

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



**MAY 2024**

## **Sheriff's Office Holds Annual Employee Awards**

Sheriff Sean Casey and the Sheriff's Office celebrated our staff's accomplishments with an [employee awards ceremony](#) on April 30. Several City officials attended the program which honored employees who had been selected by their colleagues for recognition. In addition, American Legion Alexandria Post 24 presented their 2024 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Deputy Carlos Cañas. Special thanks to Colonel Jim Paige, Executive Director of the Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, for being our guest speaker.



## **Eight Graduate from Spring Session of Sheriff's Community Academy**

This spring, ASO hosted our seventh session of the Sheriff's Community Academy, an engaging experience for Alexandrians to explore the Office's role in the local criminal justice system. Starting April 6, eight participants spent their Saturday mornings learning about Office operations, interacting with sworn and professional staff, observing demonstrations, taking part in hands-on activities, and touring the Adult Detention Center and Alexandria Courthouse. After four class meetings, the [Community Academy members celebrated their graduation](#) on May 4 with Sheriff Casey presenting each with a certificate of achievement and a Sheriff's Office challenge coin.



## Sergeant Bryant Named Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Sergeant Corey Bryant on being named Employee of the Quarter! Sergeant Bryant's commander Lieutenant Andrea Diaz nominated him for this honor because he leads by example, assists with other duties beyond his official assignment, and maintains a calm demeanor, especially when interacting with inmates who are new or dealing with medical or mental health concerns. Sergeant Bryant is respected by his team members and exemplifies our mission of helping and protecting people.



## Captain Plaskus Completes Leadership Program

Congratulations to Captain Marybeth Plaskus and her [Leadership Alexandria](#) classmates! They just completed the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's nine-month leadership development program for emerging and established leaders. This dynamic learning experience allowed Captain Plaskus and other participants to explore firsthand how Alexandria's economic development, education, local and state government, and other systems operate through on-site visits and discussions with officials, executives and innovators who make Alexandria run. Captain Plaskus especially appreciated getting to know her classmates as well as local leaders and also learning about Alexandria's past and plans for the future.



## Deputies Active in Spring Community Outreach

Sheriff Casey and ASO deputies have been busy in community outreach efforts across Alexandria and involved in events for folks of all ages! ASO welcomed Cub Scouts on a visit to our office, spent time at elementary schools, assisted at the James Polk-Patrick Henry Fun Run, supported seniors at the Robust Walkathon and Mother's Day program at Charles Houston, teamed up with the Fire Department and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for Super Safety Day, showcased our Ford Mustang Mach E cruiser at the Eco-City Festival and the Festival of Speed and Style, grilled and chilled at Community Cookouts, enjoyed conversation and questions at Coffee with a Cop, supported pets and their people at Paws for Prevention and at First Thursday's Dog Days on the Avenue, and cheered on cyclists on Bike to Work Day. And we hope to see you this summer!



## Nearly 300 Pounds of Unwanted Medication Collected

Thanks to a strong turnout for Drug Take Back Day on April 27 and the permanent drop box at The Neighborhood Pharmacy, 292 pounds of expired or unneeded medications were safely disposed of last month. The Police Department and ASO teamed up to cover four drop-off locations for Drug Take Back Day and deputies also collected several more bags just two weeks earlier. Remember, you don't have to wait for Drug Take Back Day to get rid of potentially dangerous prescription medication – visit the City's [opioid information website](#) to learn more.



## ASO Takes Part in May Memorial Events

ASO recently participated in events for National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (May 5-11) and National Police Week (May 12-18) to recognize the sacrifices of correctional and law enforcement officers locally and across the country. On May 1 the Alexandria Sheriff's Association held its annual wreath laying in memory of Deputy William G. Truesdale and then ASO also joined APD and the Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriff Association at two memorial events on May 7. On May 4, ASO attended the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' annual wreath laying event and drill contest, with our honor guard finishing third in a close competition.

