

# 2018 – *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, cost-efficient, and practical means. Each deputy serves the public by emphasizing problem-solving initiatives, 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 39,383 calls for service in 2018.

The Sheriff's Office consists of 80 employees. The office has a compliment of 68 sworn full-time personnel, 8 sworn part-time personnel (one of which is a domestic violence grant position), and 4 full-time civilian personnel. The Sheriff's Office increased 7 positions July 1, 2018 with the addition of an additional court security position and 6 new School Resource Officer positions.

During 2018, 15 new employees joined the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

# **NEW HIRES FOR 2018**

## **Deputy Randy Long**



Randy Long was hired on March 1, 2018. Randy came to us from the Liberty University Police Department.

## **Deputy Michelle Sizemore**



Michelle Sizemore was hired on May 1, 2018. Michelle came to us from the Lynchburg Police Department.

## Deputy Gary Penn



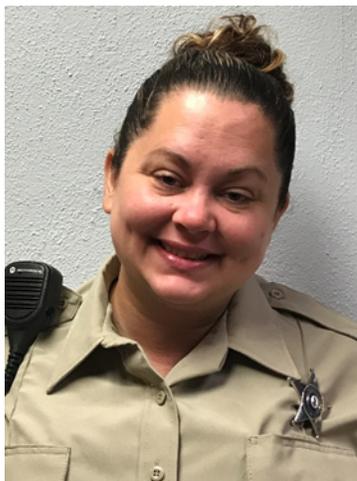
Gary Penn was hired on June 1, 2018. Gary came to us from the Altavista Police Department.

## Deputy Mike Mayberry



Mike Mayberry was hired on July 1, 2018. Mike came to us from the Lynchburg Police Department.

### **Deputy Terry Wecker**



Terry Wecker was hired on September 1, 2018. Terry came to us from the Lynchburg Police Department.

**The following deputies attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in 2018.**

### **Deputy Jesse Ruth**



Jesse Ruth was hired on Jan 1, 2018. Jesse attended the police academy and graduated in June 2018.

## **Deputy Joseph Bryant**



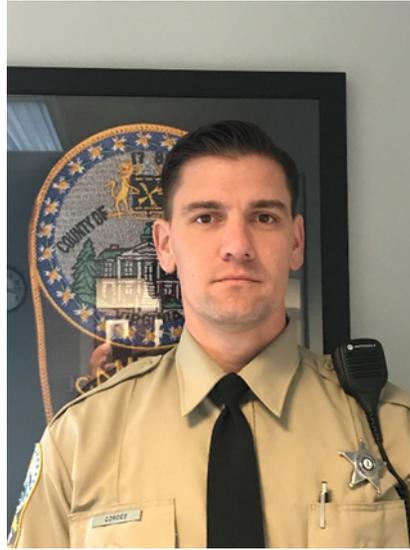
Joseph Bryant was hired on July 1, 2018. Joseph attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Cameron Byrd**



Cameron Byrd was hired on July 1, 2018. Cameron attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Jason Cordes**



Jason Cordes was hired on July 1, 2018. Jason attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Chris Cutlip**



Chris Cutlip was hired on July 1, 2018. Chris attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Priscilla Elias**



Priscilla Elias was hired on July 1, 2018. Priscilla attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Michael Harper**



Michael Harper was hired on July 1, 2018. Michael attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Marcus Schreiber**



Marcus Schreiber was hired on July 1, 2018. Marcus attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Garrett Williams**



Garrett Williams was hired on July 1, 2018. Garrett attended the police academy and graduated in December 2018.

## **Deputy Daniel Newland**



Daniel Newland was hired on December 1, 2018. Daniel attended the police academy without an agency, and we hired him just before he graduated in December 2018.

## **PROMOTIONS IN 2018**

**Michael Lawhorn -Promoted to Captain on January 1, 2018**

**Russell Glass-Promoted to Lieutenant on January 1, 2018**

**Josh Gryder-Promoted to Sergeant on May 1, 2018**

**Robert Layne-Promoted to Sergeant on June 1, 2018**

**Michael Colbert-Promoted to Sergeant on August 1, 2018**

## **2018 RETIREES**

**Major L. T. Guthrie**

**Deputy Joel A. Everhart**

## **2018 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 2018. The ceremony was held during February 2019 and the following personnel were recognized for their special achievements:

### **Citizenship Awards**

Linda M. Calloway

Chaplain Daniel Vinersar

Gary Colbert

Chaplain Gene & Sandy Friberg

### **Citizen Lifesaving Award**

David Cox

### **Department Commendation Award**

Deputy D. J. Cash

### **Department Distinguished Service Awards**

Lieutenant S. W. Green

Sergeant M. V. Colbert

Deputy N. D. Bailey

Deputy S. L. Cutlip

Deputy M. N. West

Conservation Police Officer M. S. Thomas

**Department Lifesaving Awards**

Lieutenant W. L. Owen

Sergeant R. S. Layne

Deputy S. L. Cutlip

Trooper J. A. Montgomery

**Department Meritorious Service Award**

Deputy J. D. Richey

**Department Emergency Services Awards**

Captain C. D. Bolling

Captain M. B. Lawhorn

Lieutenant T. J. Fairchild

Lieutenant M. R. Garrett

Lieutenant R. E. Glass

Lieutenant S. W. Green

Lieutenant W. L. Owen

Lieutenant M. C. Schmitt

Sergeant R. E. Bierowski

Sergeant M. V. Colbert

Sergeant W. C. Elliott

Sergeant R. D. Hutcherson

Sergeant R. S. Layne

Sergeant W. S. Sosnowski

Sergeant K. J. Wilson

Deputy P. R. Adams

Deputy N. D. Bailey

Deputy J. A. Bowyer

Deputy D. J. Cash

Deputy D. M. Cowart

Deputy B. K. Davis

Deputy J. A. Everhart

Deputy M. J. Foster

Deputy N. B. Funderburk

Deputy T. S. Hall

Deputy J. S. Jordan

Deputy V. S. Keller

Deputy J. B. Layne

Deputy R. L. Long

Deputy B. J. Murray

Deputy Z. J. Neeley

Deputy M. J. Rossi

Deputy C. A. Swearingen

Deputy J. N. Wingfield

Deputy S. B. Womack

## **Years of Service Awards**

5 Years	Jonathan D. Richey
10 Years	J. Allen Bowyer William S. Sosnowski
20 Years	Kimberly S. Gallier Michael B. Lawhorn
30 Years	Gerald H. Lacy

## **Recognition of Perfect Attendance**

Nathan Bailey	1 Year	Curtis Rice	5 Years
Allen Bowyer	9 Years	Jonathan Richey	4 Years
Michael Colbert	2 Years	Michael Rossi	5 Years
Terry Cook	22 Years	Jesse Ruth	1 Year
Mike Cowart	2 Years	Mark Schmitt	18 Years
Billy Crowe	8 Years	Will Sosnowski	9 Years
Stephanie Cutlip	1 Year	Aaron Swearingen	2 Years
Matthew Foster	1 Year	Devon Tweedy	13 Years
Russ Glass	13 Years	Dwayne Wade	19 Years
Sam Green	14 Years	Nate West	2 Years
Josh Gryder	4 Years	Skyler Womack	2 Years
Stuart Herndon	11 Years	Cliff Wood	7 Years
Gerald Lacy	19 Years		
Lee Owen	22 Years		

## **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 consisted of 31 officers. The Field Division provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year full service law enforcement agency to the citizens of Campbell County.

During the 2018 calendar year The Field Operations Division responded to and investigated 2,506 felony and misdemeanor criminal cases, meaning these are the actual number of incident reports written by members of The Field Division.

Throughout the year members of The Field Division served 1,035 arrest warrants that were served by the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office maintains a Special Response Team. During 2018, the team was activated 16 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 conducting other operations in support of anti-drug operations along with the First Lady's visit to Liberty University. The Special Response Team conducted 10 trainings throughout the year and supported The Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy with teaching a Basic Tactical Operators Course.

Members of the Field Division attended a number of specialized trainings this past year. Some of the course included the FBI- Virginia State Police First Line

Supervisor Course, Basic Tactical Operators Course and Field Training Officer Course, along with many other training courses.

There were 46 documented Use of Forces in 2018 as compared to 30 documented Use of Forces in 2017. These included, Physical Force, Taser deployment and OC deployments, which resulted in all of the persons having been charged criminally or taken into custody for a mental evaluation.

In 2018 there were 10 documented Sheriff's Office involved Vehicle Pursuits. The pursuits were due to traffic violations (violators failing to stop for Law Enforcement), wanted persons, mutual aid events (other agencies asking for assistance) and stolen vehicles.

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

In the year 2018, the deputies of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office issued 921 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**

18	DUI arrests
1	Refusal of Breath Test
460	Speeding
21	Reckless Driving
64	Suspended/ Revoked Operators License

22	No Operators License
117	Seat Belt Violations
5	Child Safety Seat Violations
39	Expired Inspections
68	Expired Registration/ Vehicle Tags
62	Failure to Obey Highway Signs
16	Uninsured Motorist
28	Other Offenses

Members of the Field Division also gave a number of presentations including “On a citizen’s response to an active threat situation” to local churches and businesses.

The Field Operations Division conducted 4 Firearms Clinics with presented 3 departmental Patrol Rifle Classes to members of the Sheriff’s Office.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

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

2018 was another busy, but productive year for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations 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 Investigations 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 Investigations 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 Investigations in 2018.

On April 7, 2018, Investigator B. K. Dudley was made aware of a missing person, Lisa Henderson. He identified Marquie Williams and Felix Jefferson as people of interest in the case. Multiple interviews were conducted, polygraph tests performed and search warrants obtained.

We determined that Lisa had been murdered and we did recover her body in the woods off Plum Branch Road in Concord on April 10, 2018. We collected 200 pieces of physical evidence and have sent dozens of items to the lab for examination.

This investigation led to the arrest of Marquie Williams and Felix Jefferson for the murder.

On September 4, 2018, in the early morning hours two businesses were broken into in Campbell County. Investigator T. A. Emerson was assigned to these cases. The first was Indian Rock Tactical and the second was Graves Mill Jewelry and Pawn. Both businesses were known to have and sell firearms. At least four men were involved in these crimes and the suspects entered each business after breaking into them. Suspects were wearing masks to hide their faces and also had their hands covered with gloves and/or socks. The suspects took seven AR style long guns and a crossbow from Indian Rock Tactical and a compound bow and game systems from Graves Mill Jewelry and Pawn. During the course of the investigation, a total of five suspects were arrested and charged with these crimes. At this time, three of the five suspects have been to court and pled guilty to their part. One suspect is still awaiting trial and charges were dropped on one suspect once it was determined he wasn't involved.

It is now known that these suspects were/are a part of a street gang out of the City of Lynchburg. The suspects target our businesses and try to steal firearms for their street gang to use against rival street gangs. At the time, only two of the firearms have

been recovered. Many hours went into work this case and being able to charge the now four suspects in this case and with the help of Lynchburg Police Department and the ATF, this case was able to be cleared. This same gang element was also responsible for breaking into a business in Campbell County twice in July 2017, stealing 24 firearms on that date. It is not believed that Campbell County has a lot of "Gang" activity currently happening in our county: however, we continue to have gang activity spilling over from the City of Lynchburg committing crimes in our county.

On December 25, 2018 Campbell County deputies responded to 40 Cog Lane, Lynchburg, VA for a male subject with gunshot wounds to his chest. Upon arrival, the victim was found lying in the front yard of the residence deceased. Investigator J. B. Epperson arrived on scene and began a homicide investigation. After numerous interviews at the scene, a suspect was developed. The suspect was identified as Michael Langford. Witnesses at the scene advised the victim had been at the home visiting for Christmas. That afternoon, Langford arrived at the home and knocked on the door announcing himself. The victim opened the door and stepped outside and an argument ensued. Langford pulled a handgun from his pocket and shot the victim three times before fleeing the area. It was discovered that Langford had caught a ride to the residence to try and pick up his former girlfriend, who had been staying there. After fleeing, Langford called the driver of the vehicle who had sped off, and he was picked up again. Investigators determined that Langford had been taken to a location in the City of Lynchburg and dropped off. Captain Wade and Investigation Herndon located Langford at the residence and transported him back to the Sheriff's Office. Langford was interviewed by Inv. Epperson and Captain Wade. He admitted to shooting the victim and provided the location of the murder weapon that he hid at the residence in the city. Langford was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a felony.

Beginning in July 2018, the Sheriff's Office began to get numerous reports of mail theft. One thing that was in common with the reports of mail theft was that the offenders

were targeting outgoing checks that had been placed in the mailbox to be picked up by the postal service. The offenders would then alter the stolen checks to be made payable to someone else. Most often, the offenders would make the checks payable to a person whose identity they had already stolen. The offenders would use the stolen identities to complete a transaction at any financial institution that would cash the checks. Investigator M. W. Bryant was able to identify four suspects who were working together to accomplish the crimes described above. Numerous interviews were conducted and search warrants were executed to obtain more evidence. Each of the suspects have been charged with numerous felony offenses including forging, uttering, larceny and identity theft. Investigator Bryant also worked with several surrounding jurisdictions to aid their investigations who were dealing with the same suspects and crimes. The United States Postal Service also became involved in the investigation and federal charges against the offenders are pending in addition to the charges in Campbell County. This investigation encompassed at least fifteen separate reports within Campbell County.

In late 2017 and early 2018 the Campbell County Sheriff's Office saw an increase in cases that involved counterfeit U.S. currency being passed at our local businesses. During that time frame, numerous sources provided information that large amounts of the counterfeit money in our area was being made and distributed by a man that went by the name of Tattoo Mike. Inv. Herndon obtained a search warrant for the location that was identified. On February 2, 2018, members of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office SRT team, executed the search warrant on Tattoo Mike's known residence. On that date, numerous investigators searched the residence and found counterfeit U.S. currency, items used to manufacture currency, several types of drugs, items used to distribute drugs, and a loaded pistol with a filed off serial number. The investigation led to the arrest and conviction of the man that was known as Tattoo Mike. The convictions included possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of drugs, and several crimes that were related to counterfeit U.S. currency.

On May 30, 2018, Investigator T. G. Williams received information from an investigator with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office ICAC unit concerning Child Pornography that was being downloaded and shared by a resident, Aron Smith of Campbell County. After meeting with the investigator and reviewing his report, T. G. Williams obtained a Search Warrant for Smith's residence and seized numerous electronic devices including a computer tower, laptops, thumb drives, sd cards, gaming systems, hard drives, routers, copier, cds, dvds and cell phones. A massive amount of Child Pornography was found on a laptop that was hidden in the bathroom and on a hard drive that was found locked in a gun safe in the den. After a complete examination of the contents of the hard drive in the laptop, over 400,000 images were located.

Smith was charged with 55 counts of Possession of Child Pornography and 5 counts of Distribution of Child Pornography. He pled guilty to all 60 charges and received a sentence of 40 years to serve.

On October 16, 2018, Investigator W. W. Clark was assigned to assist a deputy with a case involving harassment by a male suspect (who was married) and a female victim who had been in a relationship for three years. The victim had broken up with the suspect and obtained a Protective Order. The victim was receiving threatening messages via email through fake email accounts and suspected the suspect was behind the messages. After several search warrants on the email accounts, information was received linking the suspect to the messages. Investigator Clark interviewed the suspect and he confessed to the messages. He was arrested, and two warrants for violating the Protective Order were obtained.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office utilizes a grant-funded position to investigate domestic violence and crimes against women. During 2018, 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 2018.

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 2018, Investigator Teresa Williams processed numerous cell phones, iPads or like devices for evidence needed in criminal investigations. The Campbell County Sheriff's Office assists other agencies as needed in similar type investigations.

In 2018, the Criminal Investigations Division worked 423 cases and cleared 305 cases.

### **Criminal Investigations Statistics – 2018**

Cleared by Arrest	118
Unfounded	5
Inactive	4
Closed	155
Information Only	23
Pending	118
Total Cases Worked	423

### **Operation Ice Melt**

Drug Cases and Stats worked during the 2018 calendar year that led to Operation Ice Melt.

During the calendar year of 2018, members of the Central Virginia Drug & Gang Task Force consisting of Investigators from the Virginia State Police, Campbell County Sheriff's Office and Appomattox County Sheriff's Office investigated drug offenses that occurred throughout Campbell County. A total of 91 cases involving the illegal distribution of narcotics were opened during this time.

The 91 cases opened led to a total of 50 search warrants that were conducted at residences where drug distribution and trafficking was taking place. This led to the seizure of 7 firearms, \$34,702 in drug sale proceeds, 59 grams of Cocaine, 337.2 grams of Heroin, 3,426.19 grams of marijuana, 2195.40 grams of Methamphetamine and 338.1 dosage units of prescription narcotics with a total street value of \$488,934.

These investigations led to Operation Ice Melt and with the assistance of the Campbell County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, a total of 43 people were indicted on more than 100 indictments for possession and distribution of illegal narcotics throughout the county.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION**

Captain Michael B. Lawhorn supervises all sections of the Administrative Services Division.

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

In the year 2018, there were six full-time and three part-time deputies assigned to security in the Campbell County Courthouse complex. Lt Thomas Fairchild is assigned as the supervisor to the Courthouse Security Team. Court Security logged 10,560 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 4.8% from 2017.

The Sheriff's Office is fortunate to utilize retirees of the Sheriff's Office to man 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.

## **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 a total of 242 logged transports of prisoners in 2018 which is a decrease of 16% from the previous year. There were 74 temporary detention order transports conducted, which is the same from the previous year. There were approximately 800hrs spent and more than 30,000 miles driven performing these functions.

There were 16 Extraditions (out of state prisoner transports), an increase of 45% from 2017. These extraditions were completed either by two deputies or one deputy and a state trooper. Locations traveled included the following: – Ohio, West Virginia, Arizona, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, Maryland, South Carolina, and Texas 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 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 2018 there were 47 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**

Concealed weapon permits were investigated by Lieutenant Thomas J. Fairchild. 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. The approved permit is then issued by a Circuit Court Deputy Clerk.

During 2018, 1,559 concealed weapon permits were investigated / issued and 26 permits were denied or revoked as a result of adverse court actions involving the applicants. The total number of concealed handgun permits investigated and issued in 2018 increased by 20% from the previous year.

## **Training**

All courthouse personnel participated in department training and firearms qualifications in 2018 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 2018 spending over 80 hours of time training.

Sergeant Bill Elliott is the lead on the department's accreditation program. He spent over 400 hours performing this function in 2018.

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.

### **Civil Process**

Total civil process served January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018: **18,849**

Total civil process served by Lieutenant Gerald Lacy, Sergeant Terry Cook, Deputy Devon Tweedy, Deputy John Wingfield: **14,666**

Total EPO, PPO, and OOP (includes all protective orders): **1,857**

Writ of Possessions served: **382**

Levies served: **25**

### **Warrants**

In the year 2018, the Sheriff's Office served **3,782** arrest warrants. The number of unserved (unable to locate) warrants is approximately **95**.

### **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 2018, Lieutenant Lacy worked 57 nuisance complaints.

## **K-9 Activities**

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

## **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 and #3 are utilized to hold old homicide and larger cases with evidence.

Mold and mildew issues have been addressed, and some improvements have been noticed in our evidence rooms. We continue to monitor the rooms and intend to make further improvements to ensure the potential for the loss of evidence is reduced.

## **Fleet Maintenance & Repair**

During 2018, the office had twenty one (21) incidents of county owned vehicles damaged in accidents or by offenders' damage to the sheriff's office vehicles. Seven (7) of these incidents were deer strikes. Total damage for accidents amounted to approximately \$90,111.29. Two (2) vehicles were total losses.

We received \$82,846.20 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 \$17,508.01. This resulted in a savings to Campbell County of \$65,338.19. Two (2) new vehicles were purchased to replace the total loss vehicle.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

There are 6 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 fourteen schools during 2018. 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 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 SROs continued Active Threat training within the county schools. SROs 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.

SROs 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. SROs 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.

The Campbell County Board of Supervisors along with the School Board approved funding for 6 additional School Resources Officers. This allowed for every elementary school in Campbell County to also now have a certified SRO available to them. Each of these SRO's assists 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, and 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. 375 fingerprints were completed by SRO's during 2018.

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.

SROs 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.

SROs coordinate all off duty assignments at their schools for ballgames, dances, etc. SROs 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. SROs 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 2018-2019 School Year:

- LT Russ Glass – (Supervisor) Brookville High School
- Sgt. Robert Hutcherson – (Supervisor) Altavista Combined School
- Sgt. Robert Layne – (Supervisor) Rustburg Middle School
- Deputy Aaron Swearingen - William Campbell Combined School
- Deputy Vince Keller –Rustburg Elementary School until 12/19/19. Shares RES and Yellow branch 1/2/19-2/1/19
- Deputy Joel Everhart – Brookville Middle School until 12/9/18. RETIRED1/1/19
- Deputy Josh Layne – Cornerstone Learning Center, Campbell County Technical Center
- Deputy Brian Davis – Yellow Branch Elementary school until 12/19/18. Now assigned to Brookneal Elementary 1/2/19.
- Deputy Tierrah Hall- Leesville RD Elementary and Tomahawk Elementary until 12/1/18. Assigned to Tomahawk Elementary 12/1/18 to Current
- Deputy Gary Penn- Altavista Elementary and Brookneal Elementary 8/1/18. Now assigned to Altavista Elementary 1/2/19
- Deputy Mike Mayberry- Rustburg High School
- Deputy Terry Wecker- Concord Elementary School
- Deputy Terry Williams-Leesville Rd Elementary School
- Deputy Ryan Bierowski-Brookville Middle School

## 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. The majority of repairs to vehicles are conducted in house to save mechanic and repair fees. Oil changes in fleet vehicles are done at 6000 miles instead of 3000 miles by using only synthetic oil. Push bars continue to be added to 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 it. If funds can be saved through efficient use of equipment, it is accomplished. That is evident by the savings of \$65,338.19 for the calendar year of 2018.

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 are 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