

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

Service is the cornerstone of our value system at the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. The highest form of service we can provide is to protect the lives and property of our fellow human beings. Our county provides an exciting and diverse environment for personal and professional achievement. Our school system and county resources are recognized nationally for their value. We recognize that our achievements as law enforcement officers will be measured by the level of safety and well-being enjoyed by our community.

INTEGRITY

If service is the foundation of our value system, integrity is the mortar that must hold it all together. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office will demonstrate, through its actions, an uncompromising allegiance to the core principles espoused within the Police Officer's Code of Ethics. Every Forsyth County Sheriff's Office employee will embrace ideals such as honor, duty, courage, equality, fairness, and dignity.

EXCELLENCE

We strive to deliver the best service possible. This is the ultimate goal for each employee of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. The effort that one undertakes to obtain such a level of excellence is the most important aspect of this value. Sheriff's Office employees are expected to do the best possible job at all times.

WE APPROACH CRIME PROACTIVELY

Stopping crime before it occurs is our most important function. Identifying conditions which foster crime in our community and interceding is a joint law enforcement - community responsibility, but the actual prevention of crime is a task which no other entity can assume, it rests squarely on our shoulders.

WE TREAT PEOPLE CONSISTENTLY & FAIRLY

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office practices this value both within the organization and with the communities we serve. We are flexible in dealing with issues in an open and sensitive manner. We are committed to the consistent application of the law for the common good. We treat people with dignity and respect always. We practice impartiality, equity, and honesty without self interest, prejudice, or favoritism. We continually remember that we often encounter good people on less than their best day. We display patience and empathy for those in distress and work to resolve their issues.

COURAGE

Our courage helps prove us worthy of the trust given to us by the citizens. Our words and actions demonstrate the willingness to venture into danger and difficulty when our duties call for it.

SERVICE MATTERS

This is a phrase that must mean more than words, it must embody a state of mind, an approach to delivering law enforcement services which recognizes that to be truly effective we must express genuine concern that we are in the business of serving people. We appreciate the dignity of all people and treat them accordingly. Our intent is to always reach beyond the expectations of our citizens. We will work tirelessly to be positive role models in our community.

INNOVATION

Utilizing creativity to meet today's challenges is paramount for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to effectively solve problems. While having a consistent process to complete our daily tasks may be valuable in many circumstances, we do not serve this process. We must be willing to seek solutions that exist outside of our normal methodology in order to address the complexities of our era.

COURTS

Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Court Security deputies are responsible for providing a safe atmosphere within the Forsyth County Courts, including but not limited to, Superior and State Courts, Grand Jury, Juvenile Court, Probate, and Magistrate Court.

The Courts are manned by deputies at all times when Court is open for business or in session. Court security is stringent and no weapons of any kind are permitted in any part of the court facilities. Metal detectors and x-ray machines are operated at the entrance to each facility to ensure the safety of court visitors and employees.

LOCATIONS



Forsyth County Courthouse
101 East Courthouse Square, Cumming, GA 30040

This county landmark, located in the city square, includes the Superior Court, State Court, Clerk of Court, and DA's Office. It also houses real estate records and plat books dating back to the county's inception.



Forsyth County Juvenile Court 8751 Lanier 400 Parkway, Cumming, GA 30040

Juvenile Court is located at exit 15, off GA-400. Built in 2022, it houses two courtrooms, judges' chambers, three training rooms, multiple conference rooms, secured holding areas for both adult & juvenile detainees, counseling offices, court administration staff, the Assistant District Attorney's office, and Clerk of Courts.



Forsyth County Accountability Court 425 Tribble Gap Road, Cumming, GA 30040



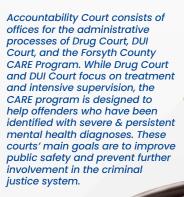
Forsyth County Probate Court
100 West Courthouse Square, Cumming, GA 30040

Located at the rear of the Sheriff's Office Headquarters, Probate Court handles applications for Georgia Weapons Carry License, Marriage License, Birth & Death Certificates, Passports, etc.



Forsyth County Magistrate Court 1090 Tribble Gap Road, Cumming, GA 30040

Magistrate Court is located at the corner of Tribble Gap Rd & Sawnee Dr. Magistrate handles small civil cases under \$15,000 (& some criminals cases). They are also appointed by the Forsyth Superior Court judge to handle TPO's (Temporary Protective Orders) as needed.



SHERIFF'S SERVICES BUREAU

The Sheriff's Services Bureau provides services to the community for which the Office of the Sheriff is constitutionally responsible and provides administrative and logistical support to the agency. The Bureau is comprised of four divisions: Judicial Operations, Training, and Headquarters, as well as the Policy and Accreditation function.



JUDICIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Judicial Operations Division is responsible for the constitutional duties of Judicial Security and Enforcement. Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Court Security Deputies are responsible for providing a safe atmosphere within the Forsyth County Courts, including but not limited to Superior and State Courts, Grand Jury, Juvenile Court, Probate, and Magistrate Court.

JUDICIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Judicial Enforcement Section consists of the Civil Unit and the Ordinance and Permits Unit.

The Civil Unit provides personal service of official court papers such as summonses, civil complaints, protection orders, and other documents pertaining to legal proceedings. The Civil Unit also facilitates activities like evictions, property pick-ups, and court-ordered seizures.



The Ordinance and Permits Unit enforces certain county ordinances, with an emphasis on quality of life and safety concerns. Areas of focus include the sale of alcohol, vape and non-traditional tobacco products, and spa and massage businesses. In 2024, the Ordinance and Permits Unit conducted 42 massage parlor, 355 alcohol and 26 vape compliance checks.

The unit also provides fingerprint and criminal history services for Forsyth County residents and businesses for various purposes such as employment, adoptions, firearms licenses, and alcohol permits. The Permit Office is open to the public, generally by appointment.

JUDICIAL SECURITY SECTION

JUDICIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Judicial Security The Section performs multiple functions for Forsyth County and its citizens. The utmost responsibility is to provide safety and security for all staff and visitors at numerous county buildings. These buildings are the main courthouse, three satellite courts, the Tax Commissioner's two offices and the County Administration building. Judicial services also work in other county buildings. The judicial services deputies also assist with tours of the main courthouse, these tours include students from our local schools, cub scouts and we host the Mock Trial Competitions annually. All deputies assigned to this unit train a multitude of hours in various scenarios, including courthouse active shooters, diversity training, and numerous other topics that keep our deputies educated and prepared for realworld environments and situations.

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2022	2023	2024	
158,777	193,408	213,137	ENTRY THROUGH SCREENING
1,576	1,494	1,363	COURTS IN SESSION
266	202	227	PROCESS & RELEASE
7,175	7,181	7,017	CIVIL PAPERS SERVED
267	256	318	PROTECTIVE ORDERS SERVED
2,140	1,824	1,789	FINGERPRINTS
4,152	3,734	3,689	CRIMINAL HISTORIES
114	136	154	FALSE ALARM ENFORCEMENT
101	108	133	EVICTIONS COMPLETED

Deputies assigned to this Section are trained in courtroom security, access control, inmate movement, and emergency response, using a variety of tools and the latest technologies.

This unit further assists in court procedures, both in person and performing video conferencing for the judge & courts when in person court is not available due to restrictions.

Judicial Security also monitors program compliance of Accountability Courts participants. This assignment is extremely valuable to the success of the Accountability Courts. The deputy assigned, works directly with the programs by conducting home searches, interviews, and assisting the coordinators of these programs with face-to-face monitoring of the participants involved. It brings a personal aspect and a trusting atmosphere to the programs.



LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

"As law-enforcement officer. fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against depression or intimidation; the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice. I will keep my private life unsullied, as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop selfrestraint; be constantly mindful of the welfare of others; and be 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 what 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 influence my decisions. 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 accept it as a public trust. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... Law-Enforcement."



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In Memoriam

Chief Deputy William Cantrell

EOW: Jan. 10, 1972

On January 10th, 1972, Chief Deputy Cantrell, along with his partner, Deputy Mulkey, was shot after being abducted during a traffic stop. Both deputies were found in the trunk of their patrol car, suffering from qunshot wounds





Deputy Sheriff Larry Mulkey

EOW: Jan. 10, 1972

Deputy Mulkey died in the line of duty as he was patrolling with Chief Deputy Cantrell. A piece of paper containing the tag number of the suspect's vehicle, written in Deputy Mulkey's handwriting, was found hidden between the seats of the patrol car he was in. This valuable evidence led to the arrest and conviction of the suspects.



Deputy Sheriff Luther Charles Outz

EOW: Sept. 23, 1993

On Sept. 23rd 1993, Deputy Outz suffered a heart attack while in the process of transporting an inmate. During his time with FCSO, Deputy Outz worked in Uniform Patrol, Court Security, and the Transport Unit



Sergeant David P. Land was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident while responding to a 911 call for service on March 26th, 2003. He was 32 years old and had just been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Deputy Sheriff Mike Lord

EOW: Jan. 25, 2010

On January 25th, 2010, Deputy Sheriff Mike Lord suffered a heart attack while transporting inmates to Magistrate Court. Deputy Lord was a true gentleman, a beloved Deputy & friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Deputy First Class Spencer Englett

EOW: April 4, 2019

On April 4th, 2019, Deputy Englett suffered a traumatic medical event while participating in a training exercise at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Law Enforcement Academy. Deputy Englett served Forsyth County with distinction and honor and remains well respected by his peers.

He who dies with Honor lives Forever

AGENCY POLICY & ACCREDITATION





To obtain accreditation, law enforcement agencies must complete a "self-assessment" process to assure policies and practices comply with the standards of the accrediting agency. Next, a team of assessors who are seasoned law enforcement veterans visit the agency and conduct an on-site assessment which consist of policy preview, interviews with agency personnel, analysis of high liability issues, ride-alongs with deputies and interviews with citizens of the community. The on-site assessment determines adherence to applicable standards and the award of accreditation. Accredited agencies must then maintain annual compliance during the accreditation period, which is four (4) years.

Since being elected Sheriff in 2016, Sheriff Freeman has made Accreditation a priority. Upon taking office, he immediately implemented the Accreditation Unit and tasked it with obtaining CALEA Accreditation. On November 18, 2017, within eleven (11) months of taking office, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office was awarded LE1 by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Seeking to achieve the highest level of accreditation available, Sheriff Freeman pursued Advanced CALEA Accreditation. This goal was quickly achieved when on May 4, 2019, an award of Advanced CALEA Accreditation was presented to Sheriff Freeman. After successfully completing four (4) annual CALEA Assessments, including an on-site assessment in March of 2023, the Forsyth County

Sheriff's Office was awarded another four (4) year term of CALEA Advanced

Accreditation on May 4, 2023.

The Sheriff's Office also maintains Law Enforcement Certification by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP). On August 24, 2023, the Sheriff's Office successfully completed Year 1 of a four year State Law Enforcement Certification by showing continued compliance with all applicable standards.



FORSYTH COUNTY JAIL ACCREDITATION

The Forsyth County Jail was awarded Level 1 accreditation by the National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO) in August of 2022. This accreditation assures compliance with constitutional requirements for jail

operations as well as compliance with applicable state laws and other best practices. In August of 2023, the Forsyth County Jail was recognized for maintaining the highest level of NIJO for two consecutive years.



Continuation of the various law enforcement and jail accreditations is made possible by the resolute and professional members of the sheriff's Office. Conducting the annual self-assessments provides an avenue for personnel to be involved in policy review as well as statistical and analytical reviews of various high liability topics. This process educates, trains, and maintains the highest level of professionalism in agency personnel.

Prom the desk of, RONH. FREEMAN FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF



I am excited to highlight some of the incredible accomplishments our FCSO has achieved throughout 2024. Serving as your Sheriff is a privilege I hold with sincere reverence. Our top priority is the safety of our community and the protection of your rights. The FCSO is the third-largest, full-service Sheriff's Office in Georgia, staffed by over 500 dedicated law enforcement professionals. Our partnership with the University of North Georgia has allowed us to establish one of only three Basic Law Enforcement academies in the state, revolutionizing the way officers across Georgia are trained and prepared.

In 2024, the FCSO continued to ensure Forsyth County remains the safest community in the Metro-Atlanta region. With the unwavering support of our citizens, crime in Forsyth County has consistently decreased, and 2024 saw even more impressive declines. Burglaries were down by 43.9%, with only 70 incidents in a community of nearly 300,000 residents. We also saw reductions in thefts, stolen automobiles, entering automobiles, and sexual assaults. Traffic fatalities and serious injury accidents also decreased. These successes are not accidental; they are the result of community support and the dedication of our Deputy Sheriffs and staff who embody our motto of

"Service before Self".

We firmly believe that "Crime will rise to the level a community tolerates", and we know that Forsyth County residents strive for a community they can be proud of. While crime is down, we remain vigilant in pursing justice for those who have been victimized, ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable. As Forsyth County continues to grow, the FCSO remains at the forefront of integrating technology and human intelligence to maintain safety. Our Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) exemplifies our innovative approach to enhancing community safety and emergency response. The RTCC also supports our School Safety initiatives by providing real-time access to school cameras during emergencies. Additionally, we have added a second Explosive Detection K9 and a new Narcotics K9 to our School Resource Officer (SRO) teams to mitigate the threat of weapons and drugs in schools. Currently, nearly 60 Deputy Sheriffs are deployed daily to schools across the county, with SROs assigned full-time to every school.

Having called Forsyth County home for over 45 years, it is an incredible privilege to serve this community. Forsyth has provided my wife and me with a place to meet, marry, raise our family, and prosper. We want the same for each of you. You have my commitment that we will not rest in our efforts to keep Forsyth safe. With your help, we will ensure that Forsyth remains a place where you can live, play, and raise your families with pride.

Ron H. Freeman FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF

Elected to office in 2016, Sheriff Freeman has been in law enforcement for over 35 years and began his career right here at the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in 1987. Sheriff Freeman is well versed in all operations of the agency and has served in nearly every command. He entered his third term as Sheriff in 2025. Sheriff Freeman's family has a long history in Georgia law enforcement. His father, a former police office in Savannah and a Deputy in Screven County, and two uncles, one who served as Chief of the Chatham County Police and later Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Together they have more than 130



years of service to the citizens of Georgia. Sheriff Freeman, as all Georgia Sheriffs, is a constitutional officer and works directly for the residents of Forsyth County and not for any other Government entity. He answers directly to the citizens of Forsyth County. The Georgia Constitution mandates that Sheriffs oversee the jail, keep the security of the courts and serve the court's papers, and is to provide general law enforcement for the county. For 2025–2026, Sheriff Freeman will serve as the President of the Georgia Sheriff's Association and was selected by his peers as the Georgia Sheriff of the Year for 2024.

Sheriff Freeman has been a resident of Forsyth County for more than forty-five years. He graduated from Forsyth County High School in 1987. He married his high school sweetheart, Dana, and they have two adult children whom both graduated from North Forsyth High School.

Sheriff Freeman holds the following degrees: Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, Bachelor in Organizational Leadership, and Master of Public Administration. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, National Sheriff's Institute and the Georgia Command College.



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SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMAND STAFF

Joe Perkins, CHIEF DEPUTY



Chief Deputy Joe Perkins started his law enforcement career in 1994 with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. Over the twenty years that followed, he worked his way through the ranks at CSO to land at the position of Chief Deputy in 2014. Chief Deputy Perkins retired from CSO in December 2016 before beginning his career at the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in January 2017.

Chief Deputy Perkins holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Mountain State University and an MPA from Columbus State University. He is a graduate of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College (Class 33) and the FBI National Academy (247th Session).

Chief Perkins currently serves as the President for the Georgia Chapter of FBI National Academy Associates (FBI NAA). He is also a member of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Georgia Sheriff's Association.

Major Deeann Cash, Jail Bureau

Major Cash joined FCSO in 2018 and brings 34 years of law enforcement experience to Forsyth County. Before joining FCSO, she was with the Clayton County Sheriff's Office. In 2016, she was appointed as the Jail Administrator & Jail Operations Commander for the CCSO. In June 2017, Major Cash was recognized and bestowed the honor of the Georgia Jail Administrator of the Year. Major Cash served as the 2022 and 2023 President of the Georgia Jail Associaion.



Major Nick Curry, Sheriff's Services Bureau



Major Nick Curry began his law enforcement career at the City of Alpharetta in 1999, where he served in Uniform Patrol, K9 Unit, and as a SWAT team leader. In 2008, he was one of 11 inaugural officers that helped start the Johns Creek Police Department. In 2019, he joined FCSO, serving as the Sheriff's Services Captain and Criminal Investigations Division Commander before being promoted to Major in 2021. Major Curry holds a Criminal Justice Bachelor of Science degree from UNG, and a Masters' Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbus State. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy class 279 and a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police

Major Mark Hoffman, Enforcement Bureau

Major Hoffman began his law enforcement career in 1983 with the Deerfield Beach Police Department after graduating from the Broward County Police Academy. Shortly after, he moved to the Port St. Lucie Police Department, where he held numerous leadership roles throughout the agency. In 1997, Major Hoffman joined the FCSO, where he started the current SWAT team. Major Hoffman has been assigned various command roles in the Enforcement Bureau, including Investigations, Patrol and Special Services. Major Hoffman is a graduate of the FBI National Academy class 229, and he stays active in the community via the United Way.



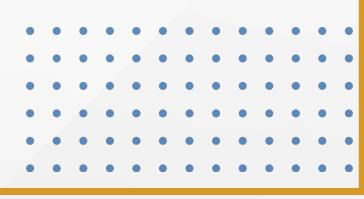
Major Jody Chapman, Operations Bureau



Major Chapman has over 30 years of experience in public safety. He began his public safety career in 1992 at the City of Smyrna Police Department as a 911 Communications Officer. In 1997, he attended North Central Law Enforcement Academy in Marietta, and worked as Police Officer in the Uniform Patrol Division. In 1999, he began working for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office and has worked his way through the ranks, from Deputy Sheriff to Major. He has been assigned to numerous supervisory and management positions within the Sheriff's Office to include Uniform Patrol Division, Special

Operations Division, Jail Division, and Headquarters Division. He is currently the Operations Bureau Commander, which consists of the Criminal Investigations Division and the Special Operations Divisions. These assignments have given Major Chapman a vast knowledge of departmental operations; leadership and organizational skills. Major Chapman was born and raised in Cobb County. He has made Forsyth County his home since 1999.

OUR CORE VALUES are fundamental convictions and beliefs that we hold so firmly that they cannot be altered by circumstances. Our values and how we define our values serve as our ethical compass in making decisions and taking actions. We refer to these values as THE FORSYTH COUNTY WAY.





Director Richard Tucker Business Operations



Director Stacie Miller **External Communications**





Captain Allan Frampton Captain Bill Franco Captain Doug Rainwater Judicial Operations Division Criminal Investigations Division Exec. Officer & Internal Affairs





Captain Rob Heagerty Training Division



Captain Tom Moore Jail Security Division



Captain Eric Silveus Special Operations Division



Captain Rich Wiggins North Precinct Commander



Captain Tom Little South Precinct Commander

OUR ORGANIZATION

CITIZENS OF FORSYTH COUNTY

SHERIFF RON H. FREEMAN

CHIEF DEPUTY JOE PERKINS

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

SHERIFF SERVICES BUREAU

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

TRAINING DIVISION

JUDICIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

OPERATIONS BUREAU

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

SOUTH PRECINCT

NORTH PRECINCT

JAIL BUREAU

OPERATIONS DIVISION

SECURITY DIVISION

- Public Information Officer
- Social Media

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Internal Affairs

SHERIFF'S SERVICES BUREAU

- Business Operation Section
 - Finance Unit
 - Grant Coordinator
 - Supply & Logistics Unit
 - Technology Unit (S.O.I.T.)
 - Records/GCIC Unit
 - Property & Evidence Unit
 - Open Records Unit
- Background & Recruitment Section
 - Background & Recruitment Unit
 - Employee Records Unit
 - Agency Receptionist
- Policy & Certification Unit
- Chaplain Unit
- Judicial Operations Division
 - Judicial Security Section
 - Main Court
 - Magistrate Court
 - Probate Court
 - Tax Commissioner Unit
 - Accountability Court
 - Juvenile Court
 - Administration Building Security
 - Judicial Enforcement Section
 - Civil Unit
 - Permits & Ordinance Unit
 - Training Division

JAIL BUREAU

- Jail Security Division
 - Watches (A.B.C.D)
 - Inmate Services Unit
- Jail Operations Division
 - Transport Unit
 - Jail Resource Unit
 - Warehouse Inventory Unit
 - Litter & Grass Cutting Detail
 - R.S.A.T. Unit
 - Bond Administrative Support Unit
 - Control/Communications Unit
 - Sentencing Unit
- Honor Guard

ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

- Precinct Admin Unit
 - Special K9s
 - Field Training Program
 - UPD Fleet
- Uniform Patrol Division
 - North Precinct Command
 - North Watches (A,B,C,D)
 - Traffic Enforcement Section
 - Day Traffic
 - Motor Unit
 - Traffic Specialist Unit
 - T.R.V. Unit
 - Evening Traffic
 - H.E.A.T. Unit
 - Traffic Unit
 - South Precinct Command
 - South Watches (A,B,C,D)
 - Precision Patrol Section
 - Crime Reduction Unit
 - Patrol K9 Unit
 - Power-Shift 1
 - Power-Shift 2

OPERATIONS BUREAU

- Special Operations Division
 - School Resource Officer Section
 - Seasonal Units
 - Marine Patrol Unit
 - Bike Patrol Unit
 - Community Outreach Section
 - Community Relations Unit
 - Volunteer Unit
 - Reserve Unit
 - Off Duty Job Coordinator
 - Crisis Intervention Response Team
- Criminal Investigations Division
 - Major Crimes Section
 - Major Crimes Unit
 - Victim Advocate Unit
 - Internet Crimes Against Children Unit
 - Digital Forensics Unit
 - Sex Offender Unit
 - Property Crimes Section
 - Property Crimes Unit
 - Financial Crimes Unit
 - Crime Scene Unit
 - Special Investigations Section
 - Lanier Regional Drug Task Force
 - Task Force Officers Unit
 - Warrant Unit
 - Homeland Security Unit
 - Criminal Intelligence Unit
 - Real Time Crime Center

AWARDS AND HONORS

We are proud to present the recipients of the 2024 Forsyth County Sheriff's Office annual awards. Each one of these individuals is recognized for their exemplary service and contributions to the agency.

Commendation Bars



Sgt. Andrew Hubbard



MD Bob Abanto



DFC Fernando Guevara



Andrea Carder



DFC Robert Bradford



DFC Connor Johnson



DFC, Steven Witcher, DFC Matt Pittman, Cpl. Patrick Caldwell, DFC Robert Bradford, DSII John Chapman & DFC Brian McKinzie

Medals Of Merit



Cpl. Matt Foster



MD Christopher Young



DFC Brittany Rivera



Sgt. Javier Joseph



Major Jody Chapman



DSII Kelsie Sloyer

AWARDS AND HONORS

Life Saving Awards



DFC William Kimple



DSII Joshua Grotefend



DFC Fernando Guevara



DSII Charles Capobianco



DFC Matt Pittman



DFC Isaiah Reimer

UNIT CITATIONS

- Training Unit
- Traffic Unit
- Property and Financial Crimes Unit



AWARDS AND HONORS

JAIL BUREAU Deputy of the Year

Civilian of the Year



Deputy Rebecca Brown



Brooklyn Brown

ERIFF'S SERVICES BUREAU

Deputy of the Year

Civilian of the Year



DFC Michael Hurst

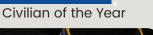


Alicia Staton

Civilian of the Year

W ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

Deputy of the Year





OPERATIONS BUREAU





MD Ben Forney

Lynn Cleveland-Evers

VOLUNTEERS

Chaplain of the Year



Micah Fauscett



Cinde Boyden

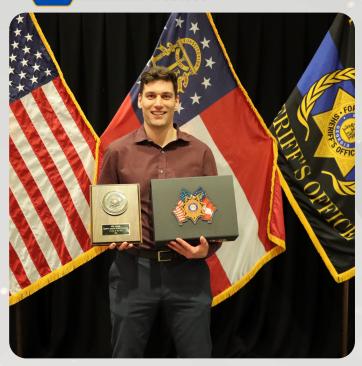


LEAR DERSHIP AWARD



Captain Tom Moore

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Tom Nagel

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR



Deputy First Class Rob Avedisian

Georgia Sheriff's Association
Sheriff of the Year

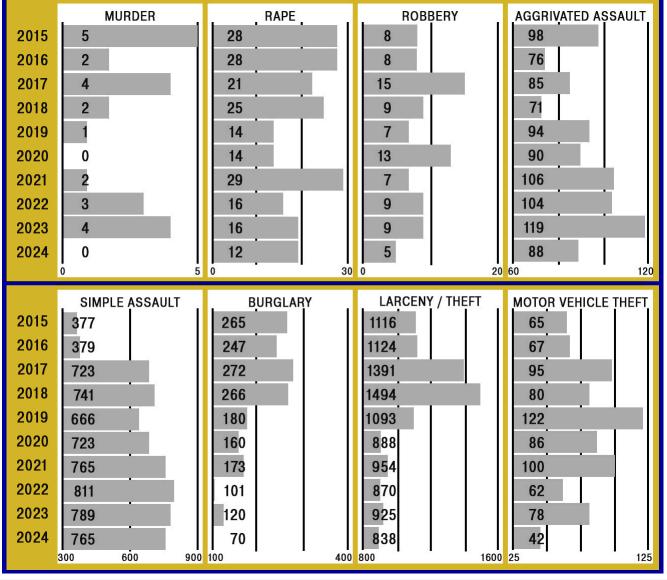


Sheriff Ron Freeman

2024 CRIME STATS

2024 CRIME BY COUNTY	Cherokee	Cobb	Dekalb	Gwinnett	Hall	FORSYTH	Fulton
MURDER	1	22	127	29	9	0	165
RAPE	18	142	180	148	70	12	150
ROBBERY	12	180	929	373	58	5	748
BURGLARY	125	1,028	3,036	2,221	241	70	2,575
LARCENY/THEFT	1,266	6,903	17,310	10,331	2,093	844	19,297
VEHICLE THEFT	79	1,054	5,494	1,407	206	42	5,033

Stats provided are accurate as of 2/10/2025 from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation via NIBRs. The GBI cannot confirm all jurisdictions within each county reported and the numbers above are subject to change based on case reporting and case status updates. Forsyth County is reflective of FCSO only and does not include Cumming PD.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FIREARMS RANGE



9470 Old Federal Rd. Cumming, GA 30107

HEADQUARTERS

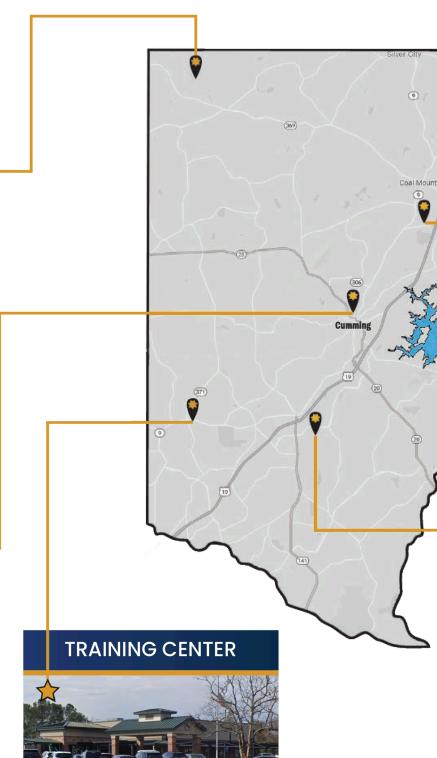


100 E Courthouse Square Cumming, GA 30040

FORSYTH COUNTY JAIL



202 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Cumming, GA 30040



4805 Atlanta Hwy. Alpharetta, GA 30004

FACILITIES

NORTH PRECINCT



2310 Keith Bridge Rd. Cumming, GA 30040

CSI & QUARTERMASTER

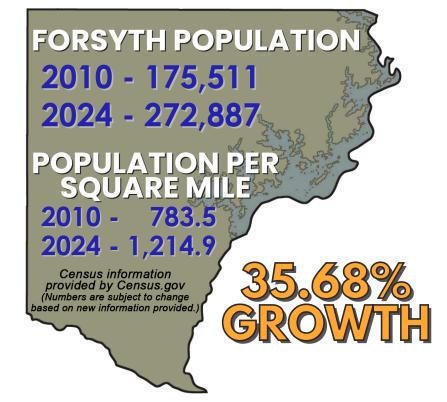


2314 Keith Bridge Rd. Cumming, GA 30040

SOUTH PRECINCT



2985 Ronald Reagan Blvd. Cumming, GA 30040



JAIL BUREAU

The Jail Bureau falls under command of Major Deann Cash, and is comprised of both the Operations Division and the Security Division. The Bureau also has a Grievance Deputy who reports directly to the Jail Commander and serves as a non-partial representative to handle inmates' grievances regarding jail staff, contractors, or other inmates.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Jail's Operations Division has several areas with many responsibilities. These areas include Administrative, Communications, Resources, Grass Detail, Litter Detail, Transportation, and Programs. The Jail's Operations Division consists of twelve civilians, two Corporals, four Transport Deputies, three Jail Resource Deputies, one Grass Detail Deputy and one Litter Detail Deputy. One Lieutenant and one Sergeant are the direct line supervision for Operations.

Essential functions of the Operations Division include:

- Documentation & Records
- Bonding Processes & Records
- Inmate Court Files
- Security Control & Communications
- Inmate Transportation On & Off-Site
- Inmate Release
- Jail Sanitation & Maintenance
- Inmate Laundry
- Kitchen Security
- Facility Support & Supplies
- Inmate Worker Supervision:
- 1. Landscaping Maintenance
- 2. Litter Detail
- 3. Equipment Movers*

*for Sheriffs Office, Georgia State Patrol, and National Guard



Another function of the Operations Division is the Programs Unit, which provides the service of a law library, a notary for inmates, and coordinates several activities & beneficial programs for inmates housed in the jail. Through partnerships with a significant number of community volunteers, we are able to provide the following programs to our inmates:

- GED training and testing*
- Continued high school education**
- Church Ministry
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Celebration of Recovery
- Transition Classes, including:
- 1. Anger Management
- 2. Parenting Skills
- 3. Budgeting & Managing Money
- 4. Listening Skills
- 5. Interviewing Techniques

*through Lanier Technical Institute

**through the Forsyth County Board of Education



Some of these programs were suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These programs are being re-implemented as the opportunity arises.



SECURITY DIVISION

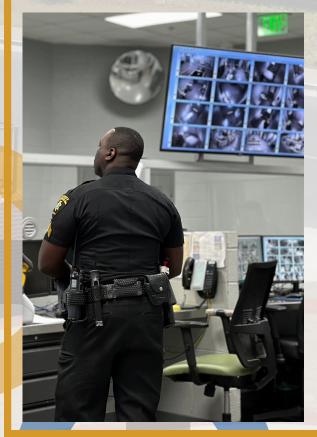
The Jail's Security Division consists of four watches, each working 12-hour shifts. Each watch consists of approximately twenty-two employees, including the direct line supervision of sixteen Deputies and three Inmate Service Specialists, by a Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Corporal.

The Security Division has many roles within the jail. The most critical role, however, is managing all 14 inmate housing areas, as well as an Infirmary. The Infirmary sees and treats inmates with medical issues, mental health issues, and suicide watches. Flex Housing is utilized for

discipline issues, and housing the administrative segregation population - consisting of individuals with mental health issues, those in protective custody, or the high profile.

All arrestees in the Forsyth County jurisdiction and geographic area are brought to the detention center for intake. The arrestees may be brought in by the Sheriff's Office, City Police, Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Corp of Engineers, or Georgia State Patrol. The Security Division is responsible for fingerprinting, photographing, and confirming the identification of all intakes.

After an inmate is processed through booking, it is the responsibility of the deputies in this Security Division to ensure the safety, security, medical, and dietary needs of each inmate are met. Inmates are issued a tablet with the Inmate Handbook on it, and must acknowledge that they have read and understand the handbook in order to move forward with using the various programs on it, and the kiosk in the housing unit; however, it is the Security Division that ensures compliance and addresses any violations.







RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE (RSAT) PROGRAM



We offer the RSAT inmates the opportunity to participate in our Pups with Purpose jail dog training program. The program has evolved since its inception to not only include the 12-week training classes of rescued shelter dogs, but also partnering with Scot Rucker Training to provide the initial AKC Canine Good Citizen certification of dogs that potentially continue with Rucker Training to become Therapy or Service Dogs.

In 2024, 7 dogs began their training in PWP and then went on to receive additional training at Rucker Dog Training for placement to be of assistance to people in need. Tyr was selected to be a Service Dog for a Forrest Park Police Department Officer injured in the line of duty. Bonnie is with her handler at Carroll County Sheriff's Office as a therapy dog and Mavis is with her handler at University of North Georgia Public Safety as a therapy dog.







Joe



Cash

Ron, Nick, Joe and Cash have all gone on to become service dogs for veterans and first responders through a program called Warrior Paws Inc. If you would like to follow their journey you can follow Warrior Paws Inc. on their Facebook and Instagram pages.

2024 RSAT Graduates



SHERIFF'S SERVICES BUREAU



QUARTERMASTER

Quartermaster is responsible for meeting the agency's uniform and equipment needs, including issuing duty gear, body armor, and uniforms for deputies, certain civilian employees, and other personnel equipment, except for weapons. In addition, Quartermaster also:

- Maintains a working inventory of approximately 150K items for an agency with nearly 500 employees.
- Issues and maintains equipment for vehicles such as fire extinguishers, AED's, and tire deflation devices.
- Works with manufacturers and dealers to evaluate and recommend reliable, cost-effective gear.

FLEET/LOGISTICS UNIT

The Fleet & Logistics Unit manages and maintains the agencies 430+ vehicles to emergency vehicles' stringent standards. These responsibilities include:

- Maintain fleet policy and vehicle specifications, procurement, safety measurements and maintenance schedules, registration/inspection protocols and records administration.
- Select vehicles appropriate to the operational needs of the department to maximize effectiveness and efficiently.
- Provide vehicles and coordinate emergency response equipment required to optimize the effectiveness of operations.
- Investigate and resolve operational problems at the field and headquarters level.
- Maintain and oversee the fleet decommissioning process as well as the fleet spare vehicle motor pool.

2024 P & E PROCESSED ACTIONS

2022	2023	2024	
5980	7017	6273	LOGGED ITEMS
856	985	1143	RETURNED ITEMS
2678	852	1989	DESTROYED ITEMS
45	32	192	CONVERTED ITEMS
111	226	219	AUCTIONED ITEMS

BUSINESS OPERATIONS SECTION

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is the official repository of incident reports, crash reports, citations, inmate records, and other Sheriff's Office activity documentation. The Unit is responsible for preserving and producing such records in compliance with applicable laws governing record retention and release

2024 PROCESSED REPORTS		
JAIL WALK-UP WINDOW	2,547	
REPORT ATTACHMENTS	10,656	
REPORT SUPPLEMENTS	6,557	
E-MAIL & JUSTFOIA	14,475	

GCIC UNIT

The GCIC Unit (Georgia Crime Information Center) is responsible for the entry, maintenance, retrieval, and control of all information that falls within the Georgia Crime Information Center's scope. Such information includes active arrest warrants, stolen item files, missing persons, and other law enforcement sensitive records. The Unit is also responsible for institutional and individual compliance with GCIC rules and State Law.

In 2024, the GCIC Unit processed:

- 53,902 Queries
- 23,814 Entries Made

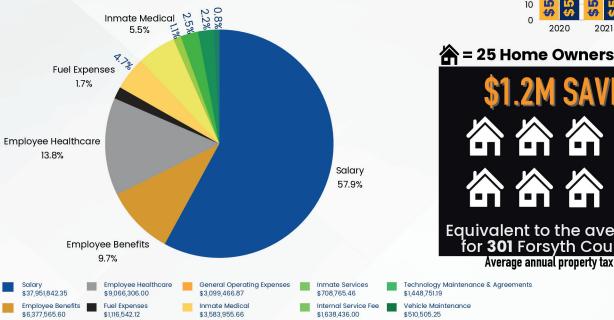
EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY UNIT

The Property & Evidence Unit is responsible for maintaining, storing, and disposing of all property taken into law enforcement custody. Property taken as evidence must be carefully safeguarded to prevent contamination and insure its value in court. An important function of this unit is the proper and timely disposal of property. This includes the return of property to its rightful owner, destruction, conversion, or auction of items as prescribed by law.

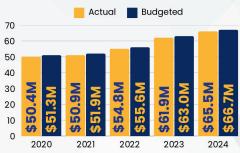
FINANCE UNIT

The Finance Unit is responsible for budgeting, financial analysis and reporting, purchasing and contract administration, inventory control, grant coordination and compliance, banking, accounting, and payroll for the Sheriff's Office's nearly 500 employees.

For fiscal year 2024, FCSO's actual expenditures were \$65.5M versus a revised budget of \$66.7M. The Sheriff's Office ended 2024 approximately \$1.2M under revised budget.



5-Year Expenditures **Budgeted'vs. Actual**



.2M SAVED in 2024 Equivalent to the average property taxes for **301** Forsyth County home owners! Average annual property tax bill in Forsyth County: \$3,982

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

Sheriff's Office Information Technology (SOIT) is responsible for evaluating, acquiring, supporting, and providing the security of the technology platforms that are crucial for day-today operations within the agency. This includes all items such as cell phones, laptops, in-car and body-worn cameras, and all applications that are utilized by our staff. This includes dispatch software, records management, report writing, and countless specialized programs that allow our employees to complete their assigned duties.

2024 OPEN RECORDS STATS		
Inmate Requests	665	
Subpoenas Received	20	
Reviewed Evidence (Hours)	1,352	
Redacted Digital Evidence Files (Videos/Jail Phone Calls)	2,280	
JustFOIA Completed Requests	6,914	

OPEN RECORDS

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office adheres to the Georgia Open Records Act, which states all public records are available for inspection and copying unless they are specifically exempted from disclosure under the law. The Open Records Unit responds to all public records requests from citizens, inmates, law firms, and other private entities. Public records range from initial incident reports, to body camera videos, to investigative Requested complete files. documents and files are only released in accordance with Georgia law or court orders. Public records requests can be submitted on our website, via mail/email, or in person.

BACKGROUND AND RECRUITMENT SECTION

The Backgrounds and Recruitment Unit is responsible for promoting careers with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office in locations such as colleges, technical schools, military posts, and other events. The unit also processes all applications, conducts applicant background checks, coordinates pre-employment testing and interviewing, and ultimately makes hiring recommendations to the Sheriff. FCSO has many career opportunities for jailers, certified law enforcement officers, and civilians.

2024 P&E PROCESSED ACTIONS		
APPLICATIONS COMPLETED	572	
HIRED: SWORN*	46	
HIRED: CIVILIAN	13	
2024 NEW HIRES (TOTAL)	59	

*Including POST Certified Jailers

2024 ROSTER TOTALS





487 TOTAL EMPLOYEES

FILLED POSTIONS

Filled positions fluctuated before end of the year

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is the 3rd Largest Full Service Sheriff's Office in Georgia.

We also conduct on-site physical agility tests of all sworn applicants. The agility test adheres to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) council's Physical Agility Testing (P.A.T.) requirements.

Testing course description:

- The course measures a total of 870 feet (290 yards/265.2 meters half-court basketball court).
- There is a time limit of two minutes and six seconds, which starts on candidates' movement from the starting line, & ends when they pass the finish line.
- The course consists of a series of nine interspersed individual tasks, arranged in a continuous format that may be viewed as being essential (physical) job tasks for law enforcement training:
 - 1. Running
 - 2. Jumping (low hurdle)
 - 3.Climbing stairs
 - 4.Low crawling
 - 5. Jumping (broad-type)
 - 6. Climbing a fence (chain-link/four feet)
 - 7. Climbing through a window
 - 8. Moving/dragging a weight (150lbs)
 - 9. Changing direction on the run

Our on-site Polygraphist conducts polygraphs for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, which helps move the background and hiring process along faster and more efficiently.

TRAINING DIVISION

The Sheriff's Office Training Division is dedicated to ensure that Forsyth County deputies are knowledgeable, skilled, and well-prepared to meet the high expectations of the Sheriff and community. **Experienced** instructors the provide constant on-going training in tactics, firearms, driving, de-escalation, negotiation, active shooter response to incidents, emergency medicine, and more. In 2024, the Training Division conducted over 44,360 hours of training for the Sheriff's Office personnel and officers from outside agencies. Throughout the

2024 TRAINING DIVISION STATS		
POST-Certified Training Hours	44,360	
Certified In-Service Days	104	
Advanced/Intermediate Classes	13	
Georgia Sheriff's Association Classes	25	
On-Line Training Classes	14	

year, the Training Division scheduled and conducted 104 certified in-service training days, 26 advanced and intermediate classes and 25 classes for the Georgia Sheriff's Association. Additionally, the Training Division hosted classes for Standardized Field Sobriety and Field Training Officer (FTO), Precision Immobilization Technique (P.I.T.), and Taser 7.

In addition, a week-long Response to Active Shooter class was conducted partnering with Cumming Police Department, Forsyth County Fire Department, and EMS services. This intensive training was conducted at a school campus and pushed the officers into critical thinking scenarios during the training.

The Training Division also conducts training for the Detention personnel. Detention training consisted of an additional three days of in-service training that are jail related tasks. The Training Division also hosted four (4) Basic Jail Officer schools, which are 80 hours each. The Jail in-service include legal updates, booking processes, and defensive tactics.







The Training Division continued superior firearms training at the Sheriff's Office Range, consisting of skill building with rifles and sidearms, tactics and qualifications. The Training Division was able to conduct several scenario-based training courses including judgmental situations throughout the year. This also included low-light training, allowing the deputies to train at night.

The Training Division conducts its own Basic Law Enforcement Police Academy through a partnership with University of North Georgia Police Academy-Forsyth. The Academy consists of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course, along with five weeks of advanced training. The Academy conducted two classes and saw a total of 41 officers graduate during 2024.



ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

The Enforcement Bureau is a significant component of the Forsyth County Sheriffs Office. The Enforcement Bureau consists of the prevention, and detection of crimes and the apprehension of suspect violators of the law.

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

The Forsyth County Uniform Patrol Division (UPD) is comprised of the North Precinct, South Precinct, Traffic Unit, K9 Unit, Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), and Power Shifts. The Uniform Patrol Division as a whole is responsible for providing uniformed deputies to manage and respond to calls for service, crime prevention, and maintain order.

CRIME REDUCTION UNIT

The Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) was created to provide intelligence driven proactive criminal enforcement throughout Forsyth County. CRU includes both uniformed deputies and K9 deputies with a variety of training and experience. The unit's primary function is to target patternable crimes such as burglaries, entering/theft from autos, and stolen vehicles. CRU is a force multiplier for the Uniform Patrol Division and provides a quick response of additional resources and manpower for critical incidents.

K9 Unit (Canine)

The K9 teams primary responsibilities are tracking lost and/or missing persons, tracking suspects engaged in criminal activity, evidence & lost property recovery, assisting with high-risk warrant service, detecting explosives, and detecting narcotics. The K9 unit works throughout the county & also assists other agencies as needed/requested. The K9 unit keeps a constant training schedule to maintain an elite level of skill.





POWER SHIFTS

Power-Shifts are a group of deputies split into 2 teams that work to support the Uniform Patrol Division during high call volume periods and evening shift-change time periods. The Power-Shifts follow crime trends, conduct directed extra patrol requests, work traffic complaints, handle special detail requests, and assist the Uniform Patrol Division with critical incidents.



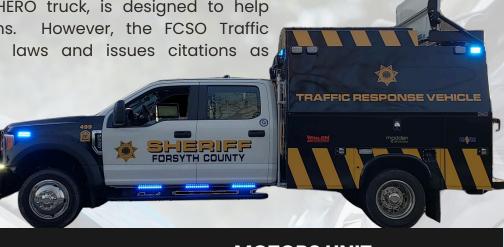
The FCSO K9 Teams Consist of:

- 2 K9 Teams Patrol Certified
 - Detection, Tracking, Apprehension
- 2 K9 Teams Explosives Detection
- 2 K9 Teams SRO Unit
 - Detection & Tracking

TRAFFIC RESPONSE VEHICLE

The Traffic Response Vehicle (TRV), much like the Georgia Department of Transportation's HERO truck, is designed to help residents with roadside problems. However, the FCSO Traffic Response Vehicle also enforces laws and issues citations as needed.

The TRV Unit patrols high-traffic county roads and provides roadside help during busy weekday rush hours.



MOTORS UNIT

The Motor Unit is tasked with aggressive traffic enforcement, targeting high traffic crash areas, and complaints from citizens of traffic issues. The Motor Unit also oversees deploying "Speed Smart Trailers" and TraxxPro devices. These devices help the agency target dates and times to best focus on speed enforcement and educate the public on speeding issues. The Motor Unit is also responsible for funeral escorts and other special assigments.



2024 TRAFFIC STATS

	2023	2024
TOTAL CRASHES	7,268	7,108
CRASHES WITH SERIOUS INJURIES	28	18
CRASHES DUE TO ALCOHOL/DRUGS	122	121
CRASH FATALITIES	22	13

Traffic stats provided are accurate as of 1/21/2025 they were obtained from RMS and are subject to change based on case reporting and case status.

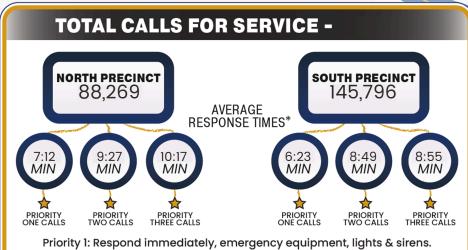
TRAFFIC SPECIALIST UNIT

The Traffic Specialist Unit consists of a specially trained team that investigates serious injury & fatal traffic crashes, as well as hit & run incidents in Forsyth County. Traffic Specialist deputies are equipped with state-of-the-art pieces numerous equipment, including the Total Station System, which is used to map a crash or crime scene to scale, a Bosch Crash Data Retrieval System that retrieves crash data from an airbag module, and other critical investigative software and hardware. Most of this equipment was purchased using drug seizure funds at no cost to taxpayers.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The Traffic Enforcement Section is responsible for keeping the roads safe and consists of the Traffic Unit, H.E.A.T. and DUI Task Force, Motors Unit, the Traffic Specialist Unit, and a Traffic Response Vehicle



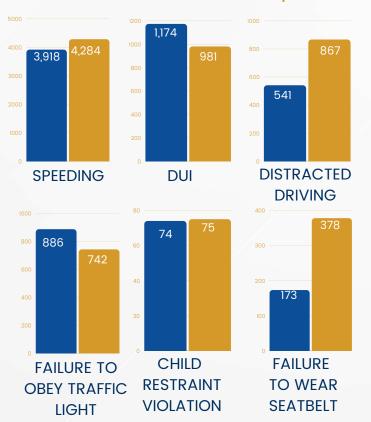


*Response time recorded in minute:second format

Priority 2: Respond immediately, under normal traffic conditions. Priority 3: Respond once all priority 1 and 2 calls are handled.

TOTAL CITATIONS 2023: 14,645

2024: 18,344



H.E.A.T. UNIT

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is proud of its continued partnership with the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (G.O.H.S.). In 2023, we renewed our H.E.A.T. Unit program beginning October 2023, and received a grant from the Governor's Office for our enforcement and education efforts.

The mission statement for the H.E.A.T. members is to reduce accidents, fatalites, and serious injuries through education and enforcement. The H.E.A.T. Unit members aggressively target unsafe driving behavior in the areas of D.U.I., speeding, occupant protection, and distracted driving.

Not only do the H.E.A.T. members aggressively target unsafe driving violators, but they also spend time on educational efforts. The H.E.A.T. members are commonly requested to teach at schools, businesses, and community events to educate the public about traffic safety issues.

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office also has a D.U.I. Unit that essentially has the same goals and responsibilities as a H.E.A.T. member, just not attached to the grant. The H.E.A.T. and D.U.I. members work side by side to combat unsafe driving behavior.

OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau consists of the Criminal Investigations
Division and the Special Operations Division. Many
specialized units fall within this Bureau including the School
Resource Officer Section, Community Outreach Section,
and the Special Investigations Section.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of investigative units whose primary responsibility is to investigate and follow-up on crimes committed against persons or property in Forsyth County. The Major Crimes Unit, Hi-Tech Crimes Unit, Property Crimes Unit, Narcotics Unit, Warrant Unit, Financial Crimes, and SWAT & Crisis Negotiation Teams all fall under the Criminial Investigations Division.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is responsible for investigating all major crimes within Forsyth County, except for property crimes. Investigators within the Major Crimes Unit are tasked with providing follow-up investigations on cases where a major crime has been committed but no arrest has been made, as well as initiating new cases independently. Cases involving violent acts or death, sexual assault, threats, etc., are classified a major crimes.



PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

Property Crimes Detectives of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office are assigned to investigate and respond to calls and crime trends that need follow-up by a trained investigator. Crimes investigated include, but are not limited to, burglaries, thefts (personal property and financial), auto theft, entering autos, theft of trailers, and large construction equipment.

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CRIME SCENE

The Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Unit is responsible for collecting, preserving, and analyzing evidence for all criminal investigations at the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. The Crime Scene Unit collectively hold hundreds of hours in advanced training and multiple State Certifications.

In 2024, the CSI Unit examined 859 pieces of evidence, and responded to 195 scenes.

WARRANT UNIT

The Warrant Unit is responsible for locating and apprehending fugitives from justice. Warrant deputies work closely with Forsyth County prosecutors and courts, as well as other local, State, and Federal agencies. Our Warrant Unit consists of one civilian employee, four Deputy First Class deputies, one Master Deputy, and one Sergeant that oversees daily operations. In addition, a deputy from this unit is assigned to the U.S. Marshals Services Fugitive Task Force

FORSYTH COUNTY WARRANTS			
SEARCH WARRANTS	611		
ISSUED WARRANTS	5,538		
WARRANTS SERVED	4,703		

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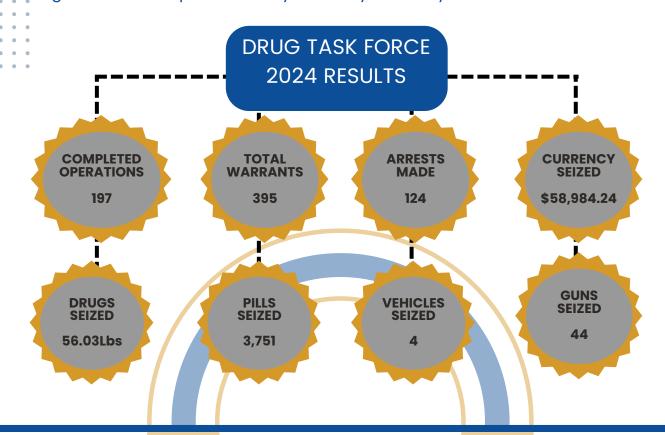
Search Warrants listed are only Criminal Investigation Units (ICAC, Narcotics, Major Crimes, & Property Crimes). All other numbers listed above are combined totals from across all units of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office

NARCOTICS

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit is responsible for finding and investigation illegal narcotics use and distribution, as well as gambling, prostitution, and human trafficking within Forsyth County. This unit works hand-in-hand with the Major Crimes Unit.



These detectives are assigned county-wide and work wherever they find these illegal activities (listed above). With deputies assigned to the FBI Task Force and US Marshals Office, our Narcotics Unit investigations often expand well beyond Forsyth County lines.



HI-TECH CRIMES

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Hi-Tech Crimes Unit investigates, tracks, and apprehends individuals involved in and participating in cyber-related crimes; including identity theft/ white-collar crime, unauthorized computer access, cyberstalking, online child enticements and exploitation, the possession, distribution, and manufacturing of child pornography, and much more.

The Hi-Tech Crimes Unit is comprised of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Hi-Tech Crimes, Sex Offender Registry, and Crime Scene. ICAC detectives work to safeguard children from sexual predators by investigating crimes involving child exploitation on the internet and track those involved with child pornography. Hi-Tech Crimes detectives investigate the many other cyber-related crimes. The Hi-Tech Crimes investigative teams also conduct forensic examinations of cell phones, computers, and other types of digital media seized in investigations.

White Collar Crimes fall under this unit as well. White-collar investigations include the theft of credit and debit cards used in a fraudulent manner, and forgery of any kind, whether it is documents, checks, or unlawful signing of a name without one's permission.

ICAC UNIT		
CYBER TIPS RECEIVED	40	
SEARCH WARRANTS	49	
CASES CLEARED BY ARREST	5	

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DIGITAL FORENSIC LAB		
CELL PHONES ANALYZED	259	
EXTERNAL ANALYZED	63	
TABLET ANALYZED	19	
HARD DRIVES ANALYZED	35	

VICTIM ADVOCATES

It has been the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office's policy to offer assistance to victims of crimes when responding to a call. However, sometimes deputies have other calls to which they must immediately respond and cannot devote the time that the victim needs. Therefore our Victim Advocates assist victims of crime through the criminal justice system. Further, we know from first-hand experience that victimization does not end with the mere filing a report to law enforcement, so Victim Advocates offer assistance throughout the criminal process.

In 2024, our Victim Advocates made contact with 628 victims, conducted 2 Forensic Interviews, assisted with 204 Temporary Protection Orders, and had 485 follow-ups.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Divisions consists of the School Resource Officer Section, the Community Outreach Section and the Crisis Intervention Response Team

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SECTION

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer section is committed to working closely with the Forsyth County Board of Education and School Safety Department to maximize the safety of our most valuable treasure, our youth. Sheriff Freeman and the Board of Education have developed a plan to staff a minimum of one SRO at each public school campus in Forsyth County. Our School Resource Officers protect nearly 54,000 students and more than 8,000 school staff within 42 school campuses and 7 support facilities. The SRO deputies provide direct services to the schools, including campus safety inspections, classroom presentations, criminal investigations,

2024 SRO SECTION	
LIEUTENANTS	1
SERGEANTS	4
CORPORALS	8
K9 TEAMS	3
DEPUTIES (1, 11, FIRST CLASS, etc.)	42

student and parent conferences, and a variety of other activities, including traditional law enforcement duties and security.

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office School Safety Task Force trains annually for active shooter situations, bomb threats, and other school threat scenarios. In 2023, six dedicated School Threat Investigations Team were created within the section that have the capability to respond to any potential threats made to schools 24/7. Deputies are given full access to school campuses and all of the resources they need to keep our youth safe, and on the path to become our next successful generation.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH SECTION

The Community Outreach Section includes the Volunteer Unit, Community Relations Unit and the Problem Oriented Policing Unit.



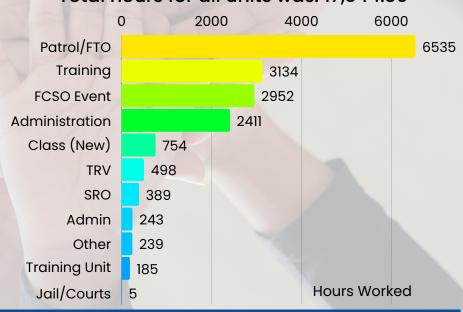


VOLUNTEER UNIT

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is grateful to have numerous volunteers and Reserve Deputies who drop everything to help when called upon. Our volunteers are vital to our day-to-day operations and place a large part in our mission to keep Forsyth safe.

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS	
CERT	131
VECT	49
CHIP	51
ADMIN	54
RESERVE DEPUTIES	11
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SUPPORT UNIT	3
JUDICIAL SECURITY SUPPORT UNIT	25

Total Hours by Event Type for Year 2024 Total hours for all units was: 17,344.36



PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING

The Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Unit was developed to improve strategies that prevent and reduce crime. POP deputies analyze crimes and problem areas within the community and search for

effective solutions. Communication is critical for our POPs team, so they spend a lot of time out in the community talking with citizens and business owners in Forsyth County. The POP Unit also heads up the FCSO Business Watch program.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

The Community Relations Unit is a vital component of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, as they promote safety and education to Forsyth County citizens and businesses. They are responsible for coordinating and delivering special classes and programs to better relationship between community and the Sheriff's Office.

Along with the Community Relations Unit's many classes and programs, they also partner with other organizations throughout the year and attend many community events.



The Community Relations team was able to conduct/attend nearly 200 public relations events. They attended or participated in multiple Neighborhood Watch meetings, Career Days, Touch a Truck, National Faith and Blue Weekend, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and more. They also assisted in organizing various FCSO events including the First Annual Easter Eggstravaganza and the 4th Annual Holiday Hope program. Holiday Hope is a program that focuses on our at-need seniors in the community. Community Relations deputies organized the delivery of a hot holiday meal, additional staple meals and comfort items. In 2024, Holiday Hope served 350 seniors.

It is also the responsibility of the unit to enter traffic complaints, security checks, and vacation checks submitted by citizens. In 2024, they completed 1,743 entries, 1,126 vacation checks, 173 traffic complaints, and 444 extra patrol requests.

The FCSO Community Relations Unit provides many programs and classes. The one's listed on the next page are the most popular classes. If you would like information on any of those, visit our website or email the Community Relations team at SOCommRelations@forthsyco.com



CLASSES & PROGRAMS

CLASSES

Women's Self Defense

Designed to teach women situational awareness by reviewing case studies of previous abductions. Some hands-on training is provided but is limited.

CRASE (Citizens Response to Active Shooter Event)
Intended to teach what to do/not do in the case of an active shooter. The skills taught are to Avoid, Deny and Defend - STAY ALIVE and Survive!

Stranger Danger Educates and empowers children ages 4- 11 with knowledge and skills that will help them be safer from various crimes against children.

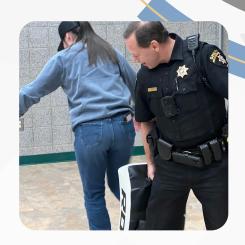


SALT (Seniors and Lawmen Together)

Open to all Forsyth County Senior Citizens and held monthly. Each month features different speakers and different topics pertaining to senior safety.

CLEA (Citizens Law Enforcement Academy)

The program closely follows the actual hands on training that deputies undergo. Topics include constitutional law, conducting traffic stops, judgmental use of force, K9 and S.W.A.T. Demonstrations, ride-a long with deputies, and much more.





TIP (Teen Interception program)

TIP has the sole purpose of saving teen lives by redirecting them to make better choices and live successful lives. This seven-week program includes several vital speakers and trips to a funeral home, the Forsyth County Jail, and a homeless compound in Atlanta.

STOPPED (Sheriff's Telling Our Parents - Promoting Educated Drivers)

If, for any reason, a vehicle is stopped by a deputy while being driven by a teen, a notification letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle (1,702 notifications were sent out in 2024 - 944 Citations and 758 Warnings).

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

It's a critical part of the Forsyth County Sheriffs Office's misslon to effectively communicate with Forsyth County residents & businesses, journalists, and other stakeholders. Primary responsibility for this falls to the External Communications Division. The External Communications Division is led by the Director of Communications, Stacie Miller, who also functions as the Public Information Officer (PIO).

Responsibilities of the Communications Division include maintaining the agency's brand, marketing materials, media releases, social media pages, websites, and all community related events.

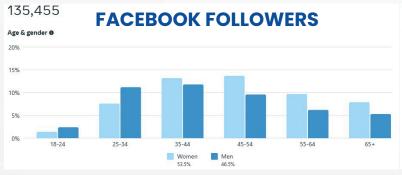
2024 SOCIAL MEDIA RESULTS

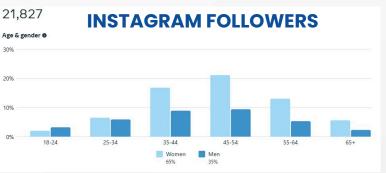
FACEBOOK
135,455
FOLLOWERS
3,340
NEW SUBSCRIBERS
2,078,633 REACHED
913,749 PAGE VISITS

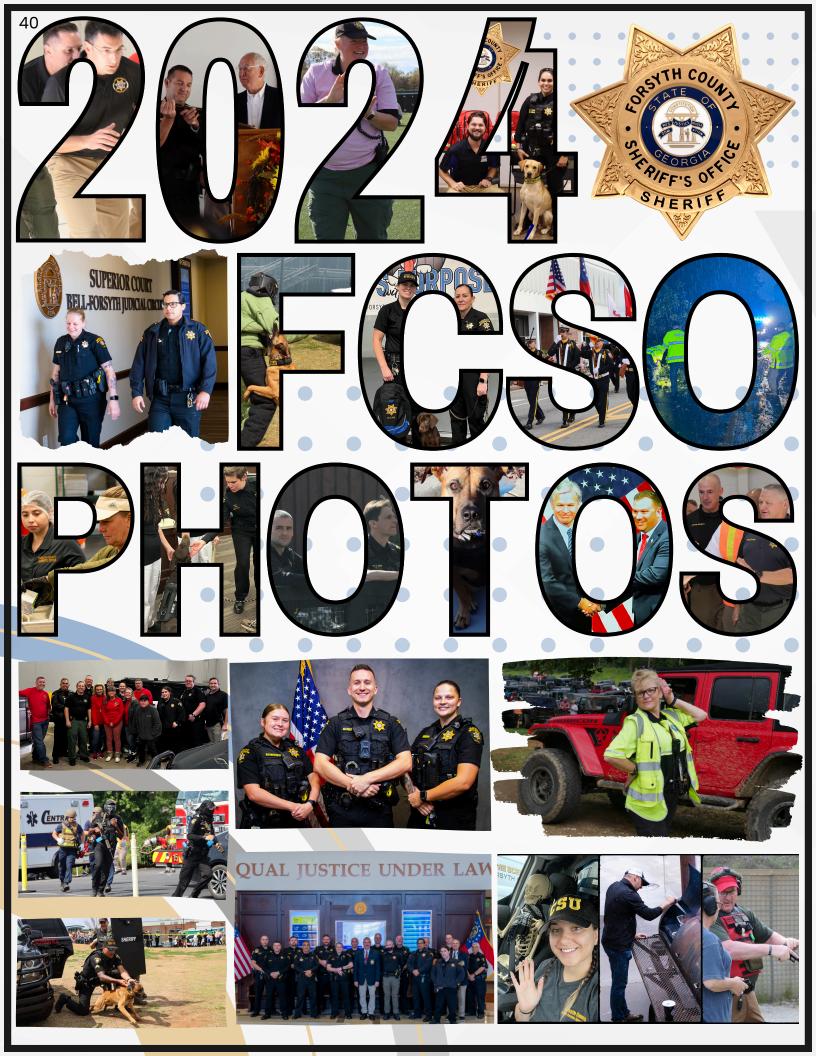
INSTAGRAM
21,827
FOLLOWERS
1,119
NEW SUBSCRIBERS
93,639 REACHED
32,080 PAGE VISITS

REACH: The sum of users who had FCSO's post enter their screen.

Social Media continues to be a predominant platform for FCSO to connect with Forsyth County citizens, allowing us to build better relationships with our community through stories and engagement. FCSO currently utilizes Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube to encourage the citizens of Forsyth County to follow the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office on our Social Media pages to stay informed and better stay connected with us.







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