



Office of the Sheriff County of Franklin Newsletter March 2022

Upcoming Events & Dates

Mar. 13th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar. 17th - St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20th - First Day of Spring

Scammers

The Office of the Sheriff reminds everyone if you receive a call from someone who is asking you to purchase gift cards, money transfer or any other type of alternate funding, to just hang up. No government agency or legitimate organization will ask you to do this to rectify an issue.



Gift Card Hang up on SCAMS!

4 Tips to identify a scam:

1. Scammers **PRETEND** to be from an organization you know.
2. Scammers say there's a **PROBLEM** or a **PRIZE**.
3. Scammers **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
4. Scammers tell you to **PAY IN A SPECIFIC WAY**.

Tips to protect yourself:

1. **DON'T GIVE** your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.
2. **RESIST THE PRESSURE** to act immediately.
3. **NEVER PAY** someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service.
4. **STOP AND TALK** to someone you trust.
Or call 911!

VDOT Crash Data

Below is Virginia preliminary crash fatality data comparing 2020 and 2021. The data

Virginia Fatality Data 2021 (Preliminary) vs. 2020

| | Calendar Year | | % Change |
|-------------------------|---------------|------|----------|
| | 2021 | 2020 | |
| Total Fatalities | 898 | 822 | 9.2% |
| Unrestrained Fatalities | 312 | 328 | -4.9% |

shows that we experienced an approximate 5% decrease (328 to 312) in unrestrained fatalities in 2021 compared to 2020.

The data does show almost 1 of every 2 fatalities involving occupants who were not wearing safety restraints. Your concerted efforts and commitment to saving lives assisted in this reduction. This message is brought to you by our partners at the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Deputy Receives MADD Award



Investigator Tim Burton was awarded the 2021 MADD AWARD for his part in Driving



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Under the Influence campaign. Pictured with Inv. Burton is Sheriff Bill Overton.

Deputy Visits Elementary school



In February Sgt. Johnson stopped by Boones Mill Elementary to celebrate 2/22/22.