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Upcoming Events & Dates

Feb. 2nd – Groundhog Day

Feb. 13th – Super Bowl Sunday

Feb. 14th – Valentine's Day

Feb. 21st - President's Day

2022 Citizen's Academy

The Office of the Sheriff is pleased to announce that a Citizen's Academy for Spring 2022 has been scheduled! This upcoming session runs for 12 weeks beginning February 15th, 2022 and continuing through to the middle of May 2022. Classes begin at 6:00pm, once a week, every Tuesday.

This academy course allows the residents of Franklin County an in-depth look inside of their Sheriff's Office. The participants will learn about every facet of what our office does on a day-to-day basis. Portions of the academy will be classroom and segments will allow attendees to have a "hands on" experience to various elements of the job.

For more information on our upcoming Citizen's Academy, please feel free to contact Sergeant Darryl King at Darryl.King@franklincountyva.gov

Pedestrians and Winter



When we have winter weather events, many times sidewalks and pedestrian areas are covered with snow and ice even after the roadways have been plowed.

Sometimes, pedestrians may find themselves having to step off the sidewalks and onto the roadways for a brief period to navigate around the blocked or icy walkways. In areas of high pedestrian traffic, please be aware and alert.

Lowering your speed and focusing on the highway is always good advice no matter the season. This message is brought to you by the Office of the Sheriff and our partnership with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.



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Sweet Gift



DSS of Franklin County came by in January and left FCSO a gift. Kim Butler (left in photo) and Madison Drew (on right) brought donuts for us to enjoy. Thank you for the gift and for our partnership as we work side-by-side with DSS on many cases each year.

Heater and Wood Stove Safety



If you are using a space heater, make sure you're using it safely.

- Keep anything that can burn, like bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet away from your heater.
- Place space heaters on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an automatic shutoff, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Do not plug anything else into the same circuit as the one you are using for your space heater. This can cause overheating.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use an extension cord or power strip.

Also, be aware of safety factors concerning you that have wood stoves. Here is a great



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website that spells out safety if you are
burning wood.

<https://www.iii.org/article/wood-stove-safety>.

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