



Sheriff's Office

CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201
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Sheriff



Annual Report 2015

Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office

The Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office served the citizens of Bristol Virginia in the following capacities in 2015: 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/right-of-away clean-up; and providing assistance to the Bristol Police Department, as needed. In 2015, the Sheriff's Office had fifty-one full time personnel, (including administrative, dieticians and medical staff) and eight part-time deputies.

Jail

The jail reported 53,130 inmate days, with an average daily population of 145.

The jail provides General Education classes to incarcerated inmates who choose to participate. In 2015, the Virginia Department of Education converted from paper to electronic classes and testing. During this transition period, no diplomas were awarded; however, several inmates began the revised program and are working toward their GED.

The jail 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, committed parents in their lives. In 2015, 18 dads and 24 moms graduated from the program.

Court Services

- 176 – Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Days
- 185 – General District Court Days
- 269 – Circuit Court Days

Civil Process / Criminal & Civil

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| 6,719 – Subpoenas served | 774 – Inmate transports |
| 1,057 – Jury summons served | 56 – Temporary Detention Orders served |
| 173 – Extraditions completed | 213 – Criminal Warrants Received |
| 581 – Levies served | 187 – Criminal Warrants Cleared |
| 1,375 – Other civil process served | |



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Property Abatement & Right-of-Way Clean-up

31 –	Private properties serviced
28 –	Right-of-ways mowed/cleaned
\$10,873 –	Total Billed

Courthouse Security Checkpoint

In 2015, 76,674 patrons passed through the security post at the Bristol Virginia Courthouse. The greatest weekly average of 1,633 was in the 1st Quarter of the year (January - March). The 3rd Quarter (July - September) saw the smallest weekly average of 1,075. The staffed security post prevented 346 knives, 15 pepper spray canisters, and 1 stun gun from entering the courthouse. Owners of these items, including cellphones, were instructed to return the property to their vehicles.

Jail Farm

In 2015, cattle was raised for meat products for the jail. Hay was grown and cut for feed for the livestock. The labor for the farm was accomplished with inmates, providing savings and vocational skills for those assigned.

5,560 Pounds – Beef harvested

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

5 th Grade Core Lesson –	191 graduates
Elementary Visitation Lessons –	41 lessons presented to 595 students
Middle School Lessons –	490 students
High School Lessons –	110 students
Summer Camp –	26 students participated in camp
Group Events –	9 presentations

Crime Prevention Activities

Project Lifesaver –	6 active clients
Easter Bunny Project –	3 agency visits

Miscellaneous Community Service

Fingerprint Service for Non-profit Agencies – 172 Fingerprint Data Sets Completed

Inmate Labor Projects

Inmate work details include assisting non-profit agencies, courthouse maintenance and tenant requests, day to day operation of jail kitchen and laundry, jail farm operation and vocational training of inmates. Farming skills, yard work, landscape and painting of sheriff's office and courthouse complex, plus miscellaneous projects as needed and requested make up the balance of inmate man-hours on work details.

Total Inmate Man-hours – Over 35,054