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Upcoming Events

Feb. 2nd – Groundhog Day

Feb. 6th – Coffee with a Cop

Carilion Well Center
157 Westlake Rd, Hardy
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Feb. 14th – Valentine's Day

Feb. 18th – Presidents Day

Little Lambs Helps with Operation Christmas Tree



This year, Little Lambs three-year-old and four-year-old programs worked with Franklin County Sheriff's Office's Operation Christmas Tree. Students in both classes brought canned goods in each day up til December 19th. Deputy Hodges then visited each class to thank each one for their generosity and the importance of helping

others. Little Lambs strives on teaching children what it means to do "serve for others" through community projects and Franklin County Sheriff's Office was excited to assist in the learning of this valuable skill. Little Lambs is an outreach of Rocky Mount Methodist Church.

Servpro Provides FCSO with Bojangles

On December 26th, SERVPRO sponsored the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl game in Dallas, TX and provided food from Bojangles to the first responders at the Office of the Sheriff. Thank you to SERVPRO for the great meal.



(Picture left to right; Captain Amos, Corrections Division; Captain Caldwell, Investigations Division; and Clark Goodman with SERVPRO).



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FCSO on Rise & Shine

Deputy Anthony Hodges was on with host Kevin Tosh talking about the Gifting Day of Operation Christmas back in late December. Deputy Hodges also spoke on our 8th Annual Virginia Special Olympics Bass Fishing Tournament coming up Saturday, April 6th. Since the Sheriff's Office began producing the charity tournament, we have been able to raise around \$30,000 for VASO. If interested in fishing the tournament, baking cakes for the Awesome Auction, donate funds or give-away-items, call Sgt Greg Pigg or Sgt Kathleen Pigg at the Franklin County Jail 540-483-3020.



Franklin County Sheriff's Office is on Cable 12 Rise & Shine program every second Wednesday of each month at 7:30am.

Deputies Graduate from the Academy

Recently, four Franklin County Sheriff's Office deputies graduated the 25th Entry Level Law Enforcement Session at the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy.

These men were hired many months ago,

but were on very limited duty until they graduated this state mandated academy. Now that this is completed, they each will go through a time of field training at FCSO and then move out to patrol Franklin County.



Pictured from L-R: Corrections Captain Duane Amos, Major Mike Bowman, Graduate Deputy Dillon Smith, Graduate Deputy Jonathan Scott, Sheriff Bill Overton, Graduate Deputy Grant Wickline, Graduate Deputy Jamie Carr (Carr also won the class physical fitness award), and Patrol Captain Justin Sigmon.

Congratulations to these men and welcome to our great Sheriff's Office.



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FCSO Visits STEP, INC



On Tuesday Jan. 8th, Lt. Terry Dameron and Sgt. Steve Grantham dropped by Step, Inc and read to the children in a couple of classrooms. Lt. Dameron stated how important it is to have these young ones see law enforcement in a positive light. "Community policing has many forms and shapes. This is just one level of activity the Office of the Sheriff is involved in on a weekly basis," Dameron said.

Recently, Franklin County Sheriff Bill Overton spoke at the Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting in Rocky Mount. Overton spoke on businesses being proactive by doing safety assessments, knowing your employees and their stress. Sheriff advised those leaders in attendance, the Sheriff's Office is at the ready to come in and produce an Active Shooter Training, plus he advised the group of his business check program.

Sheriff Speaks at SML Lions Club

Thursday night, January 10th, Sheriff Bill Overton was the special speaker at the SML Lions Club held at The Waterfront Country Club. The Sheriff spoke on the growing concerns of scams targeting the elderly and, on the achievements, and future direction of the Office of the Sheriff. Thanks to the SML Lions Club for inviting FCSO down to speak.

Chamber Connect Meeting





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Coffee with a Cop

On Tuesday, January 15th, The Whole Bean Coffee House in Rocky Mount held their annual "Coffee with a Cop" event. Local law enforcement and FCSO COPS program members were present and had an opportunity to interact with the patrons. It was a great morning! Thanks to Whole Bean owner, Kylee Robinson and all her great staff for making this event special!




Wednesday, February 6th, Carilion Wellness Westlake will be hosting a Coffee with a Cop event at their location, 157 Westlake Rd, Hardy. Their facility is located just behind Westlake Kroger on the left. Katie Tate, with CWW, says, "We want to create the opportunity to have our local law enforcement come and interact with our local patrons and residents." Mark your calendars for 2/6/19.


COFFEE
WITH A COP



Carilion Wellness
157 Westlake Rd, Hardy VA
Wednesday, Feb. 6th
from 8:30AM - 9:30AM

Come by to meet and
greet you local law
enforcement officers





FREE COFFEE
DURING
EVENT

Hosted by Carilion Wellness

FCSO Serves the Community

The Office of the Sheriff loves to show our residents a different side to our deputies. They are involved and giving back to our great county. Many of our deputies are involved in our local recreation department, travel teams and school level sports. Acting as coaches, assistants and helpers in many ways.



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Sgt. Eric Ingram (In photo below, uniform) says, "I enjoy working with the kids and watching them improve in their sport. It's not only about protecting these kids, but forming a bond. They have seen me as a police officer and coach. They know I am someone that works to protect, and they feel they can call on me anytime there is a need."

Prescription Drug Disposal Kits

The Smith Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce Office, Bridgewater Plaza, Westlake area, has the take home prescription drug disposal kits. These kits allow the resident to return home, place prescription medicines in the pouch, mix with water and the active chemicals inside allow for safe, trash can disposal.



In addition to SML Chamber, all Carilion facilities in Franklin County have these same pouches. Plus, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital has a large containment box in the ER lobby for you to simply drop off your prescription medications.

U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

The Office of the Sheriff is urging driver to not text and drive. The purpose of this video is to drive home the point of how important it is to encourage drivers to stop texting while driving. The facts are clear, texting and driving could lead to death. The Office of the Sheriff, on a monthly basis, attempts to keep the residents of Franklin County aware of this issue, plus drunk drivers, drugged



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drivers, and any other issues that can assist the public.

This video has a funeral theme, so the content might be disturbing to some.

As Sheriff Bill Overton always says, "Please everyone return home safe to your families."

[NHTSA.gov Link](http://NHTSA.gov)

Deputies Sworn In

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office swore in two new deputies on Friday, January 25th. Both deputies are currently in the academy and are due to graduate around June 2019. Franklin County Circuit Court Judge Clyde Perdue swore in both gentlemen in the Circuit Court room.



Picture 1 shows (L-R), Judge Perdue, Corrections Deputy Chris Sawyers, Patrol Deputy Michael Moorman and Sheriff Overton.

Criminal Activity

Drug Arrests



[Meth Found during a Traffic Stop](#)



[Man, woman charged in Franklin County](#)



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[Vehicle Stop Leads to Drug Charges](#)



[Woman Arrested on Drug Charges](#)



[Investigators find Heroin and Methamphetamine](#)

FCSO Charges Woman with Malicious Wounding



[WDBJ7 link](#)