

2015 – *Year in Review*

INTRODUCTION

Greetings from Sheriff Steve A. Hutcherson



Each year the Campbell County Sheriff's Office authors an Annual Report to describe our accomplishments and highlights of law enforcement in Campbell County and to share the efforts of the sworn and non-sworn personnel as they continue to

provide the most professional services and quality law enforcement available to our citizens. Additionally, this report provides an overview of each division and their sub-units.

Over the years, the Sheriff's Office has gained the trust and respect of our citizens and we are extremely fortunate to continue receiving the cooperation and support we have come to expect and enjoy. Likewise, our citizens expect and deserve a professional law enforcement agency. Our mission and core values strive to provide the most professional and comprehensive law enforcement services to Campbell County with the most frugal and cost efficient means practical. Each deputy serves the public by emphasizing problem-solving initiatives to solve issues, all while involving our citizens of all ages as a vital resource to achieve this goal. Our deputies are highly visible, 24 hours a day, during the four patrol shifts and we make it a priority to talk with our residents and businesses in order to be a part of the community. Over the past decade, we have practiced community policing and problem-solving skills to maintain a low crime rate and high clearance rate; as a result, we are able to achieve this goal. The Campbell County Sheriff's Office responded to 40,740 calls for service in 2015.

The Sheriff's Office consists of 71 employees. The office has a compliment of 59 sworn full-time personnel, 7 sworn part-time personnel (one of which is a domestic violence grant position), 4 full-time and 1 part-time civilian personnel.

During 2015, 1 new employee joined the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Tierrah Hall was hired effective January 1, 2015. Deputy Hall attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in June of 2016.

NEW HIRES FOR 2015

DEPUTY TIERRAH HALL



Tierrah Hall was hired on January 1, 2015. She is a graduate of Gretna High School and holds her Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University. Tierrah and her husband have three children and reside in the Altavista area.

RETIREMENTS IN 2015

CAPTAIN J. KEVIN SCHMITT

COMMANDER OF THE FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION



Captain J. Kevin Schmitt retired effective December 31, 2015 after 28 years and 10 months of service with Campbell County.

Kevin leaves a legacy of public service, training, and leadership within the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

He began his career in February 1987 as a Deputy Sheriff. In February 1995, he was promoted to Sergeant in the Field Operations Division. As such, he was responsible for the oversight of five deputies assigned to him. In November 2003, he was promoted to Lieutenant and then appointed as Captain of the Field Operations Division on January 1, 2004. Kevin also served as the Commander of the Special Response Team after many years of serving as a member and Team Leader.

Kevin has received many awards during his tenure, to include: Medal of Valor Award - this is the 2nd highest award that can be earned and Kevin received it twice in his career; Distinguished Service Award – 3rd highest award that can be earned and Kevin received it three times in his career; Meritorious Service Award – 4th highest – Kevin received this award twice. Kevin also received the Commendation Award and Emergency Service Award once each respectively during his career.

Kevin's enhancement of training for all sworn personnel of the Sheriff's Office is commendable. He always took every opportunity to not only better himself but the entire agency as well.

Kevin will continue to work part-time for the Sheriff's Office as an instructor for the Criminal Justice Academy. Kevin is a firearms instructor, defensive tactics instructor, and general instructor.

Kevin and his wife Debbie reside in the Evington area of Campbell County.

2015 AWARDS CEREMONY

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office holds its annual Awards Ceremony to honor and recognize those members of the agency, and citizens, who greatly contributed their talents and dedication to benefit Campbell County and the Sheriff's Office during the calendar year of 2015. The ceremony was held during January 2016 and the following personnel were recognized for their special achievements:

Department Commendation Awards

Deputy J. A. Gryder

Sergeant W. C. Elliott

Department Medal of Valor Awards

Sheriff S. A. Hutcherson

Captain C. D. Bolling

Captain J. K. Schmitt

Investigator C. C. Wood

Lieutenant S. W. Green

Lieutenant T. J. Fairchild

Lieutenant M. C. Schmitt

Master Deputy R. S. Layne

Department Distinguished Service Awards

Captain J. K. Schmitt

Captain C. R. Caldwell

Investigator C. C. Wood

Lieutenant S. W. Green

Lieutenant M. B Lawhorn

Lieutenant M. C. Schmitt

Sergeant R.E. Bierowski

Sergeant R. E. Glass

Deputy M. A. Daulton

Deputy J. A. Williams

Sr. Specialist Officer R. E. Coleman, III – Lynchburg Police Department

Master Police Officer B. K. Smith – Lynchburg Police Department

Sr. Officer A. J. Johnson – Lynchburg Police Department

Department Emergency Service Awards

Major L. T. Guthrie

Captain C. R. Caldwell

Sergeant T. A. Cook

Sergeant C. S. Towler

Sergeant K. J. Wilson

Master Deputy R. S. Layne

Deputy D. J. Cash

Deputy M. V. Colbert

Deputy J. A. Gryder

Deputy W. S. Sosnowski

Years of Service Awards

5 Years J. Allen Williams

10 Years Billy W. Crowe

Brian J. Murray

Curtis W. Rice

Jason M. Sloan

15 Years Brian K. Dudley

Devon W. Tweedy

20 Years C. Darren Bolling

25 Years L. T. Guthrie

Recognition of Perfect Attendance

Cory Angell	1 Year	Arielle Hendrix	1 Year
Tony Bates	6 Years	Stuart Herndon	8 Years
Darren Bolling	15 Years	Bradley Hoyt	2 Years
Allen Bowyer	7 Years	Zach Neeley	1 Year
Mike Bryant	3 Years	Lee Owen	19 Years
David Cash	1 Year	Mark Schmitt	15 Years
Terry Cook	20 Years	Gerwin Thompson	2 Years
Mark Daulton	2 Years	Chris Towler	10 Years
Tom Fairchild	11 Years	Dwayne Wade	16 Years
Mike Garrett	13 Years	Jacob Wade	3 Years
Sam Green	11 Years	Brandon White	1 Year
L. T. Guthrie	10 Years	Allen Williams	4 Years

Each year the Sheriff's Office is honored to be able to recognize community members who have contributed favorably to the goals and overall success of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. 2015 was no different. During 2015, two people were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the agency.

Genevieve Ann Moore was at her residence on August 25, 2015 around 13:00 hours when she overheard a verbal dispute between a male and a female who resided at the same apartment complex. The noise prompted Moore to look out where she observed a male assaulting a female. During the assault, the male threw the female to the ground and placed his hands around her neck. Deputies on the scene were unable

to get the victim to tell them what happened although her physical condition verified what Moore had reported. Based on the information from Moore, deputies were able to place the male involved under arrest. Had Moore not provided the information regarding her observations the suspect likely would not have been charged with any crime. The suspect was ultimately convicted of assault and battery. For her actions, Moore was awarded the Sheriff's Office Citizenship Award.

Whit Thomas Carr (W.T.), (1934-2015) was a long-time supporter of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office and all law enforcement. Following his death on April 7, 2015, Carr's family wanted to do something positive for the Sheriff's Office that he so proudly supported. The family made a very generous donation to the Sheriff's Office that was used to fund the "Friends of Campbell County Sheriff's Office" a non-profit organization designed to provide relief for law enforcement officers and their families in a time of need. Without the generosity of the Carr family, this organization would likely not be in existence or still just a goal yet to be obtained. For Carr's lifetime of support of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, his family was awarded the Sheriff's Office Citizenship Award.

VA LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION STATE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (VLEPSC)

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office receives their re-accreditation status from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). We were initially accredited in 1999, and became re-accredited in 2004, 2008 and 2012. As

accreditation is an on-going process, the Sheriff's Office must constantly meet criteria set forth by VLEPSC to maintain accredited status.

Accreditation is a thorough examination of the previous four years of Sheriff's Office policy, procedures and activity by three trained assessors commissioned by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) to audit our agency.

There are 190 accreditation standards divided into four general subject areas: Administration, Operations, Personnel and Training. The Administration area covers those law enforcement operations that are involved with the day-to-day management of the Sheriff's Office. These standards address the agency mission, goals, public service role, planning and research, budget and fiscal management and communications. The Operations standards cover those areas where direct service delivery is most often found such as patrol, criminal investigations, and court security. The Personnel section is devoted to subjects involving areas of policy that govern the employment, career opportunities, selection and hiring, performance evaluations and discipline. Finally, the Training standards focuses on new hire training, specialized in-service training, civilian training, and the proper record keeping of these trainings. The Sheriff's Office has to be in full compliance with all 190 standards to receive their re-accreditation status.

In May 2016, a new team of assessors will audit our agency for compliance of the 190 standards for the previous four years. Not only does the agency have to continually comply with all the standards, it has to also show proof of that compliance for each standard for each of the previous four years prior to the on-site assessment.

Captain Cindy Caldwell, Sergeant Bill Elliott, and Deputy Devon Tweedy are assigned the task of maintaining the files of proofs that show the Sheriff's Office is current in and stays in compliance with all standards.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Captain Billy W. Crowe supervises all sections of the Criminal Investigations Division.

2015 was another very busy but productive year for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. Cases worked by the unit ranged from serious assaults to significant larcenies and burglaries. Investigators also looked into cases of child abuse as well as crimes committed with the aid of a computer. Computer crimes are becoming more problematic as the popularity of the internet continues to grow.

For the most of 2015, the narcotics unit consisted of one investigator assigned to the Central Virginia Narcotics Task Force. In October 2015, with staffing at a more stable level, one investigator and deputy were assigned to investigate drugs primarily within the county. The Task Force continues to investigate mid to upper level narcotics dealers.

The polygraph examiner within the Criminal Investigation Division continues to be an invaluable tool in solving cases. Cases seemingly at a dead end have been solved utilizing this measure.

The investigator within the division trained in investigating computer crimes was also very busy. It seems more and more crimes the division investigates have a link to

a computer or cell phone. Having an investigator highly trained in computer forensics is vital to the success of the whole division.

The following statistics represent the workload of the Criminal Investigative Division during 2015. The Criminal Investigation Division consists of Investigators Brian Dudley, Tracy Emerson, Brandon Epperson, Stuart Herndon, Jason Sloan, and Teresa Williams. The Narcotics Unit consists of Investigator Dwayne Wade and Deputy Mark Daulton. Investigator Whit Clark is the Domestic Violence Investigator.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION STATISTICS

Felonies worked:	387
Felonies cleared	247
Misdemeanors worked:	29
Misdemeanors cleared:	20
Polygraph Examinations conducted:	38

Below are summaries of some of the most significant cases investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division during 2015.

On February 11, 2015, Investigator Brian Dudley began an investigation into the alleged inappropriate touching of an 11-year-old female. A forensic interview of the child was conducted and discovered that the abuse was far more serious. The investigation also revealed that three other siblings of the victim had been abused as well. The investigation led to the arrest of the suspect. The suspect ultimately confessed to these crimes and pled guilty in Campbell County Circuit Court receiving a 45-year active prison term.

On June 11, 2015, Campbell County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a location in the Rustburg area of the county regarding a 69 year old male being the victim of an assault and attempted robbery. The investigation by Investigator T. A. Emerson revealed a female knocked on the victim's door claiming to have car trouble. Once the victim was outside, a masked assailant began to strike him with a hammer in the head and all over his body. During the struggle, the victim was able to get the hammer away from the suspect and strike him with it as well. The victim was also able to break the back window out of the suspect's vehicle as they were leaving the scene. Based on the report from the victim, Campbell County Sheriff's Deputies were able to locate the suspect vehicle just minutes away from the scene. The two suspects were arrested and charged with malicious wounding and attempted robbery of the 69 year old victim.

On July 1, 2015, Campbell County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in Evington that had been burglarized. Investigator T. G. Williams responded to the scene and located muddy footprints leading away from the residence. Investigator Williams

followed the footprints onto the highway where she located a witness. After interviewing the witness, the investigator was able to identify three suspects and recover a large amount of property to include multiple firearms, scopes, and ammunition. This recovery of evidence led to the arrest of the suspects. All were charged with Breaking and Entering and Grand Larceny.

Between November 18, 2015 and November 29, 2015, Investigator J. B. Epperson began the investigation into the burglaries and larcenies from numerous businesses in Campbell County. The suspects were stealing tools as well as valuable metal that could be sold to recyclers. Inv. Epperson developed two suspects in this investigation, both from Lynchburg, VA. The investigation revealed the two suspects had been targeting businesses in Greene County, Charlottesville, and Appomattox County as well. Damage and theft totals reached over \$100,000.00 in Campbell County. The two suspects were arrested and are being held until trial.

Between November 17, 2015 and December 13, 2015, Investigator S. T. Herndon began the investigation into several daytime burglaries, which occurred in the Rustburg area of Campbell County. The thieves were targeting new homes and stealing primarily expensive jewelry and cash. Utilizing a company that compiles pawn records from local pawnshops as well as ones from out of state, Inv. Herndon was able to identify some of the stolen property and develop a suspect. The suspect was pawning stolen property in North Carolina as opposed to local pawnshops. After identifying the stolen property that was pawned, a search warrant was obtained which also led to the recovery of more stolen goods to include two firearms. The total value of stolen property that can be attributed to the suspect is more than \$50,000.00. The suspect was arrested and is awaiting trial.

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain J. Kevin Schmitt supervises all sections of the Field Operations Division.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS (*FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TRAFFIC UNIT*)

During 2015, the Traffic Unit was assigned as Special Operations (SO) in the Field Division. The Special Operations supervisor maintained responsibility for traffic enforcement. The SO provided a proactive approach to traffic enforcement as well as a reactive response to calls for service when needed. A high emphasis is placed on community awareness and involvement in heavily populated areas. This is in an effort to reduce traffic crashes, which in turn reduces property loss, injuries, and fatalities.

The SO is responsible for various speaking engagements and demonstrations to promote traffic safety, to include class action with SRO's and juvenile licensing ceremonies (monthly).

The SO also represents the department in a regional effort to promote traffic safety as a member and Vice President of the Central Virginia Highway Traffic Safety Board. The board meets monthly to plan and strategize effective ways to promote and enforce traffic issues and concerns.

In 2015, the SO was responsible for receiving \$27,800.00 in a federal grant from DMV for traffic enforcement in three separate categories. They include DUI enforcement, occupant protection, and speeding. With this funding, we were able to

conduct 6 DUI checkpoints and provide approximately 750 man-hours of selective enforcement. We have also continued our partnership with the Campbell County Hipe Coalition in an effort to prevent underage drinking and driving. With this funding, extra patrols are assigned as well as checkpoints.

These man-hours were concentrated in school zones, during special events, holidays and in areas of the county that statistically showed a high crash rate.

Listed below are the total summons issued by the entire Campbell County Sheriff's Office sworn personnel during 2015.

TOTAL SUMMONS ISSUED: 797

FATALITIES: 9

RECKLESS DRIVING: 21

SPEEDING: 456

DUI: 51

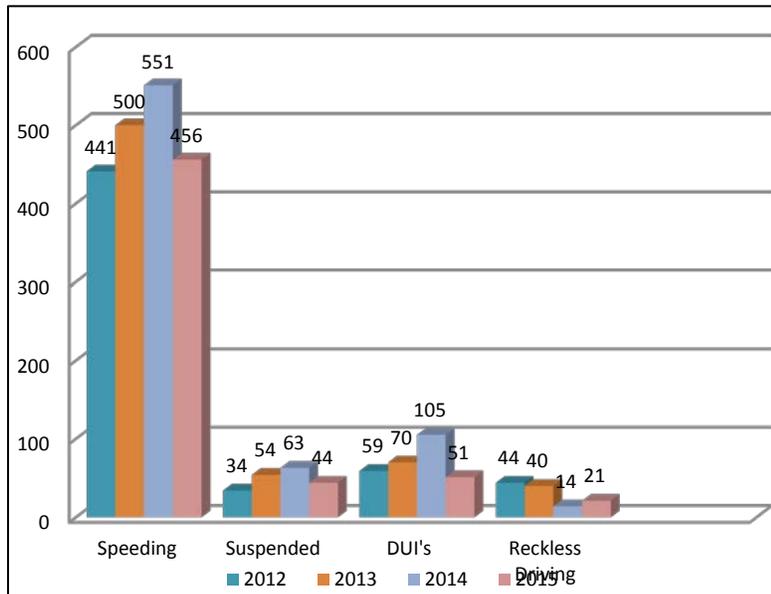
DRIVE SUSPENDED: 44

SEATBELTS: 47

PARKING: 11

OTHER: 167

The following is a comparison from **2012-2015**



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM OPERATIONS (SRT)

The SRT were activated seven (7) times during the calendar year of 2015.

On January 25, 2015, the Team was activated to execute a search warrant and arrest warrant in the Rustburg area. This was the residence of a suspect of home invasions. The front door to the trailer was breached as the Team made entry. A distraction device was deployed to gain surprise. The suspect was located and taken in to custody.

On January 30, 2015, SRT was activated to assist Amherst County Sheriff's Office with a barricaded subject who had shot his girlfriend. During the course of the situation, the suspect fired a number of rounds into a neighboring residence. Members of the Amherst SRT made entry into the residence and they took the suspect into custody.

On February 2, 2015, members of the SRT were placed on stand by for a possible mental subject who was reportedly to be barricaded and heavily armed. The male subject was located. There had been some domestic issues between the husband and wife and a custody matter ongoing over the couple's two minor children. Contact was made with the male subject who was cooperative with law enforcement.

On February 11, 2015, the Team was activated to execute a search warrant. The search warrant had been obtained by members of LPD's Vice Division. Team members conducted a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle and other members executed the search warrant at the residence. Team members secured the scene until LPD's Vice Division took over.

On March 25, 2015, members of the SRT were activated to assist with a barricaded subject. Information had been relayed to members of the Sheriff's Office that the male subject had discharged a firearm inside a residence and then barricaded himself in a utility trailer located at his parent's house. The male subject exited the trailer after some time and stated he needed help. The male was taken into custody and transported to LGH for a mental evaluation.

On October 14, 2015, the Team was activated to assist Appomattox County Sheriff's Office at an address in Campbell County. Due to the fact this Sheriff's Office had dealt with the male subject located at the address in the recent past, the Team was called out. A Virginia State Trooper made contact with the male subject who then brandished a firearm at the Trooper and then barricaded himself in a utility trailer. Arrest warrants were obtained for the subject. A number of attempts were made to make contact with the subject, most failed. The male cursed towards law enforcement. During the course of this event, the male subject fired 18 times towards law enforcement personnel, striking the Regional Armored Truck 6 times with law enforcement officers inside the vehicle. With the aid of the armored vehicle, the utility trailer was breached when the subject ran from the trailer. Members of the Sheriff's Office took the subject into custody.

On December 18, 2015, the SRT was activated for a male subject that had barricaded himself in his bedroom with a gun. He also had his three-year old child with him in the bedroom of his parent's residence. The male had brandished the handgun at family members and told them that he was going to kill everyone. Members of the Sheriff's Office had obtained an ECO for the subject. A number of attempts were made to make contact with the male, by cell phone, text message, police PA system, voice contact, by both family members and law enforcement. Family members gave permission for law enforcement to enter the residence, members entered and cleared to

the bedroom door where the subject was located. The bedroom door was knocked on and the male subject fired one time through the door towards law enforcement. An arrest warrant was obtained for the subject at this time. After a number of hours attempting to make contact again with the subject, members of the VSP tactical team replaced our team.

The Special Response Team conducted eleven (11) trainings throughout the year

Topics covered in the training sessions:

- Entry Drills
- Marksmanship training (pistol – rifle)
- Team movement
- Live fire drills
- Clearing drills
- Direct to threat
- Slow and deliberate clearing
- Obstacle course
- Bunker drills
- Clearing stairwells
- Night vision training
- Open field movement
- Chemical munitions training
- Less lethal training (40mm-12gauge bean bag)
- Flash bang training
- Weapons training
- Department qualifications
- Scenario based training
- School walk through

- Suppressor training

Marksman / Observer Team (Sniper) conducted training 11 times during the year. All team members were trained the 12 gauge bean bag, 40 mm and flash bangs with a qualification course being shot for the bean bag and 40 mm. The Team also was tasked to teach a 40 plus hour basic tactical school for the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy.

New team member – Deputy Mark Daulton

Captain J. Kevin Schmitt retired from the Sheriff's Office at the end of 2015 and stepped down as the Team Commander.

Lieutenant T.J. Fairchild stepped down as the Team Leader at the end of the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Cindy R. Caldwell supervises all sections of the Administrative Services Division.

COURT SECURITY AND PRISONER CONTROL

In the year 2015, there were six full-time and three part-time deputies assigned to security in the Campbell County Courthouse complex. Deputy Brain Murray was added to the courthouse security team this past year. Court security logged 6,492 hours of service. This duty consisted of providing bailiffs for the four courtrooms and security officers for the courthouse security checkpoint.

The Sheriff's Office is fortunate to utilize retirees' of the Sheriff's Office to staff the security checkpoint. The expertise and wealth of knowledge of these retirees is immeasurable. Together they have over one hundred and twenty years of experience.

There were no work related injuries during this time period.

TRANSPORT UNIT

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office Transport Unit consists of one full-time deputy (Deputy Allen Bowyer.) Both full-time and part-time deputies fill in when necessary to provide transportation to and from courts, jails, hospitals, etc.

There were a total of 327 "logged" transports of prisoners and 47 mental commitment and another 119 mental transports conducted by members of the Sheriff's Office. A total time of 852 hours spent and a total of 31,616 miles driven performing this function.

There were also eight (8) Extraditions (out of state prisoner transports.) Three (3) of the extraditions were completed by one member of the Sheriff's Office and one VA State Police Trooper. The remaining five (5) extraditions were completed by two members of the Sheriff' Office on each trip out of state. Locations traveled included the following - Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and California with multiple trips being made to more than one of the listed states.

The " logged " transport hours and mileage would have been far higher than the current numbers without the aid of the video advisements system in Campbell County Circuit Court , Campbell County General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts. Video advisements save travel expenses and many man hours for the Sheriff's Office.

PROJECT LIFESAVER (PLS)

Project Lifesaver is a rapid response partnership with law enforcement aiding victims and families suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders such as Down Syndrome and Autism.

A lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a critical emergency. They are unaware of their situation; they do not call out for help and do not respond to people calling out to them. Nearly half of them will die and many can become injured or fall victim to predators if they are not located within 24 hours.

Project Lifesaver uses a small wireless transmitter on the patient's wrist and if the patient wanders off, receiving equipment is used to track them. This equipment saves time and greatly improves the patient's chances for survival. Project Lifesaver has over 1,000 saves nationally and there have been no deaths or serious injuries of patients in those 1,000 rescues.

The Project Lifesaver program of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office is maintained and monitored by three certified instructor/operator's assigned to the Administrative Services Division. Deputy Allen Bowyer, and Deputy Devon Tweedy administer the program for the Sheriff's Office.

For the year 2015 there were 61 calls for service involving PLS consisting of normal client equipment servicing/inspection, school and instruction, public awareness presentations.

Approximately 50 hours were spent performing PLS functions, and fortunately we experienced no incidents of "lost clients".

CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS

Concealed weapon permits were investigated by Lieutenant Darren Bolling. Completed applications along with the criminal background check results are presented to Circuit Court Judge John T. Cook for final approval. The approved permit is then issued by a Circuit Court Deputy Clerk.

During 2015, 1,103 concealed weapon permits were investigated/issued and 19 permits were denied or revoked as a result of adverse court actions involving the applicants.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Deputy Allen Bowyer is a certified Driving Instructor who assists with instructions of basic academy students. During most academy classes, he provides at least 80 hours of instruction.

Sergeant Bill Elliott is the lead on the department's accreditation program. He spent 517 hours while performing this function.

Deputy Antony (Tony) Bates has taken on the role as chaplain for the department. Deputy Bates has conducting many home and hospital visits to provide comfort to those who are in need of support and understanding in a time of need.

Deputy Nathan Funderburk is responsible for maintaining the spare and special use vehicle's that are used by the Sheriff's Office. At last count there were 10 vehicle's that Deputy Funderburk was responsible for to ensure that those vehicle were ready at a moment's notice for use. These vehicle include but not limited to the following – transport van, SRT vehicle, and the departments evidence van.

The Sheriff's Office also provides two part time deputies who worked the VDOT offender work force program. This program is used for highway beautification (trash is removed from the roadways). There were 50 hours logged in this program.

TRAINING

Deputy Allen Bowyer completed the CIT, (Critical Incident Training), which gave him the tools to work better with persons who are experiencing emotional difficulties.

The courthouse security team conducted a full day of training, Deputy Allen Bowyer conducted refresher training on Project Life Saver courthouse training.

Lieutenant Darren Bolling completed Response to Active Shooter training in South Carolina.

CIVIL PROCESS

Total civil process served January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015: **18,479**

Total civil process served by Lt. Gerald Lacy, Sgt. Terry Cook,
Deputy Devon Tweedy, Deputy John Wingfield, **13,777**

Total EPO, PPO, and OOP (includes all protective orders): **2,510**

Writ of Possession served: **312**

Levies served:

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WARRANTS

In the year 2015, the Sheriff's Office served 3,140 warrants. The number of unserved (unable to locate) warrants is approximately 128.

EVIDENCE

During the past year all required inspections/audits were done on time and all evidence was found to be in order. Evidence that was no longer needed was destroyed in a timely manner. Evidence Room #1 holds evidence for active cases. Evidence Rooms #2 & #3 are utilized to hold old homicide and larger cases with evidence. The Evidence Room does have a problem with humidity and has had instances of mold / mildew growing on evidence in the room. A dehumidifier has been placed in the room as a temporary solution.

FLEET MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

During 2015, the office had sixteen (16) incidents of county owned vehicles damaged in accidents or by offenders' damage to the sheriff's office vehicles. Total damage for accidents amounted to approximately \$17,730.54.

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The Sheriff's Office received \$14,703.08 from insurance company payments. By repairing most accidents "in house" and using parts from our own retired cars, the total amount paid out to fix all damaged cars was \$8,014.39.

COUNTY ENFORCEMENT

Lieutenant Gerald Lacy is responsible County Enforcement Officer duties and has done so since June 2013. Lt. Lacy works closely with the County Administrator's Office, County Attorney, Zoning Office and the Landfill. He is also an active member of the Campbell County Litter Commission. During the calendar year of 2015, Lt. Lacy worked 46 nuisance complaints.

K-9 ACTIVITIES

During the year 2015, Master Deputy Robert Layne and K9 Atlas (hereinafter referred to as The Team) were activated numerous times. The Team conducted training twelve times during 2015. Training consisted of an eight-hour training session each day. The areas covered during the sessions were vehicle searches, different types of building searches, school searches, inside and outside hides of narcotics.

During the 2015 year, The Team was called to help aid in searching of schools in Campbell County and surrounding areas. The Team was called out several times to assist the Field Division with traffic stops. The Team was called to assist the Virginia State Police with traffic stops. The Team was used on several search warrants served in Campbell County in 2015.

Goals in 2016 for The Team are to train more often. Items have been purchased this year to build The Team's training and work ethic. The Team hopes to stay available to Campbell County and surrounding Counties to aid in the fight against Drugs.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

There are 7 active neighborhood watch groups located in Campbell County. Email communication has been established with the neighborhood watch groups to allow the Sheriff's Office to notify them of criminal activity in their neighborhoods.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The SRO's gave many presentations to various groups in the community throughout the year on various topics such as Internet safety, gangs, personal safety, identity theft, home security, child seat checks, senior citizen safety tips, etc. They also worked many events where a deputy was requested to fingerprint children.

The SRO's also assisted with "Lock-Down" Drills at all of the schools during 2015. Deputies were present at all of the lock downs and assisted the school administration in ensuring that students were hidden correctly and that procedures were followed. These lock downs were followed by faculty presentations which gave an opportunity for questions to be answered. These were eye-opening events for the staff at the schools and hopefully will contribute to safer school environments. SRO's also participated in round table simulation drills with school administrators at each school. These drills are conducted once a month by each school in the county.

“Active Threat” presentations were conducted at every school during a faculty meeting prior to students returning to the buildings. Advice and recommendations were given in case of an active shooter situation at the school. The Run, Hide, Fight and Avoid, Deny and Defend concepts were discussed.

July 1, 2013 Virginia mandated that each school establish threat assessment teams. Law Enforcement is specifically listed as needing to be a member of this team so SRO's serve as key components on these teams.

To comply with Virginia Law 22.1-279.3:1, SRO's receive notice of every suspension for each of the 14 schools in the county. SRO's review the suspension to determine if it meets the Code of Virginia as an incident required to be reported to law enforcement by the principal.

The SRO's continued Immediate Action Rapid Deployment training within the county schools. SRO's train on days that students are not in school to better prepare themselves to handle any critical incident they may face at any of our county schools. These trainings include policy reviews as well as scenario based trainings with walk through responses.

All SRO's have attended Active Shooter training conducted by the Department Of Homeland Security at the Federal Law Enforcement Training center in 2014.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

A SRO was assigned to every high and middle school in Campbell County as well as the Cornerstone Learning Center located at the Campbell County Technical Center. All of the officers are SRO certified. Each officer is responsible for taking Law Enforcement action when necessary as well as teaching Law related classes at their respective schools for 8th and 12th grade. SRO's conduct many other classes at the request of teachers to include but not limited to Drivers Education, DUI classes, English, Business Law and Search and Seizure classes.

Two SRO's rotate between the seven Elementary Schools in the county. Elementary Schools utilize these SRO's routinely. These two SRO's constantly run from school to school assisting with Law Enforcement issues as well as speaking to classes and building a positive rapport with the students.

School Resource Officers fingerprinted all new employees for the Campbell County Public Schools. All new employees, substitute teachers, bus drivers, any person working within the schools make appointments and are fingerprinted by a School Resource Officer. Each of the four high schools have Cross Match fingerprint machines placed in them. These were purchased by the school division. 321 fingerprints were completed by SRO's during 2015.

School Resource Officers also made presentations at all substitute teacher in-service trainings as well as the bus drivers in-service throughout the year. Issues concerning school safety and security are addressed.

SRO's actively attend gang training and classes while monitoring gang activity in the schools and community. Gang awareness presentations have been made to faculty and staff at several of the schools.

SRO's coordinate all off duty assignments at their schools for ballgames, dances, etc. SRO's are responsible for working or finding deputies to cover extracurricular activities where school administration request police presence. The Sheriff's Office provided security to the school system with over 305 deputies for special events totaling over 1000 man hours.

Schools requested K-9 drug searches throughout the school year. SRO's are responsible for coordinating these school searches for the school. K-9's from other agencies, as well as the Campbell County K-9 were utilized to accomplish this activity. Drug searches are just one more effort put forth to make our schools a Safe and Drug free environment.

The following is a list of SRO assignments for 2015-2016 School Year:

- Lt. Mike Lawhorn – (Supervisor) Rustburg High School
- Sgt. Robert Hutcherson – (Supervisor) Altavista Combined School
- Sgt. Russ Glass – (Supervisor) Brookville High School
- Master Deputy Robert Layne – Rustburg Middle School
- Deputy Curtis Rice – William Campbell Combined School
- Deputy Joel Everhart – Brookville Middle School
- Deputy Josh Layne – Cornerstone Learning Center, Campbell County Technical Center
- Deputy Brian Davis – Altavista, Tomahawk, Yellow Branch and Leesville Road Elementary schools
- Deputy Vince Keller – Brookneal, Concord and Rustburg Elementary Schools.

**Lt. Mike Lawhorn, Sgt. Russ Glass, and Deputy Vince Keller are certified Crime Prevention Specialists.

SUMMARY

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office, like most government agencies, has felt the stress and repercussions of a bleak economy during the past several years. The employees have, as in years past, tried to be good stewards of the property and equipment belonging to the county as well as utilizing cost saving measures where and when possible. Many repairs to vehicles are conducted in house to save mechanic / repair fees. Oil changes in fleet vehicles are now done at 6000 miles instead of 3000 miles by using only synthetic oil. Push bars continued to be added to numerous fleet vehicles this year. This has been very helpful in minimizing damages from deer crashes. Old equipment is saved so that spare parts can be utilized to repair parts that need repair. If funds can be saved through efficient use of equipment, it is accomplished.

Law enforcement is one of the most expensive and complex services provided by the county. The quality and extent of service provided may be limited by available resources. To ensure that the highest level of service is provided, the Sheriff's Office makes use of the most efficient management and budgeting techniques available. Grants are applied for as they become available and county resources/equipment is treated so as to promote longevity with minimal financial impact.

As your Sheriff, I am proud of the men and women of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office and the service they provide to the citizens of Campbell County. Each of these employees exemplifies professionalism and dedication to their jobs. Citizens of our County expect and deserve a Sheriff's Office that is professional, proactive for crime prevention, and efficiently managed. I feel that the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, as evidenced by this report, exceeds these expectations.

I appreciate the opportunity that the citizens of Campbell County have entrusted in me to serve as Sheriff of this great County. It is my promise to each of you that I will lead this agency fairly and firmly during my tenure with an emphasis on the prevention and deterrence of crime, apprehension of offenders, and recovery and return of property.

My office is open and available to all citizens of the County and I will always welcome your comments and input.

Sheriff Steve A. Hutcherson