



**STANDING WATCH One Person. One Neighborhood. One Community at a Time.**



**Office of the Sheriff  
County of Franklin  
Newsletter October 2021**



**Upcoming Events & Dates**

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Responders Memorial Service**

11:00 AM – 1:00PM  
1250 N Main St, Rocky Mount

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Cruisin' Rocky Mount**

4:00 PM – 10:00PM

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day**

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Blue Ridge Folklife Festival**

Ferrum College  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween**

**Business Provides Lunch**

Creditors Collection Service, Roanoke, VA, graciously provided the Office of the Sheriff a wonderful lunch catered by El Rio Mexican Grill. We would like to thank all those at CCS, who made this happen for our office, and to El Rio of Rocky Mount. It was a great gesture that was much appreciated.



**Meal Donation**



Our friend, George Morrison of Smith Mountain Lake, had food delivered to our office during the 911 20th Anniversary weekend. Mr. Morrison has provided this generous charity for several years in a row during the time around September 11th.

He was nice enough to provide a lunch time meal for our Day Shift staff and another delivery came as our Night Shift was signing on. We are so grateful to Mr. Morrison and



**STANDING WATCH One Person. One Neighborhood. One Community at a Time.**



## Office of the Sheriff County of Franklin Newsletter October 2021

the Domino's staff that assisted in the delivery efforts.

### Memorial Walk

On Saturday, September 11th, the Rocky Mount Fire Department held a memorial walk from their location on North Main Street to their second location on Floyd Avenue. The walk was to commemorate the fire fighters who lost their lives in the 911 event in New York City 20 years ago.



The event drew dozens of fire department members and local law enforcement representatives. We thank RMFD for organizing this event, Rocky Mount PD and all those who had a part in this most somber memorial. Special thanks to RMFD for the use their photo.

### Shining Star Award



Sheriff Overton presented Cpl. Bryan Johnson the Office of the Sheriff Shining Star Award recently. Overton said when presenting the award, "Corporal Johnson, while on patrol, noticed a piece of equipment that drew his attention. His being observant resulted in the recovery of a stolen item.

### Car Show





**STANDING WATCH One Person. One Neighborhood. One Community at a Time.**



## Office of the Sheriff County of Franklin Newsletter October 2021

For many years, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has attended the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Fund-Raising Car Show held in Bedford, VA.

Our office is very involved with Virginia Special Olympics each year with our Bass Fishing Tournament, so we are honored to participate each year in this event. Thanks to all those who help produce this great event. Special thanks to Franklin County Auxiliary Deputy, Johnny Huddleston (pictured) for being our representative at this fund raiser.

### Stop for School Buses



Children are back in school and school buses are out on our roads. When the STOP sign and bar are out and displayed, always stop and watch for students. It's the law. Drivers are required to follow certain laws when encountering a school bus. Virginia motorists must:

- 1) Stop for stopped school buses with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign when approaching from any direction.

- 2) Remain stopped until everyone is clear, and the bus moves again stop whenever the bus is loading or unloading passengers, even if the lights and stop sign are not activated.
- 3) If a school bus is on the opposite side of a median or barrier, motorists aren't required to stop; however, drivers should be prepared for students exiting the school bus and crossing into their lanes.

### Upcoming NRA "Basic Pistol Shooting

The Office of the Sheriff will be holding in person NRA "Basics of Pistol Shooting" class. This is an 8-hour NRA course that will cover the following topics:

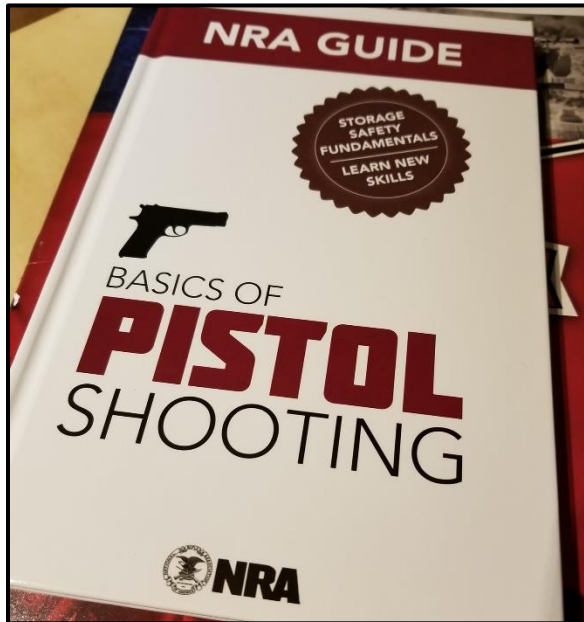
- Pistol Mechanisms & Operation
- Ammunition Fundamentals
- Building Pistol Shooting Skills
- Pistol Maintenance, Selection and Use
- Live Fire Instruction & Exercises



**STANDING WATCH One Person. One Neighborhood. One Community at a Time.**



**Office of the Sheriff  
County of Franklin  
Newsletter October 2021**



This course meets and exceeds the training requirement needed to obtain a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit.

The cost for this class is \$65; cash or check only and is due on the day of the class. You must submit the attached application to be considered for admittance into the class.

**CLASS DATE:** October 16th

Due to COVID restrictions, class sizes are limited to 8 people. Contact Sgt. Darryl King at [darryl.king@franklincountyva.gov](mailto:darryl.king@franklincountyva.gov) for seating availability.