



LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Things They are A 'Changing

When this picture was taken in December of 2005 everything was looking good. There had not been a turnover in personnel for some time. A month later



and we had a Patrol Officer, Dispatcher, and a Judge to move on to better things. We will miss those who left but we look forward to the new faces.

We have hired a experienced Officer, Stevie Steward, who has worked for the City of Easley, Clemson University, and Seneca Police Departments. Officer Steward brings a lot of knowledge and experience from the different agencies that he has work with and we look forward to him sharing that knowledge with us.

Although she has never worked in law enforcement, our newest Dispatcher/Jailer, Lesa Wimpey has always had a dream of working in law enforcement. Officer Wimpey is the Owner/Operator of La Dance Studio in Pickens and has also worked for the Pickens Sentinel in the past.

While the City Council is interviewing applicants for our next Municipal Judge, John Blackston has agreed to serve as an Interim Judge until someone is hired. Judge Blackston is currently the Municipal Judge for the Town of Norris, he has served the City of Liberty in the past as The Assistant Judge 1988-1991 when he then took over the position of Municipal Judge from 1991-1992. Jude Blackston has also served the city as a Volunteer Fireman.

Things are A 'Changing, I have heard that if you don't like the way something is being done, just wait, for if there is one thing that is certain in life, it is that nothing stay the same.

Central, Liberty are moving up

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For years, Central and Liberty stood on the sidelines while Pickens County's two largest cities — Easley and Clemson — got the attention, but that's beginning to change.

Multifamily housing and a new Wal-Mart super center have made Central Pickens County's fastest growing city, while Liberty is now the home for industrial development with the opening of the Pickens County Commerce Park. While Central booms, it still seems time can stand still in this place that embraces family values, and no one — no matter where they're from — stays a stranger.

"People are nice. Everybody watches

out for each other," said Gregory Coleman, 50. Central, often seen as the little town next to Clemson, is a college town in its own right as home to Southern Wesleyan University. The long partnership between the Christian-oriented campus and the town nurtures a wholesome atmosphere as basic to the town as the air its residents breathe.

Liberty businessman David Carter remembers when half the storefronts in downtown Liberty were empty — and that was only five years ago.

With offices and restaurants flourishing in 90 percent of the spaces along Commerce Street at the heart of town, it's clear to Carter that Liberty is prospering.

One sign of progress was the conversion last year of an all-stone 1930s-era structure known locally as the Veterans Sta-



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So far this year

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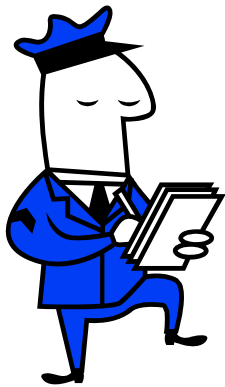
**Police Officers have Died
in the Line of Duty.**



Station into a visitors center, the mayor said. It is now open Tuesdays and Fridays.

By last December, four tenants had said they would come to the Commerce Park for a combined total of about 800 jobs — the Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co., KeyMark Inc., St. Jude Medical and Integrated Manufacturing Inc

Assistant Chief's Corner



Remember in all you do and everyone that you meet.

Always Treat people the way you would want to be treated.



This month I would like to discuss time management.

First I would like to thank everyone for the job that they do at this department. This is just a simple reminder of how easy it is to become very lazy when times are slow. We all know that a little down time is good for all of us but too much of it simply becomes an everyday way of life.

All officers and dispatchers need to understand that 12 hours makes for a long shift but it is also plenty of time to complete various tasks. Patrol officers should spend a certain percentage of their shift on community relations, traffic control and answering calls, these percentages will vary from first to third shift. Night shift officers should spend a great part of their shift checking property which should include walking commerce street and checking some doors, it doesn't hurt anything to get out your car and really

check some of these properties. Night shift is also a great time to make sure all street lights and traffic signals are working properly as well as checking for street signs that may be missing or damaged. It is understood that there is very little community relations after 9 or 10 pm so it is very easy to waste the entire night doing nothing productive. Dispatchers should spend their time wisely also, especially when times are slow with radio traffic and juveniles. This time should be spent on doing laundry and making preparations for busy times. Housekeeping is a must for everyone. I discussed this topic last month and have seen very little results, this is something that we all must work on daily. Please take a close look at how you are managing your time and if everyone will stay busy doing something it will make for a safer community as well as a better work environment.

Joke of the Month

Bubba & Earl

Two rednecks, Bubba and Earl, were driving down the road drinking a couple of bottles of Bud.

The passenger, Bubba, said "Lookey thar up ahead, Earl, it's a police roadblock!! We're gonna get busted fer drinkin' these here beers!!"

"Don't worry, Bubba," Earl said. "We'll just pull over and finish drinkin' these beers then peel off the label and stick it on our foreheads, and throw the bottles under the seat."

"What fer?", asked Bubba.

"Just let me do the talkin', OK?," said Earl.

Well, they finished their beers, threw the empties out of sight & put label on each of their foreheads.

When they reached the roadblock, the sheriff said, "You boys been drinkin'?"

"No, sir," said Earl while pointing at the labels. "We're on the patch."

Becky's Corner

To all Detention Officers, I would like to apologize for any inconvenience you may encounter with the scheduling in the near future. I realize that is going to be difficult for a few weeks and that we all are going to have to make some adjustments, but I promise you that it will get better.

I would like to welcome Lesa Wimpey to our staff. Lesa will be on third shift training with April Stegall for a few weeks. Hopefully everyone will make her feel welcome.

Susan Kinsey will be attending the Basic Jail training at the criminal justice academy beginning February 5. I wish her the best of luck.

Detention Training

Karen, April and myself will be attending Detention training at Clemson Police Department on February 10, 2006. As soon as I have the times I will let you know.

A BLONDE POLICE STOP

A blonde was speeding in a 35 mile per hour zone when a local police officer pulled her over and walked up to the car. The officer also happened to be a blonde and she asked for the blonde's driver's license.

The driver searched frantically in her purse for a while and finally said to the blonde policewoman, "What does a driver's license look like?"

Irritated, the blonde cop said, "You dummy, it's got your picture on it!"

The blonde driver frantically searched her purse again and found a small, rectangular mirror down at the bottom. She held it up to her face and said, "Aha! This must be my driver's license" and handed it to the blonde policewoman.

The blonde cop looked in the mirror, handed it back to the driver and said, "You're free to go. And, if I had known you were a police officer too, we could have avoided all of this."

Policeman's Prayer

O God whose great power and wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all policemen everywhere.

Protect them from harm in the performance of the duty to stop crime, robbery and violence.

Help them keep our streets and homes safe day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous.

Give them strength and courage Grant them Your Almighty protection.

Unite them safely with their families after duty has ended.

- Amen -



A successful individual typically sets his next goal somewhat but not too much above his last achievement. In this way he steadily raises his level of aspiration.

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Monthly Totals

January Totals

Warning Issued	- 43
Citations Issued	- 154
Calls for Service	- 138
Accidents Reported	- 11
Juveniles Housed	- 23

Training Opportunities

In the near future we will have firearms training. Also, if you need radar certification, that class will be offered next month. I will advise of the dates and times as I am made aware.

Legal Update teleclass will be held @ Pickens County L.E.C. on the following dates from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

March 9th and 23rd (and) **April 6th and 20th**

Bring your SCCJA training form to me and I will forward for credit.

Officer Potter will be attending firearms instructor school February 2nd – 6th @ SCCJA.

For the latest on legal issues, weapons warnings, concealment matters, and other officer safety issues visit www.calibrepress.com. For username enter “stay” and for password enter “safe”.

Submitted by:
Sgt. Gene Cope

Chief's Corner

Thanks to all who made Jason's wish come true.

