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## Office of the Sheriff County of Franklin Newsletter January 2022

### Upcoming Events & Dates

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Days

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Dr Day

### Deputies Helping Motorist

Recently, a resident was at the Rocky Mount Sheetz and snapped a photo of Deputy Morgan Smith and Sgt. Keith Grantham assisting a motorist air up her tires. The citizen was grateful for our law enforcement officers.



### Gift for FCSO



Karen Guilliams stopped by our office to bring delicious cakes from Empire Bakery Commissary LLC - Empire Foods in Rocky Mount.

### Local Elementary School Gift

Henry Elementary School had Deputy Travis Dillon drop by a few days ago. They wanted to give him some goodies and show him a project they were working on.



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A spokesperson for Henry Elementary said, "Our 5th graders chose to honor the police with their Christmas kindness door decorating theme this year. We are so thankful for all our officers do every day!" Thanks to all at Henry Elementary for the thoughtful gifts and decorations.

### Shining Star Award

Recently, Deputy Edwin Alejandro and K9 Sasha were presented with a Shining Star Award for their successful search that helped to locate an elderly lady who had wandered away from her residence. K9 Sasha and Deputy Alejandro assisted and were able to bring the incident to a quick and successful close.



### Woodmen Life Award



WoodmenLife and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize Sheriff W.Q. "Bill" Overton, Jr. for his commitment to our community for the month of December! Go to the Standing Watch Facebook page to read the entire post.

### Operation Christmas Joy



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This year, the Office of the Sheriff was able to partner with over 40 businesses, churches, organizations, and individuals to make this year's Operation Christmas Joy larger than previous years, almost doubling the number of families. With the amazing help and contributions from our partners, we were able to provide Christmas Joy for 37 families, which included 121 children. The packages included food for the entire family for three hot meals, plus clothing and toys for all the children.

Each year the Office of the Sheriff looks forward to our annual Operation Christmas Joy event that provides assistance for families at Christmas. This year was the 6th consecutive year for this program, which began with selling Christmas trees to financially support the cause. Over the last few years, it became apparent that the Christmas tree business was struggling, and we would need to change the course of action for this event to continue. In 2020, we approached many churches and businesses in Franklin County to ask for assistance. As expected, Franklin County pulled together to provide for an amazing event, even in the middle of a pandemic!



We would like to thank all of those who partnered with us to provide such a blessing to these families. Without the collective contributions, both large and small, this event would not have been as successful as it was!

