

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Eight Deputies Graduate from Criminal Justice Academy

On June 22, [eight deputy sheriffs graduated with Session 146 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy](#) at a ceremony at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. The new deputies successfully completed six months of training, including emergency vehicle operations, firearms qualifications, defensive and control tactics, crash investigation, basic legal training, jail and courthouse procedures, fair and impartial policing, active bystandership, policing in diverse communities, and other important areas.



Three Deputies Honored at Public Safety Valor Awards

The [Alexandria Chamber of Commerce honored several public safety professionals, including three members of the Sheriff's Office](#), for their courageous and life-saving actions. Deputy Breanda Hatfield, Deputy DeVon Carney and Deputy Nazirullah Qazei were among the more than [40 honorees recognized at the annual Public Safety Valor Awards](#) on June 8. Sheriff Sean Casey congratulated each of the deputies as they received life-saving awards for rescuing inmates who had attempted suicide.



Inmate Programs Expanding with Workplace Readiness and In2Work Training

As COVID-19 safety protocols are eased in the detention center, Inmate Services staff have been working to [expand programs for inmates and increase participation](#). Programs provide inmates with educational, personal growth, and professional training opportunities. Two new ones, Workplace Readiness and In2Work, offer workforce skills development and professional certification to make returning citizens more competitive candidates for employment.



American Legion Names Sergeant Branch Virginia Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

At its state convention on July 16, the [American Legion Department of Virginia](#) honored Sergeant Cassandra Branch with the [Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award](#) for her outstanding service both on and off duty. Throughout her career, Sergeant Branch has taken on specialized assignments and positions beyond her basic duties, serving as a field training deputy, member of the award-winning honor guard, and president of the Sheriff's Employee Advisory Committee. She is also experienced in crisis intervention and American Sign Language and volunteers her own time to assist people who are blind or have low vision.



Apply Now for the Fall Session of Sheriff's Community Academy

The Sheriff's Office is now [accepting applications for the Fall Session of the Sheriff's Community Academy](#). This is an excellent opportunity for Alexandrians to explore the role of the Sheriff's Office in the criminal justice system by touring the jail and courthouse, taking part in hands-on activities, and meeting with staff. This session will be held in person on Saturday mornings beginning September 10. Space is limited and applications must be received by August 19.

