

# 2017 – *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 39,265 calls for service in 2017.

The Sheriff's Office consists of 73 employees. The office has a compliment of 61 sworn full-time personnel, 8 sworn part-time personnel (one of which is a domestic violence grant position), and 4 full-time civilian personnel.

During 2017, 6 new employees joined the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. Deputies Mike Cowart and Nate West were hired effective January 1, 2017. These deputies attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in June of 2017. The following deputy was hired effective June 19, 2017: Stephen Tucker. Deputy Tucker came to us from Liberty University Police Department as a certified police officer. Deputies Stephanie Cutlip, Nathan Bailey and Matt Foster were hired effective July 1, 2017. These three deputies attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in December of 2017.

## NEW HIRES FOR 2017

### Deputy Mike Cowart



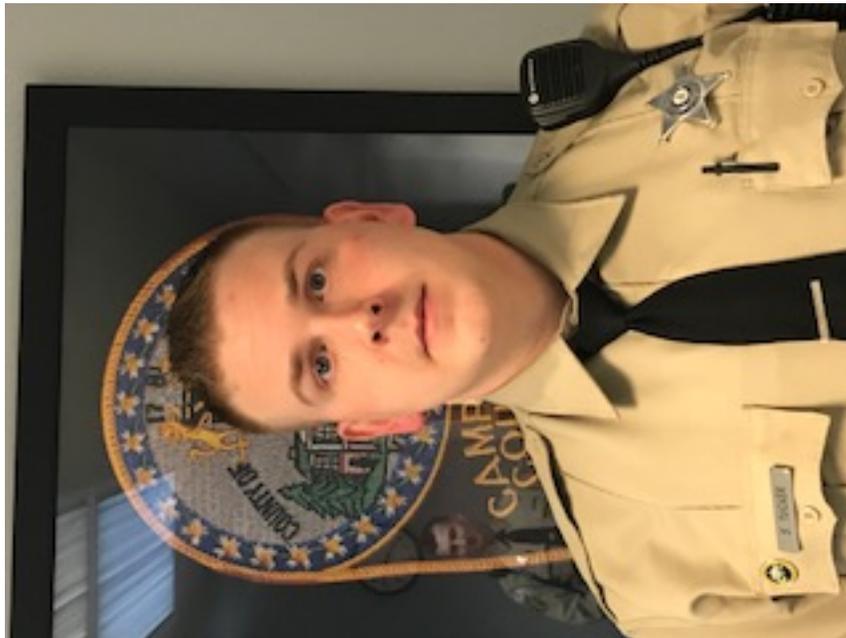
Mike Cowart was hired on January 1, 2017. Mike is a graduate of Rustburg High School and is a life-long resident of Campbell County. He worked in the family business located in Rustburg for 20 years. Mike and his wife Darlene live in the Brookneal area of Campbell County.

## Deputy Nate West



Nate West was hired on July 1, 2017. He is a graduate of Brookville High School. Nate served 6 years with the United States Army with two combat deployments to Afghanistan. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Nate, and his wife of six years, Megan, reside in Campbell County.

## **Deputy Stephen Tucker**



Stephen Tucker was hired on June 19, 2017. Stephen attended Liberty University and served in the Army National Guard. Upon graduating from Liberty University, he went to work for the Liberty University Police Department. He came to Campbell County as a certified police officer. Stephen and his wife live in Campbell County.

## **Deputy Stephanie Cutlip**



Stephanie Cutlip was hired on July 1, 2017. Stephanie was born and raised in Central New Jersey. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Education degree with a teaching and learning specialization. She and her husband along with their daughter plan to call Campbell County forever home.

### **Deputy Nathan Bailey**



Nathan Bailey was hired on July 1, 2017. Nathan grew up in Colorado. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University. He and his wife have three children.

### **Deputy Matt Foster**



Matt Foster was hired on July 1, 2017. Matt graduated from Jefferson Forest High School. He and his wife, Alyson, reside in Evington.

## **PROMOTIONS IN 2017**



**Will S. Sosnowski**

**Promoted to Sergeant on August 1, 2017**



**Cory C. Angell**

**Promoted to Sergeant on August 1, 2017**

## **2017 RETIREES**

**Captain Cindy Brown Caldwell**

## Commander of the Administrative Services Division



Captain Cindy Brown Caldwell retired effective December 31, 2017 after 31 years and 3 months of service with Campbell County. Cindy leaves a legacy of public service, training, and leadership within the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

She began her career in October 1986 as a Deputy Sheriff in the Field Operations Division. In February 1988, she became the second DARE Officer to serve Campbell County. Cindy remained in that position until January 1, 1997. While serving as a DARE Officer, Cindy was assigned to the VA State Police DARE Training Team. As part of the team, she travelled to many northeastern states to train new DARE Officers in their respective localities, as well as here in Virginia. Cindy was transferred

to the Field Operations Division in 1997 and remained there until her promotion to Sergeant in November 1998. At that time, she transferred back to the Administrative Services Division. Cindy was promoted to Lieutenant on January 1, 2004 and promoted to Captain on August 1, 2008. Cindy became the first female Captain in the history of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

Cindy has served as the lead Negotiator for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office since 1990. She also has been an instructor for the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy since 1998. Cindy earned her Bachelor's Degree from Averett University while employed full-time with the Sheriff's Office. Cindy has served as the Accreditation Manager for the Sheriff's Office since 1999 and has successfully helped the Sheriff's Office not only achieve, but also maintain their accredited status. Cindy is well known throughout Virginia as a Master Assessor and has traveled to many other agencies to assess their compliance with accreditation standards.

Cindy will continue to work part-time for the Sheriff's Office as an Accreditation Manager and policy writer. She also serves as an adjunct professor for Central VA Community College. Cindy and her husband Tony reside in the Rustburg area of Campbell County.

## **Deputy Tony Bates**



Deputy Tony Bates retired from the Campbell County Sheriff's Office on July 1, 2017.

Tony began his career with the Sheriff's Office in August 1996 as a Deputy Sheriff in the Field Operations Division. He previously served one year with the Brookneal Police Department. On January 1, 2004, Tony was promoted to Investigator and transferred to the Investigations Division. Tony served in that position until December 2010. At that time, he transferred to the Administrative Services Division and worked court security until his retirement.

Tony resides in Campbell County and operates a business that calibrates speedometers.

## **2017 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 2017. The ceremony was held during January 2018 and the following personnel were recognized for their special achievements:

**Department Commendation Awards**

Lieutenant W. L. Owen	Deputy C. W. Rice
Sergeant K. J. Wilson	Deputy J. D. Richey
Deputy M. V. Colbert	Deputy M. J. Rossi
Deputy J. A. Gryder	Trooper T. W. Fridley
Deputy J. S. Jordan	
Deputy T. M. Kelly	

**Department Distinguished Service Awards**

Investigator M. W. Bryant	Deputy M. J. Rossi
Lieutenant M. C. Schmitt	Deputy S. B. Womack
Sergeant R. E. Bierowski	
Deputy M. V. Colbert	

**Department Lifesaving Awards**

Lieutenant S. W. Green	Deputy Z. J. Neeley
Sergeant C. S. Towler	Trooper D. R. Skiff
Deputy T. S. Hall	

## **Years of Service Awards**

5 Years            Michael W. Bryant  
                         Mark. A. Daulton  
                         Brian K. Davis  
                         Penni' E. Martin  
                         Michael J. Rossi  
                         Teresa G. Williams

15 Years           Robert S. Layne

20 Years           Tracy A. Emerson  
                         J. Brandon Epperson  
                         Rhonda L. Mason

25 Years           Vicki Guthrie

## **Recognition of Perfect Attendance**

Cory Angell	2 Years	Mark Daulton	3 Years
Ryan Bierowski	4 Years	Joel Everhart	2 Years
Allen Bowyer	8 Years	Sam Green	13 Years
Mike Bryant	5 Years	L. T. Guthrie	12 Years
Michael Colbert	1 Year	Stuart Herndon	10 Years
Terry Cook	21 Years	Bradley Hoyt	4 Years
Mike Cowart	1 Year	Jeff Jordan	2 Years

Gerald Lacy	18 Years	Devon Tweedy	12 Years
Lee Owen	21 Years	Dwayne Wade	18 Years
Jonathan Richey	3 Years	Nate West	1 Year
Michael Rossi	4 Years	Skyler Womack	1 Year
Mark Schmitt	17 Years	Cliff Wood	6 Years
Will Sosnowski	8 Years		

The following citizens received awards for their contributions to the Sheriff's Office during 2017.

David W. Shreve was recognized for his dedication to Campbell County and specifically the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Shreve served as the County Attorney from 1980-2017. Over the years, Mr. Shreve gave prompt legal advice on a variety of issues for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office

Ann Beasley received recognition for her services provided to the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Beasley has on numerous occasions provided uniform tailoring services for many deputies and sometimes will not accept payment for those services. When she does choose to accept payment, it is well below that of what other businesses would charge. Mrs. Beasley provides extremely prompt service. With the quality service she provides and extreme attention to detail, Mrs. Beasley ensures that the Campbell County Sheriff's Office displays professionalism through her work.

## **FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION**

Captain C. Darren Bolling supervises all sections of the Field Operations Division.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office Field Operations Division, when fully staffed, consists of 31 deputies. The Field Division provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, full law enforcement services to the citizens of Campbell County.

During the 2017 calendar year, the Field Operations Division responded to and investigated 2,473 felony and misdemeanor criminal cases. These are the actual number of incident reports written by members of the Field Division.

Throughout the year, members of the Field Division served 1,043 arrest warrants that were served by the Sheriff's Office. Out of the total number of civil process served by the Sheriff's Office, members of the Field Division served 2,381, a large number of these were Emergency Protective Orders along with other types of process papers.

In addition to the above there were 111 documented mental transports conducted by the Sheriff's Office (Emergency Custody Orders and Temporary Custody Orders). The Field Division conducted 52 of those 111 transports.

The Sheriff's Office maintains a Special Response Team. During 2017, the team was activated 20 different times. These operations included but were not limited to the following: Mutual Aid to State, Local and Federal law enforcement agencies, executing narcotics search warrants, serving high-risk arrest warrants and other operations in

support of anti-drug operations along with President Trump's visit to Liberty University for graduation in May. The Special Response Team conducted 12 trainings throughout the year and supported Appomattox County Sheriff's Office in an active shooter exercise.

Members of the Field Division attended a number of specialized trainings this past year. Deputy Michael Rossi attended Firearms Instructor School and Deputies Zack Neeley and Michael Colbert attended Driving Instructor School. Sergeant Will Sosnowski and Deputy Mark Daulton attended the Advanced Tactical Operators Course.

There were 30-documented uses of force in 2017 as compared to 32-documented uses of force in 2016. These uses of force included physical force, Taser deployment and OC deployments, which resulted in all but one of the persons having been charged criminally or taken into custody for a mental evaluation.

In 2017, there were seven-documented Sheriff's Office involved vehicle pursuits. Three of those started due to traffic violations, 2 were for wanted persons, 1 mutual aid and 1 stolen vehicle.

Members of the entire Sheriff's Office supported the visit of The President of The United States during his visit to LU, both on LU's campus and at the Lynchburg Regional Airport.

In the year 2017, the deputies of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office issued 1,016 summonses for traffic and alcohol related offenses. This is a combination of regular duty and Selective Enforcement efforts worked through a DMV grant.

## **Summons Issued**

54	DUI arrests
1	Refusal of Breath Test
2	Underage Drinking of Alcohol
448	Speeding
15	Reckless Driving
68	Suspended/ Revoked Operators License
24	No Operators License
146	Seat Belt Violations
9	Child Safety Seat Violations
48	Expired Inspections
68	Expired Registration/ Vehicle Tags
45	Failure to Obey Highway Signs
11	Uninsured Motorist
77	Other Offenses

Members of the Field Division also gave a number of presentations to local churches and businesses for citizen's response to active threat situations.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

Captain Dwayne T. Wade supervises all sections of the Criminal Investigation Division.

2017 was another busy but productive year for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. Investigators continued to investigate a wide variety of crimes ranging from homicides, to large-scale property crimes, to very serious assaults.

The Sheriff's Office has three investigators assigned to the Central Virginia Drug and Gang Task Force, who also investigate street to mid-level narcotics trafficking on the County level. The Central Virginia Drug and Gang Task Force investigates upper level drug dealers, which are often prosecuted on the federal level. These cases often yield significant asset forfeitures, which can assist the Sheriff's Office in these difficult budget times.

The Criminal Investigation Division also has a polygraph examiner on staff that is very helpful in solving cases. In addition, the Division has three investigators that have been trained by the Virginia Forensic Science Academy and are well versed in the latest evidence collection methods, which is critical in helping solve crimes.

The Criminal Investigation Division consists of Investigators Brian Dudley, Tracy Emerson, Brandon Epperson, Mike Bryant, Stuart Herndon and Terry Williams. The

Narcotics Unit is composed of Investigators Cliff Wood and Billy Crowe and Deputy Curtis Rice. Investigator Whit Clark is the Domestic Violence Investigator. Listed below is a synopsis of some of the more significant cases worked by Criminal Investigation in 2017.

During February of 2017, the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority notified the Campbell County Sheriff's Office of a potential problem at the Campbell County Adult Detention Center. Information was provided by an inmate at the facility that a Correctional Officer was bringing contraband into the jail for the inmates to include prescription medication, alcohol, food and cell phones. Investigator Brandon Epperson began an investigation into those allegations and was able to verify that they were indeed true. Through numerous interviews with the involved parties, it was learned that the contraband was in some cases supplied to the Correctional Officer by the female acquaintances of the involved inmates. The involved individuals have been charged with various offenses to include distribution of controlled substances, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances as well as the possession of controlled substances. Several of the defendants have pled guilty, others are still awaiting trial.

On April 23, 2017, Investigator Mike Bryant responded to a location off Wards Road in Campbell County regarding a home invasion where several subjects had made forced entry into a home and robbed the occupants. The victims reported at least five males had entered the home and stole guns, cash, and electronics before fleeing the scene. Deputies responding to the call spotted the suspects vehicle leaving the scene of the incident and attempted to make a vehicle stop. The vehicle fled until it pulled over onto a parking lot on Dearing Ford Road in Altavista. All the suspects fled on foot; however, the driver was caught and identified. Investigator Bryant was able to interview the driver and eventually identify the other subjects involved in the crime. Some of the stolen property was located in the suspects vehicle. All five suspects were charged with armed robbery, burglary and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. These defendants have been convicted in Circuit Court.

During May of 2017, Investigator Stuart Herndon began the investigation into \$20,000.00 of lawn equipment stolen from a Campbell County resident. Investigator Herndon was able to track some of property to a location in the City of Lynchburg at which time he was able to obtain a search warrant. When the search warrant was executed, stolen property from all over Central Virginia was located. The property ranged from stolen vehicles and lawn mowers to assorted power tools. The suspect was taking in stolen property in exchange for illegal narcotics. The suspect has been charged with crimes in numerous jurisdictions, some of which are still pending.

During July of 2017, Investigator Tracy Emerson was assigned to investigate one burglary and one attempted burglary at the Lynchburg Arms Gun Store and Range. During the first burglary on July 20, 2017, four masked suspects broke into the business and stole 25 firearms. The suspects were driving a van stolen from the City of Lynchburg during the same time frame. On July 31, 2017, five suspects came back to the business and attempted to gain entry again. The suspects were again travelling in a stolen vehicle from the City of Lynchburg. Fortunately, Campbell County deputies were in the area when notified of the alarm and located two of the suspects on the lot of the gun store. Three suspects were caught running down Route 460 by responding officers. The investigation revealed all of the suspects involved were juveniles except one. Three suspects were involved in both burglaries. At this time, only four of the guns have been recovered. One was recovered in Greenville County, S.C. a few weeks after the incidents.

On December 7, 2017, at 9:38 p.m., Campbell County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 300 block of Collins Ferry Road, Gladys, regarding a possible homicide. Once on scene, the investigator found 40-year-old John Wesley Staples dead from multiple gunshot wounds. At the scene, Investigator Tracy Emerson arrested 19-year-old Tyler Staples, son of the victim, and charged him with second degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. This case is set for trial during July of 2018.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office utilizes a grant-funded position to investigate domestic violence and crimes against women. During 2017, Whit Clark, a retired Captain from the Lynchburg Police Department served in this capacity. Investigator Clark also assists other deputies as needed as they investigate domestic violence incidents. This position is very important to the agency as it allows more time to be spent investigating these very serious cases.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office is also fortunate to have a polygraph examiner on staff. Investigator Brian Dudley runs polygraphs for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office as well as other jurisdictions when needed. This tool has been very important in bringing successful resolutions to many serious felonies and misdemeanors. During 2017, Investigator Dudley conducted 62 polygraph examinations.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office continues to recognize the role phones, computers and other electronic devices play during the commission of certain crimes. The Office has a trained investigator to retrieve and analyze data obtained from the devices. During 2017, Investigator Teresa Williams processed 34 cell phones, iPads or like devices for evidence needed in criminal investigations. Investigator Williams also processed 21 USB cards or computer hard drives for evidentiary purposes. The Campbell County Sheriff's Office assists other agencies as needed in similar type investigations.

In 2017, the Criminal Investigations Division worked 544 cases and cleared 405 cases.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION**

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

### **Court Security and Prisoner Control**

In the year 2017, there were six full-time and three part-time deputies assigned to security in the Campbell County Courthouse complex. Lieutenant Thomas Fairchild is assigned as the supervisor to the courthouse security team. Deputy Anthony Bates retired this year and was replaced by Deputy Chris Towler. Court Security logged 10,078 hours of service. These hours consisted of providing bailiffs for the four courtrooms and security officers for the courthouse security checkpoint. This is an increase of 6.6% from 2016.

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.

### **Upgrades**

In 2017, the following projects were done in the Courthouse to improve security:

A new gun box was installed to replace an old outdated and inoperable box located between the magistrate's office and the jail intake area.

Dead bolt style locks were installed on all doors behind judge's benches and leading into court clerk areas for added security.

A security wall was added to the General District Courtroom in an effort to give more space to the front of the courtroom and provide further protection for judges and court personnel.

A combination lock was installed on the exterior door to the magistrate's office to provide a secure door that was not in place prior. Cameras were added to the magistrate's parking lot and at various points in their office.

## **Transports**

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office utilizes both full-time and part-time deputies to provide transportation to and from courts, jails, hospitals, etc.

There were 290-logged transports of prisoners in 2017. There were 74 temporary detention order transports conducted. There were approximately 800 hrs. spent and more than 30,000 miles driven performing these functions.

There were 11 Extraditions (out of state prisoner transports) an increase of 10% from 2016. These extraditions were completed by either two deputies or one deputy and a state trooper. Locations traveled included the following - Texas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Ohio, Kansas, West Virginia, and Arizona, 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 Downs 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 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 2017 there were 69 calls for service involving PLS consisting of normal client equipment servicing/inspection, school and instruction, public awareness presentations.

Approximately 80 hours were spent performing PLS functions, and fortunately, we experienced no incidents of “lost clients”.

## **Concealed Weapons Permits**

Lieutenant Thomas J. Fairchild investigated concealed weapon permits. Completed applications were reviewed and a thorough background check was conducted on all applicants. These permits were then presented to Circuit Court Judge John T. Cook for final approval. A Circuit Court Deputy Clerk then issues the approved permit.

During 2017, 1,295 concealed weapon permits were investigated / issued and 33 permits were denied or revoked because of adverse court actions involving the applicants.

## **Training**

Deputy Allen Bowyer attended a Courthouse Security School at the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. This school provided insight and knowledge on how to conduct a threat assessment throughout the Courthouse. Bowyer brought this information back and the courthouse security team reviewed the lessons learned.

Lieutenant Fairchild, Deputy Murray, Deputy Bowyer, and Deputy Funderburk all received training and a certification in the Band-it system. This is a less lethal electronic immobilization device. The Band-it system is used on inmates that present a threat in

the courtroom as well as inmates who are involved in a jury trial when restraints are not authorized.

All courthouse personnel participated in department training and firearms qualifications in 2017 as well as training in accordance in DCJS to maintain certification throughout the year. Some classes were taken on-line and others were attended in a classroom environment.

### **Additional Duties**

Lieutenant Thomas Fairchild is a certified firearms instructor and assists the agency when needed. He is also the lead instructor for officer survival at the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy and trained two basic classes in 2017 spending over 80 hours of time training.

Sergeant Bill Elliott is the lead on the department's accreditation program. He spent 450 hours performing this function in 2017.

Deputy Allen Bowyer is a certified Driving Instructor and conducts training for the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. During most academy classes, he provides at least 80 hours of instruction. He also maintains clients on Project Lifesaver.

Deputy Nathan Funderburk is responsible for the checkpoint vehicles operated by the part time employees. He performs routine maintenance on these vehicles and inspects them as required.

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. A total of 92 hours were used conducting this project in 2017.

## **Civil Process**

Total civil process served January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017: 18,938

Total civil process served by Lieutenant Gerald Lacy, Sergeant  
Terry Cook, Deputy Devon Tweedy, Deputy John Wingfield: 14,729

Total EPO, PPO, and OOP (includes all protective orders): 1,892

Writ of Possessions served: 291

Levies served: 34

## **Warrants**

In the year 2017, the Sheriff's Office served 3,517 arrest warrants. The number of unserved (unable to locate) warrants is approximately 102.

## **County Enforcement**

Lieutenant Gerald Lacy is responsible for County Enforcement Officer duties and has done so since June 2013. Lieutenant 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 2017, Lieutenant Lacy worked 59 nuisance complaints.

## **K-9 Activities**

During the year 2017, Master Deputy Robert Layne and K9 Atlas were unable to train. The Sheriff's Office worked diligently to obtain training narcotics from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

K9 Atlas was retired from service Dec 29, 2017. Atlas served with the Sheriff's Office for over 9 years. He continues to live with Master Deputy Robert Layne in his retirement.

The Sheriff's Office K9 program is suspended until further notice.

## **Evidence**

During the past year, all required inspections/audits were completed 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.

Captain Caldwell, Evidence Specialist Kim Gallier, and incoming Captain, Mike Lawhorn conducted an extensive inventory of high-risk property items in December 2017. All items were accounted for and all paperwork was accurate. At the conclusion of the inventory, the keys to Evidence held by Captain Caldwell were transferred to incoming Captain Lawhorn.

Mold and mildew continue to be problematic for our main evidence room - #1. The potential for the loss of evidence is imminent. There is a dehumidifier in the room that helps; however, major work needs to be accomplished by the Maintenance Department to ensure the security of our evidence. Work is scheduled to be completed in Jan of 2018, to correct our mold and mildew issues.

## **Fleet Maintenance & Repair**

During 2017, the office had 11 incidents of county owned vehicles damaged in accidents or by offenders' damage to the sheriff's office vehicles. Three of these incidents were deer strikes. Total damage for accidents amounted to approximately \$38,717. No vehicles were total losses.

The Sheriff's Office received \$36,238 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 \$18,377. This resulted in a savings to Campbell County of \$17,861.

## **Neighborhood Watch**

There are seven 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 2017. 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. State law now mandates each school to conduct four lockdown drills per school year. 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 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 Code § 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 Active Threat 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.

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

## **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 has Cross Match fingerprint machines placed in them. These were purchased by the school division. SRO's completed 345 fingerprints during 2017.

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 on every occasion when requested.

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 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 2017-2018 School Year:

- Lieutenant Mike Lawhorn – (Supervisor Aug-Dec 2017) Rustburg High School
- Sergeant Robert Hutcherson – (Supervisor) Altavista Combined School
- Sergeant Russ Glass – (Supervisor Aug-Dec 2017) Brookville High School
- Master Deputy Robert Layne – Rustburg Middle School
- Deputy Aaron Swearingen - William Campbell Combined School
- Deputy Vince Keller – Brookneal, Concord, Rustburg and Yellow Branch Elementary schools
- 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

\*\*Lieutenant Mike Lawhorn, Sergeant 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 2018. 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. All employees are asked to turn lights off in rooms that are not in use, to make their uniforms last longer, and ensure proper maintenance of all issued equipment is conducted on a timely basis in order to better utilize these resources and increase their longevity. Many repairs to vehicles are conducted in house to save mechanic / repair fees. 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. Available resources may limit the quality and extent of service provided. 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 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. Our motto is "we are a part of the community, not apart from" and each day the employees of this office strive to reflect this creed in their dealings with all persons.

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 continue to 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