

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Two Recruits Graduate from Basic Jail Training

Congratulations to Deputy Ahmed and Deputy Ugarriza on their [graduation from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy!](#) Both successfully completed eight weeks of Jail Officer Basic Training, including defensive tactics, firearms, legal, communication, control of contraband, inmate classification, and transporting inmates. Sheriff Sean Casey and members of his command and training staff attended their graduation in Fredericksburg on December 18.



Sheriff and ASO Share Holiday Spirit

Alexandria is brimming with merriment and Sheriff Casey and our deputies have been working closely with community and faith-based organizations to spread that joy! Joining the Senior Holiday Celebration at the Lee Center, helping with Casa Chirilagua's holiday meal, distributing toys with CCNA and Landmark Church at Winter Fest, assisting Santa at ARHA's Winter Wonderland (right), helping to serve families at the Debra Deneise Smith Foundation's Breakfast with Santa, or delivering gifts to families in need, our team is excited to support our partners.



Inmates Enjoy Holiday Celebration

In celebration of the season, the Sheriff's Office held a [festive holiday program for inmates](#) at the Adult Detention Center. Sixty-five men and women attended the program which featured a spiritual reflection from Master Deputy Stubblefield, an uplifting performance by saxophonist Otis Hicks, Jr., cake and soft drinks, and closing remarks by LaTanya Ervin, Director of Inmate Services. The audience greatly enjoyed listening to Mr. Hicks who performed several songs including favorites "This Christmas," "Celebrate Me Home," "Merry Christmas Baby," and "Silent Night."



Operation Elf Update

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our neighbors and people across the region who have donated to [Operation Elf!](#) Thanks to their donations, at least 165 children of inmates are receiving toys, games, pajamas, books and other gifts this season. Our team packed gift bags full of surprises (right) and families have been picking them up throughout the week. We appreciate everyone who has made the holidays brighter for families with an incarcerated loved one!



Secure Firearms and Meds Over the Holidays

Will you be entertaining guests or hosting family members, like grandchildren, in your home over the holidays? Be sure to secure items, such as firearms and drugs, that present a danger in the wrong hands. ASO offers [free locking medication boxes and firearm locks](#) so please take steps to help prevent harm over the holidays.



Youth Outreach Update

This month ASO teamed up with officers from APD for a career day visit to Mount Vernon Community School where little ones explored our cruisers and tried on safety equipment (right). We welcomed Cora Kelly safety patrol members on a visit to the Sheriff's Office where they met Sheriff Casey and everyone discussed the importance of helping keep others safe. Sheriff Casey has also been active in [tutoring teens in the Youngins program](#) this fall. We wish all ACPS families a safe and peaceful holiday break!

