



Quarterly Newsletter

The latest news, views and announcements

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Become a Reserve Deputy or a Member of our Search and Rescue Team

A MESSAGE FROM **SHERIFF MARK PETTWAY**



Over the past few months, I have been privileged enough to watch a group of men and women bond together to ensure the health, safety, and general well-being of Jefferson County citizens.

These men and women have faced adversity, disease, and ridicule by doing nothing more than wearing a badge. This badge is a symbol of honor and integrity for all who wear it. They deserve to wear it with pride, as I have worn mine for over 30 years.

Our country, our state, and our county has experienced things never before seen or even imagined.

I am proud to say that the men and women who have helped to maintain orderliness and peace in our county wear the Star of the Jefferson County Sheriff.

They have worked at times when they felt as though they may need to be at home protecting their own families. They have remained calm and continued to serve their community when there was extreme uncertainty about whether it was endangering their lives. We have seen many brave law enforcement officers lose their lives across this country at the peril of the COVID-19 pandemic and at the hands of criminals. I am eager to say that the great men and women of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office truly are a selfless group of individuals who I am proud to have serve as my deputies.

Thank you for your service to my office and the citizens of Jefferson County.

SHERIFF PETTWAY WORKS

Jefferson County Commission to Negotiate Hazard Pay

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, The Jefferson County Commission approved hazardous duty pay for Jefferson County Deputies and Support Personnel, who remained working through the COVID-19 mandatory quarantine. Deputies, Control Room Operators, and Support Personnel will receive an additional \$50 per day each day they worked during the pandemic. The qualifying personnel was required to report for duty during the time that most were quarantined.

Their jobs involve coming into close, direct contact with those who may be infected with the virus. The hazard pay will be retroactive from March 1, 2020, and is currently approved through April 30, 2020. The compensation will be given to 303 Deputies, 62 Sergeants, 58 Control Room Operators, and 143 Administrative and Support Staff for each day worked.

Deputies, Sergeants, and Control Room Operators will continue to receive the incentive through September 30, 2020.

The money for this initiative was made possible by funds received and distributed under the CARES Act.

"Our staff has done an outstanding job from the beginning of this pandemic. At times, we have had to cancel their off days and require them to work 12-hour shifts. Even with all they have faced, our staff has really performed well," said Sheriff Mark Pettway.

ALABAMA'S REGIONAL TRAINING HUB

for Department of Justice Program



The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has long had an impeccable reputation for the quality of training provided to its academy graduates and its specialized class attendees. Now, thanks to a Department of Justice grant, the center has added another layer of professional instruction to its repertoire.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Training Center has been named the Regional Training Hub for the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST). The IADLEST is an international organization focused on assisting law enforcement training centers in providing the highest industry standards concerning content and quality delivery.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year, Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies go through additional testing to maintain their accreditation with Alabama Peace Officers Standards Training and to increase the effectiveness in these changing times.

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The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is pleased to be one of only 42 regional training hubs in the United States. Currently, the command staff of the Sheriff's Office is participating in an IADLEST course entitled *Every Officer is a Leader for Executives*. This class will provide upper-level commanders with the tools needed to promote public trust, problem solving, and address the anticipated changes that law enforcement will face in the future. This training will continue down the command chain with additional focal points such as listening skills, conflict management, community groups, and self-management skills. These leaders will also be extensively trained to pass this knowledge on to subordinates under their command. The instruction provided for these classes is of a caliber second to none.

The following people are leading the training: Dr. Terry Anderson, who is the Chief Leadership Officer at the International Academy of Public Safety; Bill Cooper, retired Chief of Police of the Bainbridge Island (WA) Police Department and former Director of Security for T-Mobile; and Chief Sam Spiegel, a 40-year veteran of law enforcement, who is also retired Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Services for the City of Folsom California. While the education is of the highest quality, it is monitored by Accreditation and Grants Manager, Mark Damitio from the IADLEST home office. Damitio credits Tommie Black, Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy Director, for the honor bestowed on Jefferson County's Training Center. "Jefferson County was one of the first centers to volunteer in the U.S. to become an IADLEST Training Hub. We are happy to be able to provide quality training at this pre-vetted facility."



ALABAMA'S REGIONAL TRAINING HUB

KEEPING OUR STREETS CLEAN

NARCOTICS DETECTIVES Seize Cocaine and Methamphetamines

On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Detectives executed a search warrant in the 2200 Block of Abbyglen Circle in Hoover. The residence was occupied by Robert Alan Ozment. This is the second arrest of Ozment where large amounts of narcotics were seized. In March of 2020, Ozment was arrested with 2.5 lbs of Methamphetamines and a large amount of cash.

During this search, detectives recovered 6.41 grams of Cocaine, 5 ounces of Methamphetamine, 14 Suboxone strips, 15 Alprazolam pills, 2 firearms and over \$3,000 in cash. In addition, 9 gold bars, a 2009 BMW, and other miscellaneous items were seized during the search. 47-year-old Robert Alan Ozment is being held in the Jefferson County Jail on charges of Trafficking Narcotics.



Robert Alan Ozment.

BESSEMER DIVISION DEPUTIES Rescue Victim of Home Invasion



Dai Qwane Rickey Burgin-Goodson
(aka Rickey Burgin)

At approximately 4:30 AM on Thursday, July 23, 2020, deputies were dispatched to a call in the 600 Block of Elm Street SW, where the victim was whispering to send help because someone was trying to kill her. Deputies arrived on the scene moments later at the residence to find the victim running out the front door. Deputies got her to safety. She advised that there was an unknown subject in her home and he had a gun. Seconds later, the suspect appeared in the front door and pointed a rifle at a deputy. The deputy fired at the subject, who quickly retreated back into the home. The suspect fled out a back window of the residence, leaving a blood trail.

Deputies worked with neighboring agencies to track down the suspect. Bessemer Police located the suspect at a grocery store on 4th Avenue. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office took 26-year-old Dai Qwane Rickey Burgin-Goodson (aka Rickey Burgin) into custody. After the suspect was treated at a local hospital for his gunshot wound and other injuries he incurred during his escape from the home, he was transported to the Jefferson County Jail in Bessemer. Burgin-Goodson is being held on Burglary 1st Degree, Rape 1st Degree, and Assault 1st Degree. There is no bond on these charges. The subject was released from Alabama Department of Corrections in May of this year. His probation on those charges was revoked. He now has three probation revocation warrants of Burglary 1st and Robbery 1st and his new charges. Burgin is a registered sex-offender. He has been compliant with his registration.

THE BASE OF THE CASE

When people think of solving a case, they generally imagine a detective coming to a scene, looking at the evidence, asking questions and finally interrogating a suspect. While this is often true during an investigation, working in conjunction with that detective is a crew of deputies who are the glue that holds a case together. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office boasts one of the state's most successful units; it's Crime Scene Investigation Unit.

Think you're up for the task? Television and movies have glamourized this job, with investigators donned in stylish suits and expensive shoes. In reality, it is an incredibly demanding and stressful job. These deputies must be exceedingly meticulous in detail.

Their ability to perfectly execute a procedure they may only perform once a year (or less) is imperative. They work exceedingly long hours, often handling several major cases at once. As for the suits and shoes – these investigators are generally wearing tactical pants with lots of pockets and boots with really good traction. They are often working in less than desirable conditions with even worse evidence. They are frequently exposed to sights, smells, and environments that would make others walk away. This is a tireless, often unrecognized position. Yet, the members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigation Unit are proud to hold the title of Crime Scene Investigator.

This gentry team of investigators is behind most cases that make it way to court from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The unit is composed of four members, Sgt. Kenneth Holmes and 3 Deputy Investigators; Deputy Lamar Miller, Deputy Tiffany Dial, and Deputy Jay Logan. These carefully selected Investigators bring over 55 years of combined experience to the table. This experience is what makes them so successful in their endeavors.

On an average month, Sgt. Holmes says he and his investigators will be involved in over 125 cases and process over 30 scenes. For each hour on an average case scene, the investigator will put in an additional two hours of processing, photographing, and documenting. This may seem like overkill, but without this extreme reporting of the evidence collected in a case, everything else is just circumstantial. A witness' testimony can change or be refuted, but the evidence is



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BIRMINGHAM
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COUNTY JAIL –
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WARRANTS
DIVISION
205-325-5725

DISPATCH
NON-EMERGENCY
205-325-1450

RECORDS
205-325-5900

TRAINING ACADEMY
205-849-5246

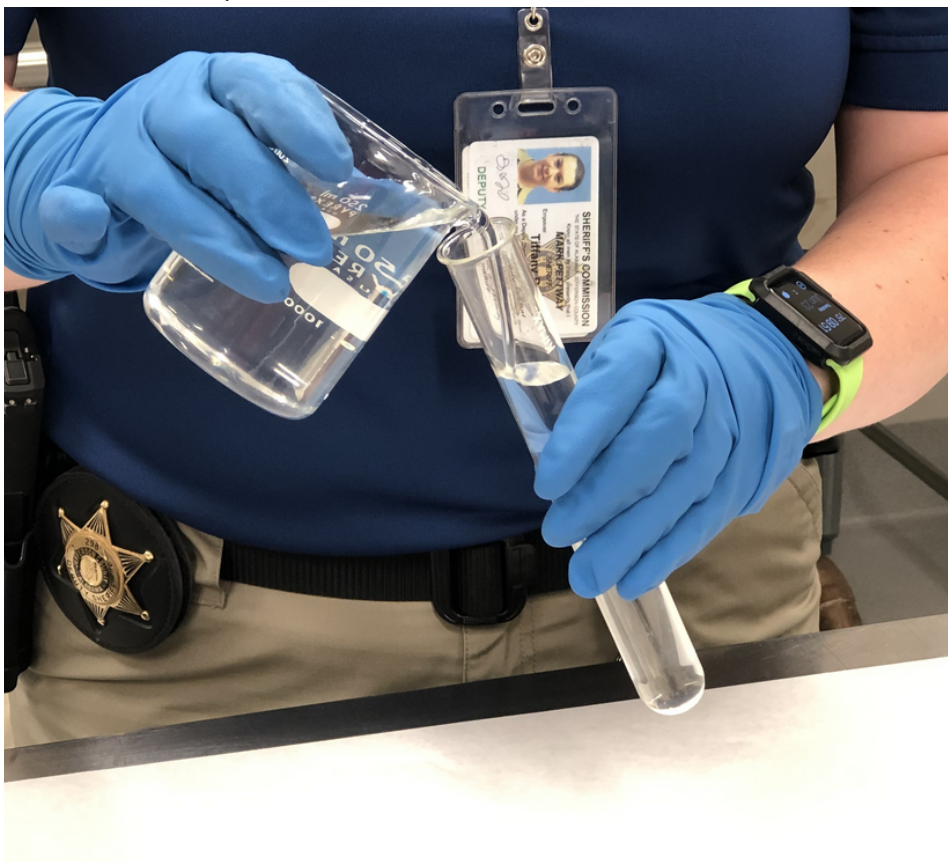
CRIME STOPPERS
205-254-7777

THE BASE OF THE CASE (CONTINUED)

Some of the tasks performed are photographing a crime scene, collecting fingerprints, collecting body fluids, collecting bullet fragments, and shell casings. After documentation of every piece of evidence and its location, it is now time to process the collected evidence. Some of the specialized equipment utilized in processing this evidence include special chemicals and vacuum chambers. Both reveal the details of fingerprints on porous items, ground penetrating radar, alternate light-sources for detecting bodily fluids undetectable by the human eye, and even dental stone for recreating imprints left by a vehicle's tires. However, everyday tools are also necessary, such as gloves, shovels, metal detectors, saws, hammers, magnets – the list goes on and on.

While these investigators are chosen specifically for their attention to detail and their ability to focus on those details, they must complete extensive training before working on their own in this position. They are sent to numerous schools to teach them how to deal with anything from basic evidence processing, photography, recreating a crime scene, to learning how blood spatters based on trajectory. The amount of knowledge these investigators must retain is comparable to those who work in medical fields.

If you are compulsively detailed by nature, don't mind working with unpalatable items and like getting awakened in the middle of the night, why not join the ranks of these valuable investigators? These investigators would tell you it is one of the best decisions they have ever made in their law enforcement careers.



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The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has had a long-standing relationship with community members who are motivated to serve law enforcement. While these individuals want to serve, they do not want to leave their current profession. These individuals are members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Reserve Team and the Search and Rescue Teams.

These are normal business men and women who are volunteering a significant portion of their lives to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and its citizens. These deputies are doctors, insurance agents, veterinarians, nurses, and most any other profession you want to name.

These deputies have committed to 52 weeks of training on weekends to become certified to act as a Deputy Sheriff for Jefferson County by the Alabama Police Officer Standards and Training Commission. They go through the same training as a full-time Deputy Sheriff. They also commit to dedicating at least 16 volunteer hours to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office each month.

Most people would look at this and think, "Hey, I can do 16 hours a month!" Many can. But most are not willing to make this dedication. The icing on the cake for committing to the year-long training is the pay! These deputies work for a whopping \$0 per hour! Some of the other benefits are walking through the woods in the dark, cold, or during torrential downpours. Wading through snake-infested creeks and swamps, and so much more! These deputies get to experience all of the same incentives that a full-time deputy gets, minus any pay.

How could anyone want to consider this, you may ask. Well, these selfless individuals genuinely care about their community. They volunteer in ways that are different from ball coaches, scout leaders, or other community volunteers. They volunteer to protect and serve, the same as a full-time deputy. They volunteer to put their life on-the-line, should it be required to save yours. They volunteer to be uncomfortable, hot, cold, wet, tired, and even injured from time to time, all for Jefferson County citizens. So the next time you feel frustration towards a deputy, remember, not all are paid; some are the most unselfish heroes you will ever meet.

TRUE HEROES

CONGRATULATIONS

