



*Committed To Excellence,  
Professionalism and Justice*



Fulton County Marshal's Department  
2020  
ANNUAL REPORT



# MARSHAL MARIA McKEE

## *Swearing In Service*



*M*arshal Maria McKee was appointed by the Fulton County State Court Bench and sworn in on December 19, 2019. She is the 14th Marshal of Fulton County and 2nd female to hold this position. Marshal McKee officially began her term as Marshal on January 1, 2020. In her new role as Marshal of Fulton County, she leads an agency of certified sworn peace officers and civilian personnel and is committed to the mission: *preserve the peace, protect lives, and serve the citizens.*

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# A Message From The Marshal

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since my installation as County Marshal. The past year was one that presented many unique challenges, to say the least. It was dominated by claims of police brutality, racial tensions, civil disturbance, voting irregularities and suppression, and an even greater threat to the health and welfare of all people: a global pandemic that has changed our lives from what we have known it to be.



Through it all, we found new ways of performing daily operations while focusing on our health and safety as essential workers. With regret, the pandemic prevented our availability to perform many of the usual community activities that have been customary. However, with an emphasis placed on safety, we were able to connect with the communities in other ways. We participated in the **Cards of Light Luminary Challenge** where our team handcrafted over 100 greeting cards for distribution to our senior citizens; presented an awareness campaign for **Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence** survivors; provided 16 food baskets to families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday; participated in a **“Walking for Wellness”** community event in Southeast Atlanta; and continued working with our adopted schools in the County.

In working closely with the courts to fulfill our mission and perform our mandated responsibilities, we aimed to be transparent in our communications with the public relating to dispossession actions. While eviction moratoriums were sanctioned nationally and locally, it was important to educate the public of the many changes that were occurring and resources that were available. I am proud to say we utilized all available means (press releases, local news, radio shows, digital media) to share information with the public.

In addition, we were instrumental in providing necessary law enforcement support to the county and the city by working early voting and general election sites, working COVID-19 testing sites, providing law enforcement assistance during times of protests, and patrol of residential and business districts.

Although the year was filled with many uncertainties, we successfully navigated our way through. I am optimistic that brighter days are on the horizon. We will remain focused on our mission and core values to guide us as we move forward into the New Year.

## Maria McKee's Biography

**M**aria McKee was born and raised in the city of Atlanta, and is proudly one of Atlanta's own "Grady Babies". She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta. Her formal education consisted of a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Integrative Studies from Clayton State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia.

McKee began her career in law enforcement with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office in April of 1988. She was hired as a Deputy Sheriff and began her tenure as a Jailer at Fulton County Jail. McKee was selected from a pool of several qualified candidates as the assistant to the Major of Jail Programs Section where she worked directly with inmates and community organizations. She was responsible for the coordination of educational and vocational programs for inmates.

During her tenure at the Sheriff's Office, McKee developed the first vocational program for inmates. She also created and taught the Life Skills training program for inmates. This was one of her most rewarding positions, as it allowed her to help individuals make positive changes for the betterment of their lives. McKee and her team assisted individuals with obtaining their GEDs, basic life skills, conflict resolution, and spiritual guidance.

McKee continued to work her way up the ladder within the Sheriff's Office where she took on many different assignments. She obtained promotions to Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and Lieutenant Colonel where she was the commander of the Court Services Division. In this position, she was responsible for the overall security and operations of the court complex to include the Juvenile Justice Center.

She worked with more than 40 judges that encompassed the superior, state, magistrate, juvenile, and probate courts and a number of other elected officials and department heads that occupied the courthouse complex. She was instrumental in overseeing the final completion of the new state of the art Command Center now in operation in the courthouse.

McKee enjoyed mentoring many employees of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office over the years. She was the highest-ranking female in the organization. As an individual who excelled in many areas, her rise through the ranks was exceptional.



# Fulton County Marshal's Office Command Staff



**Marshal Maria McKee**



**Chief Deputy  
Ronald Burgess**



**Melissa Burke**  
Internal Services Manager



**Major  
Nicholas Mulcare**  
North Bureau Commander



**Major  
Deirdre Orange**  
South Bureau Commander



**Captain  
Joseph Jones**  
Court Services Division

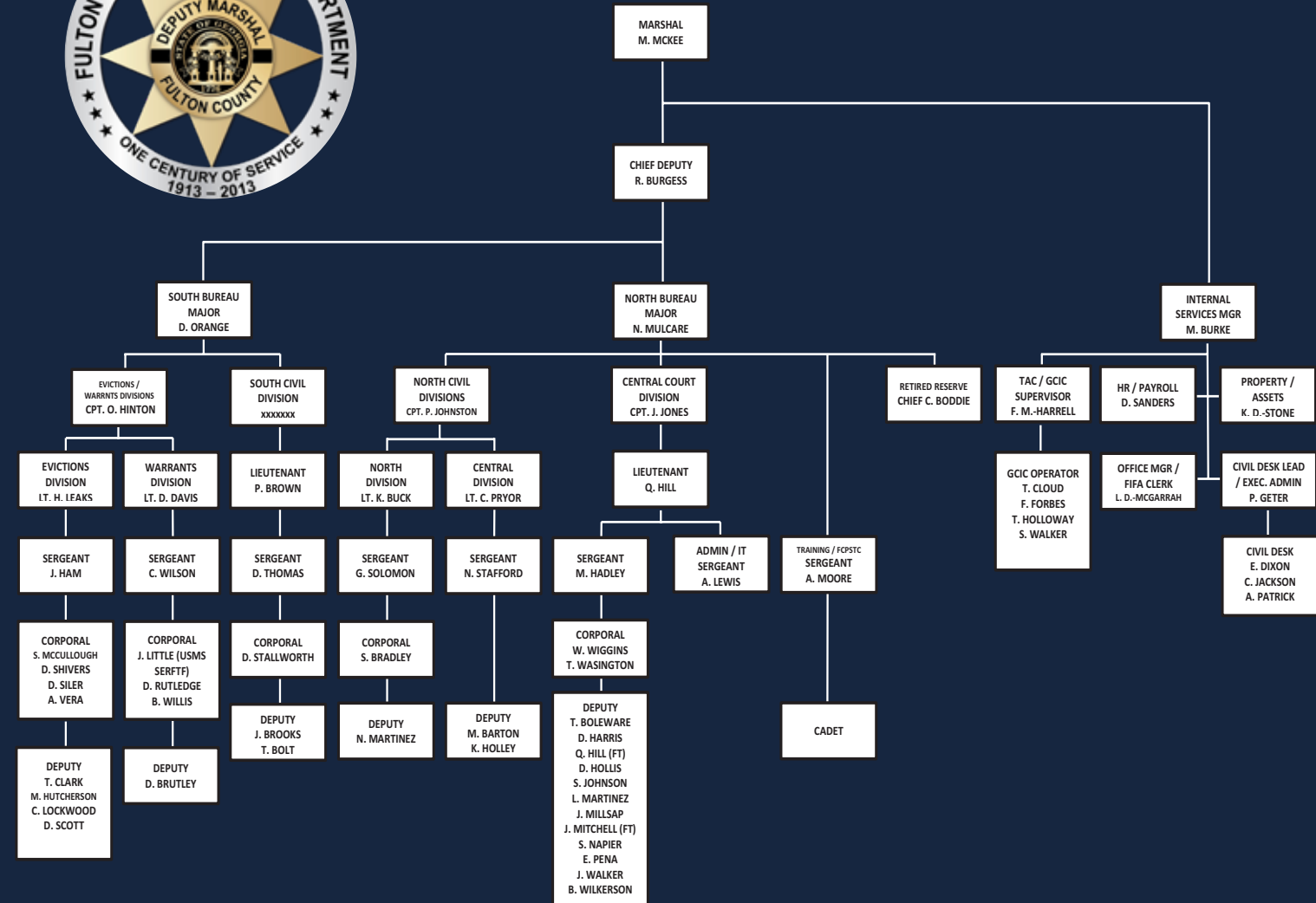


**Captain  
Paul Johnston**  
North and Central Division



**Captain  
Ophee Hinton**  
Evictions/Warrants

# Fulton County Marshal's Department Organization Chart December 2020



# Fulton County Marshal's Department

## 2020 Quarterly Performance Reports

The three Divisions, Central, North and South are responsible for providing the most efficient and cost effective service of civil documents originating from the State and Magistrate Courts and other courts of competent jurisdiction.

CIVIL PROCESS	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTALS	SERVICE FEE	TOTAL REVENUE
Service Attempts	1,968	789	1,333	1,312	5,402	Included	
Lawsuits	1,372	1,107	1,184	1,045	4,708	\$ 50.00	235,400
Garnishments	390	188	248	327	1,153	\$ 13.00	14,989
Better Address	1,581	1,194	1,292	1,159	5,226	\$ 50.00	261,300
Subpoenas	22	-	1	5	28	\$ 10.00	280
Nulla Bona	474	67	379	330	1,250	\$ 10.00	12,500
2nd Originals	156	95	134	135	520	\$ 50.00	26,000
Miscellaneous Civil	12	6	6	32	56	Included	
	<b>5,975</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>4,577</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>18,343</b>		<b>550,469</b>

\*Miscellaneous includes FIFA, Levies, TO

The Eviction Division is responsible for executing all court ordered writs of possessions. The court order directs the Marshal and designee to remove the defendant and defendant's personal property from the real property and give full and quiet possession to the plaintiff.

EVICCTIONS	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTALS	SERVICE FEE	TOTAL REVENUE
Dispossessory Proceedings	1,090	479	626	518	2,713	\$ 35.00	94,955
Writs Evicted	1,271	-	185	258	1,714	\$ 75.00	128,550
Writs Settled	2,132	32	622	746	3,532	\$ 75.00	264,900
	<b>4,493</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>7,959</b>		<b>488,405</b>

The Warrants Division is responsible for executing and enforcing State and Magistrate warrants, Domestic Violence Warrants, civil arrest orders, execution of high risk evictions and all transports from other agencies.

CRIMINAL WARRANTS	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTALS
Service Attempts	38	-	4	124	166
New Warrants	228	-	45	9	282
Arrests Made	33	1	3	22	59
Warrants Served	80	9	6	11	106
Transport/Pick-UP	86	10	6	12	114
GCIC Entries	2,907	450	683	2,450	6,500
Odyssey Updates	994	765	1,393	135	4,068
Better Address	63	-	30	32	148
	<b>4,429</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>11,443</b>

\*Miscellaneous includes LEDs/sheets, Incident

The Court Services Division is responsible for securing the courts when in session, maintaining order, and safeguarding the processes of the courts. In addition, the Court Services Division has an integral role in the Fulton County State Court DUI program. Deputies are assigned to work as team members of the DUI program staff.

COURT SERVICES	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTALS
Cases Secured	8,751	192	1,305	1,969	12,217
Inmates	-	-	-	8	8
DUI Court Home Visits	148	-	-	-	148

PATROL ENFORCEMENT	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTALS
UTC Citations	2	0	3	30	35
UTC Warnings	0	0	2	2	4
911 Calls	45	30	77	60	212

# Community Engagement

COVID-19 impacted the Marshal Department's ability and availability to continue our community partnership activities. We truly missed the interaction with citizens and students who would have participated in the National Night Out, Junior Deputy Program, the Gang Resistance G.R.E.A.T. Program and our Student Intern Program. We look forward to reengaging and rebuilding these connections as soon as possible. Here are a few photos of the socially-distant connections we enjoyed:

## Community "Walking for Wellness" Participation



Marshal Maria McKee, Deputy Mechelle Barton and Deputy Dominique Harris participated in a community "Walking for Wellness" in southwest Atlanta with community activist, Derrick Boazman.

## Guiding Our Youth – Centennial Academy Presentation



Marshal Maria McKee and Corporal Tomeca Washington presented a brief overview of public safety rules and the Marshal's department involvement in the community to a class room of 5th grade students.



# Community Engagement

## "Cards of Light Luminary Challenge"



Lending our support to seniors and staff during this COVID-19 pandemic, the department made over 100 hand crafted "Thinking of You" cards for distribution throughout the communities.

## Support and Awareness for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Survivors



We collected items to fill 46 gift bags for county employees and citizens of Fulton County to honor the survivors of breast cancer and domestic violence. We hope this humble effort made a difference in someone's life.

# Community Engagement

## “Giving Back – Thanksgiving Boxes”



We enjoyed connecting with some families to help out with Thanksgiving preparations. The department distributed 16 gift boxes with turkeys and fixin’s. A smile is the best reward.

## G.R.E.A.T. – Continued Partnership with Peyton Forest Elementary School



Marshal Department deputies were committed to getting the job done while the students were busy digital-learning in their homes. Peyton Elementary School’s ‘Peace Path’ awaits students, teachers and friends visits to walk the path. The program deputies along with their FCMD teammates and friends have enjoyed the work on this project inspired to create a focal point that is encouraging, safe and relaxing for the students.

# New Employees Spotlight

In 2020, three newly sworn deputies joined our team after completing 11 weeks of Basic Mandate Training at the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center.



Deputy  
Jaquavious Walker



Deputy  
Deaunte Hollis



Deputy  
Quentin Hill

We welcomed Deputy Mitchell to our team as a certified law enforcement officer.



Deputy Justin Mitchell

In 2020, two civilian employees were added to the GCIC department as Criminal Information System Technicians.



Dallas Williams



Tiffany Cloud

# Department Training

## Wellness and Training

The Marshal's Department is committed to providing a professional and knowledgeable workforce to meet the needs of the citizens of Fulton County and our public safety partners. Having a well-trained staff is a mission critical goal and we take pride in exceeding it each year.



**Sgt. Arille Moore**  
Training Coordinator

General Training / Fitness	Employees	Training Hours
Physical Fitness	68	96
TASER	62	252
Basic Mandate - PBLE	3	1,260
New P.O.S.T. Instructors	2	160



## Use of Force Training

Our department exceeds the standards set forth by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council. We conduct monthly scenario based training involving the use of force, judgement pistol shooting, and de-escalation. While most police-citizen encounters do not require a use of force, our training prepares the deputy to quickly evaluate and decide what appropriate action to take in a situation.



**Sgt. Dustin Rutledge**  
Range Master



**Lt. April Lewis**  
Range Instructor



**Dep. Justin Mitchell**  
Range Instructor

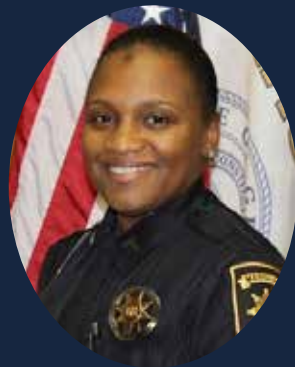


2020 Training Hours Completed by Sworn Employees				
Firearms	Deadly Force	De-Escalation	Community Policing	Defensive Tactics
378	68	89	159	178



# Service Awards and Promotions

Congratulations! And thank you for your commitment and years of dedicated service to the department's mission and to the customers of Fulton County Government.



**Cpl. Stephanie Bradley**  
20 YEARS



**Cpt. Paul Johnston**  
20 YEARS



**Ronald Burgess**  
Promoted to the rank  
of Chief Deputy



**Deirdre Orange**  
Promoted to the rank  
of Major



**Dustin Davis**  
Promoted to the rank  
of Captain



**April Lewis**  
Promoted to the rank  
of Lieutenant



**Dustin Rutledge**  
Promoted to the rank  
of Sergeant



**Christopher Lockwood**  
Promoted to the rank  
of Corporal

# Recognitions 2020

Each year the department recognizes employees for their tenacity, strength and going the extra mile while performing their assigned duties to serve the citizens of Fulton County.



**Deputy of the Year**  
Sgt. James Ham



**Civilian of the Year**  
Karen Dudley-Stone



**Distinguished Pistol Expert / 2020 Shoot Off Winner**  
Deputy Louis Martinez



## Fitness Award

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Major Nicholas Mulcare        | Deputy Quentin Hill       |
| Lieutenant Klaus Buck         | Deputy Shane Johnson      |
| Sergeant Dustin Rutledge      | Deputy Luis Martinez      |
| Corporal Christopher Lockwood | Deputy Jonqavious Millsap |



## Sharpshooter Award

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Captain Paul Johnston    | Deputy Janelle Brooks    |
| Lieutenant Haile Leaks   | Deputy Marcel Hutcherson |
| Sergeant James Ham       | Deputy Luis Martinez     |
| Sergeant Dustin Rutledge | Deputy Eddy Peña         |
| Corporal James Little    | Deputy Deric Scott       |
| Corporal Ariel Vera      |                          |

# 2020 F.O.C.U.S. Award - *Making A Difference*

Deputy Traquita Heard



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To: All Personnel  
From: Maria McKee, Marshal MM  
Date: August 25, 2020  
Re: Special Acknowledgement

I am pleased to announce and acknowledge one of our very own, Deputy Traquita Heard, as a winner of Fulton County's F.O.C.U.S award. Deputy Heard will receive the prestigious award for the category of Rescue Squad Heroes. Deputy Heard has shown outstanding efforts in responding to a car crash on August 6, 2020. The vehicle accident resulted in the ejection of the victim to a low grassy area off the roadway. Deputy Heard adamantly began a search until she found the victim. Deputy Heard along with other responding deputies provided assistance and stood by until Fire/EMS arrived on scene.

### Congratulations!

*A big thank you to those deputies that responded to the call for assistance.*

Deputy Trumaine Boleware  
Deputy Janelle Brooks  
Deputy Jonqavious Millsap  
Deputy Eddy Pena

Corporal Barry Willis  
Lieutenant Dustin Davis  
Deputy Christopher Lockwood  
Deputy Duante Hollis

Deputy Samuel Napier  
Deputy Dominique Harris  
Sergeant David Thomas  
Lt. Patrick Brown

## Award Category: Rescue Squad Heroes



Source: Original All Marshal email from Marshal Maria McKee

# Men and Women Of Fulton County Marshal's Department *Surviving Covid 19 – We Are In This Together!*





## Mission Statement

The mission of the Marshal's Department is to preserve the peace, protect lives and to serve the public by enforcing orders, writs and precepts of the State and Magistrate Courts of Fulton County, and other courts of competent judicial authority, in a responsible, efficient and cost effective manner.



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