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Colonel Jim Walker Retires From the Sheriff's Office

(Paulding County, GA) On July 21, 2017 a reception was held at the Sheriff's Office to honor the service of Colonel Jim Walker with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office. Colonel Walker officially retired from the Sheriff's Office on August 1, 2017 after over twenty-six years of faithful service with the agency. Colonel Walker began his career with the Sheriff's Office on February 15, 1991. During his time at the Sheriff's Office, Colonel Walker held a multitude of positions. His final position was as the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office and the second in charge underneath Sheriff Gary Gullede.

Colonel Walker came to the Sheriff's Office in 1991 after a distinguished twenty-two year career in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army where he retired from the Army as a First Sergeant. As a native of Cherokee and Cobb Counties, he settled in Paulding County with his family when he retired from the military and came to work for the Sheriff's Office.

Just like most of our employees, Colonel Walker began his career in the Detention Center where he quickly rose through the ranks making his way to the Uniform Patrol Division. Colonel Walker was most notably recognized as the force behind the establishment of the Sheriff's Office Training Division which he headed up for many years. Colonel Walker, under the direction of Sheriff Bruce Harris (retired), was tasked with creating a Training Division along with a Field Training program which was developed to train new Deputies for field operations.

In addition to his regular duties, Colonel Walker was also one of the main reasons the Sheriff's Office began its SWAT Team, Honor Guard Unit, and Crisis Negotiation Team. Colonel Walker also served as the commander of these



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specialized units for many years. He has shed a lot of blood, sweat, and tears with many individuals as a result of his time in these units.

As the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office, Colonel Walker was tasked with overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. Many will remember him for his stern demeanor and his huge heart when it came to helping underprivileged children every Christmas. Colonel Walker was also one of the individuals who helped begin the *Cops for Kids* Christmas shopping program at the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Gary Gullledge noted, "Colonel Walker is one of those men who does not need instructions or direction, he is motivated and knows exactly what to do and when to do it. He has made a career out of serving not only our country, but our community as well. He will be missed by us all; I hope he gets to enjoy many days of fishing in the future."

Colonel Walker will be sorely missed by his co-workers and friends at the Sheriff's Office. His relentless dedication and commitment to duty have been a true testament to his character over the years. We hope Colonel Walker enjoys his well-deserved retirement from serving our country and our county.

