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County of Franklin
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Upcoming Events and Dates

July 3rd – Independence Day Festival in Rocky Mount

5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Franklin County High School

July 4th – Independence Day

July 6th – SML Fireworks

July 17th – 21st - Smith Mountain Lake Pirate Days

July 20th - Pirate Festival

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Crazy Horse Marina

Kind Words for FCSO



Amber Chisom contacted our office to say “Thank You” to Deputy Jamie Carr. Carr interacted with her and her family at Salt House Branch/Philpott Lake and was very kind to the kids. Ms. Chisom explained Deputy Carr came through patrolling and

saw a group of children. He got out of the car, showed them the inside, let them sit in it, showed them his duty belt and engaged them in a positive manner.

Jakes Event

Saturday, June 1st was the date for National Wild Turkey Federation's Annual Jakes Event at the FC Recreation Park's Sontag Road location. Organizer Tim Burton and all his staff did an outstanding job again this year. FCSO displayed our ERT Van, Bicycle Patrol, K9 units and an information table.





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Church Safety Talks



Sunday, June 2nd, Sgt. J. P. Nolen gave a church safety talk to Greater Vision Church in Rocky Mount. Pastor Donald Young and members of the congregation were in attendance. Nolen said, "It is very important to speak with churches, businesses, civic and resident groups about being aware and prepared in case of a tragic event. Thanks to Pastor Young and his congregation for inviting us."



Recently, Rocky Mount Baptist Church invited Franklin County Sheriff's Office Sgt. J. P. Nolen for a discussion on church security. Nolen thanked RMBC for the invitation.

Business Gifts FCSO

SERVPRO of the Roanoke Valley, dropped by the Office of the Sheriff and gifted us with tickets to a Salem Redsox game. Clark Goodman (L) said, "Servpro acknowledges the job 1st Responders do, and it is our honor to find ways to give back. This is one way we can say 'Thank You'. Enjoy the game." Pictured are Goodman and Captain Justin Sigmon. FCSO is so grateful to Servpro and Clark Goodman for this outpouring of generosity.



Office of the Sheriff Makes Donation

FCSO donated to the Children's Miracle Network recently. CMN raises funding for 170 children's hospitals across North America. Locally, Arrington Enterprises/DQ has been a sponsor for many years. Pictured



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L – R: David Arrington, President of Arrington Enterprises, Inc. and Sheriff Bill Overton. “The Office of the Sheriff is honored to, once again, donate to this most worthy mission sponsored by our partners at Arrington Enterprises.” Overton said.



Franklin County Sheriff’s Office annual outreach, Operation Christmas Tree. This charity allows county families to receive food, clothing and gifts at Christmas. Sheriff Bill Overton presents the plaque to Susan Farris, Human Resource Manager/Walmart. Thanks to Walmart for giving back to Franklin County.

VSA Scholarship



FCSO Recognizes Business



For 3 consecutive years, Rocky Mount Walmart has been a Gold Sponsor of the

The Virginia Sheriff’s Association Scholarship winner was announced for 2019 – Franklin County. Tatiyanna Harper is this year’s recipient. VSA Scholarship Program gives this opportunity for young people across Virginia who wish to pursue an educational curriculum in law enforcement or criminal justice. Sheriff Overton said, “Tatiyanna has won this award for 2019 and we are so



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proud. Can't wait to see what is next for her."

Summer Camps

Phoebe Needles Center, 732 Turners Creek Road, Callaway, VA is offering Summer Camps. Weekly camps will run until the first of August. Camps are for kids who are rising 5th graders all the way up to rising 12th graders. Call 540-483-1518 and make sure to ask about their "Half off for a Friend" plan.



Touch a Truck Event

Saturday, June 15th, we attended the Vitalize Church Touch A Truck Event in Westlake. Many were on hand with great displays and equipment. We brought our K9 crew to participate. The photo shows Sgt. Robbie Haynes and K9 Titan going through one of the several demonstrations produced that day. Special thanks to all those that were in attendance, Vitalize Church and Kim Caldwell for putting on a fantastic event.



Antique Farm Days



June 14 -16 were the dates for the 16th Annual Southwest Virginia Antique Farm Days event @ FC Recreation Park on Sontag Road. Weather was beautiful and that was good news for event planners and the very large crowds in attendance. FCSO had deputies and our COPS people in place to



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assist in traffic control. Thanks to all for a job well done.

FCSO Attends Baseball Game



Thanks to Clark Goodman and Servpro of Roanoke Valley, employees of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office were able to attend at Salem Redsox game, recently. Photo shows some of the group that attended the game. Good weather and it was a good game, with Salem winning 5 to 4 over Frederick. Great time at the ballpark! Thanks again to Clark and the Servpro family.

2019 Citizen's Academy

Franklin County Sheriff's Office will hold its 2019 Citizen's Academy starting on August 13th. Classes are every Tuesday night from 8/13 through 10/29 at the Office of the Sheriff 70 East Court Street, Rocky Mount. Participants will learn about many aspects of FCSO and get to perform many hands-on demonstrations. Classes have a limit, so call Sgt. Darryl King for more information @ 540-483-6850.

Come Join us and become a Citizen Academy Alumni

Topics of Discussion

- Operations Division
- Tactical Response Team
- Criminal Investigations
- Special Investigations
- Sex Crimes
- Child / Elder Abuse
- Forensics
- K-9 Unit
- Mugshots System
- Commonwealth Attorney's Office
- Civil Process / Court Security
- Jail Operations
- Emergency Communications
- Public Safety
- Domestic Violence
- Officer Response to Active Shooter Events
- And Much More

Sheriff's Citizen Academy

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70 East Court Street
Rocky Mount, VA 22867

Reading at STEP



E911 Emergency Communications Shift Supervisor, Jennifer Gammons stopped in at Step, Inc recently and read to a few classes. Gammons said, "Over the years, residents might have only heard our voices. Doing this type of community outreach allows our dispatchers the opportunity to let the folks



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put a face with the voice. Reading to the children and telling them about our job is a huge plus, also.”

National Night Out 2019



Today, FCSO announced its National Night Out 2019. It will be held Tuesday, August 6th at the Westlake Cinema Parking Lot, beginning at 6PM. There will be food, bounce houses, police, rescue and fire vehicles. Also, martial arts demos, face painting and many, many other great family fun things to see and do. Mark your calendars. In case of rain, there will be NO rain date.

Intoxicated Driver Campaign

In partnership with AAA and VADMV, the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office announces the Intoxicated Driver Campaign through

the Fourth of July holidays. Focusing on having kids in your vehicle, you won’t drive and drink, why would you drive and text. On behalf of the Office of the Sheriff, we encourage all drivers to put the phone down when you drive.



Criminal Activity

Paving Scams

Franklin County Sheriff’s Office advises residents to be on guard for paving scams. Recently, two Franklin County residents were approached by persons possibly in a white pick-up truck with Tennessee tags. Both residents lost money to this scam. Contact the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office



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if you are approached by subjects claiming to have "left over" asphalt to pave with. It is most likely a scam. Call 540-483-3000.



**SATURATION CONDUCTED
6/14/19**

Total Traffic Stops-45

Areas Patrolled- Virgil Goode Hwy, Town, Doe Run, Sontag, Ferrum, Henry, Boones Mill, Snow Creek, Redwood, Westlake, Burnt Chimney, Sydnorsville, Wirtz, Hardy

Race/Gender-Includes All Occupants of Vehicle

- Black Males-17
- White Males-50
- Hispanic Males-4
- Black Females-7
- White Females-26
- Hispanic Females-0

Traffic Summonses/Criminal Charges

- Summonses-16
- Drug Charges-16

- Misdemeanor Arrests-15
- Felony Arrests-8
- Vehicle Searches-25

Misdemeanor Arrest Charges

- Drive Suspended
- Possess Marijuana
- Possess Paraphernalia
- Reckless Driving
- Schedule IV Drug
- Possess Schedule III
- DUI

Felony Arrest Charges

- Possess Meth
- Possess Hydrocodone
- Possess firearm with controlled substance
- Bring controlled substance in jail facility

Multiple Agencies Make Arrest



Kenneth Caron was arrested in Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and FCSO transferred him to our jail after an investigation revealed stolen items and vehicles at a residence in Botetourt. Estimated cost of theft was \$32,000 dollars and involved 60 items. "We



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thank the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office and our Investigations Division for a job well done," Sheriff Bill Overton said on Tuesday, June 12th.

[WSET Link](#)

Two Arrested for Sexual Assault

On Tuesday, June 25, Franklin County deputies responded to the scene of a female who said she had been raped at the Smith Mountain Lake Community Park at 1480 Park Way Avenue, Moneta. Two men were arrested in connection to an alleged sexual assault of a female at Smith Mountain Lake Community Park.



[WFXR Link](#)

[WSLS Link](#)