

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



**FEBRUARY 2022**

## Sheriff Promotes Two Employees

On February 2, Sheriff Sean Casey announced the promotions of two outstanding employees. Congratulations to Cassandra Branch on her promotion to sergeant and to Latoscha Hart on her promotion to human resources director! Sergeant Branch, a longtime member of the Honor Guard and the Sheriff's Employee Advisory Committee, has served with ASO since 2004. Director Hart holds a professional certification from the International Public Management Association for Human Resources and has worked in public safety administration since 1998.



## Update on Recruiting Efforts

Getting the Sheriff's Office fully staffed is a priority for Sheriff Casey and our HR team. Like many other employers, ASO is seeking qualified candidates to join our team. Deputies are attending job fairs and holding recruiting events in new locations like apartment buildings and areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Employees are handing out recruitment cards to individuals they meet who they think would be good deputies. The starting salary for new deputies is \$55,101 to \$60,750, and those with college, military or prior law enforcement experience will start higher, so visit [www.JoinASO.com](http://www.JoinASO.com) and please help us spread the word.



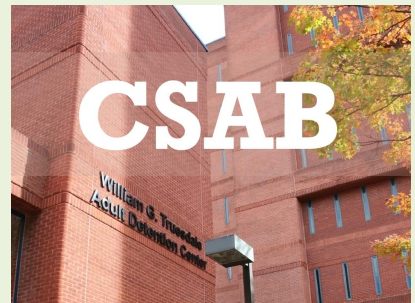
## Academy Instructor Named Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Master Deputy Curran Thorne on being named Employee of the Quarter! Deputy Thorne is assigned as an instructor at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy where our recruits complete basic law enforcement and deputy school. His teammate and supervisor nominated him for this recognition because of his exemplary work ethic, demand for excellence, and passion for training. Other instructors regularly offer their unsolicited praise for Deputy Thorne and recruits agree, adding that they appreciate his inspiration, intensity, constructive criticism, and commitment to preparing them.



## CSAB Has Change in Leadership

After many years of dedicated service on the [Correctional Services Advisory Board \(CSAB\)](#), Chair Amy Reed recently stepped down. Rosemarie Davis and Janice McLean are now serving as CSAB co-chairs and sharing leadership duties. At their last meeting Sheriff Casey and ASO staff recognized Ms. Reed for her service and also thanked Jay Palermينو, who gave up his seat as well, for his contributions while serving on CSAB over the past seven years.



## Inmates Offered Activity for Black History Month

Due to covid prevention protocols, Inmate Services staff could not hold a large group program for Black History Month, but they still offered inmates the opportunity to learn about African American history. Inmates received informative and colorful handouts with profiles of people, like Mary McLeod Bethune, who made significant contributions to the African American experience and insightful quotes from influential African Americans. Inmates also had fun participating in Black history trivia contests and playing educational games coordinated by Inmate Services.



## ASO Encouraging Kids to Read

ASO employees are teaming up with community organizations to encourage young students to read. Three employees are volunteering with Life Enrichment Center and providing literacy tutoring to students at Cora Kelly Elementary. In addition, Deputy Samuel Clark is working with little ones at the Ruby Tucker Family Center to help them discover the joys of reading. Most recently Deputy Clark and the Ruby Tucker Readers focused on a timely "snow days" theme!



## Remember to Safely Dispose of Unwanted Drugs

The next Drug Take Back day will be held on April 30 but you don't have to wait that long to safely dispose of expired and unwanted medications. Alexandria has [three permanent year-round disposal sites](#), including The Neighborhood Pharmacy which recently collected 260 pounds of unneeded drugs that deputies picked up and then had destroyed. Find more options by [visiting this list of resources](#).

