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Community Report Community Relations Report Crime Prevention Program Evaluation 2012

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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.

The total number of employees as of January 2013 is 121.

This includes law Enforcement, Correctional, Raid/Court services, Animal Control, Dispatchers, Jail Cooks, Support Staff and Part Time Employees.

From 01 January 2012 through 31 December 2012 The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received/conducted the following:

Calls for Service	-	17,659
911 Hang Up Calls	-	531
Alarms	-	742
Animal Control	-	1,874
Concealed Weapon Applications	-	694
Funeral Escorts	-	176
Protective Orders	-	407
Traffic Stops	-	4,325
Incident / Investigations		
Incidents	-	1678
Offenses	-	1804
Arrests		
Charges	-	777
Arrests	-	674
Criminal Papers Served	-	2277
Civil Papers Served	-	6706
Uniform Citations	-	2671

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) 473-8230.

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 Planning 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.botetourtsheiff.org 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.

Through combined efforts of effective Policing, Investigation and Crime Prevention, the number of overall criminal incidents was down 6.2% from the previous year.

Categories with **Decreased** Incidents: *(Percentages from 2010 to 2011)*

Aggravated Assaults	All Other Larceny
Bad Checks	Burglary/Breaking & Entering
Counterfeiting/Forgery	Destruction/Vandalism
Drug Equipment Violations	Drug/Narcotic Violations
Forcible Sodomy	Impersonation
Kidnapping	Liquor Law Violations
Motor Vehicle Theft	Non-Violent Family Offenses
Prostitution	Statutory Rape
Theft from Machine	Theft from Motor Vehicle
Trespassing	Wire Fraud

Categories with **Increased** Incidents: *(Percentages from 2010 to 2011)*

Credit Card/ATM Fraud	Disorderly Conduct
Driving under the Influence	Embezzlement
Forcible Rape	Gambling
Incest	Intimidation
Juvenile Runaway	Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter
Pornography	Public Drunkenness
Robbery	Sexual Assault with Object
Simple Assault	Theft from Building
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	Weapon Law Violations

Categories with **Equal/No Change** in incidents: *(Percentages from 2010 to 2011)*

All Other Offenses	Arson
Curfew Violations	Extortion
Forcible Fondling (Child)	Justifiable Homicide
Obtain Money/False Pretenses	Peeping Tom

OFFENSE	2007	2008	CHANGE	2009	CHANGE	2010	CHANGE	2011	CHANGE	2012	CHANGE
Aggravated Assault	13	13	0%	10	-30%	19	47%	17	-12%	19	11%
All Other Larceny	203	217	6%	162	-34%	154	-5%	118	-31%	89	-33%
All Other Offenses	672	543	-24%	539	-1%	742	27%	744	0%	687	-8%
Arson	4	3	-33%	2	-50%	4	50%	4	0%	2	-100%
Bad Checks	33	26	-27%	11	-136%	18	39%	10	-80%	6	-67%
Burglary/Breaking Entering	56	47	-19%	80	41%	84	5%	64	-31%	74	14%
Counterfeiting/Forging	16	19	16%	19	0%	25	24%	12	-108%	15	20%
Curfew Violations	2	1	-100%	0	100%	1	100%	1	0%	1	0%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	17	17	0%	22	23%	11	-100%	12	8%	14	14%
Destruction/Vandalism	171	223	23%	174	-28%	189	8%	133	-42%	135	1%
Disorderly Conduct	17	15	-13%	17	12%	11	-55%	13	15%	13	0%
Driving Under the Influence	56	47	-19%	43	-9%	71	39%	74	4%	51	-45%
Drug Equipment Violations	1	3	67%	2	-50%	6	67%	2	-200%	0	100%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	150	211	29%	145	-46%	180	19%	153	-18%	129	-19%
Embezzlement	3	11	73%	8	-38%	4	-100%	11	64%	10	-10%
Extortion	0	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Forcible Fondling (Child)	4	7	43%	6	-17%	7	14%	7	0%	13	46%
Forcible Rape	4	6	33%	7	14%	2	-250%	3	33%	3	0%
Forcible Sodomy	2	7	71%	2	-250%	2	0%	0	100%	1	100%
Gambling/Equipment Violations	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%
Impersonation	3	5	40%	11	55%	5	-120%	1	-400%	3	67%
Incest	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	2	100%	1	-100%
Intimidation	0	0	0%	22	100%	18	-22%	19	5%	15	-27%
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Juvenile Runaway	29	18	-61%	24	25%	3	-700%	14	79%	14	0%
Kidnapping	4	7	43%	2	-250%	1	-100%	0	100%	4	100%
Liquor Law Violations	16	41	61%	29	-41%	27	-7%	18	-50%	24	25%
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	18	17%	16	-13%	18	11%	14	-29%	11	-27%
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%
Non-Violent Family Offenses	8	12	33%	11	-9%	10	-10%	9	-11%	21	57%
Obtain Money/False Pretense	23	31	26%	31	0%	29	-7%	29	0%	31	6%
Peeping Tom	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Pocket Picking	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	4	75%	2	-100%	1	-100%	5	80%	4	-25%
Prostitution	0	0	0%	1	100%	1	0%	0	100%	0	0%
Public Drunkenness	71	84	15%	61	-38%	60	-2%	71	15%	54	-31%
Robbery	5	1	-400%	2	50%	3	33%	4	25%	1	-300%
Sexual Assault with Object	1	4	75%	0	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%
Shoplifting	11	17	35%	11	-55%	13	15%	13	0%	19	32%
Simple Assault	124	116	-7%	142	18%	159	11%	163	2%	154	-6%
Statutory Rape	2	0	100%	1	100%	3	67%	1	-200%	0	100%
Stolen Property Offenses	5	4	-25%	5	20%	2	-150%	2	0%	5	60%
Theft from Building	36	24	-50%	26	8%	21	-24%	48	56%	63	24%
Theft from Machine	2	3	33%	6	50%	4	-50%	2	-100%	2	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	32	29	-10%	50	42%	51	2%	36	-42%	34	-6%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	4	15	73%	18	17%	13	-38%	16	19%	21	24%
Trespassing	12	19	37%	17	-12%	22	23%	18	-22%	18	0%
Weapon Law Violations	15	16	6%	17	6%	14	-21%	22	36%	20	-10%
Wire Fraud	2	6	67%	5	-20%	6	17%	1	-500%	5	80%
TOTAL OFFENSES	1846	1892		1761		2014		1889		1788	