

The SCJA Newsletter

Detective Karen Smith at the Next Meeting

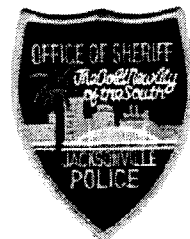
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Detective Smith has been employed by the JSO Crime Scene Unit since January 2002. Prior to such assignment, she worked both patrol and task force in "Zone 3" (Philips Hwy), as well as worked undercover with the Vice Unit in

conducting various prostitution stings. She is a Training Coordinator for the CSU (i.e., Crime Scene Unit) and has worked over 200 homicides and undetermined death cases along with nearly 3000 additional investigations. She is currently attending the

graduate program at the University of Florida in pursuit of an M.S. degree in Pharmacology/Forensic Science.



March 6th Criminal Justice Advising Council with Detective Jim Parker

Upcoming Events:

- February 24th 2009: Next SCJA meeting; building 39, room 2002
- March 6th, 2009: Criminal Justice Association Meeting ; Building 51, room 1205
- March 17th 2009:



Friday March 6, 2009 * 51/1205 * 2:00 – 5:00 The Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice will sponsor an Undergraduate Group Advising Event. Speaking from 4-5pm. Detective Jim Parker, of the Homicide Unit of the Jacksonville

Sheriff's Office, is currently in charge of JSO's Cold Case Unit, but has also been in charge of JSO's Homicide Unit and worn many other hats at JSO. He will speak to our students about Detective work, law enforcement, and the detailed process of

investigating complex homicide cases. He will specifically address differences between "Hollywood crime shows" and his actual experience. Detective Parker is a former MSCJ student.

February has been a busy month for the UNF police

Eight days into the month of February and the UPD has been busy.

There was one reported case of burglary; to a student's car. The student reported to the UPD that the only thing that was missing was his decal and there was no damage to his car.

There have been two cases of petty theft both concerning stolen decals.

There was one case of the UPD doing a drug investigation. Students reported smelling marijuana on a fellow student. When the student was confronted they admitted to using drugs off campus.

There were three cases of possession reported. All three of the cases ended in the UPD

finding paraphernalia or drugs. One of the cases ended in an arrest.

At the risk of sounding like McGruff the crime dog I am going to say it, only YOU can help keep our campus safe! If you see something illegal: report it!

(Spinnaker, volume 32, issue 20. Pg 2)



To Shoot or Not to Shoot?

Given the economy and the growing rate of police involved shootings in the City of Jacksonville, crime is not going to reach a plateau any time soon.

That being said, according to the Victims Advocate, police involved shootings have been associated with an increase in robberies of firearm retailers. "City wide police reports

referencing stolen guns rose from 1058 in 2007 to 1359 in 2008".

Furthermore, as the Jacksonville Sheriff's office gets tougher in its ability to enforce the law, criminals will continue to defend themselves from law enforcement.

Therefore, more and more offenders will choose to draw down on law enforcement personnel

since they are desperate to protect their lifestyles.

(Victims Advocate Vol 14, Number 11, Feb 2009 , http://www.justicecoalition.org/newspaper/February2009/VA_Feb1.pdf)



*It is the spirit
and not the
form of law
that keeps
justice alive.
~ Earl
Warren*

Charitable Service Committee needs Your Inspiration!

The charity committee is currently overseen by Vice President Alexandra Michelini. Ideas for charitable projects and volunteers are

needed. Thus, if you want to become charitably active within our local community then attend our upcoming meeting to get the scoop on what is up

and coming. It might just be YOU that brings the next charity idea to the table!