

*Danville Sheriff's Office
Annual Report*



2012

The following pages contain the 2012 annual report for the Danville Sheriff's Office. This report is intended to highlight events, accomplishments, and notable things which occurred during the calendar year. It is not meant to be comprehensive.

Danville Area Youth Athletic Games



On May 12, 2012, law enforcement agencies from Southside Virginia teamed up to make a difference in young people's lives. The first annual Danville Area Youth Athletic Games was held at the Boys and Girls Club in Danville. The Danville Sheriff's Office, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Danville Police Department, Danville Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and staff members from the Danville Area Boys and Girls Club teamed up to provide the volunteers needed to facilitate the event. Over 100 area children ages 5-17 showed up to participate in five athletic events; 100 yard dash, field goal kick, football throw, free throw contest, and jump rope contest. The event was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The participants then recited a "Good Citizen's Pledge" which consisted of the young people raising their right hands and promising to be rule following, law abiding citizens now and in the future. Each child signed the pledge which was printed on formal paper, and was given to them as a keepsake. Children donned bright green T-shirts, and medals were awarded for first through third place in each event which was broken down by gender and age categories. The event was cost free thanks to local sponsors; Danville Regional Medical Center, Aramark, Trophy and Sign Center, and Home Depot. The United States Army also provided a rock climbing wall for the children and their families. A meal was provided for everyone in attendance.

The Danville Sheriff's Office would like to extend a special thanks to Sheriff Mike Taylor, Chief Philip Broadfoot, Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Newman, and the men and women from their respective agencies who volunteered their time and energy to make this event a success.



-Thanks to a grant from Pilot International, the Pilot Club enabled the DSO to upgrade technology in the PLS vehicle with a ruggedized laptop secured with a vehicle mount. The laptop has network access which enabled the coordinators the ability to access the files and other relative information via the city's hotspot network. The PLS files were made available to the Emergency Operations Center and the DPD on the Mobile Data Terminals. Currently the PLS Program has 18 clients including 7 Autistic children.

-Danville native and movie producer, Iqbal Ahmed returned home from Los Angeles to film a major motion picture. The movie was titled "The Answer", and featured employees of the Danville Sheriff's Office and a marked vehicle in two different scenes.

-The Sheriff's Office added a physical fitness test to the hiring process to compliment the existing procedures.

-Corporal Brandi Mills and Deputy Crystal Conard joined the Special Response Team as the first female members.



Corporal Mills



Deputy Conard

- The Jail Emergency Preparedness Plan was revised and reformatted. Pictures were added to reference the revised narrative information. The manual was delivered to other affected agencies in July.

-The Court Emergency Preparedness manual was updated as well as the Emergency evacuation routes/signs in courts and jails building.

-Lighting in jail and courthouse including the holding cells were changed over to safer, energy efficient fixtures. Some lights were placed on timers to further conserve energy.

-Four veterans of the Danville Sheriff's Office; Lt. Tucker, Sgt. Callahan, Corporal Ferrell, and Deputy Rigney marched in the Veteran's Day Parade with Sheriff Mondul.

-The City of Danville Information Technology Department implemented a new Jail Management System allowed the sharing of all information between the DSO, DPD and ADC.

-Sgt. Sharon Wilson was awarded the Virginia Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award during the Virginia Sheriff's Association Conference in September of 2012 for her keen observation skills which foiled an international organized crime ring in 2011. She was also nominated for the National Sheriff's Association Deputy of the Year Award. While she did not win the award, she received the NSA's Medal of Merit.



Sgt. Sharon Wilson

-A joint effort netted needed change in the Emergency Custody Order process. Individuals who were the subject of the ECO were no longer required to automatically be screened for medical clearance, thus eliminating a large chunk of otherwise idle time. The streamlined process was the result of strong partnerships and hard work from the Danville Regional Medical Center, Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board, Danville Police Department, Magistrate's Office, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, and the Danville Sheriff's Office. The process was implemented in December.

-Doors in the courts and jails building were secured with keypads as part of an ongoing proximity access project. Authorized personnel and employees in the building were assigned a proximity "Fob" to access secured areas.

-The Sheriff's Office partnered with the Virginia State Police K-9 Unit out of Salem. The K-9 Unit brought six teams of dogs and handlers which executed a coordinated search of the Jail, Jail Annex, and Adult Detention Center. While no contraband was found, the presence of the teams of dogs coupled with the S.R.T. made a significant impression on the inmates.

-The Sheriff's Office had family outings at the Danville Braves ballpark in August and the annual Christmas party at the F.O.P. Lodge. The events were well attended.





-Six Deputies graduated from the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy. Pictured in between members of the administrative staff are (L to R) Deputies Thomas Rigney, Jamie Estrada, Jack Gates, Destinee Tompkins, Tony Haynes, and Shawn James. Haynes received the Director's award, won a gold medal in EVOC and a bronze medal in PT. Estrada was the class president, won gold in PT and a bronze medal in EVOC. Gates won the silver medal for EVOC. Rigney won a silver medal for firearms. James won a silver medal for PT, and a bronze medal for firearms.

-Suggestion boxes were implemented in the jail and the civil services division. The boxes gave Deputies and staff an anonymous way to provide input to improve the Sheriff's Office. The boxes were checked weekly and feedback was given when applicable.

-The Danville Sheriff's Office officially formed an Honor Guard Unit. The members of the new unit attended the training in 2011. The unit's leader is Lt. Willie Tucker with members Sgt. Callahan, Corporal Ferrell, and Deputy Woods also assigned. The unit will design a uniform and adopt protocols for participation in parades, ceremonies, and funerals. The unit will also serve with the Danville Police Department as a "Joint Honor Guard" when needed.

-Capt. Steve Martin and Lt. Tucker spent two days talking to 204 students about gun safety at the Head Start facility. Using the Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program put together by the National Rifle Association, Tucker and Martin explained to the kids what steps to take if they found a gun by having volunteers act out scenarios.



-The Sheriff's Office continued to host an annual September 11th remembrance ceremony. During the ceremony, the GWHS brass quintet performed the National Anthem from the balcony of the courthouse.



Delegate Danny Marshall and Danville Fire Chief David Eagle are pictured during their remarks.



-Deputy Shawn James and Major Matt Wyatt and (pictured above L to R) both won National Titles in bench press at the IBP Powerlifting competition in Charlotte, N.C



-The Sheriff's Office fielded a softball team in a charity tournament for Jacob Lee, a local teenager who recently received a heart transplant. "Team Jake" team was:
 Pictured L to R: Corporal Ron Brown, Corporal Gary Ferrell, Sgt. Jarrett Milam, Deputy Corey Dix, Deputy Shawn James, and Justin Mondul. Back Row-Sheriff Mondul, PCSO Deputy Chris Burch, Major Matt Wyatt, Deputy Jason Woods, Deputy Brandon Adkins, and Deputy Jonathan Taylor.

-The Facebook page reached over a thousand fans. The Facebook page continued to be a positive tool to connect with the public to include advertising employment opportunities.



-Major Wyatt participated in Pittsylvania County's Trunk or Treat program with plans to organize a similar program in 2013.

-The Sheriff's Office participated in a multi agency "Drug Take Back" event organized by the D.E.A. Citizens brought old prescription medication to be destroyed. Numerous were present at locations around the city for the event.



Deputy Bob Thomas is pictured with DPD Corporal Scarce, VSP Investigator Mark Scarce, WBTM radio personality Alex Vardavas, and Target employees during a drug take back.

-Concerns about the underground parking area or "Bunker" were raised during outside security assessments of the courts and jails building. These concerns and an inquiry from a Judge prompted the beginning of a construction project pending the approval of Danville City Council in February of 2013.

-The Sheriff's Office coordinated a wrestling event fundraiser again in 2012. The event was held at Tunstall High School, and was well attended by members of the community. The event raised funds for the Sheriff's Office benevolent fund, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office DARE program, and Team Jake.



-Sergeant Michelle Edwards spearheaded the DSO's Virginia Special Olympics initiative. Sgt. Edwards is pictured during one of the three Cover the Cruiser events. Sgt. Edwards (right) with L to R Deputy Michelle Wilkerson, Deputy Shannon Brooks, and "Mikey". Sgt. Edward also participated in the Polar Plunge and opening ceremonies in Virginia Beach. Major Wyatt and Captain Kelly Johnson also attended a "Safe Skate" with members of the DPD at Skatetown which benefitted the Virginia Special Olympics.

Equipment

-The Danville Police Department donated thirty M-26 Tasers to the Sheriff's Office. DPD Sergeant Erica Talley, a Master Trainer through Taser International, certified two instructors within the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Sharon Wilson and Deputy Jonathan Taylor became certified instructors and made plans to certify Deputies in early 2013.



-The Danville Sheriff's Office acquired twenty scopes for the M-16 rifles (2011 through the military's 10-33 program. Plans were made to certify Deputies as part of a spring combat shooting course in 2013.

-Black multi-purpose coats were introduced. The coats served as winter coats, wind breakers, rain jackets, and had a zip out hood. Flashlights were issued to all Deputies, dress hats were issued to all personnel. The DSO brown ball caps, brown coats and brown windbreakers began phasing out to be replaced with black.

-A secured cutlery cabinet was installed in the jail kitchen. The cabinet added accountability of sharps in the jail and provided a visual inventory to ensure all cutlery was present.



-The Sheriff's Office continued to be heavily involved in the community on many levels. Pictured above are L to R; Aaron Evans (Target Loss Prevention) Captain Kelly Johnson, DPD Lt. Jerry Pace, Deputy Shawn James, PCSO Deputy Joe Martin, PCSO Deputy Dusty Sheppard, and a Target employee at one of two F.O.P. Shop With a Cop events which benefitted underprivileged children.

Specialized Trainings Attended:

***Gang trainings-**

- Spring 2012-Attorney General sponsored gang training at the Sheriff's Office in the jail chapel. Several Deputies attended.
- Sgt. Wilson, Deputy Conard and both Jail Administrators attended the Virginia Gang Investigator's Association training in Norfolk/ VA Beach
- Gang/Sovereign Citizen/Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Training; Captain Martin, Captain Johnson, Lt. Tucker, Deputy Conard
- Advanced Gang Training-Roanoke/Salem sponsored by the Attorney General's Office- Captain Martin, Lt. Tucker, Corporal Taylor, Corporal Myrick, Deputy Calloway
- Deputy Jonathan Taylor (S.R.T.) attended VADOC sponsored gang training in Roanoke.

-Captain Kelly Johnson and Corporal Cathy Clark attended the highly respected U.S. Marshal's court security school in Glynco, GA. The training lasted for one week. At the end of 2012, five overall members of the Civil Services Division had received this excellent training

-Major Wyatt, Captain Martin, and Captain Johnson attended a three day training put on by the Franklin Covey Leadership Institute at the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy.

-Major Wyatt attended Advanced Internal Affairs Training

- Sgt. Bray and Deputy Woods (SRT Members) attended Active Shooter Training

Danville's First Sheriff Dies at Age 90

The Danville Sheriff's Office was saddened to learn of the death of its first Sheriff, Charles J. "Charlie" Smith. Sheriff Smith passed away on October 10, 2012 in the company of his family. He was 90 years old and was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Virginia Howard Smith.

Sheriff Smith served as the High Constable for the City of Danville from 1962-1969, and was elected the first Sheriff of Danville in 1970. He served as Sheriff until he retired in December of 1986. Among the many accomplishments during his tenure as Sheriff, he was instrumental in the construction of the current city jail which was the modern design for its time. During the construction of the jail, Sheriff Smith remained committed to being a good steward of taxpayer's money.

Sheriff Smith was also instrumental in bringing the Good News Jail Prison Ministry to the jail. The program runs strong today and provides chaplains, volunteers, counseling, and educational programs to inmates in jails and prisons worldwide.

Sheriff Smith was respected and loved by all who knew him. His legacy will live on at the Danville Sheriff's Office for years to come.



Charlie Smith

Good News; A word from the “Rev”

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry counts it a privilege to have been a daily part of the Danville Sheriff’s Office when Rev. Ray Macy became the first Chaplain for then Sheriff Charles J. Smith in 1978, and now as we celebrate our 35th anniversary in 2013. I’ve had the honor of following Ray’s ministry for 24 of those years.

During 2012 your Good News Chaplain and volunteers conducted an average of 10 worship services and group Bible studies each week including one for Spanish speaking inmates; giving some 520 opportunities to inmates to attend a group meeting throughout the year. Along with group meetings there were 528 individual counseling sessions; 8,673 Bible lessons completed by inmates and 17 inmates who completed the Bible Correspondence Course and received a Good News Award Bible.

In addition to Christian ministry in the facility we were able to continue to facilitate inmates of various religious needs as well as providing consultation to staff and the community in meeting these needs.

While religion is the primary role of Good News, volunteers also continued to provide library services to both men and women inmates each week. Also, Narcotics Anonymous has continued to meet weekly with women inmates at the jail annex. As in previous years, whether religious or secular, dozens of new volunteers are provided training in understanding their role in the facility and the importance of maintaining proper security.

Along with the addition of our new Hispanic ministry volunteer in 2012, we began the first of our Life Improvement Skills Training programs for women inmates with the E. D. I. T. group. *Every Day in Transition* is a creative writing group helping women improve communication skills as well as providing a creative and therapeutic outlet with our group facilitator, Kathy Ross. Kathy is a recent graduate of Averett University and we were delighted to have her donation of time. Additional classes for 2013 include P.O.N.Y, (Positive Outlook in the New Year,) setting and reaching goals and Women’s Health Issues.

Even though ministry to inmates is the public perception of Good News, one of the greatest privileges for me is building relationships and ministering to deputies and staff members. Whether at a time of grief, during a critical incident stress debriefing, a staff meeting, the Western Regional Jail Association, or at a celebration; it is an honor to be the chaplain for the men and women serving our community in the Danville Sheriff’s Office. I am proud of each one.



In His Service,
David Abernathy
Rev. David Abernathy
Senior Chaplain, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

2012 Statistics

Sworn Personnel: 73

Non Uniform Personnel: 9

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Average Daily Population	212	242	262	**304
Subpoenas Received	47,795	38,861	35,400	39,467
Jury Summonses Received	330	648	585	881
Levies Received	217	311	251	234
Mental Patient Trips/Danville	330	647	443	565
Mental Patient Trips/Out of Town	35	127	88	91
Circuit Court Days	407	423	405	*316
General District Court Days	243	243	242	242
Juv. and Domestic Court Days (One Full Time Judge, One Part Time Judge)	280	285	262	264

*Judge Moreau filled the vacant judgeship in July.

**The ADP reached 355 in October, an all time high for the Danville City Jail.

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