



**Chatham County
Sheriff's Office**

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Sheriff's Note:

As 2011 comes to an end I want to thank you all for your outstanding service to this organization. I appreciate the many accomplishments of the deputies and staff. We have seen great things happening with the expansion project and we continue to improve the way we do business in corrections, on the street and in the courts. As the holidays approach please be safe and make sure you spend time with your family. I think this is very important. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

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Improving the Way We Do Business

There are currently close to 1650 inmates in the Chatham County Detention Center. Most are awaiting trial, the rest are waiting to go into state system.

The challenge the Chatham County Sheriff's Office is facing is how to have a positive impact on these detainees while maintaining a safe and secure facility.

Since Colonel Terry Enoch took over the reigns as Jail Administrator this past summer he has challenged his employees to find ways to decrease the amount of idle time inmates have and help turn them into more productive citizens.

"Improving our inmate programs at the jail is all part of our behavior management strategy," Enoch said. "It is a way to reduce the violence, give these men and women life skills and introduce them to religious programs."

A large percentage of the inmate are recidivists—or career criminals. Enoch says if we show them a better way of living and help them get a job when they are released then that will reduce crime, reduce the number of inmates in the jail and reduce the amount of money taxpayers spend on running the jail.



Above: Standing in the middle Coastal State Prison's Warden Jack Coon and CCSO Jail Administrator Colonel Terry Enoch posed with members of both agencies after taking a tour of the Chatham County Jail. The two agencies are collaborating to improve re-entry programs for inmates and prisoners.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Members of the corrections staff have traveled to other facilities and are working closely with the Coastal State Prison in Savannah.

"We are raising our level of professionalism among our officers, deputies and staff. Professionalism, Integrity and Accountability are the words we live by," said Enoch.

Enoch has been working closely with Programs Director Angela Dorsey to make all of Unit 3 a Programs Unit. Inmates who volunteer and qualify to be housed in this unit will be eligible for Substance Abuse pro-

grams, GED classes, job training, chaplaincy programs and much more.

One of the first new programs the jail is working to initiate is a literacy program. While the CCSO has offered GED programs for years, Enoch has found that many inmates read below a sixth grade levels and some cannot read at all.

Sheriff Al St Lawrence said, "I agree with and support the proactive approach my staff is taking to reduce the recidivism rate promote literacy—which is fundamental to success."

Article by: Michelle Gavin

Sheriff's Office Tops its United Way Goal

\$36,091

The economy is still bad, employees haven't had a raise in more than two years, yet the Chatham County Sheriff's Office defied the odds and raised just over \$36,091 for the 2011 United Way Campaign, exceeding this year's goal of \$35,000.

Capt. Kim Middleton has overseen the CCSO's campaign for the past six years. "It's always the employee's individual contributions that makes it possible for us to raise this much money," she said. "We have some solid gift givers, they give every year and several are very generous in their donations."

Middleton said about \$30,000 came from employees who gave an upfront donation or who chose to have money taken directly from their paychecks. The other \$5,000 or so came from department fundraisers.

A lot of time and hard work went into those fundraisers. The CCSO's United Way Council cooked and served breakfast on two occasions, the Corrections Bureau organized a chili dinner sale and the Enforcement Bureau sold nylon backpack totes.

The most exciting fundraiser was the Battle of the Badges basketball game that pitted the CCSO against the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

While SCMPD won the game 56-48, it was a close game and came down to final minutes.

Deputy Nicole Mitchell coached the CCSO team. "It was an exciting game. I was proud of our team," she said. "I hope we can keep this team together and get more experience and beat SCMPD next year. Metro's team has played together for years and that was an advantage for them. But next year we are going to get that trophy back."

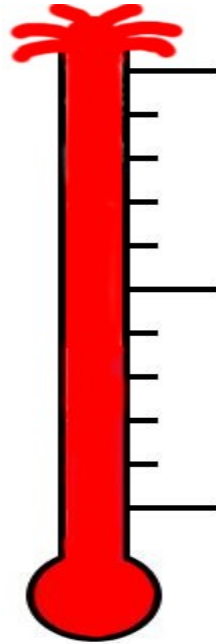
Deputy Bobby Ancrum was the lead scorer for the Sheriff's Office with 21 points. Corrections Officer Larry Johnson contributed 13 points, including three 3-point baskets.

"They both really impressed me," said Mitchell.

More than 200 CCSO employees and their family members bought tickets and attended the game. Several of the female employees took on the role as cheerleaders and really got the crowd excited.

The event generated close to \$900 for the CCSO United Way campaign.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Right: Number 45, Deputy Bobby Ancrum hit a baseline shot and led the CCSO team with 21 points, including two 3 pointers.

Photo by: Cpt. Herb Harley



BATTLE OF THE BADGES

SCMPD 56
CCSO 48

CCSO Leading Scorers:



Dep. Bobby Ancrum	21 points
Ofc. Larry Johnson	13 points
Dep. Alfred Nevels	6 points
Ofc. Harold Edwards	4 points
Ofc. Bobby Jones	4 points

CAD in Cars

When Street Operations deputies go to work, they are now a little bit safer thanks to new computers in their patrol cars.

In late October telecommunications Deputy Michael Holmes and Douglas James from Phoenix Wireless Data started installing Computer Aided Dispatch, (CAD) laptops in 29 vehicles.

CAD allows dispatchers to see each deputies' location in real time. The computer automatically updates their location every 1/8th of mile or every 5 minutes if the car is not moving.

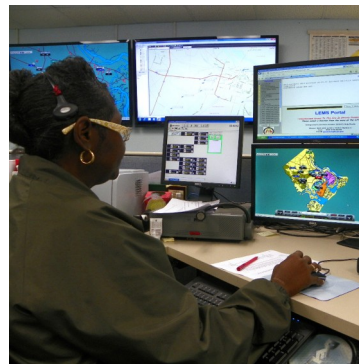
"Not only that but the deputies can see each others locations," said Holmes.

CAD also allows deputies to run tags without calling dispatch and they have access to databases such as Phoenix and Georgia

Crime Information Center (GCIC). Dispatchers are now also able to send instant messages to the street deputies to minimize radio traffic.

Major Thomas Smoak has been working to bring CAD to the CCSO for several years. He feels good that the deputies now have more resources at their fingertips. "It's a win-win," he said. "It means the deputies are safer, they can access information quicker and the dispatchers can concentrate more on the more serious situations."

Deputy Marshall Rawl said CAD has already been helped him locate wanted subjects and he knows it makes his job a little safer. "I can now run plates before I stop a car. If the car comes back stolen I can call for backup before I even pull the driver over."



Above: Dep. M. Holmes shows Dep. M. Rawl some of the features on the new CAD laptop in his patrol car.
Left: Dispatcher Denise Suggs assigns calls to deputies and monitors their locations.

Article and photos by:
Michelle Gavin

Crane Stack 1,136 New Cells in Place

Construction of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Detention Center Expansion Project is moving along at a rapid pace.

For the most part construction crews are two months ahead of schedule and construction just began in March. The \$109 million project is scheduled to be completed in 2014.

Currently enormous cranes are putting hundreds of the 50,000 pound pre-cast cells into place and are stacking them four-stories high. These new cells will nearly double the jail's current inmate capacity. The cells began arriving November 15.

The new Enforcement Bureau building which will house the Street Operations Unit and a new auditorium is starting to take shape. The walls are up for the new medical and kitchen facilities. Forty foot panels are now in place week for the new warehouse.

The new Video Visitation Center is almost finish and could be open for visitors by February.

Over the next three years the Chatham County Sheriff's Office will be significantly expanding its workforce and the Detention Center inmate capacity will rise to 2,360 beds.



Above: A 600,000 pound crane is stacking more than 500 precast cell modules into place.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Calling Court to Order

When you hear the words “all rise” in a Chatham County courtroom it’s coming from the judge’s primary—a Chatham County Sheriff’s Office deputy tasked with helping to keep each judge’s court in order.

There are 16 CCSO deputies who serve as a “Star Primary” in Superior Court, Magistrate Court, State Court, Recorder’s Court and Juvenile Court.

The Star Primary Deputy in a courtroom is the ranking officer because of his or her knowledge of court procedure, and the judge in that particular courtroom.

One of the first duties of a deputy assigned to a judge is to establish routine security procedures for the court.

“I like that as a Primary Deputy I have the ability to see how a courtroom runs from start to finish,” said Deputy Demetrius Jelks. “I get to learn everything from administrative to security.” Jelks is one of the newest primaries, he was assigned to Chief Magistrate Court Judge Mary Kathryn Moss in August.

Deputy Madeleine Pinckney is the primary for Superior Court Judge John Morse. “I enjoy the additional responsibility and the personal challenge it brings for me,” Pinckney said. “It gives me the chance to build a relationship with my judge and his fabulous trial and administrative team.”

Primaries must also request the inmates needed for court proceedings, provide security for the judge and give direction to support deputies assigned to that courtroom.

Deputy Harold Singleton has been a primary for Superior

Court Judge Michael Karpf since 1996. “I like being a primary because I enjoy being a part of and serving the court system and the public by ensuring the courtroom is safe and orderly at all times,” said Singleton.

Singleton says he takes pride in his job. He has managed the courtroom for a countless number of cases, including several high-profile murder trials. He said the only downside to the job is witnessing the wrongs that citizens do to each other.

“The courtroom is human drama up close and personal,” Singleton said. “I will have many stories to tell my grandchildren.”

Article by: Michelle Gavin and Diane Sasser



Above: Deputies Terry King, Ayana Cooley, Terrell Narcisse, Jon Lustig, Jan Wells, Tony Davis, Demetrius Jelks, Sharleen Simmons and Joe Hanton. King is assigned to State Court Judge Hermann Coolidge, Cooley is assigned to Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann, Narcisse is assigned to Recorder's Court Judge Tammy Stokes, Lustig is assigned to Chief Superior Court Judge Perry Brannen, Wells is assigned to Chief State Court Judge Greg Fowler, Davis is assigned to Superior Court Judge Louisa Abbot, Jelks is assigned to Chief Magistrate Court Judge Mary Kathryn Moss, Simmons is assigned to State Court Judge Greg Sapp and Hanton is assigned to Superior Court Judge James Bass.

Photo by: Diane Sasser



Top left: Primary deputies Harold Singleton and Robert Lewis. Singleton is assigned to Superior Court Judge Michael Karpf and Lewis is assigned to Magistrate Court Judge Michael Barker.

Top right: Primary deputies Madeleine Pinckney and Clarence Copeland. Pinckney is assigned to Superior Court Judge John Morse and Copeland is assigned to Recorder's Court Judge Claire Cornwell-Williams.

Lower left: Juvenile Court primary deputies Darlene Godbee, Newton Davis and Gina Ferreira. Godbee is assigned to Judge Patricia Stone. Davis is assigned to Chief Judge John Beam and Ferreira is assigned to Judge Leroy Burke.

Photos by: Diane Sasser and Sgt. Felicia Williams



CERT Now Certified

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) underwent some intense training in November. And their hard work really paid off.



The 22 men and three women on the team can now boast that they are the first POST certified CERT program in Georgia and one of the first in the country.

CERT Team Leader Sgt. Robert Brooks said, "I think it's a great accomplishment for the men and women in the CERT unit. They worked very hard, 40 hours in training and PT twice a day. I think we are setting the standard for the rest of the departments in the state."

Two instructors from North Carolina taught Chatham County's CERT how to better perform cell extractions and open area extractions. CCSO's CERT graduated from the training course Nov. 11.



Above: CERT members role played to learn how to better handle a riot situation in the jail.



Left: CERT graduated from the POST certified training Nov. 11, making them an elite squad.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin and Sgt. Felicia Williams

CCSO Explorer Post 876 Welcomes New Members

Twelve new young men and woman were recently selected in October to join Explorer Post 876, bringing the total number of Explorers to 18. The six girls and 12 boys represent almost every public and private school in Chatham County.

Right: Members of Explorer Post 876 were joined by their parents at the first full meeting of the 2011-2012 school year. The young men and women represent nearly all the public and private high schools in Chatham County.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin



The new members attended their first meeting at the CCSO training center on November 17 where they learned a thing or two about how to stand, how to address their superiors and what Post 876 has in store for them. They will attend meetings and training at

least twice a month, learning everything from how to conduct a felony traffic stop to cell extractions and how to respond to a bomb threat.

Captain Brian Counihan is on the Board of Advisors for Explorer Post 876. He said he is very excited about this group of Explorers. "We hope they will enjoy this experience, we want it to be fun. But this is also about building character and becoming future leaders in our community." The Explorers have hit the ground running when it comes to training. Post Advisor Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby said, "I am very excited about the new Explorers and the new advisors and trainers that have jumped in to assist us. I believe this is a great opportunity for this group of young men and women to not only learn about law enforcement but to learn about real life experiences." Several of the Explorers went on the trip to Georgia Sheriff's Association Boys' and Girls' Ranch in Hahira to deliver Christmas presents and they will be holding several fundraisers throughout the new year.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Left: Sheriff St Lawrence stands beside the hundreds of gifts purchased and wrapped for children living in the Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Homes. Above: WTOC's camera was rolling as the Sheriff wrapped a gift for one of the children.

Granting Christmas Wishes

For Decades Deputies Have Donated Gifts to Youth Home Children

For nearly a quarter of a century the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has seen to it that children living in Georgia Sheriff's Association Youth Home gets something special for Christmas.

Each year these children, many of whom have been neglected or abused by their families, make a wish list and send it to the CCSO. The Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Gretchen Derryberry and Admin. Assistants Stephanie King and Janell Belton checked their list twice to make sure the children received almost everything they wanted for Christmas.

This year the CCSO purchased presents for 35 children, most live at the Boys and Girls Ranch in Hahira, Ga.

On December 3, King, Belton, several deputies, CCSO employees and members of Explorer Post 876 boarded a bus to hand deliver the gifts to the children in Hahira.

It has been several years since Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub has been to the ranch and he said he's glad he went this year.

"It reminds me how fortunate we all are and I am glad we could come together

and do something for the kids," Eichenlaub said.

"It was wonderful and rewarding to see all the kids enjoy themselves," said Cpt. Brian Counihan.

This year the children asked for and received everything from jewelry, video games, dolls, clothing and even a guitar.

This was Belton's third year and she did a lot of the shopping to get ready for the trip. It's a lot of work but she says it's worth it. "It's exciting and fun. I have kids and I know how important it is for these kids to get what they asked for for Christmas. I love watching them open all their gifts."

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Members of the CCSO and Explorer Post 876 students posed with the children at the Boys and Girls Ranch at their annual Christmas party in Hahira, Ga.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin



Deputies Deliver for Thanksgiving

For nearly a decade the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the International Longshoremen's Association 1414 to help needy families for Thanksgiving.

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, deputies delivered bags full of food to 10 Chatham County families. The ILA donated a \$35 gift card for the turkey and collard greens. Deputies donated stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce and much more to make sure each family has a big Thanksgiving meal.

"It makes us all feel good to help these families during the holidays," said Sheriff Al St Lawrence. "In this economy there are many people who don't have a job and struggle to put food on the table. I am happy that this Thanksgiving these ten families won't have to worry about paying for a Thanksgiving meal--thanks to my deputies and staff and the ILA."

ILA 1414 President Willie Seymour watched as the deputies loaded up their cars. He has many close ties to the Sheriff's Office and he said he loves coming together with the CCSO at Thanksgiving.

Cpl. Don Hollinger was one of the deputies selected to hand deliver all the boxes and bags of food to the families in Chatham County. "I love it," he said. "We are all like one big extended family. There is no line where the Sheriff's Office ends and the community begins."

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Article and photos by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Cpl. D. Hollinger carried a box of food to his patrol car and delivered it to a family on Savannah's west side.

Left: Dep. L. Ellerbe, Chief Deputy R. Harris, Sheriff St Lawrence, Dep. Marshal Rawl and Cpl. D. Hollinger posed with all the meals delivered for Thanksgiving.

Welcome to Our Team!

Officer Christopher Edwards

Officer Paul Folsome

Officer Christopher May

Officer Nicholas Heintzman

Officer Andrew Hill

Officer Calvin Benjamin

Reserve Dep. Brian Kruch

Reserve Dep. Mitchell Minick



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Giving Goodies and Generating Good Will

On Halloween night the CCSO rolled through a dozen neighborhoods in Chat-ham County armed with Trick or Treat bags full of candy and other goodies.

This gave the deputies an opportunity to talk to the children, meet their parents and help keep the community safe.

"I think it was a huge success and I had a lot of fun," said Colonel John Wilcher.

Wilcher, his wife Dottie and Reserve Deputy Lt. Tom DeMaio drove through the Paradise Park neighborhood on Savannah's Southside.

Several deputies, corrections officers, the Sheriff, Wilcher and Major Tom Smoak participated in the Halloween Candy Pa-

trols.

Deputy Gwendolyn Young walked through Yamacraw Village with Deputy Octavious Anderson. "My main objective was to show the children that we are not here just to make arrests but to show them that we care," Young said. "We are also here to serve and protect them."

Several CCSO employees stuffed the Trick or Treat bags and helped get some of the goodies donated. Reserve Sgt. Wayne Vermuth's wife is a dentist at Marshpoint Dentistry and she donated toothbrushes. Sgt. Gregg Rhode's wife also donated some dental items. She is a dental hygienist at Morrison Dental Associates.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Deputy G. Young stopped to talk to a young boy in Yamacraw Village during the Halloween Candy Patrols. The deputies talked to the children, their parents and passed out candy. Corrections deputies and officers were paired with Enforcement deputies for the evening event.

Photo by: Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby



Top Left: Cpl. Ruth Brown and her partner for the evening Officer Bobby Jones were excited to pass out the bags of the candy. They patrolled the neighborhoods along 37th Street and Waters Avenue.

Top Right: Sheriff St Lawrence, Major T. Smoak, Deputy W. Blanton, Page Smoak, Reserve Deputy R. Dunlop and Chief Deputy Roy Harris passed out Halloween bags in the Battery Point neighborhood on Whitemarsh Island.

Deputy A. Cooley and Officer T. Hicks visited some colorful Trick or Treaters in the Berwick Lake subdivision.

Photos by Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby and Michelle Gavin



BIRTHDAYS AND EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 2011				1 Beverly Howell	2 Pamela Gordon	3 Benita Richards
4 Edwin Meeks Shania Gardner	5 Fannie Small Valerie Dickens	6 Blondell Lewis Terry King	7	8 Erin Vinson	9 Darrin Harvey	10 Ronald Harris
11	12 Jan Wells Lamiles Hill	13 Jason Waterfield	14 Keith Walker	15 Jerome Williams Martha Lucas Christopher Blount Arnold Tisdale Martha Rogers	16	17 Frederick Burke Major Williams
18 David Morgan	19	20 Alan Nevels	21 Michelle Gavin Jeffery Follette	22 Nicole Ferguson Tonya Jacques	23 Sharon Gibbs	24 Newton Davis Stephanie Stevens
25 Sherran Johnson Todd Desautels	26	27 Mark Eichenlaub	28 Rene Nethels Jerold Burgess	29 Jackie Drake Beverly Brown	30 James Baker Warren Blanton	31 Carl Quarterman Frank Smart
1 Nicole Walker Michelle Allen Andrew Hill Joan Joseph William Warren	2 Bernandine Joseph	3 Stephanie Parker	4 Marcia Wright Sean Baxter	5	6 Bryant Watson	7 Floyd Jackson Alfred White
8 Glen Williams	9 Christina Rowland	10 Harold Singleton	11 Chuck Willoughby George Walker	12 Daniel Scott Pamela Miller	13 Ayanna Cooley	14 Roland Gibbs, Jr. Cynthia Sampson Sean Baxter
15 Johnny Webb	16 Ricky Downey	17 Rhonda Edwards Shachet Jordan	18 Kenneth Meeks	19 Tara Montgomery	20 Lutricia Kelly-James Gabrielle Lewis	21 Patricia Gardner Gary Murphy
22	23 Mary Ann McCullough	24	25	26 Ernest Frazier	27 Brandan Kennedy	28 Cathie Griffin
29 Pat Barbee Julie Mitchell Debra Stokes	30 Rick Fisher Lena Woolford Charles Hunter	31	January 2012			

Who am I?

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



I am 5 years old in this photo. I am a native of Savannah. I have worked at the Sheriff's Office for 17 years. Believe it not I have never been fishing and I cannot swim. I have however been to the Mediterranean Sea, Greek Isles, Italy, and Spain. My favorite TV show is Law and Order and my favorite actor is Harrison Ford. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse is my favorite place to eat. Who am I?

I am one year old in this photograph. I was born and raised in Savannah. I enjoy playing all kinds of sports. My favorite place to eat is Sweet Potatoes. My most memorable vacation was to Ottawa, Canada and one day I hope to travel to Hawaii. My favorite movies are the Lord of the Rings trilogy. I have worked for the Sheriff's Office for six years. My favorite quote is, "With great power comes great responsibility". I am Who Am I?



I am only six weeks old in this picture. I too am a Savannah native. I love to read inspirational books by Joel Osteen and I genuinely love people and love to help people. My favorite movie is Salt with Angelina Jolie, but my favorite actor is Al Pacino. My favorite restaurant is Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. I have worked for the CCSO for more than 20 years. I am Who am I?

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Pvt. Naomi DeLoach
Lobby & Control



Gretchen Derryberry
Sheriff's Admin.



Sgt. Ted Glisson
Juvenile Court

Anniversaries

10 Years

Dep. Todd Young

5 Years

Daniel Sylvester

Cleome Meme

Desmond Bryant

Dep. Quinto Cato

Aaron Price

Jeffrey Follette

Employees of the Month

October

Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby (PIO)

Officer Gary Conyers (Unit 2)

George Walker (Court Security)

James Butler (Engineering)

November

Deputy David Wilcox (Court Services)

Cpl. Ricky Downey (Unit 2)

Michelle Gavin (Public Information Director)

Billy Lappin (Engineering)

WORDS OF WISDOM

"The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you."

—John Greenleaf Whittier



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In Other News....



Left: Reserve deputies Sgt. Wayne Wermuth, Walter Kent and Curt Lewis collected unwanted and unused prescription drugs at the Wal-Mart on Whitmarsh Island as part of the DEA's Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Oct. 29. The CCSO and other Chatham County agencies collected 431 pounds worth of pills and other prescription medication.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Right: Deputies Roger Browne, Warren Blanton and Reserve Deputy Rich Dunlop represented the Chatham County Sheriff's Office at the funeral of a Richmond County deputy who was shot and killed in the line the duty.

Photo by: Deputy Roger Browne



Left: Reserve Deputy Sgt. Wayne Wermuth read to a group of students at Haven Elementary School during their "Real Men Read" event in November. Chaplain Rev. Paul Little and Deputy Warren Blanton also read to a classes of children.

Photo courtesy of: Haven Elementary School



Bottom Left: The CCSO Honor Guard led the Sheriff's car down Montgomery Street and members of Explorer Post 876 followed close behind. This year the Explorers passed out American flags to folks who lined the street to watch.

Photo by: Sgt. Felicia Williams