



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

May 2007

From The Sheriff's Desk



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

Offender Watch Community Awareness Program

Over the past several years, the public has shown an increased interest about information on sex offenders living in close proximity of their neighborhoods. By state statute, it is my responsibility to register sex offenders that live in Georgetown County and provide the information to SLED. That information is then published on the SLED website that is available to the public. State statute is basic requirements and I do not feel this is enough to make you, as citizens of Georgetown County, feel safe.

Coming this month sex offender information will be available to you on our website at www.gcsheriff.org. The program is called Offender Watch Community Awareness Program (CAP).

CAP is an integration into our website along with community notification that allows us to keep you highly informed about sex offenders living within Georgetown County. CAP is also a public's tool, via our website, to search and view sex offenders data for a particular neighborhood in a form you can readily use such as geographic risk assessment and community email notifications.

The geographic risk assessment allows you to insert your address, the address of your child's school or any address you may have a concern about. Once you have inserted an address, you will be able to locate and view sex offenders within one mile of the concerned address. Once the geographical map pops up, you can display and even print a profile of the offender(s)

with their current photos, vehicle(s) the sex offender drives, and their offense history.

CAP also allows our agency to alert you every time information changes with a sex offender by community email notifications. When you log on to our website and click on the CAP icon, you can confidentially register for automatic email notifications. Once you are registered, you will receive notification anytime a sex offender registers with an address within a one mile radius of your home or another address you have entered wanting notification. These email notifications are generally sent to you within 24 hours of when we are notified.

Another important feature of CAP is it allows you to notify our agency of any suspicious activity occurring by a sex offender, a sex offender moves or any other tips that you may think we may need to know.

I feel like this program will be beneficial to all citizens of Georgetown County because of the following statistics that should bring some concern:

- 45% of sexual assault victims are under 12 years of age.
- 75% of victims know their attacker.
- 50% of sex offenders re-offend.
- Over half of sexual assaults occur within one mile of the victim's home.
- Sex offenders live in the richest and poorest of neighborhoods.

*Source: United States Department of Justice.

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!

Sheriff Announces Promotion

On February 8, 2007, Sheriff Lane Cribb promoted Deputy Steve Smith to the rank of Corporal in the Uniform Patrol Division. Corporal Smith began with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office in June of 2005 after serving fourteen years with the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

While serving with the Florence County Sheriff's Office, Corporal Smith was assigned to uniform patrol division. During the last six years with the Florence County Sheriff's Office, he served as a shift sergeant.



Corporal Steve Smith

In his new capacity, Corporal Smith 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.

The Easter Bunny Brings Cheer

On Good Friday, April 6, 2007, the Easter Bunny and other members of the sheriff office visited the Oasis Adult Day Care, Georgetown Active Day Center, and Morningside Assisted Living. During his visits he brought joy and many smiles to ones that would not normally have this opportunity during Easter.

During these visits, he presented the residents with plastic eggs containing candy and hugs.

Sheriff Lane Cribb said, "The Easter Bunny Program is a great tool of this agency to show our care beyond our normal duties."



Easter Bunny with members of the sheriff's office and Morningside Assisted Living.

The Easter Bunny program originated in Florida by Sam and Eleanor Meiner in 1995 and its main purpose is to visit hospitalized children on Easter Sunday.

With permission from the Easter Bunny Foundation, Sheriff Lane Cribb expanded the Easter Bunny's visits to area adult day cares and assisted living organizations.

Telecommunicator of the Year

The second week of April was proclaimed in 1991 by Congress as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This week is a nationally recognized week for recognition of telecommunicators. It recognizes the critical role they play as the vital link between the public and emergency responders.

Telecommunicators that receive emergency calls are the driving force behind emergency services. They are the men and women who dispatch sheriff's offices, police departments, ambulances, and fire departments. They may not be as visible as the ones who arrive at the scene of emergencies, but they are just as important. They are depended on by the public for guidance and support in the most frantic and panicked times.



Sheriff Cribb presenting "Telecommunicator of the Year" award to Joseph Williamson.

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Central Communications celebrated Telecommunicators Week during the week of April 9-13, 2007. On Friday, April 13, 2007, a special luncheon was held for the employees. During the luncheon, Sheriff Lane Cribb presented the annual "Telecommunicator of the Year" award to Joseph Williamson.

Williamson was selected after receiving the majority of the votes from his peers and emergency workers throughout Georgetown County because of his professionalism and eagerness in performing his duties.

Williamson has worked at Central since 2001. Williamson gave up his dispatching duties from June 2004 until September 2005 while he served with the National Guard in Iraq.

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

May 2007



- Matthew Grayson*
- George Mapp*
- George Smith*
- Angela Carter*
- Myron Duncan*
- Ann Anderson*
- Shawnta Drayton*

- Eric Simpson*
- Ryan Owens*
- Bob Medlin*
- James Drye*
- Candy Lilly*
- Lorie Pruett*

