

AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the following information as its 2018 Annual Report. Throughout 2018, the Augusta County Sheriff's Office has continued its dedicated efforts to keep the streets of Augusta County safe for all citizen's and visitors. 2018 was again a very busy year for the members of the Sheriff's Office and we are proud of our efforts and accomplishments throughout the year.

The Sheriff's Office operated throughout the year under close public scrutiny and dealt with great changes in personnel and the culture of the Augusta County Sheriff's Office. We look forward to continued change in the coming year, and improving our service to our community.

AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Donald L. Smith
Sheriff

Augusta County, VA



HISTORY

Augusta County was formed in 1738 and named for Augusta, the Princess of Wales and Mother of King George, III. The county boundaries once stretched all the way to the Mississippi River. Currently, the County covers 967 square miles, more than half of the size of Rhode Island. It is the second largest county (in land area) in Virginia.

POPULATION

According to the 2010 Census, there are 73,792 people in Augusta County. Combined with Staunton and Waynesboro, VA, the area population exceeds 110,000. The median age in Augusta County is 39.

GOVERNMENT

Augusta County is governed by a seven member Board of Supervisors. The County is divided into seven magisterial districts with Board members elected from each district. The Board of Supervisors meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

ECONOMY

Augusta County has a diverse economy. While manufacturing accounts for approximately 30% of the jobs in the County, the governmental, services, and trade sectors are also very strong. In fact, the Augusta Correctional Center and Target are two of the County's largest employers.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture has traditionally been an important part of the County's economy. This remains true today. As of January 1, 2000, Augusta County had 37,400 beef cows and 75,000 sheep and lambs, ranking first in both categories in Virginia. According to the latest Census of Agriculture, there are 1,499 farms in Augusta County covering more than 282,000 acres. The average farm in the County is 188 acres.

DONALD L. SMITH

SHERIFF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA



Donald L. Smith was born and raised in Augusta County, Virginia. He graduated with honors from Fort Defiance High School in 2001, and during his free time in school, he participated in the Augusta County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program where he shadowed the deputies and learned about their responsibilities. That experience had a tremendous impact and inspired him to pursue a career in public service where he could serve and protect the citizens of Augusta County.

In 2003, Donald graduated Magna Cum Laude from Blue Ridge Community College with an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences with a Major in Administration of Justice. In the same year, he also graduated from the Police Academy and was hired as a patrol deputy for the Augusta County Sheriff's Office. He returned to college and earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree from Liberty University.

For the past 15 years, Donald has been faithfully serving the community and moving up the leadership ranks within the Sheriff's Office, due to hard work and motivation. He became a Firearms Instructor in 2005 and was assigned to the SWAT team as an operator. He became a Master Deputy in 2006 and because of his leadership and hard work, was the youngest deputy ever in Augusta County to earn the title of Assistant SWAT Commander in 2009. Sheriff Smith took office on January 1, 2016.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office will commit its resources in partnership with the community to:

- Promote a safe and secure environment, free from crime and the fear of crime
- Maintain order and provide for the safe and expeditious flow of traffic
- Practice our core values of integrity, respect, service and fairness

Integrity: Integrity is the hallmark of the Augusta County Sheriff's Office and we are committed to the highest performance standard, ethical conduct, and truthfulness in all relationships.

We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and take pride in a professional level of service and fairness to all.

Respect: We treat all persons in a dignified and courteous manner, and exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, both in professional and personal endeavors. We guarantee to uphold the principles and values embodied in the constitution of The United States and the State of Virginia

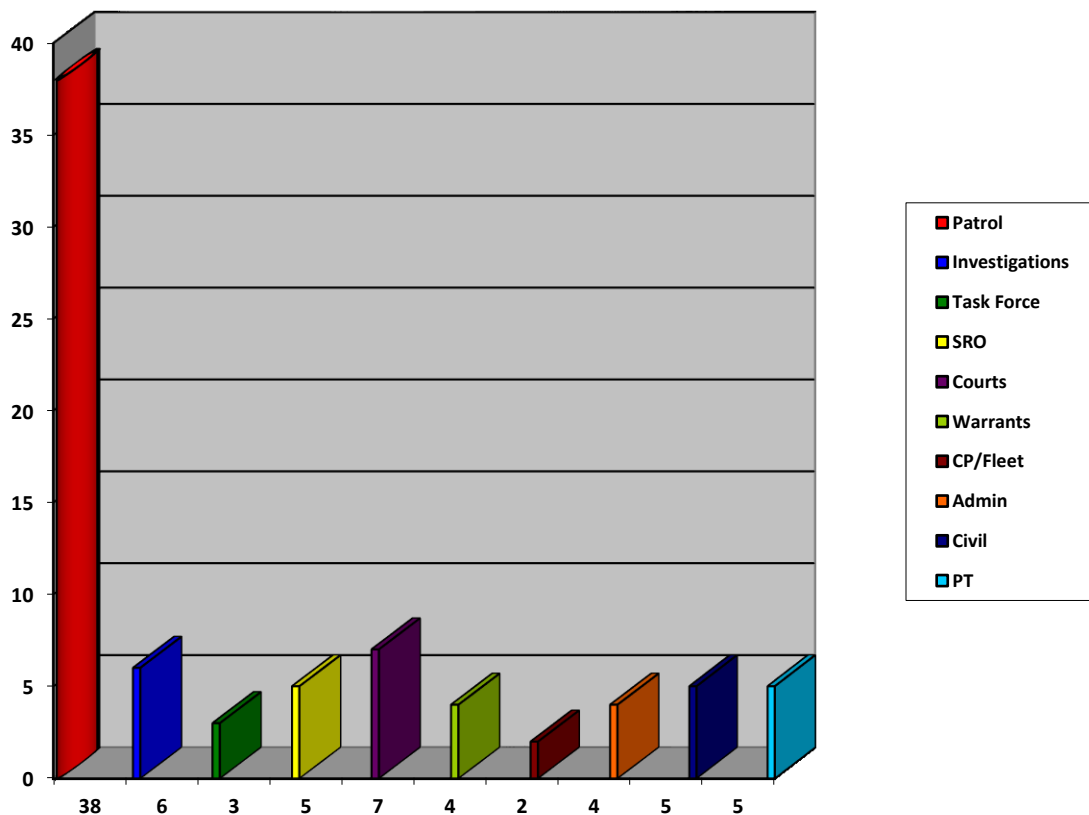
Service: We provide quality service in a courteous, efficient, and accessible manner. We foster community and employee involvement through problem-solving partnerships.

Fairness: We treat all people impartially, with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the community we serve

AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office consists of 80 sworn deputies. Those 75 Full time and 5 part-time County funded sworn officers serve in the Patrol, Investigations, Civil Process, Courts, Crime Prevention, Warrant Squad, and Administrative Divisions. Sheriff's Office Support staff totals eleven employees, includes an Administrative Assistant, Information and Technology Coordinator, an Office Manager and seven services support personnel.

During 2018 our agency responded to 21,724 calls for service and we had 30,760 self-initiated incidents for a combined total of 52,484 incidents, a **6.82%** increase over 2017. We also completed 1424 Extra Patrol requests during 2018.



ACSO STAFF OFFICERS



MAJOR BRIAN JENKINS
CHIEF DEPUTY

PATROL / COURTS



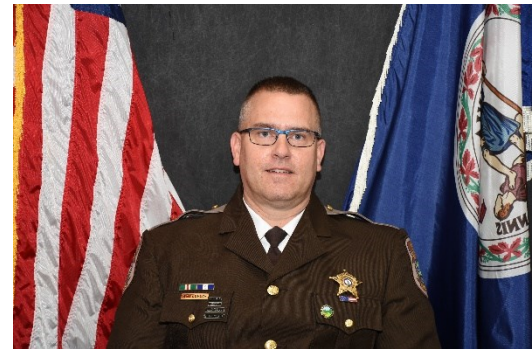
LT. GARY TAYLOR

INVESTIGATIONS



LT. CALEB SPENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE



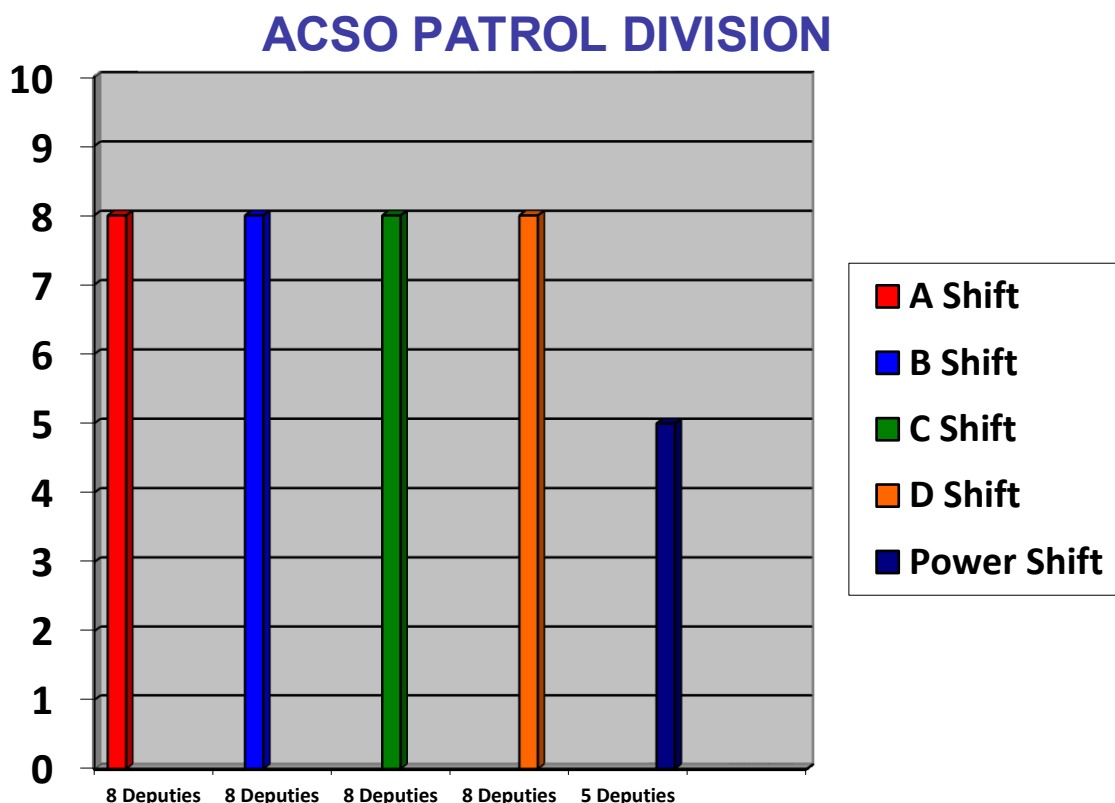
LT. AARON LEVECK

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNITS

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Department's enforcement efforts and with 38 assigned personnel and 1 Division Commander, the division not only answers calls for service and investigates all manner of criminal complaints, they also contribute the lion's share of effort that is directed by the Department in the area of enforcement. Each year, manpower fluctuates and the demands on the division's resources are stretched, but the division manages to successfully combat all types of violations. In 2018, we were pleased to add five new County funded deputies to our busy law enforcement team.

The Division is divided into 4 rotating shifts that work 12 Hour tours of duty and Patrol Shifts are assisted by the Power Shift at peak busy hours. Patrol shifts are commanded by First Sergeants. The Division is commanded by Lieutenant Gary Taylor and in 2018 the Division completed 2,485 Crime Incident Reports, they made 1,249 arrests and wrote 4,296 traffic summonses.



PATROL POWER SHIFT

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Power Shift answered 2,324 calls for service, backed up other deputies on 1,013 occasions, generated 153 crime reports, and 4 accident reports. The members also issued 391 summonses, and made 89 arrests during 2018.

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Court Services Division currently consists of First Sergeant Jerry Shifflett and 6 Bailiff's. The Division provides court security in three county courts and is responsible for transporting prisoners to and from the court complex. In 2018 the Division screened 78,624 court complex visitors and served 4,280 total civil papers. They also completed 280 jail transports, and they handled 1,548 inmates. Additionally, the Court Security Division made 50 arrests, processed 23 individuals, and conducted 49 security escorts to parking areas.

Total Days in session: Circuit Court – 275
 Juvenile and Domestic Relations – 243
 General District Court – 160

CIVIL PROCESS DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Division consists of Cpl. Jeff Dietz and 3 fulltime deputies. In 2018 the Civil Process Division served 15,459 pieces of civil process of all types. The civil division answered 779 calls for service in 2018. Of the 779 calls for service answered, they were primary responders on 468 calls.

WARRANT SQUAD

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office implemented a Warrant Squad in 2018; the unit consists of a Sergeant and three deputies. During 2018 this unit served 1602 arrest warrants (*458 custodial arrests*) and served 303 Protective Orders. The unit also completed 70 prisoner transports, and completed 44 crime incident reports. In 2018, the warrant squad generated 1,212 total calls for service, and backed up other deputies on 457 occasions.

TASK FORCE

Narcotics Investigations are handled by Sheriff's Office members assigned to the Skyline Taskforce, which now has two investigators assigned. In 2018, Task Force investigators wrote 140 reports and obtained 49 search warrants and handled 86 Narcotics arrests. Total assets seized were \$53,846.00

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division is commanded by Lt. Caleb Spence and consists of a Sergeant and five investigators in General Investigations. Investigators are on call for all manner of criminal investigations and in 2018 they wrote 367 initial reports and handled 505 assigned cases. Additionally Investigators responded to 911 calls on 662 occasions, and backed up other deputies 337 times in 2018.

Investigators fielded numerous interagency referrals in 2018:

Child Protective Services Referrals: 131

Adult Protective Services Referrals: 132

On Friday November 9, 2018, Investigator Connor Tobin graduated from the prestigious Virginia Forensic Science Academy, a 10 week course of instruction in advanced crime scene processing.



Sheriff Smith and Inv. Tobin



Inv. Tobin, his wife Erin, and their two sons

SUPPORT SERVICES

In 2018, our agency processed over 90 post-arrest DNA samples and 1,840 concealed weapons permit applications and renewals. Additionally, 176 citizens were fingerprinted for employment and background checks. We also processed 186 rescue volunteers and individuals for the Fire Department and local EMS services.

EVIDENCE

In 2018, our agency processed 1963 items of evidence and completed quarterly and bi-annual audits of the Evidence Room. A full inventory of all of the property and evidence held by the Sheriff's Office was conducted in October of 2018. During 2018, the Evidence Custodian submitted items of evidence from 306 cases to the Department of Forensic Science for forensic examination. Security in the Evidence Room was enhanced in 2018, with the addition of six (6) HD cameras that were installed inside the evidence room.

SCHOOL RESOURCE DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office School Resource Division is commanded by Sgt. James Snyder and he oversees four School Resource Officers. These deputies provide police services at all of the County's High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools, during school hours and at after-hours events. During 2018, the School Resource Division completed 174 crime incident reports.



2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS

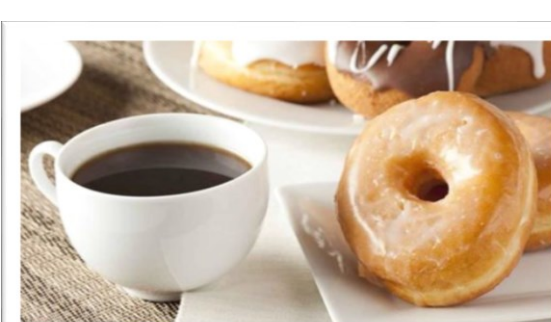
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 7, 2018 the Augusta County Sheriff's Office participated in the 35th National Night Out that was held at the Waynesboro Town Center.



DONUTS WITH A DEPUTY

Our 3rd Annual Donuts with a Deputy was held at Wilson Elementary School in Fishersville on November 10, 2018.



NOV 10 Donuts with a Deputy
Public · Hosted by Augusta County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Donald L. Smith

FT. DEFIANCE REALITY TOWN

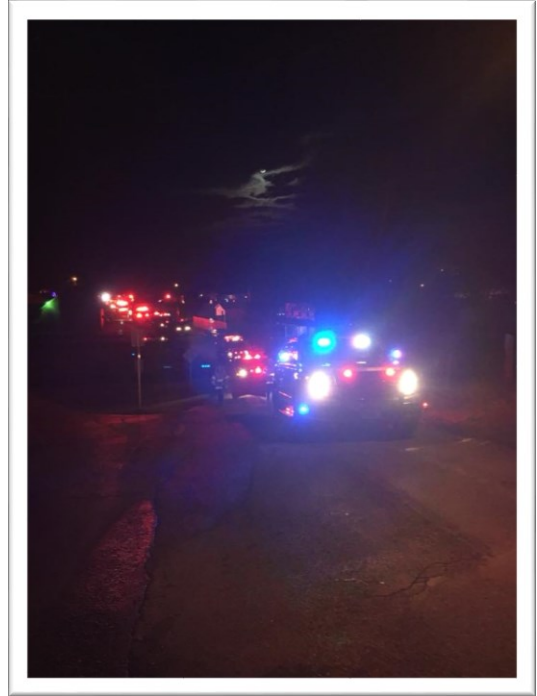
Reality Town is a great learning experience for the young adults to learn all about budgeting and the “reality” of life.



DRAFT CHRISTMAS PARADE



CRAIGSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE



7th Annual Turkey Trot 5K



“Walk a Mile in her shoes”



2018 AWARDS

In 2018, deputies received the following recognition:

Traffic Safety Enforcement Awards Perpetual Plaques

2018 Occupant Protection Award – Cpl. Aaron Will

59 Citations

2018 DUI Enforcement Award – Cpl. Elliott and Deputy Vincent

Both had 6 Arrests

2018 Speed Enforcement Award - Cpl. Aaron Will

810 Citations



Assistant Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Barbuti presents Sheriff Smith with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Drug Enforcement Administration for efforts of the ACSO in 2018.

Individual 2018 Departmental Awards will be announced at a Departmental luncheon in February of 2019.

STATISTICS FOR 2018

Civil Process Served: **22,923**

Total Crime Incident Reports: **3,828**

Criminal Warrants Served: **4,889**

Criminal Summons: **411**

Protective Orders Served: **1,351**

Child Protective Order Served: **351**

Capias Served: **1820**

Probation Violation: **71**

Temporary Detention Orders Served: **226**

Emergency Custody Orders Served: **193**

Juvenile Detention Orders Served: **41**

Traffic Charges: **5,809**

Augusta County DUI Arrests: **52**

2018 TOTAL GROUP A OFFENSES: 1307

1.30% Decrease from 2017

From - 01 January 2018 Through - 31 December 2018

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Classification of Offenses Part 1 Classes | Offenses reported or known to police | Unfounded Offenses | Actual Offenses | Total Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means | Clearances for persons under 18 |
| 1. Criminal Homicide Total | 3 | | 3 | 3 | |
| a. Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter | 3 | | 3 | 3 | |
| b. Manslaughter by Negligence | | | | | |
| 2. Forcible Rape Total | 53 | 18 | 35 | 17 | 6 |
| a. Rape by Force | 53 | 18 | 35 | 17 | 6 |
| b. Attempted Rape | | | | | |
| 3. Robbery Total | 7 | | 7 | 3 | |
| a. Firearm | 1 | | 1 | | |
| b. Knife or Cutting Instrument | 2 | | 2 | 1 | |
| c. Other Dangerous Weapon | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| d. Strong Arm - No Weapon | 3 | | 3 | 1 | |
| 4. Assault Total | 435 | 27 | 408 | 279 | 21 |
| a. Firearm | 12 | | 12 | 10 | |
| b. Knife or Cutting Instrument | 13 | | 13 | 10 | |
| c. Other Dangerous Weapon | 32 | 5 | 27 | 25 | 2 |
| d. Hands, Fist, Feet, etc - Aggravated | 10 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| e. Other Assaults - Not Aggravated | 368 | 21 | 347 | 226 | 16 |
| 5. B&E Total | 174 | 1 | 173 | 35 | 5 |
| a. Forcible Entry | 45 | | 45 | 11 | 3 |
| b. Unlawful Entry - No Force | 126 | 1 | 125 | 24 | 2 |
| c. Attempted Forcible Entry | 3 | | 3 | | |
| 6. Larceny - No Motor Vehicle | 563 | 20 | 543 | 149 | 5 |
| 7. Motor Vehicle Theft Total | 72 | 7 | 65 | 38 | 2 |
| a. Autos | 28 | 3 | 25 | 19 | 1 |
| b. Trucks and Buses | 16 | 2 | 14 | 8 | |
| c. Other Vehicles | 28 | 2 | 26 | 11 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 1307 | 73 | 1234 | 524 | 39 |