



# 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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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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*You are Invited to Attend:*  
**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

## Spiders, Snakes and Squirrels

### ...In Church

Recently, I took a journey back in time...to "Mississippi Squirrel Revival," a song by American country music singer Ray Stevens. It is a single from his 1984 album "He Thinks He's Ray Stevens." Originally, the song was not intended to be a single, but it was rush-released due to three stations playing it. The song is about an incident occurring in a Pascagoula, Mississippi church, where the narrator, a young boy at the time, sneaks a squirrel into the church. The squirrel sneaks into patrons' clothing, creating a panic-filled stir, causing them to jump around and inciting a revival.

*"One day I happened to catch myself a squirrel.*

*I stuffed him down in an old shoebox,  
punched a couple holes in the top and  
when Sunday came, I snuck him into  
church.*

*I was sittin way back in the very last pew  
showin him to my good buddy Hugh  
when that squirrel got loose  
and went totally berserk*

*The day the squirrel went berserk,*

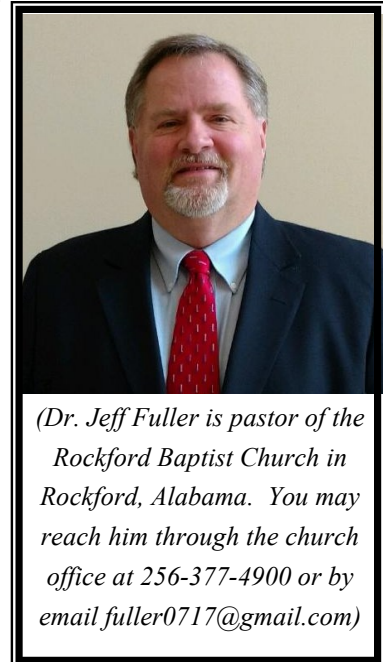


*In the First  
Self-Righteous  
Church  
in that sleepy  
little town of  
Pascagoula.  
It was a fight  
for survival,  
that broke out  
in revival.  
They were  
jumpin pews  
and shouting  
Hallelujah!*

*Well seven  
deacons and then the pastor got saved  
and 25, 000 dollars got raised.  
And 50 volunteered for missions in the  
Congo on the spot.  
and even without an invitation  
there were at least 500 rededications.  
And we all got re-baptized whether we  
needed it or not..."*

*(Ray Stevens - Mississippi Squirrel Revival  
Lyrics from MetroLyrics)*

On a recent late Sunday night I was reading about a friend who encountered a spider in church on Mother's Day. The choir was singing a rather emotional selection and she was sitting on a pew with friends who were nearly "ugly crying," while she attempted to swallow the raw emotions, when she spotted a spider crawling along under the pew in front of her. She slowly leaned over to her daughter-who is deathly afraid of spiders-and was



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# September's *Sheriff's Office* Featured Article

## *2018 2nd Quarter Is Complete*

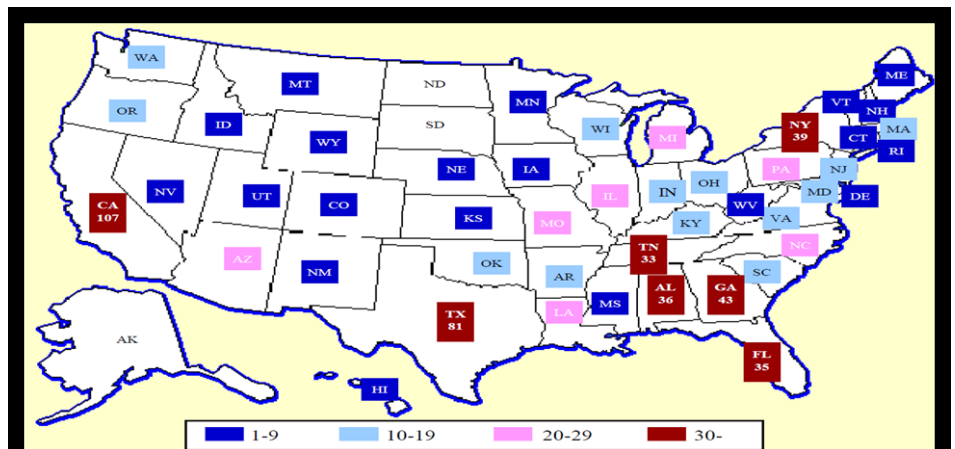
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting of the Coosa County Sheriff's Office was held August 10, 2018 in the E-911 Conference Room with lunch, information, and awards presented. Chaplain Fuller gave the blessing for the meal, a brief devotion, with the Sheriff speaking his welcoming remarks. "It has been a tough second quarter," Sheriff Wilson said. "We have endured the challenges of the election, personnel shortages, fundraising for C.O.A.C.H. and community events, along with the criminals not ever giving up." He continued, "I remind you this is 'The Year to Raise Your Professional Value.' This is a time for us to increase our knowledge and skills, raising our worthiness with our peers and supervisors; therefore, keep working hard, challenging yourself to be better than you were. I encourage you to raise your values."

The Safety Briefing was then covered by Deputy Tim Lipscomb. "The number of law enforcement officers (LEOs) killed in the line of duty by violent means dominated those who were killed in motor vehicle crashes until the middle of the 1990s," Deputy Lipscomb stated. "**However**, the recent trend shows that motor vehicle crashes have become the major cause of fatality of law enforcement officers."

He pointed out these statistics:

- The crashes with LEO fatalities in passenger vehicles occurred more frequently during dark hours (8 p.m. to 4:59 a.m.)
- 54% of the passenger vehicle crashes with LEO fatalities occurred on *rural* areas and 46 percent on *urban* areas.

Of the law enforcement officers killed in passenger vehicle crashes, **recent data** shows that the restraint system use **decreased** to 50 percent.



### Number of Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by State

California recorded the highest number (107, 13.0%) of LEO fatalities followed by Texas (81, 9.8%), Georgia (43, 5.2%), New York (39, 4.7%), Alabama (36, 4.4%), Florida (35, 4.3%), and Tennessee (33, 4.0%).



The Sheriff then welcomed our Special Visitors: guests of the 40<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit District Attorney’s Office were Jeff Willis (DA), Joe Fiquette (ADA), and office assistant, Bridget Harris. Willis thanked the Sheriff’s Office for their good work and proper case files and introduced Joe Fiquette as the new Assistant District Attorney. Fiquette spoke of his new work and the partnership of assisting the CCSO with future cases.

Next the Sheriff went straight into the 2nd Quarter Statistics, General & Training Accomplishments, and Reserve Accomplishments.

**General Accomplishments**

- Presented 119 Cases to the Spring Grand Jury
- Participated with the Annual CCHS Family Festival
- Conducted the Annual Sheriff’s Café
- Participated in Annual COACH Remembrance Celebration
- Assisted with the Annual Hatchet Creek Float Festival
- Assisted with the Weogufka Mule Day Celebration
- Participated in the National Drug Take Back Day
- Assisted with the Statewide Primary Elections
- Solved Another Cold Case
- Acquired Another New Patrol Vehicle- 2018 Ford Police Interceptor

**2nd Quarter Statistics**

*Administration Statistics*  
Pistol Permits Sold: April 93; May 110; June 86

*Jail Statistics*  
Average Population: April 32; May 32; June 31  
Bookings: April 44; May 27; June 52

*Law Enforcement Statistics*  
Calls/Activities: April 775; May 814; June 863  
Warrants Served: April 35; May 50; June 56  
Civil Papers Served: April 109; May 36; June 52  
Incident Reports Taken: April 53; May 43; June 43

**Training Accomplishments**

- Courthouse Security Training Class - Buttram and Larmon
- Alabama Jail Training Academy Training - Podoll and Otwell
- Drone Certification Class - Jones and Hodge
- Homeland Security Management Class - Yarbrough and Embry
- Missing Person Training - Ebert, Keel, Lamberth, and Lipscomb
- Poll Workers Class – Lipscomb, Keel, and Thomas
- Basic APOST Refresher Class - Richardson
- Draeger Class - Rudd
- TAASRO Conference - Moon
- NCIC Training - Lamberth, Ward, Locklear, and Davis

**Reserve Accomplishments**

- This Quarter The Reserve Unit Contributed 1333 Hours Of Service
- Provided Safety And Security For Numerous Community Events
- Provided Numerous Hours Of Patrolling With Our Deputies
- Assisted with COACH Fundraising Events
- Conducted Annual Fire Arms Qualifications

Next, the management staff got up individually and reported on their respective areas:

***Chief Deputy: Chief Joseph Davidson***

- A lot of good cases were solved and arrests made thanks to everyone working together.
- Election is over and its time to get back to normal.
- Thanks to everyone for working hard during a difficult time.

***Assistant Jail Administrator: Lt. Franklin Keel***

- Cleaned Out Courthouse Basement From Flooding Problem
- Moved Voting Machines and Equipment to Pods and Back
- Finalized Tower Security Equipment
- Ordered and Received New Inmate Mattresses
- Cleaned Up and Repaired Several Cell Blocks
- C.O. David Lamberth Is Cleared From Probation

***Office Manager: Shelia Thomas***

- Cleaned Out File Room and Moved files to Storage
- Planned Press Conference for Cold Case
- Outfitted New Patrol Vehicle
- Purchased and Outfitted Unmarked Vehicle
- Established the FTA Warrant Account in Quickbooks
- Began Writing the New Credit Card Policy
- Researched and wrote the History of Sheriff's of Coosa County article for Journal
- Worked with Southern Software Computer CAD Issues
- Worked on several Kimble Computer Inmate Commissary Issues

The Sheriff then reported on the Sheriff's Office 2018 C.O.A.C.H Accomplishments and announced our upcoming fishing tournament:

- Our Coordinator: Sheriff Wilson
- 2018 Fundraising Goal: \$7,000
- Event Results- thus far: \$3,866
- Sheriff's Café: 567 Plates Sold; \$3378 Profit Made
- Sheriff's Fish For A Cure- October 27<sup>th</sup>

Awards and Recognitions were handed out. Employees were recognized for Most DUI Arrests, Most 911 Calls taken, Most civil papers served, etc. The Sheriff and Management Staff appreciate all the dedicated service given by the employees. Also, the Sheriff presented a plaque to Chaplain Bro. Jerffrey Fuller thanking him for his 10 years of dedicated service to the CCSO.

In closing, The Sheriff notated a few of the future challenges in the next quarter such as school starting back, Jury Trial Week, personnel shortages and training challenges, budget preparations and hearings, etc. The Sheriff declares the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2018, "As a very tough, difficult quarter, yet you have stepped up to the task and made it all work together for the good. Thank you for pitching in and for your dedication to serving the county. "Stay tuned, stay ready, and stay flexible!"

## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *Where are you?*

Having worked in Coosa County for less than a year, I was not totally familiar with the hundreds of county roads and thousands of properties contained in the 652 square miles that comprise the county. When one of my law enforcement partners told me to be enroute to Hughes fish camp I had to ask for directions. I was told to take 22 west past Kelley's Crossroads and to turn at Hulls old store and it would lead me directly to the camp where there was a violation in progress. I tore out down Highway 22 watching intently for the store. As I barreled down the road I realized I was quickly advancing on the county line. In short order I reached the Coosa River Bridge and had not spotted an old store anywhere. I hated to have to make the radio call stating I had missed the store. I turned around and headed back east. I picked up the microphone and made the call letting them know I had not found the store. There was a brief pause and then came the reply that the store had burned many years earlier and the only thing left was a concrete slab. I immediately called back and asked how was I supposed to know that? There was no response.



As counties go, ours isn't necessarily large, yet it is fairly spread out. This being the case, it is not only important that someone needing law enforcement assistance give a good address but also that the address be marked adequately. Unfortunately, that is currently not the case. Just last week, I attempted to assist the Sheriff's Office by responding to a serious call seeing how the deputy was a good distance away. I made it to the county road fairly quickly but then was frustrated by the fact that the address given to the dispatcher was not displayed anywhere along the entire length of the road. Most of the mailboxes along the road still displayed the addresses that were in place prior to the county going to the 911 system. That being the case, I traveled the road twice before deciphering where the address actually was. Had the call been a life and death situation, the extra minutes may have made the difference in a bad way.

I encourage everyone to remove any old addresses from your mail box, and to post your 911 address prominently at the end of your driveway. If you are in a situation where multiple



residences share a driveway, you may need to clearly designate which residence is yours. Using reflective numbers is a good choice. Also, be sure these numbers are visible from both directions and remember to do your best to speak clearly when talking with the dispatcher.

A concise explanation of the problem and the correct address clearly provided to the dispatcher will no doubt contribute to a faster response. When you need assistance, you don't want those who may be able to help asking, where are you?

By

Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit

**Reserves Meeting:  
September 11, 2018  
At 6:00 PM at  
E911 Building**

**Funny Headline**



**Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours August**

Doug Smith	91 hrs.
Don Hodge	66.5 hrs.
Bro. Jeff Fuller	47 hrs.
Jack Brewer	45.5 hrs.
James Ward	38.5 hrs.
<b>Total Reserve Deputy Hours</b>	
<b>451 hours</b>	



**OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE**

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

**Total Officers Down = 98**  
*As of August 31, 2018*

**Month:**

- January: 8
- February: 13
- March: 14
- April: 14
- May: 18
- June: 11
- July: 15
- August: 5

**Type Of Death:**

- 911 Related: 10
- Assault: 2
- Auto Crash: 18
- Drowned: 1
- Duty Related Illness: 3
- Gunfire: 38
- Heat attack: 11
- Motorcycle Crash: 1
- Struck by Vehicle: 4
- Vehicle Pursuit: 4
- Vehicular Assault: 6

# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*



## *Sheriff's August Arrest Report*

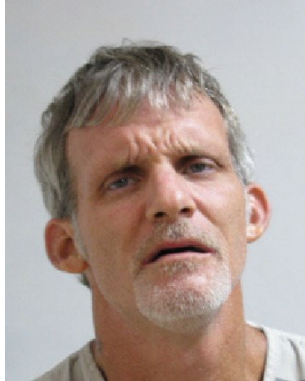
- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Alejandra Ojeda Hernandez from Alexander, City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Improper Equipment. She was processed and release on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 5<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Matthew Cameron Jones from Stewartville, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, Switched Tag and Driving While Revoked. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 3,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Earnest Manual Wright from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Speeding. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 7<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Terrence Lamar Green from Columbiana, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup> and Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 7<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Jatavius Marcel Nelson from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Speeding, Switched Tag, Driving While Suspended and Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and released on a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Carol Yetta Wyckoff from Montgomery, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. She was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Matthew James Dohahue Jr. from Equality, AL. on a warrant for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Harassment. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,500 bond to await trial.
- On August 10<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested David Christopher Jordan from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 10<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Dawn Michele Parten from Opelika, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Public Intoxication. She was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 10<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Beverly Denise Hosmer from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Doretha Shanai Whitaker from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Giving False Information to Law Enforcement. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 14<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Cedarius J'Var Swain from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Speeding and Failure to Display Drivers License. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 16<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Furniss Casey Muckenfuss 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 August 16<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Crystalea NMN Joiner from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.

- On August 16<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Jaron Tait Compton from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for <sup>11</sup> Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Insurance and Expired Tag. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 16<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Angela Marie Taylor from Weogufka, AL. on the charge of Rendering a False Alarm. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Michael Terrell Lasley from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Ebony Morton Holmes from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. She was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 21<sup>st</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Stewart Wyatt Ross from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 15,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 21<sup>st</sup> Deputy Lipscomb arrested Michael Chadwick Grubb from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Comply x 2. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 21<sup>st</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested April Tasha-Butler Smith from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On August 22<sup>nd</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Emerson Lamar Hamilton from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 22<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested William Morris Whatley II from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Violation of a Release Order. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Jessica Joan Dison from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Jeremy Patrick Rhodes from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Terri Terese Webb from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Speeding. She was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 28<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Billy Ray Swain from Tuscaloosa, AL. on a warrant for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 29<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lipscomb arrested Joseph Paul Long from Kellyton, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 25,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 29<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Nosqualilas Jujan Blake from Wetumpka, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Speeding and Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. HE was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 31<sup>st</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Quinfreddio Marquell Warren from Adamsville, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Reckless Driving. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.

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

# Recent News

## Sylacauga Man Arrested on Drug-Related Charges



Steven Wyatt Ross

A Sylacauga man was arrested on two drug-related charges, including one felony charge and one misdemeanor charge. On August 21, the Sheriff's Office received a call concerning an unwanted person at a residence in the Mt. Olive area. Deputies responded and found the individual on the porch, reportedly pretending to be asleep.

After "awakening" the man, law enforcement officers questioned him.

Upon running his information, deputies discovered that he was on parole. They then conducted a pat-down search, which resulted in finding a nonworking flashlight in his pocket. Inside the flashlight, they discovered a crystal-like substance that appeared to be methamphetamine. The search also led to deputies finding two used syringes in another bag in the individual's pocket.

Deputy Mike Rudd then arrested 42-year-old Stewart Wyatt Ross of Sylacauga on August 21.

He was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a felony charge, and possession of drug paraphernalia, which is a misdemeanor charge. He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford with a bond of \$15,000.



## Sheriff's Office Search Ongoing for Missing Woman

After being missing for approximately a month and a half, the search remains ongoing for 57-year-old Donna Lynn Brown of the Salem community. As reported in the July 13 edition of "The Coosa County News," on July 5, the Coosa County Law Enforcement Dispatch Center received a call from Brown's Loop Road, located in the Salem community, about a missing person. Donna Lynn Brown was last seen that day at approximately 1 a.m. at her residence. The deputies, Richville and Weogufka first responders, and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Air Support did an extensive land and air search for Mrs. Brown. After exhausting all possibilities, the search was terminated. Brown was last seen wearing a pink shirt, black pants and blue and white tennis shoes. She is a 57-year-old white female with gray hair and brown eyes and is 5-foot-3-inches tall and approximately 150 pounds.

The Sheriff's Office provided an update to let everyone know there remains an ongoing search for Brown. The Coosa County Sheriff's Office reported that it has been "actively pursuing all leads in this matter," adding that law enforcement officers have followed every lead that has been given to them. The Sheriff's Office has conducted an extensive ground and air search of all of Brown's property, as well as the adjoining family-owned property. All area media; including television stations, newspapers, radio stations, and all social media outlets; have advertised the missing person flyers. Additionally, all surrounding law enforcement agencies have broadcast a "Be on the Lookout," and the flyers have been provided to other agencies throughout the state.

As the search continues, the Sheriff's Office is asking everyone to continue looking for Donna Brown. Regardless of how insignificant your information may seem, they ask that you please share it with the Sheriff's Office so that they can follow up on it. If you have any information or come in contact with Brown, please call the Coosa County Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 or call 911.

# MISSING

## Donna Lynn Brown

Missing From – Browns Loop Road  
 Date Missing – July 5, 2018  
 Age – 57  
 Date of Birth – 2/26/1961  
 Race – White  
 Sex - Female  
 Height – 5'03"  
 Weight – 150 lbs.  
 Hair – Gray  
 Eyes – Brown  
 Last seen wearing a pink shirt, black pants, and  
 blue and white tennis shoes



On July 5, 2018, the Coosa County Law Enforcement Dispatch Center received a call from Brown's Loop Road, located in the Salem Community about a missing person. Mrs. Donna Lynn Brown was last seen approximately 1:00 a.m. at her residence.

The Deputies, Richville and Weogufka First Responders and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Air Support did an extensive land and air search for Mrs. Brown. After exalting all possibilities, the search was terminated.

Mrs. Brown was last seen wearing a pink shirt, black pants, and blue and white tennis shoes.

If you have any information or come in contact with Donna Brown PLEASE call the Coosa County Sheriff's Office or call 911.

256-377-2211

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A FAMILY BORN NOT FROM A BLOOD LINE

BUT BONDED IN LIFE BY A BLUE ONE

## Kellyton Man Arrested on Drug Charges

A Kellyton man was arrested on two drug-related charges following a check-in from his probation officer. At 8:21 a.m. on August 29, the Sheriff's Office received a request from the Coosa County probation officer for assistance at lot 15 on Cherry Road in Kellyton. He required assistance in transporting the subject for probation violation.

While checking on his probationer, the officer found items that could be related to another criminal act. Deputies went to the scene to assist the probation officer and to process what he had discovered. While on the scene, deputies found controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. The controlled substance appeared to be methamphetamine. The drug paraphernalia found included needles, some empty and some filled with a substance; a spoon with some liquid and cotton balls; a small plastic vial with liquid substance in it; and a small bag of what appeared to be crystal methamphetamine.

Deputy Tim Lipscomb then arrested 47-year-old Joseph Paul Long of Kellyton for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. This is in addition to his probation violation by the probation officer.

While on the scene, deputies investigated another person of interest. It was found that he had felony warrants in Georgia. Those warrants related to charges involving police interference or giving false information to police. The Coosa County Sheriff's Office contacted Troup County, Ga., and they asked that the Sheriff's Office hold the individual until he could be extradited. Robert David Fairbanks, 43 years old of LaGrange, Ga., was transported to the Coosa County Jail to be held until extradition.

However, it was discovered that Fairbanks was also wanted in Randolph County on warrants for possession of a forged instrument. Therefore, he was to be picked up by Randolph County and would later be extradited to Georgia for their charges against him.



Joseph Paul Long

Town of Rockford

Calendar of Events

Rockford Fair

October 25, 26, 27 & 28



Tailgate in the Park

Saturday, October 27th, 11 am - 1 pm



In the Park

Fall Festival

October 31st, 6 - 9 pm, Rockford Event Center



Veterans Day Parade & Luncheon

Monday, November 12th, 10 am



Rockford Annual Christmas Parade

Friday, December 7th, 6 pm



Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 8th, 10 am



Lake Martin Area United Way

## AGENCY SPOTLIGHTS

August 2018



### **Agency Highlight: Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve**

The Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve was established to aid the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in its mission to protect & serve the citizens of Coosa County. As part of that mission, a School Resource Officer (SRO) was placed within the county school system as a joint effort between the Coosa County Sheriff's office, the Coosa County Board of Education & the Coosa County Commission.

The Coosa County Sheriff's Reserve allows the SRO program to receive funding from the United Way to support its mission to educate children about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, violence, bullying, gun safety & other safety tips. Additionally, the current SRO has started a mentoring program for high school boys at-risk of failing out of school. The SRO touches all 916 student lives.

To learn more, please call the Sheriff's Office at 256-377-1803.

# SAVE THE DATE

## C.O.A.C.H.

# Holiday IN THE Country November 10



9am-3pm

**Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department  
West Coosa Senior Center  
47 Co Rd 70, Sylacauga, AL 35151**

**Arts and Crafts, Gifts, Vendors,**

A cop with a drug sniffing dog said to me "This dog tells me you're on drugs' I said 'I'm on drugs? You're the one talking to dogs.'



## Policeman's Prayer

When I start my tour of duty God,  
wherever crime may be,  
as I walk the darkened streets alone,  
let me be close to Thee.

Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old.  
Let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.

Let me never make a judgement  
in a rash or callous way,  
but let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.

Lord if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord, with your everlasting love  
protect my children and my wife.



**2018** THE YEAR TO  
*Raise your*  
*Professional Value*

## 2018 Monthly Stats

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Calls to Service/ Activities	728	643	693	775	814	863	755	843					6114
Daily Jail Inmate Average	39	27	29	32	31	32	35	31					32
Prisoner Transports Made	24	9	14	11	17	23	20	17					135
Incident & Offense Police Reports	48	39	28	51	43	43	48	49					349
Arrests Made	35	36	23	33	28	37	36	31					259
Warrants Served	40	41	33	35	44	52	36	35					316
Tickets Issued	8	26	15	20	19	43	21	50					202
Patrol Miles Driven	17,742	19,078	18,529	22,827	22,689	26,059	25,474	23,152					175,550
Civil Papers Served	79	52	65	99	35	52	63	62					507
Pistol Permits Issued	124	125	161	93	110	86	104	128					931
DUI Arrests	0	1	1	1	0	3	1	1					8
Drug Arrests	0	5	3	6	2	5	6	4					31
Sex Offenders Register	20	11	26	22	17	26	20	19					161

## Some Phone Calls Should Just Keep on Ringing

I have a continual ringing in my ears. No, it's not tinnitus, it's my telephone. My phone rings constantly. If I don't remember to set my ringer on silent, crazy music blares from my pocket at inopportune times - sometimes embarrassing times. Billy Bob loves when that happens, but my more serious persona does not. Probably like you, I get calls from who knows where, from who knows who, about who knows what. I usually let those just keep on ringing. On every other billboard, Alexander Shunnarah says, "Call me Alabama!" Not only does Alabama call me but almost every other state in the nation, plus the Philippines. If my phone shows someone calling from someplace like Scamtown, New York, or Conacallin, California, I know I need to let it keep on ringing.



Bro Bill King Columnist

When we moved back to Alabama, over eleven years ago, my landline days came to an end. I had realized that most of my calls came via my cell phone and that the only people who called on my landline phone were people I didn't want to hear from. They were either trying to sell me something I didn't want to buy, trying to survey me when I didn't want to be surveyed, trying to get me to vote for someone for whom I didn't want to vote, or trying to get my numbers - Social Security, credit card, or bank account numbers. Having only a cell phone was great at first, because only people I had given it to had that number. Now, all that has changed, because the others found my number, but at least my cell phone shows me if the caller is someone I know. My friend Debra has drilled into her brother David's head to not answer the phone if he doesn't know who is calling. David is a grown man, but he is mentally challenged. A few years ago, he answered the call of a scammer and allowed him to swindle him out of a couple of hundred dollars. In an effort to teach David not to answer the phone if he didn't know the person calling, Debra called him numerous times using someone else's phone. Eventually, he got the message. He has all the numbers in his phone he needs to know, so now, if the name doesn't show up or he doesn't know them, he doesn't answer. This worked well until recently. Debra had traveled out of the country on a mission trip. She had borrowed a friend's phone that had international service, so she could call David, but David didn't answer. After repeated calls with no answer, she realized the problem. She finally called a friend, whom David would recognize, and asked her to call David to tell him it was okay to answer the phone. She said, "David, Debra is trying to call you from a number in Kentucky, answer the phone." David replied, "I don't know anyone in Kentucky. I'm not answering the phone." She said, "It's Debra calling you from a number in Kentucky." David replied, "Debra is not in Kentucky, she is in Honduras." Exasperated, her friend finally said, "Debra lied. She is in Kentucky, not Honduras - ANSWER THE PHONE!"

David finally answered his sister's call, only to tell her, "Hey, my friend is here and we are going to the summer swing concert, bye."

Whether by phone, or in person, we need to listen when some people speak and ignore others. The wise person knows when to tell the difference.



# Devotional

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## He Holds the Balance

By Pam Ford Davis

It is embarrassing; yet, it happens.

Something comes up unexpectedly; your car breaks down or there is a medical emergency. In haste, you pull out your checkbook.

You sincerely believe there is cash in the bank to cover the check.

Wrong; it bounces!

The bank returns your check; it is marked insufficient funds.

Fortunately, God's grace is not stored in banks. He holds the balance and we need never fear insufficient grace.

*"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, catastrophes, persecutions, and in pressures, because of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:9-10 HCSB)."*

I might appear to be strong; people could assume I'm a tower of strength when assailed by Satan. I must confess; I am weak. God's grace is sufficient; He is all powerful. The LORD empowers me and gives me victory over the devil. As tempter, he has insufficient power to prevail when I depend on God.

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### Scripture Encouragement

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time."*

*(Hebrews 4:15-16 HCSB)*

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### 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

## September

7 <sup>th</sup>	9 am-2 pm	Rockford Market Day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day	Labor Day (State/County Holiday)
17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Forming a Hanover Neighborhood Watch Meeting

## October

5 <sup>th</sup>	9 am-2 pm	Rockford Market Day
12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Talladega Fall Race Weekend
18 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Columbus Day (State/County Holiday)
25 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Rockford Fair
27 <sup>th</sup>	Day-light - 3 pm	Sheriff's COACH "Fish for a Cure" Tournament
27 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Weogufka Farm Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	11 am - 1 pm	Tailgate in the Park Rockford
31 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Halloween & Rockford Fall Festival

## celebrating LABOR DAY Word Search

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| 1. LABOR     | 5. WORK    | 9. SUMMER    | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY       | 6. LONG    | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY   |
| 3. HOLIDAY   | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA      | 15. DAY      |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING  | 12. TRAVEL   | 16. OFF      |



## Central of Coosa County Football Schedule

9/14	Fayetteville Wolves	Away
9/21	Horseshoe Bend Rebels	Home
9/28	Walter Wellborn Panthers	Home
10/5	Vincent Yellow Jackets	Home
10/12	Reeltown Rebels	Away
10/19	Lafayette Bulldogs	Away
10/26	Thorsby Rebels	Home
11/01	Talladega Co Tigers	Away

# ***Important***

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

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

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### **Coosa County Sheriff's Office**

<b>Emergency Calls 9-1-1</b> .....	<b>256-377-4922</b>
<b>Dispatch</b> .....	<b>256-377-2211</b>
<b>Office</b> .....	<b>256-377-1803</b>
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.

- September 4 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- September 6 - 6:00 PM - Richville
- September 10 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- September 20 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka