



# Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

December 2007

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!*

## *From The Sheriff's Desk*



Sheriff Lane Cribb

### **Holiday Tips**

The holidays bring cheer, hope and joy. But, unfortunately, it's a time when crime could become more prevalent.

We offer these holiday safety tips to help make your holiday season safe and enjoyable. Please take time to read these tips and share them with your family and friends.

#### **If you're shopping:**

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or on a counter while you pay for your purchases. When using public restrooms, use extreme caution, try to avoid putting your purse on hooks or door handles.
- Never carry large amounts of money. Whenever possible, use credit cards or checks instead of cash.
- Park in a well-lighted space and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- When returning to your auto or home, have your keys in your hand, ready to open the door. The few seconds you save may keep you from becoming a crime victim.
- Before entering your vehicle, carefully check the front and rear seats and floors for anyone who may be hid-

ing inside. Lock your doors immediately after entering the vehicle.

- Try to shop with friends or relatives.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

#### **If a stranger comes to the door, beware:**

- It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied with their response, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know.

#### **Secure your car:**

- Cars can be easy targets for criminals. Park your car as close to your destination as possible and in a well-lighted area.
- When you do your shopping, if you take packages to the car but plan to return to the store or mall, drive your car to a new location within the parking lot. Criminals can be on the lookout for unsuspecting shoppers who simply drop their purchases into the trunk and then return to keep shopping.

#### **If you're out for the evening:**

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

#### **If you're traveling:**

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in your driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

**Captain Attends FBI Carolina Command College**

After being away for a week in Raleigh, NC, on November 9, 2007 Captain Harvey Knox graduated from the 10<sup>th</sup> session of a one week seminar called Carolina Command College. The seminar is provided by the Columbia, SC Division of the FBI and is molded after the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminars (LEEDS) held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



**Captain Harvey Knox**

LEEDS is a two week FBI executive training program designed for municipal, state, and federal leaders of law enforcement agencies having between 50 and 500 personnel. LEEDS was developed by the management science and leadership unit at Quantico in conjunction with faculty from the University of Virginia in 1980.

The Carolina Command College was established to provide law enforcement executives and top management personnel with information pertaining to recent developments and emerging issues in areas which influence law enforcement policies and practices. The goal of the college is to assist law enforcement executives and managers in preparing for challenges that will confront their agencies in the future.

Captain Knox attended the session along with 46 other men and women from other law enforcement agencies in North Carolina and South Carolina. He was selected by a committee consisting of representatives from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and the FBI. Captain Knox said, "This is the best training I have received since I began my law enforcement career and one of the greatest benefits was being able to make several contacts with members from other agencies because of the vast range of different levels of experience."

The session consisted of instruction on the following topics: National & Regional Emerging Gang Trends, Gang Task Force Investigations, Criminal Procedure Update, Domestic Terrorism, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and Interaction with State & Local Law Enforcement, Islamic Culture Awareness, Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted, Motivation & Personal Leadership, Team Building, Law Enforcement Media Relations, and Situational Leadership.

Sheriff Lane Cribb said, "I feel that continuing education is a critical component in providing public safety to the citizens of Georgetown County. Everyday we face changes and if my staff and I had an unwillingness to learn, we will not be prepared for these changes. I commend Captain Knox for willingness to continue his education and his outstanding service to the sheriff's office and Georgetown County."

**Happy Birthday to the Following Sheriff's Office, Detention Center and Central Communications Employees!!!**

**December 2007**



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| <i>Arnold Parson</i>     | <i>Marie Thomas</i> |
| <i>Adrian Dunmore</i>    | <i>Jesus Garcia</i> |
| <i>Chuck Weaver</i>      | <i>Martin Grice</i> |
| <i>Darryl Washington</i> | <i>Bill Toomer</i>  |



**Sheriff's Sleigh Donation**

After a busy Saturday morning of serving 126 local residents breakfast, The Tradition in Litchfield donated \$625.00 to Sheriff Lane Cribb and Sgt. James Heyward on November 13, 2007 for the Sheriff's Sleigh.

The idea came about when Dick Culver, a Tradition resident, wanted to do something for the less fortunate children in Georgetown County. With help from his wife and other Tradition members, he organized the pancake breakfast at the Tradition Residents' Clubhouse on November 3, 2007. The \$5.00 meal included pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The Litchfield Piggly Wiggly and club members donated the food and utensils.



**Pictured left to right: Bill Renault, Dr. Ron Eaglin, Sgt. James Heyward, Sheriff Lane Cribb, and Dick Culver.**

**October 2007 Monthly Report**

Calls for Service	2,695
Reported Incidents	535
CDV Incidents	38
Warrants Received	440
Warrants Recalled	127
Warrants Served	162

<b>Reportable Incidents</b>			
Murder	1	Burglary	26
Forcible Rape	1	Larceny	100
Robbery	3	Motor Vehicle Theft	13
Agg. Assaults	17	<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>

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





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*Season's Greetings from Sheriff Lane Cribb & Staff*