

## Office of the Sheriff

Charles County, Maryland





## CHARLES COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

CFC ERIC KEYS
Officer of the Year 2019

It is with great honor I announce CFC Eric Keys, 2464, as Officer of the Year for 2019. Since he began his Corrections career in 1984, CFC Keys is well known and respected throughout our Agency for his positive attitude and happy disposition. Officer Keys is reliable and does a good job with his daily duties as a Transport Officer and Court Holding Officer. He has also recently completed Mentor Training to provide fellow officers guidance, motivation, emotional support, and role modeling.

On March 13, 2019 CFC Keys was the passenger after a transport to Baltimore County. While on Route 301 south in Upper Marlboro, they witnessed an SUV that had struck a tree and was actively on fire with a female driver slumped behind the wheel. After safely pulling over to the shoulder of Route 301, CFC Keys exited the transport van and retrieved the fire extinguisher. After attempting to extinguish the flames was unsuccessful, he broke the driver side window with his ASP baton. CFC Keys and the citizens removed the female victim from the vehicle, and took the victim to a safe zone away from the SUV while it was still on fire. CFC Keys performed chest compressions on the victim for approximately 5-10 minutes until she began to breathe. The female victim survived with only some bruised and broken ribs. Due to the quick action of CFC Keys, the victim is still able to be a mother to her special needs child.

CFC Keys demonstrates daily commitment and teamwork to our Division and the Agency while maintaining a positive attitude