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Savannah Joint Task Force Operation

Contributed by William Driver, Probation Field Operations Manager



Task force out serving warrants in Savannah



Task force members discussing tactics

On August 27-28, the Savannah Joint Task Force was held. The two-day operation had a mission of providing support to the Savannah Chatham County Metro Police Department (SCMPD).

The GDC Joint Task Force functioned under the Operational Control of the SCMPD in direct support of three Savannah areas in order to enhance the safety and security of those Savannah locations by focusing on serving of outstanding warrants and conducting offender compliance checks.

The task force was comprised eight agencies to include Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, GDC probation operations and one facility tactical squad, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Eastern Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, Chatham County Counter Narcotics Team, Eastern

Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court and Child Support Recovery Unit. There was a total of 114 members operating on day one and 104 members operating on day two.

The task force was divided into four squads that made up of 14 teams. Squad A, comprised of four teams, was tasked with warrant service in Chatham County. Warrants were for a variety of offenses such as violation of parole and probation and criminal offenses. Squad B, comprised of two teams, was tasked with sex offender compliance checks. Squad C, comprised of seven teams, was tasked with general compliance checks on high risk offenders. Lastly, Squad D, which had one team, was tasked with juvenile compliance checks.

"The operation was a success," said Probation FOM William Driver. "We were able to serve 38 warrants during the two-day

operation and an additional 40 warrants were served or detainers placed on offenders that were on our warrant list prior to the operation beginning."

Arrest breakdown:

Probationers: 30
Civilian: 7
Parole: 1

Of the 38, six were sex offenders.

"The Savannah Joint Task force afforded us the opportunity to build relationships between the Georgia Department of Corrections, Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, Chatham County Sheriff's Department, Board of Pardons and Parole and the Department of Juvenile Justice," said Director of Probation Operations Mike Kraft. "It was a positive exercise that we look to build on in the future."

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Looking for scorekeepers, assistants to scorekeepers, court managers and activity coordinators

Contact: **Cliff Hogan**
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Youth Basketball Tournament
September 21st, 9am-4pm at SOSTC



Did You Know...Between the Savannah & Winder JTF operations, the state netted a total of 43 arrests!

Contributed by Mike Sutton, Chief Probation Officer, Fitzgerald Probation Office



L to R: Asst Commissioner Ward, GPA President Mike Sutton, FOM Scot Mullis, GPA Vice President Elwin Smith, Board Member Tommy Rouse and Commissioner Owens. Presentation of Lee Broome Award to FOM Mullis.

On Aug 21-23, the Georgia Probation Association (GPA) held its 56th Annual Summer Training Conference. Over 255 GPA members gathered at Villas

by the Sea on Jekyll Island.

Commissioner Brian Owens and Assistant Commissioners Greg Dozier and Timothy Ward attended the conference and addressed the participants during the three-day training conference.

During the Annual Awards breakfast and ceremony on Aug 23, Field Operations Manager (FOM) Scot Mullis was presented with the prestigious Lee Broome Memorial Award for his work with Probation Operations and for his dedicated service to the association. Additionally, Tracy Gaddis of the Gainesville Probation Office received the GPA IMPACT award for his actions in administering CPR to a dying probationer in his office.

During the conference, scholarships were also awarded. The Joe Williams Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) was

awarded to Probation Officer Chris Wynn of the Fitzgerald Probation Office to assist with his continued education. Claire Garner, daughter of GPA member Mary Jane Garner-Gross, was awarded the Child/Spouse scholarship (\$500) to assist with her current education in the Criminal Justice field.

Plans are now underway for the 29th Annual Mid-Winter Training Conference, which will be held Feb 26-28 at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, Georgia.

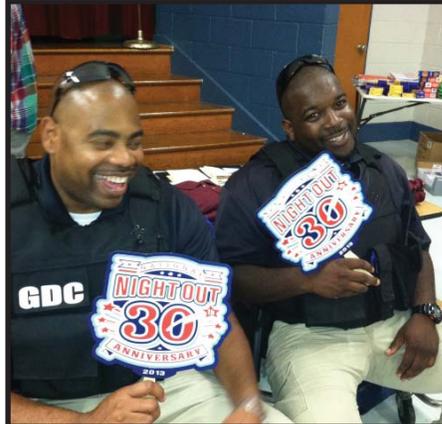
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Columbus Probation Office Participates in 30th Anniversary National Night Out

Contributed by Christina Parker, Chief Probation Officer



L to R: PO III Elton Edwards, SO Joe Lee Williams, PO Tranisha Reid and PO Marcus Mosby



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L to R: SO Joe Lee Williams, PO III Elton Edwards, CPO Christina Parker, PO Marcus Mosby and PO Tranisha Reid

On Aug 6, Chief Probation Officer (CPO) Christina Parker, Probation Officer (PO) III Elton Edwards, PO Tranisha Reid, PO Marcus Mosby and Surveillance Officer (SO) Joe Lee Williams represented the Columbus Probation Office during National Night Out.

National Night Out, *America's Night Out Against Crime*, began in 1984 in effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camarad-

erie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August.

There were representatives from all law enforcement agencies to include Columbus Police Department, Muscogee Sheriff Office, U.S. Marshals, Muscogee County Prison, private security companies, Crime Stoppers and Citi-

zens Law Enforcement Academy.

This year, the nation celebrates the 30th Anniversary for the National Night Out. The Columbus Probation Office joined the over 37 million neighbors across 15,000 communities in celebration of this year's National Night Out.

"Being a part of this night was important for the community and the officers because it shows that making a difference is not just locking up the bad

guys, but spreading the message and information to the community so that they can partner with law enforcement to collaborate together to keep the community safe," said CPO Christina Parker.

For more information about National Night Out and how to get involved visit: <http://www.natw.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/nationalnightout>



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Firearms Simulator Event

September 13th
10am-11:30am

Vinzant Hall at State Offices South at Tift College
Bays A-B

Join us to celebrate our new partnership with Ga-based company, Meggitt Training Systems

Thursday, September 5
Board of Corrections Meeting

Tuesday, September 10
Macon DRC Graduation

Thursday, September 12
BCOT & BPPOT Graduations

Friday, September 13
Firearms Simulator Event at SOSTC

Saturday, September 21
Inaugural 3-On-3 Youth Basketball Tournament at SOSTC

Tuesday, September 24
Athens DRC Graduation

Thursday, September 26
Pulaski State Prison Faith & Character Based Graduation



Thank you Edd Sanders for your 30 years of dedicated service!

On Aug 29, the Department held a retirement luncheon for Warden Edd Sanders. Picture L to R: Jackie Kelsey and Commissioner Brian Owens. Commissioner Owens presented Jackie Kelsey with a Commissioners Coin.



Thank you Melvin Knighting for your 29 years of dedicated service!

On July 10, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Melvin Knighting. Picture L to R: Melvin Knighting and Director of Operations Spencer Artman.



Thank you Jackie Kelsey for your 34 years of dedicated service!

On Aug 15, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Assistant Director of Offender Administration Jackie Kelsey. Picture L to R: Jackie Kelsey and Commissioner Brian Owens. Commissioner Owens presented Jackie Kelsey with a Commissioners Coin.



Thank you Calvin Brown for your 34 years of dedicated service!

On Aug 20, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Inmate Administration Manager Calvin Brown. Picture L to R: Calvin Brown and Division Director of OPTD Arnold Smith. Division Director Smith presented Calvin Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Thank you Sylvester Hall for your 10 years of dedicated service!

On July 31, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Fire Services Chief Sylvester Hall. Picture L to R: Chief Hall and Assistant Commissioner Timothy C. Ward. Asst. Ward presented Chief Hall with the Alumni Award.



Thank you Marsha Phillips for your 34 years of dedicated service!

On Aug 21, the Department held a retirement ceremony for Accountant Parapro Marsha Phillips. Picture L to R: Director of Budget Services Travis Kennedy and Marsha Phillips. Director Kennedy presented Marsha with the Alumni Award.

Lee Arrendale State Prison Audit

Contributed by Terry Edge, Director Audits and Compliance Unit



L to R: Dir. of Facilities Randy Tillman, Dir. of Audits and Compliance Terry Edge, Amanda DeLock and Warden Kathy Seabolt



Dir. of Facilities Tillman, Dir. of Audits and Compliance Edge, Warden Seabolt and the entire Arrendale security staff.



L to R: Dir. of Facilities Tillman, Dir. of Audits and Compliance Edge, Officer Wellborn and Warden Seabolt

On Aug 8, the Audits and Compliance Unit conducted an audit of Lee Arrendale State Prison. The following employees received awards: Secretary for DW of Security Amanda DeLock received an individual award. She was recognized for her exceptional tracking and SCRIBE entries of incidents reports.

Her process is a model to be followed statewide. The Security Team won the group award. Their overall score in the seventeen security topics was amongst the highest security scores in past twelve months. The discipline of the offenders, sanitation of the facility, and the noticeable high morale among the staff

was the crowning achievement. Outside Detail Officer Wellborn won an individual award. Her log book documentation was very detailed and neatly entered. The detail van was very clean with all required safety measures in place. The offenders were well disciplined. She shows an exceptional work ethic.

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Contributed by Trippley Powers, Chief Probation Officer, Winder Probation Office



Officers conducting compliance checks



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Winder Police Department

On Aug 29, Officers from the Winder Police Department, Winder Probation Office, Barrow County Sheriff's Department and the State Parole Office joined forces to conduct field supervision of probationers and parolees in the city limits of Winder.

The Winder Probation Office was assisted by officers and resources from probation offices in both Athens and Lawrenceville.

During the operation, 26 officers attempted to make contact with 68 high risk and registered sex offenders to conduct curfew checks and ensure offenders were compliant with all of the conditions of their sentence.

There were 55 interactions conducted with offenders and family members.

Two of the five arrests made were on outstanding probation and parole

warrants along with four felony arrests for Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act and weapons charges.

Approximately two pounds of marijuana was seized along with one firearm and several smaller quantities of other drugs and drug related objects.

The operation was deemed a huge success and plans are already underway for a similar operation in the Fall.

Check out an article that ran in the Barrow Patch regarding the task force operations: <http://barrow.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/six-arrested-during-check-of-probationers-and-parolees>

Wilcox State Prison Audit

Contributed by Terry Edge, Director of Audits & Compliance



L to R: Sr Inspectors Kevin Roberts and Elfrieda Crawley, Warden Antoine Caldwell, Monica Banks and FOM Steve Upton.



L to R: Kay Lann, Linda Bloodsworth, Jane Lamb, Jessica Smith, Kathy Stanley, DW of Admin Marsha Cook, Sr Inspectors Roberts and Crawley, Warden Caldwell, FOM Upton



L to R: Sr Inspectors Roberts and Crawley, Warden Caldwell, Officer Brown and FOM Upton

On Aug 20-21, the Audits and Compliance Unit conducted a comprehensive audit of Wilcox State Prison. The following employees won awards during the audit: Property & Supply Supervisor Monica Banks won an individual award for her work in property control

and Care and Custody property control. She scored 100% in both areas. She is very organized and has excellent accountability in inmate clothing recovery and complete accountability. The Business office won the group award. The auditors were very complimentary of

the teamwork and cooperation exhibited in this group. They scored a 98% with no critical. CERT Officer Antonio Brown won an individual award for his work in inmate drug testing. His system of drug testing is one of the best in the state. He is able to test more than the

minimum number of required tests every month. His paperwork is very organized and efficient. He is a model to be followed statewide. Congratulations to all! You are all an asset to Wilcox State Prison and the agency!

MISSION

The Department of Corrections creates a safer Georgia by effectively managing offenders and providing opportunities for positive change

VISION

To be recognized as the best corrections organization in the nation.



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