



Quarterly Newsletter

The latest news, views and announcements

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Deputies in the Community

Frequently Used Numbers

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

A MESSAGE FROM **SHERIFF MARK PETTWAY**



I am pleased that we have made it to 2021. I know that 2020 was a tough year for everyone. We have overcome mountainous obstacles as individuals and as a county. We have struggled through the perils of a pandemic in facing Covid-19, we have encountered some serious economic strife from the shutdowns that the pandemic forced. We have encountered sickness, death, isolation from friends and family and shortages of the most basic essentials for life. Through all of this turmoil, we have learned many lessons. The most important of these lessons is that we can face adversity head on and we will overcome that adversity together.

CAN, WILL, TOGETHER. I want us to make that our motto for 2021. We can depend on each other. We can do more than we expected. We can be strong. We will be better than before. We will help our fellow man. We will endure. **Together**, we are faithful. **Together**, we shut down evil. **Together** we are invincible.

Let all of the troubles we encountered in 2020 be behind us, but let the lessons learned stay with us always. For through those lessons, we are more resilient and invigorated to face the struggles of life that lie ahead. I am proud that my deputies and I have been able to travel through this lesson of life alongside you.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Collects over 1270 lbs. of Peanut Butter to Replenish Food Pantry



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.

Deputies from the Bessemer Division took away the crown for collecting the most peanut butter. The determined crew brought in 535 lbs. of peanut butter, with Criminal Division leading the way collecting 425 of those pounds. "It was amazing to see the generosity of everyone involved," said Sheriff Mark Pettway. "It also made it fun to include a little competition between offices."

The Bessemer Criminal Division is one of the smallest offices in the Sheriff's Department and they collected more peanut butter by themselves than was collected by the entire department for the inaugural Peanut Butter Drive of 2019.



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.

WE'RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM.

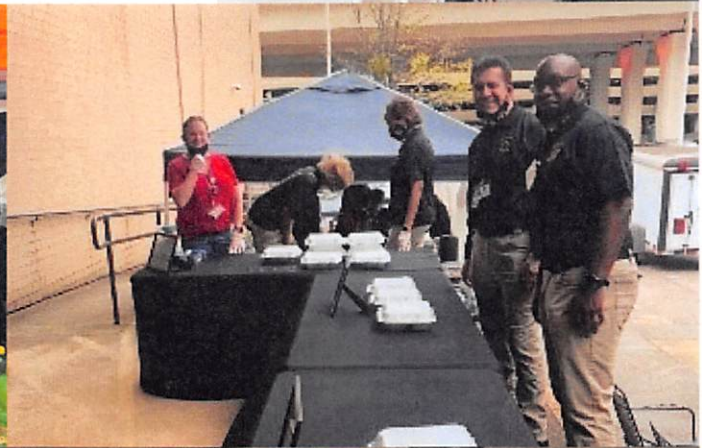
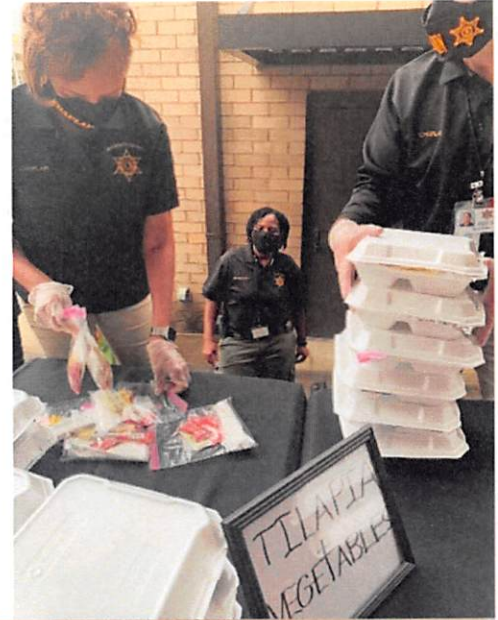
YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD OUR APP "JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF AL" FOR NEWS AND ALERTS

CHAPLAIN THOMPSON SAYS "Feed Em Fish"

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is blessed to have a group of selfless individuals who volunteer their time to care for our Deputies needs. These individuals come to the aid of deputies and victims in their time of need. We are proud to recognize the individuals as our Chaplains.

During the summer, paired with local churches, our Chaplains visited various locations in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and treated our deputies and staff to a good ole fashioned fish fry.

Their generosity allowed deputies time to meet with our Chaplains and a few moments to enjoy a quick meal together.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TEAMS UP WITH KIKSTART to Help Feed Citizens

Jefferson County Sheriff Mark Pettway and his deputies have teamed up with Kikstart to feed the citizens of Jefferson County during the pandemic. Every Monday, Sheriff Pettway and a team of deputies and volunteers have been unloading truckloads of food into the vehicles of those in need.

Truckloads of fruits, vegetables, canned goods and even turkeys at Thanksgiving have been distributed to our community. Kikstart has visited locations in Fultondale, Center Point, Fairfield and many others within the county.

"Helping those in need is our goal as a department. Not just when our citizens have a law enforcement need, but when they have a need to help their family. We want to be there for our citizens in every way possible," said Sheriff Mark Pettway.



JEFFERSON COUNTY START TEAM

Those of you who have ever been involved in an automobile accident, know just how stressful it can be. Particularly if that accident involves a criminal element.

The Sheriff's Office has a team of deputies who devote themselves to the investigation of these accidents. Their focus is on traffic accidents that include unfortunate fatalities or a criminal element with injuries.

These deputies have had extensive training in the reconstruction of these accidents. The classes are math intensive and require attention to detail. It's not the job for everyone. It takes a deputy with a high proficiency in math understanding technical details on how a vehicle reacts during certain situations.

Not only are these deputies tasked with recreating the accident scene, but they will handle all of the paperwork for the investigation all of the way through prosecution.

They are trained in working with tools and evidence that will tell them how fast a car was traveling, did the driver hit the brakes, if there was an obstruction in the path of the vehicle and many other details that help the District Attorney to be able to prosecute during a criminal trial.

These deputies would love nothing more than to never work another accident scene for the remainder of their career. That would mean there were no more deaths involving automobile accidents or vehicle accident injuries due to criminal activity. Let's help them reach that goal.



CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATION
205-325-5700

COUNTY JAIL—
BIRMINGHAM
205-325-5670

COUNTY JAIL—
BESSEMER
205-481-4160

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

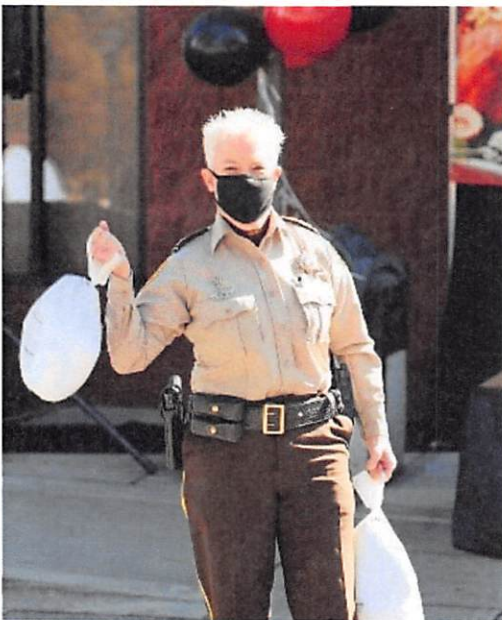
WANT TO BECOME A DEPUTY SHERIFF?

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WWW.JOBSQUEST.ORG
TO APPLY

JCSO



IN THE COMMUNITY



\$4 Million in Narcotics, Edibles, Weapons and Currency Taken off Jefferson County Streets



On November 24, 2020, Detectives from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit served 4 search warrants that yielded one of the most productive drug busts in Jefferson County history. Approximately \$4,000,000 worth of Methamphetamine, heroine, marijuana and THC edibles were recovered during the search. These drugs were destined for the streets of Jefferson County and thanks to the hard work of these detectives, they won't be passed on to users. It is particularly disturbing that the THC edibles look so similar to child friendly candies. The concentration is extremely high on these products, they could do some serious damage to a child who might unknowingly ingest them.

Along with the narcotics, over \$18,000 in currency and 2 firearms were confiscated.

\$4 MILLION IN NARCOTICS



EVERDAY HEROS



“
*Giving someone a
chance to survive is
what we do.*”

As a Deputy Sheriff, daily we are called upon to help others in their time of need. Sometimes, that time of need is a life or death situation. Sometimes your efforts are rewarded with the victim surviving, other times no matter your effort, they don't pull through. Regardless of the outcome, those who make every effort to try and save the lives of a helpless victim are considered heroes. Over the past month two Jefferson County Deputies have put everything they had into trying to save a victim, both had different outcomes, but both are our heroes.

On November 24, 2020, a man came into the Center Point substation holding his limp and lifeless 8-month old child. Administrative personnel called for medical personnel to come to the scene, and then went to see if a deputy was already on location. They found Deputy Jeff Mulkin, a detective who was working in his office. Deputy Mulkin suffers from bouts with severe asthma, but sprang into action to save this baby's life. Deputy Mulkin immediately began to perform CPR on the baby for several minutes. Thankfully, the baby again began to breath and move. Medics arrived on the scene and transported the baby to Children's Hospital. Doctors state that the baby is expected to make a full recovery.

On December 5, 2020, Deputy Katelyn Payne was dispatched to a call of an automobile accident on 25th Avenue NE, also in Center Point. When Deputy Payne arrived on the scene, a pregnant female passenger in the vehicle had been removed from the vehicle but was unconscious and not breathing. The vehicle had caught on fire. Deputy Payne began CPR on the victim while fire personnel extinguished the fire. Deputy Payne did not worry about her safety as her only concern was for the victim and her unborn baby. Unfortunately, Deputy Payne's efforts to save the pair were unsuccessful, but she is a hero nonetheless.

CONGRATULATIONS



JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S
TRAINING ACADEMY

SESSION 57

CONGRATULATIONS

