



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

March 2008

From The Sheriff's Desk

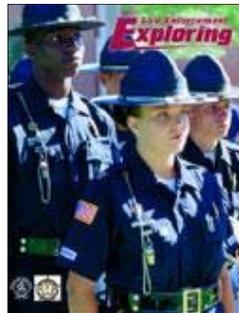
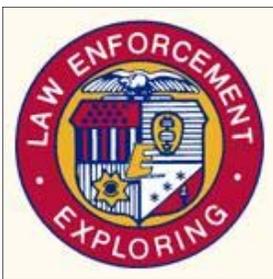
Law Enforcement Exploring Post 333



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

At the beginning of February, I entered into an agreement with the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of opening a law enforcement exploring post within the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

Exploring Post 333, as it is officially known, will serve the youth of Georgetown County by following the Explorer Motto, "Our best today for a better tomorrow".



Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women age 14 thru 20 years old and have completed the 8th grade.

Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the



growth and development of adolescent youth. Those that choose to participate will also be issued an official uniform.

Interest surveys were handed out to students on February 5, 2008. On the surveys it explains the age and school grade requirements, what is exploring, and informs the students that ones involved will learn about careers in law enforcement, police procedures, and how the criminal justice system works. It also explains the five areas of emphasis: Career Opportunities, service Learning, Leadership Experience, Life Skills, and character Education.

Those who showed interest will be invited, along with their parents, to an open house at the sheriff's office. The explorer open house will provide the student with the commitment and expectations associated with Explorer Post 333.

I feel this program will encourage the development of the whole person by placing emphasis on citizenship, leadership, and character education.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY DUI ARRESTS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2008

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!

Sheriff Announces Promotion and Transfer

Sheriff Lane Cribb promoted Deputy Jared Bardon to the rank of Corporal in the Uniform Patrol Division on February 21, 2008. Corporal Bardon began with the sheriff's office on December 30, 2005 after serving over a year and a half with Liberty Police Department. He was hired in Liberty in May 2004 and as a patrol officer after graduating from Clemson University with a Bachelors in Management.



Corporal Jared Bardon

When Corporal Bardon was hired with the sheriff's office, he was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division until January 2007 when he was transferred to the ICE Team (Intensified Criminal Enforcement).

Corporal Bardon is a native of Georgetown County and has always had a love for public service. Since he was 17-years-old, he started in public service with the Georgetown County Fire Department and currently serves as a part-time firefighter.

In his new capacity, Corporal Bardon will be second in command of his assigned shift. He will be responsible for assisting the shift Sergeant in all field operations which take place during his shift, supervising assigned subordinates, delegating assignments, evaluating and approving reports, and any other issues that may arise during the day to day operations of his shift.

Corporal Jennifer Flowers was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division February 5, 2008. Due to a recent opening, she was transferred because of her experience she has gained since she began her law enforcement career at the sheriff's office in October 1999.



Investigator Jennifer Flowers

When Investigator Flowers graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy she was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division where she was promoted to corporal in 2001. In 2003 she was assigned to the Organized Crime Bureau (OCB). In January of 2006, when Sheriff Cribb formed the ICE Team (Intensified Criminal Enforcement), Investigator Flowers was transferred to hold second in command of the unit. In July of 2007, she was assigned back to the Uniform Patrol Division until her recent transfer. In addition to her normal duties, Investigator Flowers is also a member of the Bloodhound Team.

In her new capacity, Investigator Flowers will be responsible for employing thorough and timely investigative techniques in

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order to ensure an efficient and effective criminal investigation for the citizens in the Andrews, Lambertown and Big Dam Swamp Communities of Georgetown County.

Recent Academy Graduate

Congratulations to Deputy Kayode Clark for graduating from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, SC. Deputy Clark graduated on graduated on January 11, 2008 after completing nine weeks of intense training. The nine weeks of required law enforcement training included classroom instruction and practical exercises.



Deputy Kayode Clark

Even though his training at the academy is complete, he has been assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division where he is receiving an additional nine weeks of training from a GCSO Field Training Officer (FTO). When his FTO training is complete, Deputy Clark will remain on the Uniform Patrol Division as a patrol deputy.

Deputy Clark was hired at the sheriff's office on August 6, 2007 with a Bachelors in Management from Alameda College and University, Associates in Industrial Electronics Technology from Orangeburg Technical College, and a Associates in Science and a Associate in Arts from Central Carolina Technical College.

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

March 2008



*Micky Cameron
Thurman Kinley
Chris Bailey
William Teeter*

*Barney Mccray
Carla Harris
Noel Smith
William Baxley*



Welcome to the Sheriff's Office

We would like to welcome Deputy Matt Cox, Deputy Josh Baker, and Deputy Bert Powell to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office. Each of them came to the sheriff's office with experience as certified officers from other area departments.

Deputy Matt Cox was hired on January 22, 2008 from Conway Police Department. Prior to his duties as a patrol officer with Conway, he served with Aynor Police Department from September 2005 to October 2006.



Deputy Matt Cox

Deputy Cox has been in public service since April 1994 when he began as a volunteer firefighter with Horry County Fire and Rescue. He continued this service while he served with Aynor and Conway Police Departments.



Deputy Josh Baker

Deputy Josh Baker began with the sheriff's office the same day as Deputy Cox. Deputy Baker became a certified law enforcement officer after he was hired with Surfside Beach Department of Public Safety in December 2005.

Prior to moving to South Carolina he brought with him experience as a certified law enforcement officer in Ohio where he worked with Trenton Police Department in Trenton, Ohio and Seven Mile Police Department in Seven Mile, Ohio. He also served as a correctional officer with the State of Ohio's Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Deputy Bert Powell was hired on February 4, 2008 after serving approximately two years with Johnsonville Police Department.

When Deputy Powell began his law enforcement career with Johnsonville in February of 2006, he was served as a patrol officer in addition to investigating major crimes.

We would like to wish each of them the best of luck during their service to Georgetown County.



Deputy Bert Powell

Lock-It or Lose-It!

In March 2007, Sheriff Lane Cribb recognized one of the major crimes we face in Georgetown County are individuals breaking into motor vehicles. It has been a year since the first Lock-It or Lose-It Campaign and this year we would like to reiterate the campaign to everyone.

During this year's campaign we would like to once again encourage the citizens and visitors of Georgetown County to be more cautious when leaving their vehicles unattended by locking their doors and removing valuables. March is the beginning of Spring and also the time of year when statistics show an increase of motor vehicle break-ins of unlocked vehicles in Georgetown County.

Listed below are a few simple suggestions that can be used to discourage a thief from breaking into your vehicle:

- Don't be a easy target. If a thief is on a mission, he/she is far more likely to try his luck elsewhere if your doors are locked verses unlocked. If you doors are locked and a thief wants to break-in, it will take longer to gain entry. Three common ways of gaining entry is breaking a window, attempting to prior a door open enough to unlock a door with some type of slim object or using a "Slim Jim". A thief does not want this because it takes too much time and will attract attention.
- If possible, remove all valuables such as purses, cell phones, portable radios, packages, money, lap top computers, golf clubs, etc. Thieves will search for other vehicles that are easier targets if they do not see anything of value in your car.
- If you choose not to remove valuables from your vehicle, conceal them from plain view by securing them in a glove box, center console, or, even better, in the trunk.
- Also be aware of where you park your vehicle. If it is during daylight hours, park it where it is constantly being seen by somebody, don't try to hide it because the place you may choose will be a perfect location for a break-in. During the night, if possible, park in a area with a lot of light, light is an enemy of thieves.
- If you park your vehicle at home in a garage with a door, keep the garage door closed and locked.
- Be suspicious of anyone roaming your neighborhood. Call the sheriff's office is you suspect someone is suspicious.

In closing, I would again like to encourage you to be more cautious when leaving you vehicles unattended. Discourage thieves from breaking into your vehicles by taking a few extra minutes to protect your property.

Crime Clearance Rates

Each year the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) reports to the S. C. Law Enforcement Division and The Federal Bureau of Investigation the number of crimes and the number of cases cleared in the specific categories listed below. The U.S. Department of Justice released the Year 2006 Crime Clearance Rates in October of 2007. The GCSO Crime Clearance rate was above the State of South Carolina and the National rate. Below is a comparison of the crime clearance rates:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>GCSO</u> 2006	<u>South Carolina</u> 2006	<u>USA</u> 2006
Murder	100.0%	84.0%	61.0%
Rape	110.0% *	47.0%	41.0%
Robbery	48.0%	29.0%	25.0%
Aggravated Assault	84.0%	58.0%	54.0%
Violent Crime Index	81.0%	53.0%	44.0%
Burglary	28.0%	15.0%	13.0%
Larceny	23.0%	17.0%	17.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	28.0%	15.0%	13.0%
Non-Violent Crime Index	25.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Total Crime Index	32.0%	22.0%	xxx%

* Solved cases from previous years.

xxx Data unavailable.

Source: 2006 Uniform Crime Reports Provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.