

News from Stafford County

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Sheriff's Office reaches out to our children

BADGES FOR BASEBALL

Last summer 94 children from low-income homes spent a remarkable week learning the fundamentals of baseball and softball, as well as the importance of good character. The Stafford County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, sponsors the Badges for Baseball program. 1st Sgt. Neal Robey and 13 additional deputies taught the kids baseball basics in a positive, fun-filled atmosphere. Experience has demonstrated that these relationships carry over into the children's neighborhoods throughout the year.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Members of the Stafford Board of Supervisors and county staff welcome your suggestions and concerns. Together, we can make Stafford County even better! Here's how to reach them.

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Stafford County Sheriff's Office believes that it's important for children to develop positive relationships with law enforcement officers at an early age. It's one thing to see deputies depicted in television shows. It's better for children to get to know an officer and develop a positive relationship with him or her.

"Protecting and assisting the children of Stafford County is a fundamental value of the Sheriff's Office. The children are a treasured and very important part of Stafford County and as such deserve our every effort," states Sheriff Charles Jett. "It is truly an honor to provide a wide variety of programs to the county youth."

Highway safety is improved through education, awareness and enforcement. These three components have led to less motor vehicle and alcohol related crashes, accident injuries and fatalities. All citizens in Stafford County are shareholders in these efforts and improvements.

To contact the Sheriff's Office, please call (540) 658-4450 or visit the Ford T. Humphrey Building, 1225 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

School Resource Officers interact with students every day in all county middle and high schools. Their presence not only helps ensure a quality learning environment, it also helps the students gain a greater understanding of the work of law enforcement officers. School Resource Officers are in all of Stafford's middle schools and high schools. In addition to these officers, Stafford's elementary schools also work with deputies who teach 5th grade students the DARE program. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. More than 35,000 kids in Stafford have completed DARE since it was initiated in 1989.



School Resource Officer, 1st Sgt. Deuntay Diggs.

SHERIFF'S SHOPPING SPREE



Christmas 2014 shopping for children

Sheriff Charles Jett, Major David Decatur and 25 members of the Sheriff's Office played Santa Claus last December to 85 school-age children in the annual Sheriff's Shopping Spree at the Walmart on Rt. 17. Each student was given \$100 and joined by a deputy or civilian staff member from the department as they shopped for family gifts and a gift for themselves. When the children finished shopping and reached the checkout area, they were greeted by a "brand new" Walmart checker...also known as Sheriff Jett. Major Decatur made sure each child also left with fresh-made cookies and a candy-filled plastic candy cane.

JUNIOR DEPUTY ACADEMY



Professionalism, Fairness, Compassion and Integrity. Selected students in grades 4 – 8 in the Junior Deputy Academy gain a better appreciation for the core values of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. They also get to know and develop positive relationships with law enforcement officers. The program began last summer. During three one-week sessions, students learn about Character Development, Traffic Law Enforcement, Personal Safety, Introduction to Law Enforcement and Internet Safety, plus more. They also see demonstrations by the Sheriff's Office Specialty Teams.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office placed first in their division in Virginia and third nationally in a competition that recognizes comprehensive highway safety program. The challenge ranked overall traffic safety enforcement, community education, and low traffic fatality and accident rates among similar-sized departments during 2013. The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police sponsored the state competition. Stafford's first place award entry was sent on to the national competition held by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Stafford placed third in the nation, in its category. Lt. Joe Pittman and Master Deputy Mike Powell received the third place award at the recent IACP International Conference.

