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Upcoming Events & Dates

Dec. 3rd - Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas

6:00 PM

Dec. 5th – Franklin County Christmas Parade

3:00-6:00PM

Dec. 21st – First Day of Winter

Dec. 21st – Operation Christmas Joy Gifting Day

Essig Center

4:00 PM

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

Dec. 25th – Christmas

Sheriff's Office Gift



El Rio Rocky Mount and The Koffee Barn teamed up to offer the sheriff's office a free

cup of coffee during a week in November. We are so grateful for this outpouring of support.

Thank You Veterans

The Office of the Sheriff honored our veterans November 11th. Your service, around the world and stateside, has protected this nation. To all those who have served in our Armed Forces we salute you. We honor you this Veteran's Day and respect your courage each day. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office thanks you for your service!

Ice Cream with a Cop



Homestead Creamery, Inc held an "Ice Cream with a Cop" event on Wednesday, November 10th at their Burnt Chimney location. The event was centered around the residents coming by and having a time to interact with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office law enforcement members. Those who attended were offered discounts on ice cream as well as items in the store. Thank



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you so much for the Homestead Creamery management and crew for their outstanding hospitality.

Check out the WSLs 10 / WSLs.com video clip below.

[WSLS-TV](#)

Church Donates Stuffed Toys



Recently, Deputy Walker Shively was invited to Coopers Cove Baptist Church where members donated stuffed toys to our deputies. These toys will be used whenever deputies deal with situations where children are involved or needing comfort. Deputy Shively said, "There are times on calls we find frightened and scared children at a home. These stuffed toys attempt to

add a layer of comfort for the child and gives us an opportunity to have a more relaxed conversation with them. It is an awesome gift."

As you can see from the photos, Shively was able to spend some time with the children at the church and even show them his patrol vehicle up close. Special thanks to Coopers Cove Baptist Church for their thoughtfulness and kindness to all.

Click It or Ticket

The Office of the Sheriff sharing information and data from the DMV of Virginia.

In the instant you buckle up when driving or riding in the front seat of a car or truck, you cut your risk of a fatal injury in a crash nearly in half. That's a massive return on the investment for the brief moment it takes to put on a seat belt. In 2016, seat belts saved nearly 15,000 lives. But nearly 2,500 more lives would have been saved if everyone had buckled up.

Recent data shows, as a nation, seat belt usage has increased, but now is not the time to let our guard down.



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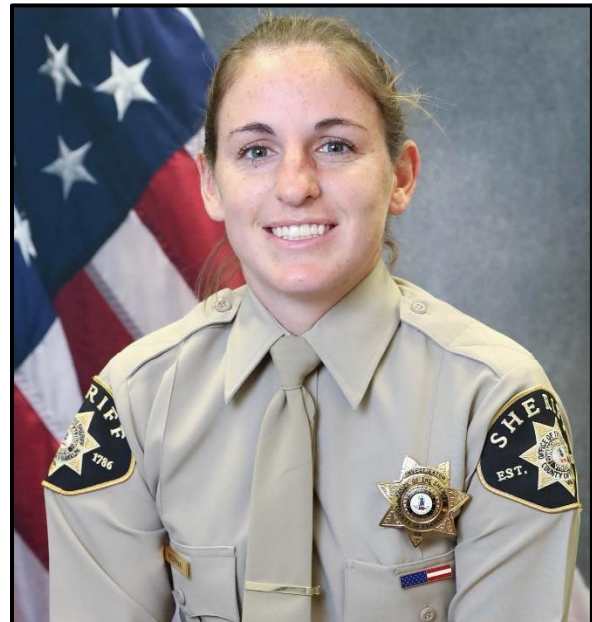
**SEAT BELTS
REDUCE SERIOUS
CRASH-RELATED
INJURIES AND DEATHS
BY ABOUT HALF.**



Clearly, the odds of surviving a crash shift massively in your favor if you first buckle up before taking to the road. Additionally, your vehicle's other safety features—particularly air bags—won't work as effectively if you're not buckled up. In fact, the force of an air bag can seriously injure or even kill you if you're not wearing a seat belt when it deploys in a crash. Belts and bags work together for your safety.

**Investigator Graduates Virginia
Forensic Science Academy**

The Virginia Forensic Science Academy has concluded its 104th Session. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Investigator Morgan N. Moorman has successfully met all requirements and is hereby a graduate, as of November 11th, 2021.



The Academy's objective is to provide a high-level training to qualified crime scene search officers. Law enforcement personnel learn to properly recognize, document, collect and preserve - for laboratory examination - items of physical evidence found at crime scenes. The Academy participant becomes familiar with the capabilities and limitations of the modern forensic laboratory in examining the spectrum of materials which can be collected as evidence in criminal cases.

The 9-week course of study also provides officers with the necessary background information and practical application techniques which, coupled with the student's previous experience, permits maximum utilization of the forensic sciences to their departments and the Criminal Justice System of the



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Commonwealth. Congratulations to Investigator Moorman for the hard work and dedication towards completing this training.

Investigator Speaks to Youth Class

Office of the Sheriff Lieutenant J. P. Nolen had an opportunity to speak at Halesford Baptist Church recently. Nolen, Lieutenant of Investigations, spoke to the Awanas Class which is made up of grade school aged children.



Lt. Nolen said, "The class wanted to know about my job and what tools we use to solve crime. They also were very engaged when we discussed internet safety. It was a great night. "Thanks to Halesford Baptist Church for inviting us to attend.

Drug Indictments

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office announced today drug indictments resulting from investigations dating back to July 2021. Read the whole story by clicking the link below.

[Drug Indictments](#)

Promotion Announcement



The Office of the Sheriff would like to congratulate Investigator J. LeQuire for his recent promotion from our Patrol Division into our Investigations Division. Investigator LeQuire has almost 10 years of law enforcement service and is excited to begin down a new path within this career!



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Woodmen Life Award



Howard Martin, long-time COPS program member, was named the November 2021 recipient of the Woodmen Life award.

Click link below to see the whole story.

[Howard Martin](#)

Drug Arrest in the News

Recently, Channel 13, WSET produced a news item about Fentanyl lacing and arrests recently in Franklin County. Click link to see the entire interview with Drug Investigator, Lt. Terry Dameron.

[WSET 13 STORY](#)

Shining Star Award

Sheriff Overton would like to congratulate Deputy M. Moorman and Investigator J. LeQuire on receiving a recent Shining Star Award.



This award is in reference to an incident where a family was in the process of moving a parent out of a potentially abusive residence, and both deputies provided professional support to maintain a calm environment during this process. After this call, the family expressed their gratitude to Sheriff Overton for the services that these men provided during such a difficult time. Thank you to Deputy Moorman and Investigator LeQuire for your professionalism and dedication of service for this community!



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2021 Awards Banquet

Each year, the Office of the Sheriff holds an annual awards banquet to gather as a family as we prepare to close out a year of hard work and dedication to this career and community. Sheriff Overton would like to congratulate the following members of the office for being chosen as a member of the year.



Sgt. Whorley – Corrections Deputy of the Year



Inv. Kenny – Investigator of the Year



Dep. Dillon – Patrol Deputy of the Year



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Logan Byrd - Civilian of the Year



**Jenny Creighton – Communications Officer
of the Year**