

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Deputy Recognized at Community Champions Honors

At the inaugural [Community Champions Honors](#) on August 6, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce recognized the exceptional service and actions of 25 dedicated individuals from the public and private sectors. [Master Deputy Gwaltney received a life-saving award](#) for his rescue last fall of an inmate who tried to harm herself. Deputy Gwaltney has served with the Sheriff's Office for more than 25 years and in addition to his regular duties, he is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and the Honor Guard. Congratulations to all the honorees and to the Chamber ALX on this new program!



Sheriff's Office Earns PREA Certification

This month, the [Sheriff's Office and the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center attained our official certification of compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act](#), commonly known as [PREA](#). PREA is a federal law enacted in 2003 to protect inmates from sexual assault. To obtain PREA certification, detention facilities must pass an extensive policy review and an on-site audit. In June, a PREA auditor conducted a three-day assessment of the Adult Detention Center, interviewing inmates and command and line staff, reviewing procedures, and evaluating compliance. In August the [auditor submitted her final report](#) which found ASO and the Detention Center to be in full compliance with all required 45 standards and exceeding requirements in nine of those standards.



Sheriff's Office Celebrates National Night Out

On August 6, Sheriff Casey and ASO commanders and deputies [celebrated National Night Out](#) by visiting with neighbors and attending block parties, cookouts and other special events throughout Alexandria. This year Alexandria civic associations and other groups hosted 40 events across the city for the annual night out against crime. Many thanks to the gracious community members who welcomed us, our public safety partners from the Police and Fire departments, and other Alexandria officials! If you want to learn more about ASO's [community and crime prevention programs to help keep people and property safe, please visit our website](#).



ASO Supports Back-to-School Safety and Success

To help students prepare for a successful school year, deputies participated in multiple back-to-school community events where families received complimentary services and supplies, like backpacks. ASO also attended special back-to-school fairs organized by PTAs and schools, and on the first day of school, deputies greeted students at several elementary schools and assisted police by providing a safety presence. Our deputies will continue to visit elementary schools throughout the year!



Summer Drug Collection Yields More than 300 Pounds

Since the beginning of June, deputies have collected and destroyed 340 pounds of unwanted and potentially dangerous medications, drugs that were safely disposed of at the permanent drop box at The Neighborhood Pharmacy in Del Ray. Two more [drop boxes are available](#) at Inova Alexandria Hospital and Alexandria Police headquarters. ASO supports efforts to prevent prescription drugs from being diverted and reminds Alexandrians that [medication lock boxes are available at our tables at community events and 24/7 at our visitor center](#).



Space Still Available for Fall Community Academy

Our next [Sheriff's Community Academy](#) begins on September 14 and we still have space for a few more participants. If you live or work in Alexandria and want to learn more about your Sheriff's Office, this is an excellent opportunity! Academy members tour the jail and courthouse, take part in hands-on activities, and get to talk with Sheriff Casey as well as deputies and professional staff about their responsibilities. This session will be held on four consecutive Saturday mornings, with a graduation celebration on the final class meeting. Applications will close soon!

