

BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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BOTETOURTSHERIFF.ORG

COMMUNITY REPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION 2013

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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 2014 IS 116.

THIS INCLUDES LAW ENFORCEMENT, CORRECTIONAL, RAID/COURT SERVICES, ANIMAL CONTROL, DISPATCHERS, JAIL COOKS, SUPPORT STAFF AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES.

FROM 01 JANUARY 2013 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 2013 THE BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVED/CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING:

CALLS FOR SERVICE	-	16,607
911 HANG UP CALLS	-	377
ALARMS	-	707
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS	-	1,623
CONCEALED WEAPON APPLICATIONS	-	1007
FUNERAL ESCORTS	-	176
PROTECTIVE ORDERS	-	295
TRAFFIC STOPS	-	4,787
INCIDENT / INVESTIGATIONS:		
INCIDENTS	-	1597
OFFENSES	-	1687
ARRESTS:		
CHARGES	-	701
ARRESTS	-	620
CRIMINAL PAPERS SERVED	-	1925
CIVIL PAPERS SERVED	-	6507
UNIFORM CITATIONS	-	3000

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.BOTETOURTSHERIFF.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 2012 TO 2013)**

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	ALL OTHER LARCENY
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	CREDIT CARD/ATM FRAUD
DESTRUCTION/VANDALISM	EMBEZZLEMENT
FORCIBLE RAPE	JUVENILE RUNAWAY
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	NON-VIOLENT FAMILY OFFENSES
OBTAIN MONEY/FALSE PRETENSE	PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL
SHOPLIFTING	SIMPLE ASSAULT
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS

CATEGORIES WITH **INCREASED INCIDENTS: (PERCENTAGES FROM 2012 TO 2013)**

BAD CHECKS	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS
EXTORTION	IMPERSONATION
INTIMIDATION	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE	PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS
ROBBERY	THEFT FROM BUILDING
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	TRESPASSING

CATEGORIES WITH **EQUAL/NO CHANGE IN INCIDENTS: (PERCENTAGES FROM 2012 TO 2013)**

ARSON	FORCIBLE FONDLING (CHILD)
FORCIBLE SODOMY	GAMBLING/EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	KIDNAPPING
PROSTITUTION	SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH OBJECT
STATUTORY RAPE	WIRE FRAUD

Offense	2008	2009	Change	2010	Change	2011	Change	2012	Change	2013	Change
Aggravated Assault	13	10	-30%	19	47%	17	-12%	19	11%	9	-111%
All Other Larceny	217	162	-34%	154	-5%	118	-31%	89	-33%	76	-17%
All Other Offenses	543	539	-1%	742	27%	744	0%	687	-8%	645	-7%
Arson	3	2	-50%	4	50%	4	0%	2	-100%	2	0%
Bad Checks	26	11	-136%	18	39%	10	-80%	6	-67%	7	14%
Burglary/Breaking Entering	47	80	41%	84	5%	64	-31%	74	14%	38	-95%
Counterfeiting/Forging	19	19	0%	25	24%	12	-108%	15	20%	13	-15%
Curfew Violations	1	0	100%	1	100%	1	0%	1	0%	0	100%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	17	22	23%	11	-100%	12	8%	14	14%	5	-180%
Destruction/Vandalism	223	174	-28%	189	8%	133	-42%	135	1%	122	-11%
Disorderly Conduct	15	17	12%	11	-55%	13	15%	13	0%	22	41%
Driving Under the Influence	47	43	-9%	71	39%	74	4%	51	-45%	52	2%
Drug Equipment Violations	3	2	-50%	6	67%	2	-200%	0	100%	2	100%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	211	145	-46%	180	19%	153	-18%	129	-19%	154	16%
Embezzlement	11	8	-38%	4	-100%	11	64%	10	-10%	5	-100%
Extortion	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Forcible Fondling (Child)	7	6	-17%	7	14%	7	0%	13	46%	13	0%
Forcible Rape	6	7	14%	2	-250%	3	33%	3	0%	2	-50%
Forcible Sodomy	7	2	-250%	2	0%	0	100%	1	100%	1	0%
Gambling/Equipment Violations	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%
Impersonation	5	11	55%	5	-120%	1	-400%	3	67%	6	50%
Incest	1	0	100%	0	0%	2	100%	1	-100%	0	100%
Intimidation	0	22	100%	18	-22%	19	5%	15	-27%	18	17%
Justifiable Homicide	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Juvenile Runaway	18	24	25%	3	-700%	14	79%	14	0%	11	-27%
Kidnapping	7	2	-250%	1	-100%	0	100%	4	100%	4	0%
Liquor Law Violations	41	29	-41%	27	-7%	18	-50%	24	25%	23	-4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	16	-13%	18	11%	14	-29%	11	-27%	16	31%
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	1	100%
Non-Violent Family Offenses	12	11	-9%	10	-10%	9	-11%	21	57%	11	-91%
Obtain Money/False Pretense	31	31	0%	29	-7%	29	0%	31	6%	24	-29%
Peeping Tom	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%
Pocket Picking	1	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	2	-100%	1	-100%	5	80%	4	-25%	1	-300%
Prostitution	0	1	100%	1	0%	0	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Public Drunkenness	84	61	-38%	60	-2%	71	15%	54	-31%	57	5%
Robbery	1	2	50%	3	33%	4	25%	1	-300%	3	67%
Sexual Assault with Object	4	0	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	100%	0	0%
Shoplifting	17	11	-55%	13	15%	13	0%	19	32%	17	-12%
Simple Assault	116	142	18%	159	11%	163	2%	154	-6%	143	-8%
Statutory Rape	0	1	100%	3	67%	1	-200%	0	100%	0	0%
Stolen Property Offenses	4	5	20%	2	-150%	2	0%	5	60%	0	100%
Theft from Building	24	26	8%	21	-24%	48	56%	63	24%	69	9%
Theft from Machine	3	6	50%	4	-50%	2	-100%	2	0%	3	33%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	29	50	42%	51	2%	36	-42%	34	-6%	44	23%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	15	18	17%	13	-38%	16	19%	21	24%	13	-62%
Trespassing	19	17	-12%	22	23%	18	-22%	18	0%	26	31%
Weapon Law Violations	16	17	6%	14	-21%	22	36%	20	-10%	16	-25%
Wire Fraud	6	5	-20%	6	17%	1	-500%	5	80%	5	0%
TOTAL OFFENSES	1892	1761		2014		1889		1788		1680	