



Office of the Sheriff
County of Franklin
Newsletter July 2020

Upcoming Dates & Events

July 4th – Independence Day

McDonalds Gifts FCSO

The McDonald's of Rocky Mount supplied the Franklin County Sheriff's Office night shift employees with a meal on Friday, May 29th. Sgt. Jesse Ramsey is pictured with McDonald's staff Alice Foley and Melissa Spicer.



Flag Day 2020



What we know fondly as the “Stars and Stripes” was adopted by the Second

Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War. Colonial troops fought under many different flags with various symbols and the nation's founders sought to produce one, united flag to represent our new nation. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson declared June 14 each year as Flag Day. The US Army also shares June 14 with Flag Day as its birthday, when ten companies of riflemen were authorized by a resolution of the Continental Congress on 14 June 1775.

Prevent Package Theft

The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office advised residents today ways to prevent package thefts. Online shopping has seen a steady increase over the past few years. It is estimated that 8 in 10 adults are regular online shoppers. Unfortunately, statistics show that nearly 4 in 10 people have fallen victim to package theft.

Here are some pro-active tips to help protect your deliveries:

- (1) Get to know your delivery people to let them know your package preferences. They may be able to help by delivering to a more secure area around your home rather than high visibility areas.
- (2) Track your packages for status updates; Prepare to bring your items into the home ASAP.



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(3) Network with trusted neighbors - teaming up with neighbors can be a smart way to keep your deliveries and neighborhood secure.

(4) Deliver to your workplace (if allowed) or another address where someone will be available to receive it.

(5) Install security cameras or smart doorbell - most are motion detecting and will alert you to your smartphone when movement is found. Many will record and play back video, and have two-way communication so you can see, hear, and respond to what's going on.

We Care ATV Ride



On Saturday, June 13th, the We Care held their ATV ride around the Blue Ridge Parkway. Organizer and former longtime Franklin County Sheriff's Office member, Harry Clingenpeel stated they had many riders and raised over \$1,450 dollars for We

Care Nonprofit. Thanks to Harry and all those that assisted and participated.

National Night Out Cancelled



The Franklin County Sheriff's Office has decided to cancel their August National Night Out event for 2020. Sheriff Bill Overton said today, "We are very sorry, but with the COVID-19 situation still upon us, we cannot risk having 500+ people in close contact. We are looking into ways we can show our appreciation to this community in other, social distancing methods. Thanks to all the businesses, agencies and residents who assist and partner with us. Praying 2021 will be a better year for all."

**Rocky Mount Baptist Gifted
a Pizza Lunch**

Yesterday, June 17th, Rocky Mount Baptist Church donated a hefty pizza lunch from Hema's Italian restaurant to the Office of the Sheriff! The hot lunch was much appreciated on the cold, rainy day. Thank you, Rocky Mount Baptist!!



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Pictured are Courts Deputy Mike Alford (Left) and Corrections Captain Duane Amos (Right).

Self-Inspection of Your Vehicle



Once a year Virginia State Inspection is good but may not be enough to ward off vehicle problems when you travel.

Creating the habit of doing self-inspections of your auto is a good way to prevent unexpected maintenance costs down the road. Also, before you embark on a long road trip, it is a good idea to follow these tips.

Check out this Wikihow website for tips on this subject.

[Inspect Your Vehicle](#)

Virginia Moves to Phase 3



Beginning Wednesday, July 1, Virginia will move into a Phase 3 guideline dealing with Covid-19. Here is a link to a PDF file comparing Phase 2 to the newly instituted Phase 3.

[Phase 3](#)

Watch for our Over the Road Haulers



Driving trucks professionally for a living is a hard job and dangerous job. It requires a great deal of skill and constant alertness. As they deliver many of our necessities very



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day, we can help them by following some simple rules when we are on the highways. See this website for 5 great tips when we share the roads with our trucker friends.

[Sharing The Road With Truckers](#)

New Laws



One new traffic law allows authorities to charge a person with reckless driving if his or her vehicle is traveling 85 miles per hour. Another law states it will now be mandatory for slower drivers using the left lane to move over without the need for an audible warning. You can see a report on these new laws and more at [WFXR-TV](#).