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COMMUNITY REPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION 2015



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The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for Botetourt County. Core Responsibilities include Patrol, Regional Jail, Court Services, Animal Control and the Dispatch Center.

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is located at 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090.

The Office of Sheriff in Botetourt County was formed in 1770. The Sheriff is an elected constitutional law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Sheriff Sprinkle was elected to office in 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011 & 2015. The total number of employees as of January 2016 is 120. This includes law Enforcement, Correctional, Raid/Court services, Animal Control, Dispatchers, Jail Cooks, Support Staff and Part Time Employees.

From 01 January 2014 through 31 December 2015 –

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received/conducted the following:

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Calls for Service	-	23,849	18,529
911 Hang Up Calls	-	362	303
Alarms	-	730	744
Animal Control Calls	-	1676	1,607
Concealed Weapon Applications	-	769	753
Funeral Escorts	-	151	167
Protective Orders	-	393	374
Traffic Stops	-	5,199	5,640
Incident / Investigations:			
Incidents	-	1873	1,741
Offenses	-	1,999	1,816
Arrests:			
Charges	-	945	835
Arrests	-	823	741
Criminal Papers Served	-	2167	2,159
Civil Papers Served	-	6,251	6,548
Uniform Citations	-	2921	3,110

Community Concerns and Complaints

The Botetourt County Emergency Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and accepts emergency, Non-emergency & Informational calls.

Remember!

Dial 911 for an Emergency.

For non-emergencies dial (540) 473-8631.

Requests by citizens for Law Enforcement assistance are addressed according to the priority/urgency of the request.

Sheriff Sprinkle has an ongoing and receptive “open door” policy that welcomes comments, concerns and questions from all citizens.

Issues Affecting Law Enforcement Activities

Current budget reductions (federal, state & local) coupled with the increase of expenditures (Vehicles, Fuel, Equipment, etc.) have and continue to affect local law enforcement activities.

Community Involvement Through Crime Prevention

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office continues to be a resource to the Community for speakers and educational programs on various topics to church, civic and business organizations. Various members of the Sheriff's Office continue to serve on a number of committees and boards in Botetourt County and in the Roanoke Valley. Those include:

- The Botetourt Prevention Team
- The Botetourt Family Assessment Planning Team
- The Botetourt Community Policy and Management Team
- The Blue Ridge Transportation Safety Board
- The Southwest Regional Crime Prevention Association
- The Roanoke Valley Crime Line Board
- The Botetourt County Character Counts Leadership Council
- The Botetourt-Alleghany Services Improvement Committee
- The Virginia Crime Prevention Association
- Regional Fraud Investigators

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office continually strives to improve the working relationship with our county citizens along with but not limited to: public and private Businesses and organizations, other law enforcement agencies and the general public. Presentations and other educational programs are administered to various civic, church and other organizations upon request. D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers maintain a positive relationship with students, parents, faculty, and staff, while providing guidance, instruction, prevention and safety programs to students during and after school hours.

Important and upcoming events, alerts and other useful information is distributed to the public via the universal communication system (reverse 911), the web site at www.botetourtsheriff.com and through the County Newsletter (County Administration), also through the local media – The Botetourt View, The Fincastle Herald, The Roanoke Times, WDBJ 7, WSLs 10 and WSET 13.

This agency works diligently to address problems and concerns expressed by the community in a timely manner in addition to providing available resources when appropriate, needed or requested.

Botetourt County Crime Report for 2015

OFFENSE	2010	2011	CHANGE	2012	CHANGE	2013	CHANGE	2014	CHANGE	2015	CHANGE
Aggravated Assault	19	17	-12%	19	11%	9	-111%	19	53%	18	-6%
All Other Larceny	154	118	-31%	89	-33%	76	-17%	77	1%	70	-10%
All Other Offenses	742	744	0%	687	-8%	645	-7%	735	12%	810	9%
Arson	4	4	0%	2	-100%	2	0%	2	0%	0	100%
Bad Checks	18	10	-80%	6	-67%	7	14%	8	13%	8	0%
Burglary/Breaking Entering	84	64	-31%	74	14%	38	-95%	43	12%	53	19%
Counterfeiting/Forging	25	12	-108%	15	20%	13	-15%	13	0%	16	19%
Curfew Violations	1	1	0%	1	0%	0	100%	1	100%	6	83%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	11	12	8%	14	14%	5	-180%	4	-25%	12	67%
Destruction/Vandalism	189	133	-42%	135	1%	122	-11%	138	12%	97	-42%
Disorderly Conduct	11	13	15%	13	0%	22	41%	15	-47%	20	25%
Driving Under the Influence	71	74	4%	51	-45%	52	2%	58	10%	63	8%
Drug Equipment Violations	6	2	-200%	0	100%	2	100%	5	60%	5	0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	180	153	-18%	129	-19%	154	16%	161	4%	163	1%
Embezzlement	4	11	64%	10	-10%	5	-100%	6	17%	10	40%
Extortion	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	0%	3	67%
Forcible Fondling (Child)	7	7	0%	13	46%	13	0%	3	-333%	12	75%
Forcible Rape	2	3	33%	3	0%	2	-50%	3	33%	2	-50%
Forcible Sodomy	2	0	100%	1	100%	1	0%	4	75%	1	-300%
Gambling/Equipment Violations	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Impersonation	5	1	-400%	3	67%	6	50%	2	-200%	28	93%
Incest	0	2	100%	1	-100%	0	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Intimidation	18	19	5%	15	-27%	18	17%	27	33%	17	-59%
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Juvenile Runaway	3	14	79%	14	0%	11	-27%	7	-57%	11	36%
Kidnapping	1	0	100%	4	100%	4	0%	3	-33%	6	50%
Liquor Law Violations	27	18	-50%	24	25%	23	-4%	26	12%	24	-8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	14	-29%	11	-27%	16	31%	9	-78%	11	18%
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	100%	0	100%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%
Non-Violent Family Offenses	10	9	-11%	21	57%	11	-91%	15	27%	12	-25%
Obtain Money/False Pretense	29	29	0%	31	6%	24	-29%	17	-41%	22	23%
Peeping Tom	0	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Pocket Picking	0	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	5	80%	4	-25%	1	-300%	5	80%	7	29%
Prostitution	1	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	3	100%	2	-50%
Public Drunkenness	60	71	15%	54	-31%	57	5%	59	3%	96	39%
Robbery	3	4	25%	1	-300%	3	67%	1	-200%	1	0%
Sexual Assault with Object	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Shoplifting	13	13	0%	19	32%	17	-12%	16	-6%	18	11%
Simple Assault	159	163	2%	154	-6%	143	-8%	135	-6%	165	18%
Statutory Rape	3	1	-200%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2	0%	5	60%	0	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Theft from Building	21	48	56%	63	24%	69	9%	43	-60%	67	36%
Theft from Machine	4	2	-100%	2	0%	3	33%	3	0%	1	-200%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	51	36	-42%	34	-6%	44	23%	72	39%	48	-50%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	13	16	19%	21	24%	13	-62%	16	19%	16	0%
Trespassing	22	18	-22%	18	0%	26	31%	22	-18%	20	-10%
Weapon Law Violations	14	22	36%	20	-10%	16	-25%	17	6%	20	15%
Wire Fraud	6	1	-500%	5	80%	5	0%	10	50%	10	0%
TOTAL OFFENSES	2014	1889		1788		1680		1804		1973	

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