



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

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From The Sheriff's Desk



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

The Path of an Officer

Many law enforcement officers had a childhood goal of becoming that police officer he/she once new or had some positive encounter with. When they reach the point in their life and actually get the job, they begin learning the whole story of a law enforcement officer in a short period of time. This is when they begin making career decisions.

The first decision is, do I really want to be that police officer I knew during childhood? When beginning in this line of work, the first positive thought is the job will be fun and exciting. This is true, they get the gun, badge, vehicle and begin working to make the citizens feel safe. There is nothing better than being able to ride around in the patrol car, in uniform with the freedom of someone not looking over their shoulder at all times. Along with this, they begin to learn the not so exciting side of the job such as: deaths, paperwork, court, having to work on their day off, being a counselor in dealing with individuals', they don't even know, life problems, etc..

When they have realized this is their job and what they have to deal with, some officers begin to analyze if they have made the right career decision. Some decide to continue with the goal of having a successful career and some choose to resign. It takes a special gift to work 25 years in law enforcement. An officer does not choose this line of work for the opportunity of becoming wealthy, it is for the love of the job and having the power to protect and serve the people.

Once they have come to the final decision of making a career

in law enforcement, some begin exploring different jobs within the agency and some do not but both have the goal of becoming a supervisor. The chance to make a difference with uprising officers and within the agency. Officers with this goal begin to change their work habits or already have them set. They want to become a supervisor so they must strive to be the best of all their colleagues. They come to work on time, have a good attitude and motivate others, respond to assignments and calls for service promptly, complete the work with detail and continue giving that little extra effort. They are heading down the right road and their supervisors are smiling upon them. These are the kind of officers a law enforcement agency needs. Officers with these positive work habits makes a supervisor's job easy and in addition, it is recognized by the public.

Next comes the posting for a supervisor opening. The opportunity they have been working for has come. In addition to the positive work habits, they begin studying and preparing for the supervisor's test and interview board. Once the testing and interview board is over, then the short waiting period begins to see who will be the next supervisor. When the name of the new supervisor is announced, the real test begins, the power and responsibility that goes along with the job.

The new supervisor has achieved what he/she has always wanted, a chance to make a difference. This individual has been given the chance and they begin questioning themselves, what do I do first and how do I become a good supervisor?

This article will continue next few months with some of the responsibilities an officer will face when becoming a supervisor.

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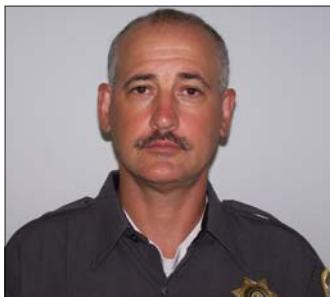
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Deputy Returns from Active Duty

After being on active duty for approximately 9 months with the United States Navy in Kuwait, Deputy Russell Goodale returned his normal duties at the sheriff's office on June 20, 2007.

Dep. Goodale said, "Its good to be back, 9 months is a long time to be away from family and friends who I truly missed."

Dep. Goodale left the sheriff's office in August of last year after being called on by the US Navy for deployment to Kuwait. Before leaving the sheriff's office, he was assigned to the Patrol Division where he served approximately one year in addition to being a member of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team.



Deputy Russell Goodale

Sheriff Cribb said, "I always hate to lose a good officer but I am proud of Russell's commitment to serve his country in addition to the citizens of Georgetown County. I am glad he was able to return unharmed and return with the willingness to join us again because he was missed."

Certificate of Recognition

The Georgetown Rotary Club presented a Certificate of Recognition to Investigator Alan Jackson and Telecommunicator Joseph Williamson at a Rotary luncheon on July 19, 2007.

The award was presented to Inv. Jackson for receiving "Deputy of the Year" award in 2006 at the GCSO's Awards Banquet. Williamson's award was presented to him for receiving "Telecommunicator of the Year" award on April 13, 2007 during Telecommunicators' Week.

Both employees received these awards after being selected by their colleagues for their outstanding job performance.

The Georgetown Rotary Club holds this event each year to recognize employees from different emergency service agencies throughout Georgetown County.



Inv. Jackson & Sheriff Cribb



Telecommunicator Joseph Williamson & Sheriff Cribb

Congratulations to Academy Graduates

Deputy Eden Castillo graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA), in Columbia, SC, on February 2, 2007 and Deputy William Baxley graduated on June 15, 2007 after completing nine weeks of training.

Dep. Castillo joined the sheriff's office in September of 2006 where she received training until she began training at the SCCJA in November of 2006. Dep. Castillo came to the sheriff's office after serving approximately 10 years with the United States Air Force. She is currently with the Army National Guard in addition to her duties as a sheriff's deputy.



Deputy Eden Castillo

Dep. Baxley joined the sheriff's office in January of this year and he also received training until he started at the SCCJA on April 15, 2007. Dep. Baxley is a native of the Pleasant Hill Community of Georgetown County.



Deputy William Baxley

The nine weeks of required law enforcement training included classroom instruction and practical exercises. While their training at the academy has been completed, they will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division where they will receive an additional nine weeks of training from a GCSO Field Training Officer (FTO).

Dep. Castillo has completed her nine weeks of FTO training and Dep. Baxley is currently in the program. Both will continue to work in the Uniform Patrol Division as Patrol Deputies.

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

July 2007



- Lamond Oliver*
- Mike Lewis*
- Dale Walters*
- Chris Geno*
- Jared Bardon*
- Allen Hutchinson*
- Jodell Bridges*

- Cynthia Frasier*
- Mike Schwartz*
- Matthew Hoffer*
- Mary Hewitt*
- Veronica Gibbs*
- Reggie Grant*

