

The Academy Connection

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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

I would like to begin by apologizing to those who read our newsletter for the tardiness of our publication. I take some responsibility because the staff had to wait for my comments but here they are, finally. Most of you are aware that I was stricken by illness while on vacation toward the end of the year. My family and I took a long awaited Disney Cruise which sailed out of Galveston, Texas. You may ask yourself, why go so far to catch a cruise? It was a terrific price and since the grandkids had never seen that part of the country we decided to give it a shot. As it turns out, it created the best possible outcome for what was to transpire.

The cruise itself could not have been better, great food, fabulous accommodations, and wonderful entertainment. We had a great time and had no idea of what was to

follow. On the last night of the cruise, I began to suffer some severe medical problems. I will spare you the gory details but needless to say my condition deteriorated quickly. It had nothing to do with the ship or the environment as some have suggested, but with a condition that I had which had probably been lurking silently for a while. Long story short, when we reached port, I was rushed to the hospital where I underwent an eight hour surgery and about eight days of recuperation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who offered prayers for my recovery because I am convinced that is what got me through. I also want to thank my guardian angels, my wonderful wife Kathy who never left my side, my daughter Abbey and my special nurse, my granddaughter Kennedy



who cheered for me and insisted that I do my therapy so I could go home. I didn't get many phone calls or text messages because Warden Kathy confiscated my phone so I could recover, but I knew my friends and colleagues were praying and cheering for me. I thank you all, particularly the Academy staff, who never missed a beat and continued with our mission.

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Director's Message Continued



Some of you may have heard that we had a snow storm and for Columbia that could have been catastrophic. The Academy continued to train the basic classes to keep them on schedule, but the Governor declared it an emergency situation and non-essential personnel were directed not to report to work. We had somewhat of a dilemma because we still had students on the ground and they had to be fed. The kitchen staff rose to the occasion and fought their way in from home at four in the morning, bad weather and all, to get the more than 300 students fed. Thank you, Bernard Shirer, Margie Manus and the entire Kitchen Staff for your dedication and for the great meals you prepared. The students did not miss a beat because of you.

I also want to thank all of the instructors who stayed the night on campus to insure that instruction could continue. That is true dedication to our mission and I for one am proud of the caliber of people who work here and the great job they do.

Well, everyone can rest easy because I don't plan on taking any more vacations soon. I do want to thank the field for working so closely with our staff to complete our mission. We will have some of the finest recruits possible because "This is Your Academy".

COURAGE AWARD

On December 20, 2013, Terry Christmas was awarded the Courage Award for Basic 610 for his outstanding courage and achievement. With all of the classes that come through, one certain individual identifies him/herself as a true follower in basic training. This is the person who is always positive, willing to help others, and cares about the reputation of law enforcement itself.

We remember clearly the Sunday afternoon that Terry Christmas reported for the physical abilities test. He was wearing a prosthetic leg and seemed no different from anyone else during the warm-up. We asked him if he needed anything and he replied that he's just happy to be here and this was his dream to be going into law enforcement. He told us a story of the accident that he was involved in at a young age that caused him to lose part of his leg and the obstacles he completed thus far in his life. We were wondering if he knew how hard he would have to fight during the next twelve weeks to complete the training. Terry Christmas Jr. passed the PAT that afternoon with twenty seconds to spare and over the next few weeks passed all of his proficiency tests. Christmas then went on to complete all of the formation runs without complaining. He showed true character with a no quit attitude through the entire training program. Good luck for a long prosperous and rewarding career.



Deputy Director Mike Lanier (left), Terry Christmas. (right)

REGISTRATION NEWS

Basic Mandated Registration

We are very excited to offer a **NEW** way to register your Basic Law, Basic Jail and Limited Duty candidates. We have a **NEW** online registration form. Please make sure you print the form before you click submit, so you have a copy for your records. Once the online form is completed and submitted electronically, you can send your candidate to the Academy for registration with only their completed medical form and a picture ID. Once we review the medical, we will fingerprint them and assign them a class. Registration is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

The link to the online form is:

<http://www.sccja.sc.gov/6Forms/default.aspx>

We are currently still accepting documents that have been printed and completed by hand.

Patrol Canine Teams Certification

Chapter 23, Title 23 of the 1976 Code has been amended by adding:

"Section 23-23-140 (A) For purposes of this section, 'patrol canine teams' refers to a certified officer and a specific patrol canine controlled by the handler working together in the performance of law enforcement or correctional duties. 'Patrol canine teams' **does not** refer to canines used exclusively for tracking or specific detection.

(B) The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy shall verify that patrol canine teams have been certified by a nationally recognized police dog association or similar organization.

(C) No law enforcement agency may utilize patrol canine teams after July 1, 2014, unless the patrol canine teams have met all certification requirements."

The Academy now has the Canine Certification process up and running. The form for the initial certification can be found under the "Forms" link at the top of the SC Criminal Justice Academy's homepage and it is listed under "K9 Certification". The Academy will process and assign initial certifications. Once certified, the officer will be granted Acadis portal access in order to self-renew the canine certification on an annual basis. The requirements for renewal will be the same as the initial certification (name of canine, selecting an approved organization that granted the certification, and uploading a copy of the certificate). If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer Tatum (803) 896-7757 or Jim Crosland (803) 896-8346.

Thank you for your support as we move forward!

**JP Strom Award Winners
October-December 2013**



BLE 606
Kason B. Gardner
Lexington County Sheriff's Office



BLE 607
Joseph T. Stromeyer
Charleston County Sheriff's Office



BLE 608
Madeline M. Sloan
College of Charleston Public Safety



BLE 609
Jason G. Adams
Sumter Police Department

**Bert Friday Award Winners
October-December 2013**



BJ 332
Doyle A. Wilson Jr.
Greenville County Detention Center



BJ 334
Mitchell J. Neely
Greenville County Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B611	November 4, 2013—February 14, 2014
B612	December 2, 2013—March 7, 2014
B613	January 6—March 28, 2014
B614	January 27—April 18, 2014
B615	February 17—May 9, 2014
B616	March 10—May 30, 2014
B617	March 31—June 20, 2014

Limited Duty February 3—13, 2013

Basic Jail Classes

BJ 335	January 13—31, 2014
BJ 336	February 10—28, 2014
BJ 337	March 17—April 4, 2014

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTOT 183	February 24—March 7, 2014
BTOT 184	April 7—18, 2014

BASIC LAW SFST DRINKING LAB

With the addition of SFST and Datamaster DMT classes in the new 12 week basic training curriculum, it will be necessary to ask the field to assist us with volunteer drinkers. I believe this training will assist officers in not only DUI detection, but also help officers to recognize when subjects are impaired. This can make a huge difference in what approach an officer will take when handling various situations. We need approximately 250 volunteers per year. I know this sounds like a lot, but that is less than one percent of South Carolina's police population. If you can be of assistance or have any questions please contact Michael Brantley of the Traffic Safety Unit at (803)896-7791 jmbrantley@sccja.sc.gov or Dale Smith at (803) 896-5556 desmith@sccja.sc.gov.

Below you will find a list of dates we need volunteers. We can provide rooms to any volunteer who will need to travel and stay overnight. Alcohol and meals are provided for all volunteers; however, if they desire to bring their own alcohol that is permitted.

Dates for BLE Drinking Lab 2013-2014

Feb. 26th & 27th 2014
 March 19th & 20th 2014
 April 9th & 10th 2014
 April 30th & May 1st 2014
 May 21st & 22nd 2014
 June 11th & 12th 2014

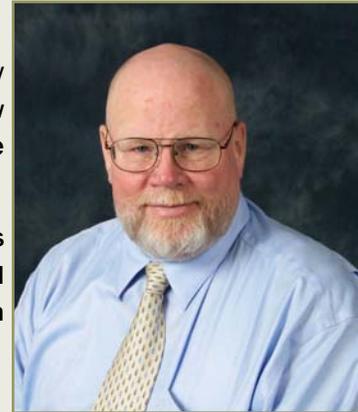


RETIREMENTS

Jim "Rocket" Rochelle retired just after the first of this year. Jim gave many years of service to the Criminal Justice Academy and South Carolina law enforcement teaching Academy legal courses and often teaching at the Solicitor's Conference.

During his time at the Academy, Jim became one of the few attorneys admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court. Jim also developed and implemented the Academy's first mock court class, which has brought much needed courtroom exposure to our Basic Law Enforcement students.

Please join us in wishing Jim all the best in his retirement.



Congratulations to Bill Floyd on his Retirement

Bill Floyd retired from the Academy after 23 and a half years of service to the Academy and 31 years of total law enforcement service. Bill has served in several positions at the Academy starting out as an instructor and moving through the ranks to management.

Bill will return in February taking on the role as the CALEA Accreditation Manager.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Chris Montjoy a Basic Detention Instructor at the Academy recently completed his EMT Certification. The EMT Basic course consisted of 200 hours of classroom study ranging from legal issues to trauma/medical assessment skills. The course consisted of classroom lecture and practical exercises that required each student to assess patients and provide proper medical attention. Students also had to do ride alongs with local EMS Units and assess at least four patients and provide a proper medical report. Section tests were given and students were required to maintain at least an 80% average to include successfully passing the practical assessments for each section. After completing the course a Final Cognitive and Psychomotor Exam was given and the student had to score at least 80% on the Cognitive and 100% completion of the Psychomotor Skills. Chris was elected class leader by his peers.

After completing the Midlands Technical College Basic EMT Course, Chris successfully completed the National Registry Exam and the Psychomotor and Cognitive Exam, which are both requirements to be licensed to treat patients in the State of South Carolina. Congratulations to Chris on his accomplishment.



Welcome Our New Employees



Keisha Blake
Food Services



Doug Curry
Police Science Instructor



Thomas Elliott
Food Services