

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Deputy McGhee Named CIT Deputy of the Year

Alexandria's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Steering Committee recently recognized Deputy Michael McGhee and other public safety professionals for their outstanding work as members of the [Crisis Intervention Team](#). Sheriff Sean Casey presented [Deputy McGhee with the CIT Deputy of the Year award](#) at an October 21 ceremony at police headquarters. A CIT member for five years, Deputy McGhee regularly uses his specialized skills working with inmates at the Adult Detention Center, particularly with those in the Critical Care Mental Health Unit where he is assigned as the primary deputy.



ASO Accepting Donations for Operation Elf

In the spirit of the holiday season, the [Sheriff's Office holds Operation Elf](#), a program to provide gifts to children with an incarcerated parent. Operation Elf not only assists families in need but also helps keep them connected during the holidays, encouraging a smoother transition once ex-offenders return to the community. To support this effort, the Sheriff's Office is accepting donations of new toys, games and books for kids, and gift cards, which can be given to older children or used by staff to purchase gifts as needed. If you are interested in donating, please [download the flyer](#) or [select items from the Operation Elf Wish List on Amazon](#).



Second Person Rescued through Project Lifesaver This Year

On November 5, deputies using Project Lifesaver tracking technology located a missing Project Lifesaver client when he wandered away from his home. This is the second rescue of a Project Lifesaver client this year in Alexandria. In both cases, a team of specially trained deputies quickly responded after a client was reported missing to police, and in both cases, deputies located the client within an hour of the Sheriff's Office being notified. [Project Lifesaver](#) provides a timely response to save lives and reduce possible injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome, and related conditions or disorders. If you know someone in the City of Alexandria who could benefit from this program, [please contact us](#).



Nearly 500 Pounds of Unwanted Meds Collected in Drug Take Back Efforts

Thanks to partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, local businesses, and community organizations, nearly 500 pounds of unwanted medications were safely disposed of this fall. On the National Drug Take Back Day on October 29, Alexandrians turned in 254 pounds of unused medications. Less than a week later, [ASO had 240 more pounds of unneeded meds](#), collected from a permanent drop box at The Neighborhood Pharmacy and a wellness event at Goodwin House, safely and securely destroyed at Covanta. These partnerships help make a difference by [keeping potentially dangerous medications from being abused or causing environmental damage when flushed](#).



Youth Outreach Highlights Include Visits with AVID Students

This fall has offered excellent opportunities for youth engagement at events like Trunk-or-Treat and visits with Ruby Tucker Readers. Sheriff Casey and several deputies have also met with students in the AVID programs where they discussed job skills and knowledge and the importance of having a solid education when working in public safety. In addition to this type of outreach, deputies have provided a patrol presence to keep kids safe during trick-or-treating and at events like Polk Elementary's Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.



Two Deputies Become Motorcycle Unit Members

Congratulations to Deputy Sean Williams and Deputy Sean Scalsky on becoming ASO's newest motorcycle deputies! Both successfully completed Basic Motorcycle Operator training, an intensive two-week course at the Emergency Vehicle Operations Center, followed by an assessment by the Alexandria Police Department's Traffic Safety Section to ensure they are qualified at the same standard as APD's motor officers. Sheriff Casey presented Deputy Williams and Deputy Scalsky with their motor wings uniform pins during a brief recognition ceremony early this month. Their motorcycle duties are ancillary to their regular assignments in the Judicial and Special Operations Bureau. Look for them in the Scottish Walk parade on December 3!



ASO Warns of Scammers Impersonating Law Enforcement Officers

The Sheriff's Office [wants to alert area residents to ongoing phone scams in which suspects pose as members of law enforcement](#) to coerce victims into giving them money. Scammers disguise their phone number to make it look like they are calling from a local law enforcement agency and use intimidation by saying a warrant will be issued if a victim does not pay. Sheriff Casey says, "Don't let your guard down and don't be intimidated into providing personal details or financial information. Real deputies are not going to call you and threaten you with arrest, so just hang up if you get a call like that."

