

BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COMMUNITY REPORT FOR 2010

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THE BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS. CRIME PREVENTION IS AND WILL REMAIN AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO COMBAT CRIME.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

THE BOTETOURT COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND ACCEPTS EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY 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 OF THE REQUEST. FOR INSTANCE, A VIOLENT OR ONGOING CRIME WOULD BE A PRIORITY OVER A PROPERTY. SHERIFF SPRINKLE HAS A WELL-KNOWN "OPEN DOOR" POLICY THAT WELCOMES CONCERNS AND COMMENTS FROM ALL CITIZENS. CITIZENS FREQUENTLY CONTACT HIM IN PERSON OR BY PHONE.

THE CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST – LIEUTENANT J. L. STRITESKY - IS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND VARIOUS CIVIC GROUPS, BUSINESSES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. LT. STRITESKY PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS AS NEEDED. SHOULD YOU HAVE A REQUEST OR CONCERN YOU MAY CONTACT LT. STRITESKY AT (540) 473-8351 OR JSTRITESKY@BOTETOURTSHERIFF.ORG.

ISSUES AFFECTING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

BUDGETS HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE THE GREATEST ISSUE AFFECTING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR IN PARTICULAR, WITH UNPRECEDENTED BUDGET CUTS FROM FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ADDITION TO THE HIGH COST OF FUEL DURING PREVIOUS YEARS PUT AN ADDED STRAIN ON RESOURCES.

THE BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL WERE MOVED IN OCTOBER 2007 TO A NEW FACILITY LOCATED AT 205 N. ROANOKE STREET IN FINCASTLE THAT HAS ENHANCED STORAGE CAPABILITIES, SECURITY AND WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

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 THIS 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
- THE REGIONAL FRAUD INVESTIGATORS

THE BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUALLY STRIVES TO IMPROVE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY CITIZENS 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 ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC VIA THE BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEB SITE AT (WWW.BOTETOURTSHERIFF.ORG), THROUGH THE LOCAL MEDIA (*THE FINCASTLE HERALD, THE ROANOKE TIMES, WDBJ 7, WSL 10 AND WSET 13*) AND THROUGH NEWSLETTERS TO SENIOR CITIZENS INVOLVED WITH THE BOTETOURT COUNTY TRIAD. THIS AGENCY WORKS DILIGENTLY TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS EXPRESSED BY THE COMMUNITY IN A TIMELY MANNER IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING AVAILABLE RESOURCES WHEN NEEDED.

THE FOLLOWING SPREADSHEET COMPILES CRIME DATA FOR PAST SIX YEARS.

OFFENSE	2005	2006	CHANGE	2007	CHANGE	2008	CHANGE	2009	CHANGE	2010	CHANGE
Aggravated Assault	22	15	-47%	13	-15%	13	0%	10	-30%	19	47%
All Other Larceny	249	210	-19%	203	-3%	217	6%	162	-34%	154	-5%
All Other Offenses	653	658	1%	672	2%	543	-24%	539	-1%	742	27%
Arson	2	3	33%	4	25%	3	-33%	2	-50%	4	50%
Bad Checks	32	19	-68%	33	42%	26	-27%	11	-136%	18	39%
Burglary/Breaking Entering	40	59	32%	56	-5%	47	-19%	80	41%	84	5%
Counterfeiting/Forging	27	20	-35%	16	-25%	19	16%	19	0%	25	24%
Curfew Violations	5	2	-150%	2	0%	1	-100%	0		1	100%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	20	14	-43%	17	18%	17	0%	22	23%	11	-100%
Destruction/Vandalism	214	196	-9%	171	-15%	223	23%	174	-28%	189	8%
Disorderly Conduct	9	10	10%	17	41%	15	-13%	17	12%	11	-55%
Driving Under the Influence	88	90	2%	56	-61%	47	-19%	43	-9%	71	39%
Drug Equipment Violations	1	3	67%	1	-200%	3	67%	2	-50%	6	67%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	136	177	23%	150	-18%	211	29%	145	-46%	180	19%
Embezzlement	8	9	11%	3	-200%	11	73%	8	-38%	4	-100%
Extortion	0	0		0		0		1	100%	0	
Forcible Fondling (Child)	13	11	-18%	4	-175%	7	43%	6	-17%	7	14%
Forcible Rape	2	1	-100%	4	75%	6	33%	7	14%	2	-250%
Forcible Sodomy	2	2	0%	2	0%	7	71%	2	-250%	2	0%
Gambling/Equipment Violations	3	0		0		0		0		0	
Impersonation	2	3	33%	3	0%	5	40%	11	55%	5	-120%
Incest	1	0		0		1	100%	0		0	
Intimidation	4	5	20%	0		0		22	100%	18	-22%
Justifiable Homicide	0	0		0		0		1	100%	0	
Juvenile Runaway	42	36	-17%	29	-24%	18	-61%	24	25%	3	-700%
Kidnapping	2	2	0%	4	50%	7	43%	2	-250%	1	-100%
Liquor Law Violations	19	26	27%	16	-63%	41	61%	29	-41%	27	-7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	21	-24%	15	-40%	18	17%	16	-13%	18	11%
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2	0		1	100%	0		0		0	
Non-Violent Family Offenses	35	16	-119%	8	-100%	12	33%	11	-9%	10	-10%
Obtain Money/False Pretense	29	37	22%	23	-61%	31	26%	31	0%	29	-7%
Peeping Tom	0	0		0		0		0		0	
Pocket Picking	0	0		0		1	100%	0		0	
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	0		1	100%	4	75%	2	-100%	1	-100%
Prostitution	1	0		0		0		1	100%	1	0%
Public Drunkenness	79	90	12%	71	-27%	84	15%	61	-38%	60	-2%
Robbery	1	0		5	100%	1	-400%	2	50%	3	33%
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0		1	100%	4	75%	0		0	
Shoplifting	10	13	23%	11	-18%	17	35%	11	-55%	13	15%
Simple Assault	158	186	15%	124	-50%	116	-7%	142	18%	159	11%
Statutory Rape	0	1	100%	2	50%	0		1	100%	3	67%
Stolen Property Offenses	6	3	-100%	5	40%	4	-25%	5	20%	2	-150%
Theft from Building	31	30	-3%	36	17%	24	-50%	26	8%	21	-24%
Theft from Machine	11	11	0%	2	-450%	3	33%	6	50%	4	-50%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	50	34	-47%	32	-6%	29	-10%	50	42%	51	2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	34	18	-89%	4	-350%	15	73%	18	17%	13	-38%
Trespassing	16	27	41%	12	-125%	19	37%	17	-12%	22	23%
Weapon Law Violations	18	23	22%	15	-53%	16	6%	17	6%	14	-21%
Wire Fraud	0	1	100%	2	50%	6	67%	5	-20%	6	17%
TOTAL OFFENSES	2105	2082		1846		1892		1761		2014	