

Coosa Journal

News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office



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*"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
(Psalm 82:3-4)*

Sheriff Michael Howell

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Office is here...**

To Serve and Protect

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Police Officers Prayer

*Lord I ask for courage
Courage to face and Conquer my fears...
Courage to take me Where others will not go...
I ask for strength
Strength of body to protect others And strength of spirit to
lead others...
I ask for dedication
Dedication to my job, to do it well. Dedication to my
community,
To keep it safe...
Give me Lord, concern
For others who trust me
And compassion for
those who need me...
And please Lord through it all
Be at my side...*

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Point of View

Are you ready for Jesus to come back?

Biblical scholars, as well as secular scholars, pastors and nearly everyone under the sun have thoughts, ideas, and theories related to the return of Christ. In the Edgar C. Whisenant (September 25, 1932 – May 16, 2001) was a former NASA engineer and Bible student who predicted the rapture would occur in 1988, sometime between September 11 and September 13. He published two books about related to this subject: *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988* and *On Borrowed Time*. Eventually, 300,000 copies of *88 Reasons* were mailed free of charge to ministers across America, and 4.5 million copies were sold in bookstores and elsewhere. Whisenant was quoted as saying "Only if the Bible is in error am I wrong; and I say that to every preacher in town."

Whisenant's predictions were taken seriously in some parts of the evangelical Christian community. As the date approached, regular programming on the Christian Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN) was interrupted to provide special instructions on preparing for the rapture.

When the predicted rapture failed to occur, Whisenant followed up with later books with predictions for various dates in 1989, 1993, and 1994. These books did not sell in quantity. Whisenant continued to issue various rapture predictions through 1997, but gathered little attention.

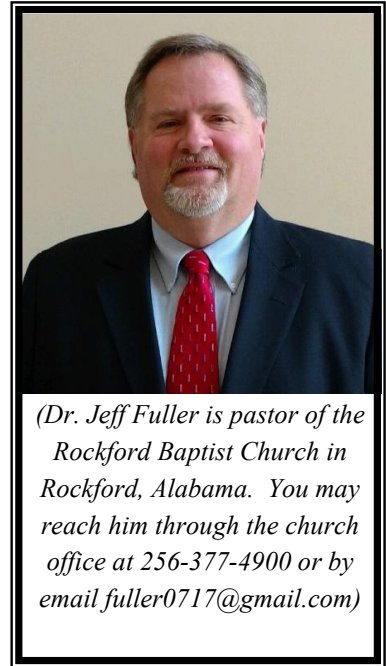
Paul's final instructions, found in 1 Thessalonians, to the church were not concerning when or how this second coming of Christ will happen, for we know that the Lord's return will come unexpectedly "like a thief in the night." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)

The apostle Paul focuses on what we should be doing with the time we have left. He begins by reminding us to live peacefully with each other.

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves." 1

Thessalonians 5:11-13 (KJV)

He challenges us to see there are people desperate for the healing power and love of Jesus. If we are too lazy or timid in sharing our faith



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FOR AS THE LIGHTNING COMES
FROM THE EAST AND FLASHES TO
THE WEST, SO ALSO WILL THE
COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.

MATTHEW 24:27

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Sheriff's Office

Featured Article

Sylacauga hosts “Project Lifesaver Initiative” training for law enforcement officers

By Chris Norwood, Daily Home Staff Writer, cnorwood@dailyhome.com

Mar 15, 2022

Earlier this month, Sylacauga Police Officers, Talladega, St. Clair, Coosa and Russell County sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officers took part in a class given by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to become trainers in the Project Lifesaver Initiative. Sylacauga Police hosted the training.



“Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed

for ‘at risk’ individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering,” Sylacauga Police Chief Kelley Johnson said. “The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition.”

It is an initiative funded by law enforcement and free to families participating around the world and is used to locate the missing, safely, and return them home to their loved ones.

The training consisted of topics dealing with the history of PLI, the type of hardware used on clients that participate, PLI database entry, what medically qualifies a client to participate in the program, and also the different tools that are available through ALEA, (helicopter, long range antennas, etc.) to assist agencies that are working a search in their jurisdictions.

“The training was to certify students as instructors, for them to go and instruct officers at their departments about responding to a missing person that is participating as a client in that agency’s PLI initiative,” Johnson said.

For more information, visit projectlifesaver.org.

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Coosa County Sheriff's Office is Excited to Revitalize Project Lifesaver Program

We live in a “graying society” with more and more living well beyond the age of eighty. As this occurs, many are suffering from conditions which cause them to become “wanderers” with restlessness and confusion. Additionally, there are those who are “at risk” dealing with life threatening conditions requiring constant care and supervision.



In Coosa County, Cpl. Moon and Cpl. Rudd are serving as instructors for this program. Instructors are trained to educate officers who join the program in the future and to assist in recertification every two years. Trained to serve as Technical Operators for the CCSO are Reserve Investigator Joel Glover and Chaplain Jeff Fuller.

Information is being released regarding this revitalized program for Coosa County. There will be two requirements to apply for acceptance into the program: (1) An individual must have 24/7 caregivers; and (2) A letter of recommendation from the attending physician. When these two requirements are identified and met, caregivers or family members will be asked to complete an acceptance application, which will require detailed information regarding the condition, care, and circumstances related to the individual who needs to receive a bracelet.

Once the individual is enrolled, the information gathered will be entered into a database managed by PLI for Coosa County. If the enrolled individual were to wander away from home, or while in the care of a family member on a shopping trip or vacation, the CCSO will be notified. Once the dispatch receives the call, the members of the PLI Team will gather the information needed from the database and will go into a rescue mode to locate and return the family member to their home and family.



CCSO is proud to participate, along with the other 65 agencies in Alabama, in this very worthy and worthwhile program; Sheriff Howell says this is another way that we can, “Serve and Protect” our community and help safeguard our residents of Coosa County. Please contact either Cpl. Moon or Rudd for more information on this program within our county.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Robert Shaw

Sheriff Michael Howell and the entire Coosa County Sheriff's Office staff would like to congratulate Robert Shaw on his retirement. Robert has served with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office Courthouse Security for over 5 years. His hard work and dedication will definitely be missed. Sheriff Howell states, "I am thankful for Robert Shaw's willingness to serve our county. He is very loyal and dedicated to the Sheriff's Office. He will be missed. Congratulations on your retirement and may God bless as you enjoy your retirement".



Other Sheriff's Office News:

National School Resource Officer Appreciation

The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) declared Feb. 15 “National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day” and encourages schools and communities across the nation to recognize the accomplishments of their school resource officers (SROs) that day. We have a great Resource Officer protecting our schools. Corporal Bradgel Moon does an outstanding job protecting our students and staff. He goes above and beyond to not only mentor our students but help in any capacity needed. Thank you for your dedication and service to Coosa County schools.



ALABAMA SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

February 20-25 has been proclaimed the Alabama Severe Weather Awareness Week by Alabama Governor, Kay Ivey. National Weather Service Offices serving counties in Alabama, Alabama Emergency Management Agency and other supporting organizations ask for your help in providing the public with information about severe weather safety. Advance planning and increased awareness will help residents of Alabama prepare for potentially deadly storms.

Severe weather watches and warnings are ineffective if the public does not receive the message or is not knowledgeable of the safety procedures to follow. The purpose of Severe Weather Awareness Week is to provide people with the knowledge necessary to protect their lives when severe weather threatens.

Whether in the form of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes or flash floods, severe weather can develop very quickly. Once a tornado approaches or flooding develops it is too late to start working on a preparedness plan. When severe weather develops and warnings are issued you must take immediate action to protect yourself and others.

So how does one prepare for severe weather? For a severe weather preparedness plan to be successful, it must include the following:

- KNOWLEDGE of terminology (such as watches and warnings)
- KNOWLEDGE of safety rules when severe weather strikes
- RELIABLE method of receiving emergency information
- DESIGNATION of an appropriate shelter



Employee Birthdays:

- Officer Royal - 2/5
- Officer Shaw - 2/10
- Deputy Ward - 2/20
- Corporal Rudd - 3/16
- Deputy Fenn - 3/16
- Deputy Scott - 3/24
- Officer Weaver - 4/19
- Chief Long - 4/14
- Officer Templeton - 4/14
- Deputy Keel - 4/22
- Corporal Moon - 4/28



Thank you for supporting the blue:

Thank you Mrs. McDade for yours and Tim James' support for the Coosa County Sheriff's Office. She delivered a basket to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office on behalf of Tim James! Sheriff Michael Howell accepted for his staff. **TIM JAMES SUPPORTS THE BLUE!**

New Sheriff Office Staff:



Officer Becky Dansby

My name is Becky Dansby . I have 2 degrees in Psychology and working on a masters degree in Human services with criminal justice minor. I am married to Bruce Dansby and we have a family of 10 children. Their ages are 36 down to 8. We have just recently moved to Coosa County fulltime, and we have a small mini zoo we claim as ours. We have 5 dogs, cats and 3 birds; I also love to feed the deer and raccoons that come to hang out in our yard. I am proud to work for the Coosa County Sherriff's office to serve my community. (Don't tell anyone but they are a bunch of nice people to work with)



Officer Julius Shaw

We are pleased to welcome our newest part-time Courthouse Security Officer, Julius Shaw. Julius Shaw is a native Coosa Countian, father of 5 children and many grand and great grandchildren. He is a lifelong member of New Home Baptist Church in Cottage Grove and enjoys listening to Pastor Christopher Todd's preaching. He worked for Russell Corporation for 30 years and is excited about serving his community in this new capacity.



Officer Michael Watts

Michael Watts is a life long resident of Coosa County and lives in the Speed Community. He is married to Debra Watts, has two sons and proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He retired from Hyundai Motor in Montgomery after 16 years. He is a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. He is excited to be a part of the Coosa County Sheriff's Office as the newest part-time Transport Officer/ Litter Abatement Officer. He is already working hard to clean up Coosa County.



Officer William Smith

William "Bill" Smith has lived in Coosa County in the Rockford area for 16 years. He moved from West Palm Beach. He is married to Tammara Smith for 33 years and has 7 grandchildren, four girls and one boy. He got involved with serving the county 8 years ago as a volunteer for Rockford Fire Department and has been Chief for two and half years. He first joined the volunteer Reserve Deputy program here at the Sheriff's Office and has since become an employee as part time Transport Officer/Litter Abatement Officer. He enjoys serving the citizens of Coosa County.

Working on cleaning up Coosa County

Officer Bill Smith the Litter Abatement Officer has been busy in Coosa County cleaning up different roads. 93 bags of trash and one couch cleaned up last week from Coosa County Roads 29, 78, and 39 in the month of March. In February, several loads with mattresses, sofas, and trash were cleaned up along Carrollton Rd. Not only does littered trash make urban and natural places less attractive, but litter has negative impacts for humans, wildlife and the environment. If we all would take a few minutes to properly dispose of trash, it would help maintain a safe and clean community. If you see excess litter or dumping, please report it to 256-377-4922.



2022 Sheriff Office Sponsors:

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office would like to take the time to thank our supporters that bought ads on our 2022 calendars.

- A1 Freedom Bail Bonding
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- Wright's Funeral Home
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- Spookeay Automotive
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- Griffin's Outdoor Power Equipment Sales and Service
- Wingfield Engineering Company
- Allen Co/ Betty Ruth's Market Café
- Express Yourself, LLC
- Hometown Publishing
- Suicide Prevention Hotline



Central High School Team Currently Ranked #1 in Stock Market Game Against 220 Teams

Every year Central High School 12th grade economic students compete in the Stock Market Game presented by the Alabama Council on Economic Education (ACEE), and sponsored by financial advisors Sterne Agee. The teams start with \$100,000 to buy and sell stock in a virtual stock market. Students are taught by their economics teacher to diversify their portfolios, pay attention to the news, and spot new trends. The Central High School team of Emilee Brown, Tori Davis, and Jeiby Garcia who are ranked #1 in the region out of 220 teams have a current total portfolio value of \$123,907.99, an almost 24% gain in two months. Their portfolio includes Coinbase Global, a cryptocurrency exchange company, Lululemon, an athletic apparel company, Mandiant, a cybersecurity company, and Tesla, an electric car manufacturer. In addition, the team is ranked #4 out of 1096 teams in the state. If the team maintains their #1 ranking by the end of the game April 8 they receive a \$150 dollars cash prize. Go Cougars!



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SOFTBALL

GAMES AT HOME UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

DATE	OPONENT/LOCATION	TIME
02.18.2022	vs Verbena (JV DH)	4:30/6:00
02.22.2022	@ BB Comer (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
02.24.2022	@ Winterboro (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
02.25.2022	@ Verbena Tournament	TBA
02.26.2022	@ Verbena Tournament	TBA
03.01.2022	vs.Dadeville (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
03.03.2022	vs. Vincent (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
03.04.2022	@ BB Comer Tournament	TBA
03.05.2022	@ BB Comer Tournament	TBA
03.10.2022	@ Fayetteville (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
03.12.2022	Coosa Round Robin Tourn	9:00
03.15.2022	vs. Verbena (V)	5:00
03.16.2022	vs.Reeltown(JV/V)	4:30/6:00
03.29.2022	@Dadeville (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
03.31.2022	vs.BB Comer(V)	4:30/6:00
04.01.2022	vs. Horseshoe Bend(V)	1:00
04.05.2022	@Vincent(JV/V)	4:30/6:00
04.06.2022	@Verbena(V)	5:00
04.14.2022	@Reeltown (JV/V)	4:30/6:00
04.21.2022	vs.Winterboro(JV/V)	4:30/6:00
04.22.2022	@Horseshoe Bend(V)	1:00
04.26.2022	vs. Fayetteville(JV/V)	4:30/6:00

PURCHASE GAME DAY TICKETS ON GOFAN.CO

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BASEBALL

GAMES AT HOME UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

DATE	OPONENT/LOCATION	TIME
02.17.2022	vs. Winterboro (V/JV)	4:00/6:00
02.19.2022	@ Winterboro (V/JV)	11:00/1:00
02.22.2022	vs. Indian Springs(V)	4:30
02.25.2022	vs. Verbena(V)	5:00
03.01.2022	vs. Horseshoe Bend(V/JV)	4:00/6:00
03.04.2022	@ Verbena(V)	2:00
03.08.2022	@ Billingsley(JV)	6:00
03.10.2022	@ Indian Springs (V)	4:30
03.11.2022	vs. Billingsley(V)	1:00/3:00
03.14.2022	vs. Horseshoe Bend(JV)	4:30/6:00
03.18.2022	@ Horseshoe Bend(V/JV)	1:00/3:30
03.29.2022	vs.Fayetteville(V)	4:00
03.31.2022	@Fayetteville(V)	4:00/6:00
04.05.2022	@BB Comer(V)	4:00
04.07.2022	vs. BB Comer(V)	4:00/6:00
04.12.2022	@Vincent(V)	4:00
04.14.2022	vs.Vincent(V)	4:00/6:00

Senior Night Ceremony post-game

PURCHASE GAME DAY TICKETS ON GOFAN.CO

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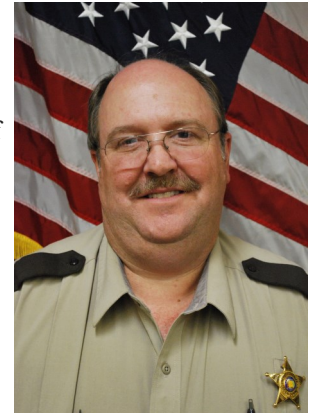
News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

Concealed Carry Considerations

The Alabama Legislature recently voted to remove the requirement of a permit for people to carry a concealed weapon. This was done against the wishes of the majority of law enforcement in the state. I read where Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones described pistol permits as “a tool” that law enforcement has used throughout the state for years to apprehend criminals with illegal weapons. “We’re not here to create a problem,” Jones said. “We’re here because we’re concerned that one of the tools that we use every day to remove stolen weapons from the street, to remove individuals who should not be on the streets with weapons, and individuals that are committing crimes that have evil intent in our communities, we’re here to keep it from being easier for them to do just that.”



Unfortunately, the legislature ignored the wishes of a multitude of law enforcement officers and passed the legislation.

It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to realize we live in a very dangerous world. That being the case, I can definitely understand why the perceived need to carry a concealed firearm is growing. During the past couple of years, gun sales have grown exponentially. I personally believe this increase has been fueled by the rhetoric of those who want to defund the police. When you combine that with the reports of violent crime occurring every day, it isn’t a surprise that many citizens are worried about their safety. Obviously, many private citizens are willing to take the risk of protecting themselves with a concealed firearm and rightfully so.

While I understand and appreciate the right of citizens to protect themselves, I hope folks understand that carrying a firearm brings with it great responsibilities. Something that all new law enforcement officers are taught is to always be mindful that they are bringing a firearm into every situation. Civilians who carry a firearm must remember this as well. This is not a small or insignificant fact and definitely changes any situation. It is essential and mandatory that officers train and become proficient with their firearms. Their lives and the lives of others literally depend on it. Unfortunately, many people carry firearms they know very little about. This is troubling. Anyone who desires to carry a firearm owes it to themselves and everyone else to be safe and proficient with their weapon.

I fear many people do not thoroughly consider the mental aspect of carrying a firearm. Fight or flight high stress situations that may require making a split-second decision that could result in someone’s death is a lot to wrap your head around. Someone in such a situation must ask themselves if they are willing to take a life if necessary. That is a heavy mental load to bear.

As I stated earlier, I understand and support the desire for someone to protect themselves and their loved ones with a firearm, however anyone wishing to do so must consider the reality of what that might entail. Any

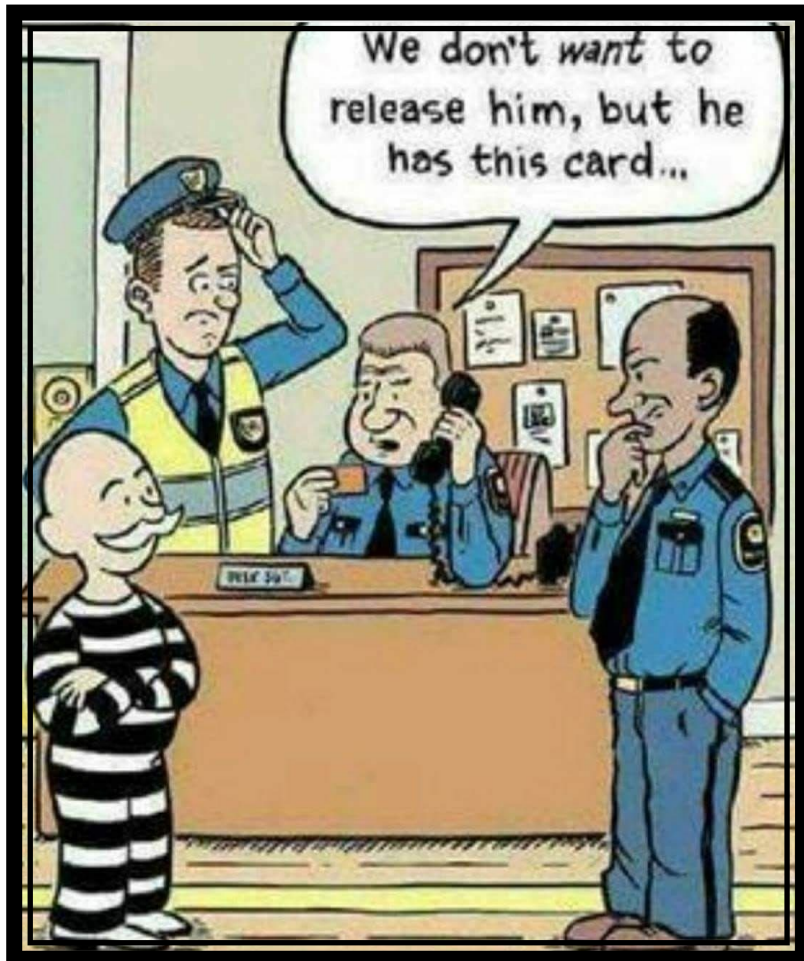
considering carrying a firearm must ask themselves some questions.

Do you exercise good judgment? Do you work well under pressure? Do you possess the situational awareness to recognize a threatening situation? It is essential today, that we all be keenly aware of our surroundings. While you may be a competent shooter in a low stress environment, do you possess the skill and competence to wield a firearm in a crowd of people some of which may be hysterical and when your fine motor skills are diminished by stress? Another very important question is, are you willing to devote the time and effort necessary to train sufficiently so you are proficient with your weapon? If you answer no to any these questions and you aren't willing to dedicate the time and effort it takes to reach a satisfactory level of competence, you should reconsider your decision to carry a firearm.

In the event, you do carry a firearm and are encountered by law enforcement, you immediately tell them that you are armed. It will make the scene safer for all involved.

If you are interested in learning to shoot, a good first step is to attend a Firearms 101 class sponsored by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. A schedule of classes can be found on the outdooralabama.com website. The classes are free of charge. However, you are required to possess either a hunting license or a wildlife heritage license.

By
Joel D. Glover
Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit



**Reserves
Meeting:
2nd Tuesday
evening of every
month
At 6:00 PM in
The Reserve
Room**



CCSO *Serving & Protecting*



Sheriff's Arrest Report:



January - March

- On January 3rd, Deputy Scott arrested Alexander Robert Trott of Sylacauga, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed in the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.
- On January 4th, Deputy Scott arrested Deandre Trendale Callens of Selma, AL, for Possession of Marijuana 1st. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.
- On January 6th, Chief Deputy Long arrested Shelby Ray Stokes of Atlanta, Ga for Burglary 3rd, and Theft of Property 1st x2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on \$60,000 bond.
- On January 7th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Christopher Hugh Whiddon of Goodwater, AL for Drug Trafficking, Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$82,500 bond.
- On January 9th, Deputy Scott arrested Steven James Cote of Sylacauga, AL for Probation Violation. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail without bond.
- On January 10th, Captain Hammond arrested Daryl Bryan Hosey, a resident of Sylacauga AL for Failure to Appear Switched Tag x2 and Driving While Suspended x2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On January 10th, Deputy Keel arrested Brandon Obrian Kennedy a resident of Talladega, AL for Failure to Appear on Certain Persons Forbidden and Failure to Appear on Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$17,500 bond.
- On January 11th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Jason Lynn Weldon, a resident of CR 85 Kellyton AL for Possession of Marijuana and Public Intoxication. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.
- On January 12th, Deputy Scott arrested Asberry Scott, a resident of Kellyton, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$30,000 bond.
- On January 13th, Deputy Scott arrested Stevie Valdez Wilson, a resident of Montgomery, AL for Failure to Appear on Theft of Property and Criminal Mischief. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$3,500 bond.
- On January 13th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Ryan Wendall Baker, a resident of Wetumpka, AL for Attempting to Elude and Reckless Endangerment. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.
- On January 14th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Joshua Lashawn Dawson, a resident of Goodwater, AL for Possession of Marijuana. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$300 bond.
- On January 15th, Deputy Ward arrested Jaoquin Sarminto-Ramirez, a resident of Montgomery, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on \$2,000 bond.
- On January 18th, Deputies were dispatched to CR 29 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputy checked residence and determined alarm to be false.
- On January 18th, Angel Leann Isbell a resident of Eds Lane in Stewartville, AL reported to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office to update her Sex Offender registration information.

- On January 18th, Deputies were dispatched to US Hwy 231 after receiving a report of an unwanted persbñ. Deputy made contact and transported subject to residence in Talladega County.
- On January 19th, Deputies were dispatched to Us Hwy 231 after receiving a report of an unresponsive resident. The coroner was notified and scene was released for investigation.
- On January 23rd, Deputies were dispatched to CR 29 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputy checked residence and determined alarm to be false.
- On January 25th, Deputy Ward arrested Michael Eugene Hillburn, a resident of Goodwater, AL for Driving Under the Influence, Attempting To Elude, Criminal Mischief, And Damage To Private Property. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$16,000 bond.
- On January 25th, Deputy Fenn arrested Kimberly Lauren Wilson, a resident of Goodwater, AL for Receiving Stolen Property. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.
- On January 25th, Deputy Fenn arrested Christopher James McDaniel, a resident of Goodwater, AL for Receiving Stolen Property. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.
- On January 26th, Deputy Scott arrested Brittany Renee Clark, a resident of Munford, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2nd, And Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.
- On January 26th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Jose Simental Ibarra, a resident of Ashland, AI for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2nd, And Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.
- On January 27th, Deputy Moon arrested Shelly Delene McKee, a resident of Verbena, AL for Harassment. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$500 bond.
- On January 28th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Cathy Kaye Perry, a resident of Pleasant Grove, AL for Driving Under the Influence. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On January 29th, Deputy Ward arrested Scott Alexander Nicholas, a resident of Goodwater, AI for Domestic Violence Assault. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On January 29th, Deputy Ward arrested Willie Mabson, a resident of Pell City, AL for Attempting to Elude. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.
- On January 29th, Deputy Ward arrested Dominique Vernice Johnson, a resident of Cleveland, OH for Domestic Violence Assault. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On February 1st Deputy Mitchell arrested Kadore Tyrese Glenn of Dadeville, AI for Attempting To Elude, Reckless Endangerment, And Obedience To Policeman. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.
- On February 1st Deputy Mitchell arrested Corbin Dahmontrey Holston of Dadeville, AI for Attempting To Elude, Reckless Endangerment, And Possession Of Pistol Without A Permit. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$6,500 bond.
- On February 1st Deputy Mitchell arrested Cameron Deshawn Tai of Dadeville, AI for Attempting To Elude, Reckless Endangerment, And Possession Of Pistol Without A Permit. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$6,500 bond.
- On February 1st Corporal Rudd arrested William Chase Reeder of Kellyton, AI for Domestic Violence and Criminal Mischief. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.
- On February 2nd, Deputy Keel arrested James O'brian Spears of Kellyton, AI for Theft Of Property 1st. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.
- On February 16th, Deputy Scott arrested Joseph Lee Lewis , a resident of Alexander City, AL for Failure to Appear on Criminal Mischief 3rd. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$572.60 cash bond.
- On February 18th, Deputy Scott arrested Alexander James Barnes, a resident of Rockford, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.



- On February 20th, Deputy Scott arrested Toby Christian Hurt, a resident of Sylacauga, AL for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On February 20th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Timothy Ray Rudd, a resident of Sylacauga, AL for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Methamphetamine, and FTA/ Improper Lights, FTA/ Driving While Revoked x2, FTA/Switched Tag x2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$12,500 bond.
- On February 20th, Deputy Scott arrested Morgan Elaine Whetstone, a resident of Sylacauga, AL for Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.
- On February 24th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Deyonnte Trevell Ricketts of Wetumpka, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On February 26th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Rosendo Santos Lara of Alexander City, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On February 26th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Miguel Sebastian Raymundo of Hope Hull, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 1st, Deputy Scott arrested Sean Michael Machen, a resident of Sylacauga, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 3rd, Chief Deputy Long arrested Donald Ray Smith, a resident of Goodwater, AL for Possession of Marijuana. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 4th, Deputy Scott arrested Kevin Ray Gooden Jr., a resident of Weogufka, AL for Failure to Appear on Attempting to Elude, Possession of Marijuana 2nd, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and traffic offenses Failure to Appear Reckless Driving, Switched Tag, Driving while Revoked, and Operating a Vehicle without Insurance. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On March 4th, Deputy Scott arrested Bobby Patrick Culver, a resident of Goodwater, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 4th, Deputy ward arrested Marty William Abbott Sr., a resident of Hueytown, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$14,000 bond.
- On March 4th, Deputy Fenn arrested Gary Lonell Bodrick, a resident of Kellyton, AL for Domestic Violence 3rd, Criminal Mischief 2nd, and Failure to Appear on Harassment and Criminal Mischief 1st. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$9,000 bond.
- On March 5th, Corporal Rudd arrested Oliver LeWayne Hamilton, a resident of Sylacauga, AL for Failure to Pay on Theft of Property 4th. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On March 7th, Deputy Scott arrested A'Shunta Shenil Cleveland of Kellyton, AL for Domestic Violence. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 8th, Deputy Scott arrested Trent Ladale Wilson of Riverside, AL for Possession Of A Firearm Without A Permit. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 9th, Deputy Ward arrested Michael Blade Masterson of Sylacauga, AL for Domestic Violence and Failure To Pay Child Support. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$30,000 bond.
- On March 10th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Jennifer Lynn Carter of Clanton, AL for Possession Of Controlled Substance and Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$9,500 bond.
- On March 13th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Toney Maurice Keith of Sylacauga, AL for Possession Of Controlled Substance and Possession Of Drug paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail to await a bond hearing.

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- On March 13th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Amy Lori Morris of Sylacauga, AL for Possession Of Controlled Substance X2 and Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail to await a bond hearing.
- On March 15th, Deputy Rudd arrested Christopher Lee Fisher of Weogufka, AI for Harassment. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$500 bond.
- On March 16th, Deputy Ward arrested Thomas Wayne Hubbard of Sylacauga, AL for Possession Of Marijuana And Several Failure To Appear On Traffic Violations. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 17th, Corporal Rudd arrested Anthony Deauntae Journey of Alexander City, AI for Disturbing the Peace. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$500 bond.
- On March 17th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Marqwavis Dawayne Davis of Selma, AL for Failure To Pay On Youthful Offender Violation X2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,271 cash bond.
- On March 18th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Robert Bruce Norrell of Pell City, AL for Failure to Appear in Court for Traffic Violations X2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 18th, Deputy Ward arrested Jack Curtis Harrell of Rockford, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance X2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.
- On March 20th, Corporal Rudd arrested Romie Lar Judkins of Goodwater, AL for Failure To Appear In Court On A Traffic Violation. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$500 bond.
- On March 18th, Deputy Ward arrested Edward Eugen McCurry of Jacksons Gap, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 18th, Deputy Mitchell arrested James Nathan Shamblin of Sylacauga, AL for Failure to Appear on Traffic Violations X2. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 21st, Deputy Scot arrested Casey Lee Driver of Clanton, AL for Failure to Appear on Theft of Property 4th. He was Processed and admitted to the Coosa County Jail on \$1,851 cash bond.
- On March 21st, Deputy Ward arrested Dentarious Lamar Jackson, of Sylacauga, AL for Failure to Appear on 4 Traffic Citations and Possession of Controlled Substance. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.
- On March 22nd, Corporal Moon arrested William Ezra Lee of Talladega, AL for Failure to Appear on Attempting to Elude. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.
- On March 23rd, Corporal Rudd arrested Author Lee McGuire of Talladega, AL for Failure to Appear on Expired Tag. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$1,000 bond.
- On March 24th, Corporal Rudd arrested Jatorre Trevontae Cook of Childersburg, AL for Failure to Appear on 3 Traffic Violations. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$1,500 bond.
- On March 24th, Stacy Lynn Harris of Sylacauga, AL for Failure to Pay on Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, And Possession of Controlled Substance. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail on a \$3,318 cash bond.
- On March 24th, Corporal Rudd arrested Devunte Leshun Moon of Goodwater, AL for Failure to Appear on Child Support. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On March, 25th, Deputy Mitchell arrested Eureka Sharda Thomas of Alexander City, AL for Failure to Appear on 6 Traffic Violations. She was placed in the Coosa County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.
- On March, 27th, Deputy Bradberry arrested Joseph Clinton Turek of Millbrook, AL for Driving Under the Influence. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail for \$2,000 bond.

Recent News

Sylacauga Man Arrested for Drugs



Timothy Ray Rudd

A Sylacauga man was arrested on three drug-related charges following a vehicle stop. On February 20, Deputy Logan Mitchell was patrolling with Reserve Deputy Payton when they observed a vehicle with a swapped tag. It was reported that Mitchell believed the driver had warrants in Coosa County.

He proceeded to pull the vehicle over and conducted a vehicle search. Inside the vehicle deputies located a crystal-like substance determined to be methamphetamine, as well as a meth pipe and a bag of marijuana.

The driver, 35-year-old Timothy Ray Rudd of Sylacauga, was arrested February 20. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree possession of marijuana.

Rudd's total bond was set at \$12,500. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



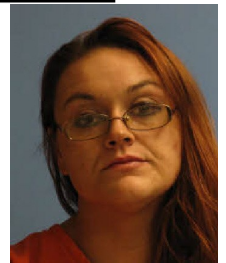
Man & Woman Arrested For Drug Charges

A man and woman, both from outside Coosa County, were arrested on multiple drug charges following a traffic stop. It was reported that Deputy Logan Mitchell and Reserve Deputy Payton conducted a traffic stop in the Goodwater area on January 26. The tag on the vehicle was expired, and Mitchell and Payton found that the driver had no driver's license and had warrants through another agency.

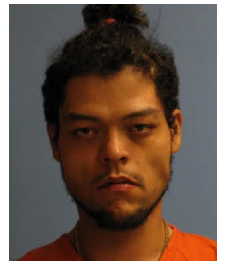
Law enforcement officers also reportedly smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver and passenger were both asked to get out of the vehicle.

Deputies asked if there was anything in the car, and the female, 27-year-old Brittany Renee Clark of Munford, said that there was marijuana and methamphetamines. Deputies proceeded to locate the drugs inside the vehicle.

Mitchell arrested Clark, as well as 25-year-old Jose Simental Ibarra of Ashland, and they were transported to the county jail without incident. Both were charged with possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bonds for each of them were set at a total of \$15,000. As of press time Clark and Ibarra both remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Brittany Renee Clark



Jose Simental Ibarra

Pursuit Ends After Vehicle Hits Residence

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A pursuit ended with an arrest after the vehicle struck a house on County Road 66. On January 25, Deputy Travis Ward was on patrol near the intersection of U.S. Highway 280 and County Road 49 when he observed a pickup truck traveling eastbound on Highway 280 that was speeding and driving erratically.

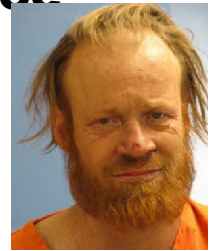
Ward attempted to stop the vehicle, but it continued traveling at a high rate of speed. At one point the driver attempted to turn off the highway, but hit road signs in the process.

The driver continued speeding, and eventually the pursuit continued onto County Road 66, where it was reported that the driver continued at a high rate of speed and ran numerous stop signs. The vehicle was reportedly going too fast on County Road 66 and ultimately struck an occupied dwelling.

The driver, who climbed out of his vehicle after the crash, was identified as 47-year-old Michael Eugene Hilburn of the Goodwater area. Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department and Sylacauga medics responded, and Hilburn was checked by medics and deemed to be okay.

However, Hilburn failed a sobriety test and was placed under arrest. He was charged with attempting to elude law enforcement officers, driving under the influence, first-degree criminal mischief, and third-degree criminal mischief.

Hilburn was transported to the Coosa County Jail without further incident. His bond was set at \$16,000 for all charges, and he has since been transferred to the Alabama Department of Corrections.



Michael Eugene Hilburn

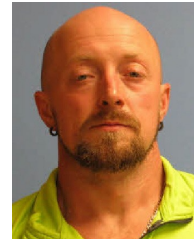
Goodwater Man & Woman Arrested

A man and woman from the Goodwater area were arrested in connection to some stolen property. On January 17, the Sheriff's Office received a report, and Cpl. Mike Rudd spoke with the victim who was remodeling their grandmother's house. At one point, it was observed that a refrigerator had been moved and was pulled out from against the wall.

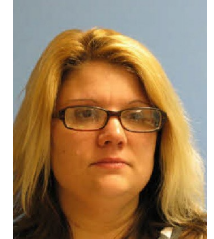
The next day the victim noticed the refrigerator was missing. The victim mentioned two individuals who were at the property at the time and was able to identify them.

The investigation ultimately culminated in Investigator Christopher Fenn arresting 34-year-old Kimberly Lauren Wilson and 38-year-old Christopher James McDaniel on January 25.

Both were charged with first-degree receiving stolen property. Bonds for each of them were set at \$10,000.



Christopher James McDaniel



Kimberly Lauren Wilson

Kellyton Man Arrested for Theft

A Kellyton man was arrested on a theft-related charge stemming from a January case. On January 23, Cpl. Mike Rudd was dispatched to County Road 93 for a report of the theft of a vehicle. Rudd met the vehicle owner's wife who stated that between January 22-23 someone came on the property and stole a 1953 Buick Special.

During the investigation it was determined that 26-year-old James O'brien Spears was the suspect.

On February 2, Investigator Franklin Keel arrested Spears on the charge of first-degree theft of property. His bond was set at \$15,000.



James O'brien Spears

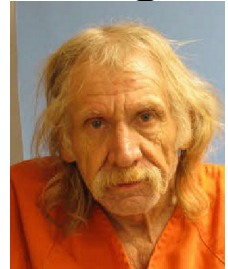
Hueytown Man Arrested on Multiple Drug Charges

A Hueytown man was arrested on multiple drug-related charges during a routine patrol. Deputy Travis Ward was on patrol when he pulled over a vehicle that had a switched tag. Upon approaching, Ward reportedly smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

When he asked the driver about it, the driver, 63-year-old Marty Williams Abbott Sr., said that he might have a roach, or the remaining tip of a joint, in his car. Abbott and a passenger got out of the vehicle so that Ward could proceed with conducting a vehicle search.

Ward found methamphetamine, a pipe and a bag of marijuana inside the vehicle. In the glove box he also found a marijuana pipe. Additionally, in the trunk he found more marijuana and two more marijuana pipes.

Ultimately Abbott was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger in the vehicle was found to have warrants in Tallapoosa County and was transported there. Abbott's total bond was set at \$14,000.



Marty Williams
Abbott Sr.

Law Enforcement Officer Struck by Motor Vehicle

At approximately 2:41 p.m. on March 3, 2022, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Goodwater Police Department in reference to a law enforcement officer being struck by a motor vehicle. The Goodwater Police Department went to 2081 Coosa County Road 86 to question Kytn Wentzell in reference to an on going investigation. Mr. Wentzell was standing by a tan or gold colored S10 pickup. As Officer Dawson and Officer Harrison was approaching the vehicle. Mr. Wentzell jumped in the vehicle with a white female name Rebecca Fuller and while driving at a high rate of speed attempted to strike Officer Dawson hitting him on the left shoulder. Officer Dawson and Officer Harrison located the vehicle at an abandoned residence on Coosa County 86. Officer Dawson was transported to Russell hospital for further testing, he has since been released. A search team was called in by the Coosa County Sheriff's Office and this team was attempting to apprehend Kytn Wentzell. He was considered to be armed and dangerous.



Kytn Wentzell and Rebecca Fuller have been taken into custody by Talladega County Sheriff's Office. We appreciate the public's help and tips that lead to their arrest. Last night the Coosa County Sheriff's Office received information on Wentzell's location in Talladega County. The information was passed on to Talladega County Sheriff's Office and Wentzell was safely taken into custody.

Calera Man Arrested For Drugs

A Calera man was arrested on drug-related charges while law enforcement officers were conducting a safety checkpoint.

The checkpoint was being done on County Road 29 in the Weogufka community. When asked for his license, one driver at the checkpoint, Thomas Elvin Brackin, stated that his license was suspended.

Deputy Logan Mitchell proceeded to ask Brackin to pull over to the side of the road. Brackin complied, and during further conversation he admitted that he had warrants for another agency.

Reportedly Brackin also informed Mitchell that he had methamphetamine and needles in his possession at the time.

Mitchell and Reserve Deputy Payton proceeded to conduct a search of the vehicle and found needles and methamphetamine.

Brackin, 30 years old, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bonds were set at \$5,000 for the controlled substance charge and \$2,500 for the paraphernalia charge, making his total bond \$7,500. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Thomas Elvin Brackin

If you **see** something,
say something®

Across the country, in our communities, we share everyday moments with our neighbors, family, coworkers, and friends. We go to work or school, the grocery store, or the gas station.

It's easy to overlook these routine moments, but as you're going about your day, **if you see something** that doesn't seem quite right, **say something**.



By being alert and reporting suspicious activity to your local law enforcement, you can protect your family, neighbors, and community.

Anyone who suspects or observes illegal activity is encouraged to report it to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4911 or online at www.coosacountyso.org. Anonymous tips are also welcome.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 11 — MAY 16, 2022



What is National Police Week?

National Police Week occurs every May, and in 2022. From May 11–16, the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum will hold ceremonies, including the 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil, to honor the fallen officers whose names have recently been added to the Memorial. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week.

The 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held on Friday, May 13 in Washington. But to make it more personal, the staff at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office want to hold a local Candlelight vigil here at the Coosa County Law Enforcement Facility around the flagpole at the same time on Friday, May 13 at 7:00 pm. We would like to invite the community out to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty and also have a prayer time for the safety of the officers of Coosa County and its municipalities. We will invite the Coosa County honor guard and will provide the candles. We will also have a time of fellowship to build community relations between the citizens and the officers of Coosa County.

OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

84 Line of Duty Deaths THIS YEAR	589 Line of Duty Deaths LAST YEAR	1,609 Line of Duty Deaths LAST FIVE YEARS	2,400 Line of Duty Deaths LAST TEN YEARS	25,679 Line of Duty Deaths FOR ALL TIME	 Corporal Keith Morgan Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, AL EOW: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Cause of Death: COVID19
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Total Line of Duty Deaths: 84

In 2022

Total Deaths by Month

Accidental	1	January	42
Aircraft accident	1	February	28
Automobile crash	7	March	14
COVID19	50		
Fire	1		
Gunfire	13		
Gunfire (Inadvertent)	1		
Heart attack	2		
Struck by vehicle	2		
Vehicle pursuit	1		
Vehicular assault	5		

Total Deaths by State

Alabama



Deputy Sheriff Steve Bobbitt
DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, AL
EOW: Thursday, February 3, 2022
Cause of Death: COVID19



Lieutenant Kevin Pounders
Hanceville Police Department, AL
EOW: Sunday, January 23, 2022
Cause of Death: COVID19



Investigator Steven Ray Finley
Madison County Sheriff's Office, AL
EOW: Friday, January 14, 2022
Cause of Death: COVID19

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST TO SATURDAY MAY 7TH, 2022

As another [National Correctional Officers Week](#) approaches, this is a great opportunity for those working in corrections to reflect on the job that they do and the value that their career provides to public safety. It's also an opportunity for those who don't work in corrections to reflect on the value of an area of the criminal justice system that's often forgotten.

The inherent risk of working in corrections may seem obvious considering the backgrounds of many of those housed within jail and prison facilities. However, these risks are often masked from the public, which rarely sees or hears about the hundreds or thousands of staff assaults that take place each week in correctional facilities across this country.

The view that most Americans have of the correctional system comes from exposure to movies and TV shows where the prison culture is often sensationalized and where corrections staff are frequently portrayed as villains rather than the heroes they actually are.

Prison assaults on staff are rarely in the full view of the media and are often handled through an internal administrative disciplinary process. It's likely that, even if they received coverage in the media, assaults on corrections staff would eventually become "white noise" to the public as the frequency of violent acts carried out on jail and prison staff would occupy entire news segments on a daily basis. This fact is not a reason to ignore the job of corrections, instead, it is the very reason that we should celebrate those working within the profession.

A CRITICAL ROLE IN PUBLIC SAFETY

The role that corrections plays in public safety is among the most important that exists. Prisons and jails are tasked with housing those who have violated society's norms or those society fears present a threat to the public. Once locked away, even the most violent criminals are often erased from the public's memory. The thought is that once confined, these perpetrators will never again present a threat to the public. Never again to present a threat – except to those tasked with working around them each day.



RONALD REAGAN

XL. President of the United States: 1981-1989

Proclamation 5187 - National Correctional Officers Week, 1984
May 5, 1984

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Correctional officers have the difficult and often dangerous assignment of ensuring the custody, safety and well-being of the over 600,000 inmates in our Nation's prisons and jails. Their position is essential to the day-to-day operations of these institutions; without them it would be impossible to achieve the foremost institutional goals of security and control.

Historically, correctional officers have been viewed as "guards," occupying isolated and misunderstood positions in prisons and jails. In recent years, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect. The important work of correctional Officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections.

In recognition of the contributions of correctional officers to our Nation, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 132, has designated the week beginning May 6, 1984, as "National Correctional Officers Week," and authorized and requested the President to issue an appropriate proclamation.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 6, 1984, as National Correctional Officers Week. I call upon officials of State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

Ronald Reagan

RONALD REAGAN

Note: The text of the proclamation was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 7.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S PRAYER

LORD, AS I REPORT TO WORK EACH DAY
IN THIS PLACE OF BLOCK AND STEEL
I ASK THAT YOU WOULD HAVE MY BACK,
THE DANGERS HERE ARE REAL.
KEEP ME ALERT TO INMATE GAMES
AND HELP ME TO BE STRONG.
TO ALWAYS FIGHT COMPLACENCY
WHEN DAYS AND SHIFTS ARE LONG.
LORD, PROTECT MY FELLOW OFFICERS,
WHILE THEY MAKE THEIR ROUNDS.
ASSURE THEM THAT I'LL BE THERE
EACH TIME THE ALL CALL SOUNDS.
PROTECT US WITH YOUR MIGHTY HAND,
KEEP ORDER IN THIS PLACE.
ABOVE ALL, LORD, MAY WE GO HOME
TO OUR FAMILY'S WARM EMBRACE.



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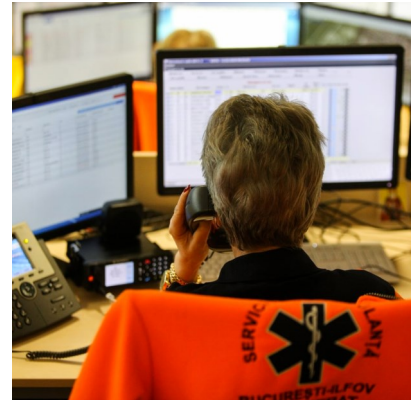
Not only are corrections staff tasked with housing those who society fears the most, but they are also expected to do so in a fair, ethical and humane way. They're expected to remove emotion from the knowledge they have of the crimes committed by those within their care and custody. They're expected to carry on with business as usual in the face of verbal insults, threats, assaults and after having lost a fellow staff member. A brother. A sister.

Corrections staff do this difficult job every day across this country not because of the recognition they'll receive from the public or the media, but because it's their job and it's the right thing to do. To understand the value of those serving within the misunderstood profession of corrections, I can't help but think of a saying that goes something like, "Character is the person you are when no one but God is watching." This is corrections: hidden from view, without recognition, they still carry out their duty to serve.

To those working in corrections, thank you. Thank you for your service to the public. Thank you for the role you play in public safety. Thank you for the courage you display every day. Thank you for your impartial treatment of those within your care. Thank you for upholding the Constitution by ensuring the ethical and humane treatment of those within your custody.

By: Rusty Ringler at <https://www.corrections1.com/>

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week APRIL 10-16, 2022



Do you ever wonder who’s the person behind our emergency calls to 911? All we know about them is their voice, which is why National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (NPSTW), observed every second week in April, has been set aside to recognize and celebrate the work of telecommunicators helping to save millions of lives every day. If it weren’t for the telecommunicators flawlessly doing their jobs, billions of lives would have been lost due to untimely assistance. So, throughout this week, we honor and thank those invisible telecommunicators who have continued to serve in this demanding profession.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week was founded to honor the telecommunication personnel dedicating their lives to public safety. It was a local initiative that was initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of Contra Costa County, which later went on to become a nationwide, week-long event.

There’s quite an interesting backstory that marked the establishment of the week. It goes something like this: Sheriff Rainey of the Contra Costa County wanted to treat all his administrative staff (then called secretaries) to lunch one afternoon, to show appreciation for their work, but did not realize that the administration’s lines should never go unanswered during business hours. At that time, it was a practice to forward all administration lines to dispatch after business hours, but the day Sheriff Rainey bought them lunch, the whole administration pushed their calls to dispatch at 11 am and recklessly left the building.

The dispatchers were shocked to receive a higher-than-usual volume of calls. The supervisor called the admin department to find out what the problem was, only to have the call routed back to him because all of them had gone out for a feast! Angered, the supervisor sent a dispatcher to the admin department to see what was going on, who came back to tell the supervisor that the entire building was vacant. Although the staff came back at 1 pm and disconnected the auto-forward feature, a long-time dispatcher, Patricia Anderson walked over to the administration side to give Sheriff Rainey an earful of what the dispatchers had gone through for two hours straight.

An hour later, on the same day, a sheepish Sheriff Rainey walked into the dispatch department with a giant cake decorated with the words “Happy Dispatcher Week,” launching an initiative that has now culminated into National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

BETWEEN THE THIN RED LINE &
THE THIN BLUE LINE
LIES THE THINNEST GOLD LINE THAT REPRESENTS
THOSE THAT ARE RARELY SEEN BUT MOSTLY HEARD.
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CoosaUp!

Basketball and Cheer League for all Coosa County youth, Kindergarten-6th grade

Weekly practices in your home community
with weekly games at Central Coosa
gymnasium.

Registration Information

Sunday, April 3, 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Central Coosa school gymnasium
97 County Road 75 Rockford, AL 35136

The registration cost per child for boys/girls
Basketball is **\$49.00** (includes program fee,
tshirt/short uniform, end of season medal).

The registration cost per child for girls
Cheerleading is **\$57.00** (includes program
fee, shirt/skort uniform, poms, hair bow, end
of season medal).

* cash or cards only, please add \$2 for cards

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*scholarships available from caring
community members, text to arrange a
scholarship for your child

26 **We Need a Little More Front Porch Time**

I grew up with a front porch. Now that I think about, I may have grown up on the front porch! We spent a lot of time out there, especially Mama and me. Back in those days, it seemed like everybody had a front porch, and they sat on it. This was back in the days before decks behind houses came into vogue. Some of my favorite childhood memories include front-porch time.

I've always loved those old houses with the large wrap-around porches. Some seemed to have about as much square footage under the porch as they did inside the house. Our porch wasn't that large, but large enough to hold Mama, my sister, me, and at least one highly-qualified yard dog.

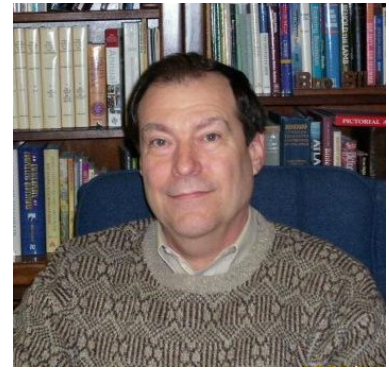
Our porch also served as a doghouse. It was high enough for our dogs to walk under and sleep there. It was also high enough for a young boy to crawl under and visit his dogs, or hide from his mama. There was a fish pond directly in front of our house. It was not close enough to fish in it from the porch, but it was close enough to throw rocks in from the porch. That pond was filled fish, turtles, snakes, bullfrogs, and crickets...and occasionally, boys.

The only air conditioning we had in the house was a large window fan. It didn't actually condition the air, it just moved it around. We spent many evenings sitting on the porch, where it was cooler, listening to the evening symphony by the bullfrogs and crickets. Sometimes a few tree frogs and an owl threw in a few notes. I don't mean to whine, but Mama and I had our share of problems. She became a widow at the age of 48. We often discussed and solved our problems while sitting on the porch. We even had some prayer time out there. Honestly, it was usually Mama who did the praying, but I was often the beneficiary of her prayers. I am more thankful for that now than then.

We didn't have the kind of front porch that we could sit on and speak to the neighbors as they passed by. That's only because neighbors didn't pass by. Our house was at the end of a long-dirt driveway. Our neighbors did come to visit, and we often had our visits on the front porch. They pulled up a chair, a rocker, or a porch swing. They had a glass of lemonade or tea, or perhaps a cup of coffee. Neighbors actually knew one another back then. We visited in one another's homes, or at least on their front porches.

Things have certainly changed since those days. My old homeplace is gone now...the house, porch, and even the pond. The pond has been drained and filled in, and a carwash sets where I used to fish and

swim. Since most of us have air conditioning now, and the house is cooler than the porch, we stay inside. If we do sit outside now, it is usually on the back porch or deck. I guess we moved to the back because we wanted our privacy. Maybe some people had neighbors they didn't want to stop by and visit, so they hide from them behind their house. Often, we don't even know our neighbors well enough to know their children's names, if we know them at all. I don't necessarily want to go back to the old days, but maybe we could all use a little more front-porch time...and get to know one another.



Bro. Bill King Columnist



Devotional

Reminders By Pam Ford Davis



Most of us having loving families; we often receive words of affection from a parent, spouse, or siblings. We know we're loved but it's encouraging to see visible reminders. Wedding bands and framed marriage certificates are public displays of the commitment between husband and wife.

Veterans carry flags and march in parades. We remember that they served out of love for God, family and country. The Lord knows our need for tangible reminders. He instructed patriarchs to build altars. They were memorials and were also used for the people's offerings and sacrifices to God. Looking at the altars, they were reminded of God's provision and protection.

The observance of the Lord's Supper, (Communion), is done in remembrance of Jesus sacrificial death.

“And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, This is My body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Luke 22:19 NASB

When we see a cross, we remember that Jesus took our place to give us forgiveness of sin and eternal life. God Himself gives frequent reminders of His promises. Noah, his family, and surviving animals were given a solemn promise after the flood. God said that he would never again destroy His living creations by a flood. A sign would be visible as a token and pledge. He made a rainbow.

Scripture Encouragement

“God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations; I have set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall serve as a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.’”
Genesis 9:12-13 NASB

Smart Phone App

To download the app.

- Go to your app store
- Search and download the Mobile Patrol app
- Open the app and select Alabama
- Under Agency select Coosa



Some information in the app includes the Jail Population (Detention), Outstanding Warrants, Crime Tips and the Most Wanted in Coosa County as well as general contact information

Springtime

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Riddle:
 I can be cracked, I
 can be made. I can
 be told, I can be
 played. What am I?

Important

Contact Information you may need!

Take this page and post near your phone or computer for future use.

Coosa County Sheriff's Office

Emergency Calls 9-1-1—All other calls	256-377-4922
Dispatch	Option 1
Pistol Permits	Option 3
Office	Option 4
Board of Registrar's Office.....	256-377-2418
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	256-377-2498
Circuit Clerk's Office.....	256-377-4988
Commissioners' Office	256-377-2420
Coosa County E911 Office	256-377-1911
Coosa County Extension Office	256-377-4713
Coosa County Emergency Management	256-935-9484
Coosa County School Board	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central High School	256-377-4384
Alabama Forestry Commission	256-377-4638
County Highway Department	256-377-2261
Department of Human Resources	256-377-2000
District Judge's Office.....	256-377-4957
First Bank in Rockford.....	256-377-1000
Goodwater Town Hall	256-839-6301
Health Partners of Goodwater	256-743-1300
Juvenile Probation Officer	256-377-2687
Probate Judge's Office.....	256-377-4919
Revenue Commissioner's Office.....	256-377-4916
Rockford Post Office	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall	256-377-4911
Tag Office	256-377-4910
Water Authorities	
Kellyton Water Authority	256-234-4784
Stewartville Water Authority	256-245-0214
Ray Water Authority	256-215-3546
Rockford Water Authority	256-377-4911



Programs Offered by...



Coosa County Sheriff's Office



The Yellow Dot Program

The "Yellow Dot" program is designed to assist Alabama citizens and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. The program can help save lives during the critical "Golden Hour" by improving communication at a time when accident victims may be unable to communicate for themselves. Pick up a "Yellow Dot" folder here at the Sheriff's Office, have your photo taken and printed.

A "Yellow Dot" decal on the driver's side rear window of a vehicle alerts first responders to check in the glove compartment for the corresponding "Yellow Dot" folder. Having this information following a crash helps first responders positively identify the person, get in touch with family or emergency contacts and ensures that the person's current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for injuries.



Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a radio transmission system designed to assist law enforcement and rescue agencies in locating lost or missing persons who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Autism, Dementia, or other disorders that may prohibit them from communicating personal information such as who they are or where they live. Project Lifesaver can help provide peace of mind to caregivers. However, it does not replace the need for supervised care.

The transmitter is a small circular radio device on a wristband, approximately the size of a wristwatch. The transmitters and wristbands are worn 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are difficult to remove without the appropriate tools. If the participant becomes lost or missing, the Sheriff's Office and emergency response services have specialized tracking equipment to help isolate the location of the transmitter the participant is wearing. The search will start from the last known location of the participant and work outward until the transmission signal is obtained. The goal is to determine the location of the signal in a quick, timely manner, minimizing the risk of harm to the loved one.

CCSO is proud to participate, along with the other agencies in Alabama, in this very worthy and worthwhile program; Sheriff Howell says this is another way we will live up to our motto, "To Serve and Protect" and he is extremely proud to offer this great service to Coosa County!



Neighborhood Watch Program

A citizen's involvement program where citizens, in cooperation with their local law enforcement agency, directly participate in the detection and prevention of crime. These citizens keep well informed about their neighborhood and of any suspicious, criminal or dangerous activities that may be occurring. Coosa County has five communities that participate with the CCSO in this program. Their meetings are scheduled every month, the dates and times are indicated.

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| • First Monday of every Month | - | 6:00 PM | - | Union Square |
| • Canceled | - | 6:30 PM | - | Richville |
| • Canceled | - | 6:30 PM | - | Smyrna |
| • Third Tuesday of every Quarter | - | 6:30 PM | - | Hanover |
| • Third Thursday of every Month | - | 6:30 PM | - | Weogufka |
| • Every Other Month on 4th Thursday | - | 6:30 PM | - | Equality |