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To Whom We Owe Our Freedoms... We Salute Our Veterans and Local Heroes!



Courtney L. Terwilliger 6-10-1920 • 6-8-2003 Service Merchant Marines Commissioned to Army Captain



John Jay More Son of Mr. & Mrs. John E. More 10-26-1923 • 12-3-1943 United States Army Killed in Service



James P. Grubb, Jr. (Paul) 9-26-1925 • 5-8-2002 Merchant Seaman

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Georgia State Patrol Post 19

Founded in 1937, the Georgia State Patrol is a division of the Department of Public Safety and is part of Troop F. The Swainsboro Post is one of the original posts and was known as Post 9. Today Post 19 continues the tradition of protecting Emanuel County along with Jefferson, Johnson and Treutlen Counties.

became post commander in November of 2020

and is assisted by SGT Larry Perkins (retired on November 1, 2021), CPL Robert Scott, and Post Secretary Sara Ferrell. Filling out the roster are TFC3 Gerald Lyles, TFC3 Jim Claxton, TFC1 Payton Riner, TFC1 Stan Mc-Coy, TFC Chris Mcnear and KP Bentley.

January 1 to October 31, responded to 320 motor vehicle crashes, 111 in for more information.

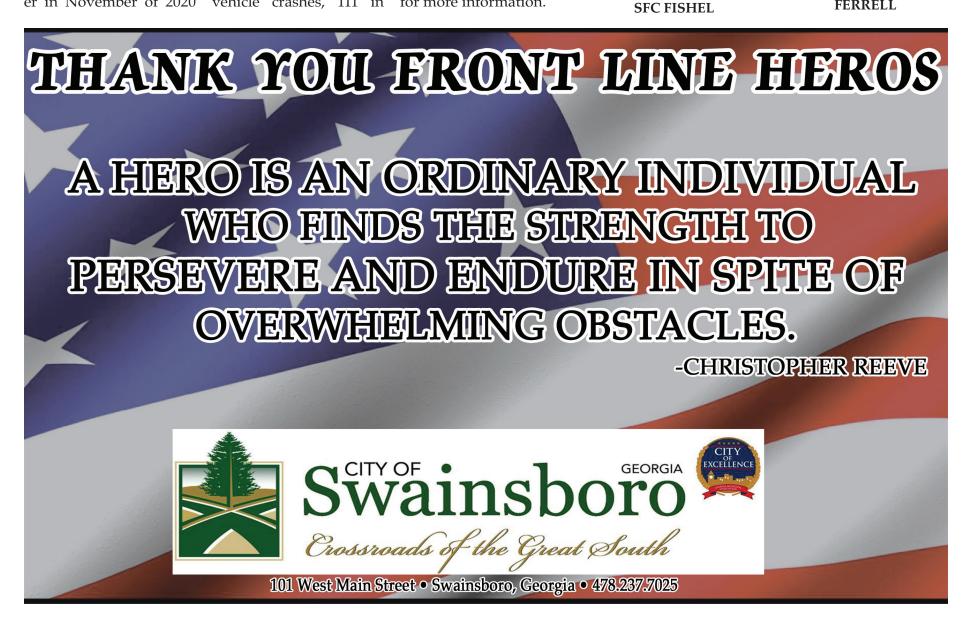
Emanuel County; 10 Fatalities, seven in Emanuel; DUI arrests 158, 66 in Emanuel. Regarding the 10 fatalities, three were alcohol/drug related with two still pending; and eight were no seatbelt used.

The Georgia State Patrol is always looking During the current year for a few good men and women to join their SFC Richard Fishel Post 19 troopers have ranks. If interested contact the Swainsboro post





POST SECRETARY **FERRELL**





^{CHIEF ELLISON} Swainsboro Police Department

Swainsboro Police Department serves and protects residents and businesses of the City of Swainsboro and is led by Chief of Police Randy J. Ellison.

Assisting in provided services performed by this department are CPT. Richard Peacock, LT. Coleman Hall; SGT., James Young; K9, Maya; SSGTs, Angie Wilkerson, Craig Warning and Rebecca Snellgrove; SGTs, Josh Bedgood, Weston Coleman and Ashley Riner; CPLs, Robert Carter, Adam Kersey, and Matthew Williams; PFCs, Jonathan Jones, Mark Walden and Todd Purcell; PTLs, Frank Scruggs, Kayleigh McVey, Tylor McCarty, Brett Bishop, Austin Newton and Tachondria Braswell; Bobby McCoy; Receptionist, Alice Brett; Administrative Assistant, Zelda Sumner; Clerk of Court, CPL Melody Grant.

Chief Ellison also assists with the operation of The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter. This location is managed by Supervisor Leta Fuentes and staff Mercedes Hepworth and Richard Newsome.

Emanuel County Sheriff's Office

The Emanuel County Sheriff's Office serves and protects residents and businesses of the Emanuel County area and assists city law enforcement within the county's jurisdiction when needed.

Taking office in 2021, the department is led by Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer. Assisting in provided services performed by the sheriff's office are Roma Allen, Curtis Armstrong, Sandra Armstrong, Marc Curry, Matt Davis, Stephen Dowd II, James Evans, James Fulghum, Marcus Guerra, Melissa Guerra, Emerald Hambrick, Regina Jones, Donna Kay, Isaac Kersey, Matthew Lamb, Ansley Lumley, Newton Meadows, Marty Mercer, Daniel Moxley, Frank Nasworthy, Robert Phillips, Eric Pruitt, Richard Reddish, Christopher Reed, Nicholas Robertson, Wilson Rodrigues, Mason Russell,



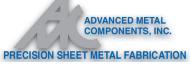
SHERIFF BREWER

Cody Usry, Clifton Way, Dennis Weaver, Roy Wheeler and Cara Woods.

The Emanuel County Sheriff's Office also manages The Emanuel County Jail, which serves the province of Emanuel County and it's cities within county lines. This facility is managed by Jail Administrator Wes Bedgood. Faye Clayton serves as assistant jail administrator. Assisting in facility operations are Felicia Brown, Steve Clark, Jermaine Cooley, Willie Curry, Vickie Davis, Melissa Dekle, Dana Dixon, Judy Edenfield, Perry Fann, Donna Graham, Milton Graham, Deborah Hall, Lekisha Harden, Brenda Henry, Carrie Jones, Patrick Jones, Reamer Oglesby, Caleb Palmquist, Toney Parker, Sarah Purvis, Tanishia Rich, Vincent Scott, Marion Shaw, Ruby Stevens, Roy Thompson, Mandi Wilkerson, Samuel Williams and Ieannie Woods.

Swainsboro Fire Department

Thank You For All you Do For Our Community



720 Empire Expy, Swainsboro 478-237-8994 www.amcinc.net The Swainsboro Fire Department is a combination department serving the City of Swainsboro and surrounding areas of Emanuel County and led by Chief Mike Strobrige.

Swainsboro Fire Department personnel include Sue Bragg, Matthew Braswell, William Cahill Jr., Jamey Chalker, Jennifer Chalker, Belinda Davis, Thomas Davis, Lorenzo Elbert, Allen Farley, Darin Griner, Jessica Hall, Christopher Headrick, Matthew

Headrick, Charles Headrick, Cody Jarrell, John Johnson, Colby Martin, Allen McDaniel, Darren Mcgee, Johnny Mills, Stacy Mills, George Nasworthy Jr., Charles Ouzts, Justin Price Frank Scruggs, Richard Snell, Robert Stewart, Michael Strobridge, James Ward, Kathy Wiggins, Matthew Wiggins, Marshall Williamson, Theresa Womack, Spencer Wood, Shane Woods And Theda Yawn.



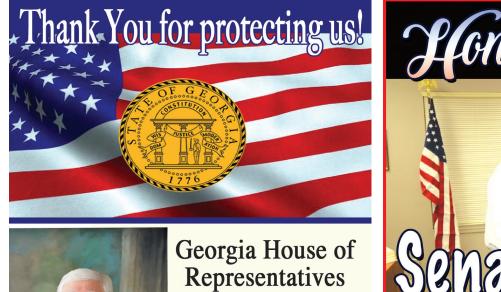
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Emanuel County 9-1-1

The dispatchers at 9-1-1 are your lifeline in an emergency. Martha Culbreth is the director and Lenora Robertson is the assistant director of Emanuel County 9-1-1. Dispatchers include Lisa Barwick, Jane't Collins, Amber Deas, Annette Earls, Cheryl Ellington, Kristin Fountain, Beitha Griffin, Crystal Guest, Dontarius Lester, Courtney Mann, and Jonia Reid.



EMANUEL COUNTY 9-1-1 STAFF

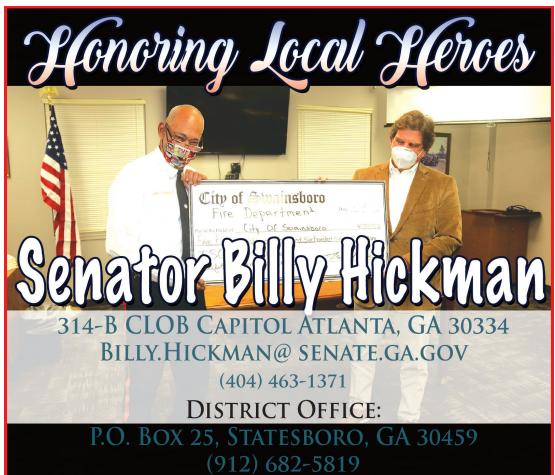


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Emanuel County Public Safety Coordinator

Emanuel County welcomed its first Public Safety Coordinator this year, Courtney Terwil-Terwilliger will liger. have several different roles in this position, but predominately will spend his time working with Emanuel County Fire and Rescue. He has served as EMS director for 43 years and will continue to do so within a part-time role for Emanuel Medical Center.



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR TERWILLIGER We support our local heroes!

Emanuel County EMS

Paramedic Nicky Drake is the interim director of Emanuel County EMS.

Full-time employees include Paramedics, Jamey Boyd, Katie Denison, Thomas Hanners, Steven Bohannon, Lee Clark, Chad Fordham, Amanda Neal, and Brandi Sykes; Advanced EMT, Ben Brown; Intermediate EMTs, Tyler Love and Marla Garnto; Basic EMTs, Jill Bailey, Jonathan Clifton, Madison Mercer, Kelly Mullis, and William Clark.

Part-time employees are Paramedics, Randy Love, Paul Lumley, and Iris Warren; and Basic EMTs, Wendy Bell, Wesley Coleman, Taylor



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Rogers, and Krista Templeton; EMS Billing Office Manager, Paula Akins

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Emanuel Medical Center

Emanuel Medical Center serves the residents of Emanuel County and surrounding areas. In addition to having specialists come to the area to offer select services on a rotating basis, the established health care center features at least 13 available clinics to render acute care and an weekend clinic. The following services are also available at the hospital: clinical resource management, dietary, emergency, imaging and radiology, intensive care, laboratory, nursing home, pharmaceutical, rehabilitation, swing bed program, respiratory, same day surgery, ambulatory care, wound care, infusion services, and senior behavior health: as well as an opportunity to shop at The Sunshine Corner Gift Shop, operated by Sunshine volunteers. Emanuel Medical Center is equipped with 18 private furnished patient rooms that feature full bathrooms, telephones, Wi-Fi and televisions; 8 critical care rooms; 15 senior behavioral health private rooms, and 49 nursing home beds.

The hospital's administrative team include Damien Scott, CEO; Jessica S. Johnson, CFO; Ginger Hall, CNO; and Kathy Peebles, Director of Administrative Services. Serving in other departments of Emanuel Medical Center are Mary Radford, RN , Med/Surg Manager; Martha S. Anders, MSN RN, Director of Education, Quality, Risk and Compliance; Brooke Marsh, RN BSN, Emergency Department Manager; Jinny Newman, Human Resource Manager; Monica Woodward, Radiology Manager; RN Reba Tankersley, Infection Prevention, Employee Health/Education; Dorsie Smith, RN, Intensive Care Unit Manager; Megan Warren Strange, BS, MT (ASCP), Laboratory Director; Deborah Driggers, Medical Records Manager; Peggy Corbin, Our Home Nursing Home Facility Administrator; MD Anthony Howard, MD, Hospital Chief of Staff; Rebecca McDiffitt, RN, Director of Nursing for Our Home Nursing Home Facility; Brenidetta



NEW EMC SIGN

Gardner, Interim Dietary Manager; RDN, LD, NHA Pam Thompson, Dietitian; PharmD, Bailey Rucker, Director of Pharmacy and PharmD on Demand; Carmen Tanner, Director of Marketing/Volunteer Services and GA Rural Hospital Tax Credit Program; Tiffany Thomas, Registration Supervisor; Linda Touchton, Director of Business Office; Chris Barnes, Respiratory Manager; Jennifer Caraway, Social Service and Discharge Planner; Margo Robertson, RN, Clinical Resource Manager; as well as more than 40 physicians and several other dedicated employees who make up for the approximately 450 individuals who are employed by Emanuel Medical Center.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR LOCAL HEROES FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION!

> Emanule County Sheriff ieffrey Brewer

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It's gonna be a long one, another graveyard shift As he says goodbye to his wife and kids... He spends his life just like his dad's, Driving away under the weight of the badge... He's seen it all in his fifteen years.

Watching our backs, facing our fears... Lord knows it ain't no easy task ... Keeping us safe under the weight of the badge...

He swore that oath to protect and serve... Pours his heart and soul into both those words... Lays his life on the line, And the line he walks is razor-fine... Tempered strength is always tough, But he ain't gonna buckle under the weight of the badge ...

Not that long ago he woke up in the hospital, With his wife and kids praying by his bed... He said: I'm gonna be alright... There's just some times you gotta fight... And the truth is, nothing truer could be said ... I do it for us and I do it for them, And I ain't gonna buckle under the weight of the badge...

> It doesn't weigh a lot until you put it on, And the weight of it is staggering... Then duty calls each time... He knows he's gotta answer.

And it's all in the hand of ... The heavy weight of the badge... And he ain't gonna buckle ... Under the weight of the badge... No he ain't gonna buckle... Under the weight of the badge. **GEORGE STRAIT**

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Adrian Fire Department

Adrian Fire Department serves the City of Adrian and surrounding areas of both Emanuel and Johnson Counties. Chief Jesse Yawn heads the group which includes Assistant Chief Kenneth Odom: Deputy Chief Danton Morris; Captain Justin Johnson; Admin. Lt. Mary Yawn; Lieutenant Thomas Webb; Sergeant Lorenzo B. Elbert; and firefighters Theda Yawn, Gary Green, Jacy Ausburn, Michael



CHIEF YAWN

Meadows, Zackary Lattimore, Dwayne Sumner and Timothy Webb.

Adrian Police Department

Adrian Police Department serves and protects residents and businesses of the City of Adrian. Chief Kyle Strickland is assisted by officers Sergeant William Claxton, Andrew Morris and Michelle Meeks.



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(L-R) NEWMAN, CHIEF HEADRICK, NASWORTHY AND HOOD NOT PICTURED - BARGERON, MARTIN AND HEADRICK Dellwood Fire Department

partment serves the Dellwood Community and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Lead by Chief Matt

The Dellwood Fire De- Headrick, volunteers Jeremy Newman, William Nasworthy, Joey Hood, Hunter Bargeron, Colby Martin and Chris Headrick.



W. COLEMAN, R. COLEMAN, L. COLEMAN, K. TURNER, M. TURNER, AND CLAY Canoochee Fire Department

ment serves the Canoochee Community and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Led by Chief Wesley Coleman and Assistant Chief Rob-

Canoochee Fire Depart- ert Coleman, volunteers include Linda Coleman, Blake Marsh, Neil Clay, Dori Johnson, Michele Turner, Kenneth Johnson, John Johnson, John Turner and Jodi Marsh.

Cross and Green Fire Department

The Cross and Green Fire Department serves the community of Cross and Green and surrounding areas in Emanuel County. Chief Archie Brinson leads volunteers Curtis Carswell, George Harrison, Ralph Brown, Dennis Kelly, Sr. and Dennis Kelly, Jr.

Garfield Fire Department

The Garfield Fire Department is a volunteer department serving the City of Garfield and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Led by Chief Payton Riner, it consists of firefighters Jake Atkinson, Pam Baggett, David Ellington, Brian Harper, and Justin Moxley.

Nunez Fire Department

Nunez Fire Department serves the City of Nunez and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Chief Jamey Chalker leads the following volunteers: Johnny Mills, James Ward, Clayton Drake, Darren Mcgee, Hunter Hooks, Brad Gates, Jennifer Chalker and Stacy Mills.



Twin City Police Department

Twin City Police Department serves and protects the residents and businesses of Twin City around the clock.

The department is led by Chief Hank Whiters, and assisted by full-time officers, Captain Marcus Hartwell and Christopher Reed; and part-time officers, Trevor Patterson and Gheorge Register and John Dailey. Jessica Sumner serves as the department's police in court clerk.



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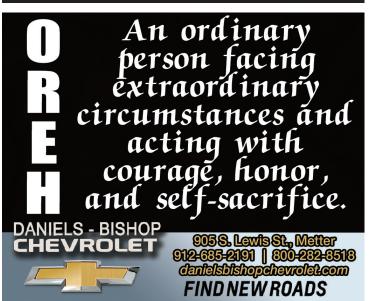
(L-R) WILSON, SLATER, HUGHES, C. BARWICK, CHIEF B.J. BARWICK, **DAMRON, ROGERS** NOT PICTURED - STRANGE, WILLIAMSON AND WILDS Oak Park Volunteer Fire Department

Oak Park Fire Department serves the City of Oak Park and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Chief B.J. Barwick leads the following volunteers: Bobby Wilson, Dylan Slater, Marie Hughes, Crystal Barwick, Sterling Damron, Daniel Rogers, Ricky Strange, Thomas Williamson and Ken Wilds.



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Twin City Fire Department

Twin City Fire Department serves the City of Twin City and surrounding areas of Emanuel County.

Chief Foster Grimes heads the group, which includes Assistant ChiefMike Lambert; Captain, Kevin Grimes; Lieutenants, Chatt Jones and Dusty Holden; and firefighters, Robert Hill, Benjamin Grimes, Marcus Beckworth, Timmy Oliver, Kenton Landon, Andy Holden, Doug Claxton, Evan Johnson, Greg Denison, Christopher Garner, Travis Neal, Mike Lambert, Ivan Mills, Seth Purvis, Robert Telgen, Troy Johnson and Austin Grimes.



GRAHAM AND FRIX Emanuel County Building and Code Enforcement

Emanuel County's Building and Code Enforcement Office is served by Director Stephen Graham and Officer Brandon Frix.

The overall goal for Building, Planning and Code Enforcement is to serve the community by helping to facilitate the building process and to educate citizens on the importance of our local codes and ordinances, ultimately resulting in the betterment of the community.



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Stillmore Fire Department

Stillmore Fire Department serves the City of Stillmore and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Chief James Turner leads the following volunteers: Joseph Earls, Kevin Sutton and Rhonda Turner.

Stillmore Police Department

Stillmore Police Department is headed by Chief Stephen Mincey. Officers include Brandon Baxter and Amanda Garza. Jane't Lloyd serves as clerk of court.

Garfield Police Department

The Garfield Police Department was reorganized in January of 2019. Curtis Armstrong serves the capacity of Chief of Police.



Norristown Fire Department

The Norristown Fire Department is headed by Charles Headrick. Volunteers are Spencer Wood, Thomas Sconyers, Frank Scruggs, John Moore, Bill Hackle and Ted Sconyers.

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Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter Animal Control Officers respond to calls throughout the county and transport the involved canine(s) to the shelter so that proper home placement protocols can begin. The shelter also responds to assist with dogs at large who show possible threats to civilians.

Intakes within the county as a whole tend to range in high numbers when counting pickups and drop-offs at the local shelter, which is why shelter staff coordinate with many rescue groups to ensure proper home placement with caring families is prominent in their goal of being a no-kill shelter.

HAVE I NOT COMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND CONRAGEOUS. DO NOT BE FRIGHTEND, AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO. JOSHUA 1:9

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Georgia Forestry Commission

The mission of Emanuel County Unit of Georgia Forestry Commission is to respond to and prevent wild land fires. The unit also assists timber owners with firebreaks and timber management. Last year, the unit responded to 375 total calls and provided service to 35 landowners, totaling to 1,465 acres. A total of

2634 acres were safely burned using prescribed burns.

The commission dedicated 380 hours on fire breaks, totaling to 769 miles. A total of 3,223 permits were issued to landowners to safely burn approximately 20,000 acres. The Emanuel unit participated in 9 community outreach programs, many times with Smokey Bear.

Personnel in Emanuel County are Chief Ranger, Charles D. Claxton; Rangers, Brandon Beasley and Doug Claxton; Forester, Jack Foskey; and supplemental employee, Spencer Wood. Remember, as Smokey says, "Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires."

Summertown Fire Department

Summertown Fire Department serves the City of Summertown and surrounding areas of Emanuel County. Chief Kelvin Dailey leads the following volunteers:

Matt Braswell, Jamie Johnson, Perry Johnson Allen McDaniel, , Justin Price, Michael Wilson and Marshall Williamson.

Our local heroes at work























Our local heroes







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