



Sheriff's Office

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CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201
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R. Tyrone Foster
Sheriff



Annual Report 2021

Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office

The Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office served the citizens of Bristol Virginia in the following capacities in 2021: 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 2021, the Sheriff's Office had forty-two fulltime and four part-time personnel, including administrative, operations, dieticians and medical staff.

During 2021, every aspect of the Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office operation was still being 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, reducing community outreach initiatives, and limiting access to department facilities, including the jail. The result of these measures is apparent in the reduced numbers, and where necessary, the suspension of normal activities.

Jail

The jail reported 50,844 inmate days, with an average daily population of 139.

General education classes for incarcerated inmates was suspended by the jail and Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education in 2021.

Programming offered to incarcerated inmates by Highlands Community Services was suspended in 2021.

The jail offered the following additional programs for inmates.

Religious services	37 Bible services (205 inmate hours)
Drug rehabilitation	0 inmates
Trauma healing	0 inmates

Court Services

186	Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Days
147	General District Court Days
<u>201</u>	<u>Circuit Court Days</u>
534	Total



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Civil Process / Criminal & Civil

6,431	Subpoenas served	1,366	Inmate transports
715	Jury summons served	72	Temporary Detention Orders served
588	Levies served	380	Criminal Warrants received
<u>1,470</u>	<u>Other civil process served</u>	375	Criminal Warrants cleared
9,204	Total Civil Process	199	Extraditions completed

Property Abatement & Right-of-Way Clean-up

18	Private properties serviced
0	Right-of-ways mowed/cleaned
<u>925</u>	<u>Hours including 14,200 lbs. of trash picked up by inmates</u>
\$4,384.50	Total Billed

Courthouse Security Checkpoint

In 2021, a daily average of 144 patrons passed through the security post at the Bristol Virginia Courthouse. For the year, a total of 52,383 persons were screened to protect the safety and well-being of courthouse visitors and employees. The manned security post prevented 1 gun, 141 knives, and 18 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 2021, cattle was raised to provide meet products to the jail. 10 head of beef were sold to restore \$2,885.30 in the jail budget. Hay was grown and cut to furnish 410 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 –	80 classes taught
Elementary Visitation Lessons –	192 lessons to 235 students
Middle School Lessons –	192 lessons to 235 students
Group Events –	0

Crime Prevention Activities

Project Lifesaver –	2 active clients
Easter Bunny Project –	1 agency visits



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Miscellaneous Community Service

Fingerprint services for non-profit agencies – 62 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 33,020

