

2014 – *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 40,086 calls for service in 2014.

The Sheriff's Office consists of 71 employees. The office has a compliment of 59 sworn full-time personnel, 7 sworn part-time personnel (one of which is a domestic violence grant position), 4 full-time and 1 part-time civilian personnel.

During 2014, 5 new employees joined the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Bradley Hoyt was hired effective January 1, 2014. Deputy Hoyt attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in June of 2014. In Deputy Hoyt's Academy graduating class was a student by the name of Zachary Neeley. Neeley applied and was hired by the Sheriff's Office on July 1, 2014. Deputy Neeley attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy from January 2014 to June 2014, while a student with Liberty University. The Liberty University PD sponsored him during his training. This program allowed for him to attend his basic training while completing his bachelor's degree at Liberty University. The Sheriff's Office was fortunate to be able to hire someone who had just been trained with one of our employees, but at no expense to this agency. The hiring of Deputy Neeley saved the tax payers of Campbell County many thousands of dollars.

The following deputies were also hired effective July 1, 2014: Deputies Michael Colbert, Ariel Slay, and Brandon White. Deputies Colbert, Slay, and White attended the Central VA Criminal Justice Academy and graduated in December 2014.

NEW HIRES FOR 2014

Deputy Bradley Hoyt



Bradley Hoyt was hired on January 1, 2014. Bradley is a graduate of Kodiak High School in Alaska. He is a 2012 graduate of Liberty University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Bradley is engaged and resides in the Timberlake area of Campbell County.

Deputy Zachary Neeley



Zachary Neeley was hired on July 1, 2014. He is a graduate of Amherst County High School and a 2014 graduate of Liberty University with a BS in Criminology. Zachary is currently living in Amherst County.

Deputy Michael Colbert



Michael Colbert was hired on July 1, 2014. He is a graduate of William Campbell High School and a life-long resident of Campbell County. He is a community volunteer with many years of service to his community. He currently serves as the Chief of the Brookneal Volunteer Fire Department. Michael is married and has one daughter and two sons. He and his family reside in the Brookneal area of Campbell County.

Deputy Ariel Slay



Ariel Slay was hired on July 1, 2014. She is a graduate of E.C. Glass High School. She graduated from Lynchburg College in May 2014 with a BA in Criminology. While attending LC, she interned with the Sheriff's Office. Ariel is married and they currently reside in Lynchburg.

Deputy Brandon White



Brandon White was hired on July 1, 2014. He graduated from the University of Baltimore with a BS in Criminal Justice. Brandon moved with his wife to this area to be close to her family. He and his wife have one daughter and live just across the county line off New Chapel Road in Appomattox County.

PROMOTIONS IN 2014



Samuel W. Green, III
Promoted to Lieutenant on January 1, 2014



Teresa (Terry) Williams
Promoted to Investigator on July 1, 2014

2014 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 2014. The ceremony was held during January 2015 and the following personnel were recognized for their special achievements:

Department Commendation Award

Deputy Josh A. Gryder

Department Meritorious Service Award

Sergeant William C. Elliott

Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Deputy Tammy M. Kelly Deputy Joshua B. Layne
10 Years	Sergeant Ryan E. Bierowski Deputy Nathan B. Funderburk Lieutenant Samuel W. Green Sergeant Jeremy D. Jones Deputy Vincent S. Keller Sergeant Christopher S. Towler Deputy John N. Wingfield
15 Years	Lieutenant Thomas J. Fairchild Lieutenant Michael R. Garrett Sergeant Russell E. Glass Sergeant Robert D. Hutcherson Lieutenant Mark C. Schmitt

20 Years Sergeant Terry A. Cook
 Sergeant William C. Elliott
 Lieutenant W. Lee Owen
 Investigator Dwayne T. Wade

Recognition of Perfect Attendance

Allen Bowyer	6 Years	Brad Hoyt	1 Year
Mike Bryant	2 Year	Gerald Lacy	17 Years
Terry Cook	19 Years	Josh Layne	1 Year
Billy Crowe	7 Years	Lee Owen	18 Years
Brian Dudley	7 Years	Jonathan Richey	1 Year
Brandon Epperson	11 Years	Michael Rossi	2 Years
Mike Garrett	12 Years	Mark Schmitt	14 Years
Sam Green	10 Years	Will Sosnowski	6 Years
L.T. Guthrie	9 Years	Dwayne Wade	15 Years
Vicki Guthrie	18 Years	Jacob Wade	2 Years
Stuart Herndon	7 Years	Allen Williams	3 Years

The following citizens received awards for their contributions to the Sheriff's Office during 2014.

Devin Ayers, Walker Moore and Devan Peacock received Sheriff's Lifesaving Awards for their quick actions on October 8, 2014 that saved the life of their teacher, Ms. Tonya Jones. On October 08, 2014, Tonya Jones, a teacher at Cornerstone Learning Center became choked while eating in her classroom. The students realize something was wrong with Ms. Jones. Their initial shock was followed up by quick action when Devin Ayers determined she was choking and Walker Moore yelled out Heimlich. Devan Peacock, who was positioned behind Ms. Jones immediately went into action and applied the Heimlich maneuver to Ms. Jones, saving her life.

All three students were commended for their quick action, teamwork and cool thinking in a stressful situation that resulted in Ms. Jones not suffering a potential fatal incident at the school.

Mary Floyd, Food Lion Regional Loss Prevention Manager for the Lynchburg/Blacksburg Regions was presented the Meritorious Service Award. Mary works with our office on a weekly, sometimes daily basis to help with cases that occur at Food Lion Stores in our county and similar cases throughout the state of Virginia. Mary works long hours to include being available to our office during evening hours as well as weekends when needed.

Mary, at times has been able to help provide video, still pictures and other evidence in pending cases within minutes of our staff requesting them. Mary works not only with our Investigations Division but also the field units in a timely manner to help at times “catch” suspects in the act before they are able to leave the store and/or area of our county.

Mary is always willing to help our office with any information when asked at a moment’s notice. She was commended for her service to the Campbell County Sheriff’s Office.

VA 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 and in 2012. 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 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 focuses on new hire training, specialized in-service training, civilian training, and the proper record keeping of these trainings. The Sheriff's Office has to be in full compliance with all 190 standards to receive their re-accreditation status.

In May 2016, a new 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 has to also show proof of that compliance for each standard for each of the previous four years prior to the on-site assessment.

Captain Cindy Caldwell, Sergeant Bill Elliott, and Deputy Devon Tweedy are assigned the task of maintaining the files of proofs that show the Sheriff's Office is current in and stays in compliance with all standards.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

All sections of the Criminal Investigative Division are supervised by Captain Billy W. Crowe.

2014 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 one investigator assigned to the Central Virginia Narcotics Task Force, who also investigates street to mid level narcotics trafficking on the county level. The Central Virginia Narcotics 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 3 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.

Listed below are the statistics of cases worked during 2014 by the Criminal Investigative Division and a synopsis of some of the more significant cases. The Criminal Investigations Division consists of (Investigator Brian Dudley, Investigator Tracy Emerson, Investigator Brandon Epperson, Investigator Cliff Wood, Investigator Jason Sloan, Investigator Stuart Herndon, and Investigator Terry Williams). The Narcotics Unit is composed of Investigator Dwayne Wade. Investigator Darrell Dowdy is the Domestic Violence Investigator.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION STATISTICS

Felony Warrants Obtained:	370
Misdemeanor Warrants Obtained:	54
Polygraph examinations conducted:	17
Total Cases Worked:	530

COMPUTER CRIME STATISTICS

Computer Forensic Exams Conducted:	17
Cell Phone Forensic Exams Conducted:	29

NARCOTICS UNIT STATISTICS

2014 DRUG PURCHASES

Cocaine:	41
Marijuana:	11
Prescription Drugs (Oxycontin, Percocet, Lortab):	16
Heroin:	3
Methamphetamine:	3
Counterfeit Merchandise:	2
Gun Purchases:	2
LSD:	1

2014 EXPENDITURES

Cocaine:	\$	880.00
Marijuana:	\$	900.00
Prescription Drugs:	\$	837.00
Methamphetamine:	\$	1235.00
Heroin:	\$	635.00
Gun Purchases:	\$	195.00
CI Expenses:	\$	4365.00
Total for Unit:	\$	9047.00

Drug Operations

The Investigator assigned to the Central Virginia Drug Task Force had a very productive year during 2014 investigating upper level drug dealers as well as finding time to focus on street and mid level dealers on the local level. The Campbell County Sheriff's Office continues to work well with other local, state and federal agencies as it is well known that drug dealers do not abide by jurisdictional boundaries.

Investigator D. T. Wade was assigned to the Central Virginia Drug Task Force in May 2014. During this time he has opened 55 narcotics cases which are pending trial or indictment at this time. He has assisted with numerous search warrants and money seizures while assigned to the Task Force.

Investigative Operations

A synopsis of the more significant cases that the Criminal Investigation Division worked is as follows:

On July 16, 2014 around 10:11pm a call came into the Campbell County 911 Center about a fight that occurred on Lisa Ann Lane. The caller stated that a fight occurred between two females and one had left the location. According to the caller, the remaining female was bleeding from the head. Once the Sheriff's Office and rescue arrived, it was clear that the female victim was suffering from multiple stab wounds. The victim did not recover from the injuries. Captain Crowe was notified that there was a homicide and additional assistance was requested by Investigator Sloan.

The scene was processed by an evidence technician and all of the witnesses were found and interviewed by Investigator Sloan. Two suspects were developed and were later found. Both suspects were interviewed and later charged in connection with the death of the victim.

During the following months, the charges on both suspects were upgraded from Murder Two to Murder One. Suspect one was found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to eighteen years in prison. Suspect two has a pending jury trial set for April 2015.

On July 25, 2014 it was reported that someone had broken into a church and caused damage to several doors to the Pastor's office and the Treasurer's office. Investigator Terry Williams was assigned this case. During the investigation, Investigator Williams connected the offender in a DIP arrest that Deputy Thompson had made with this B&E. Investigator Williams was able to compare photos of shoe impressions in the carpet with the boots that the offender, Matthew Thomas Beale was wearing during the DIP arrest (he was still incarcerated at the time) and also determined that numerous food items had been taken from the church. She was able to connect the food items that Beale had in his backpack, when arrested, with the church. Investigator Williams charged Beale with entering a building at night with the intent to commit larceny, Destruction of Property and Petit Larceny Third Offense. Beale pled guilty to Statutory Burglary (felony), Petit Larceny Third Offense (felony) and Destruction of Property (misdemeanor).

During May of 2014, the Campbell County Sheriff's Office began experiencing an increase in daytime burglaries. The vast majority of the burglaries involved the theft of jewelry, designer handbags, and firearms from homes located in residential neighborhoods. Other jurisdictions began to experience the same type burglaries during the same time frame. Investigator Tracy Emerson was assigned these numerous cases.

On September 15, 2014, Katie Hyatt was arrested by the Lynchburg Police Department for a burglary very similar to the ones Campbell County had been experiencing. Based on information obtained from several sources, search warrants were obtained and executed at Hyatt's home and business in regards to these unsolved burglaries. These search warrants yielded evidence that was able to link Hyatt to numerous burglaries all over Central Virginia. Hyatt was later found to be selling stolen property from her consignment shop located in the city of Lynchburg. It is estimated that Hyatt stole over \$200,000.00 worth of property from Campbell County victims alone.

In July of 2012, 27 year old Wendy Beadles Francis was reported as a missing person to the Halifax County Sheriff's Office. Her family had not heard from her since June 2012. In October 2012, Halifax Investigators met with Campbell County Sheriff's Office about the case. It was found that Francis had been seen in the Brookneal area with Jeffrey Morgan Wright, prior to her disappearance. Investigator Brandon Epperson was assigned to investigate the lead and found that Wright and Francis had a brief and violent relationship during that time frame. Francis had lived with Wright at his residence in Brookneal for about five days in June 2012.

Eventually, the Campbell County Sheriff's Office took over the investigation. During the investigation, Investigator Epperson interviewed Wright numerous times and he gave conflicting statements about the last time he saw Francis. Approximately seventy people were interviewed during the investigation between Virginia and North Carolina.

It was found that Wright had made some home improvements around the time Francis disappeared, such as painting his living room and kitchen, replacing his carpet, bleach cleaning items such as coffee tables and a fish aquarium. One of the witnesses said that he installed the carpet and noticed Wright had cut out a section of Carpet and padding leaving the remaining carpet and padding intact. This witness said that Wright had also painted the sub-flooring that was exposed. Based on the information provided by these individuals, several search warrants were obtained for Wrights home and vehicles. Crime scene investigators utilized luminal and other forensic technology to process the home. During the search traces of Francis' blood were found on top of the ceiling fan, inside the smoke detector, on the sub-flooring and a fish aquarium. It was apparent that Wright had made an in depth attempt to conceal a crime scene.

Numerous investigative methods were used during this investigation including tracking devices placed on Wrights vehicles, cellular phone records and analysis, forensic computer exams, aerial / K-9 and dive searches, investigative Grand Juries and polygraphs.

After a two year investigation was completed, this case was presented to a Campbell County Grand Jury in July of 2014. Wright was charged with 2nd Degree Murder and improperly disposing of a human body. Wright accepted a plea agreement

to serve 26 years in jail. Several searches were conducted but Wendy Francis' body has not been found. This is the counties first known "no body" homicide.

On January 24, 2014, the Campbell County Sheriff's Office was notified that a minor female victim had been tattooed against her will by an adult. Investigator Stuart Herndon conducted an investigation into this matter and located a second juvenile victim as well. In addition to charging the suspected tattooist in this matter, Alexander Edwards, the mother of the victims and her boyfriend were charged with malicious wounding as they attempted to remove the tattoos from the victims. This investigation also led to more charges against Edwards alleging sexual abuse.

On June 27, 2014, Investigator Cliff Wood began an investigation into the death of a three month old infant. The investigation revealed that the infant had undergone a hernia operation soon after birth and that strict post operation instructions were given to the guardians. After the death of the child, it was determined that the child had experienced diarrhea, been vomiting blood, and ran a high fever just prior to his death. These were all included as signs too look for following the surgery, and if present, seek prompt medical attention. Based on the failure to seek medical attention for the child, felony murder and felony child abuse indictments were returned against Timothy Carderelli (father), and Patricia Higgonbotham (grandmother).

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

All sections of the Field Operations Division are supervised by Captain J. Kevin Schmitt.

Special Operations (formerly known as the Traffic Unit)

During 2014, Special Operations was assigned to the Field Division. The Special Operations supervisor maintained responsibility for traffic enforcement. The unit provided a proactive approach to traffic enforcement as well as a reactive response to calls for service when needed. A high emphasis is placed on community awareness and involvement in heavily populated areas. This is in an effort to reduce traffic crashes which in turn reduces property loss, injuries, and fatalities.

Special Operations is responsible for various speaking engagements and demonstrations to promote traffic safety, to include class action with SRO's and juvenile licensing ceremonies (monthly).

They also represent the department in a regional effort to promote traffic safety as a member and Vice President of the Central Virginia Highway Traffic Safety Board. The board meets monthly to plan and strategize effective ways to promote and enforce traffic issues and concerns.

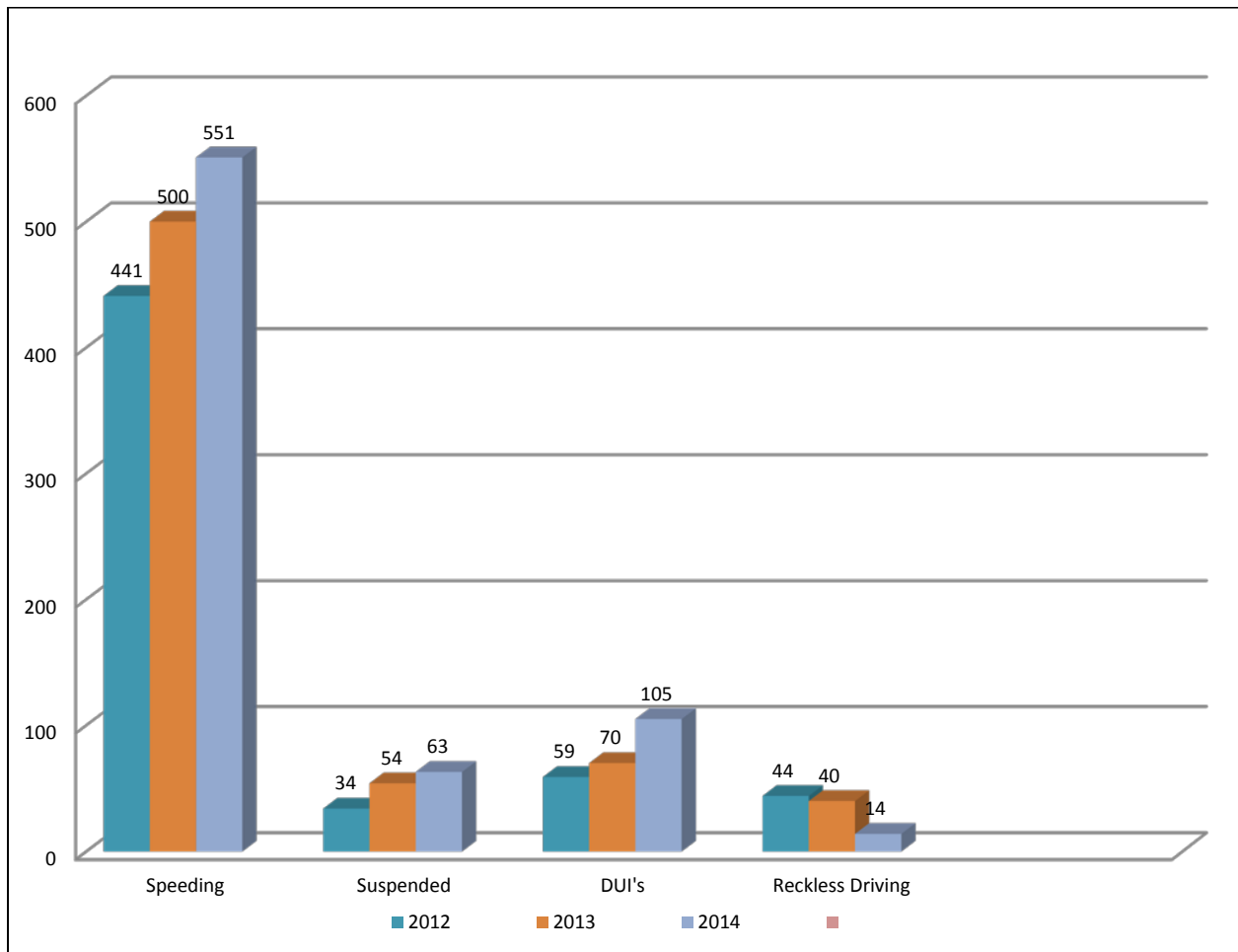
In 2014, Special Operations was responsible for receiving \$24,750.00 in a federal grant from DMV for traffic enforcement in three separate categories. They include DUI Enforcement, Occupant Protection, and Speeding. With this funding, we were able to conduct 10 DUI checkpoints and provide approximately 785.25 man hours of selective enforcement. These man hours were concentrated in school zones, during special events, holidays and in areas of the county that statistically showed a high crash rate. We have also recently partnered with the Campbell County Hipe Coalition in an effort to prevent underage drinking and driving. With this funding extra patrols are assigned as well as checkpoints.

The following are traffic related statistics that includes **all three Divisions** of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office for the calendar year of 2014:

Total Summons Issued: 1078

Reckless Driving:	14	Seat Belts:	83
Speeding:	551	Parking:	20
DUI:	105	Other:	242
Drive Suspended:	63		

The following is a comparison from 2012-2014:



Special Response Team Operations (SRT)

The Special Response Team was activated for 9 call outs during 2014

On January 14, 2014, the team was activated to assist Amherst County Sheriff's Office. They had obtained a search warrant for a residence on Old Rustburg Road in Campbell County in reference to a subject wanted for a murder that had occurred in their jurisdiction earlier in the day. The Team made entry into the residence through a rear door after raking and breaking a side window. The residence was secured and turned over to Amherst Investigators. Suspect was not at the location but was apprehended the following day.

On January 19, 2014, the team was activated in reference to an incident in the town of Altavista. This was a reported hostage / barricade incident and one male victim had been shot in the leg. Altavista Police Department, VSP, and CCSO were all on scene while the team assembled. Prior to making entry into the residence, the suspect surrendered and was taken into custody.

On January 20, 2014, members from the SRT assisted the Drug Task Force with the execution of a search warrant on Shannon Drive in Campbell County. No breach on the residence was needed as the home owner opened the door and was served with the search warrant. The house was secured and turned over to the task force.

On February 9, 2014, the team was activated in reference to assisting Lynchburg PD with the execution of a search warrant on Deer Creek Drive in Campbell County. The main door was breached with a ram and the two occupants in the residence were secured. The scene was turned over to LPD to conduct the search and interviews of the suspects.

On February 27, 2014, the team was activated in reference to assisting Amherst County Sheriff's Office with the execution of a drug search warrant on Red House Road

in Campbell County. The sniper observer team was deployed to provide surveillance on the residence. Prior to making entry the Amherst Task Force cancelled the execution of the warrant due to the suspect not being at this location.

On March 3, 2014, the team was activated to assist the State Police with simultaneous search warrants in reference to meth labs in two separate locations in Campbell County. Two team members were assigned to secure the outside of the residence while VSP made entry.

On March 3, 2014, the team was activated and used to secure the perimeter of a residence on Sage Drive. The team secured the outside of the residence while VSP called 4 suspects out from inside. One team member used a break and rake distraction on a rear window while VSP made entry through the front door. All suspects were taken into custody and the scene was turned over to VSP.

On April 14, 2014, members of the team were activated to assist the field units with a suicidal barricaded suspect on Hunter Road in Brookneal. The suspect would not answer the barricaded door and advised that he had cut himself and was bleeding. All windows and doors were covered and secured. After several hours of negotiations a decision to make entry was made. The front door was breached while the back window was broken as a distraction. A flash bang was deployed and the male subject was found hiding under a bed. He was taken into custody and transported to Lynchburg General under an ECO.

On July 29, 2014, the team was activated in reference to serving a drug search warrant on Holly Ridge in Campbell County. The home owner opened the door when the team knocked and a breach was not made. The occupant was taken into custody and the residence was secured and turned over to investigators to search and interview suspects.

The Team conducted 12 trainings in 2014. Topics covered and trained on included:

- Entry drills,
- Marksmanship with the pistol and rifle
- Select fire with the rifle
- Less lethal with bean bags and gas
- Sniper marksman training
- Team movements
- Clearing drills
- Direct to threat active shooter
- Slow and deliberate
- Bunker training
- Night vision training
- Low light marksmanship
- Open terrain movements
- Chemical munitions
- Breach training
- Flash bang
- Scenario based training
- Hostage rescue
- Self aid buddy care
- Stairwell movements
- Officer down drills

Two joint trainings were conducted with Amherst County Sheriff's Office and VSP in 2014. In April members from the team participated in black hawk night missions with VSP. In July members trained and certified Amherst County Sheriff's Office in chemical munitions.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

All sections of the Administrative Services Division are supervised by Captain Cindy R. Caldwell.

COURT SECURITY AND PRISONER CONTROL

In the year 2014, there were five full-time and three part-time deputies assigned to security in the Campbell County Courthouse complex. Court security logged 6,482 hours of service. This duty consisted of providing bailiffs for the four courtrooms and security officers for the courthouse security checkpoint.

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.

There were no work related injuries during this time period.

TRANSPORT UNIT

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office Transport Unit consists of one full-time deputy (Deputy Allen Bowyer.) Both full-time and part-time deputies fill in when necessary to provide transportation to and from courts, jails, hospitals, etc.

There were a total of 332 "logged" transports of prisoners and 54 mental commitments and another 84 mental transports conducted by members of the Sheriff's Office. A total time of 1,064 hours spent and a total of 24,256 miles driven performing this function.

There were also 16 Extraditions (out of state prisoner transports.) Nine of the extraditions were completed by one member of the Sheriff's Office and one VA State Police Trooper. The remaining 6 extraditions were completed by 2 members of the Sheriff' Office on each trip out of state. Locations traveled included the following - Kentucky , Pennsylvania , Florida , New York ,Georgia , Arkansas , Maryland , South Carolina , North 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 Down 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. There are also fifty-five deputies certified to operate and utilize the OSPREY receiver equipment used in the search and location of any lost Project Lifesaver client.

For the year 2014 there were 60 calls for service involving PLS consisting of normal client equipment servicing/inspection, school and instruction, public awareness presentations.

Approximately 48 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 Darren Bolling. Completed applications along with the criminal background check results are presented to Circuit Court Judge John T. Cook for final approval. The approved permit is then issued by a Circuit Court Deputy Clerk.

During 2014, 1,086 concealed weapon permits were investigated and issued and 21 permits were denied or revoked as a result of adverse court actions involving the applicants. There was a felony perjury charge obtained for knowingly making a false statement on the permit application. Also, two criminal histories were corrected (the criminal history showed that the person had been convicted of a felony and in fact the person had been convicted of a misdemeanor.)

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Deputy Allen Bowyer is a certified Driving Instructor who assists with the instruction of basic police academy students. During most academy classes he provides at least 80 hours of instruction.

Sergeant Bill Elliott is the lead on the department's accreditation program. He spent 377 hours while performing this function.

Deputy Anthony (Tony) Bates has taken on the role of chaplain for the department. Deputy Bates has conducted many home and hospital visits to provide comfort to those who are in need of support and understanding in a time of need.

Deputy Nathan Funderburk is responsible for maintaining the spare and special use vehicle's that are used by the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Funderburk has to ensure that these vehicles are ready at a moment's notice for use. These vehicles include but are not limited to the following – transport van, SRT vehicle and the department's evidence van.

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 (trash is removed from the roadways.) There were 97 hours logged in this program in 2014.

TRAINING

Sergeant Bill Elliott completed the CIT, critical incident training, which gave him the tools to work better with persons who are experiencing emotional and/or mental difficulties.

The courthouse security team conducted a full day of realistic training, both in a range setting, where live fire and use of force drills were conducted, and in the

courthouse conducting drills for responding to critical incident situations that may occur within the courthouse complex.

CIVIL PROCESS

Total civil process served January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:	18,689
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Total civil process served by Lt. Gerald Lacy, Sgt. Terry Cook, Deputy Devon Tweedy, Deputy John Wingfield:	13,840
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Total EPO, PPO, and OOP (includes all protective orders):	2,246
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Writ of Possession served:	285
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Levies served:	47
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WARRANTS

In the year 2014, the Sheriff's Office served 3,673 arrest warrants. The number of unserved (unable to locate) warrants is approximately 94.

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 2014 Lieutenant Lacy worked 48 nuisance complaints.

K-9 Activities

During the year 2014 Master Deputy Robert Layne and K9 Atlas (hereinafter referred to as The Team) were activated numerous times. The Team conducted training twelve times during 2014. Training consisted of an eight hour training session each day. The areas covered during the sessions were vehicle searches, different types of building searches, school searches, inside and outside hides of narcotics.

During the 2014 year The Team was called to help aid in searching of schools in Campbell County and surrounding areas. The Team was called out several times to assist the Field Division with traffic stops. The Team was called to assist the Virginia State Police with traffic stops. The Team was used on several search warrants served in Campbell County in 2014.

Goals in 2015 for The Team are to train more often. Items have been purchased this year to build The Team's training and work ethic. The Team hopes to stay available to Campbell County and surrounding Counties to aid in the fight against Drugs.

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

FLEET MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

The Sheriff's Office purchased 5 Ford Police Interceptors in 2014, 6 Chevy Impalas and 1 Ford Fusion Hybrid. This is the first hybrid vehicle we have purchased for the fleet. This vehicle is averaging 43 miles to the gallon. We are looking into purchasing more of these vehicles in the future to help save on fuel expenses.

During 2014, the office had 19 incidents of county owned vehicles damaged in accidents. Total damage for accidents amounted to approximately \$28,418.49. We received \$24,022.88 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 \$5,545.21. The resulted in a positive cash flow of \$18,447.67.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

There are 7 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 2014. 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. These lock downs were followed by faculty presentations which gave an opportunity for questions to be answered. These were eye-opening events for the staff at the schools and hopefully will contribute to safer school environments. 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” training was presented to every Campbell County School employee in 2014 by the SRO’s. These 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 Run, Hide, Fight concept was 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 SRO's continued Immediate Action Rapid Deployment 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.

Several SRO's attended Active Shooter training conducted by the Department Of Homeland Security at the Federal Law Enforcement Training center in 2014. The other SRO's will complete this training in April 2015.

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 have Cross Match fingerprint machines placed in them. These were purchased by the school division. 359 fingerprints were completed by SRO's during 2014.

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 with over 285 deputies for special events totaling over 900 man hours.

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, as well as the Campbell County K-9 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 2014-2015 School Year:

- Lt. Mike Lawhorn – (Supervisor) Rustburg High School
- Sgt. Robert Hutcherson – (Supervisor) Altavista Combined School
- Sgt. Russ Glass – (Supervisor) Brookville High School
- Master Deputy Robert Layne – Rustburg Middle School
- Deputy Curtis Rice – William Campbell Combined School
- 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
- Deputy Vince Keller – Brookneal, Concord and Rustburg Elementary Schools.

**Lt. Mike Lawhorn, Sgt. 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 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. An example of these cost saving measures is the re-issuing of uniforms to other employees as the need arises. Many repairs to vehicles are conducted in house to save mechanic / repair fees. Oil changes in fleet vehicles are now done at 6000 miles instead of 3000 miles by using only synthetic oil. Push bars were added to numerous 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 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. 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 is 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