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Upcoming Events

Jan. 1st - New Year's Day

Jan. 17th – Lee-Jackson Day

Jan. 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, December 3rd, Carilion Wellness @ Westlake hosted a Coffee with A Cop event. Sheriff Overton said, "Interacting with our great residents today was wonderful. Director of Operations, Katie Tate and her staff always do a great job at this event. Thanks to all for making Coffee With A Cop morning a joy." Stop by Carilion Wellness @ Westlake and see how fitness works.



Deputy Graduates Academy



Deputy Adam Whorley graduated Piedmont Criminal Justice Academy this week as a Corrections Deputy.

Whorley was able to garner two top awards during his training, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) and earned the Director's Awards for "Best All Around." "We are so proud of Adam, his achievements and perseverance he displayed during his state mandated training. We are glad to have him, and we know his family is proud of him," said Sheriff Bill Overton. Congratulations Adam!



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School Donates to Families



Last week, Boones Mill Elementary School, "Coffee Trough" collected \$100 and donated the money to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office charity, Operation Christmas Tree. The Coffee Trough is a student run small business where coffee and snacks are sold to staff members. The money earned is then donated to charitable organizations. Thanks to Ms. Johnson, all the students and the great Boones Mill Staff for helping us, help them.

[WFXR Link](#)

TNT Toy Drive

Thursday, December 5th, TNT Auto Body of Glade Hill sponsored a toy drive for

Operation Christmas Tree. The event was held at Walmart-Rocky Mount. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the residents who bought toys, helped fill the bus and gave cash donations. We were able to completely fill the Cool Bus and raise over \$1,600 in cash. Thanks to all!



Operation Christmas Tree



As Franklin County Sheriff, Bill Overton opened the ceremony of Operation Christmas Tree's final phase, Gifting Day, it brought to a close this year's charity that helped 39 Franklin County families



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experience a better Christmas. A culmination of many months of trees, toy / food drives, and shopping ends with families receiving their gifts. Thanks to all that made this a huge success.

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Head Start Event

December 16th, at the Franklin Center, STEP and Head Start sponsored a Parent & Community Conference. Franklin County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Advocate Coordinator, Katrina Hancock was present. Thanks to all that organized the event and for all who stopped by and spoke with Katrina.



Deputy Recognized



For the month of December Deputy Davonte Taylor received the WoodmenLife Recognition Award which recognizes outstanding work by first responders.

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Wishes Do Come True

One little girl, part of an Operation Christmas Tree family, stated as her "gift" this year, was to have a deputy sheriff bring their car by and visit with her. Just before Christmas Day, Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Morgan Funck made the wish come true. Deputy Funck stopped by the family's home and not only visited with the one girl, but had an opportunity to see all of the children at the residence.



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"Their faces told the story. They were all so excited to see me when I arrived. I may have been as excited as they were." Deputy Funck said with a grin. "I had them get in my cruiser, turned on the blue lights. I talked about the car's equipment and what I carried on my duty belt. We had a wonderful stay." Thanks to Deputy Funck for dropping by.

[Roanoke Times Link](#)

ServPro Gift Sheriff's Office

On December 30th, Clark Goodman, ServPro's Business Development Coordinator for the Roanoke area, stopped by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to gift us with delicious Bojangles Chicken and all

the fixings. ServPro has provided 1st Responders and Public Safety organizations food, local baseball tickets and such for several years. Clark's visit recently is corresponding with the SERVPRO First Responders Bowl held in Dallas, TX on 12/30/19.



The game featured Western Kentucky vs Western Michigan. WKU kicked at 52-yard field goal as time expired to bring home the win for the Hilltoppers 23 - 20. A big thanks from all of FCSO to Clark Goodman and the ServPro team for the wonderful Bojangles gift.