

Danville  
Sheriff's Office  
Annual Report  
2020

## 2020 Annual Report

### *"The Virus"*

The novel Coronavirus AKA COVID 19 over shadowed much of 2020. The onset of the virus occurred in March and lasted throughout the calendar year and into 2021. On site visitation, the weekender program, and work release were halted in the jail. While neither the courts nor the jail closed per se, operations slowed down considerably overall. "PPE" or personal protective equipment became standard with facemasks, gloves, hand sanitizing stations accessible throughout the courts and jails building. The average daily inmate population rose largely because the Virginia Department of Corrections stopped receiving state responsible inmates. The jail continued to take in new prisoners while none went to prison. In the court system, jury trials were frozen through the rest of the calendar year. This also exasperated the inmate population with dangerous criminals (murder trials) staying in our jail. Every citizen who entered the courthouse was asked a list of questions pertaining to travel and health along with getting their temperature taken. No one with a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher were admitted into the building. A handheld thermometer "gun" was quickly upgraded to a walk up, electronic tablet device that sensed the person's temperature and announced it along with displaying a green light for temperatures below the permitted level. Two electrostatic sprayers were purchased to rapidly clean areas within the courts and jails building to maintain the flow of business. The sprayer contained a liquid, which was proven to kill the virus.

Generally speaking, there were no issues in the jail with the virus until October when the weekender program was resumed after encouragement from folks in the legal community. The jail quickly saw its first case jump to 80 cases within about a week's time. The cases were present in almost all areas of the jail. A rigorous testing system was put into place. Fortunately, no inmates had any serious illness during the outbreak at the jail. Unfortunately, more than 30 staff members were affected, with 4 deputies being admitted into the hospital. With more than 1/3 of the staff either quarantined or hospitalized, the Sheriff's Office passed the resolve test. Deputies and staff came in during their days off, and worked over their scheduled time on a regular basis.

The City of Danville stepped up on many levels during the pandemic by providing much needed PPE, overtime funds for virus related manpower strains, and using CARES funds (federal funds) to give DSO deputies and staff a \$1,500 bonus. The state stepped up months later and provided a \$500 bonus to sworn staff only but unfortunately, excluded support staff.



*The Virginia National Guard came to the jail during the outbreak and mask fitted N95 masks for DSO personnel.*



Corporal B.C. Berger

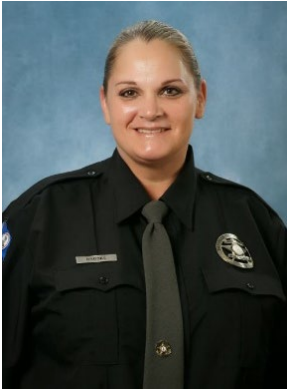
## Perfect Attendance

Perfect Attendance is achieved by not using sick leave during the calendar year.

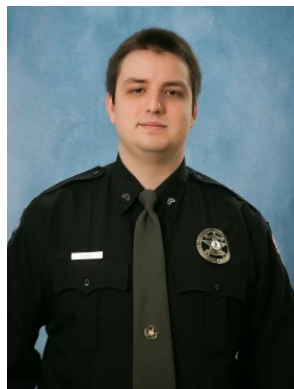
Despite the virus, a large number of personnel achieved perfect attendance. Emergency Sick Leave for COVID 19 was not counted against perfect attendance. Well done folks, a very dedicated effort!



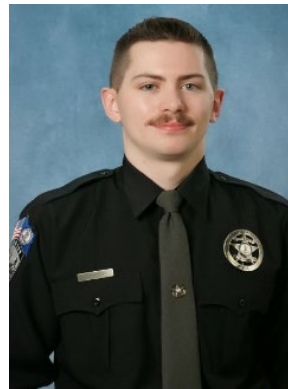
Lt. J.M. Bray



Master Deputy S.R. Brooks



Corporal N.E. Busby



Deputy A.C. Carter



Deputy R.E. Coggin



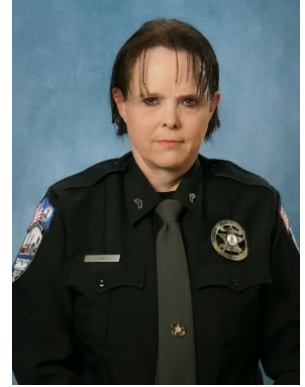
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Sergeant C.N. Dix



Master Deputy A.W. Doby



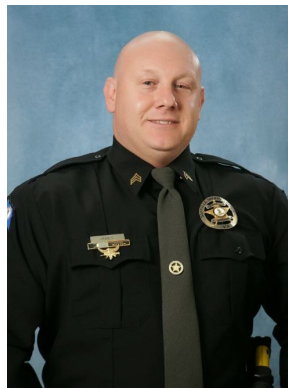
Corporal A.C. Eanes



Deputy A.M. Glenn



Corporal S.C. Hamlett



Sergeant S.F. James



Master Deputy K.C. Jones



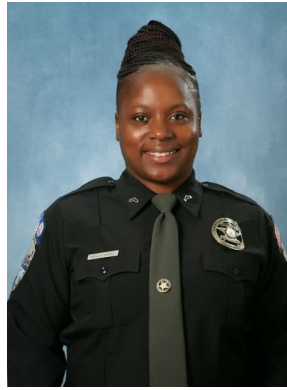
Perfect Attendance Continued



Deputy J.L. Keatts



Major S.G. Martin



Cpl. D.M. Mingo-Munez



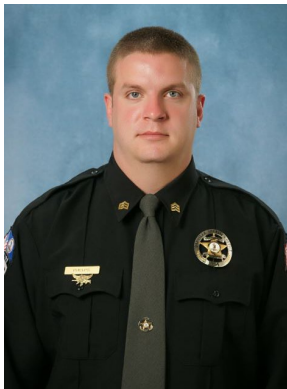
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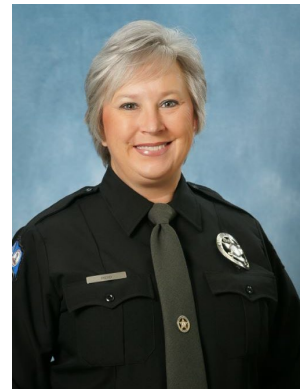
Master Deputy B.S. Payne



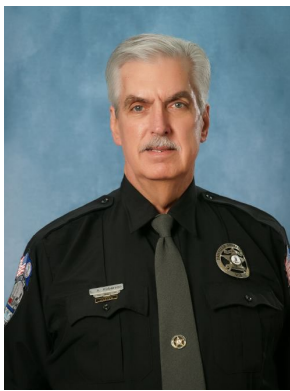
Captain C.L. Petty



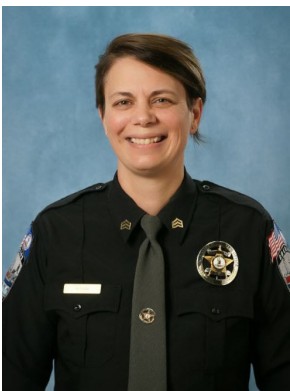
Sergeant J.R. Phelps



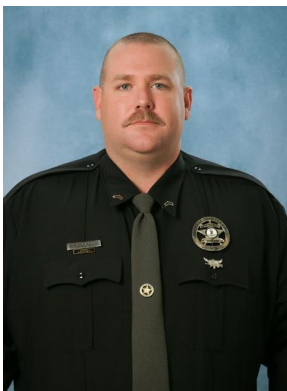
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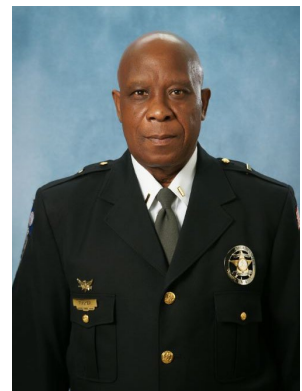
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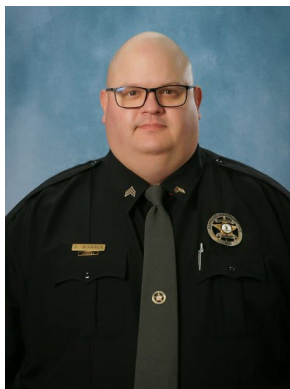
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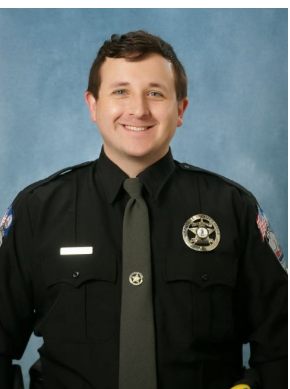
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Lt. W.W. Tucker



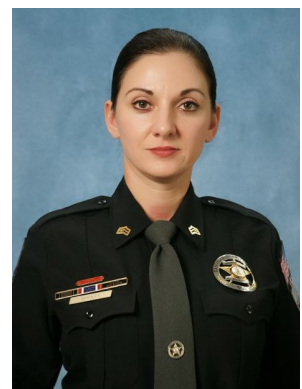
Sgt. D.W. Warren



Deputy A.R. Warner



Lt. B.M. Wilkerson



Sgt. J.J. Wyatt



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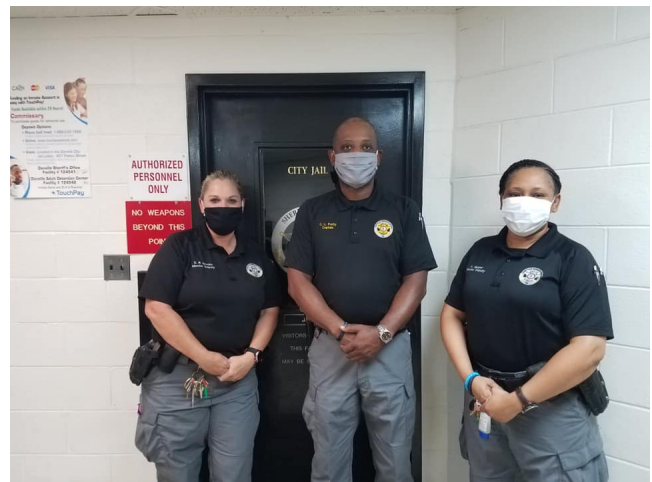
**PRESS RELEASE: CITY JAIL ACHIEVES PERFECT D.O.C. INSPECTION**  
**DATE: JULY 2, 2020**

As Sheriff of the City of Danville, VA, I am pleased to report that the Danville City Jail received a perfect rating during a recent jail inspection by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The inspection covered 1 year time period and was comprised of 43 Life, Health and Safety Standards established by the VA DOC.

Understandably, I am very proud of the supervisors and staff in the jail for their efforts to make this achievement possible. Managing these standards in a jail built in the 1970's is a testament to the commitment to excellence by the men and women in the Danville Sheriff's Office. I appreciate and applaud their efforts to maintain a top notch facility.

While all staff should be acknowledged in the team achievement, special recognition goes to Captain Carrington Petty, Master Deputy Brooks, and Master Deputy Harper for their efforts during the preparatory period leading up to the inspection.

Sheriff Michael S. "Mike" Mondul



## RETIREMENTS



Lieutenant Colonel Steve Salmon; 43 Years of Service. Danville's longest serving Deputy.



Sergeant Gregory T. Roberts; 27 Years of Service



Deputy Shirleen Fountain,  
22 Years of Service

*(Note-Deputy Fountain  
opted to not have a  
retirement celebration)*



Deputy Keith Robertson, 21 Years of Service



## PROMOTIONS



The retirement of forty-three year veteran LTC Steve Salmon set the stage for several promotions. Corporal Corey Dix to Sergeant, , Deputy Donnie Odom to Corporal, Deputy Christian Parker to Corporal, Deputy Debbie Mingo to Corporal, Captain Steve Martin to Major, Sergeant Michelle Wilkerson to Lieutenant, Lieutenant Carrington Petty to Captain, and Major Matthew Wyatt to Lieutenant Colonel.



Deputy David Taylor was promoted to Corporal and Corporal Jennifer Wyatt was promoted to Sergeant.

## PROMOTIONS CONTINUED

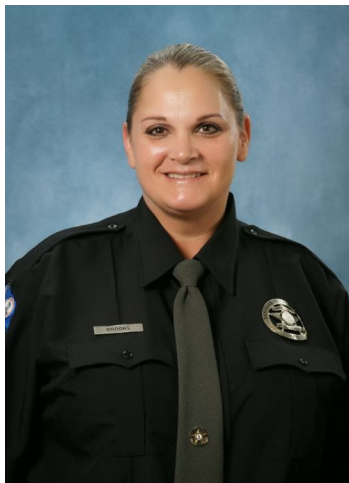
Pictured with the Sheriff, (R to L)

Corporal Marcus Weatherford was promoted to the rank of Sergeant,  
Deputy Nathan Busby and Deputy Anne Eanes were both promoted to the rank of Corporal.



## MASTER DEPUTIES

Effective March 1, 2020, Deputies S. Brooks and K. Jones were selected as Master Deputies



S.R. Brooks



K.C. Jones



On Tuesday, November 22, 226 Pocket Prayer Cloths were blessed on the altar of Ringgold Baptist Church for members of the Danville Sheriff's Office, the City of Danville Police Department and the Virginia State Police Area 43 in Chatham. Pictured below, Sheriff Mike Mondul, Deputy Jacob Keatts and Trooper Nicolas Keister were present for the occasion. During the service, Rev. Duane Caldwell asked the representatives to come forward, lay hands on the cloths and offered a prayer for the officers who would ultimately receive them.



Bible Way "I have a dream" event. Several staff attended and helped pass out cold bottled water to other attendees. These are the DSO staff that volunteered to help with the Unity event at Bible Way Church Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> .

- Major Martin
- Captain Petty
- Cpl. Skrocki
- Cpl. D. Taylor
- Master Deputy Jones
- Deputy Craddock
- Deputy Keatts

On Nov 10th and 12th 2020, DSO Admin (Sheriff Mondul, Lt. Col. Wyatt, Major Martin, and Captain Petty) prepared and cooked breakfast for all staff members to express an appreciation for the hard work and commitment of the staff during the pandemic. The meal consisted of super cheesy scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, orange juice and doughnuts.

Entry Level Jail, Courtroom Security and Civil Process Officer School Session #32 graduated from Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy. The graduates included Deputies and Officers from: Danville Sheriff's Office, Danville Adult Detention Center, Henry County Sheriff's Office, Martinsville Sheriff's Office, and Patrick County Sheriff's Office. The DSO graduates are: (front L to R) Z. T. Arduca, , T.J. Crews, (Back) C.S. Astin, J.A. Burgess, Sheriff Mondul, and D.J. Allen,. Achievement awards were given to Crews for academic excellence and bronze medal for Physical Training (PT), Astin achieved a bronze medal for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), and Burgess achieved a silver medal for EVOC. All the DSO graduates will be assigned to work in the Danville City Jail. Deputy Reid and Deputy Ward finished their training at Cardinal Academy. Neither Ward nor Reid is pictured.



*The #32 on their facemasks indicates their Class number at PRCJTA*

REVIVE (Narcan) Training- First training started Jan. 2020 (in person) and continued throughout the year via online due to COVID-19.

Sgt. J.J. Wyatt was trained in the MILO system (Advanced Firearms Simulator) at the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy in Martinsville on Feb. 4 2020.

DSO met all compliance standards required during a VCIN Compliance Audit in Feb. 2020

The Sheriff's Office switched to a new City owned AVL system (NEXDAN) for all city owned vehicles and portable radios. The system was projected to reduce or eliminate recurring costs and added officer safety functions.

On September 12th, Beverly Shelton and her team of volunteers organized the 2nd Annual Bluegrass by the River concert to benefit Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a rescue program for people with mental disorders or brain injuries such as Alzheimer's or Autism. PLS is free to Danville residents because of generous donations from the public. Shelton is pictured presenting a \$1,043.62 check to Sheriff Mike Mondul for the PLS Program. Sponsors were: URW, USW #831, Jennings Stringed Instruments, Vintages By The Dan, Copper Run Farm, Trophy and Sign Center, Piedmont Shopper, Williams and Light, D.O.A.R., Riverside Insurance Agency (James C. Jones), and Jones and Associates C.P.A..



Sheriff Mondul participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual High Heel challenge to raise awareness for domestic and sexual abuse in October. Danville PD Chief Scott Booth was next on deck and pictured in the background. The event raised over \$14,000.00.







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February 27, 2020

### **Commendable Actions By Deputy**

On February 4, 2020, a jury trial was scheduled in Danville Circuit Court. Three jurors did not appear as scheduled. Typically, jurors will report for duty between 8:30AM and 9:00AM. Telephone contact was made with two of the three. Attempts were made to contact the third juror by phone, but she could not be reached. At approximately 11:50AM, Corporal Sam Hamlett went to Riverview Street to check on the juror who could not be reached by phone. He showed initiative and genuine concern by going to the residence of the juror to find out why she was absent. When he knocked on the door, he heard what sounded like someone calling for help. He announced that he was with the Sheriff's Office. Sensing an urgent scenario, he made entry into the residence and found the woman lying on the floor of the bedroom. She told him that she had fallen around 7:30 that morning while getting ready for jury duty and could not get back up. She also told him that she was experiencing numbness on her left side. Corporal Hamlett immediately radioed for rescue personnel. When they arrived, they learned that she had a high blood pressure reading and a rapid heart rate. EMS decided to transport her and radioed to the Emergency Department that they were bringing in a stroke patient.

Corporal Hamlett later followed up with her while she was in a local rehabilitation facility and confirmed that she had indeed suffered a stroke.

The keen instincts and subsequent actions of Corporal Hamlett likely saved this citizen's life and without a doubt prevented her from suffering further debilitating effects that strokes are known to cause. I appreciate the swiftness of his decision making, and his commendable actions on this occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.S. Mondul".

Sheriff Michael S. "Mike" Mondul



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## **PRESS RELEASE: PARTNERSHIP BREEDS EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS**

Date: December 4, 2020

The Danville City Jail has been partnering with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry for decades. A recent partnership however seems to be yielding very promising results.

The Second Chance Book Club was born from another relatively new creative writing initiative headed up by the Good News Jail Ministry.

Jennifer Williams, a career educator, heads up the Second Chance Book Club which seeks to improve the educational reading level of inmates and reduce recidivism. The program currently serves female inmates.

Statistics to date:

There have been more than 71 different inmate readers who have read 25 novels. The first book was passed out on December 4, 2019. A total of 24 women completed that first novel. Collectively, the inmates have read just shy of a quarter of a million pages. At least 5 readers have read over 6000 pages (having read all 25 books). The books are from varied genres, and have been donated from individuals, civic groups, and the Danville Sheriff's Office.

Donations are always welcome.

Books completed in sequential order: Tuck Everlasting, Secret Life of Bees, Holes, A Wrinkle in Time, Red Kayak, The Journey Back, Number the Stars, Freak the Mighty, The Great Gilly Hopkins, Cheating for the Chicken Man, The War that Saved My Life, The War I Finally Won, Al Capone Does My Shirts, Brave As You, Same Stuff as Stars, Hidden Figures, The Life We Bury, Jefferson's Sons, Saints at the River, Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, All the Ugly and Wonderful Things, One True Thing, The Help, and The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell.

To quote Good News Jail Ministry Reverend David Abernathy: "The Book Club and of course, the creative writing group, have been two of the most exciting programs we've had at the Danville City Jail. While on the surface, they don't appear to have instantaneous results, in reality they set off a chain reaction in a person's mind which brings about the process of new thought. Each time a book is read, a mind is opened to discovery and self-examination. While this evidence is anecdotal, it is clearly expressed in the discussions about the book they read. Their insights are always more than just about the book; they are insights into their personal lives. It is precisely what I pray each day that when someone examines their life, they begin to see their need for God."

*Sheriff Michael S. "Mike" Mondul; Sheriff*

On behalf of two local businesses, "Salty South Co" and "Bearded Disciples Club", former Sheriff's Office Deputy Pedro Hernandez donated thirty-five facemasks for Deputies and staff during the first part of the pandemic.



New changes were made for sending mail to inmates in the Danville City Jail. Mail was delivered to an offsite facility starting June 1st to eliminate contraband from entering the jail. Mail was scanned by this outside source and delivered electronically to a kiosk inside the inmate cellblocks.

Sheriff Mondul read to a group of preschool kids at G.L.H Johnson School on Dr Seuss day.







URW Community Federal Credit Union  
Would like to thank our  
Law Enforcement Officers  
For serving and protecting our Community!

We appreciate all that you do.

Happy National Law Enforcement  
Appreciation Day!



The URW Federal Credit Union and CEO Cheryl Doss brought lunch to the Deputies and staff of the DSO. We appreciate them appreciating us!

*"URW is proud to support the men and women of law enforcement who risk their lives every day. It was the least we could do to show our appreciation for their daily sacrifices." Cheryl Doss, CEO, URWFCU*

The Sheriff's Office teamed up with other First Responders to decorate a Christmas Light display in Ballou Park as part of a drive through light display for the public.



The Sheriff's Office maintained 100% participation in United Way donations. Sheila Hernandez headed up the initiative. Sheila is pictured below. A uniform pin was planned for early 2021 to recognize those who give \$60 or more annually.





## **Chaplain David Abernathy**

### **Danville City Jail**

January 2020

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry completed it's 43rd year of partnership with the Danville Sheriff's Office in 2020. Together we have observed and been a part of changes made in administration, personnel and especially in the area of security. Throughout every change, the professionalism within the Danville Sheriff's Office has remained a constant in our partnership.

During the first quarter of 2020, inmates received uninterrupted benefit from community volunteers conducting religious group studies along with therapeutic and other educational groups in the Danville City Jail, Danville Adult Detention and the Pittsylvania County Jail. However, as with every area of society, the pandemic created a considerable disruption in the flow of programs.

Prior to meeting restrictions, we were again able to provide the annual update training for current volunteers to continue meeting stringent state requirements in the area of security, PREA, health issues and suicide awareness. A more comprehensive training is given to new volunteers entering the jail. This training is available to both religious and secular agencies helping to provide hope for a better future to the incarcerated.

The restriction of access for volunteers and inability to conduct group meetings did not hinder the ministry of the chaplain in 2020. I was still able to meet with individual inmates for counseling and Bible study, including emergency notifications as needed.

One of the greatest privileges throughout my 32 years as the chaplain within the Danville Sheriff's Office has been the opportunity of ministry to this professional staff. Whether during a ceremony, a time of sickness or grief, or just at a time of encouragement, it continues to be an honor to be associated with these professionals. Utilizing this year of transition, also gave an opportunity to develop an ongoing email devotional, *The Chaplain's Corner*, for staff members.



Presentation during ceremony (pre-COVID) in 2020

We continue to be proud of the partnership we enjoy with the Danville Sheriff's Office in serving the citizens of Danville. The men and women within the department show a high regard for our community, volunteering with many area agencies including giving of their personal time to help their Good News Chaplain in our public events.

Respectfully,

*David Abernathy*

Rev. David Abernathy, Senior Chaplain

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## Statistics

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>ADP</b>	212	242	262	304	293	309	269	237	253	249	227	235
<b>SUB</b>	47,795	38,861	35,400	38,467	38,978	33,083	32,802	37,487	35,931	29,497	23,142	20,467
<b>JURY SUMM</b>	330	648	585	881	925	900	900	900	900	900	1,105	1,200
<b>LEVIES</b>	217	311	251	234	280	235	253	267	344	349	293	112
<b>TRIPS/IN</b>	330	647	443	565	564	449	332	378	362	349	198	141
<b>TRIPS/OUT</b>	35	127	88	91	117	116	408	317	277	288	256	79
<b>*CRCT DAYS</b>	407	423	405	316	357	386	395	386	366	468	402	339
<b>GDCT DAYS</b>	243	243	242	242	237	232	241	244	242	238	345	240
<b>#JDCT DAYS</b>	280	285	262	264	278	212	290	240	300	237	301	293

<b>Legend:</b>
A.D.P.=Average Daily Population/Inmates
Sub=Subpoenas Received
Jury Summonses Received
Levies Received
Mental Trips/In Danville
Mental Trips/Out of Town
Circuit Court Days
General District Court Days
Juv.and Domestic Court Days
*Two CRCT Judges
#One Full Time Judge and One Part Judge