



**RICHLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
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Region One Newsletter

2615 1/2 Lower Richland Blvd (803) 576-1470

On March 12, 2011, Region One substation will host the Lower Richland Community Awareness Meeting. All of the Southeast Community Leaders and leaders of the future are encourage to participate. This is an excellent opportunity for communities to come together and share their success and concerns. This forum also allows The Richland County Sheriff's Department to collectively provide overview of the Southeastern area.



RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Richland County by maintaining a high standard of professional accountability, reducing the fear of crime, and reducing the fear of retaliation from those persons who constitute the criminal element within the county. This mission will be accomplished through the collaborative efforts of the Sheriff's Department and the community, by employing effective Community Policing strategies and problem-solving techniques, supported by aggressive enforcement of Federal, State and Local Laws.

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Anyone with information on the identity of those responsible is asked to call, email or text your anonymous tip to:

crimestoppers
1-888-CRIME-SC
www.sccrimestoppers.com

Text "TIPSC plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)

A Message from Captain Ragland



BURGLARIES COPPER THEFT

During the months of October through January the Lower Richland communities experienced a rash of home break-ins and copper thefts. The break-ins occurred during the daylight hours while citizens were hard at work. Method of operation was, the bad guys would ride through the area looking for an opportunity to break into your home. They are kicking in doors or climbing through windows taking televisions, weapons, play stations and wii games. Some locations were burglarized twice. The copper thefts were mainly confined to businesses and churches. This problem has attracted nationwide attention. Due to the efforts of concerned citizens calling in suspicious activities, deputies were able to catch several groups of young adults breaking in to homes and stealing copper. The information gathered by investigators from these groups led to the arrests of several other individuals. The groups were responsible for approximately 30 or more burglaries. Search warrants were served at several locations finding much of the stolen articles and weapons. All suspects involved in these burglaries were arrested. The Sheriff's Department would like to thank all citizens of the Lower Richland communities that called in information that led to the capture of these criminals. We are asking citizens to continue to call with information, we believe that there are more individuals in the business of taken your hard earned property. **Unity and togetherness will overcome all odds.**

Important Numbers

9-1-1: Emergencies

576-3000: Sheriff's Department

576-1470: Region 1

Capt. Robert Ragland -
576-1471

Lt. Michael Prichett -
576-1476

Sgt. Larry Payne - 576-
1473

Sgt. Eric Bright - 576-
1472

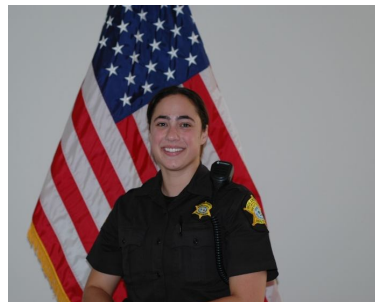
Deputy of the 1st Quarter



Master Deputy David Lucas has had an interest in public service since childhood. He is the product of a Law Enforcement family. David started in law enforcement as a Reserve Deputy with the Sumter County Sheriff's

Department. As a member of the Sumter County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Lucas received Deputy of the year and a Life saving award. After completing the K-9 school he became the trainer of the K-9 team. Master Deputy Lucas joined the Richland County Sheriff's Department in 2001. Master Deputy is married and has three daughters And now he is a patrol officer in Region One.

Spotlight



Dep. Burwell is from Akron Ohio. She joined the Richland County Sheriff's Department in February 2010. She received her bachelors in Art History and Anthropology while living in Michigan. While attending the University of Michigan she

was a member of the university's swim team and a member of the Archaeology Club. Dep. Burwell received her Masters Degree in Forensic Archaeology, Crime Scene and International Investigation From Bournemouth University located in Poole England. Her goal is to join RCSD Forensic Team.

We're Online

@ www.rcsd.net

SAFETY & PREVENTION

A Message from the Community Action Team

You can drop off old medications at the Lower Richland substation at 2615 Lower Richland Blvd from Mon—Fri 0900 to 1100

INFORMATION ON THE WEB

To find out more about Identity Theft and/or your credit report, click on one of the below links.

www.consumer.gov

www.equifax.com 1-800-525-6285

www.experian.com 1-888-EXPERIAN

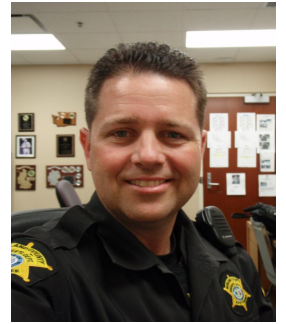
www.transunion.com 1-800-680-7289

Meet the CAT Deputies



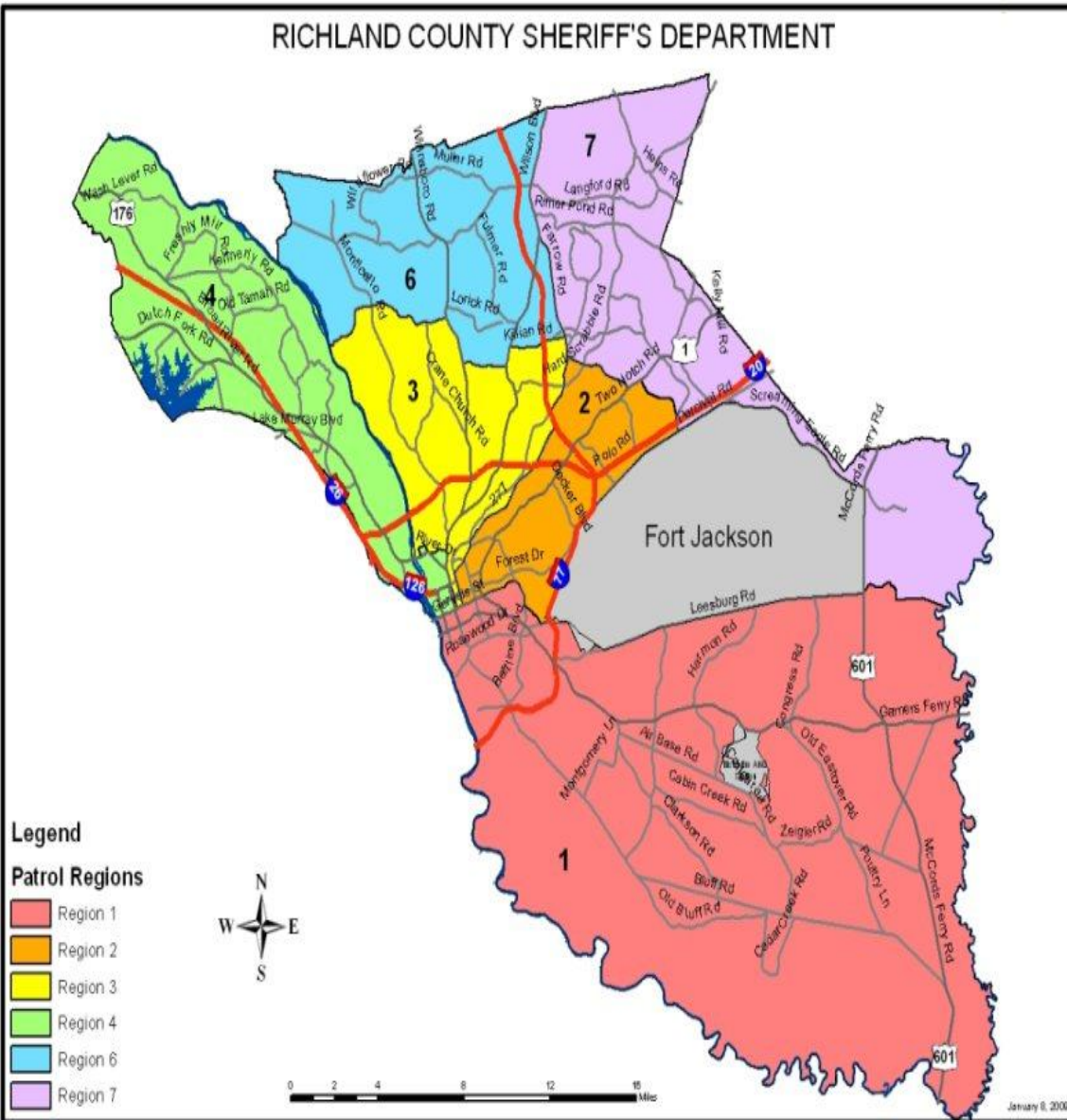
CAT Deputy Brown

513-3396



CAT Deputy Stover

513-3384



The Community Action Team (CAT) is an integral part of each Region. They provide safety and crime prevention training, work with regional deputies to develop long-term solutions to problems in the community and act as a liaison.

NOTE: If you would like crime statistics specific to your community please feel free to contact your respective CAT Deputy or Captain Ragland or Lt Prichett.

