

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

Quarterly Bulletin

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Message from Sheriff Mack

Another Chapter is about to be written.

January 17, 2023 will begin my 5th term as Sheriff of Baldwin County. I am very humbled and grateful for this opportunity. I am very aware that all of you are the reasons this Office has had so many successes. We will have many challenges over the next 4 years. The unprecedented growth of our County and the Sheriff's Office is at times surreal. Your Sheriff's Office is one of the most respected Law Enforcement Agencies in this entire area because of your collective efforts. The Command Staff we have in place is poised to provide the Leadership and Support which will be needed. Colonel Lowery, Major Arthur, Major Nolfé, Director Elliott and Director Kelly have invested so much of themselves to ensure the progressive direction of our Office.



The Corrections Center Construction project is on schedule. We are now visualizing what the new tower will actually look like. We should have the new elevator for tower A online soon. Our Corrections Center staff has done a great job in maintaining normal operations during this project.

The Enforcement Command has done an admirable job in addressing the Community needs as well. As the annual reports will disclose, our call volume continues to rise. The increased challenges of dealing with the fentanyl and other drug issues has required the need of additional resources and enforcement.

I would also like to recognize the support areas of our Office that really empower all of us to do our jobs. Human Resources, Budget/Finance, Law Enforcement Support Services, Clerical, Civil, Communications, Chaplains, Warrants/Records, Training, Community Corrections, Offender Compliance and Administrative Support all do outstanding in their respective areas.

As we look forward to the next four years my prayer is for your safety and wellbeing. We will be addressing many areas. I am confident our greatest strength is in our UNITY. Together there really is nothing we cannot do and do it better than anyone else. You have already proven that.

Sheriff Mack

NSA's 2022

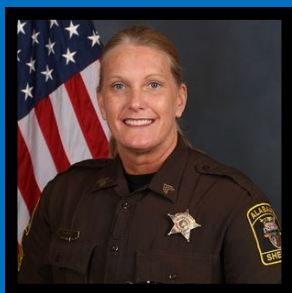
Charles "Bud" Meeks Award

During National Police Week, two Baldwin County Sheriff's Deputies received the Charles "Bud" Meeks Deputy Sheriff of the Year for Valor Awards at NSA's Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO. Deputy Bill Smith and Deputy Sydney Wentworth responded to a 911 call reporting that several people were caught in a dangerous rip current last June. The two deputies arrived at a small stretch of unguarded beach along the Fort Morgan Peninsula. Two women were in distress; a teenage boy had made an attempt to help them, but was now also flailing in the choppy waters. Deputy Smith entered the water and discovered that one woman was wearing a life preserver, meaning she was relatively safe from drowning and swam to the teenage boy and handed him a rescue buoy. Deputy Wentworth jumped into the water and swam to the second woman. US Coast Guard personnel arrived aboard Jet Skis to assist. A wave rolled Deputy Smith under water and when he resurfaced he was taken back to shore and the to South Baldwin Regional Medical Center ER where he passed away. The three swimmers and Deputy Wentworth made it to shore and were treated and released. Deputy Smith and Deputy Wentworth both saved three lives that day. For this selfless act, they were both recognized with this award.



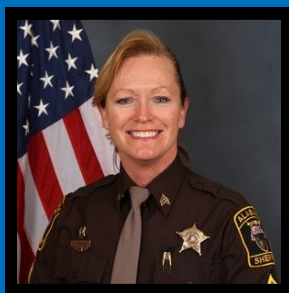
National Police Women's Day

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office is honored to have 9 women who are sworn law enforcement officers. Combined, these 9 women offer the citizens of Baldwin County 70 + years of experience and service.



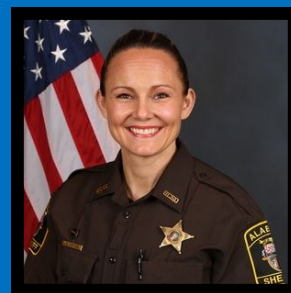
SGT Susan Gross

25 years



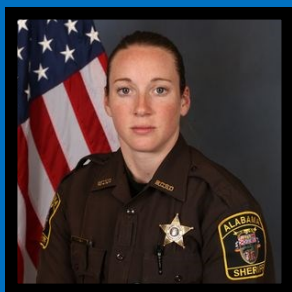
SGT Jessica Wilson

17 years



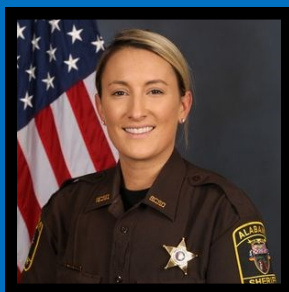
Deputy Salena Niehuss

11 years



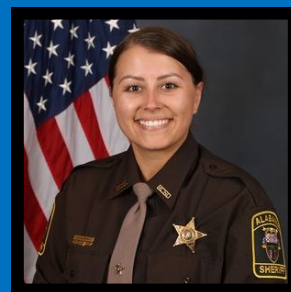
Deputy Stephanie Lewis

4 years



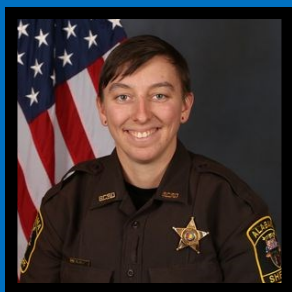
Deputy Sydney Wentworth

4 years



Deputy Mallorie Murphy

3 years



Deputy Ashlyn Hayes

3 years



Deputy Caitlin McSwain

3 years



Deputy Delaney Thomas

1 year

National Forensic Science Week



The week of September 19, 2022 was National Forensic Science Week. We recognized the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Unit this week. This unit is the ones who show up on scene, photograph the evidence, process the fingerprints, keep record of evidence, store the evidence and tons more. Cases could not be solved without this unit. Thank you LT Danny Steelman, Heather Johnson, Kate Dewberry, Katie Mooney and Cassie Linville! We appreciate everything you do for the BCSO and the citizens of Baldwin County.

(pictured from left to right: Sheriff Hoss Mack, Heather Johnson, Kate Dewberry, LT Danny Steelman, Katie Mooney, Cassey Linville, and Chief Deputy Anthony Lowery)

Corrections Leadership Training

In September 2022 the Baldwin County Sheriff's Corrections Center held a Leadership Training for supervisors who work within the Corrections Center. Special guest speakers included Gloria Bedwell with the US Attorney's Office, Pat Mitchell with the Mobile County School Board, David Wilhelm and Sam Houston with the Mobile County Sheriff's Office and Andre' Reid with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. Thank you to all who participated and attended.



SWAT & SRT Joint Training

On September 22, 2022, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and Special Response Team (SRT) conducted a joint training session in the Aaronville Community. The newly created Special Response Team was developed to perform tactical support for SWAT operations as well as other specialized roles which increase public safety. This session provided the opportunity to train in apartment-style structures which were slated for destruction. We would like to thank the City of Foley Housing Authority, Foley Police Department, Doug Hollyhand Reality Inc. and property owner Vision for this opportunity to train in a realistic environment.



BCSO Goes Gold



On September 30, 2022, employees with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office wore their GOLD to support Childhood Cancer awareness!

Fentanyl Bust

On January 1, 2022, Investigators from the Foley Police Department and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office responded to the 1100 block of East Laurel Ave. in Foley, AL. The call was related to an overdose death of a 39 yr. old female. Investigators began an investigation to determine who the source was for the narcotics that killed the victim. After several months of investigation, it was determined that Jourdan Solis (32) of Daphne was the source of the narcotics. Investigators with the Baldwin County Drug Task Force began an undercover operation to target Solis as a source of supply for Fentanyl and Methamphetamine in the county.



In August of 2022, Solis was stopped on Interstate 10 and found in possession of suspected Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Heroin and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and charged with trafficking illegal drugs.

During the time Solis was being targeted, a parallel investigation was taking place in reference to the overdose death of the female in Foley.

Based on the investigation, Drug Task Force Investigators were able to establish that Solis was the source of the narcotics that ultimately lead to the female's death.

On October 4, 2022, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Jourdan Solis for Reckless Manslaughter. Solis was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Corrections Center. He is currently being held on no bond.

Job well done to all agencies involved!

Agencies involved:

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

Foley Police Department

Baldwin County District Attorney's Office

Baldwin County Coroner's Office

Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences

BCSO Goes Pink

On October 14, 2022, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Administrative Offices PINK'd OUT THE DAY in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness. We are a family here at the BCSO and no one fights alone!



Captain Clint Cadenhead Recognition

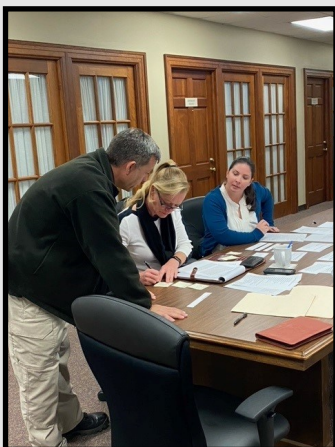


In 2019, Captain Clint Cadenhead reviewed a "cold case" known as the Seminole Doe, which the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office had been working since March 2000. The victim was found in Styx River with no identification. With the latest technology and social media Capt. Cadenhead felt we had a better chance of identifying this victim. He was right. DNA evidence was submitted to the NAMUS (National Missing and Unidentified Persons System) and social media posts were made with photos of the victims tattoos. The DNA evidence was compared to a living relative of the victim, his biological sister. We were able to identify the victim as Daniel Muniz, Jr. His daughter was notified and Mr. Muniz' death was officially ruled an accidental drowning.

On October 18, 2022, Mr. Muniz's family attended the Baldwin County Commission Regular Meeting in Fairhope, AL; to offer their appreciation and gratitude to Captain Cadenhead and Miss Debbie Williams with WKRG for their assistance and help in identifying their family member and not giving up on the case.



CRT Training



On October 20, 2022, the Crisis Response Team conducted scenario training at Annex 2. With the use of role players the team was able to successfully negotiate the surrender of an armed homicide suspect. The training lasted all day with multiple scenarios involving an actual event that took place. The training was attended by BCSO, Gulf Shores PD, Orange Beach PD and FBI.

Training like this is invaluable and helps team members hone their negotiation skills.

BCSO Veterans Day Lunch

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office held our Annual Veterans Employee Luncheon on November 9, 2022, to honor our employees who are military veterans, active and/or reserve. We had the privilege of Retired Mobile Mayor Mike Dow as our guest speaker. The meal was catered by LA BBQ of Summerdale, AL. We are grateful to our employees who have served in the armed forces and now serve in public service with the BCSO protecting and assisting the citizens of Baldwin County.

Thank you for your service!



Special Operations Unit

Listed below are several seizures made by our
Special Operations Unit. Great job guys!



- 9/5/22 -

THC Wax, Cocaine, 160 Pounds Marijuana

Interstate 10 Eastbound near mile marker 55



- 10/3/22 -

\$100k in stolen jewelry recovered from Dothan, AL robbery

Interstate 10 Westbound near mile marker 53



- 10/16/22 -

\$26,000 USC Interstate 10 Westbound near mile marker 53



- 10/24/22 -

2.2 Pounds (One Kilogram) Cocaine

Interstate 65 Northbound near mile marker 41

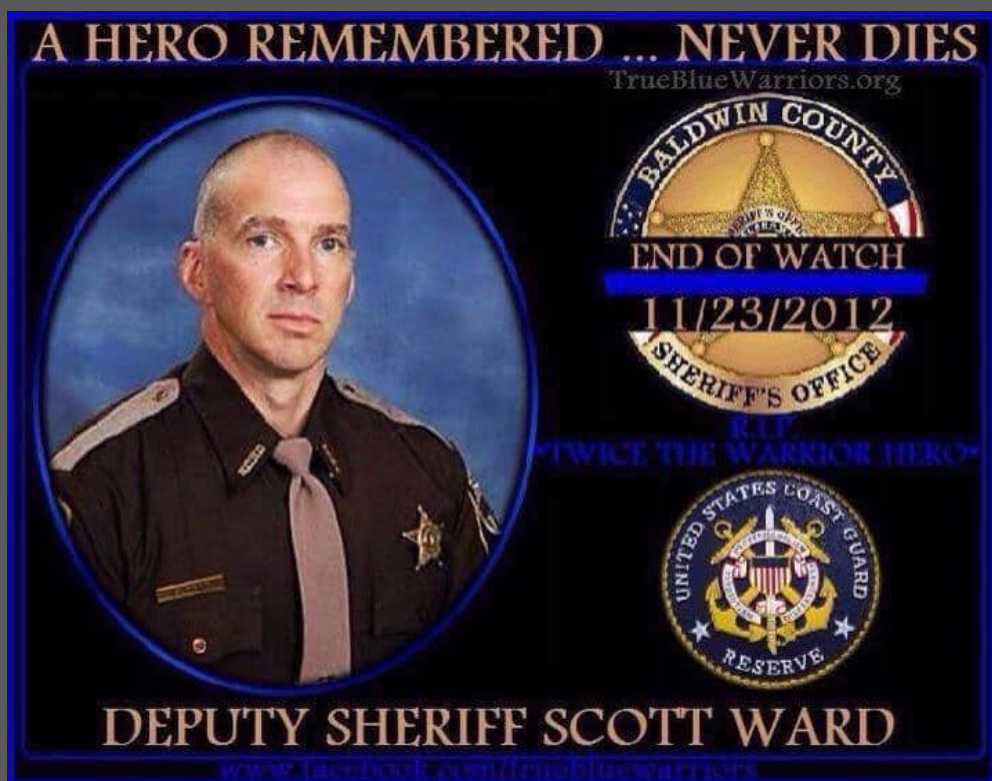
Remembering Deputy Scott Ward

November 23, 2012

10 years ago, on this date, Deputy Scott Ward was killed in the line of duty. Deputy Ward was serving his community, answering a call for service when he was met with a barrage of gunfire. Scott was a friend and inspiration to many within and outside of the BCSO. Scott's positive impact on the office is still felt today, with many personnel following his mantra of being "Fit for Duty" and engaging in physical fitness at the Ward room, the BCSO gymnasium that Scott proposed the plan for and that was built and named in his honor. There is also a "Fit for Duty" award that is presented each year at our Annual Meeting to an employee with the BCSO who has proven themselves fit for the award. A 5k and 1 mile family Run has been held in the past years for the Scott Ward Memorial.

This past year, an Honor Chair was presented to the BCSO to hold a permanent place of reverence for Deputy Scott Ward. This chair along with another honoring Deputy Bill Smith, was donated from the Saving A Hero's Place Inc.

With all of the great things that we have in honor of Deputy Scott Ward, it will never replace the feeling of loss for our brother in blue.



Baldwin County Sheriff's Office School Resource



The BCSO / Community Outreach Unit started the 2022-2023 school year with some new school assignments and personnel additions. We welcomed three new deputies from the patrol division. Deputy Trent Rowland whom is assigned to CF Taylor School, Deputy John Mark Byrne, whom is assigned to Perdido Elementary School, and Deputy Michael Morton whom is assigned to Magnolia School. These guys are working hard and making an impact daily.

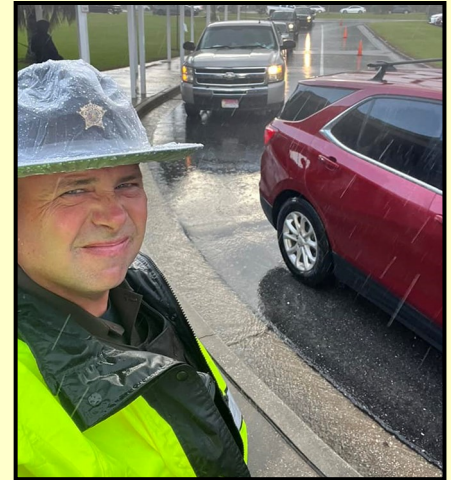
Members of the Unit are multifaceted and involved in many daily events within the school climate. They teach several educational programs that come from the DARE & Rocket Rules curriculum. These lessons teach youth about issues such as personal responsibility / good decision making, drug & alcohol awareness, and bullying. In addition to the standard school based law enforcement issues, educational programs, and mentor related initiatives, members of the unit participated in other community based events. Several of these events are as follows: Digital Child Fingerprint partnership with Baldwin EMC at the Baldwin County Fair, Magnolia Springs Heritage Day, Church Youth Group Programs, Church Safety Programs, Firearm Safety, Christmas Parades, Christmas Star Program, School Work Clean Up Days, Red Ribbon Week Programs and several after school details such as football escorts.





Deputy Rowland and Deputy Kepley began their role as SROs at the CF Taylor Alternative School at the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Deputy Morton became an SRO again after having previous experience with being a SRO at another department. He began the 2022-2023 by working carline in the rain at Magnolia School.



Deputy Byrne began his role as a SRO at Perdido School at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. During the month of October, he invited BCSO SWAT and BCSO Forensic Unit to participate in Red Ribbon Activities.

SOU Sgt. Austin Jones and SRO Lucas Jones participated in Community Wide School Clean-Up Day at Pine Grove Elementary School.





Deputy Craig Stoffle escorted the Perdido School football team during their games this Fall.

Deputy Tetreau taught classes about safety to Kindergarten at Swift School.



Deputy Keith Stoffle hosted the BCSO Forensics Unit at Belforest Elementary School to teach students about forensic techniques.

Thank you Kate & Katie with the BCSO Forensic Science Unit for coming by!



Deputy Thompson and Deputy Daugherty participated in Career Day at Elsanor Elementary School.

Loxley P.D. Officer Coley, Deputy Tetreau, and Deputy Parker providing security at the 2022 Baldwin County Board of Education Teacher Institute event.





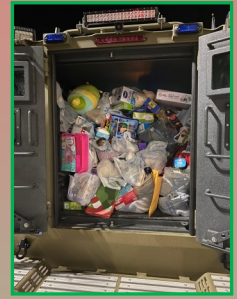
Foley P.D. Sgt. Nicely and BCSO Cpl. Shane Robinson spent some time with children at the Public Safety Day event at OWA.



Sgt. Spaller and Deputy Mason spent some time with children at the Baldwin County Fair and provided digital fingerprints to their parents to help keep them safe.

STUFF THE BEARCAT

On December 9, 2022, members of the Baldwin County Sheriff's SWAT team partnered with the Department of Human Resources and Fairhope Wal-Mart to collect gifts for local children in need of Christmas gifts. Thanks to many generous donations from members of our community, we were able to meet the wants and needs for over 100 children. Our Bearcat was literally stuffed with toys. We are thankful and look forward to next years toy drive.



Ronald McDonald House Donations

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Corrections Center has been collecting toys for the holiday season. On December 22, 2022, several of our Corrections Officers delivered these gifts to the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile, AL. Thank you to everyone for their contributions!

Prodisee Pantry



On December 18, 2022, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office employees and their families joined the Prodisee Pantry in Spanish Fort and all volunteered their own time to help prepare meals for families in need!

2nd Annual Quail/Pheasant Shoot and Family Day



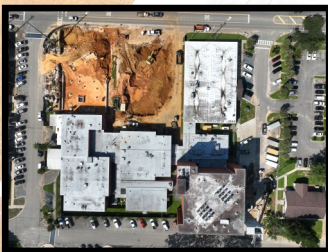
On December 3, 2022 the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office hosted our 2nd Annual Quail/Pheasant Shoot and Family Day at Dennis Lake Wing Club. Employees with the BCSO and their families all spent the day playing in a cornhole tournament, shooting skeet, eating and winning some prizes. All items were in either a silent auction or a raffle drawing and all proceeds went to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Foundation. This weekend could not have happened without all of our wonderful sponsors who are listed below. We thank each of you for your donation.



Kimbles, Poarch Creek Band of Indians, Sandy Properties LLC, North Baldwin Utilities, Senator Chris Elliott, United Bank, Baldwin EMS, South's Outpost, Fincher Timber Company, Symbol Health Clinic, TNT Guns and Ammo, The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Elberta Pharmacy, Perdido Beach Resort, Paris Ace Hardware, Coastal Outfitters, Fairhope Custom Calls, American Pride Petroleum, Nathan and Sarah Lusk, Progressive Electric Design, Direct Tools, Moody's Electric, 68 Ventures, John Morgan of Mobile Bay Overhead Doors and Mudbug Mafia.



BCSO JAIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



If you have been around the Courthouse Square lately in Bay Minette, you would have noticed a large crane at the new Jail Tower Construction site. The new Jail Tower is going vertical! You may have also noticed a new elevator on the corner of 4th St. and Hoyle Ave. added to our existing jail tower. This elevator is getting closer to completion and will be utilized very soon! Things are going smoothly and on schedule for the new addition to our jail. Please be mindful of the construction if you are in the area. East 4th St. is still shutdown at this time. Also keep in mind with the new construction of Novelis beginning, along with the construction we have going, you are likely to see more traffic coming through these areas with dump trucks, concrete trucks, etc. Please use caution around Bay Minette's growing sites.

BCSO Promotions

In the past four months, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has promoted a total of 26 employees. Below are officers and newly appointed Directors who were promoted within the Sheriff's Office. All officers promoted have completed testing and interview processes and were the best fit for the higher rank openings. Congratulations to all newly promoted and appointed!

Celia McCawley
promoted to Finance
Manager. Celia has been with
the BCSO for 11 years.



Sergeant Noah Davis
appointed to Director of
Community Corrections.
Sgt. Davis has been with the
BCSO for 8 years.

LaTonja Jackson
promoted to Finance
Manager of Community
Corrections. LaTonja has been
with the BCSO for 8 years.



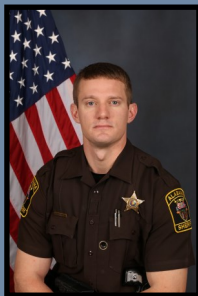
Kim Kelly appointed to
Director of Finance/Budget.
Kim has been with the BCSO for
17 years.

Wyatt McTigue
promoted to Corporal.
Cpl. McTigue has been with
the BCSO for 9 years.



Joshua Dinkins
promoted to Corporal.
Cpl. Dinkins has been with
the BCSO for 5 years.

David Garrick promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Garrick has been with the BCSO for 9 years.



Jonathan Thompson promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Thompson has been with the BCSO for 5 years.



Richard Rehwinkel promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Rehwinkel has been with the BCSO for 3 years.



David Aldrete promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Aldrete has been with the BCSO for 11 years.



Jasmine Rivers promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Rivers has been with the BCSO for 1 years.



Christina Woods promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Woods has been with the BCSO for 5 years.



Eli Barton promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Barton has been with the BCSO for 7 years.



Shane Robinson promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Robinson has been with the BCSO for 25 years.



Nathan Lamplugh promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Lamplugh has been with the BCSO for 16 years.



Jason Kolbe promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Kolbe has been with the BCSO for 15 years.



David Breining promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Breining has been with the BCSO for 7 years.



Bill Bedgood promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Bedgood has been with the BCSO for 9 years.



Charles Frye promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Frye has been with the BCSO for 10 years.



Austin Jones promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Jones has been with the BCSO for 20 years.



Jed Davis promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Davis has been with the BCSO for 17 years.



Matt Hunady promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Hunady has been with the BCSO for 18 years.



Andy Ashton promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Ashton has been with the BCSO for 17 years.



Nathan Lusk promoted to Captain. Capt. Lusk has been with the BCSO for 19 years.



Andre Reid promoted to Captain. Capt. Reid has been with the BCSO for 17 years.



Tony Nolfie promoted to Major, Assistant Chief Deputy. Major Nolfie has been with the BCSO for 25 years.



BCSO Retirements

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has had six employees retire in the past four months. With these six employees years of service combined, it is a total of 140+ years of service to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. Thank you for your service to the citizens of Baldwin County and the BCSO. We congratulate each of these employees on their retirement and wish them well!



Deputy Ron Riel

14 years of Service

Deputy Riel served in our Judicial Protection Service division.



Deputy Ron Brown

21 years of service

Deputy Brown served in our Corrections Center as well as the Judicial Protection Service division.



Sergeant Gwen Newton

24 years of Service

Sgt. Newton served in our Corrections Center her entire career with BCSO. She has worked as a Security Officer, in the Corrections Support division, work release, inmate services, kitchen area, and docket.



Captain Darren Williamson

30 Years of Service

Capt. Williamson worked in many areas of the Sheriff's Office to include Patrol, Narcotics, Investigations, SWAT, SOU, K9 Handler and the Corrections Center.



Connie Dudgeon—Director of Finance/ Budget

25 Years of Service

Connie served as our Finance/Budget Director under two Sheriff's to include Sheriff Johnson and Sheriff Mack.



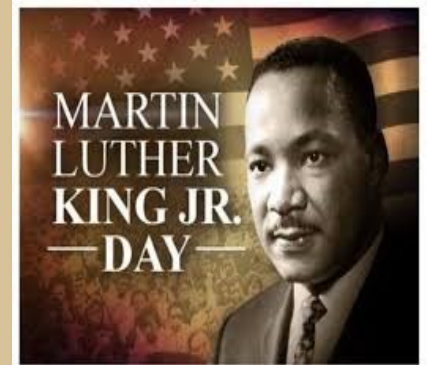
Major Jimmy Milton, Assistant Chief Deputy

25 Years of Service.

During his time with the BCSO, he served as a Deputy Sheriff, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Director of Community Corrections and Major, Assistant Chief Deputy.

Upcoming BCSO Holidays

Martin Luther King Day
January 16, 2023



Presidents Day
February 20, 2023

Mardi Gras Day
February 21, 2023



Good Friday
April 7, 2023

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office History

The Baldwin County Sheriff In 1823 James Conway:

He was the Sheriff in Town of Old Blakeley (now Blakeley State Park), when the population was forming along the river banks of the Tensaw River. Most of this area was inhabited by Indians. In 1824, one year after Conway took office, Chief Red Eagle died. Sheriff Conway died in 1847 and was buried near the Town of Old Blakeley.

The Baldwin County Sheriff in 1828 ,1849 was Joseph Hall;

Born November 26 ,1804. He married Harriet Brolin of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is the son of Charles Hall II, who married Mary Byrne. When the Hall's came to this area they settled near Hall's neighborhood, later called Carpenter Station that's near Bay Minette, Alabama today. Hall spent most of his life as a planter & sawmill operator and later was Sheriff of the county during the Alabama Territory days. He was high in the ranks of a Democrat Party. Sheriff Hall was the ancestor of former Robertsdale Police Chief Ham Hall and former Daphne Police Chief Joe Hall.

Keeping up with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

Be sure to follow us on the following social media apps so you can be updated with any recent news of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. Also be sure to download our Baldwin County Sheriff's Office app, where you can access pistol permit applications as well as employment opportunities. As always, if you have any questions you can reach us at (251)937-0202 and for any emergencies be sure to dial 911.



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