

## Office of the Sheriff Chattooga County, Georgia

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TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

FROM: SHERIFF EVERETT

The Chattooga Commissioner's Office has issued "Mandatory Reduction in Workforce" county wide due to a decrease in property values, which is causing a \$300,000.00 shortfall in revenue. As a result of this, the Sheriff's Office will be reduced by 11 positions and the Jail will be reduced by 5 positions. At this time "Voluntary Layoff's" will be the first step in this process. This will include Office Staff, Investigations, Deputies and ALL Jail Staff. This layoff would be effective September 26, 2012. The next step in the process will be "Mandatory Lay-offs" regardless of seniority. While these actions are not something I agree with, steps have to be made at this time to meet payroll for the months of November and December of this year. The Commissioner has stated these positions will not be filled under the New Sheriff's Administration. As with any Administrative change, approximately 75% of current employee's will not have a job in January. I ask all of you to consider all options available to you and your families, and use these next four months to seek jobs for your future.

Anyone who would like to take advantage of the "Voluntary Layoff" please sign your name below.	
Sincerely William 9/1/12	2