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A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM



The primary mission of the MCSO is public safety. We spend countless hours examining local crime trends, analysis, and formulating strategies to combat criminal activity, ensuring arrests for offenders and developing plans to deter future crime. Our presence in the community, in neighborhoods, commercial and business areas is important to maintaining public confidence and trust. In the past several years we have increased the number of patrol deputies in order to achieve this goal. Planning is a never-ending process, with constant changes in operations in response to the fluctuation of criminal movement. One such initiative, the Metro Area Crime Suppression Unit (MACS), a cooperative effort of the Alabama Attorney General's Office, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Montgomery Police Department and the MCSO continues to target violent offenders in Montgomery County.

In February, while working on an enforcement detail in Montgomery, the MACS Unit was serving a felony warrant by taking a violent offender for armed robbery into custody. The suspect fled from the officers and opened fire on several MACS members, striking a special agent assigned to ALEA's SWAT Team. The special agent was transported to a local hospital for treatment for his gunshot wounds and is progressing well in his recovery and is expected to return to duty in the future. The suspect who opened fire on the officers did not survive. Our law enforcement community is grateful for the outpouring of prayers and concern for the injured ALEA special agent. How blessed we are as a nation, and a community, to have those willing to step into harm's way to keep others safe. The mission continues without delay.

Another important criminal apprehension task force was recently implemented, Operation Southern Star, involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery Police Department, U. S. Bureau

of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Secret Service, U. S. Department of Justice, Alabama Attorney General's Office, Alabama Department of Corrections, and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. The staffing, technology, planning and implementation used with this collaborative effort were phenomenal in utilizing the strengths and individual expertise of these combined agencies. The intelligence analysts, tactical specialists and digital forensic examiners enhanced the law enforcement officers in the field, adding to the success of the operation. Operation Southern Star produced 63 arrests, 52 recovered firearms, 40 drug seizures, 7 search warrants and over \$10,000 in seized currency. Other collective agency initiatives will be undertaken in the future. These concerted law enforcement programs are very productive and lead to another major milestone in Montgomery County law enforcement, the Criminal Intelligence Center.

In the past year we have seen tremendous progress on a project that the MCSO started over two years ago. The MCSO Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) was implemented in the fall of 2024, with a closed-circuit television system center that provided MCSO personnel with the ability to monitor cameras throughout Montgomery County, allowing them to track criminal movement, identify traffic concerns, and assist law enforcement in the field. The RTCC focused on computer-aided dispatch, monitoring inter-agency multiple police radio systems, various data sources, analyzing incoming crime data to identify potential criminal activity, incidents and threats, utilizing advanced software and technology tools to assist in identify locations to implement the necessary law enforcement response. We added two crime analyst positions soon after the RTCC started. With the implementation of the crime analysts, we witnessed the invaluable tool it represents. Due to its overwhelming success, we soon found the need to expand operations as our center was growing. It was my vision to further expand the RTCC to remain current with technological advances in order to continue to serve local law enforcement and enhance public safety.

Last year, the MCSO was fortunate, through the Montgomery County Commission, to acquire the Carnegie Building located at 131 South Perry St., next door to the MCSO administrative offices. The building was previously used by the Montgomery County Appraisal Department, which relocated to another location. This provided a great opportunity for the MCSO to expand the RTCC. The Carnegie Building and grounds were in great need of significant repairs. Through many decades, the large trees on the property had overrun the building and were causing problems with the structure. We removed the hazardous trees, debris, and repaired the rain irrigation system on the outside of the building.

The inside required the eradication of mold, removal of large filing systems, wall and flooring repairs and replacement, renovations to restrooms, wall replacements and painting, the creation of office and meeting rooms, and most importantly the expansion of the MCSO Overwatch room, which is replacing the RTCC. We also made necessary improvements to the building in order to expand operations in the way of electronics, fiber network, and a (future) power generator to the facility in cases of the loss of electricity to the building. The expansion of this operation required a new name, the Criminal Intelligence Center (CIC). I was most honored recently by the Montgomery County Commission when they passed a proclamation naming it the "Sheriff Derrick Cunningham Criminal Intelligence Center."





Sheriff Derrick Cunningham Criminal Intelligence Center

The growth of our operations will place critical elements under one roof. The CIC will house an expanded and comprehensive Overwatch system, allowing analysts the capability of viewing more cameras/screens at one time in a larger setting. The expanded room will permit crime analysts to be closer to those monitoring the camera system, exchanging information. Furthermore, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is providing two dispatchers to coordinate with MCSO communications and the MACS Unit which will speed the flow of information between Overwatch, crime analysts and law enforcement in the field. ALEA is also providing a digital forensic expert technician for scientific recovery, examination and preservation of digital evidence from computers, mobile devices, IoT (Internet of Things devices, like smart home systems, wearables, and connected cars) for forensic examinations in criminal investigations.

We are moving our National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) operations to the CIC in order to streamline services to the many law enforcement agencies in central Alabama that depend on our support. The NIBIN lab will be on site, along with our outstanding Crime Gun Analyst, Ms. Carrie Shaner, who will be working closely with our law enforcement partners to provide critical ballistic evidence findings, analysis and courtroom testimony.

Another addition to the CIC is the federal task force offices. The MCSO has several deputies assigned to federal law enforcement task forces. We are providing state, local and federal law enforcement task force agents office space in close proximity to the Overwatch center and crime analysts in order to assist them in conducting criminal investigations, share information, and utilize the valuable resources at the CIC. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S Drug Enforcement Administration, U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the U. S. Marshals Service are presently utilizing the facility.

Plans are underway to incorporate a unit within the CIC to investigate sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and child sexual exploitation. This will combine several resources to rescue victims and prosecute offenders, often working on cases involving online enticement and trafficking. This is a great force multiplier in the fight to protect our children and bring dangerous predators to justice. We look forward to other law enforcement task force partners joining us in the CIC in the future.

In January a press conference was held in front of the CIC to discuss the funding of law enforcement. The Alabama County Commissioners Association Executive Director Sonny Brasfield discussed an important revenue source, the “Simplified Sellers Use Tax” that funds important law enforcement operations. This revenue is generated from online sales. There has been some discussion on the distribution of these funds. A lawsuit was filed earlier this year from several Alabama cities but was later dropped in order to pursue a legislative solution regarding the distribution of the \$850 million-dollar annual revenue. It is my hope that a reasonable resolution is found that will not negatively impact county law enforcement funding in the future.

This quarter we held a ceremony for members of the MCSO who have worked very hard to obtain certification in two professional fields, Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Drone Pilot Certification, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) certification. Both of these certifications require a lengthy process of classroom instruction, study, evaluation, and rigorous testing. These assignments are very important in response to serious incidents. SWAT, drone operators and hostage negotiations work closely together in order to obtain a peaceful resolution to these calls. We also graduated the first MCSO Jail Management course for 2026. It was the largest class we have held thus far, reflecting the importance of this training and the value it has for agencies operating a jail or detention facility.



Alabama County Commissioner's Association press conference. (L-R) ACCA President Miles Robinson, Chairman Doug Singleton, ACCA Executive Director Sonny Brasfield, Alabama Sheriff's Association Executive Director Huey "Hoss" Mack and Sheriff Derrick Cunningham. ---- Deputies Receive FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot Certification (L-R) Corporal Carl Andrews, Deputy Richard Littlefield, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Deputy David Shirah and Deputy Reshard Holloway. ---- Sheriff Cunningham presents Lieutenant James Pouncey with his SWAT Certification. ---- MCSO Jail Management Class 2026 A Graduation

Recently I had the honor to be the keynote speaker at the 2026 Alabama Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Scholarship Gala held in Huntsville, Alabama. NOBLE is a worthwhile organization that does a tremendous amount of community work and charitable giving. The gala was able to raise enough funds this year to award 10 lucky scholarship recipients. Applications are open for NOBLE scholarships until Friday, April 17, 2026. For more information and to apply, you may visit www.alabamanoblechapter.org.



Sheriff Cunningham, keynote speaker for the 2026 Alabama Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Scholarship Gala, Huntsville, AL.

NOBLE Scholarship Gala (L-R) Sergeant Marshawn Garner, Lieutenant Anthony Boykin, Sergeant Brian Fullard, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Lieutenant Juan Jerry, Corporal Kofee Anderson and Captain Fredrick Johnson.

Finally, it has been quite an eventful time for me recently, both personally and professionally. I was attending the National Sheriff's Association Annual Winter Conference in Washington D.C. in late January when it was announced that I had received the NSA Ferris E. Lucas Sheriff of the Year award for 2026. This award recognizes "a sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and the criminal justice profession, demonstrates exceptional service to their community, and has contributed to the betterment of the National Sheriff's Association."

I was quite surprised when I received the news. I was humbled by the reaction of my community, state and local officials acknowledging my receiving of the award. I am grateful to Governor Kay Ivey for her proclamation, the proclamation



Montgomery Regional Chamber President & CEO Anna Buckalew presents Sheriff Cunningham with a resolution honoring him for being chosen the 2026 National Sheriff's Association Sheriff of the Year.



Alabama State Capitol - Governor's Office

Sheriff Cunningham receives a proclamation from Governor Kay Ivey for the 2026 National Sheriff's Association of the Year Award.

(L-R) Chief Deputy Kevin Murphy, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Governor Kay Ivey, ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor, Assistant Chief Deputy Wesley Richerson



Alabama Statehouse - House of Representatives

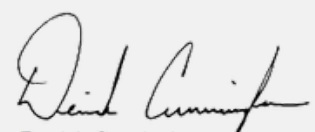
Sheriff Cunningham receives a proclamation from the Alabama House of Representatives recognizing him as the 2026 National Sheriff's Association Sheriff of the Year.

(L-R) Rep. Kelvin Lawrence, Chief Deputy Kevin Murphy, Rep. Patrice McClammy, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, Rep. Reed Ingram, Rep. Tashina Morris, Rep. Kenyatte' Hassell and Assistant Chief Wesley Richerson.

from the Alabama House of Representatives, Rep. Kelvin Lawrence, Rep. Patrice McClammy, Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, Rep. Reed Ingram, Rep. Tashina Morris, and Rep. Kenyatté Hassell, a resolution from the Montgomery County Commissioners, Daniel Harris, Jr., Carmen Moore-Ziegler, Justin M. Castanza, Isiah Sankey, and Doug Singleton, a resolution from the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Robert W. Birmingham and President & CEO Anna B. Buckalew, and from the City of Montgomery, a proclamation from Mayor Steven L. Reed, Montgomery City Council members Cornelius "CC" Calhoun, Glen O. Pruitt, Ed Grimes, Julie Turner Beard, Marche Johnson, Franetta Delayne Riley, Oronde K. Mitchell, Andrew Szymanski, and Charles W. Jinright.

I am grateful to all the expressions of congratulations and want every citizen to know, as I said to all of these groups, I give credit to the men and women of the MCSO, their hard work and dedication in serving our community and making our agency shine every day. I do not do this alone and am very appreciative of the wonderful members of our organization that give it their all in serving the citizens of Montgomery County. We are truly blessed to be public servants in a community that offers great support in our mission!

In Your Service,


Derrick Cunningham
Sheriff

FROM ACJIC TO TODAY: THE EVOLUTION OF ALABAMA'S JUSTICE INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Alabama Justice Information Commission, originally known as the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission, was created by the State Legislature in 1975 to establish, develop and operate a Center and computer information system for the interstate and intrastate accumulation, storage, retrieval, analysis and dissemination of vital information relating to certain crimes, criminals and criminal activity.

In 2015 with the creation of ALEA, the Center was merged into ALEA as the SBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division (SBI CJIS). The Commission continues today as an independent body to establish rules and policies to govern the use of criminal justice and public safety information within the State of Alabama. SBI CJIS performs the operational mandates of the Commission. The Commission meets every quarter and is comprised of the following 13 voting members and 7 advisory members:

Voting Members:

Alabama Attorney General
Secretary of Law Enforcement
Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Director, Bureau of Pardons and Paroles
President, Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police
President, Alabama Sheriffs' Association
Director, ADECA Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division
Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court
President, Alabama Circuit Judges' Association
President, Alabama District Judges' Association
President, Alabama District Attorney's Association
President, Alabama Circuit Clerks' Association
Secretary of Information Technology
President, Probate Judges Association
President, Municipal Judges Association



Advisory Members:

President Pro Tempore, Alabama Senate
Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives
Administrative Director of Courts
Executive Director, Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
President, Association of County Commissions of Alabama
President, Alabama League of Municipalities
A citizen of the State of Alabama, appointed by the Governor

Sheriff Cunningham is the AJIC representative from the Alabama Sheriff's Association and has served on the board for 6 years, the last 2 as the chairman.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND LEARNING: HOW EDUCATION IMPACTS YOUTH RECIDIVISM

Education for incarcerated juveniles is critical for reducing recidivism, increasing post-release employment by 13%, and improving long-term success. It addresses unmet educational needs, as many detained youths fall behind grade level, and helps prevent the 23-41% increased likelihood of adult incarceration. Effective programs foster rehabilitation over punishment, boosting self-concept and providing necessary skills for successful societal reintegration. With that in mind, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Division is concerned with the overall wellbeing of justice-involved youth. This includes providing the same learning opportunities afforded for them while they are enrolled in their local school districts.

One specialized area of need for justice-involved students is in their transition back to traditional school. The transitional period for juveniles from one educational setting to another can set the tone for their educational progress. This need is somewhat paradoxical: on the one hand, they need to be in school as much as possible because of how much learning they have lost, court and probation obligations shouldn't further inhibit their learning. On the other hand, they need extensive support as they return to standard classrooms so that they aren't immediately removed, which might require a slower transition from the alternative environment to the traditional one.

Education can reduce recidivism when it's empowered by social institutions that desire to positively influence the lives of justice-involved youth. There are five key ways that education can become better equipped to serve justice-involved youth.

School districts must effectively transition justice-involved youth back into the traditional classroom. Every secondary school should have a team of teachers, administrators and staff dedicated to students returning from incarceration or alternative school. Justice-involved students with extended absences from traditional schools should be phased back into the classroom to limit behavioral issues that result in additional absences. All justice-involved students should receive additional academic support, and school districts should establish lines of communication with juvenile court systems to ensure that they do not miss out on necessary learning or enrichment.

Juvenile incarceration facilities and alternative schools for juvenile offenders must teach rigorous content. A rigorous education for justice-involved youth who are incarcerated or suspended is necessary to ensure an effective transition back to traditional school. A partnership of school districts and juvenile courts should establish long-term and short-term alternative placement schools to avoid logistical challenges that lead to monotonous, ineffective learning opportunities. School districts must empower teachers in these schools to teach content that is instructionally equivalent to the traditional environment.

Parents must invest in their children's education. Families bear primary responsibility for raising children. As such, parents should be involved in their children's academic lives. This includes attending parent-teacher conferences, school board meetings and school events.

Parents should also seek information and resources available at schools when they need additional support. If their child becomes justice-involved, parents should advocate for their child's continued education and should petition schools to support their student's transition back to the classroom. Additionally, parents should encourage their children to participate in enriching after-school activities that increase the amount of time they are supervised by caring adults.

Communities should provide wraparound services to families and justice-involved youth. Nonprofits, businesses and houses of faith should invest financially in community schools through donations, scholarships and job opportunities for students and parents. Individuals must support efforts to adequately fund schools by using their own resources when possible, and especially by voting in local elections.

Schools must make space for supporting justice-involved youth. Nonprofit employees, social workers, counselors, business owners, mentors, faith representatives and parents should be familiar faces to justice-involved youth. These students should not have to venture outside their schools to find resources that meet their academic, financial and therapeutic needs. When possible, community representatives should be given physical space within public schools. Social workers should have in-school food pantries. Counselors, mentors and faith representatives should have, when appropriate, dedicated time and space to meet with justice-involved students in school. Businesses should be invited to host job fairs. Parents should be regularly invited to school events and welcomed by teachers, administrators and staff.



With these key factors in mind, we are proud to announce that the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Montgomery Public Schools, through the Alabama Department of Education to provide quality education for juveniles within our custody, by establishing Specialized Treatment Centers (STC) within the Adult and Juvenile Detention Centers.

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) requires specialized treatment centers (STCs) serving students in grades P-12 to obtain an Educational Endorsement of Operation to receive Education Trust Fund funding. These centers provide residential or non-residential care for students with behavioral, mental health, or special needs, with over 60 STCs operating across the state in coordination with local education agencies.

The caveat to these programs includes the use of Crome Books for Credit Recovery, GED Preparations, as well as job readiness online training programs. All programming and instruction is led by highly qualified certified teachers, licensed mental health professionals, licensed social workers, as well as special education programming.

If schools realize their capacity to uplift justice-involved youth, and their capacity to host institutions and individuals who do the same, youth recidivism can be reduced. Importantly, schools cannot realize this capacity without involvement from other social institutions that can support youth as they enter and leave the justice system. The future is ripe with opportunity for communities that forge multi-institutional partnerships. In these communities, justice-involved youth can't possibly reoffend, all their time is spent learning at school, socializing in extracurriculars and developing nurturing relationships with parents, teachers, coaches, counselors and mentors.

*Dr. Scott Holmes, LPC-S, MAC, ICAADC
Montgomery Sheriff's Office
Juvenile Detention Director*

NEW FEMALE INMATE IGNITE PROGRAM

The MCSO program Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education (I.G.N.I.T.E.) began in 2024. The purpose of this program is to effect a positive change in the lives of incarcerated individuals. A detention facility is a unique environment. Most of the inmates housed are pre-trial detainees, along with some county sentenced prisoners. Those awaiting trial are considered innocent in the eyes of the law. The MCDF IGNITE program has classes on financial literacy, job readiness, OSHA training, Servesafe (a food handlers' program), parenting classes, CDL, and a variety of adult enrichment classes.



Our agency is pleased to announce a new IGNITE program for female inmates. The female inmate classes have expanded with the dedicated help of Corporal Shekvia Daniels. Corporal Daniels has been assigned to the female IGNITE program that has resulted in building trade skills and self-esteem with the female inmates. Corporal Daniels has formal training in the sewing and knitting trades and has been instrumental in expanding our education curriculum with IGNITE. Female inmates receiving training and instruction on sewing methods and procedures. This has resulted in a twofold benefit for the MCDF; training for the female inmates and a significant cost savings for Montgomery County.

Female inmates have been trained and equipped to work on inmate uniforms, replace snaps and repair seams and torn garments. They have also made several custom clothing items. Not only does this provide a trade skill to the female inmates but also saves the MCSO money of repairing inmate uniforms rather than having to purchase new ones. The equipment costs for

this training, sewing machines and sewing supplies has already paid for itself in the cost savings of not having to replace damaged uniforms. The female inmates have also produced many quality knitted items as well.

The female IGNITE program has developed practical skills and built individual self-esteem in the MCDF jail population. The positive feedback underscores the significance of such initiatives in promoting personal growth and a hopeful outlook for the future.



THE ROLE OF MONTGOMERY CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLANNING AND RESPONSE



*Montgomery City/County Emergency
Management Agency Director
Wade Lyles*

Introduction

The Montgomery City/County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) plays a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and resilience of communities by preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a wide range of emergencies and disasters. From natural disasters to human-caused incidents, the responsibilities of your EMA are diverse and crucial for mitigating the impacts of such events in Montgomery County, City of Montgomery and Town of Pike Road.

Preparation and Planning

One of the fundamental roles of county emergency management is to develop comprehensive emergency plans that outline the procedures and protocols for coordinating disaster response and recovery efforts. These plans are crafted through analysis of potential risks and hazards specific to the county. By collaborating with local government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, and the community, EMA creates strategies that address the unique vulnerabilities and strengths of their region.

Training and exercises are also integral components of emergency preparedness. EMA conduct regular drills and simulations to ensure that first responders, government officials, and community members are well-versed in their roles and responsibilities during an emergency. These exercises help identify gaps in the emergency response plan and provide opportunities for continuous improvement.

Response and Coordination

When disaster strikes, EMA acts as the central hub for coordinating response efforts. This involves mobilizing resources, disseminating information, and ensuring effective communication among various responding agencies. The ability to quickly assess the situation and deploy the appropriate resources is critical for minimizing the impact of the disaster and saving lives. If an incident is large enough, the EMA will stand up and staff the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is used to help coordinate disaster management including developing and sharing situational awareness and supporting response activities in the field.

Montgomery City/County EMA has a variety of systems in place to ensure residents are notified in the event of an emergency. These systems include Alert Montgomery, Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), Emergency Alert System (EAS), and weather alerting such as NOAA Weather Radio and outdoor tornado sirens. You can also follow us on our Facebook page and download our app on both iOS and Android phones.

A duty officer is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 334-625-2339 to manage emergencies within the county in cooperation with the Incident Commander and partner agencies. The duty officer coordinates and provides assistance during incidents but is not in charge of incidents on-scene.

Recovery and Resilience

The recovery phase is a crucial aspect of the EMA, focusing on restoring the community to its pre-disaster condition and enhancing its resilience to future events. This involves a wide range of activities, from conducting damage assessments to coordinating assistance for affected individuals and businesses, to long-term efforts such as rebuilding infrastructure and revitalizing the local economy.

EMA works closely with state and federal agencies to secure funding and resources necessary for recovery efforts. They also engage with community stakeholders to develop recovery plans that prioritize the needs and aspirations of

the residents. Building resilient communities means not only addressing the physical damages but also considering the social, economic, and psychological impacts of the disaster.



Public Education and Outreach

An informed and engaged public is a critical component of effective emergency management. EMA invests in public education and outreach programs to raise awareness about potential hazards and promote preparedness behaviors. These programs may include workshops, informational campaigns, and community events designed to equip residents with the knowledge and tools needed to protect themselves and their families.

By fostering a culture of preparedness, county emergency management helps communities become more resilient and self-reliant. Encouraging individuals to create emergency kits, develop family communication plans, and stay informed about local risks can significantly enhance the overall readiness of the county.

Conclusion

The role of the Montgomery City/County Emergency Management Agency is multi-faceted and essential for safeguarding communities from the devastating effects of disasters. Through diligent preparation, coordinated response, and dedicated recovery efforts, your EMA work tirelessly to protect lives, property, and the well-being of their residents. As we face an increasingly complex landscape of risks, the importance of strong and effective emergency management cannot be overstated. By fostering collaboration, resilience, and preparedness, EMA plays a vital role in building safer and more resilient communities for the future.

ANSWERING THE CALL: MEET OUR NEW DEPUTY SHERIFFS



Sheriff Cunningham administers the oath of office to new Deputy Sheriffs (left, middle, and right photos) Austin Gastonguay, Joy Sloan, Chris Jones, Michael Canalin and Cedric Leonard

STEPPING INTO LEADERSHIP: PROMOTIONS



Corporal Shekvia Daniels; Sheriff Cunningham presents Sergeant Kehinde Sturdivant and Corporal Olugbeja Braimoh with their promotions.

DEPUTY OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2026

DEPUTY SHERIFF HENRY POSTELL



Deputy Sheriff Henry Postell has dedicated sixteen years of service to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, beginning his career as a correctional officer before becoming a Deputy Sheriff in 2014. Throughout his tenure, he has consistently demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and a strong commitment to excellence. He presents himself with exemplary appearance and maintains a positive attitude that reflects favorably on the agency.

Deputy Postell is currently assigned to the Ramer Substation, where he plays a vital role in community engagement and public relations. He regularly attends community events within the Ramer area, fostering strong relationships with residents and ensuring they are informed of available resources. In doing so, he serves as a trusted liaison between the MCSO and the community, strengthening public trust and cooperation.

In addition to his community responsibilities, Deputy Postell has assumed responsibility for the upkeep and security of the Montgomery County Active Shooter Training Facility in Ramer, Alabama. This includes conducting daily security checks and ensuring that all equipment and amenities are fully operational. Deputy Postell consistently performs these duties with diligence and initiative, requiring little to no supervision. He routinely goes above and beyond expectations, demonstrating exceptional work ethic and accountability. Deputy Postell's dedication, professionalism, and self-motivation make him a highly deserving candidate for Deputy of the Quarter.

JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER ANNIE SMITH

JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2026



JDO Annie Smith has been employed with the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Facility for over 30 years and holds a Bachelor's in Arts degree in social work from Alabama State University. Officer Smith is a committed volunteer with several of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office sponsored programs such as the Joy to Life Foundation of Alabama, Annual Alabama National Fair and Halloween Spooktacular, just to name a few. Officer Smith is active with her church, where she also volunteers in missions. JDO Smith is a committed employee with exemplary customer service skills. She is friendly and respectful of her co-workers, juvenile detainees, as well as parents.

MCDF CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2026

SERGEANT BRANDON MCGHEE

Sergeant Brandon McGhee's attention to detail during a prisoner search led to the discovery of contraband. While conducting a thorough inspection of an inmate's prosthetic leg, Sergeant McGhee noticed some irregularities that raised his suspicions. Utilizing his training and experience, he carefully examined the prosthetic, which ultimately led to the discovery of the items hidden inside the artificial limb. The inmate's attempt to conceal the contraband was thwarted by Sergeant McGhee's careful observation and commitment to maintaining safety and security within the facility.



MCSO CIVILIAN OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2026

RURAL ADDRESS COORDINATOR BRIONA WALKER



Ms. Briona Walker is commended for her conduct and dedication to the safety and well-being of others. Ms. Walker consistently demonstrates a genuine sense of compassion towards others, and her recent actions reflect the highest standards of service within the MCSO.

A Montgomery County victim services officer was leaving the courthouse late after a jury verdict in a domestic violence case on December 9, 2025. Ms. Walker voluntarily ensured her safety by assisting her as she walked to her vehicle. Despite the cold and darkness, Ms. Walker remained outside and watched the VSO walk to her vehicle that evening. She demonstrated sincere concern for her welfare. Her willingness to step forward without hesitation, outside the scope of her normal duties, was both admirable and deeply appreciated by the Montgomery County employee.

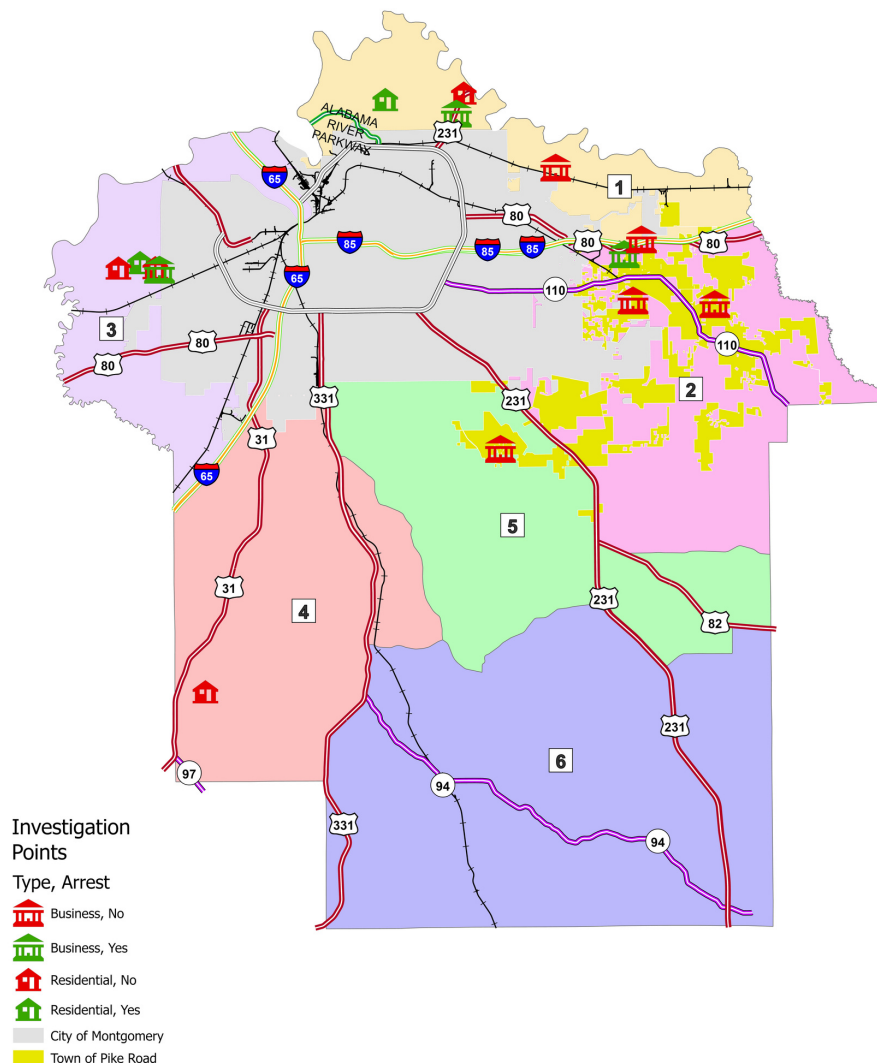
Ms. Walker's initiative, compassion, and professionalism make her an asset to the MCSO. Her actions exemplify the commitment to service that strengthens community trust and reflects great credit upon herself and the Sheriff's Office.



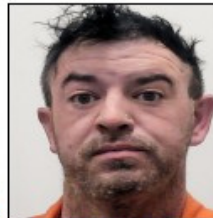
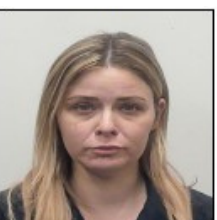
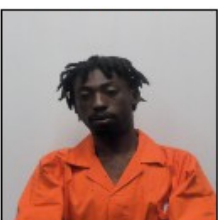
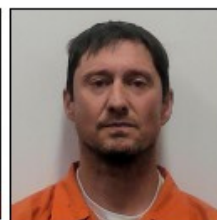
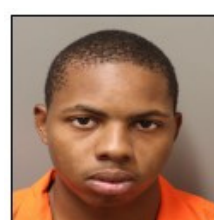
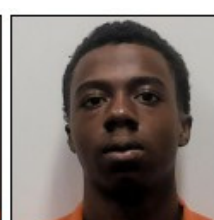
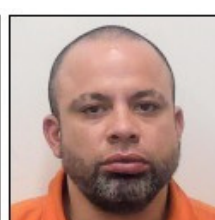
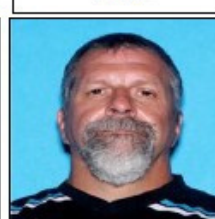
MCDF CIVILIAN OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2026 CLERK JACKIE GROVES

Montgomery County Detention Facility Clerk Jackie Groves exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated professional. Her strong sense of responsibility and purpose is evident in her daily approach to work. She consistently arrives prepared, demonstrating excellent time management skills and a commitment to thoroughness. When given tasks, Clerk Groves not only completes them with accuracy and professionalism but also seeks to exceed expectations. Her motivation to go above and beyond is truly commendable, and we are fortunate to have her as a valued member of our team. Clerk Groves is very approachable and has a great personality.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crime Map - 1st Quarter 2026



MCSO ARREST REPORT 1ST QUARTER 2026

					
Carter, Labarry DV Strangulation Givens Ct.	Coleman, Carmonte Rec. Stolen Prop. 1st ,ATEPO Vaughn Rd. / E.S. Blvd.	Dean, Brandon Burg. 3rd, TOP 3rd Geary Dr.	Dean, David Burg. 3rd, TOP 3rd Geary Dr.	Goodwin, Shelly TOP 1st Johnny Shirley Rd.	Hartin, April Burg. 3rd, TOP 1st Old Selma Rd.
					
Hibbert, Karl DV Strangulation Emerald Dr.	Johnson, Timothy Jr. Retail Theft 2nd Old Selma Rd.	Ledbetter, Thomas Burg. 3rd , TOP 4th Wetumpka Hwy.	McGhee, Brion Burg. 3rd , Crim. Mis. 1st Williams Dr.	Meadows, Michael DV Strangulation Travertine Dr	Miller, Reginald TOP 1st US Hwy. 80E
					
Muinix, Logan Retail Theft 2nd Chantilly Pkwy.	Pettus, Malik DV Strangulation Stone Park Blvd.	Powell-Brown, Curtis DV Strangulation Miller Ln.	Scott, Adrias ATEPO US. Hwy. 331	Simmons, William Poss. Of Burg. Tools Peninsula Ln.	Stinson, Auburn DV Strangulation Tibbee Ln.
					
Stinson, Kalaun Destr. Of State Prop.—Inmate S. McDonough St.	Thompson, Ken'Tavious Assault 1st Vista Del Verde Dr.	Wagner, Chadwick Burg. 3rd , TOP 1st Pike Rd.			
					
Wilson, Donald Promoting Prison Contra. 1st S. McDonough St.	Blackburn, Richard TOP 1st (WARRANT) Troy Hwy.	Harris, Kenneth Poss. Burg Tools (WARRANT) Peninsula Ln.			



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