



Charlotte County Sheriff's Office CCSO Star News



May 27, 2016



Quarterly Awards

LE Member of the Quarter DFC Joseph Barlow



In 2014, after a few years working in patrol, DFC Joseph Barlow joined the Juvenile Unit, and does an outstanding job as a School Resource Office, with support from his school's administrators. Principal Alison Portwood and Dr. Paul Curtis at Port Charlotte High have given glowing reviews commending his exemplary quality and commitment to his duties. As DFC Barlow walks through his school, many of the students want his attention and seek his guidance and feedback. All the students enjoy his wonderful sense of humor, one of his many attributes. DFC Barlow brings joy, laughter and hope to these students daily, when many of them are surrounded by negativity in other aspects of their lives. DFC Barlow has been the lead advisor for the CCSO Explorer Program for the last two years. This program builds future leaders and introduces teenagers to the law enforcement field. DFC Barlow is being commended for his overall work ethic and performance.

Team Members of the Quarter Communications Squad D



Melanie Bailey, Andrea Pifer, Brittany Henshaw, and Sondra Dennis. Not pictured: Annie Bateman, Trish Eubank; and Joanne Gardien

February 24th, 2016 Charlotte County experienced severe storms in the Murdock and Deep Creek areas. The National Weather Service confirmed that the storms included two tornadoes. Communications Center received 123 emergency and non-emergency calls from the citizens of Charlotte County. The calls were of downed power lines and reports of structural damage to homes, businesses and governmental buildings. Traffic crashes with serious injuries were addressed.. Dispatchers kept track of addresses that had been damaged, and made callbacks to ensure that the Fire Department or a deputy made contact. Throughout this hectic time Operators working in the 911 Center remained calm, and pulled together as a team.

Detention Member of the Quarter CDFC Jose Ortiz-Cruz



CDFC Ortiz-Cruz was recently assigned to the position of Programs Officer. Throughout the last quarter, Ortiz-Cruz has been commended numerous times. He was recognized for excelling in this new position as well as becoming cross-trained for the Support Services Supervisor and Programs Clerk positions as needed. While traveling to work, Ortiz-Cruz was on Palm Beach Blvd. in Lee County when he saw several vehicles swerve to avoid hitting a white male in the middle of the road. Ortiz-Cruz stopped, turned on his hazard lights, and approached the man. Ortiz-Cruz was able to get him off to the side of the road and wait for Lee County Deputies to arrive. The two men were both Veterans and that in common, which helped de-escalate the situation. For this, CDFC Ortiz-Cruz received a life-saver's award. CDFC Ortiz-Cruz is truly dedicated to providing the safest environment and highest level of service to improve the quality of life for all.

Lifesaving Awards



On February 19, 2016, **Deputy First Class Nicholas Reid** was dispatched in reference to a 61 year old male unresponsive and not breathing. The patient was sitting in a chair and the complainant was unable to move him to the floor to begin lifesaving treatment. DFC Reid arrived on scene and found that neighbors were there, assisting the patient to the floor. Once the patient was moved to the floor, DFC Reid immediately began CPR, as the patient was still unresponsive with no pulse and not breathing. DFC Reid continued with CPR until relieved by EMS personnel. They were eventually able to establish a pulse and the patient began breathing on his own. The patient was transported to Bayfront Health of Port Charlotte for further treatment. I commend DFC Reid for his fast response along with his timely administration of CPR, thus saving the patient's life.



On February 25, 2016, **Deputy Booker Richardson** responded in reference to an adult male not breathing. Upon arrival, Deputy Richardson made contact with a witness who told him her boyfriend was on the lanai floor and not breathing. Deputy Richardson checked for a pulse on the right side of his neck and found none. He began CPR on the man. After several minutes, he was able to obtain a strong pulse. EMS arrived and took over life-saving measures. Due to Deputy Richardson's quick response and efficient performance under pressure, the man is alive today.

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Promotion



Sheriff Prummell is seen with the recently promoted Major Sherman Robinson and his wife Wendy. Wendy retired last year and is now patiently waiting for Sherm to join her in their future travel plans.



Capt. Gary Ellsworth was promoted by Sheriff Prummell recently at a staff meeting, but we all share in offering our congratulations. His daughter, Jessica was there to share in the joy.



Lt. Duane Tucker accepts his promotion from Major James Kenville on behalf of Sheriff Prummell. Mrs.. Mary Tucker looks on.



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Monthly Awards

LE Member of the Month DFC Kevin Montgomery



On April 8, 2016 DFC Montgomery responded to a possible drowning. A female had fallen into the canal from a bridge and was unable to get back to land. DFC Kevin Montgomery retrieved his CCSO-issued flotation device and deployed it to the female. Using the attached rope, he was able to get the female to an area for EMS. DFC Amy Martin and DFC Ronald Chandler assisted in the rescue. During the same weekend, DFC Montgomery responded to Strasburg Dr. regarding a call of a nude male in the canal. The caller said that the subject appeared to be under the influence of something and that an alligator was close by. Again, Montgomery deployed the flotation device and he was then able to pull him to the canal bank. I feel the quick decision-making of DFC Montgomery, using a tool that is not often used, prevented two possible drownings.

CO Member of the Month CO Benson Prosper



On April 8, 2016, a letter from Sgt. R. Moussa of the FMPD was received regarding the actions of a CCSO member. In the letter, Sgt. Moussa commended Detention Officer Benson Prosper for his quick-thinking and actions that ultimately led to the seizure of an illegal firearm on the streets of Fort Myers, a felony arrest. On the evening of April 3 CD Prosper called FMPD regarding a suspicious person inside the basketball court at Lion's Park. Prosper advised dispatch that he "observed a black male juvenile near the basketball court with a handgun in the right side of his waistband." As a result of CD Prosper's detailed description of the subject and location, officers were able to locate and detain the subject. The suspect said he found the Ruger 9mm and was intending on selling it for cash. This event is only partially why he has been chosen for this honor.

Support Services Member of the Month Tamberlin Albertelli



Tamberlin Albertelli began her career at the Sheriff's Office as a Jail clerk in 2007. Moving through the ranks, by 2012 she was appointed as a Training Specialist at the CCSO Training Center. In 2014 she was awarded a Risk Management Specialist position. With the completion of her Master's Degree in 2015 and PHR Certification, she was promoted to Risk Management Analyst. Her leadership and project management skills led to her appointment of the Tyler Technologies Munis Project Manager. On top of her current responsibilities, she oversaw the successful roll-out of Phase One of Munis. On June 4, 2015, she was granted full guardianship of her 73-year-old mother due to health conditions. One month later, she was granted full guardianship of her 14-year-old niece. It is easy to understand why Tamberlin is recognized as Member of the Month.

25 years of Service



Sgt. Ingrid Sebastian

10 years of Service



DFC Joseph Barlow and DFC David Cox

5 years of Service



Jessica Glazier, CD Lancelot Burke and Deputy David Brooks

15 years of Service



Debra Schaible and DFC April Rondinone

K-9 retirement



Azor tells us that he is looking forward to a dog's life.

New Hires



Left.. Left to right: Steven Laymon, John Lastner, Megan Wedgewood, and Judy Gallo..... Right.. Left to right: Edward Anderson and Christopher Hipp

New Hires



Volunteers' Corner

**Volunteers of the Month
Jay and Marilyn Westrom**



The Volunteer Service Unit presentation at a Civilian Police Academy has ignited many a volunteer career, and thus it was for Jay and Marilyn. Jay said he attended a Sarasota County CPA and enjoyed it so much that he told Marilyn we should go to one here. They did go, and now Jay drives for the Community Observation Patrol (C.O..P), and Marilyn works in the Lobby Office at the Headquarters building.

Jay proudly explains that his work provides extra eyes and ears for the deputies, generally freeing them up for more important tasks. "I might direct traffic at an accident or help with traffic control and parking at a special event. Once I was with a group driving new patrol cars back down from a Ford dealership in Bartow. I've even rounded up stray dogs."

While Jay is busy on the road, his equally proud wife is in the Lobby office, where she connects the ringing phones to the right party. And just as the windshield on Jay's patrol car frames what may need his attention, the glass window on the Lobby office wall frames a passing parade of citizens whose needs include, but are not limited to: reporting an alleged crime to a deputy; retrieving personal items from evidence; or keeping an appointment with a detective. In a chance collaboration with Jay, Marilyn happened to direct a call from a worried pet owner to Animal Control. It involved a dog Jay had rounded up. Both volunteers come from a people-oriented, customer service-type background. They feel that working with friendly people and being appreciated add up to a big reward. As Marilyn put it, "This is all about helping people and that's what I like to do."

More Promotions



Sgt. David Gensimore



Sgt. Craig Brandon



Cpl. Keith DePersia



Cpl. Ryan White
Lt. Randal Whitney was unable to attend.



Cpl. Daniel Tricarico .



Sgt. Don White

The future looks bright



Gabrielle Oquendo, shown in her Charlotte High prom photo, is the daughter of Giselle Oquendo, and granddaughter of retired Warrants Clerk, Hector Oquendo. After graduation she has plans to move to New York City and pursue Special Effects/Movie Make-Up Artistry.



Sierra Lynn Martin, daughter of DFC Amy Martin will be graduating Desoto High School on May 26th. She is also graduating from CNA training on the same date. Sierra plans on working as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) while attending college to become a Physical Therapist.



Dylan Caparo will be graduating from Port Charlotte High School with honors and attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall to study Aerospace Engineering. Dylan is the son of Lt. Darrell Caparo and Mrs. Karen Caparo.



Andrew Orbe with his lovely prom date. Proud momma Gio Orbe and Aunt Pilar are both employed by CCSO. Andrew will be graduating Oasis High School on June 4th, 2016. He will be attending Georgetown University, Washington DC in the fall and pursuing a career in International Affairs.



CDFC Kimberly Johnston's daughter Dakota Johnston, graduated with an A. A. degree from Florida Southwestern State College.. Yippee!



Tyler Mitchell graduated from CHS May 19. Tyler is enrolled at FL Southwestern State College to obtain his AA, then transferring to FGCU and eventually to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Dad: Craig Mitchell. (FWC) Mom: Beth Mitchell, (Finance). Tyler is the nephew of Sondra Dennis (Communications) and Cpl. Eric Ogden.



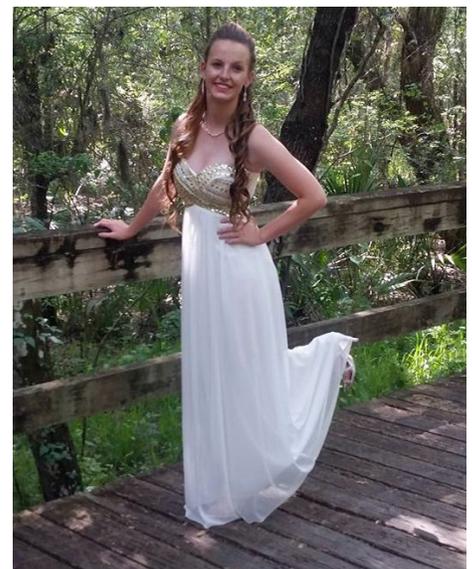
Sheriff Bill Prummell is joined by his posse on Saturday, May 7th at Gilchrest Park for the annual Walk for Mental Health sponsored by Charlotte Behavioral and the community to raise awareness of mental health issues in Charlotte County.



Elizabeth Rominger, Jail Support Service Specialist, sent in a picture of her nephew, Steven Adt, getting ready to leave for his Senior Prom, She is so proud of him, as she should be.



On May 21, 2016 at St. Francis of Assisi's Church in Englewood the annual Blue Mass occurred. Sgt. Donald Ulrich, Sheriff Bill Prummell, Lt. Richard McDonald, and Captain John Westlake were in attendance to honor the First Responders of Charlotte County. The Knights of Columbus Council 7672 put forth a great show of appreciation for all.



Ciera Crews, heading to Junior Prom at Desoto High. She is the daughter of Sgt. Nicole Crews and CD/FC Henry Crews.



Safe Kids Southwest FL recently expanded into Charlotte County. To kick it all off they hosted their 1st Charlotte County Safe Kids Day, April 30th. It was a fun-filled day that brought together first responders, local businesses, civic groups, and local health and safety professionals to teach families how to keep our children safe. Sheriff Prummell and our newest Jr. Deputy are at the top left. The Sheriff's Office, along with community partner Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, fit free helmets. Shown on the left: Lou Henyecz, Jennifer Starowesky, Bill Miller, and Farrah Fishman.



Wedding bells for Clerk Jennifer Jones and CO Corporal Howard Nuzum rang out on April 9th, 2016. Congratulations to you both.



On May 5th Lt. Darrell Caparo was awarded the United Way of Charlotte County 2016 Spirit Award. Past President Sue Sifrit and Leah Valenti from the office of U.S. Representative Tom Rooney, were in attendance to bestow this honor for his outstanding volunteer service to the Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte County. Thank you for giving your time.



2nd Quarter award winners. Come join us for the 3rd Quarter Ceremonies.

Planning ahead:

- Send in the rest of your graduation pictures by June 15th.
- Father's Day, Sunday June 19, 2016
- Leadership High Prom 2016, June 4, 2016 6:00 pm Charlotte Co Fairgrounds
- Boys & Girls Club 8th Annual "Clubs for Clubs" Golf Tournament, Sept. 24th Kingsway Country Club
- July photo contest "Man's Best Friend" Dogs
- August photo contest "Cats Rule"
- Quarterly Award Ceremony
- September photo contest Misc. Pets

30 year milestone



In 1986, Major Kenville joined the Charlotte County Sheriff's office under Sheriff Glenn Sapp. He then steadily moved up the ranks, His lists of accomplishments include Investigations, Major Crimes, and was in Command of District 1 for several years. He graduated from the Southern Police Institute C.O.D.C. and the FSA Executive leadership class in Tallahassee. Currently, he is the Major of Support Services. He told us that there are no plans in the near future to leave the job he loves. His family is understanding of this. Thank you to his wife Alicia, his children and new grandbaby.

Send me pictures of your Father's Day presents. We will award a gift to the Father who received the most interesting present. Deadline for submission is June 20th.



We are recruiting them younger every day. Meet Jr. Deputy Cayden White, son of Sgt. Don and Mrs. White.



Jaxton Glazier, age 5 has graduated VPK and is moving on up. Jaxton is the son of Jessica Glazier



Above. Englewood boys, Sgt. Don Ulrich and Sgt. Dave Gensimore were in attendance at the Blue Mass held at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Don and Dave have been friends since middle school in Englewood and grew up attending Mass at St. Francis of Assisi.



Center: Lt. Tabbatha Carter is a recent graduate of SPI in Louisville, KY. Good job. Knowledge is power.

CCSO June Birthdays
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- 1 Baldwin, Stella M
Branscome, Katrina M
Dagan, Daniel
Stepro, Rebecca
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Kranz, John K
Risi, Jaime D
- 3 Wagner, Nikki L
- 4 Beyer, Blake M
Richardson III, Booker T
Weisspennig, William W
Zaremba, Peter
- 5 Caparo, Darrell J
Dehart, Mark R
- 6 Prummell III, William G
Schmunk, Martha J
Shafman, Cassandra J
- 7 Andrade, Debra L
Diaz, John J
Goff, Richard M
Parker, Jeremy A
Vanande, James W
- 9 Gennette, Peter V
- 10 Doherty, Jason W
LaRussa, Brian E
- 11 Miller, Janice
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Scott, Bradley W
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Stepp, Mildred S
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Goodwyne, Laurie A
Wilson, Norman A
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Marbes, Daniel K
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White, Robert A
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James, Scott A
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