

# The Badge

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## Towns County Sheriff's Office News



### From the desk of Sheriff Ken Henderson:

As we enter the holiday season, I am grateful for our citizens and for the members of Towns County Sheriff's Office as well as the other first responders we work together with. I am grateful for their dedication, selflessness and commitment to excellence.

I'm hopeful for the holidays. The Towns County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff's Auxiliary will once again be participating in our Shop with the Sheriff program. Our wish is to help make Christmas special for as many children as possible, but we cannot make it happen without your help. If you would like to make a donation please call us at (706) 896-4444, or stop by our office located at 4070 State Hwy 339, Young Harris.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

### **PURCHASED WITH SEIZED DRUG MONEY**

Due to the hard work of Towns County Sheriff's Office investigators deputies, and K-9 units the Towns County Sheriff's Office has purchased four police vehicles with drug seizure funds in the past year at no cost to our taxpayers.

These additional vehicles are important to the efficient operations of the Sheriff's Office and "do not inflate the Sheriff's Office operating budget." Thanks to the Sheriff's Office investigators' dedication, the seized funds resulting from drug arrests will save the taxpayers money.

Sheriff Ken Henderson thanks the investigators and deputies for their diligence in attacking drugs in our community.



### **WARRANT PHONE SCAM ALERT**

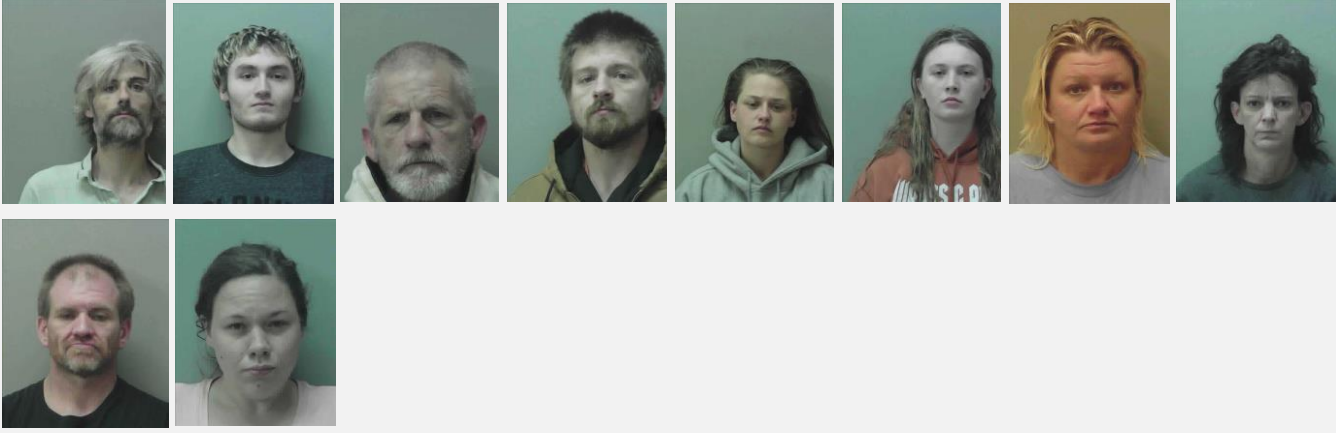
We have had some reports from people who have received phone calls from someone claiming to be a Sgt. Johnson from the Towns County Sheriff's Office from the telephone number 706-309-7451 claiming to have a summons or an arrest warrant for the person they are calling. If you receive one of these phone calls hang up on them and **DO NOT STAY ON THE PHONE WITH THEM.** They are requesting people to go get debit cards at local stores and asking them to send them to them. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!!**

If you have elderly family or friends, please call and warn them to not do as they ask. These people are trained scammers and are very aggressive in their scare tactics and prey on the elderly in such a manner that they make people feel like they have to do as they are being told.

Towns County Sheriff's Office **DOES NOT** call people to solicit money from them ever.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at the Towns County Sheriff's Office at 706-896-4444.

## SEPTEMBER DRUG ARRESTS:



*All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY:

Towns County Sheriff's Office held graduation for the 2022-02 Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy participants today in the McConnell Memorial Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Sheriff Ken Henderson addressed the class and presented each participant with a Certificate of Completion.

During the past ten weeks participants learned the many duties of the Sheriff's Office, including road patrol, jail management, court services, as well as a visit from the Georgia State Patrol, Department of Natural Resources and Georgia Bureau of Investigations. One participant stated, "Loved everything about it! I would recommend this class to all!! I can't say enough about everything you guys taught us!"

Towns County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the 2023-01 class which will be held in the Spring. Applicants will be notified as soon as the class dates are determined. Applications can be found at [www.townscountysheriff.org/tcsa](http://www.townscountysheriff.org/tcsa) or you can pick one up at the Sheriff's Office, located at 4070 State Highway 339, Young Harris. (706) 896-4444.

Sheriff Henderson stated it is wonderful to see our citizens' interest in our agency and their willingness to participate in this class and work with us to continue to keep Towns County a great place to live.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov. 24 & 25 – Office will be closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Towns County Sheriff's Office Christmas Parade
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Shop with the Sheriff

## COMMUNITY WATCH:

Our Community Watch groups continue to grow. If you and your neighbors would like to join us in organizing a community or neighborhood watch in your community please call Jill Gittens, (706) 896-4444 or email her at [jgittenstcso@townscountyga.com](mailto:jgittenstcso@townscountyga.com)

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