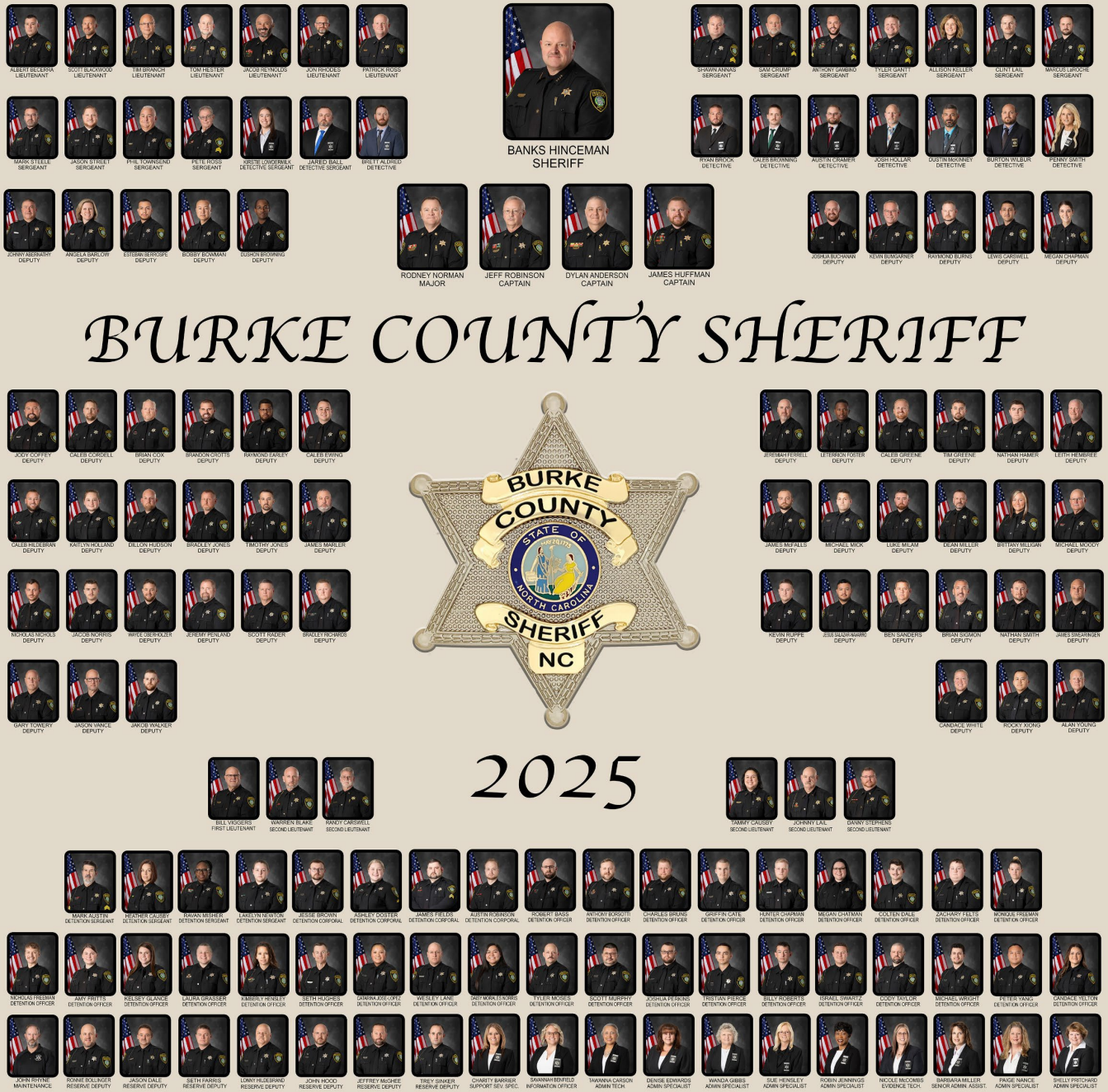
BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Sheriff Banks Hinceman
County Commissioners
Presentation

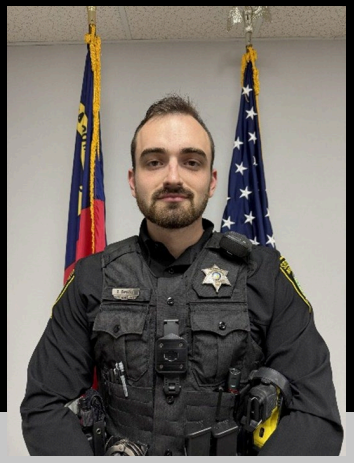


103 Full-Time
Sworn Positions

48 Full-Time
Detention Positions

11 Full-Time
Support Staff
Positions







NEW HIRES

NOVEMBER 2022 – DECEMBER 2025

In November 2022, when Sheriff Hinceman took office, we had 16 Deputy Vacancies and 26 Detention Vacancies

- New Hires/Promotions
  - Sworn: 36
  - Detention: 31
- Separations:
  - Sworn: 16
  - Detention: 13
- Current Vacancies:
  - Sworn: 1
  - Detention: 7









The Faces of Your Sheriff's Office

JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Burke County Sheriff's Office is a diverse agency, made up of staff from a wide range of ethnic and racial backgrounds. We are currently comprised of the following:

127 Caucasian Males
39 Caucasian Females
3 African American Females
2 African American Males
3 Hispanic Males
2 Hispanic Females
2 Asian Males

RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS

- Reorganized staff by adding four shift Lieutenants, one Training Coordinator Lieutenant, one Assistant Jail Administrator and one Transport Officer by reallocating 12 vacant detention positions—expanding sworn staff without a significant increase in cost to taxpayers.

- Were also able to reclassify 10 positions to create an ICAC position, an Intelligence Officer position, 2 Deputies to each patrol day shift, 4 Deputies to each night shift patrol 2 special enforcement team positions.

OFFICE UPDATES

Burke County Sheriff's Office
Conference Room





OFFICE UPDATES

Burke County Sheriff's Office Evidence Room with sliding storage shelves



Commercial and High-Density Systems

For commercial, industrial or library applications, systems designed to maximize storage in a small footprint (high-density mobile shelving) involve a much greater investment due to their scale, load capacity and robust engineering.

- **High Density Mobile Shelving**
  - These large-scale systems, where shelving units move along floor tracks to create a single aisle needed, typically cost from $2,000 to over $9,000 for specific kits, depending on the length, height and number of units.
- Large-Scale Projects
  - Entire high-density mobile storage solutions for businesses or institutions often range from $75,000 to $150,000 or more, depending on the size of the space, capacity requirements and integration needs (such as software).

These types of shelving increase the capacity to store and maintain evidence in a building that was constructed in 1993. As crime increases, the volume of evidence that must be properly stored also rises. We would like to thank Burke County Maintenance for the installation of the shelving.

OVERDOSES

2021: 563 overdoses with 43 deaths

2022: 572 overdoses with 27 deaths
- Deputies administered 43 dosage units of Narcan

2023: 539 overdoses with 46 deaths
- Deputies administered 35 dosage units of Narcan

2024: 322 overdoses with 37 deaths
- Deputies administered 16 dosage units of Narcan

2025: 259 overdoses with 24 deaths
- Deputies administered 16 dosage units of Narcan



NARCOTICS

- The Burke County Sheriff's Office has a dually sworn Narcotics investigator with the ATF to be able to prosecute drug crimes on a Federal level
- In 2025, we have had at least 5 cases charged on the Federal level
- The Burke County Sheriff's Office charged 29 people with Trafficking illegal substances in 2025





2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE

- There were a total of **30,185** calls for service in 2025
- The Burke County Sheriff's Office drove 1,414,602 miles in 2025
- The Burke County Sheriff's Office has 92 cars assigned to Deputies with 3 working spares



2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Part I Crimes

- Murder 4
- Rape 25
- Robbery 5
- Assault 68
- Burglary 130
- Larceny 319
- Auto Theft 62
- Arson 4

Part II Crimes

- Drugs 239
- Assault, Simple 255
- Forgery/Counterfeit 18
- Fraud 104
- Embezzlement 1
- Stolen Property 11

Part II Crimes con't

- Vandalism 117
- Weapons 17
- All Other Sex Offenses 16
- Gambling 16
- Liquor Law Violations 17
- Disorderly Conduct 8
- Obscenity 13
- Kidnapping 5
- All Other Offenses 133

Part I Crimes are down 17% from 2024

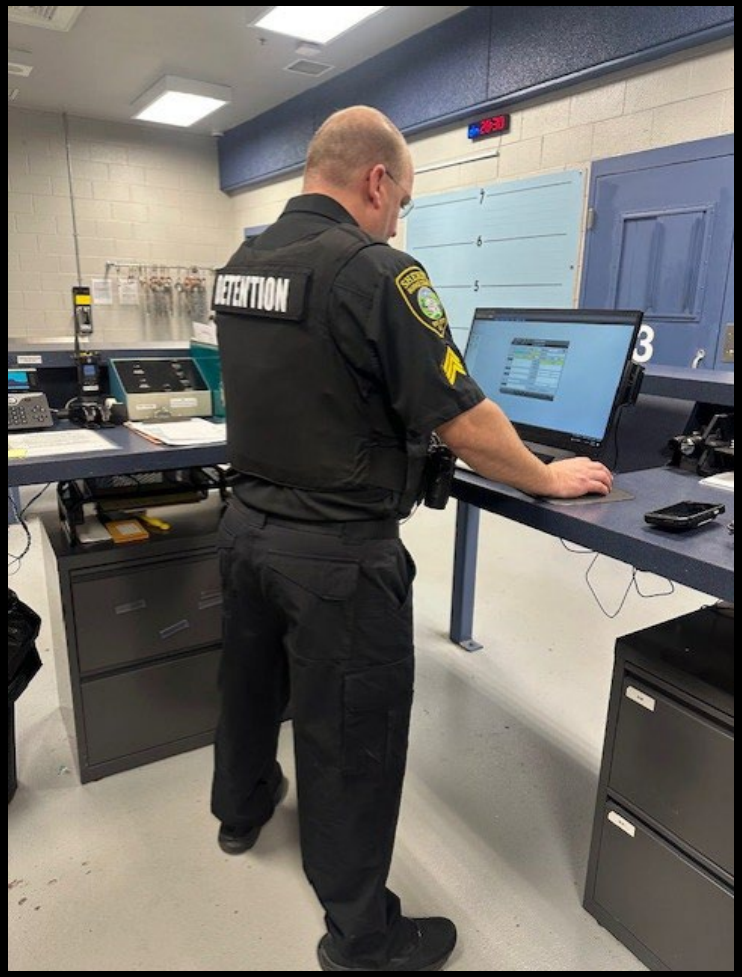
Part II Crimes are down 6% from 2024

SEX OFFENSE CASES

- Investigator Browning
  - 27 ICAC related investigations
  - Dually sworn with the FBI to be able to prosecute these cases on the Federal level when the need arises

- Investigator Smith
  - 69 sex offense cases
  - Approximately 180 investigations from DSS that require review and follow up

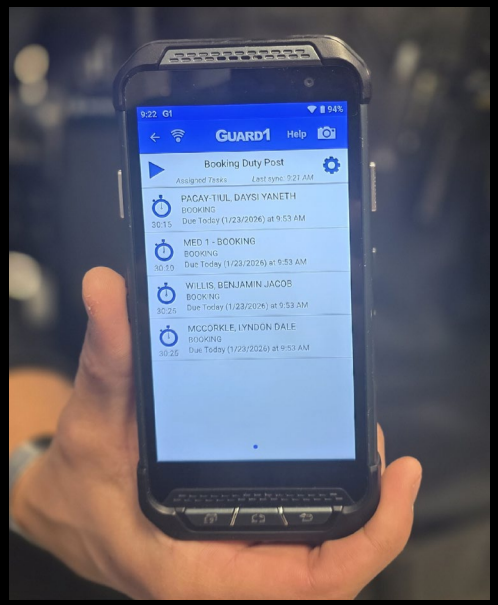
JAIL BOOKINGS FOR 2025



January	243
February	299
March	300
April	277
May	293
June	279
July	353
August	321
September	291
October	255
November	255
December	231
Total:	3,397

JAIL ENHANCEMENTS

- Installed the Tek84 body scanner, significantly reduces the risk of drugs and other contraband being smuggled into the jail. Though it is a great tool to have, nothing is 100% effective.
- We began renting bed space to other Sheriff's Offices in need in April 2023, bringing in $1.2 million in revenue
- Improved staff quality, reducing vacancies from 27 when taking office to only 7 vacancies to date.
- Integration of new mobile devices (Guard One) for detention officers which eliminates paper logs and creates a time/date stamped record. Which reduces administrative follow up time related to late/missed checks and supports both inmate welfare and staff performance monitoring.

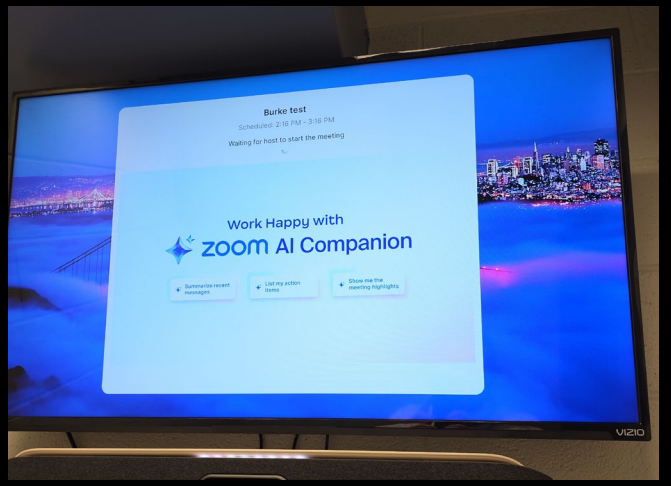


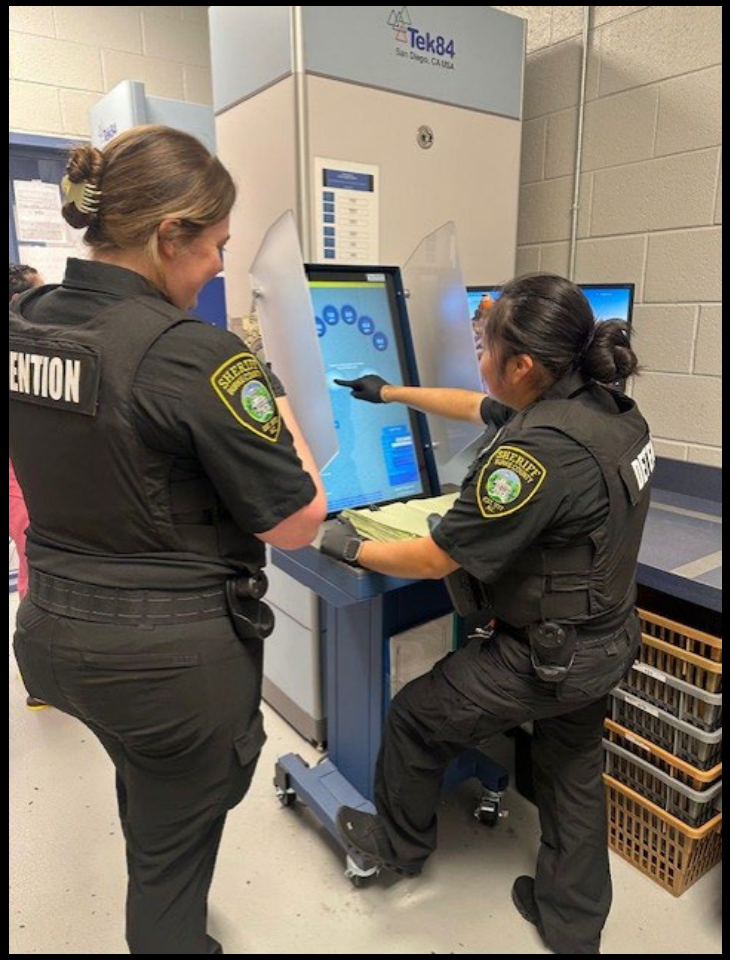
- Improved camera monitoring system (Wisenet WAVE), reducing the man-hours to operate. It allows authorized supervisors and administrators to securely view live and recorded footage without being physically present in the control room. This also reduces time spent trying to locate incidents, reviewing footage and responding to administrative or investigative requests.

- Updated the equipment that helped expand mental health services in the jail (Web-Based Video System Upgrade). This helps with remote clinical evaluations. The upgrade has significantly increased system reliability and improved video and audio quality, which allows for more effective communication between the inmate and provider.

- Started Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program in the jail to help inmates with opioid use disorder (with a grant and no local dollars). The Sheriff appreciates Katie Samuels for helping secure the $225,000 funding for the MAT program.



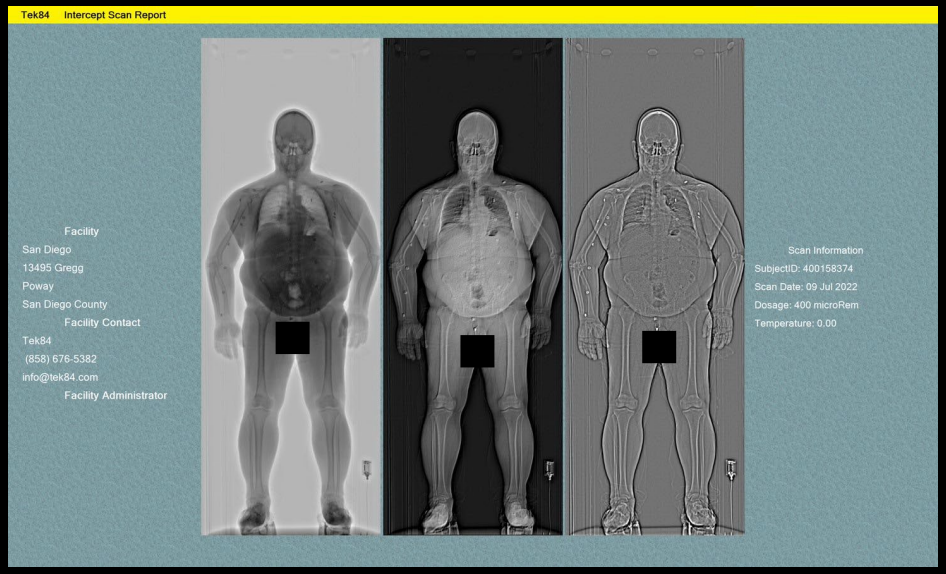


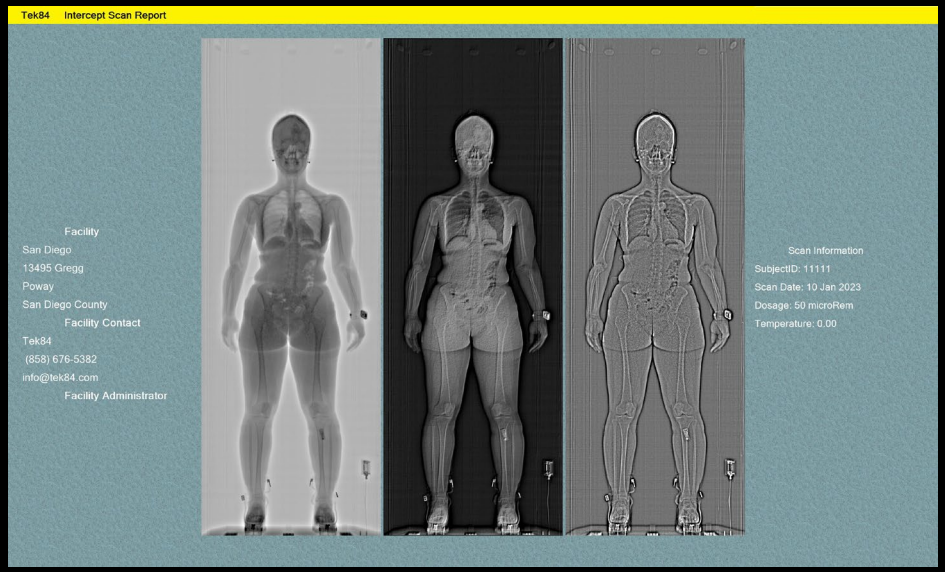


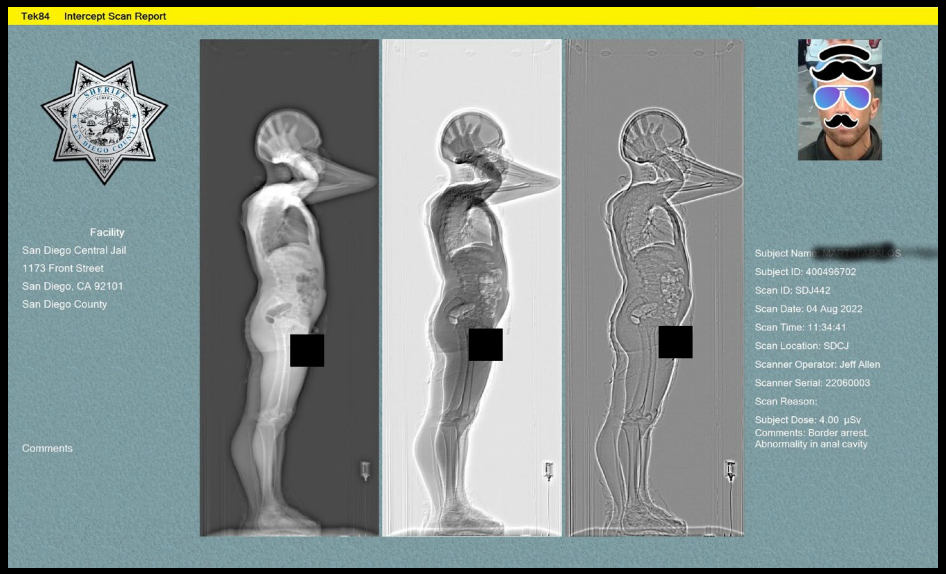
Tek84 Body Scanner



Examples of the Tek84 Body Scanner







*These images are stock images from the TEK84 Body Scanner and are not an inmate from the Burke County Jail

INMATE TRANSPORTATION 2025



STATE TRANSPORT TEAM

Trips to other Jails, Prisons and Mental Health Facilities – 536

Total Miles Driven In 2025 – 92,537

ARRESTS AND REPORTS - 2025

- Arrests Made in 2025: 1,522
- Reports Taken: 2,352



2025 DRONE USAGE



The Drone was used a total of 11 times in 2025.

It was used for:

- Crime Scene Documentation – 1
- Mass Gathering Scene Surveillance – 1
- Search Warrant Service – 2
- Drone Training – 6
- Standoff/SWAT operation – 1
- Assist Other Agency - 1

We were able to purchase one of the drones with grant money from the Governor's Crime Commission.

TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

- How technology helps law enforcement
  - Real time alerts
  - Crime-solving power
  - Community protection

- Proven results in Burke County
  - Recovered over $150,000 in stolen vehicles and property
  - 12 arrests were made from new technology alerts
  - Seized $75,000 in illegal narcotics
  - Located runaway juveniles
  - Generated multiple investigative leads

TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

- Why expansion of technology matters
  - Burke County spans 511 square miles and, according to U.S. Census estimates from July 2024, has a population of 88,545—presents unique challenges for law enforcement coverage.

  - Expansion would:
    - Enhance coverage across rural and urban areas
    - Provide faster response times to criminal activity
    - Strengthen ongoing investigations with more comprehensive data
    - Enhance community safety by deterring crime - it enables quicker arrests and putting potential offenders on notice.

OSCAR 360

OSCAR 360 is a two-part, law-enforcement-focused system designed to capture, organize and present immersive, 360-degree spherical and digital evidence from crime scenes, crash sites and secure facilities. It enables investigators to create, view and present comprehensive, virtual and interactive walkthroughs of scenes, ultimately ensuring that all evidence is properly documented and that the scene is presented to a jury in a clear and understandable format.









OSCR360

NEW DUTY FIREARMS



The Burke County Sheriff's Office has acquired new duty sidearms.

The new pistol is the Glock Model G45. We were able to purchase the Holosun SCS and installed them on the new duty pistols.

These sights provide deputies a tactical advantage over pistols without optics. The deputy can now focus on the threat instead of concentrating on the front sight of the pistol.

The total cost of the pistols was $98,445. The purchase was partially funded through the trade of court-awarded seized firearms valued at $12,225. An additional $34,085 was covered by trading in our existing firearms.







BODY CAMERAS

Every Road Patrol Deputy at the Burke County Sheriff's Office began carrying body cameras in November of 2023, and it has proven beneficial.

BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APP

- Concealed Handgun Permits/Fingerprints
- Jail Information/Inmate Search
- Most Wanted/Missing Persons
- Sex Offenders
- Press Releases
- News/Weather Alerts/Events
- Submit a General or Narcotics Tip
- Rhonda Hinson/Cold Case Tips
- Latest Scams/Report a Scam
- Civil – Filing Papers/Eviction
- Courts
- Community Policing
- Most Requested Phone Numbers
- Medication Disposal
- Keep Check/Request Extra Patrols
- And more!!!!



Current download numbers as of 2/25/2026:

- IOS – 3,045
- Android – 2,003

QUESTIONS?