



Sheriff's Office

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2012 BRING IT ON

Sheriff's Auxiliary Unit News

* **Reminder** for the Auxiliary Unit members that our next meeting will be Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Sheriff 's Headquarters Office/Jail, meeting only. (Same training room)

The mission of the Pickens Sheriff's Auxiliary is to provide support to the employees of the Sheriff's Office in times of sickness or hardships and through those employees, supports the citizens of Pickens County during a disaster.



Sheriff's Corner

Happy New Year! Yes, we survived 2011. In fact, we thrived because of your

incredible hard work and dedication.

Thank you to all those that attended the Annual PSO Christmas Party held on December 20th. I look at this dinner as a time for all of the PSO employees and families to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. Also, thank you to Ministerial Association for their generous donation to help with the expense of the Christmas Dinner.

I am personally grateful to each one of you for your tremendous efforts, and I wish everyone a rewarding and joyous New Year.

Training

As we enter into another year, I cannot help but to look back over that past three years and see how far we have come as an agency. One of the most improved and recognizable areas have been in training.

In 2009, the annual 40 hour high liability in-service training was established to provide a set of standards for individual tactical skills, policy review, and legal updates. That year we charted on a four year course with the destination being a solid foundation of effective law enforcement abilities and services. Our first objective was to develop the individual deputy with technical proficiency with their firearms and intermediate weapons. Since then, the week long class has continued on its path to assist officers with weapons handling, small unit tactics, and fitness.

In addition to the annual in-service, the agency has introduced a low-light "night fire", and has hosted advance classes to include, standardized field sobriety,

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SAR Team Announcement

It is with great pleasure that I announce the addition of **Dave Caughman** to the Pickens Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team. Dave is our first mandated member and is currently in the FTEP program. Dave has considerable training and experience in multiple aspects of law enforcement as well as search and rescue. Dave never hesitates to

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crisis intervention training, jail training, and incident command. The Pickens Sheriff’s Office Training Complex has also continued to grow and serves nearly ten local, state, and federal agencies.

The year 2012 will serve as a capstone to all of our hard work. We will bring all of our training together and focus our attention on critical incidents such as “active shooter”. Some of the topics will include; case study and review of active shooters, care under fire (self aid/buddy aid), first responder to an active shooter, and emergency operations management. I would like to encourage all of you to prepare for the in-service training by staying physically and mentally fit. Begin a fitness and nutrition program a few weeks before you are scheduled to attend. Review your personal firearms skills and small unit tactics with your shifts by attending an open range day. Remember, this is your agency. You have the ability, and responsibility, to make it better.

I consider it a privilege to have had an opportunity to train with each of you. I now challenge you to push even harder, not to settle, and prepare yourself for the 2012 annual in-service training.

Frank Reynolds, Captain

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accept any assignment regardless of the hour or conditions and has already worked several events over the last few months.

Please join me in welcoming Dave to the Team.

Greg Baker *Search and Rescue Team Leader*

Bob Olsen,

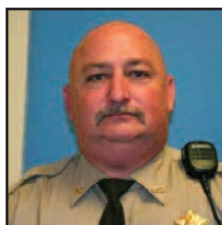
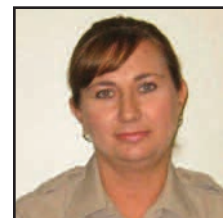
Facility Maintenance, has been working hard to complete annual maintenance within the Adult Detention Center. Bob and his inmate work crew have painted administrative offices, hallways and continues to touch up the living areas of the inmates.

Congratulations



Corporal Heath Watson for being selected as *Deputy of the Year*. He was also given the *Lifesaving Award*

Tina Tidwell for being selected as the *Support Person of the Year* for 2011.



Vaughn Kelly has been given the *Sheriff’s Accommodation Award*

Notes and News

Jack Green, our Medical Director at the Pickens Adult Detention Center, has been working to update the record storage of all inmate medical records. He has found a program where inmate medical records are stored digitally offsite. The records may be retrieved by any of his staff and the Doctor. This stream lines the diagnostic process and allows the Jail Doctor to immediately access an inmate’s records even when the doctor is off site. This program is a free service and does not cost the taxpayers anything.

The Pickens Sheriff’s Office has recently finished the Resource Management class. This is the second class in the series that will prepare the Pickens Sheriff’s Office to efficiently and effectively respond to disasters within our communities. The personnel attending these classes will form the foundation for the Sheriff’s Office Emergency Operations Center Management Team.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays: Jerome Benson, Andy Farmer, Ray Grace, Tony Hermel, Scott King, Tina Tidwell, Keith Wall, Shirley Whitaker

PSO Service Anniversaries: Keith Wall, Jack Westbrook, Sheriff Donald Craig, Joey Hancock, Chief Deputy Joe McDonald, Frank Reynolds, Steven Riggs, Greg Baker, David Tippens, Jerome Benson, Gary Hancock, Brad Carroll, Shane Godfrey, Jim Harvey, Todd Musgrave, Tony Hyde, Brandon Merritt, Richard Rambler, Jeremy Henderson and Chris Leake

* *If we have over looked anyone please except our apology.*

