi and Lauren Taliaferro. The Mile is a unique running event that attracts all levels of participants from the very young to the master's runner who is young at heart. The Savannah Mile has several heats which include a family division, five year age groups and ending with the Heroes Heat in full Gear!

Deputies Graduate PMP

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office hosts the Columbus State University Professional Management Program monthly in their facility. Congratulations to Class five as they completed the two year course on June 5.



Congratulations graduates:
 Charletta Hawkins,
 Instructor David Morrison,
 Robert Brooks,
 Iris Wheeler,
 Andrew Staley,
 Herbert Harley,
 PWFD David Stohl,
 Sheila Allen, GCPG
 Tim McMillan,
 Wanda Williams,
 Lamiles Hill,
 Laurie Tillman and
 Octavius Anderson

Honoring our Brothers



Deputy Richard Dunlop was recently able to attend the funeral of a fallen brother. This is a photograph from the Funeral procession for Fulton County Police Detective Terence Avery Green on March 13th.

Detective Green was ambushed and killed in the Line of Duty on March 4th. His funeral was attended by law Enforcement from as far away as Chicago.

The procession of Police vehicles escorting him stretched out for miles as a show of respect for his family and friends.

Explorer Goes to Basic

Explorer Post 876 recently lost one of their best and brightest to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Zach Brooks attended basic training in Cape Maine New Jersey and completed his training on June 19th.

Zach will report to his first duty station in Atlantic Beach North Carolina on Thursday June 26.

We are SOOOO proud of Explorer Zach Brooks!



A DAY IN THE LIFE.....

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT 2



The special inmate Management Unit (Unit 2) is comprised of several different levels of supervision. There is an intake wing where the newest of the jail population is housed, lock-down wings that deal with inmates with disciplinary issues as well as administrative segregation and protective custody inmates. All unit 2 officers attend Special Inmate Management Training (SIM's), a 40 hour course that provides information and training in several key areas. Officers learn the difference between mental health, behavioral health and how to deal with each. Defensive tactics training is conducted and advanced training on how to properly enter a cell, extract an inmate and placement of restraints.

The intake wing guides the inmates through the classification process, pre-trial and medical in order to evaluate the inmate and determine the best housing location. The lock-down wings not only house inmates that have disciplinary sanctions placed on them, but also Administrative Segregation and protective custody inmates. Out of their cells, inmates are in full restraint, hands and legs with lock box on the hands. They are allowed one hour of recreation time per day, if they do not lose that time for a policy violation during the prior day. Unit 2 can be a busy place, but rewarding at the same time.

Article by Robert Lipovsky



L-R: Bill Burrows, Annie Mae Jones, Charles Hadwin and Albert Devoe.



Front Row: L-R: Sergeant Stephen Robbins, Deputy Trinity Hicks, Deputy Joey Warezak, Deputy Kendall Newton. Back Row: Deputy Glen Williams and Deputy Michael Brown.

L-R: Martha Rogers, Hugh D'Anna, Beverly Brown, Kelly Newcomer, James Cook, Tom Sexton, Tom Miller, William Estill. Barely visible in the back is Malcolm Kendrick



Front row, L-R: Lt. Carlos Michael, Deputy Ashanti Blount, Deputy Joe Hanton, Deputy Aaron Gonzalez, Corporal Debbie Freeman, Deputy Mark Stanfield, Deputy Norma Fabela, Deputy Jan Wells, Deputy Madeleine Pinckney, Sergeant Pat Barbee, Corporal Darrin Harvey, Deputy Brett Kellogg and Captain Thomas Tillman. Back row, L-R: Deputy Sharleen Simmons, Deputy David Wilcox, Deputy Ayanna Cooley, Deputy Robert Lewis, Deputy Curtis Rewis, Deputy Tony Davis, Deputy Cynthia Kight, Deputy Alan Nevels, Deputy Terry King, Deputy Bobby Jones, Deputy Harold Singleton, Sergeant John Jones, Deputy Marshall Rawl and the very funny Magistrate Judge Michael Barker (the photo bomber in the back!)

A DAY IN THE LIFE..COURTS

When court is IN SESSION, you can depend on the deputies of Court Services Division to be alert to anything out of the ordinary in the courtroom, the entirety of the courthouses, surrounding property, parking areas, and inmate holding cells. Deputies begin their day before judges, attorneys, employees, and the general public arrive. Courtrooms are searched for contraband to ensure that everyone is safe. Even packages and mail is inspected in the security screening area of the courthouse lobby. Every judge in Superior, State, Magistrate, Probate, Juvenile, and Recorder's Court has a primary deputy assigned specifically to them to manage safe and secure courtroom operations. A primary is the ranking officer in his judges' court when it's in session, supervising other support deputies assigned to their courtroom. Among other things, judges rely on primaries to keep order, manage the courtroom to his/her preferences, and request inmates required for court dockets.

Support deputies assist primary deputies by providing additional security in the courtroom. These deputies escort inmates from the Inmate Transfer Station to the courtroom as proceedings are conducted, and assist the primary with maintaining order. The type of case dictates the number of support deputies assigned to any courtroom. High profile or multiple defendant cases will have more deputies in order to maintain safe operation of the courtroom and crowd control during the trial. In 2014, over 67,000 criminal cases were docketed and 10,231 inmates were transported to and from their hearings.

Criminal cases involving adults are heard in the Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse on Montgomery Street while all matters involving juvenile defendants are heard at Juvenile Court on Carl Griffin Drive. Juvenile detainee numbers have increased over the years, and deputies there have also increased to accommodate the need. Supervisors ensure that the entire Juvenile Complex is a safe environment for parents and children coming to court. The Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) is in close proximity to the courthouse which makes the transport of young offenders fairly quick.

All court officers are P.O.S.T. certified peace officers. Their training is enhanced to include an understanding of Court Services and Enforcement procedures, inmate movement, and security and emergency protocols. There is always something going on in a courtroom, and deputies have to recognize potential threats and intervene before they become dangerous events. Keeping up with the fluid nature of court activity is a daily task that requires constant vigilance.

Captain Thomas Tillman heads up this division along with his team of nine supervisors. Court Services currently employs 42 deputies, four part-time student interns, and one administrative assistant. Captain Tillman, along with retired Captain Richard Hood, also supervises 39 Courthouse Security Officers (a.k.a. "Blue Coats") who provide civilian security in designated areas of both courthouses and the Liakakis Government Building. You will see these officers at building entrances as you pass through the security screening area. More than 577,000 persons were screened in 2014 as they entered our courthouses. Over 730 weapons and contraband items were seized during the same period. Because of the high volume of visitors, an armed deputy oversees the screening process.

So the next time you're in the courthouse, take a moment to notice the men and women of Court Services who are there to ensure that your visit is a safe one.

Article by Diane Sasser

Gang Training at CCSO

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office welcomed Investigator Scott H. Thompson of the NYC Correction Intelligence Bureau / H.I.D.T.A. Major Case Investigator. Thompson has worked in the largest prison in the country for nearly 19 years, the last 10 years in the gang unit.

This two part class (4 hour block)covered general overview of gangs and their history. The second part of the class specifically covered the White Supremacists and Hate Group Identification. Over 65 law enforcement officers attended.



ANNIVERSARIES

March

5 Years- Rossie Williams

25 Years- Benfred Gastin, Dixie Barbour & L. Donald Hollinger

April

5 Years- Carmen Pilecek

25 Years- David Gellatly & Terry Boyles

May

5 Years- Patricia Fraps

10 Years- Julius Johnson, Elaine Patterson & Precious Smith

Special recognition to Deputy Terry King -15 years of service and Capt. Tommy Tillman- 25 years.

They were inadvertently left out of the March Edition.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE MONTH

MARCH- JESSE BYRD
APRIL- GEORGE BAILEY

CORRECTIONS CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

MARCH- PATRICIA STANFIELD
APRIL- ROBERT O'DELL

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MONTH

MARCH- CHRISTOPHER STANFIELD
APRIL- FRANK ROLLINS

ENFORCEMENT CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

MARCH- DEBORAH GEORGE
APRIL- MICHAEL HOLMES

Deputies first to respond

Chatham County Deputies assisted with the wreck on Interstate 16 on Tuesday May 19th. Deputies Capps, Livie and Reserve Deputy Blackston were in the immediate area running radar and were actually out on traffic stops and heard the explosion, they were first on scene. When I arrived minutes later our units were rendering first aid to the victims. Along with our Deputies, Corey Harper who was traveling Interstate 16 at the time was also on Scene rendering first aid. We stayed on scene for over 4 hours helping with traffic control. A special thanks was given to the CCSO deputies for their quick response.



...IN OTHER NEWS

Summer Bonanza



The Summer Bonanza program Youth and Parent Orientation kicked off June 6, 2015.

The meet and greet with parent and youth took place at the Moses Jackson Center for orientation / registration.

The day had Interactive sessions on Self-Esteem and goal setting.

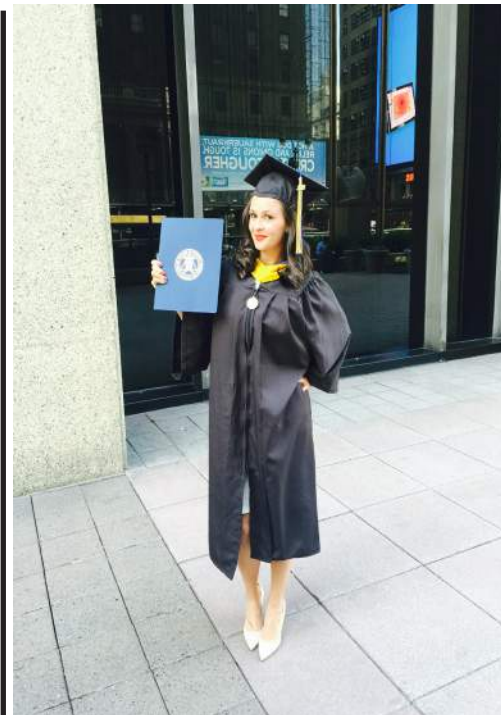
Pictured L-R Colonel George Bowen, Chairman Al Scott, Chief Deputy Roy Harris, Michael O'Neil, Vice Chair Dr. Priscilla Thomas, Kelvin Mason and Director Angela Dorsey.

Congratulations Graduates



Christian Elijah Crawford, the son of Kendra Crawford, CCSO's Compliance Manager, graduated with honors from Savannah Arts Academy. Christian, who is a former Explorer Post 876

member, is an award-winning, multi-talented, young professional musician. He plays electric bass guitar, lead guitar, upright bass, trumpet, baritone, and piano. In the Fall, Christian will be attending the prestigious Berklee College of Music located in Boston, MA. Christian was chosen, out of a pool of more than 7,000 applicants involving an extensive international talent search, to be one of seven 2015 Berklee Presidential Scholarship Recipients in the world. Christian is considering majoring in Professional Music and/or Music Business/Management.



Hannah Swan is the 27 year old daughter of Gena Bilbo. On June 3rd she graduated on the Deans List from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. Hannah has a bachelors in Forensic Psychology and will be working toward her Masters from Touro Graduate School. Hannah currently works in early education and teaches for PS10 in Brooklyn, Ny.

A Word with Chief Deputy Harris



By the time many of you read this, another holiday will have been celebrated, July 4, the celebration of the independence of our nation. In light of this, I want to salute the many veterans serving in our organization. You served our country proudly in military uniform and continue to do so in a sheriff's uniform. Both jobs require dedication and courage.

Author John C. Maxwell said that courage begins with an inward battle. "It is not

the absence of fear, but doing what you are afraid to do. Courage is making things right, not just smoothing them over." Any person who wears the uniform of a law enforcement officer in this country exhibits courage. They go towards the sound of trouble, not the other way. We thank you for your commitment to making our community a safer place to work and live.

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COMING SOON....

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office legacy album.

This is Sheriff St Lawrence's last term and we want to catalog some of his history.

Some considerations:

**We will receive a copyright released digital copy of all members photographed.

**Our Legacy Album will be a true reflection/representation of our department. In the event a member doesn't wish to have his/her image in the Album, they simply need to let them know.

Only members on our list can purchase the Album.

**Members are under NO obligation to purchase anything ever.

A Note from the Sheriff...



Many of you have seen the news reports, heard the opinions of attorneys, and have listened to the gossip. As we all know, not everything we see and hear is the truth. I do not want staff to be afraid to do their jobs. I know what a tough job that you have. I want staff to know that I am behind you. I want staff to know if you are doing the very best that you can, are following your training, and using common sense that everything will be alright.

I also wanted to take a moment and recognize all of the hard work that went into the mud run. The fund raiser for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home's was a great success. The 1st annual Jail Break Challenge attracted nearly 400 runners from all over. We raised over \$20,000 for the kids at the ranch. They will be going on their summer trip in July and we are happy to be able to support them. Next year we hope its going to be even bigger and better.

Till next time,

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