Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



MAY 2025

Deputy Carty Selected as Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Deputy Carty on being chosen by his colleagues as our Employee of the Quarter! Deputy Carty's supervisor in the Training Unit nominated him for his hard work, adaptability and commitment to excellence, all of which have positively impacted operations. Deputy Carty's recent efforts include reviewing and expanding effective training opportunities for professional staff, establishing an accessible electronic schedule to cover all phases of recruit training, and adjusting his own schedule when needed to handle his ancillary duties with the Civil Disobedience Unit and as an elementary school liaison deputy.



Accreditation Manager Recognized by Chamber of Commerce

The Sheriff's Office is proud to share that one of our professional staff members is among those being honored as part of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's inaugural 40 Over 40 class. Since becoming our accreditation manager in 2020, Gayle Reuter has ensured the Sheriff's Office meets and often exceeds the required standards from three accrediting organizations. The simultaneous accreditations earned Sheriff Sean Casey the prestigious Triple Crown Award from the National Sheriffs' Association in 2023. Gayle is also extremely active in the community through her extensive volunteer service and her longtime leadership with the Del Ray Business Association. Congratulations, Gayle!



Second Chance Unit Formally Dedicated

In connection with April's designation as Second Chance Month, the Sheriff's Office held a ceremony on April 29 to formally dedicate and rename the men's program housing unit as the Second Chance Unit. Sheriff Casey and members of the Inmate Services team addressed audience members including more than two dozen inmates and representatives from several reentry partners. In addition to remarks from the Sheriff and staff, two residents of the Second Chance Unit, Zachary Bell and Kevin Rodriguez, also spoke and expressed appreciation for the opportunities they have received to improve their futures. Then Sheriff Casey and Director Ervin unveiled a new sign reading, Second Chance Unit: Every day we are given two things, a chance and a choice.



ASO Providing Free Photo IDs for Kids

The Sheriff's Office is now offering a new service to help families and law enforcement in the event a child is separated from their parent or other caregiver. Thanks to funding support from Dominion Energy, deputies will create free photo identification cards for children at select community events throughout Alexandria, including this summer's Community Cookouts. These cards feature a recent photograph of a child, along with essential personal information parents provide and a digital fingerprint. The service is designed to give parents an extra measure of security and peace of mind.



ASO Active in Community Outreach

In addition to this season's Community Cookouts, ASO is busy with other outreach efforts, especially with young people and families. So far this month deputies have taken part in RecFest, Patrick Henry-James Polk Fun Run, Eco-City Festival, First Thursday, Mental Health Day at Jefferson-Houston, ACPS Celebration of Learning and a visit to St. Paul's Preschool. Sheriff Casey also welcomed Alexandria City High students in the Junior City Academy on a tour of the Adult Detention Center. Two of our inmates contributed to our outreach efforts by meeting via video with middle schoolers in the Police Department's mentoring program and talking about the importance of having strong role models and making good decisions.



Dozens Attend Expungement Clinic

During Second Chance Month, ASO teamed up with our justice partners for a free expungement clinic where deputies fingerprinted 29 people seeking fresh starts. Thanks to all who volunteered and the generous sponsors including King, Campbell, Poretz, and Mitchell, John Marshall Bank, the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP, Schmergel & Mersberger, PLC, and the Alexandria Bar Association and Foundation, for covering the mandatory filing fees! To learn more about the expungement process for criminal charges and records in Alexandria, visit the Clerk of Circuit Court's website.



Alexandrians Turn in 266 Pounds of Meds on **Drug Take Back Day**

At the National Drug Take Back Day on April 26, ASO and APD staffed six drop-off sites across Alexandria, making it extra easy for our neighbors to safely dispose of 266 pounds of unwanted and potentially dangerous medications. Community members could also pick up harm reduction kits, with fentanyl test strips and naloxone, as part of the City's efforts for National Fentanyl <u>Awareness Day</u>. Thanks to <u>SAPCA</u> and the volunteers from Volunteer Alexandria for helping to staff the drop-off sites and share valuable information and materials!











