

We are proud to announce that the Pearl Police Department Officer of the Month in July is Investigator Greg Jones. Greg was born and raised in Columbus, MS where he graduated from New Hope High School in 2005. In 2006, Greg attended Itawamba Community College and in the same year enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. From 2006 – 2010, Greg was assigned to Travis Air Force Base as a Security Forces Member. While assigned to Travis Air Force Base, Greg received several awards to include his promotion to Senior Airmen six months early. Greg then served two tours in Iraq, once in 2007 in Tikrit, Iraq conducting duties on base such as routine police duties and base security. Secondly in 2009 in and around Bagdad, Iraq where he was assigned to an Iraqi Police Transition Team responsible with the training of Iraqi Police Forces while working hand-in-hand conducting patrols and other daily duties.

After his service in the Air Force, Greg was hired in 2010 by Madison PD. He received his Police Certificate in 2011 from the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute. In an attempt to move closer to home Greg became a Deputy Sheriff in 2012 at the Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Office, in Starkville, MS. Following the birth of his daughter, Greg began his service in Pearl in 2013.

Since 2013 Greg has been assigned several units to include Patrol, Interdiction, K9, SWAT, Street Crimes, and currently works in Special Operations. In 2015 Greg received a National Award for Valor from the National Criminal Enforcement Association in Virginia Beach, VA. Greg's mission is to be fair and honest to everyone he encounters while providing a safe city to visit, live and work.

On June 29, 2018, at approximately 10:15 pm, Detective Jones and Detective Frederick were patrolling neighborhoods for recent thefts and other criminal activity when they heard Dispatch advise patrol of a possible burglary/home invasion at a residence. Prior to their arrival, Dispatch advised that shots had been fired.

Detective Jones and Detective Frederick arrived on scene and observed a vehicle parked in front of the residence with the engine running, high beams on, passenger door open and a male seated in the passenger seat covered in blood. Detective Jones made the quick decision that the man seated in the car needed immediate medical attention and that the injuries were serious enough to place his own safety in jeopardy while Detective Frederick covered the house and surrounding area for a possible threat.

Detective Jones was able to apply a tourniquet to the arm above the wound to control bleeding. He determined that the man had a secondary wound to his right hand and another to his abdomen. Detective Jones applied direct pressure to the stomach wound to control further blood loss until medical personnel arrived on scene and took over medical treatment.

Detective Jones used quick assessment, determination, and conclusion to balance his safety and that of a man he did not know, if he was friend or foe when shots were fired. Detective Jones saved someone's life and still made it home safe to his own family.

The Pearl Chamber of Commerce presented Detective Jones with a framed certificate, a \$100 Bass Pro Shops Gift Card, a Yeti coffee cup and a Cracker Barrel Gift Basket along with a Gift Card for a dinner for two. Barney's Police Supplies donated a Wise Backpack containing 5 days of emergency food and survival supplies. The Pearl Municipal Credit Union donated a \$25 Visa Gift Card; Church's Chicken donated a \$25 Gift Certificate; McAlister's Deli donated two complimentary meals; Great American Cookie donated a Cookie Cake; Scotts Miracle Gro donated a Fit Bit; Eclipse Nutrition donated a \$25 Gift Certificate and Focus Fit donated one free month membership.