

# Spotsylvania SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## 2016 Annual Report



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## 2016 SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Battlefield District	Chris Yakabouski
Berkeley District	Greg Cebula
Chancellor District	Timothy J. McLaughlin
Courtland District	David Ross
Lee Hill District	Gary F. Skinner
Livingston District	Ann L. Heidig
Salem District	Paul D. Trampe

## 2016 SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Clerk of the Circuit Court	Christy Jett
Commissioner of the Revenue	Deborah F. Williams
Commonwealth's Attorney	Travis Bird
Sheriff	Roger L. Harris
Treasurer	Larry Pritchett

## 2016 SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

County Administrator	Mark Taylor
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 2016 population estimate of 130,674 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 historical attractions from the Colonial and Civil War eras. These resources also make the County a favorite tourist destination.



## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF HARRIS

### 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 business watch and 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 fifth year and now serves over 500 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 its 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.

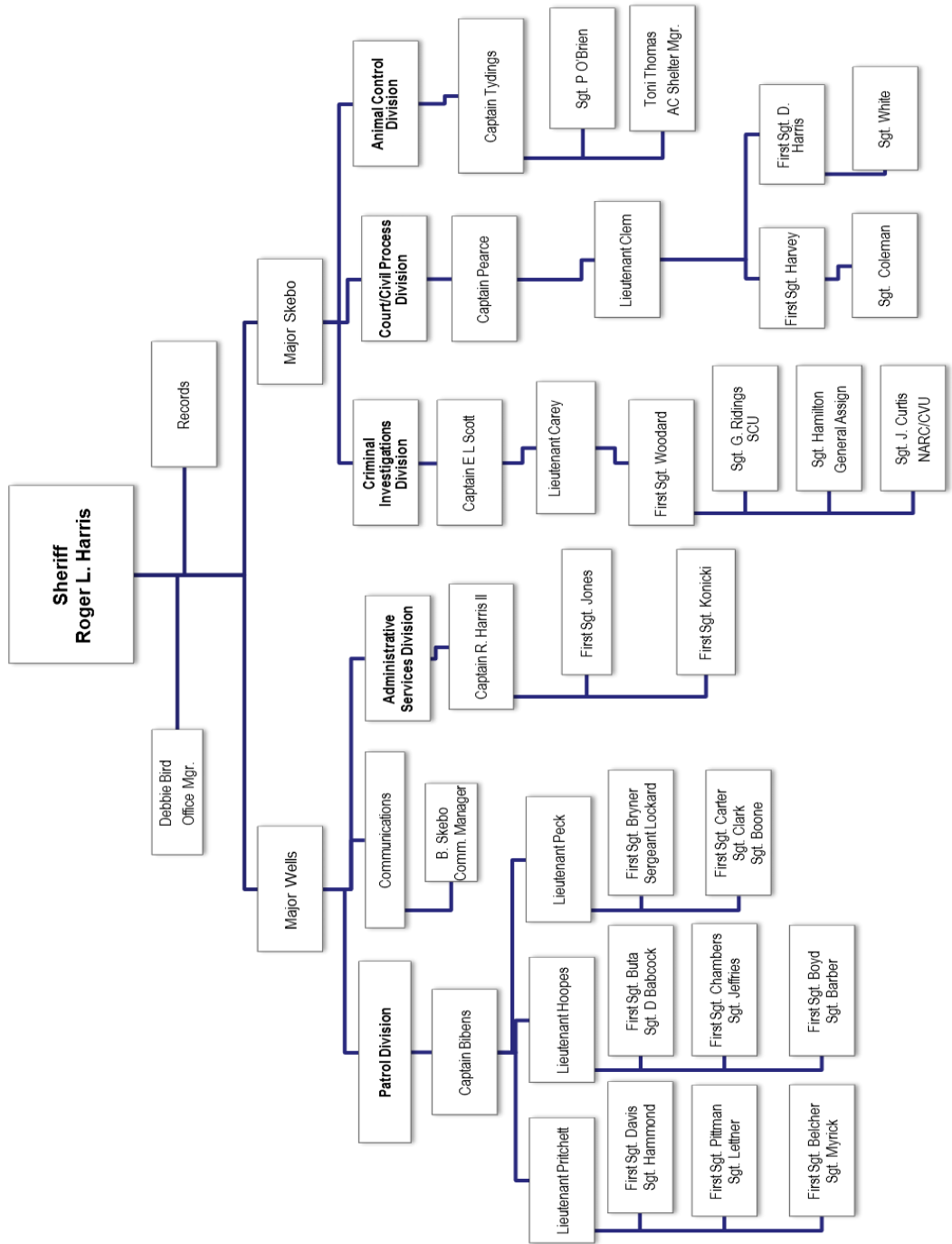
Roger's passion for a career in law enforcement started at an early age. His dream became reality when he began work with the Fairfax County Police Department. From 1969 to 1989, Roger advanced through the department starting as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Criminal Investigative Services Detective, 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. On January 1, 2016 he was re-sworn into office. 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 for twenty-one years and in law enforcement for forty-seven years.

# 2016 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

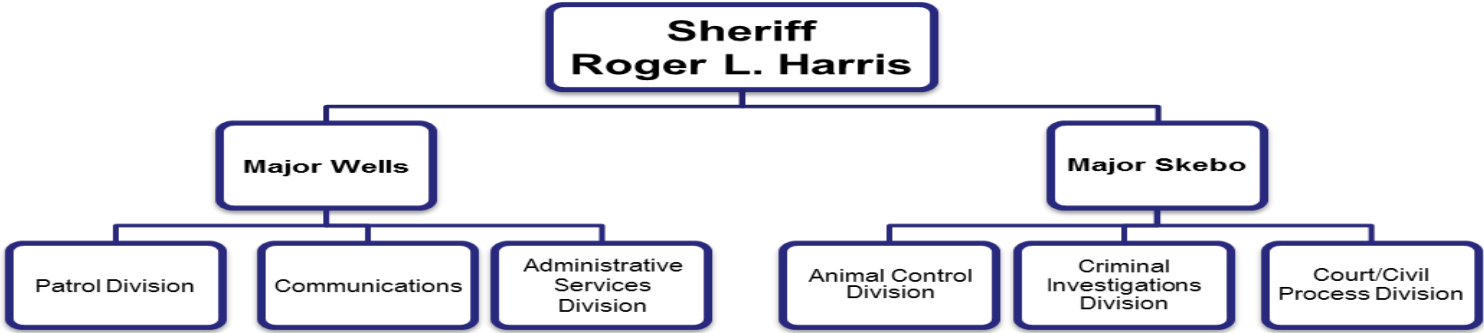




**THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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**SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA**



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 Services Unit.

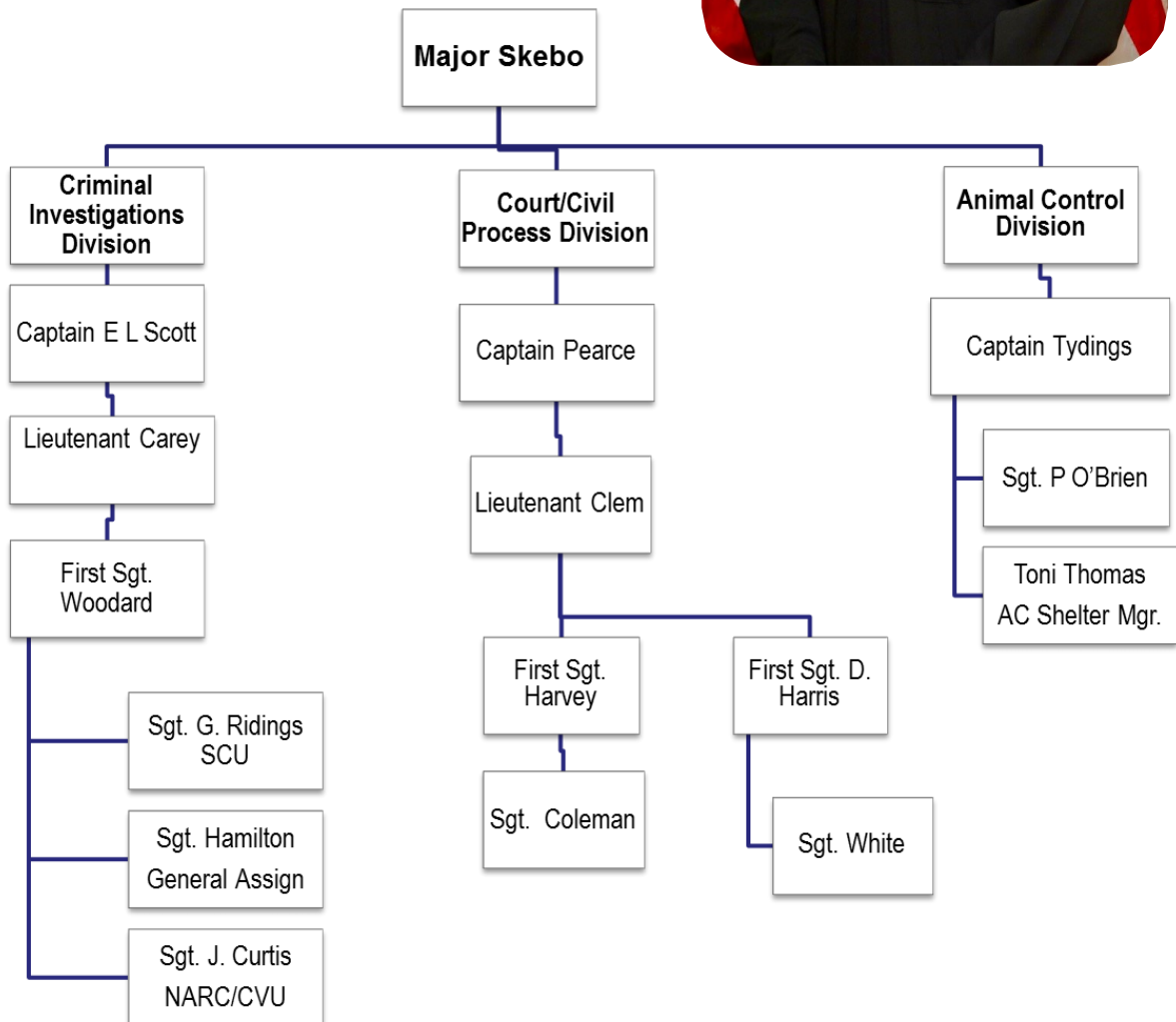
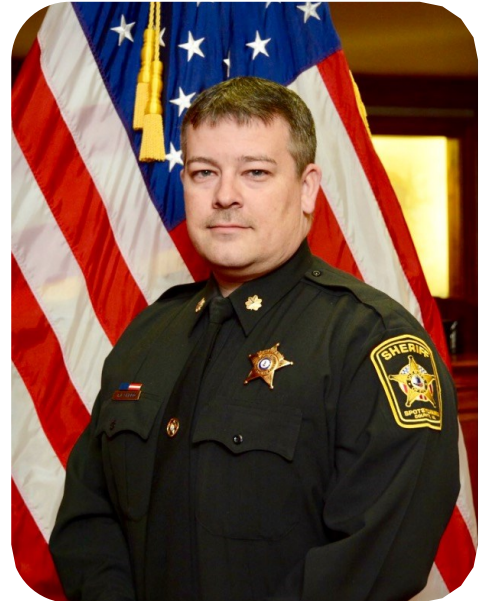
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# MAJOR TROY SKEBO

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 years.

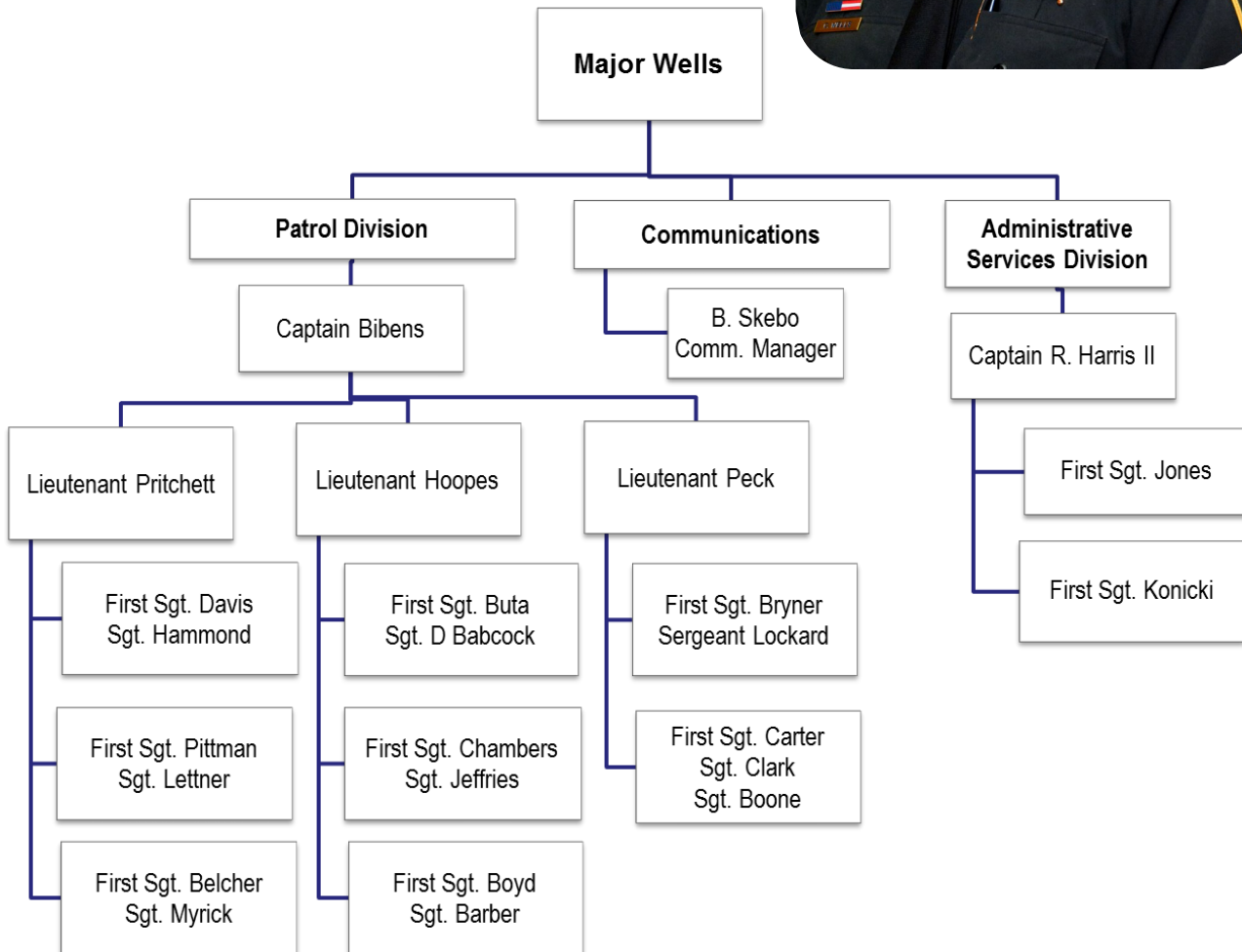


# MAJOR CARTER WELLS

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 thirty-four years.



# PATROL DIVISION

CAPTAIN JAMES BIBENS

## 2016 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ In CY16 the Patrol Division responded to 97,815 calls for service out of the 122,672 calls that the Sheriff's Office received.
- ◆ In the fourth quarter of FY16, after several heroin related deaths, Sheriff Harris helped initiate the Narcan Program throughout Spotsylvania County with one objective in mind— to save lives. Narcan is used to reverse an opioid overdose. All patrol deputies are trained and equipped with the Naloxone (Narcan) medication and credited with saving three lives.
- ◆ Traffic Services Unit issued 1,656 citations, 732 warning, 283 parking tickets, and worked 2,216 traffic crashes.
- ◆ 565 DUI arrests were made during CY16.
- ◆ School Resource Unit (SRO) staffing increased 26% with two grant funded elementary school SRO's and one Sergeant.
- ◆ AED's increased 172% providing up to 7-14 devices available throughout the county 24 hours a day.

\*CY16 is for calendar year 2016 which is from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 while FY16 is for fiscal year 2015 which is from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

\*Statistics supplied from CrimeView





The Patrol Division is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Spotsylvania County through 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 SAFETY UNIT**—The Traffic Safety Unit is dedicated to promoting and improving traffic safety within Spotsylvania County through enforcement and education. The Unit enforces traffic and safety laws, responds to all crashes within the County and all other traffic related calls as well as provides funeral escorts. Traffic officers utilize Lidar and radar equipment to enforce speeding violations, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement, Child Seat Safety, crash reconstruction, weight enforcement and commercial vehicle inspections. The Unit is also equipped with traffic study equipment to gauge how fast vehicles are traveling and times of most frequent violations. This Unit participates in the “Click It or Ticket It” and Checkpoint Strike Force programs.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT**—The School Resource Unit works in collaboration with the Spotsylvania County School District Administration, students, parents and community to utilize a problem solving community-policing philosophy in promoting citizenship, enhancing school safety and security and reducing the incidents of school crimes. The Patrol Division has



School Resource Officers located at all of the County's middle and high schools as well as several elementary schools.



**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.

In addition to the Patrol Division, Traffic Safety Unit, School Resource Unit, and the Part-time/Auxiliary Unit, there are other vital specialty and support units that comprise the remainder of the Patrol Division. Among these are:

- ◆ ***Bike Patrol Unit*** -- The primary focus of this team is community policing activity while patrolling at events, shopping centers, and neighborhoods. Officers generally ride together in pairs which enables them to patrol in high crime areas providing a law enforcement presence.
- ◆ ***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 narcotics investigations, high risk felony apprehension, hostage negotiations, armed criminal activities, and other tasks. The duties of this team also include hostage rescue, barricade suspects, sniper, high-risk warrant service, high-risk apprehension, dignitary protection, terrorism response, and special assignments.
- ◆ ***K-9 Unit*** — This unit was established in 1976 and currently consists of six canine teams. 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.





- ◆ ***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 represents the Sheriff’s Office at community events, dignitary functions, and at funeral processions.
- ◆ ***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 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 13,000 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.

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

CAPTAIN ELIZABETH SCOTT

## 2016 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ In CY16 there were three homicides. All closed with arrests made.
- ◆ In CY16 the Division seized \$205,417.00 in cash and 5 vehicles
- ◆ In FY16, sixteen detectives averaged a case load of 76.6%. High probability that this case load is higher due to the Opiate/Heroin Epidemic.

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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.







The specialized units within the Criminal Investigations Division are as follows:

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Polygraph Unit**—This unit handles all criminal and pre-employment polygraphs. All of the examiners are graduates of an American Polygraph Association accredited school and are licensed through the Department of Professional Occupational Regulation for the Commonwealth.

# ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

CAPTAIN WILLIAM TYDINGS

## 2016 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Live Release Rate was 93%
- ◆ The shelter received 8,527 visitors.
- ◆ Animal Control Deputies responded to 8,884 calls for service. 1,148 of those calls were in the City of Fredericksburg.
- ◆ The division conducted 33 education programs in the schools and at other events.

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, adopted or euthanized.





The Animal Shelter also houses a low cost spay/neuter clinic which is operated by the Lionhearts, Inc., a local humane organization. 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 on a Saturday during the spring and fall 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.



# COURTS AND CIVIL PROCESS DIVISION

**CAPTAIN JEFF PEARCE**

## 2016 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ In CY16, the Courts Division continues to handle high profile and security sensitive trials without incident.
- ◆ In CY16, the Courts Division had no positions added to the staffing.
- ◆ In CY16, the Courts Division received one additional transport vehicle.

**\*CY16 is for calendar year 2016 which is from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**



## *Court Security*

The Courts and Civil Process Division provides law enforcement services to the citizens of the county, serves civil papers and protects and maintains the security of the courts operating within the county. Court Security is provided by deputies whose responsibilities range from weapons screening and maintaining courtroom decorum and providing essential public safety and law enforcement services. The Deputies ensure that the courtroom environments are safe and secure for the judiciary, court, support staff and the public. Court Security Deputies are responsible for the physical protection of judges, court personnel, attorneys, witnesses, juries and citizens who have business within the Spotsylvania County Judicial Center. Visitors to all Courts may experience a delay upon entering because they must pass through x-ray machine.

## *Civil Process Section*

The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is responsible for serving all civil process documents as directed through the court system. These papers include, but are not limited to, subpoenas, notices, orders, complaints and summonses for both civil and criminal involved cases. The Civil Process Division is also responsible for executing evictions, levies, seizures and public auctions.

The Civil Processing Unit provides administrative and clerical support to the Sheriff's Office by the process of serving and recording civil documents which usually average 121 documents a day. This process is performed to allow for civil documents to be recorded, served and returned to their respective courts prior to and in preparation for scheduled court dates. The Civil Processing Unit also processes distress warrants for the county's treasurer, on those who owe back taxes totaling over \$350,000 for CY16.

The Criminal Warrants Unit processes, routes and tracks warrants for the Sheriff's Office averaging 38 criminal warrants per day. Warrants personnel research, code, verify and record entries into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Virginia Crime Information Network (VCIN) databases. The office also assists in the coordination and completion of audits conducted by the FBI and Virginia State Police.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

**CAPTAIN ROGER HARRIS II**

## 2016 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ In CY 15 conducted almost 500 background checks and 66 polygraphs on people applying for positions with the Sheriff's Office
- ♦ In CY 15 processed over 15,000 items in evidence
- ♦ In CY 15 increased Neighborhood Watch communities from 82 to 85
- ♦ In CY 15 continued the Active Shooter Training
- ♦ In CY 15 provided over 45 Public Seminars on various safety topics
- ♦ In CY 15 collected over 859 pounds of drugs as part of the Drug Take Back Program
- ♦ In CY 15 raised over 27,033 pounds of food for the Food Bank Program
- ♦ In CY 15 served over 400 children, 20 teenagers, and 35 senior citizens as part of the Blue Christmas Program
- ♦ In CY 15 served over 200 children with school supplies as part of Operation Backpack.
- ♦ In CY 15 initiated the 'Military Appreciation' outreach program in the county.
- ♦ In FY 15 received \$257,055 in grant funds\*

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UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS  
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Under the direction of Sheriff Harris, the Administrative Services Division (ASD) was established in January 2012. The division 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, 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.



In addition to the other functions that it performs, the Division is responsible for promotional processes, awards ceremony, equipment and uniform ordering, issuance, and inventory, grant administration, vehicle fleet, and accreditation.





# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

**BECKY SKEBO**

## 2016 NOTABLE EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ In CY 16 Answered 206,232 phone calls (45,047 emergency (E911) and 161,185 non-emergency)
- ◆ Of the 206,232 calls answered in CY16 dispatched 122,762 calls for service for the Sheriff's Office and 18,201 calls for service for Fire/Rescue and 515 phone calls answered for Crime Solvers Tips
- ◆ Upgraded our current radio system to a Harris Radio P25 radio system to include new radio dispatch consoles at all of our dispatch consoles within the center (previously had 5 radio dispatch consoles, now have 10 radio dispatch consoles that have same functionality and capability).
- ◆ Implemented a Training Supervisor position and in-house training program within the Emergency Communication Center.

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The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is staffed twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. The ECC is responsible for answering all 911 calls for the county, as well as some of the administrative numbers for the Sheriff's Office. The ECC provides dispatch services for the Sheriff's Office, 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.



# AUXILIARY DIVISION

## 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.

# ACCREDITATION

## 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 set 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 creates 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 19, 2014 and was presented their re-accreditation on December 18, 2014 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 third term of accreditation and is projected to undergo another re-accreditation in Fall 2018.

# IN MEMORIAM

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



### **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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CRIME FACTORS</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b></p>
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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.

Source: United States. Richmond, Virginia. Department of State Police. Virginia Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Colonel W. Steven Flaherty. *2016 Crime in Virginia*. Print.

# GROUP A OFFENSES FOR 2016

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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 4,498 criminal incidents that occurred in 2016 in Spotsylvania County, 1,559 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***

*Homicide, Murder / Non-negligent Manslaughter  
3 Offenses Reported (2 for 2015)*

*Kidnapping / Abduction  
19 Offenses Reported (20 for 2015)*

*Forcible Sex Offenses  
93 Offenses Reported (117 for 2015)*

*Assault Offenses  
1,017 Offenses Reported (980 for 2015)*

*Nonforcible Sex Offenses  
0 Offenses Reported (1 for 2015)*

### ***Group A Crimes Against Society***

*Drug Offenses  
1,015 Offenses Reported (845 for 2015)*

*Pornography / Obscene Material  
6 Offenses Reported (10 for 2015)*

*Gambling Offenses  
0 Offenses Reported (0 for 2015)*

*Prostitution  
7 Offenses Reported (8 for 2015)*

*Weapon Law Violation  
83 Offenses Reported (102 for 2015)*

Source: United States. Richmond, Virginia. Department of State Police. Virginia Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Colonel W. Steven Flaherty. *2016 Crime in Virginia*. Print.

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***Group A  
Crimes Against Property***

*Robbery*

*56 Offenses Reported (59 for 2015)*

*Arson*

*1 Offenses Reported (4 for 2015)*

*Extortion / Blackmail*

*1 Offenses Reported (3 for 2015)*

*Burglary*

*195 Offenses Reported (214 for 2015)*

*Larceny*

*1,482 Offenses Reported (1,654 for 2015)*

*Motor Vehicle Theft*

*81 Offenses Reported (69 for 2015)*

*Counterfeiting / Forgery*

*61 Offenses Reported (96 in 2015)*

*Fraud*

*591 Offenses Reported (591 in 2015)*

*Embezzlement*

*40 Offenses Reported (43 in 2015)*

*Stolen Property*

*20 Offenses Reported (13 in 2015)*

*Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property*

*442 Offenses Reported (464 in 2015)*

*Bribery*

*0 Offenses Reported (0 in 2015)*

Source: United States. Richmond, Virginia. Department of State Police. Virginia Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Colonel W. Steven Flaherty. *2016 Crime in Virginia*. Print.

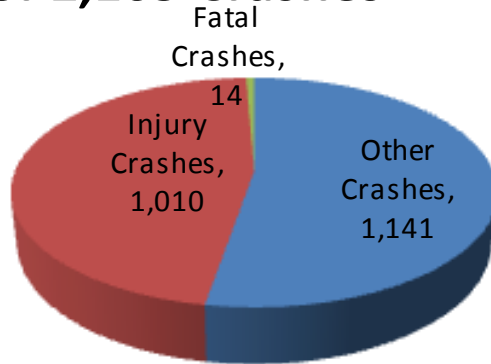
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# CY 2016 TRAFFIC CRASHES

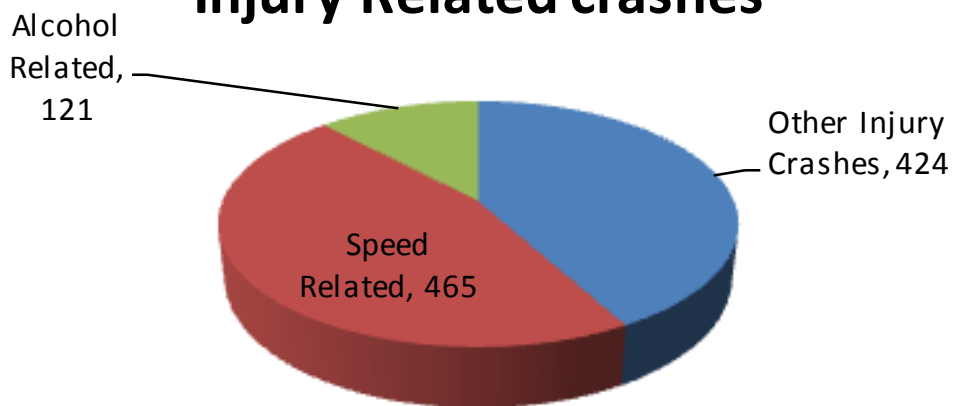
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The information listed below was obtained from the “Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles”.

## In CY 2016 there were a Total of 2,165 Crashes



## CY 2016 there were 1,010 Injury Related crashes



Source: TREDIS Traffic Records Electronic Data System. Commonwealth of Virginia-Department-of Motor Vehicles. 2016



# CY 2016 ARREST DATA

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

<b>GROUP A</b>		
<b>ARRESTS BY OFFENSE</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Murder	3	3
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Kidnapping	19	16
Forcible Sex Offenses	31	16
Robbery	56	10
Aggravated Assault	135	70
Simple Assault / Intimidation	882	182
Arson	1	0
Extortion / Blackmail	1	1
Burglary	195	20
Larceny	1482	317
Motor Vehicle Theft	81	0
Counterfeiting Forgery	61	10
Fraud	591	49
Embezzlement	40	21
Stolen Property	20	8
Vandalism	442	19
Drug / Narcotic Offenses	1015	789
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	0	0
Pornography	6	1
Gambling	0	0
Prostitution	7	9
Bribery	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	83	18
<b>TOTAL GROUP A</b>	<b>5160</b>	<b>1559</b>

Source: United States. Richmond, Virginia. Department of State Police. Virginia Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Colonel W. Steven Flaherty. 2016 Crime in Virginia. Print.

# CY 2016 ARREST DATA (CONTINUED)

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

<b>GROUP B</b>		
<b>ARRESTS BY OFFENSE</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Bad Checks	6	6
Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	14	14
Driving Under the Influence	280	280
Drunkenness	184	184
Nonforcible Family Offenses	18	18
Liquor Law Violations	8	8
Peeping Tom	0	0
Runaway	9	9
Trespass of Real Property	26	26
Conspiracy	14	14
All Other (except Traffic)	332	332
<b>TOTAL GROUP B</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>891</b>

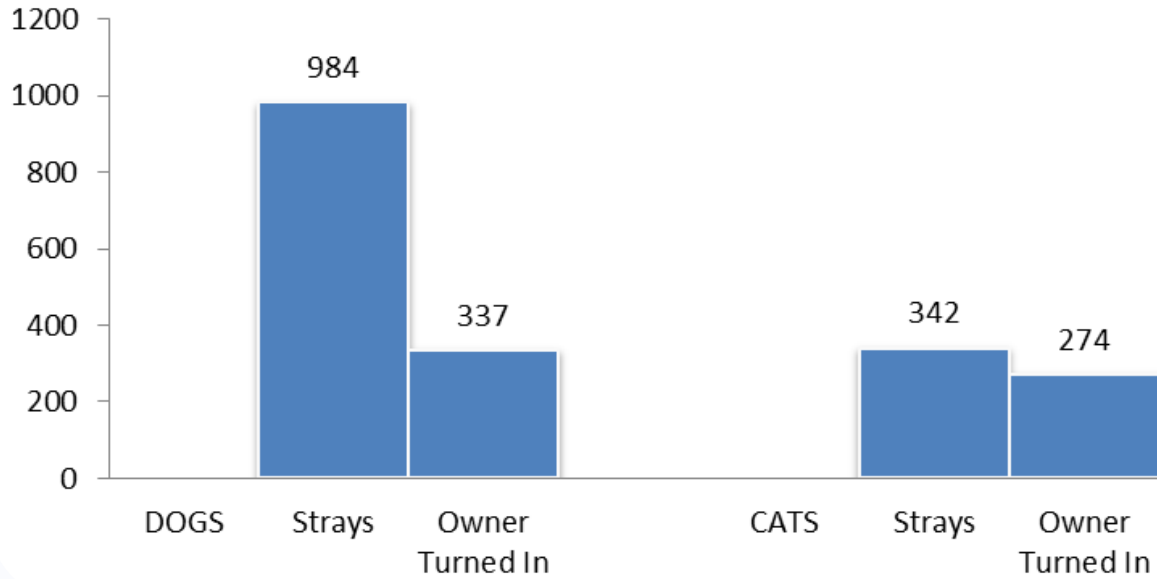
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\*This report no longer contains clearance rates. The IBR system does not accurately reflect the volume of clearance each department produces in a given year. Additionally, the number of arrests in a jurisdiction does not provide precise offense clearance information in that one person arrested could clear multiple offenses.\*

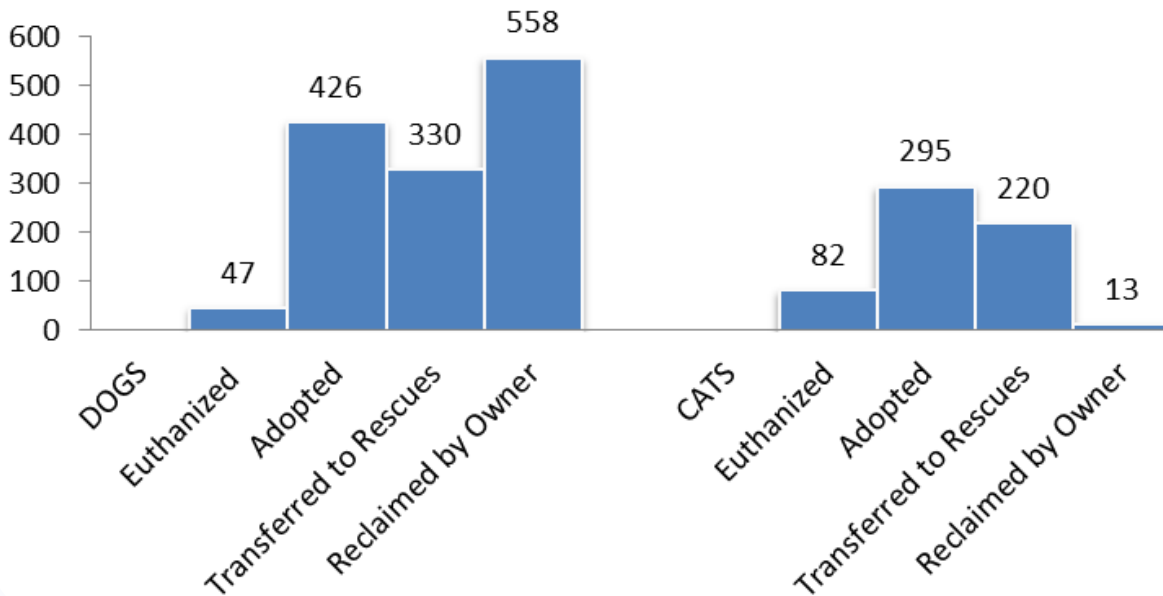
# CY 2016 ANIMAL CONTROL

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## CY 2016 Animals Recieved



## Animal Disposition in CY 2016



# 2016 BUDGET INFORMATION

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>FY 2015 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2016 Actual</b>	<b>Increase or (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
State Compensation Board	\$3,320,823	\$3,393,963	\$73,140	2.2%
E-911 Taxes	\$1,347,737	\$1,347,737	0	0.00%
County Court Fines	\$465,116	\$355,453	(\$109,663)	-23.6%
Courthouse Security Fees	\$147,959	\$139,576	(8,383)	-5.7%
Wireless E-911 Surcharge	\$178,447	\$173,387	(\$5,060)	2.8%
Sheriff Local Services	\$142,350	\$246,938	\$104,588	73.5%
Other Sheriff Fees for Services	\$117,390	\$89,106	(\$28,284)	-24.1%
Animal Shelter Fees	\$123,639	\$194,520	\$70,881	57.3%
Dog Tag Licenses	\$66,865	\$69,017	\$2,152	3.2%
Insurance Claim Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Reimb Extradition of Prisoners	\$11,692	\$8,614	(\$3,078)	-26.3%
Gun Permits	\$47,301	\$65,198	\$17,897	37.8%
Rabies Vaccinations	\$6,728	\$8,328	\$1,600	23.8%
Sheriff's Fees	\$4,099	\$6,880	\$2,781	67.8%
Veh Reg Dog/Cat Sterilization	\$3,734	\$3,812	\$78	2.1%
Grant Revenues	\$239,515	\$188,298	(\$51,217)	-21.4%
Sheriff & Animal Control Court Restitution	\$5,218	\$1,336	(\$3,882)	-74.4%
Forfeiture/Seizure	\$95,749	\$278,292	\$182,543	190.6%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$6,324,362</b>	<b>\$6,616,834</b>	<b>\$292,472</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personnel	\$17,830,623	\$18,727,661	\$897,038	5.0%
Operating	\$2,163,213	\$2,318,362	\$155,149	7.2%
Capital	\$1,385,359	\$979,082	(\$406,277)	-29.3%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$21,379,195</b>	<b>\$22,025,105</b>	<b>\$645,910</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>NET TAX SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$15,054,833</b>	<b>\$15,408,271</b>	<b>\$353,438</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

\* FY 2015 is for fiscal year 2015 which runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 while FY 2014 is for fiscal year 2014 which runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Source: United States. Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Finance. *FY 2014 Adopted Budget*. Print.  
 United States. Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Finance. *FY 2015 Recommended Budget*. Print.

# STAFFING LEVELS

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Sheriff	1	1	1
Major	2	2	2
Office Manager II	1	1	1
Records Manager	1	1	1
Records Clerk	2.63	3.26	3.26
Captain	5	5	5
Lieutenant	7	6	6
First Sergeant	10	12	12
Sergeant	11	13	13
Deputy Sheriff	131.06	128.43	132.43
Crime Analyst	1.50	1.50	1.50
Office Manager I	2.50	2.50	2.50
Detective	19.39	19.39	19.39
Civil Process Clerk	1	1	1
Program Assistant	1.13	2.13	2.13
Secretary	0.50	0.50	0.50
Evidence/Property Custodian	1	1	1
Parking Enforcement (Civilian)	1	1	1
Animal Control Field Supervisor Sergeant	1	0	0
Animal Control Officer	8	8	8
Animal Control Shelter Manager	1	1	1
Animal Control Clerk	1	1	1
Animal Control Shelter Assistant	6.65	6.65	6.65
Emergency Communications Manager	1	1	1
Criminal Warrants Supervisor	1	1	1
Criminal Warrants Clerk	2	2	2
Communications Supervisor	4	5	5
Communications Officer	18.50	19.00	19.00
Communications Operator	10	9	9
Operations Supervisor	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL FTEs</b>	<b>254.86</b>	<b>256.36</b>	<b>260.36</b>

FTEs reflect full-time and regular part-time positions; excludes seasonal and temporary part-time

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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 offer in 2016.

Autism Awareness Day	April 9, 2016
Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics	June 10, 2016
Stars and Stripes Spectacular	July 2, 2016
Family Fun Fest	July 23, 2016
National Night Out	August 2, 2016
Stuff the Cruiser for Back to School Supplies	August 13, 2016
Brazwell Run to Prevent Teen Violence	September 26, 2016
Sheriff's Safety Day	October 15, 2016
Trunk 'N Treat	October 30, 2016
Stuff the Cruiser-Blue Christmas	December 2/3, 2016
Blue Christmas Event to hand-out collected toys and clothes	December 17, 2016
Shop with a Cop	December 17, 2016

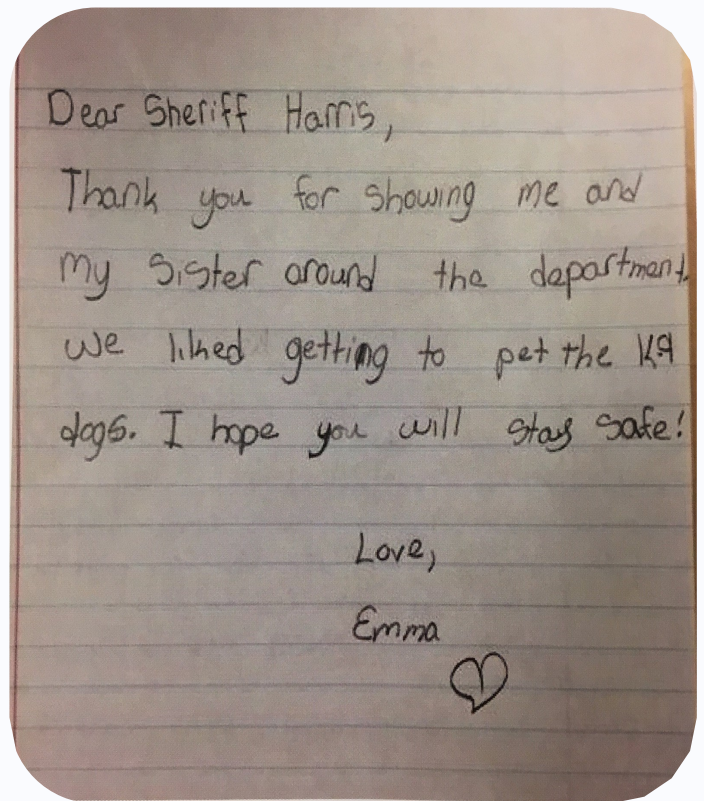
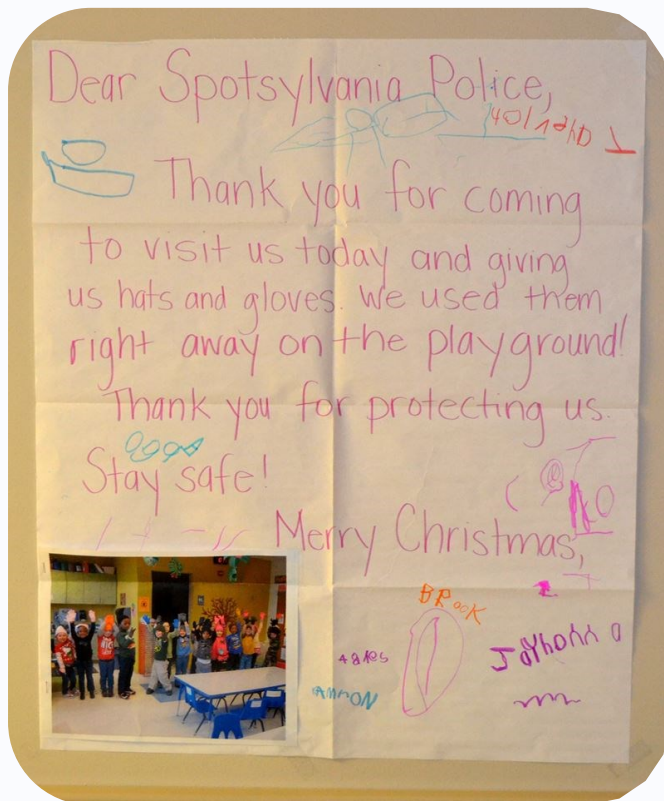


# COMMENDATION AND COMPLAINTS

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

<b>Mailing Address</b>	P.O. Box 124 Spotsylvania, VA 22553
<b>Physical Address for the Public Safety Building</b>	9119 Dean Ridings Lane Spotsylvania, VA 22553
<b>Physical Address for the Animal Shelter</b>	450 TV Drive
<b>Emergency Number</b>	911
<b>Main Number for Non-emergency Calls</b> —Non emergency calls are answered 24/7 through the Emergency Communications Center	540-507-7200
<b>Main Lobby</b>	8:00 am—4:00 pm from Monday-Friday
<b>Website</b> —Contains links for all public information, community outreach, calendar of events, Annual Reports, resources, forms, arrest data and contact information.	<a href="http://www.spotsylvaniasheriff.org">www.spotsylvaniasheriff.org</a>
<b>Facebook</b> —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
<b>Twitter</b>	@spotsysheriff
<b>Instagram</b>	Spotsysheriff
<b>Crime Analysis Data for Spotsylvania County</b>	<a href="http://www.crimemapping.com/map/va/spotsylvaniacounty">http://www.crimemapping.com/map/va/spotsylvaniacounty</a>
<b>Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minor Registry</b>	<a href="http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/">http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/</a>
<b>Crime in Virginia</b>	<a href="http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm">http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm</a>
<b>Spotsylvania County Adopted Budgets</b>	<a href="http://www.spotsylvania.va.us/content/2614/147/2742/181/153/default.aspx">http://www.spotsylvania.va.us/content/2614/147/2742/181/153/default.aspx</a>
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