

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Sheriff's Office and Adult Detention Center Earn ACA Reaccreditation

The [American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#) has formally [reaccredited the Sheriff's Office and the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center](#) and also recognized ASO for excellence in jail operations. Following an onsite audit and subsequent review, ACA found ASO to be in 100% compliance with all applicable mandatory standards. The ACA presented Sheriff Sean Casey and our team with the Certificate of Accreditation on August 11 at their summer conference.



ASO Celebrates National Night Out

Sheriff Casey and ASO staff [celebrated National Night Out on August 1](#) by visiting with neighbors and attending cookouts, block parties, and other special events across Alexandria. This year marked the 40th annual National Night Out and Alexandria civic associations and other groups hosted 39 events throughout the city for the annual night out against crime. Many thanks to the wonderful community members who welcomed us, our public safety partners from the Police and Fire departments, and other Alexandria officials!



ASO Assists in Back to School Outreach

To help prepare students for a successful school year, ASO worked with community organizations and public safety partners on multiple back-to-school events. Deputies distributed backpacks and school supplies at giveaway events and participated in church and youth outreach efforts, like the Welcome Back Carnival at Hammond. Then on the first day of school, ASO commanders and deputies greeted kids as they arrived at their elementary schools and several deputies also assisted with traffic. We hope everyone has a safe and happy school year!



Sheriff Participates in Remembrance Ceremony for 1899 Lynching Victim

On August 8, the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project held a [ceremony to honor the memory of Benjamin Thomas](#), a 16-year-old Black Alexandrian who was abducted from the jail and lynched on August 8, 1899. [Sheriff Casey was among the participants in the remembrance ceremony](#) which began at the site of the old jail at 401 North St. Asaph Street where a historic marker was unveiled and Sheriff Casey and others spoke. Attendees, following the route the lynch mob had taken, proceeded to the corner of King and South Fairfax streets for a wreath laying and reflective remarks.



Sheriff Graduates from Executive Law Enforcement Leadership Institute

On July 27, [Sheriff Sean Casey graduated from the Senior Management Institute for Police](#) conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum following three weeks of intensive study under the direction of both professional and academic faculty. Sheriff Casey was among 104 law enforcement executives and commanders who came from sheriff's offices and police departments across the country to learn how to best address current and future challenges in policing and law enforcement management.

