

SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS



**BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS

My promise to you as your Sheriff is to keep you informed of the activities and successes of your Sheriff's Office. We will work together to keep Berkeley County a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

In the following pages you will see the many functions of the Sheriff's Office and how we have successfully accomplished many of our goals.

I am very proud of the men and women who work tirelessly to ensure our safety. These dedicated members of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office are responsible for the many successes we have experienced in our mission of "Taking Care of People."

It is my privilege and honor to serve you as your Sheriff.

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.

Duane became a Special Agent for I.N.S Investigations Bureau, a national arson investigative unit for the insurance industry, in 1991.

Lewis was hired as a Detective at the Goose Creek Police Department in 1992. He was soon promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant to supervise 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 2015, he offered and was subsequently elected as the Sheriff of Berkeley County in June 2015. Sheriff Lewis was re-elected in 2018.

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 NOT 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

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



The Chief Deputy is responsible for the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office. Chief Baker acts on behalf of the Sheriff in his absence. He is responsible for the management and oversight of the Sheriff's Office Budget. His duties also include coordinating the activities of the divisions of the Sheriff's Office to meet the mission and goals of the agency.



Major David Brabham 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 and Animal Control.



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



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, Polygraph & Background Investigations, Grants, Accreditation, Recruitment, Planning and Research, 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 Bobby Shuler
Special Operations

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



Captain Annie Jackson
Uniform Patrol North

Uniform Patrol North
Community Action Team North



Captain Michael Crumley
Criminal Investigations

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



Captain Dan Wilson
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 Trey Boyd
Hill-Finklea Detention Center
Administration

Training
Records
Classification
Property Management

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 the citizens of the county, the Sheriff's Office has opened five substations across the county. Citizens volunteer at the substations to assist the public. Citizens can visit these to obtain reports or information and to meet with a deputy when necessary.



SUBSTATIONS

South District Substation
301 Red Bank Road, Goose Creek

Cane Bay Substation
1903 Cane Bay Blvd., Summerville

Cainhoy Substation
1501 Recreation Road, 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 CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Advisory Board serves as the voice of their communities and act as liaisons to the Sheriff's Office. There are currently twenty-four members representing twenty communities across Berkeley County. Board Members meet with the Sheriff and his staff regularly to stay informed of the activities of the Sheriff's Office and address issues affecting their communities. Deputies are assigned to the geographic areas of the county and keep in contact with their respective board member.



ALVIN	Wendell Lampkin
BONNEAU BEACH.....	Gary and Cheryl Smoak
CAINHOY / HUGER / WANDO.....	Sybill Mitchell
CANE BAY.....	Martin Ryan
CLEMENTS FERRY.....	Lisa Kerns
CORDESVILLE.....	Francis Wright and Jerode Johnson
CROSS / PINEVILLE.....	Rev. J. Howell
DANIEL ISLAND.....	Valerie Dryer
GOOSE CREEK.....	Cindy Long, Melissa Polutta and Cory McClary
HANAHAN.....	Michael Ramsey
JAMESTOWN / HONEYHILL / SHULERVILLE.....	OPEN POSITION
ST. STEPHEN.....	Sylvia Blake
LEBANON.....	Matthew Hoover
MACEDONIA.....	Phoebe Bradberry
MONCK'S CORNER / PINOPOLIS.....	Mason West, Harry Dupree and Chris Volf
NEW HOPE / FELDER CREEK.....	Ron Harvey
NEXTON.....	Mandy Dinino
RUSSELLVILLE.....	Darla Barnette
SANDRIDGE / RIDGEVILLE.....	Walter Early
SANGAREE / TALL PINES / LADSON.....	Willie Sanders

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. Each shift is 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 2021, Deputies responded to 129,857 calls for service.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The Community Action Team has been very successful with developing relationships with community leaders across the county. Members are constantly meeting with the citizens in their assigned communities and addressing their concerns. Team Members act as liaisons to members of the Citizens Advisory Board.

In 2021, the team made 2,818 business contacts, 9,676 public contacts, attended 14 Crime Watch meetings and attended over 54 community events. There were over 491 litter cases addressed in 2020. The numbers of community events and crime watch meetings have been low due to COVID-19 and the protocol restrictions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Sheriff's Office is very active in social media providing accurate and timely information to the public about the activities of the Sheriff's Office. By providing current updates to the community, the citizens of the county stay informed with arrests in their neighborhoods and the latest enforcement efforts of the Sheriff's Office to address issues important to them. The Berkeley County Facebook page has definitely grown in likes! Currently, the BCSO Facebook page has over 75,000 followers. That number is up 22,000 from last year's number. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office also has a presence on Twitter with over 8,000 followers.



Residents can follow the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office on Facebook and Twitter @BerkCoSheriff.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUDICIAL SERVICES DIVISION

THE COURTS

The Berkeley County Courthouse is home to the Circuit Court, Family Court, Probate Court and the Master in Equity Court. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is tasked with providing security for these courts. Reserve Deputies and State Constables provide additional manpower when needed. Deputies assigned to the unit are responsible for screening all persons entering the courthouse and they also inspect every courtroom prior to each session of court.



WARRANTS / CIVIL PROCESS

The Warrants / Civil Process Unit is responsible for serving criminal arrest warrants, check warrants, family court, general sessions and magistrate bench warrants. The Warrants/Civil Process Unit is also responsible for serving jury summons and assisting with foreclosures. Civil process papers may include notices, summons and complaints, restraining orders, subpoenas, rule to show cause, attachments, mechanic's liens, claim and delivery and writs. The Warrants Unit served 2,533 warrants during the year. 1,070 Civil Process papers were served in 2021.

TRAINING UNIT

The 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 assist with training for Detention Officers, Reserve Deputies, Sheriff Special Deputies, Retirees, and Sheriff Office Auxiliary Personnel. The unit coordinates with the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) for Basic LE training and advanced training. The training unit also provides training for local law enforcement agencies in Berkeley County.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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

- Cases assigned: 2,074
- Cleared by arrest: 157
- Exceptionally cleared: 275
- Unfounded: 134
- Administratively Closed: 632
- Total Cleared: 566



DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

The Drug Enforcement Task Force is staffed by 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 can go to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Website at <https://sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov/report/give-us-a-tip/> or call 843-719-4424.

		Seizures	
Citations	4	Cocaine	36 grams
Arrests	160	Cocaine Base	17 grams
Search Warrants	66	Marijuana	2,183 grams
Consent Searches	0	Heroin	31 grams
Drug tips	155	Meth	1,180 grams
		MDMA	14 doses
		Fentanyl	539 grams
		Pills	1,056 doses



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.

Crime Scene Responses:	366	Items sent to SLED:	Items returned to owner:	353
Items Logged into Evidence:	7,283	Drug Evidence:	Items destroyed:	2,202
Search Warrants:	96	DNA Evidence:	Cases assisting	
Items Processed in-house:	552	GPM	Solicitors Office:	736
ATF E-Trace Requests:	503	Other:		

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

VICTIM ADVOCATES

Victim Advocates provide the public with a better understanding of the Criminal Justice system by providing information regarding their rights and responsibilities as victims and witnesses of crimes. They also advise victims of the procedures of the court system and County/State criminal codes related to their incident. Advocates assisted 958 victims of crime in 2021.

Information and Referral:	1,916	Sheltering / Housing Services:	10
Personal Advocacy / Accompaniment:	62	Criminal /Civil Justice System Assistance:	216
Emotional Support or Safety Services:	56		

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Sheriff's Office is mandated 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 their tier level. Registered Sex offenders must also have their residency confirmed annually.

There are 402 Sex Offenders registered in Berkeley County. In 2021, the unit conducted 401 residency checks and obtained twenty arrest warrants for offenders.

Citizens can visit the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office website at Sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov and select crime mapping to view the locations of sex offenders and their information.

DIVE TEAM

In 2021, The Dive Team consisted of 11 team members; 6 sworn and 5 auxiliary.

The team logged 1,084 training hours. Dive Team members trained with agency members and also outside agencies. During 2021, the team assisted with 7 anti-terrorism missions at the Naval Weapons Station. There were no victim recovery missions in 2021.



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.

Internal Affairs Investigations

Year	Not Involved	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Sustained	Pending	Total
2021	--	1	3	7	3	1	15

During year 2021 there were thirteen (13) Internal Affairs investigations including seven (7) agency-initiated investigations and (6) citizen complaints, involving fourteen (14) employees. It is noted that some cases involve more than one employee and/or category.

Citizen Complaints

Year	Not Involved	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Sustained	Pending	Total
2021	2	1	8	13	8	1	33

During year 2021 there were thirty-five (35) Citizen Complaints involving forty-four (44) employees. Six (6) citizen complaints were investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit are included in those numbers, and the remaining twenty-nine (29) citizen complaints were investigated by the involved employee's chain of command. It is noted that some cases involve more than one employee and or category.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Applicants for Deputy Sheriff positions must successfully pass an extensive background process. This includes 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 2021, the Sheriff's Office received 252 applications for LE1 positions. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office hired sixty-seven new deputies in 2021.

RECRUITMENT

In person recruiting continued to be difficult in 2021 due to COVID 19. The Sheriff's Office was able to attend three job fairs hosted by Veteran Career and Resource Fair, SC Works, and a Virtual Job Fair with Cumulus radio stations. The Sheriff's Office maintains close contact with colleges, universities and civic organizations to assist with identifying future candidates for the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. During the year, fifty-six deputies left the Sheriff's Office and sixty-seven deputies were hired. The Sheriff's Office currently has 205 sworn positions. Of the sixty-seven new hires, six deputies previously worked for the Sheriff's Office. Forty-six new hires were certified officers working at local law enforcement agencies. Twenty-one of the new hires were un-certified.

Newly hired deputies were surveyed about joining the Sheriff's Office. The reputation of the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Office was listed as the most important or very important in 97% of the responses.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

ACCREDITATION



In 2021, the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office began the process of their 3rd re-accreditation certification by completing the 1st year file review, of a 4-year process by CALEA (The Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), of maintaining compliance with CALEA Law Enforcement Standards. Every year during the 4-year process CALEA Compliance Service Members (CCSMs) evaluate 25% of law enforcement standards for continued compliance.



The CALEA Law Enforcement Standard manual received a major revision, requiring the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office to update and revise standard operating procedures to maintain compliance, as well as keep up with ever-changing needs of the community.

The Sheriff's Office was also re-accredited by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office has been state accredited since 2001.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

The Sheriff's Office works with our emergency responder partners to plan and mitigate natural and man-made disasters. Hurricane Response Plans are updated annually to prepare for a hurricane landfall. During these events, 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 2021, Berkeley County did not have a Hurricane landfall threat. Emergency Operations primarily addressed the COVID-19 Pandemic through-out the year. Personnel attended table top exercises and webinars.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

DUI PROSECUTOR

Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis is pleased to announce the hiring of a full-time DUI Prosecutor through a grant program. The position was funded through a South Carolina Department of Public Safety grant and does not require a local match. This position is fully funded through the awarded grant. We were excited to welcome Attorney Tyler Jenkins. The role of the Special DUI Prosecutor is to review and prepare for court all pending alcohol- and drug-related driving arrest charges made by Berkeley County Sheriff's deputies. Prior to hiring a Special DUI Prosecutor, Berkeley County deputies represented their cases in court and were matched up against experienced DUI defense attorneys.



"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. He has experience with prosecuting various crimes to include drug crimes, firearm offenses, violent crimes, white-collar crimes, property crimes and domestic violence. Jenkins has also assisted with Family Court juvenile matters. Jenkins is a Moncks Corner native, having graduated from Berkeley High School. After High School he attended the University of South Carolina and obtained a bachelor's degree in Economics. Jenkins then went on to study at the Charleston School of Law and received a Juris Doctor degree. While in law school, he excelled and was bestowed multiple awards and held positions of leadership. In his spare time, Jenkins enjoys golf, tennis and weightlifting. It is possible that you can spot him attending a South Carolina Gamecocks football game when he is off!

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 they are within the terms of the grant. They oversee the implementation of the grant and submit financial and programmatic reporting.



In 2021, nine (9) grants were awarded to Berkeley County Sheriff's Office to fund personnel, equipment, travel and training. These grants, either fully or partially, funded nine (9) positions; four (4) School Resource Officers (SRO's), an additional Victim Advocate, DUI Prosecutor, DUI Enforcement Deputy and two (2) Traffic Unit Deputies. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program provided all the personal protective equipment needed for the prevention of, preparation for and response to the Coronavirus. This grant also provided equipment to establish three (3) training rooms and purchase two (2) portable digital interview systems. The detention center received funding for refrigeration and sanitation equipment. These grants totaled \$855,005.

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer Program is a collaborative effort by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, Berkeley County School District, educators, students, parents, and the community to offer law related educational programs in the schools in an effort to reduce crime, drug abuse, violence, and provide a safe school environment. Our deputies routinely accompany school groups as they travel to athletic and field trips. 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. The overall goals of the program are to maintain a safe and secure learning environment on the school campus and influence the development of positive attitudes by youth towards the law enforcement community.



Sheriff's Deputies are assigned to 5 high schools, 7 Middle Schools, 3 Elementary Schools and 1 Charter School within the County. During 2020-2021 school year, 120 arrests were made by SRO's in these schools. These include 10 arrests for controlled substances, 56 assault/battery, 12 arrests for weapons, 7 CSC, 12 Larceny, 7 Vandalism, 1 CDV, 2 Pulling a fire alarm, 1 disturbing schools., 6 Agency Assists were conducted and 7 Tobacco Violation Involving Minors.

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is comprised of four deputies and a Sergeant. Three of the positions are grant funded. The grants are funded through the South Carolina Department of Public Safety and pay for the deputy's salary, fringe benefits, mileage and lodging and meals for in-state DUI training. 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 45 DUI arrests and conducted or assisted with 55 checkpoints. The unit also conducted 3 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

The Marine Patrol participated in (8) public events to include parades, festivals, community and school events along with boater safety education classes. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Metro Marine unit in which we partner with and assist and conduct operations/missions with Federal, State and local agencies. We took delivery of a brand new 21' Rigid Hull Inflatable Patrol vessel made by INMAR in 2021 to better assist and expand the division capabilities to provide CFS on Berkeley County Waterways.



Marine Patrol Members put in over 1,500 hours patrolling Berkeley County's 130 sq miles of waterways during the summer months between memorial day and labor day in addition to responding to water missions and Security and Law Enforcement Missions. The Sheriff's Office conducted twenty-eight rescue / recovery missions and fifteen security and Law Enforcement Missions.

RESCUE

In 2018, the Sheriff's Office assumed the responsibility for rescue operations pertaining to marine and ground search rescue. There are currently twenty-eight trained Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the Marine Patrol Unit as a collateral duty along with twelve Sheriff's Office Auxiliary personnel. The Rescue Team participated in four ground rescue/ missing persons searches.



K-9 UNIT



There are currently seven handlers and eight canines in service. Six of these canines are "Patrol Dogs" and two are tracking only bloodhounds. In 2021, the K-9 unit combined, responded to 4,519 calls for service, responded 287 times to other agencies to assist them, made 214 arrests, ran 144 tracks, conducted 58 searches for articles or hiding persons, seized 78 firearms, seized \$27,049, seized one vehicle and the following listed narcotics: 884 gm marijuana, 303 gm meth, 59 gm heroin, and 137 gm of cocaine. In addition to the above, the K-9 unit conducted approximately 10 community events this year despite the COVID epidemic. The Sheriff's Office hosted the annual NAPWADA (North American Police Work Dog Association) certification workshop in 2021.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control consist of (4) ACO's assigned to the division and they answer and investigate a variety of animal calls for service from livestock horses/cows, pigs, canine, feline, Birds of Prey, wildlife, alligators, turtles/tortoises. Animals trapped in vehicles wheel wells, engine compartments. In 2021 ACO's answered 7,729 calls for service in Berkeley County. They assist municipalities with and without ACO's 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 made up of approx. 10-11 full time and reserve deputies within the agency. Members are assigned to different divisions/units within the agency. Their primary goals are community relations and actively patrol neighborhoods, businesses, hotels, special events and areas in which there is an increase of crime occurring. They average between 12-25 miles during their active patrols.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



The Special Response Team conducted in excess of 96 hours of specialized training in 2021. We conducted a Joint Field Training Operation with FBI/HRT team. SRT partnered with Federal, State and local Law Enforcement in providing protection/security during the Annual 2021 CRBR event. SRT members were sent to specialized weapons and tactics training as well the SRT responded to 12 Calls for Service involving barricade/armed subject(s).

RESERVE DEPUTIES

The Reserve Deputy program is made up of men and women from all walks of life who found a calling to serve in law enforcement and have a desire to give back to their communities. A Reserve Deputy is a volunteer law enforcement officer who has attended all the required training as mandated by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and passed the testing requirements associated with their training. Training takes approximately 162 hours and spans a three month time frame. After becoming certified and being sworn in, State law requires that each Reserve Deputy maintain 60 hours a quarter of service time or 20 hours every month. Additionally they must attend training once a month.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORERS

Law Enforcement Explorers are chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Youths age 14 to 21 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 15 Explorers in the Sheriff's Office Explorer Post. The Explorers participate in SCALES (South Carolina Association of Law Enforcement Explorers) competition. Explorers are graded on events such as Active Shooter, Incident Report Writing, Legal Knowledge Testing, Courtroom Testimony, and TR-310 Report Writing. Explorers attended the Winter SCALES competition in January 2022 and received several awards.

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.

COMPUTER FORENSICS:

Agency Assist - Phones	33
Phones Extracted / Analyzed	317
Phones Taken In (Evidence)	198
Video Cases	45



FINGERPRINTS:

AFIS Searches	157
Agency Assist - Latents Identifications	3
Latent Cases	74
Latent Examinations	220
Non - Identifications	896
	93



RECORDS

FOIA Requests	368
Criminal Histories	10,283
CWP Entries	2,685
Expungements	1,065
Warrants Entered	1,217
Rule 5 Orders	176
Protection Orders Entered	2 9

DUTY OFFICE

Phone Inquiries	38,167
Window Assists	6,867
Incident Reports	1,310
Supplement Reports	1,541
Repo Tow Reports	1,486

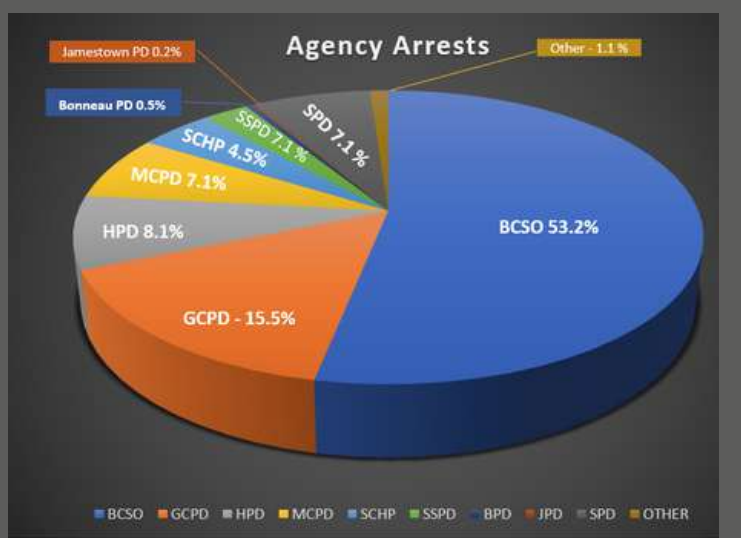
RECORDS

The Records unit is staffed by a unit supervisor, three civilians and an expungement clerk. Agency reports and documents go through this division. They are reviewed for any errors before final approval in the Records Management System. Records personnel also are responsible for responding to Freedom of Information records requests. They run criminal history checks, military background checks and DSS background checks. Records personnel enter warrants and protection orders. They process Concealed Weapons Permit entries and responses. They enter NCIC (National Crime Information Center) validations and checks and process Rule 5 requests and expungements.



BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HILL-FINKLEA DETENTION CENTER

Our mission at the Hill-Finklea Detention Center is to provide a healthy, safe, secure and humane environment in a cost effective manner in which to detain persons in our custody.



BCSO - Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, GCPD - Goose Creek Police Department, HPD - Hanahan Police Department, SPD - Summerville Police Department, MCPD - Moncks Corner Police Department, SCHP - South Carolina Highway Patrol, SSPD - St. Stephen Police Department, BPD - Bonneau Police Department

TOP TEN CHARGES

2021			
	Type	Number	Percent
1	DRUGS	1835	21%
2	TRAFFIC CHARGES	990	11%
3	THEFT/ LACRENY	823	9%
4	DUI	706	8%
5	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, NEGLECT	570	6%
6	WEAPONS	528	6%
7	DUS	366	4%
8	ASSAULT NON DOMESTIC	347	4%
9	FINANCIAL/FRAUD	322	4%
10	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	280	3%

OPERATIONS

The Operations Division at the Hill-Finklea Detention Center includes direct supervision of inmates, SORT (Special Operations Response Team), Transport Team and the litter pick up program.

TRANSPORT

The Transport Team covers all local and out-of-state transports. This includes transports to court hearings and medical facilities. Transport team officers are also responsible for the security of inmates at medical facilities. The transport team conducted 1,865 transports in 2021. The Sheriff's Office implemented a weekend prisoner transport program in 2018. On Friday and Saturday nights, a transport van meets with any Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Deputy, Goose Creek Officer, Hanahan Officer or State Trooper who makes an arrest in the southern portion of the county. They transport the prisoners to the Hill-Finklea Detention Center.



The weekend Paddy Wagon Program has transported 238 detainees for Berkeley County agencies and the Highway Patrol. The Transport Unit is stationed in the southern portion of the county and picks up prisoners. This allows deputies and officers to return to their duties instead of traveling to the Detention Center in Moncks Corner.

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LITTER PICK-UP PROGRAM

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office instituted the Litter Pick Up Program in 2015. Prisoners who are classified as trustees volunteer to participate in this program. Under the supervision of detention officers, the prisoners clean up trash from the sides and medians of public roadways and other public areas.



**ROAD CREW VANS HAVE PICKED UP
82,980 TOTAL POUNDS OF TRASH FROM
PUBLIC AREAS IN 2021.**



The Administrative Division includes the Classification Division, Records Division, Training Division, Property Management, Contracts, Policies and the Budget.

CLASSIFICATION DIVISION

The Classification Division has three officers that are responsible for evaluating the inmate population. They house similar inmates together in order to decrease acts of violence and issues among the inmate population. The division is also assigned the responsibility of tracking disciplinary procedures and providing monthly statistics on disciplinary actions.



RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division is comprised of six civilians and three officers. The Records Division is tasked with records entry and management, inmate accounts and management of the inmate files. These records include JMS data, expungements and court and release records. Members of the Records Unit also are assigned victim notification and serve as receptionists in the lobby area of the Detention Center. The Records Division Sergeant is responsible for supervising officers that are assigned to the court house to act as escort officers.

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The Detention Center currently has several contracts executed for services. Their contractors include medical services, food services, inmate phone services, digital mail, and video visitation.



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TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division within the Detention Center consists of two officers that are responsible for state certifications of all Detention Officers. Detention Officers must complete a minimum of 40 hours of training each year. The Training Division ensures that the training is completed for each officer and maintains all training records. The division is responsible for daily, weekly, and monthly internal inspections of life safety equipment. Training Officers are also tasked with compliance with PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). They also assist with the updating and reviewing of policies and post orders.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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



TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS

In 2020, The Sheriff's Office obtained grants to address COVID concerns. The Sheriff's Office were able to purchase personal protective equipment, disinfecting and sanitation supplies, equipment to purify the air and clean surfaces to protect the inmates and deputies from the spread of viruses.

Previous technological improvements such as video visitation, video bond hearing and smart tablets greatly assisted with preventing exposure to the virus.



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. He survived an ambush attack, in the line of duty, in 2015 that doctors never expected him to survive. Even after his retirement, Will was an outspoken advocate for the violence against members of Law Enforcement.

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 twenty years.

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

Deputy Wright had just finished his shift and was en route home when he stopped to assist a disabled motorist. A Summerville Patrolman, William Bell, stopped to assist Deputy Wright. The two officers were changing a tire on the disabled vehicle when an oncoming vehicle left the roadway and struck both officers. The Patrolman and Deputy were both killed. The section of highway where the incident 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 who went on a shooting spree at his mother's home.

Magistrate Warren Calhoun Guerry - End Of Watch May 27, 1947,

Magistrate Warren Guerry was stabbed to death while transporting a prisoner. Magistrate Guerry had arrested the suspect for robbery and was transporting him to a local constable's home when the suspect assaulted him with a knife. He succumbed to his injuries before other officers arrived on the scene. At the time of his death, Magistrates made arrests in their jurisdiction.

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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