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## #JoinMetroPolice to Serve and Protect the Home Front

The motto for the SCMPD over the past year has been "moving forward" and that includes bringing some of the best and brightest on board to join the ranks.

Major Dean Fagerstrom oversees the Recruiting Unit which has launched an aggressive advertising campaign.

"Our current vacancies have dictated that we, as a police agency and government entity, must 'push' our recruiting efforts to attract qualified applicants to the SCMPD," he said.

"Our continued recruiting message on Facebook and Twitter, the implementation of our new SCMPD website, and several new billboards in the region, will help us fill our vacancies in the very near future. Remember, every employee and citizen of this community is a recruiter for their police department."

Four of the SCMPD's most ambitious and stellar officers were selected for the department's first billboard campaign: West Chatham Precinct APO LaShawn Keller-Ransom, Central Precinct Officer Askisi Baker, Southside Precinct Officer Brian Smith and Mounted Patrol Officer Megan Nelson.

Ransom said, "It is pretty amazing to see my image featured on a billboard in representation of the department. When I decided to become a police officer I was aware that I would be viewed as a

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**Above:** A recruiting billboard displaying APO LaShawn Keller-Ransom is posted outside Hunter Army Airfield on Whitebluff Rd.



**Right:** Recruiting Unit Sgt. Clarence Few goes through files in search of future officers.



**Right Officer Askisi Baker's image is used on SCMPD's Facebook page to aid in recruiting efforts.**

**Photos by:**  
Michelle Gavin

## #JoinMetroPolice cont.

role model; now that my image is featured on a recruitment billboard I feel more of an obligation to set a good example for others.”

SCMPD is a large organization, with an authorized strength of 600 sworn officers and 200 civilian employees. To many current officers, that translates into an opportunity to advance and learn.

Nelson said, “I like that Metro has so many different departments and units, that is the thing that drew me to Metro to begin with and gives me an excellent opportunity to explore and learn different aspects of law enforcement.”

The SCMPD has very high standards— applicants must pass a criminal background check, psychological and physical exams, interviews, a polygraph and have a clean driving record. And Fagerstrom said hiring officers who meet those standards are important. “Policing

is a calling, a profession, a commitment to do the right thing all the time.”

Ransom said, “This is one of the few agencies that still holds its officers to a higher standard. We are expected to do our jobs in a professional and courteous manner, when we fail to do so we're held accountable. This practice exhibits integrity and that's what I want to be associated with.”

“I take pleasure in coming into work knowing that I am surrounded by peers and leaders who are selfless in what we do,” added Smith. “I chose this agency because I knew that it would be a challenge, due to its dynamic environment and I also felt that I would be bringing a positive impact to SCMPD.”

Anyone interested in joining the SCMPD can visit the website at [www.scmpd.org/sworn](http://www.scmpd.org/sworn).

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Top: Mounted Patrol APO Megan Nelson's photo is located on the SCMPD's Twitter page and well as on a billboard in Bluffton, SC.

Bottom: Southside Precinct Officer Brian Smith's billboard is located outside Ft. Stewart in Hinesville to target men and women leaving the military. Photo by: Major Dean Fagerstrom

## SCMPD.org Better Serves Community

Metro Police have launched a revamped, user-friendly, engaging and informative new website—[www.scmpd.org](http://www.scmpd.org).

The goal of the website is to provide citizens with information on police services, crime prevention, upcoming events, road closures, news releases, and much more—all in one location.

The website also features information on cold case homicides and includes contact information for all members of the SCMPD command staff, unit commanders and crime prevention officers.

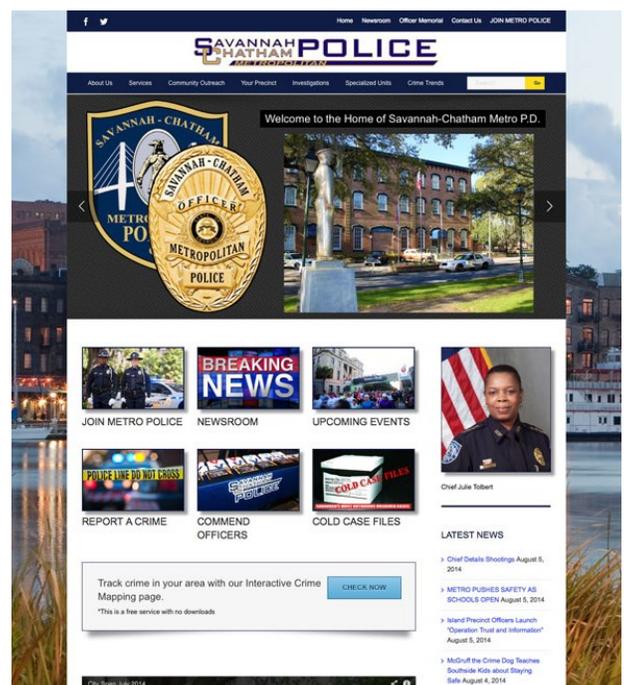
Police Chief Julie Tolbert said, “It is important for the police department to be as transparent as possible to our citizens. This new website gives us the ability to connect with the

community like never before, provide them with the latest crime data and information they can use to keep themselves safe and in-the-know.”

SCMPD.org was created and designed by officers Sgt. Eddie Grant, APO Jason Pagliaro and the Community Relations office.

Pagliaro said, “In the modern age of smart phones, laptops and tablets, a user friendly and engaging website is a critical link between SCMPD and the community. Now we can get accurate, timely information to the public and they have a way to get information back to us. I am most impressed that other members of the SCMPD are using this tool to reach out to the people we serve.”

Article by: Michelle Gavin



# Operation D.E.T.E.R. Beefs Up Downtown Patrols, Leads to Rapist Arrest

**M**ore than 12 million tourists visit Savannah each year—that, combined with the tens of thousands of residents who live and work in the city's Historic District, creates a unique dynamic for the SCMPD's Downtown Precinct.

Over the summer, in an effort to improve public safety, the SCMPD, under the direction of Major Richard Zapal implemented Operation DETER. DETER stands for **D**owntown residents, **E**ntertainment district, **T**ourism, **E**ngagement, and **R**esponse unit. The SCMPD pays five officers overtime to beef up police presence in this area during the peak hours of 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"Our residents and tourists absolutely love seeing an increase in uniformed officers. The officers are walking in and out of shops, giving tourists directions, reminding folks to secure their cars and deterring crime," said Zapal.

Three officers are assigned to River St., City Market and Broughton St. while two additional officers are roving throughout the Historic District, as far south as Forsyth Park.

Since the end of May there has been a decrease in crime in those areas during the times these officers are working.

In August a sergeant working for Operation DETER arrested a wanted rape suspect after Anthony and Tammie Wiruth spotted the man outside their store on Congress St.

"What a TERRIFIC idea this operation is," Melissa Madden wrote in an e-mail to Zapal. "I'm sure the cost and manpower involved are extremely taxing to your department, but the results are going to be nothing short of a shot in the arm to people's sense of security."

"We love everything about this City and are not only proud to live here, but work here as well and for us, this is really a great step by your department to help ease people's insecurities and pull folks together."

Operation DETER is a collaboration between the SCMPD, the City of Savannah, the Tourism Leadership Council, Visit Savannah and Prince Bush Management Company.

*Article by: Michelle Gavin*



**Above: Major Richard Zapal present Scents for Cents shop owners Anthony and Tammie Wiruth with Certificates of Appreciation for helping to chase down a wanted Rape Suspect on August 7th. Sgt. Mark Galipeau (right) arrested the man. Savannah businessman Mark Dana (far right), who is also the SCMPD Reserve Police Officer Administrator, is a big supporter of Operation DETER. Photo by Michelle Gavin**

## Important Upcoming Dates

- September 30th—Feast of St. Michael, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1707 Bull St. at Noon.
- October 21st—"Years of Service" Ceremony, Trade Center auditorium at 10 a.m. on Hutchinson Island
- October 31st—Badge Pinning Ceremony at the Savannah Civic Center, 3rd Floor Ballroom at 10 a.m.
- November 8th—Savannah Rock 'n' Roll Marathon
- November 11th—Veterans Day Parade
- December 18th—"Years of Service" Ceremony, Trade Center auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on Hutchinson Island
- January 6th—Meritorious Service Awards Ceremony, The Westin Hotel on Hutchinson Island at 11 a.m.



# Seven Graduate, Remember Fallen Bulloch Co. Deputy

**C**hief Julie Tolbert welcomed four men and three women into the SCMPD family on August 1 in the Savannah Civic Center ballroom.

Officers Joseph Altomare, John Galbraith, Kendrela Gaskins, Ebony Glover, William Mauro, Christopher Montgomery, Juliemar Sostre and Christopher Stiebler received their official police badges and were sworn in during the ceremony.

Class 274 and 275 had just completed six weeks of SCMPD patrol school and 11 weeks at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Law Enforcement Academy.

Prior to the graduation all the recruits participated in a Run to Remember to honor fallen Bulloch County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Wilbur Lewis Berry. Berry was shot and killed in 2001 during a struggle with a burglary suspect. Many of Berry's family members and Sheriff Lynn Anderson attended the service.

**Right:** New officer Joseph Altomare was pinned by his wife Candace and congratulated by Chief Tolbert. Photo by: Doug Currie Photography

**Bottom Left:** Two of Sgt. Berry's grandchildren led the SCMPD officers in the Run to Remember. Photo by: Michelle Gavin



**Above:** Chief Julie Tolbert addressed the graduates in the Civic Center ballroom. Photo by: Doug Currie Photography

**Below:** Chief Tolbert and guest speaker Greg Lard, Jani-King V.P.



**Above:** Officer Christopher Stiebler shook the hand of Berry's grandson following the memorial service in which he was honored. Photo by: Michelle Gavin

# RiotEx Prepares Police for Potential Threats

Some 200 law enforcement and military personnel from various agencies and organizations suited up on September 9 for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's second annual RiotEx operation.

The exercise is held annually to help prepare Metro's Mobile Field Force and similar organizations for civil unrest situations.

Joining SCMPD units for this year's exercise was the Georgia State Patrol, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Air National Guard Security Forces, Homeland Security, Chatham Emergency Management Agency and Military Police from Fort Stewart.

The SCMPD's Mounted Patrol, SWAT and members of the Command Staff also participated.

"The Mobile Field Force is a unit you hope to never need but always want to be trained and ready to go," said the unit commander, Lt. Harry Trawick.

"We train on tactics to bring unrest under control and proper response tactics in travelling to the area. Usually, we move at about 80 percent of the efforts we will exert in a real situation. That helps us avoid dangerous interaction with non-participants but prepares our officers

for 'real life' situations should they occur."

Trawick pointed out that units such as the Mobile Field Force are designed to protect the public and its property from civic unrest and to curtail dangerous situations that could lead to injuries, property damage and even death.

"Our goal is to never lay hands," Trawick added. "We teach our officers if you have to go hands-on you've already lost, even if you win.

The exercises were designed to prepare first responders for civic unrest situations ranging from jail uprisings to full-fledged riots. The training exercises took place near the Savannah airport and on Hunter Army Air Field.



**Top Right:** Members of the SCMPD Mobile Field Force Unit learn how to control an unruly protest during the RiotEx near the Savannah airport.

**Middle Right:** Smoke bombs were used to simulate chemical agents and teach the officers how to prepare and put on their gas masks.

**Photos by:** Julian Miller

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**Left:** SCMPD Mobile Field Force officers line up in preparation of advancing on a crowd.

**Bottom Right:** An officer exercises restraint when a volunteer "protestor" gets in his face and taunts him. Photos by: Julian Miller

# Roll Call + Back to School = Live Oak Community Partnership



Top left: A young man from the Live Oak neighborhood won a new backpack full of school supplies at Central Precinct's Roll Call in the Street on August 2. Photo by: Barry Lewis.

Top right: SCMPD volunteers registered children for the raffle prizes and passed out crime prevention information. Photo by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Central Precinct's Lt. Kenny Patton was joined by Chatham County Commissioner James Holmes in the It's Amazing parking lot at the corner of E. 37th Street and Waters Ave. for the first Roll Call in the Street Back to School event. Photo by: Michelle Gavin



Above: K-9 APO Will Fernandez, Sgt. Sean Wilson, and officers Vincent Miller, Kevin Hall, and Ryan Chaffin spent the afternoon with Live Oak residents. Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Bottom Right: Employees at Chatham Parkway Toyota helped Central Precinct collect backpacks and school supplies for the Back to School event. Officers Dana Knight and Sherrell Brown stopped by to collect the truck load of donated items. Photo by: Barry Lewis

# Cross Passionate about Policing and Building Schools in Africa



**W**est Chatham Precinct Advanced Police Officer Matthew Cross is a very active officer, he's a member of the Crime Suppression Unit, the SWAT team and participates in several SCMPD community events.

"One reason I got into police work was to be able to DO something for my community instead of just living in it," Cross said. "But my desire to help doesn't just stop in Savannah."

After three years on the police force, in 2012, he took his first trip to Ethiopia with his church Tapestry to build schools. Now he's going back in December.

"I saw poverty on a different level than I had seen before, it made me want to do more. Seventy-two percent of school-aged children in Ethiopia do not have access to formal education. Providing a school and education will give people and chance to change their lives," said Cross

APO Cross and his church members are continuing to raise money for this trip, for more information visit our website at [www.scmpd.org/westchatham](http://www.scmpd.org/westchatham).



**Top Left: West Chatham Precinct APO Matthew Cross bonded with school children when he traveled to Ethiopia in 2012.**

**Above: Cross and members of his church built a school during their last trip, now they are planning to return in December to build another school.**

Article by: Michelle Gavin

# Rivera Named CIT Coordinator of the Year



**T**he SCMPD continues to lead the way in crisis intervention when it comes to effectively responding to situations involving people with mental illnesses.

On August 27, the Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) awarded Sgt. Hiram Rivera as the 2014 CIT Coordinator of the Year during a luncheon at the Savannah Marriott.

Diane Reeder with the National Alliance on Mental Illness said, "Sgt. Hiram Rivera understands the value of collaboration, the hallmark of CIT. He goes beyond expectations to make sure that make up of his class participants is reflective of local law enforcement partnerships, making his classes some of the most dynamic in the state. He is a masterful instructor, and an exemplary CIT officer."

Police officers are confronted by complex and sensitive issues on a daily basis involving people with mental illnesses.

Since CIT training was first brought to the SCMPD several years ago, hundreds of officers have successfully completed the training.

Law enforcement officers who successfully complete the course are equipped with the skills necessary to safely and effectively respond to individuals with mental health needs and in crisis, ensuring that persons with mental illnesses and other brain disorders receive treatment, in lieu of incarceration in most cases.

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Left: Downtown Precinct Capt. Ben Herron and several of his officers stopped by Yamacraw Village in support of National Night Out.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

# National Night Out Brings Police and Community Together

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police and dozens Savannah and Chatham County neighborhoods joined forces for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5.

Members of the SCMPD Command Staff, Precinct Commanders, Crime Prevention Officers, Patrol Officers and McGruff the Crime Dog visited nearly every participating neighborhood that evening.

Many of the precincts caravanned from cook-outs to community centers to visit with their citizens.

Downtown Precinct Crime Prevention Officer APO Samantha Stephens said, "I got a great response from the neighborhoods, they told me they felt like this event really helped them get to know the officers and made them see officers as more approachable and friendly. That's what makes these events so worthwhile."

The officers offered crime prevention tips to the thousands of people who took part in the neighborhood events and valued the time they spent getting to know each other better.



Above: Mayor Edna Jackson, Chief Julie Tolbert, Asst. Chief Terry Enoch and majors Dean Fagerstrom, Larry Branson, and James Barnwell and Sgt. Michael McPhaul along with City Manager Stephanie Cutter stopped by several neighborhoods, including the Parkwood-Fernwood Neighborhood Association on Savannah's east side and visited with the folks there.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

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**Top Left:** Central Precinct APO Sergio Ahuyon played football with some of the kids at the Poplar Place neighborhood get-together. Photo by: Barry Lewis

**Top Right:** A Fernwood resident got some one-on-one time with Chief Tolbert to talk about public safety.

**Middle Left:** Downtown Precinct Crime Prevention Officer APO Samantha Stephens made a bracelet for a young girl at the Downtown Neighborhood Association's National Night Out event.

**Middle Right:** Islands Precinct Lt. Lenny Gunter and Crime Prevention Officer APO Ryan Thomas made their first visit of the night to Savannah Gardens.

**Bottom Left:** Alderman Van Johnson introduced Central Precinct Capt. DeVonn Adams and his officers at the Mary Flournoy Center in Cuyler-Brownville. Photos by: Michelle Gavin



*Left: Mounted Patrol shows off a "Column of Twos" followed by a "Left and Right About." Photo by: Julian Miller*

*Above: Alderwoman Mary Osborne and SCMPD Administrative Services Director Lynnette Hymes gathered around horses Sgt. Bobby and Sgt. Lee with some of the children who attended the demonstration. Photo by Michelle Gavin*

# Mounted Patrol Wows Crowd During Anniversary Showcase



*Far Left: Retired Savannah Police Chief David Gellatly presented rider Star Cpl. Ann Sosbe with a plaque. Gellatly formed the Mounted Patrol Unit in 1988. Photo: by Julian Miller*

*Above: Mayor Edna Jackson posed with the horse who shares her name, Sgt. Jackson, and his rider APO Robert Whitfield. Photo by: Michelle Gavin*



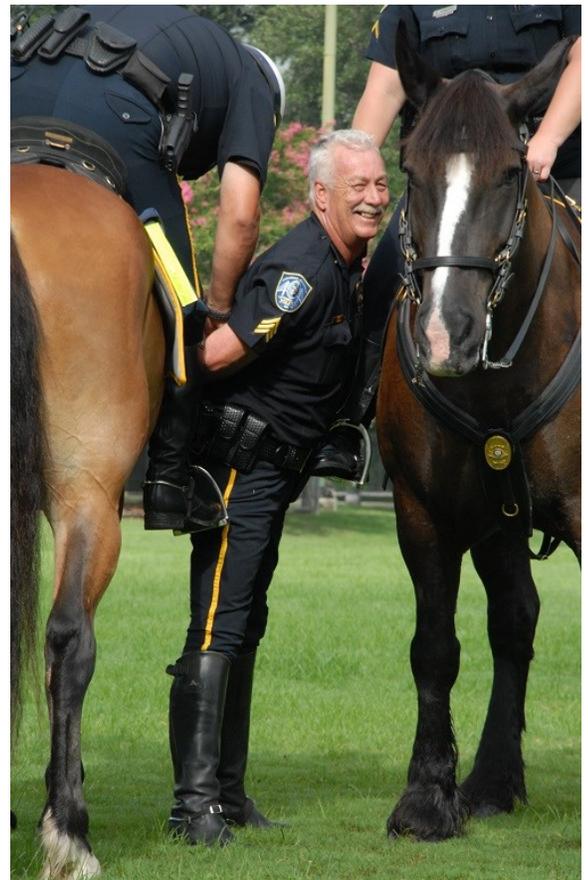
*Left: Two Smart Cookies designed special cookies for the 25th Anniversary event. Photo by: Michelle Gavin*



**Left:** On July 22nd members of the SCMPD's Mounted Patrol Unit showed off some of their maneuvers in Forsyth Park as part of the unit's 25th Anniversary celebration.

**Middle Left:** Savannah City Manager Stephanie Cutter, Mayor Edna Jackson and Alderwoman Mary Osborne were among the dozens of spectators who turned out to see the horses and riders in action.

**Middle Right:** Mounted Patrol Unit Commander Sgt. Gene Lawhorn demonstrated how his officers can make an arrest without getting off their horses. Photo by: APO Barry Lewis



**Left:** At the conclusion of the demonstration each horse was presented with a bunch of carrots. Photo by: Michelle Gavin



# Branson, Enoch, Herron, SIP Take On Ice Bucket Challenges



Above: A sneaky McGruff the Crime Dog doused Major Larry Branson during the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Middle Left: Branson challenged Asst. Chief Terry Enoch who accepted the challenge with help from Mounted Patrol.

Middle Right: TLC CEO Michael Owens made sure Downtown Precinct Capt. Ben Herron didn't miss out on the fun.

Bottom row: SIP coordinator DeLeah Blake, State Probation Officer Michael Alvin and Cpl. Mark McCartha also received an ice-cold soaking.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin and Catherine Neal



# SCAD Good Samaritans Return Woman's Purse



*Left: Central Precinct Community Resource Officer Nikeya Nelson tracked down the owner of a purse recovered in Telfair Square. Photo by: Barry Lewis*

**T**wo Savannah College of Art and Design students and SCMPD Central Precinct Community Resource Officer Nikeya Nelson deserve a big pat on the back.

Last Wednesday two Cross-Country Students, Jessy Scarpone and Alessa Reuf-furth, were walking near the Telfair Square Post Office in downtown Savannah when they noticed a purse sitting in the parking lot/median area. They picked up the purse and brought it to the Central Precinct on Bull Street.

Inside the purse was \$350 worth of blank money orders, cash, credit cards, ID, and prescription medication.

CRO Nelson contacted the Telfair Square posted office in search of the purse's owner; she was there in the process of canceling the money orders!

The woman said after she got the money orders she realized she had locked herself out of her car. She sat in the shade while she waited for someone to bring her a spare key and when they arrived she got up and left her purse behind.

The woman said she was "overjoyed" and "absolutely happy" that the students turned in her purse. She said she was "praying the whole time" because she lives on a fixed income.

*Article by: Michelle Gavin*

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TWO HUNDRED CLUB

-  The Two Hundred Club of the Coastal Empire is accepting new member applications.
-  100% of all membership dues and donations are used to provide monetary support to the families of fallen first responders in the Coastal Empire and Low Country.
-  The annual membership dues for Law Enforcement Officers is only \$100.
-  Visit [www.twohundredclub.org](http://www.twohundredclub.org) for information or contact [mgavin@savannahga.gov](mailto:mgavin@savannahga.gov) for a membership form.

## Join Now!

# SCMPD Front Desk Accepts Unwanted Meds 7 Days a Week

**T**he SCMPD can safely help you dispose of your unwanted or expired medications, no questions asked.

There is a secure drop-box located inside the lobby at police headquarters, located at 201 Habersham St. The Community Resource Officers at the front desk are available to assist citizens any day between 7:00 AM and midnight.

This provides folks with a safe way of disposing over-the-counter medications and prescription drugs so they don't fall into the wrong hands.



# In Other News...



*Left: The Southside Precinct is dedicated towards maintaining a good relationship with citizens. Recently Gap Kids in the Oglethorpe Mall held a Back to School launch of 2014-2015 clothing line. McGruff the Crime Dog and Cpl. J. Simmons, Crime Prevention Officer, attended the launch to remind students and parent alike to safe and proactive to prevent crime. McGruff, who is always popular, interacted with mall shoppers, students and kids at heart as a visual reminder to take action and prevent crime.  
Photo by: Michelle Gavin*

*Right: This summer Chatham County Youth Commission candidates, led by Van Johnson, completed a week-long Youth Academy with the SCMPD.*

*After a question and answer session with Chief Julie Tolbert, Asst. Chief Terry Enoch, Major Larry Branson, Major Dean Fagerstrom, Training Director Gary Taylor and Ga. Public Safety Training Center Major Harlan Proveaux the Chief presented them with completion certificates. Photo by: Michelle Gavin*



*Left: In July CrimeStoppers presented two \$1,250 scholarships the local law enforcement family.*

*The law enforcement scholarship went to SCMPD APO Jon Gibbs. The 12-year veteran is assigned to the Savannah Impact Program. Gibbs is pursuing a Master's degree and hopes to teach Criminal Justice to the next generation of police officers and mentor our youth.*

*The dependent scholarship was awarded to Kelsey Flannery, daughter of SCMPD Sgt. Roger Flannery. She attends Georgia Southern University, majoring in International Studies. She hopes to work for the FBI in the international arena .*

*The first annual scholarships are in honor of SCpl. Tony Lopez, who worked closely with CrimeStoppers in his many years of service to Metro Police and the community. Photo by: Catherine Neal*

# Metro Atta Boys

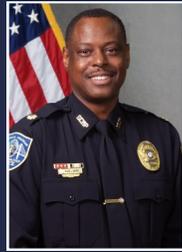
- ◆ On June 24th a woman praised **Star Cpl. Tracy Walden**. The woman had a flat tire on the way to work near the airport and was walking up the ramp on Highway 80. Walden stopped and gave her a ride in the front seat. "Not all officers would have done that," she wrote. "I am very thankful and she has restored my belief in the law personnel."
- ◆ On July 7th the mother of a homicide victim wrote to praise one of the SCMPD's "awesome" detectives, **Det. Nathaniel Kirkland**. "Detective Kirkland was on the case of my son who was murdered three years ago. He has been the most considerate and compassionate police officers I have ever met. He has made himself available to me and my family whenever we need him. He has stayed in touch with me since that time and remembers the anniversary of my son's death. With all that is going on in the police department; I felt it was important to let you know you have a jewel in him."
- ◆ On July 31st **Central Precinct** residents complimented **APO Nathan Jentzen** and **Officer Matthew Fogarty** for catching "some kids who had been breaking into houses and cars in the area." They said Jentzen and Fogarty were "nice guys, very professional, best experience with the Savannah police department I've ever had."
- ◆ On August 15th a Savannah woman came to SCMPD headquarters to personally let the chief know how much she appreciated **Downtown Precinct Officer Joshua Holz**. She said this "courageous" officer chased down a subject who ran into her house on the corner of Park Ave. and Habersham St. and apprehended him.
- ◆ On August 18th a U.S. Probation Officer wrote to commend **Community Resource Officer Kimberly Simmons**. "I love when Ms. Simmons is on duty when my offenders are arrested by Metro!" he wrote. "When Simmons is on duty she sends the probation officer an e-mail with the arresting officer's name and CRN. Her actions save the probation office a lot of time and help us expedite our reaction to the new arrest. It may sound like a simple thing but she is a great help to our agency by saving us a good bit of time. A big thank you to her for going the extra mile!"
- ◆ On August 20th an East Savannah woman wrote to thank **Islands Precinct Officer Ryan Thomas** for his efforts as the new Crime Prevention Officer. "We have been trying to clean up and get rid of the drug dealers, widespread blight and habitual criminals in our neighborhood for the last year... As our new CPO Ryan Thomas has done more for us in one month's time than we have been able to do in a year," she wrote. Thomas helped her form the new DeRenne/Skidaway Neighborhood Crime Watch Association. "Thomas is a Godsend for us and we finally have the courage and confidence to face the ongoing problems and clean up our neighborhood."
- ◆ On August 23rd a woman commended **Downtown Precinct officers Courtney Bibb** and **Yasmin Holmes** for helping to recover her stolen bicycle, still in great shape. "To officers Holmes, Bibb and everyone in the Savannah Chatham Metro Police for everything they did!! Those officers are on it!"
- ◆ On September 2nd a woman wrote to commend **Central Precinct Sgt. Torrance Garvin**. He was the responding officer to her friend's car accident. She said Garvin was, "Very nice, helpful and reassuring." He even drove to St. Joseph Hospital that evening to return her briefcase they she had left in his vehicle.
- ◆ On September 8th a woman wrote to commend **Central Precinct Officers Joshua Calvert** and **Derrick Roberson**. They recovered her son's stolen wallet and arrested the suspect. "The police work was nothing short of outstanding," she said. "These officers were professional and courteous and kept my son informed throughout his stressful ordeal. These officers deserve a kudos for a job well done!"
- ◆ On September 9th a woman was involved in a car accident in her subdivision. She said **West Chatham Precinct APO Christopher Baldenelli** was "incredibly fair, precise and handled both parties involved with professionalism." She wrote, "I was grateful to have someone like Officer Baldinelli assisting us though a traumatic experience and felt you should know what an asset he was to me and what a great reflection on your Department he is."



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“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”

—Robin Williams



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