



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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The Fayette County Sheriff's Office Announces Retirement of a Beloved K9 Deputy

Bloodhound Copper to retire after many years of dedicated service

FAYETTE COUNTY, GA. – On February 7, 2025, The Fayette County Sheriff's Office announces the retirement of Bloodhound Copper with a mix of pride and bittersweet emotion.

Copper's journey with the Fayette County Sheriff's Office began in November 2015, when she started her training at just 12 weeks old. At only 7 months old, Copper was deployed to her first call of tracking and locating a wanted felon. Over her career, she responded to more than 150 calls for service, tackling cases that spanned from homicides and armed robberies to burglaries.

More importantly, Copper's work saved lives—she was instrumental in finding and safely bringing home individuals who had gone missing, often in dire circumstances. Her ability to provide hope and reunite families during critical moments was her most rewarding accomplishment.

Beyond her service in the field, Copper became a beloved figure in Fayette County. She attended countless community events, where she was a favorite at Harp's Crossing Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School and a celebrity at local elementary schools.

Since her arrival in Georgia in 2015, Copper served her 10 years of service alongside K9 Handler Lieutenant Thamert. She has not only been his partner on multiple calls, but she has become part of his family. In her well-earned retirement, Copper will continue to live with Lt. Thamert, spending her time enjoying stress-free days on her couch, playing with her stuffy toys, and keeping the other dogs in check.

Thank you, K9 Deputy Copper, for your outstanding service and dedication. You've earned your retirement, and we wish you nothing but joy and comfort in the days ahead. Job well done!