

The Academy Connection

Where South Carolina Law Enforcement Training is Defined

SOUTH CAROLINA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Director's Message	2
Traffic Safety News	2
Student Award Winners	3
Training News	4
Employee News	5



Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

I have the good fortune of attending most of the South Carolina professional law enforcement association conferences and a couple of national conferences where I get to hear the opinions of others. I have come to the conclusion that for the most part we are all on the same sheet of music. While these conferences seem to some like big vacation trips, they are packed with exceptional training opportunities, networking and idea exchanges. Many of the changes we have implemented over the past several years have been promulgated through suggestions from Sheriffs, Chiefs and Training Officers who attend these conferences. The sharing of ideas is one of the most productive things we can do as a profession.

Some folks think that position gives them proprietary rights over meaningful ideas, but we have proven that not to be true here at the Academy. Some of the best operational ideas come from my staff and our students. Policy is dictated by the Training Council, but the most produc-

tive ideas, in my opinion, come from casual conversation with the people doing the work, both here and in the field. I will often wander around our campus and talk with the staff and students. I try to encourage them to be candid but constructive. I have learned that if you ask them, you will get a new perspective as to what the problems are as well as possible solutions. I wish I could take credit for all of the successes we have had but most of it goes to the people closest to the problem. Thank you all for sharing your ideas.

We are in the process now of actively seeking CALEA Accreditation. Major Florence McCants has happily accepted the task to manage this costly and time consuming process, so I encourage the entire staff to work with her, and, if we are fortunate and productive we may enjoy the prestige of being nationally accredited once again. Much of the groundwork has already been done by Major McCants so we should be successful without very many



delays.

Well done once again to Hal Volin who has gotten our training onto our server and accessible to the staff. He is still working to perfect the process but his progress has been amazing given his budget. Good Job Hal! Missy Collins has taken the reigns in registration and implemented some impressive changes in the process. She has developed a process where the field can preload candidates and all that will be needed will be verification of documentation and criminal history through the Live Scan. This will shorten the process

Continued on Page 2

Director's Message Continued

tremendously and cut down on the paperwork required to register a candidate. Thank God for smart people who are willing to employ their talents to improve our registration and training processes.

Finally, we have buried and sealed our time capsule which will be opened in 25 years. I hope most of you will still be around and will be there to witness the opening. The purpose of the capsule is to preserve some of our history and explain how the Village came to be here. We shared many of our historical documents and pictures, so most of our staff will be well represented. The opening will be

June 15, 2036. We, as a staff, have a great deal to be proud of. All we can really expect in return for our hard work is the respect of the people we serve. From all I have been told, we have earned that respect and we have contributed greatly to the law enforcement profession and the citizens of

the State of South Carolina. "This is Your Academy".



A Note From: The Traffic Safety Unit

With the addition of SFST and Datamaster DMT classes in the new 12 week basic training curriculum, it will be necessary to ask the field to assist us with volunteer drinkers. I believe this training will assist officers in not only DUI detection, but also help officers to recognize when subjects are impaired. This can make a huge difference in what approach an officer will take when handling various situations. We need approximately 250 volunteers per year. I know this sounds like a lot but that is less than one percent of South Carolina's police population. If you can be of assistance or have any questions please contact Michael Brantley of the Traffic Safety Unit at (803)896-7791 jmbrantley@sccja.sc.gov or Dale Smith at (803) 896-5556 desmith@sccja.sc.gov.

Below you will find a list of dates we need volunteers. We can provide rooms to any volunteer who will need to travel and stay overnight. Alcohol and meals are provided for all volunteers; however, if they desire to bring their own alcohol that is permitted.

Dates for BLE Drinking Lab 2012-2013

- April 10 & 11, 2013
- May 1 & 2, 2013
- May 22 & 23, 2013
- June 12 & 13, 2013



**JP Strom Award Winners
January—March 2013**



BLE 594
Ivan J. Birochak
Columbia Police Department



BLE 595
David S. Bland
Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office



BLE 596
Thomas R. Shay
Horry County Police Department



BLE 597
Christopher E. Wycoff
Charleston Police Department

**Bert Friday Award Winners
January—March 2013**



BJ 324
Andrew R. Patterson
York County Detention Center



BJ 325
Joseph T. Stromeyer
Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B599	February 18—May 10, 2013
B600	March 11—May 31, 2013
B601	April 1— June 21, 2013
B602	April 22— July 19, 2013
B603	May 13—August 9, 2013
B604	Cancelled
B605	June 24—September 20, 2013

Limited Duty May 20—30, 2013

Basic Jail Classes

BJ 327	April 29—May 17, 2013
BJ 328	June 10— 28, 2013
BJ 329	July 8—26, 2013

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTOT 175	April 29—May 10, 2013
BTOT 176	June 10—21, 2013
BTOT 177	July 8—19, 2013

**The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
Traffic Safety Officer Conference
August 5-7, 2013**

**More information to come....Stay tuned to our website
www.sccja.sc.gov**

**If you have questions please contact Keely Zike at 803-896-7749 or
Mike Flitter at 803-896-7718.**



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



For the third year staff from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy participated in the St. Baldrick's Event on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The event took place at Jillian's located at 800 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The St. Baldrick's event focuses on volunteers who shave their heads as a symbol of standing in solidarity with children who have cancer.

Those who participated were Scott Franklin, his son Gabe Franklin (pictured above), and Mike Baker.

Welcome Our New Employees



Michelle Rice
Instructor



Jonathan Stevens
Housing