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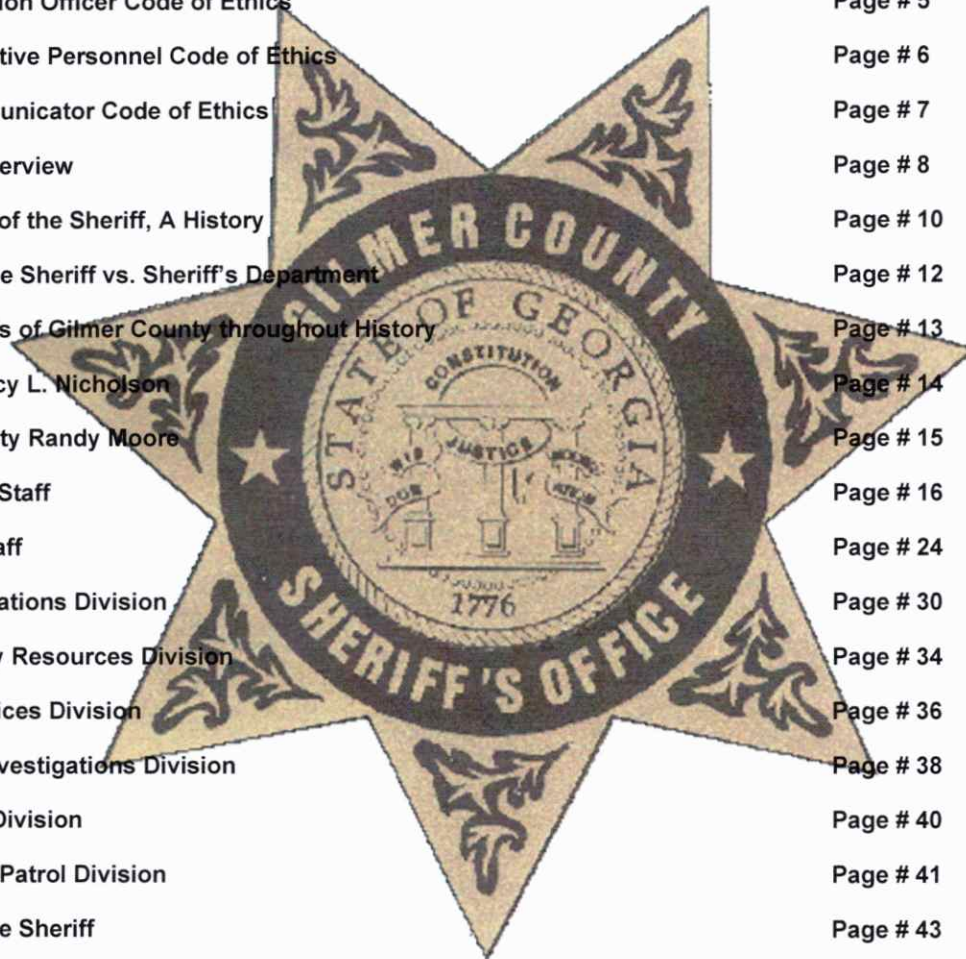
Stacy L. Nicholson, Sheriff

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A Word from Sheriff Nicholson

Welcome to the 2023 Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. This will be the fourteenth year that we have presented to the community a comprehensive annual review of our agency's activities and accomplishments. This report remains one of the many ways that we provide transparency and accountability to the citizens that we proudly serve.

Our agency will continue to provide the community with every opportunity, within the limits of the law and legal restrictions, to understand not only what we do, but also why we do it. We remain proactive in engaging with those we serve on a daily basis.

Some examples of our agency's outreach to the citizens include our Facebook and Instagram pages, our website www.gilmercountysheriff.com, this annual report and our highly successful citizens law enforcement academy. Our newest and most exciting addition is the Gilmer Sheriff's Office "app" that we have added this year. This application allows us to deliver timely alerts to citizens in the event of an emergency situation. We believe that transparency in government is the first step in building and maintaining trust in government!

In today's turbulent "political environment," it is of the utmost importance that the citizens and visitors look to the Sheriff's Office with confidence, trust and without fear. We are an integral part of this community and we are not an "occupying force" that creates mistrust and, yes, even fear. We strive through training and leadership to keep our interactions with every person straight forward and professional.

In the past few years, our nation has experienced great tragedies with several "mass shootings" involving the most innocent of victims. Our children are our most treasured resource and in partnership with the Gilmer County School system we have placed a deputy sheriff in every public school in our county.

I remain a strong advocate for protecting the 2nd Amendment rights for all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as well as the legal right of every Georgian to protect themselves from anyone wishing them harm.

Finally, I am very proud of each and every member of this agency. As your Sheriff, I am committed to maintaining the professionalism, compassion, and transparency that our community deserves.

Thank you for your interest in exploring the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office. "It belongs to YOU. I am only the conductor for a period."

Stacy L. Nicholson

Your Gilmer County Sheriff



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Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office is to maintain social order within the prescribed ethical and constitutional limits, while providing professional law enforcement services.

To attain this, the Agency enforces the law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and the constitutional rights of all persons.

The agency recognizes that no law enforcement agency can operate at its maximum potential without supportive input from the citizens it serves. The Agency actively solicits and encourages the cooperation of all citizens to reduce and limit the opportunities for crime and to facilitate the maximum use of resources.



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Our Core Values

- Integrity:** We demonstrate this cornerstone of our agency through honesty, accountability, and high ethical standards.
- Respect:** We create respect within our agency and community through listening, understanding, and acknowledging feedback.
- Adaptability:** We ensure the success of our agency by embracing positive change and by nurturing diversity, creativity, and visionary thinking.
- Communication:** We cultivate and maintain excellence by remaining approachable at all levels, communicating openly, and building strong relationships.
- Commitment:** We are steadfast in our goals to develop learning opportunities for career-minded professionals and to strengthen efficiency and effectiveness.



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The Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decision. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and I accept it, as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...Law Enforcement.



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The Detention Officer Code of Ethics

As a Detention Officer, I regard myself as a member of an important and honorable profession

I will keep myself in the best possible physical condition at all times;

I will perform my duty with efficiency at all times;

I will be exemplary in my conduct, edifying in my conversation, honest in my dealings and obedient in the laws of the city, county, state, and country;

I will regard my oath as I regard sacred honor;

I will not, in the performance of my duty, work for personal advantage or profit;

I will at all times recognize that I am a public servant;

I will give the most efficient and impartial service of which I am capable at all times;

I will be courteous in my contacts at all times;

I will regard my fellow officers with the same standards as I hold myself;

I will guard the honor and life of my fellow officers as I guard my own;

I will be loyal to my fellow officers, my supervisors and my institution;

I will accept responsibility for my actions;

I will only do those things that will reflect honor on my fellow officers, my institution and myself;



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Administrative Personnel Code of Ethics

SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Serve the public, beyond serving oneself.

RESPECT THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW

Respect and support government constitutions and laws that define responsibilities of public agencies, employees, and all citizens.

DEMONSTRATE PERSONAL INTEGRITY

Demonstrate the highest standards in all activities to inspire public confidence and trust in public service.

PROMOTE ETHICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Strengthen organizational capabilities to apply ethics, efficiency, and effectiveness in serving the public.

STRIVE FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Strengthen individual capabilities and encourage the professional development of others.



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TELECOMMUNICATOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

As a tele-communicator I regard myself as a member of an important and honorable profession.

I will recognize the positive relationship between good physical and mental conditioning and the performance of my job.

I will perform my duty with efficiency to the best of my ability.

My conduct and my performance of my duties will be accomplished in an honest manner, contributory to my fellow workers, and observant of the laws of the city, state and country.

I will not, in the performance of my duty, work for unethical advantage or profit.

I will recognize at all times in my duty that I am a public safety employee, and that ultimately I am responsible to the public.

I will give the most efficient and impartial service of which I am capable at all times.

I understand the importance of courtesy and will maintain it as my reference point in all my duties.

I will regard my fellow tele-communicators with the same standards as I maintain myself.

I share a reciprocal affinity and obligation with my fellow tele-communicators, my administration, and my agency.

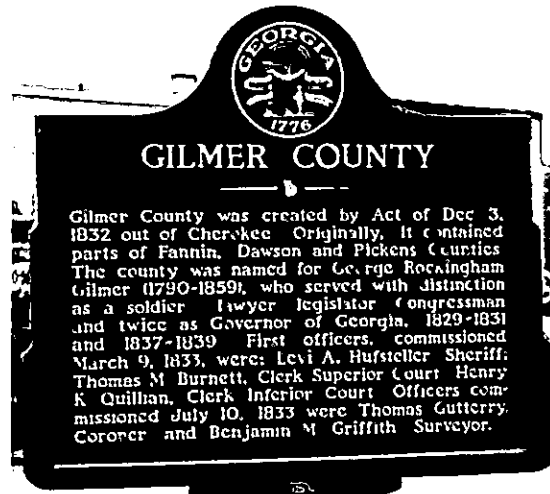
I will accept responsibility for my actions.

I will strive for those values which will reflect honor on my fellow tele-communicators, my agency and myself.

The Gilmer County, Georgia Sheriff's Office

2023 Annual Report

Gilmer County, Georgia was created in 1832 from part of what was then Cherokee County. The county is 432 square miles in area, and according to United States Census Reports the estimated population of Gilmer County in 2021 was 32,026. In 2000, the population was 23,456 and in 1990 there were 13,368 people living in Gilmer County. The population of our county has more than doubled in less than thirty years!



The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office is a professional, progressive full-service law enforcement agency dedicated to providing the best possible service and protection to citizens and visitors in our community. The Sheriff's Office is charged with providing general law enforcement and investigative services throughout the unincorporated areas of Gilmer County. The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office provides uniformed patrol, criminal investigations, traffic accident investigation, school resource officers, court security and civil process service, prisoner transportation, warrant service, crime prevention and operation of the adult detention center.

The Sheriff's Office provides service and protection to citizens and visitors twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. The agency responds to all emergency and non-emergency calls received by the agency's 911 center.

In December 2023, the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office had one hundred and ten employees not including Sheriff Nicholson. Sixty-one of these were State of Georgia certified peace officers (Deputy Sheriffs), twenty-five were sworn detention officers, and eighteen were communications officers. There were six civilian personnel working in administrative positions.

Our agency is led by Sheriff Stacy L. Nicholson. Sheriff Nicholson is the 36th man to be elected Sheriff in Gilmer County's one-hundred-and-ninety-year history. Sheriff Nicholson was first elected in 2004 and was sworn in as Sheriff in January 2005. In 2020, Sheriff Nicholson was re-elected without opposition for his fifth four-year term.

The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement official in the county. The Sheriff is also a constitutional officer provided for by the Georgia State Constitution.

The Sheriff's Office is described in the State Constitution as one of four independently elected county officers.

The Sheriff is not, without unusual circumstances, appointed by a governmental body and is not subordinate to the county government. The sheriff is elected by the citizens and is directly responsible to them. Thus, the sheriff is the only law enforcement official to be selected by and accountable directly to the citizens he or she serves.

In March, 2008, the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office became only the twelfth Sheriff's Office in the State of Georgia to attain State Law Enforcement Certification. The agency has maintained the level of professionalism that certification requires and in February 2011 attained our first recertification. Only through the efforts of the entire agency has this process been accomplished. The agency was successfully inspected for state law enforcement recertification every three years since 2011. The agency successfully completed its fourth state law enforcement recertification inspection in February 2023.

In August, 2011, Sheriff Nicholson created the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Citizens Law Enforcement Academy. This on-going public relations program brings members of the community into the agency for a fourteen-week course consisting of presentations, tours, and riding on patrol with deputies. The goals of this program are to bring the community and the agency closer together and foster better understanding between citizens and law enforcement. In today's environment of growing mistrust between communities and law enforcement, it is of the utmost importance that lines of communication remain open and agency transparency be maintained.

Since the first session in August of 2011, over two hundred Gilmer County citizens have attended the fifteen citizen law enforcement academy sessions. In 2023, one session of CLEA was conducted, graduating twelve students.

This document was created to provide our citizens, visitors, and agency members with a snapshot view of *their* Sheriff's Office and offer a glimpse of the extraordinary men and women who protect and serve our community daily.

The Office of the Sheriff, A History

The Office of the Sheriff is one of antiquity. It is the oldest law enforcement office known within organized civilization. One of the earliest mentions of the "Sheriff" is in the King James Version of the Bible. In *Daniel, Chapter 3: 3*, Sheriffs are mentioned as supervisors under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

The Office of the Sheriff is one that evolved out of necessity. Without the laws that required enforcing, there would have been no need for the Sheriff.

The Office of the Sheriff as we know it today originated in early England. Sheriffs have served and protected for well over 1000 years. Around 500 A.D., Germanic tribes from Europe called the Anglo-Saxons invaded England. This invasion resulted in the consolidation of England as an Anglo-Saxon kingdom.

King Alfred the Great who reigned from 871 to 901 A.D. divided England into geographic areas called "shires." He appointed "Reeves" or overseers to manage the shires in the name of the King. These shires evolved into our modern-day counties. As the English language changed over the years, the "Shire-Reeves" as the King's representatives were known became the Sheriff.

In 1116, King Henry I delegated the power to investigate and arrest for crimes against the newly established Penal Code to the Sheriff. In 1215, King John signed the English Magna Carta which established basic rights and freedoms for the people of England. In the Magna Carta, the Sheriff retained the critical task of "keeper of the peace." The role of the Sheriff is prominently mentioned throughout the Magna Carta.

In 1634, the Office and traditions of the Sheriff were brought to the New World. In the newly formed colony of Virginia, one of the first acts performed was the election of the Sheriff.

In the American Colonial period, the Sheriff was a central figure as towns and communities were formed in the New World. As these colonial governments were established, the Sheriff became an officer of the court, collector of public taxes and private levies, keeper of prisons and the public hangman. As the chief arresting officer, the Sheriff was required to "Lay hands upon the accused, use all and sundry force to open all doors and commandeer any person, any entity or enactment to accomplish his commission."

In the 18th and 19th centuries, American Sheriffs continued to be tasked with a broad range of duties by the colonial and later state legislatures. Some of these duties included maintaining jails and workhouses, general law enforcement, keeping the peace and the handling of criminals throughout the judicial process.

The Office of the Sheriff has been held in high esteem by the American public dating back to before the Revolutionary War. George Washington's father was a Sheriff in colonial Virginia. Thomas Jefferson wrote in his constitutional assessments that "The Office of the Sheriff is the most important of all executive offices of the country."

Today in the United States there are more than 3,000 counties. In all but twelve of these counties, the Sheriff is elected and answers directly to the electorate.

Although the Sheriffs of today do not have the same responsibilities and duties of the ancient Shire-Reeves appointed by English Kings, they hold the position as chief law enforcement officer in the county and are elected by those they serve.

The duties of the modern Sheriff vary from state to state. In the State of Georgia, the Sheriff is active in all three branches of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the courts, and corrections.

Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph III of the State of Georgia Constitution establishes that the Sheriff is one of four constitutional officers elected by the citizens. In Georgia, the Office of Sheriff is both a constitutional office and a county office. The constitutional status of the Office of the Sheriff is evolved from English common law, and from the constitutional provisions extended to certain offices in existence when the first State of Georgia Constitution was ratified.

In Georgia, upon election, Sheriffs serve four-year terms and have no term limit other than the will of the people.

Many of the functions and duties of Sheriffs in the State of Georgia are mandated by Georgia Code.

The Office of Sheriff was established in Gilmer County in 1832 when the county was formed from parts of Cherokee County. The first Gilmer County Sheriff was Levi A. Huffstetler who served from 1833 through 1834. In the one-hundred-and-ninety-year history of Gilmer County, thirty-six men have served as the Sheriff. Our current Sheriff is Stacy L. Nicholson, who has served the citizens of Gilmer County since he was first elected in 2004.

Sheriff Nicholson has the proud distinction of being the longest serving sheriff in Gilmer County history.

Office of the Sheriff vs. Sheriff's Department

What is the difference between the Office of the Sheriff and other county departments? To answer this question, one must understand the definitions of each term.

Black's Law Dictionary, defines the terms as follows:

Department: *"One of the major divisions of the executive branch of government...generally, a branch or division of governmental administration."*

Office: *"A right, and correspondent duty, to exercise a public trust."*

The holder of the Office is under a public charge and is duly elected to exercise a public trust. The Sheriff is not appointed by a government body and is not subordinate to the county government. The Sheriff is elected by the people and is responsible to them and as such, is the only law enforcement official that is selected directly by and accountable to the citizens.

Clearly, the Office of the Sheriff is not simply another department of the county government.

Sheriffs and their deputies provide public safety service by mandate and tradition.

Today's Sheriffs are responsible for protecting human life, maintaining the public peace and order, protecting the rights of individuals and their property, crime prevention and the enforcement of laws and ordinances without discrimination or favor.

The Sheriffs of Gilmer County

Stacy L. Nicholson	2005-Present
Billy Bernhardt	1990-2004
Larry Henson	1985-1990
Ferman Stanley	1972-1984
Clarence L. Ray	1969-1972
Robert Worley	1965-1968
Ed Goble	1961-1964
J. H. Hefner	1950-1960
Ralph Davis	1949-1950
Grady Daves	1944-1948
Foster Milton	1943-1944
E. H. Rackley	1938-1943
W. E. Rackley	1933-1938
A. J. Pinson	1929-1932, 1898-1908
R. L. Milton	1913-1928, 1908-1910
J. H. Penland	1910-1912
W. H. Foster	1895-1898
H. M. Bramlett	1891-1895, 1881-1887
M. L. Cox	1887-1891
J. R. Johnson	1877-1881
William Jones	1875-1877
G. H. Randell	1873-1875, 1864-1868, 1860-1862
P. H. Milton	1868-1873
William Stott	1862-1864
James A. Gudger	1858-1860
Austin Painter	1856-1858
William Cox	1854-1856, 1850-1852
William E. Plemmons	1852-1854
Ebenezer Whitzell	1848-1850
John Thomas	1846-1848
Samuel Jones	1844-1846
Johnathan Cox	1842-1844, 1838-1840
John M. Griffeth	1840-1842
John T. Bailey	1836-1838
Isham C. King	1834-1836
Levi A. Huffstetler	1833-1834

Sheriff Stacy L. Nicholson



Stacy L. Nicholson is the elected Sheriff of Gilmer County, Georgia. He is the thirty sixth man to serve as Sheriff in the county's one hundred-and ninety-year history. He was elected to his first term in 2004 and took office in January 2005. Sheriff Nicholson won his fifth term in June 2020 without opposition.

With eighteen years as Sheriff, Stacy Nicholson holds the distinction of being the longest serving Sheriff in the history of Gilmer County.

Sheriff Nicholson is a thirty-two-year law enforcement veteran, beginning his career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office on March 3, 1991. Prior to his election as Sheriff, he served in many assignments within the agency including radio dispatcher, jailer, patrol deputy, investigator, chief of investigations, and public information officer.

Sheriff Nicholson serves or formally served on several committees and organizations which include:

- Current Vice President of the Constitutional Officer's Association of Georgia
- Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Constitutional Officer's Association of Georgia
- Past President of the Georgia Sheriff's Association (2018-2019)
- Past Region 1 Vice President of the Georgia Sheriff's Association
- Member of the Georgia Sheriff's Association Training and Standards Committee
- Officer on the Executive Board for Gilmer County Family Connection
- Past President, Fraternal Order of Police, Appalachian Lodge #92
- Past Board Member of the Appalachian Children's Center

Sheriff Nicholson is very active in our community. He coaches youth sports and enjoys working with our children.

Sheriff Nicholson attended Berry College and North Georgia College where he majored in Criminal Justice.

Sheriff Nicholson is an avid hunter and outdoorsman. Sheriff Nicholson is a lifelong resident of Gilmer County, graduating from Gilmer High School in 1989. Sheriff Nicholson played football and baseball at Gilmer High and remains a tried and true "Bobcat" fan.

Chief Deputy Randy Moore



Randy Moore serves as the Chief Deputy of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office. He is second in command of the agency and is responsible for the daily operations of the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Moore is a thirty-nine-year law enforcement veteran. He began his career in 1984 with the Alpharetta, Georgia Police Department. He also served with the Woodstock, Georgia Police Department and the Holly Springs, Georgia Police Department where he worked from 1993 until 2005. Randy Moore served as the Patrol Commander until he was appointed Chief of the Holly Springs Police Department in 1997, and led that agency for eight years.

Chief Deputy Moore retired from the Holly Springs Police Department in 2005. He was appointed to the position of Gilmer County Jail Commander by Sheriff Nicholson in January 2005. Chief Deputy Moore was promoted to his current rank and position by Sheriff Nicholson in 2006.

During his career, Chief Deputy Moore has worked in many varied assignments, such as patrol officer, supervisor, and manager. He also served as traffic division commander, criminal investigator, field operations commander and administrative services commander.

Chief Deputy Moore is a Life Member of the Georgia Chiefs of Police Association. He is also a State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Assessor.

Chief Deputy Moore is a graduate of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Professional Management Program.

He attended Reinhardt College. Chief Deputy Moore also attended Columbus State College and Gupton-Jones College.

Chief Deputy Moore graduated from Milton High School in 1981.

On December, 29, 2023, Chief Deputy Randy Moore retired from the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office after a distinguished thirty-nine-year law enforcement career. We thank him for his outstanding service.

BUREAU COMMANDER

Major Adam Smith, Field Operations Bureau



Major Adam Smith serves as the Commander of the Field Operations Bureau. Major Smith is responsible for the administration of the Uniformed Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions, Training Unit and Explorer Post #442. He is also the Special Operations Commander. Major Smith is a twenty-nine-year veteran law enforcement officer. He began his career with the Reinhardt College Department of Public Safety in 1994.

Adam Smith joined the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy in 1997. During his twenty-two years with our agency, Major Smith has served in many assignments. He has been a patrol deputy, detective, sergeant and lieutenant in the criminal investigations division, and agency training officer.

Major Smith has also held positions as uniformed patrol night shift watch commander, jail administrator and commander of the former Field Operations Division before being promoted to major and appointed to his current assignment by Sheriff Nicholson on April 4, 2016.

He is a graduate of the Georgia Law Enforcement Professional Management program. During his career, Major Smith has completed over 3,500 hours of advanced and in-service training. He also has completed numerous advanced tactical operations training courses.

He is a Georgia P.O.S.T. certified general instructor and firearms instructor.

Major Smith is a founding member of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office SWAT team.

Major Smith is a member of the National Tactical Officers Association.

Adam Smith attended Reinhardt College.

He graduated from Sequoyah High School in Cherokee County, Georgia in 1991.

DIVISION COMMANDERS

Captain Frank Copeland, Communications Division and Office of Professional Standards



Captain Frank Copeland is the commander of the Communications/Addressing Division and the Office of Professional Standards. He is responsible for managing the daily operations of the 911 center and conducting inquiries and investigations into allegations of serious misconduct by any Gilmer County Sheriff's Office employee.

Captain Copeland also serves as the public information officer for the Sheriff's Office and is the agency's Crisis Negotiation Team Leader.

Captain Copeland is a twenty-five-year veteran law enforcement officer, beginning his career in Moultrie, Georgia in 1998. He also served with the Woodstock and Holly Springs, Georgia Police Departments before joining the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office in 2005.

During his law enforcement career, Captain Copeland has served in such varied positions as a patrol officer, detective, uniform division commander, administrative division commander and he also served as the interim Chief of Police in Holly Springs, Georgia.

Since joining our agency, Captain Copeland has served as a patrol deputy, court deputy, detective, internal affairs investigator, public information officer, and division commander.

Captain Copeland serves as the commander of the Human Resources, Sexual Offender and Background Investigations, and Certification Units. Frank Copeland is also a certified Computer Voice Stress Analysis Operator.

Captain Copeland is a State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Assessor and Certification Manager. Captain Copeland is certified as an Accreditation Manager by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)

Captain Copeland is a graduate of the State of Georgia's Law Enforcement Professional Management Program. During his career, Captain Copeland has completed over 1,900 hours of advanced and in-service training.

Captain Michael Gobble, Community Resources Division



Captain Michael Gobble commands the Community Resources Division. Captain Gobble is a thirty year law enforcement veteran. His career began in 1992 with the Copperhill, Tennessee Police Department. Michael Gobble joined the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy in 1997.

During his career with our agency, Captain Gobble has served as a patrol deputy, patrol watch commander and commander of the warrants division. He was promoted to captain in January 2013 and assumed command of the newly created Community Resources Division.

In addition to commanding the Community Resources Division, Captain Gobble coordinates the C.H.A.M.P.S program which is taught to Gilmer County fifth grade students. He is a certified C.H.A.M.P.S. instructor and actively teaches in the program. Captain Gobble is a certified ATV safety instructor and a certified car safety seat technician.

Captain Gobble is a founding member of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. He has completed the Georgia State Law Enforcement Professional Management program and holds all three levels of law enforcement supervision training.

Captain Gobble was awarded the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Combat Award for his actions during an armed suspect incident in 2007.

During his career, Captain Gobble has completed over 2,100 hours of advanced and in-service training.

Captain Gobble is a United States Army veteran serving as an infantryman and cavalry scout from 1989 to 1992 with the 25th Infantry Division and the Tennessee National Guard.

Captain Howard Ensley, Court Services Division



Captain Howard Ensley commands the Court Services Division. He is responsible for the administration of the division and oversees all its functions and operations.

Captain Ensley is a fifty-year veteran peace officer, beginning his career with the Murray County Georgia Sheriff's Office in 1973. Prior to joining our agency in March 2013, Howard Ensley served the citizens of Murray County as their Sheriff for twenty-four years.

Howard Ensley began his career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office as a deputy in the Court Services Division prior to his promotion to lieutenant and assignment as the Court Services Watch Commander. On April 4, 2016, he was promoted to captain and assumed command of the Court Services Division.

Captain Ensley is a 2001 graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy. He also is a graduate of the Georgia Sheriff's Academy and the Cobb County Police Academy. Captain Ensley is a past president of the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home and is an active member of the Georgia Sheriff's Association. He has attained over 1,900 hours of advanced and specialized training.

During his long and distinguished career, Howard Ensley has dedicated himself to the advancement and betterment of all phases of law enforcement. Captain Ensley enjoys spending his off-duty time on his small farm and especially enjoys his time with his grandchildren.

Captain Howard Ensley holds the distinction of being the longest actively serving law enforcement officer in the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Brian Shepard, Criminal Investigations Division



Captain Brian Shepard is the commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. He is a twenty-three-year veteran of law enforcement. Captain Shepard began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Marion, South Carolina Police Department in 1999. In January, 2002, he was hired as a patrol officer and K-9 handler by the Griffin, Georgia Police Department. Captain Shepard attained the rank of sergeant while with the Griffin PD.

In April, 2008, Brian Shepard was hired by the Butts County, Georgia Sheriff's Office where he served as a patrol deputy and K-9 handler. Upon his promotion to sergeant, he was assigned to the Butts County narcotics unit.

In May, 2013, Brian Shepard began his career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office. He was assigned to the uniformed patrol division as a patrol deputy and K-9 handler. In April 2016, Brian Shepard was promoted to sergeant and assigned to supervise a patrol shift. While in the uniformed patrol division, Captain Shepard also served as K-9 supervisor and field training coordinator.

In January 2018, Brian Shepard was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to his present position.

Captain Misty Williams, Detention Division



Captain Misty Williams serves as the Detention Division Commander. She is responsible for the operational and administrative functions of the Adult Detention Center. She is a twenty-three-year veteran law enforcement officer, all of which has been with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Williams began her law enforcement career in March, 2000. Misty Williams graduated from the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy, and, at the time, became the third female to serve as a deputy sheriff in Gilmer County.

During her career, Captain Williams has served as a detention officer, detention sergeant, patrol deputy, court services deputy, and communications officer. She was assigned as a school resource deputy in 2013. Misty Williams was awarded the School Resource Officer of the Year award by Sheriff Nicholson that same year.

She was promoted to Corporal in 2015, Sergeant in 2018, and Lieutenant in 2019, all while assigned to the SRO unit. Misty Williams was promoted to captain on April 12, 2021 and assumed command of the Detention Division.

Captain Williams is a graduate of the State of Georgia's Law Enforcement Management Program and had completed over 2,400 hours of advanced, specialized, and in-service training.

Captain Williams is a certified School Resource Officer and certified CHAMPS instructor. She is also involved with the agency's Explorer post. She is a member of the Georgia Gang Investigator Association.

Misty Williams also graduated from the inaugural Intermediate Gang Investigator course held in 2018.

Captain Williams is a native of Gilmer County, and graduated from Gilmer High School in 1998.

Captain Brian Crump, Uniformed Patrol Division



Captain Brian Crump is the commander of the Uniformed Patrol Division. He is responsible for the administration and operation of this division.

Captain Brian Crump is a twenty-one-year veteran law enforcement officer. He began his career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office in 2002 as a detention officer. Captain Crump attended the basic law enforcement academy in 2003 and after graduation was assigned as a deputy in uniformed patrol.

Captain Crump has spent much of his career in uniformed patrol working both day and night shifts. He also was briefly assigned to the Court Services Division during this time. In 2007, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned as a shift supervisor and field training officer in the Field Operations Division. In 2012, Brian Crump was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as a shift commander at the Adult Detention Center. In 2013, then Lieutenant Crump was transferred from the Detention Division to the Field Operations Division where he assumed duties as the patrol night shift watch commander. On April 4, 2016, Brian Crump was promoted to Captain and assigned as the Uniformed Patrol Division Commander.

Captain Crump is a graduate of Reinhardt College where he received his Bachelor of Criminal justice degree. Captain Crump is also a graduate of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Professional Management program. He is a recognized traffic accident reconstruction expert, and a certified field training officer. In recognition of his experience and continuing advanced training, Captain Crump has obtained the highly respected Georgia Sheriff's Association Senior Deputy Certification.

In addition to his duties as Uniformed Patrol Division Commander, Captain Crump also serves as the senior advisor for the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post. He is a founding member of the agency's Honor Guard and is active in the GCSO Citizens Law Enforcement Academy as a presenter.

Captain Crump is a certified Crisis Intervention Team member. During his career, Captain Crump has completed over 2,400 hours of advanced training. Captain Crump has received several awards from the Mothers against Drunk Driving organization for his accomplishments and commitment to their cause. Captain Crump was named the Detention Division Officer of the year in 2002 and Field Operations Division Deputy of the Year in 2007 and 2009.

Lieutenant George D. Ellis, Certification Manager



Lieutenant George Ellis serves as the agency's state law enforcement certification manager. He also serves as the agency grant manager and coordinator of the citizen law enforcement academy.

Lieutenant Ellis is a forty-six-year law enforcement veteran, beginning his career in 1978 with the Winter Springs, Florida Police Department. In 1979, he was hired by the Orange County, Florida Sheriff's Office. He retired from that agency in September 2005 as a Lieutenant after a twenty-six-year career.

During his career, Lieutenant Ellis has worked in uniformed patrol, motorcycle and DUI units, street vice, narcotics and organized crime units, community affairs, SWAT, underwater search and recovery, honor guard and training. He was an instructor in the Central Florida Criminal Justice Institute at Orlando, Florida for twenty-three years. He is certified as a police motorcycle instructor, human diversity instructor, and while in Florida he was recognized as an expert and conducted investigations involving cults and ritual related crimes.

George Ellis joined the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office in July 2008 as a patrol deputy. In November 2009, he was appointed to his current position by Sheriff Nicholson. He was promoted to sergeant in August 2012, and to lieutenant on January 5, 2015.

Lieutenant Ellis holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College. He is a graduate of the 106th Administrative Officers Course, and the 23rd Command Officer Development Course at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute. During his career, Lieutenant Ellis has completed over 5,100 hours of advanced and in-service training.

Lieutenant Ellis is a State of Georgia certified criminal justice instructor, field training officer and departmental training officer. He is Georgia crisis intervention team qualified.

George Ellis is a State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Manager and Assessor.

Lieutenant Ellis is a United States Marine Corps veteran having served from 1973 through 1978 as an infantryman. He served in both the 2nd and 3rd Marine Divisions. He was honorably discharged from Marine Corps active duty in 1978 holding the rank of Corporal.

He graduated from Winter Park High School in Winter Park, Florida in 1974.

General Staff

Uniformed Patrol Division Watch Commander



Lieutenant Mark Patrick, Day Shift Watch Commander

Lieutenant Mark Patrick serves as the day shift watch commander in the uniformed patrol division. Lieutenant Patrick is a sixteen-year veteran law enforcement officer, spending his entire career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office which began as a dispatcher in 2007.

Mark Patrick has served as a communications officer, patrol deputy, detective, patrol corporal, and patrol sergeant. In April 2021, he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as the patrol day shift watch commander. He is also a certified Field Training Officer. Lieutenant Patrick takes great pride in serving our community and prior to joining the sheriff's office, he spent ten years as a volunteer with Gilmer County Fire Rescue.

Lieutenant Patrick has twice been awarded the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Medal of Merit, which is the agency's second highest award. He received these medals for his actions which saved two people's lives. Mark Patrick has also received the agency's Community Relations Award for his participation as a presenter in the citizens law enforcement academy.

He was named the Field Operations Division Deputy of the Year for 2017 and has also been named Deputy of the Month three times during his career. Lieutenant Patrick graduated from the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Professional Management program and has attended two thousand hours of advanced and in service training.

Mark Patrick is a lifelong resident of Gilmer County and he graduated from Gilmer High School in 1991. He married his high school sweetheart and has been married for thirty years. Lieutenant Patrick enjoys spending time with his family, gardening, and antiques. He also enjoys kayaking and bow hunting for whitetail deer.

Uniformed Patrol Division Watch Commander



Lieutenant Harold Hefner, Night Shift Watch Commander

Lieutenant Harold Hefner serves as the Uniformed Patrol Division Night Shift Watch Commander. He has been with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office since 2012, when he began his law enforcement career.

During his career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant Hefner has served as a detention officer, deputy sheriff, corporal, and sergeant.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in the Adult Detention Center in April of 2021 and assigned as the night shift watch commander. He was transferred to the uniformed patrol division in July 2022, and assumed duty as the night shift watch commander.

Lieutenant Hefner was awarded the agency Combat Award Ribbon for his actions during an encounter with a subject who was armed with a firearm. He also received an employee of the month award and is a State of Georgia certified crisis intervention team member.

Lieutenant Hefner enlisted into the Georgia Army National Guard in 2009 and received an Honorable discharge in 2015. He is currently a member of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.

He moved to Gilmer County in 2015 from Cherokee County where he was born and raised.

Community Resources Division Watch Commander



Lieutenant Greg Dotson

Lieutenant Greg Dotson commands the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit. He is responsible for the daily supervision and management of the SRO Unit. Lieutenant Dotson has commanded the SRO Unit since 2010. Greg Dotson began his law enforcement career in 1997 and joined the GCSO in 2006 as a patrol deputy.

Lieutenant Dotson previously served with the Decatur County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He also served in the United States Army for six years as a Military Police officer, rising to the rank of sergeant. During his law enforcement career, Lieutenant Dotson has served as a patrol deputy, investigator, and school resource officer.

Lieutenant Greg Dotson manages the CHAMPS program and is an active CHAMPS instructor. He is a member of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard unit and is a presenter in the agency's Citizens Law Enforcement Academy. Lieutenant Dotson has received training in crisis intervention, hostage negotiations and management and supervision, among many other topics.

Lieutenant Dotson has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his career and is a certified jailer and field training officer. Greg Dotson holds a bachelor's degree and has earned the supervisory, and advanced law enforcement certifications through the state of Georgia.

Greg Dotson has also achieved the highly respected Senior Deputy certification from the Georgia Sheriff's Association.

Lieutenant Dotson attended the Military Police school and the Primary Leadership Development Course while in the Army.

He has attended numerous other military and civilian courses throughout his career and has over four thousand seven hundred hours of training.

Court Services Watch Commander



Lieutenant James Knight

Lieutenant James Knight serves as the Court Security Watch Commander. He is responsible for scheduling and overseeing the daily operations of the personnel assigned to the Court Services Division. Lieutenant Knight also manages the safety and security functions at the Gilmer County Courthouse.

James Knight is a nineteen-year veteran law enforcement officer, beginning his career with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office in 2004. Lieutenant Knight has served as a detention officer, patrol deputy and K-9 deputy. In 2011, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to supervise a uniformed patrol shift.

On April 4, 2016, James Knight was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned as the court security watch commander.

Lieutenant Knight is a graduate of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Professional Management Program and has completed over 1,700 hours of advanced training.

James Knight is a 1991 graduate of Fannin High School. He is dedicated to serving and protecting the citizens of Gilmer County.

Lieutenant Knight enjoys spending his off-duty time with his wife and children.

Detention Division Watch Commanders



Lieutenant William Bryan, Day Shift Watch Commander

Lieutenant William Bryan serves as the day shift watch commander in the adult detention center. He is responsible for the direction and coordination of the daily operations at the adult detention center. Lieutenant Bryan is a thirteen-year law enforcement veteran, all of which has been with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office.

Lieutenant Bryan began his law enforcement career in 2010 as a detention officer. During his service, he has worked as a detention officer, detention sergeant, uniformed patrol deputy, court services deputy, and court services sergeant.

He was promoted to detention sergeant in 2011, then he graduated from the law enforcement academy in 2012 and became a deputy sheriff. In 2018, William Bryan was promoted to sergeant in the Court Services Division. He was then promoted to lieutenant in July 2022 and was assigned to the Detention Division as a Watch Commander.

Lieutenant Bryan has over 1,300 hours of advanced and continuing education and is certified as a crisis intervention team member. He is active as a presenter in the agency citizens law enforcement academy as well. In 2014, he was named the Field Operations Division Deputy of the Year. Lieutenant Bryan also received two Officer of the Month awards, the Community Relations Award, and a Certificate of Commendation

William Bryan grew up in Union County, Georgia. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing. He is also a motorcycle enthusiast and enjoys riding to different states.

Lieutenant Walter Leite, Night Shift Watch Commander

Lieutenant Walter Leite II serves as the night shift Lieutenant over the Adult Detention Center. He has served three years in law enforcement, all of which has been with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office.

He came from a background in sales management, before starting his career in law enforcement.

Lieutenant Leite started his law enforcement career in October 2020. Walter Leite graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course in December 2022, became a CPR instructor through the American Heart Association, and W.R.A.P instructor.

He was selected to be an officer in charge over day shift in 2021, promoted to Sergeant in 2022, and became Lieutenant in 2023. Through his career he has received detention officer of the month in 2021, detention officer of the year in 2022, and a certificate of commendation from the Sheriff.

Lieutenant Leite has completed over 600 hours of specialized and in-service training.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Communications Division is commanded by Captain Frank Copeland. This division is in a state-of-the-art communications center which opened in 2009.



Communications Division officers staff the communications center 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Communications Division personnel work twelve-hour shifts. Each shift is supervised by a communications sergeant.

Division operators are responsible for all public safety related communications within Gilmer County. Operators are responsible for receiving all 911 emergency calls and non-emergency calls on the 706-635-8911 non-emergency telephone line.

The Sheriff's Office Communications Division is responsible for dispatching and communications support for the following agencies:

- Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
- Gilmer County Fire/Rescue Department
- Gilmer County Emergency Medical Service
- City of Ellijay Police Department
- City of Ellijay Fire Department
- City of East Ellijay Police Department

Communications officers are considered the "life line" for the law enforcement, fire service and emergency medical personnel of Gilmer County. Communications personnel are the vital link between a citizen in crisis or in need and the public safety personnel sworn to protect and serve. Communications officers are also tasked with running teletype checks for wanted persons and warrants checks. They conduct vehicle registration and tag checks when requested by law

enforcement officers. Driver's license status checks are also performed by communications officers. The Communications Division conducts criminal background checks for the public upon request.

The Communications Division serves as Gilmer County's link to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as well as the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC). All law enforcement agencies in Gilmer County make inquiries to NCIC and GCIC through our communications center.

Enhanced 911

The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Communications Center is equipped with an Enhanced 911 (E-911) system. The Federal Communications Commission is rolling the E-911 system out in three phases. The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office E-911 system is in Phase II which is the most advanced of the three. When a call comes in to the GCSO Communications Center, the operator is provided automatically with the following information:

Landline Telephone:

- Calling Telephone Number and Physical Address
- Name that the telephone number is registered in
- Prior call history at address

Cellular Telephone:

- Calling Cellular Telephone Number
- Cellular Carrier
- Calls can be tracked on map

A little-known fact is that a person can dial 911 from a cellular telephone even if it is not active. All that is needed is power and a signal.

Computer Aided Dispatch

Computer Aided Dispatch, commonly referred to as CAD, is used to enter all information received from a 911 or non-emergency caller. This information is entered into the computer by the communications officer. The CAD tracks all information such as the time the call was received and the time it was dispatched. All these data are then available for future reference and as information to units responding to the same address on subsequent calls for service. The system is fully compatible with Mobile Data Terminals (In-vehicle computers) when this technology is obtained by Gilmer County.



Addressing

The Addressing and Mapping Section is an integral part of the Communications Division. The addressing and Mapping section determines the addresses of all new construction in Gilmer County. Due to the predominately rural nature of Gilmer County, addressing is done via a "metering system." This system measures distances from the beginning of a road to the location's driveway. Public safety services are then able to know the approximate distance to an address from an intersection or beginning of a road.

The section also changes addresses when required and provides descriptions of structures at a location to the public safety units responding. Addressing and Mapping section personnel assist the public with concerns they might have regarding their address. Correct addresses can be confirmed through the section's computer database which is updated daily. This section provides current address information to other county agencies such as the Tax Assessor and county planning and zoning.

The Addressing and Mapping Section has a Geographical Information System which keeps mapping current throughout Gilmer County. This information is provided to communications officers via the computer aided dispatch system and provides the most up to date data possible. This provides emergency services units with timely information on new or existing streets, structures, forest service trails and landmarks. This function is invaluable in assisting public safety units in responding in a timely manner to the correct locations when called.

Other duties of the Addressing and Mapping Section are:

- Maintains the telephone database which ensures the proper telephone number is reflected when a call for service is received by the communications center

- Maintains a database of all addresses in Gilmer County including a description of each address
- Developed and maintains a direction guide for every road in Gilmer County
- Developed and maintains an Emergency Service Number (ESN) database which ensures the correct public safety personnel respond to any call for assistance within Gilmer County

COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIVISION

The Community Resources Division is commanded by Captain Michael Gobble. The division was created by Sheriff Nicholson in January 2013 in furtherance of the goal of making the agency more responsive to the community that it serves.

The Community Resources Division provides numerous citizen-oriented programs such as safety programs, crime prevention and awareness presentations and other interactive community based activities. The School Resource Unit is the primary unit assigned to the Community Resources Division.



The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office School Resource Unit consists of one lieutenant, and five deputies. Each member of this unit has received specialized training as a school resource officer. Each School Resource Deputy is also certified as a Georgia Sheriff's Association C.H.A.M.P.S (Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety) instructor.

The School Resource deputies are assigned to one or more schools within the Gilmer County School System.

When schools are in session, the School Resource Deputies spend their daily tours of duty at their assigned schools.

While at their assigned schools, Resource Deputies provide a variety of services:

- Act as a highly visible law enforcement representative on the school campus providing safety and security for students, faculty and staff, and visitors
- Act as an extension of the school administration in matters involving crimes or in unique situations as requested by the administration
- Provide a positive role model for the students

- Conduct the twelve-week course of instruction in the Georgia Sheriff's Association approved C.H.A.M.P.S. (Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety) Course for all fifth-grade students.



- Act as a resource for school administration, teachers and staff, students, and parents in dealing with non-criminal problems or issues
- Provide security at school related extracurricular activities, such as sporting events
- Make presentations to students, faculty and staff in matters related to gangs, drug or alcohol abuse, school violence, bullying and other crime related issues

The agency's School Resource Deputies play a vital role in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for students on campus as well as giving students the opportunity to interact with the deputies on a personal, non-enforcement level.

In addition to the duties the School Resource Deputies perform at their schools, they are an important part of the Sheriff's Office community relations function. They also investigate crimes that occur upon Gilmer County Board of Education property.

Deputies of the School Resource Unit make presentations at School Career Days, present gang awareness classes, alcohol and drug awareness classes, DUI prevention demonstrations, and racism awareness classes. Classes in bullying prevention and awareness were also conducted by School Resource Deputies in Gilmer County schools.

The School Resource Unit provides valuable assistance to the Detention, Uniformed Patrol and Court Services Divisions by providing additional personnel to these units when schools are not in session.

All of Gilmer County's School Resource Deputies are members of the Georgia Association of School Resource Officers.

COURT SERVICES DIVISION



The Court Services Division is commanded by Captain Howard Ensley. The Court Services Division is based out of the Gilmer County Courthouse and it is tasked with numerous responsibilities. The Court Services Division is part of the Headquarters Bureau and consists of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Corporal, six full-time sworn Deputies, a warrants clerk, and an administrative assistant.

This Division is primarily responsible for the security of the courthouse and for the safety of Judges, jurors, attorneys, courthouse employees and visitors to the building. These deputies are tasked with ensuring the safe and undisturbed functioning of the courthouse.

The Court Services Division is also responsible for providing security at non court related activities within the courthouse such as County Commission meetings.

The Court Services Division is responsible for serving and executing arrest warrants, civil process, such as evictions and writs, as well as summons, probate orders and condemnations.

Another important function of the Court Services Division is that of extraditions and prisoner transport. The deputies of the Court Services Division are tasked with traveling out of the county and on occasion outside of the State of Georgia to return fugitives to Gilmer County to face trial. Deputies assigned to this division are also tasked with transporting convicted felons to state prisons as well as returning them to Gilmer County for any required court proceedings.

The Court Services Division is also responsible for transporting juvenile offenders to and from juvenile detention facilities.

Deputies of the Court Services Division serve and execute mental health evaluation and involuntary commitment orders. Court Services Division deputies also transport these

individuals to appropriate medical or mental health facilities within Gilmer County and outside our county.

The Court Services Division conducts fingerprint checks to ensure that applicants for firearms permits in Gilmer County meet standards set by the State of Georgia.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division is commanded by Captain Brian Shepard.

This division consists of the Criminal Investigations Unit and the newly created Crime Suppression Unit. The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for conducting follow up investigations on preliminary reports submitted from the uniformed patrol division or other sources. The Crime Suppression Unit is primarily responsible for targeting violent criminals and those with outstanding felony warrants.

The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed by one captain, four detective sergeants, one crime suppression unit sergeant, two detective corporals, and two crime suppression unit corporals, who have received specialized training in the field of investigations.

Criminal Investigations Unit

The detectives investigate crimes against persons (such as assault, battery, robbery, stalking, kidnapping, sexual assault, rape, terroristic threats, and domestic violence) and crimes against property (such as burglary, theft, criminal damage, and auto theft). They also investigate suspicious or unattended deaths and suicides.

This unit is also responsible for investigating all crimes against children, such as cruelty to children, child molestation, enticing children and statutory rape. Missing adults and juvenile cases are also investigated by Criminal Investigations Unit.

While each detective in the Criminal Investigations Unit is trained as a generalist and is able to conduct investigations of reported crimes of any type, they are also trained in a specific area of investigations.

All the detectives are assigned to one (or more) specific investigative duty:

- **General Assignment**
- **Crime Scene**
- **Burglary**
- **Financial Crimes**
- **Crimes against Children**
- **Family Violence**

At least two detectives are assigned to each of the above investigative areas.

The Criminal Investigations Unit maintains a Crime Scene Unit consisting of two trained detectives. The Crime Scene Detectives process and collect evidence as well as prepare any required documentation for presentation in subsequent court proceedings. The Crime Scene detectives also photograph or video tape items of evidentiary value found at crime scenes.

The Criminal Investigations Unit works closely with the Appalachian Circuit District Attorney's Office, partnering with assistant district attorneys and their investigators in preparing cases for successful prosecutions.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is also responsible for the agency Property and Evidence facility. All evidence, contraband and property obtained or seized by deputies is stored in this facility. The Criminal Investigations Unit is tasked with ensuring the security and accountability of all property and evidence held by the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office. One detective is assigned the additional duties of Property and Evidence custodian.

The Criminal Investigations Unit has one detective trained as a forensic interviewer of child victims. This detective works hand in hand with the Appalachian Children's Center while conducting criminal investigations involving child victims.

The Criminal Investigations Unit conducts regular "roll call" meetings with each shift in the Uniformed Patrol section. These meetings encourage a closer working relationship between detectives and patrol deputies which results in a better exchange of information leading to a higher clearance rate for reported crimes.

The Criminal Investigations Unit also conducts regularly scheduled multi-agency intelligence meetings. These meetings with other agencies develop better cooperation between different organizations and provide information that assists in identifying suspects conducting their crimes across jurisdictional boundaries.

The Criminal Investigations Unit also partners with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on major case and drug related investigations.

Crime Suppression Unit (CSU)

The Crime Suppression Unit was formed at the direction of Sheriff Nicholson on June 1, 2019. The unit is made up of a sergeant and two deputies, all three of which are also K-9 handlers.

The unit is responsible for serving arrest warrants on violent or dangerous felons, other high risk arrest warrants and search warrants. The CSU also conducts extra patrols in areas that have experienced a rise in criminal activity, narcotics investigations and directed traffic enforcement.

The personnel assigned to the CSU have received additional advanced and specialized training that makes them better equipped to combat criminal activity in our county. The CSU works cooperatively with the Criminal Investigations Unit, Uniformed Patrol Division, and other agencies such as the United States Marshal's Service.

K-9 Unit

The K-9 unit is part of the Crime Suppression Unit, and their primary responsibilities are the support of uniformed patrol deputies in the apprehending of offenders, detecting concealed illegal drugs, and tracking missing, lost or wanted persons. The K-9 unit is also available for community relations details and to assist other agencies when requested.

There are currently three K-9 teams in the Sheriff's Office. All three K-9 team are assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division. Each team works a regular shift and performs their assigned duties in addition to their K-9 responsibilities.

DETENTION DIVISION



The Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Detention Division is commanded by Captain Misty Williams, and is located at 106 Brett Dickey Memorial Drive in Ellijay. The Adult Detention Center staff consists of certified peace officers, a captain, two lieutenants and a corporal, five detention sergeants, four detention corporals and thirteen uniformed detention officers, as well as two civilian detention office staff members, and one civilian support person.

The Adult Detention Center is responsible for securely housing suspects arrested in Gilmer County while awaiting trial, persons convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to jail for up to twelve months and convicted felons awaiting transfer to state prisons to begin their sentences. All persons taken into custody in Gilmer County, no matter what law enforcement agency made the arrest, are processed at the Adult Detention Center.

Detainees in the Adult Detention Center are separated by gender. Juveniles who are taken into custody may be booked at the Adult Detention Center but are housed at a Youth Detention Center unless they have been adjudicated as an adult by a competent court.

While housed at the Adult Detention Center, detainees are provided with all necessary medical treatment, food, and clothing. Detainees are provided access to a law library and exercise area regularly. Visitation with family and friends is done over video calls only. There is no current in person visitation.

A select few detainees get to take part in the detainee work crew. Those detainees assist in helping with building maintenance, laundry service, food preparation and general upkeep of the facility. This is all conducted under the supervision of an officer at all times day and night.

UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION



The Uniformed Patrol Division is commanded by Captain Brian Crump. This division is part of the Field Operations Bureau. The Uniformed Patrol Division consists of the following units:

- Uniformed Patrol Section
- Training Unit
- Honor Guard

Uniformed Patrol Section

The deputies of the Uniformed Patrol Section are the most visible members of the agency. The Uniformed Patrol Section consists of one Captain, two Lieutenants, five Sergeants, four Corporals and fourteen Deputies. Uniformed Patrol deputies are the first responders to a citizen's call for law enforcement services within the unincorporated areas of Gilmer County. Uniformed Patrol deputies are on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. They work twelve-hour shifts. There are two shifts, one day and one evening. Each shift is commanded by a Lieutenant who acts as Watch Commander.

The on-duty deputies are supervised by a shift Sergeant. Gilmer County is divided into three patrol zones, each of which has at least one deputy assigned.

Uniformed Patrol deputies are tasked with conducting preventative patrol, responding to both emergency and non-emergency requests for service, conducting preliminary investigations and writing initial reports, and making physical arrests when required.

Uniformed Patrol deputies also investigate traffic crashes, conduct traffic related enforcement and DUI enforcement.

Training Unit

One of the most important functions in any professional law enforcement agency is that of training. Sheriff Nicholson is committed to maintaining the highest level of training within our agency. This unit is responsible for coordinating the training function within the Sheriff's Office. The State of Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) requires 20 hours of in-service training annually for law enforcement officers to maintain state certification. Agency policy requires that each sworn deputy receive 30 hours of training annually. During 2022, we averaged over 80 hours of training for sworn personnel.



Training includes but is not limited to:

- Firearms requalification
- Less Lethal Weapons Refresher Training and Proficiency Testing
- De Escalation Techniques and Community Policing
- Use of Force Policy and Use of Deadly Force Policy Training
- Scenario Based Tactical Training
- Legal Updates

In addition to the in-service training provided by the Sheriff's Office, all personnel are encouraged to apply for advanced training courses outside the agency at facilities such as the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

The Office of the Sheriff consists of Sheriff, Stacy L. Nicholson, Chief Deputy Randy Moore, the Human Resources Unit, the State Certification Unit, and the Office of Professional Standards. The Office of the Sheriff is located at the Gilmer County Courthouse.

The Office of the Sheriff is the executive staff organization of our agency. It also functions as the administrative section. All members of the Office of the Sheriff report directly to Sheriff Nicholson or Chief Deputy Moore.

Human Resources Unit

The Human Resources Unit reports directly to the Chief Deputy. This unit is responsible for new applicant processing, employee records management, benefit management and worker's compensation claims processing.

Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards is commanded by Captain Frank Copeland. In addition to the traditional "internal affairs" responsibility, the Office of Professional Standards also performs additional duties that ensure citizens and visitors to Gilmer County receive the most effective and efficient law enforcement services possible.

The Office of Professional Standards is divided into three units, each of which performs unique functions that contribute to maintaining and improving the outstanding service our agency provides to the community.

Internal Affairs Section

The Internal Affairs Unit was established by Sheriff Nicholson to provide the agency's "quality control" function. This Unit ensures that all personnel conduct their daily duties in accordance with Sheriff's Office policies and procedures as well as state and federal laws.

When a complaint of a serious nature is received, it is investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit. Allegations of a Sheriff's Office employee's inappropriate behavior, misconduct or failing to abide by agency policy or procedures are generally investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit. Complaints that are investigated by Internal Affairs:

- Allegations of Corruption and Perjury
- Gross Misconduct
- Allegations of Excessive Force or Brutality
- Use of Deadly Force
- Civil Rights Violations

- Sexual Harassment Complaints
- Harassment in the Workplace
- Any Administrative Investigations at the direction of the Sheriff

Allegations of a less serious nature are generally referred to the accused employee's division for investigation.

Certification Unit

This unit was created by Sheriff Nicholson in 2009 and is responsible for ensuring that the agency maintains compliance with all required standards of the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification program. In 2008, the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office became one of only 12 Sheriff's Offices in the State of Georgia to attain the coveted and respected Law Enforcement Certification.

The agency's certification is valid for three years. This program is voluntary and being awarded this certification reflects that the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office is among the "best of the best" of law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia.

In February 2023 the agency underwent a thorough inspection by state assessors and was found to be following all applicable state standards. The Sheriff's Office was re-certified for three years because of this inspection. The agency will again be re-inspected by state assessors in early 2026.

The Certification Unit is also tasked with researching, applying for and administering funding through federal, state and private sector sources via grant programs. Obtaining funding through grants provides the agency with the ability to purchase state of the art equipment, technology and training that would not be available through the Sheriff's Office fiscal year budget. Funding through grants relieves some of the burden on already hard-pressed budgets.

The Certification Unit became responsible for administering and coordinating the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy upon its creation in 2011.

Sexual Offender Registry and Background Investigations Unit

The Sexual Offender Registry and Background Investigations Unit is responsible for registering and tracking of all sex offenders located in Gilmer County in accordance with state and federal requirements. This unit is also tasked with conducting thorough and complete background checks on all applicants seeking employment with the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office.

Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy



Citizens Law Enforcement Academy Session 23-17

In May, 2011, at the direction of Sheriff Nicholson, the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office began the process of creating a Civilian Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA). In June, 2011 Sheriff Nicholson authorized the initial session of our CLEA and it began in August, 2011.

The course is conducted by the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office and all presenters in this program are Gilmer County Sheriff's Office employees. Topics include law and criminal procedures, conducting traffic stops, use of force, K-9 demonstrations, ride-alongs with patrol deputies and much more.

The primary goal of the program is to build a closer bond between the community and the agency through communication and education.

Students have full access to the sheriff's office, learning about everything from communications to court room security. Students do ride-alongs with uniform patrol deputies and other units. The students find CLEA an "eye-opening" experience and it gives them a new appreciation of the excellent service the sheriff's office provides. One student observed "This is a program that every citizen of Gilmer County should participate in!"

The Citizens Law Enforcement Academy is a free fourteen week course that meets from 7 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays.

The Academy is open to those who live or work in Gilmer County and are at least 21 years of age.

The Academy provides students with personal training and provides knowledge of law enforcement techniques and procedures in a friendly environment.

In 2023, the sheriff's office presented one CLEA session which graduated twelve participants.

Anyone interested in the CLEA may contact the course coordinator, Lieutenant George Ellis at 706-515-2654 or gellis@gilmersheriff.com



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Addressing- 1 Broad Street, Suite 10, Ellijay, Ga. 30540, 706-635-4653, Fax-706-635-4699

Captain Frank Copeland, Commanding. fcopeland@gilmersheriff.com

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Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
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Useful Telephone Numbers

All Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency	706-635-8911
Georgia State Patrol	706-632-2215
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	1-888-233-5680
Georgia Driver License Office (Blue Ridge)	706-935-5268
Georgia Probation Office	706-635-5125
Gilmer County Tax Commissioner's Office (Motor Vehicle Tags)	706-635-4762
City of Ellijay Police Department	706-635-7430
City of East Ellijay Police Department	706-276-3111
Superior Court	706-635-4462
Probate Court	706-635-4763
Magistrate Court	706-635-2515
District Attorney's Office	706-635-5381
Public Defender's Office	706-698-7322
Division of Family and Children Services	706-635-2361

In Memoriam



Deputy Sheriff Brett C. Dickey

End of Watch: Tuesday, February 13, 1996

Deputy Sheriff Brett Dickey, a four-year veteran, was shot and killed in the line of duty while attempting to serve an arrest warrant. Deputy Dickey was thirty years old.

We will never forget his ultimate sacrifice while protecting the citizens of Gilmer County.

“Blessed are the Peacemakers:

For they shall be called the children of God”

Matthew 5:9

2023 Agency Employees of the Year

Detention Officer of the Year:	Detention Officer Kevin Starland
Communications Officer of the Year:	Communications Sergeant Brandon Holman
Detective of the Year:	Sergeant II Jeff Shelton
Court Services Deputy of the Year:	Sergeant II Brandon Cass
Uniformed Patrol Deputy of the Year:	Corporal II Ryan Scott
School Resource Deputy of the Year:	Deputy First Class Kenny Wiggins

ROLL OF HONOR

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor Recipients

Deputy Sheriff Brett Dickey	February 13, 1996
Deputy Sheriff Mark Sanford	February 13, 1996
Deputy Sheriff Christopher "Bo" Hughes	June 1, 2012

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Medal of Merit Recipients

Ms. Danielle Weaver	May 14, 2013
Deputy Sheriff Rodney Sawyer	December 12, 2013
Deputy Sheriff Mark Sanford (Retired)	January 10, 2014
Deputy First Class Mark Patrick	April 3, 2015
Lieutenant Mark Patrick	September 7, 2022
Sergeant Joshua Perigo	September 7, 2022
Detention Officer Tyler Woody	May 2, 2023

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Purple Heart Award Medal Recipients

Deputy Sheriff Brett Dickey	February 13, 1996
Deputy Sheriff Mark Sanford	February 13, 1996

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Distinguished Service Medal Recipients

Detective James Turner	May 25, 2012
Lieutenant Thomas Speir	September 18, 2012
Deputy Sheriff Samuel Smith	October 24, 2012
Deputy Sheriff Michael Lerman	December 7, 2012
Addressing Supervisor Warren Swem	December 21, 2012
Sergeant George Ellis	May 2, 2014
Ms. Misa Luong	November 23, 2016
Chief Deputy Randy Moore	December 29, 2023

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Citation Medal Recipients

Deputy Sheriff Clint Waldrip	January 10, 2014
Corporal Rodney Sawyer	February 3, 2017
Detective First Class Scott Camp	February 1, 2018

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Communications Division-2023

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Year Total
Calls Entered Into CAD For:													
Gilmer Sheriff's Office	1601	1617	1784	2647	2690	2308	2569	2816	2257	2440	2156	1930	26815
Eilijay Police Department	618	649	828	789	826	579	653	599	597	641	562	594	7935
East Eilijay Police Department	437	392	613	520	664	622	600	502	432	507	560	526	6375
Gilmer Fire/EMS	468	352	436	492	452	489	563	559	476	503	642	495	5927
Eilijay Fire Department	68	45	57	64	70	72	96	70	81	96	91	95	905
Total Calls Entered Into CAD	3192	3055	3718	4512	4702	4070	4481	4546	3843	4187	4011	3640	47957

**Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Community Resources Division- 2023**

School Resource Unit	Summer Vacation												
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Total
Traffic Accidents	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	13
Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worked By GCSO	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Worked By GSP	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Affray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault/Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alarm	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	0	1	0	0	11
Alcohol Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Motorist	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5
Assist Citizen/Student/Staff	257	270	373	243	370	4	0	344	335	340	294	230	3060
BOE Event	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Battery/Simple Battery	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Bullying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHAMPS Classes	5	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	3	12	2	0	32
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Class Presentations	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Civil Papers Served	1	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Civil Papers Attempted	0	0	1	5	1	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	22
Damage to Property	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	15
Disruption of Public School	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	5
Domestic Disturbance	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Interference with Government Property	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Medical Calls	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	5
Meetings	17	12	27	21	30	2	1	39	26	37	31	22	265
Monitor/Secure School Interior	387	377	447	376	510	100	16	555	524	527	483	425	4727
Obstruction LEO	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Other Calls	2	4	12	8	8	21	19	2	3	3	6	1	89
Other Details	17	13	10	6	23	34	37	20	7	1	7	10	185
Perimeter Patrol	383	356	430	373	516	127	37	517	478	495	438	377	4527
Public Relations	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	4

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Community Resources Division- 2023

School Resource Unit (Contd.)				SUMMER VACATION											
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 TOTAL		
School Bus Incident	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Sex Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sports Details	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	20		
Student Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Suicide Threats/Attempts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	6		
Theft	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Threats	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6		
Tobacco Offenses	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	13		
Traffic Control	56	56	80	51	64	0	0	28	45	40	37	30	487		
Traffic Stops	2	1	0	1	1	17	41	0	2	2	0	7	74		
Citations Issued	0	1	0	1	0	1	10	0	0	2	0	0	15		
Warnings Issued	2	0	0	0	1	16	31	0	2	1	0	7	60		
Unruly Juvenile	1	0	4	2	3	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	20		
Unsecured School Building	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
VGCSA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Weapon Offenses	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Welfare Checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Zone Patrols	94	85	162	129	192	135	101	145	130	116	134	134	1557		
Total Calls	1217	1182	1586	1227	1735	457	283	1870	1586	1577	1487	1244	15451		
Arrests Non-VGCSA															
Juvenile Male	4	6	12	4	3	0	0	0	6	0	2	1	38		
Juvenile Female	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	9		
Adult Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Adult Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Arrests VGCSA															
Juvenile Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Juvenile Female	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4		
Adult Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Adult Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL ARRESTS	6	7	13	4	8	0	3	0	8	1	3	1	54		
Miles Driven	994	1051	1266	1100	1546	2219	1502	1575	1218	4505	1109	1098	19183		

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Community Resources Division - 2023

School Resource Unit (Contd.)	Summer Vacation													
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 TOTAL	
Gasoline Used	50	74	68	43	59	84	46	48	88	45	78	54	737	
Personel Hours	690	632	920	580	800	288	374	988	515	500	682	816	7785	
Training Hours	0	0	34	0	0	16	8	12	5	4	7	0	86	
Administrative Hours	34	38	41	29	43	12	9	44	2	38	32	2	324	
CHAMPS Hours	5	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	24	

Court Services Division-2023

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Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Criminal Investigations Division-2023

CID 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total-2023
Investigations Opened	36	29	32	30	29	30	36	28	27	22	31	22	352
Investigations On-going	80	54	58	58	69	77	91	79	85	76	86	82	
Investigations Closed	22	23	20	16	13	14	18	24	13	11	18	14	206
Cases Cleared By Arrest	9	9	5	4	5	6	5	11	2	3	4	7	70
Investigations Opened													
ASSAULT/BATTERY	1	0	1	3	4	3	5	1	3	1	2	5	29
BURGLARY	1	3	4	1	2	0	0	1	2	2	3	1	20
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	1	7	10	3	4	4	1	1	4	0	1	3	39
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	8	5	4	5	4	3	5	4	2	8	6	2	56
ELDER ABUSE	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	6
FINANCIAL / ID FRAUDS	1	1	6	2	4	1	1	2	5	1	2	1	27
KIDNAPPING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	12	7	5	7	4	7	14	6	0	4	8	3	77
MISSING/ RUNAWAY	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	7
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OVERDOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SEX CRIMES /ADULT	4	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	3	1	4	22
THEFTS/PROPERTY RELATED	2	3	2	8	1	7	5	4	5	0	4	2	43
VGCSA/Gang Related	5	3	0	1	1	2	2	5	1	2	2	1	25
TOTAL	36	29	32	30	29	30	36	28	27	22	31	22	352

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Detention Division-2023

ACTIVITY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	2023 Year Total
Female Detainees	55	36	44	41	47	49	48	42	51	35	36	35	519
Male Detainees	142	131	165	170	168	155	198	179	171	174	169	166	1988
Total Detainees	197	167	209	211	215	204	246	221	222	209	205	201	2507
Detainee Age Breakdown													
Age 17 or Below	1	0	3	0	2	2	2	4	3	2	5	5	29
Age 18-20	2	3	5	7	5	4	5	6	4	1	6	5	53
Age 21-30	52	39	46	45	56	53	64	49	54	48	49	47	602
Age 31-40	72	64	84	86	81	73	93	82	85	76	65	66	927
Age 41-50	42	38	36	42	42	32	47	51	51	47	50	43	521
Age 51-60	19	16	26	24	19	27	25	19	20	27	20	25	267
Age 61 +	9	7	9	7	10	13	10	10	5	8	10	10	108
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detainee Race Breakdown													
American Indian	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Asian	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
Black/Hispanic	1	2	5	5	9	6	9	9	14	8	4	11	83
Black/Non Hispanic	8	5	10	7	10	6	8	8	7	9	9	11	98
Other	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	6
White/Hispanic	19	12	21	20	19	16	25	15	19	17	21	14	218
White/Non-Hispanic	169	146	173	177	176	173	203	189	181	173	170	165	2095
Total Inmates	197	167	209	211	215	204	246	221	222	209	205	201	2507
Detainee Status Breakdown													
Detainees Sentenced	59	57	49	46	57	57	64	46	31	34	55	52	607
Detainees Not Sentenced	138	110	160	165	158	147	182	175	191	175	150	149	1900
Detainee Classification Breakdown													
Maximum	3	4	5	5	7	4	5	4	4	2	4	4	51
Medium	184	154	198	196	203	198	237	212	210	195	188	190	2365
Minimum	7	8	5	8	4	1	3	2	7	11	12	6	74
Administrative Separation	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	16
All Others	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Medical Services Report													
Patient Hospital Admissions	0	0	0	0	0	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	0
Emergency Room Visits	4	1	1	1	2	N/R	2	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	11
Outside Medical Visits	2	0	0	0	3	N/R	3	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	8
In-house X-ray Services	4	0	3	0	1	N/R	3	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	11
In-house Mental Health	26	18	7	0	15	N/R	9	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	75
Seen by Physician/Provider	8	5	3	2	4	N/R	2	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	24
Seen by Dentist	0	0	0	0	0	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	0
Receiving Medical Screens	68	45	66	49	64	N/R	60	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	352
Seen at Sick Call	71	74	106	69	79	N/R	63	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	462

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Detention Division-2023

ACTIVITY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	2023 Year Total
Medical Services Report (Contd)													
H&Ps Done	24	12	31	22	34	N/R	26	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	149
RRFs Done	0	0	0	0	1	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	1
STDs Treated	1	0	3	0	0	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	4
Medical Refusals	73	33	33	16	22	N/R	25	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	202
Blood Sugar Checks	3	2	5	5	7	N/R	2	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	24
Blood Pressure Checks	146	72	10	72	12	N/R	15	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	327
TB Screens and/or PPD Tests	78	33	26	63	42	N/R	26	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	268
Staph/MRSA Patients In-House	0	0	0	0	0	N/R	2	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	2
Pregnant Females	1	0	1	0	1	N/R	1	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	4
HIV Patents	1	1	0	1	1	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	4
Detainees on Suicide Watch	5	0	4	8	2	N/R	6	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	25
Detainee Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	0
Detainees on Detox Protocols	14	2	28	49	8	N/R	41	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	142
Diabetic Detainees	2	8	3	1	2	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	16
Asthmatic Detainees	5	19	1	1	0	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	26
Doses of Medications Administered	53	859	1258	46	1868	N/R	1519	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	5603
MAT Patents	0	0	12	3	3	N/R	0	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	18
Average Daily Population	90	81	76	83	93	100	105	121	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Office of Professional Standards-2023

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Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Uniformed Patrol Division-2023

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Year Total
Traffic Accidents	53	35	42	61	34	42	39	72	70	62	78	54	642
# of Injuries	3	5	4	6	3	3	10	10	14	11	4	8	81
# of Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	6
Worked by GCSO	38	25	34	41	29	35	27	53	49	46	58	43	478
Worked by GSP	15	10	8	20	5	7	12	19	21	16	18	11	162
Animal Investigations	6	12	30	12	16	22	10	22	14	11	8	7	170
Alarms	65	52	65	79	60	60	88	70	46	60	75	75	795
Arson/Fire	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	5	0	13
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	7
Armed Robbery	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Back-Ups	182	158	209	209	172	193	248	199	174	177	147	166	2234
Burglary to Business	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	10
Burglary to Residence	1	1	7	6	2	5	2	0	2	4	5	1	36
Business Dispute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Process Served	4	0	4	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	15
Criminal Damage	2	0	1	2	4	3	2	2	4	7	6	5	38
Criminal Trespass	4	10	7	6	13	8	10	5	8	11	17	11	110
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	3	1	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	1	1	14
Family Violence/Verbal	22	42	23	22	30	40	35	37	34	34	33	26	378
Family Violence/Physical	20	4	8	21	10	22	17	10	7	22	11	22	174
DUI/ Alcohol	4	1	2	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	16
DUI/ Drugs	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Death Investigation	11	3	4	6	5	4	2	7	4	8	5	2	61
Forgery	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fraud/Counterfit	5	6	5	4	2	6	7	5	3	5	4	2	54
Funeral Escorts	23	5	7	13	3	3	5	10	7	6	11	10	103
Harassing Communications	4	7	12	8	11	7	7	11	9	8	4	4	92
Juvenile Call	9	3	12	13	12	16	11	7	6	7	10	11	117
Missing Person	1	5	2	6	6	2	8	8	3	6	6	8	61
Money/Person Escort	4	5	3	9	4	12	5	6	1	5	7	1	62
Other Call	498	450	556	506	414	460	429	412	374	418	405	323	5245
Prowler	4	5	13	8	11	7	4	7	9	8	7	2	85
Public Drunk	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	9

Gilmer County Sheriff's Office
Uniformed Patrol Division-2023

Activity	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2023 YEAR TOTAL
Rape/Sex Crime	4	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	12
Shoplifting	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	7
Simple Battery/Assault	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
Speeding/Reckless	0	1	2	4	2	2	0	3	2	0	1	0	17
Stranded/Disabled Motorist	20	19	22	20	3	32	22	37	25	23	19	20	262
# of Zone Patrols	2004	1824	2009	2761	2592	2650	2435	2800	2020	1912	1962	1980	26949
Suicide Threat/Attempt	10	6	12	16	7	7	14	27	15	4	11	11	140
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	77	84	105	88	64	88	103	103	65	62	63	47	949
Theft by Taking	20	10	15	21	19	23	16	16	15	16	15	13	199
Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	5	4	4	1	3	7	4	8	6	6	3	58
Traffic Stop	153	153	144	142	92	95	96	120	123	81	98	77	1374
Citation Issued	15	29	36	24	22	8	11	13	17	18	15	8	216
Warning Issued	165	190	139	131	95	103	92	127	127	72	85	76	1402
Transport out of County	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
Unsecured Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
VGCSA	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	10
VIN Verification	33	35	32	36	46	28	27	33	28	41	31	30	400
Warrant Served	4	18	15	14	14	9	17	39	37	22	22	11	222
Weapon Offense	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL CALLS	3282	3009	3370	4106	3686	3863	3874	3878	3211	3034	3078	2932	41323
ARREST NON-VGCSA													
Adult Male	18	12	20	16	11	27	12	17	15	19	14	16	197
Adult Female	3	8	7	10	7	13	9	4	1	9	1	2	74
Juvenile	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
ARREST VGCSA													
Adult Male	4	1	6	2	3	1	3	2	5	2	1	1	31
Adult Female	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	8
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ARRESTS	26	23	37	29	24	42	25	23	22	32	18	19	320
Miles Driven	25971	23567	25715	31499	24341	26532	27315	27657	25024	29390	26484	26260	319755
Gasoline Used	2021	1431	2174	2267	1776	2231	2841	2128	2168	2054	1515	1594	24200
Personnel Hours	3298	2668	3192	3408	3528	3030	3000	3492	3264	2874	2628	2664	37046