



Sheriff's Office

CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201
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Sheriff



Annual Report 2017

Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office

The Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office served the citizens of Bristol Virginia in the following capacities in 2017: 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 as needed. In 2017, the Sheriff's Office had fifty-four fulltime and six part-time personnel, including administrative, operations, dieticians and medical staff.

Jail

The jail reported 52,195 inmate days, with an average daily population of 145.

The jail offers general education classes to incarcerated inmates who choose to participate. In 2017, 10 women and 15 men participated in electronic classes and testing. Inmates that were released from custody or transferred to another facility may complete testing for a GED through the Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education program or other sources.

The jail also paired 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 2017, 22 dads and 51 moms participated in the program.

The jail sponsored the following additional programs for inmates.

Religious services	2,496 hours
Drug rehabilitation	40 inmates
Trauma healing	10 inmates

Court Services

188	Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Days
130	General District Court Days
296	Circuit Court Days

Civil Process / Criminal & Civil

6,477	Subpoenas served	768	Inmate transports
652	Jury summons served	65	Temporary Detention Orders served
230	Extraditions completed	347	Criminal Warrants received
479	Levies served	281	Criminal Warrants cleared
848	Other civil process served		



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Property Abatement & Right-of-Way Clean-up (resumed full-time 9/1/2017)

42	Private properties serviced
4	Right-of-ways mowed/cleaned
\$12,080	Total Billed
324	Hours spent picking up trash (54 days at 6 hours per day)

Courthouse Security Checkpoint

In 2017, a daily average of 300 patrons passed through the security post at the Bristol Virginia Courthouse. For the year, a total of 78,086 persons were screened to protect the safety and well-being of courthouse visitors and employees. The manned security post prevented 241 knives and 21 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 2017, cattle were raised and provided 1,131 pounds of beef to the jail. Hay was grown and cut to furnish 398 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 –	179 graduates
Elementary Visitation Lessons –	44 lessons presented to 486 students
Middle School Lessons –	495 students
Group Events –	9 presentations

Crime Prevention Activities

Project Lifesaver –	7 active clients
Easter Bunny Project –	3 agency visits

Miscellaneous Community Service

Fingerprint services for non-profit agencies –	278 Fingerprint Data Sets Completed
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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 39,783
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