

Office of the Sheriff

Newsletter



August 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

August 1st

Special Olympics Ticket Drawing
5:00pm on Facebook

August 2nd - 4th

Fill the Bus Event
Rocky Mount Walmart

August 5th - 9th

VA Rules Camp
Skelton 4-H Educational Center

August 6th

National Night Out
Franklin County High School
5:30p - 8:30p

August 7th

Homestead Creamery Ice Cream
Side Entrance of Government Center
11:30am - 2pm

August 14th - 17th

Franklin County Ag Fair
Sontag Recreation Park

August 17th

Warren Street Festival
Rocky Mount Farmer's Market
11am-10pm

August 22nd

Franklin County Public Schools
First Day of School!

August 24th

Boones Mill Apple Festival
11am - 6pm



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 6TH



The 2024 National Night Out is right around the corner and is anticipated to be the biggest show out that we've had. Our new location at the Franklin County High School, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, is going to bring something for everyone to enjoy.

Don't miss this event. Please plan on being there and bring the family!

A promotional poster for National Night Out 2024. At the top is a large, glowing full moon with a stylized star logo overlaid. The logo contains the text "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024". Below the moon, the text "POLICE • COMMUNITY • PARTNERSHIPS" is written in blue. A red and white striped ribbon banner contains a stylized "FC" logo and the date "August 6". Below the banner, the text "Franklin County High School 5:30-8:30pm" is displayed in white. At the bottom, four logos are shown: Rocky Mount Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Virginia DWR, and Virginia State Police. The bottom text reads "Police Displays, Free Food, Vendors, Demonstrations, Games, Face Painting and More!"

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MILITARY LEAVE - CHRISTIAN HALEY



Patrol Deputy Christian Haley was deployed on active duty with the US Army effective July 25th, 2024 for a period of 400 days.

Please keep Deputy Haley and his family in your prayers for a safe deployment.

We thank you for your service to this country!

WDBJ 7 SEGMENT ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Community Outreach Deputy HL Nolen joins the Rocky Mount PD at WDBJ7 studio to highlight the upcoming National Night Out event! Thank you to the staff of WDBJ7 for having us on and broadcasting attention to this awesome event!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



While Chaplain Stephenson has been ordained for more than a decade, earlier this month The Wesleyan Church officially validated his ordination. This is more of a process than you might think. Gareth had to complete courses, submit more forms and documents than he cares to now think about, and was questioned about matters of doctrine and ministry practices. Having fully examined his beliefs and ministry experience, the Board of Ministerial Development for the Shenandoah District wholeheartedly recommended that Chaplain Stephenson have his ordination recognized (validated) at their Annual District Conference.

The picture above is from the very meaningful ceremony where two other pastors were ordained and Gareth's ordination was publicly validated. You can see that they allowed Chaplain Potter (also ordained with The Wesleyan Church), to participate in addressing Gareth and his wife, Courtney, and then pray over them.

We are very happy for Chaplain Stephenson, are proud of his accomplishments, and are truly grateful to have him serve with SHIELD.





SCHOOLS BACK IN SESSION

The 2024-2025 school year is upon us and we are excited to get the kiddos back in school. Last school year, the School Board elected to close two elementary schools (Henry and Burnt Chimney). Thankfully, although this cut two School Resource Officer positions, they were unfilled at the time and all SRO's are able to continue in the same capacity.

This coming school year, the SRO's will be assigned to the following schools:

Eric Ingram - Gereau Center & Supervisor Float
Sandra Ingram - Franklin County High School
Chad Huston- Franklin County High School
Cody Noakes - Benjamin Franklin Middle School
Tim Taylor - Benjamin Franklin Middle School
Joe Wooldridge - Rocky Mount Elementary
Carolina Knotts - Lee M. Waid Elementary
Amber Mitchell - Callaway Elementary
Christy Witt - Windy Gap Elementary
Chris Johnson - Glade Hill Elementary
Suzanne Moses - Dudley Elementary
Keith Grantham - Boones Mill Elementary
John Braziel - Ferrum Elementary
Callie Dungan - Sontag Elementary
Travis Whittaker - Snow Creek Elementary

We wish everyone a safe and happy start to the new school year!





MONTHLY NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

We want to feature more divisions and members in our monthly newsletter! Please be sure to capture details from all of the good things that are happening around the office and email to Sgt Megan Huston