

Nassau County Sheriff's Office



23rd Annual Hands Across the Border Event

Behind the Badge Newsletter



July - September 2014

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 5th edition of NCSO's *Behind the Badge* newsletter.

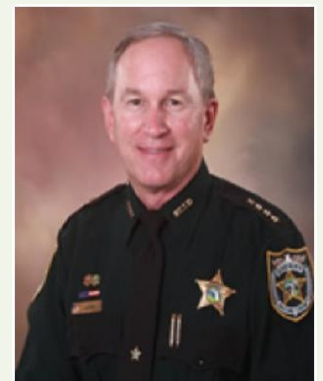
Great news! The Nassau County Commission voted to award ACON Construction the contract to build our new administration building and the 911 communications center addition at the EOC. The schedule that ACON put forth is for construction on both projects to begin in December this year. The 911 Communications Center should be completed by July 2015 and the administration building completed by March 2016, unless there are any major delays.

This is truly a big step in improving our overall working conditions and environment, as well as continuing the process to modernize our agency. These new projects, when complete, will make us a more professional organization where we can better serve the public. This is something that should have been done many years ago, but thankfully we really have something to look forward to now. We want to thank all of our County Commissioners to let them know that we appreciate their

vote and support. ACON will now have about 90 days to design the project and once all the permits are approved by the county they will begin the construction.

We recently conducted a written promotional examination for our communications center employees who desire to move into supervision in order to establish a promotion list for the next year. I want to congratulate *Cindy Carter* for making the highest score.

We are beginning the implementation stages of the New World CAD system, which should take several months to complete. There will be a lot of training involved in order to get up to speed and familiar with everything this system has to offer, but we believe it will make everyone's job a little easier once you get the hang of it, so please be



patient as we progress. Also, the new time keeper system with MUNIS will take some time to get used to, but in the end will make us more efficient and accountable, which is not a bad thing.

The Florida Sheriff's Association winter conference will be held at the Ritz Carlton Amelia Island February 1-4, 2015 with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office serving as the Host Sheriff for the event.

We appreciate your continued service to the citizens of Nassau County.

Please stay safe!

Sheriff Bill Leeper

Hands Across the Borders Event



Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper shakes hands with a representative of the Georgia State Patrol and Camden County Georgia Sheriff Jim Proctor shakes hands with a representative with the Florida Highway Patrol at the 23rd Annual "Hands Across the Border" event held at the Florida Welcome Center. This annual event focuses on the dangers of driving, especially around the Labor Day Holiday weekend, and the tragic loss of life that occurs in traffic crashes.

During 2013, 34 people lost their life in Florida during Labor Day weekend with almost 30% of those alcohol-related. Law Enforcement agencies in Florida and the border states worked together to make this holiday as safe as possible.

Please drive safely!

NCSO Hosts Medical Response Course

"The Nassau County Sheriff's Office hosted an advanced medical response course entitled "Law Enforcement First Response Tactical Casualty Care."

Students attending were from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (which includes Fernandina Beach Police Department personnel) and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office SWAT Team. The company providing the training, Gainesville Target Range, is comprised of Trauma Medics and Emergency Room Trauma personnel. All members have extensive backgrounds in ER Trauma medicine and as Veteran US Military Combat Medics on battlefields such as in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The course focused on 3 phases of emergency medical trauma care which are *Care under Fire*, *Tactical Field Care* & *Tactical Evacuation Care*. Given the special nature of both SWAT and SRT Teams advanced medical care is crucial. The faster you can render proper aid to someone the greater chance they have of survival if critically injured. The average person can bleed out in 2-3 minutes.

Students focused on rendering care to victims of gunshots, arterial bleeding, obstructed airways, collapsed lungs, facial and eye injuries, shock, hypothermia & sucking chest wounds.

All students had to perform these medical procedures on tissue specimens and during live fire range practical's. Students had to provide directed fire to protect simulated victims of gunshot wounds and other injuries, then move to the injured, provide immediate care and then pick up the victim and evacuate them to a safe location all during the simulated stresses of a gunfight



or mass casualty incident. Upon completing and passing of the test and evaluation phase, all students were certified through the National Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Tactical Combat Casualty Care

The basic course is known as TCCC – Tactical Combat Casualty Care – The course has been modified some and renamed Law Enforcement First Response Tactical Casualty Care. Those in attendance were members of the NCSO SRT and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office SWAT Team. It was a 2 day course provided by GTR. The GTR instructor cadre is made up of Trauma Surgeons and Veteran US Military Combat Medics.

Members learned advanced casualty care for victims of gunshots and other severe wounds. The 3 phases of care we learned were Care under Fire, Tactical Field Care and Tactical Evacuation Care. Given the nature of what these 2 teams do tactical medical response is vital to save yourself or your fellow team member if they are injured this also includes the suspect and any civilians injured during an operation. So not only did we learn how to provide medical care for others, we learned how to provide it to ourselves if there is no one close by. A person can bleed to death in 2-3 minutes.

SRT & SWAT members practiced the techniques they learned during actual live fire exercises requiring them to pick up a carry team members while in full gear.

Trauma medics and doctors evaluated everyone during these exercises to insure proper techniques were applied.



Stolen Items Recovered

After observing marijuana plants growing in the yard at 151080 CR-108 east of Hilliard, Sheriff Bill Leeper said Nassau County Sheriff's Deputies found and seized stolen vehicles and equipment, which were located behind the residence, worth several thousand dollars.



Nassau County Sheriff's Office Deputy T.L. Beazley gathers information from a stolen travel trailer at a residence in Hilliard.

Leeper said deputies were able to recover (1) 2003 Coachman 5th wheel travel trailer, (1) 2000 Coachman travel trailer, (1) 1989 Chevrolet dually pickup truck, (1) 1986 Bass boat, (1) 90hp Mercury boat motor & (1) boat trailer, (1) 2007 Honda Jet Ski & trailer, (1) Caterpillar Bobcat Skidder, and (1) homemade utility trailer. The equipment was stolen from the Jacksonville area over the last several months.

Nassau County Sheriff's Office Deputy T.L. Beazley (pictured) gathers information from a stolen travel trailer at a residence in Hilliard.

The value of the recovered property was over \$77,000 dollars.

Deputies also said it looked as though drug activity was going on inside the residence as drug paraphernalia was seized. No arrests have been made, however the investigation is continuing.

NEWS AROUND NCSO

NCSO received a Dodge Charger patrol car that was donated by the FDOT Law Enforcement Liaison program. The vehicle will be used by our Special Operations Division to reduce aggressive driving within the county.



LIKE OUR PAGE, FOLLOW OUR POSTS



Like us on Facebook! Facebook posts are received from various sources to bring awareness of our agency to the community.

Please remember to represent NCSO as best that you can. Our citizens truly appreciate the job you do and sacrifices you make every day to make our community a better place.

BE SAFE!


Visit our Facebook page 

www.nassauso.com

Follow us on Twitter 

<https://twitter.com/NCSO FL>

Facebook Scam

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is warning residents to be aware of a lottery scam hitting the popular social media site: Facebook. The scam is through the chat function on the site as someone could be posing as your friend on Facebook. 

Here's how the scam works:

- Someone who is posing as your friend starts to chat with you
- They tell you Facebook is awarding cash through a lottery being held
- They give you a site to visit. One example is: facebook.com/agentjames.john5
- The friend writes back and tells you that you've won
- They then ask you for your name, address, number, email and age.
- In some cases, the friend will ask for your credit card numbers and bank information.

"We are asking people who frequently chat with friends on Facebook to watch out for this latest scam" said Sheriff Bill Leeper. "Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

If you feel that you have had a similar experience, please contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at

904-225-0331 or toll-free at 855-725-2630.



Mounted Posse Sworn In



Sheriff Bill Leeper has sworn-in the newest members of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Civilian Mounted Posse. The mounted posse is a group of volunteers who dedicate their time to their communities and the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office Civilian Mounted Posse will assist with parades, community events, search and rescue efforts, and other areas to support law enforcement functions. The volunteers and their mounts attended a basic training course which included obstacles, search techniques and team formation.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is excited about enhancing the relationships within the community by allowing citizens to become involved in programs that will benefit the community and law enforcement. "By using volunteers who maintain their own horses, the Sheriff's Office has an incredible resource at

little or no cost to the taxpayers, while again partnering with the community to help keep Nassau County a safe place," said Sheriff Leeper.

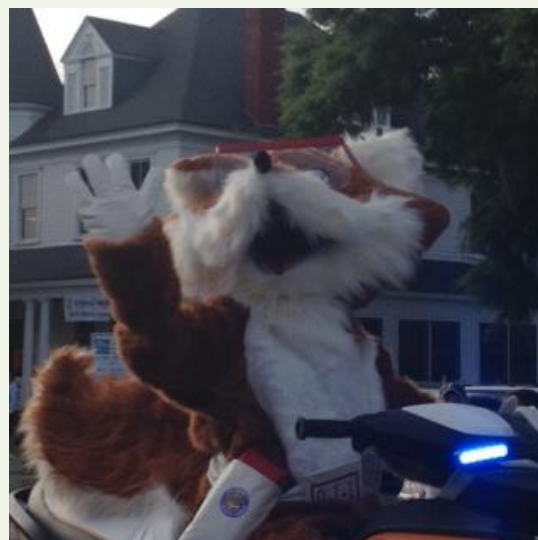


Red E. Fox and 911 for Children

Did you know that the Nassau County Sheriff's Office has a program to educate children about 911? Red E. Fox is available to speak and educate children about 911.

Red E. Fox says: "Tell your children to call 911 if they have an emergency; for when you need a deputy for a crime, or need to call the fire department for a fire or an ambulance if someone is hurt."

- Tell your child to call 911 for a real emergency, never as a joke.
- Teach your child their first and last name, their parent's names, their address and their phone number.



For more information about Red E. Fox, call the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Communications Manager Ricky Rowell at 904-548-4022 or by email at rickyrowell@nassauso.com

DARE Program

The D.A.R.E. Program is a 10 week course of instruction taught to children at the 5th grade level in Nassau County. Research suggests that children are more likely to be exposed to alcohol, tobacco, and drugs following their 5th grade year, which makes this a great target year for the D.A.R.E. program.

Deputy Lisa McCumber is in the D.A.R.E. Officer for the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

To learn more about this program and how you may be a part of it, contact Sgt. Renee Braddock at 904-548-4028 or email questions to rbraddock@nassauso.com

The DARE logo, featuring the word "DARE" in a stylized, red, italicized font with a white outline and a drop shadow effect.

Correction Division Information

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Detention Center is starting the installation on our new polycom system. This will enable the inmates to speak with their attorney's via computer (Similar to Skype). Approximately 6 units are being mounted outside of the POD areas. This will save a considerable amount of time for our officers due to the fact that they currently have to retrieve the inmate from their cell, take them to the attorney room and then wait outside of the door until the attorney/client session is completed.



Community Volunteers

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is committed to creating a Citizen Volunteer Program that will make the Sheriff's Office as efficient and productive as possible. The Volunteer Program is designed to help supplement the uniform deputies in performing an array of different, non-confrontational tasks. Volunteer services will free up

the certified deputies for more serious calls that require the expertise law enforcement.

Sheriff Leeper recognizes the importance of developing a diverse set of volunteer programs. He

values the people that provide their time in helping make their families, homes and neighborhoods safer and stronger for the whole community. The Sheriff's Office does its part to keep our community safe, with the added support of a volunteer program in which makes the efficiency level of the agency rise.



For the first six months of 2014, the Community Volunteers have volunteered over **2,150 hours**.



VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office requires all members of the Citizen's Volunteer Program to subscribe to its ethical standards of conduct and to act in a reasonable, considerate and professional manner, not only to the community but also towards fellow Sheriff's office members alike.



Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Please contact Larry Boatwright at **904-548-4027** or by email at lboatwright@nassauso.com

Welcome!!

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



Allan Reynolds
Finance Manager



Harry Fouraker
Bailiff



Daniel Fitzpatrick
Detention Deputy



Lisa Posey
Dispatcher

Brian Newhouse
Reserve Deputy



Patrick McGauley
Reserve Deputy



Sharon Tedder
Control Room Operator



Raymond Moore
Detention Deputy



Help welcome our new employees! Let them know that we are excited that they have joined the Nassau County Sheriff's Office elite group of employees!

Years of Service

20 Years

Tim Cooper - CID

15 Years

John Anstett – Patrol

Charity Collins - CID

5 years

Beth Bell - Receptionist

Joshua Courchene – Detention Deputy

Jeremy Hyers – Deputy Patrol

Jared Mallard – Deputy Patrol

Scott McNeil – Deputy Patrol

Dale Mixon – Crime Scene Unit

Stuart Raulerson – Deputy Patrol

Ralph Revels – Deputy Patrol

Mike Reynolds – Deputy Patrol

Jesse Shook – SRO Deputy

Civilian of the Quarter

Melissa Sutton

Evidence Specialist



Dispatcher of the Quarter

Jacquelyn Adams

Communications
Dispatcher

Supervisor of
the Quarter
***Sergeant Renee
Braddock***

Special
Operations



Second Quarter Awards

I want to congratulate our employees of the 2nd quarter (April through June 20, 2014):



Deputy of the
Quarter
Charles Lucas
Detective



Detention Deputy of the
Quarter

Troy Gill, Jr.

Corrections Division

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE!

Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler, Duval County Sheriff John Rutherford and Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper



(left to right)

take the ice bucket challenge in front of the Police Memorial Building in Jacksonville on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. The challenge is a way to bring awareness to ALS and help raise funds for those who have been stricken with the disease. The Ice Bucket Challenge is an activity involving dumping a bucket of ice water on one's head or donating to the ALS Association in the United States.

It went viral throughout social media during the Northern Hemisphere summer of 2014. Within 24 hours of being challenged, participants are to video record themselves in continuous footage. First, they are to announce their acceptance of the challenge followed by pouring ice into a bucket of water. The bucket is then to be lifted overhead and poured over the participant's head. Then the participant can call out a challenge to other people.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the

brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death.

Many of the divisions of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge.



NCSO First Crime Analyst

Congratulations to Keisha Tucker as she becomes NCSO's first Certified Crime Analyst



News & Events

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office participated in the Hilliard Youth Explosion . Deputies presented safety information to attendees, as well as bicycle lights to kids who received a bicycle at the event.



Jon Booth speaks at the Bryceville Community Advisory Team meeting.



NCSO Kid's Academy Graduates



Nassau County Sheriff Leeper, Jacksonville Sheriff Rutherford, and Clay County Sheriff Beseler present State Senator Aaron Bean with a plaque from the Florida Sheriff's Association in appreciation for his efforts over the past Legislative session.

Top Camp Cadet

A local Nassau County student sponsored by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office was presented with the top award given out after the week-long Northeast Florida Camp Cadet program in Middleburg, Florida. Abigail Cardwell, age 14 from Hilliard Middle-Senior High School, received the Top Cadet Award and was selected to return as a junior counselor in 2015.

"We are very proud of Abigail for representing Nassau County in a positive manor and showing her strong leadership capabilities, which will serve her well in reaching her future goal of attending West Point Academy" said Sheriff Bill Leeper.



The purpose of Northeast Florida Camp Cadet is to provide today's youth with the tools necessary to overcome challenges, instill strict discipline and bestow confidence and leadership abilities. Camp Cadet is a tuition free, one week event, staffed by State and Local Police and Sheriff's Offices from Bradford, Clay, Duval, and Nassau Counties. The Officers and Deputies serve as Camp Staff, Counselors, and Instructors.

This is not a camp for troubled youth and the camp is structured as a mini version of a basic police academy. The program provides an opportunity for youth ages 12 through 15 to gain better relationships with local law enforcement, as well as experiencing exercises in developing leadership and teamwork skills. This is done by a rugged schedule of training based on a modified law enforcement educational syllabus. Cadets receive instruction in numerous aspects of law enforcement which will challenge them physically and mentally. Categories of training include drill & marching techniques, crime scene processing, trial procedures (including a mock criminal trial), leadership skills, CPR certification, anti-DUI & drug education, essay writing, and many challenging physical activities.

Emphasis at the camp is placed on developing leadership skills, self-discipline, self-esteem, and confidence building through

teamwork, accomplishments, and making new friends. Through this program, the Cadets gain a sense of accomplishment, self-worth, and pride.

Inmate Landscaping Program

The Nassau County Jail/Correctional Facility offers numerous scholastic programs for our inmates to take advantage of during their incarceration. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office strives to educate the men and



women while in our facility to avoid recidivism as well as preparing them for a financially optimistic future and employment attainability. In order to achieve these goals, our agency has partnered with various community organizations to facilitate our endeavors.

Rebecca Jordi, the University of Florida County Extension Director, has been instrumental in coordinating programs in order to assist in the facilitation of the inmate's continuing education. Recently three inmates received their diploma for completing "Fundamentals in Landscape Maintenance" which is a new 8 hour program designed to prepare the inmates for a job in the Landscape industry. The class topics included identification of ornamental plants, weeds and insects; Florida laws regarding the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance license, herbicides, Integrated Pest Management, and Florida Friendly Landscape Practices. Sheriff Bill Leeper presented the graduates with their Certificate of Completion on September 9th, 2014.

"The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is proud that these individuals were able to accomplish this undertaking and urge them to utilize their new found knowledge in the landscaping field once released. We wish them success with their future endeavors" said Sheriff Leeper.

NCSO Blood Drive

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office held a Blood Drive on August 29th. The Blood Alliance Bloodmobile maintained a steady flow of willing donors. There were around 30 possible donors, 4 double red donations for a total of **20 pints** collected! The drive was held the weekend of Labor Day, so a big THANK YOU to all who participated.



NCSO Reserve Unit

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies hold full time jobs elsewhere in the community and support the Sheriff's Office in this role on a part-time basis. Many Reserve Deputies join the Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit and utilize it as a training ground for future full time employment. This unit is an excellent starting point for anyone interested in a career in law enforcement.

Individuals applying for entry into the Reserve Unit must meet the same qualifications as a full time Deputy Sheriff and have completed a basic law enforcement academy before gaining entry.

Recently NCSO swore in new Reserve Deputies.



Congratulations to Patrick McGauley



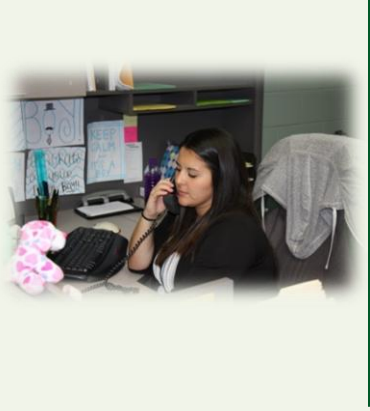
And Brian Newhouse.

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As always, please stay safe!

