



Sheriff's Office

CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201
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Sheriff



Annual Report 2016

Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office

The Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office served the citizens of Bristol Virginia in the following capacities in 2016: maintaining the safety and security of the jail; maintaining the safety and security of the courthouse; serving civil process; providing D.A.R.E. to our school age children; operation of the jail farm; certain crime prevention activities; property abatement and right-of-away clean-up; and providing assistance to the Bristol Police Department when needed. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office had fifty-three fulltime and eight part-time personnel, including administrative, operations, dieticians and medical staff.

Jail

The jail reported 52,195 inmate days, with an average daily population of 143.

The jail offers general education classes to incarcerated inmates who choose to participate. In 2016, 12 women and 15 men participated in electronic classes and testing. Although no diplomas were awarded, several inmates passed three of the four tests required to earn their GED. Inmates that were released from custody or transferred to another facility may complete testing through the Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education program, or from other sources.

The jail also partnered with Highlands Community Services to offer a resource program designed to improve the well-being of children by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible, and committed parents in their lives. In 2016, 12 dads and 13 moms graduated from the program.

Court Services

- 173 – Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Days
- 158 – General District Court Days
- 258 – Circuit Court Days

Civil Process / Criminal & Civil

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| 5,997 – Subpoenas served | 771 – Inmate transports |
| 754 – Jury summons served | 61 – Temporary Detention Orders served |
| 240 – Extraditions completed | 294 – Criminal Warrants received |
| 521 – Levies served | 319 – Criminal Warrants cleared |
| 900 – Other civil process served | |



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Property Abatement & Right-of-Way Clean-up

49 – Private properties serviced
21 – Right-of-ways mowed/cleaned
\$8,859 – Total Billed

Courthouse Security Checkpoint

In 2016, a daily average of 318 patrons passed through the security post at the Bristol Virginia Courthouse. For the year, a total of 76,406 persons were screened to protect the safety and well-being of courthouse visitors and employees. The manned security post prevented 244 knives and 16 pepper spray canisters from entering the courthouse. Owners of these items, as well as anyone possessing a cellphone were instructed to secure the property in their vehicle.

Jail Farm

In 2016, cattle was raised and provided 2,695 pounds of beef to the jail. Hay was grown and cut to furnish 290 rolls of livestock feed. Inmates provided the farm labor, which resulted in taxpayer savings, as well as offering vocational skills to the inmates assigned.

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

5 th Grade Core Lesson –	174 graduates
Elementary Visitation Lessons –	51 lessons presented to 615 students
Middle School Lessons –	512 students
High School Lessons –	125 students
Group Events –	12 presentations

Crime Prevention Activities

Project Lifesaver –	7 active clients
Easter Bunny Project –	2 agency visits

Miscellaneous Community Service

Fingerprint services for non-profit agencies – 237 Fingerprint Data Sets Completed

Inmate Labor Projects

Inmate work details include: assisting non-profit agencies, courthouse maintenance, city property tenant requests, and day to day operation of the jail kitchen, laundry, and farm. Yard work, landscaping, painting of the sheriff's office and courthouse complex, and miscellaneous projects make up the balance of inmate man-hours on work details. These assignments offset taxpayer expenses and provide inmates with valuable vocational skills.

Total Inmate Man-hours – Over 39,626