

2019 *Year in Review*

INTRODUCTION

Greetings from Sheriff Winston W. Clark, III



Greetings! I am Winston W. Clark, III, your new Sheriff of Campbell County as of January 1, 2020. Sheriff Steve A. Hutcherson retired December 31, 2019, after serving 8 years as Sheriff of Campbell County. We are truly grateful for Sheriff Hutcherson's many years of dedicated law enforcement service. This annual report, for the calendar year of 2019, is a testament to the leadership of Sheriff 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. Campbell County has approximately 504 square miles and a population of 54,885 citizens. The Campbell County Sheriff's Office responded to 37,039 calls for service in 2019.

The Sheriff's Office consists of 84 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), 5 full-time civilian personnel, and 3 part-time civilian personnel.

During 2019, eight new employees joined the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

NEW HIRES FOR 2019

Deputy Ethan Hagner

Ethan Hagner was hired on January 1, 2019.



Deputy Andre Morell

Andre Morell was hired on January 1, 2019.



Deputy Paul Hong

Paul Hong was hired on January 1, 2019.



Deputy Allen Williams

Allen Williams was hired on February 1, 2019.



Deputy Cory Angell

Cory Angell was hired on April 1, 2019.



Deputy Jarrett Rea

Jarrett Rea was hired on April 1, 2019.



Deputy Tyler Voogd

Tyler Voogd was hired on June 1, 2019.



Heather Harden

Heather Harden was hired on November 1, 2019.



The following deputies attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in 2019.

Deputy Ethan Hagner

Ethan Hagner was hired on January 1, 2019. Ethan attended the police academy and graduated in June 2019.

Deputy Andre Morell

Andrew Morell was hired on January 1, 2019. Andrew attended the police academy and graduated in June 2019.

Deputy Paul Hong

Paul Hong was hired on January 1, 2019. Paul attended the police academy and graduated in June 2019.

PROMOTIONS IN 2019

Curtis Rice, promoted to Investigator on January 1, 2019

Michael Rossi, promoted to Sergeant on April 1, 2019

Karen Wilson, promoted to Lieutenant on May 1, 2019

Michael Colbert, promoted to Investigator on July 1, 2019

Nate West, promoted to Sergeant on July 1, 2019

2019 RETIREES

Lieutenant Lee Owen, retired on May 31, 2019

Sheriff Steve Hutcherson, retired on December 31, 2019

Major Darren Bolling, retired on December 31, 2019

2019 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 2019. The ceremony was tentatively scheduled to be held during May 2020; however, it has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

VIRGINIA 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, became re-accredited in 2004, 2008, 2012 and in 2016. 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 (*from other law enforcement agencies throughout Virginia*) 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 focus on new hire training, specialized in-service training, civilian training, and the proper record keeping of these trainings. The Sheriff's Office is required to be in full compliance with **all** 190 standards to receive their re-accreditation status.

In May 2020, a 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 must also show proof of that compliance for each standard for each of the previous four years prior to the on-site assessment.

Retired Captain Cindy Brown Caldwell is working part-time as the Accreditation Manager. Sergeant Bill Elliott and Deputy Devon Tweedy are assigned as assistant Accreditation Managers. This Accreditation Team has the task of maintaining the files of proofs that show the Sheriff's Office is current in and stays in compliance with all standards.

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

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

During the 2019 calendar year the Field Operations Division responded to and investigated 2,346 felony and misdemeanor criminal cases, meaning these are the actual number of incident reports written by members of The Field Division.

The Sheriff's Office maintains a Special Response Team. During 2019, the team was activated 12 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 Vice President Mike Pence's visit to Liberty University and to Bedford D-day Memorial. The Special Response Team conducted eight (8) trainings throughout the year, some of the scheduled training dates fell on operational assignments.

Members of the Field Division attended specialized trainings this past year. Some of the courses included the First Line Supervisor Course, Basic Tactical Operators Course and Field Training Officer Course, along with many other training courses.

There were 46 documented Uses of Force in 2019. These included, 14 Physical Force, 5 Taser deployment, 4 OC (Pepper Spray) deployments, and 23 incidents where the officer had to point his/her firearm at a suspect. There were no instances of deadly force used by any member of the agency in 2019. In the above use of force incidents, the subjects were charged criminally or taken into custody for mental evaluations.

In 2019 there were four documented Sheriff's Office deputies involved in Vehicle Pursuits. The pursuits involved traffic violations (violators failing to stop for Law Enforcement), including two DUI drivers and two reckless driving, who were all taken into custody.

Members of the entire Sheriff's Office supported the visit of Vice President Mike Pence to Liberty University and to Bedford D-day Memorial, as well as to and from the Lynchburg Regional Airport.

In the year 2019, the deputies of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office issued 1,286 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

71	DUI arrests
7	Refusal of Breath Test
570	Speeding
40	Reckless Driving
77	Suspended/ Revoked Operators License
35	No Operators License
85	Seat Belt Violations
6	Child Safety Seat Violations
82	Expired Inspections
101	Expired Registration/ Vehicle Tags
56	Failure to Obey Highway Signs
17	Uninsured Motorist
139	Other Offenses

The Field Operations Division conducted one Firearms Clinic and presented three departmental Patrol Rifle Classes to members of the Sheriff's Office.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division includes ten Investigators who work all the major crimes in Campbell County to include homicides, financial crimes, major property crimes, robberies, breaking and entering into businesses and homes, sex crimes, and crimes against our children and the elderly.

The Criminal Investigations Division has two investigators assigned to working narcotic cases in Campbell County as well as cases in the Central Virginia area under the Virginia State Police Task Force. The Task Force along with our two Investigators assigned to it obtained indictments for 310 charges ranging from illegal drug charges to firearms charges. The total amount of \$123,000 was spent to purchase these drugs and

firearms in 2019. A total of 51 firearms were seized in 2019. A total of 74 search warrants were served in 2019 for this same mission of “getting the drugs off our streets”.

The Criminal Investigation Division worked a total of 299 criminal cases in 2019 apart from the drug cases listed above. Investigator Brian Dudley ran more than 45 polygraph examinations during 2019 to assist with the investigations into many of these cases.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

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

Court Security and Prisoner Control

In the year 2019, there were six full-time and four 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 10,946 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 3.6% from 2018.

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 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 224 logged transports of prisoners in 2019 as well as 69 temporary detention order transports conducted by courthouse personnel. There were approximately 800 hours spent and more than 30,000 miles driven performing these functions.

There were 12 Extraditions (out of state prisoner transports) during 2019. These extraditions were completed either by two deputies or one deputy and a state trooper. Locations traveled included the following – North Carolina, New Jersey, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida, with multiple trips being made to several 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.

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

For the year 2019 there were 28 calls for service involving PLS consisting of normal client equipment servicing/inspection, school and instruction, public awareness presentations.

Approximately 40 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 2019, 1,342 concealed weapon permits were investigated/issued and 13 permits were denied or revoked as a result of adverse court actions involving the applicants.

Training

All courthouse personnel participated in department training and firearms qualifications in 2019, as well as training in accordance in DCJS to maintain certification throughout the year. Some classes were taken online 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 2019 spending over 80 hours of time training.

Sergeant Bill Elliott is an Assistant Accreditation Manager for the Sheriff's Office accreditation program. He spent over 400 hours performing this function in 2019.

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.

Deputy Murray assists the Investigations Division with computer and phone forensic work when needed and has done several presentations to local colleges on narcotics.

Deputy Towler assists annually with the special needs community at events such as “Touch a Truck” and “Trunk or Treat”.

The Sheriff’s Office also provided two part time deputies who worked the VDOT offender work force program. This program is used for highway beautification. A total of 34 hours were used conducting this project in 2019.

Civil Process

Total civil process served January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019: **18,470**

Total civil process served by Lieutenant Gerald Lacy, Sergeant Terry Cook, Deputy Devon Tweedy, Deputy John Wingfield: **13,622**

Total EPO, PPO, and OOP (includes all protective orders): **1,969**

Writ of Possessions served: **389**

Levies served: **32**

Additional Duties

Deputy Devon Tweedy, assigned to Civil Process, also serves as an Assistant Accreditation Manager for the Sheriff's Office accreditation program. He spent over 400 hours performing this function in 2019.

Warrants

In the year 2019, the Sheriff's Office served **3,888** arrest warrants. The number of unserved (unable to locate) warrants is approximately 104.

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 2019, Lieutenant Lacy worked 65 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.

Our storage space for evidence is very limited. Purging of evidence no longer needed has continued. Working with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office many items from years ago that are no longer needed have been purged.

Fleet Maintenance & Repair

During 2019, the office had 21 incidents of county owned vehicles damaged in accidents or by offenders' damage to the sheriff's office vehicles. Seven of these incidents were animal strikes. Total damage for accidents amounted to approximately \$32,263.89.

We received \$28,401.23 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 \$8,219.65. This resulted in a savings to Campbell County of \$20,181.58.

Neighborhood Watch

There are 3 active neighborhood watch groups located in Campbell County. E-mail 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 2019. 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 lock-down 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 Code of Virginia § 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

An SRO was assigned to every high, middle, elementary 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.

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. 446 fingerprints were completed by SRO's during 2019.

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 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 schools. Drug searches are just one more effort put forth to make our schools a Safe and Drug free environment.

Captain Mike Lawhorn, Lieutenant 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 of an economy where funding is limited. The employees continue 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 \$20,181.58 for the calendar year of 2019.

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. The Sheriff's Office uses many "hand-me-down" items such as office furniture that is gifted to the county without cost.

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.

Our motto is “We are a part of the community, not apart from.” We will continue to reach out to you, our community, for your input and assistance. My office is open and available to all citizens of the County, and I will always welcome your comments and input.

Sheriff Winston W. Clark, III