

SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS



Taking Care of People

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS

As your Sheriff, I promise to inform you about the activities and successes of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. It is my hope that the following pages will provide you with a better understanding of our multi-faceted agency. I am proud to share with you the many successes the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office has had in 2023.

The men and women at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office work hard to ensure our safety, are dedicated to keeping Berkeley County a wonderful place to live, and consistently embody our mission of "Taking Care of People."

Thank you for choosing me to serve as your Sheriff and please enjoy BCSO's 2023 Year-In-Review.

Sincerely,

Sheriff S. Duane Lewis

Get to know your Berkeley County Sheriff

Duane Lewis began his law enforcement career in 1984 at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy.

In 1987, Lewis became a Patrolman with the City of Charleston Police Department. While there, he obtained the rank of Investigator. In 1991, He became a Special Agent for I.N.S. Investigations Bureau, a national arson investigative unit for the insurance industry. Lewis was hired as a Detective at the Goose Creek Police Department in 1992. He was soon promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant and supervised the Detective Division.

In 1994, he accepted a position with the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) as a Special Agent in the Law Enforcement Division. He served at Santee Cooper for 22 years. During his time, he was promoted to Major and later Deputy Chief. Lewis was responsible for Criminal Investigations, Training and Development, Internal Investigations, and Federal Regulatory Regulations. He served as a member of the National Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Coordinating Council after the terrorist attacks in 2001.

In June of 2015, Duane Lewis was elected as the Sheriff of Berkeley County. He was re-elected in 2018 and 2022.

Sheriff Lewis is a graduate of Goose Creek High School and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College.

OUR MISSION:
"TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE"

OUR VISION:
"TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE IN ALL THAT WE DO"

OUR CORE VALUES ARE NON NEGOTIABLE:

- Integrity
- Treating people with dignity and respect

Keep in Touch

SHERIFF'S OFFICE / ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:

223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner 29461 > Office: (843) 719-4465

NORTH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS – ALVIN / ST. STEPHEN:

2184 Santee River Road, St. Stephen 29479 > Office: (843) 749-1006

SOUTH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS – GOOSE CREEK:

301 Red Bank Road, Goose Creek 29445 > Office: (843) 471-2403

CROSS/PINEVILLE SUBSTATION:

1659 Old Hwy 6, Cross 29436 > Office: (843) 753-2455

HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER:

300 California Avenue, Moncks Corner 29461 > Office: (843) 719-4546

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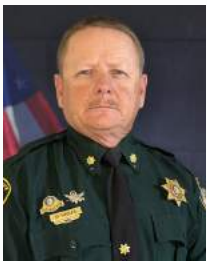
BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SENIOR COMMAND STAFF



Chief Deputy Baker is second in command at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and acts on behalf of the Sheriff in his absence. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office, develops and oversees the Berkeley County Sheriff's office budget, and manages and coordinates the various divisions within the Sheriff's Office.



Major Willie Hickman commands the Operations Branch of the Sheriff's Office which includes the North and South Uniform Patrol Districts, the North and South Community Action Team members, Court Security, Warrants, Civil Process, Judgments, and the U.S. Marshal's Task Force.



Major Bobby Shuler commands the Investigations and Support Services Branch of the Sheriff's Office which includes: Criminal Investigations, Drug Enforcement Task Force, Forensics, Crime Analysis, Sex Offender Registry, Victim Advocates, Internet Crimes Against Children, Computer Forensics, Pawn Shop Investigations, Civil Disturbance Team, K9, Traffic Unit, Marine Patrol, Search and Rescue Team, Dive Team, Special Response Team, Bike Unit, Records, School Resource Officers, Duty Office, Animal Control, and LE Explorers.



Director Randy Demory serves as the Director of the Detention Center. Director Demory is a nationally recognized detention professional with 40 years of experience in the corrections field.



Inspector Dan Isgett commands the Office of Professional Standards. The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for Internal Affairs, Grants, National and State Accreditation, Recruitment, Polygraph & Background Investigations, Planning and Research, Emergency Operations, BCSO Awards, Peer Support, Promotional Processes, and Accident Review.



Major Anthony Phyll is the Operations Commander at the Hill-Finklea Detention Center. He is responsible for inmate supervision, The Special Operation Response Team, Transport, and Litter pick-up.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMAND STAFF



Captain Jimmy Mixson
Uniform Patrol North

Uniform Patrol North
Community Action Team North



Captain Michael Crumley
Special Operations

K9 Unit
Traffic Unit
Special Response Team
Civil Disturbance Team
Marine Patrol
Animal Control
URT



Captain Annie Jackson
Judicial Services

Court Security
Civil Process
Judgments
Warrants
US Marshal Task Force
Training



Captain Dan Wilson
Criminal Investigations

Criminal Investigations
Drug Task Force
Forensic Services
Victim Advocates
Sex Offender Registry



Captain Dave Kolega
Uniform Patrol South

Uniform Patrol South
Community Action Team South



Captain Dean Kokinda
Computer Forensics
Technical Services Division

CJIS
Computer Forensics
Crime Analysis
AFIS
Video Evidence
Records / Duty Office



Captain Matt Woodall
School Resource Officers

Peer Support
Awards



Captain Mark Archambeau
Hill-Finklea Detention Center
Administration

Training
Records
Classification
Property Management

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL AWARDS

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR 2023

Corporal Bernard "BJ" Nelson. Cpl. Nelson has been a valuable member of the Sheriff's Office since 2018. He consistently demonstrates the attributes that all law enforcement officers should strive to possess to be effective in this profession. Cpl. Nelson manages his time well and is proactive with his K9 partner, Kai. Cpl. Nelson and Kai have become a very successful K9 team and have an excellent tracking record, which is well above the national average.



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR 2023

Sergeant Joe Seegars. Sergeant Seegars has been a valuable member of the Sheriff's Office since 2015. He is actively involved with the development, execution, and evaluation of in-service and advanced training for all deputies. He is a team leader on the Special Response Team, supervisor over the K9 Unit, and for most of 2023, was also responsible for supervising North Night Team 1 as its sergeant.



RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR 2023

Reserve Deputy Nathan Whitten. Reserve Deputy Whitten began his service with the Sheriff's Office in September 2022. Reserve Deputy Whitten quickly reached Level 4 with the Sheriff's Office which qualifies him to patrol on his own, respond to and answer calls for service, and make criminal and traffic cases. Over the course of the year, Reserve Deputy Whitten logged over 434 hours of service to the Sheriff's Office.



CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2023



Mrs. Linda Brown. Linda Brown has been an employee with BCSO since 2015. Since her assignment as Grants Specialist, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office has been awarded grants totaling \$6,653,002. In 2023, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office was awarded eight grants totaling \$3,224,395. The grants awarded were: DUI Enforcement Grant, DUI Prosecutor Grant, Traffic Safety Grant, Traffic Overtime Grant, JAG Allocation Grant, VOCA Grant, SRO Grant, and the Port Grant. Linda Brown wrote and manages these grants which fund the salaries and benefits of 20 Berkeley County Sheriff's Office employees.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL AWARDS



DETENTION SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR 2023

Lieutenant Kansas Daab. Lt. Daab has been a valuable member of the Detention Center since 2009. Lt. Daab oversees a Detention Center squad and, in addition to administrative duties, also assists with day-to-day operations of the detention center. Lt. Daab's attentiveness to duty has prevented large amounts of contraband from entering the Detention Center.

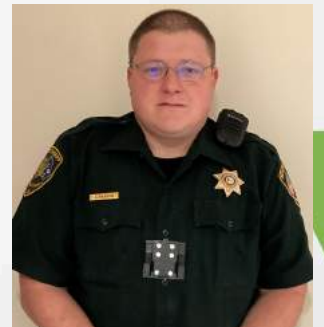


DETENTION CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2023

Debra Boris. Ms. Boris began her employment with Berkeley County Government on October 31, 2016, and is currently an Administrative Support Specialist at the Detention Center. In addition to being an administrative assistant, Ms. Boris also assists with front desk operations at the Detention Center. This has been a tremendous help to both day shift squads. Ms. Boris' willingness to learn new roles has improved inmate bookings, public relations, the release of inmate property, as well as many other areas.

DEPUTY OF THE 1ST QUARTER

Corporal Joshua Babson. Deputy Babson's proactive approach to patrolling high crime areas, particularly after major incidents such as homicides, has been instrumental in maintaining public safety. On multiple occasions, Deputy Babson demonstrated exceptional skill, and commitment to law enforcement and the public by locating suspects, vehicles, and weapons related to these incidents. These efforts provided Detectives with vital information crucial for the successful prosecution of suspects.



DEPUTY OF THE 2ND QUARTER

Deputy Tyler Kittrell. Deputy Kittrell's superior conduct throughout the quarter is highlighted by his exceptional performance on April 29, 2023. Deputy Kittrell used a vehicle description and a license plate number to conduct a high risk traffic stop of a vehicle involved in an armed robbery with three suspects. He expertly assessed the situation and conducted the traffic stop with precision. Despite the inherent risks, he managed to detain the driver, without any further incident.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE QUARTERLY AWARDS

DEPUTY OF THE 3RD QUARTER



Corporal Bernard "BJ" Nelson: During the quarter, Cpl. Nelson successfully tracked four suspects, three of which were armed and involved in violent crimes. Cpl. Nelson has distinguished himself by being a Field Training Instructor and can often be found training new deputies. Cpl. Nelson is very knowledgeable and junior deputies often look to him for advice and guidance. During the quarter, Cpl. Nelson was also able to make 20 proactive arrests for illegal drugs, firearms, and of wanted persons.

DEPUTY OF THE 4TH QUARTER

Corporal Wallace White and Deputy Robert Bailey. Cpl. White and Deputy Bailey's superior conduct throughout the quarter is highlighted by their exceptional performance on November 29, 2023. The deputies responded to a call in relation to a person armed with a knife who was believed to be having a severe mental health crisis. Corporal White and Deputy Bailey worked together to engage the person in a dialogue and created a meaningful rapport and persuaded him to disarm and go to a hospital for treatment.



SUPERVISOR OF THE 4TH QUARTER

Sergeant Will Hanna. Sergeant Hanna has devoted 25 years to the law enforcement profession and was hired by the Berkeley County Sheriffs Office in 2019. Due to Sergeant Hanna's experience and overall professional approach to law enforcement, he was quickly promoted to the rank of Sergeant of the Uniform Patrol Division. He has consistently shared his tremendous knowledge by offering guidance and advice to other deputies. Sergeant Hanna is known to put others before himself and strives to enhance his shift by encouraging and challenging others to learn and grow.



CIVILIAN OF THE 4th QUARTER

Ms. Randi Herod. Randi Herod has been an employee in Berkeley County Government since July 1999. On February 16, 2019, Ms. Herod was hired at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office as Sheriff Duane Lewis's Executive Assistant. Randi accomplishes any task, including ensuring that special events are organized and completed without issue. Ms. Herod stays positive, energetic and kind whether fielding phone calls from the public or coordinating with co-workers. Her sense of humor, engaging demeanor, and agency knowledge make it easy to understand why, when it comes to administrative matters at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, it is often said, "Just ask Randi."



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE QUARTERLY AWARDS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to a deputy who has performed an act of outstanding personal bravery that is intelligently performed with some degree of personal hazard with a disregard for personal consequences.



PHOTOGRAPHED L-R:
Cpl. Devante Smith, Cpl. Daniel Lambert, Sheriff Lewis, Cpl. Cameron Blackmon, Cpl. Ronnie Russell



PHOTOGRAPHED L-R:
Cpl. Devante Smith, Lt. Daniel Morton, Sgt. Joe Seegars, Deputy Samuel Jasper, Sgt. Steve Zubkoff, Sgt. Daniel Green, Cpl. Julio Santos, Cpl. Bernard Nelson, Cpl. Ronnie Russell, Cpl. Jeffrey Day, Cpl. Matthew Johnson, Deputy Jonathan Henson

HONORABLE DISCHARGE

The Honorable Discharge Medal shall be awarded a sworn employee of the agency in good standing for the successful completion of 25 years or more of law enforcement service.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDS

HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL

The Honorable Service Medal is awarded to an employee of the agency who performed their duties above and beyond the expectations of their assignment through initiative, innovation, or accomplishment.



Sgt. Gavin Brewer, Cpl. Jeffrey Day, Cpl. Hannah Reed, Deputy Samuel Jasper, Deputy Robert Bailey, Deputy Andy Gonzalez, Deputy Abdulrahman Tarik



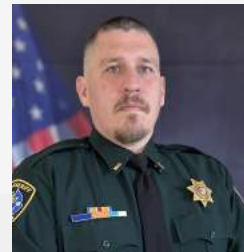
Lt. Kim Milks



Cpl. Cameron Blackmon

EXCEPTIONAL DUTY MEDAL

The Exceptional Duty Medal is awarded to an employee of the agency who has achieved a highly credible accomplishment as a result of training, devotion to duty, or service to the public.



Lt. Robert Dwyer



Cpl. Stephen Gotulla, Lt. Daniel Morton, Sgt. Thomas Molino



Detention Deputy Tiffany McDaniel & Aliyah Mack

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDS

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

The Life Saving Medal is awarded to employees of the agency who Performs an act that saves or prolongs a human life.



Capt. David Kolega



Cpl. Gabriel Chiavacci



Cpl. Kody Ayers
Cpl. Dylan Johnson



Cpl. Jeff Day



Cpl. Noah White
Sgt. Seegars



Deputy Hunter Rogers,
Ms. Lauren Stone



Cpl. Dylan Lee, Cpl. Rachel Herbst,
Cpl. Matthew Johnson



Cpl. Michael Isben, Cpl. Wallace White,
Lt. Daniel Morton, Pfc. Samuel Driggers,
Cpl. Brandon Walker



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROMOTIONS



Capt. Matt Woodall



Lt. Kim Milks



Lt. Damien Smith



Lt. Johnny Hill



Lt. Corinthian Green



Sgt. Joe Seegars



Sgt. Steve Zubkoff



Sgt. Michael Buenting



Sgt. Gavin Brewer



Sgt. Jessica Mackie



Sgt. Thomas Molino



Sgt. Bradley Scrio



Sgt. Bradley Pitsinger



Cpl. Mark Fields



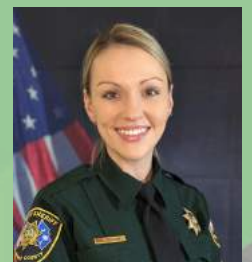
Cpl. Bryson Fowler



Cpl. Rachel Herbst



Cpl. Brandon Williams



Cpl. Hope Brown



Cpl. Hanna Reed



Cpl. Monea Middleton



Cpl. Dylan Lee



Cpl. Gabrielle Chiavacci



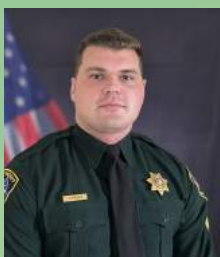
Cpl. Wallace White



Cpl. Derek Bailey



Cpl. Spencer Neito



Cpl. Tyler Provo



Cpl. Michael Isben



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DUI PROSECUTOR

We are excited to welcome attorney Camille Weal-Thomas as the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office DUI Prosecutor. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office DUI Prosecutor position is funded by a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety. The DUI Prosecutor reviews and prepares all pending alcohol and drug-related driving arrest charges made by Berkeley County Sheriff's deputies for magistrate court. Previously, Berkeley County deputies prosecuted their own cases in magistrate court without the assistance of legal council and regularly contended with experienced DUI defense attorneys.

A native of Camden, New Jersey, Camille graduated from Rowan University in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in law and justice. Prior to law school, Camille was enlisted as a Military Police Officer in the United States Navy in Kings Bay, Georgia specializing in strategic asset protection for a Security Force Battalion.

Camille graduated from the Charleston School of Law in 2022 in the top 25% of her graduating class earning a Juris Doctor degree. During law school, Camille was a proud member of the Black Law Students Association, assisted indigent members of the Charleston community facing evictions in housing court, and helped indigent clients file tax returns with the Charleston Urban League.

Prior to working with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, Camille worked in the private sector as a personal injury attorney and Camp Lejeune toxic tort administrator.

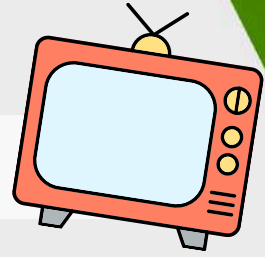


BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON PATROL: LIVE

ON PATROL : LIVE

AVAILABLE ON **REELZ** AND

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In July of 2022, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office joined the hit television show, On Patrol: Live. On Patrol: Live follows law enforcement officer's from diverse agencies in cities and counties all over America for 3 hours every Friday and Saturday night. It is currently available on the Reelz channel and the Peacock streaming app. Program hosts provide a minute-by-minute perspective and analysis from a central studio location during the live video feed. Viewers are given the opportunity to have a virtual ride-a-long with our deputies and see firsthand the incredible job they do in serving the citizens of Berkeley County. From routine calls to high-stakes incidents, On Patrol: Live is there to capture the action.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUBSTATIONS

At 1,229 sq. miles, Berkeley County is the third largest county in South Carolina. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Headquarters is centrally located at 223 N. Live Oak Dr. in Moncks Corner. In an effort to better serve Berkeley County citizens, the Sheriff's Office has opened 6 substations across the county. Citizens not living in the Moncks Corner area can now obtain reports or meet with a deputy closer to their homes.



SUBSTATIONS

South District Substation
301 Red Bank Rd. Goose Creek

Cane Bay Substation
1903 Cane Bay Blvd. Summerville

Cainhoy Substation
1501 Recreation Rd. Huger

Sangaree Substation
347 Sangaree Pkwy. Summerville

Cross/ Pineville Substation
1659 Old Highway 6 Cross

North District Substation
2184 Santee River Rd. St. Stephen

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Sheriff's Office is very active on social media. By providing social media updates to the community, Berkeley County citizens stay informed about what is happening in their neighborhoods and receive updates on the latest efforts of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Facebook page has grown to over 100,000 followers. You can also find the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office on Twitter.



SHERIFF'S SMART PHONE APP


Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis is excited to announce the release of a custom smartphone application that is now available to the public. The app will serve as an innovative way for the Sheriff's Office to connect with Berkeley County residents and visitors and provides information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone. The app is now available to download for free in the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching "Berkeley County Sheriff."



Features Include:

- Sheriff's Welcome
- Contact Us
- Submit A Tip
- News
- Join Our Team
- Special Services
- Schools
- Community Outreach
- And Many More!

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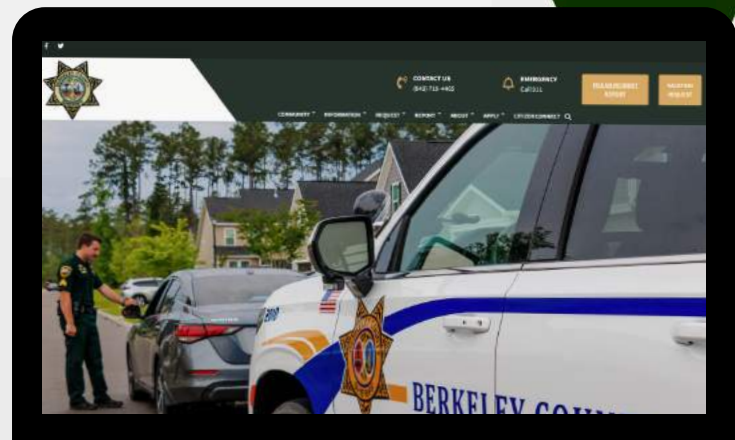
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GET IT ON **Google Play**

Download on the **App Store**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEBSITE

Berkeley County citizens can also visit the the Sheriff's Office Website at sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov. Citizens can apply for a job at the Sheriff's Office, request extra patrol, give tips on criminal activity, search for an inmate, and much more.



WHAT'S NEW AT BCSSO?

BCSSO NEW MOTOR UNIT

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office has created a Motor Unit in the Traffic Services Unit. Four deputies will be assigned to the Motor Unit. Deputies assigned to the Unit must successfully complete 80 hours of training and an additional 80 hours with a field training deputy before they can operate on their own.

Motor Unit deputies will participate in traffic enforcement, funeral and VIP escorts and various duties as assigned. Deputies assigned to the Motor Unit will operate 2023 Harley Davidson police motorcycles.



BCSSO NEW PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT

Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis is pleased to announce the creation of the Public Safety Unit at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. The mission of the Sheriff's Office is "Taking Care of People". This unit was created with that vision in mind.



"Our county is continuously growing, and with growth comes new demands." Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis stated. "The purpose of the Public Safety Unit is to assist our citizens with a variety of calls for service quickly and efficiently. The use of the Public Safety Officers will allow deputies to remain available for more serious incidents."



The increase of Berkeley County's population increases the number of traffic-related incidents. The Public Safety Unit will be patrolling the roadways seven days a week, with the goal of reducing traffic hazards in mind. Each service truck assigned to a Public Safety Officer is fully equipped to assist motorists. Public Safety Officers can assist with a variety of issues including traffic control and direction, changing flat tires, disabled motorists, and vehicle lockouts. Each Public Safety Officer is also an Emergency Medical Technician that can render on-scene medical assistance until the arrival of EMS. Public Safety Officers are also trained to take basic incident reports so that deputies are available to handle serious incidents and crimes in progress.

The creation of the Public Safety Unit is another example of the many ways the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is committed to taking care of people by keeping them safe in the community.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM PATROL

The Uniform Patrol Division provides 24 hour coverage, seven days a week. Deputies are assigned to permanent 12 hour shifts led by a shift Sergeant and Lieutenant. Deputies are assigned to patrol zones which are divided between the South and North areas of the county. In 2023, patrol deputies responded to 118,669 calls for service.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is committed to our partnership with the Berkeley County community. Sheriff Lewis and members of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office continually meet with the citizens of Berkeley County to listen to their concerns and work together to address issues effecting their lives.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The Community Action Team (CAT) has been successfully developing relationships with community leaders across Berkeley County. CAT members are assigned to specific areas of the county and work together with community leaders to address concerns.

In 2023, CAT members made 1,177 business contacts, 69,892 public contacts, attended 44 Crime Watch meetings, and attended over 1,481 community events. They handled 1,146 calls for service, issued 38 citations and 154 warnings.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUDICIAL SERVICES DIVISION

THE COURTS

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Court Security is comprised of both full duty and limited duty deputies. The Berkeley County Courthouse is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM, except for holidays. During any given week, there are approximately 1,000 to 2,000 people that enter the Courthouse for various reasons. There are six courtrooms located in the Courthouse: two full-time Family Court courtrooms and the remaining courtrooms are used for General Sessions (Criminal), Common Pleas (Civil), Probate Court, and the Master-in-Equity. Occasionally, all six courts will be in session simultaneously.



Court Security Deputies are tasked with maintaining the peace and protecting the citizens, court staff, attorneys, and judges. Court Security Deputies are also responsible for managing adult inmates and juveniles that are brought into the courtrooms. In addition to the required training all deputies receive each year, deputies assigned to Court Security also receive specialized court security training. In 2023, there were 1,190 sessions of court requiring a deputy. Additionally, 110 adults arrested, and eight juveniles were detained.

WARRANTS & CIVIL PROCESS

The Warrants / Civil Process Unit is responsible for serving criminal arrest warrants, family court warrants, and summary court bench warrants. The Warrants/Civil Process Unit also serves jury summons, assists with foreclosures, and serves a variety of civil court documents. In 2023, 2,235 warrants were served and 2,172 civil process papers were served.



TRAINING UNIT



The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Training Unit is responsible for coordinating and conducting training for all LE-1, LE-2, and LE-3 Berkeley County Sheriff's Office personnel. They also help train Detention Deputies, Reserve Deputies, Special Deputies, Retirees, and Auxiliary Personnel. The Training Unit coordinates with the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) to ensure that Berkeley County Sheriff's Office personnel have required basic law enforcement training as well as advanced training. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Training Unit also provides training for other local law enforcement agencies in Berkeley County.

In 2023, the training unit conducted three, 12-hour block training classes for sworn deputies. This includes annual firearms qualifications, vehicle operations, and other mandatory in-service training.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division include Crimes against Persons, Property Crimes, Domestic Violence, Child/ Elder Abuse, Financial Crimes, and Sex Offenders.

2023 STATS

- Cases assigned: 2,042
- Cleared by arrest: 107
- Exceptionally cleared: 211
- Unfounded: 231
- Administratively Closed: 1,112
- Total Cleared: 1,661



DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

The Drug Enforcement Task Force is made up of detectives from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, the Goose Creek Police Department, the Moncks Corner Police Department, and the Hanahan Police Department. The Task force works with local, state, and federal agencies to combat the illegal drug trade in Berkeley County. Citizens who want to provide information about illegal narcotics activity may visit the Berkeley County Sheriff's Website at: <https://sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov/report/give-us-a-tip/> or call 843-719-4424.



DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE 2023 STATS

Arrests	121	Seizures	
Search Warrants	55	Cocaine	1.1 Pound
Consent Searches	5	Cocaine Base	25 Grams
Drug tips	213	Marijuana	23.3 Pounds
		Heroin / Fentanyl	6 Pounds
		Meth	12.5 Pounds



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

FORENSICS

The Forensics Unit is responsible for crime scene processing, all in-custody property, and the processing of evidence. A Lieutenant, Sergeant, and three technicians are available 24/7 to respond to incidents. Members of the Unit are trained in crime scene processing, blood spatter analysis, photography, and latent processing.

2023 STATS

		ITEMS SENT TO SLED
ATF Trace	602	Evidence 177
Evidence Processed	1,154	Narcotics 457
AM Call out	125	DNA evidence 90
PM Call out	135	GPM 77
Item to Impound	28	Other 163
Firearms taken to IBIS	449	
Evidence Logged	8,073	
Items Returned to Owner	1,857	
Items Destroyed	9,541	
Search Warrant Assists		81
Cases assisting the Solicitors's Office		879
Cases assisting Detectives		767

VICTIM ADVOCATES

By advising victims and witnesses of crimes of their rights, and explaining certain court procedures, Victim Advocates provide the public with a better understanding of the criminal justice system. In 2023, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office assisted 1,536 victims of crime.

2023 STATS

Phone calls:	1,591	DCVC Information and Applications:	133
Walk-ins:	99	Order of Protection / Restraining Orders:	291
Letters:	1,589	Shelter Assistance:	78
Bond Court Supplementals:	294	Court Assistance:	257
Transport:	2	Counseling Referrals:	163



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY



The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is required by law to conduct an annual check on all registered sex offenders in Berkeley County. The offenders must come to the Sheriff's Office to register quarterly or bi-annually depending on the type of crime they committed. The Sheriff's Office is also required to confirm sex offender's addresses annually. There are 402 sex offenders registered in Berkeley County. In 2023, the Sex Offender Registry Unit attempted 596 residency checks and completed 398 residency checks and arrested 21 individuals. Citizens can visit the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office website at sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov, then select the information tab, select sex offender registry, and then select crime mapping at the bottom of the page, to view the locations of sex offenders and their information.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Professional Standards investigates serious incidents and coordinates citizen complaint investigations. The Inspector of Internal Affairs investigations reports directly to the Sheriff for Internal Affairs investigations. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office began using Guardian Tracking software to track administrative documents to including corrective action. This software also allows supervisors to provide coaching documentation.

In 2023, there were 33 citizen complaints filed by citizens either in person or online. Of the 33 complaints, seven were sustained for minor policy violations. There were eighteen Internal Affairs Investigations of which six were sustained. Some of the Internal Affairs Investigations included serious deputy involved vehicle accidents and use of force reviews.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Deputy Sheriff applicants must successfully pass an extensive background process including driver's license and criminal history checks, credit checks, verification of employment and education records, a reading comprehension test, a physical abilities test, a polygraph examination, and medical and psychological screening. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office received 254 applications for LEI positions. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office hired 47 new deputies in 2023.



RECRUITMENT

In order to recruit future deputies, the Sheriff's Office attended five job fairs in 2023 and continues to maintain close contact with colleges, universities, and civic organizations. In a 2023 anonymous survey of newly hired deputies, 79% reported that the reputation of Sheriff Duane Lewis and the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office was listed as the most important/very important reason that they decided to apply to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has a total of 221 total sworn deputy positions. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office added six additional grant SRO positions.



Individuals interested in joining the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office may apply at sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov/team/joinus. Questions about employment may be emailed to: recruitment@bcsosc.org.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

ACCREDITATION

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is state and nationally accredited public safety organization. CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), is the national credentialing authority that only awards Accreditation Certifications to public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA standards. There are currently 461 CALEA standards that apply to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and CALEA certification is a four year evaluation process. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is one of only six nationally accredited Sheriff's Offices in South Carolina and one of only 94 nationally accredited Sheriff's Offices in the United States. (Note: There are 3,012 Sheriff's Offices in the United States.) Sheriff's Offices in the United States.)

Under Sheriff Lewis' leadership, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is seeking their third CALEA re-accreditation award. During 2023, the Sheriffs Office successfully completed all reviews.



The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office received its sixth State re-accreditation award in 2023.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

The Sheriff's Office works with the Berkeley County Emergency Management Department to plan for and mitigate natural and man-made disasters. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office updates Hurricane Response Plans annually. During hurricanes and other natural disasters, all sworn personnel are activated to ensure the safety of our residents. Deputies man traffic control points in the evacuation routes, man emergency shelters, and patrol neighborhoods and businesses during the evacuation. In 2023, deputies attended emergency operations training that consisted of table top training, in-person training, and webinars.



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GRANTS

The Grants Office is responsible for developing and submitting grant applications, assisting with project planning, and budgeting and detailing performance measures. Once a grant is awarded, the Grants Specialist reviews procurement expenditures to ensure compliance and managing the submission of financial and programmatic data. In 2023, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office was awarded eight grants totaling \$3,224,395. The grants awarded were: DUI Enforcement Grant, DUI Prosecutor Grant, Traffic Safety Grant, Traffic Overtime Grant, JAG Allocation Grant, VOCA Grant, SRO Grant, and the Port Grant. The Grants Specialist wrote and manages these grants which fund the salaries and benefits of 20 Sheriff's Office employees.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

The planning and research function is vital to the sheriff's office to provide data and analysis to Sheriff Lewis and the Command Staff. The reports include Strategic Planning, Use of Force Analysis, Vehicle Pursuit Analysis, Recruitment Plan Analysis, Goals and Objectives, Internal Affairs Summary, Review of Grievances, Early Warning Intervention Evaluation, Bias Policing review and other research as requested by the Sheriff.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS DIVISION

The School Resource Officer Division is a collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Office, Berkeley County School District, and Charter Schools USA to provide a deputy sheriff in all schools located in the unincorporated areas of Berkeley County. The SRO Division strives to keep campuses safe and foster positive relationships with the students and community. The SRO Division consists of 36 deputies who are assigned to five high schools, seven middle schools, 15 elementary schools, and one charter school. Deputies are often found interacting with students and staff, from providing instruction on drug and gang resistance programs to mentoring and counseling students when appropriate.

SRO deputies use teacher work days and summer break to attend advanced training classes to be better prepared to carry out their duties.

During the 2022-2023 school year, SRO deputies took 524 incident reports on school campuses, made 269 arrests and recovered seven handguns.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

MARINE PATROL UNIT

The Marine Patrol Unit consists of nine Boat Captains and 21 crew members. During 2023, the Marine Patrol Unit logged 97 tours of duty, 329 extra patrols, assisted 34 disabled vessels, investigated three collisions, responded to nine disturbances and assisted with four medical responses.



Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Marine Patrol Unit logged over 776 hours of active patrolling of the 130 sq miles of Berkeley County's waterways. The Marine Patrol Unit responded and participated in 38 rescue/recovery missions, as well as 30 security/law enforcement related missions.



DIVE TEAM

In 2023, the Dive Team consisted of nine team members: six sworn members and three auxiliary members. The team logged 300 training hours, including training with other agencies. During 2023, the Dive Team assisted with three anti-terrorism missions and had one evidence recovery mission.



RESCUE UNIT

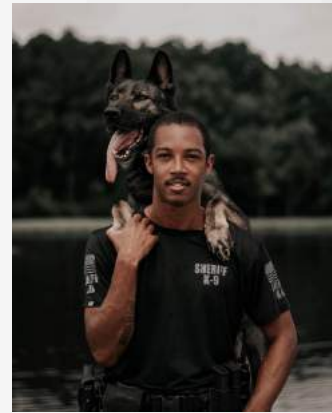
In 2018, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office assumed the responsibilities of marine and ground search/rescue operations from the Berkeley County Rescue Squad. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office Rescue Unit participated in 4 ground rescue/missing person searches.

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K-9 UNIT

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office currently has seven handlers and seven canines in service. Five of these canines are "Patrol Dogs" and two are bloodhounds used only for tracking. In 2023, the K-9 Unit made 168 arrests, ran 98 tracks, conducted 55 searches for articles or hiding persons, seized 44 firearms, seized \$11,600, and seized one vehicle. The K-9 Unit also seized 1,100 grams marijuana, 374 grams of meth, 29 grams of heroin, and 1,115 grams of cocaine. The K-9 Unit attended twenty-five community events this year including a K-9 demonstration at the Coastal Carolina Fair. The K9 Unit also conducted searches of the Hill Finklea Detention Center, various Berkeley County High Schools, and perimeter sweeps of the Berkeley County Office building.

The Sheriff's Office K9 Unit attended the annual NAPWDA (North American Police Work Dog Association) certification workshop in 2023.



TRAFFIC UNIT



The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit is comprised of one sergeant and five deputies. In 2023, the traffic unit made 149 DUI arrests which accounted for 88% of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office DUI arrests. The Traffic Unit issued 2,149 Citations in 2023 and 3,179 Public Contact Warnings. The Traffic Unit completed 13 saturation patrols and 80 selective enforcement responses to area complaints. The Traffic Unit also connected with the community in other ways in 2023; conducting 13 safety presentations and two free car seat safety checks. Deputies assigned to the The Traffic Unit completed over 225 hours of advanced training for the calendar year.

In recognition of their efforts, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit was the first runner-up for the state at the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award ceremony and five members of the Berkeley County Traffic Unit received the South Carolina Department of Public Safety DUI Hero award. The unit achieved one gold award, one silver award and three bronze awards from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

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ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit consist of five Animal Control Officers (ACOs) that answer and investigate a variety of animal service calls. In 2023, ACOs answered 5,398 calls for service in Berkeley County. 62 of those calls were bite related calls. ACOs regularly assist municipalities along with the SC Department of Natural Resources on calls for service.



MOST COMMONLY VIOLATED ANIMAL SERVICES LAWS :

No owner shall fail to provide their animal(s) or pet(s) with:

- sufficient good and wholesome food and water,
- proper shelter and protection from the weather,
- veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering,
- and humane care and treatment.

No person shall beat, cruelly treat, torment, overload, overwork, or otherwise abuse an animal, or cause, instigate, or permit any dogfight, or other combat between animals or between animals and humans.

No owner of an animal shall abandon such animal.

The owner of a dog or cat must have it inoculated against rabies at a frequency to provide continuous protection of the animal from rabies using a vaccine approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and administered by a licensed veterinarian.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of any pet or animal to permit same to run at large at any time upon any street or highway or other property within the County, except upon property owned or rented by the owner or custodian.

No pet or animal shall be permitted to be on school grounds or in a shopping area or similar public place unless on a leash at all times.



BIKE TEAM



The Bike Team is a collateral duty assignment consisting of eleven deputies. The Bike Team strives to improve community relations and actively patrols neighborhoods, businesses, hotels, special events, and high crime areas. Team members average between 15-30 miles during their active patrols.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



In 2023, The Special Response Team (SRT) conducted more than 96 hours of agency specialized training. SRT members attended a 30-hour course of Advance SWAT instruction taught by the Orion Training group. The SRT participated and partnered with federal, state and local law enforcement to provide on-site security/protection for the Annual 2023 Cooper River Bridge Run as well as several dignitary visits. Newly assigned members of the SRT attended a Basic SWAT course/certification conducted by the City of Charleston Police Department.

The SRT members were utilized and deployed on twelve calls for service including calls involving wanted fugitives and barricade/armed subjects. The SRT assisted federal, state, and local agencies in locating and apprehending an extremely dangerous wanted fugitive from New Jersey and Pennsylvania during a large-scale manhunt in Berkeley and Charleston Counties.

RESERVE DEPUTIES

A Reserve Deputy is a volunteer law enforcement officer that has attended all the required training and passed all the required tests as mandated by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Reserve Deputies receive the same training as full-time deputies. Training takes approximately 162 hours and spans a three month time frame. South Carolina state law requires that each Reserve Deputy maintain 60 hours of service time each quarter or 20 hours per month. They are also required to attend training once a month. In 2023, Berkeley County Reserve Deputies worked 4,528 hours. Berkeley County currently has 20 Reserve Deputies. Classes for BCSO Reserves Deputies are typically opened yearly.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORERS

Law Enforcement Explorer Post 700 is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Youths ages 14 to 20 are eligible to become a Law Enforcement Explorer. Law Enforcement Explorers are trained in all areas of law enforcement duties to include traffic control, crime scene investigation, patrol duties, building searches and report writing. There are currently 23 Explorers in the Sheriff's Office Post 700.



During the SCALES (South Carolina Association of Law Enforcement Explores) conference, BCSO Explorers competed in several events that involved a wide variety of law enforcement-related topics including high-risk traffic stops, drug search warrants, arrest warrants, crime scene, firearms, active shooter, mental health crisis intervention, civil disturbances, officer down scenarios, court room testimony, traffic collision reports, incident reports, an emergency operation course and a physical agility course. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Explorers took home several first and second place awards at the event.

BERKELEY COUNTY EXPLORER POST 700

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Technical and Support Services Division oversees all technical projects and equipment for the Sheriff's Office and also conducts forensic analysis of technology for criminal investigations. The Records Office and the Duty Office are included in this Division.

2023 TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES STATS

COMPUTER FORENSICS:

Forensic Phone assists for other agencies	15
Phones Extracted / Analyzed	206
Phones Taken In (Evidence)	68
Video Cases	7



FINGERPRINTS:

Automated Fingerprint Identification System searches	58
Latent Print Identifications	13
Latent Print Cases	89
Latent Print Examinations	315
Latent Print Non-Identifications	137



VIDEO MANAGEMENT:

In Car Systems -	165
Body Cameras -	161



RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is staffed by a unit supervisor, three administrative support specialists, and an expungement clerk. Agency reports and documents are submitted to the Records Unit. Records personnel also are responsible for responding to Freedom of Information Act records requests as well as running criminal history checks, military-background checks, and DSS background checks. Records personnel enter warrants and protection orders, process concealed weapons permit entries and responses, enter NCIC (National Crime Information Center) validations, process Rule 5 requests, and process expungements.



RECORDS	
FOIA Requests	402
Criminal Histories	9,061
CWP Entries	1,910
Expungements	1,341
Warrants Entered	854
Rule 5 Orders	261
Protection Orders Entered	138
DUTY OFFICE	
Phone Inquiries	42,586
Window Assists	12,426
Incident Reports	2,376
Supplement Reports	2,134
Repo Tow Reports	3,194

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is responsible for the direct supervision of inmates, SORT (Special Operations Response Team), the Transport Unit, and the litter pick-up programs.

TRANSPORT UNIT

The Transport Unit is responsible for all local and out-of-state transports, to include transports to court hearings and medical facilities. Transport Unit Detention Deputies are also responsible for the security of inmates at medical facilities. In 2023, the Transport Unit conducted 1,436 transports. This included 439 juvenile transports and 182 therapeutic transports.



LITTER PICK-UP PROGRAM

In 2015, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office instituted the Litter Pick-Up Program. Inmates meeting certain classification criteria volunteer to participate in this program. Under the supervision of detention deputies, the inmates clean up trash from the sides and medians of public roadways and other public areas.



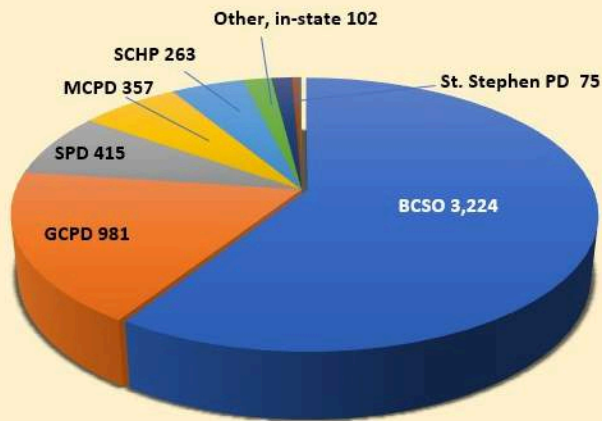
**THE LITTER PICK-UP PROGRAM
REMOVED 94,845 POUNDS OF TRASH
FROM PUBLIC AREAS IN 2023.**



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

BOOKINGS BY AGENCY IN 2023

In 2023, 4,470 persons were booked into the Hill-Finklea Detention Center. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, accounted for 72% of all bookings in 2023. The top five agencies booking persons into the detention center are: the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, the Goose Creek Police Department, the Summerville Police Department, the Moncks Corner Police Department, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.



TOP 10 CHARGES FOR 2023

Acts of violence, specifically Assault and Battery 3rd Degree and Domestic Violence, accounted for 30% of the top ten violations in 2023.



TOP TEN CHARGES IN 2023

Rank	Charge	Count
1	ASSAULT AND BATTERY 3RD DEGREE	354
2	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	302
3	DRUGS/MAN DIST METHAMPHETAMINE	261
4	DUI <10 1ST OFFENSE	200
5	DUS LICENSE	189
6	FAIL TO PAY	184
7	FAIL TO STOP FOR BLUE LIGHT	178
8	OPEN CONTAINER OF BEER/WINE	164
9	POSS < M METH OR COCAINE BASE 1ST	164
10	SHOPLIFTING <\$2000	160

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division includes the Classification Unit, Records Unit, Training Unit, Policies and Budgeting, Property Management, and Contract Management.

CLASSIFICATION UNIT



The Classification Unit has two detention deputies that are responsible for evaluating incoming inmates for classification. The Unit tracks disciplinary procedures and provides monthly statistics regarding inmate disciplinary actions to the Hill-Finklea Detention Center Director.

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is comprised of six civilians and one detention deputy. The Records Unit is tasked with records entry and management, inmate accounts, and management of the inmate files. These records include Jail Management System data, expungements, certain court records, and release records. Members of the Records Unit also are assigned victim notification responsibilities and serve as receptionists in the lobby area of the Detention Center. The Records Unit Sergeant is also responsible for supervising detention deputies that are assigned to the courthouse to supervise inmates at the court house and act as escort officers.



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CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The Administrative Captain coordinates contractor services to include: medical services, food services, inmate phone services, digital mail services, and video visitation.



TRAINING UNIT



All detention deputies are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of training each year. The Training Unit ensures that the training is completed for each detention deputy and maintains all training records. The Unit is responsible for daily, weekly, and monthly internal inspections of life safety equipment. Training detention deputies are also tasked with PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) compliance and assist with the updating and reviewing of policies and post orders. The Training Unit consists of one Sergeant and one Administrative Assistant.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



The management of inmate personal property is an important role within the Detention Center. Currently, there is one detention deputy assigned to manage the property rooms.

BOOKING

Two civilian booking clerks assist with processing inmates and filing and also assist with operations at the front desk controls. With 4,470 inmates booked into the Hill-Finklea Detention Center in 2023, these clerks stayed busy.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

In 2022, through the combined efforts of Sheriff Duane Lewis and State Representative Sylleste Davis, Berkeley County was able to implement funding of \$378,000 through a pilot program facilitating a partnership between Hill-Finklea Detention Center and Berkeley County Mental Health. The state funding added a clinician and substantially increased the amount of time spent by Mental Health Service providers at the facility. The clinicians receive referrals from medical staff, detention deputies, and inmates themselves. This pilot program also provides mental health follow-up services after release and helps former inmates find employment.

As a result of the program's success in 2022, an additional \$ 400,000 was added to the pilot program for the year 2023, furthering mental health services and care for inmates incarcerated.

Significant findings from October, 2022-December, 2023 include:



- 92% of inmates evaluated by psychiatrist were prescribed medications
 - 38% of inmates evaluated have a serious mental illness
- A total of 3,731 services provided
- 1,776 MHP contacts
 - 1,118 Psychiatrist contacts
 - 837 Outreach/Resource contacts



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MEMORY



BCSO Captain (Retired) Will Rogers
End of Watch August 27, 2021

Captain Will Rogers passed away after a battle with COVID. Captain Rogers gave over 30 years of his life to service. In 2015, he survived an ambush attack in the line of duty that doctors never expected him to endure. Will was an outspoken advocate for the prevention of violence against members of Law Enforcement until his very last days.



BCSO Lieutenant Mark Tillman
End Of Watch September 27, 2018

Lieutenant Mark Tillman died unexpectedly on September 27, 2018. Lieutenant Tillman was serving as a Patrol Squad Lieutenant at the time of his death. He was a 26-year law enforcement veteran. He served with Berkeley County for 20 years.



BCSO Deputy Marion Eugene Wright
End Of Watch November 19, 2002

Deputy Wright had just finished his shift and was on his way home when he stopped to assist a disabled motorist with a flat tire. A City of Summerville Officer, William Bell, also stopped to assist Deputy Wright. As the officers were changing the tire, an on-coming vehicle left the roadway and struck both officers. Deputy Marion Eugene Wright and Officer William Bell were both killed. The section of highway where the tragedy took place was renamed William Boland Bell and Marion Eugene Wright Highway.



BCSODEputy Harvey L. Middleton
End Of Watch May 11, 1975

Deputy Sheriff Harvey Middleton was shot and killed when he and the St. Stephen Police Chief attempted to arrest a man on a shooting spree.



Magistrate Warren Calhoun Guerry
End Of Watch May 27, 1947

In the 1940's Magistrates still made arrests in their jurisdiction. Magistrate Guerry had arrested a suspect for robbery and was transporting him to a local constable's home when the suspect stabbed him with a knife. He succumbed to his injuries before other officers arrived on the scene.

Berkeley County Constable Robert Hasell -
End Of Watch February 4, 1893

Constable Robert Hasell was shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant for trespassing. Two people were convicted of Constable Hasell's murder and were sentenced to death. Constable Hasell had only served as a constable for one day.



We are thankful of the dedicated men and women of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

