

2020

# ANNUAL REPORT



## BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SHERIFF ALFONZO WILLIAMS



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# Burke County Commissioners



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Records indicate Burke County is one of the original counties dating to 1777, when the first state constitution designated it from the Colonial Parish of St. George. Incorporated within Burke County are the cities of Girard, Keysville, Midville, Sardis and Waynesboro. Burke County is approximately 835 square miles and is home to approximately 22,383 citizens.

# A Message from Sheriff Williams

Blessings and prosperity to you in 2021!

Dear Citizens of Burke County,

Welcome to the Burke County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. On June 9, 2020, we won re-election by nearly 85% of the vote! It is hard for me to believe that nearly 4 years have passed and even more remarkable that we are embarking on a second term in office. It seems like only yesterday that we started the job, brought along 20 deputies and filled an additional 10 deputy positions. We established a community services division, professional standards division, vice/narcotics division, traffic division, SWAT team division, and a training division. We did not have enough cars neither office space. However, we were patient and we worked as a team to serve the people of Burke County. We reduced both violent and property crimes by 50% and actively engaged our community at levels previously unknown. I know we will cherish that memory forever. I am exceptionally proud to represent the professional, committed, and compassionate men and women who comprise this sheriff's office.

The mission and vision of the Burke County Sheriff's Office are rooted in our commitment towards building positive relationships with our community. Our staff resists the pull of status quo and constantly strives for continuous improvement. We have hosted leadership, supervision and management courses at our agency, bringing in law enforcement personnel from across the state of Georgia. We continued our ongoing support of dozens of community events, dialogues, and neighborhood and civic association meetings throughout the year, to include our Citizens Police Academy and the Firearms Safety Course for firearms permits. Our ongoing goal is to develop and nurture healthy communications between our sheriff's office and the people we serve. Through community feedback and ongoing specialized training, our sheriff's office is evolving to provide the utmost in law enforcement service in a modern and rapidly changing environment. We stepped up the delivery of educational programs for our community. Since January 2017, we have graduated 7 employees from Faulkner University and another seven recently signed up for advanced degrees.

The Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd cases have brought to light the need for a more professional and transparent sheriff's office. Additionally, the Brooks case in Atlanta underscores the need to support our law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties when they are acting appropriately under highly stressful conditions where seconds really matter. As we continue forward and look to the future, it is with great pleasure that I present this Annual Report to you as a token of our pledge to uphold our core values – Professionalism, Respect, Teamwork, Integrity, Courage and Service.

*Alfonzo Williams*

**Alfonzo Williams,**  
*Sheriff*

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

## CODE OF ETHICS

“**As a Law Enforcement Officer**, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

**I will** keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

**I will never** act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

**I recognize** the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... Law Enforcement”

## Our Vision:

The Burke County Sheriff's Office will be on the forefront of its profession by employing the latest and most cost-effective methods in delivering quality service to the residents of Burke County while maintaining positive relationships with those we serve.



## Our Mission:

The mission of the Burke County Sheriff's Office is to create and maintain a partnership with its employees, residents, businesses and community leaders as well as others who chose to live, work, visit, hunt, play and learn in our communities. Additionally, our mission is to protect life and property, solve societal problems and enhance social, environmental, economic and educational opportunities for everyone in Burke County.

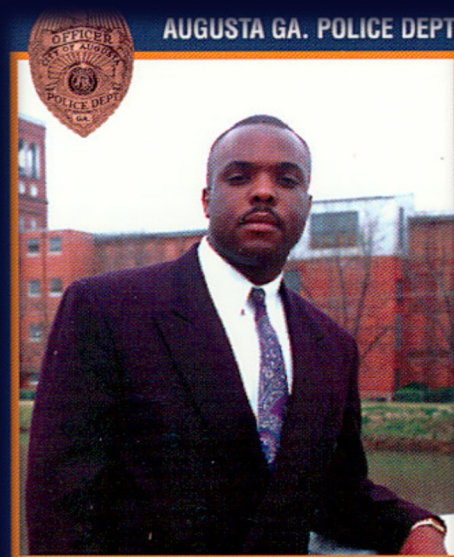
# *Sheriff Alfonzo Williams*

I am Alfonzo Williams, the first African-American Sheriff of Burke County and first African-American Police Chief of the Waynesboro Police Department, Waynesboro, Georgia. I have 30 years of law enforcement experience, starting with the now defunct Augusta Police Department (APD). Over the course of my career, I have received six Police Officer of the Year awards from various civic organizations and law enforcement agencies. After the city and county governments consolidated in 1996, I worked for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office as a violent crimes investigator. During that same year, I joined the Waynesboro Police Department as the Assistant Police Chief. In 1998, I worked for the Burke County Sheriff's Office as Investigative Sergeant specializing in violent crimes, particularly child abuse cases.

In 2001, I worked as an investigator with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. I worked on patrol for a few months before transferring to the Criminal Investigations Division as a violent crimes investigator.

In 2002, I joined the CSRA Law Enforcement Training Center. Later that year, the school was reconstructed and renamed the East Georgia Regional Police Academy and I was appointed Assistant Director. In

2002, I joined the District Attorney's Office (Augusta Judicial Circuit which includes Richmond, Burke, and Columbia Counties) as an investigator. I worked in the DA's Office until 2005, when I went back to the East Georgia Regional Police Academy as Director. I served as the Director for one year before rejoining the DA's Office, where I stayed until 2008, when I accepted an instructor position with Ken Jones and Augusta Technical College Peace Officers Training Academy.



DETECTIVE  
ALFONZO WILLIAMS



In 2011, I was appointed Chief of Police of the Waynesboro Police Department. I served in this capacity for two years. In 2013, I was appointed Chief of Police of the Richmond County School System Department of School Safety and Security. In January 2017, I was sworn in as Sheriff of Burke County to serve a four year term. I have an Associate of Applied Technology Degree in Criminal Justice from Augusta Technical College (2001), a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Voorhees College (2005), a Master of Education Degree (Instructional Technology) from American InterContinental University (2006). In February 2019, I completed a second Master's Degree (Master of Justice Administration ) Faulkner University. Additionally, I have 12 credit hours towards a Master of Criminal Justice Degree at Troy University.



I taught part-time with Augusta Technical College as an adjunct instructor in the Criminal Justice program from 2006-present. I am married to Shirleta Williams and we have one daughter together, Chandler Williams. Kiara Williams is my older daughter.



“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many...”

-Matthew 20:28

## Chief Deputy R. Lee Webster Jr.

R. Lee Webster, Jr. is the Chief Deputy of the Burke County Sheriff's Office. Lee is proud to have been born, raised, and educated in Burke County, GA. He has spent his entire life working IN and FOR Burke County and agriculture. He grew up working on the family farm with his father, Bobby Webster, where he developed a passion for farming and a love for policies that promote Georgia's #1 industry—AGRICULTURE.

He is the current president of the Burke County Farm Bureau and has served in that capacity for 36 years. He also was appointed by Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, Gary W. Black, to serve as his representative on the GA Corn Commission. Lee was nominated by State Representative Gloria Frazier and appointed by then Governor Sonny Perdue to represent Burke County with issues of WATER and development of a State Water Plan. Lee continues to represent Burke County, on the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Water Council. Beginning in the spring of 2013 and through the end of 2014, Lee worked with, then 12<sup>th</sup> District U.S. Congressman John Barrow in the area of district constituent services. It's through these positions that he has worked to promote policies that promote our farmers and issues important to Burke County.

Lee has worked extensively with land development, growth planning, and zoning for Burke County since its inception by the County Commission in the early 90's. He has served on the Burke County Planning and Zoning Commission since September 1995. As a farmer and businessman, he has extensive knowledge of our area and a great friendship with its citizens.

In 2008, Lee had the honor of being elected to a four-year term as Coroner of Burke County. During this time, he met a very innovative Waynesboro Police Chief...Alfonzo Williams. That admiration and friendship led to an opportunity in 2016 when Williams, the newly elected Sheriff, approached Lee with an idea of how important agriculture is to Burke County and that a liaison for agriculture could enhance his vision for community policing.



On January 1, 2017, Lee joined the Burke County Sheriff's Office on a full-time basis as Director of Agriculture Services and Investigations. He went on to graduate from the State of Georgia Police Academy in May of 2017. In early August 2020, after the re-election of Sheriff Williams and the retirement of then Chief Deputy Lewis C. Blanchard, Sheriff Williams offered Lee the opportunity to help lead his administration as Chief Deputy.

Lee is passionate about ALL things Burke County. He considers it an honor to live and work the land chosen by his grandparents, who moved to Burke County in the 1920's from other parts of the country. He considers it a privilege to help serve and protect the citizens of our community with the vision of Sheriff Alfonzo Williams and his team assembled as the Burke County Sheriff's Office.

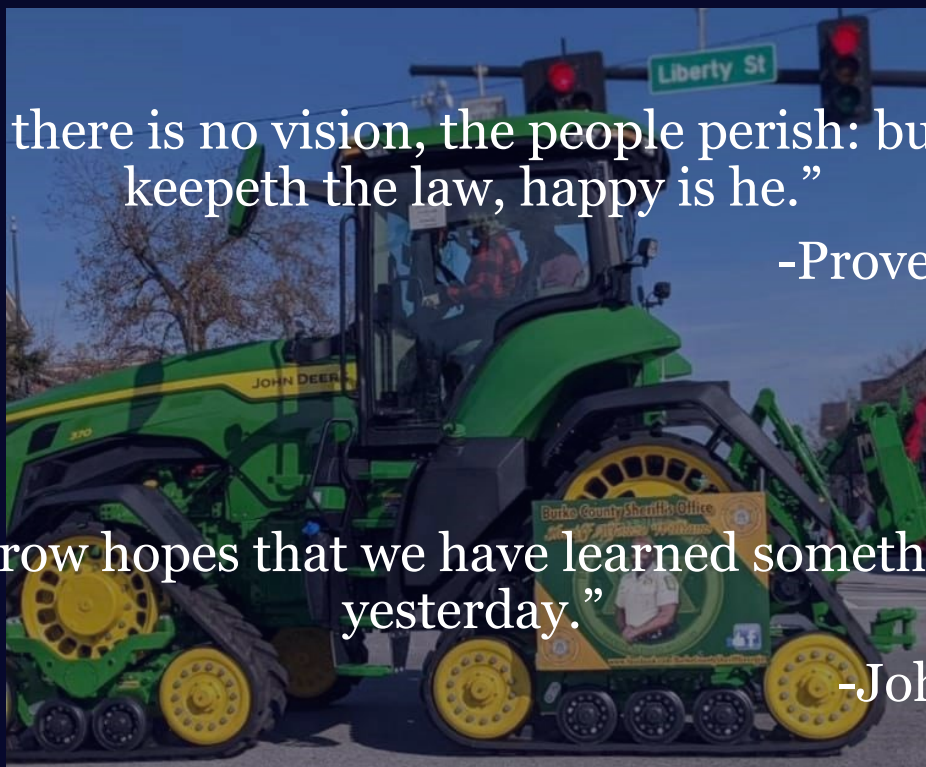


“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

-Proverbs 29:18

“Tomorrow hopes that we have learned something from yesterday.”

-John Wayne



## Major Chester V. Huffman, Jr.

Major Chester V. Huffman, Jr. began his law enforcement career in 1975 with the City of North Augusta, South Carolina. In 1982, he joined the Augusta Police Department (APD) where he attained the rank of Lieutenant and Commander of the Special Operations Bureau – Motorcycle Squad, Mounted Patrol Squad, Housing Authority Squad, Marine Enforcement Squad and SWAT. He also spent time overseeing the Office of Professional Standards (Internal Affairs and Public Information).

In 1996, after the abolishment of the APD, he was promoted to the rank of Captain with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. As an Assistant Chief Jailor, he was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Charles B. Webster Detention Center (CBWDC). During his tenure at the CBWDC, the facility grew from its original 552 beds to a state-of-the-art institution containing over 1,000 inmate beds, an Inmate Processing Center, Medical/Mental Health Housing unit and a Visitor Center.

Major Huffman is a graduate of Aquinas High School and has earned a degree in criminal justice. He attended the University of Virginia at Quantico in 1996, where he successfully completed the F.B.I. National Academy (Session 184). Major Huffman holds P.O.S.T. Managerial Certification as well as Senior Instructor status, with instructor certification in the areas of General Instruction, Speed Detection, Firearms and Driver Training. Major Huffman has been actively involved in many facets of basic and advanced law enforcement training both at the local and state levels since 1984 and continues to teach.

Major Huffman is third in command with the Burke County Sheriff's Office, specializing in the areas of Administration and Detention. His primary focus is budget, personnel, policy and procedure, grants, needs assessment and State and National certification of the Detention Center.



# Command Staff



**Chief Deputy  
Robert "Lee" Webster, Jr.**



**Major  
Chester V. Huffman, Jr.  
Administration**



**Major / Chief Jailer  
Dedric Smith  
Detention Services**



**Chief Bailiff  
Larry Lewis  
Judicial Services**



**Sheriff  
Alfonzo Williams**



**Captain  
Jimmy Wylds  
Field Operations  
&  
Traffic Safety**



**Captain  
Randall Norman  
Administrative Services  
&  
Auxiliary Services**



**Captain  
Jason Vinson  
Criminal Investigations  
&  
Special Operations**

# Agency Assignments



## Burke County Sheriff's Office Agency Unit Assignment Effective: 1/19/2021

Admin Services		Field Operations		Investigations		Auxiliary Services		Court Services		Detention Center		Other	
Car 1	A. Williams	Car 4 - J. Wylds		Car 6 - J. Vinson	Car 7 - R. Norman	Car 8 - L. Lewis	Car 9 - D. Smith	Car 10 - J. Bush	Car 11 - C. Haynes	Car 5 - D. Smith	Car 10 - J. Bush	Animal Services	
Car 2	L. Webster	Road Patrol		CTD	Community Services	JDC Security	F. Tiller	JDC Security	J.K. Lundy	Car 10 - J. Bush	Car 11 - C. Haynes	C. Parrish	
Car 3	C. Huffman	100 Shift	200 Shift	A6 J. Kelly	A7	A8	A. Benurman	F. Tiller	J.K. Lundy	Car 10 - J. Bush	Car 11 - C. Haynes	FBI Assigned	
Az2	M. Johnson	A1 C. Phleger	A2 E. Williams	B61 B. Parrish	B7	B9	J. Johnson	J. Jones	J. Jones	J. Mack	L. Mack	B. Hannan	
B2	M. Petrea	B11 K. McKenzie	B12 C. Batts	B62 G. Meyers	701	B01	A. Benurman	J. Jones	J. Jones	J. Mack	L. Mack	BOE PS	
	A. Ports	101 M. May	201 A. Crispin	B64 H. Bryant	CP1	B02	M. Munro	J.K. Lundy	J. Jones	J. Mack	L. Mack		
	B. Johnson	102	202 A. Correa	B66 W. Loomer	CP2	B03	M. Munro	J. Landrum	J. Jones	J. Mack	L. Mack		
Professional Standards		103 D. Clark	203 J. Singleton	604 J. Snyder	CP3	B04	A. Phillips	L. Boyd	L. Boyd	J. Mack	L. Mack		
B1	J. Howell	104 V. Felton	204 C. Williams	A. Davis	CP4	Transportation	M. Gaines			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		105 T. Farbrugh	205 F. Gould	Narcotics	CP5	P. Gav	S. Kirkland			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		106 S. Scott	206	B03 S. Kophazy	CP6	B08	C. Rhyne			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		Mid-Shift 100/300	405 *T. Edgemon	B05 E. McCants	CP6	B09	S. Kirkland			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		107 H. Gay	Mid-Shift 200/400	B06 S. Woods	CP6	B08	S. Kirkland			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		108	207 B. Nelson	Crime Suppression	B67	B09	K. Tiller (Arson)			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		300 Shift	400 Shift	B5 M. Swart	710	B09	K. Tiller (Arson)			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		A3 B1. Jones	A4 P. Kevin	S2	711	B09	T. Read			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		B13 L. Tucker	B14 R. South	B3 K. McKenzie	712	B09	M. Walker			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		301 C. Greene	401 B. Pritchett	K1	713	B09	K. Clark			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		302 J. Rogers	402 N. Vinson	SW/AT/SRT Team	714	B09	M. Clark			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		303 A. Whitfield	403 W. Jones	B61 B. Parrish	715	B09	M. Clark			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		304 G. Benesma	404 C. Schofield	B62 G. Meyers	716	B09	M. Boyd			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		305	405	B63 S. Kophazy	717	B09	B. Capistot			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		306	406	B65 E. McCants	718	B09	M. Boyd			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		Traffic		B66 W. Loomer	719	B09	Chap. Folger			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		Auo B. Reeves		B66 W. Loomer	720	B09	Chap. Folger			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		100 Shift		B62 G. Meyers	Records		C. Kersey			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		T1 E. Madison		B14 R. South			N. Richardson			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		200 Shift		B07 K. Tiller			L. Glisson			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		T2 M. Murphy		Car6 J. Vinson			T. Patterson			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		300 Shift		103 D. Clark	Training		J. Sharpe			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		B9 T. Dent		A46 T. Cooksey			T. Cooksey			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		400 Shift		A4 P. Kevin			S. Woods			J. Mack	L. Mack		
		Bio M. Miller		B08 S. Woods			B5 M. Swart			J. Mack	L. Mack		
				B66 W. Loomer			A6 J. Kelly			J. Mack	L. Mack		
				406 J. Kelly			Crisis Negotiators			J. Mack	L. Mack		
				B04 H. Ivey			B04 H. Ivey			J. Mack	L. Mack		
				106 S. Scott			S. Scott			J. Mack	L. Mack		

4106 Temporarily Assigned to Records

# Staff Educational Achievements

Employee	School	Degree
FINNEY, PATRICK	Fort Valley State College Fort Valley State College	Master of Science Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Bachelor of Arts
JOHNSON, MATT	Faulkner University	Master of Justice Administration
McCANTS, ERIC	University of Phoenix University of Phoenix	Master of Science Administration of Justice and Security B.S. Criminal Justice
JONES, JERRY	George Washington University	Master of Professional Studies -Security and Safety Leadership
ANDERSON, RAYMOND	College of Physicians	B.S. Nursing
BENNERMAN, ANTHONY	Troy University	B.S. Criminal Justice
CLARK, DAKOTA	Faulkner University	B.S. Criminal Justice
GREENE, CHRISTOPHER	Faulkner University University of Phoenix	B.S. Criminal Justice Associate of Arts
HAYNES, CASSANDRA	Strayer University	B.S. Criminal Justice
KIRKLAND, SEAN	Ashworth College	B.S. Criminal Justice
KITCHENS, REGINALD	Augusta State University	B.S. Criminal Justice and Sociology
KOPHAZY, STEVEN	Augusta State University Ashworth College	Bachelor of Arts Associate of Criminal Justice
MEYERS, GEORGE	The Citadel	Bachelor of Arts
NORMAN, RANDALL	Georgia Southern University	B.S. Justice Studies
PORTS, ANNETTE	Paine College	B.S. Business Administration/Management
RICHARDSON, NIKKI	Faulkner University	B.S. Criminal Justice
SMITH, DEDRIC	University of Phoenix University of Phoenix	B.S. Criminal Justice Administration Associate of Arts
WRIGHT, SHARLETTE	Faulkner University	B.S. Criminal Justice
ABRAMS, HERBERT JR.	Campbell University	Associate in Arts
BELL, BRENDA	Augusta Technical College	Applied Technology - Early Childhood Care and Education
HARMAN, BEN	Thomas University	Associate of Science - Law Enforcement
HUFFMAN, CHESTER	Augusta Technical College	Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology
IVEY, HEATHER	Augusta Technical College	Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology
JOHNSON, ALEXIS	Ogeechee Technical College	Applied Science in Forensic Science Technology
JONES, WILLIAM	Augusta Technical College	Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology
NELSON, BRITTANY	Augusta Technical College	Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology
STIDONS, ASHLEY	Herzing University	Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
PORTS, JAMES	Augusta Area Technical School	Graphic Arts (3 years)
WEBB, MARGARET	Augusta Technical College	Business Technology

# New Hires 2020



Forrest Gould  
Deputy Sheriff  
Patrol Division



Dondrae Bush  
Deputy Jailer  
Detention Center



Michael Murphy  
Deputy Sheriff  
Patrol Division



Tykierra Patterson  
Records Technician  
Administrative  
Services



Jon Lever  
Deputy Jailer  
Detention Center



Calvin Davis  
Deputy Sheriff  
Special Operations  
Division



Simone Gist  
Deputy Jailer  
Detention Center



## New Hires 2020



Ashley Stidons  
Deputy Jailer  
Detention Center



Asheá Whitfield  
Deputy Sheriff  
Patrol Division



Allen Crispin Fuentes  
Deputy Sheriff  
Patrol Division



Shiracyel Washington  
Deputy Jailer  
Detention Center



Shannon Scott  
Deputy Sheriff  
Patrol Division

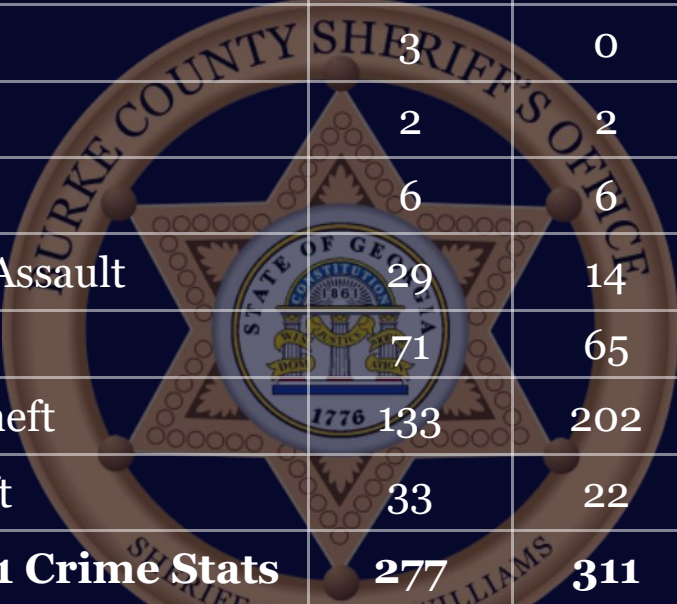


Jaleesa Sharpe  
Records Technician  
Administrative  
Services



# Agency Statistics

## Part 1 Crime Statistics



Offenses	Years in Comparison			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Murder	3	0	4	1
Rape	2	2	2	2
Robbery	6	6	3	8
Aggravated Assault	29	14	19	25
Burglary	71	65	56	57
Larceny / Theft	133	202	142	133
Vehicle Theft	33	22	26	24
<b>Total Part 1 Crime Stats</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>250</b>

# Administrative Services Division

The Records Division is an important part of the Burke County Sheriff's Office. Individuals assigned to this division are the liaisons between the agency and other authorities. They ensure important documents and case files are prepared and readily available upon request from other divisions within the agency and outside agencies, such as the courts, prosecutors' offices, and Clerk of Courts.



**Open Records Request**  
91



**Criminal Histories**  
2205



**Driver's Histories**  
1686



**Articles Entered**  
2



**Warrants Entered**  
437



**Guns Entered**  
27

**Vehicles Entered**  
15



**Missing Person**  
6



**Cleared Warrants**  
140



**Canceled Warrants**  
132



**Restricted Felonies**  
3



**Restricted Misdemeanor**  
3



**DA Case Files Completed**  
368



**Magistrate, State and Superior Court Case Files Completed**  
314

# Narcotics Division



**Arrests Made**  
**30**



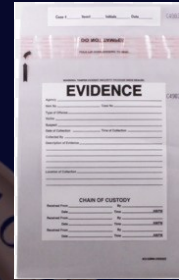
**Currency Seized**  
**\$ 214,922.23**



**Firearms Seized**  
**42**



**Vehicles Seized**  
**4**



**Search Warrants**  
**13**

## Narcotics Division Drugs Seized



**Marijuana**  
**5242.2 grams**  
**(11.5 pounds)**



**Methamphetamine**  
**5861.7 grams**  
**(206.7 ounces)**  
**(12.9 pounds)**



**Pills**  
**831**  
**822– Fentanyl**  
**6 Oxycodone**  
**3 Alprazolam**



**Cocaine**  
**273.9 grams**  
**(9.6 ounces)**



**Heroin**  
**8.5 grams**

# Criminal Investigation Division



**Cases Assigned**  
278

**Cleared Cases**  
160

**Pending Cases**  
191



**Cases Cleared by Arrest**  
55

**Arrests Made**  
58

## Evidence & Property Management



**Total Collected Evidence: 874 Pieces**  
**Returned or Disposed Evidence: 86 Pieces**

# Training & Professional Development

**Total POST Training Hours for agency employees  
11, 592 (2019) | 13,186 (2020)**

As our Training & Professional Development Division continues to grow, we continue to host a number of in-house training classes, which reduces the cost of expenses for

First Aid / CPR /AED  
Community-Oriented Policing  
Problem-Oriented Policing  
De-escalation  
Firearm Skills /Qualification  
(Handgun /Rifle/Shotgun)  
Less Lethal Shotgun Qualification  
Taser Re-Cert. / Certification  
Drivers Training  
Search and Seizure  
Legal Updates  
Sexual Harassment  
Defensive Tactics

ASP Baton  
OC Recertification  
Active Shooter Response  
Handcuffing  
GCIC Security  
Domestic Violence  
Judgmental Shooting (JPS)  
Gang Awareness  
Vehicle Pullovers  
Special Weapons and Tactics  
Force Options  
K9 Operations

Civil Disturbance  
BOLA Wrap  
Series of Online Courses (COVID-19)

**Specialty Courses we taught through GPSTC**

Supervision 1  
Supervision 2  
Supervision 3

**Professional Development Courses that we hosted**

Master Presenter  
Police Management Program  
Digital Voice Stress Analysis  
Assisting Individuals in Crisis & Group Intervention

**Citizens Classes**

Citizens Firearm Classes  
Active Shooter  
Use of Force



# Detention Center Division



**Total Arrests/Bookings for 2020: 931**

**Total Inmates Housed for 2020: 1065**

**708 Males | 223 Females**

**Avg. Arrest/Bookings per Day: 2**

**Avg. Population per Month: 109**

**Highest Inmate Count any Day: 152**

**Lowest Inmate Count any Day: 96**

## Judicial Center Security & Transportation

### Inmate Transportation

**Prison-Related Transports—97**

**Medical Transports—66**

**DUI / Drug Court Transports—11**

**Mental Health Transports—7**

**Regular Transports—169**

**Grand Total Transports—350**

**Assisted with movement of 425 Inmates for court (Before and During Covid-19)**

**Assisted with 427 1st Appearance Bond Hearings (Before and During Covid-19)**

### Court Sessions

**(Some Courts Went Virtual beginning in April due to Covid-19)**

**Grand Total—382**

**DUI/ Drug Court—5**

**State Court—34**

**Superior Court—156**

**Juvenile Court—25**

**Magistrate Court—27**

**Bond Hearings—135**

### Judicial Center Visitors

**# of Individuals Scanned via Walk-Thru Detectors—31897**

**Bags / Items Screened—22,941**

# School Resource Officers (SRO)



School Resource Officers (SRO) are an important part of the Burke County Sheriff's Office. These deputies are assigned to schools within the Burke County Public Schools System. An SRO role incorporates a variation in functions focused on prevention. However, each role played by the SRO is dependent upon the circumstances of the situation. In addition to being highly active and visible throughout the schools, each SRO is a valuable and accessible resource for students, parents, teachers and administration regarding law issues.

Having SROs assigned to the Public Schools within the county ensures a reduced response time for any calls for service, increases the deterrence of any criminal activity, and the SRO serves as the front line of defense when ensuring the safety and security of our schools. SROs serve a population of approximately 4,228 students in Burke County's six public schools.





# Special Response Team (SRT)



The Burke County Sheriff's Office SRT was formed by Sheriff Alfonzo Williams at the beginning of 2017. SRT provides a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the county in handling critical incidents to reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, law enforcement officers, and suspects. Examples of calls that SRT could respond to include: hostage incidents, barricaded suspects, service of high-risk arrest/search warrants, manhunt operations, and any other critical incident requiring a tactical response. Additionally, the Burke County Sheriff's Office SRT will respond to any critical incident at Plant Vogtle.

Currently, the Burke County Sheriff's Office SRT is a collateral team (part-time) with each of its 16 members being assigned to other full-time duties within the Burke County Sheriff's Office when not on SRT calls or in training. SRT is often called upon and utilized to execute high-risk search/arrest warrants, assist federal agencies and to assist in emergency call-outs within Burke and surrounding counties.

# Patrol Division

The Field Operations Division (Patrol Division) is the most visible division and is often referred to as being the “backbone” of the agency. The men and women that comprise this division provide emergency response in life-threatening situations and non-emergency assistance to a variety of criminal, traffic, medical and civil matters as well as natural disasters that may impact the overall quality of life. Field Operations deputies provide a full range of law enforcement services to the residents of Burke County.



Reports Generated  
 900 Incident  
 125 Family Violence  
 1,708 Miscellaneous  
 Total: 2,733 Reports

Dispatch to Enroute Average	00h: 03m: 00s
Enroute to On Scene Average	00h: 14m: 43s
Time to Complete Average	00h: 35m: 28s



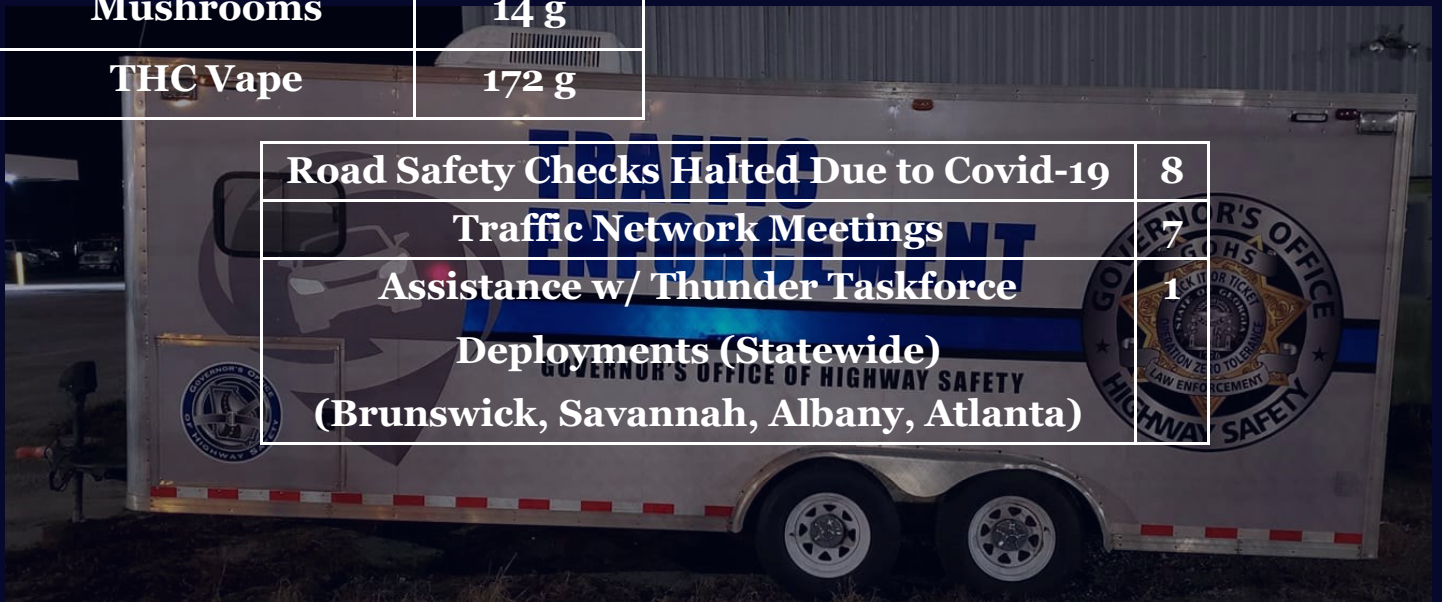
# Traffic Division / GOHS HEAT Team

## Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic Team



Traffic Statistics (Agency Wide)	
Traffic Stops	7,492
Warnings	4,528
Citations	2,426
DUI Arrests	64
Traffic Crashes	1,007
Traffic Fatalities	7
Guns	19
Money	\$ 4,355.00
Mushrooms	14 g
THC Vape	172 g

Road Safety Checks Halted Due to Covid-19	8
Traffic Network Meetings	7
Assistance w/ Thunder Taskforce	1
Deployments (Statewide) (Brunswick, Savannah, Albany, Atlanta)	



# Crime Suppression Team (CST) / K-9 Unit

K9 Leo and K9 Djuna are both great assets to the Burke County Sheriff's Office. Both have been instrumental in a number of drug seizures, locating lost/missing adults and juvenile citizens, locating wanted subjects who fled from law enforcement, SRT call-outs and etc. Together Leo and Djuna deploy throughout the year for emergency call-outs, narcotic searches/sweeps, search warrant assists, public demos, tracks and etc.

When Leo and Djuna aren't working, they spend many hours training to stay keen on their skills. Leo and Djuna have accumulated well over 1000+ hours of training this year with their human partners/handlers.

Our K9 Team had 13 successful K9 tracks

\*\* (Felons, Missing Persons, Suicidal PATIENTS & assisting Other Agencies) \*\*



# Crime Suppression Team (CST) / K-9 Unit

Seizures	Amounts
Marijuana	1,152 g
Methamphetamine	128.2 g
Cocaine	16 g
Heroin	0
MDMA	74 Tablets
Other Pills	3
Guns	19
Money	\$ 4,355.00
Mushrooms	14 g
THC Vape	172 g



<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>1,305</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>1,149</b>
<b>Vehicle Searches</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>1004</b>
<b>Warrants/Arrests</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Drug Cases</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Suspicious Person</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>K-9 Searches</b>	<b>54</b>

# Community Services Division

Community Services is another highly-visible division of the Burke County Sheriff's Office. The Community Services Division objectives are to foster a relationship with the citizens, educate the citizens on different subjects, provide safety-related programs based on community needs and be active in our schools with teaching drug resistance programs and mentoring programs. The Community Services Division accomplishes its mission through the development and presentation of various programs in response to the changing needs of the county, as well as maintaining established prevention, safety and educational programs. The duties of the members of this division include speaking to various groups on crime prevention methods, distributing crime prevention literature and maintaining liaisons with neighborhood

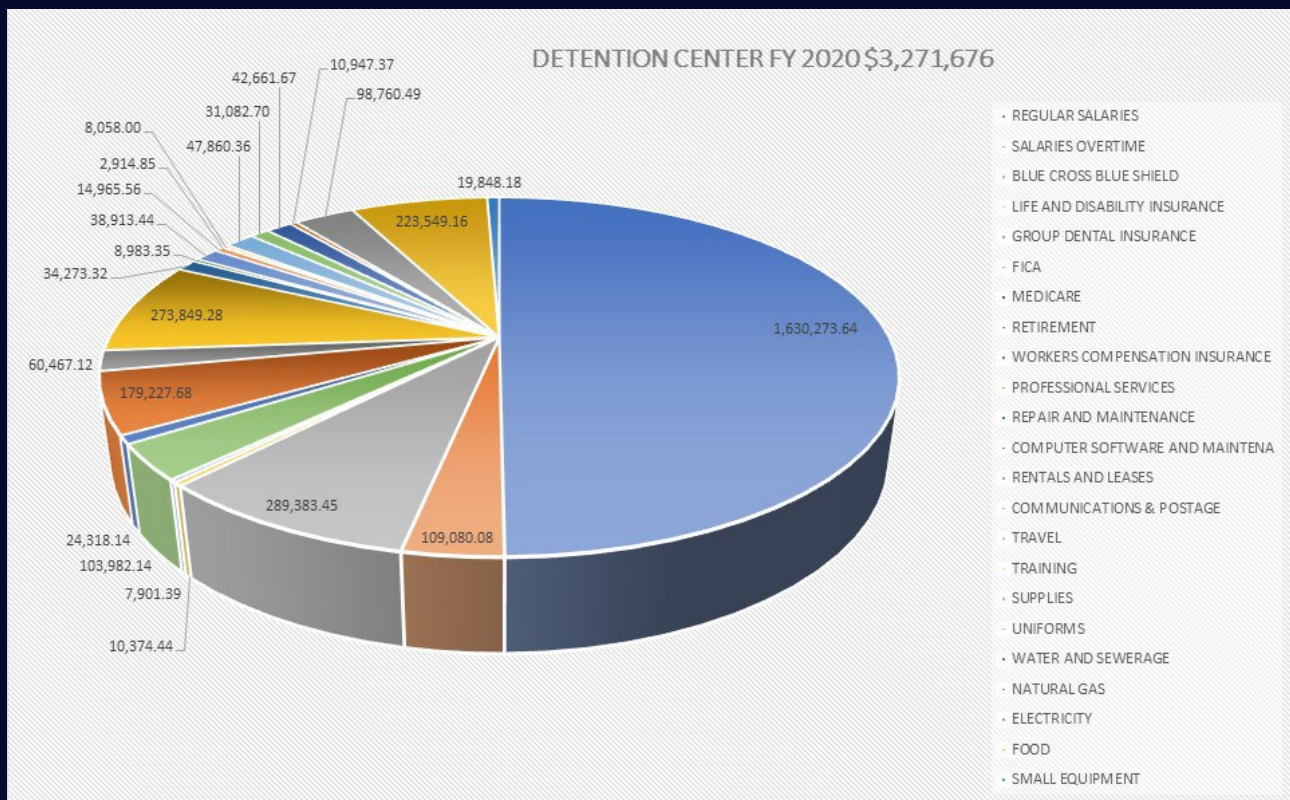
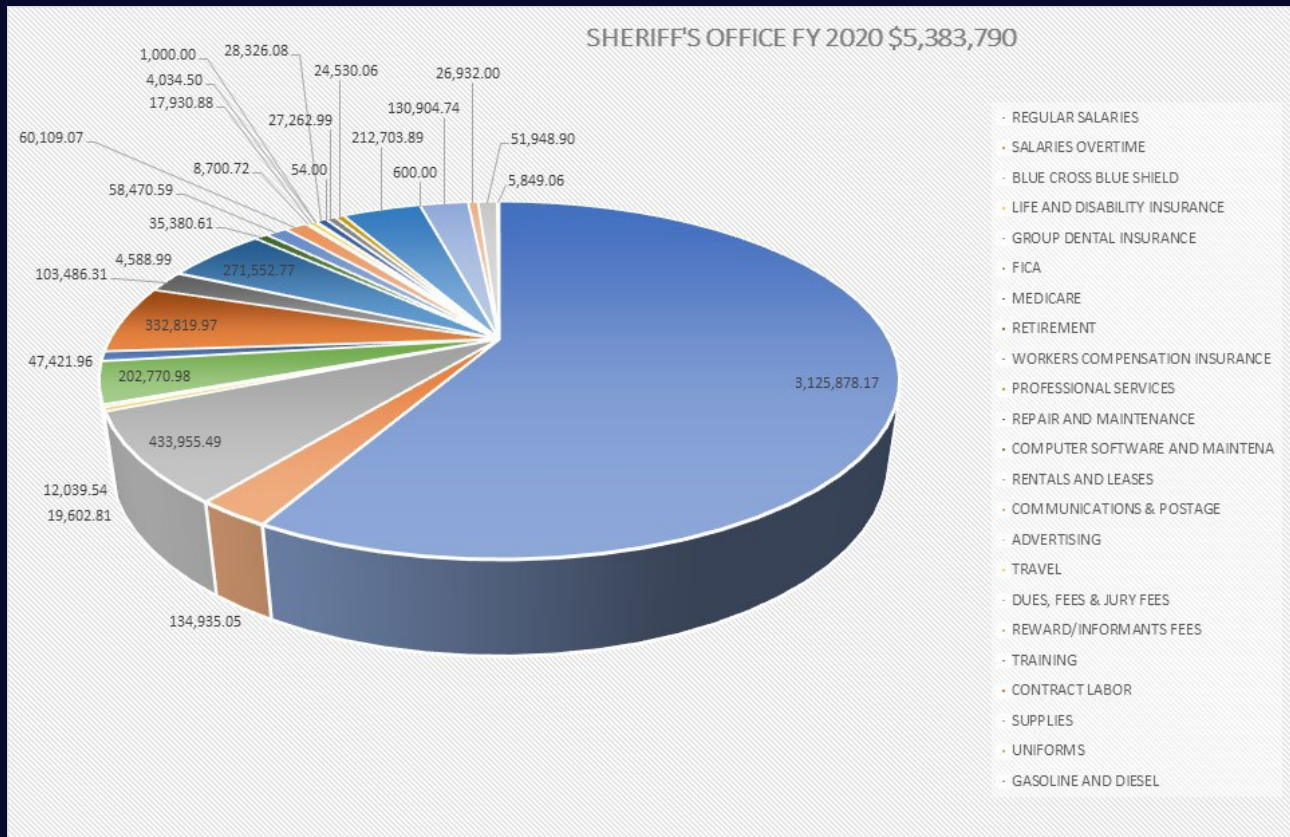


Fostering relationships with the youth of Burke County is a top priority of the Community Services Division. The goal of our Explorer Post 225 Program is to enhance the Explorers' preparation for future roles as citizens, community members, leaders and future law enforcement officers. An objective of the program is to provide members with a basic knowledge of the field of law enforcement. The Explorers participate in competitions on a State and National Level. They also partake in ride-alongs and assist in community services activities throughout the county. Camp Impact is a non-profit program hosted by Burke County Sheriff's Office to prevent continuous and repetitive youth criminal actions. The program targets young males and females ages 12-16. Camp Impact is designed to be educational, informative, challenging and instructional. We focus on strengthening their ability to comprehend and respond correctly to confusing and difficult situations. We also place emphasis on Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Behavior, Bullying, Gang Resistance, etc.



- Over 235 families were provided with a Turkey for Thanksgiving
- Over 20 children participated in our Annual Shop with a Cop
- Over 200 children received a toy and took a picture with Santa

# Financial







# Civil Division

TYPE	DELIVERED	DUE SEARCH	RETURNED
Superior Summons	33	14	
Superior Sub	128	5	3
Superior Grand Jury	109	2	
Superior Garnishments	3		
Superior FiFa	57		
Superior Dispossessory			
Superior Writ	5		
Superior Foreclosure			
Individual Total:	335	21	3
Magistrate Summons	376	85	
Magistrate Sub	50	23	6
Magistrate Garnishments	47	1	1
Magistrate FiFa	45		1
Magistrate Dispossessory	196		9
Magistrate Writ	12	2	5
Individual Total:	726	111	22
State Summons	61	12	
State Sub	323	13	9
State Garnishments	9	1	
State FiFa	16		
State Dispossessory	30		
State Writ	8		
Individual Total:	447	26	9
Juvenile Sub	218	27	8
Juvenile Court Orders			
TPO	10	2	
Domestic (Non-Divorce)	15	1	
Divorce	25	4	
Child Support	116	47	
Probate	14	1	
Individual Total:	398	82	8
Total:	1906	240	42

# Sex Offender Registry

The Office of the Sheriff is mandated by law to register sex offenders. The Burke County Sheriff's Office utilizes *Offenderwatch* for residents of Burke County. *Offenderwatch* is the nation's leading registered sex offender management and community notification tool with hundreds of leading agencies in dozens of states utilizing it. We use *Offenderwatch* to manage and monitor the whereabouts, conduct and compliance status of the registered offenders in Burke County. *Offenderwatch* provides the most accurate and timely information available. The Burke County Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping our community safe.

<b>91 Active Sex Offenders</b>	<b>17 Incarcerated Sex Offenders</b>
<b>1 Absconded Sex Offenders</b>	<b>109 Total Offenders</b>



Access Here: <http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=54807>

## Communication Division

Phone Calls Received	Over 12000+
Avg. CAD entries in 24 hrs.	152.3
County wide CAD entries	56,309
Dispatch to Enroute Average	00h: 03m: 00s
On average, Fridays saw the highest call volumes. The lowest call volumes were typically seen on Sundays.	

# State Certification and Accreditation

The Burke County Sheriff's Office is now an officially accredited Sheriff's Office by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Sheriff Alfonzo Williams and his team have been working towards State Law Enforcement Certification for the past two years. To accomplish this goal, the Sheriff's Office was required to show proficiency in 129 state law enforcement standards.

Certification is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances. The foundation of certification lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of trained assessors verifies that applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by the joint executive committee that the agency has met the requirements for certification.

Trained assessors from across the state of Georgia completed their inspection of the Burke County Sheriff's Office, policies, procedures, equipment, response times, training, etc. and verified that BCSO has met or exceeded all 129 standards. The State Certification Joint Review Committee met and reviewed the on-site assessment report for our agency and approved our certification.

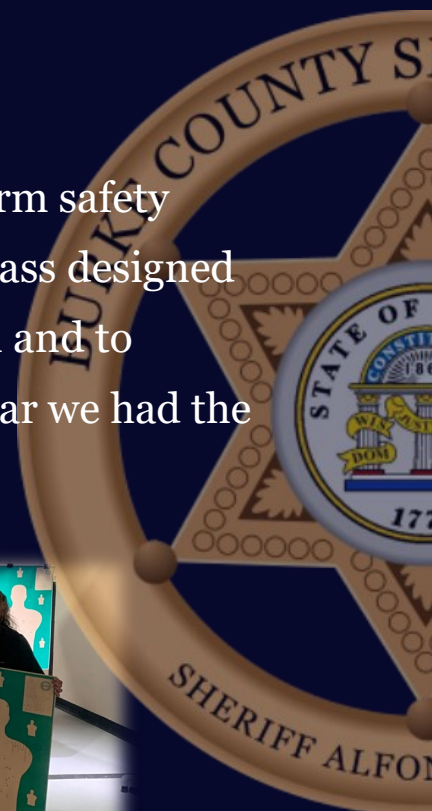
Certification status represents a significant professional achievement. Certification acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. The benefits of certification include but are not limited to:

- Confirmation that agency practices are consistent with progressive professional standards;
- Greater operational and administrative effectiveness;
- Enhanced understanding of agency policies and practices;
- Greater public confidence in the agency;
- Recognition in the field of outstanding achievement;
- Reduced liability potential; Greater governmental and community support.

# Citizens Firearms Class



The Burke County Sheriff's Office hosts a monthly firearm safety course for the citizens of Burke County. This is a one day class designed to teach participants firearm safety, firearm familiarization and to further help them hone their marksmanship skills. This year we had the opportunity to host 7 courses (total of 39 students).



# Citizens Police Academy

Congratulations to Citizens Police Academy Class #002 graduates. For 12 weeks these citizens (20) devoted their Thursday evenings, in addition to Saturdays, learning about the inner workings of their Sheriff's Office and to gather a better understanding of the Law Enforcement profession. We would like to thank each of you for your time and devoted commitment. We would also like to thank each of the instructors and guest speakers who devoted time to ensure each class provided valuable information. We look forward to working with each of you again in the future!

**#BCSOCPA002**



# Agency Awards



**Sergeant Michael Munro**  
**School Resource Officer (SRO)**  
**Employee of the Year**



**Deputy Lexie Johnson**  
**Auxiliary Services Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



**Major Chester Huffman**  
**Administrative Services Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



**C/O Whitney Wasson**  
**Communications Division**  
**Communications Officer of the Year**



**Captain Randall Norman**  
**Burke County Sheriff's Office**  
**Employee of the Year**

# Agency Awards



**Sergeant Jerry Jones**  
**Court Services Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



**Sergeant Heather Bryant**  
**Criminal Investigations Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



**Lieutenant Sharlette Wright**  
**Detention Services Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



**Sergeant Michael Swint**  
**Special Operations Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



**Lieutenant Chad Plueger**  
**Field Operations Division**  
**Employee of the Year**



# Fostering Positive Relationships...





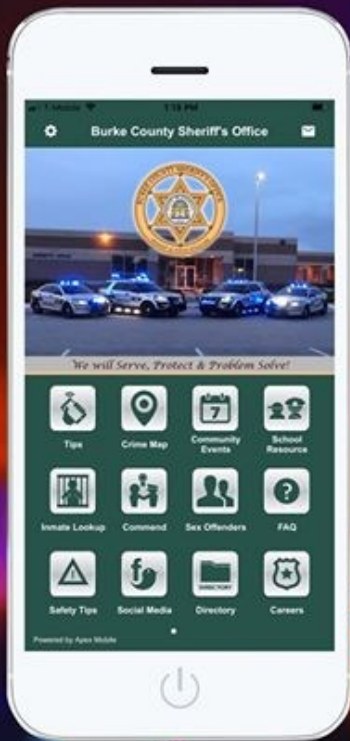


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# Download the Burke County Sheriff's Office Mobile App Today

Keep in touch with what's happening in your community. Download the Burke County Sheriff's Office's Mobile App to get the latest local public safety information, commend officers, report issues, and more to stay #BurkeCountyStrong!



It's free, anonymous, and provides information directly from your local agency.

## LOCAL SAFETY INFO

- ➔ View Neighborhood Crime Maps
- ➔ Check "Inmate Lookup," "Sex Offenders," and "Safety Tip" Lists

## CONNECT WITH OFFICERS

- ➔ Commend an Officer
- ➔ Find School Resource Officer Information
- ➔ Opt to Receive Emergency Notifications

## REPORT ISSUES

- ➔ Help with Unsolved Cases
- ➔ Report Problems or Send in an Anonymous Tip

...and much more!

The app is designed to make accessing the most relevant, important public safety information as quick and easy as possible. You can send in images taken right from your phone, or check for recent criminal activity in your area in seconds. Staying informed and in touch with the Burke County Sheriff's Office has never been easier.



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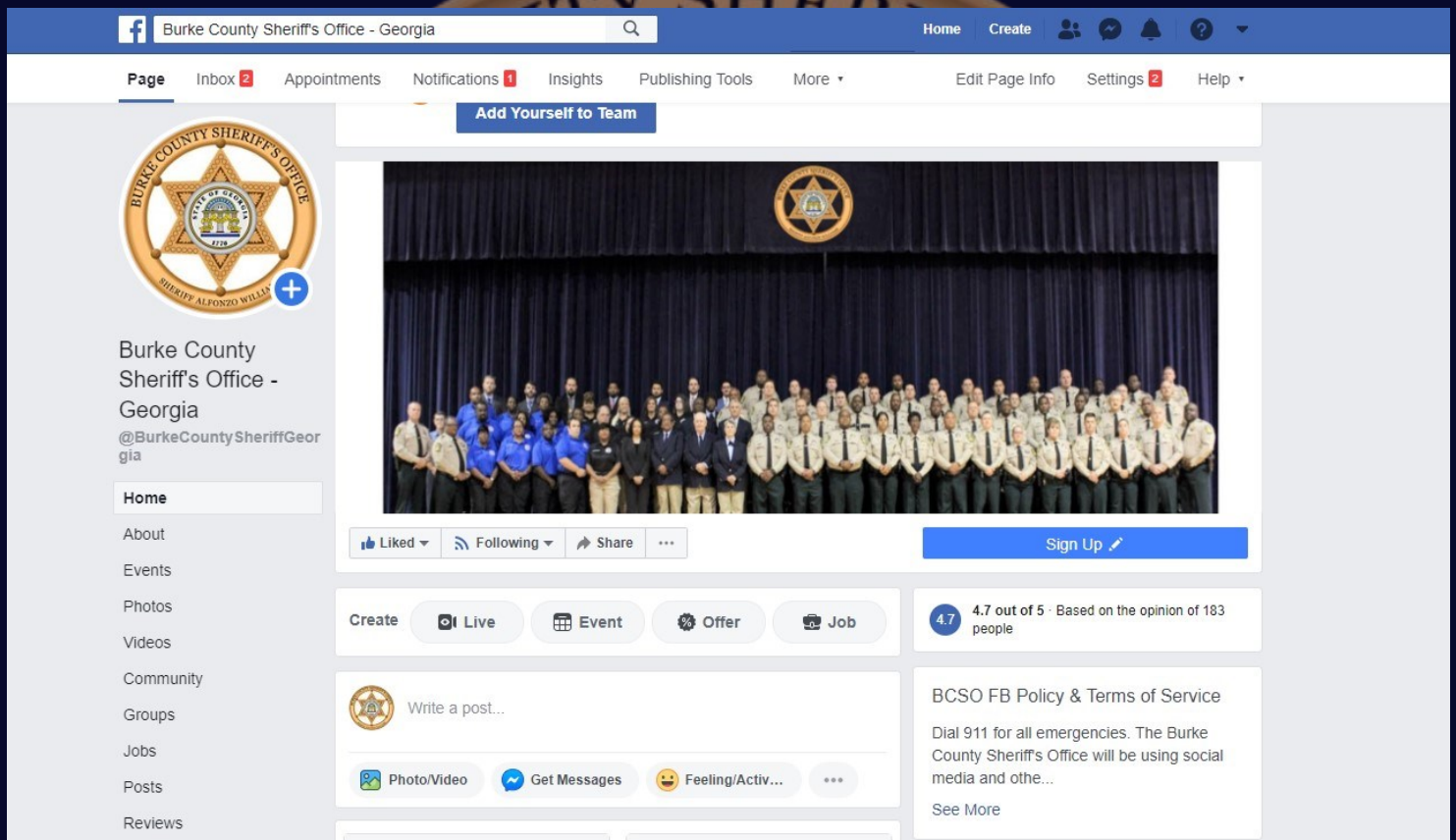
# FOLLOW and Like US!!!

## 19.6K Followers

### as of 2020



<https://www.facebook.com/BurkeCountySheriffGeorgia/>



Social Media has become an instrumental tool and platform utilized by the Burke County Sheriff's Office to keep our citizens informed with much-needed and up-to-date information. This method has proven to be successful during emergencies as information is disseminated quickly. We've also utilized this platform to solve cases, as several of our followers have provided information used by our deputies and investigators to solve crimes.

Together We Are #BurkeCountyStrong!!!

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# Social Media Platforms



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18 Posts 834 Followers 14 Following

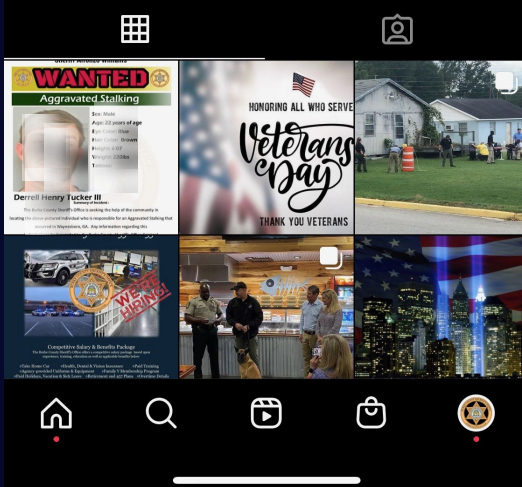
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# Chief Deputy Lewis C. Blanchard (Ret.)



*We would like to wish Chief Deputy Blanchard a Happy Retirement and wish him the very best during his future endeavors.*

“Surround yourself with smart, dedicated people - to build something isn't a one-man show. It's more important to have smart people who really believe in what you're doing than really experienced people who may not share your dream.”

-Niklas Zinnstrom

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