

SPALDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF DARRELL DIX

Sheriff Darrell Dix is a 31 year Law Enforcement veteran who has worked, and supervised, in Uniform Patrol, Traffic Unit, Criminal Investigations, Crime Suppression, Narcotics, Office of Professional Standards, and Training. His previous experience includes budgeting, grant writing, internal affairs, community relations, Citizen Police Academies, and public information.

Through the Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council, Sheriff Dix holds Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, Management, Departmental Training Officer, Field Training Officer, and Sheriff Certifications. He is certified as a Senior Instructor with additional instructor certifications in Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Impact Weapons, TASER, Full Auto Weapons, and Speed Detection. He attended the United States Army's Counter Drug Special Response Team Course, United States Air Force 610th Security Forces Squadron Special Operations Course, Joint Military Task Force 6 Special Operations Course, and The National Institute for Truth Verification.

He is a Graduate of Columbus State University's Professional Management Program, City of Griffin Leadership Development Institute, Griffin/Spalding Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Program, and the Georgia Sheriffs Elect Academy. He has worked extensively with State Certification through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and International Accreditation through the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

Sheriff Dix has initiated programs such as the study and presentation to the City of Griffin Board of Commissioners that led to fielding of Tasers to Officers at his former agency, coordinated the Citizen's Police Academies, facilitated presentations to both the Spalding County and City of Griffin Boards of Commissioners that led to construction of the Shoal Creek Firearms Complex, coordination of Field Training Officer Programs, started the body worn camera program that led to the fielding of the camera systems for all Spalding County Deputies, initiated accountability and methods for tracking all agency use of force incidents and vehicle pursuits, and in his career has written grants that have led to over \$100,000.00 in funding.

During his career he has been awarded 3 Meritorious Conduct Ribbons, Life Saving Ribbon, the Police Commendation Award, and Community Service Award for his past work with the Georgia Special Olympics. In 1999 he was recognized by the Drug Enforcement Administration for his achievements in narcotics enforcement. He is a past recipient of the Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club's Public Service Award and the Griffin Police Department's Top Gun Award. He was nominated in 2007 for the Griffin Judicial Circuit's Officer of the year, and was named officer of the year for the Griffin Judicial Circuit in 2012. Dix was voted "Best of the Best" by the readers of the Griffin Daily News in 2012. He holds memberships in the Georgia Sheriff's Association, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, National Tactical Officers Association, and Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors.

Sheriff Darrell Dix has been married to his wife Michelle since 1988. They have 2 sons, Taylor and Conner. They are members of Rock Springs Church.