

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Nine Graduate from Deputy School

On November 25, [nine deputy sheriffs graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy as members of the academy's first-ever Deputy School](#). These new deputies and their classmates from the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Sheriff's Office successfully completed 10 weeks of rigorous training focusing on jail operations and court security. Their training also included emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, physical fitness and wellness, control tactics, active bystandership, legal training, civil process, first aid, and serving diverse communities. Congratulations to Deputy Amaya, Deputy Jones, Deputy Koroma, Deputy Leiberg, Deputy Mills, Deputy Otieno, Deputy Tyler, Deputy Vasquez and Deputy Washington!



Chaplain Contee Named Living Legend of Alexandria

Myron Contee, the longtime chaplain at the Adult Detention Center, was recently [selected as a Living Legend of Alexandria](#), one of nine highly dedicated community members in Living Legends of Alexandria's 2024 class. The Sheriff's Office nominated Chaplain Contee for this honor in recognition of his work to support the spiritual wellbeing of hundreds of incarcerated individuals each year. Sheriff Sean Casey and several colleagues from the Sheriff's Office attended the Living Legends reception on November 7 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial and were proud to see Chaplain Contee honored.



ASO Holds Promotional Recognition Ceremony

The Sheriff's Office [celebrated the achievements of 11 employees who earned promotions](#) in the past year with a recognition ceremony on October 23. Dozens of family members and friends of the honorees attended the event as did several City officials and many colleagues. The ceremony, emceed by Lieutenant Jessup, included the presentation of the colors by the Honor Guard, Deputy Herring singing the national anthem, and Deputy Stubblefield delivering the invocation. Event committee members introduced the honorees, shared career highlights and read acknowledgements on their behalf, and then Sheriff Casey presented each with a certificate.



Deputy Cromer Named Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Deputy Cromer on being selected as Employee of the Quarter! He was nominated by his supervisor, Sergeant Speight, who cited Deputy Cromer's exceptional interpersonal skills, his outstanding work in the Critical Care Mental Health Unit and in Booking, as well as his success as a new field trainer. She also applauded his ability to build a strong rapport with inmates in his housing unit and his effective interactions with disorderly inmates in Booking.



ASO Supports Thanksgiving Outreach

In advance of Thanksgiving, Sheriff Casey and several deputies helped spread holiday cheer by delivering Thanksgiving baskets of food to families in need. The Thanksgiving meal deliveries were organized by ALIVE! which fights hunger year-round and by the Alexandria Police Department with support from the Alexandria Police Foundation. ASO also participated in Friendsgiving, a popular gathering of neighbors, public safety and recreation staff, and members of the faith community and Social Responsibility Group at Charles Houston Rec. We wish everyone a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving!



Save Your Spot in Spring Community Academy

The next [Sheriff's Community Academy](#) begins March 1, but you can reserve your space now! Spring session will meet on four consecutive Saturday mornings, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and end March 22. Sheriff's Community Academy participants will learn about the role of the Sheriff's Office through hands-on activities, behind-the-scenes tours of the jail and courthouse, and presentations by Sheriff Casey and our staff. It's also an excellent way to meet other civically-engaged Alexandrians like you!



Please Consider Donating to Operation Elf

During this season of giving, please consider supporting [Operation Elf, the annual program to provide holiday gifts to children with an incarcerated parent](#). Operation Elf welcomes donations of new toys, games, books and gift cards. Operation Elf benefits families in need and helps keep loved ones connected during the holidays, encouraging an easier transition when ex-offenders return to the community. Thank you for [downloading our Operation Elf flyer](#) to learn more!



Drug Take Back Day Nets More than 200 Pounds

Last month's Drug Take Back event resulted in 205 pounds of unneeded and potentially dangerous medications being turned in for safe disposal. Deputies and police officers teamed up to staff five locations across Alexandria as part of the semi-annual national Drug Take Back Day. Several residents also picked up free medication lock boxes to keep their current prescription medications secure. The Department of Community and Human Services has more [information online about ways to safely dispose of expired and unwanted medications](#) so you don't have to wait for the next Drug Take Back event.

