



# Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

June 2007

## *From The Sheriff's Desk*

### **2007 Hurricane Season Is Here, Are You Ready?**

The 2007 Hurricane Season is predicted to be a busy one. This year the sheriff's office has been preparing to ensure our plans and procedures involving response, evacuation, and recovery are efficient and effective. Already this year our agency has been attending meetings with other agencies, reviewing our hurricane preparations and will be conducting exercises.

On June 4, 2007, the sheriff's office will conduct a table top drill which consisted of a hurricane scenario. This will give us an opportunity to test our plans and procedures to ensure their proficiency.

During these preparations and in the event a hurricane does strike, the sheriff's office primary responsibility is to alert residents of an evacuation, assist the SC Highway Patrol with traffic control, protect life and property, provide security at evacuation shelters, and provide security and assistance to the recovery effort after a storm.

This year, our agency attended a meeting in February that included the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center, SC Highway Patrol, SC Emergency Management Division, SC Department of Transportation, and other local law enforcement agencies. We discussed evacuation routes, traffic control locations at several intersections and shelters. During the meeting all agencies have an opportunity to discuss the plans and make changes to ensure everyone will have a safe evacuation.

This year's evacuation routes that have been established for



**Sheriff A. Lane Cribb**

Georgetown County are the same as last year. South on US 17 from the Waccamaw Neck to Georgetown. From Georgetown, traffic will move west inland on the following roads; SC 521 through Andrews to Manning and US 701 to SC 51 to Johnsonville and north to SC 378.

This year there will be two shelters, Pleasant Hill Elementary School and Andrews Primary School. If you choose to stay at a shelter, the sheriff's office will provide security.

As you can see our agency is planning and preparing for the 2007 Hurricane Season. I urge all residents to prepare in advance as well. If you have a plan to evacuate your family, review the plan to ensure that all family members will know what to expect. If your family does not have a plan, I have included a few tips:

- Determine the evacuation route you will take.
- A location of where you will stay.
- Names of family members or friends you can notify as to when you will be leaving and where you will be staying.
- Where will your pet(s) ride out the storm? If you plan to stay in a motel, ensure that they will allow pets. Shelters do not allow pets so be sure they are in a safe location.
- Prepare a Hurricane Kit with needed items.

Even though the 2006 Hurricane Season was a calm hurricane season, we need to continue to prepare for the worst and hope for the best in 2007.

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**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!**

### 2nd Annual Red Ribbon Parade & KidsFest

This years Red Ribbon Parade and KidsFest began Saturday morning, May 12, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. with a Red Ribbon Parade that began on Front Street at Broad Street and concluded at East Bay Park where the KidsFest activities were held. Cincinnati Bengals Robert Geathers, Jr. was the Grand Marshal for this years parade and the guest speaker at KidsFest. He gave the kids a motovational speech about the importance of their education.

The KidsFest activities, food, and drinks were provided free to all participants. The activities included SCDNR's Take One Make One Outdoor Heritage Trailer, Safari Bob's Animobots Jungle Rides, a Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Climbing Wall, Bike Safety, Karaoke Music, Tennis Jamboree, Face Painting, Balloon Sculptures, Giant Inflatables, Car Seat Safety, Fire Truck Rides, The Elks Drunk Car, and more.

Last year there were approximately 2,500 youth and adults that attended the Red Ribbon Parade and KidsFest, this year there were more than 3000. During the KidsFest activities, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, along with other volunteers served approximately 3500 hotdogs and hamburgers and approximately 2300 bottles of water.

Our appreciation goes out to all the volunteers and sponsors that helped make this year's event possible.



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

**June 2007**



*John Gregory  
Philip White  
Karen Elder  
Harvey Knox  
John Seale*

*Joyce Phillips  
Jamie Harrelson  
Cheryl Dozier  
Alan Jackson*



### 2007 Bike Week

The 2007 Harley Davidson Bike Week was a safe and crime free week for Georgetown County. We are proud to announce that there were no motorcycles stolen, no traffic fatalities, and no motorcycle related noise complaints.

On the other hand, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputies issued a total of 77 traffic violations. These violations included speeding, drivers and vehicle license violations, failure to yield, open container, and failure to stop for a blue light.

For seven years, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office has been providing a rest area and hot meals to law enforcement, EMS personnel, and fire-fighters. This year, we set up at the Murrells Inlet Sheriff's Office and had a good turn out.



**Pictured above are the cooks. (left to right): Capt. Wayne Owens, Dep. Jamie Harrelson, Thurmond Kinley, Dep. Philip White, Reserve Dep. Gerald Owens.**

Cpl. Robert Patterson collected the money, food, and supplies that were provided by area businesses in Georgetown County. Our hats off to these businesses that support public safety.

### Sheriff's Office Marine Unit

For the second year, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit went to full-time status on Memorial Day weekend. This was continued from last year due to the increased amount of boaters in our rivers every year. The unit's mission is to ensure the public is utilizing Georgetown County's natural resources in a responsible manner.

The unit's responsibility is to patrol Georgetown County's rivers by boat to ensure everyone is safe by enforcing state laws and county ordinances pertaining to the rivers. While patrolling the rivers, they will be conducting vessel safety inspections, check individuals they may suspect are boating under the influence, swimmers swimming within 50 feet of a boat landings, and any kind of unsafe watercraft operation.

When inspecting a vessel, they will look for safety measures such as life jackets, a whistle or horn, and a Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher, for the vessels that are required to have them. They also conduct courtesy vessel safety inspections at the boat landings prior to a boater launching their vessel.

The Marine Unit will run full-time through Labor Day. After Labor Day the unit will still be active but only part-time.