**BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

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**Community Report**

**Community Relations Report**

**Crime Prevention Program Evaluation**

**2012**

**PER ADM 20.01**

**PER ADM 20.02**

**PER ADM 21.01**

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.botetourtsheriff.org*](http://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 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

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| **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** |  |