

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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## **Sheriff's Office Celebrates Employee Awards**

Sheriff Sean Casey and the Sheriff's Office celebrated staff accomplishments at our [annual employee awards and promotional recognition ceremony](#) on March 28. The program honored employees who received awards, as selected by their colleagues, and those who earned promotions last year. U.S. Attorney Jessica Aber delivered the keynote speech and in addition to the internal awards, representatives of American Legion Alexandria Post 24 recognized [Deputy Nicholas Montgomery with the 2023 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award](#).



## **Sheriff Promotes Charles Beeghly to Sergeant**

On March 27, Sheriff Casey announced the promotion of Sergeant Charles Beeghly during his team's roll call. Sergeant Beeghly began his ASO career in 2002 and has served in Judicial Services and in the Detention Center. He is a certified instructor who teaches OC and Control Tactics and he has been a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and the City's Crisis Intervention Team. Sergeant Beeghly is now serving as a supervisor on the day shift.



## Eleven Alexandrians Graduate from Sheriff's Community Academy

On April 1, ASO held a [graduation ceremony for members of the fifth session of the Sheriff's Community Academy](#). Over four Saturday mornings in March, the 11 members of the class learned about the Sheriff's Office by engaging with staff, touring the Adult Detention Center and Alexandria Courthouse, and taking part in hands-on activities including a firearms training simulator and a polygraph examination. Sheriff Casey thanked them for their interest and investment of time and then presented each with a certificate and challenge coin. The [next session](#) will be held in early fall.



## Lieutenant Houston Graduates from New Leadership Academy

On April 14, Lieutenant Lemuel Houston graduated from the City's RISE Leadership Academy, a six-month executive training program named for the qualities of Respect, Integrity, Support and Excellence. Lieutenant Houston and his 15 classmates were in the inaugural session of RISE, which was developed to help eligible employees gain the skill set and knowledge necessary to become more effective and sustainable top-level leaders for the City. On the last day, Lieutenant Houston and his classmates presented their final projects to the City Manager before receiving their certificates.



## ASO Spring Outreach Includes Neighborhood Activities

The Sheriff's Office is excited for expanded engagement opportunities that come with spring. Chief Deputy Shahram Fard and Sergeant Victor Ignacio helped out at the free cone day at Ben & Jerry's to benefit the Child & Family Network Centers and last week, Sergeant Ignacio and Sergeant Deon Eaddy were on Mount Vernon Avenue for the first First Thursday of the season. Next week the annual Community Cookouts kick off with events at the Ruby Tucker Family Center on April 25 and Princess Square on April 27. ASO and other City agencies and community partners will be there for giveaways and to share information about resources and services for kids and their families.



## Inmates Recognized for Completing “Ready for Change” Program

Sheriff Casey and the mental health team at the Adult Detention Center recently [recognized several inmates for graduating from Ready for Change](#), a 10-week program for individuals with substance use disorders. The program began in January and participants met weekly in their respective housing units. They worked with therapists to better understand how drug and alcohol use has impacted their lives, relationships, and decision-making. A total of 29 participants successfully completed Ready for Change, and on March 30, 24 attended a graduation celebration and received certificates of achievement.

