

Lynchburg Sheriff's Office



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Our Mission

To promote an atmosphere of safety and cooperation within the Judicial System for the citizens of Lynchburg, while providing a safe and secure environment for all judicial officers, victims, witnesses, jurors, visitors, and defendants in order to maintain the sanctity of the courtroom process which promulgates justice for all.

To protect the citizens of Lynchburg through security measures involving medical evaluation and criminal transports and to respect the dignity and rights of all those transported.

To process and serve all civil matters in a timely manner ensuring and enforcing the rights of every citizen.

To discharge all obligations mandated by Federal, State, and Local Laws, while maintaining professional standards and integrity in public service.

Our Purpose

To provide our citizens and judicial system with qualified and competent services in public safety and security, while partnering with other law enforcement agencies and civic leaders within the Lynchburg community. To utilize innovative and creative methods to educate, assist, and involve the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office within the Lynchburg community.

Our Values

Leadership

The Sheriff's Office directs safety, security, and service for our citizens, courts, and transports. We value competent and caring leadership demonstrated through teamwork, problem solving and community involvement. Innovative leadership directs the Sheriff's Office for the future, down the right path and doing the right things. We not only want to make good decisions, but we want to make the right decision. Competent leadership helps us to accomplish our mission and it is leadership you can trust.

Service

The Sheriff's Office dedication is to serve and service the Lynchburg community through teamwork. We value competent, professional; and courteous service and security demonstrated through our staff. Our key service is public safety in the courts, in the city, and to the citizens. We provide it with care and concern.

Order

The Sheriff's Office duties are to provide an orderly and safe environment for the uninhibited function of the judicial process. We value order in the performance and professionalism of our duties. Order demands standards of integrity and ethical behaviors by which we align our actions and access the accountability of our actions. Order provides structure and strength to all those engaged in the constitutional rights of every individual.

Sheriff Donald T. Sloan
2017

Overview

The following details, activities, events, and accomplishments in 2017 show the continued city involvement of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office under the leadership of Sheriff Donald T. Sloan, who took office on March 31, 2017. Sheriff Sloan has made it a priority for the Sheriff's Office to continue assisting the City of Lynchburg, the Lynchburg Police Department and our city elementary schools by providing highly trained deputy sheriffs to work beyond their mandated duties in areas of need within our city. Working hand-in-hand with other local agencies for the service of our citizens and the protection of our community is Sheriff Sloan's vision.

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office maintains office hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. The Sheriff's Office is closed during all state holidays recognized by the Governor of Virginia.

Mandated Duties

The primary mandated duties of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office are three-fold involving civil process, courtroom/courthouse security and transportation of prisoners and mental commissions by court order. These duties consume the majority of manpower and equipment utilized by the Sheriff's Office in carrying out these daily functions.

Civil Process

The following is a breakdown of civil process served:

Subpoenas	16,933
Jury Summons	1,489
Levies	54
<u>Other Civil Process Served</u>	<u>22,703</u>
Total civil process served for calendar year 2017	41,179

Courtroom Security

Uniform deputy sheriffs provided physical security for Circuit Court, General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court with each located in a separate facility. Each court facility has two active courtrooms and judges and accounted for 1,147 court days in 2017. No major security breach or incident occurred within the courtrooms in 2017.

The court days for each court were broken down as follows:

Circuit Court	424
General District Court	329
<u>Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court</u>	<u>394</u>
Total Court Days	1,147

Field Training

All deputies are cross-trained on each courtroom and courthouse and their individual complexities. Field training is in addition to the training deputies receive in the local law enforcement or jail basic academy. Field training is a vital aspect of hands-on training, which each new appointee receives. This involves assignments in each of the three courthouses, handling civil process papers and transportation of prisoners and mental commissions. Prior to

being released on their own, each new appointee is trained in each mandated area to the satisfaction of the field training deputy and supervising Captain.

Part-time Deputies

Part-time deputies have handled courthouse security since October 2002. These duties were taken over by the Sheriff's Office from Wackenhut Security in agreement with the City of Lynchburg. This has provided enhanced security for all courthouses by manning each entrance station with an armed and certified deputy sheriff. Many of these part-time deputies are retired police officers or retired deputy sheriffs from Lynchburg or surrounding jurisdictions. Each security checkpoint is set up with a walk through metal detector operated by a part-time deputy sheriff. Hand-held metal detectors are also utilized at each security checkpoint. In 2017, part-time deputies from the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office logged approximately 13,208 hours protecting the judicial centers in Lynchburg. Encompassed within the 13,208 hours are law enforcement and civil process in-service training, firearms, and other specialized training conducted by the Sheriff's Office. The goal of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is to deter, detect and prevent dangerous items from entering our court facilities through visible and physical means of security and encouraging court participants to come to court without contraband. By proactively addressing potential threats, the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office strives to provide a safe and secure environment for all court staff and visitors.

On July 1, 2013, The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office began providing a security checkpoint for the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. This position is also manned by part-time deputies. It has become apparent that the need for extra security at the clerk's office was long over-due and the implementation of the security checkpoint is providing a much needed peace of mind for employees and visitors. During 2017, the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office identified and prevented 830 items from entering the Circuit Court Clerk's Office which included 608 bladed weapons/tools, 182 chemical defensive sprays, 23 dangerous tools, 10 electronic stun devices, and 7 firearms.

Transportation-Prisoner & Mental Commissions

Uniform members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office transported in-custody individuals throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia without incident or escape in 2017. All transports were accomplished in a timely and professional manner treating all individuals in-custody with respect and care.

Criminal Transports- noted in above total	382
Mental Commissions to other hospitals in state	8
Temporary Detention Orders	98
Extraditions	4
Total Transports	492

Summons and Tickets Issued

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office's primary duties are civil; however traffic and criminal infractions committed in a deputy's presence are handled according to the Code of Virginia and deputy discretion. In 2017 no uniform summonses for traffic offenses were issued; but, 3 parking tickets and 2 criminal charges were issued. The following is a breakdown of what was issued.

Traffic Offenses:

Parking Tickets	3
Total Traffic Offenses	3

Criminal Offenses:

Disorderly Conduct	1
Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer	1
Total Criminal	2

Additional Sheriff’s Office Duties

The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office by agreement continues to provide assistance with the following additional duties in order to assist the City of Lynchburg and specifically the Lynchburg Police Department. The main areas of assistance involve out of town Temporary Detention Orders, out of town Capias/Warrants, Extraditions and City sponsored events.

In 2017 the Sheriff’s Office handled the following additional duties:

Temporary Detention Orders - (TDO’s) 98 TDO’s

These TDO’s were taken from a local facility in Lynchburg and transported to another mental health facility within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This transportation process involved 196 uniformed sheriff’s deputies that allowed 196 uniformed police officers to stay in Lynchburg policing our streets.

Extraditions 4 Extraditions

Extraditions involve those individuals who are wanted on a Governors Warrant and are (extradited) picked up outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia but within the confines of the United States. The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office handled four extraditions of prisoners from other states in 2017.

City Sponsored Events

The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office provided uniform deputy sheriffs to work city-sponsored events for traffic and crowd control with a total of 117 overtime slots filled by deputies working 731 hours on city events in 2017. These city events do not include other extra-duty jobs worked by uniform members of the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office. Those city events worked in 2017 included:

Resolution Run	January 29, 2017	2 Deputies
Brew Madness	March 11, 2017	1 Deputy
Corks & Cuisines	March 25, 2017	1 Deputy
611 Train Event	April 08, 2017	4 Deputies
Egg Hunt on the Lawn	April 15, 2017	1 Deputy
Lynchstock	April 22, 2017	2 Deputies
Hug a Tree	April 29, 2017	1 Deputy
Brew Master	May 05, 2017	3 Deputies
Lynchburg Music Festival	May 13, 2017	13 Deputies
Food Fest	May 20, 2017	2 Deputies
Movies in the Park	May 27, 2017	1 Deputy
Academy Center of Arts	June 10, 2017	2 Deputies

LYBG Launch Festival	June 17, 2017	2 Deputies
Humankind 5K	June 17, 2017	2 Deputies
Beach Music Festival	June 24, 2017	4 Deputies
Cheers to the Weekend	June 30, 2017	5 Deputies
Cheers to the Weekend	July 07, 2017	5 Deputies
Academy Center of Arts	July 08, 2017	4 Deputies
Family Fest	July 09, 2017	3 Deputies
Cheers to the Weekend	July 28, 2017	3 Deputies
Cheers to the Weekend	August 04, 2017	5 Deputies
Cheers to the Weekend	August 11, 2017	2 Deputies
Academy Center of Arts	August 12, 2017	1 Deputy
Cheers to the Weekend	August 18, 2017	3 Deputies
Get Downtown	September 08, 2017	3 Deputies
Day in the Park	September 09, 2017	4 Deputies
Beer & Wine Festival	September 16, 2017	7 Deputies
Amazing Mile Race	September 22, 2017	3 Deputies
VA 10 Miler	September 23, 2017	4 Deputies
Academy Center of Arts	September 30, 2017	4 Deputies
EC Glass Classics	October 14, 2017	2 Deputies
Centra Health – VBH	October 28, 2017	4 Deputies
Turkey Trot Race	November 23, 2017	3 Deputies
Heritage Football	November 17, 2017	3 Deputies
Heritage Football	November 24, 2017	4 Deputies
Festival of Lights	December 01, 2017	1 Deputy
Christmas Parade	December 03, 2017	3 Deputies

In addition to the assistance provided for city events, the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office also provides security to numerous local businesses by working in an extra-duty capacity. During 2017, the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office deputies worked an additional 1473 man hours thus alleviating a significant amount of the strain on the Lynchburg Police Department.

Assistance to Lynchburg Police Department

The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office consistently provides assistance to the Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) and other agencies as a matter of routine. While performing state mandated duties, deputies monitor the LPD radio frequencies and will respond to assist as back-up or whenever LPD officers require extra help.

Motor Vehicle Accidents

In 2017, Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office deputies assisted the police department with two vehicle accidents by controlling traffic and securing the accident scenes.

Assistance to Motorists

The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office provided personal assistance to three motorists during 2017 by controlling traffic and obtaining assistance.

Disorderly person in city manager's office:

On February 8, 2017 Cpl. Shad Hudson was serving civil process papers in the downtown area at approximately 10:09 a.m. near City Hall. Cpl Hudson overheard on his portable radio that a disorderly person was at the city manager's office in city hall. He immediately advised Lyn-Com that he was in the area of city hall and would respond. Cpl. Hudson arrived at the city manager's office and found an irate citizen who was upset over some issues involving his water service. Cpl. Hudson was able to calm the individual down and maintain a secure environment until officers from Lynchburg Police Department arrived on scene.

Fight in progress:

On May 16, 2017 Senior Deputy Danielle Cook was serving civil process papers on Fairview Avenue and came upon a fight in progress. Senior Deputy Cook approached the male and female involved in the altercation and separated them. Both individuals were identified and officers from Lynchburg Police Department responded and took control of the incident.

Child locked in residential bathroom:

On May 24, 2017 Cpl. Shad Hudson was serving civil process on Campbell Avenue when he was advised by the individual he was serving that their daughter was locked in a bathroom and could not get out. The mother asked for Cpl. Hudson's assistance to get into the bathroom which was accomplished with the assistance of the father. The child was released from the bathroom and returned to her mother.

Shoplifting:

On May 31, 2017 Senior Deputy Marvin Jones was working extra duty at Candler's Station and was approached by the store manager of Ollie's regarding a shoplifter. The store's property was recovered and the manager did not want to press charges so the shoplifter was banned from the Ollie's store and was issued a written ban notice.

Providing perimeter security:

On July 20, 2017 Cpl. Shad Hudson assisted LPD with perimeter security on Buchanan Street. First Sergeant Dorsett and Cpl. Shumate also responded and secured other perimeters while LPD was trying to serve a warrant on a fleeing subject. Once the individual was taken into custody all Sheriffs' Office units cleared their perimeter posts and marked back in service.

Searching Female subject and Foot pursuit:

On December 01, 2017 Senior Deputy Danielle Cook was called to assist LPD with searching a female detainee on Early Street. As Senior Deputy Cook was leaving she observed a male individual that was wanted on felony warrants associated with the call she was assisting on. She immediately began pursuing the individual with two LPD Officers and assisted taking him into custody on Bedford Avenue. After the individual was secured she cleared the area and marked back in service.

Capias arrest:

On December 13, 2017 Deputy Stephen Thomas arrested a subject wanted on a Capias in front of General District Court. Deputy Thomas confirmed the active Capias on an individual and placed him into his custody. After handcuffing the subject he was searched with no possessions found on his person. Lynchburg Police Department was notified but did not have an officer available. Deputy Thomas and Senior Deputy Wooldridge then escorted the subject to the police department complaint desk and released him into their custody.

Suspicious activity:

On December 26, 2017 First Sergeant Wil Dorsett was off duty, driving in the city of Lynchburg on Atlanta Avenue, where he observed an individual in a parking lot kick over a garbage can. Another individual joined the first male and they began trying to remove bricks from the landscaping on the hill side. One of the male individuals began kicking and punching an apartment door. The individuals observed First Sergeant Dorsett watching them so they made gestures toward him, returned to their vehicle and drove away. Once they left First Sergeant Dorsett drove to the area to check for damages and contacted Lyn-Com with the information and address to see if there had been any problems in this area. They had no information on file for trouble at that address so he left the area.

Community Services

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office was involved in several community events in 2017. Included were the ongoing programs of Lynchburg Project Lifesaver, First Step Elementary School Program, the "Eddie Eagle" gun safety program and other community engagements where deputies teach and interact with school children and adults allowing them to see the positive and caring side of law enforcement.

Lynchburg Project Lifesaver



Lynchburg Project Lifesaver was inaugurated in April 2002, now under the direction of Sheriff Don Sloan, and became operational in June of that year. Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is the lead agency in Lynchburg with assistance from the Lynchburg Police Department. Lynchburg Project Lifesaver utilizes state-of-the-art tracking technology to bring loved ones home who suffer from Alzheimer's, Autism, Downs Syndrome or some other related Mental Dysfunctional Disorders. Since its inception, search teams from Project Lifesaver have conducted over 92 successful searches and safe returns of wandering residents within the program. The average time of locating the wandering client is approximately thirty minutes once the search has been initiated. Persons who wander from their care provider can walk up to 4 miles in an hour and depending upon weather conditions their survival rate is only 50 % after the first 24-hours. Thus it is paramount to find these victims of these terrible mental disorders or diseases in a timely manner. The Lifesaver motto of "Bringing your loved ones home" is not just a motto, but is our mission for the family's and victims who suffer from these difficult Mental Dysfunctional Disorders.

Lynchburg Project Lifesaver currently has 30 clients in the program with calls often received requesting additional information on this lifesaving program. Lynchburg Sheriff's Office deputies visit each client at least once per month to verify that all equipment is functioning properly and to address any other concerns family members or guardians may have. During 2017, this maintenance alone encompassed 300 visits.

Lynchburg Project Lifesaver Annual Fundraisers

On April 08, 2017 Lynchburg Project Lifesaver hosted its 8th annual 2nd *Chance Prom* at Phase 2 Dining and Entertainment Club of Lynchburg. Live music was provided by “East Coast Entertainment”, Elvis Impersonator Taylor Rodriguez, and D.J. ED. Local Business-Event-Sponsors donated at least \$600 each. More than sixty businesses donated between \$100 and \$200 each for an ad on the 2nd *Chance Prom* T-shirts. All sponsors, VIP guests and the first 200 general admission guests received a free event t-shirt. The T-shirts were provided at a discount by Universal T’s Inc. Everyone that attended the event also received a rose. The roses were donated by Lynchburg Wholesale Floral. Commonwealth Autism Services donated the decorations.

This year’s fundraiser brought in \$17,610.96 including other monetary donations to the Lynchburg Project Lifesaver. After expenses, Lynchburg Project Lifesaver netted approximately \$9,001.46. Commonwealth Autism received a donation from Lynchburg Project Lifesaver in the amount of \$4,950.73. A \$500.00 donation from Lynchburg Project Lifesaver was also made to the Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living.

First Step Elementary School Program

On May 8, 2017 Sheriff Don Sloan initiated a pilot program with six Lynchburg elementary schools where uniform deputy sheriff’s would visit a school, provide a visible uniform presence and make positive interactions with students and staff. The six elementary schools selected for the pilot program were Linkhorne, Dearington, Sheffield, Sandusky, Paul Munro and T C Miller. The six week pilot program was a resounding success leading to a formalized agreement through Partners in Education (PIE) which was signed with Linkhorne Elementary School and Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office on June 6, 2017.

On August 14, 2017 the First Step Elementary School program began its first full school year engaging all eleven city elementary schools. The first half of the 2017/2018 school year was a great success as deputies visited each elementary school they were assigned to during the day and in conjunction with their mandated duties.

The First Step program fosters positive interactions between city elementary school children and uniform members of Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office, therefore building encouraging relationships with our future leaders. These positive interactions moved us from ***Hands Up to Hugs*** as deputies observed changes in these children’s behavior toward them through time and consistent positive interactions while at their schools. When the First Step program began many of the children raised both of their hands up in the air upon seeing the uniform members of the Sheriff’s Office. But now deputies are receiving “hugs” and “high fives” from children who are happy to see their friendly deputy that cares about them.

The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office divides the City of Lynchburg up into six sections in order to serve civil process papers. In 2017 the sheriff’s office served over 41,000 civil process papers. Within each one of these service sections of our city reside our eleven elementary schools where deputies are assigned to serve civil process and are also assigned two elementary schools to interact with. This allows each deputy to vary their times of arrival at their assigned school(s) based upon their mandated duties that day.

This also provides a marked sheriff’s unit in front of each elementary school, where a uniform deputy sheriff checks the exterior of the building for open or unlocked doors, safety hazards or other security concerns and reports any issues to the Principal’s Office. Deputies also go inside the schools to positively engage the children, staff, faculty and administration in order to build relationships and provide a visible uniform presence in the school.

The First Step program is being provided with current Sheriff's Office staffing levels and resources and has not incurred any additional costs to city tax payers. With no additional funding for School Resource Officers for each of our eleven elementary schools, Sheriff Sloan took the "First Step" in addressing the security and social needs of our children with positive interactions with his deputies.

Community Relations

Members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office also participated in numerous community events in 2017 in an effort to develop improved relations and to provide better service to our community. In addition, Community Relations Coordinators have also established successful partnerships with the following local business and corporate entities. A brief synopsis follows:

Phase 2 Dining and Entertainment Club

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is an active partner with Phase 2. Mr. Gary Shotwell, owner, continues to sponsor in the annual "Project Lifesaver Second Chance Prom" fundraiser, now in its 8th year. Mr. Shotwell donated his building and his staff for the night of the event. Mr. Shotwell also assisted with the online ticket sales and additional ticket sales at Phase 2. Mr. Shotwell also listed our Fundraiser on his web page, www.phase2club.com, to help advertise this event.

United Way Golf Tournament

The Lynchburg Project Lifesaver sponsored a golf team in the amount of \$400 to play in the United Way Golf Tournament supporting this great organization.

Child Safety Seat Check Station

On February 1, 2017 the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office along with the Lynchburg Police Department held a free safety seat check station at the Caterpillar Club House at 101 Leroy Bowen Drive #B, off Graves Mill Road. Sgt. Margaret Rogers and Cpl. Billy Shumate who are certified child safety seat installers assisted parents with their vehicles child safety seat installation and checks.

Speaking to Alternative Students at Sheffield Elementary School

On February 15, 2017 Sgt. Margaret Rogers spoke to some of the alternative students in kindergarten to second grade that attend Sheffield Elementary School. She interacted with the students for about 20 minutes explaining the duties of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office and some of the possible consequences for juveniles and adults who break the rules and laws. Each student and teacher was given a pencil at the end of their time together which helps the Sheriff's Office continue building positive relationships with these students.

Since May of 2017 Sgt. Rogers continued stopping by classrooms at Sheffield Elementary two to three times a week. She has interacted with students in the Transition Classes, which deals with students with behavior issues, by conversing and reading to these students. There were several occasions when she was available to talk to students who were experiencing difficulties. Sgt. Rogers has helped students to de-escalate.

Lunch-With-A-Deputy

On February 17, 2017 Chief Deputy Don Sloan and Senior Specialist Keith Sandidge, visited Linkhorne Elementary School to have lunch with some of the children's classes from kindergarten through fifth grade in the cafeteria. The purpose for the visit was to spend time with the children engaging them in conversation, and letting each child know that we cared about

them. They shared a lot of conversations with the children and answered some good questions they had concerning our role as public servants. The questions ranged from what equipment deputies carried and what that equipment was for, to what our job duties were. Chief Sloan and Senior Specialist Keith Sandidge met the kindergarteners, the second graders and the fifth graders for lunch. Chief Sloan and Senior Specialist Sandidge also gave out Lynchburg Sheriff's Office badge tattoos to the teachers and the kids. The kids were thankful that we were there to just have lunch with them.

On Tuesday March 14, 2017 Senior Staff Specialist Sandidge and Deputy John McCann went to visit Linkhorne Elementary School for *Lunch with a Deputy*. They both visited and talked to the kindergarten children, first and second grade children as well. Specialist Sandidge and Deputy McCann enjoyed lunch with the children and answered questions they had about the Lynchburg Sheriff's Deputies responsibilities. It was a valuable time interacting with the students at Linkhorne Elementary School.

On March 17, 2017 Senior Deputy Marvin Jones and Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge visited Linkhorne Elementary School for lunch with the third, fourth and fifth graders in the cafeteria. The teachers of each class were present to assist in keeping the children orderly. The deputies sat down with the children during lunch and talked with them about the equipment on a deputy's utility belt, the types of vehicles driven, and about the sheriff. Deputy Jones and Specialist Sandidge took the time to go from table to table after they ate visiting with as many children as the lunch period allowed.

On April 04, 2017 Senior Deputy Cook and Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge visited Linkhorne Elementary School to have lunch with the Kindergarten, first and second graders. They ate with the kindergarten class and after they both finished their meals, they went around from table to table speaking with the children and answering their questions.

Senior Deputy Cook and Specialist Sandidge had begun speaking with children from the second grade during their lunch time when they observed one of the children crying. The child went from his seat to the floor. The teachers came over to see what was going on and Deputy Cook said that she saw one student hit another student in the back with his hand. Both children involved were taken to the assistant principal's office (Mrs. Elliott) to try to get to the bottom of what led to the incident. When the aggressor student was taken to the office, Specialist Sandidge went to the office with him and the cafeteria attendant in case his assistance was needed. Mrs. Elliott had a talk with both children and Specialist Sandidge was informed that he could return to the cafeteria.

On April 27, 2017 Sgt. Margaret Rogers and Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge visited Linkhorne Elementary School to eat lunch with the third, fourth and fifth graders in the cafeteria.

The teachers of each class or staff were present to assist in keeping the children orderly. Sgt. Rogers and Specialist Sandidge sat down with the kids and talked with them about things such as the equipment deputies carry, the vehicles the Sheriff's Office use, and who the Sheriff is. Sgt. Rogers and Specialist Sandidge took the time to go from table to table after they ate to speak with as many kids as possible.

On May 08, 2017 Senior Deputy Perrigan and Senior Staff Specialist Sandidge visited Linkhorne Elementary School to eat lunch with the children in the kindergarten class, the first and second grade classes. Teachers and staff were present in the cafeteria to assist with order in the lunch room. Deputy Perrigan and Specialist Sandidge sat down and ate lunch with each class. Both of them went from table to table talking with the children and answering their questions.

2017 Senior Resource Fair

On February 24, 2017 Senior Staff Specialist Sandidge attended the Senior Resource Fair held at Heritage Green Assisted Living, located at 201 Lillian Lane, off Graves Mill Road. This Fair was set up to provide seniors an opportunity to meet professionals in a variety of resources that are available to them. Each booth set up was designed to be interactive, fun and informative. Some of the booths that were set up were, *No Place Like Home Remodeling*, *Generation Solutions*, *Keller Williams Transitions Group*, the *Lynchburg Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver* and several others. Specialist Sandidge handed out information pertaining to Lynchburg Project Lifesaver and gave a simple demonstration on how the transmitter and the receiver work together in order to locate missing persons in the program.

Transportation Day

On March 23, 2017 Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge arrived at 582 Leesville Road, Heritage United Methodist Church, for their Transportation Day. The event allowed all the students that attended the school to come out to see and greet all of the participants of the various displays. There were all types of vehicles and machines to see. There was a police vehicle, fire vehicle, a crane operated machine and operator, Lynchburg Sheriff's vehicle and many others. The children came out in groups along with their teachers and had the opportunity to speak with each professional, ask questions and get up close with the transportation vehicles and have their picture taken by the teacher.

Honored – Whitehead Media Ventures

On Saturday June 11, 2017 five members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office attended the *Honored Black Tie* event held at the Kirkley Hotel by Andre Whitehead Media Ventures. The 2017 Honored event recognized those community members who have made and are making a difference in the lives of many in our community. Sheriff Sloan introduced Wendall Walker, one of the recipients of this award, for his community activism. It was a great time to visit with others and enjoy a great meal for a worthy cause. Several scholarships were given out to students recognized for their community engagement and scholastic achievements.

Youth Rally

On June 24, 2017 Cpl. Shad Hudson and Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge visited 2211 Haden Street; to attend a Youth Rally sponsored by Mr. P.J. Reid from *Heart to Heart Ministry*. The purpose of the event was to have a Deputy come for a question and answer session with the youth and parents. Cpl. Hudson and Specialist Sandidge were asked to speak for about 20 to 30 minutes with the youth and the adults. They talked about the youth hanging out in places they shouldn't, kids and bullying, the youth and Law Enforcement, the meaning of respect, not resisting officers of the law and much more.

Autism Awareness at the Hillcats Baseball game

On July 8, 2017 Sgt. Margaret Rogers, Sgt. Jennifer Jones, Deputy John McCann and his wife Barb, Mrs. Didi Zaryczny and Sheriff Don Sloan all attended the Autism Awareness night at the Hill Cats game at Lynchburg City Stadium. Lynchburg Project Lifesaver partnered with Commonwealth Autism on the *2017 Second Chance Prom* fundraiser. Lynchburg Project Lifesaver made a donation to Commonwealth Autism from the 2017 fund raiser proceeds, therefore listing us as an event sponsor. Sgt. Rogers helped collect items from local businesses to help with the silent auction prior to the event and attended a planning meeting at the Hill Cats Stadium. Sgt. Rogers, Sgt. Jones, Deputy McCann and his wife worked the Project Lifesaver table providing educational information about the program to families and displayed the search and rescue equipment. They also handed out coloring books, badge stickers and tattoos. Sgt. Rogers also helped with the silent auction tables and bid sheets.

Mrs. Didi Zaryczny and Sheriff Sloan both had opportunities to speak to the game's attendees regarding Autism Awareness and Lynchburg Project Lifesaver. Everyone had a great time for a great cause and more people learned about Autism and Lynchburg Project Lifesaver's assistance to those families dealing with this terrible mental disorder.

National Night Out Against Crime in Miller Park

On August 1, 2017 ten members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in the National Night Out-Against Crime held at Miller Park. Deputies enjoyed visiting with members of our community encouraging everyone to work together to root out crime in Lynchburg. All involved had a good time of interaction with other agencies and members of our community building relationships for our future. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best, when he said, "*We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools...*"

Third Annual Back to School Fair at Johnson Health Center

On August 5, 2017 eleven members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office cooked and served over 500 hotdogs and bottles of water to parents and their children during the annual back to school fair held at Johnson's Health Center on Atherholt Road. An additional 200 hotdogs, provided by our city schools, was also given out by the Sheriff's Office. The 500 hotdogs we cooked were provided by Moore's Country Store on Waterlick Road with 500 hotdog buns donated by Flowers Bakery Outlet on Lakeside Drive. Lowe's on Timberlake Road donated a gas grill with the propane tank and the propane gas for the tank was donated by R B Taylor. Gift cards were also donated by Wal-Mart and Sam's Club for condiments, napkins, ice and bottled water all utilized for this community event. Everyone had a great time and it was a wonderful way to work together with those who donated the food and drinks allowing us to serve our children and their families.

Back to School Carnival at Boys and Girls Club on Madison Street

On August 8, 2017 four members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office were involved in the Boys and Girls Club back to school party. Lieutenant Tim White cooked 400 hotdogs for those attending while First Sergeant Wil Dorsett and Corporal Billy Shumate brought their marked sheriff's units over for the children to get hands on with, look through and ask questions. It gave many children the opportunity to explore Lynchburg Sheriff's units in a safe and friendly environment. Sheriff Sloan gave out Junior Deputy Sheriff Stickers to all of the children in order to remind them that the Sheriff's Office is there for them. Everyone enjoyed a good hotdog cooked by Lt. White.

Men 2 School Event at Lynchburg City Schools

On August 14, 2017 ten members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office greeted our city school children on their first day back to school at the Men 2 School event started by Councilman Sterling Wilder. It was a wonderful opportunity for the men of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office to engage our children going to school in a positive manner, encouraging them and letting them know we care about each of them.

Tinbridge Hill & Saint John's Neighborhood Night Out

On September 5, 2017 nine members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office were involved meeting, greeting and eating with our neighbors from this community. Members of the Sheriff's Office also helped cook the food, handed out stickers to the children and wore the Eddie Eagle gun safety mascot engaging and fellowshiping with all those in attendance.

Third Annual Out of the Darkness Walk – (AFSP)

On Saturday October 7, 2017 five members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office were involved in the third annual out of the darkness walk remembering those who have died from suicide and

comforting those families who still suffer their loss. Former part-time Lynchburg Deputy Sheriff Chad Ward took his own life leaving behind family and friends who continue to struggle with this senseless loss of a wonderful life. A time of remembrance of those who died along with heartfelt prayers for those who were left behind took place prior to the walk at Percival's Isle. Many families and friends participated in the walk leaving pictures and notes along the way to those who died from suicide. The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office gave a donation to *American Foundation for Suicide Prevention* to support their ongoing efforts to STOP this senseless and grievous loss of life by our loved ones.

Career Fair Sheffield Elementary School

On November 3, 2017 Deputy C. David Ragland assisted Sgt. Margaret Rogers with the Career Fair at Sheffield Elementary School located at 115 Kenwood Place Lynchburg, VA. Sgt. Rogers and Deputy Ragland used a marked vehicle as part of their demonstration and spoke to the student body concerning our role in the community. They spoke to the entire student body at Sheffield Elementary School concerning the duties and responsibilities of a Sheriff's Deputy. They also handed out sticker badges as well as pencils to the students. The students enjoyed learning about the Sheriff's Office and our role as community helpers.

Community Events on Bullying

Chapel Grove Baptist Church

On May 07, 2017 Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge traveled to the Chapel Grove Baptist Church to give a presentation on bullying. A table was provided to display brochures, coloring books, and stickers from the Sheriff's Office which were available to the children. Specialist Sandidge spoke to a group of young people and adults. Topics discussed included:

- What is a bully?
- Who do bullies pick on?
- Why do bullies do what they do?
- What to do if someone bullies you?
- How should Christians respond to bullies?
- What is cyber bullying?

After the presentation the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions. Breakfast was then served and Specialist Sandidge met and talked with many of those in attendance during the food and fellowship time together.

Chapel Grove Baptist Church

On June 02, 2017 Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge visited Chapel Grove Baptist Church to speak to 28 Girl Scouts on the topic of bullying and its effects. A table was provided for literature from the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office and refreshments were provided by the Girl Scout troop.

Topics on bullying included:

- What is a bully?
- Who do bullies pick on?
- Why do bullies do what they do?
- What to do if someone bullies you?
- How should Christians respond to bullies?
- What is cyber bullying?
- Bullying by demographic

The youth and the adults were encouraged to ask questions. There were also items prepared for them from the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office. Pamphlets were available to attendees pertaining to Lynchburg Project Lifesaver and Bullying as well.

Family Life Christian Church

On September 14, 2017 Senior Staff Specialist Sandidge went to the Family Life Christian Church on Timberlake Road to speak with the children about bullying. There were about 20 children, some as old as age 10 that were present. Specialist Sandidge introduced himself and explained the duties of a deputy at the Sheriff's Office. Topics discussed included:

- What is a bully?
- Who do bullies pick on?
- Why do bullies do what they do?
- What to do if someone bullies you?
- Be aware of fren-emies or backstabbers.
- How should Christians respond to bullies?
- What is cyber bullying?
- Bullying by demographic
- Female bullies
- Parents that bully children and others
- Teenage bullying
- Bullying teachers
- Adult bullying
- Child bullying

During the presentation, the children were asked questions and were given treats for their answers. The children were escorted to the parking lot by the adults present to see the Sheriff's vehicle with the lights on and look inside at the emergency equipment. After the presentation and the trip to the parking lot, the children and the adults had the opportunity to take pictures with Specialist Sandidge.

Veterans Day Parade

On Saturday November 11, 2017 four members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office were involved in the "**FIRST**" Veterans Day Parade in Lynchburg in the past **79 years** which was held at Liberty University and also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Senior Specialist Keith Sandidge, who served in the United States Army, led the parade in his marked sheriff's unit, followed by former Army veteran Captain Mark Lacy in his marked sheriff's unit. Riding with Captain Lacy was Marine Corps veteran and "Purple Heart" recipient Mike McCafferty. These men proudly escorted World War II hero and Grand Marshal Mr. George Rogers, who survived the 1942 Bataan Death March in the Philippines, for the 2017 Veterans Day Parade.

Mike McCafferty, Senior Staff Specialist Sandidge, Captain Lacy, Grand Marshal George Rogers and ALL of our wonderful veterans, we thank God for each one of you and for your sacrificial service to our country and to us. Thank you and may God Bless You and the United States of America!

We Share Because We Care

On Wednesday November 22, 2017 uniform members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office delivered twenty Thanksgiving turkey dinners, professionally prepared by RA Bistro located at 1344 Main Street in Lynchburg. These twenty Turkey dinners were provided to deserving

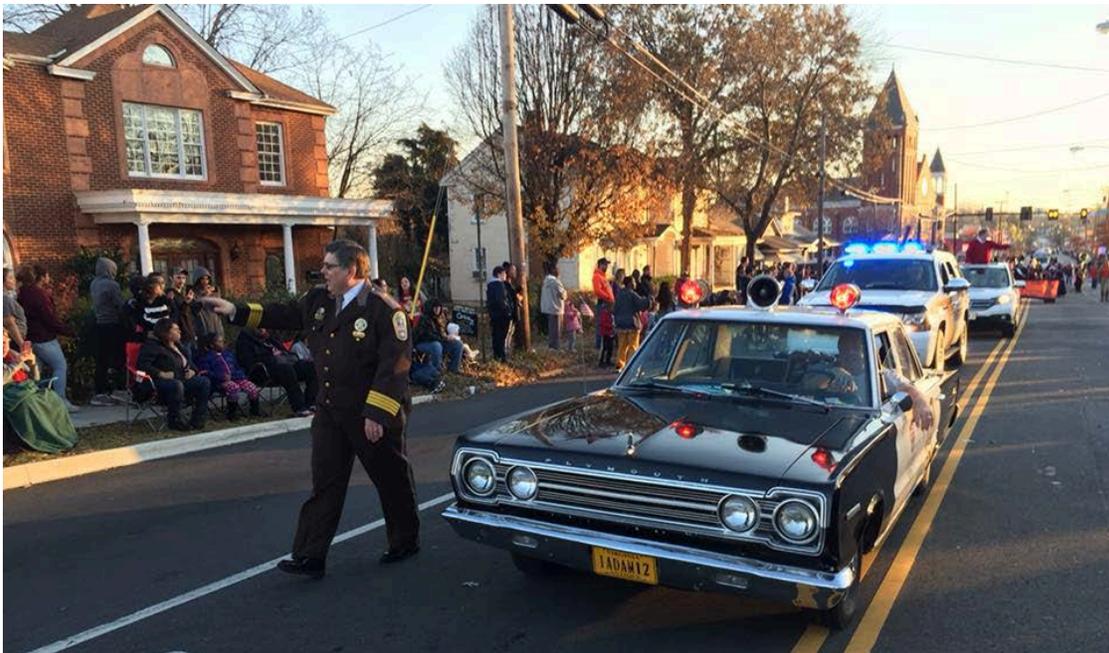
families identified by local pastors as part of the Sheriff's Office second annual *We Share because We Care* program.

Sheriff Sloan started this program with the help of the men and women of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office in December 2016 through a wonderful partnership with *Mr. Alex Richardson*, owner of RA Bistro, who professionally prepares the meals, and with *Mr. Anthony Delligatti*, District Manager of Sodexo at Liberty University who graciously provided the 20 Turkeys for these meals.

The Thanksgiving meals, which were delivered to these deserving families in our community by the men and women of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office, is a small way for us to give thanks to God for His blessings upon each of us. We are thankful for the opportunity and privilege to serve our citizens of Lynchburg and share with others.

Lynchburg Christmas Parade

On Sunday December 3, 2017 thirteen members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in the Lynchburg Christmas parade which began at city stadium and ended at E.C. Glass High School on Memorial Avenue. The Sheriff's Office had two marked vehicles in the parade along with a replica of the Adam 12 police vehicle from the TV series Adam 12. Sheriff Sloan and other members of the sheriff's office and their families walked in the parade waving, handing out candy and stickers to spectators.



Interagency Cooperation

VALEAC Training Conference

On October 24-26, 2017, the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition held its annual training conference in Bristol, Virginia with over 160 law enforcement personnel in attendance from agencies all over the Commonwealth. Lynchburg Project Lifesaver donated \$450.00 in order to help sponsor the law enforcement training at this conference.

Training

During 2017 all members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office received their required in-service training, firearms qualifications, Taser, oc, baton and legal up-dates, as mandated by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. In addition Blood Borne Pathogens, Cultural Diversity, and Use of Force were also taught to satisfy the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission requirement.

Achievements

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is preparing for its third Re-accreditation assessment in November 2018 by a three member assessment team from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Each year, the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office reviews all 190 standard files (604 bullets) and verifies compliance for each standard. At the conclusion of 2017, the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office was found to be in full compliance with all applicable VLEPSC standards.

Promotions

The following Part-time individuals were promoted on September 1, 2017:

- Deputy Paul T. Cole was promoted to Lieutenant over part-time.
- Deputy William D. Brown was promoted to Sergeant over part-time.
- Deputy Gordon L. Taylor was promoted to Corporal over part-time.

The following Full-time individuals were promoted to **Sergeant** on December 1, 2017:

- Senior Staff Specialist Keith Sandidge, Sr. was promoted to Sergeant and continues to function as the Chaplain of the Sheriff's Office.
- Corporal Shad Hudson was promoted to Sergeant and continues to assist with Transportation and Fleet management.
- Senior Deputy C. Todd Hunley was promoted to Sergeant and is the Public Information Officer and Community Engagement Officer for the Sheriff's Office as directed by the Sheriff.

Sheriff Ron Gillispie's Retirement

On March 31, 2017 Sheriff Ronald L. Gillispie retired as the Sheriff of Lynchburg ending fifteen years and three months of service to the city of Lynchburg as Sheriff. Prior to becoming Sheriff of Lynchburg, Ron spent twenty-seven years with Lynchburg Police Department and four years with Liberty University Police Department. His combined 46 years of public service to the Lynchburg community is noteworthy and commendable.

Members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office commend Sheriff Gillispie for his many years of service to Lynchburg community as a police officer and as sheriff of Lynchburg. May the Lord's blessings be upon Ronnie and his family in his retirement and may he enjoy the fruits of his labor. Thank you Ronnie!

Appointment of new Chief Deputy – Thomas G. Carter

Sheriff Don Sloan was pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas G. “Tommy” Carter as Chief Deputy for the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office on Friday December 1, 2017. Tommy Carter spent over 31 years at the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office prior to retiring in 2005 and going to work with Project Lifesaver International in Chesapeake, Virginia for the next twelve and a half years. During that time Tommy maintained his sworn status with the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office as a part-time employee training local agencies and personnel in the Project Lifesaver program.

Chief Deputy Tommy Carter brings his significant institutional knowledge, impeccable reputation and professionalism back to the Sheriff’s Office and Lynchburg is blessed to have Tommy back home.

Swearing In Ceremony at Circuit Court

Sheriff Don Sloan was sworn-in as Lynchburg Sheriff on Thursday December 28, 2017 for the next four year term after his election earlier in November. He was sworn-in as Sheriff by the Honorable Eugene Wingfield, Clerk of the Lynchburg Circuit Court. After Sheriff Sloan was sworn-in he observed as all members of the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office were jointly sworn-in at Lynchburg Circuit Court by Clerk Eugene Wingfield. Sheriff Sloan then challenged all newly sworn-in members of the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office regarding the importance of consistently engaging the Lynchburg community with professionalism, respect and care.

Concluding Remarks

The Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office continues to collaborate and integrate within all aspects of City government and the law enforcement community in order to do our part in serving and protecting our community. As Edmund Burke wrote in the mid 1700’s, “*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.*” We choose to work with any and all together to be a part of the solution by doing positive and proactive community endeavors for all of our neighbors in the city of Lynchburg.

Lynchburg is the best place to safely live, work and play together!