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Upcoming Events & Holidays

Sept. 2nd – Labor Day

Sept. 7th – Glade Hill FD Community Day
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sept. 11th – Patriot Day

Sept. 14th – Moonshine Car Show
4087 Snow Creek Rd
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Sept. 18th – Sept 21st - Franklin County
Agricultural Fair**
Franklin County Recreation Park

Sept. 23rd – First Day of Fall

Sept. 26th – CRASE Event
Franklin Center
6:00 PM – 8:00PM

Sept. 28th – Boones Mill Apple Festival
Main Street, Boones Mill
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sept. 28th – 29th - SML Wine Festival
Crazy Horse Marina
28th - 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
29th – 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

FCSO Participates in Fund Raiser

Franklin County Sheriff’s Office was involved in a basketball exhibition to assist the Shalynda M. Toney Scholarship Fund. “We were so honored to be a part of this wonderful cause,” Sheriff Bill Overton said

Saturday. “Thanks to all those who helped organize, work and participate in this event.” The event was held Saturday, August 3rd at the FCHS Central Gym.



Annual SML Meeting



Thursday, August 1st, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office attended the Annual Meeting of the Smith Mountain Lake Association at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Many organizations, plus several other law enforcement agencies were in attendance.



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Sheriff Overton attended and commented on the group's great efforts and concerns for the lake safety, cleanliness and recreation.

August 3rd to "PACK THE BUS". This annual effort helps raise funds / items for those FC students that need assistance pertaining to school supplies.

FCSO Holds Rules Camp

FCSO held Virginia Rules Camp at the W. E. Skelton 4 – H Educational Conference Center again this year. This fourth annual event is free for all middle school students. Funding comes from local donations and the Virginia Attorney General's Office. Students participated in outdoor events like archery, horseback riding, canoeing and much more. The attendees also learned about crime prevention, dangers of drugs and alcohol, trust, respect and internet safety. Thank you to everyone that assisted us this year.



It was a HUGE success and turnout. Sheriff Bill Overton said, "This is just one of many examples where Franklin County comes together for a great cause. We value our students, teachers and all school staff as they enter this new scholastic year. We pray for a good and safe school year. Thanks to Walmart, Corey and all his staff and all those who made this event possible."

[Franklin News Post Link](#)

FCSO Helps Fill the Bus

Rocky Mount Walmart, FC Public School System, Salvation Army and Franklin County Sheriff's Office joined forces Saturday,





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Photo shows Walmart Store Manager, Corey Goins and Sheriff Bill Overton. Group photo shows all involved, including Franklin County Deputies, Chris Powell and H. L. Nolen.

Office Dodge Charger. With the kids, pictured is FCSO Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff, Amber Mitchell. It was a great day for a carnival, and everyone had a blast!

Touch a Truck Event

Saturday, August 3rd, Putting A Dent in Mental Health Touch A Truck Event was held in the Law Parking Lot on the FCHS Campus. Many agencies and organizations participated in this community outreach. Pictured are Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Deputy Gary Arrington and Event Organizer, Jonathan Smith. Thanks to all that came out, displayed a vehicle and donated to the cause.



National Night Out



Carnival at Local Church

Saturday, August 3rd New Life Church of God held a Carnival Day for kids. Near Rt. 220 on AMP Tech Drive, the event produced many kids' activities, plus an up-close view of a Boones Mill Fire Department ladder truck, a farm tractor and a Franklin County Sheriff's

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office held its National Night Out Event this past Tuesday in Westlake. Franklin County residents from all over the county were in attendance. Around 500 people enjoyed all the displays, demonstrations, exhibitions, food, bounce houses and more.



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"This county continues to impress when supporting our law enforcement, public safety and other agencies who offer our residents items and information of helpful intent," Sheriff Bill Overton said Tuesday night. "We are so thankful. "We will be posting many other photos and sharing event pictures from others that were in attendance in the days to come. Thanks, Franklin County for your support!"

Relay for Life



Friday, August 9th, Relay for Life Event was held at the Franklin County Recreation Park on Sontag Road. This event was rescheduled from June due to rain. The Office of the Sheriff had a table display and were involved in activities. Cancer survivors walked a designated track layout throughout the evening and at dusk, the Luminary Walk took place. Bags with candles were lit representing those loved ones who had passed because of cancer's effects.

FCSO Training



Recently, law enforcement agencies trained for an active shooter event at Rocky Mount Elementary School. Participating in the event were Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Public Safety, Rocky Mount Police Department and Virginia Conservation Police. We train to be prepared.



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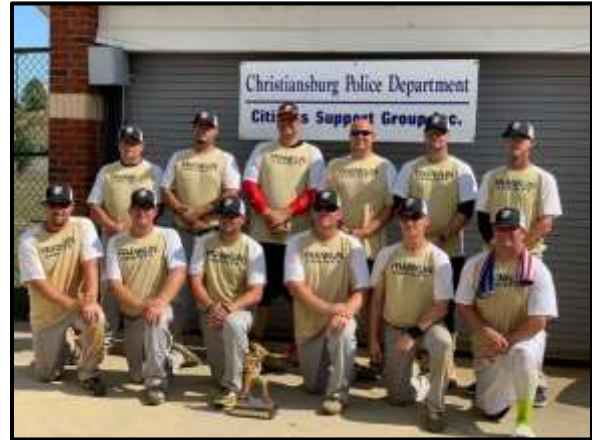
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The day consisted of a morning briefing, active shooter exercises, extractive techniques, search and find scenarios and a de-briefing session at the end of the day.

FCSO Participates in Memorial Softball Tournament

The 15th Annual Fallen Officers Memorial Softball Tournament was held in Christiansburg the weekend of August 17th - 18th. Hosted by the Christiansburg Police Department each year, this tournament draws teams from all over the state of Virginia and raises money towards assisting officer's families where the need arises. FCSO finished in 3rd place this year, behind Green County/Central Virginia and Radford City PD. Thanks to Chief Sisson and all those who helped make this tournament a huge success.



Local Marine Completes Training



Franklin County resident, Peyton Kerr, recently graduated from MCRD Parris Island after 13 weeks of intense training. He graduated as Honor Man from 3rd RTBN Kilo Company Platoon 3057. PFC Kerr is a third generation Marine. Lt. Terry Dameron was able to escort Kerr along the road leading



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into his parents' home. Dameron said, "It was a high moment of honor for me to be involved in this moment of Peyton's life"

Warren Street Festival





The 18th Annual Warren Street Festival was held in Rocky Mount on Friday, August 16th and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was present. Deputies Coretta Hale and Zac Adkins had a table display up and were able to interact with all the folks that attended. It was a great evening as we honored Franklin County African American history. Thanks to all who made this event possible. Great job!

Craze Class

On Thursday, September 26th, Franklin County Sheriff's Office will conduct a free

CRASE Class. CRASE (Citizen Response to An Active Shooter Event) is designed to give residents information and instruction on what to do in an active shooter situation. Class will be at the Franklin Center, 50 Claiborne Ave in Rocky Mount from 6pm – 8pm and pre-registration is required. Contact the Franklin Center at 540-483-0179 to reserve your seat. Brought to you by Sheriff Bill Overton.

Citizen Response To An Active Shooter Event
Presented by
**The Office Of The Sheriff
Franklin County VA**

September 26, 2019
6PM - 8 PM
The Franklin Center
50 Claiborne Ave. Rocky Mount VA
Pre-registration required
Call 540-483-0179 to reserve your seat
Seating is limited

Avoid Deny Defend

This Free Seminar Brought To You by
Sheriff Bill Overton

**Good Wishes to
Franklin County Public Schools**

Sheriff Bill Overton and the Office of the Sheriff wish all the best to the entire Franklin County Public Schools this 2019-2020 school



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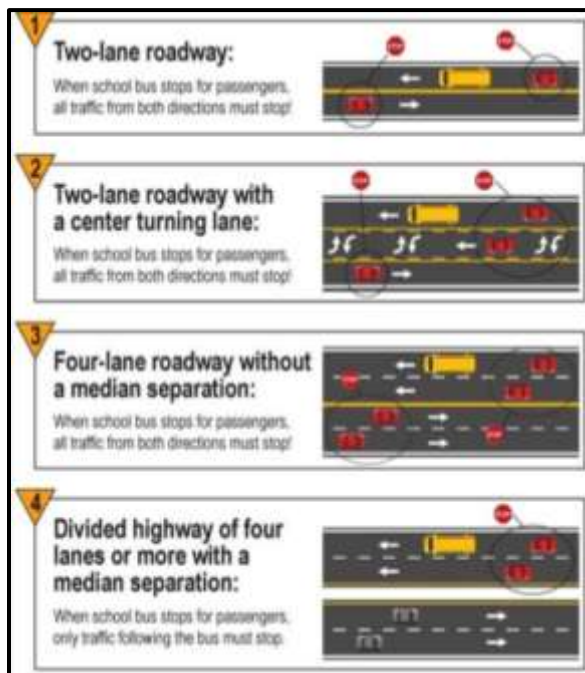
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year. Sheriff Overton has been instrumental in increasing our deputy's presence in the schools all over our county. FCSSO will have resource officers in place and deputies will make several unannounced visits as we patrol Franklin County.

school bus displaying their lights. It is a great reminder as the Office of the Sheriff wishes all students a safe school year.



Bus Pass Laws



The attached graphic reminds all drivers where it is not lawful to pass a stopped



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Criminal Activity

Two Arrested for Theft



[WSET Link](#)

Pipeline Protesters



Wednesday, August 15th, FCSO deputies arrests two persons protesting the MVP project. See attached link for more details.

[WSLS Link](#)



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Letter of Appreciation for FCSO

2019 OGBBC Annual Meeting Parking Committee

7/24/2019

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Major Mike Bowman
Captain Justin Sigmon

Dear Major Bowman and Captain Sigmon,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the support and assistance the Sheriff's Office gave us in our work over our recent Annual Meeting.

Your gracious donation of the time and hours spent by the deputies and officers, out in the rain, to help with our traffic control is humbling and a great blessing to us! The efforts and resources given by you and the Department are much appreciated!

We are blessed to live in Franklin County and be under the care of a Sheriff's Department that is so supportive and understanding of our practices and lifestyle. This only makes us more accountable and more responsible to live and act in a way that shows this gratitude!

Please share our thanks and appreciation to any other deputies, officers, the C.O.P.S. personnel, and last but not least, Sheriff Overton.

On behalf of the Parking Committee,

Daniel Austin, Secretary