



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

November 2007

From The Sheriff's Desk

Side Scan Sonar

Through a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Side Scan Sonar that will be used as another tool for Homeland Security purposes in Georgetown County.

After September 11, 2001, the South Carolina State Ports Authority signed a contract with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office to provide land and water security at the Port of Georgetown for the purposes of Homeland Security and drug smuggling prevention. The sheriff's office has been providing security at the port since July 1, 2004. It is the sheriff's deputies' duty to inspect the vehicles and check the identification of the individuals that enter and exit the port along with patrolling the port on land. The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and Dive Team provide security in the water utilizing a boat that was also purchased through a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

During these patrols, sheriff's deputies have tools available to them such as surveillance cameras on the port and portable tactical surveillance cameras. The sheriff's office also has personnel that are members of the Project SeaHawk Task Force which is one of the nation's premier homeland security operations. SeaHawk is a counter-terrorism task force established to investigate and respond to threats along the nation's waters where America is thought to be most vulnerable to terrorism and other international crimes. In addition to all of this, we have now added the Side Scan Sonar.

The Side Scan Sonar was awarded to the sheriff's office by



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

members of the SeaHawk Task Force in September of this year. Since that time, members of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and Dive Team have attended training on the operation of the system. With the assistance of this underwater technology, it will allow the sheriff's office to search the waters surrounding the port, inspect the underside of ships entering the port, search for drowning victims and for evidence or property of a crime.

The Side Scan Sonar is a specialized sonar system for searching and detecting objects on the seafloor or river bottoms. It is designed to look sideways and at a downward angle from both sides of a towed unit called a "towfish" or transducer. This unit can be towed behind a vessel or mounted to the vessel's side.

The Side Scan Sonar transmits sound energy and analyzes the return signal that has bounced off the seafloor or other objects. With a side scan the transmitted energy is formed into the shape of a fan that sweeps the seafloor or river bottom from directly under the towfish to either side. The strength of the return signal is continuously recorded creating a picture of the bottom or objects which can be seen on the monitor. The technique is like taking a photo of the sea floor using a digital camera. The difference is that side scan sonar illuminates the sea floor with a pulse of sound rather than light which is a benefit that allows the system to work in murky or black water.

Additionally, using this type system will save time and money from having divers search a large area because this system can search a large area quicker and easier along with the assurance of complete bottom coverage.

**GEORGETOWN COUNTY DUI
ARRESTS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2007**

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!

Sheriff Announces Promotion

On September 17, 2007, Sheriff Lane Cribb promoted former Patrol Deputy Lynn Kelsey to Investigator.

Investigator Kelsey began her career with the sheriff's office on June 12, 2006 after serving a year with the Belton Police Department as a patrol officer.



Investigator Lynn Kelsey

Investigator Kelsey said, "It has always been a goal of mine to become an investigator since I have been in law enforcement, I never thought it would have happened this soon and I am very appreciative."

In her new capacity, Investigator Kelsey is responsible for employing thorough and timely investigative techniques in order to ensure an efficient and effective criminal investigation.

Certificate of Appreciation

Deputy US Marshals Dennis Suszko presented to Sergeant James Heyward and Deputy Barney McCray with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division and Corporal Chris Geno, Agent Chris Howard, Agent Jason Ward and Agent Clint Sawyer (not pictured) with the Organized Crime Bureau a Certificate of Appreciation for the recognition of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office's participation and support of "Operation Falcon" on October 10, 2007.



Sgt. James Heyward, US Marshal Dennis Suszko, & Dep. Barney McCray

Operation Falcon was a high felony warrant round-up that the US Marshals Service conducted September 17, 2007 and September 18, 2007 in Georgetown County. Members of the sheriff's office, Organized Crime Bureau and US Marshals arrested 20 individuals on felony warrants during the operation.

According to Deputy US Marshal Dennis Suszko, since Operation Falcon has been in existence, they have arrested approximately 6,406 felons. This year from August 16, 2007 thru August 30, 2007, in South Carolina, they made 540 arrest. Of those arrest, 69 were sex offenders and approximately 300 were aggravated assaults and narcotics violations.

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

November 2007



*Robbie Owens
Brian Delval
John Godwin
Victoria Jones
John Magann
Joseph Williamson
Deloris Wigfall
Matt Blanchette*

*Eden Castillo
Jim Edwards
Erica Gibson
Ken Higgins
Tami Lambert
Lynn Kelsey
Kevin Holt
Ruben Wineglass*



Congratulations to the Recent Graduates

Congratulations to Deputy Reggie Grant and Deputy Alex Blake for graduating from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, SC. Deputy Grant graduated on October 5, 2007 and Deputy Blake graduated on October 26, 2007 after completing nine weeks of intense training.



Deputy Reggie Grant

The nine weeks of required law enforcement training included classroom instruction and practical exercises. While their training at the academy has been completed, they will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division and will receive an additional nine weeks of training from a GCSO Field Training Officer (FTO).

When FTO training is complete, Deputy Grant and Deputy Blake will remain on the Uniform Patrol Division as patrol deputies.



Deputy Alex Blake

Deputy Grant was hired on with the sheriff's office on August 14, 2006 after volunteering in the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division for approximately seven years.

Deputy Blake was hired on June 4, 2007 after graduating from Francis Marion College with a Bachelors in Political Science.

Deputy Grant and Deputy Blake are natives of Georgetown County.

Sheriff's Citizens Academy

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will be offering a third session of the Sheriff's Citizens Academy January 17, 2008 thru March 13, 2008. The Academy will be offered to all citizens living in Georgetown County.

Sheriff A. Lane Cribb said, "Due to the success of the first two sessions, I feel that we need to continue informing the citizens of Georgetown County of our responsibilities because the community is one of the most important resources we have in helping us fulfill our duties to succeed in making our neighborhoods a safer place to live."

The Academy will inform the citizens of our responsibilities by instruction of all aspects of the Sheriff's Office such as services our agency offers, including all divisions and their responsibilities.

Requirements for participation in the Sheriff's Citizens Academy are as follows:

- Must live in Georgetown County
- Must be at least 21-years-old
- Must have a valid Drivers License
- Must fill out an application
- Must undergo a background investigation and a criminal history check

The session will be on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for nine weeks. Applications will be available to the public beginning October 15, 2008 at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office or the web site at www.gcsheiff.org and area libraries. Applications must be turned into the Sheriff's Office by December 3, 2007.

2007 In-service Training

"I would like to think all the instructors that prepared so hard for this training in addition to their normal duties. Our continuing education is a critical component to improving our abilities in providing public safety", said Sheriff Lane Cribb.

For the second year, mandatory in-service training has been scheduled for two days and it was a success again this year. In addition to the training this year, all the officers from the detention center were included.



Pictured left to right: Agent Chris Howard, Lt. T.L. Staub, Deputy Chuck Weaver, Sgt. Tracie Milligan, Sgt. Chris Bailey, Sgt. Tracy Lewis, Deputy Russell Goodale. Not pictured: Sgt. Ursular Armstrong, Inv. George Smith, and Lt. Faye Barrineau (GCDC).

In-service training includes mandatory training required by the SC Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) for officers to maintain their certification in addition to the training required by our agency. The SCCJA requires 40 hours every 3 years for law enforcement officers and 40 hours every year for correctional officers.

Training was scheduled for September 20 & 21, 2007 for half of the sheriff's office and September 26 & 27, 2007 for the other half, both sessions included the same agenda. September 28, 2007 was a make-up day of training.

During the first day of training, officers had Legals 2007/2008, Firearms, Policy Review, Taser X26 Certification and Recertification. During the second day of training, officers had PPE Suits, Blood bourn Pathogens, Use of Force, Booking Procedures, Criminal Domestic Violence, Emergency Vehicle Operation, and Stop Stick Certification and Recertification.

Sergeant Tracie Milligan, who is over the sheriff's office training division, said, "I am very proud of how well training went this year. It is always awarding when so many hours of preparation that all the instructors had to endure for this amount of training in two days was so successful in the end."

September 2007 Monthly Report

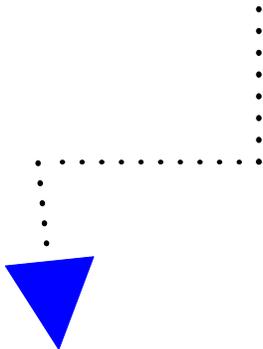
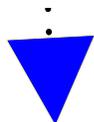
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| Calls for Service | 2,989 |
| Reported Incidents | 535 |
| CDV Incidents | 32 |
| Warrants Received | 253 |
| Warrants Recalled | 44 |
| Warrants Served | 189 |

| Reportable Incidents | | | |
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| Murder | 1 | Burglary | 29 |
| Forcible Rape | 0 | Larceny | 85 |
| Robbery | 1 | Motor Vehicle Theft | 10 |
| Agg. Assaults | 14 | Total | 140 |

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

TURKEY SHOOT

LOCATION
B.A. GRANTHAM WAY-
OFF BROWNS FERRY
HIGHWAY) BESIDE THE
DETENTION CENTER



THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS SPONSORING A TURKEY SHOOT ON 11-16-2007 FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M. TO BENEFIT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE "SHOP WITH SANTA PROGRAM". THE TURKEY SHOOT WILL BE HELD AT THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHOOTING RANGE . EACH SHOT WILL BE A \$2.00 DONATION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A "YOUTH SHOOT " FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE WINNER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A 410 GAUGE SHOTGUN. EACH SHOT WILL BE A \$2.00 DONATION.

Date: 11-16-2007
6:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.

