## **Property & Evidence**

## **Mission**

The mission of the Property/Evidence Section is to promptly and accurately enter, maintain and dispose of all evidence and property in order to preserve the integrity of the evidence for the officers and the court, and to serve the citizens by returning property or evidence immediately upon case disposition.

A critical duty of the Property & Evidence Officer is maintaining the "chain of custody" of evidence. He also ensures the availability of evidence for court, handles all of the shipping of drugs and other items of evidence to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science for analysis and receives, logs and ships biological samples to specific laboratories for testing such as for DNA retrieval and matching.

The unit is charged with the proper disposal of evidence and other property in accordance with state law, or upon completion of court proceedings as directed by a magistrate / judge / court.

The Property & Evidence Unit is involved in a continuous process of reception, tracking and safeguarding of material, which comes into the possession of police.



