



# ANSWERING THE CALL

Barrow County Emergency Services Newsletter

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## Chief's Message



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Lots of great things are happening at BCES and I am extremely proud of the way that everyone has stepped up and contributed to these projects and activities.

We are nearing the end of the Lieutenant promotional process. The personnel who have participated in this have demonstrated lots of knowledge and confidence as well as commitment to ensuring that they were well prepared for all phases of the process. Promotional results will be released in the very near future.

We continue to work on the budget process in preparation for the new budget year beginning on October 1st . This has been a new process for us as the county transitions the budget year to July 1 budge year in 2017 and with the new County Manager. You will be hearing a lot about Key Performance Indicators (KPI) as we implement the new budget.

Some of the other things that personnel continue to work on are: Rules & Regulations, staff development training and Medical protocols among others. I commend each of you for your hard work and commitment to continue improving our organization.

Stay safe, and remember to take care of yourself and each other.

*John*

*Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other*

*- John F. Kennedy*



"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."

WALT DISNEY

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## Words of Wisdom from the Deputy Chief

Folks, it's back to school time for many of our children, and also sports time ( football, cheerleading) and other activities. Let's keep an eye out for our youth and help to keep them safe!

Our recruits burn week was a great success! I want to thank Capt. Bullock and all those who helped and participated in making burn week a safe and learning experience for all.

BCES will be participating in some major training events in the upcoming months, and I would like to highlight one big training opportunity for October. East Metro Training weekend; you will all see the schedule and lots of training to be conducted that is all hands on training, BCES will be one of the sponsors of these activities and hope that many of you take the opportunity to participate.

There's a lot of information in this months newsletter, please look it over and pass it along.

One last thing, we all need to take a moment and send prayers to BCES past and present members. We have many brothers and sisters that need these prayers to support them now as they are dealing with various difficult situations!!!

Thank you,

As always I am honored to serve

*Alan*





# Hat's Off To.....



**FF/Pmdc Kim Baggett & FF/EMT Jeremy Towe recently received a token of appreciation from a patient who had been involved in a car accident on April 8th.**

The card read: *"Kimberly Baggett & Jeremy Towe were soooo great in taking care of me. Every bump and every turn Kimberly held my knees so my pelvis didn't clack & click & move. She talked me through everything. I know it probably was only a few minutes but it felt like forever & when I was finally curt from the car, I know it was painful & I had internal bleeding & was close to death, even though I didn't realize it.. The care & thoughtfulness I got was great & while I hope I NEVER need another EMT, If I have to have one I hope it's y'all (Barrow County & especially Kimberly & Jeremy). I can't thank y'all enough."*



**FF/EMT Sean Gluth completed the Peachtree Road Race on July 4th in full turnout gear.**



**Captain Scott Dakin recently went on a mission trip to Haiti with a team from his church. This is Scott's 8th mission trip to Haiti since 2011.**

# Employee Spotlights



**Firefighter /EMT Jennifer Wages** joined Barrow County Emergency Services in November 2005. Captain Scott Dakin says; Since joining my crew earlier this year, I have been very impressed with her dedication and work ethic. Jennifer will train hard with our crew and she will let you know if she feels we need to improve in our job. She is always doing things around the station and motivating all of us to keep the station cleaner, as well as the apparatus and equipment. Most of the time she will do whatever is asked of her with a smile, and when she doesn't she will let you know what her issue is and try to work on a compromise. She takes on extra jobs without hesitation and pushes the whole crew to be better. I think one of the best compliments I have heard about Jennifer is the fact that all of Station 1 crew wants her back.



**Firefighter / Paramedic Kim Baggett** joined Barrow County Emergency Services in December 1995. Lt. Marty Garners says; Kim has a dynamic and professional attitude. She is extremely dependable and has shown her skills (both EMS and Fire) on numerous occasions. Kim displays a compassion toward her career, it is this attribute that enables her to lead those around her. As I have always said, if my family or I should ever encounter an emergency, I would be blessed if Kim was the one that responded.



**Station 4 C Shift crew with their Certificates of Excellence presented by Chief Skinner**

**Battalion Chief Stoops** submitted the crew at station 4 on C-shift; Lt. Allen Williams, FF.Logan Owensby, FF/EMT TeddyBrown and FF/PMDC Jeff Johnston. On 6/23/16 units were dispatched to 316 Carter Rd for a report of a house fire. Engine 4 and Med 4 arrived on scene and reported fire on the BC corner and heavy smoke. As crews readied to make entry they located a victim laying just inside the front door. Med 4's crew was able to pull her from the burning home to the outside and began treatment. The patient was transported to NEGA Medical. Chief Stoops said; "Thanks to the quick response and actions of the first due units, she is expected to make a full recovery. The crew from engine 4 and med 4 are a shining example of the dedication and hard work through training that made this possible."



**Senior Communications Officer Sharon Jones** was recognized in July for 25 years of service to Barrow County Emergency Service. Sharon joined Barrow County on July 1, 1991.

**Thank you Sharon for your service to Barrow County.**

# Equipment Donation



## Harrison Poultry Donates to Fire Department

Firefighters with Barrow County Emergency Services will have more realistic training available thanks to a local business Harrison Poultry. “This donation will help improve the training that we conduct in Barrow County,” stated Training Captain Bryan Bullock. “The Forcible Entry Door is a very valuable training tool that will be utilized for many years.”

The forcible entry prop is manufactured by East Coast Rescue Solutions and will allow the firefighters to train on many different forcible entry techniques. “This Forcible Entry Door allows us to conduct realistic training for our firefighters,” said Captain Bullock. “By training with this door, firefighters can make faster entry into fires or rescue situations and that may make the difference between life and death.”

The forcible entry door will help firefighters learn how to test for weak spots in doorways, how to use hand tools, saws and other equipment to force open doors as well as hands on training for inward and outward operating doors.

“It really makes me proud of our community when business like Harrison Poultry step up and help us in such a big way,” commented Chief John Skinner. “We can’t thank them enough for such a big donation. It will be utilized for years to come and there is a large potential that lives will be saved due to the training this door offers us.”





## **Captain's Corner**

We begin this month's segment by asking each of you to take a moment and reflect about the way you act and carry yourself while you are at work. Are you happy with who you are, with what you do, and do you feel like you consistently put the best foot forward? Are you the best version of yourself when you are here? Would you want to be around someone exactly like you? What would others say about you and the manner in which you carry yourself at work? Are you setting an example worth following?

We ask these questions so that we may consider what influence and example we set for those around us. Are we doing, acting, and saying the things that build up those around us? If we aren't then why? Is that not what we should all be doing? Shouldn't we be encouraging each other, challenging one another, and helping each other be the best that we can be?

We should put as much effort into elevating others as we do ourselves. We accomplish some of our greatest feats when we are building and investing in someone else. When we share our knowledge and experience with others, we are making them better, and showing them they are worth our time and effort. We encourage you to set the example you would want to follow, to be the person who helps others along the way, and to consistently have the goal in mind to leave it better than you found it. Bill Owens said "**true leadership lies in guiding others to success. In ensuring that everyone is performing at their best, doing the work they are pledged to do and doing it well**".

Together, we can all continue to make this department better but it always begins with us. Thanks to each of you for all of your hard work and recent efforts, we appreciate each of you and until next time, keep up the great work, keep training, and stay safe.

*Captain Dakin*

*Captain Fuller*

*Captain Carignan*

A Bad Attitude  
Is Like A Flat Tire.  
You Can't Go Anywhere  
Till You Change It.

You may not  
be able to control  
every situation  
and its outcome,  
but you can  
control your  
attitude and how  
you deal with it.

# Recruit Class



Zac Carter



Joshua Graham



Garrett Holt



Charles Kempe



Jason Stanley

Recruit Class 07-16 began their 8 week training class on July 5, 2016. The week of July 18-22 was burn week for the recruits. Recruit class members are pictured above and candid shots from some of their training over the past few weeks can be seen below.

Class graduation will be held on August 25th - 6:00pm at River Hills Church.



# CERT

**Barrow County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) celebrated 10 years of service in Barrow County during the month of March. The first CERT class was completed in July 2006. The Spring 2016 class was the 18th class to be taught and over 200 citizens have received Emergency Preparedness training during these 18 classes. Many of the students wish to stay active and volunteer to assist the Community. Currently the CERT team has 35 Active Volunteers.**

**The CERT Team was recognized at the July 12th Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting with a proclamation read and adopted by the BOC. Also as a thank you for their volunteer service each active volunteer received a bag with a few small tokens of appreciation included (thank you to our business partners for donating items for these bags).**

**Thank you to our CERT Team members for all you do to support Emergency Services and the Community throughout the year.**



In recognition of 10 years of service; Barrow County Emergency Services presented the CERT Team with bags to show appreciation for their volunteer service to the department and the community.

Special thanks to the following companies for donating items for these bags: Response Team 1, Athens Regional Medical Center, Jackson EMC, Barrow Regional Medical Center, Solvay, Stepan and Community and Southern Bank.



**First Annual**

**ABC Golf Tournament**

**Monday, September 19, 2016**

**The Providence Club, Monroe GA.**



The first annual **ABC** Golf Tournament will be raising funds for three great **nonprofits** that work to help many in our community. Please join us and make this golf tournament very successful.

The **AMVETS- Post 12** mission is to enhance and safeguard the benefits for all American Veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services. Through the money raised by this tournament Post 12 will be helping local wounded warriors. They will also be working with homeless veterans and some of our elderly citizens.

**Barrow County Emergency Services** provides the citizens of Barrow County with fire, emergency medical services, 911 services and emergency management. The department will be utilizing funds raised during the tournament to support the **Barrow Fire Foundation**. This Foundation works with and develops programs that improves and enriches the lives of members of the department and the citizens of Barrow County.

**Barrow County CERT** is a local team that is trained to assist citizens in the event of a disaster. The CERT Team supports many agencies and activities in the community. Team members assist local emergency responders, provide support during community events and provide disaster education to citizens. Funds raised during this event will assist the team in purchasing needed supplies and equipment.



## First Annual ABC Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, September 19, 2016

The Providence Club, Monroe GA.

Registration begins at **8:00 AM** and Shotgun Start **9:00 AM**

Four Player Team Scramble Format, \$400 per team/\$100 per player– includes Chick-fil-A Lunch!

Lots of GREAT Raffle Prizes

Long Drive and Closest to the Pin Prizes along with the opportunity to win a Vehicle **\*\* \*\*Courtesy of Akin's Ford**

**Gold Sponsor - \$3000** Company Logo at Registration, 1 Team Entry, 1 Hole Sponsorship, Company Logo On Banner

**Silver Sponsor - \$1,500** 1 Team Entry, 1 Hole Sponsorship, Company Logo On Banner

**Drink Cart Sponsor - \$500** Your Logo will be placed on our Beverage Cart

**Hole Sponsor - \$100**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send Entry Fee with Player list or Sponsorship by 9/1/2016 to:**

Barrow County CERT –  
222 Pleasant Hill Church Road NE – Winder, GA 30680

Make checks payable to: **Barrow County CERT** {501c3 Organization}

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# The lighter side.....



Who wants to buy cookies??



Serena Williams  
aka Sharon Jones



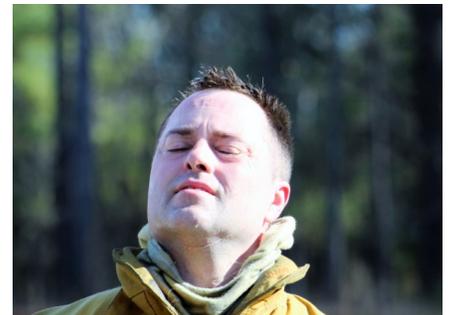
Lt. Weant  
used to have hair.



So, you are telling me that there is not really a Pokemon in there?



Well darn, How I am going to explain this to the Chief ?



If I close my eyes, I can vision myself taking a long walk on the beach.....



Ughh Chief,..... I think I just sharted



Wait for me !!



Christmas in July



<b>Michael McKendree</b>	<b>August 3</b>
<b>Allen Williams</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Steven Parkerson</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Shelly Hale</b>	<b>August 6</b>
<b>Tonya Peels</b>	<b>August 9</b>
<b>Brett Skinner</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>Brian Caudle</b>	<b>August 12</b>
<b>Sean Crowe</b>	<b>August 13</b>
<b>Justin Bowen</b>	<b>August 16</b>
<b>Bob Stewart</b>	<b>August 22</b>
<b>Tamika Atkism</b>	<b>August 25</b>
<b>Andrew Stoops</b>	<b>August 29</b>



<u>Employee</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
<b>Ross Evans (part-time)</b>	<b>8-25</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Cathy Loggins</b>	<b>8-16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Julie King</b>	<b>8-18</b>	<b>1</b>