



MEDIA ADVISORY

Chief of Police Jacques S. Battiste

Glynn County to dedicate police headquarters in honor of the late Chief Carl Alexander

WHAT: Building Dedication

WHEN: May 19, 2022 11:00

WHERE: 157 Carl Alexander Way, Brunswick GA

Media Advisory 22-0033

DETAILS:

Glynn County GA—Chief of Police Battiste would like to invite all residents of Glynn County, all current and retired law enforcement across southeast Georgia and members of the media to attend the dedication and naming ceremony for our headquarters building. On Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM, the Glynn County Board of Commissioners and Glynn County Police Department will dedicate the Public Safety Complex in honor of our 14th Chief of Police, the late Carl Hamilton Alexander.

The building was originally planned under Chief Alexander's leadership and construction was completed in 2002. The building houses the County Police Department, Glynn-Brunswick 911 Center and Glynn County Emergency Operations Center.

Chief Alexander was born in Brunswick on May 19, 1948, and was raised on St. Simons Island. He was a 1966 graduate of Glynn Academy and later attended North Georgia College.

He began his lifelong career in public service with Glynn County Fire Rescue in 1970. In 1972, he donned the badge of the county police, thus beginning his lifelong journey. In 1974, he was named our Officer of the Year. In 1975, he transferred into narcotics and did extensive work in undercover operations locally, and throughout the State of Georgia, with the Ga. Bureau of Investigation, and in several states with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. During his tenure in the division, he was involved in a helicopter crash, which yielded a large seizure of

narcotics. In 1981, he was awarded a Congressional Commendation for narcotics work.

In 1982, Carl transferred into the Investigations Division, before assuming command of the unit in 1985. He attended the prestigious FBI National Academy-Quantico and graduated as part of the 143rd session in December 1985. In 1986, Carl was promoted to Major and then in July of 1987 he was named the 14th Chief of Police.

During his tenure as Chief, he led the efforts to adopt a new retirement system for GCPD; this system was ultimately adopted county wide. He started the Drug Abuse Recognition Education or DARE program in Glynn County Schools, an initiative to educate our fifth and sixth grade children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Chief Alexander was an early leader in community based policing starting the Bike Patrol and Beach Patrol.

He made sure that the officers received proper credit for outstanding and meritorious performance in the line of duty by implementing an awards program for officers and staff.

Under his leadership, GCPD became the 14th nationally accredited agency in the state in 1994. In 1998, he led the agency to state certification, becoming the 29th out of more than 500 local agencies in the state.

His knowledge and experience were often called on by others as he was appointed by Governor Harris to the Organized Crime Prevention Council. Chief Alexander also served on the advisory board of the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council. In addition, he served as an advisor to the Armstrong State Public Safety Training Center. He also was elected vice-president by his peer chiefs of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Alexander modernized the county emergency radio system converting to the 800mhz system and also brought computer technology into the police vehicles. During his tenure, the current Glynn County Public Safety Complex was constructed.

Chief Alexander retired as Chief of Police from GCPD in July 2002.

He then was appointed Director of Security of Sea Island Company in July 2002 until his second retirement in February 2021. He led Sea Island during the G-8 Summit which ensured the safety and security of the Presidents and Prime Ministers of numerous countries.

In 2020, he answered the call to serve again for Glynn County and served as Chairman of the Police Advisory Panel. In February 2021, he returned to his beloved GCPD as Special Advisor. He served his home once again, bringing his total service to Glynn County to a remarkable 51 years.

In addition to his law enforcement contributions, he also served on the Glynn-Brunswick Hospital Authority beginning in 2004 and chaired the Authority from 2012-2015. He would chair Southeast Health System Inc. from 2016 through 2018. He resigned from the Glynn-Brunswick Hospital board in February 2020, but remained on the board of Southeast Georgia Health System Inc.

Chief Alexander led a remarkable life almost entirely here in the Golden Isles. He was a man of strong character and deep devotion to his lifelong profession. His direct leadership has impacted every aspect of the police department for 50 years and for countless years to come. His commitment to Glynn County has changed countless lives and led to his being honored by the county who renamed Public Safety Boulevard to Carl Alexander Way late in 2020.

In addition to the multiple accolades and achievements above, Carl was a member of many local organizations to which he was dedicated, such as the Two Way Fishing Club, The Supper Club and The Exchange Club. He was especially devoted to the Shivers Hunting Club in Burke County, Ga., where he spent every weekend he could with some of his best friends sitting on the porch, hunting and fishing.

In his memory, the Alexander family created the Carl Alexander Memorial Fund and have hosted a charity fishing tournament. The proceeds of that were donated to Glynn County Police to fund canine teams.

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