

DANVILLE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2024
ANNUAL REPORT

Perfect Attendance

In order to accomplish Perfect Attendance,
one must not take any sick leave during the calendar year.

The following individuals achieved this status in 2024.

During a time when it remains difficult to recruit manpower,
approximately 30% of our personnel achieved perfect attendance.

Thank you for your leading the way with dedication and commitment.

The Danville Sheriff's Office commends you for your steadfast consistency!



Major S.G. Martin



Captain C. Petty



Captain W. Tucker



Lieutenant J. Wyatt



Sergeant S. James



Sergeant C. Dix



Sergeant T. Rigney



Sergeant T. Wilborn



Sergeant R. Skrocki



Corporal D. Mingo



Corporal D. Myers



Corporal A. Eanes



Corporal D. Williams



M.D. A. Doby



M.D. A. Carter



Corporal R. Coggin

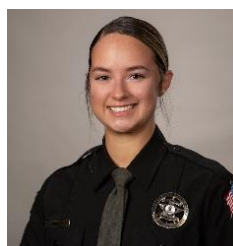
Perfect Attendance Continued



Deputy J. Adams



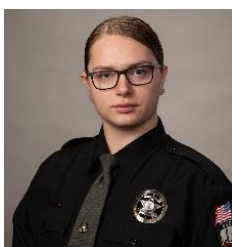
Deputy D. Gibson



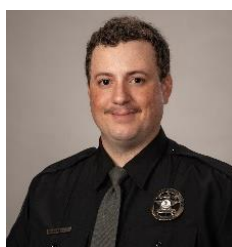
Deputy E. Shively



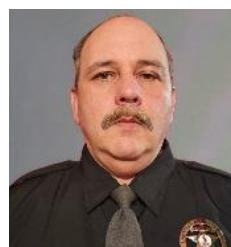
Deputy V. Scott



Deputy C. Sutterfield



Deputy A. Owens



L.P. Rigney



Behavioral Health
Case Manager
Crystal Conard



Medical Supervisor
Teresa Turner

Standing Tall Against Bullying

In most social circles, Sheriff Mondul is considered tall, or at least above average in height. In July, that was not the case. Guinness Record Holder George Bell (World's Tallest Deputy) visited the Danville Boys and Girls Club to talk about bullying. Bell, who is 7'8", served fifteen (15) years with the [Norfolk Sheriff's Office](#).

He is pictured here with Sheriff Mondul who stands at almost 6'1". Thank you to Councilman Bryant Hood for working with the BGC and Big Brothers/Big Sisters to bring him to Danville.



It Starts with the Kids

The Danville Sheriff's Office went to elementary schools in August to welcome students back for their first day of school. (Top L) Lt. Colonel Matt Wyatt and Lt. Jennifer Wyatt hand out badge stickers to students entering Forest Hills Elementary. (Top R) Corporal Brooks and Deputy Busby pose for a picture with students in front of Woodberry Hills Elementary School. (Bottom) Sheriff Mondul fist bumps a student at Grove Park Preschool.



Partnerships Matter

- ❖ Thank you URW Federal Credit Union for bringing our folks pizza for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We appreciate you appreciating us. It is an honor to serve our community! Pictured below are members of 2nd Platoon enjoying the pizza. Left to Right, Front to Back- Deputy Owens, Sgt. Mills, Corporal Brooks, Deputy Morrison, Corporal Mingo, and Corporal Myers.



- ❖ The Danville Sheriff's Office and Danville Police Dept participated in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run🔥 in June. Both agencies teamed up with **The Brick** for the 2024 run to benefit Virginia Special Olympics.



- ❖ SOVAH Health honored the DSO with an engraved flag during National Police Week. We are thankful for our great relationship with SOVAH. Pictured are Sovah Health CNO, Lindsay Crumpton, DSO's Lt. Colonel Matt Wyatt, and SOVAH Health's Stormie Kirks, BSN RN.



- ❖ Sheriff Mondul was proud to present a \$1,000.00 scholarship to GWHS senior Zoe Alderson on behalf of the [Virginia Sheriffs' Institute \(VSI\)](#). After graduation from GWHS and DCC's early college program, Zoe will attend Radford University in the fall and major in Criminal Justice.



- ❖ Pilot Club of Danville President Pat Wallace (L) presents a \$50.00 check to Danville Sheriff Mike Mondul for the Project Lifesaver Program. PLS is a program free to City of Danville residents who have brain conditions which cause them to wander; <https://projectlifesaver.org/>



- ❖ The **Danville Sheriff's Office** and Danville Police Department teamed up for a charity Flag Football Game for Haven of the Dan River Region. The DPD edged out the DSO in the game 63-54. There was great sportsmanship and excitement from the players! The event was held at Dan River High School. Several members of the public came out to support the event.

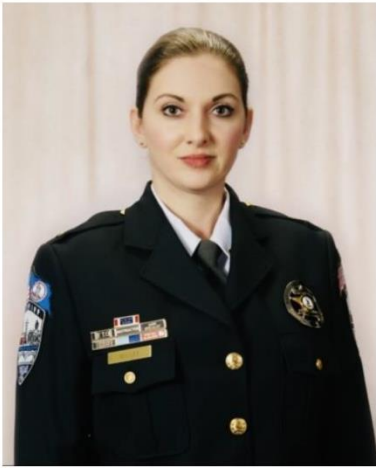


- ❖ The Danville Sheriff's Office supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, and made a small donation to the Danville Pittsylvania County Cancer Association. Deputies and staff were allowed to wear pink during the month to help raise funds and awareness. Corporal D. Mingo is pictured below (L) wearing a pink shirt with her uniform. Our vehicles were designed with a pink flag design throughout the month to promote awareness of the terrible disease (below, R). The decals were donated by the Trophy and Sign Center.



- ❖ The DSO partnered with the Danville Public Schools by providing internships for GWHS students for jail/courts/civil process to give them experience in the field of criminal justice.





Re-Entry

Recycling inmates assisted the Danville Humane Society in cleaning the kennels due to a parvo outbreak.

Inmate Erica Messick spoke as a special guest for the Good News Jail Ministry Banquet about our recycling program, re-entry services, and gave her testimonial.

Five female inmates who work in the kitchen as trustees received their ServSafe Certification (Two inmates are not pictured).

Established a partnership with Pyramid Health for inpatient substance abuse treatment upon release.

BrightView awarded Lt. Wyatt, on behalf of DSO, the Champions of Recovery Award for outstanding service to the community (2nd Award).

GED Classes and substance abuse counseling classes continue to be offered to inmates.

Three female inmates were offered the opportunity to receive forklift training and earned a Forklift certification through our re-entry program and partnership with The City of Danville Public Works. Pictured below (bottom right). Also in the photo below is Vanessa Warren, who was one of the first participants in the Recycling Program; she was hired as a full-time employee with the City of Danville Public Works and now supervises inmates on the recycling crew.



Fundraiser for Project Lifesaver



Pictured: Beverly Shelton (L) and Sheriff Mike Mondul (R). Shelton presents Sheriff Mondul with a check for \$3,013.04 for Project Lifesaver. The donation will help offset the costs of the program to keep it cost free for residents.

The 7th Annual Bluegrass by the River Concert took place on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the outdoor amphitheater at 2 Witches Winery & Brewing Company at 209 Trade St in Danville, VA - the birthplace of bluegrass legend Tony Rice.

The concert showcased live, American contemporary bluegrass music. Shelton and Williams opened the event, featuring the renowned, award-winning Jeanette & Johnny Williams, and well-known artist Jay Shelton. Joining them was Clyde Bailey and Ron Inscore.

Headlining the concert was The Lonesome River Band, an American contemporary bluegrass band that continues their reputation as one of the most respected names in bluegrass music. The band has released 15 recording projects since its formation in 1982.

Proceeds went to our Sheriff's Office's Project Lifesaver Program, a non-profit organization that provides wristbands to quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. A portion of proceeds will also be donated to Pam Rice, widow of legend Tony Rice. Beverly Shelton organizes the event in honor of her mother, who passed away from complications of Alzheimer's

Training

- ❖ Sgt. T.D. Rigney graduated from the first dedicated Option 6 class in the state of Virginia. Option 6 is training for certified jail officers who receive trained in law enforcement or “road” certification. Sgt. T.D. Rigney serves as the civil process supervisor and training coordinator for Danville Sheriff’s Office.



- ❖ January 18th Cpl. Brooks and Lt. Wyatt took a grant writing workshop in Roanoke.
- ❖ May 18th Sgt. Hamlett and Master Deputy Payne attended a tactical combat medical course held at DPD. The course was facilitated by the Department of Homeland Security.
- ❖ December 9th Lt. Wyatt, Master Deputy Carter, Deputy Haynes, and Deputy Readdy attended Extremism Training at VA Tech. The course was facilitated by the FBI.
- ❖ Five DSO staff members attended 40-hour CIT training.
- ❖ Major Martin, Captain Petty and Behavioral Health Specialist Conard attended the Virginia CIT Conference in Roanoke. Petty, Conard, Martin)
- ❖ Corporal Coggin attended Frontline Supervisor Training

Retirements

- ❖ Corporal Anne Taylor retired from the Danville Sheriff's Office after 16 years and 9 months of service.



- ❖ Deputy Lowell "Allen" Roberson AKA "Preacher" retired after twenty years and four months of dedicated service.



- ❖ Part Time Deputy Sheriff Alphonso "Al" Moore retired from the workforce after working three lifetimes of service to his country and community: 25 years with the DSO, 26 years with the United States Navy, 12 years with the Magnolia, NJ Police Department, and 26 years with the U.S. Postal Service.



- ❖ Both Sally Port doors were replaced with new, faster, safer, and more efficient roll up doors. The doors should last exponentially longer than the previous style roll up doors which had durability and safety issues.
- ❖ Based upon a change in the state code, a doorway was created in the jail vestibule. This change made it safer and more secure for the Magistrates to enter and exit their office.
- ❖ In March, the Danville Sheriff's Office achieved Accreditation status again. Sheriff Mondul, Corporal Cathy Clark and Sergeant Thomas Rigney are pictured with the framed certificate. VLEPSC Executive Director, Todd Clingenpeel (suit) awarded the certificate on behalf of the VLEPSC Board of Directors. The meeting took place in Chincoteague.



- ❖ EMT Motley and Deputy Readdy attended a Car and Truck Show in Roanoke which benefitted the Star City's Project Lifesaver Program.



- ❖ Four justice involved citizens graduated from Danville/Pittsylvania Treatment Court
- ❖ Sgt. Phelps, Sgt. Rigney and Cpl. Williams presented colors as part of the Honor Guard at a District Pilot Club event which was held in Danville.



- ❖ Generator Project-The DSO worked closely with Public Works, Elliott Electric, and Dewberry to complete a project which allowed for full operation of the Courts and Jails building to run off of the generator when the power goes out. Previously, many functions in the Courts and Jails Building would not operate when power was lost, causing court to be cancelled or postponed.



On May 15th, the Danville Police Department hosted a fallen officer service to pay homage to DSO Sergeant William Cook and DPD Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

DEPUTY SERGEANT WILLIAM A. COOK

End of Watch Saturday, March 7, 1896

Deputy Sergeant William Cook was shot and killed by a prisoner who was attempting to escape from the city jail at the intersection of Court Street and Patton Street, where the Municipal Building currently stands.

The prisoner, who had just been sentenced to the penitentiary for burglary, had obtained a pistol that had been smuggled into the jail by a female acquaintance. He shot Deputy Sergeant Cook three times and then fled from the jail.

The man committed suicide the following day after being surrounded by a posse inside a home on Washington Street. The woman who smuggled the gun to the prisoner was convicted of being an accessory before the fact and sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Deputy Sergeant Cook was murdered four days before his 55th birthday. He was survived by his wife and daughter.

Sheriff Mondul, Lt. Wyatt, Sgt. Hamlett, Corporal Williams, and Master Deputy Payne participated in the ceremony honoring our fallen Deputy.



- ❖ Sgt. Hamlett, Capt. Tucker, Lt. Wyatt, and Master Deputy Payne (L to R) performed Honor Guard duties for the Good News Jail Ministry Banquet in May.



- ❖ Inmate Erica Messick, pictured below in pink, attended the Good News Global banquet as a guest speaker and spoke about our Recycling Program and how it has impacted her life. Her release date was the day after the banquet, this is the first time this had been done and shows the Sheriff's commitment to re-entry.



- ❖ In June, pictured below, L to R, Deputies Owens, Readdy, and Leach joined the Special Response Team



Promotions

The Danville Sheriff's Office held a promotional ceremony to recognize two Corporals who were promoted to Sergeant and four deputies who were promoted to Corporal. (Pictured Below, L to R) Corporal David Gibson and Corporal Anthony Nash were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Promotions Continued

(L to R, Top to Bottom) Deputy Steven Goard, Deputy Ruth Coggin, Deputy Dymonique Williams and Deputy Jason Rigsby for their promotion to the rank of Corporal. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work! You are the future leaders of our office.



Commendations

In July, during a promotional ceremony, Sheriff Mike Mondul awarded ten Sheriff's deputies and three Medical and Behavioral Health staff members with Letters of Commendation for four different events recently.



Captain Carrington Petty, Lt. Jennifer Wyatt, EMT Robert Motley and Corporal Daniel Myers received lifesaving awards for saving the life of an inmate.



Left to Right: Sgt. RC Skrocki, Nursing Supervisor Teresa Turner, EMT Sidney Foster, Master Deputy Andrew Carter, Deputy Jonathan Adams, Sgt. Corey Dix, Master Deputy Richard Simmons, and Deputy Alisha Glenn (not pictured) and all worked as a team to save an inmate's life.

Commendations Continued



Master Deputy Allen Doby was awarded a commendation for observing numerous small fires along the highway, reporting and assisting fire personnel in putting out the fire. In waiting for fire personnel to arrive, Doby prevented the fire from spreading.



Behavioral Health Specialist Crystal Conard, EMT Robert Motley, and Deputy Alex Warner all worked together to save an inmate's life during a medical emergency.

Academy Graduations

Entry Level Jail Officer, Courtroom Security, Civil Process School Session #40- Danville Sheriff's Office Graduates are pictured left to right: Deputy David Readdy, Deputy Austin Owens, Deputy Donald Smith, and Deputy Larry Rigney. All will be assigned to work the Danville City Jail. Deputy Austin Owens achieved a silver medal in emergency vehicle operations (EVOC).



Entry Level Jail Officer, Courtroom Security, Civil Process School Session #41- Danville Sheriff's Office Graduates are pictured left to right: V.M. Jennings, L.G. Richardson, G.B. Cassell, K.L. Fitzgerald, and R.J. Via. All will be assigned to work the Danville City Jail. Deputy Fitzgerald achieved a bronze medal for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), and Deputy Cassell achieved a silver medal in Firearms.



We are very proud of these Deputies and are looking forward to seeing them prosper in their career!

Coaching our Future!

"A good coach will make his players see what they can be rather than what they are".



- ❖ Deputy Bobby Morrison coached the Gretna Hawks Girls Flag Football team to a Championship in his first year! He also coached the Dan River Middle School Boys Basketball Team.
- ❖ Deputy Jonathan Taylor, pictured below, volunteered his time with the Pittsylvania County Youth League.



- ❖ Sheriff Mondul, pictured below, left in blue polo, coached the Dan River Girls Varsity Soccer Team.



- ❖ After the devastation of Hurricane Helene, DSO Lt. J.J. Wyatt and Pittsylvania County Sgt. H.S. Wyatt (pictured below, L & R) assisted Campers Care with disaster relief in Swannanoa for Deputy Derek Reed (middle) with the Buncombe County, NC Sheriff's Office.



- ❖ December 18th Lt. Wyatt and Cpl. Brooks shopped for Santa's Blue Elves, the DSO purchased 14 bicycles with the money the DSO raised for No Shave November/December, which was \$1035.00.
- ❖ A partnership grant with the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board was received to help deal with inmates with opioid addictions. The initiative intended to use Vivitrol injections, a non-addictive medicine, to assist inmates to be drug free.
- ❖ A New Jail Management (Jail Tracker) system training started with the goal of going live in March 2025. The system included a new "Rounds" system. Wi-Fi was installed throughout the jail to integrate with the new system and assist with real time updating.
- ❖ Additional office space was renovated in the Municipal Building. Major Martin's office was moved, as well as the Recruitment and Retention Deputy, Corporal Brooks. The SRT now has a space for storage of equipment.



- ❖ Six women from the DSO attended a women in law enforcement conference in Arlington. Attendees at the “She is Beyond the Badge” were pictured above (L to R) Corporal Eanes, Deputy Jamison, Corporal Williams, Corporal Brooks, Corporal Coggin, and Sergeant Ryan. Also pictured, front right, is founder and CEO Sara Margalus.



- ❖ The DSO assumed the authority over the RX Drug Drop Box. The box, pictured above, allows the public to continue to dispose of unwanted or unused medicines in a secure manner. The Drop Box is located in the security office of the Municipal Building near the main public entrance.

Second Chance Book Club

Building Bridges Through Books

A program of Danville Sheriff's Office and Good News Jail and Prison Ministry

In 2018, volunteer Jennifer Williams decided, while sitting at a stoplight, that what the jail needed was a book club! She had been volunteering for 3 years at that point but not with books and reading for pleasure. The link between low literacy and incarceration is strong and Williams felt if inmates were given the chance to read high quality, captivating books- books the rest of society loved, that it would provide them with things to talk about and possibly a hobby they would keep them from coming back.

In the year following her thoughts about a book club, Williams met with local civic groups, churches, other book clubs and anyone who would listen, and shared her dream. Groups began to warm up to the idea and committed to buy a book set for her new group. She held her first book club meeting in December of 2019, with 24 women in attendance.

The book club has grown and moved from one block to three. A typical week averages 35 women. In the years since beginning, they have been given over 300 different titles and logged 2 million plus pages.

Donors have given from 24 different states, and have ranged from a wide variety of places. One donation came from a book club that has been in continuous existence since 1794. Whether they donate a set or a single copy, Williams tries to make sure donors feel appreciated. Often, she brings thank you notes for inmates to write, and she includes those when writing to donors.

By reading books that are popular one goal is that they have more to connect with others once they are released.

Readers to Date: **488**

Total pages read by inmates: **2,231,877**

Books donated from readers in **24 states**

Featured on **NBC's Today Show** (April 2022), Podcast **Home Town Stories** (episode 47), Podcast **Sort Awesome** (episode 327), podcast Book Gang (episode 10/27/23) **Reader's Digest** November 2021 issue, CNN interview by Maria Morava

Most popular books: Life We Bury (Alan Eskes), Where the Crawdads Sing (Delia Owen), Revival (Stephen King), Monday's Not Coming (Tiffany D Jackson), Maximum Ride series (James Patterson), If the Creek Don't Rise (Leah Weiss), These Silent Woods (Kimi Cunningham Grant)



Chaplain David Abernathy
Danville / Pittsylvania County

January 2025

We are proud to be celebrating 47 years of partnership between the Danville Sheriff's Office and Good News Global, formerly, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, in 2025. Together we have observed and been a part of many changers through the years. Whether the change has been in the area of security, or in our case, a new name and updated logo, the professionalism within the Danville Sheriff's Office has remained a constant in our partnership providing a national example of what can be accomplished when working as a team.

During 2024 we worked together to provide inmates the benefit from community volunteers conducting religious group studies along with therapeutic and other educational programming in the Danville City Jail. In addition to the work of volunteers, the chaplain is available for counseling and emergency notifications to the incarcerated.

As the program coordinator, annual update training was provided to 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.

Along with traditional ministry to inmates, the chaplain also serves as pastor to deputies and staff at the Danville Sheriff's Office. At times, ministry to staff is simply to provide encouragement during their shift work or prayer during ceremonies. At other times, the chaplain is available for counseling during family emergencies or at times of grief. Unique to the Danville area is an email devotional for staff, *The Chaplain's Corner*, from the rev.

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ADP	212	242	262	304	293	309	269	237	253	249	227	235	207	191	167	201
SUB	47,795	38,861	35,400	38,467	38,978	33,083	32,802	37,487	35,931	29,497	23,142	20,467	22,863	23,106	28,459	21,967
JURY SUMM	330	648	585	881	925	900	900	900	900	900	1,105	1,200	1,040	1,206	1,200	648
LEVIES	217	311	251	234	280	235	253	267	344	349	293	112	125	139	169	111
TRIPS/IN	330	647	443	565	564	449	332	378	362	349	198	141	150	137	154	201
TRIPS/OUT	35	127	88	91	117	116	408	317	277	288	256	79	56	53	45	66
*CRCT DAYS	407	423	405	316	357	386	395	386	366	468	402	339	362	391	436	324
GDCT DAYS	243	243	242	242	237	232	241	244	242	238	242	240	238	244	236	233
#JDCT DAYS	280	285	262	264	278	212	290	240	300	237	301	293	281	268	258	253

Average Daily Population of Inmates by Year



*Two CRCT Judges

#One Full Time Judge and One Part Judge

Legend:

A.D.P.=Average Daily Population/Inmates

Sub=Subpoenas Received

Jury Summonses Received

Levies Received

Mental Trips/In Danville

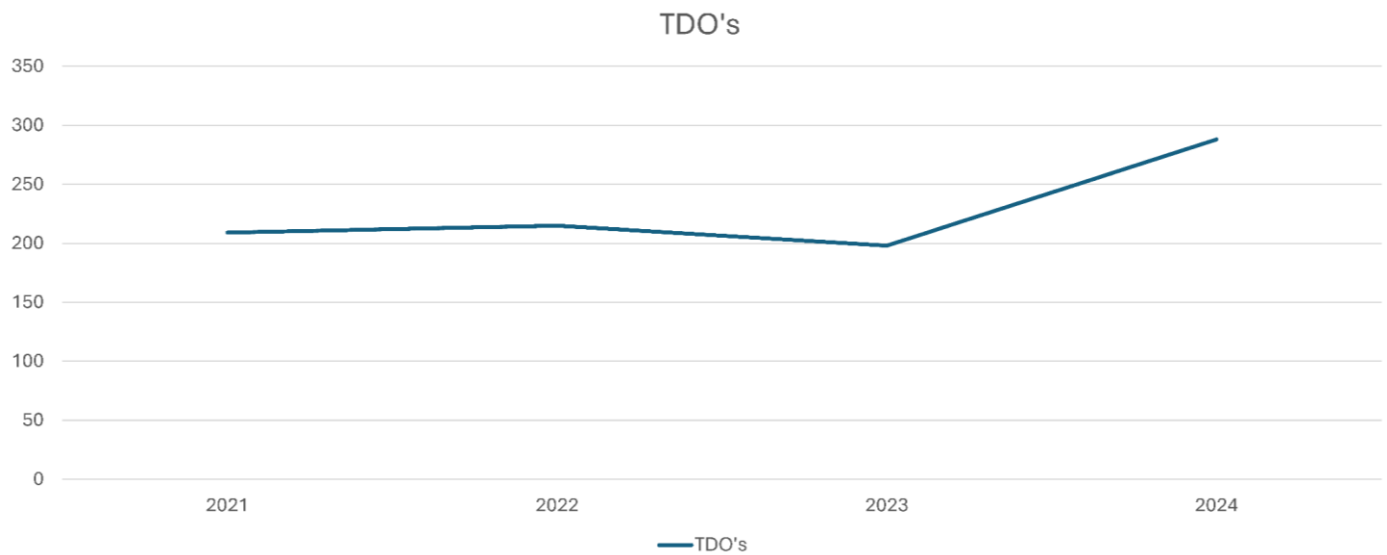
Mental Trips/Out of Town

Circuit Court Days

General District Court Days

Juv. and Domestic Court Days

Number of Temporary Detention Orders



Hours Spent on TDO's

