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Towns County Sheriff's Office News



From the desk of Sheriff Ken Henderson:

Before the holiday festivities begin with family and friends, I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

During this season, I am reminded how fortunate I am to serve with such an outstanding group of people. The employees of Towns County Sheriff's Office are dedicated and committed to serving the citizens of our County. I encourage you to give them a friendly smile or a kind word and remember them in your prayers.

I'd also like to extend my sincere thanks to the residents of Towns County. I am thankful for the many tips and assistance you have provided throughout the year. I truly appreciate your commitment to the safety of our community.

My commitment to the citizens of Towns County remains as strong as ever. I will continue to work with you to improve the quality of life for each resident we serve.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Towns County Sheriff's Office would like to say Thank You to everyone for their generous donations to our Shop with the Sheriff event. We will once again be taking fortunate elementary students to find the things that most want for Christmas. This is such a humbling and rewarding experience for everyone who shop with these children. The look of excitement and joy on their faces is immeasurable.

ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY STOPPED BY TOWNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DRUG INVESTIGATORS AND K-9 DEPUTIES

Towns County Sheriff's Office Drug Investigators received information about drug activity at Brasstown Manor Senior Living Center in the City of Hiawassee. A two-week investigation revealed that a tenant's family member had established residency in the tenant's room and appears to have setup drug operations in that room.

Towns County Sheriff's Drug Investigators and K-9 deputies raided the room and uncovered a significant amount of drugs. Approximately 1.3 pounds of Marijuana, 19 grams of Mushrooms, over one ounce of THC wax and drug related objects were confiscated, and field tested positive.

Charles Willis Beneway, III, age 62, Ramrod Key FL was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana, Felony Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, Felony Possession of THC wax, Felony Possession of THC wax with Intent to Distribute Felony Possession of a Controlled Subject Schedule I (Mushrooms), Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony. Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Related Objects.



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NOVEMBER DRUG ARRESTS:



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

Lt. Tommy Shook and K-9 Dakota Receive National Certification

Earlier this month, LT. Tommy Shook and K-9 Dakota along with over 100 K-9 teams from Georgia, Alabama and Florida participated recently attended the 13th Annual South Georgia K-9 conference at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, GA.

The National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDAA) is a professional, nonprofit organization dedicated to the utilization of proficiency of police service, utility or scent detection dogs for the benefit of Law Enforcement. LT Shook and K-9 Dakota participated in 40 hours of training before certifying for their National Narcotic Detector Dog Association Certification. Some highlights of the conference included training in vehicle searches, open area, arena and stadium searches, helicopter and boat deployment for narcotic detection. As a result the K-9 team receiving the national certification will allow the K-9 team to assist other agencies in other states when requested. The National Certification is an honor for LT Shook, Dakota and our agency.

Sheriff Ken Henderson would like to commend Lt. Shook and his commitment to attaining this National Certification which is the highest K-9 training in law enforcement. We are certainly glad to have both Lt. Shook and Dakota on our team.



Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy

We are now accepting applications for our next Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy which will be held Spring 2023. Exact dates will be announced soon. This is a 10-week course offered to all Towns County residents, employees, and business owners that are age 21 and over. During the course presenters from the Towns County Sheriff's Office and guest speakers from other partnership agencies will provide a better understanding of operations through hands-on training and law enforcement knowledge. You can pick up an application at the Towns County Detention Center or you can print one by going to <https://www.townscountysheriff.org/tcsa>. Completed applications may be dropped off at the Towns County Detention Center. For more information you can contact us at (706) 896-4444

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 3rd – Towns County Sheriff's Office Christmas Parade

Dec. 13th – Shop with the Sheriff

Dec. 23rd & Dec. 26th – Office Closed for Christmas

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 jgittenstcs@townscountyga.com

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