Greenville County Sheriff's Office

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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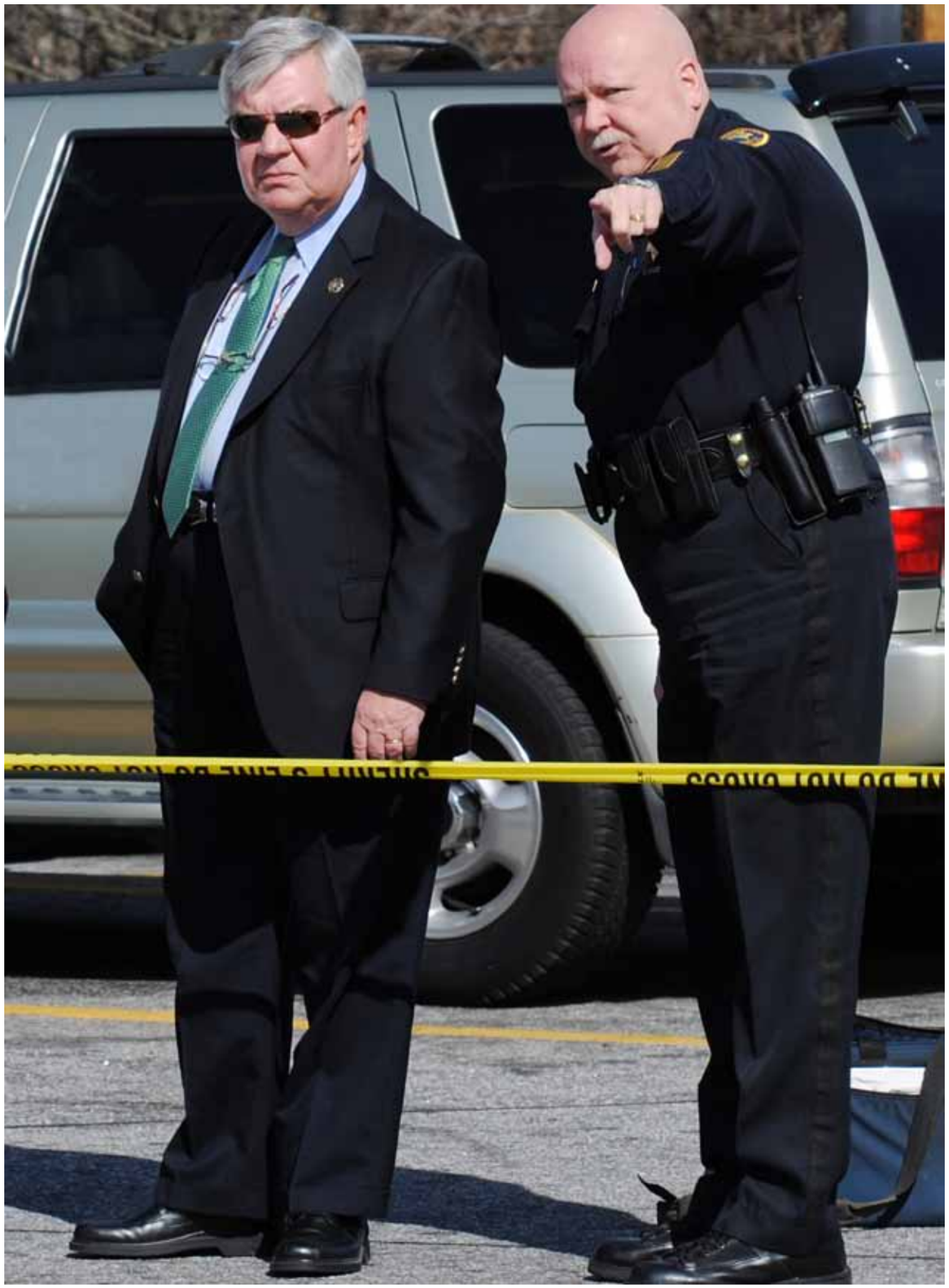

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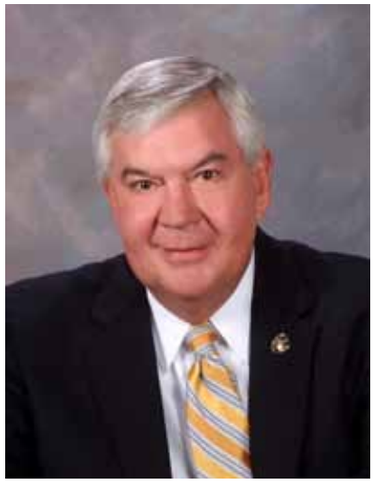


2011 marks my tenth year of serving as your Sheriff. For the past decade I have been blessed to work with men and women who tirelessly dedicate themselves to this office and to the community at large. I would like to thank each and every employee of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office for their exemplary efforts and desire to perform at the highest level possible. Without the devotion of everyone in this office our success would not be possible.

I hope that each of you enjoy the 2011 Annual Report which highlights some of our outstanding accomplishments during the year. As our population continues to grow and the state of our economy remains in a poor state the Greenville County Sheriff's Office continues to keep our streets safe by continually improving the services we provide to you, our citizens. 2011 saw the addition and implementation of the Aggressive Driving and DUI Enforcement Team as well as the Meth Lab Investigations Team. We continue to preserve your lives and property by proactively addressing problems and challenges facing all of us head on.

Although 2011 brought about many achievements and successes I encourage each one of you to continue to develop and share new and innovative ideas that will improve our operation. Together we can ensure Greenville County the safest place to live, work and raise a family. My door is always open to you and I look forward to our future together.

Sincerely,

Steve Loftis, Sheriff

NATIONALLY ACCREDITED

In 1988 the Greenville County Sheriff's Office became the first law enforcement agency in the state and 75th in the United States to be nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)

In 2010 the Greenville County Sheriff's Office became designated as a "Flagship Agency", and one of only 20 agencies internationally recognized for this highest honor.

ABOUT CALEA

The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was the first credentialing program established by CALEA after its founding. It was originally developed to address what was seen as a need to enhance law enforcement as a profession and to improve law enforcement service delivery. That mission continues today through a tiered law enforcement accreditation program. Participating agencies may enroll in either CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation or CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation, without regard to agency size.

Since the first CALEA Accreditation Award was granted in 1984, the program has become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA's Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies© and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.

CALEA Accreditation requires an agency to develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals, while also providing direction to personnel.

CALEA Accreditation standards provide the necessary reports and analyses a CEO needs to make fact-based, informed management decisions.

CALEA Accreditation requires a preparedness program be put in place—so an agency is ready to address natural or man-made unusual occurrences.

CALEA Accreditation is a means for developing or improving upon an agency's relationship with the community.

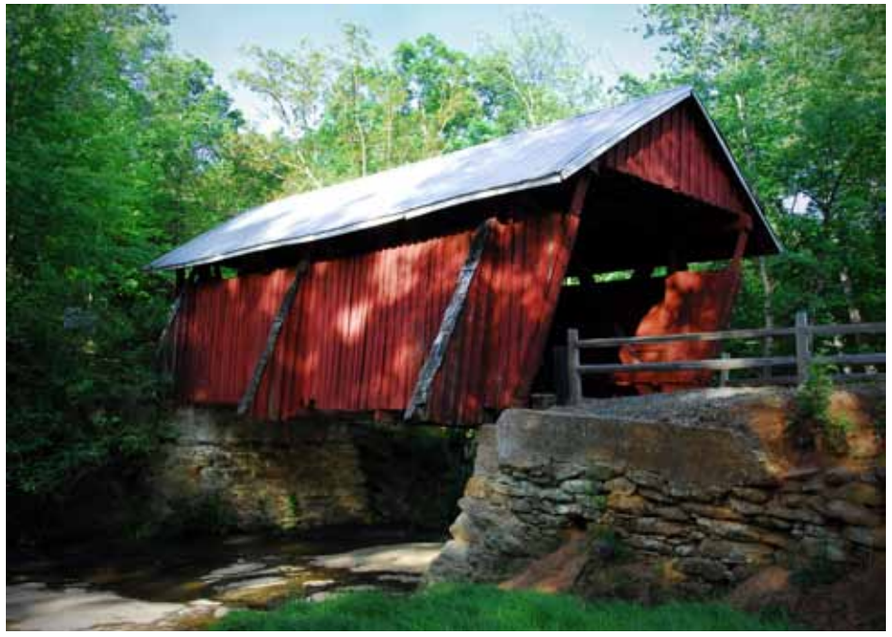
CALEA Accreditation strengthens an agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities.

Being CALEA Accredited can limit an agency's liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.

CALEA Accreditation facilitates an agency's pursuit of professional excellence.

http://www.calea.org/content/law-enforcement-accreditation

A LITTLE HISTORY...



In 1786, Greenville County was formed. Greenville County was part of the Ninety Six District and was serviced by the Sheriff of that District. In 1791 a new district was formed to include Greenville and Pendleton Counties, this was named the Washington District and it existed until 1799.

In 1795 Robert Maxwell, a Revolutionary War hero, was appointed as Sheriff of the District. He lived in Greenville County, and was killed by an ambush on November 10, 1797 while crossing the Saluda River shoals where Piedmont Mill Dam was later built. His grave is located fifteen miles south of Greenville, near Ware Place.

During this time many important public officials, including the Sheriff, were elected to their position by the Legislature. The people of South Carolina, however, felt that this important position should answer directly to them for his actions and performance. In 1808, legislation was enacted to provide for the election of the Sheriff by the citizens of the county, rather than by politicians. This method of election was placed into our State Constitution in 1868. The Office of Sheriff in Greenville County began.

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office has transformed from the ancient office created over a thousand years ago in England, to a New World colony, to a frontier county, to a modern, computerized law enforcement agency serving a busy metropolitan county of over 451,000 residents.

The Sheriff's Office purpose is clear; to provide professional law enforcement services to the people of Greenville County. With this commitment and the support of our progressive citizens, the future promises to be just as remarkable as the past.

CENTER FOR ADVANCED TRAINING

In 1991, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office took possession of a seized 63 acre property in northern Greenville County and began development of an advanced training center.

Work was completed by volunteer workers from the Sheriff's Office, the United States Army Reserve and the South Carolina National Guard. Donations by local businesses of building materials furthered the development, while other funding was paid by asset forfeitures. No county tax dollars were used in the development of the training center.

The doors opened for training in early 1992 and by the end of the year the firearms range was near completion and the vehicle behavior course was under construction.

Today the Center for Advanced Training is staffed with 4 full time Instructors, a full time administrative assistant and several sworn deputies, who assist as part time instructors. There are two classrooms, various firearm ranges and a vehicle dynamic track.

The center provides "In-Service" and advanced training for all sworn officers of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, the training center was the second law enforcement agency in the state chosen as a distance learning lab for the Criminal Justice Academy. This allows federal, state and local law enforcement to receive training without incurring travel costs, thus allowing more officers to receive training with limited impact on already strained training budgets.

Investigator Thomas Mitchell negotiates the shotgun course during 1st quarter qualifications.

The **Administrative Services Division** is the Executive Branch of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office which oversees the entire operation of the Sheriff's Office. The fifty-two employees assigned to the Administrative Services Division provide support to the following units, which comprise this division:

Major Smith is interviewed before the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Accreditation and Grants

This unit maintains our Law Enforcement Accreditation which is granted by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office was the first law enforcement agency in South Carolina to gain national accreditation in 1988 and has maintained this distinction ever since. National Accreditation insures that the citizens of Greenville County receive consistent, professional law enforcement services from the employees of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office seeks out grant funding which provides equipment and training while saving local tax dollars. Over the years many important programs have been funded through grant money.

Center for Advanced Training

The Center for Advanced Training provides in-service and advanced training for all sworn officers of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, the training center was the second law enforcement agency in the state chosen as a distance learning lab for the Criminal Justice Academy. This allows federal, state and local law enforcement to receive training without having to travel; thus allowing more officers to receive training while reducing the costs associated with training. The C.A.T. has classroom space along with state of the art firing and driving ranges. During 2011, the C.A.T. conducted over 1881 hrs of training with 5210 students attending.

Crime Stoppers

In June 1983, a group of concerned citizens and local media team-up with law enforcement to form the County's first Crime Stoppers program. Our local chapter was modeled after the original Crime Stoppers program in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. By following their lead, Greenville's Crime Stoppers chapter has become successful and rewarding. Since the beginning of the Greenville Crime Stoppers program, 24,729 callers have given information about criminal activity in their area. With this information, more than 7,500 cases have been cleared, and more than 2,472 individuals have been arrested. These arrests have led to the recovery of more than one million dollars of stolen goods. Even the availability of illegal drugs has been affected, since drugs valued at more than three million dollars were recovered. Over the past year, Crime Stoppers received 1,169 calls which resulted in 232 arrests, 448 cases being cleared and over $168 million in recovered stolen property and drug seizures.

E-911

E-911 provides quality 911 services to the residents of Greenville County. This office also maintains the county's Master Street Guide and provides support to all Public Safety Answering Points within the county.

Emergency Management

The role of Emergency Management is to coordinate resources and efforts to prepare for the response to large scale emergencies and disasters. The county's Emergency Operations Center is maintained by this group of employees.

K-9 Services Unit

The Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit is comprised of twelve canines and their handlers. The K-9 Services unit remained active throughout the year. They were called upon to conduct over 330 building searches, apprehend 238 suspects, search for stolen items and drugs, as well as assist in arrests and the search for lost individuals. The unit maintains 24 hour coverage when fully staffed.

Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is responsible for investigating employee related complaints and completing readiness inspections. In 2011, 27 internal affairs cases were investigated, 103 service related cases and 20 shooting investigations. In addition OPS investigated 28 law suits, performed 2 staff inspections, 2 special team inspections and conducted 194 polygraph examinations.

Personnel and Recruiting

As law enforcement agencies struggle to locate and hire nationwide, personnel assigned to this unit continue to use innovative methods to attract qualified candidates. From January 1st, 2010 to January 1st, 2011 the Greenville County Sheriff's Office received a total of 578 applications for all full time sworn and non-sworn positions. A total of 42 full time employees were hired and 36 employees resigned. 29 of these resignations were sworn personnel and 7 were civilian. Due to lower turnover rates and the seven additional sworn positions added to the fiscal budget, the Sheriff's Office experienced a positive net gain of six deputies and continues to enjoy a more qualified pool of candidates for selection. In addition to this, three of the sworn officers were bilingual.

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs Unit is responsible for handling media inquiries, press conferences, public records requests and many special projects.

Safe Communities

Safe Communities is dedicated to communicating our Public Safety Mission to the community while responding to the safety concerns of our citizens. This unit participates in numerous coalitions addressing issues of crime prevention, domestic violence, traffic safety and underage drinking.

Technical Services Unit

The Technical Services Unit provides investigative support services to deputies through geographical mapping, crime analysis and audio, photographic and video analysis. These services are critical to the successful conclusion of many cases.

Community Services Division

The **Community Services Division** is tasked with handling special projects within the Sheriff's Office. It encompasses several specialized units for different approaches to law enforcement.

Community Services includes Property Crimes, Community Patrol, Crime Prevention, Directed Patrol, Environmental Enforcement, Gang Investigations, School Resource Officers, Traffic Enforcement, Vice/Narcotics and Cadets.

Community Patrol

In 2011 the focus of Community Patrol shifted from responding to calls for service to more of a problem solving approach. Deputies attended more community meetings where they addressed issues and concerns with the citizens, who provide invaluable information about their communities. There was 14% fewer arrests made from 2010, but the Community Patrol Deputies answered 4,619 calls for service and backed up Uniform Patrol Deputies on 3,175 calls.

Deputies participated in 95 Neighborhood Watch meetings, took 879 criminal reports, served 592 warrants, conducted 120 sex offender checks and wrote 2,626 tickets. Drug seizures increased in 2011 by 71% and they recovered over $114,000 in stolen property. Community Patrol Deputies continue to be an integral part of the Sheriff's commitment to serving the citizens of Greenville County.

Cadet Program

The Sheriff's Office Cadet Program is an extension of the Boy Scouts Explorer Program. The Cadet Program allows teens who are interested in law enforcement to receive a firsthand experience of the profession. In 2011, the Cadet Program increased from 12 members to 18. The cadets received 171 hours of Law Enforcement training, attended 90 training classes, served 401 hours of community service and attended 36 community service events.

In June, Cadets Michael Henderson and Austin Hembree were able to attend the South Carolina Cadet Academy at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, SC. In July, our Post President, Captain Doug Beutler was selected to attend the United States Marshal's Explorer Academy in Washington, D.C. He was one of 30 Explorers, selected from all posts across the country, and spent a week learning about the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Crime Prevention

During 2011, 156 neighborhood watch programs were conducted by the Crime Prevention Unit with the assistance of Community Patrol. A 49% increase over the previous year. Crime Prevention continues to provide an invaluable service to the citizens providing 126 safety programs, 83 community meetings, 126 school programs and 142 cadet trainings. Other activities included Law Enforcement Center tours, security surveys, crime prevention training and law enforcement training.

Directed Patrol Unit

The Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) focuses on street level issues that affect the community as a whole. This ranges from undercover operations, targeting prostitution, and street level drug sales to nuisance business complaints. This unit has the flexibility and knowledge to deal with whatever problems arise as well as assist in locating people and arresting those with outstanding warrants. They are also used to identify potential gang members, which provides information to investigators and makes an impact on gang activities seen across the county.

Environmental Enforcement

Five civilian and three deputies make up the Environmental Enforcement Unit and in 2011 they were responsible for removing 1,820,578 pounds of litter, an increase of 62% from 2010. Deputy Israel Bailey located a large illegal dump site that yielded over 750,000 pounds of mixed trash, construction materials and demolition waste.

The unit also cleaned 421.5 linear miles of roadway in Greenville County, removing 4,368 cubic yards of waste, including 3,571 tires, 7,511 bags of loose trash and 401 pieces of furniture, mattresses or appliances and tv's. The number of litter arrests nearly doubled as a concentrated effort went out to investigate, cite and prosecute offenders. 21 persons were charged with littering or unlawful dumping, 59 for failure to maintain their property, 35 for unsecured load and 57 on other traffic related violations, totalling nearly $27,000 in fines.

Property Crimes

The Property Crimes Unit investigates burglaries, auto breakings, larcenies, and other property related offenses. In 2011, the Property Crimes Unit investigated 2,942 cases, signed more than 1,800 warrants and recovered more than 1.5 million dollars in stolen property.

School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers are law enforcement officers assigned to the school district. This unit is made up of high school and middle school SROs as well as a floating SRO, and three investigators. Not only does this unit serve the 9 middle schools and 7 high schools in the county, it also serves 33 elementary schools, 2 career centers, 3 alternative schools, 2 Child Development Centers, 2 specialized educational facilities and provides 74 crossing guards for elementary and middle schools in Greenville County.

An SRO's responsibilities include; law enforcement, teaching law related classes, counseling students, and educating parents and staff. The investigators give educational presentations concerning gangs and drugs. They also investigate crimes that occur in locations where an SRO is not present, handle school district employee allegations and in-depth investigations that would pull an SRO away from their assigned school.

Traffic Enforcement

The Traffic Enforcement Unit is staffed by 17 deputies and patrols the highways and roadways of Greenville County. Their efforts assist to reduce traffic related fatalities of which Driving Under the Influence is one of the largest contributing factors. Traffic Enforcement deputies made 518 DUI arrests in 2011. The Traffic Unit is an active participant in local, state and federal highway traffic safety programs such as the Greenville County Traffic Task Force, Buckle Up South Carolina, Sober or Slammer, Summer H.E.A.T. and Hands Across the Border.

Vice / Narcotics

The Vice and Narcotics Unit conducts investigations related to illegal drugs and gambling in Greenville County. Many investigations are conducted with state and federal law enforcement agencies such as FBI and BATFE. Additionally, they maintain a full-time position with the DEA Task Force. This allows ready access to a wide variety of information and asset sharing programs that would otherwise be difficult to obtain. This has resulted in numerous indictments related on federal drug charges. The Vice & Narcotics Unit is also tasked with investigating methamphetamine cases and suspected meth labs. This is a very hazardous and unpredictable assignment for the skilled men and women of the Sheriff's Office who enter, secure, and dismantle these operations. During the 2011 year they cleared 39 cases, served 101 arrest warrants and 34 search warrants which resulted in over 4 million dollars worth of seizures.

The **Criminal Investigations Division** is composed of 40 Sworn Full Time Deputies and 13 Civilian Employees. This Division is compiled of 10 different units which are: Arson, Auto Theft, Economic Crimes, Family Violence, Homicide, Juvenile Crimes, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Sex Offender Registry, and Victim Advocates.

Arson

The Arson Unit is available to the Fire Chiefs of Greenville County. They investigate cases involving burned property or explosions that are suspicious in nature. In 2011, the Arson Unit was assigned 110 cases, which were investigated by two full time investigators and 42 cases were cleared.

Auto Theft

The Auto Theft Unit investigates cases of Auto Theft, Use of Vehicle without Owner's Consent, and Chop Shops. This unit is staffed with four full time investigators. In 2011, the Auto Theft Unit received 895 cases to be investigated; of those cases, 511 were cleared.

Arson Investigator Charles Gonzalez with Misty, his K-9 partner.

Cold Case

The Cold Case unit investigates unsolved violent crimes. The investigators review the original case file, re-interview witnesses and victims and follow up on any new leads. New forensic techniques applied to evidence can add a fresh perspective. Some current investigations date back into the 1960s. These investigators work diligently in an effort to clear some of Greenville County's oldest and unsolved crimes. During 2010 Cold Case Investigators cleared several previously unsolved crimes including a case dating back to 1970.

Computer Crimes

The Computer Crimes Unit investigates cases of Fraud, Forgery and Computer Crimes. This unit is staffed with 2 investigators. In 2011, they worked with the United States Secret Service investigating a large scale on-line gambling ring which yielded a large seizure. The Sheriff's Office received more than $700,00.00

Crimes Against Children

In 2011 the Crimes Against Children Unit was formed. The development of this unit was sought after by the devoted investigators and employees involved with the unit. The unit handles all cases involving children as victims. Currently there are five full time investigators assigned to the unit.

Economic Crimes

The Economic Crimes Unit investigates cases of Fraud, Forgery and Computer Crimes. This unit consists of six investigators. In 2011, there were 794 cases assigned to this unit, and 480 of those were cleared.

Family Violence

The Family Violence Unit investigates serious cases of Domestic Abuse. These investigators tie cases together for graduated sentences during prosecution in court. This unit consists of two investigators who in 2010 investigated 127 cases; 86 of those were cleared.

Homicide

The Homicide Unit investigates homicides, suicides, accidental and natural deaths, attempted suicides, missing persons and serious assaults. This unit consists of six full time and two part time investigators who are on call day and night. In 2011 the unit was assigned 331 cases, where 252 of those were cleared.

Missing Persons

The Missing Persons Unit works to locate adults that have been reported missing in Greenville County. Many of these subjects have been located throughout the country. The investigators have a 95% clearance rate and continue to work hard on solving our oldest case of over 20 years.

Robbery

The Robbery Unit investigates cases of Armed Robbery, Strong Armed Robbery, Attempted Armed Robbery and Carjacking. This unit is staffed with four full time investigators who in 2011 were assigned 339 cases and 212 of those were cleared for a clearance rate of 63%.

Sex Crimes

The Sex Crimes Unit investigates cases of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct, Lewd Act Offenses, Indecent Exposure, and Sexual Assaults, where the victims are adults.

Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry maintains current contact and location information on all convicted Sex Offenders within Greenville County, including the municipalities. During 2011 this office registered 835 offenders, conducted 1982 sex offender address verifications and found 32 offenders in violation of the registry.

Victim Advocates

The Victim Advocates Unit helps the victims of crimes from the incident date all the way through the trial. The role of an advocate is quite unique. Though they are not investigators, their role in the Criminal Justice System is quite simple. They guide survivors of crime through the aftermath of the traumatic event 24 hours a day through crisis intervention, financial assistance, referrals to many of the excellent service agencies in our area. They also provide information on the Criminal Justice System, as well as serving as a liaison between the survivor and the investigator, and simply just being there to talk.

Youth Services

The Youth Services Unit investigates crimes involving the arrest of juveniles as well as runaway investigations. This unit has two investigators who work closely with the Department of Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Juvenile Solicitor with Family Court. In 2011 this unit investigated 182 runaway reports and cleared 171. They also investigated 261 criminal cases and were able to clear 243, a clearance rate of over 93%.

Judicial Services Division

The **Judicial Services Division** is responsible for arrest warrant service, court security, service of civil processes, fugitive apprehension and extradition, arrest warrant and courtesy summons data entry and maintenance, and prisoner and mental health transports. Because of the diversity of tasks and duties that Judicial Services perform they continually seek creative and innovative ideas, means and methods to expedite their services.

The Judicial Services Division works corroboratively with local, state and federal agencies to ensure the best and highest delivery of services to the citizens and visitors of Greenville County as well as the co-professional external and internal clients of the Sheriff's Office.

Civil Process

The deputies assigned to the Civil Process Unit serve civil papers throughout Greenville County. These papers include Orders of Protection, Orders of Immediate Possession, Writ of Assistance, Decree of Foreclosure and Sales, and Property Levees. In 2011 deputies served 361 Orders of Protection and 240 other civil papers.

Court Security

Our court deputies work tirelessly to ensure secure courthouses for judges, courthouse employees, and our citizens. Applying a "team" approach, our courthouses have become statewide models. Family and General Sessions Court deputies screened 307,366 people through their magnetometers.

Extradition

The Extradition Unit travels across the United States to bring offenders to justice. Deputies must make arrangements with other agencies and secure the most appropriate method of travel for return to Greenville County for prosecution.

Fugitive

The Fugitive Unit is tasked with the apprehension of Greenville's most dangerous defendants. They work with several of the Sheriff's Office units to complete their assignments.

Transport

Deputies are tasked with transporting individuals throughout the state. 11,827 prisoners were transported between State Department of Corrections facilities and local courtrooms. Juvenile Offenders are transported to and from Department of Juvenile Justice facilities. Deputies also transported 317 court ordered mental patients to and from various hospitals and mental facilities within the state.

Warrants

The Warrant Unit is responsible for the receipt, entry, service and return of arrest warrants within Greenville County. In 2011 they received 22,181 warrants. They served 8,698 warrants, distributed and served over 4,700 subpoenas and jury summons. They also received 601 courtesy summons and served 514 of them.

Uniform Patrol Division

The **Uniform Patrol Division** is the front line in the battle against crime in Greenville County. Uniform Patrol is where new deputies start their career. Typically the new deputies start with orientation before going to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy for nine weeks of intensive training.

The deputies return to Uniform Patrol for an equally intensive 14 weeks of field training before they assume duties as a solo unit. In 2011, 34 new deputies were trained by Uniform Patrol Field Training Officers. The division consists of the Uniform Deputies, Follow-up Team and Communications Center.

Uniform Patrol

Uniform Patrol deputies are the first responders to emergency and non-emergency dispatched calls for service and incidents they observe while on patrol. Uniform Patrol officers are assigned to 5 platoons. Four platoons rotate between day and night shifts every six weeks while the fifth platoon is assigned to work an overlapping shift during the highest call volume times of the day. All deputies work 12 hour shifts to ensure the maximum coverage within the beat areas they are working.

Follow-Up Team

The Follow-up team consists of 3 uniformed deputies. The team provides support to Uniform Patrol Deputies by aiding in street level investigations. This frees up Uniform Patrol Deputies to respond to more calls for service from the community. Multiple cases have been cleared and many items have been seized due to the extra time these officers were able to dedicate to these cases.

Communications Center

The Communications Center consists of call takers, dispatchers, dispatch training officers, false alarm billing, NCIC teletype, and tape research. In 2011, the Communications Unit dispatched 197,143 calls for service, up from 194,148 in 2010, and processed a total of 686,294 calls, an increase in over 13,000 calls from 2010. Working in communications is a very demanding and critical job within law enforcement. They are the lifeline to the officers in the field.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit operates 3 aircraft which support the Sheriff's Office. The unit is equipped with two helicopters, a Bell OH-58C, a Bell UH-1H and a Cessna 182 airplane. Law Enforcement Aviation is a unique tool that can provide a bird's eye view during searches, crime scene photography and general patrol.

In 2011, the OH-58C, known as Saber 1, responded to 157 calls for service and was the first on the scene to 90 of those calls. Saber 1 assisted in apprehending 55 suspects and was called out 35 times. The Cessna 182, Saber 2, conducted photo surveillance flights and transported prisoners from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida back to Greenville County. The UH-1H, designated Saber 3, participated in 4 Emergency Response Team trainings.

Deputy Randy Bayne participating in dive training in Northern Greenville County.

C.O.B.R.A.

The Chemical Ordinance Biological Radiological Assessment (COBRA) Team is trained to handle and rapidly respond to assist jurisdictions in effectively addressing the consequences of a critical incident involving Weapons of Mass Destruction and Toxic Industrial Chemicals. The team is equipped to secure the area of a mass casualty event as well as provide investigative support. The Sheriff's Office COBRA Team currently has twelve members. The team members are from law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel. The COBRA Team can accomplish this mission in collaboration with the support of other entities such as local, state and federal resources. The COBRA Team may also be utilized to respond to technological and natural incidents in which the team's training, equipment, and experience can be effectively utilized.

COLOR / HONOR GUARD

The Sheriff's Office Color Guard is called upon to present the colors at important ceremonies, events, conferences, special church services and community parades. They also post honor for officers who die in the line of duty, retire flags at special ceremonies and represent the Sheriff at funerals within the law enforcement community.

DIVE TEAM

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office Dive Team is ready at all times to respond to any water related emergencies including swift water rescue, underwater crime scenes, body, evidence and stolen property recovery. The Dive Team completed monthly training activities and specialized training programs during the year. The team has 8 certified divers and 6 ground crew members available for call out. Most team members are Swift Water certified while some have advanced certifications in Swift Water and High Angle rescue.

FIELD FORCE

The Field Force is composed of 175 deputies from Uniform Patrol and Judicial Services Division. Field Force team members are trained for quick response to civil unrest, crowd control and high risk officer rescue situations. They work in squad formations that provide a unified, highly functional and disciplined presence to assist in restoration of peace in our communities. Outfitted with the latest in crowd control munitions, deputies are trained in the proper deployment for ultimate effectiveness.

Deputy Jason Cox in Field Force formation.

HAZARDOUS DEVICE UNIT

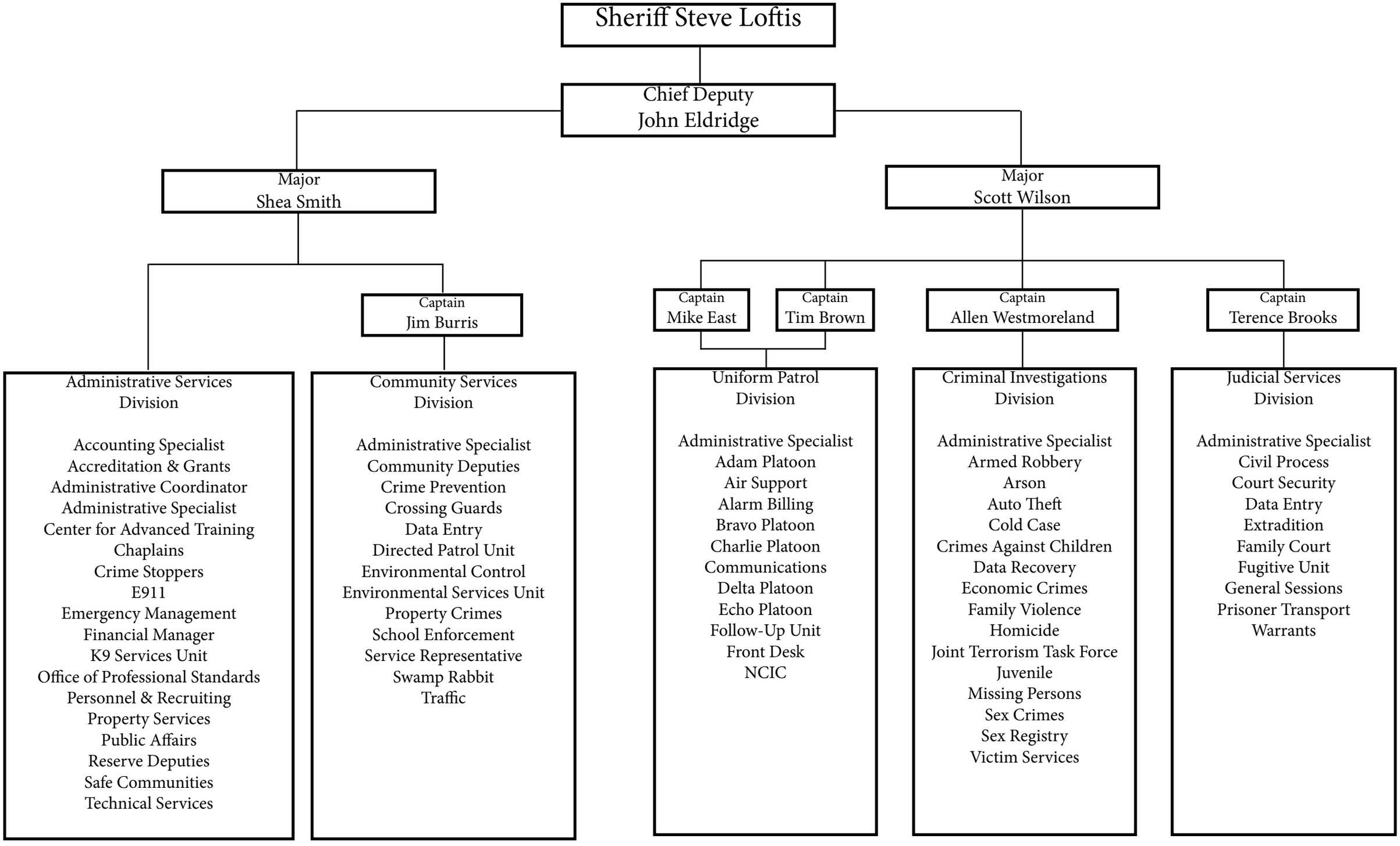
The Greenville County Hazardous Devices Unit has 5 technicians and 3 support personnel along with an Explosive Detection K-9. Thanks to a grant program this unit is well equipped with the latest technology and tools. The Hazardous Devices Unit responds on average to sixty calls per year with another 20-30 additional K-9 responses.

SWAT

Formed in 1977, the purpose and mission of the SWAT team is to handle high-risk operations in a manner that reduces the chance of violence, injury, or death. High-risk situations include hostage incidents, barricaded suspects, sniper/active shooters, high-risk warrants, manhunt operations, or other tactical problems. The team is staffed by deputies who have demonstrated the skills and commitment needed to perform this important task. They train a minimum of 230 hours yearly in addition to specialized schools that they may attend. Team members are always on-call and perform their SWAT duties in addition to their regular primary assignment.

CHAPLAINS

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office Chaplains serve the officers of Greenville County. They provide Spiritual support and guidance, as well as stress counseling and stress debriefs. They also support the law enforcement community after hours and through family support and services. Their mission is the personal well being of all who serve.



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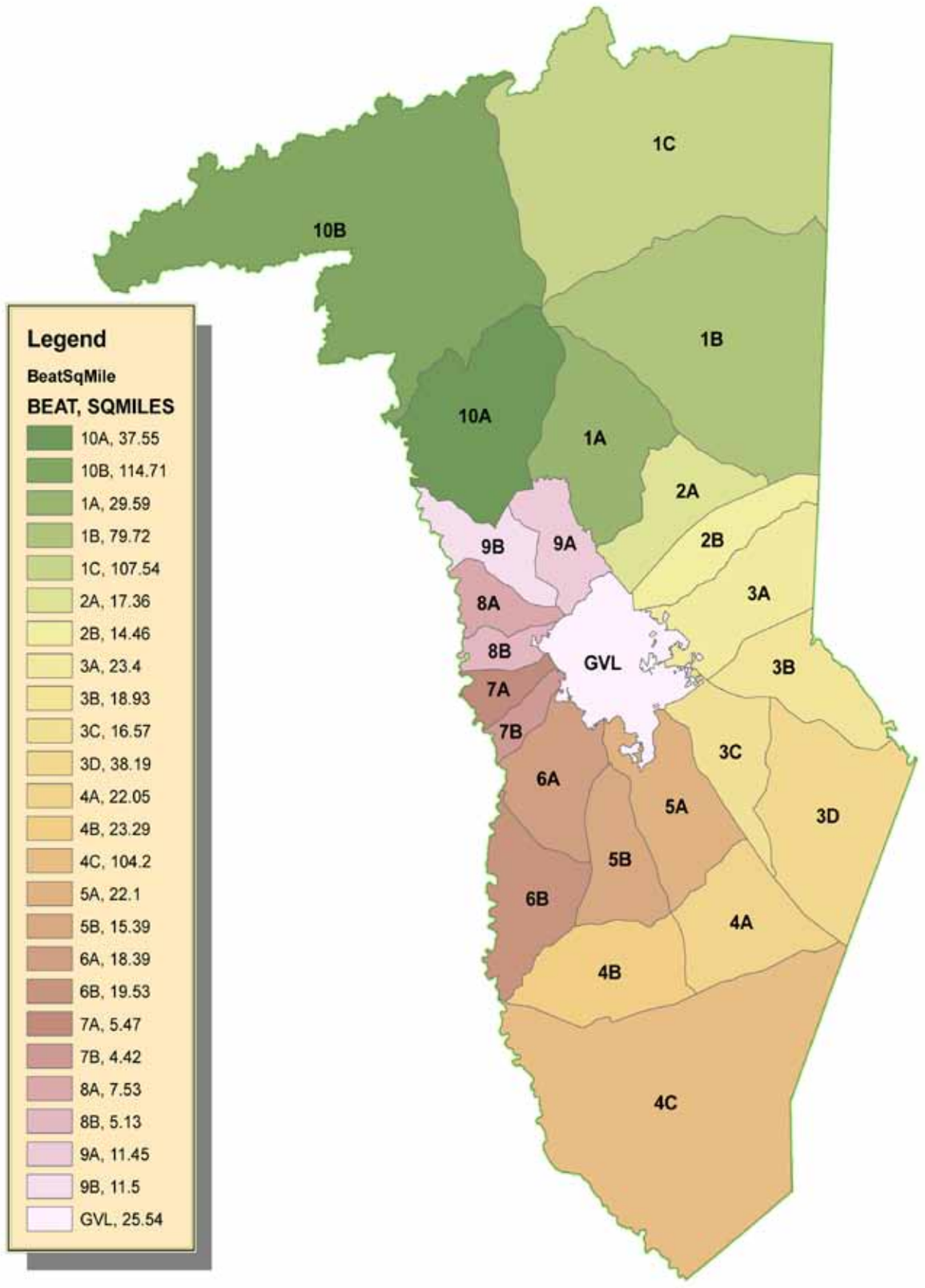
Total Full-Time Employees	523 = 424 Sworn + 99 Civilian
Total Part-Time Employees	179 = 64 Sworn + 115 Civilians
Total Employees	703

Patrol Beat Areas



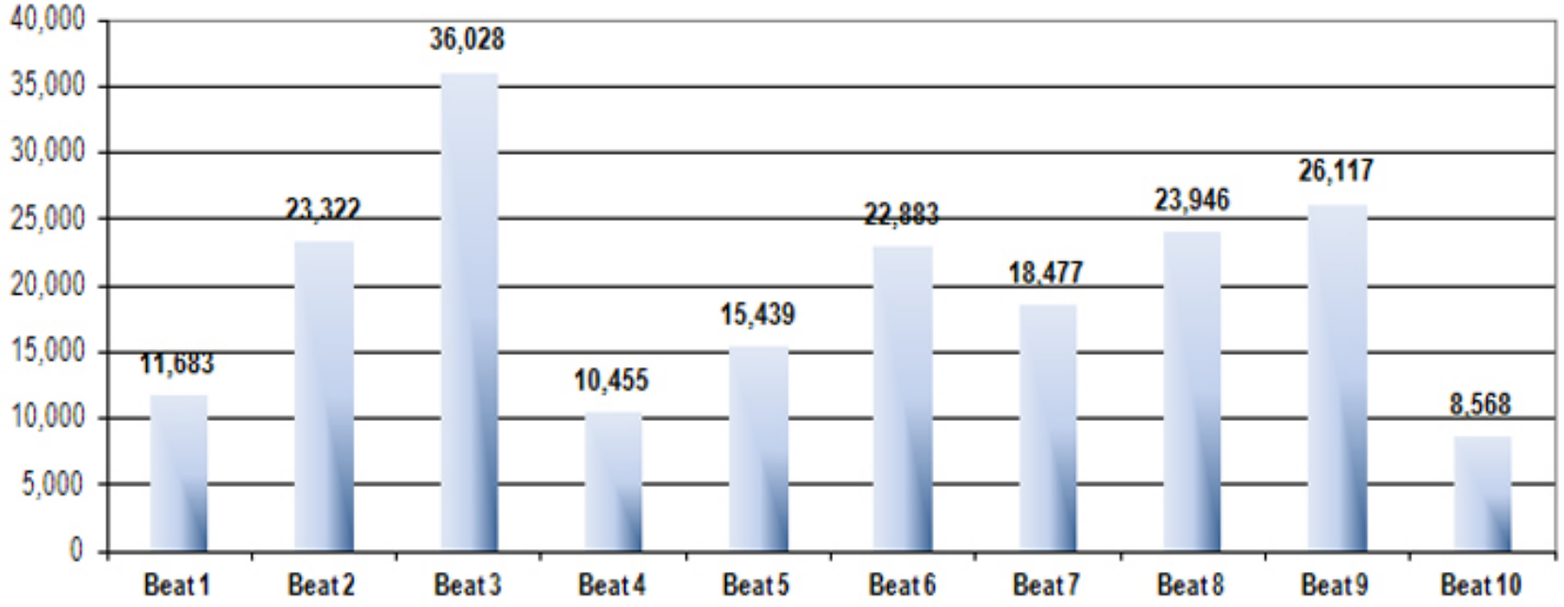
2011 Part 1 Crimes

OFFENSES	OFFENSES	2011 # CLEARED	2011 % CLEARED	2010 # CLEARED
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	21	17	81.0	83.3
Rape	178	110	61.8	62.8
Robbery	356	136	38.2	47.1
Aggravated Assault	1,211	892	73.7	78.6
Burglary	3,118	486	15.6	16.4
Larceny	7,369	1,892	25.7	23.9
Auto Theft	1,029	310	30.1	23.8
Part 1 Totals	13,282	3,843	28.9	28.4

2011 Crime Clock

Murder	1 every 17.4 days
Rape	1 every 2.1 days
Robbery	1 every 24.6 hours
Aggravated Assault	1 every 7.2 hours
Burglary	1 every 2.8 hours
Larceny	1 every 1.2 hours
Auto Theft	1 every 8.5 hours
Total Part I	1 every 39.6 minutes
All Crimes	1 every 13.2 minutes

2011 - Calls For Service by Beat Area



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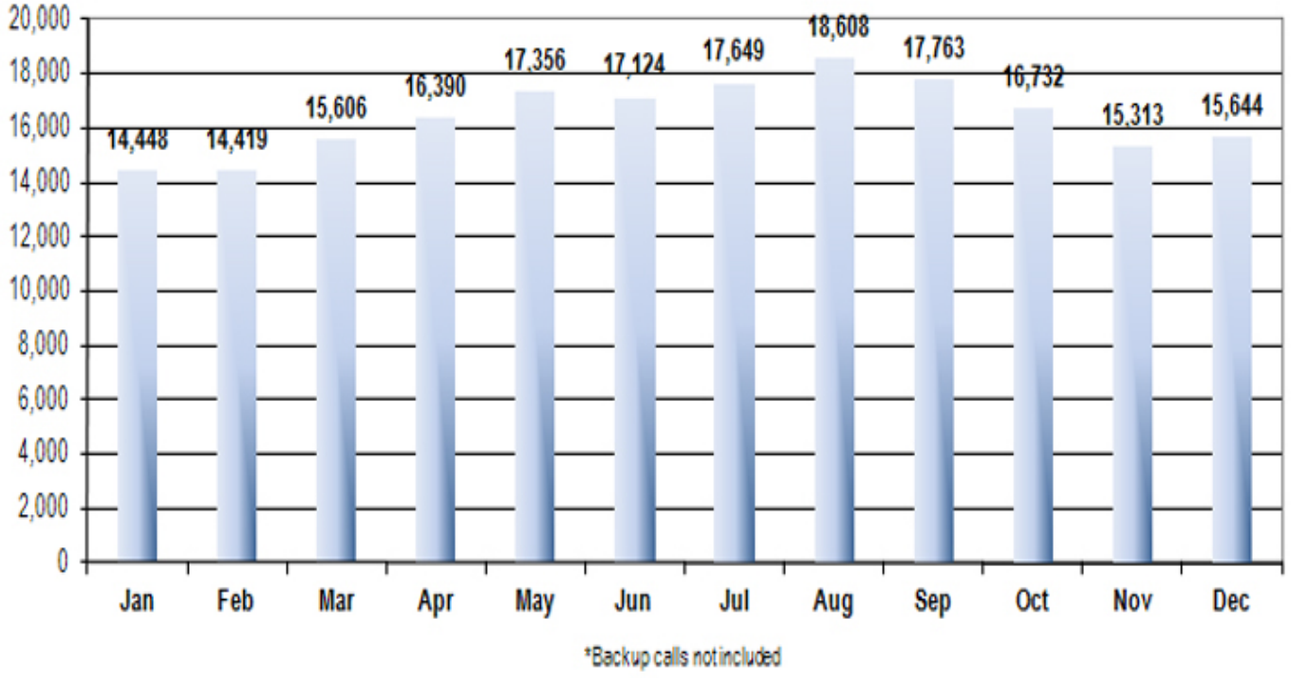

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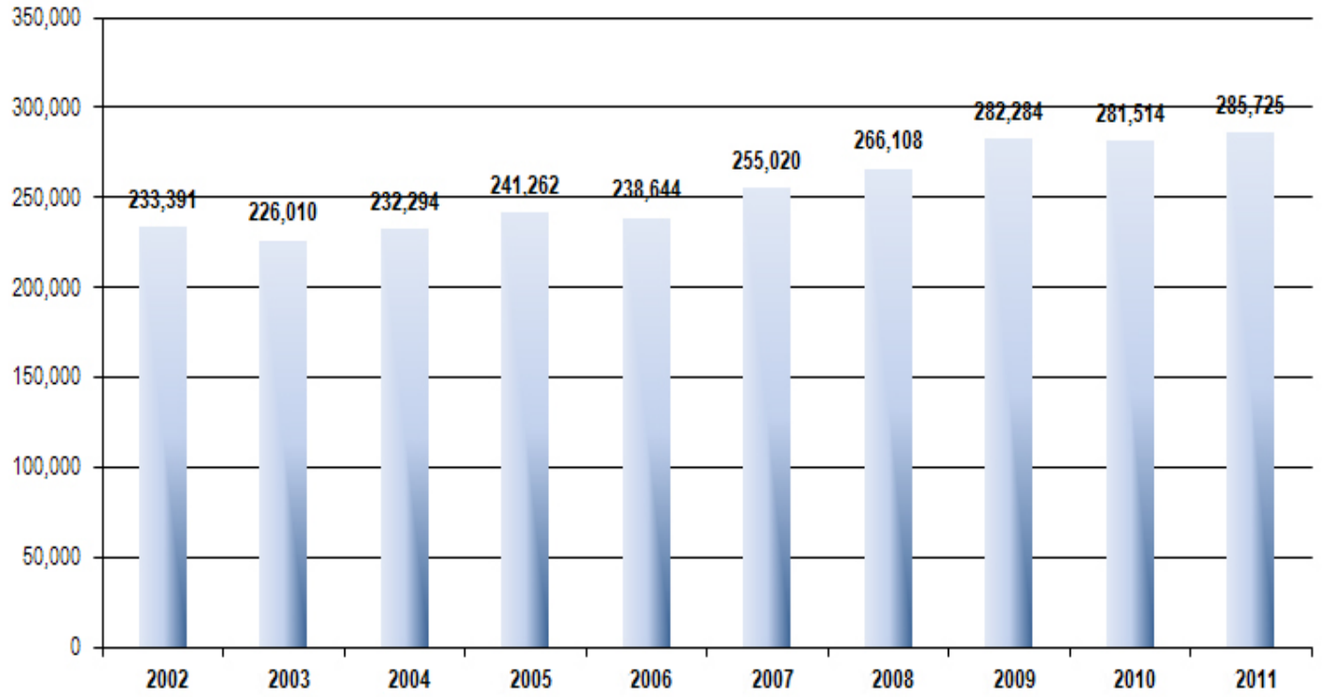
10 Year - Calls for Service



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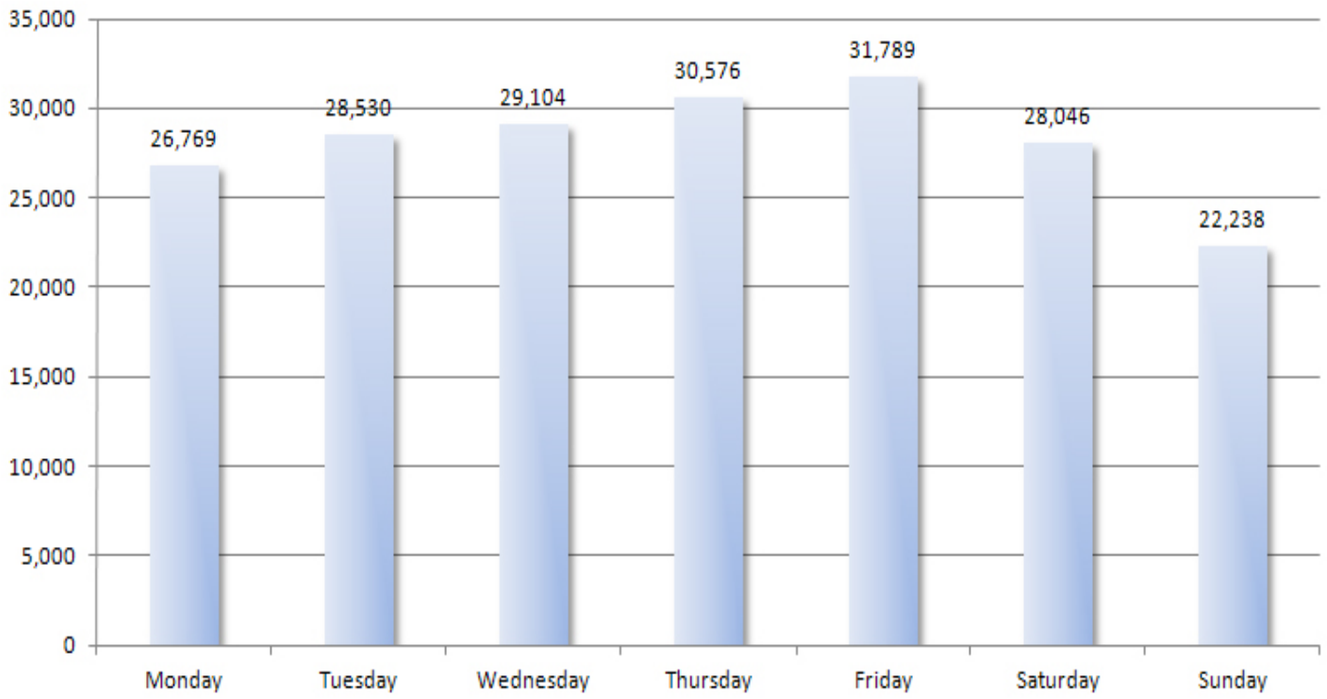

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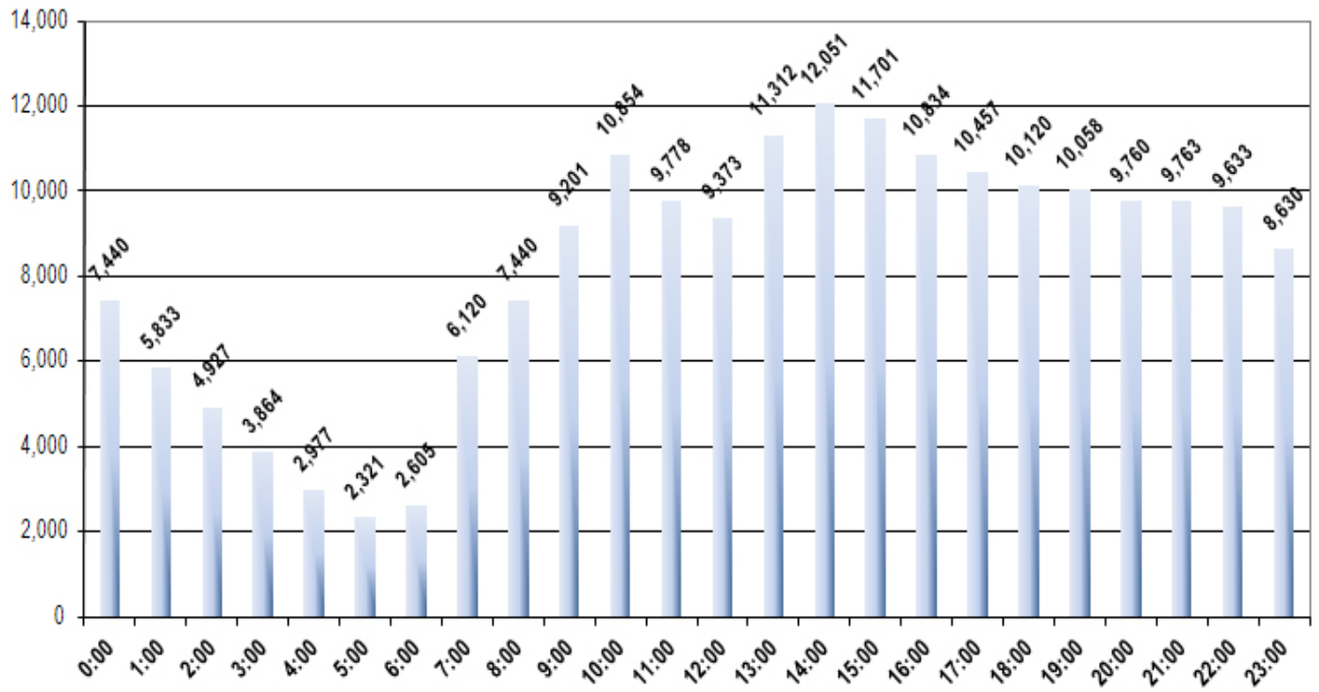

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
2011 STATISTICS

Allegation	Sustained	Exonerated	Not-Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Pending	Totals
A.W.O.L.	1						1
Conduct of Roll Call	1						1
Conduct Unbecoming a Sheriff's Deputy / Employee	7	3			6		16
Effective Leadership	2						2
Excessive Use of Force With Injury		16	1		1		18
Failure to Assist Subordinates	2						2
Failure to Notify	1						1
Failure to Perform Duties	2						2
Investigate	1						1
Failure to Secure Prisoner Property					2		2
Failure to Supervise	2	1					3
Hostile Work Environment	2			5			7
Improper Manner of Issuing Orders	1						1
Security of Sheriff's Office Business	1						1
Unprofessional Behavior	2	1	4	10	1		18
Violation of Computer Policy	3						3
Order		1					1
Violation of the Apprasial Process	1						1
Violation of the Employee Assessment System	1						1
Policy	1						1
Violation of Traffic Ancillary Services Order		1					1
Totals	31	23	5	15	10	0	84

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is my duty at all times, both on and off duty, to set an example for all Law Enforcement personnel as well as the general public. I will be courteous and tactful, but firm at all times.

I will keep personal views out of Law Enforcement duty, but will put all of my personality into the performance of it. My ability as a Deputy Sheriff is measured by the qualities of alertness and devotion to duty I display in aiding and protecting the citizens of Greenville County.

As a Deputy Sheriff, I realize that I am one of the most highly visible forms of county government. Therefore, I will present an appearance that will reflect credit upon the Sheriff's Office and Greenville County.

Through constant study and analysis of all laws and ordinances, as well as rules and regulations, I will be able to explain why certain acts are prohibited. I will also strictly observe and enforce these laws fairly and justly, making no exceptions.

Offenses are not committed against me as a Deputy Sheriff. They are committed against the State and society. Therefore, I will have no personal feelings in the handling of offenders.

When a crime has been committed, I am duty bound to make the investigation and the apprehension. During the course of these actions, I will be guided by the law, and by the ethics of my profession.

When making an arrest, it is my duty to use only the minimum amount of force necessary to effect the apprehension. It is the duty of the courts to inflict punishment.

I will never yield to temptation or use my office for personal or material gain. The office I serve is now a part of me. Therefore, to debase my office is to debase myself.

As a representative of the Sheriff, my authority is great, and my responsibility grave. My commitment to the enforcement of the law is total and absolute. It is my reason for being.

I realize that I have been placed in a position of responsibility and trust, and that I must conduct myself in a manner that is above reproach. I will expect no less from my fellow officers.

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