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Chancellor District	Timothy J. McLaughlin
Courtland District	David Ross
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Livingston District	Greg Benton
Salem District	Paul D. Trampe

2020 SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

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Commonwealth's Attorney	Travis Bird
Sheriff	Roger L. Harris
Treasurer	Larry Pritchett

2020 SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

County Administrator	Ed Petrovitch
Deputy County Administrator	Mark Cole

ABOUT SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Spotsylvania County is located in Northern Virginia, midway between the Nation's capital of Washington D.C. and the State's capital of Richmond. The County covers over 400 square miles and has a 2020 population estimate of 140,623 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In prior years, the County's growth rate resulted in the County being included in the rankings of the hundred fastest growing counties in the Nation. The County's growth can be attributed to several factors. The County is located along the I-95 interstate corridor with close proximity to businesses, industries, military installations, as well as federal and state governmental offices. Affordable housing, relative to the surrounding areas, has led many individuals and families to migrate to Spotsylvania County. Over half of the County's employed residents commute to work in the Northern Virginia, Washington D.C. or Richmond area. Within its boundaries, the County possesses the scenic beauty of Lake Anna, rural landscape, suburban amenities and a wealth of



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is to provide efficient, quality enforcement service to all citizens of Spotsylvania County. This will be achieved through a meaningful and a sustained public partnership which will promote and ensure a safe environment with a focus on mutual trust, integrity, fairness, and professionalism.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

As your Sheriff since 2012, it has been my pleasure to see Spotsylvania County continue to thrive and grow as one of the safest and best places to reside in our Commonwealth. We have brought community policing to the forefront with educational efforts, events, and preventative measures. The neighborhood watch programs continue to flourish and grow. National Night Out and Sheriff's Safety Day have both become larger than any year prior. Blue Christmas is on its sixth year and now serves over 1,000 less fortunate children with toys and clothing as well as seniors. Back to School Drives, Tip a Cop, and Food Drives are just a sample of what our office does to give back to our community.

Numerous financial saving efforts have been put into place, grants are sought on a continuous basis, and we were able to meet the county's recent request of us finding even more ways to cut costs. Our Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) program has been a tremendous cost saver to the county based on the hours and tasks completed by it's members. Volunteers from all walks of life are stepping up to the plate and contributing time, talents and more to the office. They volunteer at our animal shelter, in our office, at community events and on our search and rescue team.

It is my goal to continue serving this fine county and bring the best of law enforcement to the community.

Sheriff Roger L. Harris

SHERIFF ROGER L. HARRIS

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



On February 28, 1947, Roger Harris was born in Stuart, Virginia to Marvin Jackson Harris and Lula Ann Harris. His early interests, which continue to this day, include fishing, classic cars, and street rods. He attended Radford High School.

On October 5, 1979, Roger married Terry L. Fay at Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Spotsylvania, Virginia. Once married, his primary interests became his devotion to his family and his church. Roger and his wife have two children.

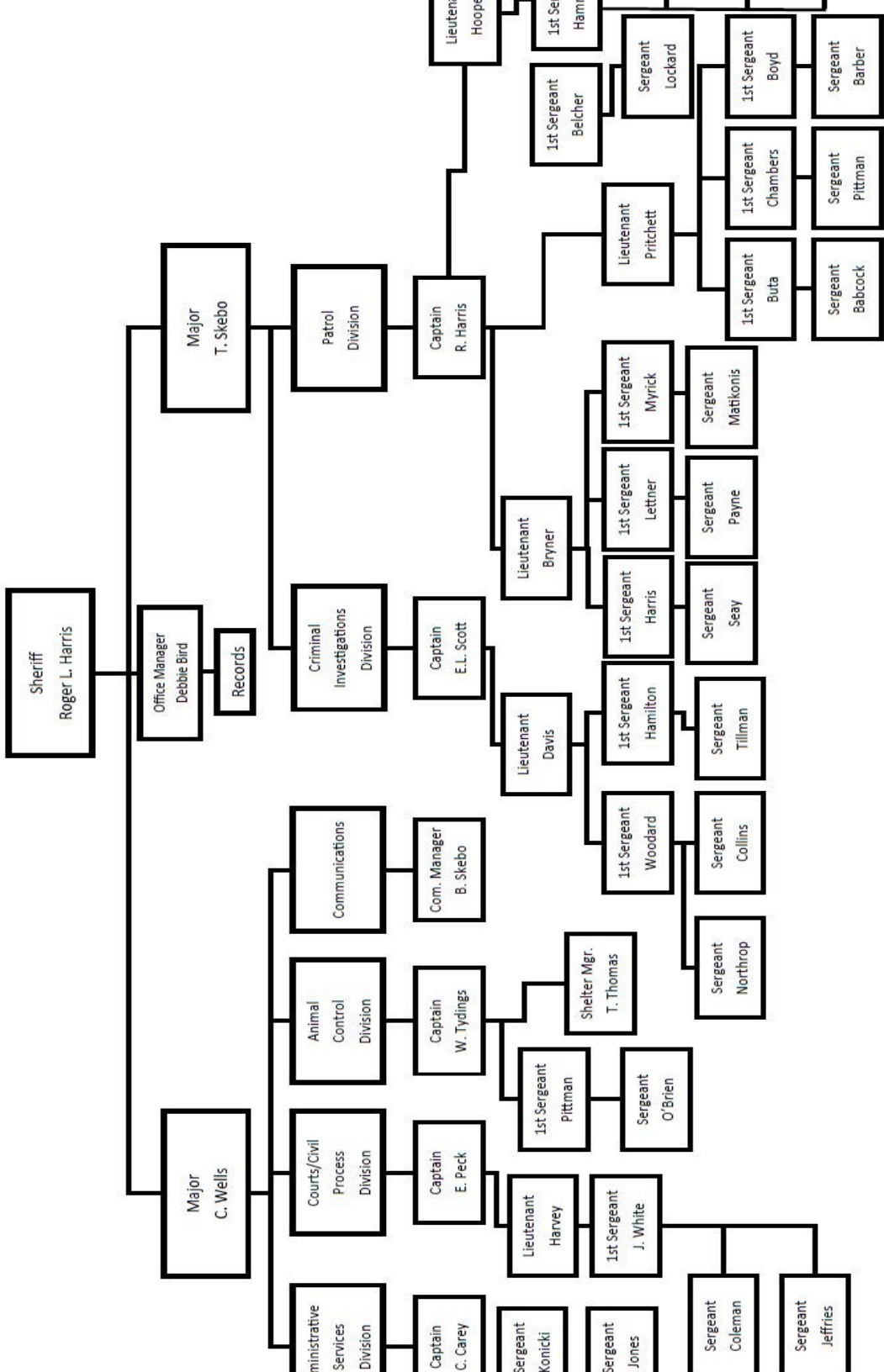
Roger's passion for a career in law enforcement started at an early age. His dream became reality when he began work with the Fairfax County Police Department. From 1969 to 1989, Roger advanced through the department starting as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Criminal Investigative Services Detective, followed by Criminal Investigative Division (CID) Detective, CID Master Police Officer, Master Police Officer Detective in the Intelligence Division, Polygraph Examiner, and Polygraph Examiner Supervisor. From 1989 to 1996, Roger served as Coordinator for the Regional Narcotics Task Force under the Spotsylvania County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

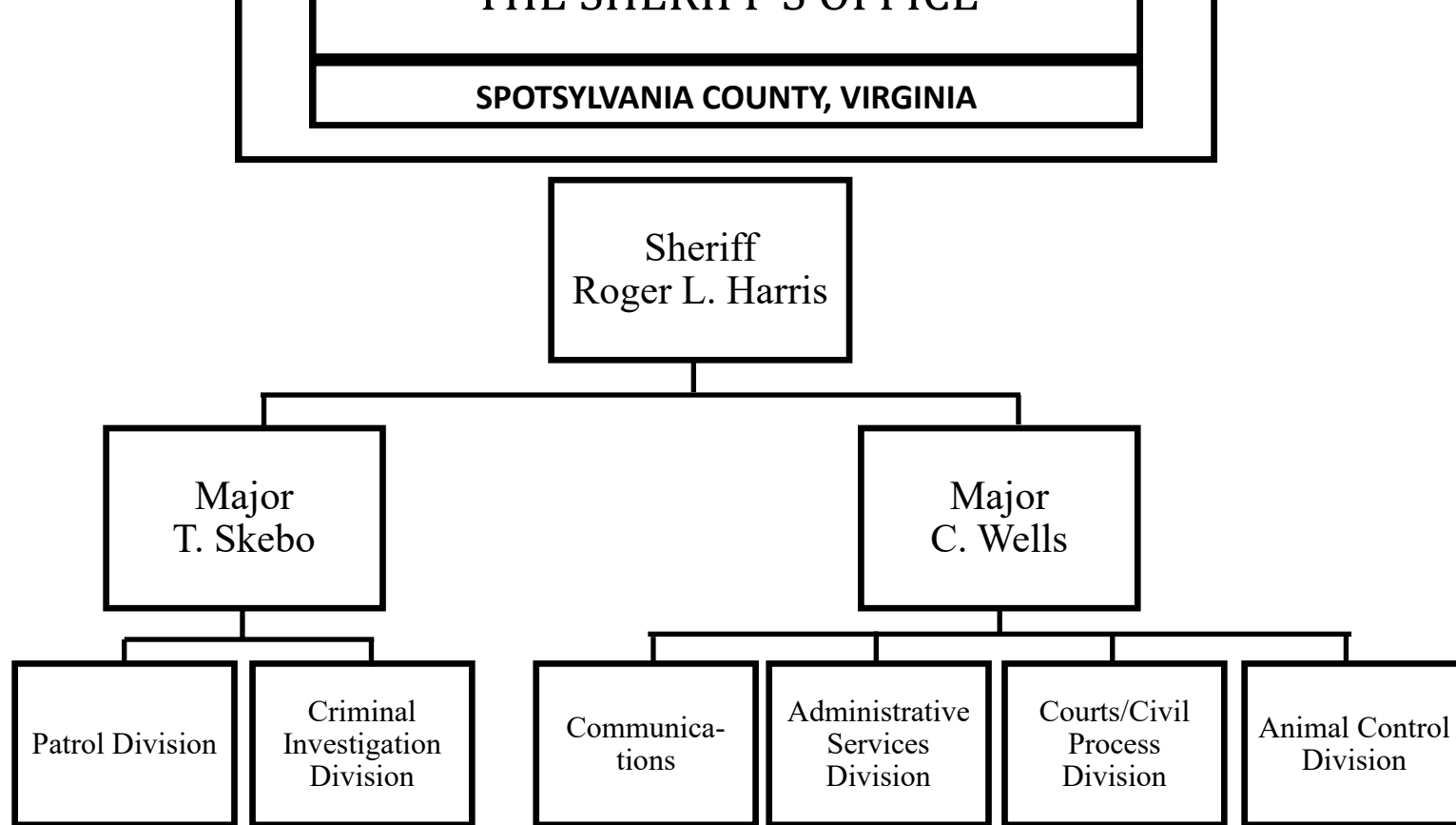
From 1996 to 2011, Roger served Spotsylvania County in a variety of positions including Polygraph Examiner, Narcotics Investigator, CID Detective and CID Lieutenant. His wealth of experience, exceptional knowledge, training, communication skills, and advanced education in law enforcement were all contributing factors to his election as Spotsylvania County Sheriff in 2011. On January 1, 2012, Sheriff Harris was sworn into office as the 90th Sheriff for Spotsylvania County and maintains that position to the current date. His main goal has always been and continues to be to serve the people in his community.

Sheriff Harris' professional affiliations include the Fairfax County Police Association, Virginia Sheriffs' Association, Homicide Investigators Association, Eagles, Fraternal Order of Police and working with the Sheriff's Institute. Sheriff Harris has been with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office since 1996 and in law enforcement since 1969.

2020 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE





The Sheriff is a constitutional officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is not an officer or employee of the County. The Sheriff is elected by the voters of Spotsylvania County every four years. The duties, responsibilities and privileges are set out in the State Constitution, the Code of Virginia and supplemented by local ordinances. The Sheriff provides law enforcement services to the citizens of the County, including the enforcement of all State and County criminal codes, serves civil and criminal papers, provides for the enforcement of all State and County animal codes and supervises the operations of the County's animal shelter, and protects and maintains the security of the courts operating within the County.

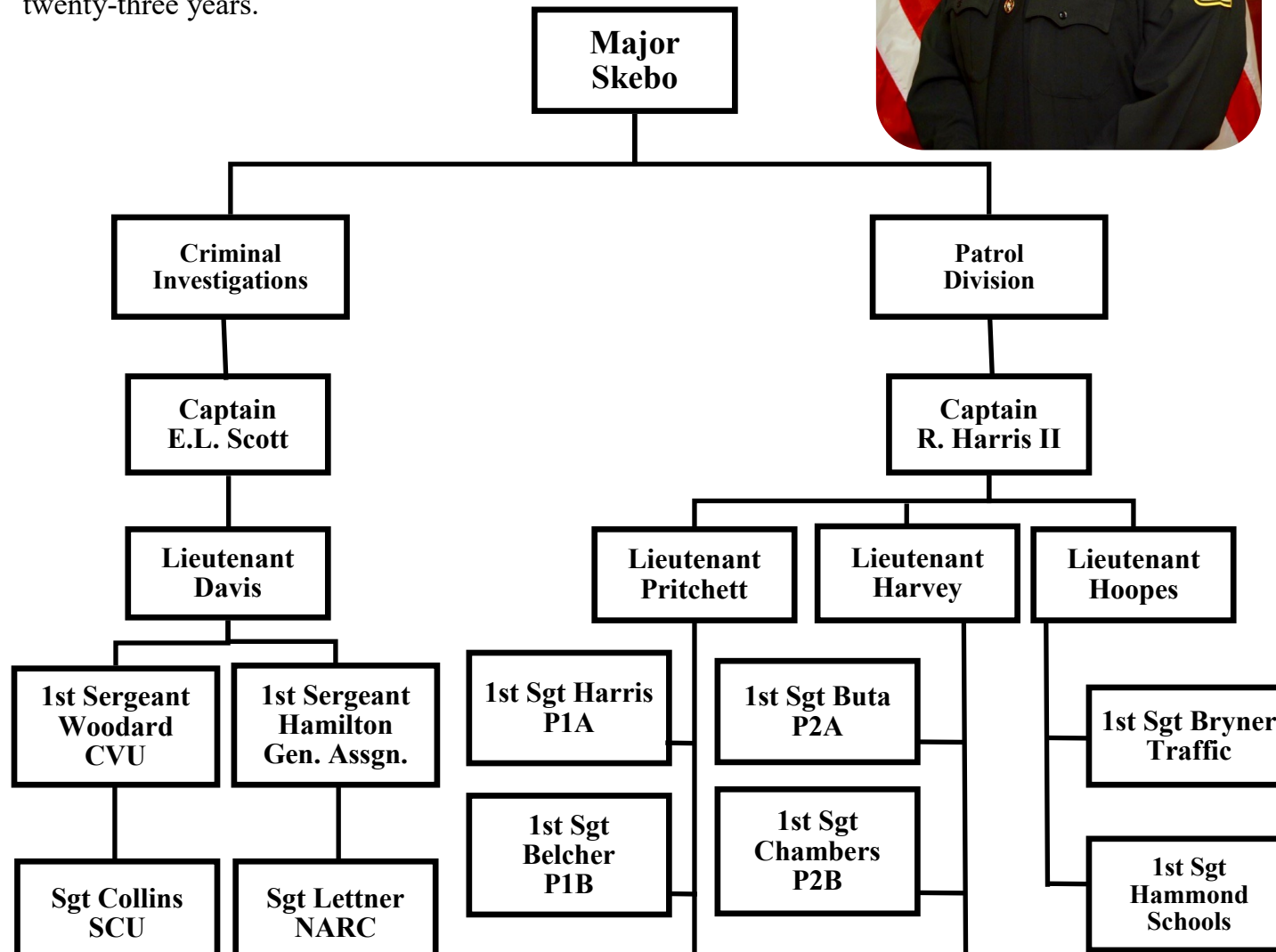
There are five divisions within the Sheriff's Office that together, serve all the law enforcement functions described above: Patrol Operations Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Animal Control Division, Courts Security and Civil Process Division and Administrative Services Division.

Within these Divisions are additional specialty functions. The Emergency Communications Center is a 24/7 operation that serves as the 911 answering point for calls for service and the dispatching of public safety services. Some of the other specialty functions within the Divisions are the: Street Crimes Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Bicycle Team, Canine Unit, Hostage Negotiation Team, Dive Team, Ground Search and Rescue Team and Traffic

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Major Skebo reports directly to Sheriff Harris and is responsible for the Criminal Investigations Division, Court and Civil Process Division and the Animal Control Division. Major Skebo is well versed in all areas of the Sheriff's Office and is able to stand in for the Sheriff if Sheriff Harris is absent.

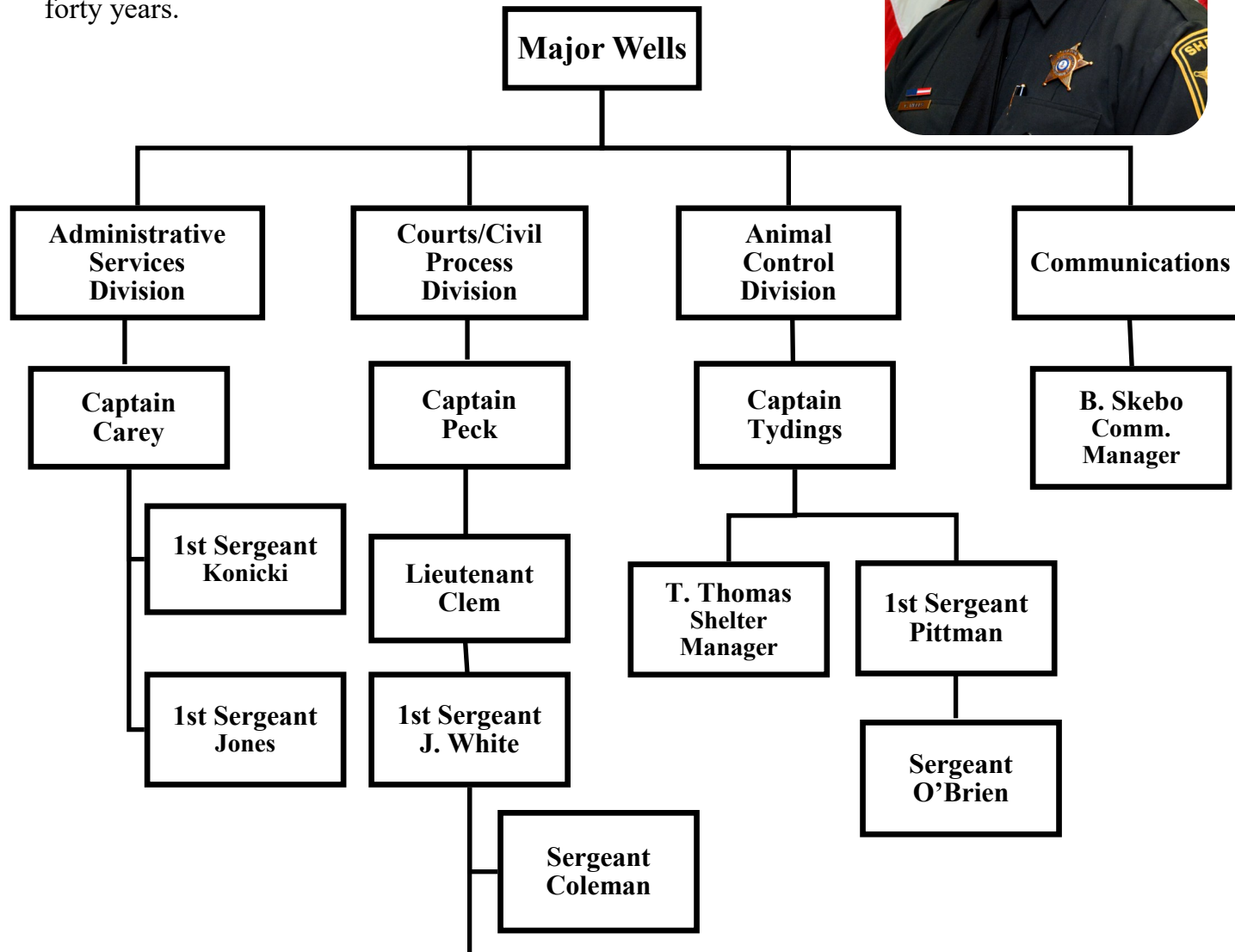
Major Skebo has been in law enforcement for twenty-three years.



SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Major Wells reports directly to Sheriff Harris and is responsible for the Administrative Services Division, Communications, and Patrol Division. Major Wells is well versed in all areas of the Sheriff's Office and is able to stand in for the Sheriff if Sheriff Harris is absent.

Major Wells has been in law enforcement for forty years.



CAPTAIN ROGER HARRIS II

2020 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ CY20 Calls for service¹ handled by patrol 49,511, up 7.1% from last year with 46,207 service calls in CY19.
- ♦ CY20 the Patrol Division worked 2,256 crashes², up 1% from last year with 2,217 crashes in CY19.
- ♦ CY20 DUI/DUID 306 arrest, up 37% from last year with 486 arrests in CY19.
- ♦ FY20 Patrol overtime hours of 24,191.30, up 6.2% from last fiscal year FY19 with 25,802.5 hours (non-compensated)
- ♦ Narcan was administered 72 times, up 90% from FY19 with 38, 50 responded and their lives were saved.
- ♦ Project Lifesaver participation has increased 4% with 127 clients.

1. Date obtained from XRMS Incident Totals by Code Range with redactions not related to patrol

2. TREDs data spreadsheet for reportable and non-reportable FR300 crash reports

***CY20 from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 while FY20 is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.**

***Statistics supplied from CrimeView**





a partnership with the Community. The Division's primary objective is to carry out this partnership through swift response to calls for service and proactive initiatives. To carry out his mission, the division is broken down to three platoons.

PATROL PLATOONS- The Patrol Division is divided into three platoons, two platoons that operate on a permanent schedule of 12 hour shifts broken down to days, evening or midnight shifts. These two platoons provide

first response to calls for service from citizens and preventive patrol through their presence in an area. The third platoon is made up of specialized units consisting of the Traffic Services Unit, School Resource Unit, and Part-time/Auxiliary Unit.

TRAFFIC SERVICES UNIT—The Traffic Safety Unit is dedicated to promoting and improving traffic safety within Spotsylvania County through enforcement and education. Within this unit, there is a Motor Squad, Motor Carrier Units, Parking Enforcement and other traffic investigators. This unit enforces traffic and safety laws, responds to all crashes within the County, funeral escorts, and all other traffic related calls. The Spotsylvania Tow Board is staffed by Traffic Services Unit members and is comprised of 7 members; made up of 3 towers, 1 citizen volunteer and 3 Law Enforcement members (2 Sheriff's Office, 1 Virginia State Police). The tow board is the regulatory authority for all Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police (VSP) requested tows. The tow board also oversees citizen complaints in regards to the Sheriff's Office or VSP tow's also within their purview is the initial body for consideration in updating and changing of law associated with the Spotsylvania County tow ordinance. The Sheriff's Office also conducts quarterly inspections of all 19 towers and their equipment to ensure they are within required specifications of Spotsylvania County Tow Ordinance.



SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT— The School Service Unit is a fifteen member unit. There are currently thirteen School Resource Officers and two DARE officers. This position is a community oriented policing position that involves working with the Spotsylvania County School system as well as liaison duties between the school, community agencies and the Sheriff's Office.

PART-TIME/AUXILIARY UNIT— The deputies who donate their time or have become part-time employees are a valuable asset. These individuals assist with numerous special events, search and rescue, Marine Patrol, and help with staffing needs in patrol.

there are other vital specialty and support units that comprise the remainder of the Patrol Division. Among these are:

- ♦ ***Bike Patrol Unit*** -- The Bike Team is a twelve member unit. All bike members have regular duty assignments and are called upon during special events or enforcement details. The Bike Team is to take deputies out of their patrol vehicles and make them more accessible to the public they serve. Once in operation, participating deputies soon learned that patrolling the county was effective in locating and detecting crime.
- ♦ ***Mounted Patrol Unit*** -- The primary focus of this team is community policing activity while patrolling at events, shopping centers, and off-road terrain. Officers generally ride together in pairs which enables them to patrol in high crime areas providing a law enforcement presence. This team also participates in Search and Rescue missions.
- ♦ ***Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)*** -- The primary responsibility of this team is to increase the likelihood of safely resolving critical incidents. The team specializes in high risk felony apprehension, hostage negotiations, armed criminal activities and other tasks. The duties of this team also include hostage rescue, barricades, high-risk apprehension, dignitary protection, terrorism response, and special assignments. All team members have regular duty assignments and are on-call at all times. SWAT maintains and issues the various equipment and supplies that tactical officers use in handling barricaded persons, hostage situations, and other special incidents.
- ♦ ***K-9 Unit*** — This unit was established in 1976 and currently consists of six canine teams with one team being a dual canine team. The K-9 Unit is a full time continuously operating canine unit within the patrol division. The canine unit has seven patrol canines cross trained in the areas of explosive and narcotics detection and one Bloodhound. The canine breeds vary ranging from German Shepherds, Dutch Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, and Bloodhounds. This unit utilizes their special abilities to locate wanted felons, missing persons, narcotics, explosives and evidence. The handlers and canines undergo a strenuous program during which the teams are instructed in basic obedience, agility, handler protection, narcotics or explosives detection, tracking, building searches, veterinary first aid and legal issues. The success of this unit can be attributed to the support provided by our citizens, County schools, businesses and local organizations.
- ♦ ***Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT)*** — Team members undergo specialized training based on problem resolution and psychological tactics aimed at convincing the subject (s) involved to resolving the situation peacefully. Training is augmented by joint training with SWAT. These monthly training sessions are scenario based and verbal crisis management techniques are practiced. This training is necessary in order to maintain the highest level of competence and readiness.





- ♦ ***Search and Rescue Team***—This team was first established in 1997 and is designed to locate lost or missing persons with certified search and rescue personnel. The Search and Rescue Team also participates in rescues in other localities as part of the County’s Mutual Aid Agreement with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- ♦ ***Project Lifesaver***—The Search and Rescue Team also manages the Project Lifesaver program. Project Lifesaver assists families and caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s Disease, Autism, and other associated medical conditions. These individuals are provided with a wrist or ankle band that contains a silent transmitter. In the event that the individual wanders off, the Sheriff’s Office can be contacted and aided with a special tracking device, the team can locate the missing individual. Project Lifesaver has had a 100% recovery rate for individuals enrolled in the Program. In addition to providing peace of mind to the caregiver, the program has also mitigated the time and money needed to effect a major rescue.
- ♦ ***Honor Guard*** — The Honor Guard is an eleven member unit. All unit members have regular duty assignments and are on-call at all times. The Honor Guard is ceremonial units composed of deputies who are highly motivated and maintain exceptionally high standards of appearance. The unit provides funeral honors for fallen officers, military veterans, and civilian dignitaries. The honor guard may also serve as the “guardians of the colors” by displaying and escorting the national flag on ceremonial occasions at official functions.
- ♦ ***Marine Patrol Unit*** — The Marine Patrol Unit patrols Lake Anna. The unit is responsible for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement, boating laws of Virginia, and assisting stranded citizens on the Lake. The unit responds to all boat crashes, shore incidents, and patrols marinas, beaches, and parks. The unit works with the Virginia Fish and Wildlife, Louisa County Sheriff’s Office, the United States Auxiliary Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies on the waters of Lake Anna.
- ♦ ***Dive Team*** — Spotsylvania County contains numerous ponds, rivers, creeks and lakes to include Lake Anna which is a 1,300 acre lake. The Dive Team provides rapid response to any water related incident within the County or in response to a Mutual Aid request. The divers assist citizens, recover equipment, evidence and personnel. Team members have regular duty assignments in patrol and are on-call at all times.

CAPTAIN ELIZABETH SCOTT

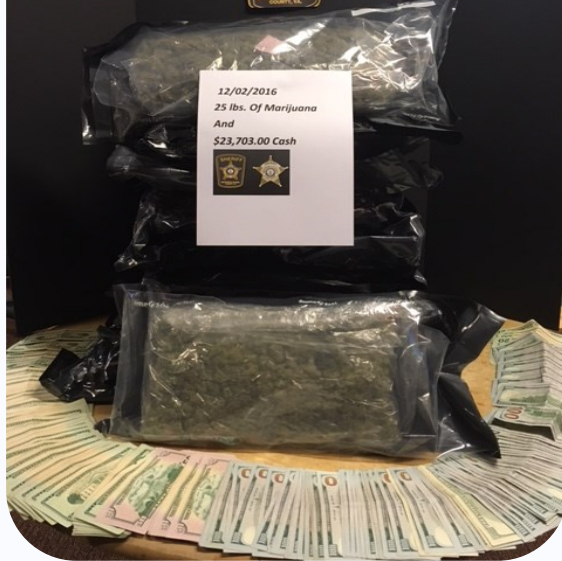
2020 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ In CY20 there was five homicide, all solved with an arrests.
- ♦ In CY20 the Division seized \$116,761.08 in cash and 0 vehicles.
- ♦ In CY20 twenty full-time detectives and 4 part-time detectives had a closure rate of 70%.

***CY19 is from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

The Criminal Investigations Division handles the assignment, closure and filing of all cases for all divisions within the Sheriff's Office. The Criminal Investigation Division ensures proper procedures and policies are being followed for investigations, review and assign cases, investigate and close cases, perform various inspections of personnel and equipment, and assist personnel with advice and guidance in their investigations and daily activities. Within the division there are specialized units.





♦ **General Assignment Unit** - Detectives assigned to this unit handle the more complex cases to include larcenies, burglaries, robberies, auto theft, rape, malicious assaults and homicides. Cases that involve suspects or witnesses outside of the County's jurisdictions, and those cases which involve extensive investigation, follow-up, forensics and/or evidence gathering are assigned to this unit.

♦ **Special Investigations Unit**—Detectives assigned to this unit have specialized training to address crime related to narcotics, street crimes, and gangs.

♦ **Forensic Unit**— This unit is responsible for conducting crime scene investigations to discover, develop, collect and evaluate physical evidence which may include blood and other

body fluids, hair, fiber, paint chips, glass fragments, fire accelerants, soils, firearms, documents, fingerprint and footwear impressions. Several of the detectives have been deemed by the Virginia Circuit Courts as experts in several fields of Forensic Science to include blood splatter, firearms and bullet trajectory. In addition to crime scenes, the unit is responsible for the follow-up investigations of criminal cases where a computer has been used to perpetrate the crime. These cases can involve computer intrusion, online auction fraud, email threats and harassments, identity and credit card fraud, theft of intellectual property, software or music piracy, possession or distribution of child pornography and online child solicitation.

♦ **Crime Analysis Unit** —The Crime Analysis Unit is responsible for reviewing all offense reports and tracking any trends that develop within the county by collecting, collating and analyzing local and regional crimes. The data that is provided assists operational personnel in meeting their tactical crime control, criminal apprehension and crime prevention objectives and to assist command and administrative personnel in planning and strategic decision-making.

♦ **Child Victim Unit (CVU)**—This unit is made of Detectives who investigate cases involving sexual assault, domestic abuse, or crimes against children. Likely the most sensitive area of investigation for detectives, CVU is highly specialized unit that investigate cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and the neglect of children. This unit is essential when investigating cases of child abuse or neglect, as proper, immediate response is critical to the outcome of these cases.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM TYDINGS

2020 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Live Release Rate was 93%
- ♦ The shelter received 8,628 visitors.
- ♦ Animal Control Deputies responded to 9,338 calls for service. 1,419 of those calls were in the City of Fredericksburg.

The Animal Control Division is responsible for enforcement of all State and County animal codes and supervises the operation of the County's Animal Shelter. The Animal Control Division is responsible for the collection of dogs, cats and livestock running at large as well as the collection of sick or injured domesticated or wild animals. The division receives and investigates reports of suspected animal cruelty or neglect in addition to calls received for animal bites, barking dogs or vicious animals.

Currently, the Animal Shelter is located at 450 TV Drive and houses all animals that are collected by the Animal Control Officers or turned in by citizens. Animals are held in accordance with state requirements and are either redeemed by the owner, or adopted.





With the exception of puppies and kittens that are too young, all dogs and cats adopted from the shelter are neutered or spayed.

The division conducts a rabies clinic each year in order to enable citizens to vaccinate their pets at cost. The division also conducts public education programs such as rabies awareness and proper animal care/treatment in the public schools and at special events.

Animal Control Volunteer Program

Participation in the Animal Control Volunteer Program supports the division's efforts in the safe and efficient operation of the Animal Shelter with the ultimate goal of humane treatment and care for animals. To accomplish this goal, the division is committed to effectively utilizing properly trained volunteer resources.



CAPTAIN EDDIE PECK

2020 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ In CY20, the Courts Division continued to handle high profile and security sensitive trials without incident.
- ♦ In CY20, the Courts, Civil Process and Warrants Division maintained an outstanding record without any notable complaints and a professional Division with increased productivity and less manpower.
- ♦ In CY20, the Courts Division has worked closely with Spotsylvania County Public Works and Edifice along with other subcontractors on the expansion project currently in progress. The project will increase the efficiency of the courts system allowing for a second General District Courtroom and a third and fourth Juvenile and Domestic Courtroom. Also included in the project are capabilities for two additional courtrooms for future expansion and other court system office movements, upgrades and expansions.
- ♦ In CY20, the Courts, Civil Process and Warrants Division successfully passed an unscheduled State Police audit.



The Courts, Civil and Warrants Division provides law enforcement services to the citizens of the county, serves both civil and criminal papers, protects and maintains security of the courts operating within the county. Court Security has assigned deputies whose responsibilities range from weapons screening and maintaining courtroom decorum and essential public safety as well as law enforcement services. The Deputies ensure that the courthouse environment is safe and secure for the judiciary, court support staff and the public. Court Security Deputies are responsible for the physical protection of the Judges, court personnel, attorney's, witnesses, juries and the citizens who have business within the Spotsylvania County Judicial Center. Visitors to all Courts may experience a delay upon entering due to the necessity of being screened as they enter any Courthouse Building along with the required COVID19 screening process.

The Courts Division is also responsible to maintain both a daily schedule and unscheduled transports of prisoners which the Division is responsible to manage and produce for Court of an inmate's respective Court date. These are both in state and out of state transports. Along with the daily transports, the Courts Division is also responsible to transport those individuals whom have been committed to be evaluated. These cases involve subjects whom have been detained on an Emergency Custody Order (ECO) which evolves into a Temporary Detention Order (TDO). The Courts Division are required to conduct many of these transports after hours and on weekends when the Courts Division is closed causing the Division to acquire overtime and experience staffing issues. The Division conducted 430 in state transports, 28 Extraditions and, 92 TDO's totaling 550 transports for CY 20.

Due to COVID, many legal proceedings were changed, continued or modified. During the time period March through December no jury trials were permitted per a Judicial Emergency court ordered by the Virginia Supreme Court. Some proceedings require the defendant to be physically present and procedurally cannot be done by video. With a drastic reduction in prisoner movement during the period, the division still managed 2,015 inmates during CY20 for daily court appearances.

The Courts Division processed 6,301 Concealed Weapons Permits in CY20. (up over 200%)

With consideration for delays due to COVID 19 and court proceedings being modified for 2 or more months, the division recorded fingerprinting 976 convictions or applicant prints and 84 DNA kits completed.

Civil Process and Warrant Section

The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is responsible for serving Warrants and all Civil Process documents as directed through the Courts system. These papers include, but are not limited to subpoenas, notices, orders, criminal warrants, complaints and summonses for both civil and criminal involved cases.

The Civil Process Unit and staff is also responsible for the execution of evictions, levies, seizures and public auctions equaling over 39,320 documents processed and served 29,770 averaging 108 documents processed per day in CY 20. This process is performed to allow for all documents to be recorded, served and returned to the respective court prior to and the preparation for scheduled court dates. The Civil Process Unit is also responsible to process the Counties distress warrants for the County Treasurer on those citizens who owe back taxes. The Supervisor of this Unit served 105 distress warrants recovering \$216,839.25 in delinquent taxes during CY 20.

The Criminal Warrants Unit processed 10,392 warrants and served 1,128 warrants for the Sheriff's Office averaging 28 incoming criminal warrants per day. The Warrants personnel conduct research, code, verify, record and make entries into the National Criminal Crime Center (NCIC) and the Virginia Crime Information Network (VCIN). This Unit also assists in the coordination and completion of audits conducted by the FBI and Virginia State Police.

CAPTAIN ROGER HARRIS II

2020 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ In CY 20 conducted almost 237 plus background investigations and 38 polygraphs on people applying for positions with the Sheriff's Office
- ♦ In CY 20 processed over 5,162 items in evidence
- ♦ In CY 20 increased Neighborhood Watch communities from 123 to 129
- ♦ In CY 20 provided over 13 Public and 57 virtual seminars on various safety topics
- ♦ In CY 20 collected over 1,570 pounds of drugs as part of the Drug Take Back Program
- ♦ In CY 20 raised over 21,358 pounds of food for the Food Bank Program
- ♦ In CY 20 served over 1,120 children, 100 teenagers, and 100 senior citizens as part of the Blue Christmas Program
- ♦ In CY 20 served over 500 children with school supplies as part of Operation Back Pack.
- ♦ In FY 20 received \$1,114,502 in grant funds*

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strives to offer education, safety programs, and events that bring the community together. Sheriff Harris believes that a safe effective community is achieved through teamwork between the Sheriff's Office and citizens. The Division is responsible for the following functions:

- ♦ **Training**—Training is an integral part of any effective law enforcement agency. The training coordinator ensures that all employees maintain their state required in-service hours, retains a positive relationship with the Regional Training Academy and coordinates basic and advanced level instructors for law enforcement training.
- ♦ **Crime Prevention**—The Crime Prevention Unit offers valuable programs, lectures, displays, seminars, crime prevention and safety tips to all citizens and community groups free of charge. The Unit coordinates or participates in the following community programs: Crime Solvers, Crime Council, Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Citizen Advisory Board, Operation Blue Christmas, Operation backpack, Special Olympics, and TRIAD.
- ♦ **Evidence and Property**—The Evidence and Property function maintains a safe and efficient storage and retrieval system for evidence and other valuable items that are in the custody of the Sheriff's Office. The Evidence Custodian ensures that the proper chain of custody is accurately documented for evidence presentation and admittance in Court.
- ♦ **Recruitment and Hiring**—The recruitment and hiring function is responsible for recruiting, processing and forwarding recommendations of the best qualified candidates to the Sheriff for his review and selection. The Sheriff's Office conducts a regimented, rigorous selection process which affords equal opportunity to every applicant regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national origin or age. All applicants are required to meet the minimum qualifications at each stage of the process.
- ♦ **VIPS** —The VIPS (Volunteer in Police Services) Program provides support and resources for agencies interested in developing or enhancing a volunteer program and for citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency. The program's ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers.



istration, vehicle fleet, and accreditation.



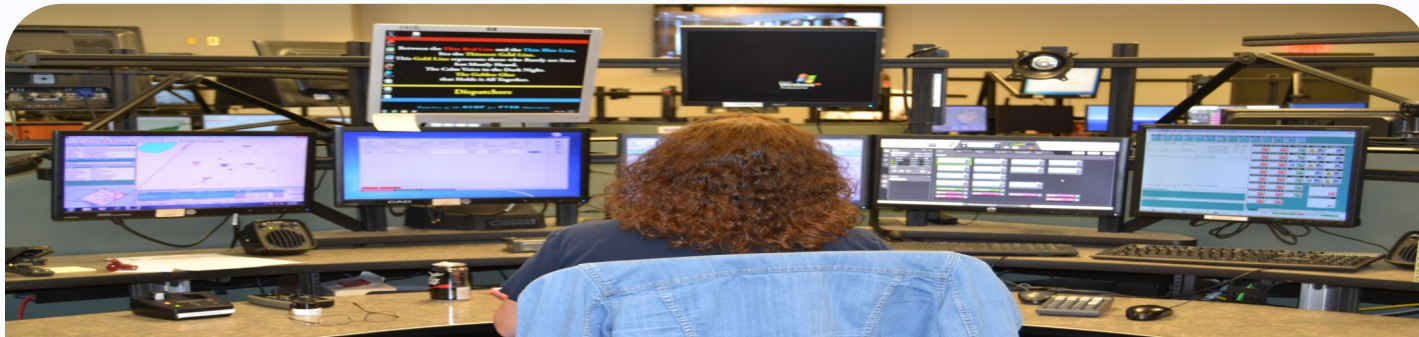
BECKY SKEBO

2020 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ In CY 20, processed 243,093 in which a total of 191,011 phone calls (50,281 emergency (E911) and 140,730 non emergency calls) were answered.
- ♦ Of the 191,011 calls answered, we dispatched 116,734 calls for service for the Sheriff's Office and 20,031 calls for Fire/Rescue and 518 calls for Crime Solver Tips.
- ♦ Implemented Text-to-911 capability and functionality
- ♦ Implemented RapidSOS system to assist with correct location for emergency response and information purposes
- ♦ Developed a career development program for ECC to be implemented in CY21.

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The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days of the week. The ECC is responsible for answering all 911 calls for the county, as well as the administrative numbers for the Sheriff's Office. The ECC provides radio communication services for the Sheriff's Office, to include Animal Control, the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management, as well as Chancellor Volunteer Fire and Rescue, the Spotsylvania Volunteer Fire Department and the Spotsylvania Volunteer Rescue Squad. Our staff consists professional trained employees that provide rapid and convenient access to public safety for the citizens of this community and those passing through.



SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Article 4, §15.2-1731 of the Virginia State Code provides for the establishment of an auxiliary (or reserve) police force. All members of the Sheriff's Office auxiliary force shall have the same power and authority as the regular police force, provided that each auxiliary deputy has met the training requirements of a law enforcement officer. As such, the Sheriff's Office shall equip each auxiliary deputy in the identical manner as a regular deputy sheriff and supply basic, advanced and ongoing training to all auxiliary deputies. All auxiliary deputies must satisfy the minimum requirements for the contribution of on-duty time of forty-eight hours per quarter, which averages to sixteen hours per month.

The auxiliary deputy shall be bound by the rules, regulations, policies and directives of the Sheriff's Office and shall be issued a copy of the same. When on duty, the auxiliary officer shall carry out the full responsibilities of a sworn deputy without limitations, except as provided by code or statute. The auxiliary deputy shall obey the lawful orders of those appointed over him or her.

In 2012, Sheriff Harris reestablished an auxiliary force. The office now has five sworn auxiliary members. The most recent class graduated in January of 2013. This will allow for a minimum of four hundred and thirty-two hours every quarter of patrol and assistance at no salary cost to the community. These individuals are committed to serving their community and are a true asset to the office.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."

—Will A. Foster

The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office has been accredited by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) since 2006. VLEPSC was established to provide law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth with an avenue for demonstrating that they meet commonly accepted standards for effective and efficient agency operation.

VLEPSC has four sections of standards: administration, operations, personnel, and training. The entire Sheriff's Office must meet elements of each of these standards and provide proof of adherence to them on an annual basis. However, the primary responsibility for accreditation falls upon the Administrative Services Division to ensure that the process and its deadlines are met. Re-accreditation, or inspection, of a law enforcement agency participating in the VLEPSC program occurs every four (4) years. Each re-accreditation team consists of three (3) VLEPSC members which are not routinely associated with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office. These members are VLEPSC certified assessors and master assessors, with one of the participating members acting as a team leader. This team leader then directly reports to the VLEPSC Program Accreditation Manager on the status of the participating agency and generates a report to be presented to the Executive Board (consisting of active Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police) prior to receiving a re-accredited certification. The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office underwent an intense inspection on November 14, 2018 and was presented their re-accreditation on January 24, 2019 by the Executive Board. Upon receipt of the accreditation award, a new accreditation term begins and remains in effect until the next re-accreditation inspection is conducted. Currently, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is in their fourth term of accreditation and is scheduled to under-go a re-accreditation inspection on November 14, 2022.

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DETECTIVE RICHARD SAMUELS

END OF WATCH SEPTEMBER 22, 1988

While waiting to testify at a trial, a prisoner broke free of other deputies and fled the Courthouse area. Detective Samuels chased the prisoner who was running towards a neighboring elementary school. During the pursuit, Detective Samuels suffered a fatal heart attack. Other deputies apprehended the suspect inside of the school. At the time of his death, Detective Samuels was survived by his wife, son, and daughter.



DEPUTY DEAN RIDINGS

END OF WATCH JUNE 19, 2010

Deputy Ridings was conducting marine patrol on Lake Anna with another deputy when their boat was struck by a large wake causing it to turn sideways. Deputy Ridings hit his head and his partner was thrown overboard. Other boaters assisted his partner out of the water and back into the boat. Upon returning to shore, both deputies were transported to the hospital where Deputy Ridings succumbed to his injuries. At the time of his death, Deputy Ridings was survived by his wife, two sons, and three grandchildren. Both of Deputy Ridings' sons serve as deputies with the Sheriff's Office.



DEPUTY BRYAN BERGER

END OF WATCH APRIL 28, 2014

Deputy Berger suffered a fatal heat attack while participating in physical training exercises. He was warming up for officer survival exercises when he became ill and collapsed. He was transported to the hospital but doctors were unable to revive him. Prior to being a deputy, he worked for the Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. At the time of his death, Deputy Berger was survived by his wife and parents.

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Whenever reviewing crime statistics, please remember that there are numerous factors that influence or contribute to crime. The list below is a partial listing of some of the factors that may contribute to crime.

- ♦ Population size
- ♦ Population density and degree of urbanization
- ♦ Population variations in composition and stability
- ♦ Economic conditions and employment availability
- ♦ Values, cultural conditions, education, and religious characteristics
- ♦ Family cohesiveness
- ♦ Climate, including seasonal weather conditions
- ♦ Effective strength of the law enforcement agency
- ♦ Standards governing appointments to the law enforcement agency
- ♦ Attitudes and policies of the courts, prosecutors, and corrections
- ♦ Citizen attitudes toward crime and law enforcement
- ♦ The administrative and investigative efficiency of law enforcement agencies and the organization and cooperation of adjoining and overlapping law enforcement jurisdictions
- ♦ Crime reporting practices of citizens.

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Several offenses may occur in a single criminal incident. The most serious criminal offenses are designated as Group “A” while less serious offenses are designated as Group “B”. Group “A” offenses consist of twenty-two categories of crimes involving forty-six different offenses. Of the 2,465 criminal incidents that occurred in 2019 in Spotsylvania County, 1,728 Group A offenses, were categorized as Part 1 Violent Crimes. Part 1 Violent Crimes consist of murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. The information below also includes data from those incidents that the Virginia State Police responded to.

Group A Crimes Against The Person

Murder / Non-negligent Manslaughter
5 Offenses Reported (4 for 2019)
2 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Kidnapping / Abduction
26 Offenses Reported (28 for 2019)
22 Arrest (25 for 2019)

Forcible Rape & Other Forcible Offenses
74 Offenses Reported (824 for 2019)
13 Arrest (11 for 2019)

Aggravated Assault & Simple Assault/Intimidation
714 Offenses Reported (831 for 2019)
301 Arrest (282 for 2019)

Non-forcible Sex Offenses
1 Offenses Reported (0 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Group A Crimes Against Society

Drug/ Narcotic Offenses
473 Offenses Reported (445 for 2019)
361 Arrest (297 for 2019)

Pornography
3 Offenses Reported (9 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Gambling
0 Offenses Reported (0 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Prostitution
3 Offenses Reported (2 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Weapon Law Violation
73 Offenses Reported (70 for 2019)
14 Arrest (11 for 2019)

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***Group A
Crimes Against Property***

Robbery
11 Offenses Reported (32 for 2019)
7 Arrest (5 for 2019)

Counterfeiting / Forgery
25 Offenses Reported (33 in 2019)
5 Arrest (4 for 2019)

Arson
2 Offenses Reported (1 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Fraud
227 Offenses Reported (186 in 2019)
4 Arrest (11 for 2019)

Extortion / Blackmail
2 Offenses Reported (1 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Embezzlement
5 Offenses Reported (10 in 2019)
2 Arrest (4 for 2019)

Burglary
46 Offenses Reported (70 for 2019)
1 Arrest (9 for 2019)

Stolen Property
521 Offenses Reported (11 in 2019)
62 Arrest (3 for 2019)

Larceny
174 Offenses Reported (701 for 2019)
28 Arrest (87 for 2019)

Destruction / Damage / Vandalism
251 Offenses Reported (241 in 2019)
17 Arrest (20 for 2019)

Motor Vehicle Theft
74 Offenses Reported (64 for 2019)
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)

Bribery
1 Offenses Reported (1 in 2019)
1 Arrest (1 for 2019)

Source:
United States. Richmond, Virginia. Department of State Police.
Virginia Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Colonel W. Steven Flaherty.
2019 Crime in Virginia. Print.

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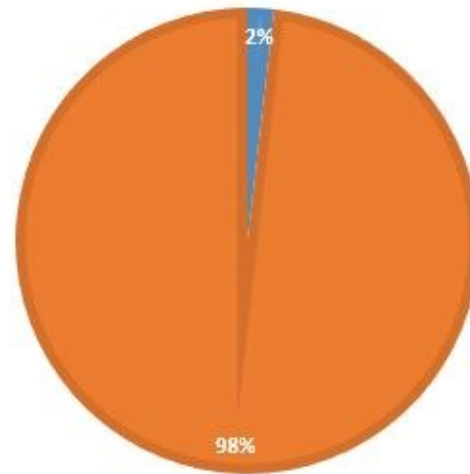
*Group B
Arrests by Offense**Bad Checks
0 Arrest (4 for 2019)**Liquor Law Violations
16 Arrest (12 for 2019)**Curfew/ Loitering/ Vagrancy
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)**Peeping Tom
0 Arrest (0 for 2019)**Disorderly Conduct
18 Arrest (5 for 2019)**Trespass of Real Property
38 Arrest (36 for 2019)**Driving Under the Influence
224 Arrest (203 for 2019)**All Other (except Traffic)
314 Arrest (434 for 2019)**Drunkenness
52 Arrest (47 for 2019)**Non-Forcible Family Offenses
21 Arrest (20 for 2019)*

CY 2020 TRAFFIC CRASHES

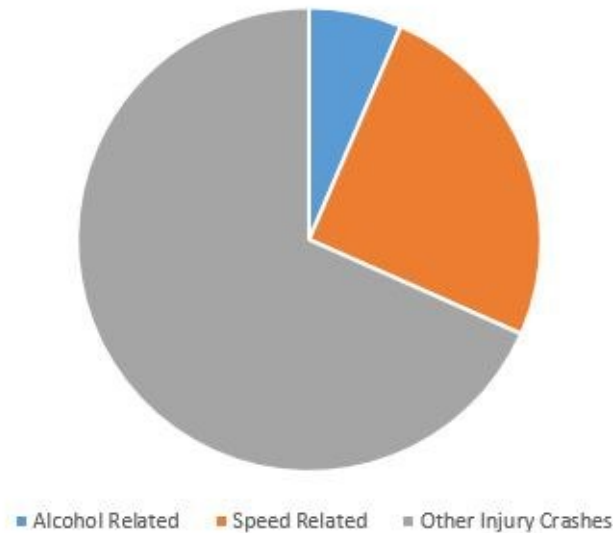
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IN CY 2020 THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 1,868 CRASHES

Fatal Crashes All Injury Crashes



CY 2020 there were 695 Injury Related Crashes

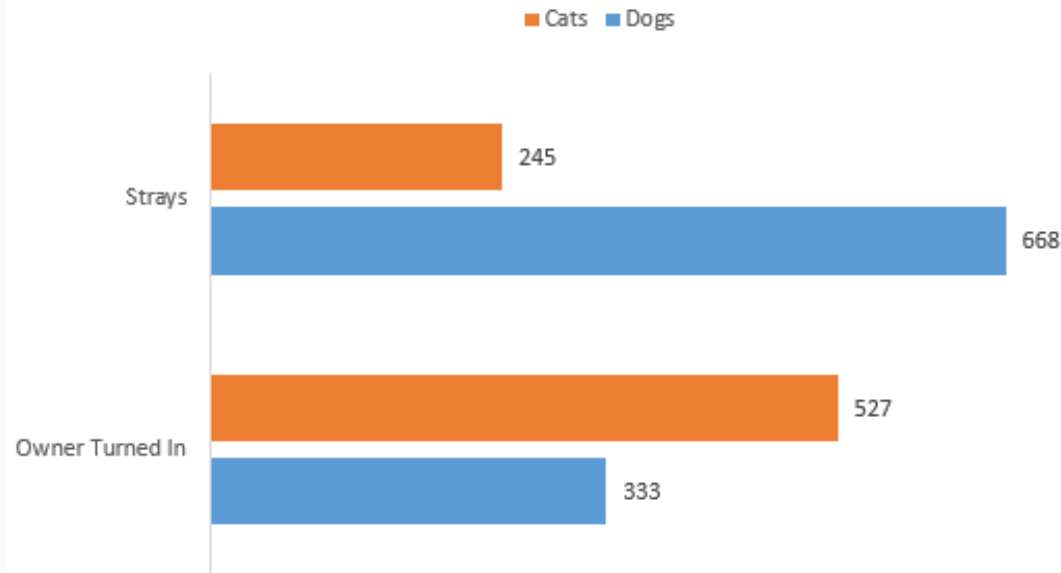


Source: TREDs Traffic Records Electronic Data System.

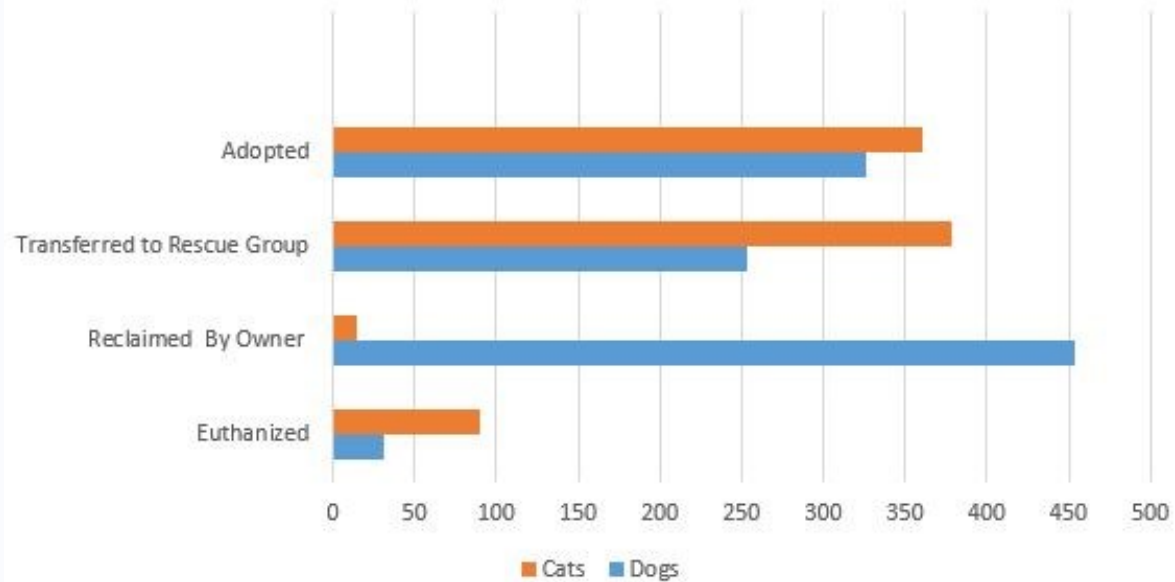
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CY 2020 Animal Control



Animal Disposition in CY 2020



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	FY 2019 Actuals	FY 2020 Actuals	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
REVENUES:				
State Compensation Board	\$ 3,485,424	\$ 3,643,731	158,307	4.5%
E-911 Taxes	\$ 1,347,737	\$ 1,347,737	0	0.0%
County Court Fines	\$ 401,241	\$ 248,427	(152,814)	-38.1%
Animal Shelter Fees	\$ 207,654	\$ 191,778	(15,876)	-7.6%
Sheriff Local Services	\$ 299,815	\$ 365,906	66,091	22.0%
Wireless E-911 Surcharge	\$ 389,983	\$ 408,290	18,307	4.7%
Courthouse Security Fees (Clk of Court)	\$ 127,967	\$ 93,539	(34,428)	-26.9%
Other Sheriff Fees (Chgs for Svcs)	\$ 93,159	\$ 100,289	7,130	7.7%
Dog Tag Licenses	\$ 93,701	\$ 96,181	2,480	2.6%
Grant Revenues	\$ 395,208	\$ 244,513	(150,695)	-38.1%
Gun Permits	\$ 59,275	\$ -	(59,275)	-100.0%
Propane Fuel Refunds	\$ -	\$ 28,967	28,967	0.0%
Jail Admissions Fee	\$ 16,704	\$ 11,296	(5,408)	-32.4%
Reimb Extradition of Prisoners	\$ 7,960	\$ 7,018	(942)	-11.8%
Rabies Vaccinations	\$ 9,470	\$ 3,850	(5,620)	-59.3%
Sheriff's Fees	\$ 4,099	\$ 4,099	0	0.0%
Veh Reg Dog/Cat Sterilization	\$ 4,492	\$ 3,938	(554)	-12.3%
Insurance Claim Revenue	\$ 55,000	\$ 84,700	29,700	54.0%
DNA Collection Fee	\$ 3,934	\$ 3,656	(278)	-7.1%
Forfeiture/Seizure	\$ 80,490	\$ 130,747	50,257	62.4%
Sheriff & Animal Control Court Restitution	\$ 3,874	\$ 4,239	365	9.4%
Solicitor Permits	\$ 680	\$ 2,180	1,500	220.6%
Towing Application/Inspection Fee	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,150	(550)	-9.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,093,567	\$ 7,030,231	(63,337)	-0.9%
APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES:				
Personnel	\$ 21,523,120	\$ 23,370,997	1,847,877	8.6%
Operating	\$ 2,549,580	\$ 2,283,997	(265,583)	-10.4%
Capital	\$ 245,855	\$ 249,375	3,520	1.4%
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 24,318,555	\$ 25,904,369	1,585,814	6.5%
NET TAX SUPPORT	\$ 17,224,988	\$ 18,874,139	1,649,151	9.6%

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POSITION	FY 2020	FY 2021
Sheriff	1	1
Major	2	2
Office Manager II	1	1
Records Manager	1	1
Records Clerk	2	2
Captain	5	5
Lieutenant	4	5
First Sergeant	15	15
Sergeant	17	16
Deputy Sheriff	166.69	165.69
Crime Analyst	1	1
Office Manager I	2.63	2.63
Detective	21.39	22.39
Civil Process Clerk	1	1
Program Assistant	3.63	4.63
Secretary	0	0
Evidence/Property Custodian	1	1
Parking Enforcement (Civilian)	1	1
Animal Control Field Supervisor Sergeant	0	0
Animal Control Officer	8	8
Animal Control Shelter Manager	1	1
Animal Control Clerk	1	1
Animal Control Shelter Assistant	7	7
Emergency Communications Manager	1	1
Criminal Warrants Supervisor	1	1
Criminal Warrants Clerk	2	2
Communications Supervisor	5	5
Communications Officer	21.00	21.00
Communications Operator	11	11
Operations Supervisor	1	1
TOTAL FTEs	298.60	299.60

Full-time equivalents (FTE) reflect full-time and regular part-time positions; excludes seasonal and temporary part-time

- ◆ FY 2020 runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
- ◆ FY 2021 runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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The Sheriff's Office strives to bring to the community the very best in educational and informative family events. We believe in listening and being responsive to the public. Many events such as Coffee with the Sheriff allow for an informal opportunity to meet Sheriff Harris and members of his Command Staff to express their concerns and ask questions. Other events such as National Night Out, Sheriff's Safety Day and Autism Awareness Day provide opportunities for the community to learn about what our Office does and what services we offer. Please see our website for continuous updated information on what programs we have available. The chart below provides a partial listing of some of the events that we provided in 2020.

Stuff the Cruiser- Blue Christmas

December 3&4, 2021

Blue Christmas Event to hand-out collected toys and clothes

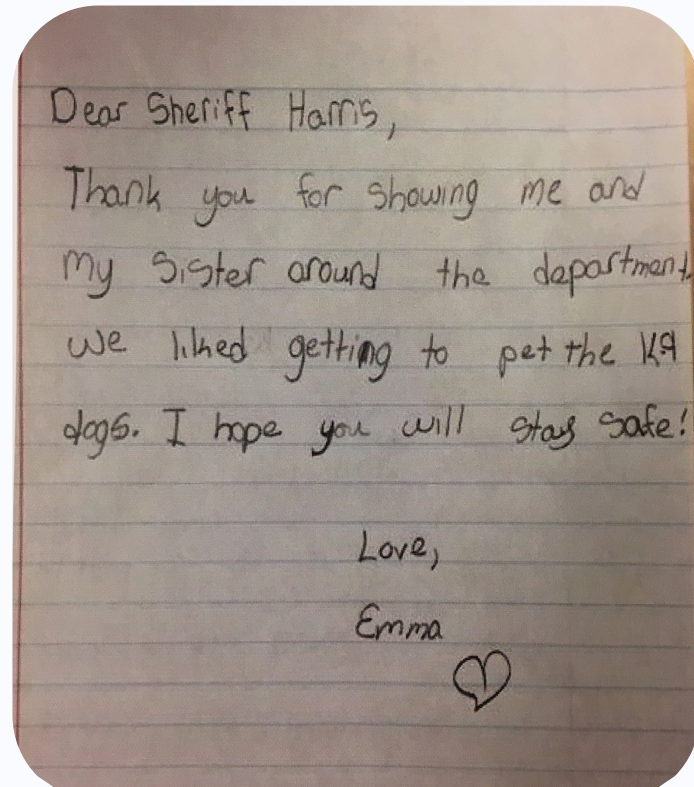
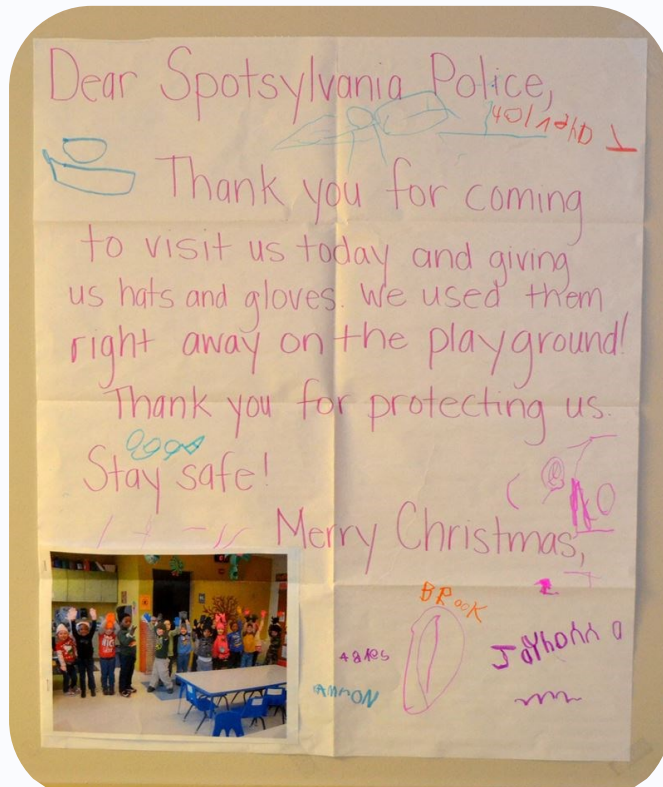
December 19, 2021



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Our office strives to serve the citizens of Spotsylvania County, the tourists, the workers and the businesses with excellence. Many of our tasks are daily and routine; however, once in a while a deputy or other Sheriff's Office employee goes above and beyond the call of duty or their work is exceptional enough that someone wishes to express their appreciation. Occasionally, however, we realize that someone will be displeased with an incident or its outcomes. We want to know about those times as well so we can address the actions taken and ensure they were both professional and fair.

Commendations or complaints can be submitted via our website, mailed to us, reported via a call or submitted at our lobby. Contact information for our office can be found on the last page of this Annual Report.



CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mailing Address	P.O. Box 124 Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Physical Address for the Public Safety Building	9119 Dean Ridings Lane Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Physical Address for the Animal Shelter	450 TV Drive
Emergency Number	911
Main Number for Non-emergency Calls —Non emergency calls are answered 24/7 through the Emergency Communications Center	540-507-7200
Main Lobby	8:00 am—4:00 pm from Monday-Friday
Website —Contains links for all public information, community outreach, calendar of events, Annual Reports, resources, forms, arrest data and contact information.	www.spotsylvaniasheriff.org
Facebook —Please like us and follow us on Facebook as photographs, video clips and information will keep you informed about what your Sheriff's Office is doing to make a difference	Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office—Roger L. Harris Sheriff
Twitter	@spotsysheriff
Instagram	Spotsysheriff
Crime Analysis Data for Spotsylvania County	http://www.crimemapping.com/map/va/spotsylvaniacounty
Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minor Registry	http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/
Crime in Virginia	http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm
Spotsylvania County Adopted Budgets	http://www.spotsylvania.va.us/budget