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MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF GREG COUNTRYMAN



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

5 YEARS OF STEADY PROGRESSION

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Greetings to all the good Citizens of Muscogee County! I want to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff. It has been an absolute honor to serve you and your family.

The Spirit of the Lord has helped to guide our path towards another great year with steady progression. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

The progress we've made has to do with two things, trusting in the Lord, and acknowledging the Lord in all we do. He has made every crooked road straight and leveled every mountain. I want to also recognize the brave and hardworking men and women with the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. I value your commitment

in working to get the job done for those we serve and protect.

I pray as you read our annual report, that you will see our work and how it has made a difference in our community, as well as how it has contributed to a reduction in crime. As the chief law enforcement official of the county, I am committed to doing my part to keep you safe. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. Therefore, please keep the MCSO in your thoughts and prayers so we may stay the course to get the job done.

With Warmest Regards, I remain,

Gregory D. Countryman Sr.

Gregory D. Countryman Sr.
Muscogee County Sheriff

Sheriff's Accomplishments

The following is a list of accomplishments that Sheriff Countryman has implemented that have never been done before:

1. **Body Worn Cameras for Special Response Team allowing**
2. **Made SRT positions allowable for deputies in the Jail Bureau**
3. **New Gate and Electronic Arm with Card Recognition**
4. **Moved the MCSO Criminal Investigations Units to a new offsite office space**
5. **Improved space efficiency for Field Services to train together. Office space is provided for all field services Sergeants, instead of having them all work out of a single office**
6. **Added a Communication Supervisor position to help supervise and give Sheriff's Office dispatchers updated training**
7. **Added a Colonel Position as Director of Military and Veteran Affairs for Fort Benning**
8. **Improved recruitment efforts using social media, grants, and community outreach**
9. **Added a Public Information Officer**
10. **Jail expansion (Administration, Emergency Communications, Quartermaster, and Training)**
11. **Post Command Sgts for Jail Bureau and Uniform Patrol Services**
12. **Created a gang intelligence unit to better track gang activity at the local and state level**
13. **Increased the manpower for the Sex Offender Registration Unit – there was previously only one deputy for 700+ registered sex offenders; there are now four individuals**
14. **Non-violent offender resource guides for re-entry into the workforce**
15. **Added HEAT Units**
16. **Added Motor Units**
17. **Body Cams for sworn Jail personnel**
18. **Created informational brochures to increase safety awareness**
19. **More than 1,544 guns off the street and $318,250,215.20 in drugs off the streets**
20. **K9 Unit for the Jail/Electronic K9**
21. **Hired a supervisor to advocate for mental health services for those with mental health issues through jail and court services**
22. **Gaming Trailer**
23. **Transitioned to Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) to run gun casings used at crime scenes**
24. **Added Crime Scene Investigation Supervisor**
25. **Added Underwater CSI Investigator/Boat Patrol**
26. **Created Correctional Officer Supervisor Positions at Jail**
27. **Implemented MCSO Park Patrol**
28. **New MCSO Headquarters Building**
29. **Plans for new jail**
30. **Lock system at jail replaced**
31. **New tasers for all officers**
32. **Updated Uniforms/Patches**
33. **Created Annual Reports to communicate with the public about all services that the Sheriff's Office provides (starting in 2021) ***
34. **Lieutenant awarded top gang investigator in the state**
35. **Meritorious Citizen of the Year Awards**
36. **Hired additional chaplains**
37. **Implemented successful work release program for non-violent offenders**
38. **Mental health training**
39. **Medical provider change**
40. **Shop with a Deputy Events**

Sheriff's Accomplishments

41. **Collaborative large-scale multi-operation (with state and federal partners)**
42. **Worked to decrease cartel presence in Muscogee County**
43. **Marketing/Branding Development for the Office of Sheriff**
44. **Expanded Community Outreach**
45. **Invested several millions worth of technology to help us further our investigative efforts to curb crime in Muscogee County**
46. **Implemented two Crime Analyst Positions**
47. **Inmate Behavior Modification Reward Program**
48. **Paying trustee wages for work**
49. **Chirps/Tablet program in Jail**
50. **MCSO Cafe allowing MCSO employees and all first responders to enjoy meals at a reduced cost**
51. **MCSO Fun Friday/Planning Committee initiatives to implement employee morale and community involvement programs**
52. **Increased the number of MCSO Volunteer hours by triple**
53. **Started Sheriff's Advisory Committee**
54. **Started Sheriff's Posse**
55. **Partnered with GBI to work Internet Crimes Against Children cases**
56. **Facial Recognition Jail Software**
57. **Jail Health Insurance Program for Inmates**
58. **Serve and Protect Award Partnership with ACOM**
59. **Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grants/Partnerships**
60. **Added a second armored vehicle for Special Response Team for their protection**
61. **Tripled size of Special Response Team for high risk warrants and crisis**
62. **Increased training for high risk entries**
63. **Firearm training simulator along with shot and bomb simulators for more of real life training scenarios**
64. **Partner with Down Syndrome Association and have the first law enforcement Down Syndrome Awareness/Support Vehicle in the nation**
65. **Partner with Autism Hope Society and updated our Autism Awareness Support Vehicle**
66. **Implemented scholarship program for various nonprofits and charity organizations totaling $212,000.00+ for the last five years**
67. **One of only 21 agencies in the state of Georgia to receive Accreditation from the Georgia Sheriff's Association, based on 236 standards for the Office of Sheriff**
68. **Greatly advanced specialized training on the technology and classroom level**
69. **Maintained strong partnerships with our local, state, and federal partners**
70. **Upon successful completion of the non-violent inmate work release program, we have had multiple success stories giving inmates a fresh start**
71. **Partnered with Goodwill to reduce the recidivism rate by providing access to resources for released inmates to achieve gainful employment**
72. **Host two annual grand employee appreciation events to give all employees and their families a chance to attend**
73. **Implemented work retreat programs to further camaraderie and teamwork across all areas**
74. **Updated a large portion of our fleet of vehicles**
75. **Ensured that all of our deputies/investigators have level 3 bullet proof body armor**
76. **Ensured all Jail Employees have stab vests for their safety**
77. **Invested in less-lethal options for the Jail to help reduce inmate violence towards MCSO staff**
78. **Implemented tactical medic positions who operate ambulance for all high risk warrants and calls**
79. **Implemented Jail Mail scanning to increase security at the Jail**
80. **Updated radio communications dispatch system to provide better service to all officers**
81. **Created the first MCSO Mascot – Scogee Bear and allowed children of the community to name him**
82. **Hosted Operation We Care – where we were able to purchase Christmas gifts for over 43 children/families**
83. **Hosted Operation Good Samaritan – providing holiday meals/groceries to over 200 families in Muscogee County**

Sheriff's Executive Staff

The Sheriff's Executive Staff are employees who report directly to the Sheriff. They serve as liaisons for the Sheriff and are the only individuals entrusted with all communications that go through the Sheriff. They support the Sheriff's sworn and administrative needs, respectively, to assist him with carrying out his mandated duties and responsibilities effectively and efficiently. They work in tandem with the Sheriff on all executive-level tasks and are on call 24/7 to assist as directed. In addition to their regular job duties, each employee provides additional services as required by the Sheriff. This includes, but is not limited to, official memos, public information, press releases, press conferences, marketing, branding, financial management, community outreach, community engagement, social media, scheduling, HEAT, motors, chaplain services, sex offender management, budget development, and media relations.



Major John Thomas
Executive Officer to the Sheriff



Captain Larry Marshall
Executive Officer to the Sheriff



Chelsey Brooks
Executive Assistant to the Sheriff



Rebecca Osbon
Finance Manager

Sheriff's Advisory Committee

The Sheriff's Advisory Committee is a diverse group of 21 individuals from the community with business, educational, medical, clergy, military, philanthropy, and non-profit experience. The committee's purpose is to provide a forum for constructive dialogue between community members and law enforcement. Committee members are encouraged to participate in the conversation to provide input to the Sheriff and his designees. They review procedures and recommendations for areas of focus and improvement, as well as neighborhoods of concern that require attention. The goal of the committee is to support the Sheriff's Office in providing positive momentum and impact to the community we serve. They also serve as advisors to the Sheriff.


WANDA AMOS


VIVIAN BISHOP


AMY BRYAN


ROBERT CHOPPA


JOHNNY CARGILL


JIMMY ELDER


SELVIN HOLLINGSWORTH


BOB JONES


DR. ALONZO JONES


GENE KEMP


REGGIE LEWIS


GERALD MILEY


DL MOORE


JACK PEZOLD


MAC PLUMMER


ALTON RUSSELL


DR. SHIKHA SHAH


GLORIA STRODE


JOHN STACY


JOHN STEED


JACK WARDEN

Letter from the Chief Deputy



On behalf of the men and women of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, I am honored to serve this community. Our goal is to use a 21st-century approach with innovative, community-oriented methods to ensure the safety and trust of our residents. Sheriff Greg Countryman, Sr., demands our commitment to integrity and working together to make our county a better place to live, work, and visit.

I've learned, through actively enforcing the laws of this state, that community problems are best addressed by working in partnership with our citizens to continue improving public relations and increasing public confidence. The talented employees of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office are here to listen to your needs and strive to be open and honest with the community, for whom we humbly serve. I truly believe in maintaining a high level of professionalism in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office and ensuring a high quality of public safety.

The entire agency will continue to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and teamwork, as we work together to make our county a better place to live, work, and visit. On behalf of the Sheriff, we thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you.

Larry Parker Jr.

Larry Parker Jr.
Chief Deputy
Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Command Staff

The Sheriff's Command Staff members are appointed by the Sheriff to oversee the various Bureaus and areas of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. They are highly trained and experienced with a vast wealth of knowledge of their respective areas and beyond.



COLONEL JOE MCCREA
JAIL BUREAU/PATROL



COLONEL DEREK JOHNSON
MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS



COMMANDER ROBERT TROMBLEY
JAIL BUREAU



MAJOR MYRON STRANGE
UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU



MAJOR LAUREN STINSON
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU



MAJOR JOHN WADE
HUMAN RESOURCES



COMMAND SERGEANT CALVIN PUGH
JAIL BUREAU



POST COMMAND SGT MANNY ELLAS
UNIFORM PATROL/PARK PATROL/MOTORS/HEAT

Deputy Commanders

Captains

Captains in the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office report directly to the Majors of their respective Bureaus and are a vital part of our management team.



CAPTAIN GLENDA HALL
JAIL BUREAU



CAPTAIN CHRIS TOELLE
JAIL BUREAU



CAPTAIN SHANE HUMPHRIES
BUILDING SECURITY



CAPTAIN CEDRIC HOLTON
COLLABORATIVE
INTELLIGENGE GROUP



CAPTAIN CLIFTON BARRETT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS
BUREAU



CAPTAIN FELIX DAVILA
TRAINING BUREAU



CAPTAIN TONY COOPER
UNIFORM SERVICES
AND PATROL BUREAU



CAPTAIN MOISES OBREGON
UNIFORM SERVICES
AND PATROL BUREAU

Lieutenants

Lieutenants



LIEUTENANT
ROBERT AUSTIN



LIEUTENANT
DAVID BATASTINI



LIEUTENANT
MARK CAMERON



LIEUTENANT
WALTER CARTER



LIEUTENANT
MIKE DAILEY



LIEUTENANT
JANET DAY



LIEUTENANT
TAMMY FOSTER



LIEUTENANT
SPENCER FRANKLIN



LIEUTENANT
JEREMY HATTAWAY



LIEUTENANT
BILL JESSEE



LIEUTENANT
BRYAN IRELAND



LIEUTENANT
ERIC STINSON



LIEUTENANT
LOUIS THOMAS



LIEUTENANT
RYAN TOELLE



LIEUTENANT
ANA VESGA



LIEUTENANT
RAY THORNTON



LIEUTENANT
ALFRED TORRES



LIEUTENANT
SULI SENE



LIEUTENANT
CYNTHIA ZEISLOFT

Office of the Sheriff

"5 Years of Steady Progression."

Office of Sheriff v. A Department

Many people have asked what is the difference between an office and a department. A 'department' is defined as a division of the government, with a specific function, subject, or area of expertise, whereas, an 'office', in the constitutional sense, implies an authority to exercise some portion of the sovereign power either in making, executing, or administering the laws. The Office of Sheriff is not simply another 'department' of county government. The internal operation of an Office of Sheriff is the **sole** responsibility of the elected Sheriff.

County department heads are subordinate to a county governing body because a 'department' is truly only a division of county government. The Office of Sheriff is a statutory/constitutional office, having exclusive powers and authority under state law and/or state constitution. These inherent powers are not subject to the dictates of a local county governing body.

The Office of Sheriff has inherent common law powers and sovereignty granted under a state's constitution and/or state law. It is different from a county department, which derives its limited authority from whatever is delegated to it by statute.

Source: National Sheriff's Association

Office of the Sheriff

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Duties of the Sheriff

The Georgia Constitution decreed that there was to be an Office of Sheriff in each county in the State of Georgia. Georgia state legislation designates the Sheriff as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in each county. The Sheriff is one of four constitutional officers, which also includes the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Tax Commissioner, and the Probate Court Judge. A Sheriff obtains his or her powers from Georgia's Constitution and common law. **The Sheriff's Office is not a department of county government, and the Sheriff is not subject to the county government. Sheriffs and their deputies have statewide jurisdiction.** The word 'Sheriff' is mentioned over 600 times in *state* law.



The Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer and the Chief Jailer in the county in which they serve. The Sheriff has arrest powers and must maintain law and order in his/her county. The Sheriff is charged with the safety and security of all government buildings, including the courts. The Sheriff, or his/her designee, must also serve as Bailiff to the Superior Court. The Sheriff must take custody of county inmates, as well as provide them with medical care. The Sheriff is also responsible for serving criminal warrants, serving civil papers, monitoring and ensuring compliance with all registered sex offenders, conducting background checks, handling evictions, serving and enforcing protective orders, and enforcing the orders of the court.

Vision & Mission Statements

"5 Years of Steady Progression."

Mission

It is the mission of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to provide quality law enforcement, jail, court security, civil services, and community outreach to the citizens and visitors of Muscogee County, Georgia. We are dedicated to those who have bestowed their trust in us to serve and protect their quality of life to the best of our ability.

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to this mission and to the people we serve to ensure that Muscogee County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Vision

Our vision is to work as law enforcement and community partners for excellence through education, 21st Century training, technology, mentorship and empowering our sworn and non-sworn staff to provide the highest level of professional services to the citizens of Muscogee County. We also want the public to build the public's confidence and trust to know their Sheriff's Office is working on behalf of those we serve.

"We won't stop until the criminals do."

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MCSO

2021-2026

5 YEAR STAT TOTALS

Drugs Seized:

$318,250,215.20

Over 318 million dollars in drugs seized

Felony Arrests:

5,927

Warrants Served:

16,376

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MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MCSO

2021-2026

5 YEAR STAT TOTALS

Firearms Seized:



1,544

Sex Offenders Checked:

32,749

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MUSCOGEE COUNTY MCSO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2025 STATISTICS

Drugs Seized:
$7,135,265.20

Felony Arrests: **859**

Warrants Served: **4,287**

Firearms Seized: **175**



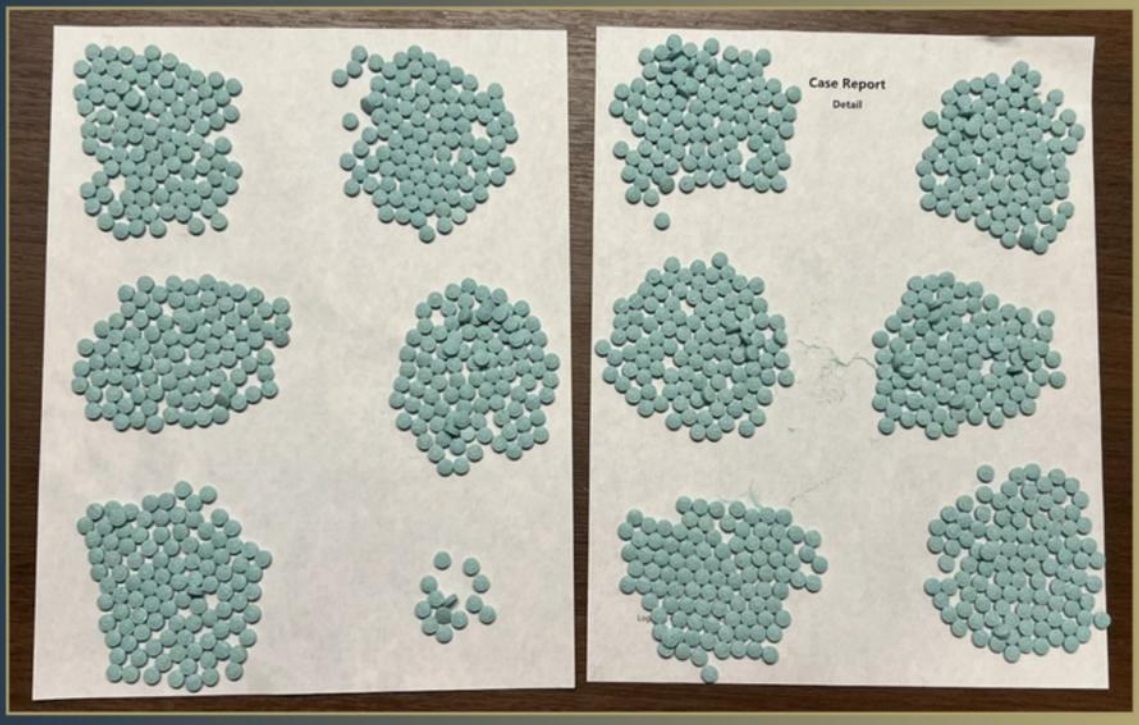
Sex Offenders Checked: **8,163**

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Moving Towards a Safer Muscogee County

Seizure Examples





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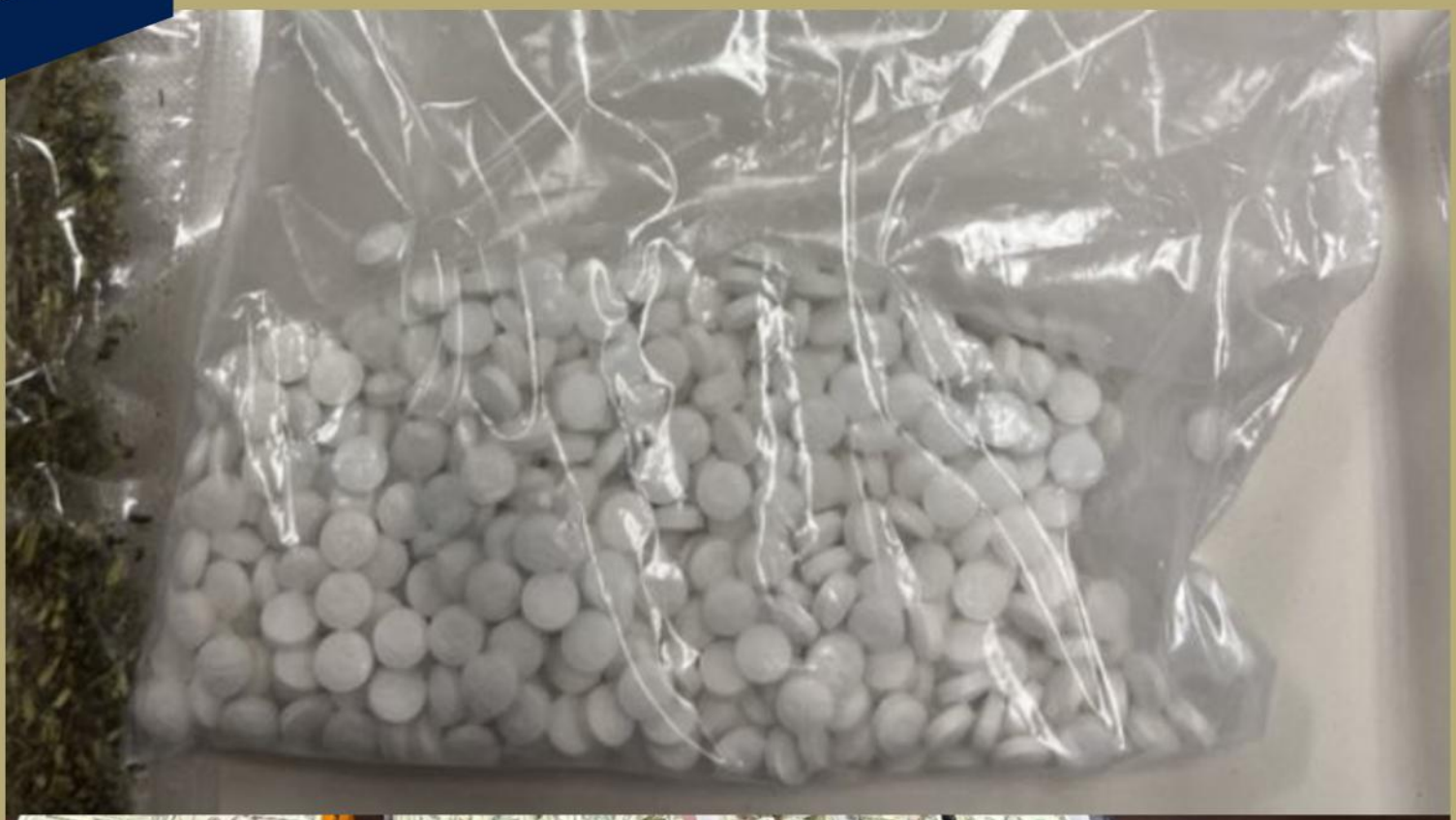




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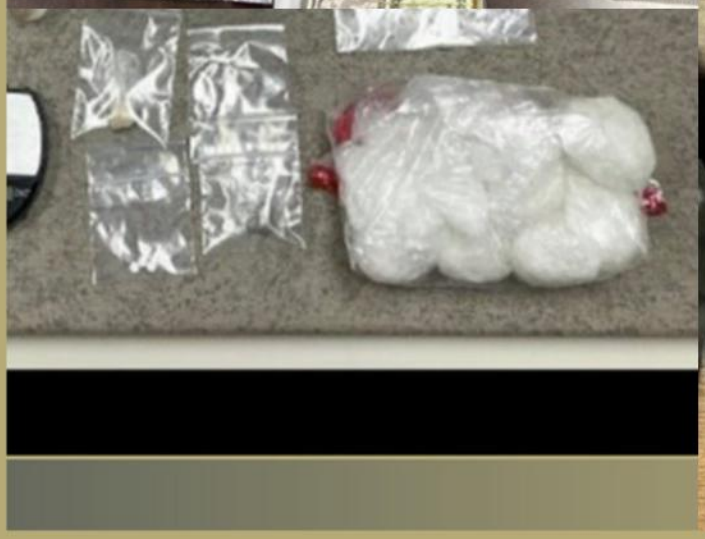


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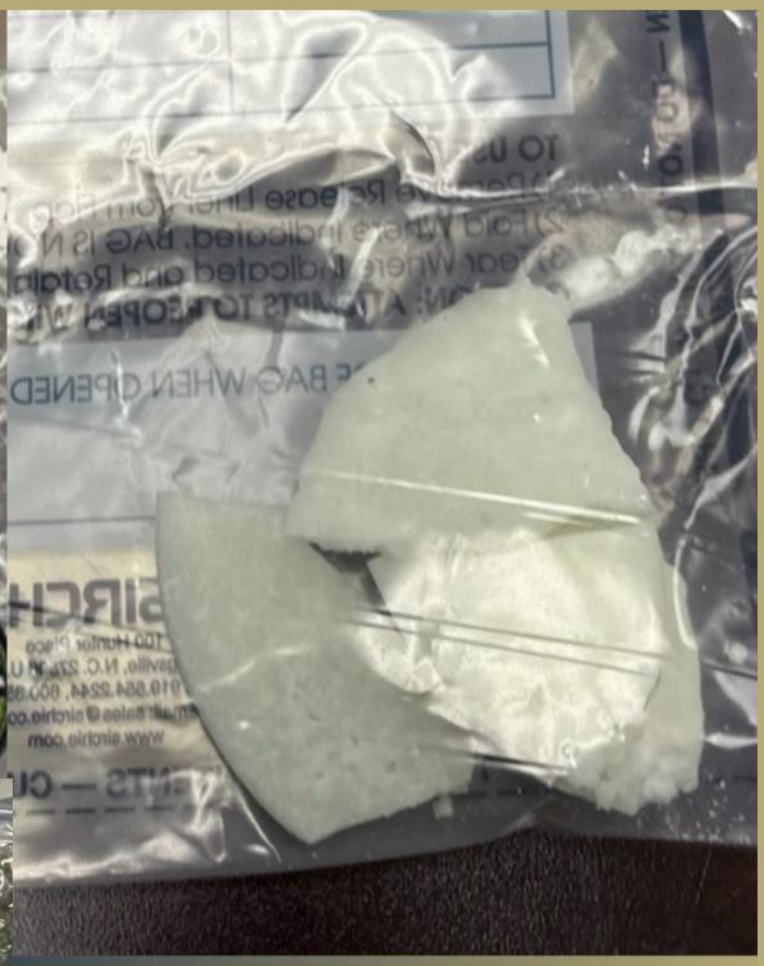


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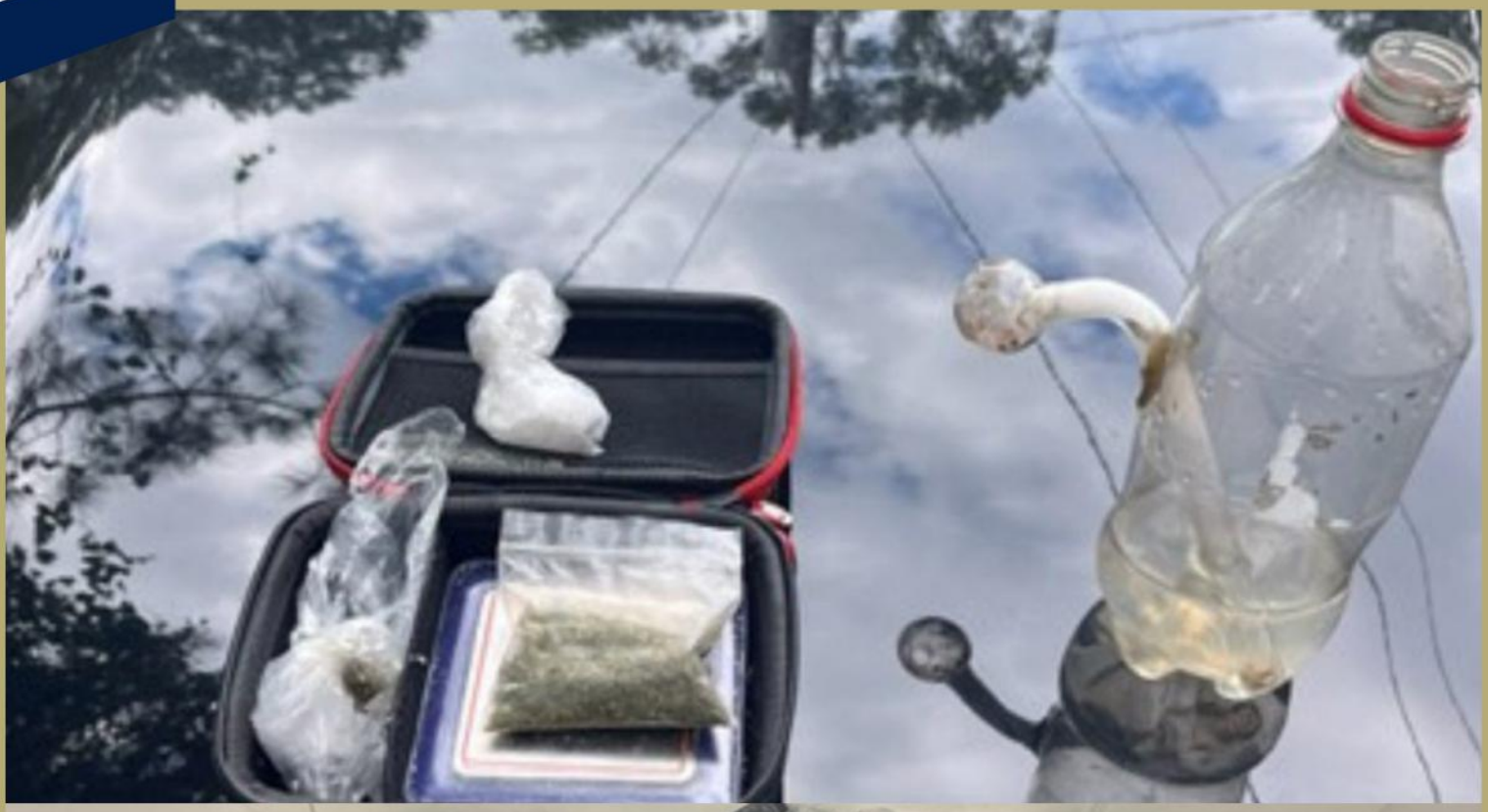




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Operation We Care





In honor of the late Sheriff Gene Hodge

Sheriff Gene Hodge's motto for the MCSO was "We Care" and in 2025 Team MCSO partnered with Sheriff's Advisory Committee Member Wanda Amos to purchase Christmas gifts and holiday meals for 53 children in need. The MCSO convoy escorted the children to Walmart, where they were able to purchase gifts for their families.







"We love our community because our community loves us."

Operation Good Samaritan







Operation Good Samaritan: Phase I

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office was able to provide groceries to 230 Muscogee County families during Phase 1 of Operation Good Samaritan. Each family received four bags of grocery items during a critical time. This was all thanks to our sponsors and those in the community who donated! We'd like to extend our thanks especially to Wanda Amos, Catch-a-Cab, our local Sam's Club, and our amazing citizens for their support and generosity!



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MCSO Mascot
Scogee Bear



Meet the newest addition to the MCSO Family!

Sheriff Greg Countryman held a contest for the kids of Muscogee County to help us name our newest MCSO employee. We first introduced Deputy Scogee Bear and the contest winners to the Mayor and City Council. Deputy Scogee has been doing a phenomenal job in our community so far!







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Lights, Camera Action!



Filming The Life and Deaths of Wilson Shedd

In the spring of 2025, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office proudly hosted the filming of the feature motion picture The Life and Deaths of Wilson Shedd at the Muscogee County Jail and in the surrounding area. Starring Tim Blake Nelson and Amanda Seyfried, the production brought a major motion picture into an active correctional facility, requiring extensive coordination, professionalism, and flexibility by our staff. Several Muscogee County Sheriff's Office employees were also featured as extras, further highlighting the involvement and support of our agency. This unique collaboration demonstrated our ability to safely accommodate a large-scale film production while maintaining daily operations, marking a noteworthy accomplishment for the Sheriff's Office in 2025.

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MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COLLABORATIVE INTELLIGENCE GROUP

Sheriff Countryman realized the necessity of utilizing technology and intelligence to combat crime to ensure a safer Muscogee County. Sheriff Countryman created a specialized unit within the Sheriff's Office comprised of investigators with specialized skill sets in intelligence and technology. The Collaborative Intelligence Group, also known as "CIG", was formed. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office utilized over 2 million dollars in specialized equipment that will enhance the investigative and intelligence-gathering mission of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. This equipment will assist in surveillance and the exploitation of electronic devices under the guidelines of the law.

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has invested in training intelligence analysts to assist with investigations involving criminal street gangs, drug trafficking organizations, and internet crimes against children (ICAC). The Sheriff has also invested in the training of criminal analysts to support these operations.

Criminal intelligence is information about people or groups suspected of criminal activity. It's used to prevent, investigate, and prosecute crimes. The CIG will utilize this collected intelligence to analyze trends and patterns of these groups that will support the decision-making process to allocate resources and to collect information and evidence that will support prosecution. Working closely with the District Attorney's Office to ensure the entire organizations are prosecuted instead of a few of the individuals, will set the tone for a safer Muscogee County.

The CIG is dedicated to working with our partners at the local, state, and federal levels. This includes partnerships with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Coweta County Sheriff's Office, Russell County Sheriff's Office, and Lee County Sheriff's Office. At the state level, the Sheriff's Office is partnered with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations ICAC unit and the newly established GBI West Georgia Gang Task Force. CIG also partnered with the Georgia State Patrol to assist in street-level investigations. Muscogee County also received a dedicated prosecutor and investigator from the Georgia Attorney General's Gang Prosecution Unit in 2024, which has partnered with CIG. At the federal level, CIG is partnered with the FBI, DEA, ATF, HSI, US Marshal's Service, Secret Service, and the Fort Moore Criminal Investigations Division.

The information and intelligence sharing between these groups is paramount in getting convictions of our offenders at the state and federal levels. These convictions ensure justice is served on our citizens and ensure an overall safer Muscogee County.

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COLLABORATIVE INTELLIGENCE GROUP



Overall Stats

- Marijuana Seized - 678.3 lbs
- Cocaine Seized - 21.5 lbs
- Mushrooms Seized - 6.7 lbs
- Fentanyl Seized - 294.1 grams
- Heroin Seized - 54 grams
- Xanax Seized - 2,336 pills
- Oxycodone Seized - 318 pills
- Mushroom Bars Seized - 200
- THC Cartridges Seized - 2,029
- Amphetamine Seized - 502 pills
- **Total Drug Value: $4,433,571.00**
- Firearms Seized - 73
- US Currency Seized - $672,051.00
- Vehicles Seized - 39
- Capital Murder Arrests- 2
- Felony Murder Arrests- 4
- Aggravated Assault Arrests - 3
- Multiple Cartel Members Arrested
- 2,200 Hours of Intel Surveillance

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COLLABORATIVE INTELLIGENCE GROUP



ICAC Electronics K9 Ryder

- **Total ICAC Cases - 65**
- **ICAC Cases Closed - 45**
- **Electronics K9 Deployed - 45**
- **Devices Found - 37**
- **Human Trafficking Charges - 22 Suspects**
- **Computer or Electronic Pornography and Child Exploitation Act Charges - 25 Suspects**

Finding Tip Toe







Did you find Tip Toe and win lunch on us?

Sheriff Greg Countryman and the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office asked for the public's help to 'Find TipToe' aka Corporal Grayson Dutton of the Motor Squad. Anyone who could find TipToe and take a selfie with him won a $25 gift card to Chick Fil A courtesy of Team MCSO!







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Fun Friday Crew



Boosting Employee Morale for the MCSO

Sheriff Countryman and the Fun Friday Team launched a morale-building initiative at the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to strengthen teamwork and enhance employee engagement, recognizing that high morale is essential for a safe and professional law enforcement environment. This program reached new levels in 2025 through a series of squad-versus-squad challenges for the coveted Squad Belt, including a paintball tournament and a football skills competition that reinforced the importance of accountability and mutual support. Since then, the Fun Friday Committee and the MCSO Planning Committee have joined forces to host a variety of agency-wide events, ranging from holiday trivia and gingerbread house contests to weekly pick'ems, the "Ride or Die" competition, and March Madness brackets. This dedicated group remains committed to fostering a culture of unity, resilience, and pride, providing positive outlets for stress that support the overall welfare and success of the entire MCSO family.

"One team. One fight. This is the MCSO Family."

Fun Friday Crew

Boosting Employee Morale for the MCSO



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MCSO Spotlight



Chef Eric Smith

Eric A. Smith arrived in Columbus, GA from Florida in 1970, carrying a belief that great opportunity grows where you plant your roots. Today, that belief shines as he serves as Head Chef for the MCSO Cafe, bringing passion, precision, and a personal touch to every plate. It began with a single, memorable gesture—a pork chop sandwich purchased from Eric's well-established food truck, BIG BOY Barbecue, for Sheriff Countryman at the Greater Chattahoochee Columbus Fair. Impressed by his culinary skills, Sheriff Countryman soon offered Eric the Head Chef role in our upscale café. Since then, he has become the culinary heartbeat of the MCSO, shaping menus from comforting grits to perfectly grilled steaks. Eric's cooking isn't just about nourishment. It is about keeping culture, and the many days of serving staff and the community. As a devoted family man, Eric sees colleagues as family. "It's been an honor to work among good people," he says. "This is family, and it feels like I've been here for years." As he continues to lead with culinary care, the MCSO community is grateful for the intentionality he brings to every meal and his unwavering consistency.

MCSO Spotlight



Terry Crocker Jr.

Terry Crocker Jr. embodies the spirit of perseverance and redemption. After spending six months in jail, Terry returned to his community with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to making better choices for himself and his family. During his incarceration, Terry lightheartedly told Sheriff Countryman that he would be interested in working as a janitor—a role he noticed was underserved and in need of reliable hands. Sheriff Countryman saw in Terry not just an interest in a job, but a renewed determination to prove himself and contribute to the community he calls home. Today, Terry is an employee of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), where he brings dedication, reliability, and a strong work ethic to his role. He is genuinely grateful for the second chance he received. He acknowledges that while he made poor choices in the past, this opportunity provides him with ongoing motivation to stay committed, focused, and to be a positive example for his family of six. "People to me are irreplaceable," Terry explains. "Since I've been working at the MCSO, I'm amazed at the level of honor and respect I've experienced. I've found that my past mistakes do not define me here." His perspective reflects the core values of our agency. Terry's story is more than a personal turnaround; it's a testament to the power of second chances.

Community Outreach



Community Outreach

Sheriff Greg Countryman is big on community outreach. He strongly believes in order to have strong community outreach, we must first have a strong community in-reach. This means we have already established a good working relationship with our community and their needs. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach unit is a dedicated group of deputies and correctional officers that serve the people of Muscogee County, as well as those internally. They visit schools, senior homes, and churches. We also partner with Project Lifesaver - an international organization that provides tracking bands to individuals with cognitive impairments. The MCSO has an Autism Support and Down Syndrome Support vehicle to further raise awareness in our area. The MCSO partnered with the local CWA to raise money for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes. We also partnered with CURE and Columbus Fire & EMS to raise money for Pediatric Cancer. We also have a Gaming Trailer, a Mobile Food Trailer, and a Catering Grill Trailer to serve our community one meal at a time!

- **COMMUNITY EVENTS ATTENDED - 207**
- **TOTAL HOURS WORKED - 8,261**

Community Outreach



Community Partnerships & Faith in Action

- Cure Violence
- Project Lifesaver
- MCSO Breast Cancer Awareness
- MCSO Autism Awareness
- Autism Hope Center Partnership
- National Faith and Blue Initiative
- National Night Out
- Stop Domestic Violence
- Alzheimer's Awareness
- DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back
- Special Olympics
- Columbus Against Drugs (CAD)
- Home for Good
- United Way
- SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girls Inc.
- Boys and Girls Club
- Hispanic Outreach
- Tri-City Latino Festival
- Keep Columbus Beautiful
- Keep Columbus Warm
- Community Helpers
- Valley Rescue Mission
- Shirley B. Winston Trunk or Treat
- Spooktacular Citywide Trunk or Treat
- Blue Lights and Smiles
- Operation We Care
- Safety and Carseat Giveaway
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Helping East Highland Rid Drugs
- Carver Heights Against Drugs
- White House Teen
- Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes
- YMCA
- Gaming Trailer for Countywide Schools
- Down Syndrome Association
- CURE Pediatric Cancer
- Operation Good Samaritan

Community Outreach



Fundraising Efforts for 5 Years

For the past five years, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has raised over **$212,000.00** for local charities and non-profit organizations. This includes **$110,000.00** for the Georgia Sheriff Youth Homes and **$60,000.00** in scholarships for organizations such as Girls Inc., Boy Scouts of America, the Columbus Community Center, and the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Columbus. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has also made significant donations to Project Lifesaver participants, the Alzheimer's Association, Special Olympics, Pink Partners Piedmont Hospital, sponsored an event for the GA Chiefs Association, all local public safety departments, American Little League, Pioneer Little League, Firecrackers Softball, Back the Blue, Accountability Court, and many of our local schools. These are just a few examples and the list continues to grow every day!

- **DONATIONS TO CHARITIES/NON-PROFITS - $212,000.00 +**

Community Outreach











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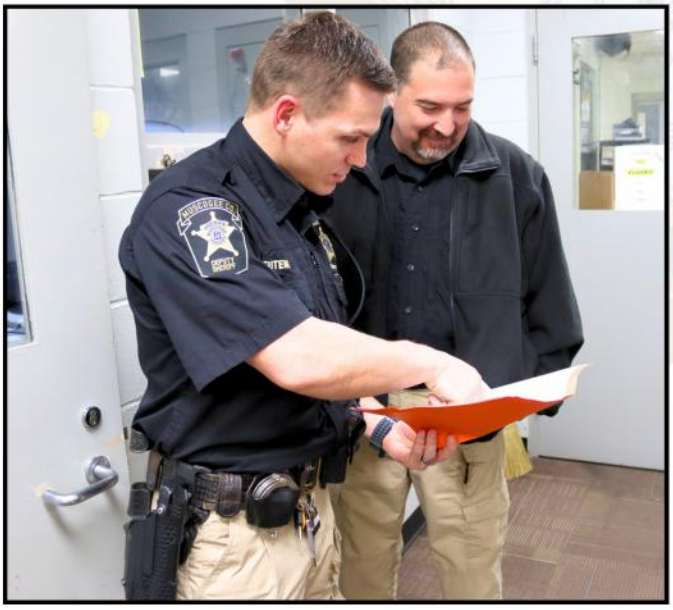
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Jail Bureau



Overall Stats

In accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, the Muscogee County Jail is the mandated responsibility of the Muscogee County Sheriff. In addition to protecting the jail employees, contractors, and the public from dangerous criminals, federal and state laws also require that we must provide for the safety, health, and welfare of the inmates housed inside the Jail. Finally, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is required to review and develop security procedures that preserve the Jail from injury and waste. The Jail Bureau employees did outstanding work for the year.



- **Total # of Inmates Booked - 8,168**
- **Males Booked - 5,852**
- **Females Booked - 2,316**
- **Inmates Who Made Bond with the Courts - 11,670**
- **Inmates Fingerprinted - 7,970**
- **DUI Tests Administered - 228**
- **Jail Escapes - 0**

Jail Bureau



Fugitive Transport Unit

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Trip Team is responsible for the secure extradition and transport of wanted fugitives back to Muscogee County from jurisdictions across the United States. These operations ensure that individuals accused of serious felony offenses, including murder, rape, aggravated assault, child molestation, armed robbery, and other violent crimes, are returned to face prosecution, providing accountability and closure for victims and the community.

- **Total Miles Driven - 86,021**
- **Total Miles Flown – 27,049**
- **Total Transport Warrants – 262**
- **Total Transport Hours – 7,353**
- **Total Number of Inmates Transferred – 606**

Jail Bureau



Jail Kitchen

The Muscogee County Jail kitchen serves as a cornerstone of the Bureau's daily operations, managing a high-volume mission to provide breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks for the entire inmate population and staff. Our team excels in complex nutritional management, meticulously adhering to medical diets (including prenatal and diabetic care) and diverse religious requirements. Highlighting our commitment to excellence, the facility recently achieved a perfect 100 score from the Health Department, reflecting our unwavering standards for safety and sanitation.

- **Total # of Meals Served - 1,253,832**
- **Health Score - 100%**


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Jail Bureau



Jail Medical

Every Sheriff in the State of Georgia has a mandated duty to provide medical care for the inmates residing in their Jail. The MCSO is in contract with a medical provider, who provides on-site medical services to all inmates within the Jail. The medical provider is not a direct function of the MCSO. They are a contract provider who answers to their own medical company. However, the medical provider is not equipped to handle all types of medical services in-house, such as surgeries, dialysis, and different types of diagnostic testing services. These would be deemed as outside medical services.

- **Health Care Provider Visits – 15,634**
- **Office Visits - 432**
- **Outside Medical Appointments – 577**
- **Dental Service Appts – 527**
- **X-Rays – 449**
- **Ultrasounds – 56**
- **Medication Costs - $729,589.00**
- **Sick Call Requests - 9,403**



Jail Bureau

Jail Medical Provider

FirstClass HEALTHCARE

In June 2025, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office entered into a partnership with FirstClass Healthcare following a competitive RFP process. As a physician-owned and led organization, FirstClass Healthcare brought a unique clinical perspective to our facility, prioritizing medical integrity and provider-driven leadership. This transition has marked a new era of stability and excellence for the Muscogee County Jail. Most notably, in an era where healthcare staffing remains a national challenge, FirstClass has achieved an impressive 98% staffing rate, ensuring that our facility remains safe, compliant, and fully operational around the clock. The impact of this partnership is best reflected in the comprehensive volume of care delivered within the first six months of operations. This proactive approach is highlighted by the successful completion of nearly 3,900 intake screenings and over 1,600 comprehensive health assessments, ensuring that medical issues are identified and stabilized immediately upon arrival. A core pillar of the FirstClass Healthcare model is its robust Mental Health program, which has significantly expanded our capacity to manage complex psychiatric needs. With over 6,100 mental health encounters—including thousands of follow-up visits and over 1,100 suicide watch treatment plans—the clinical team has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to patient safety and crisis prevention. Additionally, the program maintains a high-frequency presence in restricted housing, completing 6,342 rounds in isolation and segregation units to ensure the continued well-being of our most vulnerable populations.

Jail Bureau

Jail Medical Provider

FirstClass HEALTHCARE

Service Category	Total Encounters
Total Mental Health Visits	6,157
Total Intake Screenings	3,895
Sick Call & Urgent Care Visits	1,415
Health Assessments (History & Physicals)	1,667
Chronic Care Clinic Visits	432
Dental Procedures	299
Infectious Disease Clinic Visits	27
Isolation/Segregation Rounds	6,342
Kiosk Health Requests Processed	4,763

Source: FirstClass Healthcare - numbers from June 2025 - December 2025

By leveraging a physician-led management team and an evidence-based approach to correctional medicine, FirstClass Healthcare has not only improved the quality of care for residents but has also enhanced the overall security and efficiency of the Muscogee County Jail.

Jail Bureau



Outside Medical Services

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the custody and security of all inmates, including those requiring medical care outside the jail facility. While the jail clinic staff handle many routine medical issues, certain conditions necessitate outside medical appointments, emergency treatment, or extended hospital stays. Whenever an inmate is transported for medical care, whether for routine follow-up, emergency treatment, or specialized procedures, a deputy must always remain with the individual. The level of security required depends on the severity of the inmate's charges, which may necessitate multiple deputies for supervision. This responsibility extends to all hospital visits, including emergency rooms, doctor's offices, and rehabilitation or physical therapy sessions.

In some cases, inmates may require hospitalization for days or even weeks, during which deputies must maintain constant supervision. This ensures both the safety of medical staff and the security of the inmate while receiving necessary treatment.

Number of Hours Guarding Inmates at Hospital - 5,018

equivalent to 209 days

Jail Bureau

Mental Health Services

During the past year, the Mental Health Services Liaison position within the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has continued to support the coordination and oversight of mental health services for individuals housed in the county jail. The primary focus of this role has been to improve access to behavioral health treatment, strengthen interagency collaboration, and promote continuity of care during incarceration and upon release.



SGT. TALITHA RAMSEY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Progress has been achieved through sustained collaboration with judicial partners, community providers, and state agencies. Ongoing coordination has been essential in addressing court-ordered evaluations, treatment, and legal status for inmates with significant mental health needs. Clinical collaboration with New Horizons and FirstClass Healthcare has supported treatment planning and continuity of care for individuals requiring ongoing behavioral health services.

The Mental Health Services Liaison has maintained active partnerships with community-based organizations to expand available resources for the incarcerated population. These partnerships include Safe House Ministries, Able Ministries, New Beginnings Methadone Treatment Center, and Clarvida (formerly AmericanWork), just to name a few.

"These efforts reflect continued progress toward a coordinated, treatment-focused approach to addressing mental illness within the Muscogee County Jail and reinforce the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office's commitment to improving outcomes for this underserved population."

Mental Health Inmates Seen in 2025 - 14,324

Jail Bureau



Chaplain Services

The Chaplain Services unit of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office offers spiritual support and guidance to both Sheriff's Office personnel and inmates at the Muscogee County Jail. On a daily basis, our chaplains visit all units and areas at the Sheriff's Office, engage with staff through prayer and fellowship, and similarly make daily rounds within the jail to visit inmates. The Chaplain Services unit is committed to providing spiritual care to a diverse community, accommodating individuals of various religious backgrounds. In 2025, the chaplains distributed 690 Bibles to inmates, facilitated communion for 281 participants, and baptized 636 individuals within the jail. They served 17,507 inmates in 2025. This supports rehabilitation and successful community reintegration.

Chaplains play a significant role in the community. They reach out to people in need and assist in any way possible. Their mission is to bridge the gap between incarceration and re-entry, by equipping individuals with the tools for stability and long-term success.

Jail Bureau



Trustee Re-Entry Program

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is committed to doing more than simply housing individuals in custody. Through our Jail Reentry Program, we are creating meaningful opportunities for growth, accountability, and personal development for those entrusted to our care. Many individuals enter the jail on minor charges, often the result of poor decisions or momentary lapses in judgment, not a lack of potential or character. Recognizing this, the Sheriff's Office provides structured opportunities for inmates to work in various capacities within the facility. These opportunities allow participants to demonstrate responsibility, work ethic, and a desire to improve their lives.

Participants in the program are not defined by their charges. They are individuals who will return to our community as neighbors, family members, and contributing citizens. By engaging in productive work, they gain confidence, practical skills, and a renewed sense of purpose and self-worth, qualities essential for successful reintegration into society.
This year, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is proud to highlight three dedicated female trustees who serve at our headquarters. Their professionalism, reliability, and commitment play a vital role in maintaining a clean, organized, and efficient environment. Their contributions also allow sworn and civilian staff to focus on critical operational responsibilities.

The Jail Reentry Program represents a unique and invaluable partnership—one that benefits our agency, strengthens our community, and affirms our belief that opportunity, accountability, and support can change lives.

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Trustee Re-Entry Program

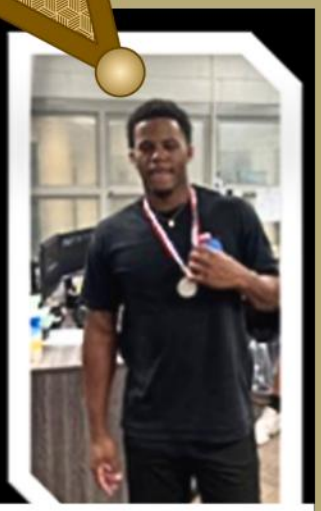
"I'm only 21 years old, and I've already seen how quickly life can go in the wrong direction. This time in the Trustee Program changed me. It helped me understand that my past mistakes don't have to define my future. The structure, responsibility, and support I received showed me there is more to life than crime and incarceration. For the first time, I believe I can make better choices and build a better life."
— Anijah Anderson, Reentry Program Participant

"The re-entry program helped me understand that while I can't change my past, I can choose my future. Through accountability, hard work, and support, I learned that real progress happens one step at a time. This program gave me the opportunity to grow and invest in myself in ways that will stay with me long after my time here."
– Leilini Paleafei, Reentry Program Participant

"My time in jail was one of the hardest periods of my life, but it also became a turning point. The trustee program gave me structure, responsibility, and a sense of trust that helped me rebuild discipline and pride in myself. Working alongside officers who treated me with respect made a real difference and showed me I was capable of doing better. The experience taught me accountability and the importance of positive support as I prepare for reentry."
— Shannon Taylor, Reentry Program Participant

Jail Bureau





Jail Games 2025

In the high-pressure environment of the Sheriff's Office Jail Bureau, camaraderie and mental resilience are the foundations of a successful team. In 2025, the Fun Friday Committee took this mission to a new level by launching the inaugural Jail Games, an ambitious Olympic-style competition that transformed the facility into an arena of athleticism, strategy, and esprit de corps. The scale of this undertaking was truly significant, as the Fun Friday team worked tirelessly to plan, execute, and clean up thirty unique events over a grueling thirty-day period.

The atmosphere throughout the month was electric as jail squads and details faced off in a variety of challenges. While the competition was fierce, the true success of the games lay in how they fostered a deep sense of teamwork and mutual respect among the staff.

As we move into 2026, the success of the 2025 Jail Games has set a new standard for our agency's culture and internal unity. Building on this incredible momentum, the Fun Friday Committee is now looking to expand this tradition by opening the competition to the entire Sheriff's Office. This will solidify the bonds made during these games and translate into the trust and devotion needed to carry out the MCSO mission with the utmost integrity and respect for one another.

Jail Bureau

Jail Games 2025



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MCSO Motors



- Number of Units - 3
- Patrol Miles Driven - 49,355
- Citations Issued - 5,286
- Criminal Arrests - 192
- DUI Arrests - 2
- Speeders (15mph+) - 1,474
- Super Speeders (20mph+) - 879
- Fugitives Apprehended - 141
- Accidents Worked - 72
- Citizen Contacts - 10,036
- Warrants Served - 481

MCSO
PARK PATROL



PARK PATROL

In 2025, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office continued in its commitment to protect the citizens of Muscogee County by creating the MCSO Park Patrol. The park patrol consists of 10 deputies and 2 supervisors, organized into 2 squads to provide a presence on the River Walk, bike trails, and parks 7 days a week, 365 days a year. MCSO Park Patrol focuses on showing a strong, consistent presence in the parks to deter criminal activities and follow up on any complaints of criminal behavior in the parks. Along with standard patrol vehicles, the Park Patrol utilizes Trikkes, ATVs, and Bicycles to ensure they can access any area of the parks where citizens may need assistance.

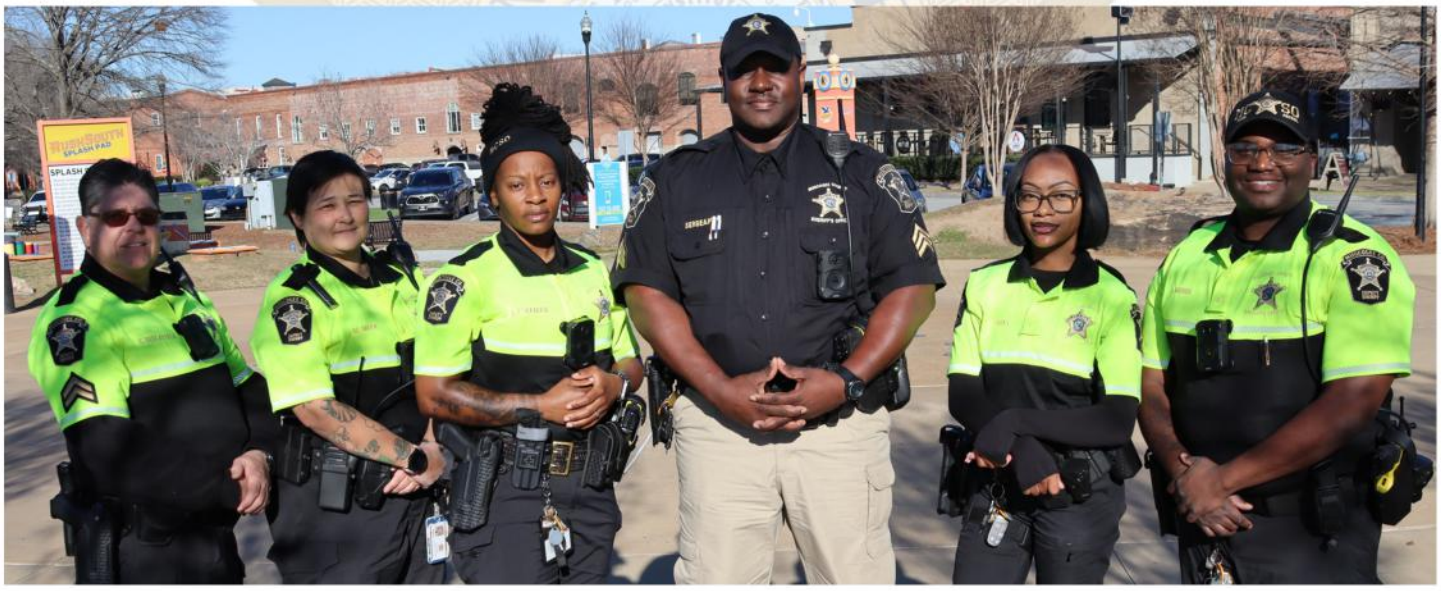


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PARK PATROL

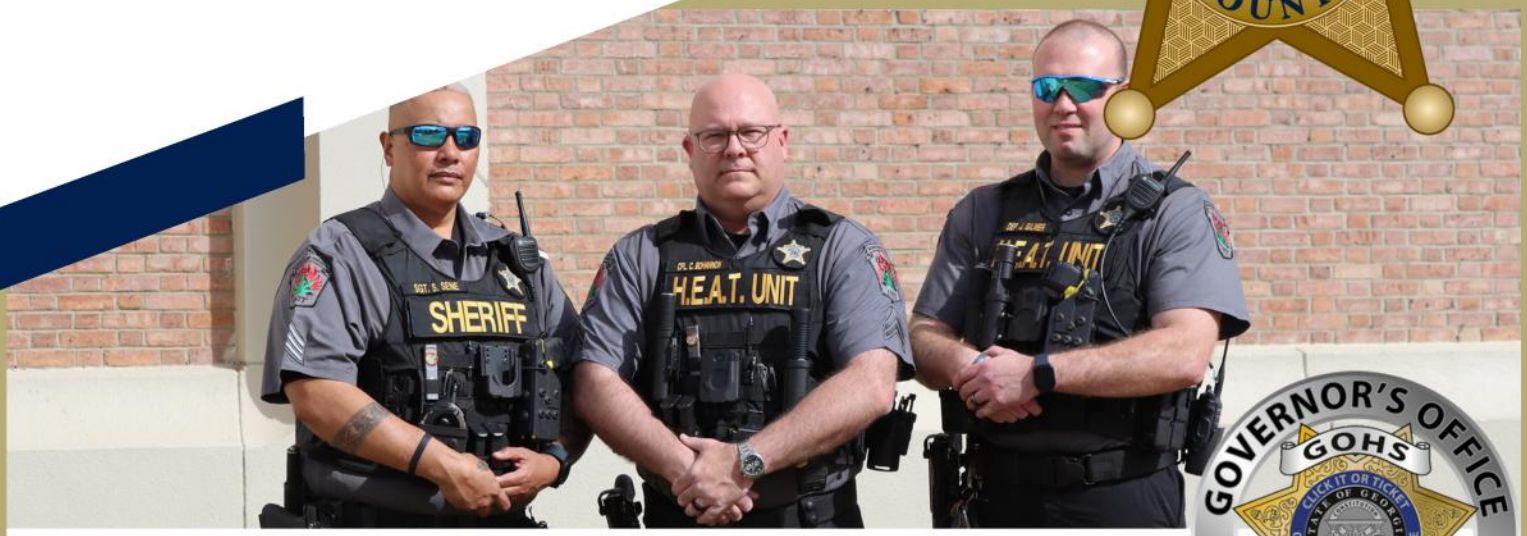


PARK PATROL

- TOTAL MILES DRIVEN - 82,585
- ATV MILES - 3,333
- RIVERWALK MILES - 611
- CAR MILES - 72,628
- PARKS CHECKED - 8,522
- CITIZEN CONTACTS - 34,672



MCSO
HEAT UNIT



Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic

The MCSO HEAT Unit is a unit of the MCSO Traffic Division that consists of three (3) deputies who utilize advanced impaired and aggressive driving training techniques to keep the citizens of Muscogee County safe from aggressive and impaired drivers. Each officer is armed with materials to educate Georgia residents about state laws that regulate aggressive and impaired driving. Education and enforcement must go hand-in-hand for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and its statewide partners to be successful in reducing the number of crashes, fatalities and injuries on the roadways of Muscogee County. The MCSO HEAT Unit also deploys across the state of Georgia as a multi-jurisdictional task force specifically designed to combat aggressive driving throughout the state by participating in missions to detect Georgia's high-crash corridors and reduce mounting highway deaths and serious injuries by introducing a high-visibility law enforcement presence to help stabilize the extreme and illegal driving behaviors of careless motorists who cause those crashes.

MCSO
HEAT UNIT



Governor's Office of Highway Safety

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Uniform Services and Patrol Bureau Captain serves as the Coordinator for the West Central Traffic Enforcement Network (WCTEN) of the Southwest Region for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. WCTEN consists of 14 counties and 32 individual law enforcement agencies within our network. This initiative is designed to enhance traffic enforcement activities through networking, training, and legislation. It serves as a catalyst for traffic enforcement officers to voice their concerns and share ideas with their counterparts from other agencies in their region. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and are followed by a road safety check involving all attending officers. The WCTEN is one of the few locations in the State of Georgia to host one of the highest visibility campaigns in the State – Hands Across the Border.

In 2025, the MCSO, in partnership with **31 other law enforcement agencies in 13 other counties** of the West Central Traffic Enforcement Network, participated in 10 traffic network meetings which are designed to enhance traffic enforcement activities through networking, training, and legislation. The networks serve as a catalyst for traffic enforcement officers to voice their concerns and share ideas with their counterparts from other agencies in their region.

MCSO
HEAT UNIT



Governor's Office of Highway Safety

In 2025, MCSO again received two Grants from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

- Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant for **$70,750.00**
- Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) Grant for **$141,679.00**

The purpose of both of these grants is to ensure fewer fatalities on Muscogee County roadways.



Uniform Services & Patrol Bureau



Uniform Services & Patrol

The MCSO Uniform Services and Patrol Deputies are tasked with patrolling all 220 square miles of Muscogee County. Uniform Services and Patrol Deputies are tasked with many tasks including patrolling the county, court services, providing dignitary protection for our Judges and Elected Officials, providing security to ensure safety for all government buildings, serving criminal warrants, carrying out the precepts of the courts, transporting juveniles throughout the state of Georgia, writing traffic citations, enforcing Georgia traffic and criminal laws, checking registered sex offenders, responding to emergency calls, and also making citizen contacts and building better relationships between the Sheriff's Office and the community we serve.

Uniform Services & Patrol Bureau



Overall Stats

- Calls Answered: 5,790
- Patrol Miles Driven - 298,682
- Warrants Served - 2,684
- Warrants Checked - 2,319
- Civils Served - 15,261
- Civils Checked - 24,425
- House/Business Checks - 40,581
- Criminal Arrests - 227
- Felony Criminal Arrests - 118
- Traffic Stops - 6,459
- Traffic Citations - 3,487
- Written Warnings - 860
- DUI Arrests - 148
- Stolen Vehicles Recovered - 16
- Traffic Accidents - 70
- Narcotics Arrests - 35
- Firearms Seized - 21
- Stolen Firearms Recovered - 7
- Evictions Executed: 1,358
- Citizen Contacts - 27,126
- Reports Taken - 805
- School Checks - 1,890
- Cocaine Seized - 20.4 grams
- Meth Seized - 16 grams
- Marijuana Seized - 853 grams
- Edibles/Pills Seized - 198.4 grams
- Total Value of Narcotics Seized - $18,539.00
- Investigative Hours - 446.95
- Special Detail Hours - 1,855.5
- Dispossessory - 10,385
- Garnishments - 729
- Writ of Possession - 240
- Rule Nisi - 3,001
- TPO/Stalking - 165
- Divorce/Child Custody - 134
- Apprehension Orders - 40

Uniform Services & Patrol Bureau



Court Services

- Superior Court Criminal Cases Heard - 13,997
- Superior Court Civil Cases Heard - 81
- Superior Court Domestic Cases Heard - 745
- State Court Criminal Cases Heard - 6,494
- State Court Civil Cases Heard - 381
- Probate Court Cases Heard - 16
- Municipal/Magistrate Court Cases Heard - 4,638
- Municipal Traffic Court Cases Heard - 11,716
- Recorders Court Cases Heard - 6,713
- Recorders Court Traffic Cases Heard - 17,251
- Juvenile Criminal Court Cases Heard - 2,249
- Other Trials - 131
- **Total Number of Court Cases Heard - 64,412**

Special Operations Bureau



Special Response Team (SRT)

The Special Response Team (SRT) is a highly specialized team that performs specific functions within Muscogee County and other parts of the state. This specialized team is a full-service response unit that meets minimum level II standards under the National Incident Management Resource Typing System. The SRT (Special Response Team) was called out to respond to **91 calls in 2025**. Our team specializes in serving high-risk warrants and going after the worst of the worst and making sure they are brought to justice.

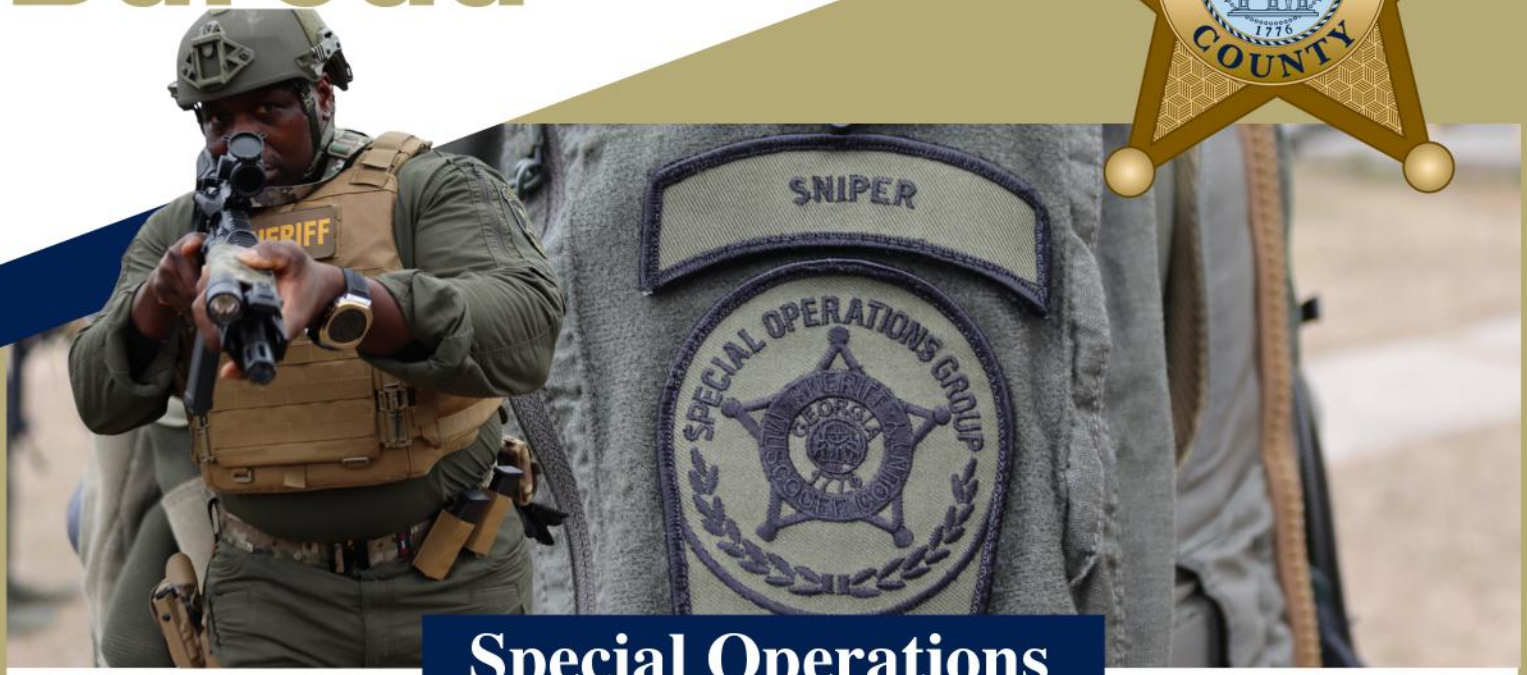


CAPTAIN CEDRIC HOLTON
COMMANDER OF SRT



CAPTAIN FELIX DAVILA
CO-COMMANDER OF SRT

Special Operations Bureau



Special Operations

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Investigative Bureau's main focus is on the following three areas: drugs, gangs, and fugitives. The majority of homicides in our area are a direct result of gang activity. In order for the Sheriff's Office strategy to work, we must put in place the proper procedure to disrupt and reduce opportunities for gun deaths and violence. Our Investigators are to be commended on their dedication and hard work. We have courageously emboldened our special operations unit to go after every gang member, drug dealer, or fugitive who posed a threat to our county or the surrounding areas - especially Georgia and Alabama.

By focusing primarily on these areas and being diligent in enforcing and upholding the law, the Sheriff's Office Investigative Bureau has made a significant impact on gun violence and violent crime in general in Muscogee County.



- **Firearms Seized - 68**
- **Active Case Assignments - 619**
- **Cases Cleared/Closed - 200**
- **Case Assignment Warrants - 303**
- **Stolen Vehicles - 15**

Special Operations Bureau



Gang Unit

Data suggests that there are more than **2,895** confirmed gang members in Muscogee County. The Department of Corrections also releases approximately 6,000 gang members back into Georgia communities each year. Our District Attorney and his staff of ADAs have been vigilant in prosecuting these individuals. We have also partnered with the State Attorney General and their statewide gang unit - which is comprised of 8 gang prosecutors - who make it a point to prosecute gang members accused of murder, assaults, thefts, slider crimes, shootings, and robberies. Our federal partnerships also enable cases that meet certain criteria to be prosecuted at the federal level.

- **Gang Members Arrested by MCSO - 190**
- **Gang Validation/Intelligence Reports - 356**
- **Gang Members Charged with Criminal Gang Act - 32**

Special Operations Bureau



Fugitive Unit

Fugitives from justice are wanted individuals who have warrants for their arrest and are attempting to evade law enforcement. These are extremely dangerous individuals because many have zero ties to our community and sometimes they are from other states. Investigators assigned to our Fugitive Unit are also assigned to the United States Marshals Service, to ensure that Muscogee County does not become a 'haven' for individuals wanted in other areas. The following are some of the types of fugitives arrested in collaboration with the US Marshals Service.

- **Felony Warrants Checked - 1,560**
- **Felony Warrants Served - 852**
- **Felony Criminal Arrests - 382**
- **Misdemeanor Warrants Checked - 642**
- **Misdemeanor Warrants Served - 420**
- **Misdemeanor Arrests - 237**
- **Search Warrants Conducted - 212**
- **Interviews Conducted - 1,408**
- **Murder Arrests - 1**



Special Operations Bureau



Drug Unit

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Investigative Bureau also took a hard stance on criminal drug activity in Muscogee County. It is of vital importance to maintain a handle on the influx of illegal drugs in our area. By interrupting illegal drug activity, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has made a huge dent in violent crime in both our county and the surrounding areas.

- **Methamphetamine Seized - 42.15 lbs**
- **Heroin/Fentanyl Seized - 2.08 lbs**
- **Crack/Cocaine Seized - 1.09 lbs**
- **Marijuana Seized - 64.52 lbs**
- **Pills/Edibles - 7.57 lbs**
- **Other Narcotics Seized - 7.96 lbs**
- **Total Narcotics Seized - 125.37 lbs**

Total Narcotics Value:
$2,664,894.20



Special Operations Bureau



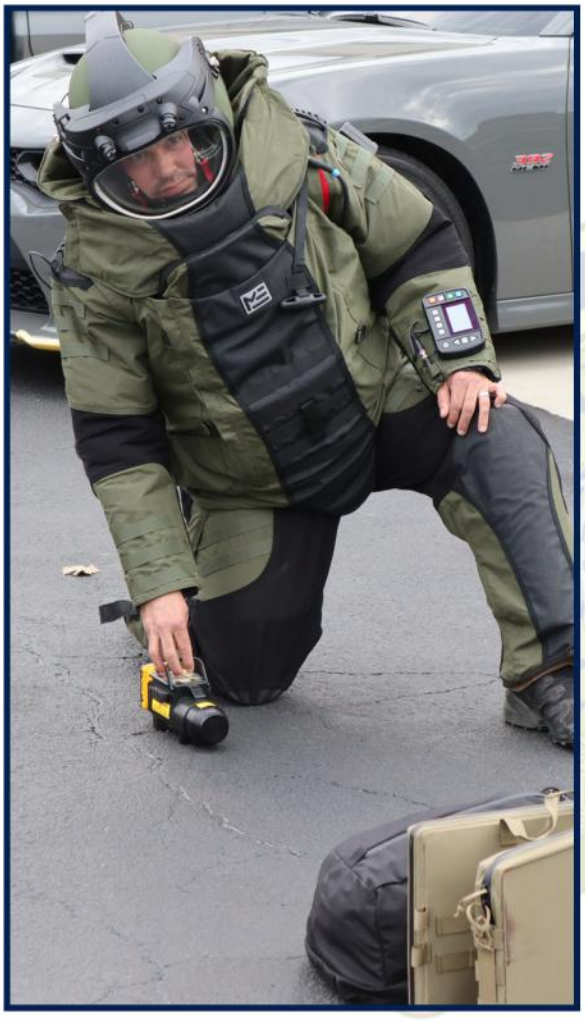
Collaborations

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office proudly partners with various outside agencies. MCSO Investigators are attached to multiple federal and state task forces, including the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives), DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency), US Marshals Services, Homeland Security, CID (Criminal Investigative Division) on Fort Moore, GSP (Georgia State Patrol), and the GBI (Georgia Bureau of Investigation). We also partner with Harris County Sheriff's Office, Coweta County Sheriff's Office, Butts County Sheriff's Office, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Russell County Sheriff's Office (AL), Lee County Sheriff's Office (AL), and Sacramento County Sheriff's Office (CA).

Special Operations Bureau



Explosive Ordnance Disposal



The EOD or Hazardous Device Response Team (HDRT) is responsible for rendering safe procedures and/or removal of suspected improvised explosives, incendiary devices, explosives, explosive chemicals, pyrotechnics, and ammunition. The HDRT ensures proper and safe transportation, disposal, and/or storage of the previously mentioned hazardous materials. The HDRT conducts post-blast crime scene investigations to collect and preserve evidence to prepare and provide courtroom testimony. The HDRT also provides technical support to special operations, including explosive breaching. The unit is also responsible for site safety and response whenever dignitary protection is requested.

Special Operations Bureau



2025 EOD K9 & Bomb Squad

- Events (K9) – 5
- Outside Agency Mutual Aid (K9) – 1
- Dignitary Protection Details (K9/HDRT) – 2
- Bomb Threats (K9/HDRT) – 1
- Suspicious Packages (K9/HDRT) – 3
- Military Ordnance Recoveries (HDRT) – 5
- Commercial Explosives Recoveries (HDRT) – 1
- Ammunition Recoveries (HDRT) – 0
- Explosives Search Warrants (K9/HDRT) – 1
- Explosives Disposals (HDRT) – 0
- Educational Demos (K9/HDRT) – 3
- Barricaded Subjects - 2
- Actual IEDs - 2

Sex Offender Task Force



Sex Offender Task Force

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is **mandated by Georgia state law** to monitor state sex offenders. Once a person is convicted of a sex crime and before they or released from State prison. Once they are released, they have 72 hours to report to the Sheriff's Office. When they report to the Sheriff's office, they are required to give their address where they will reside, or sleep and it must be a compliant address.

- **CURRENT NUMBER OF SEX OFFENDERS MONITORED - 700+**
- **SEX OFFENDER CHECKS - 7,857**
- **VERIFIED SEX OFFENDER CHECKS - 2,700**
- **SEX OFFENDER INVESTIGATION HOURS - 622**
- **SEX OFFENDER WARRANTS SERVED - 342**
- **CALLS - 1,272**
- **MILES DRIVEN - 77,657**
- **FELONY ARRESTS - 113**
- **INVESTIGATIVE HOURS - 622**
- **TRAFFIC STOPS - 1,067**
- **TRAFFIC CITATIONS - 255**

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Crime Scene Investigations

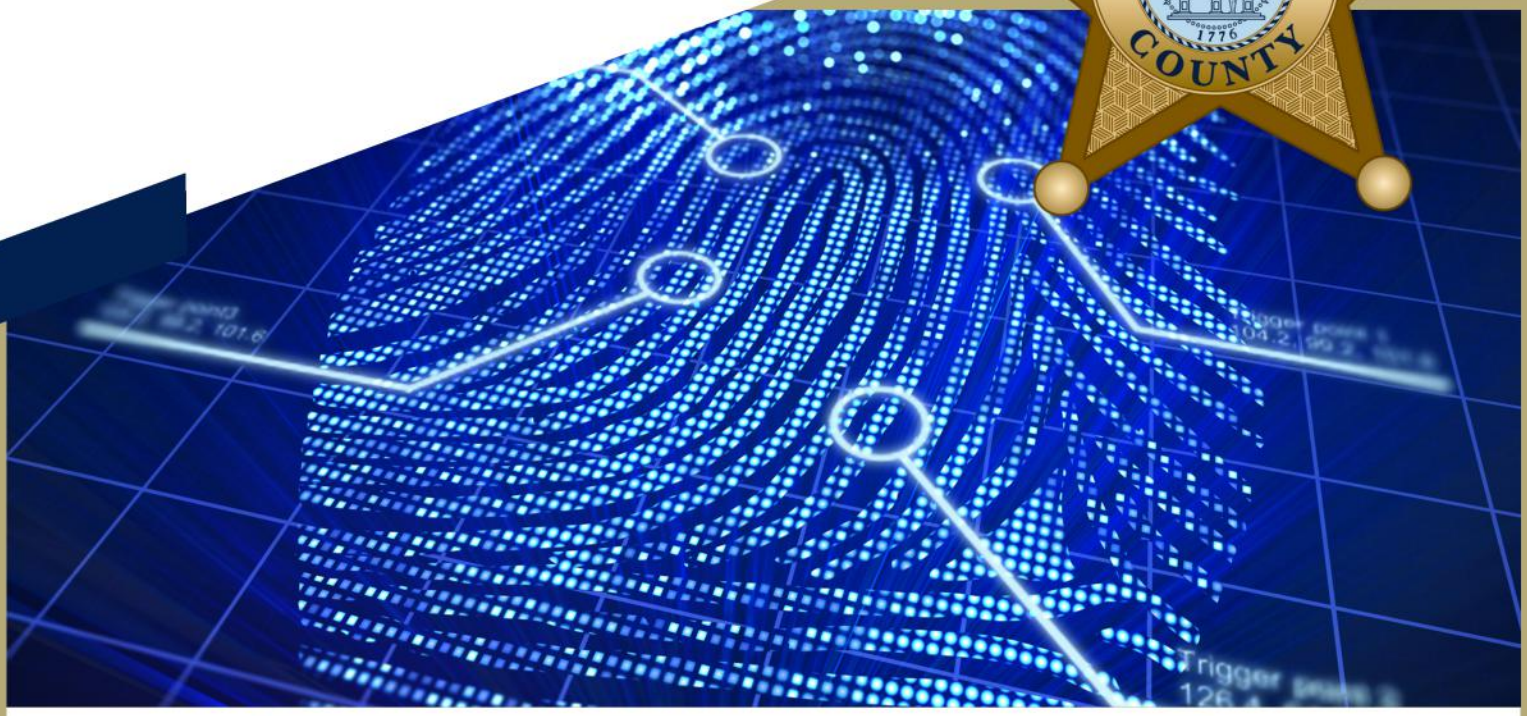


Crime Scene Investigation

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene and Forensics Unit is tasked with the collection, preservation, and analysis of evidence from crime scenes. Their responsibilities include documenting and photographing the scene, gathering physical evidence such as fingerprints, DNA, weapons, and ensuring proper packaging and storage for further investigation. The CSI personnel work diligently to maintain the integrity of this evidence, which may be crucial in criminal prosecutions. Additionally, they assist in reconstructing events related to crimes and collaborate with other law enforcement units to solve cases.

The CSI Unit was equipped with a new, large one-vehicle bay, which includes a vehicle lift, evidence lockers, and a forensic chemical laboratory. This facility allows the CSI Unit to transport vehicles from crime scenes to the MCSO CSI & Forensics Bay for detailed analysis in a controlled and evidence-sterile environment. Vehicle analysis includes forensic photography, documentation, DNA and fingerprint collection, blood spatter analysis, bullet trajectory and recovery, hair and fabric fiber examination, glass break analysis, and comprehensive surveys of the entire vehicle from bumper to bumper.

Crime Scene Investigations



Crime Scene Investigation

The CSI Unit also operates the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), a system managed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that links firearms, bullets, and cartridge casings to specific incidents or firearms. NIBIN helps law enforcement identify connections between shootings or crimes, potentially identifying repeat offenders or tracing firearms involved in multiple incidents. This system enhances the ability of investigators to solve gun crimes by providing critical ballistic links and aiding in the identification of illegal firearms.

Our CSI investigators work closely with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Muscogee County Coroner's Office, and the District Attorney's Office to process evidence from crime scenes. The unit also provides criminal investigative support to other units within the agency, as well as to partner agencies in surrounding areas.

Crime Scene Investigations



Underwater CSI

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that we have the first underwater crime scene investigator for our area. This has proved to be a crucial component for both solving and prosecuting crimes that occur underwater in our county. It is not uncommon for weapons, drugs, cell phones, or even bodies, to be dumped in the water. Muscogee County sits right on the Chattahoochee River and is also home to lakes and other sources of water. During the Public Safety Dive Course held for our region, our Underwater CSI served as the On Scene Dive Commander for Search and Recovery. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office remains committed to innovation, our mission, and promises to continue to make a significant impact against violent crime, even if it means going underwater to solve the crime.



Administrative Bureau



Civil Division

The Administrative Bureau provides for the expedient service of all civil processes, criminal warrants, and the collection and processing of fingerprints for employment, gun permits, court proceedings, and sex offender registration. The following is a breakdown of productivity for the 2025 calendar year.



- **CIVIL PROCESSES - 27,604**
- **SUMMONS OF DISPOSSESSARY - 11,069**
- **SUBPOENAS - 4,471**
- **PISTOL PERMITS - 1,889**
- **GRAND JURY - 842**
- **TPOS - 377**
- **WRITS - 2,593**
- **FIFAS - 6**
- **NULLA BONAS - 417**
- **ASSORTED CIVIL PAPERS - 7,523**
- **CHILD SUPPORT ARREST ORDERS - 36**
- **PROBATE COURT APPREHEND ORDERS - 56**
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF PROCESSES: 56,883**

Administrative Bureau

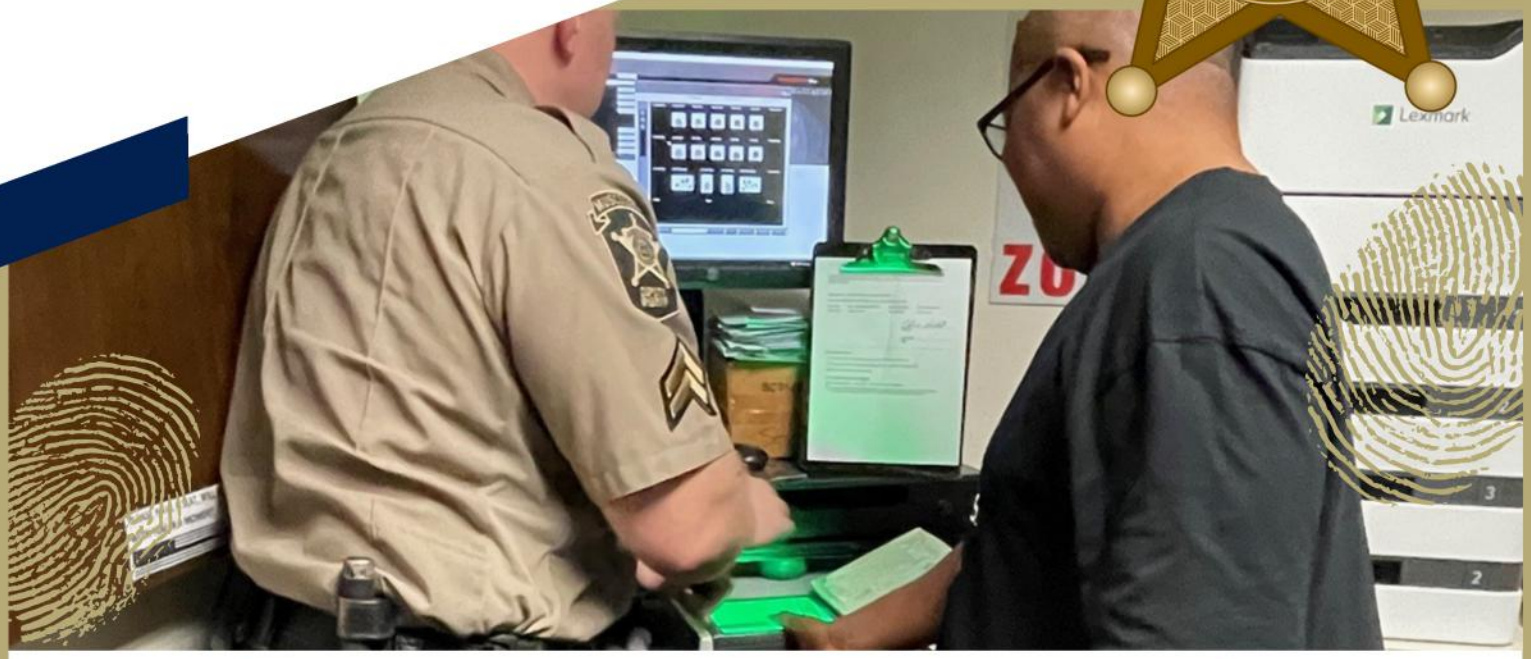


Warrants Division

- EXPUNGEMENTS - 7
- FUGITIVES OF JUSTICE WARRANTS - 295
- GCIC VALIDATIONS RECEIVED - 4,414
- GCIC VALIDATIONS SUBMITTED - 4,414
- INMATES SCHEDULED FOR PICK UP (OTHER COUNTIES) - 224
- SECOND PARTY CHECKS - 4,664
- WARRANTS READY FOR FOLDERS - 1,036
- WARRANTS RECEIVED - 6,464
- WARRANTS ENTERED IN GCIC WITH SUPPLEMENTAL DATA - 6,461
- WARRANTS REMOVED FROM GCIC - 3,732
- WARRANTS ADMINISTRATIVELY SERVED - 3,774



Administrative Bureau



Fingerprinting and ID Stats

- GUN PERMIT FINGERPRINTING - 1,145
- PASSPORT PHOTOS - 63
- SEX OFFENDER PROCESSING - 709
- COURT FINGERPRINTING - 572
- MISCELLANEOUS FINGERPRINTING - 1,955
- APPLICANT FINGERPRINTING - 1,939
- TOTAL FINGERPRINTS - 6,320
- ID PHOTOS - 2,145



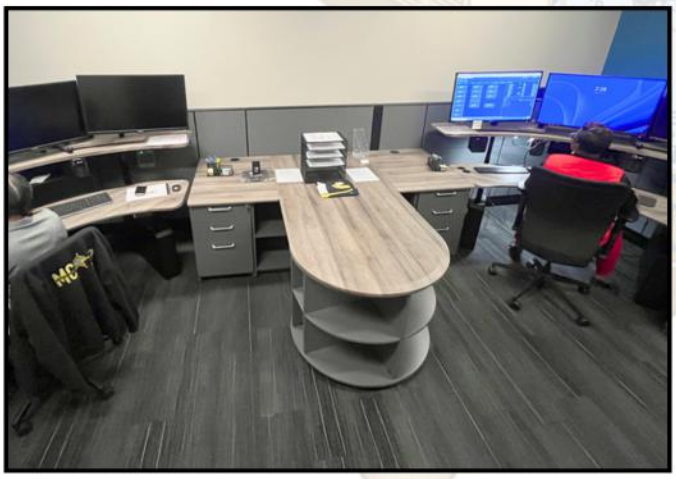


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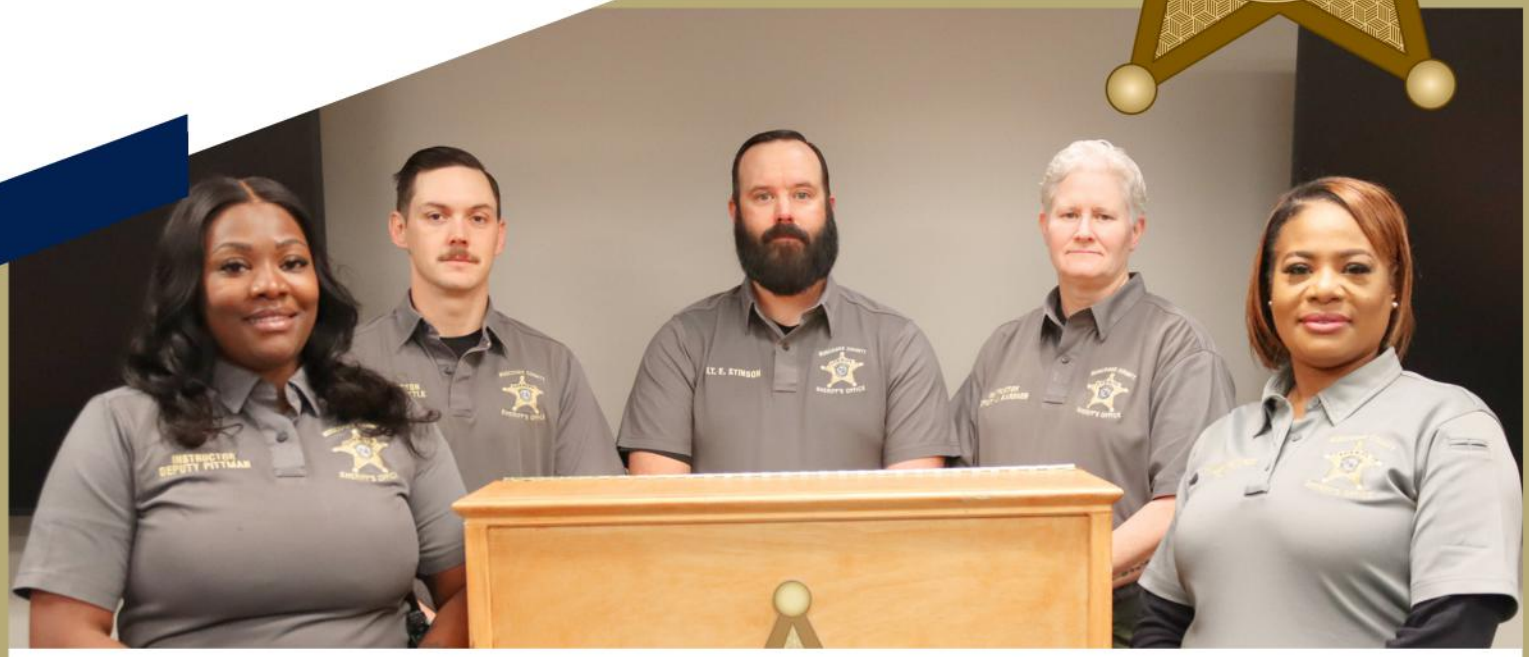
Dispatch

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Emergency Dispatch is a 24/7 operation. Our emergency communication center receives calls for emergency service, domestic/civil disputes, and investigative calls. Our dispatchers are well-trained. We also assist outside Sheriff's Offices and other law enforcement agencies, who may need assistance. Our dispatchers provide critical assistance to our deputies in the field. They are the lifeline of the MCSO's Uniform Patrol Bureau.



- **Calls Answered: 43,751**
- **Traffic Stops - 19,188**
- **Wanted Person - 1,322**
- **Sex Offender - 1,623**
- **Domestic - 187**
- **Investigate Area - 3,511**

MCSO Training



Training Stats

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Training and Special Projects Bureau is responsible for the training and firearms qualifications for the entire agency. We also host nine outside agencies that utilize our range and facilities throughout the year. The Training Unit is proficient at providing current, 21st-century, and relevant training. We employ the use of iPads for sign-ins and evaluations, making us almost completely paperless.

- **TOTAL TRAINING HOURS - 22,512**
- **CIVILIAN COURSES - 304**
- **IN-SERVICE - 10,700**
- **NIGHT FIRE - 352**
- **P2'S PROCESSED - 883**
- **PEPPERBALL - 4**
- **PISTOL QUALIFICATIONS - 248**
- **SRT TRAINING - 2,576**
- **TASER CERT/RECERT - 155**



MCSO BUILDING SECURITY



Building Security

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is responsible for building security for the Government Center, Citizens Service Center, Recorder's Court, and other government buildings throughout Muscogee County. They also provide the Columbus Consolidated Government ID badges for all city employees and government officials. This Bureau also monitors the camera systems to ensure all fire alarms and evacuation procedures are in effect.



- **GOVERNMENT CENTER VISITORS - 153,826**
- **RECORDERS COURT VISITORS - 35,814**
- **FIREARMS PREVENTED FROM ENTERING - 5**
- **KNIVES/RAZORS PREVENTED - 2,132**
- **PEPPER SPRAY PREVENTED - 1,137**
- **OTHER WEAPONS PREVENTED - 1,287**
- **ID CARDS PRINTED - 2,423**
- **SECURE BUILDING HOURS TOTAL - 27,355.5**
- **CHECKPOINT HOURS - 2,106**
- **CITY COUNCIL HOURS - 486**

MCSO BUILDING SECURITY



Bailiff Feature - Oates

We would like to recognize Mr. Jerry Oates, a dedicated bailiff with the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, for the outstanding work he does each and every day. Mr. Oates plays a vital role in providing security for everyone entering and exiting our public buildings, and he performs those duties with professionalism, vigilance, and pride.

In addition to ensuring safety, Mr. Oates is known for his positive attitude and welcoming presence. He consistently greets the public and his coworkers with a smile, making a lasting impression on those he serves. His professionalism and respectful approach have made him a fan favorite among jail officers and a highly respected member of the MCSO family.

We sincerely thank Mr. Oates for his fine work and daily commitment to the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. His dedication does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for the impact he makes every day.

Office of Professional Standards



OPS Statistics

The Office of Professional Standards oversees the functions of the Internal Affairs Unit. This unit promotes transparency and builds public trust. Professional Standards is responsible for conducting assigned investigations by the Sheriff of all Use-Of-Force Incidents, Citizen Complaints, Vehicle Pursuits, Conduct Inquiries, CVSA Examinations, and Internal Affairs Investigations filed against employees. They are also responsible for addressing issues in a fair, just, and timely manner for all parties involved. This helps to build trust, while also ensuring a level of professionalism and adherence to policy and law. The mission of Internal Affairs is to be finders of fact. Investigations are conducted to provide honesty and accountability to the citizens we serve. A statistical review of complaints is conducted annually to address whether additional training is required. It is only through these actions that we will continue to maintain the public's trust.



- **INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS - 3**
- **USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS - 62**
- **PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS - 22**
- **PURSUIT INVESTIGATIONS - 10**
- **INVESTIGATIVE HOURS - 1,647**
- **PRE-EMPLOYMENT CVSA - 51**

Human Resources



HR Statistics

The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Human Resources Bureau is responsible for recruiting, onboarding, time management, payroll, and administering employee benefits. While simultaneously continuing to strategically and effectively address position vacancies and maintaining law enforcement hiring standards and security, a record number of hires occurred during the year 2025. To further our agency's mission, the goal of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Human Resources Bureau in the year 2026 is to enhance our proven successful recruiting strategy with a recruiting grant strategy that was recently funded by US Department of Justice. This grant will be strategically used to creatively and innovatively recruit sworn and non-sworn candidates with specialized skillsets.



CURRENT FULL-TIME STAFFING

- SWORN- 338
- NON-SWORN - 42
- BAILIFFS - 47
- RESERVE DEPUTY - 42
- TOTAL EMPLOYEES - 469

RECRUITING

- NUMBER OF APPLICANTS - 661
- HIRES - 78
- DISQUALIFICATIONS - 583
- JOB FAIRS ATTENDED - 12



Sheriff Greg Countryman

Letter of Conclusion

I hope that all you have read in our 2025 Annual Report allows you to better understand the work we do within the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office.

Some have questioned whether the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office should just stick to handling the courts and the jail. Imagine if we did just that and allowed **1,544** guns to be left in the hands of violent offenders? What if we had not arrested the one drug dealer with enough Fentanyl to kill every citizen in Muscogee almost twice? We made over **5,927** felony arrests. We also seized **$318,250,215.20** in drugs over the course of 5 years. I wager to believe that the hard work and dedication of the brave men and women with the Muscogee County Sheriff's played a key role in the reduction of crime for a safer Muscogee County.

Our progression has been steady and intentional. May the Lord continue to direct our steps in the work we do for those we serve and protect.

Blessings,

Gregory D. Countryman Sr.

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SHERIFF GREG COUNTRYMAN

Striving to move towards a safer Muscogee County