

Sheriff Alfonzo Williams

# BURKE COUNTY AT A GLANCE

**ESTABLISHED** 

1777

**SQUARE MILES** 

836

**POPULATION** 

24,596



Burke County is one of the original counties in Georgia, dating back to 1777. The first state Constitution designated it from the Colonial Parish of St. George. Burke County now has five cities, including Girard, Keysville, Midville, Sardis, and the county seat, Waynesboro. It is the second largest county in Georgia based on square miles.



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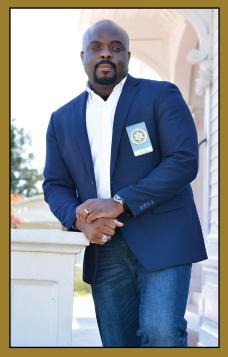
### A MESSAGE FROM

### SHERIFF ALFONZO WILLIAMS

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Matthew 20-28

TO THE CITIZENS OF BURKE COUNTY, it is my honor and privilege to serve you. The past year has been challenging. The resurgence of COVID-19 affected businesses and the educational environment. While many altered their work and home schedules, our personnel held the front lines to ensure the safety and protection of our community. Public health and public safety are our concern. The social justice issues plaguing our communities across the country are at the forefront of our strategic plans. As criminal trials play out in the television news media, it is critical that we remain committed to doing that which is just, fair, equitable, and right. While some law enforcement agencies struggle with how to move forward, we remain resolute in our service to mankind.

We are recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining the best-qualified personnel our community can afford. Partnerships and relationships, coupled with transparency and service, are essential to rebuilding and maintaining respect for all. Our partners like Plant Vogtle, Coca-Cola, Samson's Manufacturing, Ingevity Georgia LLC, and the local business community have played an important role in our sustainability and outreach.



We have continued to see a decrease in crime thanks to our dedicated team of professionals who work tirelessly to study our crime trends and adjust their work patterns and operations to ensure a downward trend in our Part I and Part II offenses. Our community services engagement is at an all-time high, and we believe this also helps us maintain a positive environment to raise families.

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2021 Annual Report to you as a token of our pledge to uphold our core values – Excellence, Integrity, and Teamwork.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS' 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.

### **COMMAND STAFF**

"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."

- Author Unknown



**Sheriff** Alfonzo Williams



**Chief Deputy**Lee Webster



**Chief Bailiff**Larry Lewis



**Major**Dedric Smith



**Captain** Jimmy Wylds



**Captain** Randall Norman



**Captain**Jason Vinson



### **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 choose 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.

### **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.

# **WELCOME TO BCS**



Sergeant



Sergeant



Sergeant



Sergeant



**Records Technician** Records Technician





**Records Technician** 







Budget Analyst Human Resources Mgr. Records Manager



**Maintenance Tech.** 

**2021** NEW HIRES



**Deputy Sheriff**Jaqueline Ivey



**Deputy Sheriff** Christopher Young



**Deputy Sheriff**John Singleton



**Deputy Sheriff** Stephen Green



**Deputy Sheriff** Keelan Moore



**Deputy Sheriff**William Tars



**Deputy Sheriff**Richard Few



**Deputy Sheriff**Zakia Luke



**Deputy Sheriff**Austin Pluegar



**Deputy Sheriff** Michael Hickson



**Deputy Sheriff** Lee Belmer



**Deputy Jailer** Claudia Mock



**Deputy Jailer** Brandon Bell



**Deputy Jailer**Melvin Lambert



**Deputy Jailer**Milicent Jones



**Deputy Jailer** Robbie Golf



**Deputy Jailer** Jonathon MaGahee



**Deputy Jailer**Sylbastien Jones

We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.

- Aristotle

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

**274**TOTAL CASES







CLEARED BY ARREST

16
CLEARED
UNFOUNDED

39 CLEARED

**OTHER** 

134
PENDING CASES



# ABOUT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Criminal Investigations Division includes investigations of all crimes, both felony and misdemeanor, in unincorporated Burke County. Specialized divisions within Criminal Investigations include Narcotics and Gangs. In 2021, Criminal Investigations was assigned 274 cases. Of those, 83 were cleared by arrest. Sixteen cases were cleared due to lack of evidence (unfounded). The Special Response Team also is under the Criminal Investigations umbrella. The Unit provides a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the county handling critical incidents. In 2021, the SRT had five call outs. Criminal Investigations is led by Capt. Jason Vinson.

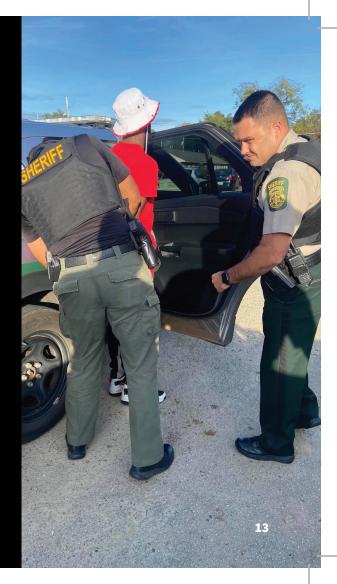


CRIME IS DOWN

57%

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide	3	0	4	1	1
Rape	2	3	2	1	0
Robbery	6	6	3	8	1
Aggravated Assault	29	14	19	20	11
Burglary	71	66	56	62	31
Larceny Auto		36	25	59	17
Larceny Other	133	167	130	129	83
Vehicle Theft	33	22	26	24	20
Arson		2	1	6	1
TOTAL	410	316	266	310	165

Z		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
S0	Other Assaults	103	118	99	147	124
5)	Forgery/Counterfeiting	12	13	7	9	3
$\mathbb{A}$	Fraud	21	43	35	28	22
<b>∀</b>	Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1
	Stolen Property	3	0	2	4	2
COMPARI	Vandalism	5	5	6	18	25
ン つ	Weapons	13	36	24	33	28
S	Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
	Other Sex Offenses	3	2	2	4	4
$\geq$	Narcotics	11	12	15	8	2
$\sim$	Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathcal{C}$	Family/Children	6	10	5	6	24
7	DUI	3	39	52	56	62
	LiquorLaws	1	1	1	0	0
<b>X</b>	<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	2	14	19	25	5
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	TOTAL	183	293	267	338	302



# SATIONS CRIMINAL







**4,735.6g** METH



**1,906.95g** COCAINE

HEROIN	62.5g
MDMA	18
OPIOIDS	515
MISC. PILLS	79



\$19,636 MONEY SEIZED



**13**ILLEGAL GUNS
SEIZED



VEHICLES SEIZED



# **DETENTION SERVICES**

### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Overhaul of the Detention Center to include:

- Thorough Cleaning
- Painting
- Ceiling Tile Replacement

BCSO also transformed an old courtroom into a multipurpose room to be used as:

- Meeting room
- Training
- Luncheons
- Employee Break Room





Average 2 bookings per day Highest inmate count: 150 Lowest inmate count: 79

# ABOUT **DETENTION SERVICES**

Detention Services includes the Burke County Detention Center, inmate transportation and supervision of inmate work crews. The Detention Center detains all arrested offenders. It is commanded by Major Dedric Smith. The Detention Center operates with five certified deputies and 22 certified correctional officers. The jail, which was renamed the Burke County Detention Center in January 2017, houses those who have been arrested for misdemeanor and/or felony offenses.

# OPERATIONS OL/TRAFFIC

51,580

**COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH EVENTS** 

**777** INCIDENT REPORTS

**315** FELONIES

**533** MISDEMEANORS

**127** FAMILY VIOLENCE

1,813 MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

	2018	2019	2020	2021
TOTAL CRASHES	991	849	1,009	823
CRASHES W/ INJURIES	77	65	69	65
TOTAL INJURED	127	109	108	93
FATAL CRASHES	12	9	6	8
TOTAL FATALITIES	12	9	7	9
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CRASHES	28	28	34	23
PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASHES	902	775	934	750
PRIVATE PROPERTY CRASHES	231	87	116	113
HIT AND RUN	43	43	60	71

# 2,110 TOTAL CITATIONS







WARNINGS

SEAT BELTS





DISTRACTED

64 DUI RELATED

Suspended licenses: 75 Driving without a license: 30 Expired registration: 30

# ABOUT FIELD OPERATIONS

Field Operations is comprised of road patrol, traffic, crime suppression, and K-9. Field Operations deputies provide emergency response in life-threatening situations and nonemergency assistance. The road patrol, also known as uniformed patrol, operates on two, 12-hour shifts that are commanded by a lieutenant, sergeant, and corporal, and patrol a specific zone of Burke County. Field Operations deputies provide a wide range of law enforcement services to the residents of Burke County. The division is commanded by Capt. Jimmy Wylds.





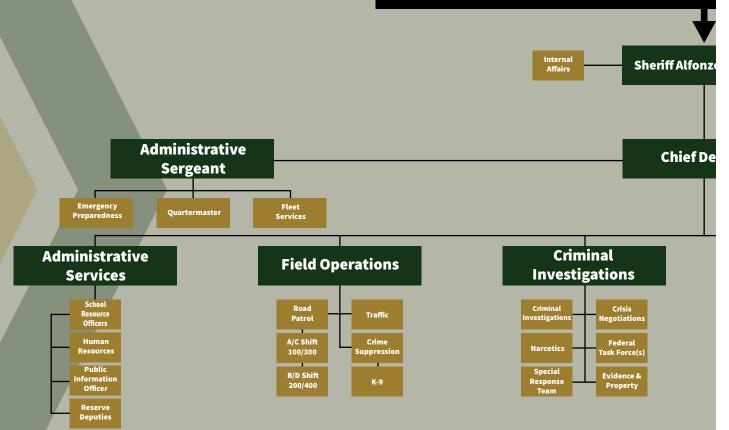




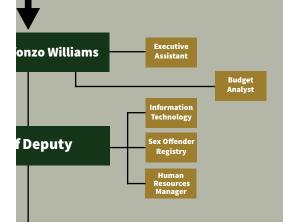
### ABOUT K-9

The BCSO K-9 Unit is under the umbrella of Field Operations. In 2021, two multipurpose dogs retired from the Unit, and two joined the team. K-9 Leo and his handler Lt. Mike Swint, and K-9 Djuna and her handler Deputy Sheriff Robbie Harrison, have been great assets to the Burke County Sheriff's Office. Both are multi-use dogs and assisted with drug seizures, locating lost/missing adults and children, locating wanted subjects, SRT call-outs and more. K-9 Leo and K-9 Djuna's roles are now filled by K-9 Kayos, a 6-year-old Belgian Malinois, and his handler Deputy Sheriff William Tars, and K-9 Boris, a 2-year-old Dutch Shepherd, and his handler Deputy Sheriff Britt Nelson.

## CITIZENS OF BU



# BURKE COUNTY









# **COURT SERVICES**

### **SECURITY**



**33,856**WALK-THROUGH DETECTORS



**8,816**BAGGAGE SCANS



**365**FINGERPRINTS
BY BAILIFFS

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS LOCATED**

Knives: 362

OC (pepper spray): 91

Other (tasers/stun guns): 80

Guns: 4 Arrests: 45



### **COURT SESSIONS**

**Total Sessions: 490** 

DUI/Drug Court: 21

State Court: 40

Superior Court: 113

Juvenile Court: 30

Magistrate Court: 77

Bond Hearings: 152

Grand Jury: 14

Commission Meetings: 12

Citizens Review Panel: 12

### **TRANSPORTS**

**Total Inmate Transports: 313** 

Prison related: 56

Medical: 26

DUI/Drug Court: 8

Mental Health: 3

Regular: 221

# ABOUT **COURT SERVICES**

Court Services handles all security for the Burke County Judicial Center, transports to and from the Judicial Center, and inmate transport from other counties and states. Since November of 2017, Court Services transport division traveled to five counties in South Carolina, nine counties in Florida, and 108 of Georgia's 159 counties. Court Services is led by Chief Bailiff Larry Lewis.

### **SUPERIOR COURT**

**DELIVERED: 367** Summons: 18 Subpoenas: 121 Grand Jury: 204 Garnishments: 4 FiFa: 15

Writ: 3 Foreclosure: 2 **DUE SEARCH: 28** Summons: 9 Subpoenas: 17 Grand Jury: 2

Garnishments: n/a FiFa: n/a Writ: n/a Foreclosure: n/a

**RETURNED: 7** Summons: n/a Subpoenas: 5 Grand Jury: 2 Garnishments: n/a FiFa: n/a

Writ: n/a Foreclosure: n/a

### **MAGISTRATE COURT**

**DELIVERED: 886** 

Summons: 353 Subpoenas: 270 Garnishments: 65

FiFa: 30

Dispossessory: 152

Writ: 15

Foreclosure: 1

**DUE SEARCH: 96** 

Summons: 67 Subpoenas: 25 Garnishments: 2

FiFa: n/a

Dispossessory: n/a

Writ: 2

Foreclosure: n/a

**RETURNED: 9** 

Summons: n/a Subpoenas: 3

Garnishments: 2

FiFa: n/a

Dispossessory: 4

Writ: n/a

Foreclosure: n/a

### **STATE COURT**

### **DELIVERED: 505**

Summons: 81 Subpoenas: 370 Garnishments: 9

FiFa: 30

Dispossessory: 15 Writ: n/a

Foreclosure: n/a

### **DUE SEARCH: 42**

Summons: 16 Subpoenas: 22

Garnishments: 3

FiFa: n/a

Dispossessory: n/a

Writ: 1

Foreclosure: n/a

### **RETURNED: 5**

Summons: 1 Subpoenas: 4 Garnishments: n/a FiFa: n/a Dispossessory: n/a Writ: n/a

Foreclosure: n/a



### **JUVENILE COURT**

### **DELIVERED: 408**

Subpoenas: 262 Court Orders: 6

TPO: 10

Domestic\*: 9

Divorce: 21 Child Support: 93

Probate: 7

### **DUE SEARCH: 68**

Subpoenas: 18 Court Orders: 1 TPO: n/a

Domestic\*: n/a Divorce: 1

Child Support: 46

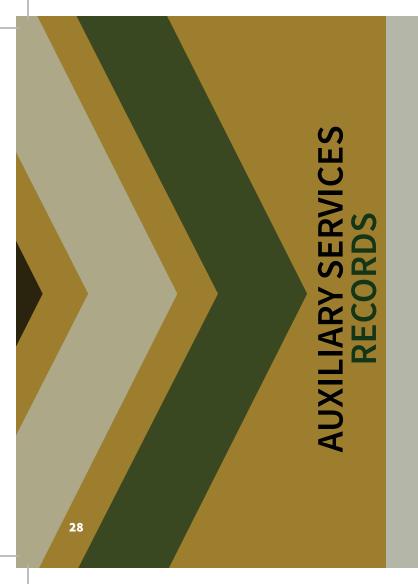
Probate: 2

### **RETURNED: 0**

Subpoenas: n/a
Court Orders: n/a
TPO: n/a
Domestic\*: n/a
Divorce: n/a
Child Support: n/a
Probate: n/a

The Court Services Division of the Burke County Sheriff's Office is responsible for service of civil papers across Burke County. In total, Burke County sheriff's deputies served 2,166 documents for Superior, Magistrate, State, and Juvenile Courts.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-Divorce





482
WARRANTS
ENTERED

239 CLEARED | 126 CANCELED



**4,080**CRIMINAL
HISTORIES



**729**DRIVER HISTORIES
COMPLETED



VEHICLES ENTERED

19 CLEARED

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Open Records Requests: 126 Received (126 Completed)
Missing Persons Entered: 15 (14 Cleared')
Guns Entered: 46 (8 Cleared)
Articles Entered: 1



The Burke County Sheriff's Office is an officially accredited Sheriff's Office by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. To accomplish this goal, the Sheriff's Office was required to show proficiency in 129 state law enforcement standards.

### **BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- 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.

# ABOUT AUXILIARY SERVICES

The Auxiliary Services Division encompasses Community Services, Records, Training, State Certification, and Secondary Metals Recyclers Registration. Next to the Field Operations Division (Patrol), it is the division with the most public interaction. Community Services engages with the public through special programs like the Citizens Police Academy, youth golf camp, and holiday programming. The Records Division is the liaison 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. Chief Deputy Lee Webster is the commander of the Auxiliary Services Division.

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## **8,364** TRAINING HOURS

AVG. 70 HOURS PER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING CLASSES HELD

First Aid and CPR
Community-Oriented and
Problem-Oriented Policing
Gang Awareness
Report Writing
Health & Wellness
Below 100
Use of Force (Classroom & Scenario Based)
De-escalation
Handgun Skills
Weapons Re-Qualification
(Handgun, Rifle and
Shotgun)
Night Handgun

Familiarization Shooting
Taser Certification
Search and Seizure
Legal Updates
Sexual Harassment
Ethics
Defensive Tactics
(Detention Center)
Domestic Violence
Judgmental Sooting
(JPS and DART)
Special Response Team
Force Options
State Opioid Adapted
Response (Narcan Training)



### **ABOUT TRAINING**

The Training Division, under Auxiliary Services ensures Burke County Sheriff's Office employees stay up-to-date on their training throughout the year. In 2021, the Training Division held more than 20 types of classes totaling 8,364 training hours. The Division also held several classes specifically designed for citizens, including Firearm and Use of Force classes.









# ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services is a highly visible department within the Auxiliary Services Division of the Burke County Sheriff's Office. In 2021, the division participated in 79 community service events. Its objectives are to foster relationships with the citizens, educate the citizens on different subjects, provide safety-related programs based on community needs, and be active in our schools by 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 neighborhoods.



# FOSTERING **STRONG RELATIONSHIPS**

Fostering relationships with the youth of Burke County is a top priority of the Burke County Sheriff's Office. 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 state and national levels. They also partake in ridealongs and assist in community services activities throughout the county. Camp Impact is a non-profit program hosted by the 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.







# THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

As part of our community engagement efforts, the Burke County Sheriff's Offices spreads the holiday spirit throughout Thanksgiving and Christmas. During Thanksgiving this year, BCSO provided almost 400 turkeys to local families, and at Christmastime, every child in Burke County was invited to pick up a toy from the Sheriff's Office. Special thanks to our community partners who make this possible.



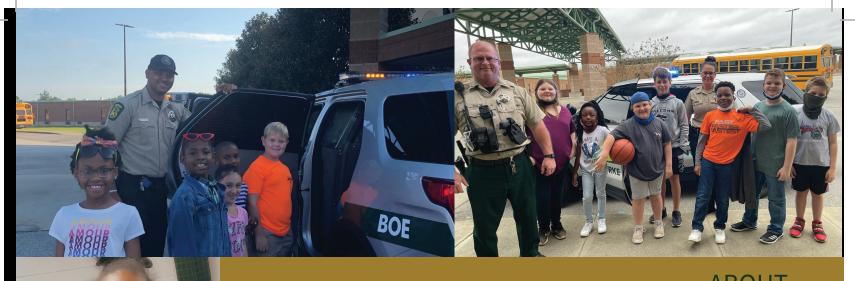
# **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

# ABOUT **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Administrative Services Division is an integral part of the Burke County Sheriff's Office and includes Human Resources, School Resource Officers, Public Information Officer, and Reserve Deputies. The division is overseen by Capt. Randall Norman, who serves as the main point of contact for all media inquiries. The division handles all human resources inquiries, including retirement, insurance questions and onboarding, as well as working with the school system and managing School Resource Officers.

# ABOUT THE RESERVE UNIT

Reserve deputies of the Burke County Sheriff's Office save our taxpayers thousands of dollars each year. Currently, there are seven reserve deputies serving the community. These deputies have the same responsibilities and authority as full-time paid officers. They volunteer their time in all areas of the Sheriff's Office including Patrol, Investigations, Vice & Narcotics, Special Operations, Detention Services, Court Services and the BCSO Special Response Team.



## ABOUT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

School Resource Officers (SRO) deputies are assigned to schools within the Burke County Public Schools System. An SRO role incorporates a variation of 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 and increases the deterrence of any criminal activity. Additionally, the SRO serves as the front line of defense when ensuring the safety and security of our schools. SROs serve a population of more than 4,500 students in Burke County's six public schools.

# **FINANCIALS**

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The Sheriff's Office budget includes Sheriff's Office operations and the Detention Center operations. The combined budget for both totals \$9.3 million.

\$3.2M DETENTION CENTER

\$1.5M SALARIES

**\$277K** INSURANCE (ALL)

\$203K FOOD

**\$132K** FACILITY MAINT.

**\$277K** PROFESSIONAL SVCS.

SALARIES OVERTIME: \$140,438.60
FICA: \$98,752.39
MEDICARE: \$23,460.36
RETIREMENT: \$193,716.47
WORKERS COMP: \$42,915.87
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE: \$32,919.06
COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND MAINT.: \$9,564
RENTALS AND LEASES: \$16,600.50

COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE: \$11,367.41 TRAINING: \$30 SUPPLIES: \$45,288.06 UNIFORMS: \$23,218.59 WATER AND SEWERAGE: \$39,264.29 NATURAL GAS: \$12,298.87 ELECTRICITY: \$105,229.41

SMALL EQUIPMENT: \$529.99
\*Insurance includes Health, Life and Disability, and Dental.

### \$6.1M SHERIFF'S OFFICE

\$3.2M SALARIES

\$463K INSURANCE (ALL)

**\$378K** VEHICLE MAINT.

\$299K GAS/DIESEL

**\$226K** FACILITY MAINT.

SALARIES OVERTIME: \$126,107.23
FICA: \$206,505.48
MEDICARE: \$48,295.78
RETIREMENT: \$367,445.63
WORKERS COMP: \$84,219.04
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: \$47,071.36
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE:
\$115,581.58
COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND MAINT:
\$29,494.20
RENTALS AND LEASES: \$68,536.19
COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE:
\$56,013.75
ADVERTISING: \$1.838

TRAVEL: \$16,270.77
DUES, FEES & JURY FEES: \$4,266
REWARD/INFORMANTS FEES: \$800
TRAINING: \$23,549.53
CONTRACTED SERVICES: \$868.88
SUPPLIES: \$20,170.41
UNIFORMS: \$34,082.42
FOOD: \$2,874.55
SMALL EQUIPMENT: \$58,055.12
TFR FOR GOHS HEAT POSITIONS:
\$72,679.20
MATCH FOR BVP GRANT: \$2,329.14
TRANSFER TO SGF - COPS GRANT:
\$75,907.99

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**21,262** FOLLOWERS



**1,039** FOLLOWERS





# IN MEMORIAM CYNTHIA KERSEY 1954-2021

The Burke County Sheriff's Office lost a beloved dispatcher in 2021. Cynthia Kersey, known as "Ms. Cindy," passed away Dec. 1, 2021, in Clayton, North Carolina. She was retired from the Burke County Sheriff's Office and the Waynesboro Police Department where she served as a 911 dispatcher. Ms. Cindy was a native of Norfolk, Virginia and a longtime resident of Millen. She will forever be in our hearts.





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