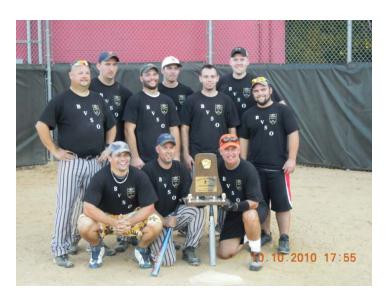
<u>October 11, 2010 – MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFFS OFFICE WIN "BATTLE OF THE BADGES" SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT</u>

A team sponsored by the Sheriff's Office won the inaugural "Battle of the Badges" softball tournament in Damascus Virginia. The tournament was hosted by Damascus Police Department on October 9 and 10, with proceeds benefiting the domestic violence program in Washington County Virginia. Twelve teams participated including: Washington County Sheriff's Office, Bristol Tennessee Police Department, Abingdon Fire Department, Damascus Police Department, Glade Life Saving Crew, Green Spring Fire Department, Johnson City Tennessee Police Department, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail, Glade Spring Police Department, Virginia Highlands Community College Police Science Club, Mercy Ambulance Service and the Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office.



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