



## SEPTEMBER 2022

### Sheriff's Office Honors First In2Work Graduates

Congratulations to the [first Alexandria inmates to successfully complete In2Work](#), a vocational program from Aramark, the food service contractor at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center (ADC). Through [In2Work](#), they gained skills and professional certifications that will help them pursue employment once they are released. ASO held a graduation ceremony to recognize their achievements and the graduates demonstrated their new skills by preparing a delicious menu for the occasion!



### ASO Offering Free Gun Locks and Medication Lock Boxes

With assistance from the Department of Community and Human Services and [Lock and Talk Virginia](#), the [Sheriff's Office is now making gun locks and medication lock boxes available to Alexandrians at no cost](#). Medication lock boxes and firearm cable and trigger locks can be picked up at the ASO Visitor Center at the Alexandria Public Safety Center at [2003 Mill Road](#). September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and these devices can reduce accidents and [help prevent suicides](#) by curtailing access to lethal means.



## ASO Community Outreach Continues

Sheriff Sean Casey and ASO staff continue to enhance public safety and expand community outreach. Deputies helped hundreds of elementary students get safely to school and back home on their first day of school, and then on September 10, deputies joined Sheriff Casey at the teen block party organized by Alexandria Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA). Deputies and civilian staff also participated in First Thursday in Del Ray and most recently teamed up with Senior Services of Alexandria and RPCA at the Robust Walkathon at Ben Brenman Park to show seniors fun, easy and safe ways to keep active.



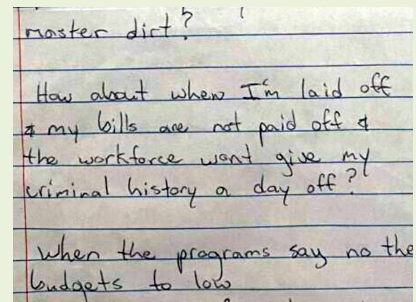
## First Female Inmates Complete OSHA Construction Safety and Workplace Readiness Training

Five inmates recently completed professional development training that will help them when they return to the community and seek employment. These five are the [first women at the Adult Detention Center to complete the Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) 10-hour Construction Safety and Health curriculum and the 30-hour Workplace Readiness Skills training](#). Both are new educational programs the Sheriff's Office began offering through remote instruction during the past year.



## Inmates Explore Creativity through Writing Contest Organized by Heard

Over the summer inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center were [invited to participate in a writing contest coordinated by Heard](#), a local nonprofit offering marginalized and at-risk individuals the opportunity to be heard through creative expression. Then on August 26, Heard and the Sheriff's Office held a virtual awards ceremony where the winners in fiction, nonfiction and poetry were announced.



## Deputies Attend Leadership Training for Women in Law Enforcement

Four ASO members recently completed leadership training specifically for women serving in public safety. Coach Lisa Gilbert delivered the seminar “Women Leading When the Heat is On” for women currently holding or pursuing leadership roles in law enforcement. The Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy hosted the three-day class and women in law enforcement from across the region attended, including Sergeant Cassandra Branch, Deputy Angela Speight, Deputy Alexis Turner and Deputy Ashley Battle.



## ASO Staff Enjoy Employee Appreciation Cookout

To express their gratitude for the hard work and commitment of the ASO staff, Sheriff Casey and senior command staff treated the entire team to an Employee Appreciation Cookout on September 6 and 7. Deputies, civilians and contract staff all enjoyed grilled chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as music, games and even a raffle. Cookouts were scheduled over two days and four shifts so everyone could attend. Interested in being part of our team or know someone who is? Visit [www.JoinASO.com](http://www.JoinASO.com)!

