

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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Your Rabun County Sheriff's Office is having an active summer, with deputies answering monthly averages of 289 calls for service and patrolling an average of 18,542 miles to prevent crime. During the summer months, a Sheriff's deputy is assigned to assist a DNR Ranger to patrol our area lakes by boat. This program would not be possible without the funding provided by the lake associations, and we are thankful for this support. In the summer months, the Sheriff's Office is provided financial assistance through the United States Forrest Service CO-OP to provide extra patrol on USFS property in our County. We enjoy partnering with other government agencies and community groups to make our County safer for residents, as well as tourists visiting the County.

As the school year ended, Sheriff Nichols was honored to recognize 150 5th-grade students for completing the Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety program (CHAMPS). CHAMPS was founded in 2003 by the Georgia Sheriff's Association to address the challenges faced by our children during their lives. CHAMPS provides guidance and the skills, ability, and knowledge to be safe, healthy, and happy in preparation for a successful life.

Sheriff Nichols was honored to present Sgt. Anthony Welch of our Court Services Division with the Rotary Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. Sheriff Nichols thanks Sgt. Welch for his hard work, dedication, and service to our citizens.

Finally, as most of you are aware, the solar eclipse is fast approaching. The Sheriff's Office has been planning and coordinating with all the stakeholders involved with this event to provide the attendees with safety and security as well as the continued service and protection for our own citizens. If you choose to be out on the day of this event, please exercise patience as we expect a multitude of visitors. Enjoy the eclipse and wear protective glasses!