### Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



#### **APRIL 2025**

# ASO Celebrates Employee Excellence at Annual Awards Ceremony

On April 22, the Sheriff's Office honored our own staff at the annual employee awards celebration. The program featured Mayor Alyia Gaskins delivering the keynote speech and presentation of more than a dozen awards. Deputies and professional staff were recognized by their colleagues for outstanding performance, team spirit, leadership and other areas. The Alexandria American Legion Post 24 also recognized Deputy Rose as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Sheriff Sean Casey presented Deputy Sherzai with a special commendation. Congratulations to all the honorees!



## Reentry Resource Fair Among Events for Second Chance Month

April is <u>Second Chance Month</u> and ASO hosted our <u>annual</u> <u>reentry resource fair</u> to help inmates prepare for their return to the community. On April 15, more than 130 participants explored reentry resources and opportunities with 28 exhibitors offering health, education, job training, employment assistance, and peer support services. Then on April 29, ASO will officially rename our men's program housing unit the Second Chance Unit to emphasize the work and commitment of residents preparing for positive and productive futures.



#### **Sheriff Promotes Two to Sergeant**

Congratulations to our newly promoted colleagues, Sergeant Battle (right in photo) and Sergeant Greene (left in photo). Sheriff Casey announced the promotions at the courthouse where both have been working. Sergeant Battle began his ASO career in 2005 and in addition to his regular duties, he is a Field Training Deputy, General Instructor and Defensive Tactics Instructor who was instrumental in establishing the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) and training SERT members. Sergeant Greene has served with ASO since 2016 and beyond his assigned duties, he is active in community events and is a Field Training Deputy, a member of the Honor Guard and the Office's representative on the Law Enforcement Benevolent Fund.



# **Sheriff's Office Supports Fentanyl Awareness** and Harm Reduction

April 29 is National Fentanyl Awareness Day and as an active and committed member of the City's Opioid Work Group, ASO has been involved in outreach efforts this month. Deputies joined other work group members in packing harm reduction kits (right) that will be provided free at multiple locations between April 26 and May 2. The kits contain the opioid overdose reversal medication Naloxone, test strips for fentanyl, and education and community resources so people can learn how to protect themselves and others and how to access treatment. Deputies are also staffing drop-off sites for Drug Take Back Day on April 26 to help keep medications from being misdirected. Harm reduction kits will be available at several Drug Take Back sites, too.



#### **ASO Staff Complete Expanded CPR Training**

This month our sworn and professional staff completed mandatory training on CPR and AED for adults as well as children and infants. Although all ASO employees have long been required to receive training on first aid, CPR and AED for adults, this year the training was expanded to cover babies and children, ensuring we are better able to respond effectively to emergencies. Investing in these skills reinforces our commitment to the safety and well-being of our community and those in our care.



#### **Court Order Prohibits Cell Phones, Dangerous Materials at Courthouse**

A recent court order addressing restrictions on electronics, weapons and potentially dangerous materials took effect April 1. While the general public has been prohibited from bringing firearms and smart phones into the courthouse for many years, the new order also applies to lighters and vaping materials and to knives, razors and sharp objects that could be used as weapons. The Sheriff's Office encourages courthouse visitors to be aware of these restrictions and reminds them that free lockers for cell phones and smart watches are available in the courthouse vestibule.











