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## GA DNR Law Enforcement Sergeant Doyte Chaffin Named Supervisor of the Year

*East Georgia Game Warden Leads by Example*



**SOCIAL CIRCLE** – The Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Division is proud to announce that Sergeant Doyte Chaffin, who oversees Game Wardens in six east Georgia counties, has been named Supervisor of The Year for the Division. Sgt. Chaffin's dedication his community, his Game Wardens, and to the Department are evident every day in his servant-style of leadership, a quality that led to the award.

Chaffin, a 21-year veteran of DNR Law Enforcement, supervises a diverse part of the state comprised of Columbia, Glascock, Lincoln, McDuffie, Taliaferro, and Warren counties. His section is home to the 79,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake, one of the Corp of Engineers top 10 most visited lakes in the nation. He and his Game Wardens also patrol three State Parks, four Wildlife Management Areas, one Public Fishing Area and 92,485 acres of Federal Public Hunting Area.

"Doyte truly deserves this award," said DNR Law Enforcement Director Colonel Eddie Henderson. "His willingness to jump in and lead by example is why he is successful as a supervisor and why Game Wardens who work for him have a great deal of success as well."

The proof of success in Sgt. Chaffin's section is clear. During his tenure, his Game Wardens have received three Rocky Wainwright Waterfowl Awards, two State Rangers of the Year awards, a State Boating Officer of the Year award, a National Wild Turkey Federation (GA Chapter) Officer of the Year award, two Governors Awards, and 15 other Regional awards. The officers in his section all agree that these awards are a direct reflection of Sgt. Chaffin's leadership.

In addition to his regular duties, Sgt. Chaffin also takes on several collateral duties. He is a general instructor and firearms instructor and is often tasked with setting up region firearms training and qualification. He is a Team Leader of the Body Recovery Team and a Critical Action Team, and during Hurricane Matthew, he served as the Logistics Officer for the Department's response.

Sgt. Chaffin resides in Columbia County.

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