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Ten Alexandrians Graduate from Sheriff's Community Academy

Since early September, 10 Alexandrians have spent their Saturday mornings exploring Sheriff's Office operations, talking with staff, taking part in demonstrations, and touring the Adult Detention Center and Alexandria Courthouse as members of the Sheriff's Community Academy. On October 8, the participants celebrated their graduation from the Community Academy with Sheriff Sean Casey presenting each with a certificate of achievement and a challenge coin. ASO plans to hold our next Community Academy session in the spring.

ASO Joins Community and Faith Partners in Outreach Efforts

In October, ASO's outreach efforts have included participating in community events, like Tons of Trucks at Chinquapin and the coat giveaway with Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria and Saint Joseph Catholic Church. In addition, ASO teamed up with Alexandria police in national community engagement initiatives like Coffee with a Cop Day with an event at Swing's in Del Ray on October 5. ASO and APD also partnered with Alfred Street Baptist Church on October 10 for Alexandria's first Faith and Blue event, a food drive for the church's food pantry. Deputies and officers helped unload donations (right) and enjoyed getting to know ASBC members and staff.

Inmates Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence through Clothesline Project

For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, women in the Adult Detention Center are participating in the Clothesline Project, which provides a way for women impacted by violence to express their emotions by decorating t-shirts. Counselors worked with the women as they decorated the shirts with messages and symbols and then Inmate Services staff displayed the shirts, as though they were on a clothesline, at the Public Safety Center. To learn more about domestic violence, including the signs someone is in danger, visit alexandriava.gov./DomesticViolence.

Deputies Wear Pink Badges for Breast Cancer Awareness

Sheriff Casey is continuing an annual Sheriff's Office tradition allowing deputies to wear pink badges in recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Deputies began wearing the badges in 2013 after Deputy Amy Clinton died of breast cancer, and over the years, those wearing them have included breast cancer survivors who share their experiences to emphasize the importance of early detection and to encourage others battling the disease.

Deputies Provide Additional Safety Presence for Walk to School Day

When hundreds of Polk Elementary students participated in Walk and Roll to School Day on October 12, ASO offered an enhanced presence to help keep them safe. Sheriff Casey, Deputy Jeffery Hunter and Deputy Brian Mauck monitored the students and directed traffic.The students did an excellent job walking in a line, remaining on the sidewalk and carefully following directions to cross the street.

Protect Yourself from Scams by Hanging Up

Phone scams are nothing new but [scammers continue to try new ways to defraud trusting people](). Scammers often claim to be from a law enforcement agency and use official sounding titles to intimidate potential victims into giving them money, gift cards or cryptocurrency. Some may threaten you or even say that a family member is in jail and needs money. Don't fall for it – just hang up! The Alexandria Sheriff's Office reminds you that no legitimate law enforcement agency in the region or in Virginia will ever call you and demand money so if you get a call like that, hang up immediately.

Next Drug Take Back Day is October 29

Help prevent prescription drug abuse by safely disposing of unwanted and expired medications at the next [Drug Take Back Day on October 29]()! Alexandria will have four convenient drop-off locations – Police Headquarters, First Baptist Church, Fire Station 210 and The Neighborhood Pharmacy – so start cleaning out your medicine cabinets now. If you can't make it on Take Back Day, remember there are [other options, including permanent drop boxes]().