

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



## JUNE 2023

### Five Deputies Recognized at Public Safety Valor Awards

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce recently honored several public safety professionals, including five members of the Sheriff's Office, for their bravery and life-saving actions. Captain Dave Cutting, Sergeant Victor Ignacio, Sergeant Brian Wade, Master Deputy Hafsa Munir and Deputy Joseph Walker were recognized by the Chamber of Commerce at the annual [Public Safety Valor Awards](#) on June 1. Sheriff Sean Casey congratulated each of the deputies as they received life-saving awards for successful interventions with individuals who were in crisis and in danger of self-harm. [Check out the program](#) to read about their response and the courageous actions of the other honorees.



### Fifteen Deputies Graduate from Criminal Justice Academy

Fifteen deputy sheriffs [graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy](#) on June 16. Sheriff Casey and members of his command and training staff attended Session 148's graduation ceremony in Leesburg. The graduates successfully completed 20 weeks of training in emergency vehicle operations, firearms, defensive and control tactics, crash investigation, de-escalation techniques, basic legal training, jail operations, courthouse security and civil process. [Deputy Derek Mainville received the Director's Award for Academic Excellence](#) for earning the highest overall score in the combined law enforcement and deputy school.



## Director Ervin Awarded Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

The [George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution](#) recently awarded Director LaTanya Ervin the [Law Enforcement Commendation Medal](#) in recognition of her exceptional contributions to public safety and the Sheriff's Office. Chapter President Rand Pixa and Public Safety Awards Chair John Blair joined Sheriff Casey in congratulating Director Ervin on this honor. As the Director of Inmate Services & Alternative Programs, she oversees the development and delivery of programs, resources, and services to approximately 300 individuals entrusted to our custody. Her work helps keep staff, inmates, and ultimately, our community, safe!



## ASO Active in Summer Community Outreach

To better connect with our neighbors, members of the [Sheriff's Office](#) have been active in summer programs and special events, like Alexandria Pride and First Thursday. Deputies are also involved in activities for young people, like a recent teen pool party and Capital Youth Empowerment Program's summer soccer initiative, and ones for seniors, such as Senior Law Day and a luncheon with residents of Elancé at Alexandria. At community events, deputies welcome the chance to interact with members of the public and also provide helpful resources, like free gun locks and medication lock boxes. But you don't have to wait until you see us – [you can pick up these safety devices anytime at our office!](#)



## Sheriff Promotes Corey Bryant to Sergeant

On June 1, Sheriff Casey announced the promotion of Sergeant Corey Bryant at a meeting attended by several of his colleagues. Sergeant Bryant started his ASO career in 2016 and has held several positions in the Detention Center. He has also been a Field Training Deputy, a Project Lifesaver search specialist, and a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. Sergeant Bryant is currently serving as a supervisor on the night shift.



## Director Hart Completes Leadership Program

Human Resources Director Latoscha Hart successfully completed Leadership Alexandria, a nine-month program with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Director Hart and her classmates developed their leadership skills while exploring how Alexandria's educational, economic development, local and state government, and other systems operate. They also expanded their professional connections and look forward to inspiring others to advance their leadership skills and knowledge.



## Coming Up! National Night Out is August 1

Alexandria and thousands of communities across the country will celebrate [National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1](#). Now in its 40th year, National Night Out is a fun opportunity for neighbors and public safety agencies to come together to promote community policing partnerships and crime prevention efforts. Alexandria events typically include block parties, ice cream socials, and cookouts. Check with your civic association or property management for specific information about any activities planned for your neighborhood and we'll look forward to seeing you on August 1!

