



# Annual Report 2009

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## Summary of 2009 Activities



Sheriff E.S. Gentry

The Gloucester County Sheriff's Office is a full service agency dedicated to ensuring the public safety in Gloucester County Virginia. The office is headed by Sheriff Steve Gentry. Sheriff Gentry was elected in 2007 and took office January 1, 2008. He leads an agency with 78 full-time sworn officers, 11 full-time civilian dispatchers, 4 clerical support staff, 11 sworn auxiliary deputies and 2 medical staff members. The estimated county population in 2009 is 36,586. The population has increased 12% since the 2000 census.

The Sheriff's Office provides primary law enforcement service to the county, provides a jail for the county and provides a 911 call center for the county.

Major initiatives for the year have included; design and planning for a new 911 communications center including an upgrade in radio communication for law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel. The new communications are scheduled to go in service during 2010

The Chief Deputy graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Other initiatives during the year have included selection of new members for both the Special Operations Unit and the Crisis Negotiation Unit. New members underwent training regarding their new duties during the year. The Corrections Division has explored contracts for many services including medical, canteen and food service. The work release/home incarceration program was expanded during the year. All of these initiatives are aimed at reducing costs to the agency.

## Community Involvement

The Gloucester County Sheriff's Office has continued to be involved in community activities. The Crime Prevention Officer is actively involved with the Boys and Girls Club as a mentor for the county youth. Annually our Shop—With—a Cop program aids families in need at the Christmas holiday time. Employees from the department continue to be active

with the county Parks and Recreation program as coaches and officials.

Employees also participated in the lunch buddy program and after school reading programs at elementary schools.

The office provided inmate assistance to the Daffodil Festival Committee.

A Law Cadet program was

hosted that provided local high school students with exposure and experiences in the Sheriff's Office.

The An-Com program was started at Gloucester High School. Students can share their concerns anonymously with the school resource officers.

Assisted with free dental clinic.

The 911 Communications center opened 34,822 incidents in 2009. These included 911 calls and officer initiated activity. The center also answered 560 calls for fire services and 230 calls for EMS services. A list of some of the specific calls is below:



Vehicle crash	1080
Bank alarms	12
Boater emergency	8
Fight	131

Hit and Run	42	Calls for other agencies	
Missing Persons	45	Animal Control	90
Runaways	47	Utilities	139
Larceny	506		
Prowler	45		
Robbery	10		
Stalking	10		
Violation of Protective Order	34		

### Criminal Reports taken

A partial list of crime reports taken is:

Abduction—3
Abuse/neglect of children—31
Sexual Battery—9
Armed Robbery—1
Arson—9
Assault & Battery—159

Assault and Batter Family—172
Assault and batter law enforcement - 6
Attempted Capital Murder—1
Break and Enter—47
Burglary—17

Carnal Knowledge of a minor—2
Child Pornography—10
Fraud—78
Property Destruction—214
DUI—134
Embezzlement—6
Grand Larceny—265



### Criminal Reports Taken (Cont.)

Missing Persons—22	Underage possession of alcohol—17
Obtain Drugs by fraud—4	Violate Protective Order—14
Petit Larceny—192	
Rape—15	
Robbery—11	
Shoplifting—15	

## Looking to the future

Goals set by Sheriff Gentry and the leaders of the Gloucester Sheriff's office are:

Reorganization of management of the jail into an administrative section and an operations section.

Selection and utilization of new uniforms to include new patches.

Implementation of the improved 911 radio system.

Return to the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Accreditation program. (Accreditation)

Develop Mutual Aid agreements with surrounding jurisdictions and jurisdictions in the region.

Provide in-service training to officers within the agency so that officers will not have to travel to the regional academy for in-service

## Challenges to the agency

Recent shortfalls in governmental income will present significant challenges to the criminal justice community in the future. Sheriff Gentry and his command staff are committed to efficient and responsible fiscal policy. The agency will explore different methods to reduce expenditures while maintaining critical services to the community.

Additional demands will be placed on criminal justice due to reductions in other areas of government spending. Some of these include services to the mentally challenged, more individuals being incarcerated at the local level as the state cuts back funding to the Department of Corrections.

Other fiscal demands will be rising fuel costs, rising costs for other supplies and equipment.



## Contact us:

The Gloucester County Sheriff's Office strives to remain responsive to citizen needs. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or concerns. We will make every effort to address your needs.

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