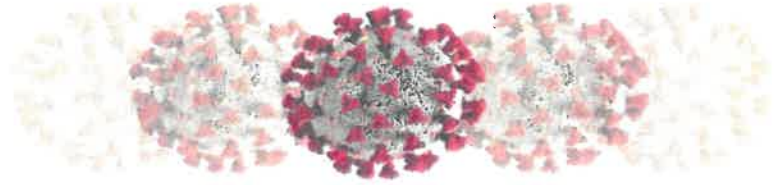


FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL
REPORT
2020



Message from Sheriff Millholland



Thank you very much for reviewing the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. As Sheriff, I want to commend the men and women of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and I am proud of the job they do every day to protect and serve over 88,000 citizens of Frederick County and those who travel through our County. The current sworn workforce is 149 Deputies. There are 10 non-sworn civilian personnel that handle reports, records, eviction notices, trespassing notices, warrants, civil papers, statistics and a host of other duties. All of the personnel play an important part in the day to day operations.

2020 has been a trying year for our country and our personnel because of the COVID-19 Virus, manpower issues caused by Covid-19, hatred towards the Police and calls to defund the Police across the Country. Through all of this, personnel have kept their heads high and continued to do the right thing.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is a full-service agency which means we answer all calls for service. The Sheriff's Office answered 86,821 calls for service. The calls were made up of Administrative, Patrol, Traffic, Drug, Animal Control, Civil, Court Security, Prisoner Transports, Mental Transports, School Resource and numerous other calls that required the assistance of this agency. There were over 5,345 reports taken that pertained to citizen complaints, incidents or police information. Many of these reports required personal contact with the public and the risk to contract the COVID-19 virus. Many reports were taken by social distancing for the safety of the public and the Deputies.

No matter how safe our personnel tried to be by wearing PPE, temperature readings daily and quarantining, we still had to deal with 35 sworn personnel being taken off the road for 10-14 days by CDC guidelines. This guideline required backfilling the affected shifts to keep manpower at a safe operating level. There was a total of 3,599 direct contacts with people that were arrested for different violations of the law. Deputies saw the severity of crime go up and have attributed this in large part to COVID-19 and people who were fed up with the limitations placed on them due to the virus. Covid-19 has caused many issues, one of which was dealing with addiction. Treatment and meetings were cancelled leaving our most vulnerable with nowhere to turn. Fortunately, Deputies were able to administer "NARCAN" or Naloxone 59 times to victims that had overdosed.

In your review of the annual report, please check the Group A and Group B offenses and arrests to see the types of crimes that Deputies dealt with in 2020.



2021 is off to a new start with personnel and citizens getting their COVID-19 shots. We hope that 2021 will be a great year for you and I encourage you to do what you can to get involved in your community. There is a whole year that has been lost and with your help and support, we can get Frederick County back to where it was before the COVID-19 Pandemic started. Stay safe and call us at 540-662-6162 or check our website or our Facebook page should you have any questions or concerns that we can assist you with.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Lenny Millholland

Frederick County Sheriff's Office

FY 2021-2022

DESCRIPTION:

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is currently made up of 149 sworn personnel, and 10 office/clerical personnel. The office is responsible for the safety and well-being of over 88,000* residents and covers approximately 416 square miles. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is made up of four divisions.

- The Patrol Division is responsible for answering calls for service, handling criminal complaints, and patrolling the streets and highways of Frederick County promoting highway safety. Our patrol division is broken down into shifts, each shift is responsible for business checks, serving warrants, responding to alarms, handling detention orders, protective orders, preparing cases and presenting evidence in court. The traffic unit handles numerous traffic related issues involving citizen complaints, investigates traffic accident and issues citations when violations are detected. This unit has become a necessity with the growth of Frederick County. Other duties include coordinating special details such as DUI checkpoints, seatbelt safety checkpoints, speed surveys and any other issues that may be driver related. School Resource Officers (S.R.O.'s) and the Animal Control Officers (A.C.O's) are also included in the Patrol Division.
- Administrative Services Division is responsible for maintaining the Sheriff's Office accreditation, training and provides community services such as neighborhood watch, and project lifesaver. The office recently implemented an elder assist program where the focus is on the needs of the elderly. Whether or not they are invalid or alone, we provide a personal welfare check and an avenue to inform them of scams and issues that pertain to our elderly population.
- The Criminal Investigative Division handles all major felony cases and more serious misdemeanor crimes cases in addition to special investigations such as drugs, gangs, child pornography, child sexual abuse, child physical abuse, white-collar crime, computer crimes and fraud. Criminal Investigative Division does the senior citizen outreach. Also has the evidence and property function.
- The Court Security and Civil Process Division is responsible for providing security for the Fredrick County courts. This division is also responsible for serving all civil papers within Frederick County and handling mental transports, TDO's, prisoner extraditions and transports both in and out of the Commonwealth.

Within the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, specialized units have been created to handle incidents such as missing persons, hostage/barricade situations, underwater search and rescue and civil riots or disturbances. These specialized units are comprised of personnel from the Patrol Division, Administrative Division, Criminal Investigative Division and Civil Process Division. The personnel in these units have advanced training beyond the mandatory requirements.

FY 2020-2021

GOALS and OBJECTIVES:

*Continue to provide the Citizens of Frederick County the best services possible by providing community relations through deputies performing a variety of duties, to include Sheriff's Youth Camp, the D.A.R.E program, Neighborhood Watch Meetings, Project Lifesaver, VIN Etching, Elder Assistance Programs and Child Fingerprinting, annual Citizen's Academy and we sponsor a Cadet Program for youth.

*Continue to recruit and hire quality personnel.

*Continue with our community relations such as Project Lifesaver, Elder Abuse programs, Community Connections, VIN Etching, Sheriff's Youth Camp, Child Fingerprinting, Citizens Academy, and the Explorer Program.

*Continue our working relationships with outside agencies and businesses who request our services and assistance.

*Continue to maintain our Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation.

*Continue to provide the best safety and security for our schools.

*Continue to train and utilize our K-9s and Bloodhound for fugitive/criminal apprehension along with search and rescue.

*Continue to train for issues that may involve civil disturbances.

*Continue to upgrade equipment to provide the safest work environment for our personnel and the people we are sworn to protect.

Mission Statement

It shall be the mission of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to provide fair, unbiased law enforcement services to the public, while respecting the individual's constitutional rights.

Code of Ethics

"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law of the land and the regulations of my Office. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret, unless revelation is necessary in the performance of duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions with no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals. I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust, to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of public service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession-law enforcement."

COMMAND STAFF



SHERIFF LENNY MILLHOLLAND

Sheriff Lenny Millholland has been in law enforcement for over 40 years. Starting his career in 1977 Sheriff Millholland has worked in Patrol, K-9, Criminal Investigations, Administration and was the only person in the history of the Commonwealth to be a Sheriff for a City and then successfully become the Sheriff of a County on January 1, 2016.



CHIEF DEPUTY STEVE HAWKINS

Major Steve Hawkins has 32 years of law enforcement experience. Major Hawkins was previously employed by the Virginia State Police for 28 years and held the rank of Lieutenant in the Bureau of Field Operations prior to being sworn in as Chief Deputy of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office on January 1, 2016.

PATROL DIVISION



Captain Richard Singhas has been in law enforcement since 1994. Before rising to the rank of Captain of Civil he held various ranks within Patrol for 20 years. Holding the Assistant Division Commander, and the Captain of Civil Services Division before becoming Captain of Patrol.



Lt. Chester Renner, Supervisor "A" Shift (6:00 am-4:00 pm)



Lt. Hugh VanMeter, "B" Shift (2:00 pm-12:00 am)



Lt. Warren Gosnell, Traffic Division, PIO



Lt. Chris Hockman, "C" Shift (10:00 pm-8:00 am)

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
DIVISION**



Captain Carl Streit has been in law enforcement for over 20 years. He was promoted to the position of Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigations Division in 2018, and Captain of the Criminal Investigations Division in 2020.

Lt. Keith Covert



CIVIL SERVICES



Captain Mark Webber has been in law enforcement for 32 years. Before becoming the Captain in of Civil Services, Captain Webber has held positions such as Patrol Supervisor of 3rd shift, Patrol Supervisor of 2nd shift, Supervisor of Civil Services, and in 1987 he was deputy assigned to the jail. Captain Webber worked for Winchester Police Department in 1989 and came to Frederick County Sheriff's Office in 2000.

Lt. Steven Alger



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



RETIRED – In March 2020, Captain Lang retired after 28 years of law enforcement. **Captain Donald Lang** started his law enforcement career in 1993 working as a Correctional Officer at the Clarke-Frederick-Winchester Regional Jail. In 1997, Captain Lang did a lateral transfer to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2001, Captain Lang was promoted to the Criminal Investigations Division as an Investigator. In 2006, Captain Lang was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant assigned as the Assistant Division

Captain Aleck Beeman has been in law enforcement since 1979. Captain Beeman has worked in the Patrol Division. Captain Beeman was the assistant division commander of the Criminal Investigation Division, and the Captain of the Administrative Services Division, before becoming the Captain of CID.



Lt. Tonya Kittoe

School Safety Division



1st. Lt. Jason Cornwell,
Supervisor

1st Lieutenant Cornwell has been in law enforcement since 1999, when he began his career with the Winchester City Police Department. 1st Lt Cornwell joined the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in 2000 and has held various ranks within the Patrol Division. He was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in January 2017 and assigned over the School Safety Division.

Special Operations Division

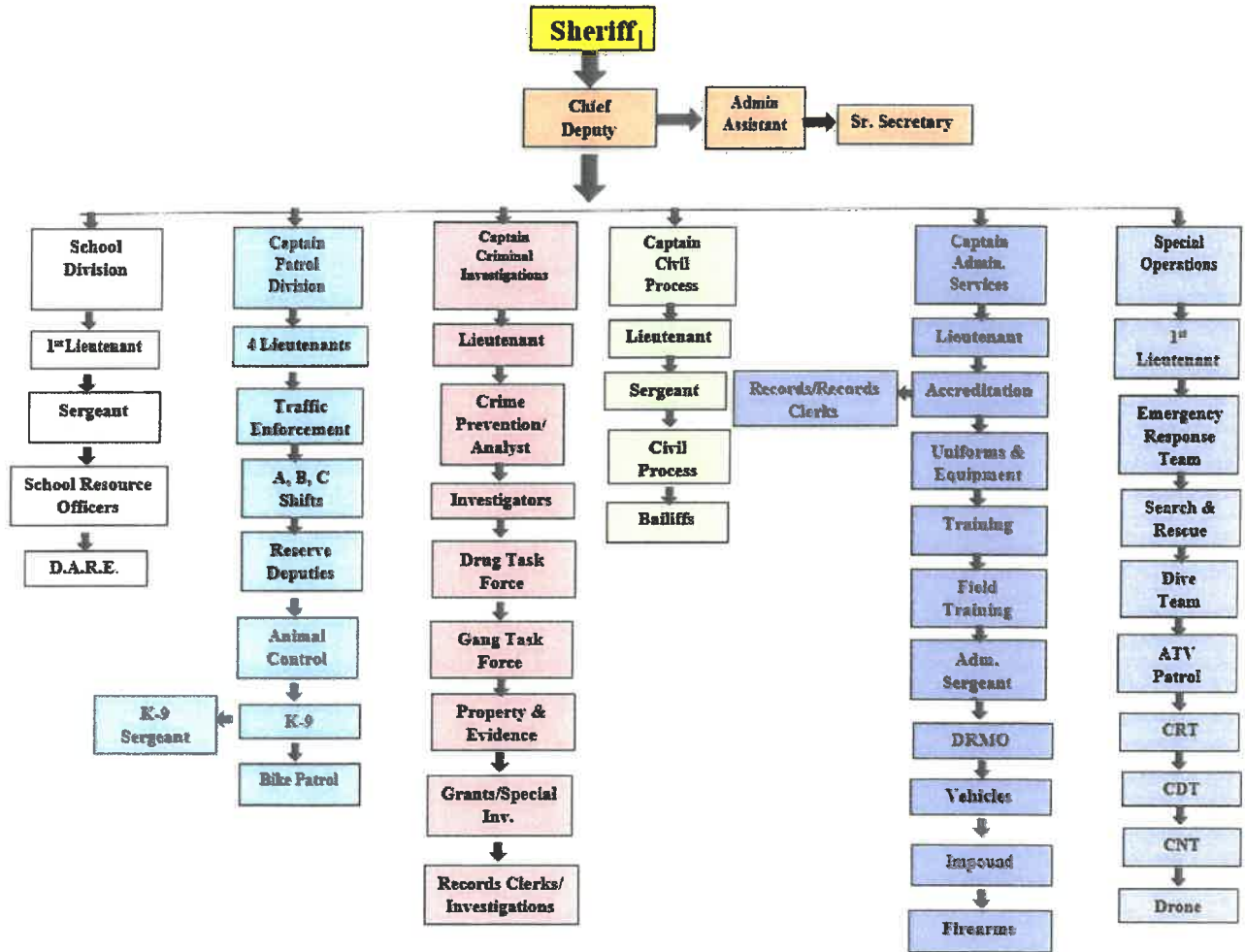


1st. Lt. Barry Kittoe,
Supervisor

1st Lieutenant Barry Kittoe started his law enforcement career in January of 1996 with the Department of Corrections. 1st Lieutenant Kittoe was hired with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in November of 1997 and has held many roles within the agency to include, patrol, specialty divisions and specialty teams. 1st Lieutenant Kittoe has worked his way through the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant and is now assigned as 1st Lieutenant of Special Operations.



Sheriff's Office



2020 Statistics

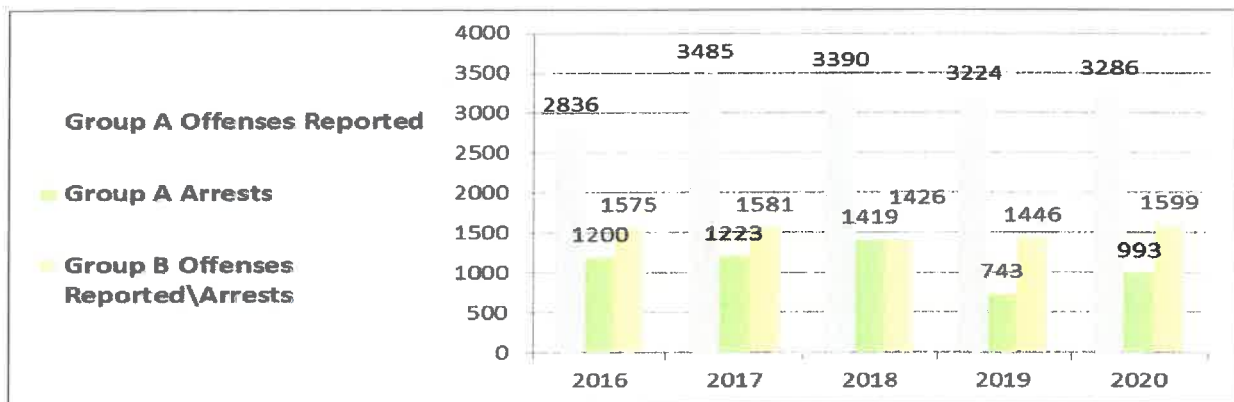


2020 Crime Statistic

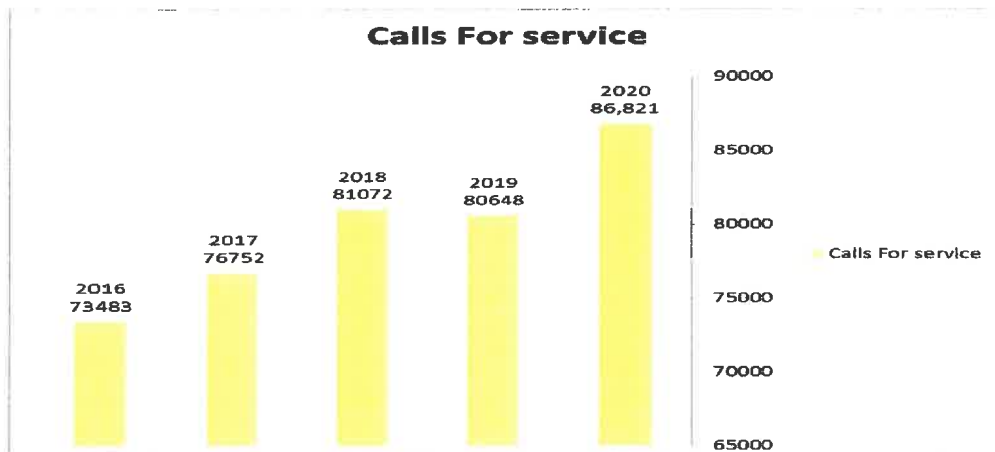


FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following chart shows yearly Group A Offenses Reported, Group A Arrest, and Group B Offenses Reported\Arrests



The following chart shows Calls for Service 2016-2020, for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office



In 2020, Frederick County Sheriff's Office reported 3,286 Group A Offenses, and 1,599 Group B Arrest. The following updated report can be viewed at <https://va.beyond2020.com>

This report is valid as of March 10, 2021 and is subject to change

Device		102	8
Theft From Motor Vehicle	119	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	24	9	0
All Other Larceny	234		
Motor Vehicle Theft	89		
Stolen Property Offenses	14		
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Violations	625	342	9
Drug Equipment Violations	143	13	0
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0
Sports Tampering	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	43	4	2
Prostitution	0	0	0
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	50	17	0
Animal Cruelty	5	3	0
Total Group A Offenses	3,286	943	50

(*) Offenses are counted using the FBI Units of Count for Crime

(**) The 'Arrests' column shows arrests made during the selected period, regardless of incident date. Arrest counts may be higher than incident counts.

DEFINITIONS USED FOR STATISTIC COUNTS

Property Crimes

In the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. The property crime category includes arson because the offense involves the destruction of property; however, arson victims may be subjected to force.

Sex offenses

Offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, and the like. Incest, indecent exposure, and statutory rape are included. Attempts, battery and child sex crimes are included.

Forcible rape

The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape, regardless of the age of the victim, are included. Statutory offenses (no force used—victim under age of consent) are excluded.

Violent Crimes

Violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. According to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's definition, violent crimes involve force or threat of force.

Drug Abuse Violations

The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The following drug categories are specified: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics?manufactured narcotics that can cause true addiction (demerol, methadone); and dangerous nonnarcotic drugs (barbiturates, benzedrine).

Driving under the influence Driving or operating a motor vehicle or common carrier while mentally or physically impaired as the result of consuming an alcoholic beverage or using a drug or narcotic.

Liquor laws The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. Federal violations are excluded.

Drunkenness To drink alcoholic beverages to the extent that one's mental faculties and physical coordination are substantially impaired. Driving under the influence is excluded.

Frederick County Sheriff's Office Activities

Due to COVID many 2020 activities were canceled. Deputies did what they could to remain visible for the public. Lemonade stands were well attended during the summer! Drive by birthday parades became a request for citizens of all ages.

Trooper Manion Memorial 5K and Kids Mile – CANCELED

Torch Run for Special Olympics - CANCELED

Frederick County Fair - CANCELED

KIDS Camp - CANCELED

National Night Out – CANCELED

Frederick County Public Safety Day - CANCELED



2020 VALOR AWARDS



Sgt Bryan Smith



Deputy Travis
Bridgeforth



Deputy Nathan
Spence



Deputy Jason
Walther



Deputy Gerald Umbel



Sgt Stephen Gregory



Deputy Eric Cutter

Deputy William Comstock



Deputy Donmaniel Garcia



Deputy Matthew Clark

The Sheriff and I would like to congratulate each of you for being selected to receive the 2020 Top of Virginia Regional Chamber Valor Award. As in years past, recipients attended the event which would be held in the Lee Jackson banquet room. Unfortunately, as we have heard too many times in 2020, the event was cancelled due to COVID-19. In an effort to make this year's event as special as possible, we have reserved the training room downstairs. Lieutenant Henry has already taken the necessary steps to have the event set up for zoom. The Sheriff and I would like for each of you and a family member or significant other to join us in viewing the event together. The event is scheduled for November 5th, 2020 from 12:30-2:00 PM. Please contact your supervisor and make every effort to be available and attend. The command staff to include all supervisors at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office are extremely proud of all of our employees and realize many go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. However, there is no doubt each of you went well above the call of duty and shined during the call in which you were nominated to receive this prestigious award..... – Major Hawkins

Congratulations Lt. Tonya Kittoe and the Administrative Division.

Sheriff's Office Re-Accredited

Oct 6, 2020 - Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — The Frederick County Sheriff's Office has again received an official stamp of approval for how its run.

On Sept. 29, the office was re-accredited for the fourth time by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, according to a news release from Sheriff Lenny Millholland. The commission is comprised of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Virginia Sheriff's Association, according to its website.

Millholland said the review involved administration, operations, personnel and training.

The review is done every four years and the Sheriff's Office was first accredited in 2008.

2020 PROMOTIONS

CARL STREIT – CAPTAIN, MAY 2020
JEREMIAH BOWMAN – INVESTIGATOR DECEMBER 2020

2020 RETIREMENTS

DONALD LANG – CAPTAIN 27 YEARS
RICHARD ELLINGER – INVESTIGATOR 34 YEARS



CAN'T BREATHE!

MARCH FOR JUSTICE, MARCH FOR PEACE
JUNE 5, 2020

@11AM - SILENT MARCH
@4PM - SAY IT LOUD MARCH

Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum
20 N. Loudoun Street

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“We Really Have the Power To Make Change” Shenandoah Student Leader Shares Why He Feels Called To Protest

JUNE 3, 2020

On Sunday, May 31, hundreds of members of the Winchester/Frederick County community gathered in downtown Winchester to peacefully protest police brutality and racial injustice in the wake of the death of George Floyd, who died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after a police officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes. (The officer has been charged with second-degree murder and he and three other officers involved have been charged with aiding and abetting a crime.)

The protestors carried signs and chanted “No justice, no peace,” and “Say his name: George Floyd.” Their march took a path that eventually led to a roundabout outside the Timbrook Public Safety Center, which houses the City of Winchester’s police force. Toward the end of the event, a police officer clasped hands with two of the protesters.

Shenandoah University MBA student and Student Government Association President De’Angelo Wynn ’19, ’20, spontaneously addressed fellow protesters as they all prepared to march.

While participating, I felt like I was where I was supposed to be. The energy and emotion were palpable. The love and unity were amazing and for once I felt like – ‘Damn, we really have the power to make change.’”

Wyn who grew up in Georgia in “a huge brown family,” said he and his family members have always experienced racism – judicial, educational, and within society at large.

Seeing the unfair treatment that members of my family had to deal with made me angry and frustrated even many years later. So when I witnessed the murder of George Floyd, I saw my brother. I saw my uncle. I saw my mother. Therefore, I couldn’t remain silent. I had to come out to the protest to be heard. Enough is enough.”



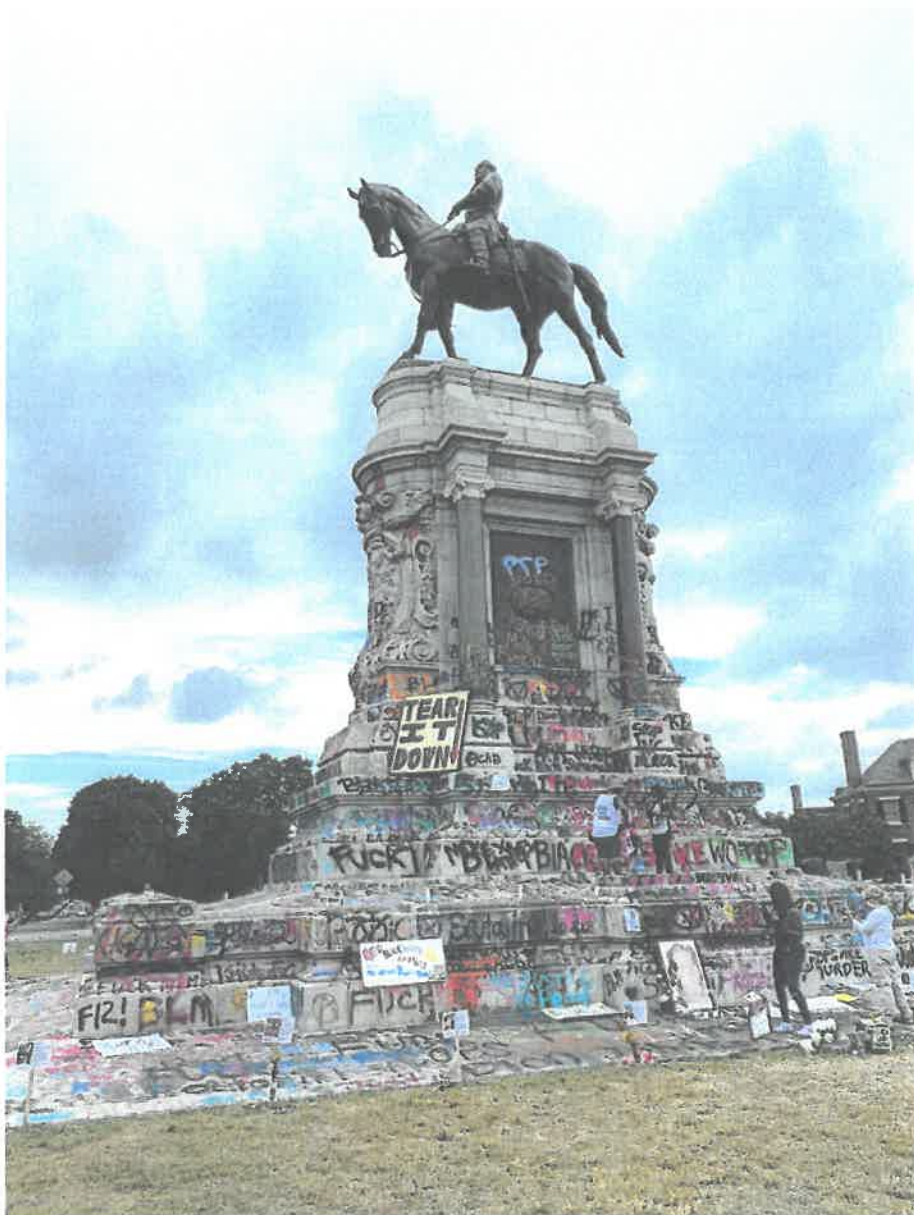
He didn’t fear for his safety at Sunday’s event. “However, in the lens of the Covid pandemic, I never forgot the threat of the virus; it’s just racism and social injustice took back their platform as the biggest pandemics in America and in that moment I had to tackle those.” (Also, masks were prominent among the protestors.)

Wynn said the protest was necessary and he plans to participate in more.

I believe that the protest helped to bring awareness to the fact that serious discussion and action are needed to address racism, social injustice, and police brutality in America. We joined with hundreds within this community and an untold number of people around the world to say enough is enough.”

And Wynn, who served in the Navy (including combat deployments in Afghanistan) for almost eight years, and who hopes to continue his post-MBA studies at Shenandoah in the Doctor of Professional Studies in Organizational Leadership program, said once the protests end, those dedicated to dismantling racist policy can't let up on their work.

We must continue to be agents of change by utilizing our voice and presence; however, most importantly, it is my goal to bring awareness to the power of our vote.”



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Frederick County students at Jordan Springs and Greenwood Mill Elementary Schools have participated in bicycle safety courses presented by the Sheriff's Office.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Rick White, who is also a member of the FCSO bike patrol, gave students classroom lectures and set up safety courses to allow students to practice things they learned and hone their riding abilities.

Jordan Springs and Greenwood Mill both have a larger than normal number of students who have the option to walk or ride their bikes to school and were selected for this safety course based on that fact. Thanks to SRO White and all the students from both schools who participated.

Deputies N. Dempsey and B.A. Armstrong, both from the Patrol Division's night shift, have each been recognized for their proactive work in the field of DUI detection and apprehension. Far too many innocent people are dying every year and, in every locality, due to drunk and/or drugged drivers. We hope that the continuing efforts of law enforcement officers, such as Deputy Dempsey and Deputy Armstrong, will assist in saving lives on our highways.

FCSO 2020 MADD AWARD WINNERS

Deputy Nick Dempsey

Deputy Blake Armstrong



2020 Shop with a Cop





In the end, the best thing about 2020, we survived the toilet paper shortage.



OF HINDSIGHT IS ~~IS~~ V 2020

“What a year”. How many of us have heard, or even said that ourselves, about 2020? The year that saw the onset of the Coronavirus and the ensuing pandemic brought by it. The wave of changes made to, or removal of, historical buildings, sites and monuments that some dubbed the “Cancel Culture” mindset. Sweeping legislative changes in Virginia that have debates ongoing concerning our Second Amendment, police reform, racial and gender equality and even the legalization of Cannabis.

Here at home, the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office was no different than any other organization during the past year. We too have been affected in how we conduct daily business and how we interact with the communities and citizens we serve while trying to protect our own personnel and staff. Members of the sheriff’s office were not immune to COVID-19. Most of our people who had to quarantine, or who themselves tested positive for the Coronavirus, did so as a direct result of performing their duties. And while some businesses were forced to close, churches were restricted from gathering for worship and public schools canceled classes the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office kept running, without interruption, 24 / 7.

Our statistical data shows that, even with all that our community, our Commonwealth and our country experienced in 2020, calls for service, crimes against society and traffic-related issues remained nearly equal to the previous year. Looking at this data, one might notice a slight fluctuation in a few of the categories but there was no drastic rise, or fall, in any one category even with all that took place over the 12-month counting period. One of the few exceptions seems to be arrests made for Driving Under the Influence. This category doubled in number between 2019 and 2020 as well as an increase in traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes (with and without the presence of alcohol or drugs). Our personnel also continued to respond to drug overdoses where dozens of lives were saved by our interventions to include performing CPR and administering NARCAN. Sadly though, not all the victims could be reached in time and were beyond saving.

Yes, it was quite a year and is now, as the saying goes, “in the rearview mirror”. However, I think we can all agree there will still be obstacles and detours left over from 2020 that will need to be dealt with on the road ahead of us. Whatever the case, and whatever 2021 brings, Sheriff Millholland, his Command Staff, Deputies and Administrative Staff of the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office will continue answer the call and serve our community as needed.

Be safe and be well.

Lt. W.W. Gosnell – FCSO / PIO – Traffic Safety Coordinator