

# 2014 Annual Report



**Sheriff Rick Beseler**  
**Clay County, Florida**



# CCSO in the Community



**Bill Doolittle**

Everyone employed by our agency is encouraged to be active in the community. But, in the case of our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program, the community becomes part of the CCSO! Nearly 300 Clay County residents now donate their time and talents annually which benefits the CCSO and the community in the process. VIPS members provided nearly 9,000 hours of free manpower in 2014. Coordinated by **Bill Doolittle**, there are several crime prevention and outreach programs that we simply couldn't provide to our citizens if it weren't for our VIPS. Thank you!



**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**— not just something we do, it is who we are! CCSO members span the map of Clay County and beyond to take part in events, support those in need, recognize citizens, contribute to good causes and to partner with other organizations. Sometimes, it's the small things—like finding a little girl's favorite stuffed animal that *somehow* fell out a car window into rush-hour traffic on Blanding. Rescuing that treasured friend and returning it (a little worse for wear) in one piece became the goal. 50,000+ Facebook likes and a few TV news stories later, and Deputy Burke was the toast of the town. His #1 fan is now that little girl who will never let go of her puppy again.



**COMMUNITY**  
Deputy Andrew Burke—hero to kids everywhere (and parents, too)!



# Sheriff's Message

In 2015 I began my eleventh year as your Sheriff. After a decade at this agency's helm it remains my honor to lead this agency and to serve our citizens. The business of operating a local law enforcement agency in a county our size is fast-paced. Despite the hurry and hustle of everyday life, preparing a message for each annual report always provides me with an opportunity to pause briefly for a look back at the challenges, issues and accomplishments of the year gone by. In regards to 2014, the opportunity to summarize the great work done on our community's behalf is one we don't want to miss. While the pages ahead will outline for you highlights from 2014, there is one important message I feel I must emphasize in this introduction. CCSO members - I am proud of you!



You've heard me say it at events and mention it in meetings, but let me be clear. The men and women of the Clay County Sheriff's Office are second to none. They are well-trained, caring, efficient, ethical, loyal, courageous, innovative, smart and selfless. In 2014, it seemed like our nation lost its conscience in regards to its view of law enforcement officers. Peacekeepers became the targets of increased ridicule, threats and murder. Many in law enforcement battled

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to remain on task and to serve undaunted despite unwarranted criticism. Clay County's citizens rose to the occasion and made sure their voices in support of our members were heard. We received dozens of letters and stacks of cards of encouragement. We were thankful.

Governor Rick Scott also responded by proclaiming the first full week of January “Florida First Responders Appreciation Week.” As CCSO members continue to do their jobs daily regardless of the atmosphere, let me reiterate how much I personally appreciate their dedication and the support I receive daily from them during good times and bad. There is so much to be proud of and so much more we can accomplish together in partnership with lawabiding members of our community.

I hope everyone enjoys the 2014 CCSO Annual Report. Remember, much of the work done in 2014 will serve as the foundation for the success of new initiatives in 2015 and beyond. Please don't hesitate to contact my staff with any questions or concerns.



Sincerely,

*Sheriff  
Rick Beseler*



# Mission • Values • Policy

## Our Mission Statement

We, the professional men and women of the Clay County Sheriff's Office, are empowered to defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Florida. We will fairly and diligently enforce all laws bringing to justice those who violate them. We will improve the quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime through a dedicated partnership with the community.

## Our Core Values

- Integrity:** We serve the community with the highest moral and ethical standards, are guided by honesty and moral courage in relationships with all persons and take pride in all we do.
- Fairness:** We are fair, treating each other and the community with respect and consistency.
- Caring:** We listen compassionately and act with sincerity when interacting with others in the community. We are firm in our convictions in upholding laws, while treating others as we would want to be treated.
- Teamwork:** We are a team that works in partnership with the community to gain mutual respect and appreciation. Together we will provide quality service through problem-solving and personal accountability.



## CCSO Bias-Based Profiling Policy

It is the policy of the Clay County Sheriff's Office to protect the constitutional rights of all people, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, physical handicap or religion; and to treat each person with respect and dignity. While contacting persons in a variety of situations is not only routine, but also germane to law enforcement activities, this agency will not accept or tolerate bias-based profiling.

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**At the CCSO, we are a family that cares about all our citizens—young and old.**

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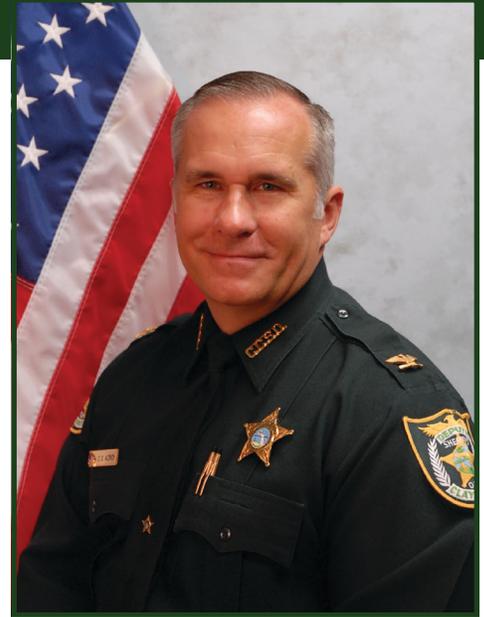


# Chief of Staff • Sheriff's Staff

The Office of **Chief of Staff** is where Sheriff Beseler's mission and vision are put into "shoe leather". As the principal command officer and second in command, **Colonel Craig Aldrich** is responsible for planning, coordinating and directing all agency administrative, financial and operational activities. The Chief of Staff acts for and on behalf of the Sheriff in his absence and whenever requested by staff and members of the public. Much of the agency's strategy formulation is developed and implemented with the assistance of some very talented Sheriff's Staff members. Those member's include **Executive Staff Assistant Denise Flak**, **Public Integrity Investigator Sgt. Brian Welch**, **Public Affairs Coordinator Mary Justino** and **General Counsel Jim Pimentel**.

Also a part of the Colonel's staff are the agency's four Bureau Commanders who you will meet in the following pages. These members form the team that serves as the point of contact through which the community, employees and other stakeholders reach the Sheriff and Chief of Staff. Also reporting directly to Sheriff Beseler as part of our team in 2014 were **Chief Inspector Gayward Hendry**

and **Executive Assistant to the Sheriff Charlene Cox**. Collectively, these members' provide oversight and guidance on projects deemed to be mission critical to the agency. Through the Office of Chief of Staff, candidates for employment are screened, internal and external news is disseminated, concerns regarding employee actions are reviewed, problem-oriented community issues are addressed, legal and financial feasibility of daily operations are evaluated and policy and procedures are crafted. Due to the varying situations and concerns that naturally arise in a thriving community like ours, talented individuals like these are needed to ensure the community's needs are met. Together, the Sheriff, Chief of Staff, Sheriff's Staff members and Bureau Commanders work in a team approach to manage the daily demands of an organization comprised of nearly 600 personnel with a \$43 million budget.



**Colonel Craig Aldrich**



**Gayward Hendry**  
*Chief Inspector*



**Charlene Cox**  
*Executive Assistant*



**Denise Flak**  
*Executive Assistant*



**Jim Pimentel**  
*General Counsel*



**Brian Welch**  
*Public Integrity*



**Mary Justino**  
*Public Affairs*

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**Awards & Honors**

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**Remembering  
Our Retirees**

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**Decades of Service**



# Awards • Honors

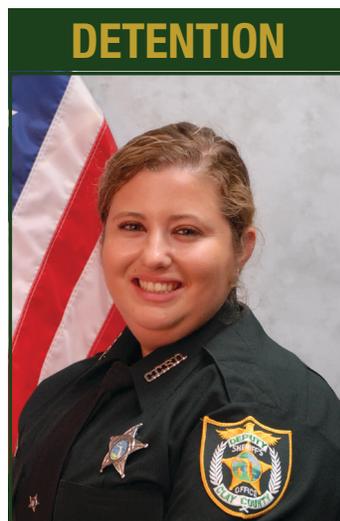
Congratulations to these outstanding CCSO members who represent our agency as the **2014 Members of the Year**. These deserving men and women were nominated by their peers and then selected by fellow CCSO members serving on the CCSO Awards Committee. Members of the Year are chosen from the distinguished list of employees who initially received monthly award recognition during the same calendar year. The annual award selection process and ceremonies were coordinated in 2014 by Capt. Joe Bucci and his Staff Assistant Sharon Johnson. Great job!



**Gary Lavaron**  
Detective



**Shelby Burzynski**  
Staff Assistant



**Nicole Mosley**  
Court Security Deputy



**Charlotte Wertz**  
Public Safety  
Telecommunications



**Donald Brown**  
Deputy



**Russ Burke**  
Lieutenant



**Chris Mobley**  
Deputy

Deputy Donald Brown (left) received the 2014 Orange Park Rotary Club Deputy of the Year Award. Center, Lt. Russ Burke received the 2014 Governor's Medal of Heroism awarded for his actions to disarm a suspect and protect lives during a child custody call. Pictured right, Deputy Chris Mobley was the recipient of the 2014 Sheriff John P. Hall, Sr. Law Enforcement Memorial Award. This award is given in honor of Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, Sr., Florida's longest serving Sheriff (36 years).



# Awards • Honors

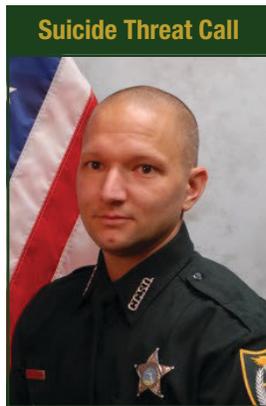
## CCSO 2014 Life-Savers

Congratulations to these outstanding CCSO members, our 2014 Life Saving Award recipients. These deserving members were selected by fellow CCSO members serving on the CCSO Awards Committee because of their heroic actions—actions that saved a citizen's life. Great job and thank you!



Performed CPR

Deputy Gary Ehrenfeld



Suicide Threat Call

Deputy Brian Simcich



Suicide Threat Call

Deputy Phillip McCurdy



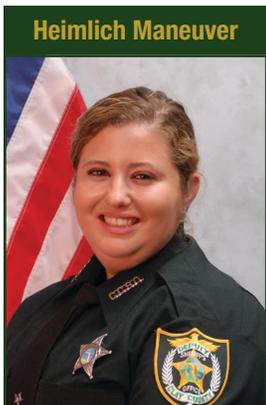
Assist Crash Victim

Deputy Daniel Jones



Suicide Threat Call

Deputy Brian Curry



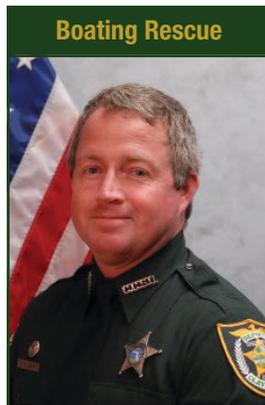
Heimlich Maneuver

Deputy Nicole Mosley



Boating Rescue

Sgt. Eric Twisdale



Boating Rescue

Deputy Adam Graff



Cardiac Arrest

Sgt. Eddie Eisenhauer



Cardiac Arrest

Deputy Ray Kittles

## And the 2014 Challenge Enterprises Adult Inspirational Award goes to... CCSO VIPS Lauren Eakin!

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge an individual who has not allowed a disability to dictate his/her destiny. Our very own Lauren Eakin was chosen for this award in 2014 because she meets life's challenges head on and chooses to overcome obstacles with a "can do" attitude. The Board of Directors and Staff of Challenge Enterprises were pleased to recognize Lauren for not only achieving personal success in her life but for also being an inspiration to us all. Her friends, family and coworkers at the CCSO join in congratulating her!

\* See more awards in the Operations Bureau/Traffic Section.



**AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL**  
Lauren is pictured here with Challenge board members and her father, Andy Eakin (CCSO).



# Remembering Our Retirees



**Major Johnny Mack Smith**

The two highest-ranking CCSO members who retired in 2014 are displayed atop this page. Combined, Smith and Abramowitz represent 60 years of law enforcement and corrections experience. Pictured left, Major Johnny Mack Smith retired in 2014 after supervising the operations of our agency's Detention Bureau and Jail facility for three decades. Captain Barry Abramowitz came to our agency in 2004 after a decade with the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville and another decade in law enforcement.

These men represent a class of retirees that will be sorely missed here at the CCSO. We wish them well in their retirement and appreciate the dedication and service they, and all our retirees, gave to Clay County over many years. Thank you!



**Capt. Barry Abramowitz**



**Lt. Larry Wheeler**



**Rebecca Jolley**



**Dep. Rusty Monson**



**Sharon Coughenour**



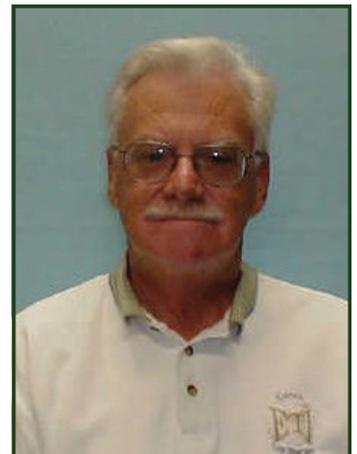
**Dep. Al Leonard**



**Corp. Stephanie Lilley**



**Dep. Alvie Lilley**



**Max VanFossen**



# Decades of Service

We are so proud of all the men and women who serve this agency, but none more than those who have committed entire careers to the CCSO and to Clay County. Here, we recognize those members whose employment milestones have exceeded 20 years — even 30 years consecutively! (see hire dates to the right of each name) Thank you for your service and your dedication to our county. Your experience and know-how, gained over decades of service is why the CCSO is the agency it is today.

## 30+ YEARS

Whitson, Susan	08/01/80
Gann, Ronnie	03/16/81
Smith, Sharon	03/16/82
Bullins, Barbara	05/16/82
Haskell, Jan	12/01/83

## 20+ YEARS

Angus, Gail	11/14/88
Barton, Gerilynn	02/21/89
Batton, Danny	08/24/92
Bell, Timothy	05/16/94
Bell, Patrice	07/03/90
Bennett, Jason	11/30/90
Burke, Russ	08/08/86
Cannon, Gary	01/02/92
Castelli, Chris	11/30/90
Coleman, Mary	09/01/89
Collins, Michael	08/30/93
Corley, Leigh	03/22/93
Curry, Robert	12/18/92
Curry, Brian	03/15/91
Dangerfield, Melissa	05/12/89
Deas, Donnie	08/30/88
Dempsey, Rachel	06/01/87
Dopp, Trent	06/20/94
Dugger, Bridget	10/31/94
Duncan, Tyrone	04/11/94
Eisenhauer, Eddie	04/21/89
Elster, Eileen	08/29/90
Gaden, Mel	01/31/94
Geoghagan, Timothy	10/18/93
Hawkins, Johnny	12/07/87
Herlong, Bridgett	05/17/91

## 20+ YEARS

Hodges, Ron	07/10/85
Horton, Therese	04/13/90
Jett, Joey	01/17/89
Jones, Dean	11/07/86
Jones, Kenny	04/07/87
Keenon, Audrey	02/21/91
Leroy, Lori	10/19/92
Lundin, Albert	05/29/87
Mahla, Dan	01/10/94
McKinnon, Ethel	02/10/89
McKinnon, Martha	06/19/89
Michon, Greg	11/22/85
Morgan, Jim	02/05/90
Ottervanger, Mark	09/19/94
Perry, Keith	11/13/87
Pickering, Diane	10/31/94
Punsky, Mike	01/08/88
Punsky, Robert	04/11/94
Rhodes, Evelyn	11/07/86
Ring, John	08/27/92
Saunders, Loretta	10/31/94
Schlemlein, Stephanie	08/08/88
Shiver, Job	08/20/92
Stivers, Kenny	11/22/93
Sutherland, Donald	11/30/90
Tennant, Jackie	10/07/87
Truluck, Doug	10/10/94
Vaughn, Meredith	08/03/92
Wahl, Tanya	06/20/94
Waugh, Tom	02/01/93
Waugh, Kathy	04/11/94
West, Tim	07/02/90
White, Dorothy	09/22/93
Wolf, Chuck	10/17/94



# Operations Bureau

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# Operations Bureau

Led by **Major David Senters**, the **Operations Bureau** is made up of four divisions. They are **Patrol, Detectives, Special Operations, and Strategic Response**. All are equally important, working in concert with one another to keep our citizens and their property safe throughout the county. The men and women who work in the Operations Bureau are second to none. Senters believes they set themselves apart from other agencies due to their genuine concern and caring attitude for those they serve. The members of the Operations Bureau believe in the motto, "Have a Servant's Heart" and realize they are here not only to protect those in need and to bring criminals to justice, but also to provide special, personal assistance whenever the opportunity arises.

2014 was a year during which we experienced turmoil across the United States, as mentioned by Sheriff Beseler earlier in this publication. Relations seemed strained between law enforcement officials and the citizens in some communities, but not here in Clay County. Members of the CCSO Operations Bureau feel extremely blessed to garner great support from the community in which they serve and they will continue to strive each and every day to make Clay County a safe haven in which to live and raise a family. In 2014, our agency's Uniform Crime Report (UCR) reveals a 22.7% decrease in violent crime compared to 2013. While the UCR for 2014 indicates a slight increase in nonviolent crime (4.8%) it also shows our agency was able to achieve a higher clearance rate (cases solved) for this category as well. Tragically, 38% of all Part 1 crime in Clay County to which our agency responded last year was related in some way to domestic violence.

The overall crime clearance rate for 2014 43.5%, which means we solve twice as many cases as the state average. We solved 75% of the violent crimes committed in 2014 in our county and 40% of all non-violent crimes. Major Senters feels fortunate to represent these members as their Bureau Commander. Major Senters is assisted by **Senior Staff Assistant Rhonda Sanders**.



**Major David Senters**



### SWORN TO SERVE

This bureau contains the majority of our agency's sworn law enforcement personnel.



**The members of the Operations Bureau believe in the motto, "Have a Servant's Heart."**

**Captain Ronnie Gann** is the **Chief of Patrol Division**. He oversees this division with the talented leadership and watchful eye of eight Patrol Division lieutenants. These lieutenants serve as our agency's **Watch Commanders** and they are responsible for 18 Patrol sergeants and roughly 90 deputies. Our Watch Commanders (pictured below) are **Russ Burke, Chris Coldiron, Chuck Wolf, Dan Mahla, Paul Norman, Shawn Gordon, Jeff Johnson, and Glenn Wood**. Long-time Watch Commander Lt. John Angus retired on 1/1/15 after 30 years of service. Watch Commanders Paul Normann and Glenn Wood were promoted from Sergeant to their current rank of lieutenant during 2014.

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Sheriff's Office with members most visible to the public. These men and women are the front line of defense against crime for residents and visitors as they cover our county 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Agency wide, deputies answered 283,370 calls for law enforcement service, an increase of 2.4 % from the previous year. During 2014, deputies stepped up enforcement of the county alarm ordinance in an effort to reduce the number of false alarms and to encourage alarm users to register their alarms. Alarm calls (5,109) are the second most dispatched type of call for service but nearly 99% are later determined to be false due to operator error or improper alarm system installation.



**Capt. Ronnie Gann**



**Lt. Russ Burke**



**Lt. Chris Coldiron**



**Lt. Jeff Johnson**



**Lt. Shawn Gordon**



**Lt. Paul Normann**



**Lt. Glenn Wood**



**Lt. Dan Mahla**



**Lt. Chuck Wolf**

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## Operations Bureau • Patrol

The major focus of the Patrol Division is quality customer service and crime prevention. Through the deputies' proactive efforts, such as our **"Like It, Lock It"** program, contacts with citizens last year increased 83% over the previous year. This program focuses on preventing crime by informing citizens when their property or residence is an easy target for criminals (i.e., a garage door left open or valuable property left outside of the home in plain view). Many residents are shocked to discover that a property crime occurred at their home in the middle



of the day simply because of the opportunity their unlocked vehicle or open garage presented to a passing thief. Pictured right, Deputy Donald Brown is one of many CCSO patrol Deputies who are working to reduce these types of crimes in our county.

Another function our deputies perform is lifesaving in medical emergencies. Deployment of portable heart defibrillators in the field has been a priority for our agency and currently there

are 20 in patrol cars on day and night shift. One of these **portable defibrillators** saved a citizen who was having a heart attack last year. Our deputy arrived on scene before the rescue unit and was able to perform life-saving intervention thanks to the new defibrillator's availability. Our future goal is to place more defibrillators in even more patrol cars. Pictured left, Patrol Division Sergeant Keith Smith shows us the defibrillator he maintains while on duty.



**On the road— More than fifty Dodge Chargers are part of the CCSO fleet.**

During 2014, 48 Patrol deputies were either awarded Deputy of the Month, Teamwork Awards, or CCSO Letters of Commendation by Sheriff Beseler through nominations submitted to our agency's Awards Committee. During the same timeframe, eight Patrol deputies were recognized for acts of heroism for saving the life of a citizen. 19 Patrol deputies were recognized for their extraordinary investigative skills in solving crimes such as robbery, burglary, and grand theft. You were introduced to these members in this publication's Awards & Honors section and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments. It is from the ranks of our Patrol Division that candidates for promotion are most often sought. Today's Patrol deputy deals with every imaginable type of situation, emergency and crisis. It is this experience that tests their skills and allows the cream of the crop to rise to the top for recognition.



**ON PATROL**

Deputy Eliseo Adams helps to spread our proactive crime prevention message.

All CCSO members truly understand that when every second counts it is important for our Patrol deputies to arrive as quickly as possible while remaining as safe as possible. In 2014, the average routine response time was nine minutes and two seconds. The average emergency response time was seven minutes and 28 seconds.

**Average Routine Response = 9 min 2 sec**  
**Average Emergency Response = 7 min 28 sec**

<u>Type of Crime</u>	<u>Total Arrested (Adults &amp; Juveniles)</u>	<u>Total Juveniles</u>
<b>MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FORCIBLE SEXUAL BATTERY</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>AGG. ASSAULT/BATTERY</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>SHOPLIFTING</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>AUTO BURGLARY</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>ALL OTHER THEFT</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>AUTO THEFT</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SIMPLE ASSAULT</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>DRUG/NARCOTIC OFFENSE</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>DUI</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>VANDALISM</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>WEAPONS VIOLATION</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ALL OTHER ARRESTS</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,860</b>	<b>637 (11%)</b>

*As you'd expect, our sworn deputies and detectives handle a wide-range of calls for service which result in a great variety of arrest types and charges. In 2014, our members arrested a total of 5,860 people (adults and juveniles combined). Of those arrests, 11% were males and females under the age of 18. This chart demonstrates the types of arrests that were made.*



# Operations Bureau • Special Ops

The **Special Operations Division**, led by **Captain Ricardo Wright**, is a unique division due to its many specialized units. Assisting Captain Wright in providing service to the citizens of Clay County are **Lt. Donnie Deas** (SWAT/ Emergency Management, Dive Team and K9), **Lt. Kenny Stivers** (Community Relations/COPS, Reserves, Marine and Dive Unit), **Lt. Ron Hodges** (Traffic, Public Service Aids (PSA) and DUI Unit), **Lt. Kenneth Wagner** (Juvenile Crime, PAL, Explorers Post, School Resource and Crossing Guards), and Staff Assistant Mary Wearstler.

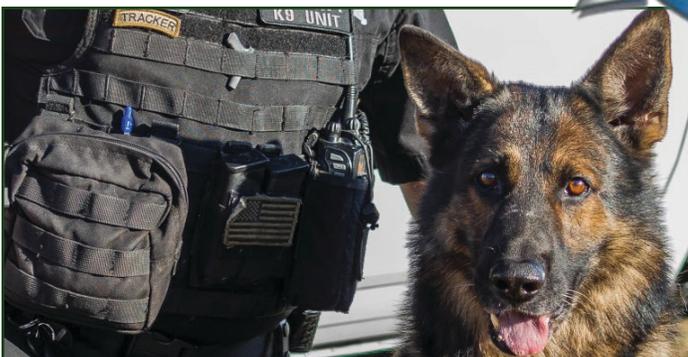
Capt. Wright is extremely pleased with the progress of K9 Remy, the newest addition to our K9 unit, who was donated to the agency saving thousands of tax dollars. Our Emergency Management Section's Virtual Mapping Project was nominated for the Wayne Dickey Intelligence Award through the Florida Intelligence Unit. The Special Operations Division is one full of members who regularly provide a personal touch to encounters involving our county's citizens. This unique care may include helping homeowner associations resolve neighborhood issues, conducting K9 presentations and teen driving education programs. This is all in addition to their daily enforcement efforts on our waterways, roadways, athletic fields and in our high schools.



**Capt. Ricardo Wright**



Photo courtesy Randy Lefko (Clay Today)



The **CCSO Traffic Section** is supervised by **Lt. Ron Hodges**. He is joined by Sgt. Mike Punskey and Sgt. Don Sutherland in the ongoing effort to enforce traffic laws, increase roadway safety and respond to traffic crashes. Easily one of the more high-profile assignments in the agency (they are hard to miss on those motorcycles—especially if they are pulling you over), these Traffic Section deputies undergo strenuous training and often are called to handle life-threatening situations all across our county. There are currently ten deputies and four PSA's assigned to the Traffic Section.

CCSO Traffic Section deputies weren't the only ones enforcing traffic laws in Clay County in 2014. They were joined by CCSO Patrol deputies, CCSO Public Service Aides, the Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Transportation officers and officers from both the Orange Park Police Department and the Green Cove Springs Police Department. In 2014, there were 5,155 total crashes worked in Clay County by this combined force. Of those 5,155 crashes 3,840 were worked by CCSO members (2,360 by Traffic/PSA Section, 1,480 by Patrol). This illustrates how the crash response workload is shared. In 2014, 1,163 people sustained injuries in crashes in our county including 20 fatalities with the highest number of crashes occurring on Fridays.

Crash data provided by Lt. Hodges also indicates that in 2014 more than double the number of crashes occurred during daylight hours (6am-6pm) versus the number of crashes that occurred overnight (6pm-6am). The higher number of crashes worked by deputies on the "day shift" is certainly impacted by both the morning and evening rush hours when traffic volume and congestion is at its highest. The mission of the members of the CCSO Traffic Section is to reduce the number of crashes in the county through use of data-driven traffic enforcement efforts combined with public awareness efforts. Last year, that resulted in DUI saturation patrols on Super Bowl Sunday and during peak holiday periods (New Year's Eve, etc.) and in saturation patrols in sections of our county considered high crash areas based on data analysis.



**Lt. Ron Hodges**

We would like to recognize Deputy Jimmy Stalnaker who received an agency Teamwork Award in 2014 plus had the highest number of citations during the state's annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign (seat belt law enforcement). Deputy Jacob Saunders was also recognized in 2014 by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his proactive DUI enforcement efforts throughout the year.

### Annual Crash Data Comparison Clay County (all law enforcement agencies)

Year	# of Crashes	Change
2010	2,314	-
2011	2,045	-13%
2012	3,712	+45%
2013	5,062	+26%
2014	5,155	+ 2%

### CCSO Traffic Citations / Warnings / DUI Arrests

Year	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests
2013	14,039	13,028	343
2014	10,673	9,043	202



Under the command of **Lt. Donnie Deas**, three important groups function at a high level—**Emergency Management, K9 and SWAT**. As a result, in 2014 the Emergency Management Unit received local, state, and national recognition for their planning and preparation efforts in response to a variety of major events. For example, the unit's virtual mapping project was nominated for the Wayne Dickey Intelligence Award through the Florida Intelligence Unit. This project will be the first virtual mapping system involving key critical infrastructure sites in Florida and only the second one in the nation. Currently, the Emergency Management Unit manages sensitive intelligence for over 242 key locations within Clay County. 2014 culminated with the acquisition of a new Mobile Command Post (MCP). This vehicle is scheduled



**Lt. Donnie Deas**

for delivery in mid-2015 and will house some of the most advanced technology in law enforcement today including more than \$90,000 in donated software technology for telecommunications, interoperability and situational awareness. This software was developed by the CCSO in conjunction with the top Emergency Management software companies in the world. As a result of the leadership displayed in the field of Emergency Management, our agency now sits on the Regional Security Domestic Task Force as the Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee chair, and as a State Working Group – Office of Domestic Security – Campus Security Voting Delegate. Other notable achievements include seven training and planning functions related to Active Shooters, involvement in the Governor's State



Hurricane Exercise, the release of the agency Terrorism/Hazard-Specific Plan, agency response capabilities to a medical pandemic, and many demonstrations and training classes to promote our agency's crisis response capabilities.

The CCSO **K9 Unit** welcomed new K9 Remy, a dog that was donated to the Clay County Sheriff's Office. Remy is doing very well and his acquisition helped save tax dollars that can now be spent on other crime prevention programs. The K9 Unit successfully tracked several felony suspects in 2014 along with providing assistance to both Orange Park and Green Cove Springs Police Departments when called upon. While our K9 Teams are certainly popular with the children at local K9 demonstrations, that popularity is not shared with the criminals of Clay County.

The CCSO SWAT members conducted 240 hours of training in 2014 and also welcomed four new team members during SWAT Week. The team was called upon when a suspect with a grenade hid in the woods. SWAT also assisted the Naval Air Station staff with rappel tower training for the new Navy Chief selection group. CCSO SWAT maintains its high level of readiness as a Tier-2 rated team with the Department of Homeland Security.

## 2014 CCSO K-9 Unit Stats

Traffic Stops	617
Traffic Citations	237
Calls for Service	3,048
Narcotics Searches	252
Tracks	62
Missing Person Searches	25
Arrests	170



**SWAT**  
SWAT members conducted 240 hours of training in 2014.

The CCSO's Special Operations Division is also home to our agency's **Juvenile Crime Section**. Supervised by **Lt. Kenneth Wagner**, this very active group includes **School Resource Deputies, Police Activities League, Explorers Post and Crossing Guards**. They all work together with young people, parents, schools and community groups in an attempt to make Clay County safe and enjoyable for all our children.



**Lt. Ken Wagner**

Sometimes that means enforcing the law in the schools when juveniles break the law. In 2014, our members made 83 arrests on our local high school campuses. Deputies also issued twenty civil citations resulting in juveniles sent to a diversion program for misdemeanor offenders.

Deputies also issued 23 tobacco citations, conducted 63 Baker Acts, worked 387 investigations, made nine arrests via juvenile pick-up orders, and seized a variety of

drugs and contraband (26.4 grams of marijuana, 28 drug pipes, 6 pills). Also in 2014, members of this unit submitted 15 intelligence reports, filed 20 criminal cases directly to the State Attorney and seized five weapons.

The polar opposite of juveniles who choose to break the law are those who help us enforce the law—juveniles who will likely be law enforcement officers one day! These are the members of our Explorer Post. In 2014, the Explorers attended weekly training sessions on how to perform several law enforcement related functions including Felony Traffic Stops, Building Clearing and Bank Robbery in Progress calls. They also hosted the Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association's State Conference in which 17 agencies (227 members) participated in scenario training. In addition, the CCSO Explorer Post attended two additional state conferences and also attended the FSEA week-long state competition where they placed third in an "Officer Down" scenario and in a Drill & Ceremony competition while there. Explorer Post member Eva Solis received a \$3,900 scholarship to attend a Police Academy in Florida at the event. The CCSO Explorer Post currently has eighteen members (ages of 14-20). Last year these Explorers worked several details including the Clay County Fair, Amazing Grace Crop Maze, PAL Football Games, Concert on the Green, Keystone 4th of July, the Scottish Games and more.



**PAL**  
Sheriff Beseler enjoys throwing out the first pitch each year for PAL.

## Children Served Through PAL Programs

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Flag Football	62
Spring Baseball	128
Summer Basketball	61
Cheerleading	49
Pop Warner Football	128
Fall Baseball	108
Volunteers	136

**Lt. Kenny Stivers** supervises four important parts of our agency's Special Operations Division including the **Community Policing Unit, Reserve Unit, Marine Unit, and Dive Team.** The members of these units all have very specialized training and direct contact with our community in both emergency and non-emergency settings.



Our **Community Policing Unit** had many different functions in 2014. They presented 70 crime prevention programs to a variety of groups, i.e., school children dealing with safety issues, elders learning to avoid scams, etc. These members coordinated the annual "Tip A Cop" event for Special Olympics, National Night Out Against Crime (double participation in 2014) and worked the "Freedom Fest" event.



**Lt. Kenny Stivers**



Community Policing deputies emphasized the CCSO's "Like It, Lock It" program by utilizing volunteer members (VIPS) who responded to designated areas to hand out flyers that encouraged citizens to be vigilant when securing their property. This unit also utilized a VIPS volunteer, John Russell, to publish the CCSO's weekly *Crime Watch* email which reaches nearly 30,000 citizens. The purpose of the *Crime Watch* email is to keep citizens involved and informed so we can battle crime together. Each year these members are responsible for building partnerships with our business community as well and often meet with owners to hear their concerns. Community Policing Unit members also build the CCSO booth each year at the Agricultural Fair visited by several thousand citizens. These same deputies assisted other agency divisions on numerous occasions. For example, they assisted Strategic Response on several warrant sweeps and with execution of search warrants, providing the mandatory uniform presence. They assisted Patrol by self-initiating more than 1,600 calls and answering almost 400 dispatches.

2014 was a busy year for our **Reserve Unit** which had fewer people working a higher number of requests for assistance. Reserve Unit members participate in just about every facet of Sheriff's Office work including public relations. These members took part in charity functions such as the Hall Children's Charities Christmas Toy Give Away. In addition, the Reserve Unit provided traffic control for the annual Middleburg Christmas Parade, the Keystone Heights Christmas Parade and the Middleburg 4th of July Parade. During the Christmas season they provided parking lot security at the Orange Park Mall during which there was very little criminal activity reported. Throughout the year they also provided even more support by performing 80 shifts

as courthouse security bailiffs, 136 prison transport details, 312 prisoner transports for Patrol, assisting Patrol on 633 calls for service, working 39 beat assignments as beat deputies, conducting 1,555 sexual predator notifications and address verifications, all the while responding to 41 Quick Response Team activations and working 23 Marine Patrol shifts. Now that's teamwork!



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The CCSO **Marine Unit** is also part of the Special Operations Division and includes one full-time deputy and one part-time deputy supervised by Lt. Kenny Stivers and Sgt. Eric Twisdale. There are 11,805 vessels registered in Clay County and more than 35 square miles of waterways that are favorite destinations for boaters from around the region. As such, the Marine Unit works diligently with neighboring agencies including Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), United States Coast Guard, US Homeland Security and the Green Cove Springs Police Department. In addition, the CCSO maintains a great working relationship with the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 14-5. In 2014, our agency continued to work with the USCG Auxiliary to conduct monthly boating safety classes offered to the public. These classes were conducted free of charge and 226 students earned a Boating Safety Card recognized statewide as well as federally.



**MVP**  
Volunteers help the CCSO in so many ways.....on the roads and on the water!



In 2014, the CCSO Marine Unit initiated a new program known as the Marine Volunteer Program (MVP). Volunteers from the CCSO VIPS Program completed specialized training to become our “eyes and ears” on the water. Since its conception, the MVP Unit has patrolled Black Creek, Doctors Lake and the St. Johns River. They assisted the USCG Auxiliary with boating safety classes, visited local marinas and boat dealers with boating safety information. They assisted on National Boating Safety Week with boating safety inspections and inspected waterway markers on Black Creek and Doctors Lake. Also achieved in 2014 was the waterway marker system in Doctors Lake. The system allows for the numbering of buoys with reflective number decals. These numbers correspond to selected residential docks that are addressed in our agency’s computer-aided dispatch system. Implemented by Deputy Chris Castelli, the system allows for quicker response to emergency situations on the water. With Black Creek and Doctors Lake completed, Deputy Castelli hopes to complete the St. Johns River by 2016.

The CCSO’s **Dive Team** is currently manned by an eight-member group of highly-trained SCUBA divers and motor boat operators. These members took part in 144 hours of training in 2014 plus were called out six times for body recoveries and evidence searches in local bodies of water. With the addition of one new jet ski, they were able to work on their swift water rescue skills last year as well. As a result, they’ve integrated into the Dive Team a designated Swift Water Rescue Team, too.



## 2014 CCSO Marine Unit Stats

<b>Marine Patrol Hours</b>	<b>1,532</b>
<b>Details/Call-Outs</b>	<b>41/11</b>
<b>Accident Investigations</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Incident Reports</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Citations/Warnings</b>	<b>138/265</b>
<b>Safety Inspections</b>	<b>657</b>
<b>Derelict/Abandoned Vessel Investigations</b>	<b>20</b>



# Operations Bureau • Detectives

The **Detective Division** was a division in transition last year. The Detective Division welcomed **Captain Jim Morgan** as its new Division Commander along with new supervisors, **Lt. Mel Gaden, Sgt. Bruce Owens, Sgt. Thomas Cotchaleovitch** and **Sgt. Matt Williams**. Along with these personnel transfers the Detective Division facility in Orange Park, commonly known as 10-60, saw the beginnings of a facelift when the entire building's carpets and flooring were replaced and the interior walls were all freshly painted. The building is well on its way to being a shining example of the agency's professionalism.

The Detective Division worked more than 4,200 cases in 2014. This includes cases assigned to **Robbery-Homicide, General Investigations** and **Financial Crime**. Some cases are solved quickly at the scene while others require more time to solve and extensive resources expended to bring the criminal to justice. There were many examples of complicated, time-consuming investigations in 2014, but they did what was necessary to make the cases and the arrests. All arrests are important, from those involving violent crime to those involving property crime. In 2014, the use of our social media sites (mainly Facebook) resulted again in the identification of several suspects thanks to tips from our agency's



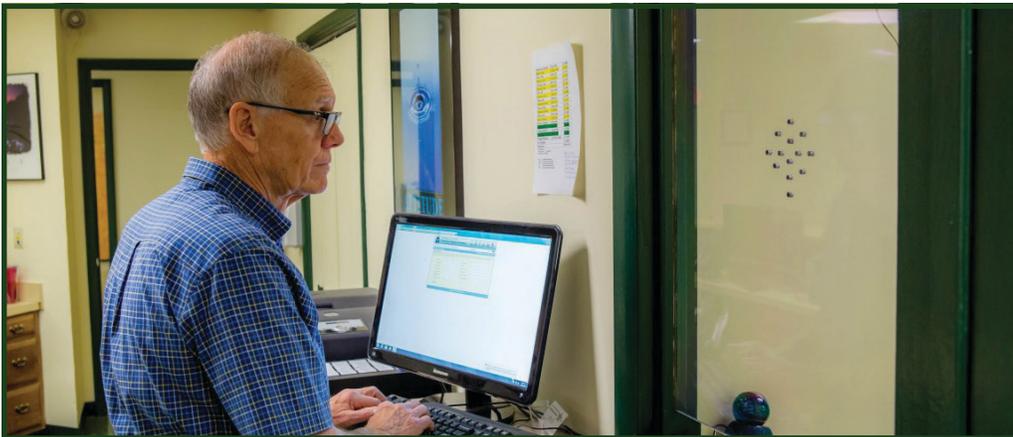
**Capt. Jim Morgan**

Facebook "friends". The detectives of this division will continue to find new ways to obtain helpful information from the public—information that will make Clay County even safer in 2015.

Our agency's **Special Victims Section (SVS)**, but commonly called "SVU" on popular TV programs) is led by **Lt. Wayne McKinney** who also oversees our high-profile Robbery-Homicide Section. McKinney is joined by one sergeant, eight detectives and a Sexual Offender Specialist in SVS. These Special Victims detectives worked a total of 762 cases in 2014 with a 94.36% clearance rate. They routinely register and track the 307 sexual offenders, 89 sexual predators, and 14 career offenders who call Clay County home.

## 2014 Weapons Used in Violent Crimes

<b>Firearm</b>	<b>89 cases</b>
<b>Bladed Instrument</b>	<b>82 cases</b>
<b>Other Dangerous Object</b>	<b>91 cases</b>
<b>Total Weapons Used</b>	<b>262 cases</b>



*Pictured here, Sexual Offender Specialist Ernest Simmons meets with sexual offenders/predators through security glass at a specially-designed office to conduct their screenings and mandatory registrations. As in years past, SVS detectives joined RHS detectives in the investigations of several high profile cases in 2014 (details on RHS page).*

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The **General Investigations Section (GIS)** is led by **Lt. Baylor Alexander**. Joining him are two sergeants, fourteen detectives and a case coordinator. In 2014, GIS received 2,159 transferred cases involving burglary, grand theft, dealing in stolen property and felony criminal mischief investigations. The overall clearance rate of these cases was 50.39%. The GIS team cleared 1,088 total cases which consisted of 745 arrests, 160 exceptionally cleared cases and 183 unfounded cases. In January of 2014, for example, a high school IT employee was charged with Racketeering (Grand Theft/Dealing in Stolen Property) for stealing Clay County School Board property and selling it on eBay (estimated value of \$19,500). That's just one example of the types of cases worked by GIS detectives.



**Lt. Baylor Alexander**

During the months of September and October 2014, they handled eight cases of residential burglaries involving stolen appliances. Once suspects were identified, their movements were observed and, when the targeted residence was checked, appliances were discovered missing. Street Crimes detectives located the suspect vehicle with the stolen appliances in Jacksonville. Two suspects were arrested and are still incarcerated in the Duval County jail. During that same timeframe, there were burglaries to various buildings at Clay High School and numerous residential burglaries reported in the same area in which power tools were taken. Many of the tools were pawned and recovered in Clay and Duval counties. A suspect was located in Duval County after an extensive search. In late 2014 two suspects were arrested who were responsible for 52 auto burglaries in the Middleburg area. They are now incarcerated in the Clay County Jail. Identifying the suspects in cases like these and getting them off the streets is a top agency priority as these criminals are each responsible for multiple crimes, sometimes targeting entire neighborhoods overnight. GIS detectives also work hard to locate and return stolen property to victims. Sometimes the successful capture of just one suspect in crimes like these can close dozens of cases at one time.

Our agency has a unique partnership with Clay County government which allows us to provide two sworn detectives, Gary Winterstein and Roberts Dews, who operate as employees of the county's **Environmental Crime Unit**. These two detectives report to supervisors in General Investigations as well as to county supervisors. Their goal is to increase public awareness about the hazards of environmental crime and to conduct criminal investigations into criminal conduct that jeopardizes our county's environmental safety. They often partner with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and with other federal, state and local authorities. In 2014, one major issue they handled was the increase in illegal dumping done by crews cleaning out abandoned or foreclosed homes.



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**The GIS team cleared 1,088 total cases (745 arrests).**

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The **Robbery-Homicide Section (RHS)** is led by **Lt. Wayne McKinney**. RHS detectives work tirelessly to investigate and solve the toughest cases in law enforcement. Joining McKinney are two sergeants, eight detectives and a staff assistant. Together in 2014 they handled seven murder investigations (100% clearance rate), assisted the Orange Park Police Department with one murder case and worked 45 robberies (71% clearance rate). Of the 336 total cases assigned to them, they achieved an overall clearance rate of 91%. As mentioned, RHS members assisted OPPD with the arrest of Anthony Walker, Yolinda Doss, and Ronnie Wilson for the murder of Navy Commander Alphonso Doss. There were five homicides and two manslaughters in 2014. A synopsis of each case is provided below. RHS detectives continue to make progress in the investigations of cold case murders on which they never give up. New technology and techniques are used to move these unsolved cases.



**Lt. Wayne McKinney**

- **January 10, 2014:** Deputies responded to Hidden Waters Drive in Green Cove Springs reference a murder by stabbing. The victim, Brandon Blansit, and suspect, William Hutchison, lived in a RV on the grounds. Cleared by arrest.
- **April 29, 2014:** Deputies responded to Daisy Street in Middleburg regarding the death of a fourteen month old male. The investigation revealed the child, Anterious Miller, stopped breathing and was unresponsive after he was left in the care of Eddie Duggan. Medical Examiner reports showed the victim suffered significant head trauma. Cleared by arrest.
- **June 10, 2014:** Deputies responded to Bridlewood Place in Middleburg in reference to a manslaughter involving a three month old male. The victim, Jacoby Helms, was transported to the hospital while not breathing. The offender, Jesse Helms is suspected of shaking the child out of anger while the mother was away at school. Cleared by arrest.
- **June 21, 2014:** Deputies responded to Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs in reference to a burglary to auto. The victim was following the offenders and had them stop roadside. A fight ensued with all parties involved. Deputies arrived and the three offenders were initially medically cleared and placed under arrest. Offender in the Burglary/Victim of the Murder, Jason Kent, was later transported to the hospital where he died. Cleared by arrest.
- **October 4, 2014:** Deputies responded to Ashton Street in Middleburg in reference to a manslaughter. Victim Jamie Martin and offender Elliott Orsborn were at a party. An argument turned physical when the victim slapped the offender who then pulled out a handgun and shot the victim. Cleared by arrest.



#### **ANSWERS**

The RHS is called upon often to provide answers when deaths occur.

- **November 07, 2014:** Deputies responded to Silverado Circle in Green Cove Springs in reference to a murder investigation. Offender Arthur Grossie went to victim Paul Trossevin's home and began a verbal altercation over a business transaction. Grossie shot and killed the victim and shot himself, causing non-life-threatening injuries. Cleared by arrest.
- **December 1, 2014:** Deputies responded to Mayflower Street in Middleburg in reference to a murder investigation. The teenage son of victim Rosanne Welsh came home to find his mother deceased with what appeared to be stab wounds. The offender, Donald Davidson, kidnapped the victim's daughter, assaulted and then released her. Cleared by arrest.

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**Together in 2014 they handled seven murder investigations (100% clearance rate).**

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The **Financial Crimes Section (FCS)** and **Cyber Crimes Unit** are led by **Lt. Mel Gaden**. Gaden is joined by one sergeant, five detectives, five Civilian Crime Scene Technicians (CST's) and a receptionist. This team experienced significant change and growth in each area of their operation in 2014. Deputy Sheriff Rusty Monson retired in July 2014 after thirty-three years of service. Afterwards, his position was changed to a sergeant position filled by **Sgt. Bruce Owens**. The FCS was assigned 1,006 transferred cases in 2014. 89 of these cases were cleared by arrest, 69 were cleared by exception, 283 were inactivated, 623 were identified as out of our jurisdiction and thirteen warrants remain active with six of these pending release and transportation from other agencies.



**Lt. Mel Gaden**

In 2014, Financial Crimes Detectives, CST's, Community Policing Deputies and several members from Patrol worked jointly to take back a \$1.2 million property that was illegally stolen from Ameris Bank. The perpetrators' systematic and elaborate scheme involved an electronically filed, fraudulent, forged 'Quit Claim Deed' at the Clay County Clerk of Court. The perpetrators were arrested. The case received local and international attention with much praise from the financial and real estate industries. Last year the FCS investigated a complicated Scheme to Defraud case involving employees of the AGPRO business who orchestrated a grand theft of machinery. Several employees fraudulently obtained new and used equipment either owned or traded to AGPRO during customer sales, fabricating false documents and converting the machinery for their own use. Additionally, the employees falsified invoices and purchase orders showing items were delivered to many customers who never received them. The employees were arrested and AGPRO hired a new management team.

During 2014, the **Cyber Crimes Unit** added the capability of imaging Apple devices. Previous training at FLETC was Windows-specific. Another recent capability added to this unit's "tool box" is mobile device repair (applicable in cases when a device has been purposely destroyed). Repair of involved devices for the purpose of data extraction and/or the tear down of a phone to it's motherboard can make all the difference in a case's success. There were at least two notable cases examined in 2014 that involved child pornography. In one case, a computer examined by Detective Herb Pittman assisted in the conviction and sentencing of the suspect to life plus 130 years. Secondly, a computer examined by Detective Wayne Simandl involved the recovery of deleted Internet content involving child pornography which also resulted in the conviction of the defendant and sentence of 40 years.

The members of the **Crime Scene Technician Unit** obtained new latent print examination magnifiers and software in 2014. In addition to these purchases, two new crime scene vans were acquired. Other notable accomplishments for this staff of civilian

crime scene technicians includes the barcoding of huge amounts of photos in Evidence - 2,428 photo folders updated which housed 104,458 individual photos. There were 495 physical pieces of evidence processed in the crime lab in 2014.



**GATHERING**

CST's gather and process evidence and also attract a crowd during tours.



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**Repair of involved devices for the purpose of data extraction...  
can make all the difference in a case's success.**

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# Operations Bureau • SRD

**Captain David Barnes** supervises the **Strategic Response Division (SRD)** which includes the **Organized Crime Section, Street Crimes Unit, Narcotics Unit and the Intelligence Led Policing Unit**. In late 2012 this division was created and tasked with developing an Intelligence Led Policing Program and, since then, experienced many successes in regards to this new initiative, including big advances in 2014. CrimeNtel and ATACraids (software programs) were rolled out to all sworn staff and select civilian staff as tools to assist them in the furtherance of the Intelligence Led Policing Program. Two “all hands on deck” meetings were conducted during which all sworn and select civilian staff heard the Sheriff’s vision for Intelligence Led Policing and received a briefing from retired Pasco County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Brian Prescott on the basics of Intelligence Led Policing. A sergeant’s position was created to supervise the day-to-day operations of the Intelligence Unit.

In 2014, the Intelligence Unit managed the collection, analysis, dissemination and tracking of 1,154 intelligence reports which resulted in 80 arrests. CCSO members also regularly conducted the Actionable Intelligence Meeting (A.I.M.). This meeting is led by Sgt. Gary Lavaron and its purpose is to review updates on past intelligence and present new intelligence that has been received by the SRD. Crime Analysts share “hot-spots” for the different Patrol beats while passing on pertinent information and sensitive intelligence data to all impacted members.



**Capt. David Barnes**



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## OFFICER AWARENESS

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## What are the main functions of Intelligence Led Policing (ILP)?

1. Analysts compile and analyze data to provide users the most complete and current information possible which is then distributed and utilized as necessary.
2. Intelligence Unit Detectives reach out to our public and private sector partners in a proactive manner to identify activity that could be criminal activity. The detectives establish contacts and identify possible vulnerabilities and related solutions. This information is forwarded to the ILP lieutenant who ensures the Sheriff and his staff are provided with the most current and accurate information regarding national security issues pertaining to Clay County and the State of Florida.
3. ILP members are assigned recognized groups germane to our jurisdiction. These detectives monitor, work with, and remain cognizant of matters subscribed to by these groups. This proactive approach to foster and develop community partnerships and trust will aid the public safety community in the identification of any violent extremist threat or ideology that may emerge.
4. Completed threat and risk assessments are entered in the appropriate Department of Homeland Security Database.

The **Narcotics, Street Crimes and Intelligence** detectives worked many hours investigating narcotics/vice activities and street gang/threat group investigations under the direction of **Organized Crime Section Lt. Joey Jett** in 2014. Jett and his staff are called to work undercover on many cases. Through their hard work, 425 cases were generated and 313 cases were cleared by arrest (335 people arrested). They seized 168 pounds of processed marijuana, 823 plants, 4 grams of synthetic marijuana, 2,144 grams of cocaine, 102 grams of crack cocaine, 4,381 dosage units of pharmaceutical pills, and 2,046 grams of meth oil. Smaller amounts of MDMA, "molly", heroin, hashish and synthetic LSD (25i) were also seized. Additionally, 949 pounds of prescription medication was taken off the streets through a **Drug Take Back Program** held on multiple weekends throughout the year.

**Clay County Sheriff's Office Media Release:**

**Clay County Conducts Drug Take Back Event**

The date for our agency's next Drug Take Back Event is Saturday, November 8th, 2014 at the Walgreens store located at 630 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, between 10am-2pm. Our agency members will be on hand to safely collect unused and expired prescription medications. The collected drugs will be disposed of properly. The Walgreens is located at the corner of Blanding Blvd and Constitution Drive. Anyone with questions is asked to contact CCSO Detective Ben Simmons.

Thank you, Mary Justino,  
CCSO Public Affairs

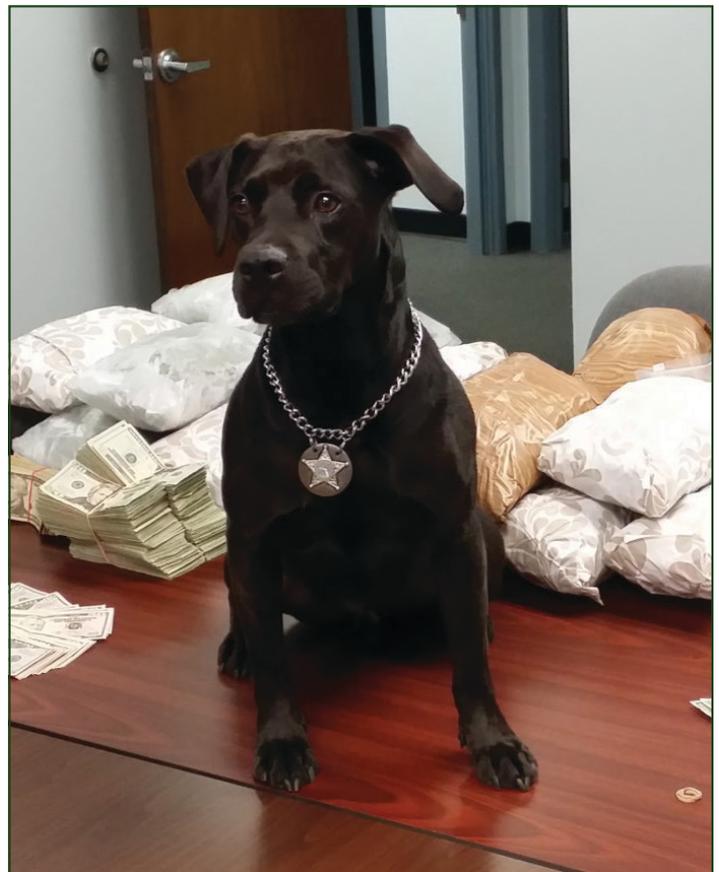
These detectives investigated 13 meth labs, 10 marijuana grow operations and 18 prostitution/vice operations. They conducted 105 "knock-and-talk" investigations, 23 search warrants and two illegal gambling investigations in 2014. Last year, the SRD seized approximately \$545,175 in US currency and assets. Approximately \$1.6 million of narcotics (street value) was removed off the streets of Clay County.

A few of the most noteworthy cases worked by the members of the Strategic Response Division during 2014 include the following:

- A marijuana trafficking joint investigation with FDLE/IRS involving a Clay County resident who was transporting large quantities of marijuana from California to Clay County to sell. SRD and assisting agencies seized 140 pounds marijuana, \$140,097 and a 2005 pick-up truck.

- A long-term cocaine trafficking investigation involving a Clay County resident who was transporting large quantities of powder cocaine from Miami to Clay County to sell. SRD seized a kilo of powder cocaine, \$70,995, a 2012 Nissan Armada, a 2004 Hummer H2, a 2013 Victory motorcycle, a 2012 Polaris 900 Razor, a 2008 Polaris 800 Razor, a 2005 Gulfstream Travel Trailer and a 2012 26-foot enclosed trailer. The investigation was then turned over to Drug Enforcement Agency agents who identified/arrested a cocaine supplier from South America.

- Three reverse marijuana purchase operations netted \$74,080 and two vehicles worth \$13,350 were seized.
- A Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization (R.I.C.O.) investigation involving fraudulently obtained prescription medication that resulted in the arrest of 12 individuals.
- A human trafficking investigation that was initiated by SRD turned into a federal investigation concerning international human trafficking and prostitution.



**K9 CASEY**

K9 Casey sniffed out his share of drug-related crime in 2014.



# Detention Bureau

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# Detention Bureau

Our **Detention Bureau** experienced a change of command in 2014. Long-time Major Johnny Mack Smith entered the world of retirement. Taking over the helm for Smith is **Major M. A. Lawrence**, himself a 38-year agency veteran. Major Lawrence has served in leadership roles with the Sheriff's Office in all agency bureaus and is surrounded now by staff who assist him in day-to-day oversight of Clay County Jail/Detention operations.

The Detention Bureau takes pride in the success its staff has experienced with our Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) and Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS) inspections. They have a decade-long record of excellence. In addition, it speaks well for this bureau that many agencies from around the state contact our staff to gather ideas on how to improve their facilities. The Clay County Jail (480 beds) has full accommodations for the inmates housed here, providing basic necessities during their incarceration. Male and female inmates have phone, commissary, inmate programs, exercise and library privileges on a regular schedule. The inmates are protected by sworn male and female Detention Deputies. This bureau also includes a large number of civilian employees who do a professional job running control rooms, handling booking duties and many other important jobs augmenting the duties of the sworn Detention personnel. There is also a fully-staffed Jail Medical Unit with a physician and, since 2014, a licensed psychologist.

The structure of this bureau includes an **Administrative Section** (booking, court liaison civilians, food and commissary services, medical unit security, training, classification, chaplain and property units) supervised by **Captain Terry Arnold**. This bureau also includes **Court Security and Warrants/Transport Sections** (primary security teams, Civilian Control Room operators, laundry, exercise and inmate discipline) supervised by **Captain Tom Waugh**. Major Lawrence's staff also includes **Medical Unit Director Connie Adams**, **Accreditation Manager Tina Chatmon**, **Detention Bureau Detective Ruth McMahon** and **Senior Staff Assistant Barbara Bullins**.

As noted above, the Clay County Jail is operated and managed by CCSO Detention Bureau personnel. They have a long history of achievement with the accreditation process—so much so, that Sheriff Beseler recently wrote the following (excerpt):



**Tina Chatmon**  
**Accreditation Manager**

*I am very pleased to inform you that the Detention Bureau has been recommended for re-accreditation by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission at the next meeting to be held June 22, 2015 in Orlando. This honor would not be possible without the hard work and dedication each of you exhibit on a daily basis. I extend my thanks and appreciation to all Detention Bureau members for making this re-accreditation the best to date and to Tina Chatmon for her leadership on the effort. No policies or proofs had to be amended or corrected to be in compliance. Such a perfect performance is indeed rare and the assessors commented repeatedly about the professionalism, courtesy, openness and family atmosphere the staff exhibited. You should be proud of your performance—I know I am.*



**Major Mike Lawrence**



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**The Detention Bureau takes pride in the success its staff has experienced...**

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**Captain Terry Arnold** is the **Chief of Detention Administration** overseeing daily operations of **Detention Administration, Court Security, Detention's Master Deputy Program** plus **Warrants and Transport**. He is assisted by De-

tention Bureau Staff Assistant Marlene Whitman. In 2014, Detention Administration staff completed several projects including installation of color cameras in all cell blocks and implementation of Rounds Tracker (improves efficiency of our security rounds). A new Master Deputy program is also now in place that enhances the training program. Sgt. Robert Heaps supervises the **Detention Administrative Section** which includes the Detention Supply/Inventory Deputy, In-take Specialists, Administrative Specialists, NCIC Specialist, Jail Lobby Receptionists and the Dining Facility. The In-take Specialists had a significant role in processing the 6,500+ inmates booked into jail in 2014. Heaps is the administrator of the Securus inmate phone system, a valuable intelligence gathering tool. The **Courthouse Security Unit** is led by **Lt. Mark Cowan** and Sgt. Larry Henry. Court Security Deputies ensure the public, lawyers and county workers are safe while conducting business each day at the Courthouse and the Clay County Administration Building. In 2014, more than 184,000 people entered through courthouse checkpoints manned by members under his command.

The Detention Bureau's **Warrants and Inmate Transport Section** is commanded by **Lt. Jason Bennett**, Sgt. Robert Punsky and Sgt. Kathy Waugh. They handle arrests made on warrants and the movement of inmates all over the country. Inmate Transport completed 790+ orders for transport in 2014. Warrants staff served more than 3,300 warrants in 2014 including participation in two Florida Sheriff's Task Force Operations, "Winter Round Up" and "Summer Slam".



**Capt. Terry Arnold**



**Lt. Mark Cowan**



**Lt. Jason Bennett**



Sgt. Christopher Suefloh is in charge of the Detention Master Deputy Program as well as inmate programs, commissary, property and classification sections. Our Master Deputy Program, implemented in late 2014, covers the Detention FTO program for deputies and control room operators. Sgt. Danny Batton managed the task of placing cameras throughout jail cells. This project was a lengthy task and included installation of color cameras in all the inmate cell blocks.

**Security Section** responsibilities within the Detention Bureau are overseen by the **Division Chief For Security, Captain Thomas Waugh**. Captain Waugh is proud of the Detention Bureau's Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) which rose to new levels in 2014, meeting and exceeding all expectations. CERT members are used regularly when dealing with combative inmates, inmates whose behavior warrants cell or vehicle extraction, escorts of high profile inmates and during the searches of cells. They continue to be very valuable when interviewing inmates and for intelligence gathering.

The new uniforms that were introduced for CERT proved to be effective as the presence of deputies in their CERT gear during any given situation seems to cut down on potential combativeness. Captain Waugh says, "When they show up, it is all business." The CERT team is continuously training and keeping up-to-date regarding tactical needs. The continued monitoring of all inmate phone calls and the gathering of intelligence in the jail increased in 2014. Not only is it proving to be effective in providing criminal activity information to the detectives but it also serves to identify persons dropping off contraband in various locations for trustees plus those same "trustees" being caught coming back into the facility with contraband.



**Capt. Tom Waugh**



<b>2014 Courthouse Contraband Seized</b>	
<b>Firearms</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bladed Instruments</b>	<b>652</b>
<b>Mace/Spray</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Corkscrews</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Nail Kits</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Screwdrivers</b>	<b>10</b>



**CERT... rose to new levels in 2014, meeting and exceeding all expectations.**

Veteran Detention Bureau supervisors assisting Captain Waugh in managing staff are **Lt. Audrey Keenon, Lt. Tyrone Duncan, Lt. William Arnold** and **Lt. Ethel McKinnon** continue to lead the Security Teams in the Clay County Jail overseeing the day-to-day operations, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Detention Bureau Security Sgt. Jimmy Deese continues to oversee and lead several of the sections that make the Detention Bureau run efficiently. Those areas include the Civilian Control Room Operators, Laundry and Visitation Section. We now employ a large group of Civilian Control Room Operators (CRO's) who provide a great deal of manpower towards the general operation of the jail. Their presence allows the sworn Detention Deputies to spend more time on the facility floor and in the cell-blocks dealing with the inmates directly. The role of the CRO's recently expanded to include the confinement area where they monitor and record all of the special watches. Captain Waugh commented, "The CRO's are a truly vital part of our organization and we appreciate them and the job they do."



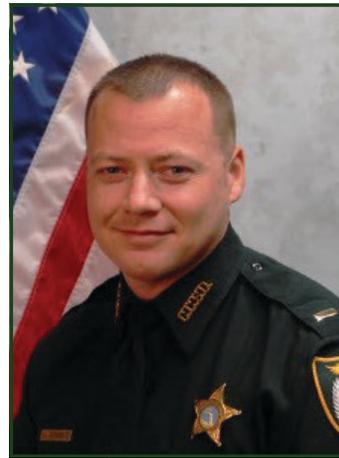
**CONTROL**  
The addition of Civilian Control Room Operators make a big difference.



**Lt. Audrey Keenon**



**Lt. Tyrone Duncan**



**Lt. William Arnold**



**Lt. Ethel McKinnon**



**Connie Adams, RN**

**Medical Unit Director Connie Adams, RN**, leads a team of nearly a dozen medical professionals (nurses and medical clerks) whose skills are important to maintaining the health and well-being of hundreds of jail inmates. Adams and her staff partner with the physicians inside and outside our facility to provide medical care and needed prescriptions. The average daily jail population in 2014 was 411 inmates (male and female adults). In 2014, the jail had a pharmacy bill of \$217,123 of which

\$87,618 was for psych-related medications. In 2014, our jail physician had 2,100 documented encounters with jail inmates during which a mental health issue was handled (discussed/treated).





# Administration Bureau

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# Administration Bureau

**Major Mike Hardee** leads the **Administration Bureau** of the CCSO. The ability of any Clay County Deputy Sheriff to answer calls for service and provide professional police protection to our citizens 24/7 often depends on the actions of the dedicated members of the Administration Bureau. From our highly- skilled Telecommunications Operators who serve as direct conduits for communication with our first responding deputies, to our Building and Maintenance Section staff who are responsible for housing more than 500 employees, to our Fleet Maintenance personnel who maintain over 500 pieces of equipment, the concept of working together—teamwork—to accomplish a common goal is nothing new. This is their philosophy and is the key ingredient to this bureau's operational success.

On a bi-monthly basis Administration Bureau captains, directors, lieutenants, and managers come together to share information on each area of their responsibilities. This often includes updates regarding our records management system database, evidence storage, and information from our technicians who work around the clock to maintain and upgrade a series of sophisticated computer systems. A key benefit to this regular interaction among members is that we work together on common issues and concerns while looking for better and more efficient methods of doing our jobs. For example, in 2014, Sheriff's Office personnel worked together as a team led by Administration staff to accomplish another error-free report from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. This extensive audit process resulted in the agency receiving the prestigious **Excelsior Award**.



**Major Mike Hardee**



This award is presented only to law enforcement agencies that have received five consecutive error-free audits for excellence demonstrating the very best in performance and police work. Commitment, dedication, professionalism—these are the hallmarks of the Administration Bureau's success and they are proud to share this recognition with all those who worked hard to make it a reality. Major Hardee is joined in leadership of this bureau by Captain Joe Bucci and Captain Anthony Dangerfield. Hardee is also assisted by **Senior Staff Assistant Susan Fogarty**.



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# Administration Bureau

**Captain Joe Bucci, the Chief of the Professional Services Division,** in 2014 was transferred from the Operations Bureau. His division is responsible for the training needs and requirements of all personnel, for maintaining nearly 500 pieces of equipment, maintenance of the Detective David A. White Memorial Building in Green Cove Springs along with the Orange Park, Middleburg, and Keystone substations. These facilities house about 540 employees. Additionally, Bucci's staff supervises our Radio Communications, Accreditation, Safety and Secondary Employment areas. These members play a vital role in keeping our agency up and running.

**Building and Ground Maintenance:** This section, supervised by **Manager Kenneth Barksdale**, completed numerous major projects in 2014, most significantly the renovation of the Communications Center. This section is comprised of five maintenance personnel and two custodians. Along with general beautification of the facilities in 2014, they completed over 1,750 work orders agency-wide.

**Fleet Maintenance/Radio Shop:** Fleet Maintenance is supervised by **Manager Chuck White** whose staff handled 3,432 work order requests in 2014. White's staff is responsible for maintaining all agency vehicles and assuring our personnel have reliable ways of responding to the needs of Clay County's citizens. **Manager Andy Eakin** supervises the Radio Shop and his staff is responsible for not only maintaining the radio system for Clay County but they also assist with outfitting vehicles with lighting, sirens, radars, laptop mounts and gun racks. They support SWAT, Negotiations, and Communications training plus callouts, ensuring communications are operable during critical response times.

**Evidence/Compliance & Agency Safety/Secondary Employment Sections:** **Lt. Daniel Fish** supervises these sections which include sworn Deputy Sheriffs, Evidence Specialists, a Safety Coordinator and the Secondary Employment Coordinator. The Accreditation Unit is overseen by Manager Ken Murray who assures we comply with 260 CFA standards. This year, CCSO received again a comment-free State Accreditation inspection and received the Excelsior Award! Evidence Manager Gerilynn Barton and her staff oversee the storage, tracking, and disposal of all evidence collected by the CCSO. Robert Williams, CCSO Safety Coordinator, is responsible for tracking workplace injuries. Williams regularly conducts safety inspections of CCSO buildings for compliance and safety standards. Brittany Gillard is the Secondary Employment Coordinator who oversees the scheduling of all secondary employment jobs requested.

**Training Section:** Led by newly-transferred **Lt. Pat Golemme**, the Training Section oversees training for all sworn and civilian personnel agency-wide. Members revised our Field Training Officer Program in 2014 creating **Master Deputies** who now train new deputies. These men and women were chosen through a detailed search process to locate the most qualified members to teach the future deputies of the CCSO. The Master Deputy Program is comprised of two sergeants and sixteen deputies who are responsible for not only training new personnel but also for recruiting future candidates for employment here.



**Capt. Joe Bucci**



**Lt. Daniel Fish**



**Lt. Patrick Golemme**



# Administration Bureau

**Captain Anthony Dangerfield** is the **Chief of Administrative Services** and his division includes Information Services, Civil Process, Communications and the Planning & Research Sections. One project completed in 2014 was a total renovation of the Communications Center complete with ergonomic workstations and upgraded computer equipment. The Information Services Section completed the build-out of an Emergency Communications Vehicle as well which provides satellite, radio and telephonic communications in areas where signal is poor. The Planning & Research Section improved our document imaging and storage, a long-term project that already reduced need for off-site document storage.

**Information Services Section:** Led by **Director Dominic Antoniello**, this section maintains all computer and telephone systems utilized by the agency including 402 laptops and 289 desk-top computers. In 2014, they upgraded many enterprise systems including the back-up server, our main Windows log-in server, the eCAS Call Accounting Software, our core network switch and our VMWare infrastructure. They also finalized the ATAC RAIDS implementation and configured access for sworn personnel. These members also took part in the remodeling of the Communications Center in 2014 and also switched the agency's Internet service provider and network connection between substations.

**Civil Process Section:** **Lt. Keith Perry** leads this agency section with the support of Sgt. Mark Tate. This section consists of six sworn deputies who serve both enforceable and non-enforceable civil process, and three civilian Civil Process Specialists who in-take and log process received for service. Deputy Brian Curry joined the section in 2014 filling an open position left by Deputy Alvie Lilley's retirement. These members processed 10,441 papers and served 10,357 papers last year. They also collected \$242,332 in service fees.

**Communications Section:** **Director Diane Pickering** supervises our Public Safety Telecommunicators (PSTs) who are trained and state certified to rapidly assess situations and obtain critical info for deputies (received 113,477 calls for service in 2014). All 911 emergency calls are initially answered by these members including those for public safety. Of the 78,876 emergency calls received, 14,501 were transferred to Public Safety or other agencies. Seven of our PST's are members of the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team also known as TERT. They are highly-trained individuals providing support during any emergency situation that requires negotiators, SWAT or both. TERT expanded in 2014 to include use of the Emergency Communications Vehicle (EVC). "Comms" underwent a complete remodel in Spring 2014 followed by implementation of "text to 911" .

**Planning & Research:** **Director Deborah Wheeler** coordinated the tasks performed by this section's members last year including research for strategic planning, public requests, accreditation standards, UCR reports and policy archiving. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Analysts review every investigative report (32,493 reports in 2014). The Records Unit, supervised by Manager Carol Compton, works closely with UCR. In 2014, staff handled 23,731 requests for copies of documents, 11,758 background checks and processed 1,800 fingerprint requests. Taking over the supervision of this section in 2015 is **Director Brenda Foster**.



**Capt. Anthony Dangerfield**



**Dominic Antoniello**



**Lt. Keith Perry**



**Diane Pickering**



**Brenda Foster**



# Finance Bureau

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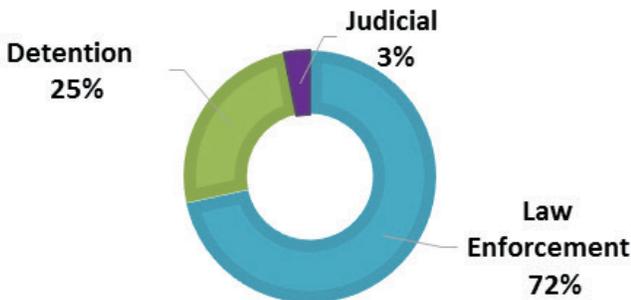


**CFO Elise Gann**

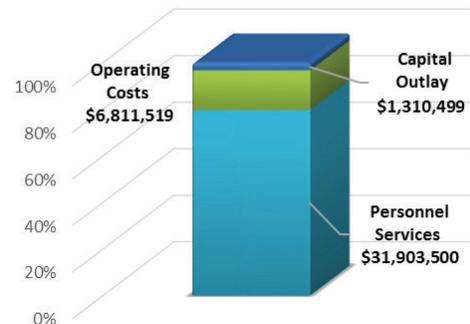
The **Finance Bureau** is led by **Chief Financial Officer Elise Gann** who is assisted by **Grant Administrator Debbie Garrett**. The bureau, which includes the Fiscal, Purchasing, and Human Resources Sections, is responsible for the accurate and timely accounting of all agency financial and human resources matters. The CCSO is not just a law enforcement agency. It is also an organization that operates like a business, requiring proper fiscal management and accounting of taxpayer dollars. Annual fiscal audits help government entities like ours provide proof of solvent accounting standards and financial health, as well as maintaining good internal record keeping protocols. For the tenth year in a row, our agency proudly received a comment free audit. It is a tremendous responsibility to ensure all agency funds are properly spent and accounted for throughout the year, but the dedicated members of the Finance Bureau do an excellent job with that task.

Each year the Sheriff submits an annual budget request to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. For Fiscal Year 2013-2014 the general fund budget, which is divided into three divisions of law enforcement, detention and judicial, was \$40,875,258.

**BUDGET BY DIVISION  
FY 2013 - 2014**



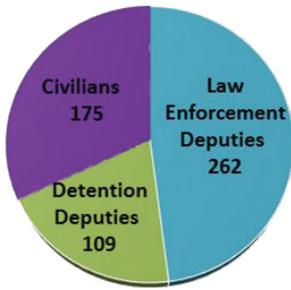
**ACTUAL EXPENDITURES BY TYPE  
FY 2013 - 2014**



**Mara Caon**

**Fiscal Section:** In 2014, **Mara Caon** was promoted to **Director of the Fiscal Section**. She is responsible for managing the Accounting and Payroll Units with the assistance of six staff members (accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash management, grant management and budget analysis). The Payroll Unit is responsible for bi-monthly payroll processing for all full-time and part-time members (nearly \$32 million annually). In the area of grant management, the Fiscal Section tracks and reports on all federal, state and local grant awards. During FY 2013-2014, our agency received \$127,600 in grant awards which allowed for the purchase of equipment and technology that would not be affordable otherwise. Funds are also received from corporate foundations like State Farm, Firehouse Subs, Target and Walmart for special projects. Florida law allows law enforcement agencies to seize and forfeit any contraband that has been used in the commission of felonies. The cash or proceeds from a sale of the seized items go into the Law Enforcement Trust Fund account for use by the law enforcement agency. During FY 2013-2014, the Clay County Sheriff's Office was awarded forfeitures funds in the amount of \$301,934. These funds are also used to purchase various types of equipment such as protective body armor and specialized lap-tops for our multi-jurisdictional drug task force members.

## FUNDED FULL-TIME POSITIONS



*The CCSO budget currently supports 546 funded full-time positions including 371 sworn Law Enforcement and Detention Deputies and 175 civilians. Additionally, 98 part-time members who work throughout the agency as Crossing Guards, Reserve Deputies, Civilian Control Room Operators are also an important part of the CCSO team!*



**Rick Delp**

**Purchasing Section:** This section is led by **Purchasing Director Michael “Rick” Delp** who is entering his second year with the CCSO. With a mission to ensure adherence to purchasing policies while fulfilling agency requirements, the Purchasing Section processed over \$4 million worth of purchase orders for products or services in FY 2013-2014. These members seek to obtain a quality product for the best price by researching prices and assisting other departments in obtaining quotes with the goal of fiscal accountability for all taxpayer dollars spent. This five-person section does more than just shop, i.e., purchasing everything from toilet paper to office supplies to cars and guns. They also support the entire agency in the areas of printing, supply, travel, inventory, risk management and mail delivery. Each year they handle 8,000+ pounds of mail including about 25,000 pieces of out-going mail. They provide accurate delivery of all U.S. and intradepartmental mail throughout the agency daily. The Supply Room is the “one-stop shop” for agency uniforms, vests, uniform accessories and office supplies (supply requests processed by the Supply Specialist who finds the products at the best price available). The agency’s Print Shop is also located in the Supply Room. Thou-

sands of pages of printed materials are produced each year including agency brochures, hand-outs, forms, business cards and printed envelopes.

**Human Resources Section:** Led by **Director Leigh Corley** and two full-time staff members, this section not only manages the hiring of new employees but also assists with coordinating our recruiting team, our promotional testing, our college internship program, maintenance of employee records (including electronic records related to sworn law enforcement and detention deputies) plus oversees the college program for employees. In 2014, fourteen CCSO employees received their Associate, Bachelor or Master’s degree!

In 2014, Human Resources processed nearly 400 applications, hired 62 new employees, added 14 juveniles to the Police Explorers Program and 30 volunteers to the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) Program. VIPS currently boasts a roster of 288 members who assist us throughout the agency. VIPS logged 8,974 hours in 2014. In order to enhance and streamline the hiring process for sworn law enforcement and detention deputies, changes were made to the recruiting, applicant review and interviewing processes last year. The Hiring Committee, made up of the four Bureau Commanders and the Chief Inspector, conduct in-depth interviews with the candidates selected during the application review process and chooses the candidates that will continue the process. “HR” also assumed the responsibility for managing employee benefits for all employees. This change consolidated all aspects of the hiring process for new employees making it much more efficient. Another important change last year involved revamping the training of new deputies through the creation of a **Master Deputy Program**. Each Master Deputy is now the “face of the Sheriff’s Office.”



**Leigh Corley**

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The 2014 CCSO Annual Report is a compilation of information, statistics, graphs, photos and thoughts provided to it's editor, Mary Justino, by CCSO supervisors from all four agency bureaus. While impossible to portray every facet of our daily operation, it is our hope that this report conveys the overall health of our agency and paints an informative, positive picture of the hard work and dedication exhibited each day by our personnel. A limited number of hard-copy reports are printed each year for public distribution. To review this annual report and reports from previous years on-line, visit [www.claysheriff.com](http://www.claysheriff.com).



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**Det. Tim Bell**

A special "thank you" to CCSO Detective Tim Bell and to Detention Deputy Will Wardell for contributing their photography expertise to this 2014 Annual Report project. Great job!



**Dep. Will Wardell**