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Upcoming Events and Dates

Jan. 1st – New Year’s day

Jan 18th – Martin Luther king Jr. Day

No One Likes a Distracted Driver

Distracted driving does not always mean you are on your cell phone. Here are just a few examples of distracted driving; Changing the radio stations or volume, adjusting the heat or AC, looking for something you dropped in the floorboard, turning around to speak to a backseat passenger, or applying makeup.



Any action she takes that takes your eyes off the highway and diverts your attention off operating your motor vehicle could be “Distracted Driving.”

[Driving Distracted](#)

Delivered Goodies to Others



Santa’s little helper Branson with the help of his Grandma Dee, called Sgt Johnson to ask for help delivering some goodies he had assembled. He said he wanted Sgt Johnson to pass these out to all the little boys and girls that he may encounter in his travels Thank you Branson and Grandma Dee!

Act Like it VA





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Getting a DUI is not fun and games. Think about others out on the roadways. The holidays are supposed to be fun. Celebrate responsible. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office says this Christmas and New Year's, "don't drink and drive."

years of combined service to this office and to the residents of Franklin County. These gentlemen have worked in many divisions of the Office of the Sheriff and each has served well. It is with honor I have the opportunity to recognize them for their longevity."

Food Gift



Today, Monday, December 21st, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office received a wonderful blessing of lunch from Cindy Bower, Bank of Botetourt. Subway sandwiches, chips and cookies. Thanks to Ms. Cindy and Bank of Botetourt, very much appreciated. Cindy and Cpl. Bryan Johnson are pictured.



Pictured L - R: Corporal Bryan Johnson (20 years), Sergeant Darryl King (20 years), Sheriff Overton and Deputy John Lavinder (35 years)

Service Awards

On Dec. 16th Sheriff Overton honored three deputies who have reached notable years of service with the Office of the Sheriff.

Sheriff Overton commented on how honored he was to be able to recognize these three deputies. "We are looking at 75



In the attached photo - From Left to Right



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Deputy Jeff Holland hit the 5-year mark. Deputy Mike Alford has 45 years in law enforcement with several agencies. Sheriff Bill Overton's. Administrative Assistant Wanda Fralin celebrates 30 years. Captain Duane Amos has 20 years both with Roanoke City Sheriff's Office and Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Justin Hylton with 15 years.

Sheriff Overton expressed his thanks to each member of the Office of the Sheriff honored today. "The number of years of service shown by these sheriff's office members are examples of dedication that I am so grateful for. I congratulate each of you on how you have served and continue to serve the residents of Franklin County."

New Intersection



The Office of the Sheriff would like to remind everyone traveling in the Scruggs Road area to be aware of a new traffic pattern at the Scruggs Road/Bluewater Drive intersection.

There is now a FOUR-WAY STOP at this intersection, where previously only traffic on Bluewater Drive had the stop signs. See the full story on this Franklin News Post article

[Franklin Newspost](#)

Church Brings Gifts to the Sheriff



Halesford Baptist Church donated gift bags to every FCSO employee for Christmas. Each bag had a restaurant gift card and a New Testament Gideon Bible. An email sent stated gift bags were donated from the church's members and for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to know the Halesford membership and Jesus Christ loves each of you.

The Office of the Sheriff is so grateful, and we thank Pastor Craig Polston, Associate Pastor Keith Floyd and all the congregation of Halesford Baptist Church for this wonderful gift.



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Deputy Awarded

Lisa Landes, WoodmenLife, awarded Deputy Stephanie Mills on Wednesday, December 23rd.



Pictured with Major Justin Sigmon, congratulations Deputy Mills. Go to our Standing Watch Facebook page and see this entire article posted on December 23rd.

Scam Info

Protect Yourself
AVOID COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

✓ **Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.**

! **If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:**

- HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS | tips.hhs.gov
- FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI | ic3.gov
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE

For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
<https://www.fda.gov/coronavirus>
<https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus>

HHS Office of Inspector General | Federal Bureau of Investigation | Department of Justice | CMS

See the flyer / picture attached to this article. Great information to help all of us be aware of Covid scammers. This picture was from our neighboring law enforcement partners, Henry County Sheriff's Office.