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**Upcoming Events and Dates**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – Jakes Event**

Franklin County Recreation Park  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life**

FCHS  
4:00 PM – 10:00PM

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Franklin County Court Days**

Downtown Rocky Mount  
10:00 AM

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Southwest Virginia  
Antique Farm Days**

Franklin County Recreation Park  
8:00 AM

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth**

Booker T. Washington Memorial  
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – First Day of Summer**

**National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 2nd was National Day of Prayer. The 2019 theme was “Love One Another”, adapted from John 13:34. Dozens turned out on the FC Courthouse lawn, celebrated and prayed on this day. Sheriff Bill Overton stated how grateful he was that we can come together as a community and have an organized prayer event. Overton said, “Jesus spoke those words, love one

another, just as I have loved you. That message is powerful.”



**FCSO Attends Expo**



The SML Chamber of Commerce held their 16th Annual Expo on Friday, May 3rd. Of the 100+ vendors, FCSO was one of them. Sheriff Overton was there all day and spoke to the nearly 300 people that passed our table. It was a great event! Congratulations to Vicki Gardner, Andrea Miles Fansler and



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all the hardworking crew that made this possible.

**New Mom Deputies**



Recently, Deputies Norton and Hall expanded our Office of the Sheriff family with the blessing of two beautiful babies. Norton's baby girl, Ada and Hall's son, Maddox are both healthy and doing great. These deputies do a fantastic job as mothers and providing this county with their law enforcement duties. Looking good Ada and Maddox. Thanks Deputies Norton (left) and Hall (right). Special thanks to Patrick Perkins @ Patrick Perkins Photography for setting up this photoshoot and helping with this project.

**Joint Training**

Several weeks ago, FCSO and our FC Public Safety 1st Responder partners, held an AAIR

Training. AAIR is an acronym for Active Attack Integrated Response Course. This course allows Law Enforcement and 1st Responders the "team building" needed to stop an active shooter and treat the injured in an event. Classroom portion of the session shown here.



**Open House Held at  
Scruggs Fire and Rescue**



Scruggs Fire and Rescue held an open house on Sunday, May 5th to display their equipment and show a new squad and new



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ladder truck. Chief Dempsey Moore said he was so appreciative of the community support. Sheriff Bill Overton stated, "We partner every day with our great Public Safety members. Thanks to Chief Moore for inviting us to participate in this great event." Thanks to the generosity of the crew at Scruggs.

### **Multi Agency Training**



### **CRASE Training**



The Franklin County and Bedford County Sheriff's Offices along with Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and Smith Mountain Lake Marine Volunteer Fire & Rescue conducted a joint boat training on Monday, May 6th at SML. With the busy upcoming boating season, each agency trained on new boating laws and teamwork. Another great event involving many agencies working side by side. Thanks to all of our law enforcement and 1st Responders involved.

Sheriff's Office brought the CRASE Course to Carilion Franklin Memorial Staff recently. Lt. Ken Holland said, "Since Sheriff Overton brought this course to the public, we have been training businesses, civic groups, churches and groups of individuals. This is a community outreach we are passionate about." CRASE stands for Citizens Response to Active Shooter Event.

### **Iron Dog Competition**





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[Franklin New Post Link](#)

with Deputy H. L. Nolen (seated-L) and Lt. Erik Mollin. Thanks!

**Mother's Day Event**

Saturday, May 11th, Providence Baptist Church held their Mother's Day Weekend Brunch. FCSO Domestic Violence Coordinator, Katrina Hancock was on hand to discuss domestic violence issues, workplace violence and working as a mother at FCSO. Thanks to all the fine people of Providence Baptist Church for hosting this event.



**Emergency Training**

On Tuesday, May 14th, emergency training was held at Snow Creek Elementary School. This partnership of agencies came together to work on active shooter scenarios and the extraction of wounded. "We come together as law enforcement and public safety to conduct these trainings and better prepare in case of an event. All participating hope we never see the day to enact this, but we must train to protect our children", Sheriff Bill Overton said in a statement.

**Special Ceremony at STEP**

STEP, Inc honored police officers during National Police Week. The students made posters, created a gift basket and welcomed FCSO. It was a great event and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office thanks STEP and all the staff for making this day special. Pictured are the wonderful students and staff, along



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Special thanks to Franklin County Public Safety, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Franklin County Public School System and Snow Creek Christian Church for all their help and involvement.

**Family Fun Night**

Recently, Franklin County Sheriff's Office employees held a Family Fun Night at the Rocky Mount Bowling Center. What a great evening it was. Families came out, bowled, fellowshiped and ate. Everyone commented on what a great event it was. On behalf of FCSO, THANKS to the fantastic staff of the Rocky Mount Bowling Center.



**Local Law Enforcement in D.C.**



Recently, law enforcement agencies descended upon Washington, DC to celebrate National Police Week 2019. Local units represented our area and ran the 5K in full uniform, carrying flags. FCSO Deputies Terry Dameron and Ryan King, plus RMPD Officer Brandt Gawor completed the race and raised funding for the Franklin County/Rocky Mount First Responders Memorial.

**Drug Court Raises Awareness**

May is Drug Court Awareness Month and the great folks at our Franklin County Juvenile Drug Court brought our dispatcher/deputies cupcakes to enjoy. Franklin County Juvenile Court is one of a very few Drug Courts in the Commonwealth and nearly 70% graduate



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the program. Several of our deputies are involved in these courts. Thanks to the great staff and we love the cupcakes.



**Bloodhound Training**

Franklin County Deputy Chad Huston and K9 Hunter along with Deputy John Lavinder with K9 Jethro, attended the Virginia Bloodhound Search and Rescue Association's annual spring seminar May 19 through May 24 in Loudoun County, VA. Deputy Lavinder instructed while this was Deputy Huston's and Hunter's first class. Great job guys!



**Memorial Day Ceremony**



Monday, May 27th, the Office of the Sheriff's Honor Guard was on hand to remember all our Armed Forces veterans who gave all for our freedoms. Thanks to Patrick Perkins Photography for the great job and generosity of providing most of the pictures.

**Carilion Wellness Hosts Event**





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May 29th, Carilion Wellness Westlake hosted a "Pickleball" event to inaugurate their new outdoor courts. FCSO was invited to attend and participate. Sheriff Overton, Captain Justin Sigmon and Deputy Walker Shively each took turns on the courts. Special thanks to Katie Tate and all the awesome CWC staff for putting this event together. Stop by and see this fantastic facility at 157 Westlake Road, Hardy, VA 24101

**WoodmanLife Honors**

On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, WoodmenLife and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office recognized Domestic Violence Advocate Coordinator, Katrina Hancock for her commitment to our community. Sheriff Overton said, "Katrina and the work she does is a blessing to this county. She is extremely dedicated to her cause and we congratulate Katrina today."



**FCSO Visits Local Church**



Recently, Sgt. R. Haynes with K9 Titan and Deputy T. Burton along with K9 Rex visited the youth at Faith Fellowship Church. FCSO Deputies talked about the work our K9's perform, showed demonstrations and allowed the group to see the dogs actually search for items. Everyone had a great time and we thank all those at Faith Fellowship for allowing us to come by and share.

**NHTSA Campaign**

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urging adults to "LISTEN UP" This campaign encourages adults to act grown-up, don't drive impaired or distracted. One of their newest slogans is "If You Feel Different, You Drive Different." Here in Franklin County, let us lead the way in driving responsibly. We are all one large family.



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Sigmon, Deputy Brad Elkins – Road and Deputy Chris Sawyers – Corrections. Great job by all.

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**Criminal Activity**

**Wanted Rocky Mount Man Charged**



**Deputies Graduate the Academy**



[WSLS LINK](#)

**Man Charged in Connection to Theft**



Recently, Cardinal Criminal Academy graduated Road and Corrections Entry Level Classes. FCSO was represented by several deputies. Pictured from L – R: Deputy Callie Dungan – Road, Deputy Mike Moorman – Road, Morgan Funck – Road, Captain Justin

[WSET LINK](#)





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**7 Grams of Cocaine  
Found in Car**



[WDBJ7 Link](#)