

# Nassau County Sheriff's Office



## Behind the Badge Newsletter



April - June 2014

## Sheriff's Message

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of NCSO's *Behind the Badge* newsletter.

It has been a very busy few months. As we move forward on a new Sheriff's Administration building and the EOC addition for Communications, we were given a construction schedule at a County Commission meeting. The schedule shows construction starting in December of 2014, with a completion date approximately 18 months after that, so hopefully sometime within the next 2-3 years or so we will have updated facilities for all to work out of. Remember this is a proposed schedule and could change, but at least it's moving forward. We will be moving ahead with a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The County agreed to purchase the *New World* system and as soon as the contracts are signed, the implementation of the system will be done over several months. There will be training to go along with the new system, but afterwards, we should all be able to do our job so much more efficiently.

We had our annual law enforcement memorial service here at the Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, May 14th recognizing and honoring all those law enforcement officers in Nassau County who have died in the line of duty with NCSO, FBPD and FHP.

We have had all of our preliminary meetings to develop Citizen Advisory Teams in Hilliard, Bryceville, Callahan, Yulee and Fernandina Beach. Each team will be meeting on a monthly basis. This is another way we can connect with our citizens, so they can get a better perspective on what you do every day to protect our community. Others within the agency will speak at these meetings on their job responsibilities and roles they play.

Some of the other great happenings in Nassau County are the crime rates went down in Nassau County. FDLE just released the 2013 crime statistics for the state of Florida and crime is down 4.7 percent statewide. The Nassau County crime rate went down 17.2 percent over 2012 thanks to everyone's hard work, which was one of the largest decreases in the north Florida area.

Our Annual Report for 2013 has been published and this document showcases what we accomplished last year. This is a publication that we delivered to our County Commissioners and other stakeholders within our county to let them know just what you did. It is an impressive report and I am proud of all of you who made it happen. You can find it on our website under "About NCSO".

Thanks for everything and please stay safe!



Sheriff Bill Leeper

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## Law Enforcement Memorial Service

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office, City of Fernandina Beach Police Department and Florida Highway Patrol recognized the law enforcement officers in Nassau County who have fallen in the line of duty at a Law Enforcement Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The Service was held at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.



"Every day, public safety officers work tirelessly to protect our citizens, enforce our laws, and keep our neighborhoods safe. We owe a profound debt to all those who have worn the badge, and to the families whose care enables them to serve with courage and pride" said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "When the unthinkable happens and officers give their lives or are seriously injured in the line of duty, we have an obligation to give their loved ones the support they deserve".

"The service is an opportunity to express our appreciation for the risks law enforcement officers take and the sacrifices they make, and honor the crucial contribution they make to our quality of life" said Fernandina Beach Police Chief Jim Hurley.

"We pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our community and voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime" stated Florida Highway Patrol Troop-G Commander Major Gene Spaulding.

### Nassau County Sheriff's Office Fallen Deputies

#### Patrol Deputy Joseph W. Robinson (1891)

Deputy Robinson was the first NCSO Deputy killed in the line of duty. Deputy Robinson, along with other deputies and Fernandina Beach Police Officers, attempted to apprehend a violent wanted fugitive in the Fernandina Beach area. Deputy Robinson was fatally shot by the fugitive.

#### Patrol Deputy Everett E. Johns (1905)

Deputy Johns was sent to the south end of Amelia Island to apprehend a suspect for an outstanding arrest warrant for theft. Deputy Johns was fatally shot by the suspect.

#### Patrol Deputy Jeremiah Mattox (1954)

Deputy Mattox responded to a residence in Fernandina Beach in reference to a domestic dispute. The male suspect at the residence fatally shot Deputy Mattox upon his arrival.

#### Chief Bailiff Lewis Hailey (1992)

Chief Hailey was fatally injured in a car crash on SR-200 between Yulee and Callahan.



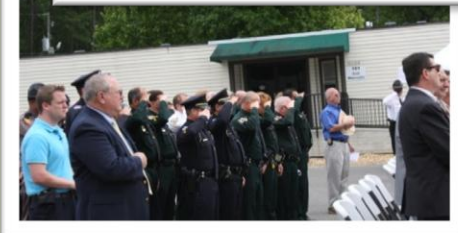
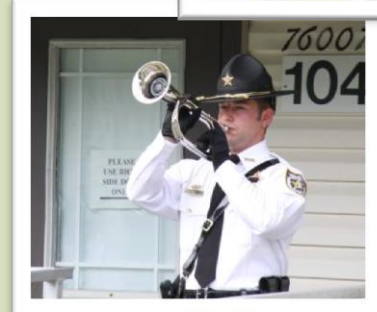
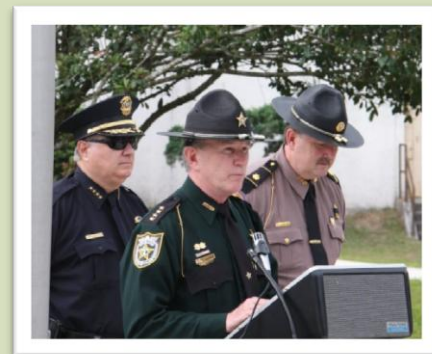
### Fernandina Beach Police Department Fallen Officers

#### Chief James Surrency (1930)

Chief Surrency was fatally shot while responding off duty to a murder call in the City of Fernandina Beach. Chief Surrency was the Chief of the Fernandina Beach Police Department and Fernandina Beach Fire Department.

### Florida Highway Patrol Fallen Troopers

Trooper Charles Parks (1973) Trooper Parks was shot during the apprehension of two armed robbery suspects on I-95. He had served the citizens of Florida for six years and was stationed in Yulee.



## NEWS AROUND NCSO

## New Sidewalk



Nassau County has installed a new sidewalk to prevent having to walk in the large body of water that forms when it rains near the Conference Center Mobile.

## Interesting Facts About NCSO



Nassau County Sheriff's Office building was built in 1974 and was originally built as a jail which housed up to 50 inmates.

LIKE OUR PAGE, FOLLOW OUR POSTS



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**BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA. REMEMBER, YOU REPRESENT NCSO IN ALL YOU DO & POST! IF IT IS QUESTIONABLE, IT SHOULDN'T BE POSTED. BE SAFE!**

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## Nassau County Crime Rate Down

The crime rate dropped by 17.2 percent in Nassau County during 2013, Sheriff Bill Leeper announced. This reduction is the lowest since 2010. Nassau County's crime rate continues to be well below the state-wide average of 4.7 percent.

## Nassau News

According to the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics provided by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) released Wednesday, there were 247 fewer crimes overall in 2013 than 2012.

While the Annual Crime Report marks a significant reduction in our Crime Rate, it's extremely important to remember that criminals adapt quickly to any effort made by law enforcement to combat crime.

That is why it is vital that our citizens continue to use Crime Prevention tools to help protect themselves, their families, and their community. Now is not the time to let up on our efforts, but instead, is the time to apply even more aggressive pressure to make sure we send a strong message to criminals and continue to reduce our crime rate.

"I am very pleased that crime in Nassau County is continuing its downward trend. There are several key reasons for this success, including our valuable partnerships with other law enforcement agencies and the community; our proactive approach to solving crime trends before they become an issue; and the fact that we work hard every day to prove to the people of Nassau County that we are committed to excellence," said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "Nassau County continues to be a safe place to live, work, raise a family, and visit on vacation."

Here are some of the ways citizens can help law enforcement drive down crime:

- Lock your car and keep valuables out of view
- Start or join a Neighborhood Watch program
- Mentor a child
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings
- Join one of NCSO's Citizens Advisory Teams to help address

problems at the neighborhood level

- Protect personal information like your Social Security number, computer passwords and banking information
- When online, don't chat with strangers or respond to their e-mails.

## Drug/traffic enforcement detail nets 29 arrests

On April 2nd and April 4<sup>th</sup> Nassau County Sheriff's Office Deputies conducted a drug/traffic enforcement detail along US-17 at the Duval County Line, US-1 at the Duval County Line and US-1 at the Georgia State Line in order to stem the flow of illegal drugs coming into Nassau County.

A total of 29 arrests were made on various charges of possession of illegal drugs, driving while license suspended, and outstanding warrants. Drugs seized: Marijuana 23.8



grams, Crack cocaine: 8.1 grams, Cocaine: 2 grams, Prescription pills 46.

"Our objective is to send a clear message to those who are considering bringing illegal drugs into Nassau County that we won't tolerate it" said Sheriff Bill Leeper.

## Deputies Receive Automated External Defibrillators

Eight new Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) have been placed into service by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and will be issued to patrol deputies as part of Sheriff Bill Leeper's plan to eventually include the devices in all NCSO marked units. Currently, there are 15 devices in operation that are spread out among the four patrol squads.

AED's are portable devices that are used to treat sudden cardiac arrests wherever they occur. NCSO deputies will be able to assist victims with cardiac arrest symptoms as first responders to critical incidents, should they happen to arrive at the scene before emergency medical personnel. Deputy Sheriffs are receiving specialized training to use the devices.

"Having these valuable devices in our patrol cars creates a win-win situation for the people of Nassau County, and for our brothers and sisters in first response. From now on, if we are the first to arrive at a scene with a medical emergency, our deputies will have their AED's on hand and can begin life-saving treatment until EMS arrives" said Sheriff Bill Leeper.



Deputy Jeremy Hyers shows off his new AED that will be available in cardiac emergencies

## NCSO Receives Meth Storage Container

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for the storage of confiscated precursors and ingredients of Methamphetamine. The Sheriff's Office

received the meth storage container (at no cost), which will allow the storage of all chemicals, precursors and equipment confiscated during meth lab investigations. Until now, the closest facility to Nassau County was in Putnam County.

"This is important because by agreeing to house a Storage Container at our facility it insures we will be provided all of the latest training and support from DEA and they have the financial responsibility of properly disposing of all waste" said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "It also prevents us and other local agencies from transporting waste from these labs to the container in Putnam County."

Surrounding Florida agencies (including other Florida Regions) will be permitted to drop off their transport containers as well. The DEA will provide a sub-contracted removal company to empty the container and dispose of the contents, again at no cost to NCSO.



## Home Security Checks

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is acting as the eyes and ears of your neighborhood when you go on vacation. All you have to do is put yourself on their Vacation Watch list.

The Sheriff's Office said if you're heading on a vacation, don't go straight on social media to let people know. Instead, call NCSO. They can make sure your home stays safe while you're away.

Now that summer is here, NCSO said more families will be going on vacation but along with that extra time off, they say summertime is known to have a higher number of break ins. "We always unfortunately see it an uptick in property crimes during the summer months," said Sheriff Bill Leeper.

Leeper said if you're going to be leaving your home for some time, contact the Sheriff's Office and let them know so they can

periodically check on your home. "That gets a marked patrol car out to your house at least once during the shift if not more," Leeper said.

In addition to the watch program, you can also be proactive to make your home become less vulnerable to break-ins, said Leeper. NCSO recommends keeping a light on inside your home, have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up any accumulating newspapers or mail, have a neighbor utilize your driveway for parking if there is not a vehicle you can leave there, if you have an alarm, make sure it's in working order and make sure you don't broadcast your destination on social media.



"Definitely don't advertise to everyone you will be going out of town for a certain period of time," Leeper said.

Leeper said families do not have to pay any money to have an officer come check on their home and if you need an officer to patrol your neighborhood, call their non-emergency number at 904-225-5174. Your request must be received at least five (5) days prior to your departure.

## NEW Motorcycle

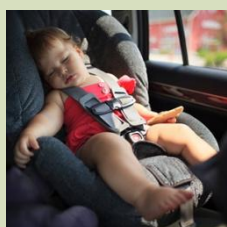
The Nassau County Sheriff's Office debut their new Harley Davidson motorcycle with the new paint scheme.



## Leaving Kids Alone in Hot Cars - Know the Risks and Consequences

Even great parents can forget a child in the back seat, but caregivers who are unaccustomed to transporting children are especially prone to forgetting.

Think about the last time your routine was interrupted. Maybe you forgot something, or were afraid you might forget something. Or maybe you decided to leave your child alone in the car, thinking "I'll just run into the store for a minute." In either case, it's important to know the risks and consequences associated with leaving kids in cars - especially hot cars.



"Shopping with children can be challenging. The process of buckling and unbuckling a child repeatedly to take him/her in and out of the car for errands may become unpleasant for both of you" said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "As tempting as it is to leave your child behind in the car, leaving a youngster unattended in a vehicle might lead to serious consequences."

### Risks

- In 10 minutes, a car can heat up 20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Cracking a window does little to keep the car cool.
- With temperatures in the 60s, your car can heat up to well above 110 degrees.
- A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult's.
- Heatstroke can happen when the temperature is as low as 57 degrees outside!
- A child can die when his/her temperature reaches 107.

### Consequences

- The heat-related death of a child
- Misdemeanor with fines as high as \$500 - and even imprisonment - in some states \*Felony, depending on the state, if bodily harm results from leaving kids alone in a hot car

According to Florida State Statute 316.6135, parents, legal guardians or caregivers of children younger than 6 may not leave them

unattended or unsupervised in any kind of motor vehicle for longer than 15 minutes. If the vehicle is running, or if the child is in any danger, no amount of unattended time is acceptable. Officers are instructed to remove the unattended child immediately. Individuals could face fines up to \$500 or jail time.

Any Florida law enforcement officer who sees a child alone or unsupervised in a motor vehicle is instructed to do whatever is necessary to remove the child from the vehicle. After removing the child, the officer places paperwork notification of the child's whereabouts inside the car. If the officer is immediately unable to find the parents, legal guardian or caregiver, the child will be placed with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

## Prevention Tips to Avoid a Tragic Heatstroke

- Never leave a child alone in a car.
- Don't let your kids play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Keep a large teddy bear or other stuffed animal in the car seat when it's empty. Move the teddy bear to the front seat when you place the child in the seat as a visual reminder.
- If you are dropping your children off at childcare, but normally your spouse or partner drops them off, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure they were not left in the car.
- Become vigilant about looking in the vehicle before locking the door. Always look front and back before walking away - always!
- "Leaving a child alone in a vehicle - even for just a minute - is a bad idea," Leeper said. "Left unattended, a child in a vehicle is vulnerable to abduction and dehydration. Please don't take the chance."

## ARK Donation

Ark of Nassau board chairman Wes White and Ark Executive Director Candy Holloway receive a check donated from NCSO Charities chairman Undersheriff George

Lueders for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Ride with the



Sheriff" motorcycle fundraiser held on April 5, 2014. Over 50 motorcycles took an escorted ride around Nassau County to raise funds for Ark's mission of serving adults with developmental disabilities. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served at Ark after the ride.

## VFW Police Officer of the Year



Deputy Thomas Kelley receives the local VFW Post 4351 "Police Officer of the Year" for 2013-2014 from Post Commander Al Lorentson for saving the life of a Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) Officer, who fell into the river while attempting to rescue a family in a shrimp boat that was in distress.

On Thursday, June 19, 2014, Deputy Kelley also received the



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) "Florida Police Officer of the Year" award for 2013-2014 from the VFW State Commander and VFW Florida Ladies Auxiliary President which was presented at the VFW's annual conference held in Jacksonville at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

## NCSO Explorer Program

to interest them in possible law enforcement functions whether they enter policing or not.



Through involvement, the law enforcement explorer program establishes an awareness of the complexities of police service. Explorers are given the opportunity to broaden their understanding and gain first-hand knowledge of the challenges and job skills that make up their community's police service. The explorer program will encourage the individual to continue their education, encourage the explorer to participate in rewarding and productive community service activities, and to help the explorer prepare for their future roles as citizens and community members.

"Explorer personnel perform a tremendous service to the citizens of Nassau County" Leeper said. "They truly exemplify the spirit of striving for the public good."

The explorers are involved in many different training exercises to assist them in their activities. The following is a list of some of the training exercises offered:

- Guest speakers from the Sheriff's Office and surrounding agencies
- Training in First-Aid, C.P.R., and Emergency Preparedness
- Traffic control
- Sheriff's Explorer Academy

### INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Contact Ricky Rowell,  
Communications  
Manager at:

[ricky@nassauso.com](mailto:ricky@nassauso.com)

904-548-4022

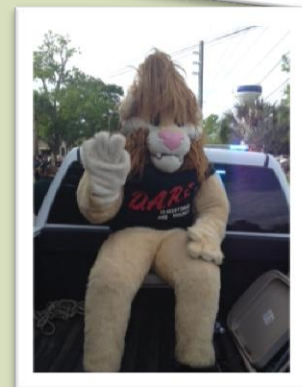
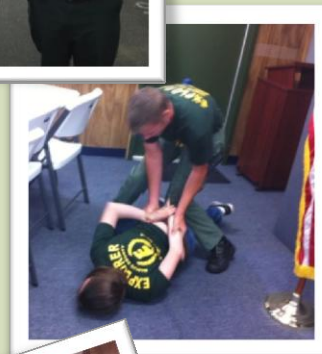
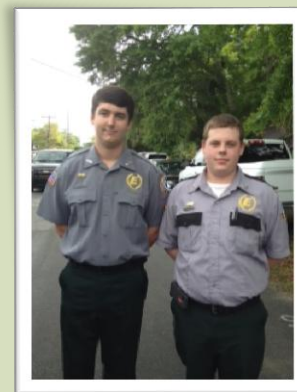


Exploring is a nationwide career-based learning program, designed to expose and immerse high school and college-aged young persons into a career field of choice. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 750 was re-established in 2010 to show Nassau County's young men and women what law enforcement is all about.

Exploring not only teaches career-based topics, but also prepares young people for daily life as an adult by teaching responsibility, good citizenship, ethics, care for the environment, sportsmanship, and making good life choices. "Many of our Explorers have gone on to be employed with the Sheriff's Office in many areas, said Sheriff Bill Leeper. Explorers work together with Deputy Sheriffs and other members of the Sheriff's Office, called 'advisors'. Advisors supervise all Explorer Post functions, such as special events called 'details', where we assist with security, traffic, parking, crowd control, and other events.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program is a member of the Boy Scouts of America (B.S.A.) and adheres to the standards contained with the bylaws of the program. Nationwide there are more than 2,000 chartered posts with over 40,000 members. The goal of the Explorer Program is for members to explore law enforcement as a possible career choice, develop physical fitness, and community service.

The intent of law enforcement exploring is to educate and involve youth in police operations,



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game

On May 31 2014, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game* was played at the Ybor Alvarez Sports Complex in Fernandina. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office was victorious again for the second year playing against the City of Fernandina Beach Firefighters.



All proceeds went to the United Way Campaign split between the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and the City of Fernandina Beach's United Way Campaigns.

Total amount raised was **\$2,100.75.**



The event was a family fun event that had a giant slide and a bouncy house for the kids, along with a dunking booth with our Sheriff as a willing participant!



Delicious Bubba Burgers were grilled by volunteers –Ricky Rowell, Brian Newhouse, and James Dugger.

The NCSO Explorers helped set up and clean up, as well as man the Sno-Cone machine and provided ice cold drinks for the many spectators who came out to support their favorite team.



The Sheriff's Office was represented well with hands on show with patrol cars, motorcycle unit and jet skis.

Also, the Lt. Terry Nye and TC Sweatt with the Mounted Posse brought their horses for the crowd to get a close up view.



Also represented was our K-9 Bloodhound Unit with



handlers Detention Deputies David Bright and Matthew Morgan.



As in the previous year, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office softball team was victorious for the win!



But the true winner was the United Way and the local charities within our

community, as all the funds raised will stay right here in Nassau County. Thanks to all who came out to support this great event and also to those who dunked



the Sheriff in the dunk tank.



## Correction Division Information

The Correctional Facility has had some recent updates; such as the old carpet has been replaced with tile flooring. This will enable keeping the facility a cleaner environment.



In other news, Sheriff Leeper presents Corporal Paul Hinson with the Supervisor of



the Quarter Award.

Sheriff Leeper presents Detention Deputy Charles Gander with the Detention Deputy of

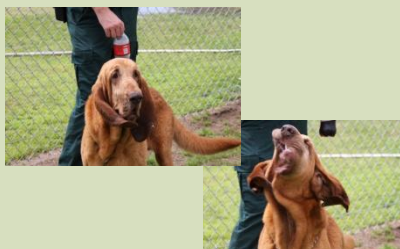


the Quarter Award.

Detention Deputy David Bright and Matt Morgan recently participated in the Guns N Hoses Event by bringing bloodhounds



Remington and Zada for the fans to meet and greet!



## Mounted Posse News



Members of the Mounted Posse gathered together for a training exercise at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds in Callahan.

The posse took their horses through an obstacle course consisting of exiting & entering through a gate, going over a bridge, stepping through a hazard course, stopping into a small designated square.

These maneuvers ascertain as to whether the rider and horse are in sync with one another and if the rider and horse can handle going through hazards such as thick brush or dense swamps when searching for a lost person or child.

There are a total of 19 active members and their horses currently in the Mounted Posse.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of the Mounted Posse, contact Lt. Terry Nye at 904-548-4077 for more information.**

## Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy

The second class of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy will begin on August 14, 2014.



The NCSO Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy is an educational and

informative program that allows our citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that face law enforcement efforts in Nassau County.

The Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy is a 9 week program. The classes include a tour of the NCSO's facilities, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, hostage negotiations, vice and narcotics, crime scene investigations, corrections, and 911 communications. Students watch a K-9 demonstration and visit the firearms range to take part in weapon safety training.

The Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy is free of charge and is held on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and one Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, located at 76001 Bobby Moore Circle, Yulee, Florida.



**If you are interested in participating in the next academy, contact Larry Boatwright at [lboatwright@nassauso.com](mailto:lboatwright@nassauso.com) or call 904-548-4022**



## New ESS System

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing employees with the tools needed to allow employees to do their job in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Specifically, new laptops were issued to operations and everyone in the agency was given an email address, modernizing the communication process. Now that we have accomplished those tasks it is time to take yet another step towards modernization. Recently all employees received an email instructing how to place the shortcut to **ESS** on their computer desktop.

The reference to ESS is in fact the future as to how the Nassau County Sheriff's Office will record work time, track leave, and maintain your personal employee records. The **Employee Self Service (ESS)** software computerizes the entry of timesheets, requests for leave, receive pay advices, view W-2's and keeps employee information current. It will be much easier for employees, supervisors and staff.

In the near future, Deputy Director Marty Terry will release written instructions as to logging in, entering work time and requesting time off. The process will streamline what is currently done by submitting the appropriate paperwork. Once fully implemented the paperwork will no longer be necessary.

As with all new ventures, there will be bugs to work out and I ask that everyone please be patient during the implementation and training phase. Any questions that you have in regard to this process should be directed to Deputy Director Terry by contacting him at the following:

**[mterry@nassauso.com](mailto:mterry@nassauso.com)**

Office **904-548-4089**

Cell **904-583-9319**

**Thanks and please stay safe!**



## Training!!

With the implementation of the Munis ESS system, staff members have have been participating in many hours of training. Your Finance Department has been inputting data to ensure a smooth transition over to the ESS System.



## Communications Week

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office celebrated Communications Week during the month of April. The Communications staff was treated to a week of delicious meals and each person won a gift of appreciation from the many participating vendors in the area.

Congratulations goes to Ms. Cindy Carter for being elected as the Communications Person of the Year. She was nominated by her fellow co-workers.



A big THANK YOU goes out to each and everyone that works in the Communications Division. You are the behind the scenes *Heroes* that are often not recognized. We thank you for your hard work and dedication that you put into your job at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

*Sheriff Bill Leeper presents Cindy Carter with the Dispatcher of the Year Award.*



# Welcome!!

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office welcomes our new employees to the organization!



Susan McDonald  
911 Call Taker

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Carie Gatlin

911 Call Taker

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Shannon Lee  
911 Call Taker

Leisa Waldrip

School Crossing Guard



Shaneisa Hollimon  
Detention Deputy



Ray Bullard

P/T CRO



Jayme Woods

P/T Accountant

We are excited that you have joined the Nassau County Sheriff's Office elite group of employees!



# Nassau Deputies active in the Community

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office employees are active volunteering



in the community.

NCSO participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in April.

Employees of the agency participated as runners for the event, as well as volunteered.

# SHRIMP FESTIVAL PARADE



Employees, their families, and the Explorers participated in the 51<sup>st</sup> Shrimp Festival Parade held on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Years of Service

### 25 Years

Elizabeth Seagraves – Records

### 20 Years

Greg Foster - CID

### 15 Years

Chauncey Nolan – Civil Deputy

### 10 Years

Polly Hodges – Detention Deputy

Theresa Walker – CRO

### 5 years

Eric Oliver – Deputy Patrol

Marcelia Robinson - Dispatcher

## Dispatchers Receive State Certification

Congratulations to the following for receiving their state certification as a Public Safety Telecommunicator.



Marley Zodel



Jacquelyn Adams



Josh Reed

Marcelia Robinson



Brianna Crews



## First Quarter Awards



Deputy of the Quarter

**Chris Walton**  
Deputy - Civil

Civilian of the Quarter  
**Linda Starr**  
Civil Clerk



Dispatcher of the Quarter

**Cynthia Carter**  
Communications Dispatcher

Supervisor of the Quarter  
**Corporal Paul Hinson**  
Corrections



Detention Deputy of the Quarter

**Charles Gander**  
Corrections Division

### How do you become

### Employee of the Quarter ?

Your supervisor or co-workers would nominate you for the award. All entries are to be forwarded to Mary Mercer at mmercer @nassauso.com

## Training News

Below Sergeant Braddock trains new Community Volunteers.



Also recently, new recruits underwent Taser Training with Sergeant Patterson.



## NCSO Corrections Earns Reaccreditation

On June 24, 2014, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was reaccredited by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) at their semi-annual conference in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Sheriff Bill Leeper accepted the FCAC Accreditation Certification on behalf of each member of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. "Maintaining accreditation status ensures the Nassau County Sheriff's Office meets the highest professional standards set by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission" said Sheriff Leeper. "As Sheriff of Nassau County I will continue to work tirelessly to meet, and exceed, the high standards set by FCAC."

In May 2014 assessment teams from FCAC conducted independent, intensive and thorough inspections of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. To earn reaccreditation an agency must comply with all applicable FCAC mandatory standards. Independent assessors were provided with complete access to review written documentation, conduct personnel & inmate interviews, observe agency operations and conduct facility inspections to ensure the Sheriff's Office compliance of accreditation standards. The assessment team found the Nassau County Sheriff's Office in compliance with mandatory FCAC accreditation standards and recommended reaccredited status to their respective Commission.

In the CFA Assessments Team final report to the Commission they reported the assessment team was very impressed with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Jail and the professionalism displayed by both its sworn and non-sworn members. The team members completely agree that every member of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office interviewed demonstrated a high level of job knowledge, competence, and satisfaction.



Sheriff Bill Leeper, NCSO Accreditation Manager Lawanna Ware, and NCSO Jail Director Connie Johnson accept the FCAC Reaccreditation Certificate at the FCAC semi-annual conference in Bonita Springs.

## NCSO Charities Annual Golf Tournament

The Annual NCSO Charities Golf Tournament was held on June 20th at the Deerfield Lakes Golf Club. The fundraiser is to help raise funds for the Shop with Cops Program

The winning team just happened to be Sheriff's Leeper's team!



## NCSO Provides Fingerprint Kits for Amelia Baptist VBS

Nassau County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility Sergeant Cheri Fisher and Detention Deputy Brian Higginbotham provided fingerprint I.D. kits to Amelia Baptist Church summer program.

Nearly 800,000 children are reported missing each year in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, about one-third of those children have been kidnapped and about one-fifth were taken by non-family members. If an average of 2,185 children are

reported missing each day, what can we do to protect our kids?

"We live in a high-tech society that is moving faster every day," Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper said. "We all have smart phones and computers to stay connected with our kids, but we need to continue fingerprinting our children to protect them in the event they go missing."

If a child is missing, authorities can use a child's finger prints to scan into the National Crime Information Center database. These fingerprints can immediately be used to help locate a child in a variety of ways. Fingerprints are composed of a unique combination of ridges that make patterns of loops, arches, ridges, forks, dots, spurs and other distinguishing marks. Fingerprinting is the only infallible means of identifying individuals, and in 80 years of fingerprint classification, no two identical sets have been found.

Unique fingerprints are formed seven months after conception. Although the size of each finger continues to grow from birth to adulthood, the relative position of ridges remains the same. An average fingerprint yields 175 to 180 points of information which makes it a really important source of information in the event of a missing child scenario.



## Gun Range Renovation Completed!

The renovation to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Gun Range has now been completed. After a long and dedicated process, the range is back in operation.



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As always, please stay safe!

