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SHENANDOAH STAR



Wow! Summer flew by, and we are already into a new school year. I hope you and your family are well. The staff and I have been very busy this year.

The Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office coordinated a county-wide training this summer on critical incident response to our public schools, with local and state law enforcement agencies, as well as our local Fire and Rescue Department. This training and coordination will continue throughout the school year, along with our efforts with the Shenandoah County Public School System in promoting school safety and emergency response. Also, I recently briefed our local School Board on this important topic.

Shenandoah County has partnered with Valley Health and the implementation of a "Drug Court" is imminent. The plan is to hire a Director this Fall, and hopefully have a working court docket by Spring 2023. Our "Community Service" deputies are being staffed and implemented. Shenandoah County's new Public Safety Radio System is planned to begin operation in September.

In this edition of the *Shenandoah Star*, you will see articles about these and other accomplishments, particularly our yearly Youth Leadership Camp, Deputy recognitions, and our annual backpack drive for kids whose families need help with school supplies.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to the staff and their dedication to keep Shenandoah County safe. Thank you again so much for your continued support and prayers.

Tim Carter

Safety Trends and Tips

This year, the two most common and avoidable crimes related to residents have been scams and vehicle break-ins.

Scams

- ♦ Do not give personal information, such as your address or social security number, to someone you do not know.
- ♦ Government agencies will never require you to repay using a prepaid debit card, retail gift card, or cash.
- ♦ If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email, report it immediately.

Vehicle Break-Ins

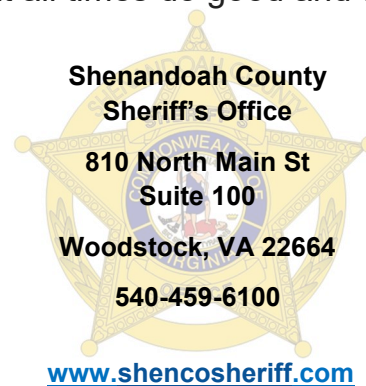
- ♦ Keep your vehicle locked and park in well-lit areas, close to buildings.
- ♦ Do not leave valuables such as your wallet, or cell phone, inside of your unattended vehicle.
- ♦ Ensure that home security cameras are functioning and facing in the direction of where your vehicle is parked.

Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office

Mission Statement

The Staff of the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office will do everything possible to ensure the safety and protection of all county residents and visitors to our county to include their respective property.

The Sheriff's Office will at all times do good and treat people fairly, respectfully, and with dignity.



Community Service Officers

As a result of the law changes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia advocating for mental health, the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office has a new position. We now have Deputies, who go by the title, "Community Service Officer". The role of this officer is to be the main point of contact between law enforcement and those who suffer from mental illnesses. Staying in constant communication, doing home visits, and making sure that these individuals are receiving the proper help that they need, will be a key factor in helping to mitigate mental health crisis'.

Meet our Newest K-9

The Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office is so happy to introduce our newest family member, Roscoe! Roscoe is a Bloodhound and will be used for various search and rescue missions. Roscoe, along with his K-9 handler, Deputy Shane Bollinger, have been training hard to prepare him for his new career in law enforcement. Welcome to the thin blue line, Roscoe!



2022 Stuff the Bus Backpack Drive

The Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office staff would like to thank our volunteers, donors, and contributors. Your support and generosity during our annual Stuff the Bus Backpack Drive is highly appreciated and beneficial on the lives of our county's children. Thanks to our community working together, we were able to supply over 800 students with backpacks and supplies for the 2022-23 school year. If you would like to continue to donate, the Sheriff's Office will gladly accept supplies to distribute in next year's event.



Leadership Camp



The Sheriff's Youth Leadership Camp for middle school students was a success again this year. For a week, children were able to learn, bond, and gain the tools needed to return to their communities as young leaders. The youth involved were able to participate in various lessons put on by the Sheriff's Office such as crime scene investigation work, search and rescue tips, and tac team procedures. The main purpose of this camp is to engage student's in different obstacles that will help give them a deeper perspective, improve their communication skills, and show them the importance of teamwork. The Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office is grateful for those involved, for their continued support and help.

VFW National Law Enforcement Award

After going above and beyond the call of duty while responding to a 2020 shooting, Sgt. Warren Poff, was awarded on a Chapter and State level, by the Edinburg VFW Post 2447. On June 13th, Sgt. Poff went on to receive the VFW National Law Enforcement Award, also presented by Post 2447. All three of these awards are extremely honorable and are only obtained by those who display extraordinary heroism during stressful, unthinkable events.



School Safety Preparation

With the recent surge of school shootings, the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office is taking action and indulging in extra training. Our county is fortunate enough to have a School Resource Officer (SRO), present at every public school. The safety of our residents, specifically our children, is at the forefront of our priorities. In June of this year, our SRO's attended a Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Forum, in Norfolk, VA. This forum covered a wide-range of topics such as bystander intervention, threat assessment and crisis management. These trainings help not only our SRO's, as well as our entire agency, gain extra insight in order to keep our children and our schools safe. In addition, the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office has been training with other local agencies, such as the SCFR and local police departments, in Active Shooter Trainings. These trainings give deputies the opportunity to use strategies and tactics in our schools, so they are prepared incase an active shooter event occurs in our county.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Neighborhood Watch Meetings: 9/20,10/18,11/15
- ◆ Triad:
- ◆ The Drug box to discard expired and unused prescription medications is located in the front lobby of the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office staff will do everything possible to ensure the safety and protection of all county residents and visitors to our county.

