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Upcoming Events & Dates

Dec. 1st - Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas

Downtown Rocky Mount
5:30 PM – 9:00

Dec. 2nd – An Old Virginia Christmas

Booker T. Washington National Monument
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Dec. 3rd – Franklin County Christmas Parade

Dec. 8th – Dispatcher Academy

Graduation Franklin Center
6:30 PM

Dec. 18th – New Term Swearing-In Dec.

20th – Operation Christmas Joy

Dec. 21st – First Day of Winter

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

Dec. 25th – Christmas

Newly Certified Motorcycle Deputy



Last month, Deputy James Rumley attended the Virginia State Police Motorcycle School in Blackstone, Virginia. He successfully completed the class to receive certification as one of our motor units and was also commended for being the most improved in the class.

Pictured are Sergeant Paul Crandall, Deputy James Rumley, and Investigator Steven McFarling - currently three of our four certified motor units.



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Permanent Farm Use Plates

The Office of the Sheriff is spreading the word about an upcoming law change. Starting July 1, 2024, all farm vehicles in Virginia will need to display a DMV-issued permanent plate. Residents needing farm use plates can go to the VA DMV website and get their applications. [VADMV FARM USE](https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/licenses-plates/vehicle-plates/farm-use-plates)



Phone Scams



The Franklin County Sheriff's Office continues its efforts to educate all residents on how to protect themselves and avoid losing money due to phone scams. Our office, the courthouse, the IRS, or any other agency WILL NOT ask you to get pre paid cards to rectify some issue. The moment the caller asks you to go purchase cards loaded with funds, understand this is a scam attempt. Don't fall victim to scam phone calls.

Promoting Safe Families Event



On Saturday, October 28th, the Office of the Sheriff participated in the Franklin County Family Resource Center Annual Awareness Event: Promoting Safe Families. So many friends came out to take part in the costume contests, bouncy house, ice cream, food, candy, and good times! Pictured is Franklin County resident Caroline Taylor with her display. Thank you to the Family Resource Center for all that you do for our community!



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Community Health Assessment

Every three years, Franklin County's Community Health Assessment Team (CHAT) conducts a "Community Health Assessment Survey" to evaluate the needs to improve the health of the communities that we serve. This includes access to care, quality of care, education, employment, income, family and social support, community safety, environmental quality, and health behaviors.

www.carilionclinic.org/community-health-outreach , calling 888-964-6620, or scanning the QR Code!

2023 Halloween Activities



There were many Halloween activities throughout our county during the last of October. FCSO had deputies on hand at the Rocky Mount Fire/Police Halloween Bash. Pictured are Deputy Dylan Shipman, Investigator Steve McFarling, and Deputy Tristan Adams. Thank you to all who came out!



HELP IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH
Take the Community Health and Well-Being Survey

Share what's important to you and the health of your community!

Your opinions will help Carilion Clinic and other community organizations find solutions to improve our region's health and well-being.

To take the survey, scan the QR code, visit CarilionClinic.org/CHO or call 888-964-6620 and be entered to win a \$50 gift card!



TAKE THE SURVEY



Ridgeview Bank Treat Donation

Recently, Tyler Lee with Ridgeview Bank stopped by the Office to bring delicious donuts to the members! Thank you for the generosity and sweet treats. Deputy Chad Huston, Deputy William Hoyt, Sgt. Jessie Scalf, Tyler Lee, Captain Duane Amos.

The Office of the Sheriff wants to encourage all county residents to complete this Community Health Assessment to tell us what your community needs are. This can be done online by visiting



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Empire Bakery Brings Treats

encouraged residents to cease outdoor burning until the ban is lifted.



Thank You to McDonald's



The Office of the Sheriff thanks Amanda Rucker and staff of our local McDonald's for their donation to Operation Christmas Joy 2023. Their gifting of food coupons will be distributed to the families chosen by the Franklin County Public School System as a part of our annual Christmas charity. Pictured are Amanda Rucker, Owner/Operator, and Deputy H. L. Nolen.

The Office of the Sheriff would like to thank HR Manager Jackie Weddle with Empire Bakery for dropping us off something sweet to our members recently. Pictured are Lt. Jeff McCarty, Jackie Weddle and Sgt. Paul Crandall.

Burn Ban in Effect

Due to current dry conditions, a county-wide burn ban was put in place in early November. The Office of the Sheriff





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Don't Drive Drowsy



National Drowsy Driving Prevention Week is November 5-11, 2023. DMV encourages everyone to prioritize resting before driving. Drowsy driving is another form of impaired driving and causes crashes, injuries, and fatalities on our roadways. In 2022, 24 people were killed and 1,466 were injured in 3,144 crashes involving drowsy drivers. So far in 2023, 18 people have been killed and 1,174 injured in 2,292 crashes involving a drowsy driver.