



# Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

March 2009

## *From The Sheriff's Desk*

### **Lock-It or Lose It!**

Sheriff Lane Cribb recognizes that one of the major crimes we face in Georgetown County is the breaking and entering of motor vehicles. It has been two years since the first Lock-It or Lose-It Campaign, and this year, we would like to continue to reiterate how important it is for individuals to lock their cars!

During this year's campaign, we would like to again encourage the citizens and visitors of Georgetown County to be more cautious when leaving their vehicles unattended—by removing valuables and locking doors. March is the beginning of Spring and also the time of year when statistics show an increase in the number 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 an easy target. If a thief is on a mission, he/she is far more likely to try elsewhere if your doors are locked. If they are locked and a thief wants to break-in, it will take longer to gain entry. Three common ways of gaining entry are breaking a window, attempting to pry a door open enough to unlock it with some type of slim object, or by using a "Slim Jim." A thief doesn't like this because it takes too much time and will most likely attract attention.
- If possible, remove all valuables such as purses, cell phones, portable radios, packages, money, laptop computers, golf clubs, etc... Thieves will more than likely search other vehicles that are easier targets if they don't see anything of value in your car.



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

- 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 in the trunk.
- Be aware of where you park your vehicle. If it is during daylight hours, park it in plain view. Don't try to hide it, because the place you choose may be a perfect location for a break-in. During the night, if possible, park in an 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 door closed and locked at all times.
- Be suspicious of anyone roaming your neighborhood who you haven't seen before or aren't used to seeing. Call the sheriff's office if you suspect something out of the ordinary.

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

### **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 DUI  
ARRESTS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2009**

**51**

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

### Detention Center Deputies participate in Taser Class at Sheriff's Office

Deputies with the Georgetown County Detention Center participated in a 2-day firearm, shotgun, and taser course held at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office. Several of the deputies participated to get re-certified. Others were there for first-time certification. First-time certification includes getting tased. The following deputies experienced what it was like:



Sean Wydra



Jimmie Livingston



Ricky Hicks



Jeff Wheeler



Angela Robinson



Lois Burton



Lucy Perez



Joseph Nichols



Joseph Wilson



John McLoughlin



**Sheriff Announces Promotions & Transfers**

On Thursday, February 26, 2009, Sergeant Tracy Lewis-Glover was promoted to Lieutenant of the Georgetown County Judicial System, by Sheriff A. Lane Cribb. Lt. Lewis-Glover began with the sheriff's office in 1999 and was then assigned to Uniform Patrol. She has held numerous positions within the sheriff's office, including being one of the original members of the Organized Crime Bureau (OCB—Narcotics). She worked with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) before spending one year overseas in Iraq. After returning home from Iraq, Lt. Lewis-Glover returned to Narcotics. For the past 3 years, she has been a Sergeant with the Court Division. She resides in Georgetown.



**Lieutenant Tracy Lewis-Glover**

Deputy William Toomer was promoted to Sergeant over Court Security, by Sheriff Cribb. Sgt. Toomer began with the sheriff's office in November 2006 as a deputy within the court system. He retired from active law enforcement in New Jersey after serving from 1977 until 2005. He served the last 5 of those years as Chief. He and his family now reside in Murrells Inlet.



**Sergeant William Toomer**

Investigator Melexa Stone was promoted to Corporal over Court Security, by Sheriff Cribb. Corporal Stone was transferred to the Courts on January 12, 2009 after serving as Investigator within the Criminal Investigations Division for just over a year. Corporal Stone began with the sheriff's office 6.5 years ago as a Victim's Advocate. She was an advocate for 5 years before going to Investigations. Corporal Stone is from Johnsonville, SC but now resides in Murrells Inlet.



**Corporal Melexa Stone**

Sergeant Chris Bailey was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division on March 2, 2009, by Sheriff Cribb.

Investigator Bailey began with the sheriff's office in 1991 as a Patrol Officer. He has been in law enforcement, however, for the past 23 years. Investigator Bailey has served in a number of different divisions since being at the sheriff's office. For the past 5 years, Inv. Bailey has been a Shift Sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division. Prior to that, he worked with the Criminal Investigations Division, Training, and Evidence. Investigator Bailey resides in Georgetown.



**Investigator Chris Bailey**

Investigator Michael Thacker has been transferred to a newly formed division within the sheriff's office—Forensics. He began his tenure with the sheriff's office in Fall 2000 as a Patrol Officer. For 6 months, he worked with the COPS (Community Oriented Police) Program before being transferred as an Investigator with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). He has been with CID since 2002. In his new role, he will be a Crime Scene Investigator, processing crime scenes and evidence. He will also continue to train new Investigators. Inv. Thacker has lived in Georgetown since 1983.



**Investigator Michael Thacker**

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

**March 2009**



*Phillip Hanna  
William Baxley  
Neil Johnson  
Barney McCray  
Joy Barr  
William Teeter*

*Chris Bailey  
James Cameron  
Thurman Kinley  
Noel Smith  
Carla Harris*



## Mock Drill at Carvers Bay Middle School

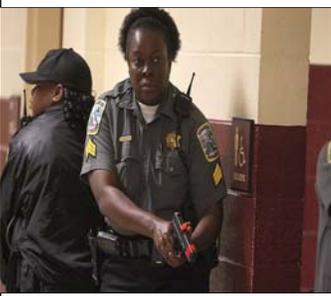
The scenario: Four heavily armed men took over Carvers Bay Middle School and were holding students and teachers hostage. Law enforcement responded in full force and were able to take the suspects into custody but not before 12 teachers were killed by gunfire.

It's a nightmare everyone hopes and prays never happens. But, just in case it does, Sheriff's Office personnel, along with school district officials and county Fire and EMS personnel, practiced for that very situation during a recent mock drill at the school.

The Sheriff's Office SWAT Team joined their comrades from the department as they stormed the school. "It started out with the school resource officer hearing gunshots and explosions. The SWAT Team was then called in," Lt. T.L. Staub explained. "There were four suspects armed with weapons." To make the situation as life-like as possible, fire officials provided a machine that filled the hallways with smoke, which greatly reduced visibility as the search for the gunmen continued. Teachers and some mannequins were used to play the role of students, since the drill took place on a Saturday.

In the end, three of the suspects were captured in the school. The fourth ran from the scene but was tracked by a bloodhound. That suspect was also arrested. Even though the event was staged, it served its purpose, Staub said. "It was a very successful drill," he said, adding that a meeting will be held with school officials to discuss what went right and what areas may need improvement just in case.....

(Source: Scott Harper of the Georgetown Times & Ray White of the Georgetown County School District)



## February 2009 Monthly Report

Calls for Service	3029
Reported Incidents	381
CDV Incidents	24
Warrants Received	219
Warrants Recalled	126
Warrants Served	118

### Reportable Incidents

Murder	1	Burglary	18
Forcible Rape	3	Larceny	54
Robbery	2	Motor Vehicle Theft	05
Assaults	13	<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

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