## Coosa Journal

News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office



# Institution Edition

"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 Enforcement

While researching scripture which speaks to the job of law enforcement and especially for those who faithfully serve, I have found many which speak to me through the many years I have served in chaplaincy. More so, in the past 12 years with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office.

These past few weeks I have been exploring more scriptures, expanding my horizons. Locating scripture related to encouragement, inspiration for those I have the honor to serve and serve with. Through a blog I was challenged to take a blue marker and mark scriptures in my Bible for those purposes.

Leah Everly manages a blog (<a href="https://loveandbluesblog.com/">https://loveandbluesblog.com/</a>) dealing with how to have a happy marriage and homelife for law enforcement families. When she began the blog, resources were very limited and she has kept a flow of information alive, even though her husband is currently not in active service.

During my searches I ran across her blog and found an entry which gives steps on how to pray for those in law enforcement. If these servants ever needed people to pray for them, now is the time. With the pandemic, riots, assaults, and hatred toward those in the profession they need us to pray. They become disenchanted, discouraged, dejected, and depressed. Some wonder why they keep doing what they do if not one cares; others have chosen to hang it up and get a 9-5 job without the pressures and demands which come with keeping peace and protecting people.



(Dr. Jeff Fuller is pastor of the Rockford Baptist Church in Rockford, Alabama. You may reach him through the church office at 256-377-4900 or by email fuller0717@gmail.com)

I took three of Mrs. Everly's points and applied them to our local office. On August 26, for the first time since March we gathered as a family and shared a meal and meeting. At this time, I had the humble opportunity to share these points with our members of the Thin Blue Line Family. May I share them with you today? I hope they will give insight into the need to pray for these fine servants.

#### **Pray for Discernment**

Hosea wrote:

"Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know there for the ways of the Lord are right. And the righteous will walk in them. But transgressors will stumble in them." (Hosea 14:9)

While many of us go to work and face the same thing day after day; law enforcement have uncertain situations facing them on a regular basis. They never know what they may encounter on the tour of duty. A domestic, a traffic stop, talking to troubled individuals may take a turn of no return at any point and time.

Into this cycle, is the need to know the truth from fiction. Sometimes it is obvious an individual is lying, yet that is not always the case, so a spirit of discernment is needed to know what to believe, what not to believe and the ability to know the difference. Additionally, split-second decisions may need to be made which will result in life-altering consequences for everyone involved.

Discernment then, should always be the constant prayer. The Bible tells us to "ask, and it will be given."

#### **Pray for Hope**

One of my favorite scriptures from my early days of Bible study has always been from Isaiah. Now, as an older individual working with law enforcement I see how this verse speaks to their needs (it will be marked in blue in my Bible soon):

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

The bad things seen are sometimes more than one can imagine. Hurting people, making bad decisions and mistakes, not just one time, but over and over again. This will leave one jaded, skeptical, cynical, and pessimistic. An officer of the law needs to know there is hope.

People can change. They really can. I know a young man who was bound and determined to walk a path which was all he knew, a path of self-destruction. It was a path he started early in life and seemed would keep right on, until he fell off into the abyss. He saw no hope, those around him saw little hope, and the system was pretty sure he was bound for prison at a young age. Yet, now he is finding himself, a new path and the joy found in a hope that is beyond understanding.

There is good and there is hope and you, my friend, are making a difference in Coosa County.

#### **Pray for Comfort**

David wrote about comfort. He was certainly a man who knew what it meant to need something beyond himself, something to soothe the pain he had caused. He said, as a prayer to God:

"Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant." (Psalm 119:76)

As you drive through this county, you see the rich land and beautiful forest, the rolling hills and the streams and rivers of clear, clean water. You see stately homes and houses dated back many years restored and shining in restored splendor on the roadside. You see the places of worship and hunting lodges. Your eyes have not been scared, as has been the eyes of a lawman.

When they are riding through communities, they remember the event which took place in certain houses that resulted in some intense pain. They remember the curve in the road where an individual lost their life. They remember an area of the county where something terrible and tragic took place. They remember.

Someone said what a man sees can't be unseen. I can testify this statement is true; I have stood by while delivering the news of a death, or shared with an officer a time of sorrow in his personal life, or spent a day while an investigation took place because someone chose to kill and run... I remember. Comfort is needed.

These guys who you see smiling and laughing in the corner of a convenience store are the same ones who see more than they will ever be able to tell. They see the dregs of society, the most senseless situations, the devastation of wrong choices. They must have someone, something they can lean into for comfort.

In prayer, we must pray for comfort. We must lean into Him, the One who knows how to comfort the comfortless. Lean on His understanding because He knows your pain, hurts, and horror. Resting in His sheltering wings is where we need to find the comfort, only He can give.

Pray with me this month for the law enforcement team members in Coosa County. Let us together pray for their discernment, hope, and comfort.



The Coosa County Sheriff's
Office is building a new lobby
this month and updating how
we serve the public. We are
installing a transaction window
and video inmate visitation
kiosk. Hopefully, all
construction will be complete by
the end of the month.

#### August's

## Sheriff's Office Featured Article

#### From the Desk of Sheriff Michael Howell

It is with great pleasure for me to announce that we made an arrest in a 21-year-old cold case. On January 12, 1999, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office received a call stating that two people needed medical attention in Rockford, Alabama located off of



Sheriff Howell

Hwy 231. When the Deputies arrived on the scene, they located Bobbie Ingram, and Jodi Stallions deceased inside the residence. Investigators from the Coosa County Sheriff's and the State Bureau of Investigations started an investigation into the death of both victims.

During the last few months the Coosa County Sheriff's Office Investigators, and I, developed new leads into this double homicide. Evidence was presented to the Chief Assistant District Attorney, Joseph Ficquette, who reviewed the new evidence and advised us to go forward with an arrest. On August 12, 2020, the

Sheriff's Office arrested Joe Daniel Stallions, Jr. on 2 counts of Capital Murder involving the death of his mother, Bobbie Ingram, and sister Jodi Stallions, after uncovering crucial evidence into this investigation. Joe Daniel Stallions, Jr. is a 42-year-old white male from Dale County in Alabama. He is currently being held at the Coosa County Jail without bond awaiting trial.

Our prayers are with Angel Wall and her family as they have to relive these traumatic events.



Joe Daniel Stallions, Jr.

# News from the Sheriff's Resolves Resolves

#### How is your attitude?

Unfortunately we continue to hear news reports of deadly encounters between police and the citizens they serve. The accounts we often hear concern what the officer did wrong. Just like everyone, officers make mistakes. However there are always two sides to every story. My point today is not to argue either side but to give some insight on how to make the encounter end successfully. By success I am referring to without injury to the officer or the citizen involved. We should keep in mind there

are millions of police/public encounters each day that end without incident. Some tend to forget that in order for an encounter to end successfully each participant has responsibilities.

I have had the opportunity to help train several officers during my law enforcement tenure. One of the things I have stressed is to treat people as good as they will allow you to. This has served me well over the years. Of course not everyone agrees they were treated well or fairly however I've learned that will always be the case. It is an interesting fact that many complaints come from the people who the officer feels were given a break and were not arrested. If you think about it many of the interactions between law enforcement and citizens are inherently negative. The citizen may have been stopped for a traffic violation, may be one of two parties in a dispute or may have been caught committing a crime. Obviously folks in these situations rarely view it as positive. With that in mind I invite you to recall your last contact with law enforcement. Have you ever had one? It is interesting to me that a few times each year I will encounter someone who says this is the first time they have ever been stopped by an officer. I'm not talking 16 year old drivers. Many of these folks will qualify for AARP (hey you don't have to be that old to qualify for that). The encounters with these people are normally positive. I believe there are a few reasons why that is the case. The first is they show respect and have a decent attitude.

You have likely heard the true adage that you do not get a second chance to make a first impression. During any encounter with law enforcement, the first impression can significantly impact the outcome. I will use a traffic stop as an example. Keep in mind that an officer is not allowed to stop a vehicle without probable cause. This is normally that the officer has observed the driver violating the law. However it could also be to make the driver aware of an unsafe condition such as a tire that is dangerously low of air or something hanging from their vehicle generating sparks that could cause a fire. The normal course of action is for the officer to approach the vehicle, greet the individual and identify their self. The officer will then give them the reason for the stop and ask for their driver's license. While that is the way things should go, that isn't always the case. On a recent traffic stop the officer approached the driver and was

greeted with, "I wondered who the freaking idiot was that come running up behind me". Obviously this didn't get things off on a good foot. The officer is immediately put on the defensive by such a hostile remark.

Attitude matters. That is true for the citizen and the police officer. It is not against the law for someone to explain to an officer, in no uncertain terms, what they think about them. However think about your reaction to being yelled at and cursed at. Would you feel threatened? What if after a tirade you are asked to step out of the vehicle. Have your actions put the officer on high alert? Officers often perceive a threat when faced with a belligerent attitude. At the end of a traffic stop where a driver receives a citation they are made aware of the court date where the case will go before the judge. For whatever reason the citizen may feel they have been wronged, the courtroom is a much better place to argue with the officer than on the side of the road. Courteous communication goes a long way toward making any encounter less dangerous.

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

#### Supporter of Coosa County Sheriff's Office Tee Shirts Available to Purchase



Long Sleeve Shirts are available in the color's listed below. The sleeves will have "coosa" written on one and "county" on the other. **Long Sleeve shirts are \$20 for S-XL and \$22 2XL—5XL.** 



Payment is due upon ordering in cash or money order to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office by September 30. 2020.

# Sheriff's August Sparrest Report

- On August 2nd Deputy Ward arrested Alton Jerome Williams Jr. on a charge of Probation Violation. He was processed and booked into the county jail with no bond to await trial.
- On August 6th Deputy Ward arrested Charles Cartwright Jackson on charges of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and booked into the county jail with \$4,000 bond.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup> Investigator Franklin Keel arrested Herbert Earle Brown on the charge of Probation Violation. He was processed and booked into the county jail with no bond to await trial.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Captain Hammonds arrested Joe Daniel Stallions of Ariton, AL on 2 counts of Capital Murder. Stallions was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond awaiting to stand trial.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Dawson arrested Camillius Shantez Pearson of Goodwater on 2 charges of Failure to Appear / Possession of Controlled Substance. Pearson was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond awaiting court appearance.
- On August 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Johnny Monroe Fincher of Kellyton on the charge of Escape 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fincher was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$10000 bond.
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy Dawson arrested Jeffrey Robert Lee of Deatsville on 4 counts of Probation Revocation. Lee was booked into the Coosa County Jail with No Bond awaiting to stand trial.
- On August 26<sup>TH</sup>, Deputy Dawson arrested James Wade Nicholson of Stewartville for Disorderly Conduct. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$500 bond.
- On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Moon arrested John Thomas Haynes of Goodwater Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup> harassment. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2000 bond.
- On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Moon arrested Michael Adam Patterson of Alexander City on a Failure to Appear Warrant. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$10000 bond.
- On August 28th, Deputy Ward arrested Sean Michael Ewbank of Equality on a Probation Violation. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.

- On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Terrence Lamar Green of Columbiana on a Failure to Appear Warrant. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Charlie James Price of Goodwater for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2000 bond.
- On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Rudd arrested Amy Carol Marino of Ashland for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$2000 bond.
- On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Ward arrested Corey Allen Hosey of a Warrant for Probation Violation. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug
Calls to Service/ Activities	827	734	605	518	818	815	765	656
Daily Jail Inmate Average	21	23	24	20	21	29	34	29
Prisoner Transports Made	18	9	4	1	5	7	8	7
Incident & Offense Police Reports	45	69	74	57	64	65	60	54
Arrests Made	23	33	18	12	23	37	26	26
Warrants Served	28	31	16	5	27	33	25	22
Traffic Issued	78	102	64	18	107	92	47	21
Patrol Miles Driven	26,381	23,246	21,953	17,171	26,032	27,942	29,917	
Civil Papers Served	34	41	35	4	56	41	34	39
Pistol Permits Issued	136	137	90	47	116	212	146	110
DUI Arrests	1	2	2	2	1	3	1	0
Drug Arrests	4	4	4	3	4	11	1	3
Sex Offenders Register	13	12	3	0	0	23	17	10

#### Couple arrested for burglary & theft

A man and his girlfriend were arrested on two charges each in connection to a burglary from the Marble Valley community.

Sheriff Michael Howell said a report was filed from the Marble Valley area regarding a trailer being broken into. During the investigation, deputies found some of the allegedly stolen property at the residence of 32-year -old James Trussell in Stewartville.

Howell said that upon talking to Trussell, he reportedly admitted that he had gone to the victim's house along with his girlfriend, 34-year-old Shellie McClellan of Weogufka, and took the property.

Trussell was arrested on July 23, and McClellan was arrested July 27. Each of them was arrested on two charges – third-degree burglary and third-degree theft of property.

Their bonds were set at a total of \$25,000 each, which included a bond of \$15,000 for the burglary charge and \$10,000 for the theft charge.

McClellan was released on bond on July 28, and Trussell was released on bond August 12 to await trial.





James Trussell



Shellie McClellan

#### Sylacauga Man Arrested on Drug Charges

A Sylacauga man was arrested on two drug-related charges following a report from a citizen.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that on July 22, Deputy Ward went to a residence in response to a report of a suspicious person. Howell said the report was made based on the suspect trespassing on the individual's property.

Ward made contact with the suspect, 40-year-old Jonathan Deemer of Sylacauga, and noticed that he had a backpack with him. Upon searching the bag, Ward reportedly found methamphetamine and a clear pipe used for smoking meth.



Deemer was then arrested on the charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bonds were set at \$10,000 for the controlled substance charge and \$5,000 for the paraphernalia charge, making his total bond \$15,000. He was released on bond on August 15 to await trial.

#### **Kellyton Man Arrested for Escape**

A Kellyton man was arrested on an escape charge after not reporting back to the Sheriff's Office following a furlough.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that 27-year-old Johnny Fincher of Kellyton was furloughed to a rehabilitation treatment center. However, he left the rehab center in March.

Howell said that Fincher was still in law enforcement custody because of being furloughed to the center. When he left the center five months ago, however, he did not report back to the Sheriff's Office.

As such, a warrant was issued for Fincher's arrest for escape. He was arrested last Monday, August 17, on the charge of second-degree escape.



Johnny Fincher

# MSSING Donna Lynn Brown



On July 5, 2018 the Coosa County Sheriff's Office received a call stating that Donna Lynn Brown, 57-year-old white female, was missing from Browns Loop in Coosa County. The Criminal Investigative Unit with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office has followed up and exhausted every lead to determine her whereabouts. We have conducted several land and air searches for Donna Lynn Brown since she went missing. On April 2, 2020 the Coosa County Sheriff's Office received information on suspicious items located in a rural area of Coosa County. Sheriff Michael Howell along with the Criminal Investigative Division immediately organized a search team along with a cadaver dog team to conduct a thorough search of the area. The search resulted in the location of unidentified human remains. The human remains were collected and sent to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science for a DNA profile. The human remains were confirmed to be that of Donna Lynn Brown. Sheriff Michael Howell would like to thank all agencies involved with the search and location of Donna Lynn Brown. The Coosa County Sheriff's Office is continuing to work this case as a death investigation. If you have any information into the death of Donna Lynn Brown please reach out to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office at (256)377-4922.

#### Weed Eating Has Come a Long Way Since I was a Boy

I have a confession to make. I'm a little ticked at Adam. What do you mean, "Adam who?" You know, Adam, the first guy in the Bible. Actually, he was the first guy period. I have spent much of my life fighting weeds and growth I didn't want in my yard, and I figure Adam is to blame. Because Adam and Eve did what God told them not to do, they suffered several consequences. One of those was that God cursed the ground and caused it to bring forth thorns and thistles. (Genesis 3:18) I've wondered if poison ivy, oak, or sumac were among those weeds that sprung up back then. I do know, without any doubt, that my yard has been plagued with an abundance of poison ivy. It seems that I have an annual fight with those leaves of three. Try as hard as I can to leave them be, they often don't leave me be, and

for the next several days their agonizing itch won't leave either! I believe I could look at it and break out. can look at a picture of it and start scratching.

I am not sure how Adam dealt with those thorns and thistles, or what implements he may have used to get rid of them, but I do know that it was by the sweat of his face. Maybe he had a couple of goats. am pretty sure he did not have a gas-powered weed eater. Through the years, I have used various and sundry tools to deal with these unwelcomed floras. When I was a boy we had a good sized vacant lot behind our house that was badly cursed by Adam's



Bro. Bill King Columnist



plague. My oldest brother bought a couple of pigs and fenced them in back there. Do you know that pigs are excellent clearers of land? They will eat anything and everything. Goats will do the job too. Goats will even eat the top completely off of a convertible car. I was not old enough to remember this, but I was told they did this to my uncle's car once. I don't think they did it again. They had barbecued goat soon after that incident.

We had a pond in front of our house when I was growing up. I loved to fish there. There is a car wash there now, where the pond used to be, but back then there was only water and weeds...lots of weeds. There were a few water moccasins too. In order to get down to the banks to fish, without being swallowed alive by a giant snake, I had to clear out the weeds. I did so with a manual, non-electric weed eater. Back then most people called them sling blades. They will eat weeds, as well as the palms of your hands. I don't own a sling blade now. I don't want one either. I do own a couple of weed eaters. One is a gas-powered weed eater that won't crank. The other one is an 18-volt battery powered one that doesn't wear out old men like those gas-powered ones will. If I had owned one of those back when, I could have done a lot less weed clearing and a lot more fishing. I could have even used that thing in Mama's garden to get rid of those cursed weeds!



I do realize that I can't blame all of this on Adam, because I've done the same thing he did. I too have been guilty of doing what God told me not to do. Actually, so have you. We all have. I am thankful that God is a forgiving God. I'm also thankful for weed eaters!

### Devotional

#### **Drowsy?**

By Pam Ford Davis

Got the sniffles or suffering with allergies?

Be sure to check warning messages on all over the counter medications. Many popular remedies can make you drowsy.

Feelings of drowsiness can make for a very long day. On a much more serious note, it could lead to accidents when operating machinery or driving a motor vehicle.

Spiritual drowsiness is always a serious matter.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible. When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take olive oil with them. But the sensible ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. Since the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep (Matthew 25:1-13 HSCB)."

Wake up!

The bridegroom is coming; the lost are perishing.

"Besides this, knowing the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed (Romans 13:11 HCSB)."

#### **Scripture Encouragement**

"The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance."

(2 Peter 3:9 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



#### \* House

14 All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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ARCADE BATHROOM BEDROOM BEDSTEAD CEILING CHIMNEY COLONNADE CORRIDOR DOORSTEP

#### **Central Coosa High School**

#### Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location		
9/4	Luverne	Luverne High School		
9/11	Highland Home	Home		
9/18	Marion	Marion High School		
9/25	Verbena	Home		
10/9	Thorsby	TBA		
10/16	Isabella	Isabella High School		
10/23	Calhoun	Home		
10/30	Talladega County Central	Talladega County Cen- tral High School		



"Do I know how fast I was going? Apparently, not fast enough."



#### **Contact Information you may need!**

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

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

# Programs Offered by... Coosa County Sheriff's Office

#### The Yellow Dot Program

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

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

#### Project Lifesaver

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

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

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

#### <u>Neighborhood Watch Program</u>

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.

- September 7 6:00 PM Union Square
- Canceled 6:30 PM Richville
- Canceled 6:30 PM Smyrna
- September 15 6:30 PM Hanover
- September 17 6:30 PM Weogufka
- Canceled 6:30 PM Equality