



The Crimefighter:

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Mission Statement

"Establish relationships, build public trust and earn citizens confidence while reducing crime, to make Columbia the safest City in South Carolina"

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Gina & I wish all of you a year filled with the best. I want to express my gratitude for the team spirit among you--your genuine caring for each other's well-being & your willingness to be supportive in times of spiritual, emotional & physical need.

Some people say the first decade of the 21st Century ends this week. Others say it extends until the end of 2010. Either way, the past 10 years were a momentous period of change. Believe it or not, 2009 gave us a lot to be cheerful about. It's the time of year for being positive; for putting aside the tedious & difficult financial problems facing the City & submitting to qualified optimism. As usual, the CPD's glass-half full index is topped by 34 promotions made in the past 6 months of 2009. Our attrition rate has settled down to approximately 10 % as opposed to the high of 20% in 2008 with retirees being our largest loss category in 2009.

Continuing with the upside of 2009, our Crimefighters have mapped a genetic code that has stabilized crime citywide--given the insufficient "Overtime Dollars" to

From the Chief's Office

create our normal footprint citywide. Another astonishing development in 2009 was the addition of "tasers" to our workforce; therefore, avoiding the humiliation of asking other agencies for assistance. What's even more remarkable is that, we recruited 63 new rookies in 2009. Additionally, we hosted the first ever Career Fair on the footsteps of CPD's Headquarters. The Career Fair was a unanimous success.

I've always had mixed feelings about mobile phones, Facebook, & all the rest. Exposure to so much new media can fry your brain, turn you into an electronic narcissist or just destroy our peace of mind. With such a progressive CPD's Website, there is nowhere to hide. We received well over 3 million hits on our Webpage in 2009. Other reasons to be cheerful as 2009 fades, the City appear to be operating in the black. We have not fallen into the second Great Depression--something that seemed a distinct possibility 6 months ago.

And last but not least, in 2009 you all have been absolutely incredible with the demands that have been

placed on your time. As we complete the first decade of the 21st Century & the last year of that decade, I ask all of you to move onward in 2010. Today more than ever CPD needs its collective efforts to help connect, succeed & grow in the new decade. It takes a great deal of both individual & collective energy to have a successful year in an organization like ours.

Again, thank you for your help & best wishes for a happy, prosperous, & healthy 2010.



Welcome and Farewell!

Kevin M. Rinehart
Harry Lonnie Bodiford Jr.
Shaneka Dianetta Jones
Christopher Lee Eunice
Nicholas Quinn Sexton
Meghan Ann Dabkowski
Anthony Armand D'onofrio, III
Keith Allen Sprinkle
Kevin Michael Schmidt, Jr



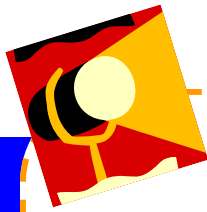
Police Officer Candidates:

Timothy D Brown
Ryan C Medlock
Justin W. Poage

Farewell to:

Captain Thomas Dodson
Lt. Robert L Gibson
Sgt. Yvette Ashford
Sgt. Geraldine Moss
Sgt. Donald Yacobucci
Officer Matthew L Quigley





CPD Employee Spotlight: Sergeant Emery J. Morgan

By:
Brick Lewis

Our Sympathy to:

Sergeant R. L. White on the passing of his father, Mr. Lewis E. White on August 8, 2009.

Officer Jeffrey A. Brink on the passing of his grandfather, Mr. Eugene Brink on August 11, 2009.

MPO Aaron Wisershem on the passing of his grandfather, Virgil Knopp on August 30, 2009.

Lt. Charles Ashford on the passing of his father, James Ashford on September 14, 2009

Officer Clarence Hassell on the passing of his grandmother on September 17, 2009.

Investigator Pete Banco on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Banco on September 25, 2009.

MPO Fred Bryant on the passing of his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Bell Boyd on October 11, 2009.

MPO Christopher Morris on the passing of his grandfather, Mr. Donald Saindon on October 18, 2009.

Sergeant Danita Speaks-Scott on the passing of her brother Johnny Lee Anderson.

Sergeant L. Solomon on the passing of his mother, Gladys Solomon on Monday, November 23, 2009.

MPO Alvin Blakely on the passing of his mother, Betty Blakley on Wednesday, December 2, 2009

The Family of Sgt. William Bennett "Bill" Carter (Ret) on his passing on Saturday, December 12, 2009

This issue's spotlight is on South Region Sergeant, Emery J. Morgan. Currently serving as the interim Executive Officer for the South Region, Sergeant Morgan is a 21 year veteran of the Columbia Police Department.

Hired in July of 1988, Morgan was promoted to Corporal in 1997 and then to Sergeant in 2001.

Son of a United States Marine, Morgan moved around but mostly grew up in the Southern Hills of Indiana. He graduated from Bedford North Lawrence High School in Indiana. He then graduated from Georgia Military College where he received his U.S. Army Commission as a Second Lieutenant. With GMC a two year college he completed bachelors degree at Indiana State University receiving a degree in Criminology.

Morgan served in the U.S. Army Reserves 70th Infantry Division from

1983 until 1988 and on inactive ready reserve for ten years.

Sgt. Morgan is married to his beautiful wife Becky and he has two sons; one is a senior at Irmo High School the other attends Midlands Technical College. Morgan also has one step son that is a junior at the Citadel and one step daughter that is a graduate from USC that is looking for a full time teaching position.

After leaving the U.S. Army Reserves to pursue a career in law enforcement, Morgan moved to Columbia and joined CPD mostly because Columbia is in the center of the State with the mountains and the beach just a few hours away.

Sgt. Morgan received special training as a crisis negotiator while he was in SWAT,

which he was a member of in its beginnings in the early 1990's.

Sgt. Morgan has set a short term goal to be promoted to Lieutenant and his long term goal is to become Major over Police Operations.

Morgan states "I really have enjoyed my career at CPD and I especially enjoy the people I work with. To me this is my second family".

When he has leisure time Morgan enjoys hiking, gardening and going to the gym with his wife.



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CPD Retired Employee Spotlight: Lt. Ralph Roberts

By:
Brick Lewis

In his 5 decades of service to the Columbia Police Department, Lt. Ralph Roberts (Ret) experienced many changes in law enforcement while serving with CPD. But like many law enforcement officers of that time he served in the armed forces, specifically the US Army when he joined in 1952. He was recruited as one of the first 300 to be part of a new specialized group that the Army was starting, Special Forces.

Roberts started his career with CPD in January 1956 walking a beat in what is now called Metro Region for 18 months and was later assigned a car 1 day a week.

Prior to 1960, Roberts was assigned to Main Street as a foot traffic officer. His main duties were enforcing parking violations.

In the early 1960's, an opening in the Department's motorized traffic division introduced Roberts to motorcycle duty. Roberts attended traffic school at the Traffic Institute on the campus of Northwestern

University where he learned about accident investigations.

In 1964 as Roberts family expenses grew with having two daughters, Sherry and Susan, he left the Department to take a job with a building supply company to better provide for his family. During the ten years Roberts was with the company he was required to move to different locations throughout the southeast.

In 1974 Roberts and the family moved back to Columbia and he returned to the Police Department, of course starting back walking a beat. An opening in motorcycle traffic opened up after a few months after returning which he took.

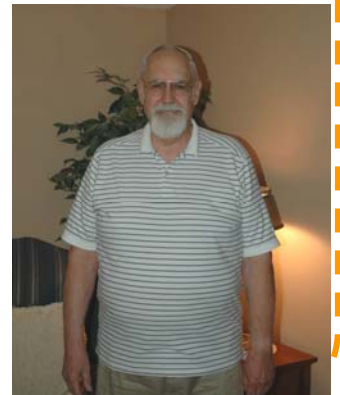
Roberts worked in several divisions with the Department for about the next ten years from court liaison officer to an inspections officer, which received training at the Smith & Wesson in Springfield, Massachusetts to become an armorer.

In 1987 Roberts was a Sergeant and supervisor over records division. In

1989 he was promoted to Lieutenant and commanded District 4, what is now South Region. He stayed there for about a year and moved to Investigations for about the same time. His last posting was District 2 (Metro Region) commander before he retired in June of 1990.

Mary his wife of 48 years and he are members of State Street Baptist Church in Cayce.

Roberts has three grandsons, the oldest is a student at Wofford College and the other two are two and five years old.



Birthdays



January

January 2nd

Carolyn Wilson

January 4th

Shannon Adams
Jennifer Jordan

January 7th

Gordon Crews
Robert Shawen
Virginia Twymon
Alex White

January 8th

Gilbert Williams

January 9th

Michael Walsh

January 10th

Rodney Hartwell

January 11th

Jose Arvelo

January 12th

Jimmi Leigh Dirnbauer
Joseph Edwards
Arland Lester
Phillip Williams

January 14th

Sharon Alexander
David Hellman
Sandra Powalski

January 16th

Amanda Blanton

January 17th

Adam Champion
Diane McKnight

January 19th

Matthew Buck
Kristopher Chatara

January 20th

Tony Rhinehart

January 21st

Jennifer Jutkofsky

January 22nd

Charles McSwain Jr
Joseph Rowson

January 24th

Ryan McIntyre
Matthew Priest

January 27th

Christopher Blackwell
Darius Wade

January 28th

Randall Fitzgerald

January 30th

Ronald Manning Jr

January 31st

Matthew Jenkins

February

February 1st

Charles Ashford
Paul Nelson

February 4th

DK Martin

February 5th

Brian Carroll
Gregory Shropshire

February 6th

Nicholas Sexton

February 10th

Gregory Sharp
Estelle Young

February 12th

Brian Lilly

February 13th

Elizabeth Church
Christopher Morris
Darlin Pressley

February 14th

Valeria Moorer
Jason Oliver

February 15th

Anthony D'Onofrio
Ida Menendez
Wynter Odom

February 16th

Harry Bodiford

February 17th

Christopher Narewski

February 18th

Jean Parris

February 21st

Tracey Dixon

February 23rd

John Grant

February 24th

Colin Bailey

February 25th

Pamela Gibson

February 26th

Amy Mostella

February 29th

Richard White





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Birth Announcements

Sergeant Taurus Sanders and his wife Tia, on the birth of their daughter Ayden Tania Sanders on July 23rd at 7lbs and 21 inches.

POC Thomas Vargas and his wife on the birth of their son, Gabriel Armando Vargas on August 17th at 8lbs 3oz and 20 3/4 inches.

Sergeant George Drafts and his wife Maryam on the birth of their girl, Layla Rose Drafts on September 21st at 7lbs.

Mrs. Jean Parris in Criminal Investigations on the birth of her grandson, James William Parris, III, "Trace" on September 30th at 7lbs., 15oz and 20in.

Officer J. Christian Ross and his wife Christy on the birth of their daughter, Madisyn Marie Ross on October 8th at 6lbs, 15oz.

Officer Candidate Kevin Rinehart and his wife Doreen on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor on November 16th at 7lbs, 2.3oz and 18in.

Chaplain's Corner

BY: Clyde Waters, Senior Chaplain

Living our lives has been compared to running a race. To be sure there are time when life is a "rat race," so busy that we seldom take a break and just relax. Hebrews 12:1 reads, "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Running the race of life requires endurance or patience.

Recently ten of our officers were promoted to the rank of Investigator. Half of those had been with the department for ten years or less. The other half had been here an average of 14.7 years with one having 19 years service at the time of her promotion. Hard work and patience paid off well for these fine officers. They are not only being rewarded for their endurance but for their loyalty.

This should be an encouragement to those who were hoping for a promotion but got passed by. Don't give up but keep the faith and run with

endurance the race that is set before you. Thank you for your loyalty to the department too!

By the time this newsletter is published I will have completed thirty years as department chaplain. What a blessing this ministry has been to me personally! I have come to value my friendships with you and as long as I can contribute I will continue to do so.

Grace and peace,

Clyde Waters, Senior Chaplain