

# Office of the Sheriff

## *Newsletter*



February 2024

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### UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

February 1st -  
First Day of Black History  
Month

February 14th -  
Valentine's Day

February 19th -  
President's Day

February 22nd - 9am to 10am  
Coffee with a Cop at  
Rocky Mount McDonalds



## NEW HIRE - MICHAEL HURLEY



Deputy Michael Hurley was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Tim Allen on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023. He will be assigned to our Patrol Division and began the January 2024 Cardinal Criminal Justice Recruit Academy.



Deputy Hurley grew up in and graduated in Franklin County, before entering the US Army in 2016, where he served until 2023.

Welcome, Michael!

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## NEW HIRE - JOSHUA NEWTON



Deputy Joshua Newton was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Tim Allen on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023. He will be assigned to our Patrol Division and began the January 2024 Cardinal Criminal Justice Recruit Academy.

Deputy Newton was born in Pennsylvania but grew up in Franklin County, attending Blue Ridge Christian Academy and then Blue Ridge Bible College. Josh served in the US Marine Corps from 2018-2022.

Welcome, Josh!

## NEW HIRE - COLTON RICHARDSON



Deputy Colton Richardson was sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Tim Allen on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024. He will be assigned to our Corrections Division and is slated to begin the June 2024 Cardinal Criminal Justice Recruit Academy.

Deputy Richardson was born and raised in Franklin County and is excited to begin his new career!

Welcome, Colton!

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## NEW HIRE - CODY NOAKES



Deputy Cody Noakes was sworn in as a member of the Office of the Sheriff on Monday, January 29th, 2024. He will be assigned as a School Resource Officer once he completes his lateral FTO process.

Deputy Noakes is originally from Bedford, Virginia and comes to us with 15 years of law enforcement experience, to include extensive training in K9's.

Welcome, Cody!

## 2023 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



The Office of the Sheriff held our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 15th, 2024 at Franklin Heights Church. It was a great evening of fellowship and celebrating another successful year, along with a delicious meal.

### Congratulations to the 2023 Awards Recipients:

William “Bubba” Martin - Corrections Deputy of the Year  
Holly Willoughby - Investigator of the Year  
Callie Dungan - SRO of the Year  
Janna Foley - Dispatcher of the Year AND Lifesaver Award  
Greg Tornatore - COPS Member of the Year  
Gareth Stephenson - Civilian of the Year  
Tyler Moore - Patrol Deputy of the Year

**SOCIAL MEDIA FOCUS - WINTER WEATHER DRIVING**



As we dive into the coldest months of the year, we are reminding residents of some winter weather driving tips to keep everyone safe. One piece that we are stressing is the need to clean off your vehicle before driving. This protects the driver and other drivers on the roadways!

**SOCIAL MEDIA FOCUS - WINTER CRIME PREVENTION**



Another social media focus that we have been pushing is for winter crime prevention tips. With more darkness than daylight this time of the year, keep your house well lit to deter theft.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER ATTENDS MASTER PIO TRAINING**



Public Information Officer - Sergeant Megan Huston attended FBI-LEEDA Master PIO training in North Carolina. This training consisted of a week of intensive classroom instruction, to include mock press conferences, news interviews, media relations, and crisis communications.