



Congratulations to
Wells Morrison,
Director of Security,
on his upcoming retirement!



Please join us in thanking Wells Morrison, Dataw Island's Director of Security, as we bid him a happy retirement. Wells' three-year second "tour of duty" with Dataw will draw to a close at year's end; he formerly served six and a half years as Dataw's Director of Security before his "failed retirement" which lasted a few years, during which he did some private investigator work in Charleston.

A native of McClellanville, SC, Wells first retired as a Supervisory Special Agent from the FBI, where he served for 30 years. In his time between the FBI and Dataw, Wells had a tenure with the Department of Homeland Security as well as a position in private security, all in the greater Pittsburgh area, an area he still holds dear – as is evidenced by the "Terrible Towel" flown with pride in his gatehouse window after each Steelers win.

"Wells has been a tremendous asset," said General Manager Ted Bartlett. "He has served the community well, demonstrating professionalism and a good sense of humor. Whether it is an

emergency with a resident or a storm event, he has been outstanding during times of crisis.”

During his next retirement, Wells intends to stay local and says he looks forward to traveling, spending time with his dog, Ace, and is excited to spend time with his two sons, one of whom has recently married.

"It was a great run the first time and a great run the second time. I will miss the residents and staff, and I wish everyone the best," says Wells. "In particular, I want to thank the residents for ALL (well, almost) of our interactions together, it's been awesome!"

The DIOA is beginning an extensive search to fill the position, with the hopes of welcoming a successor in January. While the department is here to keep us secure, their role extends far beyond the average security guard, requiring a service-oriented approach, and that will be a fundamental part of the selection process.

When you see Wells, be sure to thank him for his nearly 10 years of being our rock!

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