



Coosa Journal



News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office



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**"Greater love hath no man than
this, that a man lay down his
life for his friends."**

(John 15:13)

Sheriff Terry Wilson

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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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Rockford Baptist Church

9575 Highway 231 Rockford

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM Worship

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Point of View

Do Not Miss The Work of God

Snow? In Central and South Alabama? It is almost unbelievable. Both events taking place in the same month seems too much. But, this is just January; we still have February and March to go. As some will recall, the most snow we have received in past years has been around Easter-so just wait and see what takes place in the future.

When it is like it has been the last few days, with below average temperatures, cold wind and this powdery substance which looks so beautiful on the top but is dangerous underneath, those of us which have seen enough in our lifetime to do for a lifetime, we know we do not like it-no-we do not like it at all. On the other hand, the kids love it. They get a few days out of school without books and rules and teachers' looks!



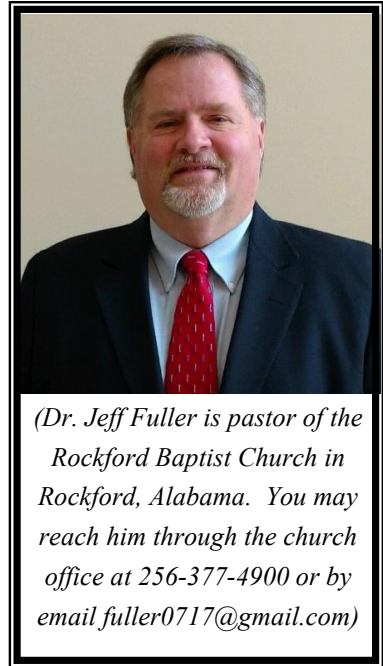
For me...I think of days gone by...

With the latest winter weather situation, I have thought back to the snow events of the past years in my life. While 2014 still shows up in my mind, and the one week of riding four-wheelers in Still Waters in 1993; there is another which has come back full force in the last few days.

It was 1976 when we moved to Fort Payne from Talladega, resulting in a cultural shock to my twelve-year old eyes, mind, heart, and soul. Different school, different people, a new house, and neighborhood; all combined to create a great deal of adjustment.

Yet, while it was difficult, there was something which changed it for me. In January of 1976 we had a snow event which caused school to be out for almost two weeks. For almost two weeks, what were we to do? New to the area, no friends yet, and stuck at home by the fireplace trying to stay warm?

Getting out and making use of the time to explore the woods beside the house, the



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neighborhood was the only way to make use of the long hours. Before long our large back yard began to fill up with boys from the neighborhood. We played football for hours, dodging inside the basement to warm up by the fire before heading back out to play some more football.

It was during this time I began to accumulate some friends; friends who would be with more for years to come. One, who was an immediate adversary in the first few months of sixth grade, became a close friend. I ended up performing his wedding after we graduated and through the years he will pop back into my life, as if things never changed. Another neighborhood friend from those snowy days has been as close as a brother through the years as we have shared life and the calling of the ministry together.

Now, in retrospect, the snow event of 1976 was a blessing...

Amazing how God uses things to work together for His plan and purposes. Sometimes we do not understand what He is doing-most of the time we do not-but in the secret place, in the dark of the night, in the unseen areas, God is doing things we do not understand and cannot comprehend at the time. When we look back we have a moment where we see God's hand in the situation and ultimately thank Him for not showing us what He was doing all along.

My reminder today is the story of Moses. He did not get the full picture from God when he encountered the burning bush in the desert. God told him things he did not understand and instructed him in the things he was to be obedient to do as God commanded. He was not perfect, nor did he get to go into the Promised Land God had already secured for His Chosen People.

The writer of Hebrews wrote these precious words later about the faithful one, Moses:

“By faith, after Moses was born, he was hidden by his parents for three months because they saw that the child was beautiful and they didn’t fear the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter and chose to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the short-lived pleasure of sin. For he considered the reproach because of the Messiah to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since his attention was on the reward. By faith he left Egypt behind, not being afraid of the king’s anger, for Moses persevered as one who sees Him who is invisible. By faith he instituted the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch the Israelites. By faith they crossed the Red Sea as though they were on dry land. When the Egyptians attempted to do this, they were drowned.” **Hebrews 11:23-29 (HCSB)**

Until next time...

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March's *Sheriff's Office* Featured Article

2017 4TH QUARTER AND ANNUAL REVIEW

Each quarter the entire Coosa County Sheriff's Office team gather together for lunch, a light-hearted exchange of conversation, and an in-depth review of the last three months. Each area of service is examined, statistical information reviewed and basic goals for the coming three months are stated. On February 7, the CCSO reviewed the months of October through December of 2017. Yet, with the last quarter of the year meeting, there is a review of the complete last year.

At the quarterly meeting, the numbers are reflective of a span of three months; the Annual Review takes into account the total twelve months, and a comparison to the past ten years of the continual work of protecting and serving the citizens of Coosa County.

This article will share the basic information, statistical, goals which drive the CCSO.

Sheriff Terry Wilson began the meeting by reminding the team, "2017 was declared "The Year of Stronger Leadership with Superb Teamwork." The Sheriff continued, "Strong Leadership and Great Teamwork was Displayed Throughout the Entire Year – It Was Displayed:

- When You Answered Over 10,000 Calls To Service/Activities
- When You Arrested Over 500 Suspects this Year!
- When You Served Over 650 Warrants this Year!
- When You Have the All Time UCR Clearance Rate for Solving Crimes
- When You have Captured 2 Escapes in a Timely Manner!
- When You Solved 3 Homicides – All Within the First 24 Hours!

"This last year, was no doubt a very challenging year, "Sheriff Wilson said, "When these challenges take place, it is very taxing to the manpower and this was probably the most challenging year ever!" Sheriff Wilson continued, "This Team worked very well together and definitely displayed the strongest leadership and greatest teamwork ever! Thank you all very much."

Safety Brief by Safety Officer Tim Lipscomb

"In light of Governor Ivey declaring a State of Emergency due to the widespread Influenza Outbreak, we need to be reminded of our precautions which protect us and those we come in contact with on a regular basis," Officer Lipscomb



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said.

- Use Personal Protective Equipment-Gloves Masks
- Wash Hands After...Contact with Others and After Restroom Visits
- Use Hand Sanitizer Often
- Keep All Surfaces Clean and Disinfected
- Be Observant and Avoid Those with Signs of Infection: Sneezing, Coughing, Runny Nose, Fever

If You Are Infected, Stay Home!

4th Quarter Statistics

Admin Stats -

Pistol Permits Sold: October-116; November-92; December-135

Jail Stats-

Average Population: October-30; November-28; December-33

Bookings: October-37; November-56; December-27

Law Enforcement Stats-

Activities: October-695; November-776; December-851

Warrants Served: October-28; November-34; December-58

Civil Papers Served: October-54; November-34; December-44

Incident Reports Taken: October-53; November- 43; December-51

4th Quarter General Accomplishments

- Presented 109 Cases to the Fall Grand Jury
- Received Outstanding Comments on the Grand Jury Inspection of the Jail
- Developed/Ordered Our Annual Sheriff's Calendar
- Hosted Most Successful COACH Fishing Tournament Ever!!
- 4th Consecutive 1st Place on our COACH Fundraising Events
- Received a 99% Rating on our Jail Health Dept. Inspection
- Hosted Another Great Annual Christmas Dinner
- Placed 1st or 2nd with our Christmas Float in All Four Christmas Parades
- Conducted Another Highly Successful Secret Santa Program



4th Quarter Training Accomplishments

- Taser Instructor Recertification- Deputy Jones
- Election Conference – Keel, Lipscomb, Wilson
- Jail Management Class – Ebert
- Police Academy – Davenport
- Poll Workers Class – Keel & Lipscomb
- Russell Lands L.E. Training Meeting - Hammond

**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God.”
Matthew 5:9**

Year End Review

After looking back over the past three months of the CCSO work, the Sheriff turned his attention to the past twelve months of the 2017 year and asked:

<div>  <h1>2017 Annual Stats</h1>  </div>													
COOSA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE													
2017 MONTHLY STATUS													
Activities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Calls to Service/Activities	916	882	942	808	830	862	843	824	794	695	776	851	10,023
Daily Jail Inmate Average	25	25	26	41	36	32	23	27	27	30	28	33	29
Prisoner Transports Made	10	16	13	6	12	20	8	21	15	11	15	31	178
Incident & Offense Police Reports	47	42	58	59	47	51	68	55	53	53	43	51	627
Arrests Made	41	40	44	59	43	56	37	40	41	27	33	49	510
Warrants Served	55	52	70	84	77	71	35	47	63	27	40	58	679
Tickets Issued	41	62	47	23	45	68	56	27	28	30	15	13	455
Patrol Miles Driven	17,920	19,318	20,933	18,790	18,323	20,806	15,666	18,775	19,239	16,269	20,767	19,719	226,525
Civil Papers Served	47	59	49	66	78	57	71	52	46	62	43	44	674
Pistol Permits Issued	127	126	147	99	101	92	89	107	69	116	92	135	1300
DUI Arrests	3	3	1	1	0	6	5	4	1	4	0	0	28
Drug Arrests	3	4	12	8	5	7	7	6	6	2	3	9	72
Sex Offender Verification	25	11	24	19	9	28	19	11	25	19	14	21	225

Yearly Comparisons

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Calls to Service/Activities	6,333	8,075	8,575	9,111	9,881	9,631	11,240	9,675	10,414	10,023
Daily Jail Inmate Average	53	69	60	55	54	50	36	33	26	29
Prisoner Transports Made	283	316	397	196	216	214	183	178	193	178
Incident & Offense LE Reports	758	805	991	866	719	654	674	636	694	627
Arrests Made	616	479	503	572	441	410	378	370	447	510
Warrants Served	580	503	586	517	587	513	473	537	626	679
Civil Papers Served	1253	1211	1070	905	726	723	648	671	730	674
Pistol Permits Issued	994	1096	1142	1238	1355	2104	1413	1211	1424	1300
DUI Arrests	37	28	32	26	31	29	27	17	41	28
Drug Arrests	-	-	19	46	22	31	43	31	74	72
Sex Offenders Monitored	-	-	-	30	35	37	43	51	58	225
Grand Jury Cases Presented	188	263	252	291	202	202	186	289	171	236
Homicides	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3

- ⇒ *How Did We Do?*
- ⇒ *How Did our Stats Look Compared to Other Years?*
- ⇒ *Did we Get a Lot Accomplished?*

To punctuate the above-mentioned statistics, the review led to a generalization of the accomplishments:

- Planned and Completed Very Successful COACH Fundraising Events
- Conducted Annual Employee Appraisals
- Conducted Annual Cold Case Task Force Review
- Upgraded Deputy Smartphones & Installed Wi-Fi in Cars
- Upgraded Deputy Mobile Data Terminals
- Placed/Received our Annual Ammo Order
- Condemned 2 Vehicles and 1 ATV for Sale
- Conducted a Complete Sex Offender Verification Detail
- Enhanced Jail Security Measures –Installed Barbwire on Jail Wash Bay Fence
- Enhanced Jail Security Camera System & Added More Cameras
- Presented 236 Cases to the Spring & Fall Grand Jurys
- Participated with the Annual CCHS Family Festival
- Assisted with Annual Weogufka Mule Day Celebration
- Participated in Annual COACH Remembrance Celebration
- Assisted the Annual Hatchet Creek Float Festival
- Acquired a New Patrol Vehicle – 2017 Ford Police Interceptor
- Received Great Rating from Meadowbrook Insurance Inspection Report
- Finalized the Lease Agreement on Equipment Storage Facility
- Conducted Multiple Death Investigation Reviews
 - Some are still On-Going Investigations and are Being Pursued
- Initiated/Published the 2018 Calendar Program
- Installed Courthouse Security Camera System
- Participated in our Annual National Night Out
- Started 2017/2018 School Year with New SRO (Cpl Moon)



HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR UNUSED MEDICINES

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Saturday, April 28 - 10am to 2pm

**MEDICATION
TAKE-BACK
DAY**



**Lock it up.
Clean it out.
Drop it off.**

DROP OFF LOCATION: Coosa County Sheriff's Office Front Lobby

- Completed All 3 Special Elections (Primary, Run-Off, General)
- Initiated Search Warrant on Suspects with a Large Indoor Marijuana Growing Operation
- Initiated Search Warrant on Suspect Resulting in Arrest of Felon in Possession of Firearms
- Revised/Launch New Sheriff's Website
- Submitted 2017-2018 Budget - Won Approval of a 3% Pay Raise
- Safety Officer Received Safety Award for Great Performance

Sheriff Wilson ended the year end review with highlighting the significant accomplishments for the 2017 as Conducting Another Large Spice Bust in Richville and Worked/Solved 3 Homicides This Year. One in Marble Valley and two in Goodwater.

As has been the case for the past several years of Sheriff Wilson's service and leadership, training is a priority. He reviewed all the training accomplishments for each department over the last twelve month period. Also, Sheriff Wilson thanked the Reserve Deputies for the services they provided this year. Each year the reserve unit makes major impacts on assisting and providing manpower for the CCSO. The year 2017 proves the invaluable service contributed to the Sheriff. Not only have they provided security for numerous athletic events, community events, assisted with criminal and Cold Case Investigations, etc. but they have contributed **5846** hours of service.

"With 2018 in the rearview mirror, it is now time to look forward to a new year and a new goal," Sheriff Wilson stated. "This year, I declare the Sheriff's Annual Declared Goal "The Year to *"Raise Your Professional Value."*

- Raise Your Value in the Eyes of All that See You
- Work Harder and Keep Challenging Yourself
- Increase Your Knowledge and Skills
- Raise Your Worth with Your Peers and Supervisors
- Become a More Valuable Asset to this Office and Our Mission by Raising Your Value
- I'm Encouraging all of You to Raise Your Value Higher Than Ever Before!

With the year review, it was also important for goals and initiatives to be stated. The Sheriff, Shelia, Davidson, and Mull each listed their particular areas of interest.

2018 Sheriff's Annual Initiatives

- Upgrade Jail Security To Prevent Attempted Escapes:
- Acquire New Digital Radio System
- Craft/Facilitate Local Acts for:
 - To Obtain a Booking Fee per Inmate
 - Increase the FTA Warrant Fee
 - Obtain a Sheriff's Office Credit Card
 - Obtain a Resolution that Requires The County Commission to Pay for Deputies Hazardous Duty Pay instead of our Pistol Fund paying it
- Purchase a Drone for the Sheriff's Office

2018 Administrative Goals

- Prepare for the Auditors
- Update Administration Books
- To make a Plaque for prior Sheriff's.
- To spruce up flower bed by flag pole.
- To get all fleet vehicles up to date on service and rotations.

- To improve Deputy inbox procedures.

2018 Law Enforcement Goals

- Develop the Narcotics Unit and Work Toward Having a Coosa County Task Force
- Continue to Enhance the Coosa County Sheriff's Firing Range with Addition of Lights and Steel Targets
- Continue to Relook "Cold Cases" and Work Toward a Resolution
- Provide Training to Improve Each Individual's Performance and Understanding in Law Enforcement
- Work Toward all Departments Working Together as a Single Unit and Not as Individuals to Improve Productivity and Professionalism

2018 Jail/Dispatch Goals

- Obtain 75% Certification Rate for all C.O.'s with APCO, AJMTA, NCIC and Other Training
- Implement Updated Jail Policy and Procedure
- Update Dispatch Center
Remodel Dispatch Desk
- Update Jail Security
- Increase Jail Operational Capacity
100% functionality in all cells

Sheriff Wilson, Chief Davidson and Captain Mull handed out this quarter's Outstanding Performance Based Awards for things like most Misdemeanor Arrests, Most 911 calls taken, etc. They also handed out Outstanding Contributors Awards to those that went above and beyond to help with Christmas float, parades, dinner decorations and who helped with COACH fundraisers. Sheriff Wilson was excited about awarding Shelia Thomas her 10 Years Loyal & Dedicated Service. She is and has been a great asset to our department.

There was also two employees, who through their dedicated and exemplary service received promotions. Lt. Scott Hammond has been an investigator since 2010, solved more felony cases than any other investigator, has presented over 1800 cases to the Grand Jury and participated in nearly all Sheriff's Office events to name a few of his accomplishments. Lt. Hammond is now Captain Scott Hammond. Corporal Charles Ebert was recommended for a promotion to Sergeant by Captain Mike Mull. He received this promotion due to his dedicated service and his "can do" attitude, he portrays a positive self image and is a team player. He also has displayed his ability to make appropriate decisions and has been assisting in training and developing the last several Correctional Officers hired.

Next Sheriff Wilson reviewed the Sheriff's



Shelia Thomas receiving her 10 Years Local and Dedicated Service Award



Captain Hammond receiving his promotion from Sheriff Wilson



Sergeant Ebert receiving his promotion from Sheriff Wilson

C.O.A.C.H. Team Results and they were as follows:

- S.O. Coordinator – Cpt Mike Mull Team Leader – Jamie Thornton Goal: \$10,000
- Events:
 - Start Up Fund Balance - \$1,000.00
 - Pancake Breakfast - \$902 (141 Plates)
 - Spring Fishing Tournament (Lt Keel)– \$1,246.00 (23 Boats)
 - Hot Dog Lunch (Shelia Thomas) – \$243.00 (98 Bags)
 - Sheriff's Café (Sheriff) - \$2,700.00 (570 Plates Sold)
 - Gun Raffle (Chief) - \$5,319.00 (478 Tickets)
 - Fall Fishing Tournament (Mike Mull)- \$6,435.00 (71 Boats)
- Total Amount - \$15,152.00

Wilson said that with everything going on this next year we would scale back and conduct three events for COACH.

- The Sheriff's Breakfast
- Sheriff's Cafe
- Fall Fishing Tournament

In conclusion, the Sheriff Declared the Year of 2017: “This was another successful year with great teamwork, though challenging in every way. Now we look forward to an even better 2018! I would be remiss without saying, ‘Thank you all for your dedicated service and being the great public servants you demonstrate on a daily basis!’”



The Sheriff's Cafe



April 19, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Office Sallyport

256.377.1803/4922

\$7.00

A plate

Menu

**Smoked
1/2 Chicken Plates**

Plates include

**2 Sides
Bread
Dessert
Drinks—\$1**



News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

Our Next Sheriff

If you watch the news on any night you might be tempted to believe we live in an awful country. The truth of the matter is we live in the best country in the world. One thing that contributes to this is our ability to elect our leaders. This is an awesome responsibility.

This year the citizens of Coosa County will be making decisions that will impact them for the next four years. To me one of the most important races is the one for the Office of the Sheriff. There is no lack of candidates for the position. Currently those whom have qualified to run include five republicans and one independent.



I believe when many folks think of the Office of Sheriff, they think law enforcement officer which obviously is true. However, the Office of Sheriff is much more. The Sheriff's position is one of service. The Sheriff serves the county as its chief law enforcement officer. This includes the management of the members of the Sheriff's Office including deputies and correctional staff. Managing the office includes working hand in hand with the county commission and every other entity of county government. In addition, the Sheriff is a servant of every citizen of the county. I'm sure many of you would be surprised to know how many visitors the Sheriff has each day and the requests he often receives. These include but are not limited to the parents of a wayward child looking for assistance, a landowner who is concerned about some suspicious activity in their neighborhood, someone who is upset over the barking of their neighbor's dog and the person who thinks a friend is being abused. These are requests from the public which are in addition to the demands of running the department.

Our current Sheriff has been a true champion of the Coosa COACH Program supporting it through numerous fundraisers. This is yet another act of service. Cancer victims in Coosa County benefit from these efforts. The Sheriff serves on multiples committees and boards covering a wide array of topics. Believe me when I tell you this just scratches the surface.

The Office of Sheriff requires a well-rounded individual who is willing to give of their time sacrificially. Someone with good judgement and discernment who strongly applies the law impartially yet with empathy and compassion. In my opinion, this requires a mature law enforcement officer with considerable experience. Remember your Sheriff will direct the law enforcement effort in our county. One of my pet peeves is the person who speaking of crime says, "as long as it doesn't affect me and my family I'm not worried about it." The truth is, crime affects you either directly or indirectly. This demands a strong law enforcement leader. You owe it to yourself and your family to thoroughly evaluate the candidates and make an informed decision. We have just over three months before the Republican primary on June 5th. Use this time to seek out any forums or events featuring the candidates and educate yourself concerning their qualifications so you can make an informed decision. Remember, you will live with the results.

**Reserves Meeting:
March 17, 2018
At 8:00 AM at
Firing Range**

By

Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit

Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours February

Don Hodge 107 hrs.
Bill Embry 72.5 hrs.
James Ward 46 hrs.
John Pierce 24.5 hrs.
Bro. Jeff Fuller..... 19 hrs.

Total Reserve Deputy Hours

378 hours



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE



REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

Total Officers Down = 21

As of February 28, 2018

Month:

Type Of Death:

January: 9

911 Related: 2

February: 12

Auto Crash: 4

March:

Gunfire: 14

Struck by Vehicle: 1



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Sheriff's February Arrest Report

- On February 1st Deputy Jones arrested Miguel Ojeda Cabrera from Kellyton, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3rd/Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$2500 bond to await trial.
- On February 2nd Deputy Davenport arrested Thomas Anthony Lee from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Domestic Violence 3rd / Harassment. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 2nd Deputy Davenport arrested Matthew Wayne Avery from Sylacauga, AL. on a Drug Court Sanction. He was processed and placed in the County Jail to serve a 48 hour sanction.
- On February 2nd Deputy Rudd arrested Desmond Deon Edwards from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On February 2nd Deputy Davenport arrested Samuel Douglas Buff from Clanton, AL. on a warrant for Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On February 6th Captain Hammond arrested Coris Devol Cook from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Theft of Property 1st. He was processed and released on a \$10,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 6th Deputy Davenport arrested Roderick Derell Kelley from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Theft of Property 4th. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 6th Deputy Davenport arrested Michael Chadwick Grubb from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Burglary 3rd and Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 9th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Kilpatrick Cornelius McKinney from Kellyton, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of Marijuana 1st X 2 and Failure to Appear/Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 9th Deputy Jones arrested Alvin Hampton Roach from Berry, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 9th Deputy Davenport arrested Megan Brooke Smith from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. She was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 9th Deputy Jones arrested Nortasha Shaunta Pearson from Dadeville, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance and Operating a Vehicle with an Expired Tag. She was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 10th Deputy Jones arrested Naquan Tybrenn Wyckoff from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Operating a Vehicle with a Learners Permit and Speeding. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 11th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Jamielene NMN Evans from Talladega, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Driving While Revoked. She was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 13th Deputy Rudd arrested Alan Wayne Jennings from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for

Failure to Pay/Burglary 3rd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.

- On February 14th Deputy Davenport arrested James O'Brien Spears from Kellyton, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3rd/Assault. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2500 bond to await trial.
- On February 15th Corporal Moon arrested Helen Angela Reeves from Prattville, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 16th Deputy Rudd arrested Nataya Lanetria Thomas from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 1st. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 19th Deputy Jones arrested Ronnie Lee Russell from Alexander City, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He was processed and released on a \$15,000 bond to await trial.
- On February 21st Deputy Rudd arrested Christopher William Goff from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 2nd, Theft of Property 3rd and also Failure to Appear/Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On February 22nd Deputy Rudd arrested Justin Renard Paschal from Elmore, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/ Reckless Endangerment. He was processed and released on a \$ 2500 bond.
- On February 23rd Lt. Keel arrested Travis Anthony Jackson from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Negotiating a Worthless Instrument X 2. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On February 23rd Deputy Davenport arrested Shakell Gicauan Gary from Montgomery, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Carrying a Concealed Piston without a Permit. He was processed and released on a \$ 3000 bond to await trial.
- On February 23rd Deputy Davenport arrested Datavus Latrell Rainer from Montgomery, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On February 25th Deputy Jones arrested Alicia Pertete Wesley from Childersburg, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Public Intoxication and Public Lewdness. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.

Recent News

Local Law Enforcement Agencies Receive Updated Equipment

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office, along with the Rockford and Goodwater Police Departments are now receiving updated communications equipment, thanks to the generosity and support of another entity.

The Coosa County E-911 Board started a project late in 2017 to replace the Sheriff's Office outdated communications infrastructure. The dispatch console had already been replaced by the E-911 Board in 2014. Now, with this phase, all aspects are being replaced and updated, including base repeaters, car radios and portable units used by deputies and officers. The Coosa County E-911 Board has funded the total project at a cost of just more than \$100,000.

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office dispatch is the primary radio operations center for law enforcement and emergency services dispatch in the county, with dispatching also being done at the Goodwater Police Department.

"Solid reliable communication is essential for our law enforcement and responders to receive the necessary information to carry out their duties," stated E-911 Board Chairman Elmore Unbehant. "It is also important to remember that the radio is the lifeline back to someone to get help for that deputy or officer that needs it." Unbehant also wants to thank the E-911 Board and E-911 Director Amanda Robinson for their hard work to insure this important project was completed and with the most state-of-the-art equipment possible.

Sheriff Terry Wilson said, "The Sheriff's Office is very appreciative of the E-911 Board for helping out with purchasing this equipment. It will be very useful in this much-needed upgrade to our communications system." Radio work and products are being provided by Allcomm Wireless of Sylacauga.



Local law enforcement agencies will soon be able to enjoy updated equipment to offer better communications, thanks to the E-911 Board. Pictured from left are E-911 Board Chair Elmore Unbehant, E-911 Director Amanda Robinson and Sheriff Terry Wilson.

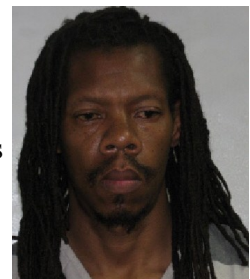
Stewartville Man Arrested for Local Theft

A Stewartville man was arrested in connection with a theft case from the end of January. On January 22, the Sheriff's Office took a report from the Stewartville area for the theft of numerous amounts of farm equipment. After talking to the victim, deputies learned that the equipment could possibly be sold as scrap.

The investigation led to two scrap yards, one in Sylacauga and one in Coosa County. Some of the equipment that had been identified by the victim was found at P&G Endeavors in Coosa County. Upon reviewing information from P&G, deputies identified the suspect as 40-year-old Coris Devol Cook of Stewartville.

Warrants were obtained, and on February 6 Cook was arrested for first-degree theft of property. His bond was set at \$10,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.

Some of the stolen farm equipment was recovered at the scrap yard.



Coris Devol Cook

Sylacauga Man Arrested for Weogufka & Stewartville Thefts

A Sylacauga man was arrested in connection to two cases of theft from the Weogufka and Stewartville communities. On January 24, 43-year-old Johnathan Michael Trucks of Sylacauga was arrested and charged with one count each of first-degree theft of property and second-degree theft of property. His arrest stemmed from the thefts of two trailers from the Weogufka and Stewartville area.

On December 27, a 16-foot utility trailer valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from the Weogufka area. Then, on January 8, a Big Tex 10-foot dump trailer valued at \$3,500 was reported stolen from the Stewartville area.

The Sheriff's Office reported that it was able to recover the 10-foot utility trailer.

An investigation revealed that Trucks is allegedly a responsible party in the thefts of both trailers. The investigation remains ongoing.

Trucks' bonds were set at \$10,000 for the first-degree theft charge and \$5,000 for the second-degree charge, making his total bond \$15,000. He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Johnathan Michael Trucks

Sheriff's Office Holds its First Baptism

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office held what is believed to be the first baptism at the jail, taking place in the sally port. "We thank you, Lord, for the work of redemption you give to our lives and to the life of our brother who comes to follow you in baptism," Chaplain Jeff Fuller of Coosa County Sheriff's Office and pastor of Rockford Baptist Church prayed on Tuesday morning, February 13, 2018.

A small group of Coosa County Sheriff's Office staff and members of the Coosa County Jail Ministry Team gathered with Fuller to witness the baptism of Frankie Smith in the sally port. It was a joyous occasion which culminated a two-month journey to demonstrate obedience of God's command by one lone inmate whose life had been impacted by the witness of Tim Wilcox through the Jail Ministry Team.

"During a Christmas party in this same location, Wilcox asked how we might go about baptizing an inmate," Chaplain Fuller recalled. "It was a first for me, a question which had not been proposed to me in my ten years of serving as chaplain." Fuller explained he would need to talk with Jail Administrator Captain Mike Mull and Sheriff Terry Wilson to make the appropriate arrangements.

After working through the chain and talking with Ministry Team Leader Jan Morris, the plan came together. Wilcox would provide a portable hot tub, with permission from the sheriff to conduct a baptism in the sally port.

The observance was to be held on a Tuesday, which is the day in which the Ministry Team conducts Bible study in the pods at Coosa County. Therefore, a small group took part in witnessing this special event last Tuesday.

"We thank Sheriff Wilson, Captain Mull and others for allowing us to come into this facility and share the message of Christ," Morris said at the conclusion of the baptism. "Some facilities do not provide this ministry, but Coosa County does, and we are grateful for the opportunity."



Members of the Jail Ministry Team, along with others, were on hand to witness Frankie Smith's baptism in the sally port. Pictured from left are Tim Jennings, Tim Wilcox, Frankie Smith, Jan Morris, and Jeff Fuller.



Tim Wilcox with the Coosa County Jail Ministry Team baptizes inmate Frankie Smith



The Sheriff's All You Can Eat Breakfast

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

All you can eat \$6.00 per person

Event will be in the Sheriff's Office

Sallyport

COACH Fundraiser

Breakfast Menu

Includes:

Scrambled Eggs

Grits

Sausage

Pancakes

Toast

Coffee

Milk Choice

Juice



Contact any Sheriff's Office Employee or Reserve Deputy for more information and come eat with us!

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The Last Member of the Trio Has Joined the Others

All three of them are gone now. They have all died within the past five years. The three of them lived a combined total of 296 years! The impact they had on this nation, even the world, cannot be known or summed up. As you no doubt already know, Dr. Billy Graham died in his sleep on Wednesday, February 21st. He was 99. He was the last living member of the trio that was the Billy Graham crusade team. He wished for all three to be buried on the grounds of the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. Dr. Graham will be buried there beside his wife, Ruth Bell Graham. Like her, he will be buried in a plywood coffin built by inmates of Angola Prison. George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows are both buried nearby.

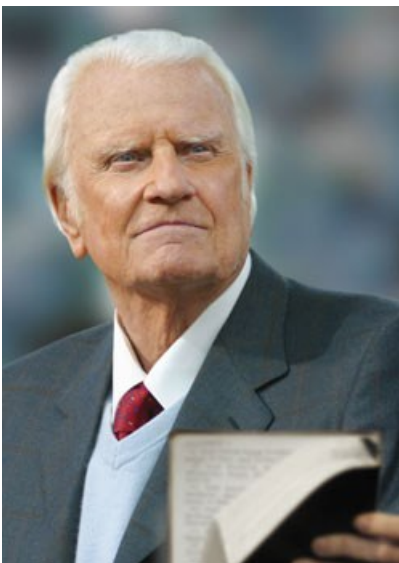


Bro Bill King Columnist

My memories of watching the Billy Graham crusades on our old black and white television go back as far as I can remember. They began their ministry together almost a decade before I was born. They were part of the lives of so many of us. I had the privilege of attending two of their crusades in person and also heard Dr. Graham preach once at the Southern Baptist Convention. I took a group of senior adults from the church I pastored to the crusade in Atlanta. I did not realize it was youth night. When the Christian rock/rap band D.C. Talk came out singing “Jesus is Just Alright,” and one member turned a flip from the top of a speaker cabinet, one of our senior adults asked me, “Is this the Billy Graham crusade?” Billy Graham’s programs changed with the times, but his message never did.

Canadian born, George Beverly Shea, was the first of the trio to leave us, back in 2013. He was 104! The iconic rich baritone was known as “America’s beloved gospel singer.” He is believed to have sung live before more people than anyone else in history. He was a mainstay on the team from the beginning back in 1947.

Cliff Barrows left us in 2016. He died at the young age of 93. He too was part of the team from the beginning. He served as music and program director for the crusades. Some of the biggest names in gospel and Christian music sang in the crusades and Mr. Barrows led the congregation in singing hymns. He once said, “I’ve had no greater joy than encouraging people to sing.” In each service, after exactly forty minutes of music, Mr. Barrows would introduce Dr. Graham as “God’s man for this hour.” He also served as host of the weekly Hour of Decision radio program for sixty years.



Who knew that a North Carolina farm boy, the former pastor of First Baptist Church in Western Springs, Illinois, would one day become “America’s Pastor?” As a young college student, he was once told, “At best, all you could amount to is a poor country preacher, out in the sticks somewhere.” He would go on from preaching in tents with sawdust floors to preaching in packed stadiums in the major cities around the world. He became the spiritual advisor to presidents, as well as other world leaders. His crusades were regularly broadcast on network television during prime time. It is believed that Billy Graham preached the gospel in person to more people than any other person in the history of Christianity. He preached to live audiences of nearly 215 million, in 185 countries, and in every state in the nation. 3.2 million people responded to his invitations to “Accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.” Yet, Dr. Graham remained humble to the end. Thank you Dr. Graham and team!

Devotional

Stop, Look & Listen....

By Pam Ford Davis



I'm not crossing a busy city street but I am at a crossroads. Which direction in life will I take? Each day brings choices. Will I rush ahead or stop to seek God's guidance?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths (Proverbs 3:5-6 HCSB)."

Am I selfishly doing what I want or do I look to Jesus when making decisions?

"Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne (Hebrews 12:1b-2 HCSB)."

Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father; He is not silent. The LORD speaks to me through His Holy Spirit, using the written word and prayer. Am I listening? Does he have my undivided attention? He wants to talk to me.

Loving parents teach their children how to safely cross streets. The LORD is teaching me an important life lesson, instructing me to stop, look and listen!

Scripture Encouragement

"Make Your ways known to me, LORD; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; I wait for You all day long."

(Psalm 25:4-5 HCSB)

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



County Calendar *of Events*

March

3 rd	5:00	Miss. Centroid Pageant
21 st	6:30 until=	Sheriff's Pancake Breakfast for COACH
23 rd -30 th	Noon- All Day	Coosa County Schools Spring Break Holidays
23 rd	6:00 pm	NWTF Banquet at Stewartville VFD
24 th	7-10	West Coosa Senior Center Breakfast
31 st	6:00 pm	Weogufka Alumni Banquet

April

1 st	All Day	April Fool's Day
1 st	All Day	Easter Sunday
5 th	6:00	COACH Meeting at Stewartville VFD
7 th	4:30-2	COACH Spring Fishing Tournament
8 th - 14 th	All Week	National Public Safety Communications Week
14 th	10-3	Rockford Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fest
19 th	11-2	Sheriff's Café for COACH
21 st	TBA	Rockford Baptist Church's COACH Motorcycle Ride
21 st	10- 2	CCHS Family Festival
21 st	6:00	Rockford High School Alumni Celebration
22 nd	All Day	Earth Day
27 th -29 th	All Day	Spring Talladega Race Weekend
27 th	5:00	Coosa County Prom Lead Out- Oak Island
27 th	All Day	Coosa County Schools Student Teacher Day
28 th	7-10	West Coosa Senior Center Breakfast
28 th	9-4	Weogufka Mule Day
28 th	10-2	National Drug Take Back Day
30 th	All Day	Confederate Memorial Day

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	256-377-4922
Dispatch	256-377-2211
Office	256-377-1803
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 Extension Office	256-377-4713
Coosa County School Board	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central Middle School	256-377-1490
Central High School	256-377-4384
Science and Technology	256-377-4678
County Highway Department	256-377-2602
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
Goodwater Health Care	256-839-5900
Juvenile Probation Officer	256-377-2687
Probate Judge's Office.....	256-377-4919
Revenue Commissioner's Office.....	256-377-4916
Rockford Family Health	256-377-4366
Rockford Post Office	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall	256-377-4911
Tag Office	256-377-4919



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 Wilson 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.

- March 1 - 6:30 PM - Richville
- March 5 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- March 12 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- March 15 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka