

NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Project Lifesaver

"Bringing wandering loved ones home"

BEHIND THE BADGE NEWSLETTER



July - September
2016

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

The past few months have been busy with many events happening but especially with Hurricane Matthew. I would like to thank all of our employees for the outstanding work they did during the Hurricane. Many put in very long hours over several days, as well as being away from family and not being able to protect their own property, but were there to protect the safety and security of our county!

We have received hundreds of compliments from our citizens, as well as other organizations we worked with during the storm, for what our agency did. I am proud to work with you each and every day and our citizens are proud of what you do each day to protect them. I especially want to commend Emergency Management Director Billy Estep & his staff for their coordination efforts over the past two years in order to prepare us for events just like this.

We have selected a 40 acre site that the county owns off of CR 108 behind the Sandhill Recycle Cen-

ter to build our new public safety training facility pending final approval from the county before we begin any construction. We chose this location because the area will not be encroached by housing developments in the near future, it is fairly easy to get to, and there is enough room to develop many different types of training scenarios that we can utilize.

I would also like to thank the community and local businesses for their show of support for our Law Enforcement personnel.

Please stay safe!

B. Estep



FERNANDINA BEACH PROCLAMATION

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016, the Fernandina Beach City Commission presented a proclamation recognizing the men and women of the Fernandina Beach Police Department and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office for protecting communities within Nassau County.

They recognized all law enforcement officers who wear the badge who are selfless public servants putting themselves in harm's way to keep us safe and asked that all citizens join them in giving these dedicated professionals the support and dedication they deserve. Fernandina Beach Police Chief Jim Hurley and Nassau County Sheriff Bill

Leeper, as well as several law enforcement officers from each agency accepted the proclamation from City Commissioner Len Kreger.



APCO LIFE TIME MEMBER

NCSO 911 Communications Manager Ricky Rowell was recently inducted into the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) as a Lifetime Member. This award is designated as the highest honor the association for its members and is strictly reserved for those who have made a significant contribution toward the objectives of APCO. Life Members must have membership for 15 or more years and made at least five major accomplishments that have contributed significantly to the betterment of the association. Ricky's involvement in this organization assists the Communications Center in obtaining policies & procedures from agencies across the U.S., as well as gaining information on technical issues and updated or new technology available throughout the communication industry.



EXPLORERS ATTEND AMERICAN LEGION YOUTH ACADEMY

Two Nassau County Sheriff's Office Explorers, Lacie Gibson (17) and Mason Garrick (17), were selected from a competitive list to be able to be a part of the inaugural American Legion Youth Academy.

American Legion Post 54, located in Fernandina Beach, sponsored the explorers to attend the week-long academy in July, which was held at the Florida Highway Patrol Academy just outside of Tallahassee.

The students received an inside look at a day in the life of a police recruit and the training they have to go through.

Current FHP Academy instructors taught the class as the youths had the opportunity to be involved in physical training, firearms instruction, emergency vehicle operations, conducting traffic stops, and a canine demonstration.



Both Lacey and Mason said they had a great time and learned a lot about law enforcement operations. "I appreciate American Legion Post 54 for allowing our explorers to be a part of this inaugural youth program and look forward to participating again next year," said Sheriff Bill Leeper.





PROJECT LIFESAVER

"BRINGING WANDERING LOVED ONES HOME"

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office obtained a grant to participate in Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver uses state of the art technology employing a wristband transmitter that emits a unique radio signal 24 hours a day to locate wandering and lost adults or children. If the person wanders and become lost, a call to 911 by the caregiver triggers a rapid response search by a trained team with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. Searchers use radio frequency receivers to locate the audible transmitter signal. Most who wander are found within a few miles of home and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes.

Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for victims of Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome and any other cognitive condition that cause wandering. There are no boundaries — no one is immune!

The Project Lifesaver program places personalized radio transmitters or GPS locators on identified persons. Transmitters assist caregivers and local emergency agencies in locating those who cannot help themselves. Local emergency teams respond to calls resulting in an average rescue time of 30 minutes.



With the grant obtained, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office purchased tracking equipment. The cost for an individual to purchase a wristband apparatus from Project Lifesaver is approximately \$300 for the kit.

We are currently seeking private and corporate donations to purchase the wristbands for indigent recipients, however participating in the Project Lifesaver Program is strictly voluntary.

For more information on Project Lifesaver, fill out an application or to register an individual in the program, contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 904-548-4057 or 904-548-4000.

Left: Captain Paula DeLuca demonstrates at the Nassau County Council on Aging how Project Lifesaver works.

DEALING IN STOLEN PROPERTY

The Criminal Investigation Division arrested Bruce Wayne Frederick, 62, from Yulee, for Scheme to Defraud and Dealing in Stolen Property.

Over the past year, Frederick had been receiving various stolen merchandise at his home and thousands of dollars deposited into his bank account at the request of an individual in Ghana, Africa. The merchandise was being purchased by this individual in Ghana from stolen credit card numbers that was obtained from around the United States.

Items would be shipped to Frederick's address in Yulee, Florida and monies received from this stolen merchandise was also deposited into his bank account. After receiving the stolen merchandise at his home, Frederick would then transport it to a location in Newark, New Jersey to be sold.

Over the past year Frederick had received bank wire deposits well in excess of \$100,000.00 from various locations around the country. Frederick would then wire the money to different locations, with the majority of the transfers going to Ghana, Africa. Frederick wired the money in small amounts that was below the funds transfer record keeping requirement.

In a search of Frederick's property, approximately \$40,000 worth of stolen merchandise was found still in boxes, which included furniture, refrigerators, washing machines, toilets, generators, tires, clothing, and other items.



Detective Herrington inventories stolen merchandise.

TEEN DRIVER CHALLENGE

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office concluded its 4th *Teen Driver Challenge* class August 4-6, 2016. Nine Nassau County teens attended the free class which consisted of classroom training covering topics like vehicle dynamics, human factors, responsibility, liability, drug & alcohol use, night driving, aggressive driving and road rage. Deputies from NCSO taught the class, which also included the students driving their own vehicle on a driving track at Yulee Middle School.

The *Teen Driver Challenge* program is a defensive driving program designed to help teens boost their driving skills and lessen the chances of being involved in a crash. Students are awarded a certificate of completion, which can be presented to their automobile insurance carrier for a possible reduction in insurance rates.

The Teen Driver Challenge is sponsored by the Florida Sheriff's Association, which partners with State Farm



Insurance as a corporate sponsor. Additional classes will be held throughout the year.

For further information or to sign up for a future class please contact NCSO's Training Division at 904-548-4031 or visit the Sheriff's Office website at www.nassauso.com and click on the programs tab.

SERGEANT WOODLE RETIREMENT

After serving more than 41 years with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Carl Woodle, Jr. retired on September 30, 2016. Carl served in several positions throughout his law enforcement career at NCSO and was supervising the Crime Scene Unit when he retired. He dedicated most of his adult life to serving and protecting the citizens of Nassau County and we wish him well.



Sheriff Bill Leeper presents Sergeant Carl Woodle, Jr. with his retirement certificate.



SERGEANT PROMOTION

On September 4, 2016, Sheriff Bill Leeper promoted Deputy Cedric Arline to Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Arline has been employed at NCSO for the past 16 years with the last four being assigned to narcotics.

Pictured: Sheriff Bill Leeper presents Sergeant Cedric Arline with his promotion certificate.





FALL INTO WELLNESS

• **Get Your Flu Shot**

- **Hydrate! Drink plenty of fluids to help your immune system steer clear of common colds!**
- **Go outside and drink in some Vitamin D! Sunshine!!**
- **Take a long walk or go for a hike!**
- **Eat like an athlete—not a couch potato!**
- **With cooler temperatures, get out and enjoy our beautiful state! We have lots of rivers where you can go kayaking, paddleboarding, and much more!**

THIRD QUARTER AWARDS



SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

SUPERVISOR OF THE QUARTER

Gary Gaskill



20 YEARS

SERGEANT ROBIN PATTERSON
TRAINING

15 YEARS

MELISSA GODBOLD
TRANSPORT DEPUTY

DELL HODGES
PROPERTY/EVIDENCE

10 YEARS

TERESA CARTER
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

MERRILL REYNOLDS
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

CHARLES LUCAS
SERGEANT—PATROL

5 YEARS

TAMMY VANZANT
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

COLE WOOLARD
DETENTION DEPUTY

MARK MURDOCK
CID

INVESTIGATOR OF THE QUARTER

Detective Wayne Herrington



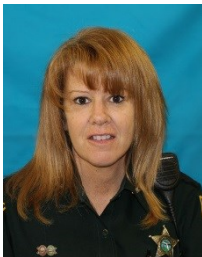
PATROL DEPUTY OF THE QUARTER

Deputy Brandon Schmidt



DETENTION DEPUTY /BAILIFF OF THE QUARTER

Jenny Timberlake



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER OF THE QUARTER

Carie Gatlin



CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER

Ray Bullard



Welcome **OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS**



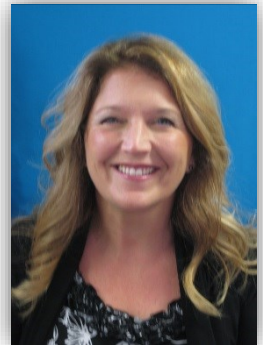
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Corrections



Nicholas Carter
Patrol



Angela Conboy
Crime Analyst



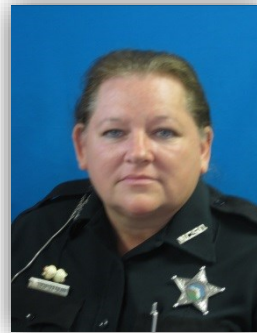
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Communications



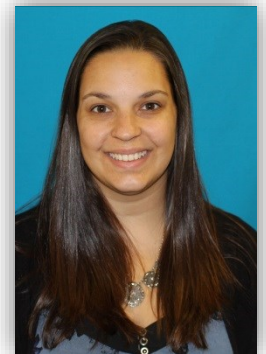
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Emerg. Management



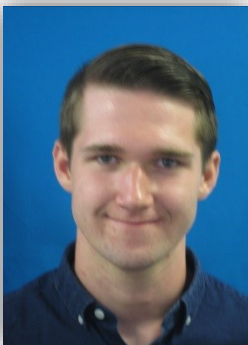
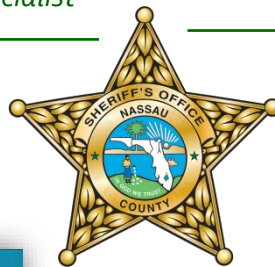
Nicholas Hamilton
Booking Specialist



Hope Herrin
SRO



Kimberly Miner
Communications



Caleb Osborne
CRO (p/t)



Diane Rosenberg
Crossing Guard



Rachel Sluder
Communications



Will Woods
Property/Evidence



Carl Zehler
Corrections

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

Trevor Zittrower	10/03	A L Kelly	11/11
Stephen Jones	10/03	Joy Edgy	11/12
Melissa Edwards	10/03	Cole Woolard	11/13
Chauncey Mason	10/03	Matthew Delacruz	11/14
Brad Knight	10/04	Larry Boatwright	11/14
Grace Conway	10/04	Cedric Arline	11/15
Liz Seagraves	10/05	Mike Efferson	11/16
Nick Gaskill	10/06	Wilson Faircloth	11/16
Debbie Riley	10/06	David Williams	11/17
Lisa Jones	10/08	Magan Collins	11/19
Rex Randolph	10/14	Tim Cooper	11/19
Donna Altimore	10/18	Ralph Revels	11/20
Joseph Livingston	10/22	Dell Hodges	11/20
Wayne Holt	10/22	Robert Westbury	11/21
Kimberly Miner	10/22	Linda Starr	11/21
Danielle Shough	10/24	Diane Rosenberg	11/22
Ginny Earick	10/24	Bobby Smith	11/23
John Anstett	10/25	Teresa Carter	11/26
Dallas Palecek	10/25	Ginny Lou Green	11/26
Peggy Wilson	10/29	Thomas Kelly	11/27
Tammy Vanzant	10/30	JamesThompson	11/30
Victoria Sharkey	10/31		
Catherine Webb	10/31		

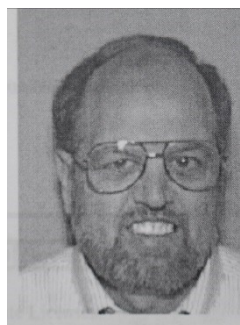
NOVEMBER

Kellam Paolillo	11/01	James Ballard	12/04
Robert Thornley	11/03	Ray Bullad	12/14
Jeremy Austin	11/03	Robert Burns	12/15
Brandon Schmidt	11/04	Darrell Hickox	12/16
Daniel Jones	11/04	Brianna Crews	12/17
Ed Williams	11/04	Juan Garcia	12/17
Jason Gray	11/04	Sidney Lopez	12/18
Jon Slebos	11/05	Joseph Reynolds	12/18
Ray Eslinger	11/06	Nicolas Thornton	12/22
Chelsea Beazley	11/07	Marcelia Robinson	12/27
Chris Hunter	11/08	Lorrie Morgan	12/28
Shaniesa Hollimon	11/08	Deanne Campbell	12/29
Allan Reynolds	11/11	Angela Conboy	12/31
Jonathan Booth	11/11	Daniel Johns	12/31
		Ken Homan	12/31



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Guess who?



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In Memory of

HELEN "SUZY" HORNE

May 10, 1941 — July 21, 2016



School Crossing Guard Helen "Suzy" Horne, of Yulee passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

Since the early 1980s "Miss Suzy" has worked as a School Crossing Guard for the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. She never considered her job as work but more of a manner by which to interact with and help the generations coming behind her. While serving as a Crossing Guard at Emma Love, Yulee Elementary of Yulee Middle School she connected with each and every child; sharing in their achievements and disappointments. She was their road side tutor, counselor, cheerleader and confidant. "Miss Suzy" loved the holidays and shared that love with her students by dressing up and wearing fancy hats and painting her face to greet her kids in the mornings and afternoons. Her dress up to brighten their days earned her the name as "The Crazy Hat" lady. She touched more lives in a positive way than can be numbered.

Our condolences to her family and friends. She will be truly missed!

Answers:

1. Sgt. Mike Goodbread
2. Sgt. Michelle Christensen
3. Liz Seagraves

We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office *Behind the Badge* Newsletter! If you have articles or information for the next newsletter, please contact Diana Crigger at 904-548-4063 or by email at dcrigger@nassauso.com

As always, please stay safe!

