

**May 18, 2015 – SHERIFFS OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN "STRIVE FOR RECOVERY" 5K BENEFITTING VERITAS**

On May 16, 2015 members of the Bristol Virginia Sheriffs Office participated in the first annual Veritas Foundation "Strive for Recovery" 5K at Sugar Hollow Park. Approximately 70 runners and walkers enjoyed a glorious morning while supporting the local drug court efforts in providing intense, comprehensive treatment and supervision to drug addicted participants. Sheriff's Office personnel worked as volunteers in set-up, race control, awards, and clean-up, as well as some participating in the run itself. A tremendous outpouring of community support resulted in almost \$20,000.00 in donations and in-kind support. These funds will be used to further the Veritas Foundation's mission of aiding participants to successful transition away from drug addicted lives. The week of May 10-16 was recognized as Drug Court Week in Virginia.



Pictured, from left to right, are: Major David Maples and wife Maryanne, Captain Ron Hutton, Veritas Program Coordinator Margie Collins, Sergeant Robbie Branson, Shari Mathesius, Sheriff Jack Weisenburger, Sergeant Pam Thomas.