

Hall County Employees Pay Tribute to Victims of Newtown, Conn. Shootings

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Hall County Government employees joined many others around the world Friday, wearing green and white in memory and in honor of the victims and survivors of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy.

Christy Van Scoten, an investigator with the Hall County Sheriff's Office, organized the tribute, putting together and passing out green and white ribbons to all Hall County employees who were interested in participating. Employees were also encouraged to wear the colors green and white as a sign of solidarity with the people of Newtown, Conn.

Van Scoten said since she is a first responder herself, she was personally affected by the shootings last week.

"We were talking in the office about how to acknowledge everyone the Sandy Hook tragedy affected and decided to ask everyone to wear green and white today," she said. "After some more discussion, we realized the guys and gals in uniform couldn't participate, so the ribbon idea was born."

Van Scoten passed out a total of 677 ribbons Friday.

In addition, she is also collecting photos of Hall County employees wearing the ribbons. These photos will then be made into a collage and sent to Sandy Hook Elementary School in order to show Hall County's support for them during this difficult time.