

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



OCTOBER 2023

Fall Class Graduates from Community Academy

This fall the Sheriff's Office hosted our sixth session of the Sheriff's Community Academy, which lets Alexandrians explore the Office's role in the local criminal justice system. Starting on September 9, 16 participants spent their Saturday mornings learning about Sheriff's Office operations, interacting with staff, viewing demonstrations, and touring the Adult Detention Center and Alexandria Courthouse. After four class meetings, the [Community Academy members celebrated their graduation on October 7](#) with Sheriff Sean Casey presenting each with a certificate of achievement and a Sheriff's Office shoulder patch. Congratulations and many thanks to our newest graduates!



ASO Celebrates Promotions of 19 Employees

On October 17, the Sheriff's Office held a [ceremony to celebrate the achievements of 19 employees](#) who earned promotions since the beginning of 2022. Dozens of family members and friends of the honorees attended the program, something that was not possible at the time of earlier promotions due to the pandemic. Eighteen sworn members and one professional staff member were recognized individually during the event. Following the formal program, honorees and guests enjoyed cake and light refreshments.



Sheriff, Deputies Wear Pink Badges for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Sheriff Casey and dozens of deputies are wearing [pink badges this month in recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#). ASO deputies first started wearing pink badges in 2013 after Deputy Amy Clinton died of breast cancer. Among those who have worn the custom-made badges are survivors who share their own experiences to promote early detection and to encourage others fighting the disease. ASO employees have also decorated a hallway outside the Detention Center with pink ribbons with names of colleagues and others impacted by breast cancer.



Inmates Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

On October 5, 48 inmates attended a [special celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month](#) that highlighted the strength and achievements of members of the Hispanic/Latino population. Councilman Canek Aguirre, the first Latino elected to City Council, was the guest speaker and shared an inspirational message. Inmates participated as well with two residents reading profiles of important Hispanic individuals. The program was delivered in Spanish with translation provided for any remarks by English speakers.



ASO and Inmates Raise Awareness for Domestic Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and women in the Adult Detention Center are participating in the Clothesline Project which provides a way for those impacted by violence to express their emotions by decorating a t-shirt. ASO staff worked with the women as they [decorated the shirts with messages and symbols and then Inmate Services staff put the shirts on display](#) at the public entrance to the Detention Center as testimony to the problem of violence against women. Sheriff Casey and several employees also attended the City's annual candlelight vigil on October 12 to remember the lives of those lost to domestic violence and to encourage others to seek help. To learn more or to get help, please visit alexandriava.gov/domesticviolence or call 703.746.4911.



ASO Now Offering Free Fingerprinting for Local Expungements

To facilitate the procedure for those seeking local expungements, Judicial Services deputies now provide [free fingerprinting for petitioners](#) at the Alexandria courthouse on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (this service is not available on Thursdays or on holidays when the courthouse is closed). This service is only available for expungement petitions filed with the Alexandria Clerk of Circuit Court. Additional information about expungement procedures is available [online from the Clerk's Office](#).



October 28 is Drug Take Back Day

The next [Drug Take Back is Saturday, October 28 and Alexandrians now have a fifth convenient location](#) where they can safely dispose of unwanted medications between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Deputies and police officers will be staffing drop off locations at Police Headquarters (3600 Wheeler Avenue), Fire Station 210 (5255 Eisenhower Avenue), Goodwin House (4800 Fillmore Avenue), The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray (2204 Mount Vernon Avenue) and Woodbine Rehabilitation & Health Center (2729 King Street).

