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Corporal Stephen Dooley Retires from the Sheriff’s Office

(Paulding County, GA) On August 26, 2016 Corporal Stephen Dooley, of the Criminal Investigations Division, retired from the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office. Corporal Dooley, who is affectionately known as “Taco” (which is his nickname), began his employment with the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office on February 22, 2001 as a GCIC Operator. During the course of his 15 year career, he worked as a clerical analyst in the Criminal Investigations Division. Shortly thereafter, Corporal Dooley went through basic mandate training and became a certified peace officer. Corporal Dooley served the majority of his career at the Sheriff’s Office working in the Technical Services Unit as a Crime Scene Investigator. As a Crime Scene Investigator, Corporal Dooley processed crime scenes, conducted investigations, and collected forensic evidence. Corporal Dooley, who is a state certified Emergency Manager, was also the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Sheriff’s Office and was in charge of tactical dispatch for the Sheriff’s Office SWAT team. Corporal Dooley was a member of multiple committees and is also a member of the Paulding County Radio System Advisory Board.

Sheriff Gary Gulledge remarked, “Stephen is one of those guys that never leaves until the job is done. If there was an emergency or disaster, Stephen is the first one there and the last one to leave.” He further noted, “I am very sad that we are losing him, but can rest easy knowing he is still in our county working as the EMA Coordinator for the Fire Department/EMA. They have definitely gained an excellent employee.”

On his last day, Corporal Dooley was fittingly treated to a “taco bar” fiesta by his co-workers in the Criminal Investigations Division and Los Magueys Mexican Restaurant. Although Corporal Dooley is leaving the Sheriff’s Office, he will not be going far, as he will be transferring over to the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency to take the helm as the EMA Coordinator. Good luck and thank you for your service to Paulding County.