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More than 200 Children Receive Holiday Gifts from Operation Elf

Through [Operation Elf, the Sheriff's Office annual giving program](#), children with an incarcerated parent are able to receive holiday gifts, like toys, games, gift cards and books. Inmate Services staff ask inmates if they would like to participate and gather information about their children, like age and gender. Staff then select gifts -- all generously donated or purchased with donated funds -- and pack them up for family members to pick up the week before Christmas. This year more than 75 families and 200 children are receiving holiday gifts from Operation Elf thanks to our extremely thoughtful supporters!



Sheriff's Office Awarded Advanced Law Enforcement Reaccreditation

For the tenth consecutive time, the Sheriff's Office has been [accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies \(CALEA\)](#). The Sheriff's Office received our formal reaccreditation for Advanced Law Enforcement during CALEA's fall conference in November. ASO also earned a meritorious distinction for being continuously accredited for more than 15 years and has actually been accredited by CALEA since 1990. In addition, ASO received a 100% score from the Virginia Department of Corrections following an unannounced inspection of the detention center in November.



Ten Deputies Graduate from Criminal Justice Academy

Congratulations to our recruit deputies who [graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy](#) on December 19! These new law enforcement officers successfully completed 20 weeks of training, including emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, defensive and control tactics, crash investigation, de-escalation techniques, basic legal training, jail operations, courthouse security, and civil process. They will now complete field training at the Sheriff's Office before beginning their regular assignments.



Del Ray Business Association Honors Sheriff Casey

The Del Ray Business Association (DRBA) presented [Sheriff Sean Casey with its Star Award](#) for City/Government Service at its annual holiday luncheon on December 12. DRBA recognized Sheriff Casey for keeping small business owners informed about important public safety issues, helping with security and crowd control at neighborhood events, and supporting their community by volunteering.



Inmates Enjoy Uplifting Holiday Program

On December 14, dozens of inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center [enjoyed an uplifting holiday program featuring live music and a spiritual message](#), thanks to local musicians and pastors. Alexandrian Vaughn Ambrose and two other musicians donated their time and talents to provide a holiday jazz performance to 55 of our residents as part of the Yellow Door Concert Series. After the concert, Pastor Josh of Future Church and his translator delivered a message about the meaning of Christmas in English and Spanish, and then all attendees enjoyed soft drinks and cupcakes.



Sergeant Wright Named Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Sergeant Valarie Wright on being selected as Employee of the Quarter! Sergeant Wright, the supervisor in the Special Management Section, was recognized for her exceptional performance, eagerness to help her colleagues, and expert assistance to outside agencies. A senior member of the U.S. Attorney's Office even wrote to express his appreciation for Sergeant Wright's work in coordinating security, facility space, and video equipment for meetings involving multiple parties participating at the detention center and from overseas. Well done, Sergeant Wright!

