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Sheriff E.S. Gentry

Summary of 2010 Activities

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 76 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 2010 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; implementation of a new (temporary) 911 communications center including an upgrade in radio communication for law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel.

In the Jail a new organizational structure has been implemented with a supervisor for both the administrative area and operations.

New uniforms were purchased and issued during the year.

Efforts were continued to insure compliance with the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (Accreditation)

An in-service program was established to provide all necessary basic in-service to personnel to eliminate travel to the regional academy.

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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.

Assisted with free dental clinic.

Participate in quarterly Public Safety meetings with Fire/Rescue and Emergency Management officials.



The 911 Communications center opened 34,440 incidents in 2010. These included 911 calls and officer initiated activity. The center also answered 746 calls for fire services and 3146 calls for EMS services. A list of some of the specific calls is below:

Vehicle crash	896
Bank alarms	10
Boater emergency	15
Fight	105

Hit and Run	38	Calls for other agencies	
Missing Persons	45	Fire	746
Runaways	37	Rescue	3146
Larceny	561	Animal Control	485
Prowler	58	Utilities	138
Robbery	2		
Stalking	8		
Violation of Protective Order	27		

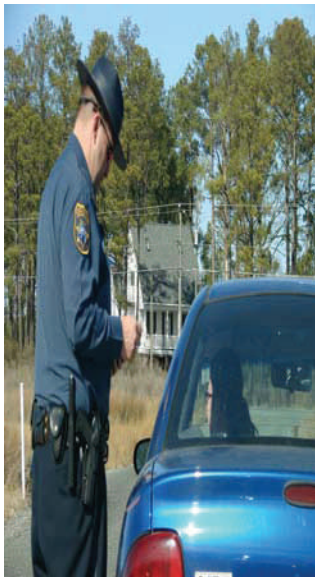
Criminal Reports taken

A partial list of crime reports taken is:

Abduction—5
Abuse/neglect of children—14
Sexual Battery—21
Armed Robbery—2
Arson—6
Assault & Battery—157

Assault and Batter Family—186
Assault and batter law enforcement - 7
Attempted Capital Murder—0
Break and Enter—78
Burglary—19

Carnal Knowledge of a minor—1
Child Pornography—25
Fraud—57
Property Destruction—109
DUI—143
Embezzlement—5
Grand Larceny—307



Criminal Reports Taken (Cont.)

Missing Persons—8	Underage possession of alcohol—16
Obtain Drugs by fraud—4	Violate Protective Order—15
Petit Larceny—196	
Rape—11	
Robbery—2	
Shoplifting—32	

Looking to the future

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

Obtain Accreditation from the Virginia Professional Law Enforcement Standards Program.

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

Continue to maintain and improve accounting procedures.

Develop plans for new 911 dispatch center to be built adjacent to current Sheriff's Office Building.

Developing and implementing a Crisis Intervention Team model for dealing with the mentally ill.

Continue to refine and improve evidence control function to include added secu-

rity for valuable/sensitive evidence.

Challenges to the agency

Recent shortfalls in governmental income continue to present significant challenges to the criminal justice community. 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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Jail 693 1376

Sheriff 693 1371

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Emergency 911

Non-emergency 693 3890

2010 Activities (Continued)

Training provided to other agencies in the region through satellite academy.

Contracts were established in the jail for food, medical care, canteen and phone service. Also, maintenance agreements were put in place for electronic devices.

Procedures were implemented to streamline accounting to make spending more transparent.

Training was provided to County employees for first aid/CPR/AED. For the up-coming year workplace violence training is being planned.

The agency was able to obtain a SIDNE car which simulates impaired driving and this will be utilized in the public school setting for drivers education.

Leadership training was emphasized with two supervisors attending a regional leadership school and one management member continuing to pursue a masters degree in law enforcement management.

The health and wellness policy instituted in 2009 continues to encourage a healthy lifestyle for employees.

Employees participated in county committees including the Green Committee, the Safety Committee, the Community Policy and Management Team, and the Older Adult Committee.

Deputies voluntarily participated in Halloween activities on Main Street. Over 5,000 children participated.

Responsibility for maintenance of computers and other technology was transferred to the County DIT office. This resulted in a cost saving to the agency.