



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

May 2009

From The Sheriff's Desk

Summertime is Approaching

Once again, we are fast approaching our busiest time of year. Summer brings with it many visitors to Georgetown County, community activities, schools will be dismissing, and many of its citizens leaving for vacation. It is the goal of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office to ensure that the tourists and our permanent residents have a safe environment to enjoy summer activities, as well as to protect the property of those leaving for vacation.

During May, there are many activities occurring throughout the county. These events include the Blessing of the Inlet, Taste of Pawleys, Red Ribbon Parade, KidsFest, and the busiest event of all, Bike Week. Each year, our agency wants to ensure the safety of all, and in doing this, it requires utilizing reserve deputies, volunteer off-duty deputies, and reassignment of other divisions in the sheriff's office, for security at these events.

Even though these special activities call for extra assignments to add a sense of security, I would also ask everyone attending or traveling in the area of these events to assist us by being especially careful, stay alert, and be aware of what is going on around you. If you see something suspicious or just need assistance, notify a deputy working the event, or call 911 in case of an emergency.

As I mentioned before, schools will be dismissing students for summer vacation. This also calls for extra awareness for law enforcement and citizens.

As you know, when it is the end of a school year, students are



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excited, and as a result, may be less aware of their safety and surroundings. This is when I call on everyone to use extra awareness while traveling through school zones and neighborhoods, where children may be playing and riding bikes. Please drive carefully and defensively.... watch out for our children!

Finally, to the citizens who choose to leave Georgetown County for summer vacation, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office always strives to protect your property, whether you are home or on vacation. I have included a few tips to assist our agency during the time that you are away:

- Let your neighbors know you are going on vacation, so they can watch your property.
- Ask your neighbors to collect all mail, newspapers, and packages that may arrive while you are gone.
- Lock all doors and windows when leaving for vacation.
- Never leave extra house keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes, or other hiding places... burglars know where to look for hidden keys. If you think someone reliable will need to gain access to your residence, leave the key with that person.
- However you keep your blinds and/or curtains when you are home, do the same when you are away.
- Install motion lights outside of your residence.
- It is also a good idea to leave inside lights on all the time, but if they are on a timer, it will seem to an intruder that someone is home. Set the timers to the lights that are normally on while you are home.
- Install burglar alarms. If you cannot afford a burglar alarm, get some signs to put in your yard and/or some stickers to put on windows and doors informing the intruder that there is an alarm system.
- Put possessions like heirlooms and jewelry in a safe deposit box, or take these items with you.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! We want everyone to enjoy this busy time of year.

Easter Bunny Brings Cheer To Georgetown

On Good Friday, April 10, 2009, the Easter Bunny, Corporal Robert Patterson, and other members of the sheriff's office visited Morningside Assisted Living, Oasis Adult Day Care, as well as other local retirement and assisted living organizations in Georgetown County. During the Bunny's visits, she brought joy and many smiles to ones who would not normally have this opportunity during Easter. In addition to the many hugs, the Easter Bunny presented the residents with different-colored, plastic eggs, filled with candy.

The Easter Bunny program originated in Florida, in 1995, by Sam and Eleanor Meiner. Its main purpose was and still 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.



GCSO Celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 12-18, 2009 with a luncheon at the E-911 Headquarters on Tuesday, April 14. Dispatchers enjoyed good food and fellowship. We thank them for ALL their hard work!



GEORGETOWN COUNTY DUI ARRESTS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2009

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!



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.



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

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<i>Angie Carter</i>	<i>Matthew Grayson</i>	
<i>Ivan Holden</i>	<i>George Mapp</i>	
<i>Joseph Bauer</i>	<i>Bob Medlin</i>	
<i>Mike Nelson</i>	<i>Ryan Owens</i>	
<i>Chris Reid</i>	<i>George Smith</i>	
<i>Fred Keith</i>	<i>Ann Anderson</i>	
<i>James Drye</i>		

Sheriff's Office Supports Blessing Of The Inlet

Members of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office participated in what turned out to be a beautiful day at Blessing Of The Inlet, held at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet, on Saturday, May 2, 2009.



REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY

145

For more information, log onto www.gcsheriff.org

April 2009 Monthly Report

Calls for Service	3353
Reported Incidents	515
CDV Incidents	32
Warrants Received	289
Warrants Recalled	101
Warrants Served	221

<u>Reportable Incidents</u>			
Murder	0	Burglary	25
Forcible Rape	1	Larceny	66
Robbery	3	Motor Vehicle Theft	03
Assaults	17	Total	115

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