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Henderson County Sheriff's Office Newsletter



Camp STAR campers, counselors and School Resource Deputies

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Message from the Sheriff

It's that time again. School is back in session for several schools in Henderson County with the rest not far behind. The safety and security of our children and our schools is a priority for me and for every member of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. We begin the school year with "Operation Bus Shepherd" assignments where Deputies follow bus routes in an effort to ensure the safety of our children as they return to school.

Full-time School Resource Deputies (SRD's) will be present and serve as comprehensive resources in the schools to which they are assigned. SRD's are certified sworn deputies who are permanently assigned to provide coverage to a school. SRD's are specifically trained to perform three roles: law enforcement officer, law-related counselor and a law-related education teacher. SRD's are a resource for the students and school staff. Deputies work to reduce school violence by enforcing violations of the law occurring on school property, teach students of the dangers of substance abuse and other law related topics and serve as positive role models.

The impetus for putting SRD's into the schools, of course, revolves around their law enforcement role. This includes such activities as foot patrols of their school campuses and site inspections to ensure the safety and security of their schools.

Deputies wear uniforms and provide armed security. We will continue to hold those who threaten our schools accountable.

SRD's maintain an "open-door" policy when it comes to interacting with students. They listen, and they care. SRD's also refer students and their families to other service agencies such as private counseling, social services, public health and legal aid when additional assistance is needed. SRD's may coach sports, teach classes, facilitate and participate in a wide variety of school activities. Familiarity and trust is built between deputies and their schools and is created through time and interactions. Our SRD's are to be commended for their commitment to our students and our schools. They are making a difference in the lives of many each day.

These strong partnerships and communication with school staff has been essential to identifying underlying school security issues and solutions. The Sheriff's Office continues to advise schools to make them physically safer and provide security. As Sheriff, I've used available resources to increase deputy presence beyond SRD's. The Adopt-A-School program supplements full-time middle and high school SRD's with additional visibility and security as all sworn deputies, no matter their full-time assignment, spend time in our schools each week. We have hired additional SRD's for full-time school assignment and continue to vet new applicants. Until all these new positions are filled, deputies are being paid on their days off to provide additional security in the elementary schools.

It takes everyone in our community working together to make our schools safe. Parents, school administrators, teachers, students, citizens, elected officials and law enforcement must be committed to continue to work together to ensure the safety of Henderson County Public Schools and our most precious resources; our children.



Finally, as this school year begins, I would like to congratulate Sergeant Ricky Bishop, who has been our longest serving SRD in Sheriff's Office history; congratulations on his retirement. I cannot even imagine the number of peers and students who have been impacted positively by his commitment. He is the gold standard for current and future SRD's to emulate. Thank you and well-done to Sergeant Ricky Bishop. You will be missed but your influence will live on.

Sheriff Charles S. McDonald

Upcoming Events

Mills River Document Shred / Drug Take Back Event (8/17)

Join us at the Mills River Ingles (3338 Boylston Hwy., Mills River) on Friday, August 17 from 9am-12pm at our next Document Shred and Pill Collection Event sponsored by HCSO, TRIAD Henderson County, HopeRx, Town of Mills River, LGFCU and Ingles Marketplace.

Church Security Class (8/21)

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office will be offering a House of Worship Safety and Security Class free of charge for any and all churches to attend on Tuesday, August 21 from 6pm-8pm at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. Limited seating available. [Email Allison Nock](#) or call (828) 694-3137 to reserve your spot.

Back to School Fest (8/25)

On Saturday, August 25, the Sheriff's Office will be participating in the 'Back to School Fest' in J.H. Sullivan Park. The event is from 10am to 4pm and will include school supply give-aways, free food, community resources and fun for the whole family. 911 Telecommunicators and patrol deputies will be at the event to share information with participants and interact with the community.

Mills River Party in the Park (8/26)

Mills River deputies will be out visiting with the community at the 'Party in the Park' event sponsored by Mills River United Methodist Church. The event will be held at Mills River Park on Sunday, August 26 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Get to know your HCSO deputies and learn about safety resources.

Office Closed for Labor Day (9/3)

All Henderson County offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on September 3.

Henderson County Tax Sale (9/26)

The next tax foreclosure sale will take place on Wednesday, September 26 at 10am on the courthouse steps at 200 North Grove Street.

To view all upcoming events, visit HCSO's [News and Announcements page](#).

Hometown Heroes

Each month we would like to celebrate a few of the achievements and victories of our employees and volunteers.

Congratulations to Sgt. Ricky Bishop on his retirement! Ricky has faithfully served at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office for 28 years. Following his time in the United States Air Force, and in addition to his service at Valley Hill and Blue Ridge Fire Departments, Ricky Bishop joined HCSO as a Telecommunicator in 1990. He became a patrol deputy three years later and in 1996 began what many would say was his calling - working with Henderson County youth as a DARE Officer. He has served as a School Resource Deputy and has been the Sergeant over the School Resource Program since 2014. Ricky was instrumental in creating the Sheriff's Teaching Abuse Resistance Program (STAR) and making the Sheriff's Office STAR Camp what it is today. He continues to mentor young people outside of work by coaching cross country at Flat Rock Middle School.



We at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office have been blessed to work with such a humble, hard-working, dedicated and caring individual. The impact he has had in Henderson County is immense and far reaching.

The Governor's Volunteer Service Award honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service.

On July 17, 2018, Henderson County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Steve Campbell was presented with a Volunteer Service Award from Governor Roy Cooper's office in appreciation for distinguished service to the people and state of North Carolina. Sheriff Charles McDonald made the presentation in front of the Sheriff's Office Command Team and VIP Administration.



Since joining the VIP Program in September 2015, Steve Campbell has never hesitated to volunteer or participate in new or existing assignments. He volunteers in many capacities within the organization to include working Traffic Assignments, Detention Center Reception, Judicial Courthouse Security Screening and creates the monthly VIP newsletter. In a short time, his commitment and skill have earned him promotion to the rank of VIP Captain.

When the VIPs were tasked with revising their Standard Operating Guidelines, Steve Campbell was the first one to volunteer to take charge of the project. This task took many months and involved coordinating with various members of the VIP Program. Steve's diplomacy and tenacity were vital in the completion of the project.

Similarly, when the VIPs needed someone to take charge of numerous traffic assignments, he willingly took on the assignment and has carried out his responsibilities in a most professional manner.

Steve recruits and trains VIPs to volunteer at the Detention Center Reception Desk. He has been of great assistance coordinating family visitations and assisting Jail Administration with the implementation of a new video visitation system.

For his many contributions to the VIP Program and citizens of Henderson County, Captain Steve Campbell is very deserving of this honor.

Congratulations to Sergeant Jake McMurray who was recognized for his work on a special assignment. Sergeant Jake McMurray was assigned to facilitate the WatchGuard wireless transfer program that involves the capture and storage of dash-cam video. He completed the task with exceptional focus and attention to detail. In order to ensure the program's success, Sergeant McMurray has collaborated with IT and tirelessly worked on duty, scheduled days off and even while on vacation. His commitment to the mission sets a fine example for supervisors throughout the agency. Sergeant McMurray is commended for going above and beyond to manage a project that benefits his team, his division and the agency as a whole.



Detention Deputy Craig Danielson received the highest academic honors award for his class of Detention Officer Certification Course (DOCC) students who recently graduated at AB Tech. Great job!

SURPRISE RECOGNITION

When Baker Squad in Communications reached out and wanted to recognize one of our amazing VIPs - we started to hatch a plan to surprise VIP Danny Livingston. During day shift each Tuesday, Danny brings our 911 staff pizza or chocolate or cookies to make sure they are taken care of; they lovingly call him their 'Meals on Wheels.'



On July 17, instead of simply dropping off pizza before heading to his volunteer shift at the courthouse, the members of Baker Squad, Sheriff McDonald, members of the Command Team, Commissioner Mike Edney and other VIPs recognized Danny with a thin blue line flag donated by Brian Ulbrich.

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

On June 19th, 2018, VIP Danny Livingston was completing his normal patrols and came upon a stranded motorist on the US 25 Connector down toward the SC State Line. The driver was a female with two children and a flat tire. Normally this would be a State Highway Patrol call, but Danny stopped and rendered assistance. The driver told Danny she had no one to call. It seems the lady had a spare tire, but when she opened the trunk for Danny to change the tire, it was not mounted on the wheel.

Danny took the flat tire off and the extra tire and went to the Tire Master on Spartanburg Hwy for the fix. He made sure the female and children were well off the roadway and safe prior to leaving.

When he arrived at Tire Master, the extra tire the lady had was bad, so Danny bought a decent used tire, had it mounted and returned to the scene. He put the tire back on and sent the lady on her way. Danny didn't take any money for the tire he bought, and it is doubtful that he even told her.

In addition to assisting stranded motorists, Danny monitors Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS radio traffic when he is volunteering. If he is near a Law Enforcement call, he will park nearby where he can "see" the scene and monitor. If dispatchers can't reach a unit on the radio, Danny will check on them either by sight or physical response and let the 911 Center know. If it's a

wreck or incident where a roadway is blocked, Danny will assist with traffic or whatever Emergency Services needs.

VIP Danny Livingston is an asset to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. He volunteers and never wants or expects any recognition, but we wanted to take a moment and show our appreciation for the work he does to serve the citizens of Henderson County and assist deputies and dispatchers with the performance of their duties.

Thank you to our Telecommunicators on Baker Squad for sharing about Danny Livingston and giving him a surprise he wasn't expecting!!!



Henderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies made 181 arrests between 7/2 and 7/29. Below are links to some newsworthy arrests and events from the past month.

[Henderson County man charged with first-degree murder](#) (Times-News)

[East Flat Rock man accused of child sex offenses](#) (WLOS)

[Deputies arrest man in marijuana grow operation](#) (Fox Carolina)

[Traffic stop leads to weapons charges](#) (Hendersonville Lightning)

[2 accused in Henderson Co. armed robbery](#) (WSPA)

Special Operations Group in the Henderson County Jail

Following our article in last month's Guardian Newsletter, some of our local media partners covered the new Special Operations Group in the Henderson County Jail.



Photo credit: WLOS

[Watch the WLOS video](#)

[Read the Times-News article](#)

Another Great Summer at Camp STAR



Overview of Camp STAR 2018

486 5th grade students were invited to attend Camp STAR over five sessions occurring throughout the summer. School Resource Deputies who also teach the STAR (Sheriffs Teaching Abuse Resistance) program in fifth-grade classrooms, head up the camps. They are assisted by approximately 70 volunteer high school counselors. School Resource Officers from the Hendersonville Police Department also joined in the

fun when Hendersonville Elementary School and Bruce Drysdale students were in attendance at camp.



Camp STAR 2018 Service Project

Campers enjoyed team-building activities, touring downtown Hendersonville, learning about trout at the Fish Hatchery in Pisgah National Forest, hiking and games at Pink Beds, community service projects at local middle schools, fishing and swimming at Lake Lure, and a cookout on the final night.

[View Camp STAR Photos](#) (Times-News / Patrick Sullivan)

Benefit for the Families of HCSO Deputies Hawkins and Turpin

A fundraiser was held on July 21 to benefit the families of Deputy Ben Hawkins and Deputy Trent Turpin. Both families have had children faced with life threatening situations. As a result of a successful event, motorcycle ride, jeep crawl, t-shirt sales and donations, over \$10,000 were raised to help cover medical expenses for Miss Madison Hawkins and Mr. Everett Turpin.



[Watch a thank-you message from the Hawkins and Turpin families](#)

[Watch the WLOS coverage](#)

[Watch motorcycles arrive at North River Farms](#)

Recent Events

Carolina Brotherhood - Ride to Honor the Fallen & their Families

HCSO Major Steve Carter cycled more than 591 miles with the Carolina Brotherhood July 9-14 to raise money to benefit families who lost their lives in the line of duty from North and South Carolina. Major Carter initially joined the brotherhood to honor HCSO Detective Shane Thomas who passed away in 2012. Since then, Major Carter continues to remember Shane, represent our Sheriff's Office and show support to families and agencies across the Carolinas. This year, Toby Linville, Henderson County Code Enforcement Director and Chief of the Henderson County Rescue Squad, joined the team and rode with the Carolina Brotherhood as well.



Photo credit: Cal Barnard

[Click to watch a video of the Carolina Brotherhood's arrival in Greenville, SC.](#)

Visit www.carolinabrotherhood.com for more information.

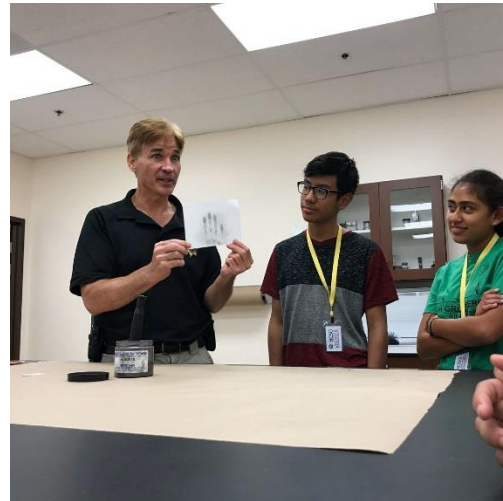
Edneyville Community Center

Deputy Collier and Deputy Montoya got to answer all kinds of questions about SWAT, K9s, being a deputy and much more at Edneyville Community Center's Touch a Truck event!



4H Club Forensics

Members of the Nebula Navigator 4-H Club visited the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to learn about forensics. Detective McClelland gave a presentation on processing crime scenes and a tour of the crime lab.



Camp GLOW K9 Demo

Deputy Robert Pace and K9 Maik visited Camp GLOW to teach campers about law enforcement K9s. Maik demonstrated obedience, drug detection and handler protection skills for the campers.



BRFD turns 60

Congratulations to the Blue Ridge Fire Department on their 60th anniversary! The Sheriff's Office was invited to participate in the emergency services demonstrations during the event. Deputy Delane Sims and Bomb Squad members Deputy Jason Stepp and Deputy Chris Stepp showed the public equipment that helps them do their jobs safely and effectively.



Camp STAR donation

We are giving Hot Dog World, Yogurt World and everyone who donated to the 'Change to Help Change Lives' during the month of June two thumbs up!

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office STAR Program was presented with a \$750.00 donation during WTZQ's 'The Breakfast Club with Mark and Paige' morning show. This money will help continue to fund Camp STAR, a summer camp experience for 5th graders that promotes good decision making, living drug-free and giving back to the community.



New DOCC Class

Twelve Detention Officers are taking their Detention Officer Certification Course (DOCC) at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. Buncombe, Jackson and Henderson counties are represented. Graduation is set for September 7th.



MDA Camp

Deputy John Brezillac and K9 Echo joined forces with the Hendersonville Police Department's K9 team to visit the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp at Pleasant Ridge for a demo.



Are you ready for the new school year?

Here are two simple ways to get you and your family prepared for the start of the new school year.

- 1) Download the Henderson County Public Schools' "Report It, Don't Ignore It" app. This technology allows students and parents to report concerning behaviors or safety threats to administrators. Available for Apple and Android, as well as an online tool, information is gathered from users and sends alerts directly to school administrators who can immediately alert law enforcement if necessary.
- 2) Sign up for Nixle Emergency Text Alerts to keep informed of local emergencies including school lock downs. Signing up is easy.
 - Visit www.nixle.com or text the word HENDERSON or your zip code to 888777 from your mobile phone to sign up!

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