

AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the following information as its 2019 Annual Report. Throughout 2019, the Augusta County Sheriff's Office has continued its dedicated efforts to keep the streets of Augusta County safe for all citizens and visitors. 2019 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.

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

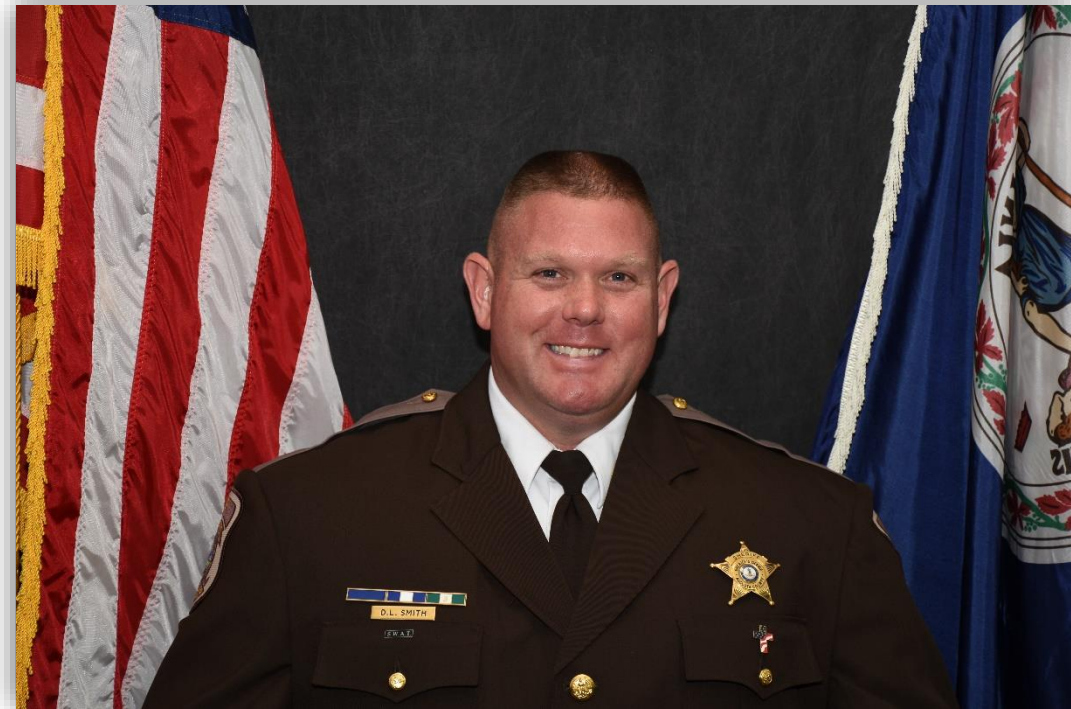
Augusta County has a diverse economy. While manufacturing accounts for approximately 30% of the jobs in the County, the governmental, services, and trade sectors are also very strong. In fact, the Augusta Correctional Center and Target are two of the County's largest employers.

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, and was re-elected to a second term on November 5, 2019.

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.

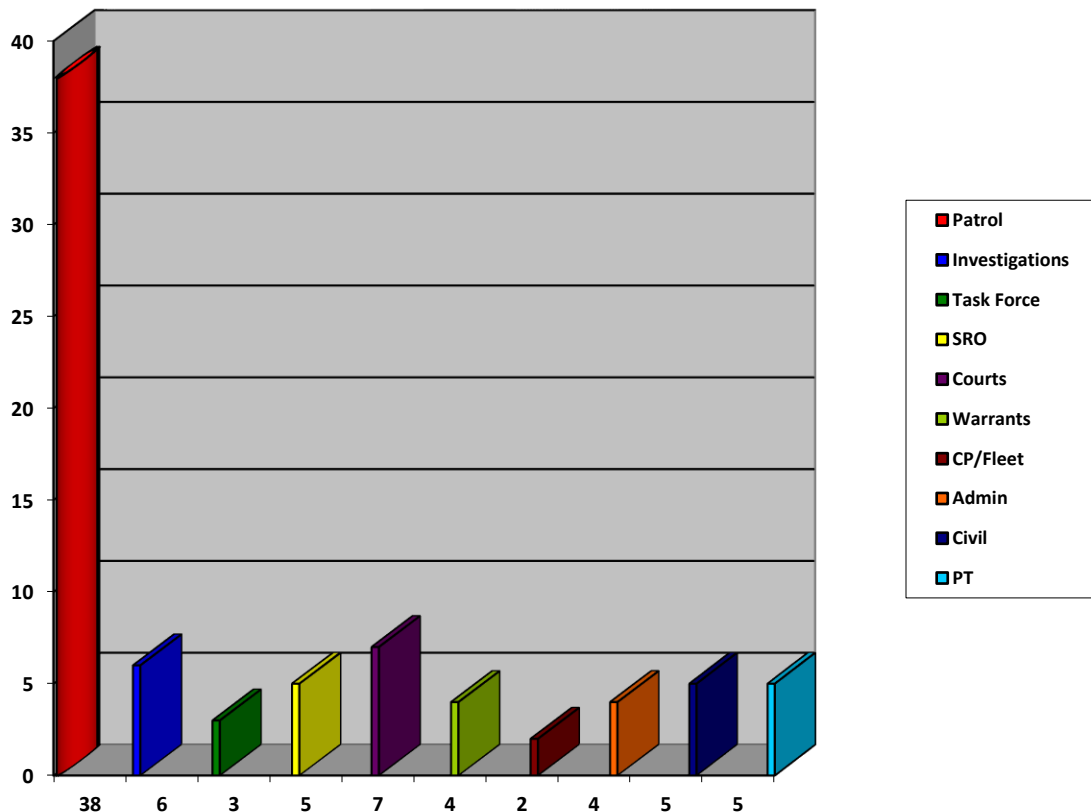
Fairness: We treat all people impartially, with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the community we serve

AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office consists of 87 sworn deputies. Those 78 Full time and 9 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.

The Sheriff's Office reinstated the Reserve Program in 2019, and during the year these eight new Reserve Deputies added 1195.75 volunteer hours to the agency.

During 2019 our agency responded to 23,325 calls for service and we had 35,828 self-initiated incidents for a combined total of 59,153 incidents, a **12.70%** increase over 2018's numbers. We also completed 3,546 Extra Patrol requests during 2019.



ACSO STAFF OFFICERS



MAJOR BRIAN JENKINS
CHIEF DEPUTY

PATROL / COURTS

INVESTIGATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE



LT. GARY TAYLOR

LT. CALEB SPENCE

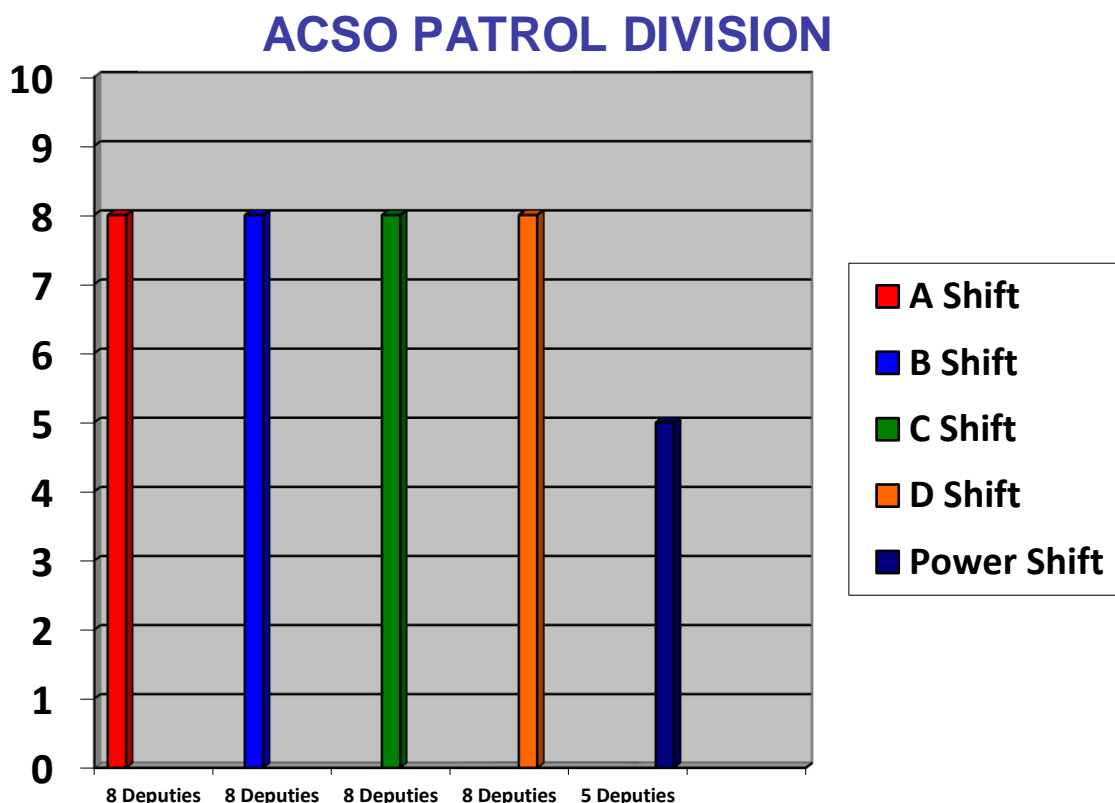
LT. AARON LEVECK

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNITS

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Department's enforcement efforts and with 43 assigned personnel and 1 Division Commander, the division not only answers calls for service and investigate all manner of criminal complaints, but 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 2019, we were pleased to add nine (9) Reserve deputies to the Sheriff's Office.

The Division is divided into 4 rotating shifts that work 12 HR 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 2019 the Division completed 3,285 Crime Incident Reports, they made 1,987 arrests and wrote 5,429 traffic summonses.



PATROL POWER SHIFT

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Power Shift answered 7,344 calls for service, backed up other deputies on 2,424 occasions, generated 568 crime reports, and 7 motor vehicle crash reports. The members also issued 2,169 summonses and made 528 arrests during 2019.

RESERVE DEPUTIES

Eight (8) Augusta County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies completed initial training in 2019, and during the course of the year, the Reserves logged 1195.75 Hours of service to the community by riding with full-time deputies and staffing community events, parades, and ball games. Deputy M. Mader contributed the most reserve time, logging 628 hours in 2019. The agency plans on filling seven (7) additional authorized Reserve positions in 2020.

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Court Services Division currently consists of First Sergeant Jerry Shifflett and 7 Bailiff's and one part-time Bailiff. The Division provides court security in three county courts and is responsible for transporting prisoners to and from the court complex. In 2019 the Division screened 75,830 court complex visitors and served 4,881 total civil papers. They also completed 352 jail transports, and they handled 1,539 inmates. Additionally, the Court Security Division made 36 arrests, processed 209 individuals, and conducted 39 security escorts to parking areas.

The prisoner transport van is used for the bulk of the Court Security Division's transports outside of Augusta County. Use of the transport van generated the following numbers for 2019:

- Total states traveled: Virginia and North Carolina
- Total inmates transported: 152
- Total miles: 18,209
- Total facilities: 29 Jails and 6 VA. State Prisons

Total Days in session: Circuit Court – 253
 Juvenile and Domestic Relations – 292
 General District Court – 162

* The total number of court days reflects the fact that there are days when multiple courtrooms are in session simultaneously for a particular court (i.e. JDR court), requiring additional personnel to staff those courtrooms.

CIVIL PROCESS DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Division consists of Cpl. Jeff Dietz and 3 fulltime deputies. In 2019 the Civil Process Division served 16,130 pieces of civil process of all types. The civil division responded to calls for service on 427 occasions and backed up other deputies on 257 occasions. Additionally, the four members of the Civil Division wrote 9 reports and made 6 arrests in 2019.

The civil division also completed 141 evictions, 79 repossessions, and 13 complaints on inoperable vehicles from the Augusta County Community Development Department in 2019.

TASK FORCE

Narcotics Investigations are handled by Sheriff's Office members assigned to the Skyline Taskforce, which now has two investigators assigned. In 2019, Task Force investigators wrote 193 reports and obtained 62 search warrants and handled 258 Narcotics arrests. Total assets seized were \$32,600 in currency and two automobiles.

INVESTIGATIONS 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 2019 they wrote 471 initial reports and handled 679 assigned cases. Additionally, Investigators responded to or generated 857 incidents, and backed up other deputies' 545 times in 2019. Investigators also wrote 44 traffic summonses and made 43 arrests in 2019.

Investigators fielded numerous interagency referrals in 2019:

Child Protective Services Referrals: 201
Adult Protective Services Referrals: 167

SUPPORT SERVICES

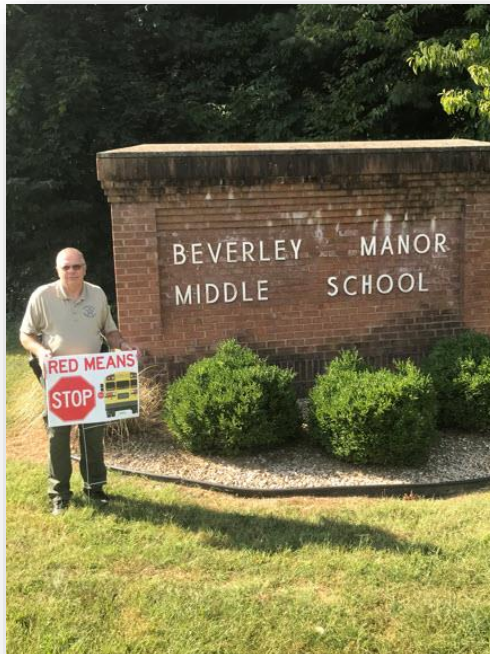
In 2019, our agency processed 72 post-arrest DNA samples and 2,006 concealed weapons permit applications and renewals. Additionally, 156 citizens were fingerprinted for employment and background checks. We also processed 164 rescue volunteers and individuals for the Fire Department and local EMS services.

EVIDENCE

In 2019, our agency processed 2,032 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 September of 2019. During 2019, the Evidence Custodian submitted items of evidence from 422 cases to the Department of Forensic Science for forensic examination.

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 and two part-time SRO's. 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 2019, the School Resource Division completed 142 crime incident reports. SRO's also handled 664 calls for service, backed up other deputies on 245 occasions, and they wrote 170 citations and made 34 arrests in 2019.



2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS



FRAUD SYMPOSIUMS

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office partnered with Adult Protective Services and held two Fraud Symposiums in 2019 to get the word out to local citizens about fraud schemes and how to avoid them.



STAUNTON AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY PARADE



STUARTS DRAFT FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 6, 2019, the Augusta County Sheriff's Office participated in the 35th National Night Out that was held at the Waynesboro Town Center.



TRUNK OR TREATS



DONUTS WITH A DEPUTY 2019

Our 4th Annual Donuts with a Deputy was held at Churchville Elementary School in Churchville on October 20, 2019.



STUARTS DRAFT CHRISTMAS PARADE



CHRISTMAS 2019 BIKE DELIVERY



October "Walk a Mile in her shoes"



ACSO Foundation Golf Tournament





2019 AWARDS

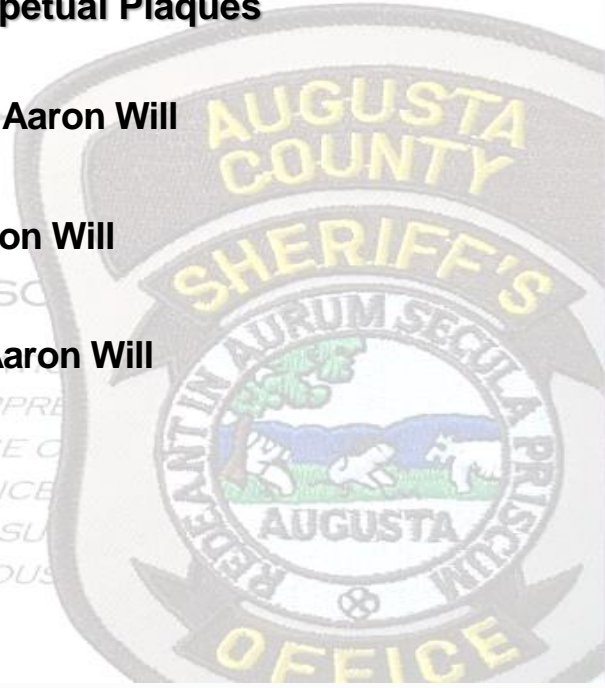
In 2019, deputies received the following recognition:

Traffic Safety Enforcement Awards Perpetual Plaques

2019 Occupant Protection Award – Sgt. Aaron Will
37 Citations

2019 DUI Enforcement Award – Sgt. Aaron Will
7 Arrests

2019 Speed Enforcement Award - Sgt. Aaron Will
753 Citations



Individual 2019 Departmental Awards will be announced at a Departmental luncheon in February of 2020.

STATISTICS FOR 2019

Total Civil Process Served: 21,699

Total Crime Incident Reports: 4,426

Criminal Warrants Served: 2,648

Criminal Summons: 278

Order of Protection Served: 125

Child Protective Order Served: 7

Capias Served: 1,491

Probation Violation: 14

Temporary Detention Orders Served: 247

Emergency Custody Orders Served: 215

Juvenile Detention Orders Served: 30

Traffic Charges: 5,929

Augusta County DUI Arrests: 61

2019 TOTAL GROUP A OFFENSES: 1,201

8.11% Decrease from 2018 (2018 TOTAL 1307)

Classification of Offense	Offense reported or known to police	Unfounded Offense	Actual Offense	Total Offenses cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Clearance for persons under 18
1. Criminal Homicide Total	0	0	0	0	0
a. Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
b. Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0
2. Forcible Rape Total	13	0	13	16	4
a. Rape by Force	13	0	13	16	4
b. Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0
3. Robbery Total	5	0	5	6	0
a. Firearm	3	0	3	2	0
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	0	0	0	0	0
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	2	0	2	4	0
d. Strong Arm – No Weapon	0	0	0	0	0
4. Assault Total	421	0	421	241	33
a. Firearm	5	0	5	6	0
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	11	0	11	10	4
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	30	0	30	18	0
d. Hands, Fist, Feet, etc -Aggravated	10	0	10	7	0
e. Other Assaults – Not Aggravated	365	0	365	200	29
5. B&E Total	178	0	178	24	0
a. Forcible Entry	51	0	51	10	0
b. Unlawful Entry – No Force	111	0	111	12	0
c. Attempted Forcible Entry	16	0	16	2	0
6. Larceny – No Motor Vehicle	529	0	529	79	4
7. Motor Vehicle Theft Total	51	0	51	25	0
a. Autos	0	0	0	17	0
b. Trucks and Buses	22	0	22	5	0
c. Other Vehicles	29	0	29	3	0
8. Arson	4	0	4	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	1,201	0	1,201	391	41