



# Sheriff's Office

CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201  
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David Maples  
Sheriff



## Annual Report 2020

### Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office

The Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office served the citizens of Bristol Virginia in the following capacities in 2020: 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 aiding the Bristol Police Department. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office had forty-seven fulltime and eight part-time personnel, including administrative, operations, dieticians and medical staff.

During 2020, every aspect of the Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office operation was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The sheriff's office worked with government and public health officials to contain the spread of the virus while continuing to serve the community and carry out our mission. Given the person-to-person spread of COVID-19 through respiratory droplets, our staff is at a heightened risk of exposure due to their close contact with members of the public, as well as with inmates in the jail. To protect officers, we closely followed the recommendations for jails and law enforcement agencies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and other agencies. We responded to the pandemic in many ways, such as implementing safety precautions for staff and inmates, reassigning personnel, altering training opportunities, reduced community outreach initiatives, and limiting access to department facilities, including the jail. The effects of these constraints are apparent in the reduced numbers or suspension of several of the normal activities shown below.

#### Jail

The jail reported 54,289 inmate days, with an average daily population of 148.

General education classes for incarcerated inmates was suspended by the jail and Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education in 2020.

Programming offered to incarcerated inmates by Highlands Community Services was suspended in 2020.

The jail offered the following additional programs for inmates.

Religious services	39 Bible services (217 inmate hours)
Drug rehabilitation	0 inmates
Trauma healing	0 inmates

#### Court Services

228	Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Days
176	General District Court Days
<u>237</u>	<u>Circuit Court Days</u>
641	Total



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## Civil Process / Criminal & Civil

6,433	Subpoenas served	1,896	Inmate transports
524	Jury summons served	63	Temporary Detention Orders served
257	Levies served	375	Criminal Warrants received
<u>1,292</u>	<u>Other civil process served</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>Criminal Warrants cleared</u>
8,506	Total Civil Process	175	Extraditions completed

## Property Abatement & Right-of-Way Clean-up

20	Private properties serviced
0	Right-of-ways mowed/cleaned
<u>810</u>	<u>Hours including 16,220 lbs. of trash picked up by inmates</u>
\$3,844.35	Total Billed

## Courthouse Security Checkpoint

In 2020, a daily average of 118 patrons passed through the security post at the Bristol Virginia Courthouse. For the year, a total of 42,925 persons were screened to protect the safety and well-being of courthouse visitors and employees. The manned security post prevented 95 knives, and 11 pepper spray canisters from entering the courthouse. Owners of these items, as well as anyone possessing a cellphone was instructed to secure the property in their vehicle.

## Jail Farm

In 2020, cattle were raised to provide meet products to the jail. 15 head of beef were sold to replace \$4,328.01 in the jail budget. 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Core Lesson –	56 classes taught - 63 graduates
Elementary Visitation Lessons –	12 lessons to 135 students
Middle School Lessons –	12 lessons to 135 students
Group Events –	1 community presentation to 45 students and 10 parents

## Crime Prevention Activities

Project Lifesaver –	3 active clients
Easter Bunny Project –	0 agency visits



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## Miscellaneous Community Service

Fingerprint services for non-profit agencies – 0 Sets Completed  
Drug take back – 1 Event

## 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 30,060

