



## Office of the Sheriff County of Franklin Newsletter March 2019

### Upcoming Events

**Daylight Savings Time Begins – Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day – Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**First Day of Spring – Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>**

### Investigators Create Mock Crime Scene



Monday, February 4th, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Investigative Unit visited the Lee M. Waid Elementary School 3rd Grade Classes and produced mock crime scenes for the students. Sgt. J. P. Nolen stated how very interested the classes were when shown forensic crime scenes. "They were so attentive", Nolen said, "and we are thankful to be able to interact with these students."

### FCSO Attend Grand Opening

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, The Body Shoppe, Westlake, hosted a Grand Opening to showcase their facility and the new

ALLCORE360 machine. Sheriff's Office Deputies H. L. Nolen and Harry Clingenpeel were on hand. A large turnout was there to support Tracy Sisson and her staff.



### Carilion Coffee with a Cop



The Office of the Sheriff thanks Katie Tate and all the staff at Carilion Wellness for making yesterday's Coffee with A Cop Event one of the best. The hospitality shown to us,



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patrons and residents who stopped by was overwhelming. The event did a great job demonstrating community, as Sheriff Overton pointed out in his opening remarks.

[Carilion video](#)

### FCSO Investigators Hold Training Seminar

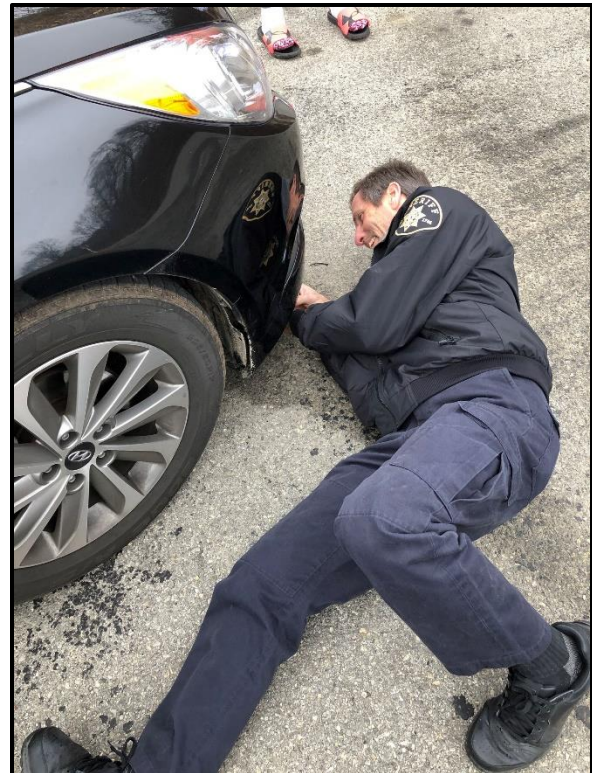


On February 9th, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigative Unit held a seminar at the Franklin Center for First Responders. The topic was about coming in contact with dangerous drugs while performing their duties. Good questions and feedback came out of this session. Thanks to all that participated and put on this class. We are all in this together.

### COPS Program

Since the beginning of our COPS Program, several years ago, we have seen the usage of this group grow each year. Responding to drivers with needs (COPS Member Danny Housman pictured assisting a motorist), helping law enforcement with traffic aide

and many other great tasks they participate in. We tip our caps to our wonderful COPS volunteers and the awesome work they do.



### [WSLS Story](#)

### FCSO at Franklin County High School

This week, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician, Chad Sacra, was at the High School helping the Criminal Justice Class – Forensics students get ready for a competition in early Spring. Sacra assisted them with knowing the best methods for investigating a crime scene. Items like note taking, photos, lighting, measurements and



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more. Thanks to Mr. McClung for inviting FCSO to assist. GO EAGLES!



**Church Safety Talk**



Sunday, February 17th, Sgt. J. P. Nolen gave church safety seminar at Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Rocky Mount. Presentation included elements of how to better secure the church and ways to protect

congregations. Pastor Anthony Adams and staff asked questions and gave comments. Thanks to everyone involved. The evening was very informative.

### **RAD Training**



Recently, Deputy Joe Wooldridge taught a RAD Class (Rape Aggression Defense) to ladies at the Essig Center. This class theme is to educate women to NOT be passive when attacked. Fight back! Another class is coming up in April 2019. Contact the Essig Center to register. 540-483-9293. Thanks to the Essig Center and Deputy Wooldridge for this great session.

### **Deputy Receives Recognition**

WoodmenLife and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize Deputy Liz Hall for her commitment to our community for the month of February! When we are faced with difficult situations in our lives, we can do a couple of things. We



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can accept them, or we can stand up and dedicate our time and efforts to changing the outcome, this is the story of Deputy Hall. It will be 5 years this coming summer for Deputy Hall joining the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and two years prior with the Roanoke City Sheriff's Office. So, she knows about dedication to our communities and the love of her job.



But several years ago, her family faced the loss of not only one member of her family to cancer, but two, her father and grandfather. Hall indicated that TODAY cancer has touched everyone in some way shape, form or another, "it has affected so many lives." She was very close to her father and grandfather and them being taken like this, made her mad and she wanted to create

change in their memory. Her words of "What can I do", "I want to do more", showed her drive and her inner strength to be a part of change for the future for so many. Hall is the team leader for the Sheriff's Office for Relay for Life, which is held in June. Her involvement in this event has given her a direction to work toward solving for a solution and she along with other members of the community work to raise contributions for this effort. Needless to say her life is busy, but thank goodness she makes the time to be a force behind this event. Let us congratulate Deputy Hall and her husband, Justin on the birth of their new baby boy, Maddox.

Lisa Landes  
WoodmanLife

**SAVE THE DATE:** This year the Relay for Life event will be held on June 8th from 4-10pm, at the upper track field at Franklin County High School. Come out for a wonderful time of community and celebration to honor those who have fought or are fighting this battle. On behalf of myself and WoodmenLife, thank you Deputy Hall for all that you do in helping our community be a better place.



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**Office of the Sheriff Names  
Bloodhound**



After a Facebook contest ended recently, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office held a news conference to announce the winning name and introduce the new handler. Receiving nearly 500 votes, the newest K9 to FCSO will be called "Hunter". The deputy named to be the handler is Chad Huston. See WSL-10's video pertaining to the story by clicking the link provided.

[WSLS Link](#)

The incident is currently under investigation and more charges may be pending.



[WSLS Link](#)

**FCSO Makes Arrest**



Report of a stolen BBQ Smoker lead Franklin County Deputies to follow the case all the way into Roanoke City. With the help of Roanoke City PD, the BBQ cooker was located at the residence of Greg Kasey. A search warrant was issued, and the cooker, illegal drugs and U. S. Currency were all recovered. See the WSL-10 News link.

[WSLS Link](#)

**Criminal Activity**

**Deputies make an Arrest on Drug-Related charges**

Recently, Franklin County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted a drug-related search warrant in the Glade Hill area and found Lacy Smith, Jr. with meth in his possession. Smith was arrested and taken to the Franklin County Jail.