

Chatham County Sheriff's Office

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News letter

SHERIFF CELEBRATES MILESTONE





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SHERIFF MILESTONE CONT..



Sheriff blows out his candles, Pat St Lawrence.
Chief Deputy Harris and Melinda Harris.
Col Counihan, Melissa Kohne and Maj Smith.

Sheriff St Lawrence celebrated a BIG milestone on July 12, 2014, he turned 80 years old. Sheriff St Lawrence was celebrated with a luncheon at the sheriff's office. County Commissioner Al Scott stopped by to pass along a birthday wish and help celebrate with the CCSO family.

Sheriff St Lawrence also had another big anniversary in March, he celebrated 55 years in law enforcement. Sheriff St Lawrence has been sheriff since 1992 and this is his last term.

He was the Chief Of Police for the Chatham County Police Department before his tenure as Sheriff. Sheriff St Lawrence is the only person in the State of Georgia to be named Chief of the Year and Sheriff of the Year.



CCSO GRADUATES FIRST CADETS FROM NEW PROGRAM

Sheriff Al St Lawrence swore in 12 new Correctional Officers who completed six-weeks of Basic Jail Officer Training in August. BJOT is a comprehensive training course that includes training in defensive tactics, emergency medical, inmate rights, as well as professionalism and ethics.

Three of the new deputies are from the initial Cadet Undergraduate Program. The program was started in 2014 in an effort to hire college students into the workforce.

The Mission of the Cadet Program is to provide college students a quality educational and leadership development program while creating qualified professional employees for the Chatham County Sheriff's office. Counselors from numerous colleges attended a lunch and learn April 29th. For more information about our Cadet Undergraduate Program go to <https://sheriff.chathamcounty.org/Careers/Cadet-Program>.



Photo by Wayne Wermuth

SOFTBALL FACE OFF

Chatham County Sheriff's Office supervisors squared off against staff members in a softball face-off. The event took place June 7th at Paulson Softball Complex. The event had plenty of competition, fun and food thanks to the Chatham County Employee Association.

This time Supervisors won the game but the staff will get a second shot at victory on November 1, when they will try it again. If you would like to be a participate, please contact Lt. Michael or Deputy Brown to sign up.



 **LINE STAFF VS SUPERVISORS**

NOVEMBER 1

10:00 A.M.
PAULSON SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Wanna play?
Contact
Lt. Carlos Michael 652-2708
Or Roger Browne 651-3771

Snacks and Refreshments provided by
Employee Association

SOFTBALL FACE-OFF



The Cook
Cpl. Harvey

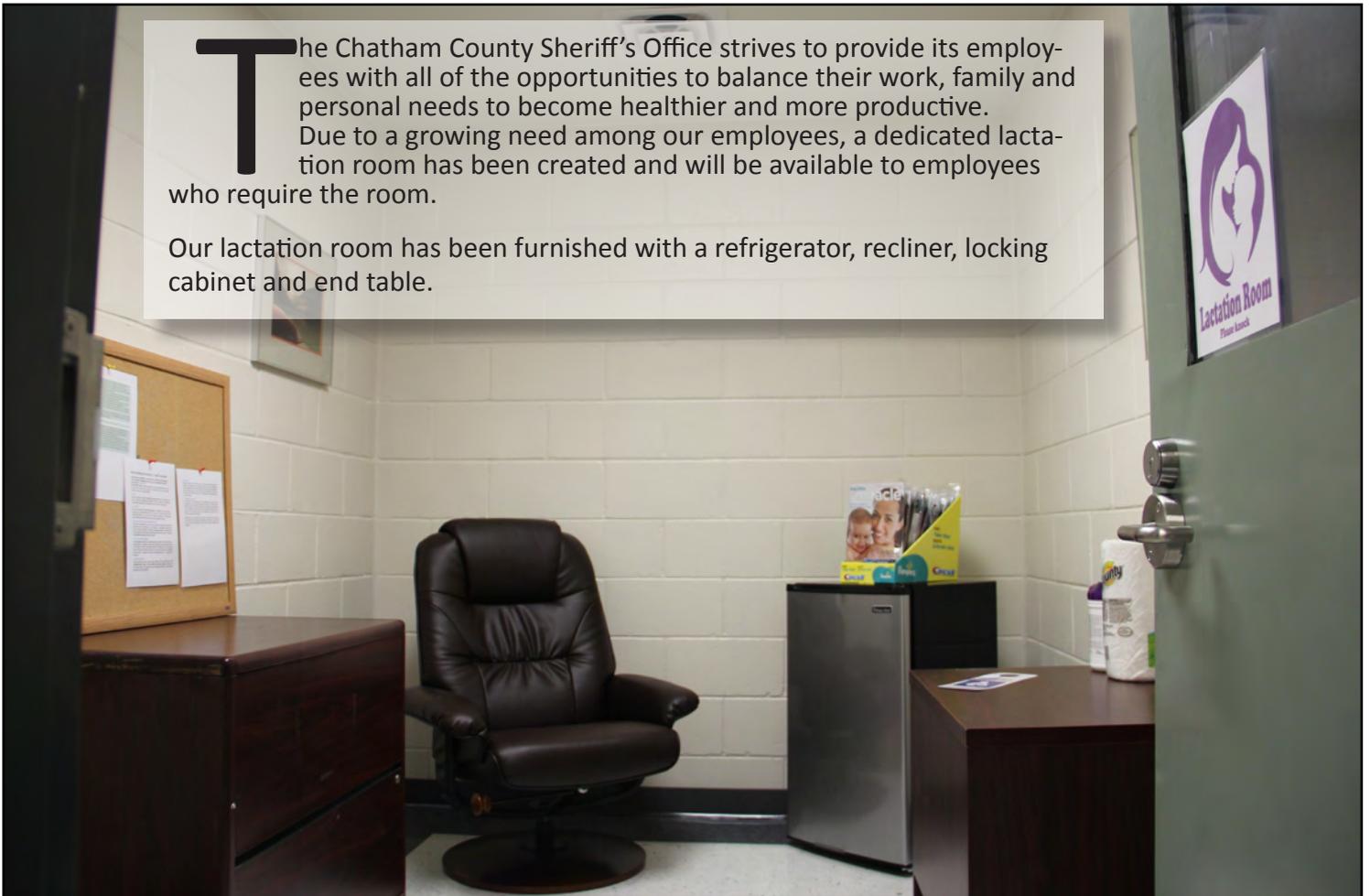




CCSO PROVIDES LACTATION ROOM

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office strives to provide its employees with all of the opportunities to balance their work, family and personal needs to become healthier and more productive. Due to a growing need among our employees, a dedicated lactation room has been created and will be available to employees who require the room.

Our lactation room has been furnished with a refrigerator, recliner, locking cabinet and end table.



St Joseph's Family Safety Night



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office participated with the St. Joseph's / Candler Family Safety Night at Candler Hospital on 6/6/14 in the Marsh Auditorium. The event was attended by hospital staff and their families. The Sheriff's Office provided safety tips while promoting health awareness by distributing Pencils & Junior Badges which support "Say No to Drugs". Deputies also handed out the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Student Safety Guide to attendees. This fantastic event provided a good opportunity to get safety topics out in a fun way.

Photo and article by Wayne Wermuth



SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

The Sk8 City Sirens (Coed- Jr Roller Derby Team) held an open enrolment and a school supply give-away on August 3. The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is works with the Sk8 City Sirens to help spread their "drug free" message by providing school supplies with that message on them.

The first 200 children into Sk8 City during the event received supplies. Patrick's Uniforms also be registered participants for a school uniform giveaway.

EXPLORERS HOST SUMMERFEST

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 876 participated in Summerfest 2014 which was held at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Training Center. On Friday July 18th, 2014, approximately 120 attendees from the southeast region enjoyed a reception dinner provided by the CCSO followed by competition events on Saturday July 19th, 2014. The seven competing agencies were; Chattanooga Police Department Explorers Post 2076, Covington Police Department Explorers Post 222, Rockdale County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 647, Rocky Mount Police Department Explorers Post 774, Union County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 790, Villa Rica Police Explorers Post 314 and the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 876.

Explorers Post 876 placed in five out of the six events they participated in. The results were as follows; 1st Place in Bomb Threat Response, 2nd Place in Cell Extraction, 2nd Place in Team Maze Competition, 2nd Place in Warrant Service, & 3rd Place Rapid Dress. Explorer Post 876 was founded at the CCSO in 1986 and is a law enforcement branch of the Boy Scouts of America. The explorers are between the ages of 14 and 20, and represent nearly every public and private high school in Chatham County.

Photos by Dep Wermuth





SUMMER TRIP FOR THE SHERIFF'S YOUTH RANCH





The Chatham County Sheriff's Office along with Explorer Post 876 teamed up to take 33 kids from the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes on the trip of a lifetime. Orlando was the destination, Sea-world and Aquatica our final stops.

Youth ranch kids, advisors, chaperone's and Explorer Post 876, attended this fun summer getaway.

The three day, two night trip was made possible through the Poker Run. Generous donations and lots of participation made the 2014 Chatham County Sheriff's Office Poker Run a huge success.

The donations from the poker run also fund Christmas presents for the kids living at the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home.

A big thanks to D.K.Patel and Southern Eagle Distributors for helping make this trip happen



A DAY IN THE LIFE..... *TRANSPORT*



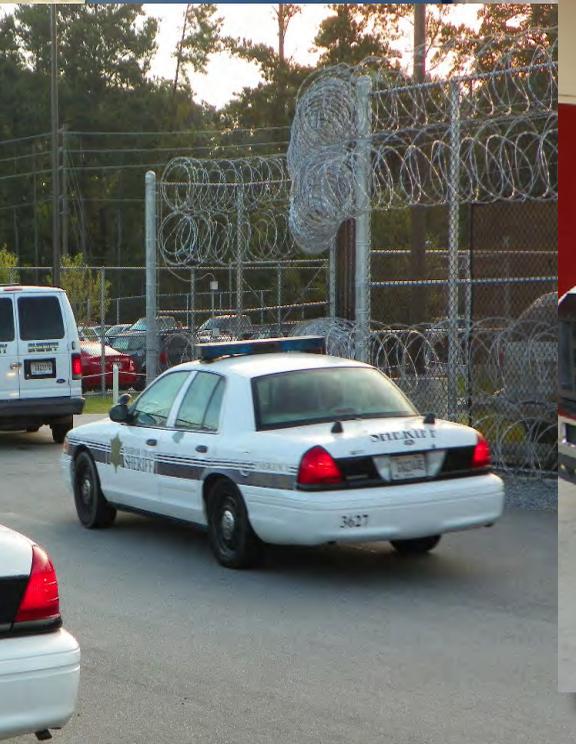
The unit is composed of ten deputies and twelve vehicles with a large scope of responsibility. The Transport Unit is responsible for shuttling inmates to and from state prison systems, other county jails, courts, hospitals, and mental health facilities. Transport officers are required to have completed specialized classes such as “Flying Armed” class in the event of a planned transport flight.

At times there may be travel to any prison or county jail within the United States.

Other duties include warrant pickups from other law enforcement facilities, warrant service on those pickups, approved funeral escorts, inmate medical appointments, assisting with Complex Video court, and assisting Booking.

Reserve and Part-time Deputies also assist with the Transport Unit.

Photo's and article by Dep. Wayne Wermuth



A DAY IN THE LIFE...PROGRAMS



Program Director Ms



The mission of the Programs Unit is to reduce recidivism by providing quality programs and services to the inmate population while promoting successful re-entry into society; consistently endorsing a culture that mentors and encourages mutual respect between staff and inmates, staff professionalism, career enhancement, positive morale and pride. The Inmate Programs includes Alcoholic Anonymous, Barbering Services, Chaplaincy, Computer Skills, GED, Addition Services, Health Issues, Inmate Worker Program, Law Library, Life Skills, Literacy, Operation New Hope, Substance Abuse, and Work Release.

The female inmates work with Peri Kyriascos, a Certified Addictions Counselor with HDH Addition Services. Her class is based on the book, "What's Right with You" by Barry Duncan Psy. D. During the class emphasis was made on providing a positive safe venue for discussing what is right with the inmate, while establishing opening discussions.

For the male inmates, April Jackson is the Male Substance Abuse Director with HDH, she indicated that the success stories make it all worth it. April Jackson has been in her position for eleven years & places great emphasis on inmates practicing daily journaling.

Latoya Glover and Kendra Crawford serve as Programs Coordinators. Latoya Glover handles kiosk inquiries when inmates make a request. In a manner of speaking the kiosks are what the inmates use as an email system for making the request. Inmate may seek Law request, Special Dietary needs, GED Classes, 28 Program, or even Chaplaincy hours. Department Interns Brittney Jones and Harold Taylor assist with the research on various inmate requests.

NO taxpayer money is used to pay for inmate programs or the Community Work Release Program. The programs are paid for by the inmates themselves through the Inmate Welfare Trust Account.



Left- Chaplin Matt Coleman teaches-
Below- Elizabeth Wilson, Chaplin Myra Mitchell, Ronald dunbar, Latoya Glover and Chaplin Shaun Marksburly

Ms Dorsey



Mrs Crawford



ANNIVERSARIES

June

20 Years- Clarence Copeland, Earnest frazier, Darrin Harvey, Andrew Staley, Craig Stansfield, Brian Lee, Denise Chisholm-Suggs **5 Years-** Tara Montgomery, James Lee, Cynthia Sampson, George Walker and Richard Hood

July

25 years- Ladonna Wright **10 Years-**Wanda Perry- Cotton

August

20 Years- Stephanie King **15 Years-** Christopher Blount, Michael Brown **10 Years-** Valerie Dickens, Jonathan Lustig **5 Years-** Norma Fabela, Natasha King-Hills, Shakeem Jefferson, John Simmons, Madeline Pinckney and Joyce Baker

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE MONTH

JUNE-OFFICER KACILYN BEAL

JULY- OFFICER ERIC VINSON

AUGUST- ANTONIO HODGES

CORRECTIONS CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH

JUNE- BETTY ROBINSON-LANG

JULY- KELLY FIELDS

AUGUST-ANGELA BROOKS

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MONTH

JUNE- CPL. BRIAN LEE

JULY- DEPUTY BRIAN UNDERWOOD

AUGUST-CPL. OCTAVIUS ANDERSON

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MONTH

JUNE- DANA MULVEHILL

JULY- JENNIFER PAYNE

AUGUST- LINDSAY ROUSE



Puma Retires

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office wants to recognize the retirement of K-9 Officer Cpl. Puma who is a 12 year old Belgian Tervuren Malinois and carried a Georgia State Narcotics Certification. Cpl. Puma served with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office from December of 2004 to her retirement on July 24th, 2014. She was partnered with Deputy Charlton Willoughby. Over her ten year career, she has conducted over 4200 searches for various local, state, and federal agencies, taking millions of dollars in drugs off the streets. Cpl. Puma has also assisted with many live and static demos for various school systems and civic groups throughout southeast Georgia.

She will truly be missed by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 - 10 a.m., Quarterly Awards Ceremony- AASU

September 26 -10-2 p.m., DEA Drug Take Back- participating CVS pharmacies

September 26 - 9 a.m., Cystic Fibrosis " Great Strides Walk"- Tom Triplett Park

September 30 - Oct 2 - 9 a.m., Teen Maze- National Guard Armoury

October 17 - 4-7 p.m., 2nd Annual CCSO Safety Expo, CCSO parking lot

October 31 - Trick or Treating candy give-away, 5-7 p.m., County wide

November - TBA - Thanksgiving bag give-aways

December - TBA - Wrapping party & trip to the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch

For more information about any of these events or if you have an upcoming event you would like featured in the Sherifric News contact gmbilbo@chathamcounty.org

...IN OTHER NEWS



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Employees from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office participated in the recent JCB Mud Run. Another mud run, The BIG NASTY is coming on September 20th, as well as the Great Southwalk on September 27th. Wanna get in touch? Contact gmbilbo@chathamcounty.org or wfermuth@chathamcounty.org



Chatham County Sheriff's Office

Safety Expo

& Bike Rodeo

Working together to keep our community safe.



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FUN



STATIC DISPLAYS

- * Meet the Sheriff and Command Staff
- * **Recruiters will be accepting application on site**
(Call 912-652-6669 or chathamcounty.org for more information)
- * Participate in Interactive displays
- * **Bike Rodeo with helmet giveaway (first 150 kids)**
- * CERT & SDRT demonstrations
- * CCSO Helicopter & Guardians of the Ribbon pink fire truck
- * Hotdogs, Chips, Popcorn and Drinks
- * Meet our K-9's & Honor Guard
- * Learn about Project Lifesaver & Operation New Hope
- * Face Painting by the Sk8 City Sirens
-AND MUCH MORE!!

Bike check station provided by Perry Rubber
bikes provided by Walmart



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Mud Run.
coming up
at Strides
et involved?
y.org or
y.org

Free and Open to the public.
Oct 17, 4-7 p.m., 1050 Carl Griffin Drive

A NOTE FROM THE SHERIFF...



In reviewing this month's issue of the Sheriff's News of all of the happenings this summer, it became very apparent that our kids stayed very busy. The Explorer Post 876 once again made us proud not only at the Summerfest competitions, but participating in our annual Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Home trip. Our Sk8 Sirens worked hard on the school supply give away and helping to spread our drug free message. While they are not kids, our young adult college students seeking a career in law enforcement, just graduated from the cadet program as correctional officers.

While I'm very proud of all of the accomplishments made by our kids and young adults, I'm equally proud of my staff that have given up weekends, nights and days off to work on and ensure the success of these programs and charities. I can say that I appreciate each of you and that you are truly making a difference in someone's life.

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