



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

August 2008

From The Sheriff's Desk

Back-To-School

The middle of August is the time when students return to school for the 2008-09 school year. I can imagine that at the beginning of a school year, parents begin to breath a sigh of relief that summer is over, in addition to knowing their children will be under constant adult supervision while in school. This is true to a certain extent, but there are still times a child could face unexpected dangers.

As students head back to school this year, the biggest test they may face may not be in the classroom but on the journey to and from school. Now is the time when parents need to begin talking to their children about safety, whether they are walking, riding a school bus, riding a bike, riding with friends, or driving to school. Also, be aware of where your children are before and after school, because these are the times, for some parents, that your children will not be under constant adult supervision.

This time of year also calls on us, as motorists, to use extra caution throughout the county at school bus stops and especially around schools. If you travel throughout these areas, please use extra caution and keep in mind the following recommendations:

- Allow extra travel time.
- Slow down and be patient.
- Drive defensively.
- Watch for children.
- Obey all traffic laws and traffic control officers.

We, as your law enforcement agency, are also preparing for the new school year. It is the priority of the Georgetown County



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

Sheriff's Office to ensure safety for parents and children going to and from school.

Every year, for the first week, deputies are assigned to the schools for the purpose of directing traffic before and after school. This will assist the parents dropping off and picking up children, because for the first week or so there seems to be confusion about entrances, drop-off points, and exits at the schools. This especially occurs with parents who have children starting at a particular school for the first time. This is understandable, but with school officials and our agency working together, we will strive to minimize and/or eliminate the confusion.

Another way we strive to ensure the safety for parents and students who drive to school is through a campaign we started in 2005. It's called the Zero Tolerance in School Zones. This campaign occurs throughout the entire school year but especially the first week or so of school. Deputies will be assigned to the school zones, strictly enforcing traffic laws. This campaign was started because of the numerous complaints we received about speeding and careless driving through the school zones during the school year. It is our duty and our obligation to ensure the safety of everyone.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to exercise caution, always, but especially during the school year. With folks doing their part, we can prevent any unexpected dangers. Our children today are our future tomorrow. Thank you.

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!

Sheriff Announces Promotions

Lieutenant Bill Pierce was promoted to the rank of Captain of Enforcement by Sheriff Lane Cribb on July 16, 2008. In this new capacity, among other things, Captain Pierce will oversee the Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.), the Uniform Patrol Division, the Organized Crime Bureau, Courthouse Security, the Warrants Division, Civil Process, and Community Services.



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb and Captain Bill Pierce

Captain Pierce began with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy in August 1990. In July 1992, he was hired as a Deputy Sheriff and was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. After five years on patrol, he was assigned to the C.I.D. to cover the Waccamaw Neck area and Pawleys Island. In September 2002, Captain Pierce attended the Basic Polygraph School in Atlanta, Georgia, where he spent ten weeks in residency training. Afterwards, he spent a year as a polygraph examiner interning with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, doing polygraphs all across the state. In October 2003, Captain Pierce was promoted to Lieutenant with the C.I.D., in addition to continuing his duties as a polygraph examiner with the sheriff's office.



Lieutenant George Smith

Investigator George Smith was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the Criminal Investigations Division by Sheriff Lane Cribb on July 16, 2008. Lieutenant Smith became a deputy with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office in June 1990 and before his promotion to Lieutenant, he was a Senior Investigator with the Violent Crimes Unit of the C.I.D.

Lieutenant Smith has completed over 800 hours of advanced training and is a court-certified expert witness in Crime Scene Investigations. In his 18 years of experience, he has processed over 1000 crime scenes. Lieutenant Smith is an accredited instructor through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and has been a guest instructor for the South Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, as well as for the South Carolina Chief's of Police.

In this new capacity, Lieutenant Smith will be directly responsible for the Criminal Investigations Division, the Organized Crime Bureau, Victim Services, as well as the accreditation process for the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Amy Glover was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the Uniform Patrol Division by Sheriff Lane Cribb on July 16, 2008. Lieutenant Glover began with the sheriff's office in March 1997 after being a Reserve Deputy since early 1992. She graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in June 1997.



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb and Lieutenant Amy Glover

Upon graduation from the academy, Lieutenant Glover began working in the Patrol Division, where she also served with the Marine Patrol Unit, the Bloodhound Tracking Team, as well as with the SWAT Team. She was promoted to Corporal of the Patrol Division in 1999 and to Sergeant in December 2003.

Lieutenant Glover had this to say about her recent promotion: "I have always been in the Patrol Division, where the heartbeat of the sheriff's office actually is. Patrol Division has a life all its own. Where else can you blend all the different personalities, views, and visions of so many people from so many different backgrounds into one goal-oriented machine? You just have to love it!"

Deputy Chuck Weaver was promoted to Corporal by Sheriff Lane Cribb on July 16, 2008. He will be second-in-command with Community Services. This includes overseeing Marine Patrol, Beach Patrol, Side Scan Sonar, Dive Team, Evidence, Animal Control, Environmental Services, as well as Search & Rescue.



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb and Corporal Chuck Weaver

Corporal Weaver began with the sheriff's office in 2003 as a deputy within the Uniform Patrol Division. While working in Patrol, he also worked part-time with Marine Patrol and with the I.C.E. (Intensified Criminal Enforcement) Team. Later, Corporal Weaver worked full-time with Marine Patrol, the Dive Team, as well as being a custodian over the Evidence Department.

NEED A DEPUTY?
IN AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS DIAL 9-1-1
 For non-emergencies, Monday through Friday, 8:30am until 5:00pm, call 546-5102. Nights & Weekends, call 546-5101.

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Challenge Coin Recipients

On June 25, 2008, Sheriff A. Lane Cribb presented Corporal Chuck Weaver, Deputy John Magann, Corporal Robert Patterson, Sergeant Neil Johnson, Investigator Jennifer Flowers, Corporal Jared Bardon, and Deputy John Seale, all with the sheriff's office, as well as Lana Jacobs, Melissa Bone, and Sergeant Joanne Clarey, with the Emergency Communications Center, a Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Challenge Coin. The coins were presented to the recipients after receiving letters of recommendation from their supervisors.

On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, Corporal Weaver and Deputy Magann assisted Horry County officers in Garden City with a suicidal subject who was involved in a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit ended at the Garden City Pier where the subject proceeded to enter the ocean. At that point, two Horry County officers went into the water after the subject. Our dispatchers were notified to check and see if we had a boat to assist. Corporal Weaver and Deputy Magann responded within minutes and arrived approximately 1.5 miles offshore. The combative subject refused to get into the boat, so Corporal Weaver and Deputy Magann physically removed the subject from the water and detained him. The Horry County officers were helped into the boat, as well, and all parties were taken to the Murrells Inlet boat landing. Corporal Weaver and Deputy Magann's quick response arriving at the scene and their ability to use the boat to corner the subject and get him out of the water not only saved the subject's life but also ensured the safety of the Horry County officers.



**Sheriff A. Lane Cribb with
Corporal Chuck Weaver and
Deputy John Magann**

We want to commend Corporal Robert Patterson on all the hard work he has done and is doing for the sheriff's office, as well as for the citizens of Georgetown County. The sheriff's office constantly receives calls and letters from school officials and other community leaders on what an excellent job he has done—whether it's making a presentation at a school, talking with a church group, or any other function that may arise, many times at the last minute. Corporal Patterson works many weekends and can always be counted on to handle any assignment or event with



**Sheriff A. Lane Cribb and
Corporal Robert Patterson**

pride and enthusiasm. He represents the sheriff's office in a positive and professional manner and is a vital asset and role model for the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, as well as for the citizens of Georgetown County.

In January 2006, Sheriff Cribb formed the Intensified Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) Team, whose sole purpose was to saturate any particular area of Georgetown County that may have a higher than normal crime rate.



The I.C.E. Team
**Investigator Jennifer Flowers, Corporal
Chuck Weaver, Deputy John Seale,
Corporal Jared Bardon, and
Sergeant Neil Johnson**

The team was activated when the sheriff's office received numerous complaints from citizens concerning criminal activity in their neighborhood. Among other things, the responsibilities of the team were to concentrate on suspicious drug activity, individuals loitering in the streets, high-priority warrant service, school fights, gang activity, and any other kind of criminal activity that may have been an on-going problem.

Unfortunately, the I.C.E. Team dissolved in August 2007 when the team members were assigned back to the Uniform Patrol Division because of an increase in calls-for-service and a shortage of officers. While on the I.C.E. Team, each member had enthusiasm, commitment, and loyalty not only to the sheriff's office but to the citizens of Georgetown County, as well. Unknown to many, these individuals did more than traffic enforcement throughout the county. They took on challenges from all divisions of the sheriff's office in addition to their own everyday responsibilities. They set a good example for a specialized unit and, for that, they should be proud.

On April 18, 2008, at approximately 10:05pm, Central Communications received a call from a hysterical person, stating that her brother had been stabbed. Immediately, the Sheriff's Office, EMS, and the Fire Department were dispatched to the scene. It was an intense few minutes as communication officers obtained critical information from a distraught caller. Information was obtained that the subject was across the street from the victim.

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**Sheriff A. Lane Cribb with
Lana Jacobs, Melissa Bone, and
Sergeant Joanne Clarey**

Law Enforcement arrived on-scene and the subject confronted the responding officers, and the incident escalated into the use of deadly force.

The Communications officers followed protocol and acted professionally in responding to the incident. Lana Jacobs was the supervisor on-shift and, at the time, was training Melissa Bone, who took the original call. Sergeant Clarey, who is a part-time communications officer, was dispatching on the sheriff's office radio. The communications staff worked as a team in a critical situation to get the job done.

violence, where children may be traumatized and need to be comforted. The teddy bears are used as a way to "break the ice" between officer and child, so that the officer can begin to calm the child and possibly alleviate fears and concerns the child may have.

"We really appreciate them doing this. The bears will be put to good use," Cribb said.

The teddy bears were dedicated on June 29, 2008, during Sunday morning worship service, that they may be a blessing to a child.

Warrants Officer Retires

On July 25, 2008, Deputy George Mapp retired from the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office after 10 years of service.

Deputy Mapp worked in the Warrants Division during his tenure, as well as assisted with extraditions, evidence, and provided security for the Court System, especially Family Court.

One of his biggest responsibilities to the sheriff's office, however, was to provide background investigations for new hires. As a matter-of-fact, in his retirement, Deputy Mapp will continue to give of his time to the sheriff's office by assisting in doing background checks.



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb and Deputy George Mapp

We sincerely appreciate and are grateful to Deputy Mapp for all he has done for the sheriff's office. We will miss him but do wish him all the best!

Ladies Circle of Screven Baptist Church Donates Teddy Bears to Law Enforcement Officers

Ladies Circle of Screven Baptist Church donated 226 handcrafted teddy bears to law enforcement officers in the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, the



Ladies Circle of Screven Baptist Church

Georgetown Police Department, as well as to the Georgetown County Coroner. The bears, which took 2-3 months to make, are given to comfort children who may be involved in stressful situations when officers respond to a call. Sheriff Lane Cribb said the officers often respond to situations, such as domestic

Happy Birthday to these Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, and Central Communications Employees!!!

August 2008

<i>Eve Eggiman</i>	<i>Dustin Morris</i>
<i>Sheriff Cribb</i>	<i>Bert Powell</i>
<i>Diane Dozier</i>	<i>Donna Sherrill</i>
<i>Jeffrey Drayton</i>	<i>Michael Thacker</i>
<i>Lorna Forest</i>	<i>Lloyd McCrea</i>
<i>James Heyward</i>	<i>Jessica Miton</i>
<i>Riva Jordan</i>	<i>Kelly Pait</i>
<i>Dundiedra Anderson</i>	

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY

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June 2008 Monthly Report

Calls for Service	3,439
Reported Incidents	634
CDV Incidents	42
Warrants Received	270
Warrants Recalled	67
Warrants Served	213

Reportable Incidents		
Murder	0	Burglary 34
Forcible Rape	5	Larceny 121
Robbery	0	Motor Vehicle Theft 06
Assaults	13	Total 179

*Reportable Incidents are sent to the National Incident Based Reporting System.