



Ptlm. Timothy Dunn

**P**atrol Officer *Timothy Dunn* of the Metro Gang Unit was

working on a special assignment on the morning of October 29, 2004, at Bartlett High School. This assignment involved investigating, intelligence gathering and prevention of gang activities at the school at the request of the school administrators. Credible information was received on October 27, by Officer Dunn that gang members intended to shoot rival gang members on the school grounds. On October 28 and October 29, Officer Dunn, as well as other Metro Gang Unit Officers, were assigned to the school to prevent such actions. While in route to the school in his Shelby

County Sheriff's Office county vehicle S-168 at 0610 hours, Officer Dunn was westbound on Highway 70 at Brunswick Road in Shelby

County, Tennessee, when a vehicle driven by a 17-year-old juvenile, turned in front of Officer Dunn and struck the driver's side of his vehicle. Officer Dunn died on the scene due to injuries he sustained during the crash. Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Michael Bolton investigated the accident and concluded that the juvenile driver was at fault for the accident, causing the death of Patrolman Timothy Dunn.

Timothy Dunn is survived by his wife Michelle Dunn, his mother Juanita Grace Allen, his brother, SCSO Lead Auditor Mitch Dunn, his sister, April Casey and his step brother Inspector Bill Allen. Tim graduated from Wooddale High School and he attended the University of Memphis.



Sgt. Steve Montgomery

**S**ergeant *Steve Montgomery* has been with the Shelby

County Sheriff's Office since April 16, 1978. He began his law enforcement career assigned to the Communications Divisions. Sgt. Montgomery has since been assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division, Fugitive, Courts, Narcotics and Traffic where he has become an experienced officer in each of these divisions. He is presently assigned to the General Investigative Bureau where he handles burglaries. He implemented the ALERT (Area Law –Enforcement Retailer

Team) which consists of organizing data in an effort to combine and exchange investigative information between law-enforcement and local area retailers on a web-site. This team addresses identity theft and fraud, shop lifting and illegal drug operation. There is an open line of communication between the retailers and law enforcement. There are several states that have become a member of the ALERT team, and these members are trying to combat these types of crimes which plague our economy.



Corrections Deputy Charles Echols, Jr.

**C**harles Echols, Jr. has been employed with the Shelby

County Sheriff's Office since December 1, 2000. Corrections Deputy Echols works in the Jail Division.

On the morning of April 26, 2005, Corrections Deputy Echols rescued Corrections Deputy Patricia Campbell from an irate inmate. The inmate attacked and slit Officer Campbell's neck with a sharp blade. This attack was without warning and once the inmate took hold of the injured officer, he would not let go of

her. Officer Echols entered the room with the intent to help Officer Campbell, disregarding the possibility of danger to himself.

He sprayed the inmate with gas and yet caused no harm to Officer Campbell. Officer Echols continued to restrain the inmate until Officer Campbell was safe and secure. His heroic actions proved to be the reason that this situation was not allowed to escalate to something greater.



Sgt. Kenneth Roberson



Ptlm. Chris Harris



Ptlm. Jason Pagenkopf



Ptlm. Charles Mays



Sgt. Perry McEwen

On January 26, 2004, members of the Sheriff's SWAT Team were executing a high-risk search warrant for the Narcotics Division at 2740 Hickory Villa #2. While opening a closet door **Deputy Chris Harris** was shot in the face by a suspect crouching in the closet. Deputy Harris, after being shot in the face, returned fire, preventing the suspect from being able to shoot at other officers. Deputy Harris was subsequently shot two more times.

As the shooting began **Deputy Charles Mays** began firing into the closet with **Sergeant Perry McEwen**. Deputy Mays also grabbed the injured officer and moved him out of the apartment to other officers outside. Deputy Mays then returned into the apartment and assisted in the arrest of the suspects.

As mentioned earlier, Sgt. McEwen began firing into the closet when the suspect began firing. This action allowed officer Mays to get Deputy Harris out of the line of fire. Sgt. McEwen maintained his position to prevent the escape of the suspect or any further violence directed at other SWAT Team members.

During the exchange of gunfire, **Deputy Jason Pagenkopf** was shot in the neck. Ptlm. Pagenkopf and **Sergeant Kenneth Roberson** were in another area of the apartment when the shooting began. Sgt. Roberson and Deputy Pagenkopf immediately moved to a position of cover in the bathroom. Sgt. Roberson laid on top of Deputy Pagenkopf in the bathtub to prevent any further injury. Sgt. Roberson also applied direct pressure to Deputy Pagenkopf's injury to stop the excessive bleeding.

Each of these officers acted with extreme courage and self control during this tragic event. The actions of each prevented a potentially deadly situation to be ended without the loss of life



Corrections Deputy Tiar Shabazz



Corrections Deputy Olivia Mills

**O**n the afternoon of March 1, 2005, *Corrections Deputy Olivia Mills* was involved in a life-threatening altercation involving an inmate.

While *Corrections*

*Officer Tiar Shabazz* was returning to his work station he discovered that an inmate was hitting, choking and smothering Officer Mills with a plastic bag to the point of the her loosing consciousness. Officer Shabazz was instinctive with his actions; relying on his extensive training and experience, he immediately took positive control of the dire situation and used the force which was necessary to prevent the inmate from causing any further injury or possibly killing Officer Mills. In the process of utilizing the appropriate level of restraint, Officer Shabazz broke his right wrist. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Officer Shabazz continued to restrain the inmate while other personnel proceeded to remove Officer Mills to safety. Officer Mills states that if it hadn't been for Officer Shabazz, she doesn't know how this situation would have turned out. Officer Shabazz's actions were in keeping with the highest standards of his chosen profession. His actions reflect great credit to himself, the Jail Division and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.



MPD Officer Cleve Stewart



Patm. James Turner



Sgt. Phillip Peterson

**O**n November 1, 2003, President George W. Bush was delivering a speech at the Desoto County Civic Center. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Squad was assisting the United States Secret Service and area Law Enforcement with escort and security detail responsibilities.

While the President of the United States was delivering his speech, a vehicle, occupied by three individuals, crashed through a police barricade. The vehicle accelerated to a high rate of speed directly towards the Civic Center. Pursuing vehicles were not able to stop the vehicle before it reached the Civic Center.

**Memphis Police Department Officer T. (Cleve) Stewart**, Shelby County Sheriff's Office **Sgt. Phillip Peterson** and **Deputy James Turner** in a very courageous, unselfish and brave act used their motorcycles and bodies to block the path of the oncoming vehicle. This brave act caused the driver to divert course. MPD Officer Stewart drove his motorcycle in front of the suspect's vehicle. He was quickly aided in his actions by Sgt. Peterson and Patrolman Turner. These officers were able to force the vehicle into the curb where both front tires were flattened after striking the curb. The vehicle continued on through the parking lot where the rest of the SCSO Motorcycle Squad joined the pursuit. The vehicle then struck the building where the president was speaking.

The actions of these officers prevented the speeding vehicle from striking the Presidential limousine and injuring others assigned to the detail. The female operator of the vehicle and two small children were quickly detained



Ptlm. Chris Harris

On January 26, 2004 Officer Chris Harris was shot multiple times during a high risk search warrant for the Narcotics Division. One of the shots was to the face. Over the next several months Chris had multiple surgeries and medical procedures. During this time Chris routinely came by the office and encouraged members of the SWAT Team.

On June 5, 2005 Chris returned to the SWAT Team at full duty status. His drive to return to the team quickly and his constant positive attitude were inspiring to all. Since his return Chris has represented the Sheriff's Office with the utmost professionalism. Chris is the type of Officer who leads by example. He strives to be the best in all that he does.

Chris is a volunteer on our Critical Incident Response Team. He has traveled across the State to share his experience and assist other officers involved in critical incidents.

Chris has demonstrated through his actions his commitment to the Sheriff's Office and to the community that he serves.

Chris is to be commended not only for his commitment to his profession but for excelling through adversity to make a difference in the lives of others.