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Upcoming Events

Aug. 3rd – Touch-a-Truck & Car Show

FCHS Law Parking Lot
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Aug. 3rd – New Life Church Touch -a-Truck Event

180 AMT Tech Drive, Rocky Mount
11:00 AM – 3PM

Aug. 3rd –Back 2 School Drive

Faith Assembly of God, Ferrum
3PM – 5PM

Aug. 3rd – Walmart Pack the Bus

Walmart in Rocky Mount
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Aug. 6th – National Night Out

Westlake Cinema Parking Lot
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Aug. 9th – Relay for Life

FC Parks and Recreation
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Aug. 12th – First Day of School for Franklin County Public Schools

Aug .13th – 2019 Citizen’s Academy

Aug. 16th – 17th - Warren Street Festival

Downtown Rocky Mount
Friday – 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Saturday – 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Local Fund Raising



Saturday, June 29th, FCSO and RMPD participated in the Autism Awareness Car Wash at Auto Zone in Rocky Mount. Both organizations were on hand to greet the public and show support for this worthwhile cause. Several other first responder agencies were also in attendance. Thanks to Lynwood Atkins for putting this event together and everyone that came out to support. Pictured: Rocky Mount PD Patrolman Tim Taylor and Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Stephanie Mills.

Teens Spread Message



Recently, Piedmont Community Services’ CHILL Program visited our Rocky Mount



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Kroger store to place stickers on alcoholic beverage cases reminding residents that it is illegal to purchase if you are a minor. These stickers also described the fines and punishments if convicted. CHILL stands for "Communities Helping Improve Local Lives". Local law enforcement partners with these students frequently to spread awareness about drug and alcohol prevention.

Reading at Step Inc

Sgt. Robbie Haynes and E911 Communications Dispatcher Chelsey Withrow stopped in and read to a few classes at STEP, Inc recently. As you can tell, the children really got into the reading and interaction. Sgt. Haynes and Dispatcher Withrow commented on how fun the children were to be around, they were "actively engaged" one stated. Thanks to all the STEP group for inviting us.




2019 Citizens Academy

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
- Magistrate System
- Commonwealth Attorney's Office
- Civil Process / Court Security
- Jail Operations
- Emergency Communications
- Public Safety
- Domestic Violence
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events
- And Much More

Sheriff's Citizen Academy



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79 E. Court St.
Rocky Mount Va. 24151



Would you like to be a part of this dynamic opportunity? Contact Sgt. Darryl King by calling 540-483-6850 or email him at darryl.king@franklincountyva.gov

FCSO Boat Patrol

The 4th of July weekend saw a lot of extra marine traffic on Smith Mountain Lake and the FCSO Boat Patrol was out and about. Atop our Clearwater 2100 waves Old Glory. Thanks to Captain Duane Amos and Sgt. Greg Talley for assisting those in need and helping with a flotilla that went from Hales Ford



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Bridge to the SM Dam and back and worked the fireworks display.



TOP GUN honors. Burton said it was one of the best schools he had ever attended.

Sheriff Bill Overton stated, "This school really allows an officer to be placed in many different stress type scenarios that prepare them in case of a real-life gun fight. Physical training during the session, very hot weather and the awareness of your surroundings made for a dynamic class. We are so proud of Deputy Burton and what he has achieved. This type of one on one training, along with our local active shooter training events, attempts to keep FCSO always at the ready."

Deputy Awarded Top Gun



A few months ago, Deputy Tim Burton attended 3 Gun School in Montgomery County, VA. This once a year school focuses on training with three different firearms, the intricacies of each, and a timed proficiency at the end. Deputy Burton earned the highest score of the class and was awarded

Active Shooter Training



Recently, an active shooter training was conducted at Ferrum College. Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Ferrum College Police Department, Virginia Conservation Police, Virginia State Police and Franklin County Public Safety all participated in this exercise. See the attached WFXR News video

[WFXR Link](#)



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Deputies Retire



Two Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputies retired, and the Office of The Sheriff held a celebration. Lt. Mark Sweeney had over 2 decades of service at FCSO and Deputy Richard Pulliam had a similar amount of years with a couple of agencies. Sheriff Overton spoke on how much each had given to law enforcement and wished them a prosperous retirement.



RAD Class Held for CASA

Not long ago, the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center held a RAD Class. RAD stands for Rape Aggression Defense. It is designed to teach women realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. These

simple, but effective moves also work for men to ward off attackers, as well. Deputy Joe Wooldridge teaches these classes and Deputy Stephannie Mills assisted. Thanks to all the CASA workers who volunteered for this training.



Training Continues at Local College

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office continued AAIR Training at Ferrum College, Tuesday, July 23rd. Several weeks ago, this session was held, and today's endeavor was a continuation of the same. AAIR stands for Active Attack Integrated Response where multi – agencies are brought in from law enforcement, public safety and administration to conduct best practices when dealing with tragic scenarios. Sheriff Overton commented, "Wonderful to see the community come together and work in unison for this goal of staying prepared. Thanks to Ferrum College, Dr. Johns, all of our L. E. partners and public safety.



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Along with the Office of the Sheriff, participating agencies were; Virginia State Police, Ferrum College Police Department, Virginia Conservation Police and Franklin County Public Safety.

FCSO Attends VBS



Fairmont Baptist Church, Callaway, recently held their Vacation Bible School with the theme of Firefighters vs Police. Franklin County Sheriff's Office participated a couple of nights, highlighted by a K9 demonstration. Our good friends at the Callaway Fire

Department finished the event with a few nights of showcasing their equipment and showing the kids what they must do to fight fire. Pictures show the fun and learning the children had a chance to experience. Special thanks to all the Fairmont Baptist Church staff, FCSO, and Callaway Fire Department for making this VBS a huge hit.

Fundraiser for the American Heart Association



Recently, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital partnered with Homestead Creamery to conduct a fund raiser for the American Heart Association. Picture shows a group in the Cardiac Department, along with FCSO Sheriff Bill Overton. Homestead Creamery set up a mobile trailer and the public was invited to stop in, buy ice cream and help the AHA. The Office of the Sheriff had several folks drop by and enjoy the



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fantastic ice cream and assist CFMH in raising money. Great work guys!

**Local Business Gives Back
to Community**



Thursday, July 25th, TNT Auto Body Repair held a Customer Appreciation and Summer Library Reading Celebration. This event thanks all the loyal TNT customers and rewards those students who have completed the FC Library Summer Reading Program. Pictured: Sheriff Bill Overton and TNT Owner/ Tim Wall. Thank you, TNT for all you do for our community.



Bike Rodeo



The Office of the Sheriff and Franklin County Recreation Department teamed up Saturday, July 27th for a Bike Rodeo. Children were treated to a session on bike safety, helmet importance and were “put through the paces” by riding special designed course layouts to test and enhance bike skills. Sheriff Overton said, “Thanks all our sponsors and volunteers who worked hard to make this event a success for these children.” Deputy Rickey Davis was organizer from the Sheriff’s Office, while Matt Ross with FCRD handled things from their side.



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Thanking our sponsors: Angle Hardware, Walmart, Haywood Jewelry, Re/Max Mountain to Lake Realty (Billy Kingrey and Julie Kingrey Lee), Debbie Robbins/State Farm of Rocky Mount and all the citizens who donated funds.

Local Student Helps her Community



Saturday, July 27th was the place to be in Callaway. Savannah Farris, upcoming Sophomore at Ferrum College, was busy giving back to her community by organizing and hosting a school supplies drive for Callaway Elementary School. The event was held at the Callaway Fire Department and FCSO was there to support the cause. Many residents stopped by to give donations, school supplies and to purchase hot dogs, chips, drinks and great homemade goodies.



First photo shows Savannah operating a table and greeting the residents. Second photo shows FCSO Deputy H. L. Nolen and Callaway Elementary School teacher, Jennifer Haynes attempting to draw the crowd in. Thanks Savannah, all the Callaway Volunteer Fire Department, Callaway Elementary School staff and all the great residents in that area for making a difference in the lives of those students.

Criminal Activity

Two Arrested After Stolen Items Found





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[ABC 13 Link](#)

Bassett Man Arrested



[Cable 12 Link](#)

Drug Saturation Patrols



Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputies produced saturation patrols in mid-July. Report is attached.

[July 16, 2019 Drug Saturation Patrol](#)