

Patrol Lieutenant Promotions

November 27, 2013

On November 27, 2013, Hall County Sheriff Gerald Couch promoted Sergeant Bonner Burton and Sergeant Jason Smith to the position of Lieutenant. Both Lieutenants will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. Both Lieutenant Burton and Lieutenant Smith will work under the division Commander Captain Neal Bagwell.

Lieutenant Bonner Burton was hired with the Sheriff's Office in August of 1995 as a jailer. He graduated from the Police Academy shortly after that in May of 1996. Lieutenant Burton has continued to serve the Sheriff in the patrol division and as a School Resource Officer before being transferred to the Training Division in 2007 as a Sergeant. Lieutenant Burton is also a long standing member of the SWAT team.

Lieutenant Jason Smith was hired with the Sheriff's Office in September of 1998. He graduated from the Police Academy in November of 2000 and transferred to the Uniform Patrol Division shortly after. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in November of 2004. Lieutenant Smith has served in the Criminal Investigations Division primarily in the Gang and MANS unit, transferring to Sergeant over the Crimes Against Persons unit this year. Lieutenant Smith is also a long standing member of the SWAT team.

“Both Lieutenant Burton and Lieutenant Smith bring years of knowledge and experience with them to the Patrol Division and I look forward to the new ideas that they will have to offer.” said Sheriff Gerald Couch.

During the promotional ceremony held today for both the Lieutenants, Sheriff Couch also announced that Lieutenant Ken Nix will transfer to the Court Services Division under the division Commander Captain Chris Matthews.