



# *HALE COUNTY* **SHERIFF**

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**MOUNDVILLE - On Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Hale County Sheriff's Office celebrated its annual Christmas Party at the Golden Years Center in Moundville. Sheriff Ellis welcomed all current and retired staff of the Sheriff's Office. Approximately thirty people were in attendance for good food and fellowship. Sheriff Ellis also distributed the Sheriff's Office Awards for 2009. Receiving awards were: Sgt. L.C Hogle received a Commendation Ribbon for a traffic stop in which he recovered several stolen assault rifles that had been stolen from the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Darrell McGuire received the Meritorious Conduct Ribbon for making the largest methamphetamine bust in Hale County history, along with several other successful narcotic sting operations. The two highest awards for the Sheriff's Office were; Officer of the Year, presented to Deputy Arthur James Jr. This award is given to the deputy who performs exceptional work ethic, integrity and superior overall performance for the year. The Sheriff's Award, was presented to Chief Deputy Jason H. McCrory. This award is given for outstanding performance, resulting in enhancing Sheriff's Office operations, and exemplary service and achievement. Chief Clerk Tina Fitzhugh and Civil Clerk Bevely Hamilton were also given Certificates of Appreciation from Sheriff Ellis.**

**Sheriff Ellis commended his entire department for another successful year. "We are so blessed we are about to conclude 2009 with no injuries to any staff member." Sheriff Ellis also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2010.**