



**Retired Conway Police Chief
Reggie Gosnell**

Over the years the Conway Police Department (CPD) under the leadership of **Chief Reggie Gosnell**, has worked closely with **The Whittemore Community Magazine (WCM)** and other organizational entities in all sectors of the community to promote sincere relationships. These relationships were indicative of the effort by his department to become proactive in the community. Chief Gosnell and the CPD have implemented a number of well-known programs targeting youth in the community under the supervision of **Cpl. Cassandra Spain** including, but not limited to: **Camp Great**, which is an eight week camp for children ranging in ages from 6 to 13. The camp consists of arts and crafts, daily lessons and an assortment of field trips consisting of swimming and other activities; **Outreach Basketball League**, which provides a great opportunity for the children to learn more about basketball, meet new friends and learn the importance of teamwork. It also served to expose the children to a much softer and approachable side of the officers-breaking down barriers; and the **Annual Christmas Outreach** activities and the two well-known Housing Projects in Conway, Huckabee Heights and Darden Terrace.

Other community programs implemented under Chief Gosnell's leadership by CPD

include: Community Clean-up Day, where The CPD and youth from Bethel AME Church joined forces with Racepath Residents for a Community Cleanup; **Coffee With A Cop**, where Officers welcome and join in conversation with local residents and members of the city's crime watch groups. Police officers and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and of course, to enjoy a cup of coffee; **The Buddy Card Program**, which is a card that the youth have to get signed by 8 different officers. In engaging with the officers they must enlighten the officers about themselves and in return the officer the same. After obtaining 8 different officers signatures they return their cards to the Conway Police Department where they are rewarded with a backpack with several different items enclosed and get to take a picture with the officers on duty; and **C-STAND (Conway— Starting Toward A New Direction)**, is a pre-arrest intervention program launched as an extension of the local, state, and federal Drug Market Intervention Programs. We could name more, but we need the space (smile) !!

Chief Gosnell retired from the CPD effective December 31, 2017. On December 21, 2017 employees at the CPD held an abbreviated Retirement Party for Chief Gosnell at the CPD Training Room. The **Whittemore Community Magazine** was there to express appreciation for his leadership in law enforcement and community relations during his tenure. Additionally, many well-wishers from across the community representing different organizations that were fortunate enough to have interacted with Chief Gosnell either on a personal or public basis. **Congratulations and we wish you all the best !!!!**



Chief Gosnell and his Family.



Mrs. Genar Faulk (WCM Treasurer) and Mr. Edward McQueen (WCM Publisher) present a Plaque of Appreciation to Chief Gosnell. The Plaque reads in part: "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN PROMOTING POSITIVE POLICING AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS."



Many well-wishers from across the community came by to show their appreciation



Kudos to all those involved in Coordinating this event including some very tasty food !!!

