

SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS



**BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

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 2022.

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 2022 Year-In-Review.

Sincerely,

Sheriff S. Duane Lewis



SHERIFF LEWIS BIOGRAPHY

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, Duane 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, Duane 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 twenty-one 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. Lewis served as a member of the National Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Coordinating Council after the terrorist attacks in 2001.

In June of 2015, Duane was elected as the Sheriff of Berkeley County. Sheriff Lewis 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 (NON-Emergency Only)

SOUTH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS – GOOSE CREEK

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

CAINHOY SUBSTATION

1501 Recreation Road, Huger 29450 > Office: (843) 336-3088 (NON-Emergency Only)

CANE BAY SUBSTATION

1903 Cane Bay Boulevard, Summerville 29483 > Office: (843) 719-2693

CROSS/PINEVILLE SUBSTATION

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

HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

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

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 sheriff's office budget, and manages and coordinates the various division of 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 Hickman is also responsible for Polygraph & Background Investigations.



Major Bobby Shuler commands the Investigations and Support Services Branch of the Sheriff's Office which includes: Criminal Investigations, Drug Enforcement Task Force, DEA 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, Rescue, 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 jail professional with forty 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, Accreditation, Recruitment, Planning and Research, BCSO Awards, Peer Support, promotional processes, accident review, and Emergency Operations.



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

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMAND STAFF



Captain Jimmy Mixson
Judicial Services

Court Security
Civil Process
Judgments
Warrants
US Marshal Task Force
Training



Captain Michael Crumley
Special Operations

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



Captain Annie Jackson
Uniform Patrol North

Uniform Patrol North
Community Action Team North
K9 North



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
K9 South



Captain Dean Kokinda
Computer Forensics
Technical Services Division

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



Captain Trey Boyd
Hill-Finklea Detention Center
Administration

Training
Records
Classification
Property Management

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Lisa Kerns has joined the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office as our Community Outreach Coordinator. She works closely with deputies on the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Community Action Team. Lisa organizes events and coordinates appearances that connect the Sheriff's Office with the community. From neighborhood watch meetings to block parties, from homeowner association meetings to elementary school events, Lisa keeps the conversations between the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and the Berkeley County citizens going.



MEET OUR NEW TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Welcome Samantha Anderson to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office as the Administrative Assistant to the Training Unit. She will be scheduling training, responding to Rule 5 and Freedom of Information requests, managing training records, and performing other administrative tasks necessary to support the Training Unit.



WELCOME ABOARD!

MEET OUR NEW GENERAL COUNSEL

Elisabeth Hoover was raised in Moncks Corner and is a 1998 graduate of Berkeley High School. She is a 2002 graduate of the College of Charleston and 2006 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. She formally served as the administrative judge for the Town of Moncks Corner for seven years. Elisabeth has over 16 years of legal experience. She lives in Lebanon with her husband Matt and their two boys.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2022 ISSUED AWARDS

Congratulations are in order! On February 14, 2023, Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis held BCSO's Annual Awards Ceremony. He was pleased to present several awards to deserving deputies. Sheriff Lewis was joined by special guest, Charleston County Parks Manager and United States Life Saving Association board member, Michael Bradley. Mr. Bradley and Sheriff Lewis presented awards to Cpl. Ronnie Russell and Deputy Hannah Reed, who were submitted for a National Life Saving Award. We are so proud of our award recipients. You all serve this county well, and make it a better place to live, work, and play.



CPL. RUSSELL



DEP. REED



CPL. DIAZ



CPL. NELSON



CPL. DONALDSON



DEP. BUTLER



DEP. BOLEN



CPL. JOHNSON



RES. VOLKMAR



KAREN SHANK

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Life Saving Award (National Recognition): Corporal Ronnie Russell and Deputy Hannah Reed. Corporal Russell and Deputy Reed responded to a disturbance at the Richardson Boat landing. Upon arrival, they observed several people in the water attempting to free a pontoon boat tangled in lines. Corporal Russell observed an individual in distress. Corporal Russell jumped in the water and pulled the man ashore. Deputy Reed assisted Corporal Russell with bringing the man to dry land where she and Corporal Russell began CPR and attended to the man's airway. After one minute, the man expelled the water and began breathing on his own.

Life Saving Award: Corporal Justin Diaz, Deputy Hannah Reed. Our deputies are often the first on scene and their first actions can have life or death consequences. Cpl. Diaz and Deputy Reed responded to a shooting and applied first aid to a juvenile victim. Without their quick actions, the juvenile may not have survived.

Life Saving Award: Cpl. BJ Nelson and Cpl. William Donaldson. Cpl. Nelson and Cpl. Donaldson also responded to a shooting that involved two juveniles. They immediately provided first aid and saved the lives of the juveniles.

Life Saving Award: Deputy Brittany Butler and Deputy Jacob Bolen. Welfare checks can also require fast action. Deputy Butler and Deputy Bolen responded to a welfare check and located a 79-year-old victim on the floor. She had sustained injuries. Deputies Butler and Bolen provided first aid and saved the victim's life.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL AWARDS

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR 2022

Deputy of the Year: Cpl. Justin Diaz. The Sheriff's Office annually recognizes a deputy for their good work during the year. This award may be presented to a non-supervisory, certified, sworn employee who has exhibited exemplary performance in any aspect of law enforcement during the cited month or year for which the award is given. The criteria for nomination may include: recognition of a heroic act, high personal standards and service above and beyond the call of duty, display of high level of technical excellence, display of innovation and initiative in creating new concepts or ideas, and other exemplary performance as so deemed by the Sheriff. In December of 2022, Corporal Diaz located an armed robbery suspect shortly after the robbery and pursued the suspect into Georgetown County where the suspect ended his life. This incident involved a very dangerous set of events. Cpl. Diaz has distinguished himself many times in his career.



RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR 2022

Reserve Deputy of the Year: Thomas Volkmar. Reserve Deputies are a vital component of our Sheriff's Office.

Reserve Deputies are volunteers who are trained and certified to serve our community. They provide extra safety for our men and women in patrol. The award criteria for this award is the same as full-time, paid deputies. Reserve Deputy Volkmar has served BCSO for over 15 years. He makes himself available when squads are short-handed, works with minimal supervision, and assists with the coordination and training of the Reserve program. Thank-you Sir for your dedication.



CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2022

Civilian of the Year: Karen Shank. This award is presented to a civilian employees who, in the capacity of their employment, exhibited exemplary performance in any aspect of their duties. Karen Shank has been an employee with BCSO since 2015.

She has been an expungement clerk, community service officer, and currently serves as a records clerk. Last year she completed and assisted with 260 FOIA requests and Rule 5 motions. She helped process over 25,000 incident and supplemental reports. She also assists with video requests. During the extended absence of the Records Manager, Karen assumed the duties of the Records Manager, without difficulties.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES OF THE QUARTER

DEPUTY OF THE 1ST QUARTER

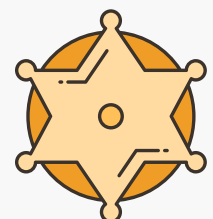
Deputy of the First Quarter: Corporal Bradley Scrio. During the first quarter Corporal Scrio was the most productive member of his unit writing 37 incident reports and making 31 arrests. Corporal Scrio has long distinguished himself as a valued member of Sedgefield Middle School, working as a law enforcement educator, counselor, and trusted advisor to both students and staff. He can often be found welcoming students to school wearing silly costumes during holidays and dress up days. Corporal Scrio knows most of the students in his school on a first name basis and can quickly recognize when a student is troubled. Corporal Scrio maintains an amazing relationship with school administrators and they work in unison to educate and keep the students safe.



DEPUTY OF THE 2ND QUARTER

Deputy of the Second Quarter: Deputy George Winningham. Deputy Winningham goes above and beyond when responding to calls for service and is consistently polite and gracious. He is detailed-oriented, industrious, and well-respected by his peers.

Deputy Winningham has been able to locate and arrest several individuals in possession of stolen property due to his proactive patrolling. In April of 2022, Deputy Winningham responded to a trespassing call. After speaking with the complainant, Deputy Winningham quickly determined that a burglary had occurred and began to patrol on foot; he located the suspect with several items that had been stolen from the subject property. Deputy Winningham writes detailed reports and carefully processes crime scenes. His conscientious collection of latent fingerprints have resulted in numerous AFIS hits. He also volunteers his time by retrieving bond paperwork from the Hill-Finklea Detention Center and helps the outgoing shift of deputies obtain and serve arrest warrants. Deputy Winningham is regularly sought out by his peers to answer procedural questions and to assist with calls for service.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES OF THE QUARTER

DEPUTY OF THE 3RD QUARTER

Deputy of the Third Quarter: Corporal Stacy Harris. On August 8, 2022, while serving as a member of the North District Community Action Team, Corporal Stacy Harris responded in support of an investigation in the Pineville area of Berkeley County where an 86-year-old member of the community was murdered. Corporal Harris identified a witness, that might have otherwise been overlooked, had it not been for his knowledge of, and relationship with, the community.

Due to Corporal Harris' exemplary work, a person of interest was identified. Corporal Harris met with the person of interest and escorted him to the Sheriff's Office. Corporal Harris continued to assist detectives and was able to obtain DNA evidence that confirmed the person of interest's involvement in the murder. Because of Corporal Harris' engagement in the community and his keen investigative skills, a suspect was brought to justice in this murder.



DEPUTY OF THE 4TH QUARTER

Deputy of the Fourth Quarter: Corporal Matthew Johnson. Throughout the fourth quarter of 2022, Corporal Matthew Johnson has distinguished himself as a proactive and dedicated member of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. In the fourth quarter of 2022, he seized twenty-two firearms from convicted felons, made numerous charges for illegal drugs, recovered a stolen motorcycle, and apprehended ten fugitives. In pursuit of these accomplishments, Corporal Johnson spent numerous hours investigating these crimes, leading to the execution of two search warrants. Corporal Johnson's commitment to his duties brought these offenders to justice, removed firearms and drugs from the streets, returned stolen property to victims, and ultimately made Berkeley County a safer place to live and work.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

In 2022, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office presented sixty additional awards and commendations to employees. These awards and commendations included Honorable Service Awards, Exceptional Duty Awards, Civilian Service Awards, Meritorious Service Awards, and Letters of Commendation.



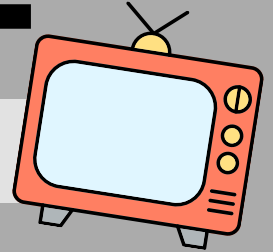
BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON PATROL: LIVE

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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 police officers and sheriff's deputies from diverse agencies in different cities all over America for three hours every Friday and Saturday night. It is available on the Reelz channel and the Peacock streaming app. Program hosts provide minute-by-minute perspective and analysis from a central studio location during footage. 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 3rd 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

Cainhoy Substation
1501 Recreation Rd, Huger

Cross/ Pineville Substation
1659 Old Highway 6 Cross

Cane Bay Substation
1903 Cane Bay Blvd., Summerville

Sangaree Substation
347 Sangaree Pkwy., Summerville

North District Substation
2184 Santee River Rd. St. Stephen

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 2022, patrol deputies responded 54,502 calls for service.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The Community Action Team (CAT) has been successfully developing relationships with community leaders across Berkeley County. CAT members consistently meet with the citizens in their assigned communities and listen to and address their concerns.

In 2022, CAT members made 2,686 business contacts, 84,643 public contacts, attended 64 Crime Watch meetings, and attended over 273 community events. There were 48,360 pounds of litter collected in 2022.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

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 Facebook page has grown to over 83,000 followers. You can also find the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office on Twitter.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUDICIAL SERVICES DIVISION

THE COURTS

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Court Security is comprised of both LE1 and LE3 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 adults inmates and juveniles that are brought into the courtrooms.



Court Security Deputies have the same amount of training and certification as the other deputies that are assigned to the Sheriff's Office. Court Security Deputies also receive specialized training specific to court security. When courts are not in session, deputies assist with serving civil process.

In 2022, there were 997 manned sessions of court, 93 adults arrested, and nine juveniles 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 2022, 2,383 warrants were served and 2,256 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 personnel assigned to the Sheriff's Office. They also help train Detention Officers, Reserve Deputies, Sheriff Special Deputies, Retirees, and Sheriff Office Auxiliary Personnel. The Training Unit coordinates with the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) for 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 2022, 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.

2022 STATS

- Cases assigned: 1901
- Cleared by arrest: 125
- Exceptionally cleared: 319
- Unfounded: 218
- Administratively Closed: 1,300
- Total Cleared: 1,962



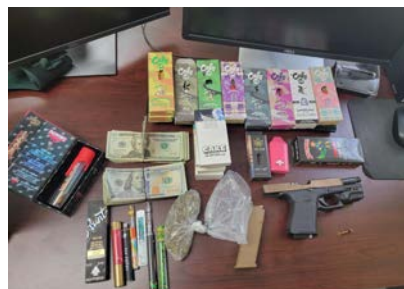
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

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.

2022 STATS

Arrests	190	Seizures	
Search Warrants	131	Cocaine	1.2 pounds
Consent Searches	29	Cocaine Base	1 pound
Drug tips	130	Marijuana	25.2 pounds
		Heroin	3.15 pounds
		Meth	3.35 pounds
		MDMA	130 dosages
		Fentanyl	228 dosages



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.

Forensics Unit	
ATF E-Trace Requests	464
Items processed in house	890
Scene callouts in the AM	128
Scene call outs in the PM	194
Items turned into impound	3
Items taken to IBIS	632
Items logged into evidence	7,432
Items Sent to SLED	
Best Bags	575
Evidence	258
DNA evidence	180
GPM	108
Items Removed From Custody	
Items returned to owner	433
Items destroyed	2,180
Other Assists	
Search warrant assists	74
Cases assisting the Solicitor's Office	734
Cases assisting Detectives	550

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

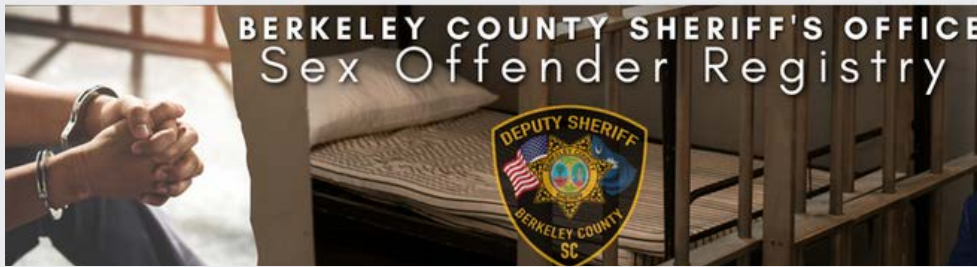
VICTIM ADVOCATES

By advising victims and witnesses of crimes of their rights, and explaining certain court system procedures, Victim Advocates provide the public with a better understanding of the criminal justice system. In 2022, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office assisted 1,588 victims of crime.



2022 STATS

Phone calls:	1,909	DCVC Information and Applications:	79
Walk-ins:	111	Order of Protection / Restraining Orders:	216
Letters:	1,780	Shelter Assistance:	45
Bond Court Supplementals:	291	Court Assistance:	204
Transport:	4	Counseling Referrals:	112



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 their addresses annually.

There are 455 Sex Offenders registered in Berkeley County. In 2022, the Sex Offender Registry Unit attempted 301 residency checks and completed 158 residency checks. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registry Unit arrested seven individuals and obtained an arrest warrant for one offender.

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.

DIVE TEAM

In 2022, the Dive Team consisted of nine team members: five sworn members and four auxiliary members. The team logged 144 training hours including training with other agencies. During 2022, the Dive Team assisted with three anti-terrorism missions and had one body recovery mission.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Professional Standards investigates serious incidents and coordinates citizen complaint investigations. The Inspector 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 include corrective action. This software now allows supervisors to provide coaching documentation.

In 2022, there were 34 citizen complaints filed by citizens either in person or online. Of the 34 complaints, four were sustained for minor policy violations. There were seven Internal Affairs Investigations of which two were sustained, also for minor policy violations.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Applicants for Deputy Sheriff positions 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 2022, the Sheriff's Office received 206 applications for LEI positions. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office hired 37 new deputies in 2022.

RECRUITMENT

In 2022, in order to recruit future deputies, the Sheriff's Office attended five job fairs and continues to maintain close contact with colleges, universities, and civic organizations.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office received 206 applications for LEI positions and 37 deputies were hired. The Sheriff's Office has a total of 218 total sworn deputy positions. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office added seven additional grant SRO positions.

A 2022 anonymous survey of newly hired deputies, 97% 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.

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.



**WE ARE
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BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

ACCREDITATION



CALEA (The Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), is the national credentialing authority that awards Accreditation Certification to public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA standards. There are currently 447 CALEA standards that apply to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office; CALEA certification is also a four year long 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 3,081 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. 2022 was the second year of the four year long CALEA review for re-accreditation. In 2022, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office also assisted other agencies with national and state accreditation.

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, 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 2022, Berkeley County did not have a Hurricane landfall threat. Emergency Operations primarily addressed the COVID-19 Pandemic throughout the year. In 2022, deputies attended emergency operations training that consisted of table top training, in-person training, and webinars.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

DUI PROSECUTOR

On March 28, 2022, Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis announced the hiring of a full-time DUI Prosecutor through a fully funded South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant. We were excited to welcome Attorney Tyler Jenkins. The Special DUI Prosecutor will review and prepare all pending alcohol and drug-related driving arrest charges made by Berkeley County Sheriff's deputies for court. Previously, Berkeley County deputies prosecuted their own cases in summary court and were often were matched up against experienced DUI defense attorneys.



Attorney Jenkins began his new position with 168 cases. Ninety-five of these cases ended with convictions, and the remainder are still pending or have been dismissed. He also conducted 129 pre-trial conferences.



"Our chief duty in law enforcement is to serve and protect our citizens. Through this grant, we believe we can better combat the serious crime of driving under the influence and more successfully prosecute DUI cases in court." Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis said. "This position will allow us to enhance the level of safety on our streets and will result in saving more lives."

Jenkins was previously an Assistant Solicitor for the 9th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office where he prosecuted various crimes including drug crimes, firearm offenses, violent crimes, white-collar crimes, property crimes, and domestic violence. Jenkins has also assisted with Family Court juvenile matters. He is a Moncks Corner native and a graduate from the University of South Carolina where he obtained a bachelor's degree in economics. He then attended and graduated from the Charleston School of Law where he received a juris doctor degree. In his spare time, Jenkins enjoys golf, tennis, and weightlifting.

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, grants personnel approve procurement expenditures to ensure compliance, and manage the the submitting of financial and programmatic data.



In 2022, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office was awarded nine grants totaling \$2,039,926. These grants funded the following: ten School Resource Officers (SROs), an additional Victim Advocate, a DUI Prosecutor, a DUI Enforcement Deputy, a Traffic Safety Deputy, Traffic Safety Overtime, seven vehicles, and vital equipment for the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Grants Specialist actively pursues grants to support the mission of the Sheriff's Office. Since 2019, The Sheriff's Office has been awarded a total of \$4,840,128 in grant funding.

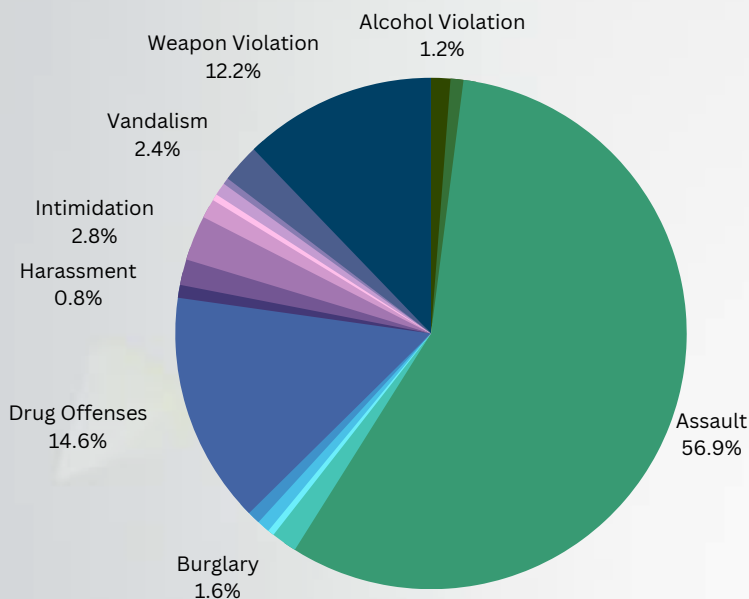
BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer Program is a collaborative effort between the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, the Berkeley County School District, educators, students, parents, and the community to reduce crime, drug abuse, and violence, to provide a safe school environment, and to provide law-related educational programs. The School Resource Officer Program places a deputy in a school full-time to provide a variety of support programs and services to the students and staff in furtherance of these goals. SROs interact with students and staff and provide instruction on drug and gang resistance programs. SROs routinely accompany school groups as they travel to athletic and field trips. The SRO Unit consists of 29 deputies assigned to five high schools, seven middle schools, eight elementary schools, and one charter school. During the 2021-2022 school year, deputies took 485 incident reports on school campuses and brought 246 charges.



2022 ARRESTS BY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is comprised of a Sergeant and three deputies. Two of the Traffic Unit positions are grant funded. The deputies' salary, fringe benefits, mileage and lodging, and meals for in-state DUI training are all funded by the grant. One grant specifically addresses impaired driving while the other grant addresses other highway safety dangers such as reckless driving and speeding complaints.

The Traffic Unit made 88 DUI arrests and conducted or assisted with 22 checkpoints. The Unit also conducted eight safety presentations in addition to participating in the Sober or Slammer! campaigns, Buckle Up South Carolina, and Operation Southern Shield.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

MARINE PATROL UNIT

The Marine Patrol Unit consists of two full-time deputies, and twenty-five deputies with collateral marine patrol duty assignments. The Marine Patrol Unit participated in parades, festivals, community/school events, and DNR boater education classes. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit is an active member of the Metro Marine Unit. The Metro Marine Unit consists of federal, state, and local agencies that partner together to conduct waterway operations/missions. Members have attended national boating courses and received various law enforcement boating certifications.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Marine Patrol Unit logged in over 540 hours of active patrolling of the 130 sq miles of Berkeley County's waterways. In 2022, the Marine Patrol Unit responded and participated in 23 rescue/recovery missions, as well as 11 security/law enforcement related missions.



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 2022, the Sheriff's Office Rescue Unit participated in six ground rescue/missing person searches. The Rescue Unit added a side-by-side utility vehicle and a light-medium tactical vehicle to assist in ground rescue/search efforts and high-water rescue events.

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 2022, the K-9 Unit made 171 arrests, ran 45 tracks, conducted 34 searches for articles or hiding persons, seized 38 firearms, seized \$5,500, and seized one vehicle. The K-9 Unit also seized 892 grams marijuana, 621 grams of meth, 54 grams of heroin, and 1,050 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 Sheriff's Office attended the annual NAPWADA (North American Police Work Dog Association) certification workshop in 2022.

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ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit consist of 5 Animal Control Officers (ACOs) that answer and investigate a variety of animal calls for service. In 2022, ACOs answered 7,049 calls for service in Berkeley County. They regularly assist municipalities along with DNR on calls for service.

ANIMAL SERVICES LAWS / MOST COMMON VIOLATIONS:

- 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)



The Special Response Team (SRT) conducted more than 96 hours of agency specialized training in 2022. SRT partnered with federal, state, and local law enforcement to provide on-site security/protection for the 2022 Cooper River Bridge Run. In 2022, newly assigned members attend SWAT certification, SRT marksmen attended a FBI Marksmen certification course, and SRT members designated as the Less than Lethal/Chemical Munitions Team attended the Federal

Law Enforcement Training Center instructor certification course. SRT team members were deployed on nine calls for service involving barricaded/armed subjects as well assisted federal, state, and local agencies with locating and apprehending fugitives.

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 2022, Berkeley County Reserve Deputies worked 4475 hours. Berkeley County currently has 19 reserve deputies. Classes for BCSO Reserves are typically opened yearly.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORERS

Law Enforcement Explorers are chartered by the Boy Scouts of America and are made up of youths age 14 to 21. 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.



The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Explorers attended SCALES (South Carolina Association of Law Enforcement Explorers) conferences in 2022 in which they had the opportunity to participate in many competitions including: report writing, legal knowledge, courtroom testimony, firearms proficiency, driving proficiency, crisis intervention, traffic stops, and arrest warrant service. Explorers received individual and team awards at the Summer and Winter SCALES conferences. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office currently has 25 members in Explorer Post 700.

BERKELEY COUNTY EXPLORER POST 700

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

In August of 2020 Sheriff Lewis created the Computer Forensics and Technical Services Division in response to the constant increase in the use of technology in law enforcement. The Division oversees all technical projects and equipment for the Sheriff's Office and also conducts forensic analysis of technology for criminal investigations.

2022 TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES STATS

COMPUTER FORENSICS:

Agency Assist - Phones	6
Phones Extracted / Analyzed	203
Phones Taken In (Evidence)	242
Video Cases	21



FINGERPRINTS:

AFIS Searches	102
Agency Assist - Latents	6
Identifications	28
Latent Cases	135
Latent Examinations	539
Non - Identifications	82



VIDEO MANAGEMENT:

In Car Systems -	137
Body Cameras -	145

RECORDS

FOIA Requests	269
Criminal Histories	7,796
CWP Entries	1,740
Expungements	945
Warrants Entered	1,356
Rule 5 Orders	239
Protection Orders Entered	138

DUTY OFFICE

Phone Inquiries	42,657
Window Assists	9,829
Incident Reports	1,056
Supplement Reports	1,616
Repo Tow Reports	2,642

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is staffed by a unit supervisor, three civilians, 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 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.



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OPERATIONS DIVISION

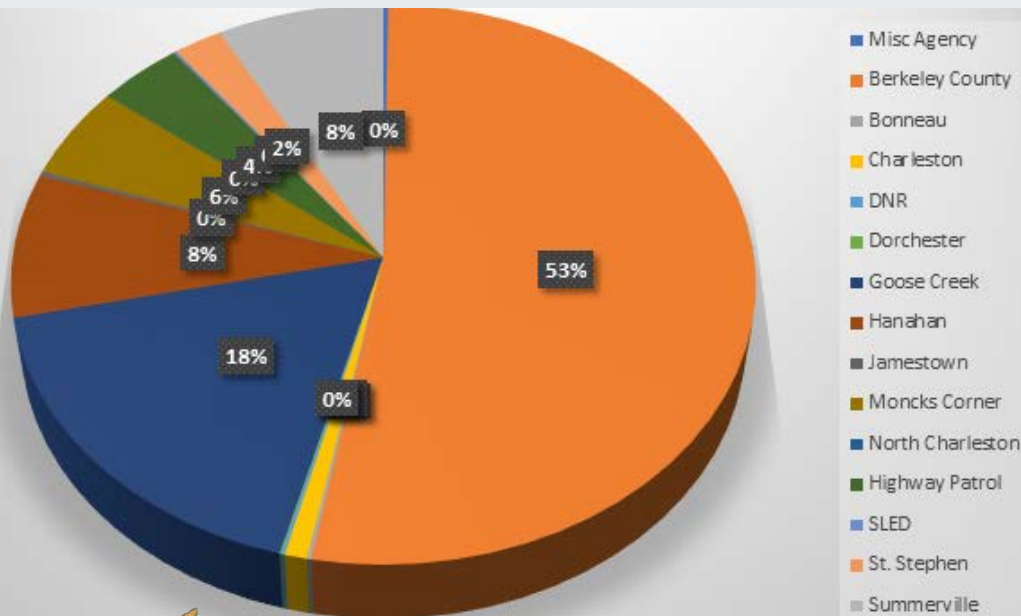
The Operations Division includes direct supervision of inmates, SORT (Special Operations Response Team), the Transport Unit, and the litter pick-up programs.

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 2022, the transport team conducted 1,792 transports.



ARRESTS BY AGENCY IN 2022



Top Ten Charges of 2022

Charge Description	Number	% out of 8795 charges
DUI <10 1ST OFFENSE	406	4.616259238
POSS < THAN ONE GRAM METH OR COCAINE BASE 1ST	332	3.774872086
UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF WEAPON	260	2.956225128
DRUGS/MAN DIST ETC OF METHAMPHETAMINE 1ST	238	2.706083002
SHOPLIFTING <\$2000	180	2.046617396
ASSAULT AND BATTERY 3RD DEGREE	166	1.887436043
OPEN CONTAINER OF BEER/WINE	161	1.83058556
PUBLIC DISORDERLY CONDUCT	158	1.79647527
MANUFT POSSESS OTHER SUB SCH I II III WITD-1ST	152	1.72825469
POSS OTHER CONTROLLED SUB IN SCHED I TO V-1ST	148	1.682774304

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

LITTER PICK-UP PROGRAM

In 2015, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office instituted the Litter Pick-Up Program. Inmates that are classified as trustees 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 48,360 POUNDS OF TRASH
FROM PUBLIC AREAS IN 2022.**



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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

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 responsible for supervising detention deputies that are assigned to the courthouse to act as escort officers.

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

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

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

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 they also 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 CLERKS

Two civilian booking clerks were hired in 2022 to assist with processing inmates and filing. They are also utilized to operate the front desk controls. This function was previously assigned to detention deputies. This change allows detention deputies to focus more on direct supervision of inmates.



MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM

Through the combined efforts of Sheriff Duane Lewis and State Representative Sylleste Davis, Berkeley County was the recipient of \$373,000 in funding for a pilot program facilitating a partnership between Hill-Finklea Detention Center and Berkeley Community 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 the inmates themselves. This pilot program also provides mental health follow-up services after release and helps former inmates find employment.

Significant findings from October, 2022-December, 2022 Include:

- Greater than 90% of inmates evaluated by the psychiatrist were prescribed medication.
- Approximately 41% of inmates evaluated by the psychiatrist have a Serious Mental Illness.
- 615 services were provided.

The average number of days an inmate remained on suicide watch decreased from 12.5 days to an average of 2.8 days.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MEMORY



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.



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.



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.



Deputy 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.

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

