



Chatham County Sheriff's Office

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## CCSO Celebrates 27 Years of National Accreditation

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has a lot of be proud of. On August 6, the American Correctional Association reaccredited the department.

This is a very important and prestigious honor. The CCSO is one of only six agencies in the State of Georgia accredited by ACA and one of only 132 correctional facilities in the nation that is accredited.

Jail Administrator Colonel Terry Enoch, Captain Ethan Davis, Lt. Pam Green-Scott, Kendra Crawford and Michelle Gavin traveled to Kissimmee, FL to accept this accreditation which is valid until 2014.

"I was proud to be there on behalf of the Sheriff and our employees to accept the accredita-



Right: K. Crawford, Col. Enoch, Lt. Green-Scott and Cpt. Davis proudly accepted the ACA's accreditation certificate for the Sheriff's Office.

tion certificate," said Col. Enoch. "It highlights the excellent staff we have and the top-notch services we provide not only to the community, but our inmates."

The CCSO met 100% of the ACA's mandatory standards. The accreditation team that came to Savannah examines all the office's Standard

Operating Procedures, the cleanliness of the facility, and the professionalism of the people who work here.

"This just goes to show why we are a model agency and model jail in this region," Enoch said. "And I believe we owe a lot to ACA. They make us stay on top of our game."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Right: Members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office were joined by ACA Commissioners for a photo after they granted the CCSO's reaccreditation. Photos by: Michelle Gavin



### Sheriff's Note:

Many students have already headed back to school and others will be returning to class very soon. I want to applaud the deputies and employees who have taken the time to mentor some of these children and for being a positive role model for them. Our jail is overcrowded with too many young men and women and anything we can do to help our youth stay on the right path is a tremendous thing. Keep up the good work and remember to slow down in the school zones!

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

# Sheriff Selects New Chief Deputy

The Sheriff has a new right-hand man to help lead the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff St Lawrence appointed Roy Harris as his Chief Deputy in June after the retirement of Undersheriff Donald Anderson.

The Sheriff has known Harris for 40 years and most recently worked with him when Harris was the Director of the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team.

Sheriff St Lawrence said, "I've known Harris for a long time and I think he's the best man for the job. I worked closely with him during his time at CNT and I think he is a very good administrator."

Before coming to Chatham County in 2007, Harris was a Deputy Director with

the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, a Senior Police Training Consultant, and was an Adjunct Government Services Specialist at the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Harris holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University and graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Harris is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

The Sheriff made some other upper leadership changes. He appointed Col. Terry Enoch as the new Jail Administrator. When Col. John Wilcher received his new rank he also received a new assignment and now heads the Enforcement Bureau



Above: Chief Deputy Roy J. Harris is now second in command at the CCSO.

with Major Thomas Smoak. The Sheriff appointed Thomas Gilberg to the rank of Major. Gilberg is now an assistant jail administrator along with Major Howard Harn and oversees the daily operation of the jail.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Colonel Enoch received his new epaulets from his wife Veronica and Cpt. Kim Middleton. Photo by: Cpt. Harley



Above: Col. Wilcher's son John Michael and his mother Lillian put the new epaulets on his uniform. Photo by: Cpt. Harley



Above: With his children at his side Maj. Gilberg received his epaulets from his wife Rhonda and Maj. Harn. Photo by: Cpt. Harley

## Policeman's Gala Nearing, Tickets On Sale

The first ever CrimeStoppers Policeman's Gala is now just a month away.

The premiere event for all law enforcement officers, retired officers and support staff will be held September 24 at the International Trade and Convention Center from 6:30 p.m. to Midnight.

The Gala will be an opportunity for members of the Sheriff's Office to join other officers for a special night out.

The \$50 tickets include a buffet style dinner, dancing to the live band "Bobby and the Aristocats", two drink tickets and a commemorative Policeman's Gala coin.

Deputies will also have the chance to win one of several door prizes, each valued at more than \$100.

The men are asked to wear a suit and ladies are encouraged to wear dresses.



"We are really excited about this Gala, never before has there been an event to bring our law enforcement partners together to kick back and have a great time," said CrimeStoppers Director Demery Bishop.

If you are interested in buying tickets contact Michelle Gavin in the PIO office in the Enforcement Administration area at 652-7613. Tickets are on sale until September 16th.

# Job Well Done

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office once again honored the department's outstanding deputies and civilians at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony.

Close to 150 deputies, their family members and friends attended the event, which was held in the Savannah Morning News Auditorium July 14.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence promoted 13 deputies: Colonel Terry Enoch, Colonel John Wilcher, Major Thomas Gilberg, Cpt. Gloria Ancrum, Lt. Joseph Brown, Lt. David Walker, Sgt. Anza Rowland, Sgt. Gregg Rhode, Cpl. Tonya Johnson, Cpl. Kimberly Richards, Cpl. Stanley Rucker, Cpl. Yolanda Russell, and Cpl. Deborah Freeman.

The Sheriff also presented Deputy Warren Blanton with a Meritorious Ribbon for helping to save a woman when a tree fell on her home in March.

Dep. Madeleine Pinckney and Cpl. Johnny Webb were awarded Officer of the Year plaques. Ms. Stephanie King and Mrs. Jennifer James-Smith received Civilian of the Year plaques.

Lt. Shawn Taber, Lt. David Walker and Ms. Debra Stokes celebrated 25 years and received commemorative rings.

The Sheriff also recognized several recent retirees: Undersheriff Donald Anderson, Col. McArthur Holmes, Lt. Sheree Rogers, Cpl. David Carpenter and Cpl. Michael Williams.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



## Sheriff Honors Deputies, Civilians at Quarterly Awards Ceremony



Above: Deputies showed off their new rank. Back row: Maj. Gilberg, Lt. Brown, Sgt. Rhode, Cpl. Russell, Lt. Walker, Cpl. Rucker. Front row: Cpt. Ancrum, Cpl. Freeman, Sgt. Rowland, Cpl. Richards, Cpl. Johnson. Left: Cpt. Ancrum was surrounded by family and friends as she became the CCSO's second female captain.



Left: The Sheriff hired Ms. Stokes 25 years ago as a dispatcher for the former Chatham Co. Police Dept. Above: Retired Cpt. Rogers posed with Cpt. Middleton, the CCSO's first female captain.

Photos by: Sgt. F. Williams and Cpt. H. Harley

# Locking Up Good Guys for a Good Cause

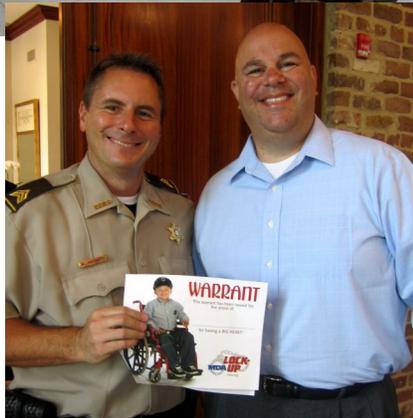
**B**usiness executives and community leaders were hauled off to jail at the Charles Morris Center by Chatham County Sheriff's Office deputies to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

On August 17, Cpl. Trey Leggett, Deputy Rick Hall, Deputy Roger Browne and Reserve Deputy Wayne Wermuth helped round up dozens of folks for the MDA Lock Up event.

Once the so-called jailbirds were "behind bars" they had to raise their "bail" money by calling their family and friends.

All the money went to the MDA to fund research and provide services to local families dealing with neuromuscular disease.

Article and photos by:  
Michelle Gavin



**Top right:** This businessman was "locked up" until he could raise enough money for the MDA to post bail.

**Top left:** Cpl. T. Leggett displayed the mock warrant he had for the participants arrest.

**Lower left:** Reservist W. Wermuth also helped arrest folks for the MDA Lock Up.

**Lower right:** Dep. R. Hall transported his "jailbird" to the Lock Up.

# Five Months Down, Twenty-Five To Go

**P**arking lots have been torn up, tree have been uprooted and concrete is being poured by the tons at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

The more than \$100 million Detention Center Expansion Project has now been underway for five months.

The new Video Visitation Center has been blocked in, the concrete has been poured for the new medical facility and more than half of the 1,083

piles have been set in the ground where the two new inmate towers will be built.

Construction workers have been coming to the jobsite in droves.

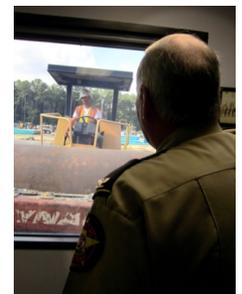
In July there were 500 workers coming and going from the construction site and since the project started in late March, workers have logged more than 30,000 hours on job site.



**Above:** Crews have been using a lot of heavy equipment to prepare the old employee parking lot for the new addition to the Enforcement Bureau.

**Lower right:** Col. John Wilcher has had a front row seat to all the construction action. Some of workers have actually come face to face with him at his office window.

Photos by: Dep. Rhonda Bryant-Elleby and Michelle Gavin



# Sheriff Donates School Supplies to Safe Shelter

The Chatham County Sheriff's Employee Association collected school supplies for the 29 children living at Savannah's Safe Shelter.

The whole department pitched in to buy paper, backpacks, uniform shirts, pencils, crayons, and much more so these children will have new supplies when they head back to school.

Sheriff St Lawrence said, "These children are already living in an unfortunate situation. I think it's important that we do what we can to help

these students start school with everything they need. I am proud of my deputies and staff for taking on such a worthy project."

Deputies helped Safe Shelter Director Cheryl Branch load several big bins full of supplies into her van.

"I'm so thankful for these donations from the Sheriff's Office. They are the only supplies we have received so far for our children, I know it will bring smiles to their faces," Branch said.

Article by: Michelle Gavin

Below: Sgt. S. Allen, Sgt. C. Michael, The Sheriff, Dep. R. Bryant-Elleby, D. Brown, S. Bush and Chief Deputy R. Harris proudly showed off the supplies.



Check out this story and more on the new Chatham County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. "Like" the page and you'll received news and photos about Chatham County's finest at work and at play!

[www.facebook.com/chathamcountysheriff.com](http://www.facebook.com/chathamcountysheriff.com)



Right: Deputies O. Anderson and C. Blount helped Employee Association President Sgt. C. Michael take all the items to a Safe Shelter van waiting outside.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin

## CCSO Softball Game!

When: September 3rd at 11 a.m.  
Where: Paulsen Field on Sally Mood Dr.

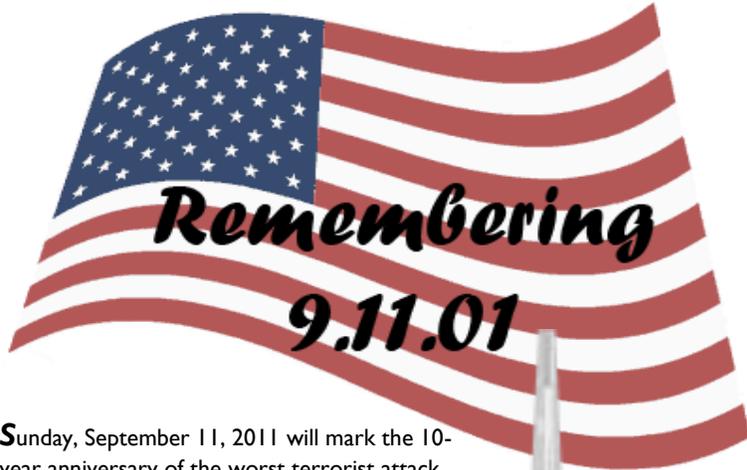
Cook out will follow



Line Staff and Civilians vs. Corporals and above!

## Welcome to Our Team!

- Alvin Carter, Jr.
- Dennis McInnis
- Kenneth Meeks
- Latoya Brown
- Sean Baxter
- Shachet Jordan
- Steven Cahall
- Tanya Jacques
- Tekethia Kelley



Sunday, September 11, 2011 will mark the 10-year anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. History.

Two planes hit the World Trade Center in New York, another crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and a third crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Ten years ago Deputy John Phillips, who now works at Juvenile Court, was doing some threat assessment work for the government. He was at The Pentagon on that fateful day.

"When I heard the Trade Center was hit I decided to leave The Pentagon and return to my home in Maryland. When I got to my car in the parking lot I saw Flight 77 come in over a hotel, it was at low altitude and the landing gear wasn't down," Phillips said.

He was only 100 yards away when the unthinkable happened. "It looked like the world exploded. I still have flashbacks," he said.

After the plane hit Phillips found himself on the ground and was soon treated by paramedics. "Then I got out of dodge. I went home and kissed my wife and hugged my kids."

Sgt. Wendy Smoot-Lee was hundreds of miles away from the attacks but still remembers that day like it was yesterday. She moved to Savannah from New Jersey just days before 9-11.

After watching the attacks unfold on the news she was terrified. She picked up her daughters from school and found hundreds of other parents had the same idea. Not knowing what to do next, Smoot-Lee went to Kroger.

The store was busy, but eerily quiet. "I remember passing a man in the parking lot, a complete stranger, but we looked at each other as to say, 'What can I do for you?' During that time it didn't matter if you were white or black, Hispanic or Chinese, we were all one and in this together," she said.

Hunter Army Airfield wants to bring everyone together for a Freedom Walk to mark the 10 year anniversary. Thursday, September 8 all service men and women, family members, veterans, first responders and civilians are invited to the Hunter Club. A remembrance ceremony will start at 6 p.m. and a half mile Freedom Walk begins at 6:25 p.m.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia is also planning a remembrance event. The time and location have yet to be determined but all Sheriff's Office employees are invited.

"I was working in Albany, NY at the time. Even three hours away it was chaos. I had no communication with my friends and family in Manhattan. I remember being remorseful and sad for months following the attacks."



Dep. Andrea McPherson

"I was in the Army stationed in Kosovo when the attacks happened. At first we thought it was a training scenario. When I talked to my wife the next day I realized it was real. In March 2003 I was part of the invasion of Iraq." Cpl. Bobby Irvin



"The CCSO K-9 Unit was drastically impacted. Our teams performed numerous security sweeps and responded to dozens of bomb threats in the months following the September 11th attacks." Sgt. James Moore



"I hail from New Jersey. My sister still lives and works there and she actually saw the second plane hit the North Tower from her office across the river," Deputy Ron Brotz



"I have three family members who worked in the World Trade Center. One was on vacation that day, another was at another work location and the third, my daughter, escaped the burning building." Deputy Robert Lewis



"I was just leaving the Pentagon in D.C. that morning and I saw Flight 77 crash in the building. I looked like the world exploded, I still have flashbacks," Deputy John Phillips



"I went on tour with a singing group to New York City a month after 9-11. I went down to Ground Zero, it was still smoking. That experience made me more grateful for my life and my family." Kendra Crawford



# Keeping it Civil

The Civil Unit of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office is responsible for servicing all civil processes received from courts within Chatham County, as well as processes received from other counties and states.

The Civil Unit consists of a lieutenant, sergeant, two corporals and nine deputies. Everyone in the Civil Unit is responsible for recording and documenting processes in their log books on a daily basis. At the end of the shift, they are responsible for completing the daily activity sheets for each zone or area.

The Civil Unit serves Affidavits, Court Orders, Contempt Orders, and Complaints for Divorce Notices, Law Suits. The deputies also serve Mortgages Foreclosures, Probate, Court Orders, Red Tags, Temporary Protective Orders, Transport Orders and all other Civil Processes issued by the Courts.

There is usually one deputy working in a zone within Chatham County. Deputies must contend with the extreme heat and extreme cold conditions. Sometimes deputies have other assignments scheduled, prior to observing a crime, such as a traffic violation.

The challenges of the job can be minimized through teamwork, working with other agencies and flexible scheduling. By working as a team, the Civil Unit will continue to accomplish their goals of serving processes. Other agencies are willing to assist

them in completing their assignments on a moments notice.

Sgt. Jones said, "The Civil Unit deputies are involved in many situations that require law enforcement expertise, teamwork, coordination and communication of court orders with the general public. They must be professional in appearance and they must strive to display the proper attitude that will bring pride and dignity to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office."

Deputy Williams has been with the Civil Unit for one year. He said, "Working with the general public

## Civil Unit Stats for July 2011

Civil Papers Served	1224
Dispositions Served	1088
Subpoenas Served	1632
Warrants Executed	206
Sex Off. Residence Checks	193

allows me to contribute to the positive image of the Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement as a whole. It is important to communicate and establish a rapport with the public."

Article by:  
Deputy  
Rhonda  
Bryant-  
Elleby  
Photo by:  
Michelle  
Gavin



Front row—Dep. R. Robinson, Dep. R. Hall, Cpl. R. Brown, Dep. L. Smalls. Back row: Sgt. J. Jones, Dep. B. Underwood, Dep. R. Browne, Cpl. D. Hollinger, Dep. G. Williams, Dep. R. Cason, Dep. A. Walker, Dep. B. Slate and Cpl. M. Crowder.



Saturday, October 15, 2011

Registration at 9 a.m.

Walk Begins at 10 a.m.

If you want to join the CCSO's "Team St Lawrence" contact Watch Commander Lt. Wanda Williams or Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby in the Public Information Office

\$1 dress down day Sept. 2nd and 9th to raise money for the walk!

# Deputies School Students on Staying Out of Trouble and Staying Safe



Above: Colonel John Wilcher and Chief Deputy Roy Harris told Youth Commission candidates staying away from the “wrong crowd” can help keep them out of jail. Youth Commission Coordinator Van Johnson surprised the teens by bringing them to the jail. Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Many of the CCSO’s finest deputies have spent time this summer mentoring children and encouraging them to succeed in life.

Chief Deputy Roy Harris and Colonel John Wilcher were the first to give candidates from the Chatham County Youth Commission some straight forward advise. The young men and women took a tour of the jail and learned what the deputies do and how

the inmates live.

Sixteen-year-old Amanda Maner from Calvary Day School said, “The tour was interesting, informative, and a little bit intimidating. I now know what the conditions are like in jail and I know that I never want to end up there.”

Back in July, Deputies Warren Blanton, Darrin Harvey and Rhonda Bryant-Elleby attended a First Tee Camp and talked to kids from six to 16 years old.

Deputy Harvey said, “It’s important to talk to all kids, not just the troubled ones. It can help keep good kids headed in the right direction.”

Deputies Elleby and Blanton were at it again, talking to school-aged children at the Savannah Morning News’ Back to School Expo. They were joined by Deputy Christopher Blount and Frank Raiford from The Police and Sheriff’s Press.

Raiford provided children with ID cards, containing their personal and medical information.

“The Expo was a huge success,” said Bryant-Elleby. “We completed over 100 ID cards, the line started at our station and extended to the front door of the Savannah Morning News.”

This summer deputies also spent some one-on-one time with children at the Teen Driving Expo at the Savannah Civic Center and the Sheriff’s Office Explorer Post teenagers got to hang out with deputies and advisors at the Pooler Fun Park.

“Even when we are having fun with these kids we are bonding with them are forging very important relationships,” said Deputy Bryant-Elleby.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Deputies R. Bryant –Elleby, D. Harvey and W. Blanton posed with students at the First Tee Camp at the Mary Calder Golf Club.



Above: Frank Raiford with The Police and Sheriff's Press volunteered to help the CCSO make photo ID cards for kids at a Back to School Expo. Right: Deputies W. Blanton and C. Blount talked to children about bullying at the Expo.  
Photos by: Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby



Left Middle: Explorer Advisor Cpl. L. Swinton, Explorer Aliciya Morris, and Advisors Pvt. Whaley and Jeanne McMahan took a breather at the Pooler Fun Park.  
Photo by: Dep. R. Bryant-Elleby

Right Middle: Explorer Advisor Dep. O. Thomas raced go-carts with Explorer Justis Archbold  
Photo by: Dep. R. Bryant-Elleby

Lower Left: Explorer Justis Archbold and Michael Lowe teamed up in a game of paint ball.  
Photo by: Dep. R. Bryant-Elleby



Lower Right: Dep. R. Bryant-Elleby helped out at the Chatham County Youth Commission's Teen Driving Expo. The teens drove an obstacle course while wearing Fatal Vision Goggles that simulate what it's like driving under the influence of alcohol.  
Photo by: Alexis Parker

# Blowing Off Steam at CCSEA's Low Country Boil

Thunderstorms may have kept some people from attending the Chatham County Sheriff's Employee Association's Low Country Boil, but it did not put a damper on the fun had by those who did attend.

More than 30 deputies, officers and civilians attended the event at the Travis Field pavilion on Saturday, August 13.

Members of the Employee Association got to spend some time with the colleagues playing cards, dancing and eating lots of shrimp and sausage and burgers.

The association's president, Sgt. Carlos Michael said, "It is a morale booster to get the employees together, away from work, in a relaxing environment. I think the event was a big success and I want to thank everyone who pitched in to help with all the



Above: Officer W. Davis from Unit 5 posed with Sgt. F. Williams and his wife.

preparations."

The Chatham County Sheriff's Employee Association's next event is a cookout at the Sheriff's Office softball game September 3 at 11 a.m. at Paulsen Field.

On October 8 the Employee Association will put on a Kids Festival at Lake Mayer complete with face painting, games, and food.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Lt. W. Williams, Pvt. E. George, Sgt. F. Williams, Dep. O. Young and Dep. O. Anderson played a hand of cards.

Left: CCSEA President Sgt. C. Michael, Sgt. C. Milton and part-time deputy C. Meme danced the Wobble. Photos by: Dep. R. Bryant-Elleby and Sgt. F. Williams.

## In Memoriam...

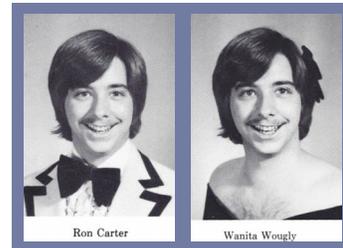


Retired Chatham County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ronnie Carter was laid to rest August 10, 2011. He was 52 years old.

Carter was a member of the department for 28 years. He retired in 2010 due to an illness. He was instrumental in bringing the first computers to the Sheriff's Office.

During the funeral service many of the people who worked with him well were reminded of Ronnie's sense of humor and his joy for life. Everyone who knew Ronnie knew he loved to laugh and enjoyed making others laugh more than anything. In keeping with true Carter fashion, here are some photographs of him from his 1976 Brewton Parker College Yearbook.

Rest in Peace Sgt. Carter.



Ron Carter

Wanita Wougly

# Construction of Training Center Building Becomes Family Affair

Drug funds are being used to build a new multipurpose building at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office range. Construction of the building began in late April and should be finished in October. The multi-purpose facility will be used to host events, meetings and receptions. Major Thomas Smoak said the building is being paid for with confiscated funds and he has also had a lot of people and business donate time and material to make this facility a reality. MacAljohn gave the department a deal on the stainless steel counter tops, Braddy Electric discounted the electrical work, A.D. Williams Con-

struction gave the CCSO a deal on the grade work and concrete footers. "I would really like to thank my team for making this possible, especially Cory Harper, Sgt. Steve Collins and Rhonda McCullough." Harper even brought his grandfather and uncle on the job site to lay the brick for the facility's fireplace. Harper said he enjoyed working on this project, "This building will always mean something to me, it was a great opportunity to do something for the Sheriff and spend time with my uncle and my 82-year old grandfather."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Left: Corey Harper, his grandfather George Robert Stewart, Sr. and his uncle George Robert Stewart, Jr. spent several weeks this summer working on the fireplace.

Photos by Michelle Gavin



Left: Stewart, Sr. has been laying brick for the past 60 years.

Above: The new multipurpose building is located at the range and is 4,000 sq. ft.



## Employee



### Pvt. Edward George Docket Officer

- Private George joined the CCSO in 2006 and has been the department's Docket Officer for 3 years.
- He begins his day at 2 a.m. and does more work before 9 a.m. than most people may do all day.
- He reviews court docket requests from all Chatham County courts (Recorders, Magistrate, State, Superior and all the Municipalities).
- The docket list includes incarcerated detainees, state/federal inmates, and those out on bond.
- Once the docket is made Pvt. George distributes it to the six housing units and booking to be ready for Transport Unit deputies at 5 a.m.
- Pvt. George must prepare a list of all detainees arrested in the past 24 hours so they can attend their video arraignment in the jail's court room.
- Pvt. George enjoys bowling and going to the movies

BIRTHDAYS AND EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Roy Harris	2	3 Brian Counihan	4 Michael Brown	5	6 Teketha Kelly
7 Kimberly Taylor	8 Brandon Mixon, Shelton Crowder Richard Brome Adrian Smith Joe Stanford	9 Antonio Moody	10	11	12	13 Jennifer James-Smith James Strickland Subrina Alls
14 Tonya Roberts- Johnson Lisa Cole	15 Gary Conyers Freddie Hall Darlene Godbee Teffanie Lowe Leonard Gardner	16 Jean Myles Cary McNeil George Bailey Barbara Edwards Tanika Goldwire	17 Billy Lappin Deborah Freeman	18 Kendra Crawford	19 Richard Hood	20 Latoya Lawrence Laurie Tillman Michelle Vasquez Michael Fontaine
21 Steve Collins	22 George Enfinger	23 Rhonda McCul- lough Karen Mewborn	24 Gregory Agee	25 Lynn Webber	26 Deneen Knight Terry Enoch Tony Grant	27 Mitchell Daughtry
28 Willie Warren	29 Dixie Barbour Patrick Rountree Meleda Gross	30 Ernest Leonard	31	<h1>August 2011</h1>		

September 2011				1	2	3
				Diana Gubko	Mira Fisher	CCSO Softball Game 11 a.m. Paulsen Field
4 Lt. Richard Hall	5	6 Jayda Jackson Johnny Griner	7	8	9 Jennifer Moultrie Shametra Stamps	10 Norma Fabela Tommy Smoak Nicole Mitchell
11 Allen Walden	12 David Gold	13 James Moore	14 Ronald Brontz Thomas Hodges, Jr.	15 Hansel Jenkins	16 Dawn Gallop	17 John Burroughs
18 Derek Jones	19 Ronald Robinson Thomas Miller John Stephens	20 Clarence Copeland Dana Rice Todd Oliver	21 Trey Leggett Craig Stanfield	22 Robert Lewis Nathaniel Holmes Kindaia Canady Nelson Hall	23 Sheena Akins William Burrows	24 Matthew Parrill  CrimeStoppers Policeman's Gala
25 Jermaine Max- well	26 John Riner, Jr.	27 Donald Wood	28 Howard Crosby John Simmons	29 Gregg Rhode Joe Maloney Gloria Darden	30 Juanita Johnson	

# Who am I?

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



I am about 6 months old in this photo. I was born in Tennessee. My favorite restaurants are Angelo's and Red Lobster. I enjoy watching Real Lifetime movies. Monique is my favorite female actress. My most memorable vacation was when I went on a Caribbean Cruise. I went to Jamaica, Haiti, Grand Cayman Islands and Mexico. I've worked for the CCSO for 11 years. I love bowling, traveling, dancing and spending time with my family. Who am I?

I am 3 years old in this photo. I was born in Moline, Illinois (home of John Deere), but raised in a very small town in Iowa. My favorite foods are BBQ ribs and steaks. However, I prefer my own cooking over restaurants. Everyone usually ends up at my house for family gatherings because they all love my cooking. My favorite movies are Dirty Dancing, and the Wizard of Oz. One of my most memorable vacations was a fishing/camping trip to a remote Canadian area for two weeks when I was 14 years old. I came to the Sheriff's Office four years ago. Who am I?



I am 1½ years old in this photo. I was born and raised in Savannah. My favorite food is seafood especially from the Shellhouse Restaurant. My favorite actors are Morris Chestnut and Lamman Rucker. My most memorable trip was going to New York City to visit "Ground Zero" after 9/11. I have worked at the CCSO officially for 5 years, but I started as an intern in 2002. I love to sing, travel and laugh. I am a practical joker! I love to visit theme parks and watch character shows (Disney has the best). My birthday is in August. Who am I?

## "Who Am I?" answers from last edition



Warren Onken  
Court Security



Col. John Wilcher  
Enforcement Bureau



Roger Martin  
Engineering

# Anniversaries

## 20 Years

Lt. Ralph Salas, Jr.

## 15 Years

Robert Gay  
Rufus Powell  
Judith Tyree

## 10 Years

Pamela Gordon

## 5 Years

Michael Butler  
Rhonda Edwards  
Nicole Ferguson  
Leonard Garner  
Julie Hauser  
Jennifer Holmes  
Bobby Irvin  
Odell Robinson  
Martha Rogers  
Sharleen Simmons  
Sonya Jenkins-Simmons  
Allan Zaffiro  
Willie Tyler

# Employees of the Month

## June

Deputy Gary Murphy (Street Operations)  
Cpl. Alan Nevels (Unit 2)  
Betty Lang (Unit 1 Counselor)  
George Mascunana (Juvenile Court Security)

## July

Deputy Christopher Blount (Street Operations)  
Pvt. Ronald Harris (Unit 1)  
Lewis Walker (Engineering)  
Diane Sasser (Court Services)

## WORDS OF WISDOM

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.."

—Special Olympics Motto



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## Dedicated Deputy and Special Olympics Superstar Retires

After more than 17 years, Deputy Brenda Shermer has retired. During her tenure with the Sheriff's Office she's been a loyal employee and friend. Her involvement with community outreach has won her recognition by both the department and Chatham County Commissioners.

She has been a mentor for troubled youth and adults in our community. She helped out Superior Court's Drug Court and



Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Court. Deputy Shermer has contributed food, clothing and furniture to Safe Shelter, Taniff, Union Mission and several homeless shelters. She's often said, "When you no longer have a need let me know because there is always someone else to help. It's not what you have, it's what you've given others that counts."

For the past several years she has served as the department's liaison for the Special Olympics "Law Enforcement Torch Run" and is probably known best as the "doughnut lady". She organized and participated in the "Cops on Top" fundraisers and spend 60 hours each year on top of the Krispy Kreme Doughnut's store for this cause.

She also leads the "Bagging for Tips" fundraisers where she and several volunteers bad groceries for donations for Special Olympics. Her leadership and hard work resulted in the CCSO placing first in Georgia among participating law enforcement agencies—the first time in 28 years any agency outside the Atlanta area had won such distinction.

In 2009 Shermer convinced 14 other brave souls to participate for the Special Olympics in the New Year's Day Polar Plunge on Tybee. They took first place for their Smurf's costumes. Later that year Shermer was inducted into the Georgia Special Olympics' Hall of Fame.

The work done by Special Olympics to promote and encourage people with special needs is especially dear to Shermer's heart, and even in retirement she hopes to become a Reserve Deputy in order to continue representing the department.

Deputy Shermer has been my friend and part of my life since the first grade. She will be missed.



—Sgt. Anza Rowland