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## YEAR END RECOGNITION

### *PROMOTION & AWARDS CEREMONY*



The 4th Annual Newport News Sheriff's Office Promotion and Awards Ceremony was held Thursday, December 10, 2009. The Sheriff's Office publicly congratulates its sworn personnel, civilian personnel and volunteers from their individual accomplishments that occurred over the course of the year.

Robert Coleman and Cornell Thomas were recognized for their recent promotions. They were both promoted to Captain, effective December 1st.

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## THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS IS PRICELESS

There are some 140 people who volunteer in one capacity or another at the Newport News City Jail or Newport News Adult Detention Center (a.k.a. Jail Annex). Without their services, many programs aimed at rehabilitating and educating inmates would not exist.

It is difficult to measure a compassionate heart. But in an effort to do just that, the Sheriff's Office tracks volunteer hours.

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Iria "Evangelist" Walker, foreground, reacts to learning that she was selected "Volunteer of the Year, 2009."

# BIRTHDAYS

## JANUARY

Dep. A. Knapper	Dep. C. Holmes
Sgt. D. Sullivan	Dep. T. Appleby
V. White, Procurement	S. Holloman, Med. Asst.
MDep. T. Jones	B. Charity, Admin. Asst.
Sgt. P. Preyer	Dep. S. Summerford
<b>Col. Leroy Johnson, Jr.</b>	Dep. A. Ireland
Dep. S. Bailey	Dep. A. Fuller

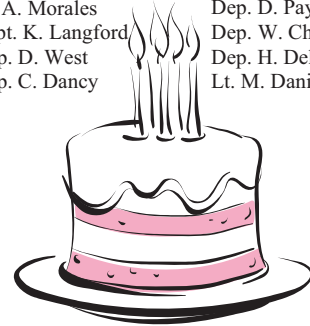


## FEBRUARY

Dep. M. Jones	Dep. J. Barham
Dep. M. Smith	Dep. K. Roberts
Dep. M. Henry	Dep. A. Nutt
Dep. K. Berends	Capt. R. Coleman
Dep. T. Washington	Cpl. D. Wright
MDep. J. Hostetler	Dep. B. Brown

## MARCH

Dep. T. Brovard	Sgt. J. Reisinger
Sgt. D. Clinard	Dep. T. Davis
Dep. R. Solomon	Cindylou Young, LIDS
Dep. K. Miles	Dep. R. Forrest
MDep. S. Chapman	Sgt. F. Hubbard
Dep. E. Rocha	Dep. V. Kelly
Lt. A. Morales	Dep. D. Payne
Capt. K. Langford	Dep. W. Churchill
Dep. D. West	Dep. H. Delgado
Dep. C. Dancy	Lt. M. Daniels



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth:

- ★ Dep. Carolyn Daniels welcomed a granddaughter on November 5. Perrish Dianne weighed 7 lbs and 14 oz and measured 20 inches.
- ★ Sgt. Patricia Preyer welcomed her first grandbaby. Sanaie Gibson was born December 1st. She weighed 7 lbs and 11 oz and measured 20 inches.
- ★ Dep. A. Pinkney and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl born on December 30. She weighed 6 lbs 3 oz and measured 19.5 inches.

Married:

- MDep. J.J. Hostetler quietly wed his girl Charly on October 31st and made a public announcement about the happy occasion at the Annual NNSO Holiday Party.

Retirement:

- Sgt. Frank Broadwater retired effective October 1, 2009. He began his career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in October of 2001.
- Dep. M. Trimiari retired effective November 1 after starting his career with the NNSO in 1995.
- Sgt. J. Rankins retired effective the 1st of November. He began his career with the NNSO in September of 1997.
- Captain Terry Moore retired effective December 1, 2009. He proudly served the Newport News Sheriff's Office since January 1, 1988.

Anniversary:

**5 year:** MDep. C. Woodhouse 10/04; Dep. S. Summerford 12/04  
**15 year:** Lt. A. Morales 10/94

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Employee of the 4th Quarter 2009, Sgt. Leslye Mebane, Training
- Dep. A. Penn, **B-Rotation**, Monthly Recognition, December



## Congrats Graduates!!



Major Jeffrey Vergakis was one of the eighteen local and state law enforcement supervisors from across the Commonwealth who graduated from the National Criminal Justice Command College (NCJCC) on

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. The graduation ceremony took place in the Old House Chamber at the

Virginia State Capitol.

Unique to Virginia, the NCJCC training program was established in July 2005 and is co-sponsored by the University of Virginia's School of Continuing and Professional Studies and Virginia State Police.

Each graduate earned 15 hours of college credit from the University of Virginia, as well as enhanced their professional skills and knowledge.

NCJCC offers a collective public and private policing training curriculum that focuses on leadership, management issues, forensic science, collaboration and negotiation, and legal issues and the law.



December 9, 2009 was a day of celebration for four new deputy sheriffs with the Newport News Sheriff's Office. They graduated from the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy Basic Combined Jailor, Court Security & Civil Process School. Pictured left to right: J. Owens, A. Ireland, C. Kasongo and D. Payne.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deputy. S. Bailey for graduating November 19, 2009 from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLE). He completed 17 weeks of intense classroom and practical training for police officers and deputy sheriffs who perform police functions. BLE is a continuation of the Corrections Academy. By completing BLE, Deputy Bailey has demonstrated his professional development.





## CEREMONY

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Captain Coleman began his career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in 1996. He has been a shift commander in corrections and court security. Now he is the Inmate Services Commander and supervises Classification and Records, and Medical Services.



Collar brass is pinned on Captain Rob Coleman by his wife and Sheriff Morgan.

Captain Thomas has over 15-years in law enforcement, and that does not include his Air Force career. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for a decade. Thomas is now the Jail Annex Administrator. That facility, dedicated in December of 2008, is a rehabilitative correctional center offering a wide array of inmate programs aimed at helping offenders transition back into the community upon release.

In addition to the captain promotions, the ceremony

recognized three new sergeants. L.M. Chandler, D.K. Clinard and J.P. Reisinger were each promoted to Sergeant, effective November 15th. They have a combined 20-years with the Newport News Sheriff's Office.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office subscribes to the concept of the Master Deputy Career Development Program, which encourages professional growth. Ten men and women were appointed to the rank of Master Deputy since January of this year. They were called one-by-one at the Promotion and Awards Ceremony to come forward and receive accolades for their achievements. They are: C.P. Bannon, S.D. Boothe-Hardy, P.A. Chapman, Jr.; S.L. Chapman, W.G. Churchill, J.J. Hostetler, K.W. Jackson, E.D. Morales, S.M. Sheridan, and C.Q. Woodhouse.

Lieutenant Kathleen Carey was presented with the Sheriff's Medal commending her meritorious performance of duty as the Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer.

The Sheriff's Office "Volunteer of the Year" received the Citizen Service Medal. For the year, Iria "Evangelist" Walker amassed over 300 volunteer hours at the Newport News City Jail.

Other recognitions included Sgt. C.M. Zanders, Deputy of the Year 2008; Cpl. W. Robinson, Employee of the 1st Quarter; S.R. Whitson, Employee of the 2nd Quarter; and Sgt. F. Broadwater, Employee of the 3rd Quarter.

And the Group Achievement Award was given to seventeen individuals who made up the Jail Management System (JMS) Implementation Team: Maj. Jeffrey Vergakis, Capt. Robert Coleman, Sgt. R. Summerford, Lt. G.F. Grogan, St. R. Touchstone, Sgt. F.L. Hubbard, Sgt. C.A. Wilberg, Cpl. C.T. Zanders, Nurse S.D. Leonard, Lt. Col. Eileen Sprinkle, Capt. Janie Vergakis, Lt. M. Moore, Sgt. P.A. Preyer, Dep. C.R. Agee, Gloria Johnson, Wanda Sigler, and Cindylou Young.



Mayor Joe Frank, always supportive of the Newport News Sheriff's Office, was Keynote Speaker. Sheriff Morgan also presented Frank with an award of appreciation.



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

As we start a new year and people make resolutions, let us meditate on Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is dead, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord". You may ask what this Bible verse and a new year have to do with each other. They both have to do with time: A year - 12 months, the verse - eternity.

How can we get eternal life through Christ Jesus? 1 John 5:11 says: "And this is

the testimony God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has eternal life; he who does not have the son of God does not have life". Do you have eternal life? Think about this verse to make a new resolution that will count forever.

Have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

*Omayra Pinos*

**VOLUNTEERS** *(continued from page 1)*  
Nearly 6,820 hours were logged in 2008. Calculated at a rate of \$16 per hour, volunteers saved taxpayers \$109,120.



As a way of saying "Thank You" to the volunteers, the Sheriff's Office celebrates with an appreciation dinner each year. It was held October 15 at the Omni Hotel. Delegate Glenn Oder was the Keynote Speaker.

**FLOWER FUND**

Become a Member for only \$12 a year.

A death in the family is difficult. Help ease that sorrow.

A gift of flowers shows your colleagues that you care.

Please give your \$12 to Lt. S. Whitfield or Sgt. C. Zanders.

**Thank you for your participation.**



## HOLIDAY PARTY FULL OF MERRIMENT



2009 ended with the  
**3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!**  
This year it was held at the Point  
Plaza in Newport News. The evening  
included a DJ and a live band.



**The Ladies of the Newport News  
Sheriff's Office trade-in their Class-B's  
for CLASSY!**



Brian and Stacie Finney get cozy at  
the NNSO Holiday Party.



Entertainment provided by the  
"Spice of Life Band" featuring  
DJ Gator Allmond



Kicken' it on the dance floor!

# FLASH BACK



# To EVENTS

### GO GIRL!!!

Mother and daughter cheer together at Phoebus High School homecoming game.

Below: Deputy Vermel Kelly (alumni cheerleader '90-'92) and daughter, Iris. October 16th game held at Darling Stadium, Hampton.



The Newport News Sheriff's Office took home the 2nd Place Trophy for BEST Car in the Christ United Methodist Church Annual Car Show, held October 3rd. — And we weren't even officially registered to compete.

**They just liked us that much!!!**



Mrs. Claus and Col. Leroy Johnson, Jr. at the December 9th Yuletide Luncheon. Johnson, Lt. Jerri Smith, CRO Vickie Gaffney and nine deputy recruits helped serve 350 senior citizens a traditional holiday meal.



# SHERIFF'S Last Word

December 2009 not only closed out the year, but it also brought an end to a decade. Newsreels include highlights from the last ten years.

As the year comes to an end, I cannot help but reflect on the progress of the Newport News Sheriff's Office. In 2006, the inmate occupation level at the Newport News City Jail hit dangerous levels. At one point, it (the daily inmate population) topped 800. The overcrowding was referred to by National Institute of Corrections (NIC) representatives as a "ticking time bomb."

I do not shy from public scrutiny, and in the case of jail crowding I sought media coverage as a way to draw attention to a matter that demanded a solution.

I am happy to report that in 2009, that same building held an average of 450 inmates. That number does not include the 90 or so housed at the Adult Detention facility (a.k.a. Jail Annex) which opened in 2008 as a rehabilitative correctional center.

Deputy safety and inmate safety have greatly improved as a result of the significant reduction in crowding.

I am especially proud of the mission of the Jail Annex. We have made it a priority to assist in the rehabilitation of inmates thereby reducing the rates of recidivism. It only makes sense to help men and

women acquire the tools they'll need to be successful on the outside. They will be less likely to re-offend. That means, ultimately, less crime will be committed in the City of Newport News.

One of the efforts at the annex is the GED program. This year, we had a 65% pass rate. A total



of 31 inmates earned their GED, the equivalent to a high school diploma.

Under education is a leading factor in the commission of a crime. I believe we are assisting these men and women in a big way by offering them a chance to earn their GED.

Thank you to Dr. Ashby Kilgore, Superintendent of Newport News Public Schools for her collaboration and support.

I also wish to express a debt of gratitude to Ms. Nancy Redd, the adult and continuing education teacher. Without the expert instruction of Ms. Redd, the GED program at the jail would truly suffer.

In order to spark the interest

of inmates to earn their GED, the Newport News Sheriff's Office revamped the program. We began to offer a graduation ceremony as incentive. Part of that ceremony includes inviting their loved ones.

Graduations have been filled with emotion. We have seen fathers holding their babies for the first time; mothers hugging their sons and daughters; sisters greeting sisters; family members on the outside get the encouragement they need to earn their own GED.

Our commencement speakers have included Barbara Ciara of NewsChannel 3; Reverend Dr. Jerome Barber, 6th Mount Zion Baptist Temple of Hampton; and Howard Gwynn, Newport News Commonwealth Attorney.

In addition, we established a Work Release program providing employment for qualified inmates. That job means earned wages to pay down fines, pay taxes, and contribute to family expenses including child support. Perhaps most importantly, these are their jobs to keep upon release, making them less likely to re-offend.

As we embark on 2010, you have my solemn promise that I am committed to making a difference.

Sincerely,

Gabriel A. Morgan  
Sheriff, City of Newport News