

**October 12, 2011 – MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFFS OFFICE DEFEND CHAMPIONSHIP AT “BATTLE OF THE BADGES” SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

A team sponsored by the Sheriff’s Office defended the championship at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Battle of the Badges” softball tournament in Damascus Virginia. The tournament was hosted by Damascus Police Department on October 8 and 9, with proceeds benefiting the domestic violence program in Washington County Virginia. Eleven teams participated including: Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Abingdon Fire Department, Damascus Police Department, Glade Life Saving Crew, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail, Glade Spring Police Department, Virginia Highlands Community College Police Science Club, Mercy Ambulance Service, The Iron Horse Camp Ground Band, Motley Crew and the Bristol Virginia Sheriff’s Office.



Deputies who participated include: Jimmy Dillard, Lance Helton, and Tim Sturgill. Relatives and friends completing the team were: Jeff Keesee (Bristol Tennessee Police Department), Chad Penley, Dave Geffers, Colin O’Connor, Sean O’Connor, Preston Smith, and Randal Thomas (Bristol Virginia Fire Department).