



Captain Robert Sowell

Captain Robert Sowell began the position of Spalding County Jail Administrator on January 1, 2017. Captain Sowell graduated Summa Cum Laude from Herzing University with Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis in Homeland Security, in April 2016.

Captain Sowell previously worked for the Clayton County Sheriff's Office for thirty years. He worked in all divisions of the Sheriff's Office during his tenure, including more than sixteen years in the Jail Division, holding all ranks from Detention Officer to Major. Captain Sowell was the Clayton County Jail Administrator for the last six years of his career, supervising an average daily population of 1,500 inmates and a staff of 180 employees.

Captain Sowell's training includes certifications as a Jail Manager by the American Jail Association (CJM), Corrections Executive by the American Correctional Association (CCE), and Management Professional Development by Clayton County Human Resources. Through the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Captain Sowell has active instructor certifications as a general and firearms instructor, as well as active officer certifications of Basic Law Enforcement, Jailer, and Specialized Field Training Officer.

Captain Sowell's current professional affiliations include membership in the National Sheriff's Association, American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, and current president of the Georgia Jail Association.

Captain Sowell's civic involvement has included mentoring with the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Board of Directors of the Clayton County Mental Health Court, Commissioner on the American Jail Association's Jail Manager Certification Commission, Region 5 Representative of the Georgia Jail Association, and past editor of the Georgia Jail Association newsletter.



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