



Georgetown County Sheriff's Report

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From The Sheriff's Desk



Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

Animal Micro-Chipping

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and Saint Frances Animal Center are partnering together in an effort to encourage pet owners to consider micro-chipping. This painless method of permanently identifying a pet to its owner will increase the chances of reuniting the two, where an incident may arise when the pet may become lost.

The major reason pet owners never reunite with their lost pet is because pets are unidentifiable. According to Home Again and Pet Watch, vendors for the microchips, each year, millions of lost and abandoned animals are taken in by animal welfare organizations across the United States. Of these pets, approximately 14% of dogs and 4% of cats are never returned home. Micro-chipping offers pet owners the only true permanent method of identifying their pet and linking the animal back home.

In 2007, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office responded to 2,106 calls for service and out of the 2,106, 292 dogs were taken to the Saint Frances Animal Center. Of the 292 dogs, only 38 were returned home. If the remaining 254 dogs had microchips, we would have been able to return all of the dogs.

Animal microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are typically implanted just beneath the skin, between the shoulder blades by a veterinarian or trained member of an animal welfare organization. The process is similar to a vaccination and most animals do not react when the microchip is implanted. Once implanted, the microchip remains just beneath the skin for the rest of the animal's lifetime and is a permanent form of identification.

Saint Frances Animal Center offers the service of micro-chipping by calling and making an appointment, or pet owners can check with local veterinarians about the service they provide. There are two parts to micro-chipping: implanting the chip and then registering the pet into the Microchip Database. This allows any organization within the United States with a microchip scanner to identify a pet and the pet's owner.

All animals who are brought into Saint Frances Animal Center are routinely scanned for a microchip. In the event that a microchip is located, the personnel will contact the Microchip Database to see if the pet has been registered. As soon as a match has been made, personnel will contact the pet owners and let them know their pet has been found.

Microchips are great for permanent identification that is tamper-proof, but nothing replaces a collar with up-to-date identification tags which will allow a pet to immediately be returned home. In Georgetown County, it is mandated by ordinance that a valid metal rabies tag must always be on the pet's collar or harness, along with a metal tag or other kind of identification, showing the name and address of the owner. Rabies tag numbers also allow tracing of pets and identification of a lost pet's owner, but it can be hard to have a rabies number traced after veterinary clinics are closed for the day. The microchip databases are online or telephone-accessed databases and are available 24/7/365. Collars and tags may be removed or get lost and tattooing can become illegible over time. Micro-chipping is the only truly permanent method of identification.

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Sheriff Announces Transfers & Promotions

Investigator Clint Busbee was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division, on July 16, 2008, by Sheriff Lane Cribb. Sergeant Busbee began with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office in June 2002 and was then assigned to C.O.P.S. In December 2002, Sheriff Cribb transferred him to the K-9 Unit, where he was the handler of K-9 Farrah. Sergeant Busbee was promoted to Corporal of the Uniform Patrol Division in February 2007, where he served second-in-command of his assigned shift until being transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D) in March 2008. In C.I.D., Sergeant Busbee was responsible for employing thorough and timely investigative techniques for the citizens of Pawleys Island, Litchfield, Murrells Inlet, and Garden City communities of Georgetown County.



Sergeant Clint Busbee

In this new capacity as Sergeant of the Uniform Patrol Division, Clint Busbee will be responsible for all field operations which take place during his assigned shift. In addition to this, Sergeant Busbee will be responsible for supervising assigned subordinates, delegating assignments, evaluating and approving reports, and any other issues that may arise during day-to-day operations of his shift.

On July 16, 2008, Sheriff Lane Cribb promoted Investigator Noel Smith to Sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division. Sergeant Smith began with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) in August 2000 after serving 4.5 years with the Florence County Sheriff's Office. When Sergeant Smith came to Georgetown, he brought with him experience as a patrol deputy and a member of the Florence County Sheriff's Office Drug Interdiction Unit. When he was hired at the GCSO, he served as a C.O.P.S Officer until 2003 when he became an agent with the Organized Crime Bureau. In October 2003, Sergeant Smith resigned from the GCSO and was hired as Lieutenant of Operations with the Andrews Police Department. In July 2006, Sergeant Smith returned to the GCSO and worked as a deputy in the Uniform Patrol Division until he was promoted in February 2007 to an Investigator within the Criminal Investigations Division.



Sergeant Noel Smith

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delegating assignments, evaluating and approving reports, and any other issues that may arise during day-to-day operations of his shift.

Sergeant Dustin Morris was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division as a Senior Investigator on August 1, 2008. Investigator Morris began with the sheriff's office as an investigator in May 2005 after serving 10 years with the Georgetown City Police Department. While serving with the city, Investigator Morris was with the Uniform Patrol Division from 1995 until 1999, when he then became an investigator. In 1997, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and along with the responsibilities of Investigator, he was also a Field Training Officer (FTO). In January 2005, he returned to Uniform Patrol as a shift Corporal and FTO until he joined the GCSO in May 2005 as an Investigator within the C.I.D. In February 2007, Investigator Morris was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division until his transfer back to C.I.D on August 1.



Investigator Dustin Morris

In this new capacity, Investigator Morris will be responsible for employing thorough and timely investigative techniques in order to ensure an effective and efficient criminal investigation for the citizens of Pawleys Island, Litchfield, Murrells Inlet, and Garden City communities.

On August 1, 2008, Deputy Mike Nelson was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division from the Uniform Patrol Division. Investigator Nelson began with the sheriff's office in April 2006 as a Patrol Deputy. In October 2006, he was transferred to the C.I.D. In May 2007, Investigator Nelson was transferred back to the Uniform Patrol Division, where he worked again as a Patrol Deputy. Along with his duties as an Investigator, he is also a member of the GCSO Dive and SWAT Teams. Prior to his law enforcement career, Investigator Nelson worked in the private sector in Connecticut and in South Carolina. As an Investigator, he is responsible for employing thorough and timely investigative techniques in order to ensure an efficient and effective criminal investigation.



Investigator Mike Nelson

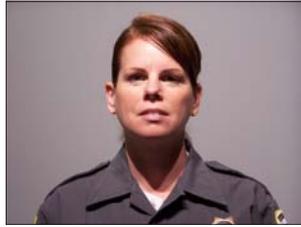
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Welcome to the Sheriff's Office

Deputy Lorna Forest joined the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), after being hired by Sheriff Lane Cribb, on June 2, 2008. Deputy Forest came to the sheriff's office with 13 years experience as a certified law enforcement officer from New Hampshire and one year with the Pawleys Island, South Carolina Police Department. In New Hampshire, Deputy Forest was a Corporal, as well as a Traffic Investigator, where she reconstructed traffic accidents. Deputy Forest will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division as a patrol officer for the GCSO.



Deputy Lorna Forest

We would like to welcome Deputy Lorna Forest to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and wish her the best of luck during her service to Georgetown County.

We welcome back to the sheriff's office, Investigator Gary Todd! Gary Todd started with the GCSO in 1990 as a Patrol Deputy. In 1993, he was promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Division. Investigator Todd was an original member of the GCSO Bloodhound Team and served as one of the team leaders. He transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D) in 1995, working criminal and narcotics investigations throughout the county. In 1997, he left the Sheriff's Office but returned in 1999 to work again as a Patrol Deputy. With his experience and knowledge, in late 2000, he was promoted to Investigator and then to Sergeant of Investigations. From 2002 until 2005, while working within the C.I.D, Investigator Todd became certified as a Risk Manager for the sheriff's office, firearms instructor, taser instructor, as well as working as a SWAT commander.



Investigator Gary Todd

In May 2005, Investigator Todd left the GCSO for a position as Corporal in the Patrol Division with the City of Georgetown Police Department. In addition to this position, he was also a Field Training Office (FTO) for the Patrol Division. Investigator Todd returned to the GCSO in July 2008 as an Investigator within the C.I.D. In this position, Investigator Todd will be responsible for employing thorough and timely investigative techniques in order to ensure an efficient and effective criminal investigation for the citizens of Georgetown County.

Recent Academy Graduate

Deputy Collin D'Anna graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) in Columbia, SC on June 6, 2008 after completing three weeks of training. His training consisted of the legal aspects of law enforcement, criminal domestic violence, and juvenile procedures. Unlike many officers, Deputy D'Anna was exempt from taking the full nine weeks of law enforcement certification training because he had been previously certified in New Jersey. The SCCJA accepted his transcripts and certification from New Jersey.



Deputy Collin D'Anna

Deputy D'Anna began with the GCSO on March 17, 2008. He came with two years of law enforcement experience from Avon-By-The-Sea Police Department in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Initially, Deputy D'Anna received introductory training of all the divisions with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and, afterwards, was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. Once assigned to the Patrol Division, he received five weeks of additional training from a GCSO Field Training Officer. Now that his basic training is complete, Deputy D'Anna is currently working on the road as a Patrol Deputy.

We would like to congratulate Deputy Collin D'Anna on his graduation from the academy, and we wish him the best of luck during his service to the GCSO and to the citizens of Georgetown County.

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

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Lana Jacobs Sean Seebode
Marilyn Johnson Neal Boshears-
Joanne Clarey Sue Mowry
Clint Busbee Jamie Poinsette
Jennifer Flowers Charles Williams
Chris Howard Robert Patterson
Tiffany Kinloch



Dead Dog Saloon Tribute to Local Firefighters, Police Officers, & EMS Personnel

Once again, the fine folks at the Dead Dog Saloon paid tribute to all local firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel for its 7th Annual Benefit on September 11, 2008. Doors opened at 10am for a day-long festival of free food, live music, and fun fellowship. The festival was open to the public, as well, and for a small donation, everyone could eat.



Proceeds of the Benefit went to the Georgetown Sheriff's Office "Shop With Santa" program, as well as to Horry/Georgetown Counties' Fire & Life Safety Expo.

At 1pm, Sheriff Lane Cribb presented the owner of the Dead Dog Saloon, Charlie Campbell, with a plaque, thanking him and all his employees for all their hard work, time, and dedication to help ensure a successful Benefit each year.



REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY

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July 2008 Monthly Report

Calls for Service	3367
Reported Incidents	591
CDV Incidents	40
Warrants Received	269
Warrants Recalled	96
Warrants Served	203

<u>Reportable Incidents</u>			
Murder	0	Burglary	32
Forcible Rape	4	Larceny	133
Robbery	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	20
Assaults	14	Total	103

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