

Warren County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Message

The future of our communities and Country falls on the shoulders of our constitution, and our constitutional officers shall strive to ensure balance between enforcing the law and protecting civilian rights. The Warren County Sheriff Office will maintain the public's trust and operate at the highest levels of efficiency in providing exemplary professional law enforcement services.

I am very proud of the men and women of the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the success they have achieved in 2021 and look forward to the achievement of 2022. This report is their story!

Respectfully,

Mark A. Butler, Sheriff

2021-2022 Goals and Objectives

The following is a list of the major goals and objectives that the Warren County Sheriff's Office will strive to reach for 2021-2022.

Goal 1 – Public Safety

The top priority for the Sheriff's Office is dedication to providing and improving public safety for our community.

Objective 1.1: To increase awareness through enforcement, by conducting high visibility enforcement monitoring in pre-identified public areas of concern for safety.

Objective 1.2: to increase awareness through educational presentations, classes, and quarterly reports to the community.

Objective 1.3: to collaborate with media outlets to provide communication to the community about topics of interest and general public safety.

Goal 2 – VLEPSC Accreditation

The Warren County Sheriff's office is committed to improving and enhancing the professionalism of this office by achieving certification through Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

Objective 2.1: Review, modernize, and implement policies and procedures identified by the Policy Review Committee, and adopt best-practices in law enforcement.

Objective 2.2: Account for compliance of policy through documentation by maintaining an Accreditation Manager file of proofs using PowerDMS.

Objective 2.3: Schedule an assessment of the agency by setting timelines and performance outcomes to be reviewed by accreditation assessment teams to ensure compliance.

Goal 3 – Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) Program

The Warren County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to achieving the DCJS Certified Crime Prevention Community designation by implementing a defined set of community safety strategies as part of a comprehensive community safety/crime prevention effort.

Objective 3.1: Create community policing strategic plan for 2021 – 2024, to include the (12) core safety elements and (7) option safety elements.

Objective 3.2: Program Coordinator will ensure compliance with strategic plan through documentation of achieving milestones and maintaining a file of proofs.

Objective 3.3: Schedule assessment of agency by setting timelines and performance outcomes to be reviewed by DCJS to ensure program compliance.

WCSO at a Glance

- The County of Warren (VA) is 214 square miles and has approximately 40,727 residents, with 10.1% of these persons living in poverty, and 10.1% of the residents under 65 years of age have a disability. There are ten (10) public schools, one large private university, and one private preparatory academy providing education to residents. The county seat is the Town of Front Royal (VA) which has 15,011 residents ([U.S. Census Quickfacts](#), 2021).
- As of January 01, 2021, the WCSO budgeted for 60 sworn deputies (full-time), with 37 sworn deputies responsible for patrol functions, including 10 School Resource Officers.
- We had 5 non-sworn civilian employees (full and part-time), and 10 communications officers (full and part-time) to start the year.
- The WCSO Consists of the following Divisions; Patrol (Operations, Animal Control, K-9), Criminal Investigations, S.I.U, E-911 Communications Center, and Community Policing Unit.
- The Sheriff's Office total operating budget consists of five subdivisions (Animal Control, Court Services, E-911 System, School Resources, and Sheriff's Office) which can be located on the [Warren County Government website](#).

WCSO 2021 Successes



The Warren County Sheriff's Office received our new WatchGuard Vista body-worn cameras (BWC) at the end of 2020 and were able to implement them beginning of 2021. The Warren County Sheriff's office provided forty-three deputies with new BWC's. Along with the new BWC's the Warren County Sheriff's Office also integrated three new WatchGuard 4RE high-resolution in-car cameras (ICC). This provides the benefits of synching several deputies BWC with the ICC during emergency responses or critical incidents, providing greater coverage of the incident. The BWC is another tool for promoting fair and equal treatment under the law, are not a panacea for social injustices, and that continued community engagement with Warren County citizens and businesses is essential.

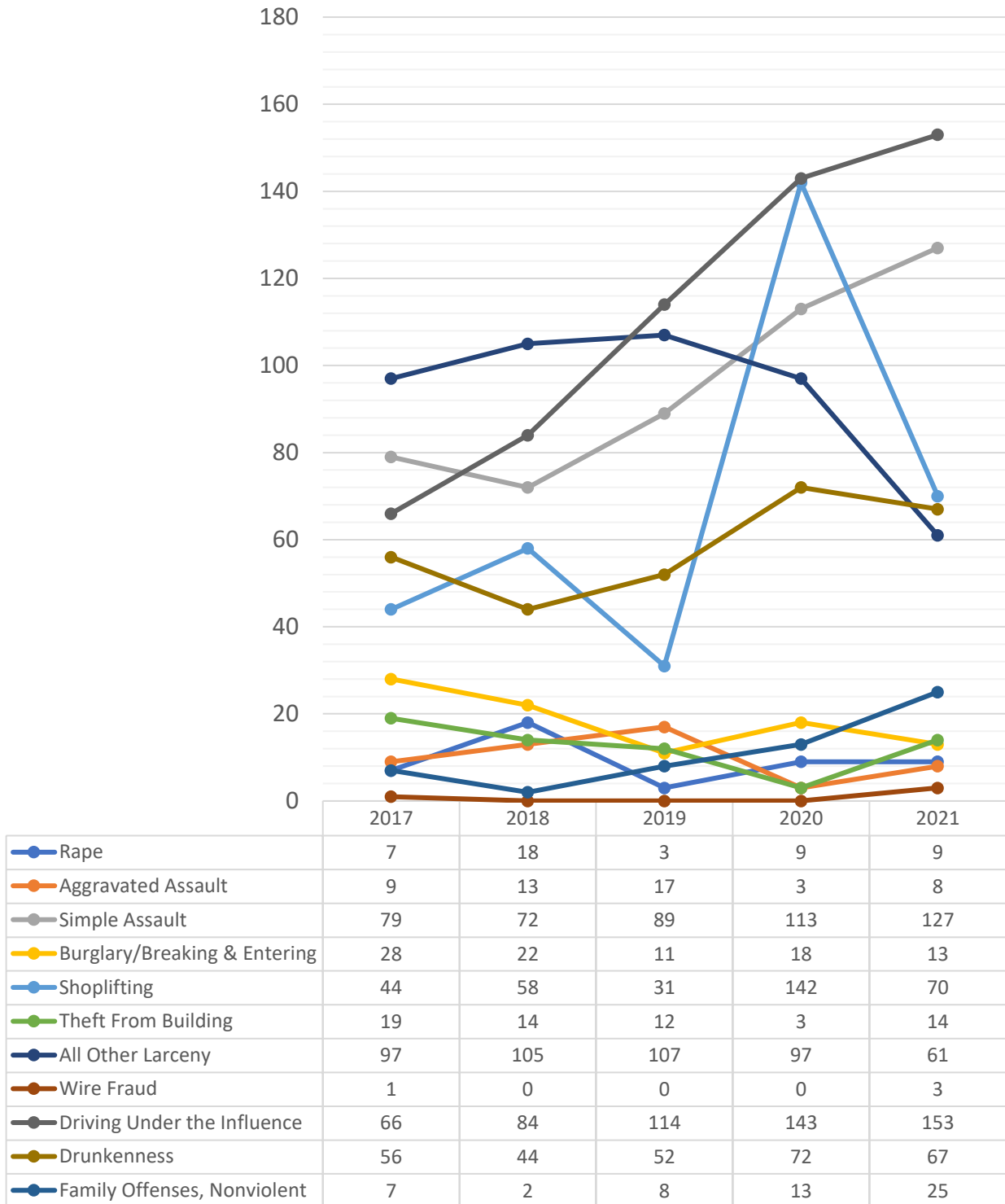
Lieutenant Robbie Seal and Valley Health's Brandon Fritts pose with the 92 pounds of medications turned in by citizens on October 23, 2021, during the DEA National Drug Take Back Day which is held throughout the nation in April and October of each year. Warren County Sheriff's Office partnership with Valley Health enables citizens to discard their unwanted or unused medications, which lessens the potential for these drugs getting in the wrong hands to be abused. The Warren County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Valley Health for many years to help with this event and always has a successful turn out.



The Warren County Sheriff's Office maintained our neighborhood watch relationships through the social media site Nextdoor. The number of citizen members increased from 4,396 to 5,756 in the past year, that is a 30.93% increase from the year 2020. We also saw an increase of 32.78% increase in households that were involved. Warren County has a total of 59 out of 61 neighborhoods participating in our neighborhood watch as of the end of 2021.

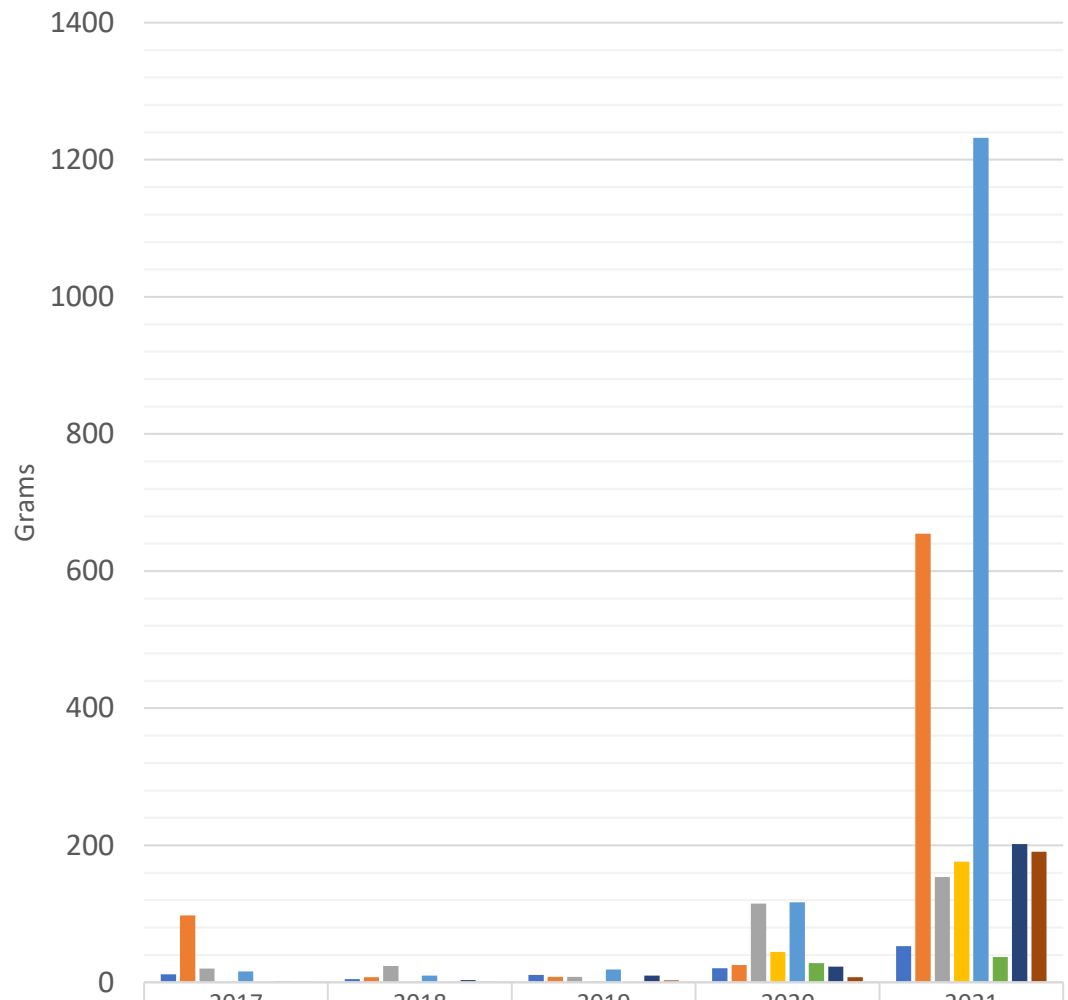
Select Crimes 2017-2021

Figure 1. Incidents 2017 – 2021



Drug Crimes 2017-2021

Figure 2. Drugs Seizures by Year in Grams



crack cocaine	12	5.05	11	20.71	52.766
cocaine	97.701	7.45	8.11	25.3	654.611
heroin	20.441	24	8.11	115.066	153.961
pcp			1	44.36	176.218
amphetamine/methamphetamine	16.001	9.78	19.1	116.85	1,231.84
Fentanyl				28.349	36.97
other narcotics	1.161	3.5	9.89	23.11	202.051
unknown type drug	1.003	1	3	7.5	190.523

Patrol

The Patrol Division protects and serves the citizens of Warren County 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Patrol Division has four squads that work 12-hour shifts. These squads handle incoming calls for service and proactively patrol the community. The Patrol Division also has Animal Control, K-9 Unit and Community Policing Unit (CPU) sections that supplement additional specialized staffing needs.

The Patrol Division is overseen by one lieutenant and five sergeants. Responsibilities of the Patrol Division include, but are not limited to:

- Responding to and investigating crimes both current and past
- Serving civil papers and assisting those in need of mental health services
- Responding to suspicious incidents and activity
- Processing and protecting crimes scenes
- Traffic/Speed enforcement and control
- DUI/DUID Enforcement
- Investigating traffic crashes
- Assisting residents in crisis



Deputy Dallas Neely (left) and Deputy Tyler Poe (right) pictured being sworn in by Circuit Clerk Shelly Moore as new deputy's January 13, 2021

Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is responsible for investigating major crimes, specializing in crimes against persons/children, property crimes, fire investigations, violent crimes, homicides, serious misdemeanor crimes and any other offenses as needed. Criminal Investigations Division (CID) provides investigative assistance and guidance to other divisions within the office as well as to surrounding agencies.

Investigations works with every area of expertise when needed, including patrol, school resource officers, and Department of Social Services, among others.

The K-9 teams assisted Investigators when CID made an arrest of a dangerous person, who may have made threats against law enforcement or was otherwise a public threat.

Criminal Investigators handle their own cases, as well as assisting Patrol when needed, especially during very busy times.

Four investigators are ICAC (internet crimes against children) certified. There were ten ICAC cases worked in 2021. Our ICAC team will add another ICAC certified investigator for the 2022 year to aid in pursuing online predators.

There were 46 sex crimes cases worked by Investigations in 2021, ranging from rape, child solicitation, sodomy, fondling, possession of child porn, object sexual penetration and sexual battery.

Two investigators are Forensic trained for the purpose of interviewing victims of sex crimes and physical abuse involving trauma.

2021 presented criminal investigations with more interviews conducted in this area than the previous year. There were also approximately nine courtesy interviews conducted for other agencies from states outside of Virginia where an individual had moved to Warren County, yet there were sexual abuse allegations made towards an offender living in another state.

Two investigators are assigned to our Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). Meetings are attended mostly virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Children's Interview Room



Interview room

Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

The **Special Problems and Drug Enforcement (S.P.A.D.E.)** unit was changed to **Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** in 2021, due to more complex cases that arose in 2021. SIU proactively investigates vice, drugs, organized crime, and complaints of a complex nature that require a specialized investigative approach. The SIU unit's duties include but are not limited to;

- Narcotics Interdiction
- Fugitive Apprehension
- Covert Vice/Narcotics Operations
- Surveillance Operations
- Gang Identification/Interdiction



The SIU works closely with other local law enforcement, federal, and Department of Corrections agencies.

2021 Highlights

- Over \$85,000 U.S. currency seized from illegal narcotics operations.
- 1000 counterfeit pills (Fentanyl) interdicted after being shipped from the Western United States.
- Over 3 kilograms of cocaine seized in joint operation with federal authorities.



Community Policing Unit (CPU)

Warren County Sheriff's Office



Community Advisory Council (CAC)

Inclusive... Transparent... Diverse... Visionary!

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) consists of ten or more members of the Warren County community. The main purpose of the council is to facilitate open, honest, and direct interactions between the residents of Warren County and their Sheriff's Office. More specifically, the Community Advisory Council (CAC) aims to educate the community about services provided by the Warren County Sheriff's Office and engage our neighbors in community-oriented policing programs.

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) also educates the Sheriff's Office about needs within the community. The Community Advisory Council (CAC) may also provide feedback to the Sheriff's Office regarding planned law enforcement priorities and programs.



Community Policing Unit Supervisor, Lieutenant Robbie Seal shares a cup of coffee during a visit with residents at Shenandoah Senior Living today as part of National Coffee with a Cop Day. Both Lt. Seal and the residents shared stories and spoke about the types of scams that target senior citizens. Says Lt. Seal, "I always enjoy my visits and interaction with our most caring, yet most vulnerable citizens when it comes to being victims of crime. I will always be open to these visits to all of our assisted living facilities".

Lieutenant Seal is pictured to the right collecting canned and non-perishable food items for the Camping For Hunger food drive. This is a local food drive that has been held for 13 consecutive years by the local radio station 95.3 *The River*. Lt. Seal had participated in helping with the collection process for this event on four different days by being a designated volunteer drop-off location.

Contact Lt. Seal if you want a WCSO Deputy to appear at your special event or functions. We love to do birthday parties!



Community Policing Initiatives

Listed below are the initiatives and services provided by the CPU during 2021 in our partnership with the community and other agencies as well as a list of our event participation.

- Obtained 6000 Detera Drug Deactivation pouches through a grant to distribute in the community to dispose of unwanted and/or unused medication.
- Repurposed and donated over 100 winter coats to the local senior centers from the Sheriff's Office.
- Formed a collaboration with the Warren, Frederick, and Shenandoah County Sheriff Office's, Middletown P.D., VDOT, Belle Grove Historical Plantation and the National Park Service to address suspicious activity in the area of Cedar Creek which resulted in a successful decision in which to deter further activity.
- Attended HOA/POA subdivision meetings (Shenandoah Farms, Thunderbird Farms, Apple Mountain West, Henselstone, and River Oaks.)
- Worked on strategic plan that established requirements for the Sheriff's Office Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) endeavor, which would make us the thirteenth community in the Commonwealth to receive this designation
- Provided first responder caravan processions for birthday/anniversary occasions upon public request.
- Worked with CAC vice-chairman and The Church at Skyline in support of "Restore Warren", a faith-based substance abuse support group program.
- Continued conducting Speed Trailer Surveys in several neighborhoods.
- Created revenue making opportunities to purchase Community Policing supplies in forming a partnership with a new Sheriff's Calendar vendor (Royal Publications) and the National Child Safety Council.
- Attended Warren Coalition, Warren County Board of Supervisors, FR/WC Drug Prevention Committee and S.A.L.T./TRIAD Council monthly meetings.
- Assisted Shenandoah Area agency Aging with their "Meals on Wheels" meal deliveries to senior citizens.

Community Policing Initiatives (continued)

Community and School Events that the WCSO participated in the year 2021.

- Sheriff's Office "Fun Day" (picture 1).
- SRO instruction of proper Car Seat use to elementary school students.
- SRO D.A.R.E. Program instruction to 5th graders.
- Hope Arising Festival.
- Front Royal Soccer Association Soccerplex.
- National Night Out.
- Browntown Summer Event.
- Waggin for Dragons (picture 2).
- First Responder Softball Tournament.
- Midget Football League 9/11 Ceremony.
- Habitat For Humanity 9/11 Ceremony.
- Camping For Hunger.
- Hometown Halloween.
- Fireman's and Christmas Parades.
- Lowe's Store Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- Target Store "Great Gift Together" Christmas Program.
- Front Royal Elks Lodge Law Enforcement Appreciation event.
- Warren Coalition Public Service Announcement on Substance Abuse.
- SRO Santa Claus Greeting students at the elementary schools.
- Rockland Church's Thanksgiving to Senior Citizens .
- Domestic Violence Week Ribbon Ceremony Display.
- Front Royal Cardinal's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- Sheriff's Inaugural Spring Football Camp.
- Warren County Fair.
- Police Memorial Week Ceremony.



Picture 1

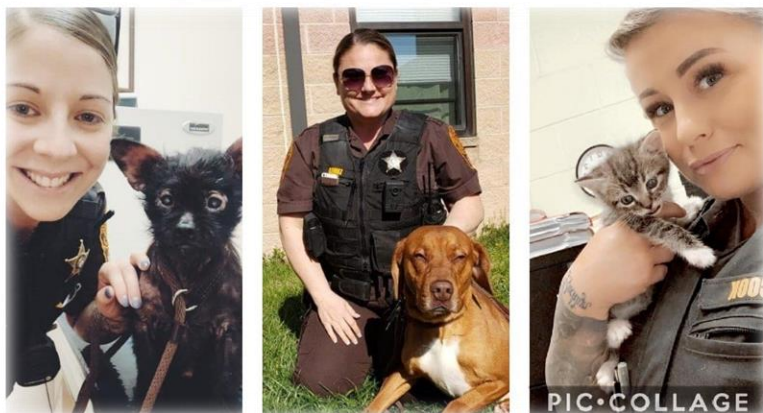


Picture 2



Picture 3

Animal Control Services



From left to right: Deputy Erica Unruh, Sergeant Laura Gomez, and Deputy Erica Cook.

Among other things, the Animal Control Officers (ACOs) are responsible for:

- Working closely with animal owners by educating, providing resources to help resolve issues of neglect or possible financial circumstances preventing adequate care.
- Patrolling county areas to identify animal, nuisance, noise violations
- Investigating reports of animal abuse; files charges as appropriate; prepares cases for prosecution; and provides court testimony.
- Responding to calls regarding stray, vicious and/or diseased animals; responds to calls regarding animal bites; and performs preliminary investigations.
- Captures and transports stray, sick, injured or potentially rabid animals to appropriate animal shelter for processing, care and treatment; and quarantines, as necessary.

Animal Control Officers (ACO) responded to a wide variety of animal related calls within Warren County and the Town of Front Royal. The Animal Control Officers (ACO) investigate animal cruelty and neglect, alleged abuse, stray or at-large animals, license violations, animal bites, injured animals, rabies exposures, wildlife, and animal rescue operations. All Animal Control Officers (ACO) are certified law enforcement and have additional specialized animal control training. Animal Control Officers supplement patrol deputies when extra resources are needed. Animal Control (ACO) Unit is overseen by the Patrol Division lieutenant.



Deputy Unruh pictured above with a rescued screech owl that she transported to a wildlife veterinary clinic.

Sheriff's Office Canine (K-9) Program

The Sheriff's Office has a total of six (6) canines. We are happy to introduce our two bloodhounds (K9 Ash and K9 Rooster), one explosives detection dog (K9 Rose), and three patrol canines (K9 Ace, K9 Gator, and K9 Roman). Some trained dogs can detect narcotics, article searches, human scent detection, explosive detection, and apprehension. Our K9 handlers are required to train a minimum of 16 hours a month.

Along with the 16 hours a month, our K9 Teams continue to train daily. You may notice them on foot patrols, or training at schools or other critical infrastructure before sporting events, prior to parades or other scheduled activities. This ongoing training helps keep the K9 handler and their K9 partners in a constant state of readiness, highly trained for whatever situation may arise.

In the year 2021 our narcotics K9 Teams have taken a large assortment of dangerous drugs and narcotics off the county streets approximately, totaling 1,435 grams of narcotics with an approximate street value of \$145,106.00. In addition, our K9 Teams also seized \$59,462.00 in United States Currency. Narcotics canine teams conducted approximately 135 vehicle open air sniffs along with 16 assists to other law enforcement agencies.

Our K9 Teams are available to conduct demonstrations for neighborhood watch groups, community events and other requests. To request a team to attend your function, or to just learn more about the, please contact Patrol Lieutenant Steve Collins at (540) 635-4128 or email him at scollins@warrencountysheriff.org.



K-9 GATOR



K-9 ACE



K-9 ROMAN

Sheriff's Office Canine (K-9) Program (continued)

Our bloodhound K9 Teams conducted 45 human sent tracks throughout Warren County assisting with locating missing and endangered persons. They have assisted other agencies on 33 human sent tracks as well.

Our Explosive K9 Team has conducted a total of 123 building searches to include but not limited to, Schools, Residential areas, and Government Buildings. They have assisted other agencies on conducting 3 explosive searches.

Figure 3. Types of canine dog deployments in the year 2021

Type of Deployment	Total
Building Sniff	99
Area Search	3
School Sniff	24
Vehicle Sniff	13
Agency Assist	3
Total	142

Meet your Warren County Sheriff Canine Deputies (left to right below): Master Deputy Devin Miceli, Deputy Sean Gagliardo, and Master Deputy Chris Anderson.



K9 ROSE



K9 ASH



K9 ROOSTER

Sheriff's Office Canine (K-9) Program (continued)

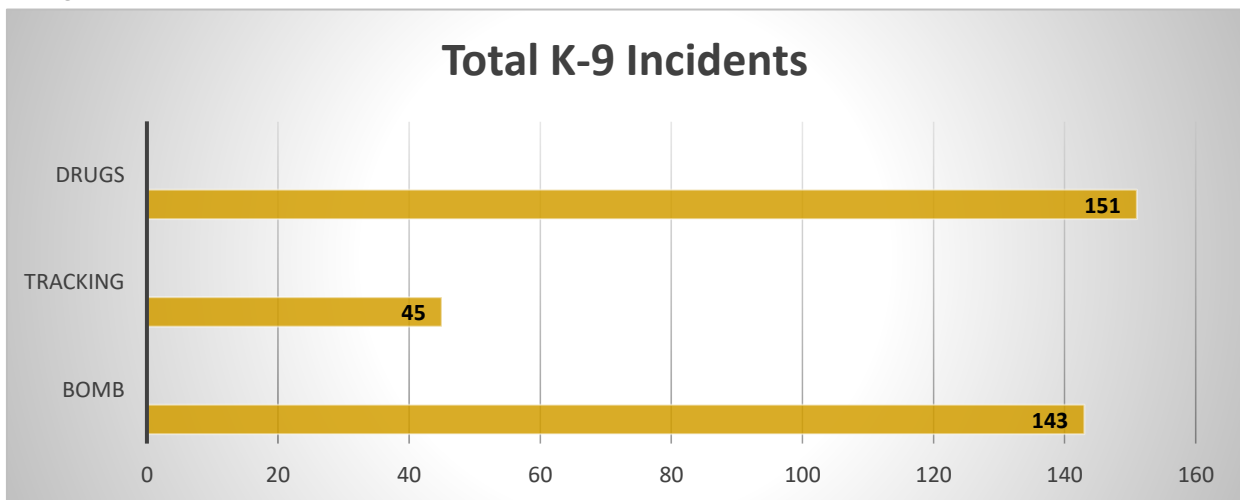
Figure 4. Types of drugs seized, by weight and street value.

Type of Drug	Grams	Value
Cocaine	633	\$ 63,265.00
Crack	11	\$ 1,100.00
Marijuana	50	\$ 500.00
Heroin	64	\$ 12,770.00
Meth	567	\$ 56,720.00
PCP	60	\$ 600.00
Other	50	\$ 3,261.00
Total	1435	\$ 138,216.00

Figure 5. Types of drugs seized by schedule, weight and street value

Schedule Type	Amount Seized	Value
RX Narc schedule 2	26	\$ 520.00
RX Narc schedule 3	102	\$ 6,090.00
RX Narc schedule 4	14	\$ 280.00
Total	142	\$ 6,890.00

Figure 6. Total number of canine deployments in 2021, listed by type.



*"We have the paws...
That enforce the
laws!"*



National Night Out

The Warren County Sheriff's Office participates yearly in the National Night Out (NNO) event, which is typically held on the first Tuesday in August every year. The location of the event is downtown Front Royal on Main Street at the Gazebo. This event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, business watch, neighborhood watch, and other crime prevention efforts.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes partnerships between law enforcement and their communities and neighborhood solidarity to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. This event is a nationwide campaign, across all fifty states, by participating law enforcement agencies and U.S. military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is a spectacular opportunity for the Warren County Sheriff's Office to meet with citizens of the community and do outreach and let them get to know us and what we do better. At the NNO 2021 the Warren County Sheriff's Office handed out many informational flyers along with Deterra Drug De-activation kits to members of the community, happily sharing many opportunities to discuss crime prevention. (picture 1). The Communications division had their own table last year ran by Communications Officers M. Debellaistre and D. Almarode to educate the community about the communications center and all that they do (picture 2). Along with the two other tables the Warren County Sheriff's Office also had a table with our tactical team and K-9 handler MPO C. Anderson, and his K-9 Deputy Rooster. (picture 3).



(Picture 1) Sgt. T. Fritts discussing crime prevention with a community member.



(Picture 2) Communication Centers Officers M. Debellaistre and D. Almarode, and Sheriff Mark Butler.



(Picture 3) Master Deputy C. Anderson with K-9 deputy Rooster.

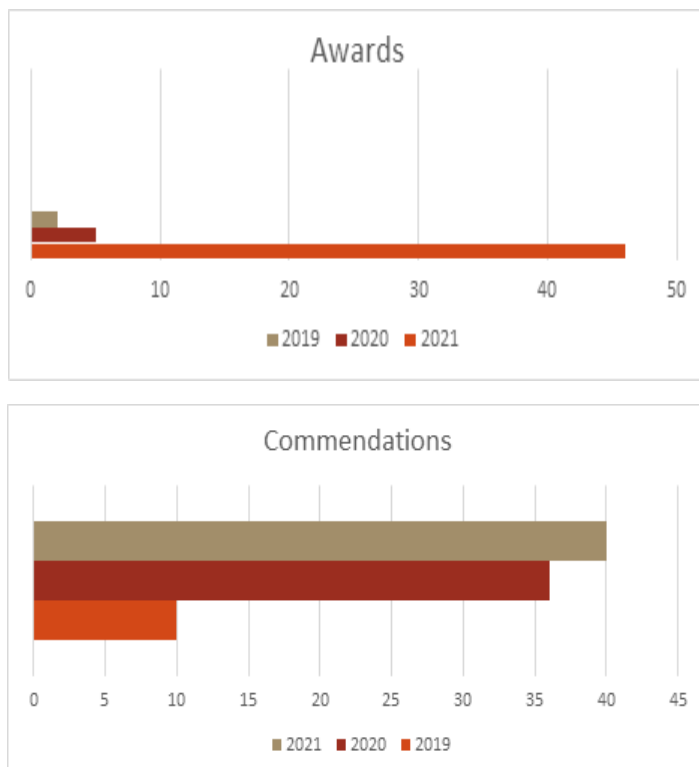
Awards and Commendations

In 2021, the Warren County Sheriff's Office saw an increase of 800% in commendations in comparison to those received during 2020. Along with a 300% increase in commendations from 2019 to 2021. The Warren County Sheriff's Office continues to see a steady growth in commendations from the community since Sheriff Butler took office in January of 2020.

Captain Robert Mumaw and the Awards Committee were instrumental in creating a vibrant and new agency Commendations and Awards policy (Personnel Order 11). Residents wishing to recognize a Sheriff's Office employee can do so using our website at warrencountysheriff.org/commendation/.

There were 46 awards presented for the year 2021. The breakdown of awards is as follows; Medal of Bravery-14, Distinguished Service Medal-9, Leadership Medal-9, Life Saving Medal-3, Community Policing Medal-3, Military/Community Service Medal-6, Meritorious Conduct Medal -1. Deputy Johnathan Price received the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) award for the second year in a row for having the most drunk driving arrests. Along with these awards the Warren County Sheriff's Office also received 40 commendations from the community.

Figure 7. Awards and Commendations by Year



Deputy Johnathan Price, MADD Performance Award winner.

School Resource Officers and Youth Programs

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a community policing-based approach practiced within the school environment. School Resource Officers (SRO's) share their expertise through presentations in the classroom to promote and educate a better understanding of laws and the legal system. They provide legal guidance to parents, teachers, faculty, students, and serve as a link to services both inside and outside the school. The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit is overseen by one sergeant and the Patrol Division Lieutenant.

The Sheriff's Office held this year's "Fun Day" event on July 21st. This was the WCSO second year in providing this event for children in our community wishing to participate. In the year 2021, twenty-four (24) children signed-up to enjoy a day of canoeing, swimming, fishing, and listening and observing instruction and demonstrations from our Animal Control, K-9 and Special Operations Team. The event was free to all who participate thanks to the support of the community who provided the activities, food, and drinks to make "Fun Day" a success!



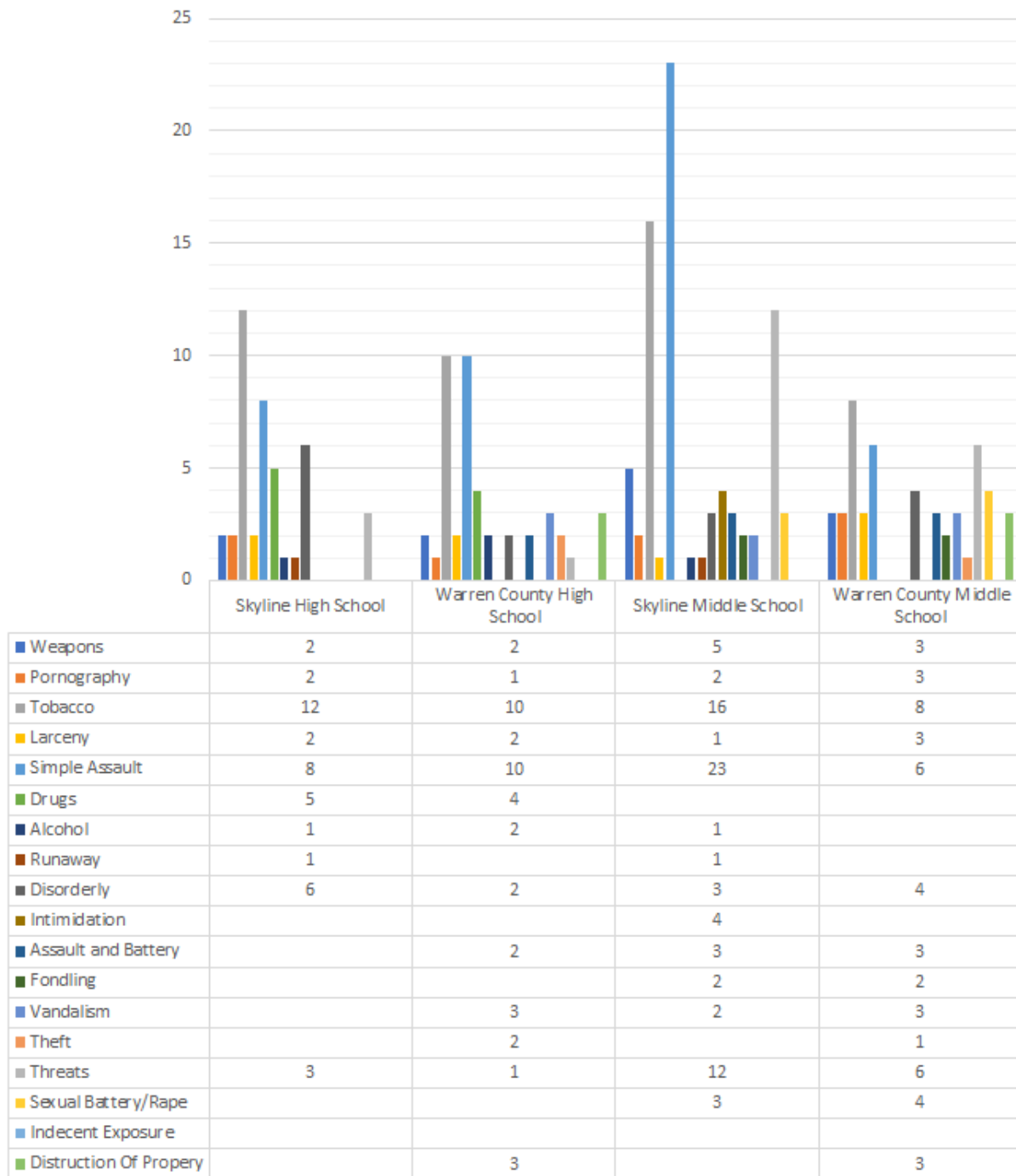
(Photo below) School Resource Officers teaching a D.A.R.E. course to elementary aged students on the importance of drug addiction resistance education.

SRO Deputy Axl Ulibarri looks on as Sergeant Cindy Burke teaches (picture above) First graders at Ressie Jeffries Elementary school the rules of when a child must be safely seat belted in a booster seat while traveling in a moving vehicle. Deputy Burke also explained the ways to know when he or she has graduated from using a booster seat to where they can safely be seat belted in the vehicle's back seat. All the students were rewarded with a Valentine's Day treat at the end of the instruction.



School Resource Officers and Youth Programs Data

Figure 8. Crime Statistics reported within the County Schools



**Statistical data for Warren County Middle and High Schools.*

Community Events

Community events are a great way for the Warren County Sheriff's Office to interact with the community and the members of the community. The WCSO participates in many of the County's events including the county fair, annual Christmas parade, National Night Out, and other various events hosted throughout the year including fundraising opportunities.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office competed in the Inaugural Guns and Hoses Softball Tournament September 25th, 2021, at the Gertrude E. Miller Park (picture 1). The tournament featured other first responder teams of the Warren County Fire & Rescue and Front Royal Police Department which raised proceeds to benefit veterans in need through Mr. Skip Rogers and his Able Forces organization.



Picture 1



Picture 2

The Warren County Sheriff's Office participated in the Town of Front Royal's Halloween festivities on main street in 2021. WCSO had set up their own display (picture 2) to participate in trunk-or-treating with the town, which had a great turnout.

Every year the Warren County Sheriff's Office participates in the Town of Front Royal's annual Christmas parade. This is a great opportunity for the office to show off their Christmas spirit and interact with the community. Pictured to the right (picture 3) is one of our many decorated automobiles that was in the parade this year December 11th, 2021.



Picture 3

Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Support Staff are responsible for assisting all Sheriff's Office Personnel as well as the public. They maintain, organize and record all documentation that comes through the Sheriff's Office including all civil papers, personnel records, patrol documents, investigations files, etc. This division is overseen by a civilian manager that reports directly to the Sheriff.

In 2021, we reviewed the work areas, workload and responsibilities of each Administrative staff member. Some workloads were shifted, to produce a more productive workflow and some members were moved to different division to better the flow in the office. We have better communication, easier work distribution from the divisions and people working in teams for special projects. In maintaining all the records of the Sheriff's Office the Administrative staff is required to follow the Library of Virginia records retention requirements and is also responsible for the FOIA requests.

In 2021 we had the IT crash which required the Administrative staff to work without computers, yet continue the daily operations of the office while working with COVID restrictions. The Administrative staff was able to purge three file rooms that had not been done in several years and attend additional training.

Some of our accomplishments in addition to our daily workload:

Crime Analyst introduced Carfax for Law Enforcement, trained in financial analysis and new drug trends, produced bulletins for LE and community awareness, created county crime analysis maps and charts to identify areas of concern, tracked statistical data, created visualizations for county data for departmental review and presentations and participated in CCPC meetings for accreditation.

Our Civil Process administrative personnel handled all civil and criminal papers as well as FOIA requests. In 2017 this office handled 372 FOIA requests, while this number has increased over the years this one individual processed 556 FOIA requests in 2021, which was down 21 from 2020. She has further participated in interviewing, accreditation training and trained an assistant to ensure a faster process and decrease the demanding workload in that position.

Since the IT issues and new computers, the Office was introduced to Teams and processing internal reporting and paperwork through a new platform which all had to learn and become proficient in. This has assisted the all divisions working smoothly together by using SharePoint to access documents and have real time information such as budget information.

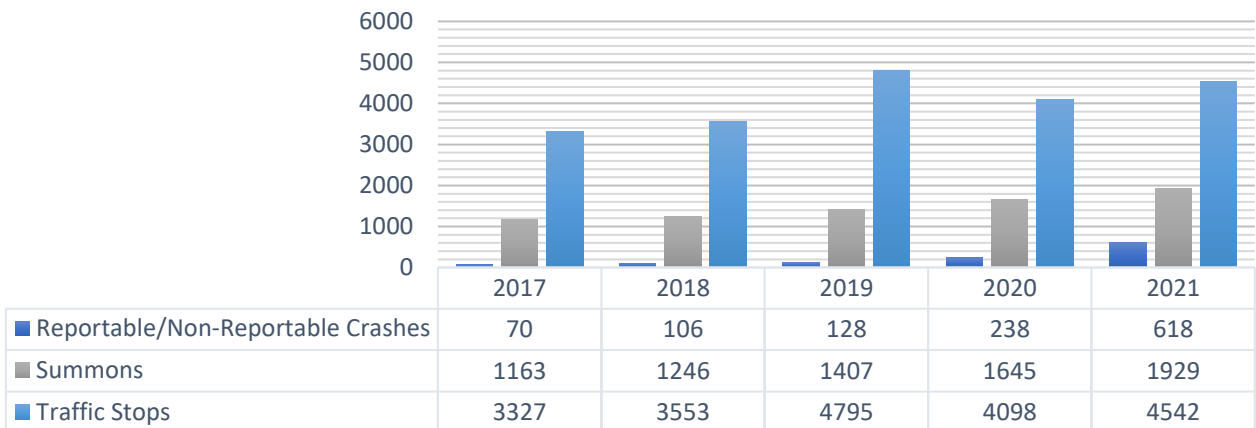
We have worked hard in ensuring training for the deputies as well and assisting in public events including Fun Day, Christmas events, Meals on Wheels and displays. The Administrative Staff now has all training records scanned for each employee, has attended TRACER training with DCJS and Lawful Employment training to better provide for the Department.

Highway Safety Enforcement

During the year 2021, Warren County Sheriff's Office teamed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Department of Motor Vehicles and was awarded several State funded grants. The Grants included Alcohol Enforcement, Occupant Safety Enforcement and Speed Enforcement. These grants are in addition to the routine patrol conducted by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The intent of the DMV grants is to identify Traffic related issues and educate the citizens of Warren County and reduce the number of injury or fatal car crashes each year.

During this time approximately 1,066 summonses were written during the DMV grant periods. In that time approximately 114 arrests were made due to the traffic stops. Alcohol related fatalities have decreased in years 2017-2020 from 4 to 0. Alcohol related serious injury crashes have rose in years 2017-2020 from 5 to 7. Unrestrained-Related Injury crashes have fluctuated over the years 2017-2020 from 15-24. Unrestrained-Related fatal crashes have gone from 1 to 0 in the years 2017-2020. Speed involved crashes have consistently decreased from 125 to 92 over the years 2017-2020. Speed involved fatal crashes have decreased as well from 2 to 1. With Deputies out patrolling on the grants it adds extra enforcement needed to educate the public.

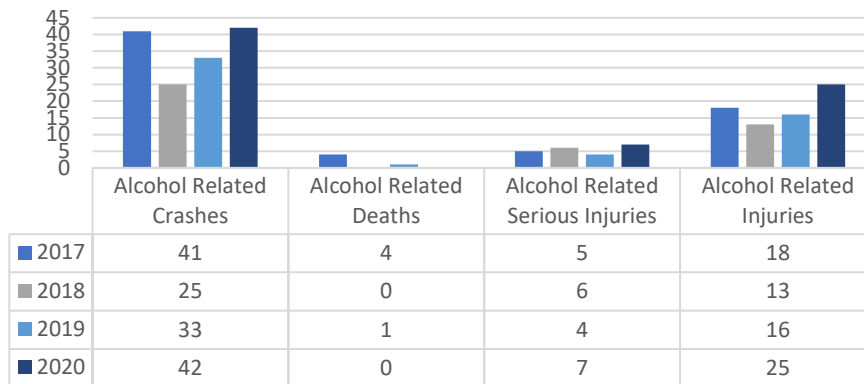
Traffic Crash Enforcement Data Reported in CAD



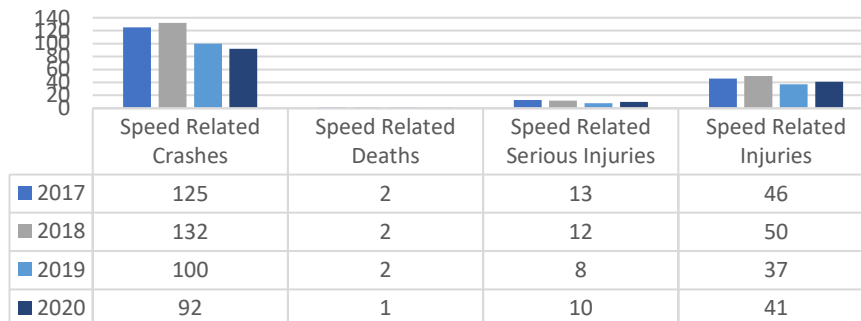
Highway Safety Enforcement

These three graphs indicate the data collected for DMV grants, for a statewide initiative on safe driving. The reflected data represents the County of Warren only. *Please note that the 2021 data is not yet available as of the beginning of March 2022 and will therefore be provided in the 2022 annual report.*

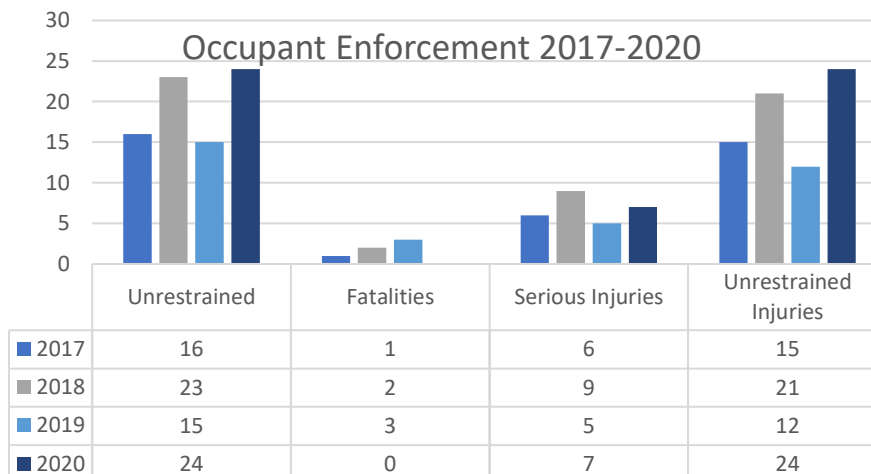
Alcohol Enforcement 2017-2020



Speed Enforcement 2017-2020



Occupant Enforcement 2017-2020



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

Following a long year of learning on how to deal with the pandemic, while being a new administration in a such a year, in 2021 the Sheriff, along with his staff and help of his community turned things around and a little back to normal.

Safety measures and health instructions were in place and constantly updated to ensure that our deputies could remain conscientious about new guidelines and recommendations to stay healthy and available to assist and enforce the law. The COVID-19 numbers within the Sheriff's Office remained low, which is indicative that health measurements and alertness are well practiced and functioning.

With schools being back open and most workers back on the road to get to their job sites, traffic picked back up in Warren County, which also caused an increase in accidents, and tourism. Fortunately, crimes such as domestic assaults decreased, as did overdoses within the county.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit partnered with the Warren County Health Department to provide Covid-19 vaccinations to homebound senior citizens with the help of SRO Deputies to provide transportation.

Finally, the Sheriff's Office continuously ensured that those in need of assistance would receive it. Constant monitoring of the elderly with Operation Telephone (pictured below) by distributing food drive donations we supported our community more than ever before by reaching out to partners, friends, and community resources to feed and care for our precious seniors.

With the good efforts portrayed by our Sheriff's Office staff in 2021, the year 2022 has a very positive outlook, and we are looking forward to being there for the wonderful people of Warren County.



The pictures above show Deputy Lambert (left) and Deputy Wigington (right) with some of Warren County's elderly citizens during a check-up for Operation Telephone.

Professional Standards

The Sheriff's Office had previously been accredited through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) and lost this credential in 2019. Obtaining this standard of professionalism became a major priority with Sheriff Butler's administration. The process for this began in 2020 and is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2022.

The Sheriff's Office began its journey by reassessing its *2019 Policy Manual* and revising it in its entirety to conform with VLEPSC standards. In total, 94 policies would have to be reviewed, and would be done so using a powerful online tool called PowerDMS, which greatly increased accountability of personnel for reviewing and complying with these policies and standards.

The Sheriff's Office also began the transparent process of tracking citizen complaints, as well as internal administrative actions to ensure that the highest professional standards are sustained. The chart below reflects this Internal Affairs and Investigations process.

Figure 9. Summary of Internal Investigations Complaint findings.

Year	Classification				Outcomes of IA Investigations			
	CAT I	CAT II	CAT III	Total	FOUNDED	UN-FOUNDED	SUSTAINED	NON-SUSTAINED
2021	4	4	6	14	6	1	6	1
2020	5	3	2	10	3	4	3	0
2019	14	1	9	24	0	4	12	8
2018	12	2	5	19	2	5	11	1
2017	6	2	1	9	3	0	5	1
TOTALS	41	12	23	76	12	14	37	11
Average	8.20	2.40	4.60	15.2	1.20	2.80	7.40	2.20

- Founded – Allegations are true.
- Unfounded – No truth to the Allegations.
- Sustained (Exonerated) – Allegations are true; however, this was the result of adherence to proper and appropriate procedures and techniques
- Non-Sustained – Unable to verify the truth of the matters under investigation.

2022 Outlook and Objectives

The major Goals and Objectives of the Warren County Sheriff's Office pursuant to Administration Order 04, *Goals and Objectives* for the Year 2022 are:

Goal 1 – Enhance Public Safety

Goal 2 – Continue working towards VLEPSC Accreditation (Fall 2022)

Goal 3 – Certified Crime Prevention Community Program (2022)

Sheriff Mark Butler wants to achieve the above goals and objectives by instituting or sustaining the following non-exclusive list of actions, programs or initiatives.

- Complete final review and revisions to the *2021 Policy Manual* to conform with VLEPSC standards. Achieve VLEPSC accreditation in fall of 2022.
- Obtain DCJS certification as a Certified Crime Prevention Community.
- Continue the Auxiliary Deputy Program and related training.
- Increase the level of training for Criminal Investigations Division (CID).
- Complete legally mandated training for all School Resource Officers (SRO).
- Continue participation in VA DMV grant enforcement programs to reduce crashes and deaths related to speeding, impaired driving, and occupant restraint.
- Certify additional deputies as Animal Control Officers (ACO).
- SROs to participate in more staff and student instruction and education with schools.
- Train all CID members in Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) and assign one as primary ICAC Investigator to actively pursue online predators.
- Train all deputies in *duty to intervene* in accordance with the Virginia Code and policy.
- Continue training deputies in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) curriculum.
- Contact State legislators regarding issues with trains blocking public roadways.
- Review and comment on the Warren County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- Conduct incident command system (ICS) training and search and rescue training.
- Improve internal communications throughout the organization.

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