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Local Church Donates Cards



Recently, Franklin Heights Church donated amazing handmade cards to each and every member of the Office of the Sheriff! Inside of each card was an uplifting message of support, and gift card for McDonald's. The Office of the Sheriff is so thankful for the great community members in this county who support our team! Thank you to Donna McCarty for the beautiful work on the handmade cards!

Extended Bridge Closure



Beginning now, the bridge over the Pigg River on Colonial Turnpike in the Glade Hill area of Franklin County, will close for

construction. This closure is expected to last until November of 2021. Be advised that travel in this area will be affected with detours.

Baby Boy Delivered

Recently, a mother in Franklin County couldn't wait for rescue as she was going into labor. When she called E911, Dispatcher Creighton answered her call and was able to assist, by phone, in the delivery. Soon, a healthy baby boy was born.



Franklin County Communications started using Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) on November 5, 2018. EMD provides dispatchers with a series of questions to ask, and then lists pre-arrival instructions to give callers who are experiencing medical emergencies. Our 9-1-1 telecommunicators are both EMD and CPR certified. They can assist callers with anything from how to control a bleed, how to administer an epi-pen to someone in anaphylaxis, give



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direction to someone on how to administer Narcan for a drug overdose, provide guidance to assist in childbirth, and walk someone through CPR instructions all over the telephone. Our telecommunications must also continue training throughout the year to maintain their certifications.

It is important to note that Emergency Medical Dispatchers are not Physicians, Nurses, or Paramedics. They cannot offer medical advice or diagnose conditions.

Company Gifts FCSO



On Thursday, July 2nd, members of the Office of the Sheriff were treated to a pizza lunch (plus cookies and soda) by Kathryn Polk-NMLS #786501 Movement Mortgage for their Frontline Heroes program! As always, the donation was very appreciated! Thank you for the support.

Beat the Heat



Summer is definitely here, and the Office of the Sheriff advises residents to follow these tips in order to stay safe during hot days.

- 1) Avoid direct sunlight exposure when possible
- 2) Wear light weight, loose fitting clothing. Also, wear light colors, sunglasses and wide brim hats
- 3) Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Drink plenty of water before and during outdoor events
- 4) Take cool showers or baths
- 5) Avoid alcohol and high sugar drinks
- 6) Take frequent breaks to cool down



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Heat Stroke

A follow up to the above post on "Beat the Heat", the Franklin County Sheriff's Office asks residents to read up on Heat Stroke. The website link (attached) is a good source to educate ourselves on this issue. The EMEDICINEHEALTH.COM page instructs on Heat Stroke facts, definition, causes, signs and much more. Let's stay safe this summer.

[Heat Stroke](#)

Gifts for FCSO



On Thursday, July 9th, Lisa Jones with Brame Specialty donated trays of delicious cookies and cinnamon rolls to the Office of the Sheriff as a "thank you" for their law enforcement services!

Church Delivers Blessing Bags

The members of Woodlawn Baptist Church wanted to show their appreciation to all the members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and their dedication to the community. Together the members of the church put together over 100 blessing bags filled with snacks, drinks and prayer for every member of the Sheriff's Office. Also included were numerous handwritten thank you notes.



Thank you so much to each and every member of the Woodlawn Baptist Church. We were so incredibly moved to receive so many blessings, well wishes, and thank you.



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Message from DMV



While overall traffic deaths have decreased in Virginia recently due to the pandemic, more people are dying in unbelted crashes. When comparing data between Jan. 1 - June 30 in 2019 and 2020, unrestrained fatalities increased nearly 16% this year. In response, Virginia DMV is promoting a buckle up educational campaign from now through the end of July.

[VA DMV VIDEO](#)

New Animal Shelter

Today marks the completion of the new \$1.4 million facility. The building is brightly lit with plenty of natural lighting and has an easy to navigate floor plan. At 6,000 sq ft the new facility is more than three times the size of the previous shelter which was built in the early 1970's.



The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Public Safety, Angels of Assisi, Franklin County Humane Society, and more.

Woodman Life Award

WoodmenLife and the Franklin County Communication Center/ Sheriff's Office would like to recognize Megan Shiner for her commitment to our community for the month of July! Giving of oneself is the greatest gift anyone can ever give. Through the words of Melissa Cundiff, Assistant Director for the Communications Center, noted below, we are able to see the gift Megan shares with her community and her co-workers.

Megan is a remarkable and extraordinary asset to this department. She has shown a consistent pattern of delivering exceptional customer service and embodies the genuine and tireless spirit of serving others in the way



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she engages with her co-workers and citizens. She has distinguished herself with courtesy, friendliness, empathy, enthusiasm, hard work and determination. She by word and deed, makes a lasting impression on both citizens and her fellow teammates each who are inspired to emulate the effort and attitude of her. There is not a single child that has come into the center or met her at an event that has not immediately taken to her and begged to come again to “hang out” with her. She has a presence that brings calm to a chaotic room.



She has also been an incredibly dependable Communications Officer for the department. Willing to switch her shifts to accommodate the needs of the center. She has proven time and time again to be an exemplary team player, a willing and cheerful colleague for her fellow Communications Officers and a very positive and enthusiastic presence in the Communication Center. She has taken on the role of Community Outreach Coordinator and soared to new levels with this position. She is going out to events to

educate the public while finding ways to promote the Communications Officers and Center as a whole. She works tirelessly being involved in our community in so many ways; from helping families in need, promoting unity among other communication organizations, collecting supplies for the new animal shelter, and helping with operation- “Light it up green” to support Mental Health Awareness.

Megan started with our department on October 11, 2017. After she received her degree from Marshall University 911 dispatching was not on the top of her career goals. She met her now fiancée Casey and applied for a position here, we loved her from the beginning and so glad she made the decision to call the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office home. We are glad we have her in our family.

Helping NWTF

Tim Burton, head of the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, has sent out an email highlighting the financial struggles of the organization. COVID issues have severely cut their fundraising efforts. The Franklin County NWTF Chapter is



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attempting to raise money to keep their group viable.

With Tim's leadership, NWTF has assisted us

**HIGH MOUNTAIN LONGBEARDS
VIRTUAL BANQUET**

AUG 1, 2020
ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD

\$100 TICKETS - Only 150 will be sold
Includes annual adult membership, 1 entry into prize drawing!

\$250 SPONSOR PACKS - Only 50 will be sold
Includes annual sponsor membership, 2 entries into prize drawing and also entry into special sponsor drawing!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NWTF

GRAND PRIZE - 2020 Core package, PLUS 2020 GUN ON THE YEAR
SECOND PRIZE - Ruger American Predator 22-250
THIRD PRIZE - \$250 Bass Pro Shops gift card
FOURTH PRIZE - \$150 Bass Pro Shops gift card
FIFTH PRIZE - \$100 Bass Pro Shop gift card

FOR EVERY TEN SPONSORS each of the following will be given away!
Tristar O/U 12 ga shotgun, Yati Razzle Cudon, Tescocom Solocan

FIRST 50 TICKETS SOLD
will be entered into early bird drawing
for Ruger ES9 9mm pistol

NWTF
Conserve. Hunt. Share.

in yearly events on several occasions, always willing to jump in and help when available. They have always been a huge support at National Night Out. If you can help by purchasing a ticket or two, please email Tim at tburton@rockymountva.org or call 540-484-3041.(As many of you know, this is not our Deputy Burton)

If you cannot purchase a ticket, you can still donate any amount you choose....ANY WAY you can help

Stop Texting and Driving



The Office of the Sheriff, in keeping with our partnership with Virginia DMV, reminds residents of Franklin County to put down the phone when driving. Current Virginia law (Code of VA 46.2-1078.1) has made it illegal to manually enter multiple letters or text in the device as a means of communicating with another person, or read any email or text message transmitted to the device or stored within the device while operating a vehicle on state maintained highways.

The video is from Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue and we thank them for sharing.
PLEASE don't text and drive.

[Don't Text and Drive](#)