



Quarterly Newsletter

The latest news, views and announcements

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Frequently Used Numbers

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

A MESSAGE FROM **SHERIFF MARK PETTWAY**



As our country begins to ascend from the devastation of the Covid 19 pandemic, we have begun to see some semblances of normalcy returning to Jefferson County. A large majority of our citizens have either gained immunity from having survived the virus or have received one of the amazing vaccines, which science has provided.

As immunity improves, our Governor has begun to relax the restrictions that were placed upon our state in order to protect us. While we hated wearing the masks, they did make a difference and they helped to slow the spread of the deadly disease.

Warm weather is once again upon us and we have emerged from our homes to begin enjoying festivals, parties, sporting events and concerts. We are thankful that we have finally reached the point that we can once again attend the special occasions that bind us. No matter the precautions we are still facing, we are once again becoming a society based on friendships.

As we are beginning to enjoy the freedoms of congregating once again, we have also begun to see an increase in violent activity. Communities across the nation are facing an upswing in assaults and gun violence that had diminished during quarantine. Jefferson County has not been spared from the uptick.

While this type violence is increasing, we are becoming more vigilant. Deputies are keeping a watchful eye on areas that have shown a propensity for violent crime to occur, we are utilizing more and more technology to track those who decide to commit a violent crime and we are working hand-in-hand with other agencies to share information and resources to stop this crime and to bring those responsible to justice. We are placing more eyes on the community by placing monitored cameras in areas of high crime to help with crime prevention.

In addition, the citizens of Jefferson County have put their collective foot down. They are no longer willing to stand by and watch innocent citizens be injured or even killed due to unnecessary violence. They have started reaching out and providing law enforcement with the information we need in order to bring justice to the victims and their communities.

Together, politicians, law enforcement agencies and citizens WILL take back our streets and prove that we are on common ground – we all want a safer Jefferson County.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



DEPUTY MICHAEL THEROS IS HONORED

OUR LOCAL HERO



On Monday, June 7, 2021, several Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies attended The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama. The training last for 5 days and covered some important topics such as dealing with Autism and a recap of the Parkland School Shooting and how to learn from the tragedy.

In addition to this invaluable training, Monday was a day filled with pageantry and awards within the association. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was proud to have had one of its own recognized for a very prestigious award.

Deputy Michael Theros, who is the School Resource Officer at Hueytown High School received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award. This award, also known as the ABCD Award is given to School Resource Officers who perform their jobs way beyond the scope of what is expected.

Along with his daily duties, Deputy Theros has held barbeques for graduating senior and staff, he has purchased and donated equipment to sports teams, he has volunteered many hours and paid for events out of his own pocket. Deputy Theros was a graduate of Hueytown High School and takes his assignment as the school resource officer there very seriously. This is not just a school where he works, it is a part of his heart.

INMATES RECEIVE FIRST DOSE OF COVID VACCINE

COVID UPDATE

On April 28, 2021, inmates housed in the Jefferson County Jails began receiving doses of the Moderna Covid 19 Vaccination. All inmates were given the opportunity to sign up to receive the vaccine.

The vaccines were furnished and administered by the Jefferson County Department of health. The funding for the vaccines was provided by the federal government.



This initiative was implemented to help slow the spread of Covid 19 within our facilities. It benefits both the inmates and the corrections personnel for as many people within those facilities as possible to be vaccinated. Those inmates receiving the vaccine will be able to receive the second dose when they are due.

HAVE YOU EVER
THOUGHT ABOUT
BECOMING A
VOLUNTEER SEARCH
AND RESCUE
RESERVE DEPUTY

YOU CAN CALL OUR
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
& REQUEST INFORMATION.

OUR RESERVE DEPUTIES ARE
A HUGE PART OF WHAT
MAKES OUR DEPARTMENT
SUCCESSFUL!

CALL US AT
205-325-5700.

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SOCIAL
MEDIA!

CHECK US OUT ON
FACEBOOK, TWITTER
AND INSTAGRAM.

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

The Leader of the Pack – Sergeant Danny Barrett & Kady

In 2007 Sergeant Danny Barrett came to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, much like most Deputies, wanting to make a difference. Sergeant Barrett had been in Law Enforcement with Adamsville Police Department since 1995. While he was happy working for Adamsville, he recognized that there were many more opportunities within a larger department.



K-9 Deputy Naiyah

Sergeant Barrett worked through the ranks with the Sheriff's Office and found himself on the Highway Safety Unit. This division works major thoroughfares and interstates attempting to stop drug transportation and human trafficking from utilizing our roadways, and catching them if they try. During this assignment, Sergeant Barrett was assigned to work with Deputy Naiyah.

In 2019, Sergeant Barrett was promoted to his current position as Sergeant. With this promotion, Sergeant Barrett became the Supervisor over the Jefferson County Sheriff's K-9 Unit.

Sergeant Barrett and his supervisor, Lieutenant Kerry Morgan have been instrumental in adding a few new faces, furry ones, to the K-9 Unit.

Currently, the unit employs 5 tracking dogs, 5 bomb/explosives dogs, 8 drug detection dogs, and 1 human remains detection dog. Sergeant Barrett has been instrumental in getting 5 of those K-9 Officers donated to the Sheriff's Office. He has also been a huge part in their training. Sergeant Barrett has implemented intense training for these dogs and their handlers.

Today, Sergeant Barrett is still working with the Highway Safety Team, but he has a new up and coming partner. K-9 Deputy Recruit Kady is working with Sergeant Barrett. He is making sure that Kady knows the ropes around here.

It can be hard to see Kady as a working girl, as she is one of the cutest K-9 Deputies you will ever meet. Even though she has one of the most precious faces you will ever see on a Deputy, Kady is going through rigorous training so that she can become a full-fledged drug dog. She goes through schools and certifications and is with Sergeant Barrett 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Even though Kady is focusing on her training and learning to be the best that she can be, Sergeant Barrett allows her to have a little downtime to be a dog. She even has a spot at home where Sergeant Barrett says Kady likes to watch television.



Baby Kady



Sergeant Barrett and K-9 Deputy in Training, Kady.

Interaction with Kady can be a bit overwhelming right now, as Sergeant Barrett explained to me that discipline and manners are one of the last things that these dogs are taught. If a K-9 in training is disciplined and 'reigned in' too early, it could hamper their drive to work. It does help that they are taught to work on a reward-based system. If they find their target, being a person, narcotics, explosives, weapons or even a body, they are given a reward. It is usually a favorite toy that they get to play with.

Thank you to Sergeant Barrett for all of the hours you devote to making our K-9 Team one of the best.

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

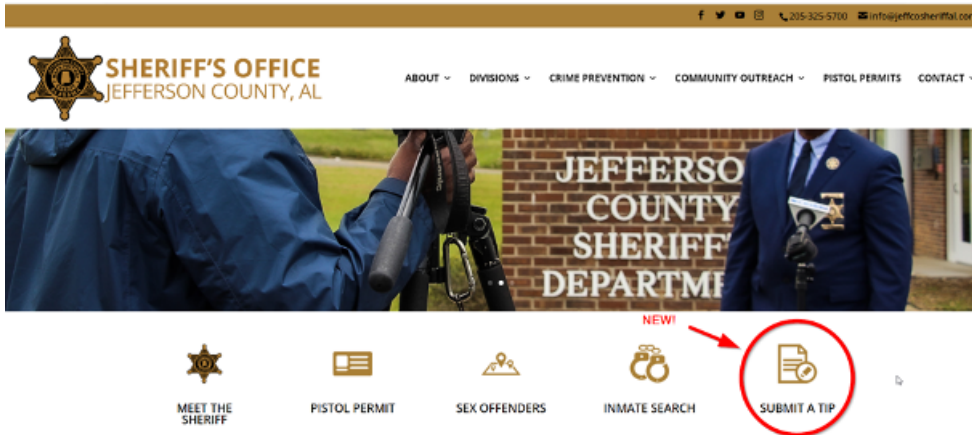
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WANT TO BECOME A DEPUTY SHERIFF?

GO TO
WWW.JOBSQUEST.ORG
TO APPLY

NEW FEATURE ALERT

CITIZENS CAN NOW SUBMIT ANONYMOUS CRIME TIPS

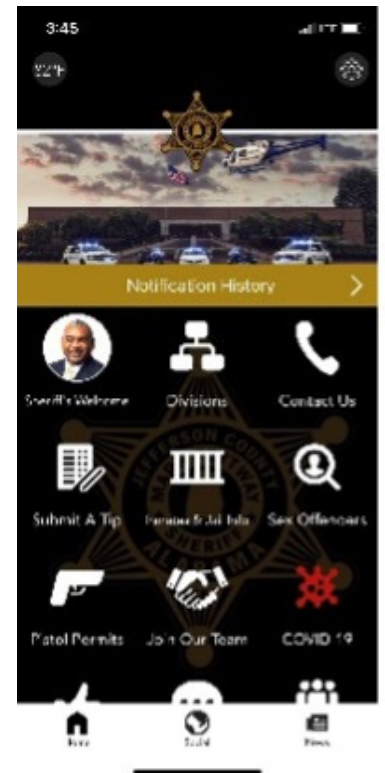


The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has added a feature that will allow citizens to anonymously submit a tip to its detectives. The Sheriff's Office recognizes that often times people want to send information directly to the detective who is working on a case, but may not want to be identified.

In addition to working with Crime Stoppers, we have added a link to our homepage at www.jeffcosheriffal.com, for the public to send those tips to detectives. For those looking for a reward, the tips must go directly through Crime Stoppers, but now there is an additional option if you are not wanting a reward.

The tip link went live on Friday night, May 14, 2021 and had already received multiple tips by Monday morning.

HELP FIGHT CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



DID YOU KNOW

CITIZENS CAN SUBMIT A TIP ON A CRIME IN MULTIPLE WAYS.

- 1. Crime Stoppers 205-254-7777**
If your tip leads to an arrest, you could be eligible for a reward.
- 2. www.jeffcosheriffal.com**
"Submit a Tip" Go to the Sheriff's Office Website and click on the link provided.
- 3. The Jefferson County Sheriff's APP** - Download the Sheriff's APP in your APP store. Submit a tip, perform an inmate search, renew a pistol permit and more.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Wraps up March with a Women's Firearm Safety Class

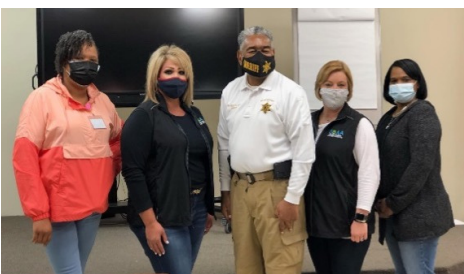
FIREARM SAFETY



On March 31, 2021, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office wrapped up March with a revisit to its women's firearm safety classes. Since the onset of Covid 19, the Sheriff's Office has had to suspend these classes for the safety of everyone involved. As more and more of the general public becomes vaccinated, we decided to celebrate women's history month with a trial run of our safety class.

The class was held at our academy and was limited to four attendees, in order to maintain safety guidelines. Of course, the class was a huge success! Hopefully, we will be able to reinstate the classes and open them up to the public very soon. If you are interested in a class, please keep a watch on our training center's website at

jeffersoncountysotrainingcenter.com



Wreath Ceremony Honoring Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice



Officers and Command from Birmingham Police Department along with Sheriff Mark Pettway

IN REMEMBRANCE

On May 8, 2021, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office joined with other agencies across Jefferson County to pay respect to those who had been killed in the line of duty. Those officer's names were added to the wall on the Fallen Officer Memorial located in front of the Jefferson County Jail and Criminal Justice Center in Birmingham.

Those officers whose names were added to the wall on that somber Saturday were Fairfield Police Officer Roy E. Mangum Sr., Birmingham Police Sgt. Wytasha L. Carter, Kimberly Police Officer Nicholas O'Rear, University of Alabama Sgt. Parnell L. Guyton, and Birmingham Police Officer Randall V. Smith.

Even though the Sheriff's Office did not have any deputy's names being added to the memorial, it was important to be there to remember those officers who have left us way too soon. Many of these officers worked shoulder to shoulder with some of our deputies and they will long suffer the pain of losing a friend.

The wreath was then passed among the departments in remembrance of those whose names were added to the wall.



Young family member views the names of the fallen officers who were added to the memorial



Officer Nicholas O'Rear's K-9 Partner

NEW “REDEEMER ACT” HELPS THOSE IN JOBS NOT JAIL PROGRAM FIND NEW LIFE

NEW LAW UPDATE



Sheriff Mark Pettway is teaming up with Attorney Chris Burrell of Burrell and McCants, LLC to help those who are seeking employment assistance through the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office’s ‘Jobs Not Jail’ program. Governor Ivey signed the law that will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

This new law will allow those who have been convicted of a non-violent crime to apply to have their record expunged. The expungement of these offenses would allow people to be able to have a clean record when they apply for a job.

Those who have signed up for Sheriff Pettway’s “Jobs Not Jail” initiative will be able to have their attorney’s fees waived by Attorney Burrell. This means, Burrell and McCants will handle the paperwork at no charge. Participants will still be responsible for the filing fees to the courts, but no attorney fee will be charged.

If you are interested in the “Jobs Not Jail” initiative, you can get more information by going to our website at www.jeffcosheriffal.com or you can follow us on social media for the next event date, time and location.



Local Businesses Treat Sheriff’s Office Employees During Stress Awareness Month

During the month of April, several local businesses reached out to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and asked if they could provide our employees to some special treatment and some tips for managing stress. Of course, we said absolutely!



T-Mobile provided a trailer filled with their technology to help our deputies who may need more efficient ways of being able to communicate, while juggling a busy work schedule and home life. They also treated our employees to a delicious lunch from Corry’s Food Truck.



Dr. Casey and Mandi of Birmingham Health came to our office and provided our personnel with tips to caring for their bodies and the benefits of using a chiropractor. After they showed us how to stretch, they fed us a wonderful lunch as well.



And we wrapped it all up with 24e Fitness who came out to help us to understand the benefits of taking care of our bodies with physical fitness.

It’s pretty obvious we will need it after eating all of these lunches!

THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING CARE OF US!



JOBS NOT JAIL

JOBS MOBILE



COMMUNITY FOCUS

SHERIFF PETTWAY WANTS COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO FOCUS ON JOBS, NOT JAIL

Jefferson County Sheriff Mark Pettway has been working to make the needs of the citizens of Jefferson County a priority since the day he was elected. The reduction of crime is obviously the at the top of those priorities. Putting someone in jail is a necessary part of fighting crime in Jefferson County, but there are other avenues that could have a positive effect on that reduction.

When looking at how to stop crime before it occurs, one must consider why crime occurs. There are many reasons, but one of the main reasons could be lack of employment. Sheriff Pettway feels so strongly about being able to fight this reason for crime that he has developed a new program to help alleviate the unemployment problem.

"Jobs, Not Jail" was developed from a partnership between the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Kortni Sheffield at This Generation Recruitment. The project is pointed at providing meaningful employment to the citizens of Jefferson County.

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will take its Mobile Command Unit, known as the 'Job Mobile' during these events, to a different area of Jefferson County and help to provide job seeking skills free of charge to the public. Job seekers will receive aid with resume writing, interview skills, ID support, jobs, and more at no cost.

In addition, This Generation Recruitment will work with the applicant to help them find meaningful employment. Kortni knows how important this step is to individuals and to the community. Her business' mission statement declares that they focus on providing their applicants with careers that will give them a sense of purpose, confidence, and stability.

That sense of purpose, confidence and stability may be just the change someone needs when they are at a crossroads in life. These staples in life will help to keep our community members in need of these services on the right path, and in turn, make Jefferson County a safer place.





CONGRATULATIONS

