

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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## **Sheriff Promotes Chief Deputy**

On April 6, Sheriff Sean Casey announced the formal promotion of Rawle Kelly as Chief Deputy. Chief Kelly had been serving as an Acting Chief Deputy overseeing the Support Services Bureau since last summer. He began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1995 and earned multiple promotions, eventually holding senior command positions in the Detention Center and in Judicial and Special Operations. Chief Kelly is an Army veteran and has a bachelor's degree in homeland security.



## **American Legion Post Honors Sergeant Branch**

Alexandria's American Legion Post 24 recently selected [Sergeant Cassandra Branch as their 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year](#) for her exceptional service on and off duty. In addition to her regular duties, she is a member of the Office's award-winning honor guard and also served as president of the Sheriff's Employee Advisory Committee. With a degree in social work and experience in crisis intervention and American Sign Language, Sergeant Branch uses her specialized skills to effectively communicate with people, particularly those who are having a difficult time.



## ASO Active in Community Outreach

With pandemic restrictions eased and spring days getting longer, Alexandria is hosting more community events and the Sheriff's Office has been busy joining in the fun! In the past month, deputies have participated in First Thursday in Del Ray, a fun run at Polk Elementary, community cookouts at Tancil Court, Southern Towers and Bennington Crossings, and a clean-up day at Dora Kelley Nature Park. If you see our deputies and information table at an event, please stop over and say hello!



## Sheriff's Office Hosts Reentry Week Resource Fair

During Alexandria Reentry Week (April 25 to 29), dozens of inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center learned about services that can help them when they are released. Working with members of the Alexandria Reentry Council, Inmate Services staff held multiple sessions of the [Reentry Week Resource Fair](#) so that inmates could explore programs and services that can aid them in a successful transition to the community.



## Sheriff Joins City Leaders at Remembrance Ceremony

On April 23, Sheriff Casey and Police Chief Don Hayes joined other City officials, members of the faith community, and invited speakers at a [remembrance ceremony for lynching victim Joseph McCoy](#). The Alexandria Community Remembrance Project organized the event which included remarks, music, poetry and a wreath laying in memory of the Black teenager who in 1897 was abducted from police custody by a mob and then murdered at the corner of North Lee and Cameron streets.



## ASO Expands Recruiting Efforts

A team of deputies and human resources staff meets regularly to discuss efforts to [recruit qualified deputy sheriff candidates](#). With college students graduating soon and more community events going on, ASO is expanding our presence at in-person events, like traditional job fairs but also community activities. Recently Deputies Carlos Cañas and Mary Jo Cummings returned to their alma mater, Longwood University, to speak with students there, and deputies have also recruited at Camp LeJeune, Evangel Assembly of God church and a Thai new year festival.



## Drug Take Back Day is April 30

Safely dispose of unwanted medications at the next [Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 30](#), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ASO deputies and Alexandria police officers are staffing four convenient drop-off locations – outside The Neighborhood Pharmacy at 2204 Mount Vernon Avenue, Police Headquarters at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Fire Station 210 at 5255 Eisenhower Avenue and Chinguapin Park Recreation Center, 3210 King Street. If you're not in Alexandria, you can check the [DEA website for a location near you](#).

