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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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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

Facing Temptation

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Do you face temptations? Have you failed and faltered when confronted with some sly and conning proposal the devil has placed in your path?

The answer is obviously yes by every person reading this article. It is my answer as well.

In the Gospel writings, particularly Matthew and Luke, we find the record of the birth of Christ, the young days of His life and then His encounter with John the Baptist.

“When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As He was praying, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: You are My beloved Son. I take delight in You!”

Luke 3:21-22 (HCSB)

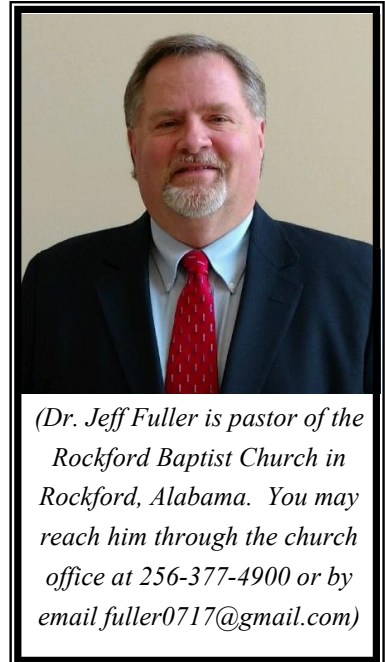
After heaven declares Jesus as the Son of God and John the Baptist announces the One coming who is the Lamb of God, Jesus faces temptation. It should not be a surprise to anyone that after the wonderful moments at the river as Jesus is baptized and God speaks, Jesus would be challenged. It is the same with all who follow Christ. As we go from a high and holy time, we are faced with struggles to test our faith, trust, and commitment.

Jesus, the Son of God and the Lamb of God who is come to take the sins of the world, it is He who now faces temptation

We should not think any are above such a challenge. I read somewhere, “Great privilege and special tokens of Divine favor will not secure us from troubles and temptation.” Just because you are a Christian, a church member, or a leader in the religious community, this will not make you immune from conflict and battle for your spiritual standing.



Yet, please notice that Jesus did not carelessly enter into such a time; and you and I should not as well. The scriptures tell us Jesus was “led by the Spirit...” (Matthew 4:1) We should never presume ourselves to provoke God, tempting the devil to tempt us. No! God leads us into combat and stays at our side, never leaving us alone. The wonder of it all is found in this verse:



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“So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall. No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape so that you are able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (HCSB)

One of the most glorious things about being tempted is there is a “way to escape” provided and to endure such is to know we are God’s adopted Children. He is our Father, allowing us free will to choose to stay in fellowship with Him or to go our own way for a season; two other people know this as well: You and the devil. Who will you choose to follow?

As you read the scripture references noted above, make note of the three things we see Jesus do as He faces the evil one in the wilderness:

⇒ Uses scripture.

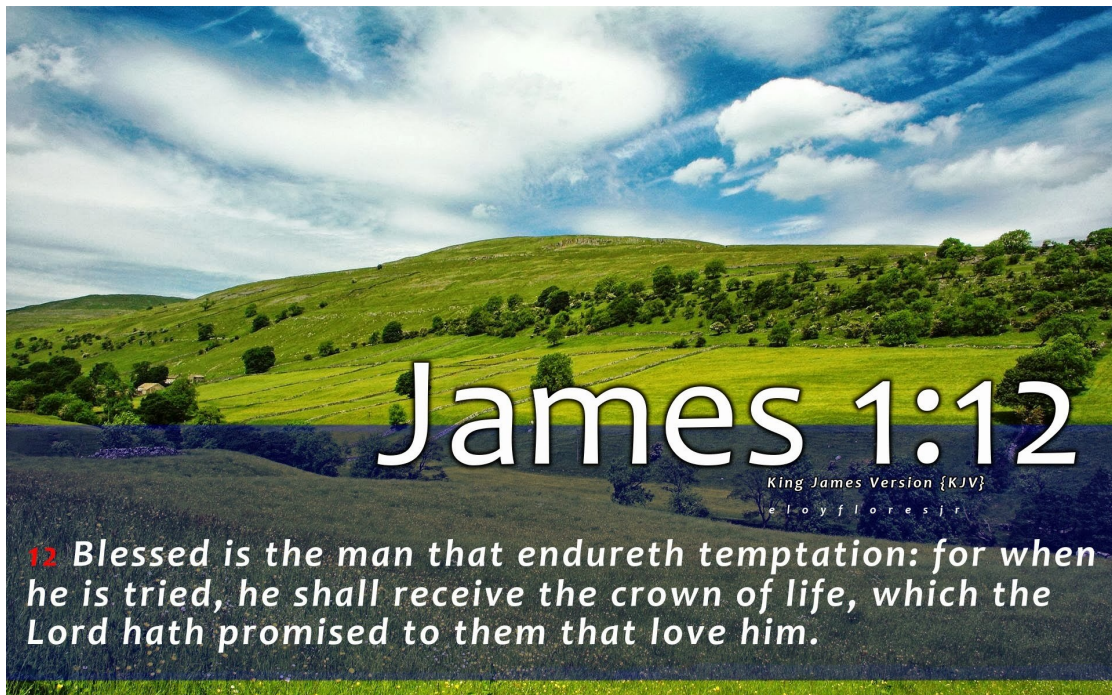
⇒ Deny’s the evil suggestions.

⇒ Stands solid, strong, staying in contact with the Father through the power of prayer.

You have the same ability to do the same thing, as you stand tow-to-toe with the evil one. He is trying to lead you away, but if you keep your eyes focused on the One who is greater you will overcome and grow from the experience to help someone else. The choice is for you to make.

“Be very strong and continue obeying all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you do not turn from it to the right or left. Instead, remain faithful to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day... fear the LORD and worship Him in sincerity and truth...choose for yourselves today the one you will worship: As for me and my family, we will worship Yahweh.” Joshua 23:6-8; 24:14-15 (HCSB)

Until next time...



April

Sheriff's Office

Featured Article

Planning for Vacation

As the warmer months approach, many people start planning vacations. Maybe a trip to the beach, the lake or possibly the mountains. Whatever plans you may have for the summer we encourage you to help protect your home while you are away. We've all heard at least one horror story about a family returning home from a long vacation only to find that their house has been broken into or a pipe has burst in their absence. Fortunately, there are plenty of things you can do to help prevent security breaches while you're off on a family adventure.

1. Get a professionally monitored home security system

Your first line of defense against burglary is a home security system that includes door and window sensors. Some systems allow you to self-monitor, but especially if you're going out of the country or somewhere with unreliable data network coverage, alerts on your phone won't do you much good. With a monitored home security system, the alarm company calls the authorities for you when there's a breach.

2. Make sure that system includes environmental sensors

Most modern home security systems have the option to monitor not only when someone enters your property but against damaging environmental factors as well. Flood sensors detect changes in moisture levels in the air, which can indicate broken pipes or appliances. Many security systems now also include or at least sync with smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to raise the alarm when there's a fire or noxious fumes.

3. Get a programmable or smart thermostat

When you're gone, there's no use heating or cooling an empty house to a comfortable temperature, but you don't want to turn your system off entirely, either. A good rule of thumb is to set your thermostat to **four degrees above or below your normal setting** when you're away. In the winter, this should never be below 50 °F so your pipes don't freeze. With a programmable thermostat, you can set a schedule ahead of time so your house will be back to a comfortable temperature by the time you return home.

4. Don't indicate publicly that you'll be away from home

Don't put anything on your voicemail, answering machine, email autoreply, or social media indicating you'll be gone. It's tempting to post your vacation photos in the moment, but your safest bet is to wait until after you return home. If you can't resist, **make sure your posts are viewable only to friends** and don't mention the exact dates you'll be gone. Keep your usual voicemail or answering machine message, and make your personal or work email autoreply message vague.

5. Install outdoor security lights

When looking for a way inside, burglars are more likely to go for areas that are dark and hidden from the neighbors' view. You can illuminate these hiding spots by installing outdoor security lights in burglary-prone areas such as the back door or sides of the house. Most models are either motion activated or will only come on at night, so you don't have to worry about them wasting a lot of energy.

6. Add a smart lock to your door

A smart door lock lets you **unlock your door remotely** from your smartphone and grant temporary access with expiring codes. If you have a neighbor checking in on the house or a pet sitter coming to take care of the dogs, you can keep track of exactly who goes in and out of your house and terminate access once you're home again. No more trying to keep track of who has your spare keys because you have full control over who does and doesn't have access at any given time. We recommend the August Smart Lock because it **requires zero physical keys** and has the most smart features out of any of its competitors.

7. Remove spare keys you may have stashed under the doormat

Keeping spare keys stashed outside your house is never a great idea anyway (get a smart door lock instead), but if you're going out of town, now is the time to collect them all. Your hiding spots aren't as clever as you think.

8. Lock everything

This is a step that's easy to forget. Make sure all doors and windows are shut and locked. Close most blinds and curtains—if you're putting timers on lights to simulate human presence, make sure that light can get through to the street.

9. Install a video doorbell

A video doorbell allows you to answer your front door from anywhere. Each time someone rings the doorbell, you'll get an alert on your phone so you can see and speak to the visitor in real time. If you're out of cell service on the beach or hacking through the jungle, you can still access a log of video clips later. Some models, like the Ring Pro and SkyBell, also have **motion detection capabilities**, so you'll still get an alert even if the person doesn't actually ring the bell. They're also handy for catching package thieves and spreading the word around the neighborhood.

10. Check batteries in all home security devices

This one's pretty simple, but it often goes overlooked. Regularly check all your security and safety devices—motion detectors, cameras, and smoke detectors—to make sure the batteries won't fail while you're gone. Even if something is hardwired, it may have a backup battery in case of power outages. Opt for high-quality batteries over budget batteries, as you're likely to get more life out of them.

11. Unplug nonessential electronics

Unplugging nonessential electronics—TVs, computers, coffee makers, fans, lamps etc.—will both reduce the risk of fire and save you money. The power used by plugged-in electronics while they're not in use, sometimes called phantom or standby power, accounts for 5–10% of residential energy use and costs each household around \$100 each year.

Unplugging devices also **protects them against electrical surges**, which can short out expensive equipment or cause fires. Electrical fires account for 13% of total residential fires in the United States,¹ and if you're away from home, there's nothing you can do to stop these fires when something malfunctions.

12. Invest in security cameras

A handful of well-placed security cameras both inside and outside can mean the difference between catching a perpetrator or not. Get something like the indoor/outdoor Arlo system, which is motion activated and will send alerts and video clips to your smartphone so you can take immediate action. This camera and others like it also allow you to remotely drop in on your cameras in real time and live stream whatever's going on at your house.

13. Shut off water main

Several years ago, after vacationing for a couple of weeks, my grandparents returned to a flooded basement, which destroyed decades of memories and caused thousands of dollars in damage. Ever since then, everyone in my family has been vigilant about turning off the water main before long trips, and we've all avoided vacation floods.

If you still want your automated sprinkler system to work, consider shutting off the water supply to each

toilet at the very least, and to the dishwasher, washing machine, and ice maker, if possible.

14. Switch water heater to vacation mode

Just like there's no need to keep an empty house warm, there's also no need to keep water piping hot when no one's using it. Many newer water heaters have a **preprogrammed vacation mode** that will keep the water around 50°F so it won't freeze and cause a big, expensive mess. If your water heater doesn't have this setting, you can manually set the temperature.

15. Clear storm drains and gutters

In an intense rainstorm, if the water has nowhere to go, it could accumulate too close to the house, saturate the ground, and seep into your basement. Keeping your storm drains and gutters clear of debris is always important, but it's especially critical if you're going out of town and won't be there to act if there's a storm.

16. Get valuables out of sight

This is a good rule of thumb any time you leave the house, but it's especially important when you'll be gone for several days at a time. Close the blinds or curtains in rooms with large electronics, such as TVs. Put gaming consoles and DVD players in inconspicuous boxes in the closet and make sure all handheld devices, credit cards, cash, or jewelry aren't easy to find—make use of a safe if you have one. Firearms should already be in a **gun safe** anyway.

17. Hire someone to cut grass

An untended lawn screams “no one's been home for days!” Before you leave, make arrangements to have these tasks taken care of so your home looks occupied even though you are away.

18. Simulate a human presence


To make it look like someone's home, create a **smart lighting system** that you can preprogram to turn on at varied times while you're away. Turning on a radio is another classic technique, and if you want to get fancy, connect the radio to an appliance timer and coordinate it with the lights.

19. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to check in periodically

Have someone stop by from time to time to check for signs of attempted entry, burst pipes, or any other potential problems. Ask them to park in the driveway, adjust some blinds, or maybe move some patio furniture so it's clear from the outside that there's someone around.

20. Suspend mail and newspaper delivery


An overflowing mailbox and a pile of newspapers are sure signs that no one's home. You can **sign up online** to have the USPS hold your mail at your local post office for free for 30 days. For trips longer than 30 days, you should set up mail forwarding or arrange for someone else to pick it up for you.










Travel Safety Tips


From the National Crime Prevention Council

And McGruff the Crime Dog



-  Pack the least possible amount, and be sure your luggage stays under your control (or that of authorized personnel) at all times.
-  Carry only the credit cards and ATM cards you absolutely need. Do not carry large amounts of money.
-  Make sure your home is secure—all deadbolts locked, lights left on timers, and deliveries cancelled or being collected by a trusted neighbor who has your travel schedule.
-  Make sure everyone in your party, adults, teens, and children, has the name, address, and phone number of the place you are staying and carries that information at all times.
-  Never leave your room key out somewhere where it could be picked up by a stranger, such as at a restaurant or pool.
-  Don't leave rooms unlocked in your lodgings. Insist that everyone carry his or her keys when outside the room.
-  When traveling, lock your vehicle at all times, especially at gas stations, rest areas, or other public facilities.

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News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

"I haven't done anything wrong"

LIVE PD is currently one of the most popular cop shows on television. I think the show is good at letting people see what police officers face on a regular basis. The news is chock full of reports of officers behaving badly. That happens, however it would be interesting to know what percentage of police/citizen encounters result in a viable complaint against the officer. I'm sure the number is low. This is true despite the fact that officers face some sure enough belligerent folks.

If you watch almost any current cop show you will surely see several folks who answer every question with the phrase, "I haven't done anything wrong." In the vast majority of these encounters, the citizen being talked to has either been stopped for a traffic violation or at the subject of an investigation based on information the police have received. Either way, there is enough probable cause or reasonable suspicion to at least solicit some basic information from the suspect.

I watched one episode where a woman who had been stopped by an officer became belligerent when the officer asked to see her driver's license. When the officer approached her window and requested her license and proof of insurance she proceeded to tell the officer he had no right to stop her and she did not have to show him anything. The officer identified himself as an officer and informed the woman the reason he had stopped her was her car did not have any tail lights. The woman acted as if she did not hear a word the officer had said. She again repeated he had no right to stop her and she did not have to show him anything.

Let's look at this situation. Is a car driving at night required to have tail lights? Yes, at least one. Therefore, a car without any tail lights gives an officer probable cause to stop the vehicle. I have had this occur several times. More often than not, the driver did not know they did not have any tail lights. They normally do not receive a citation. If the hazard lights are operable, we normally instruct the driver to drive with the emergency lights on until they reach their destination. In most cases the driver is glad to be informed the lights aren't functioning. The majority of the time there is no need for a hostile confrontation.

Obviously, the officer has probable cause to stop the vehicle. The officer has the right to ask the driver for their license and for proof of insurance for the vehicle. Once again, this need not be an ugly confrontation. Are you supposed to have a valid driver's license to operate a vehicle on the public road? Are Alabama residents required to have insurance coverage on their vehicle? Yes, and yes.

I hope you get my point. An officer should not stop someone without probable cause. Just





because you get stopped does not mean you are in trouble or under arrest. Most situations can be resolved quickly on the side of the road if both parties act responsibly. When an officer asks to see your driver's license and proof of insurance and the response received is "I haven't done anything wrong and I don't have to show you anything" chances are things will not proceed smoothly.

Do officers make mistakes? Yes. Is the side of the road the place to settle things? No. In the event you receive a citation or are arrested, you will be given a court date. On that day you will be afforded the opportunity to plead your case. A little common sense and cooperation on both sides goes a long way.

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

**Reserves Meeting:
May 14, 2019
At 6:00 PM at
The Reserve Room**

Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours April

Don Hodge	105.5
Doug Smith	99.5
James Ward.....	71.5
Jesse Yarbrough	74
Travis Ward	24.5

Total Reserve Deputy Hours

561 hours



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Sheriff's April

Arrest Report

- On April 1st Deputy Davenport arrested Jessica Renee Davis from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On April 2nd Deputy Davenport arrested William Thomas Tice from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 3rd Deputy Lipscomb arrested Stacy Lynn Harris from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 2nd. She was processed and released on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 3rd Deputy Lipscomb arrested Jacqueline Lynn Simmons from Birmingham, AL. on the charge of Theft of Property 1st. She was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 5th Deputy Davenport arrested Christopher Daniel Harmon from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On April 6th Sgt. Jones arrested Tristen Drake Slay from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Possession of Marijuana 2nd, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Possession of a Controlled Substance X 2, Promoting Prison Contraband and a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond on the Probation charge and a \$ 35,000 bond for the other 5 charges until his court date.
- On April 8th Deputy Rudd arrested Eddie Samuel Turner from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/ Driving Under the Influence and Failure to Display Driver's License. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 9th Deputy Cook arrested Phillip Dwaine Ryals from Enterprise, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On April 9th Deputy Cook arrested Mary Alison Ward from Dadeville, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked, Failure to Display Insurance, and Failure to Register Vehicle. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$3,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 10th Deputy Davenport arrested Brian Scott Cleveland from Jackson's Gap AL. on the charge of Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 12th Deputy Davenport arrested Randy Lynn Robinett from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 13th Deputy Rudd arrested David Lamar Jones Jr. from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Display Tag. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 13th Deputy Cook arrested Billy Joel Miley from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Assault 3rd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 10,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 15th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Walter NMN Rolston from Kellyton, AL., on the charge of Criminal Mischief 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 15th Deputy Hammond arrested Zenephia Anquiette Odem from Goodwater, AL., on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended and Failure to Appear/ Speeding. She was processed and released on a \$2000 bond to await trial.

- On April 16th Deputy Davenport arrested David Ladale Crayton from Alexander City, Al., on a 1st warrant for Failure to Appear/ Domestic Violence 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On April 16th Deputy Hammond arrested Herbert Earle Brown from Rockford, Al., on charges for Assault x2 Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest and 2nd Degree Assault. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on an \$82,500 bond to await trial.
- On April 16th Deputy Jones arrested Blake Lamarcus Chambliss from Sylacauga, Al., on a charge for Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 17th Deputy Davenport arrested Romie Lamar Judkins from Goodwater, Al., on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Driving While Suspended and Failure to Appear/ Speeding. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 18th Deputy Cook arrested Mitchell Jakaylon Jeffries from Birmingham, Al., on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Driving While Revoked and Failure to Appear/ Speeding. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 18th Deputy Rudd arrested Delma Carlton Silmon from Goodwater, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/ Non Support of a Child. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without a bond to await trial.
- On April 18th Deputy Rudd arrested Emily Ann Smith from Eclectic, Al., on a warrant for Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 22nd Deputy Davenport arrested Jerry Lane Oliver from Sylacauga, Al., on a warrant for a Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On April 22nd Deputy Cook arrested Sadana Daphine Darwin from Jasper, Al., on a warrant for Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On April 23rd Deputy Keel arrested Chase Malik Foster from Sylacauga, Al., on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On April 23rd Deputy Rudd arrested Billy Wayne Cryer from Klin, Ms., for Failure to Appear/ Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 24th Deputy Cook arrested Julius Kenyatta Lawrence from Birmingham, Al., on the charges of Unlawful Imprisonment 2nd/Attempting to Elude/Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm/ Reckless Endangerment. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$20,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 24th Captain Hammond arrested Steven Andrew Mikovits from Sylacauga, Al., on a warrant for a Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 24th Deputy Davenport arrested Israel Thomas Fields from Sylacauga, Al., on the charge of Public Intoxication. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On April 24th Deputy Davenport arrested Kiera Lashay Gaddis from Childersburg, Al., for Failure to Appear/Speeding and No Visible Tag. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 25th Deputy Davenport arrested Dave Franklin Kelley from Alexander City, Al., on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On April 26th Deputy Keel arrested Christopher Cornell Keith from Childersburg, Al., for Failure to Appear/Expired Tag. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On April 26th Deputy Rudd arrested Eric Thomas Burton from Childersburg, Al., for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked/Expired Tag and Operating Vehicle without proof of Insurance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.

Recent News

Four Trustees Arrested For Contraband

Four inmate workers or trustees were arrested on contraband-related charges after it was discovered they were making alcohol in the county jail.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that on March 25 at about 11 p.m. there was a commotion in one of the cell blocks of the jail. A law enforcement officer discovered four inmate workers had homemade alcohol and appeared to be intoxicated.

Further investigation led to determining that the trustees had allegedly used a handful of common ingredients to make the alcohol in the jail.

The four trustees involved were 49-year-old David McDonald of Vincent, 31-year-old Christopher Goff of Sylacauga, 20-year-old Justin Wilson of Sylacauga, and 35-year-old Josh Windsor of Alexander City. They were each charged with one count of promoting prison contraband.

In this specific instance, relating to promoting prison contraband in the third degree, the Code of Alabama defines it as, "A person is guilty of promoting prison contraband in the third degree if the person does any of the following: ...Being a person confined in a detention facility, he or she intentionally and unlawfully makes, obtains, or possesses any contraband."

Sheriff Howell said that he and his staff "make every effort" to ensure that a situation such as this does not occur, as well as to be sure prohibited items do not enter the jail.

"If it does happen, we take adequate action against it – both in prosecution and prevention of it," he stated.



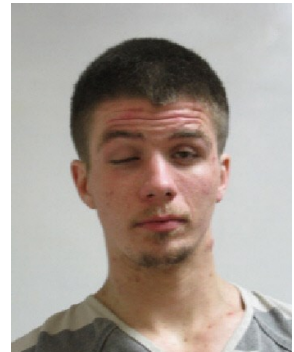
David McDonald



Christopher Goff



Josh Windsor



Justin Wilson

Sylacauga Woman & Goodwater Man Arrested on Drug Charges

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A Sylacauga woman and a Goodwater man have been arrested on multiple drug-related charges following a traffic stop. Deputy Frankie Jones was on routine patrol on U.S. Highway 280 when he observed a vehicle speeding. He conducted a traffic stop and identified the vehicle's occupants as 34-year-old Stacy Harris of Sylacauga and 22-year-old Tristan Slay of Goodwater.

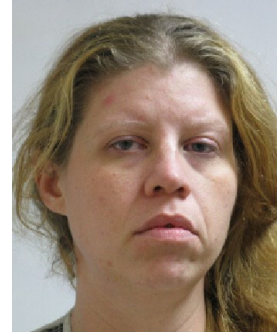
During the traffic stop, Jones observed a syringe in plain view. He proceeded to conduct a search of the vehicle, at which point he found what appeared to be methamphetamine, a bag of marijuana and loaded syringes.

This led to the arrest of Harris on charges of possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and second-degree possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her bond was set at a total of \$20,000, and she has since been released on bond to await trial.

Slay was arrested on charges of second-degree possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and first-degree possession of drug paraphernalia.

Additionally, at the time he was being booked into the county jail, methamphetamine was also located on his person. As a result, he was additionally charged with promoting prison contraband and possession of methamphetamine. As of press time, Slay remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Stacy Harris



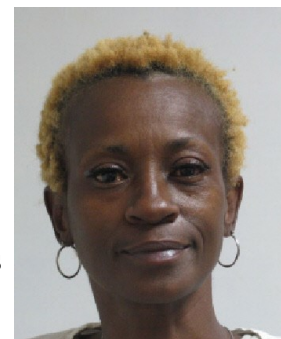
Tristan Slay

Birmingham Woman Arrested for Vehicle Theft

A Birmingham woman was arrested after allegedly stealing a vehicle from a Coosa County residence. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that 49-year-old Jacqueline Simmons of the Birmingham area was at the victim's residence April 3. While the victim was asleep, Simmons allegedly stole the keys and vehicle.

The vehicle, a Ford Excursion, was recovered the same day. Simmons was arrested and charged with first-degree theft of property.

Her bond was set at \$2,500, and she has since been released on bond to await trial.



Jacqueline Simmons

A FAMILY BORN NOT FROM A BLOOD LINE
BUT BONDED IN LIFE BY A BLUE ONE

14 **Woman Dies in Rockford Wreck**

An Anniston woman was killed during a car crash on the morning of April 13, on U.S. Highway 231 south of Rockford. The single-vehicle crash occurred at 6:30 a.m., according to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The wreck claimed the life of 30-year-old Brooklyn Paige Milam of Anniston.

She was killed when the 2015 Chrysler Town and Country she was driving left the roadway and traveled down an embankment. According to the report, Milam was not using a seat belt and was pronounced dead at the scene.

ALEA reported that two child occupants were transported to Children's Medical Center in Birmingham for treatment of their injuries. Cpl. Jesse Thornton with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency confirmed that both children were females. One is 11 years old, and the other is 9 years old. Thornton said it is believed that Milam fell asleep while driving. As of Wednesday, the crash report from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency had been submitted.

The crash occurred at the 186 mile marker on U.S. Highway 231, approximately three miles south of Rockford. Specifically, it occurred between County Road 129 North and County Road 23 at Hachemedega Creek.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that the call came in from the children reporting they had been in a wreck and that their mother was unresponsive. He, Rockford Police Chief Corey Shaw and a reserve police officer responded to the scene and located the vehicle. He explained that the car had gone off the road and landed in Hachemedega Creek, which was at least a 20-foot drop. Therefore, it was difficult for passersby to notice the wrecked vehicle because of the steep embankment.

Others who responded to the scene were Goodwater, Ray, Rockford, Richville, Stewartville, Equality, Kellyton, and Hanover Volunteer Fire departments; Alexander City ambulance service; Haynes Ambulance; Chaplain Jeff Fuller; and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

Haynes Ambulance airlifted one of the children, and Howell said the other child was transported via ambulance to Coosa Valley Medical Center.

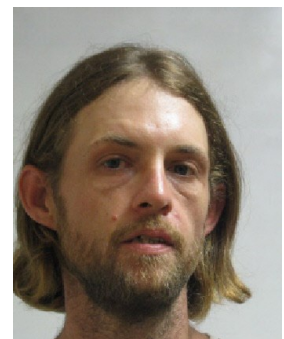
Howell said it was a joint effort to get the children from the car. Additionally, a crane had to be used to lift the car from the creek. I appreciate the great effort by all parties involved in this case," Howell said. "It was a group effort into making sure those children were safe."

Jacksons Gap Man Arrested for Felony Firearm Charge

A Jacksons Gap man was arrested on a felony firearm charge following a routine traffic stop. On April 10, Deputy Trent Davenport was on patrol when he observed a white truck commit a traffic offense. He stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver, who was identified as 32-year-old Brian Cleveland of Jacksons Gap.

During that time, Davenport discovered that Cleveland was an ex-felon. Davenport proceeded to search the vehicle and located a firearm inside the vehicle.

Cleveland was then arrested on the charge of possession of a firearm by a felon. His bond was set at \$5,000, and as of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail.



Brian Cleveland

Rockford Man Arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Four

A Rockford man was arrested for disorderly conduct, which ultimately resulted in him facing four additional charges. On April 16, the Sheriff's Office received a call reporting that 56-year-old Herbert Brown of Rockford was walking in the middle of Alabama Highway 22 near County Road 29, in the vicinity of Kelly's Crossroads. According to reports, he was walking with a machete and waving it at oncoming traffic.

Sheriff Michael Howell, Chief Deputy George Long and Captain Scott Hammond responded to the scene and made contact with Brown in the middle of the road. At that time, Brown was advised to get out of the middle of the road and to stop causing a disturbance.

However, Brown failed to get out of the road, at which time law enforcement officers attempted to arrest him for disorderly conduct.

While placing the handcuffs on him, Brown became resistant, and after being handcuffed he also kicked nearby officers. As a result of those incidences, he was also charged with resisting arrest and second-degree assault.

Following his arrest, during a search officers located methamphetamine and a pipe used to smoke meth on his person. He was then further arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

As of press time, Brown remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



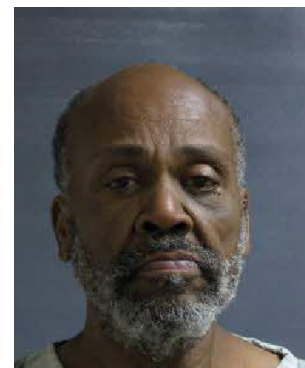
Herbert Brown

Kellyton Man Arrested for Criminal

A Kellyton man was arrested after damaging the residence where he most recently lived. According to Sheriff Michael Howell, 62-year-old Walter Rolston of the Kellyton area was residing at a house on Alabama Highway 22. However, after being evicted from the residence, Rolston allegedly damaged property inside the residence, as well as outside and to the residence itself.

In total, he reportedly caused more than \$2,500 worth of damage. Because of the extent and estimated cost of the damage done, a warrant was signed for Rolston for first-degree criminal mischief.

On Monday, April 15, Rolston was arrested on that charge. His bond was set at \$5,000, and as of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail.



Walter Rolston

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

Sheriff Howell Hosts His First Quarterly Meeting

Sheriff Howell's first Quarterly Sheriff's Office Meeting was informative. 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 April 19, the CCSO reviewed the months of January through March of 2019.

	Jan	Feb	March
Calls for Service	864	779	982
Permits	159	156	167
Warrants	55	58	32
Civil	46	39	64
I/O Reports	53	67	47

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Star Spangled Banner and this was followed with a word from the Sheriff's Office Chaplin, Bro. Jeff Fuller. Next, Deputy Lipscomb went over the quarterly safety briefing. This quarters topic was on Stress, the signs, symptoms, and techniques to relieve stress. Sheriff Howell reviewed the 1st Quarter General Accomplishments and Training Accomplishments.

1st Quarter General Accomplishments

- Welcomed Sheriff Howell/Chief Long
- Began preparations for Annual Fund Raising for COACH
- Cadaver Dogs searches at Browns Residence
- Worked First Homicide of year
- Worked Unidentified Human Remains found
- Conducted DEA Drug Operations X's 2
- Began Internal Commissary with 60% profit.
- Conducted first K-9 Search at Coosa County Schools in over 4 years

1st Quarter Training Accomplishments

- Firearms Qualifications-Sheriff, Chief, Deputy Cook
- Alabama Jail Training Academy Training-Ward, Locklear
- Sheriff's Conference-Sheriff, Chief
- Taser Training- April
- RCTA Class- Interrogation & Interviewing Class- Jones
- Draeger-Moon/Davenport
- Symposium Child Abuse- Hammond
- Advisory Board Meeting- Keel

Then Sheriff Howell announced this quarters promotions.



Capt. Mull, Lt. Ebert, & Sheriff Howell



Sgt. F. Jones & Sheriff Howell



Deputy Keel & Sheriff Howell

In the Jail, Chuck Ebert was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and given the position of Assistant Jail Administrator. Deputy Frankie Jones was promoted to Sargent and given the position of Patrol Supervisor. Deputy Franklin Keel was promoted to Investigator.

Chief Long then gave some important information to all on some controversial legislation in Alabama and how these could affect our office. This legislation was on:

- Bill to lower penalties for pot possession clears committee
- House Bill Proposes Cannabis Card for Medical Marijuana in Alabama

Captain Mull reviewed the following Jail Training Topics with everyone present:

- Implementation of 10 Codes (use them more)
- Know your laws and your lingo when dispatching
- Releasing of information (what to and what not to)
- Upcoming Grand Jury (remember the information is confidential!!!)

Sheriff Howell then reviewed several training topics with Deputies, Correctional Officers and reviewed policies all employees needed to be made aware of.

Sheriff Howell, Chief Long and Captain Mull presented this quarter's Outstanding Performance Based Awards, Merit Awards and Certificates for Outstanding Contributors Awards. Next Sheriff Howell reviewed the Sheriff's C.O.A.C.H. Team Results and current status: The Spring Fishing Tournament had 12 boats, the Sheriff's Café was a success as we sold 598 Smoked Chicken Plates and we currently have raised \$6995.90 towards our \$10,000 goal. The fall fishing tournament is scheduled at Wind Creek for Saturday, September 28, 2019.



In conclusion, the Sheriff reviewed some of his goals for the next quarter:

- Get X-Ray Machines up and running at the courthouse
- Begin to Change Uniforms to new ones
- Promote a new Corporal for Jail
- Every employee attempt to sell 5-gun giveaway tickets.

Now I look forward to an even better 2nd Quarter! ‘Thank you all for your dedicated service and being the great public servants you demonstrate on a daily basis!’”

Sheriff's Café Sees Great Crowd

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office welcomed a crowd for its annual Sheriff's Café on April 12. By the end of the fundraising event, the group had sold 598 smoked chicken plates. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that it was the most plates sold to date, adding that they had a great turnout this year.

He said the turnout exceeded his expectations and that they appreciate everyone's support. Through this event, he said they were able to raise a few thousand dollars for Cancer Outreach and Community Hope.

In turn, these funds will go toward helping Coosa County families and individuals who are battling with cancer, with all money staying in Coosa County to help neighbors in need.

Howell said he was well pleased with the support and participation in this year's fundraiser. In addition to thanking those who purchased plates, he also thanked Smokin' & Jokin' BBQ of Alexander City and Wendell Weathers and other members with Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department for their help in preparing the food and making the event such a success.



Smokin' & Jokin' BBQ of Alexander City and Wendell Weathers taking the smoked chicken off the smoker.

National Police Week
May 7 - 16, 2019

No group of Americans has a more difficult or less publicly visible job than the brave men & women who work in our correctional facilities.
— Ronald Reagan

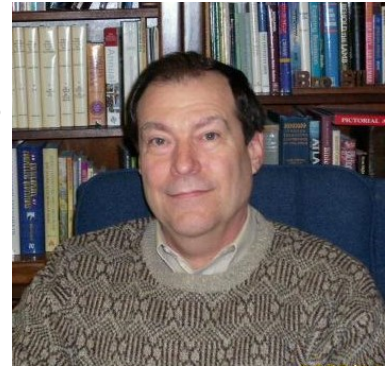
THANK YOU, DISPATCHERS!

The unsung heroes of public safety

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES WEEK 2015
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Recently, I had the joy of touring one of the best tasting countries in the world, with a wonderful group of people known as The Recycled Teenagers. Hopefully, you read about us a couple of weeks ago. I want to tell you about some of the wonderful things we saw, but first I want to write about some of the wonderful things we ate. Italy is not only a land of the brightest yellow lemons I've ever seen, but it is also filled with orange, olive, and almond groves, plus miles of vineyards. I ate some of all those, as well as almost everything else in Italy! I'm sure glad I had lost a little weight before we went. Now I am wishing I had not wasted my money on buying smaller clothes.



Bro Bill King Columnist

Our journey began on the island of Sicily – the land of Sicilian-style pizza. When you think about Italian food, you may think about pizza, pasta, spaghetti, and lasagna. They had all of those, as did I, but I must confess I was slightly underwhelmed with the sauces. The pasta part was great, but I almost asked for some Ragu! I've probably eaten too many times at Pizza Hut and Olive Garden. Italy has olive gardens... by the acres! And forget the toppings on the pizza...just eat the crust!

The pizza crusts and all the bread was out of this world. In the south, we know about sopping, but we usually drag a buttermilk-biscuit through a puddle of sawmill gravy. In Italy, we sopped fresh baked bread through a lake of olive oil. Oh my!! There was plenty of pasta, but give me their pastries. At breakfast, there was no gravy. They had eggs, but not fried, and no grits. The eggs were hidden somewhere over behind the brioche, cornetto, and crostata. After a couple of mornings, I realized there would be eggs and grits when I got back home. As for the cannoli and tiramisu, I would advise eating those whenever and wherever, no matter what time of day or night.

I ate some strange things too. I've had calamari before, even in Alabama. I had never had octopus. I don't think we have octopuses in Alabama, although there is a restaurant in Dolphin Island called The Happy Octopus. By the way, calamari and octopus are not the same thing. One is squid and one is octopus. That's like saying beef and buffalo are the same. In Italy, you can order octopus-salad. That's a tossed salad with octopus on top, but they don't have honey-mustard. It's kind of like our barbecued pork-salad, except on top of all the green stuff, there's octopus...octopus tentacles, to be exact. They're not barbecued either. We say everything tastes like chicken and we eat chicken legs, so why not octopus legs? And no, octopus does not taste like chicken. It tastes like squid or buffalo. I'm teasing. It was kind of like eating a large gummy bear but without flavor. One thing is for certain, octopus will stick to your ribs - they leave the suction cups on it.

For desert, pass some more pastries, but save room for gelato. I didn't know anything could taste better than ice-cream. Gelato is not ice-cream or calamari; it's better than either. I was thrilled to learn that it has less fat than ice-cream, and no suction cups! That's probably why I usually got two scoops.

Well, what I've shared has been in good taste. I hope what we all share today, as well as what we do, will be in good taste as well. I've used up my word count without telling you what we saw. I hope to see you here next week, for the rest of the story.



Devotional

The Mother Hannah

By Pam Ford Davis



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Mothers are a gift from God. If yours still lives, shower her with love and affection. Many of our mothers have gone to be with the Lord. We can honor them with love and gratitude. Hannah was a wife, mother and a woman of prayer. God answered her prayers; He gave her a son. She named him Samuel.

“It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, *saying, ‘Because I have asked him of the LORD (1 Samuel 1:20 NASB).’*”

Hannah gave credit where credit was due. Childbearing was an answer to prayer. She dedicated Samuel to the God that she worshiped and served.

Scripture Encouragement

“Now Samuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy wearing a linen ephod. And his mother would make him a little robe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, ‘May the LORD give you children from this woman in place of the one she dedicated to the LORD.’”

1 Samuel 2:18-20a 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

2019
Happy New Year!

County Calendar of Events

May

3rd	9-2	Rockford Market Day
3rd	5-10	COACH Walk Stewartville Fire Department
3rd–5th	All Day	Hatchet Creek Float Festival
11th	TBA	COACH Golf Tournament
12th	All Day	Mother's Day
12-18th	All Day	National Law Enforcement Week
18th	TBA	Muddy Water Music Festival—Weogufka
22nd	1/2 Day	Last Day of School for Coosa Students
27th	All Day	Memorial Day

June

3rd	All Day	Jefferson Davis Birthday State Holiday
7th	9-2	Rockford Market Day
14th	All Day	National Flag Day
16th	All Day	Fathers Day



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

Total Officers Down = 35
As of April 29, 2019

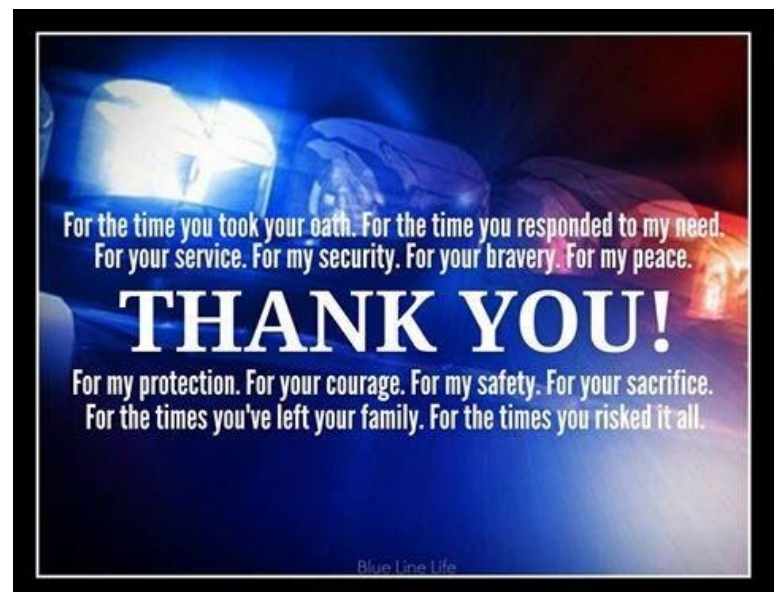
Type Of Death:

911 Related:
Accidental: 1
Auto Crash: 3
Drowned: 1
Duty Related Illness: 1
Gunfire: 16
Heat attack: 3
Motorcycle Crash: 1
Struck by Vehicle: 7
Vehicular Assault: 2

Month:

January: 10
February: 11
March: 8
April: 6

Alabama: 2



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
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
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 Post Office	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall	256-377-4911
Tag Office	256-377-4910
Triple R Restaurant	256-377-1333



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.

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| • May 2 | - 6:00 PM - | Richville |
| • May 6 | - 6:00 PM - | Union Square |
| • May 13 | - 6:30 PM - | Smyrna |
| • May 16 | - 6:30 PM - | Weogufka |
| • May 21 | - 6:30 PM - | Hanover |