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## The Guardian

Henderson County Sheriff's Office Newsletter



K9 Demonstration at the Edneyville Community Center

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### Message from the Sheriff

My deputies, staff and volunteers continue to place high emphasis on ethics, professionalism and the seven core values that we adhere to in the performance of our duties. In May of last year, I shared with our Guardian subscribers a Code of Ethics for the Office of Sheriff that is endorsed by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association.

For the more than 800 of you who have subscribed within the past twelve months, I would like to share this code with you; and for our longtime subscribers, let this serve as a reminder of the intentions of my heart and my pledge to you.

To the citizens of Henderson County:

*As a constitutionally elected sheriff, I recognize and accept that I am given a special trust and confidence by the citizens and employees whom I have been elected to serve, represent, and manage. This trust and confidence is my bond to ensure that I shall behave and act according to the highest personal and professional standards. In furtherance of this pledge, I will abide by the following Code of Ethics.*

*I shall ensure that I and my employees, in the performance of our duties, will enforce and administer the law according to the standards of the U.S. Constitution and applicable state constitutions and statutes so that equal protection of the law is guaranteed to everyone. To that end I shall not permit personal opinion, party affiliations, or consideration of the status of others to alter or lessen this standard treatment of others.*

*I shall establish, promulgate, and enforce a set of standards of behavior of my employees which will govern the overall management and operation of the law enforcement functions, court related activities, and jail operations of my agency.*

*I shall not tolerate nor condone brutal or inhumane treatment of others by my employees nor shall I permit or condone inhumane or brutal treatment of inmates in my care and custody.*

*I strictly adhere to standards of fairness and integrity in the conduct of campaigns for election and I shall conform to all applicable statutory standards of election financing and reporting so that the Office of Sheriff is not harmed by my actions or the actions of others.*

*I shall routinely conduct or have conducted an internal and external audit of the public funds entrusted to my care.*

*I shall follow the accepted principles of efficient and effective administration and management as the principle criteria for my judgments and decisions in the allocation of resources and services in law enforcement, court related, and jail functions of my office.*

*I shall hire and promote only those employees or others who are the very best candidates for a position according to accepted standards of objectivity and merit. I shall not permit other factors to influence hiring or promotion practice.*

*I shall ensure that all employees are granted and receive relevant training supervision in the performance of their duties so that competent and excellent service is provided by the Office of Sheriff.*

*I shall ensure that during my tenure as sheriff, I shall not use the Office of Sheriff for private gain. I accept and adhere to this code of ethics. In so doing, I also accept responsibility for encouraging others in my profession to abide by this Code.*

*I shall always endeavor to adhere faithfully to these promises to the best of my abilities, so help me God.*

Sheriff Charles S. McDonald



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic for Dogs (5/1-5/6)**

Animal Enforcement Deputies urge the public to make sure their pets' rabies vaccinations are up to date. The Dept. of Public Health facilitates a \$10 rabies vaccination clinic with participating offices. [Click for more information.](#)

### **Animal Enforcement Pig Auction (5/10)**

On April 8, 2017, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office Animal Enforcement Unit responded to Hwy 280 near Flatwood Lane to the report of a found pig. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 68-20 this pig shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Bidding shall start at \$100.00. The public auction will be held on [Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 8:30am](#) at Animals R Us located at 725 Crest Rd, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

### **City of Hendersonville Document Shred/Pill Collection Event (5/12)**

The Sheriff's Office will be assisting the City of Hendersonville with the pill collection portion of their event. The Document Shred is for Hendersonville residents only (the Drug Take Back is open to anyone from the public). Residents are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Interfaith Assistance Ministries and The Storehouse. The event will take place at Patton Park located at 59 E. Clairmont Dr on [Friday, May 12, 2017 from 9am-10:30am.](#)

### **Green River/Tuxedo/Zirconia Town Hall Meeting (5/16)**

The Green River/Tuxedo/Zirconia Meeting will take place on [Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 6-8pm](#) at the Green River Fire Department located at 1524 Old US Hwy 25 in Zirconia, NC. Thank you to the Green River Community Association for partnering with the Sheriff's Office to bring important information to the southern portions of Henderson County.

### **Flat Rock Document Shred/Pill Collection Event (5/20)**

TRIAD Henderson County, along with Hope Rx, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Flat Rock will be offering the community a free residential document shredding and drug take back event at the Village of Flat Rock at 110 Village Center Drive on [Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10am-12pm.](#)

### **Crab Creek Town Hall Meeting (5/23)**

This event will be held on [Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 6pm-8pm](#) at the Crab Creek Community Center located at 53 Jeter Mountain Rd. Thank you to the Crab Creek Community Center for partnering with the Sheriff's Office!

### **Church Security Class (8/22)**

Members of the public have requested another Church Security class be held and the Sheriff's Office has set a date. This class is free of charge for any and all churches to attend. This presentation will assist church leaders and congregation members in making their place of worship a safe and peaceful place. It will be held at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office located at 100 North Grove Street on [Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 6pm-8pm](#). Please RSVP to [anock@hendersoncountync.org](mailto:anock@hendersoncountync.org) with Name, Church/Organization Name, Number of Attendees and Contact Phone Number and Email Address.

## Hometown Heroes

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

Congratulations to Deputy Steve Owen who was honored at the 25th annual Shield Awards hosted by the Knights of Columbus of Hendersonville. Deputy Owen does a great job making sure offenders are compliant and is proactive in protecting our children. Read about all the public servants who were honored in the [Times-News article](#).



Congratulations to our Detention Center Administrative Assistant Ashleigh Thomas! Ashleigh received the Outstanding Criminal Justice Professional Award at the 2017 Crime Victims' Rights Award Luncheon sponsored by the WNC Crime Victims' Coalition. The event was held on Tuesday, April 18th. The award was created to acknowledge an individual working in criminal justice that positively affects the lives of crime victims.



Ashleigh Thomas is the Henderson County Sheriff's Office Jail Administrative Assistant and wears many hats at her job. Ashleigh took on the task of notifying victims and investigating Law Enforcement suspected offender confinements. Ashleigh takes time from her busy schedule to look up the charging officers/deputies and notifies each by email of the suspect's arrest and release. Ashleigh has stepped up and taken the role of Victim's Assistant with notifications, not just in confinements but violations of suspects contacting protected victims. Ashleigh does this by keeping informed of suspect's crime and victim's names. Ashleigh will notify Detectives of illegal or suspicious contact by arrestees, thereby protecting the victims even further from their alleged attackers.

We applaud Ashleigh for the work she does to assist our detention officers and detectives as well as the difference she is making in the lives of victims!





Congratulations to  
Deputy Frank Towle,  
Deputy Steve Ridgeway  
and Telecommunicator  
Laurie McNalley for  
receiving their Advanced  
Certificates!



Deputy Ricky  
Woodard was  
recognized by the  
Town of Mills River  
for his service to  
their community.

Henderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies made 241 arrests between April 3rd and April 30th. Below are links to some newsworthy arrests and events from the past month:

- [Four arrested for felony conspiracy to commit breaking and entering following a tip from the community](#)
- [Two arrested in attempt to deliver drugs to an inmate](#)
- [Deputies seize pills with street value of \\$8,700](#)
- [Government gets house used in drug trafficking](#)
- [Drug arrest](#)
- [Armed robbery suspects captured](#)
- [Driver charged with speeding, DWI, ramming cruiser](#)
- [Larceny ring arrests](#)
- [Drug arrest in Jackson Park](#)

## 2017 Sheriff's Citizens Academy Graduation



The 21st class of the Henderson County Sheriff's Citizens Academy graduated thirty-eight new members at a commencement dinner held on April 13, 2017.

"What a great county we live in where residents take this kind of interest in their Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Charles McDonald. The Sheriff thanked the graduates for dedicating thirteen evenings to getting to know the ins and outs of their Sheriff's Office and the men and women that keep it going.

Each Tuesday evening from mid-January to mid-April, deputies and Sheriff's Office staff from various divisions presented information to the Sheriff's Citizens Academy. Participants toured the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, 911 Center and VirTra firearms simulator in addition to a variety of demonstrations and presentations from the SWAT team, EOD (Bomb squad), K9 Deputies, Warrants, Criminal Investigations Division, Animal Enforcement, School Resource Deputies, Office of Professional Standards, Volunteers in Partnership (VIP) and many more. All these topics and more were covered with ample time for questions and answers.

The graduation ceremony held at the Cedars was kicked off by Academy Director Barry Brown. He complimented the graduates on their dedication and commented on the attributes that set them apart from others. He said it takes a special kind of person to really want to know what goes on in their Sheriff's Office and a special kind of person that takes responsibility for their own safety.

The invocation was led by Former Director John Goheen followed by remarks from Sheriff Charles McDonald. The Sheriff thanked the graduates for their eagerness to learn about their Sheriff's Office and the men and women who so passionately work to provide for the safety and security of Henderson County.

Sheriff McDonald thanked Director Barry Brown and Assistant Director Warren Hargis for providing a wonderful and robust curriculum for the students.

Bill Moss, editor and publisher of the Hendersonville Lightning, was the guest speaker for the evening. He gave an entertaining and enlightening commentary on the mutually beneficial relationship between law enforcement and the press.

Following the presentation of certificates, James and Janet Nunziato presented exquisite homemade cards signed by the graduates to Sheriff McDonald, Barry Brown and Warren Hargis as a token of their appreciation.

Academy graduate Jeff Nix remarked about how, as an Edneyville native, he was continually impressed each week by the deputies working at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. He commented how amazing the staff is and how everything is handled. Nix said, "Most people in the community don't know what our Sheriff's Office does and what it stands for." He encouraged everyone to continue to spread the word about this class and how it truly opens the public's eyes to so many aspects of the Sheriff's Office that people never consider or think about.

Congratulations to the 2017 Sheriff's Citizens Academy Graduates: Alvin Barnwell, Michael Bauer, Marianne Bjork, Theresa Bozdog, Anne Brauner, Randall Brunk, Gary Carlson, Donald Cunningham, Douglas DiRienzo, Teresa Fleming, James Gunning, Jr., Shirley Hastings, Ross Hastings, LaVerne Hooper, Ashley Lapp, Carolina McCready, Sarah McHarge, James McHarge, Sue Meserow, Bill Michael, Jeff Nix, Janet Nunziato, James Nunziato, Collin Petty, Elaine Powers, Robert Powers, Harvey Sankey, Jr., Tommy Saunooke, Gail Scruggs, Brenda Sloan, Ronald Taylor, John Tracy, Kathy Wagaman, Gary Waldron, Everett Walker, Jr., Darrell Watson, Debra White and John T. Wilkins.

The next Sheriff's Citizens Academy is scheduled to start in January 2018. All classes are held at the Sheriff's Office at 100 North Grove St. Hendersonville, NC 28792. Applications and information may be picked up in the lobby at this location or accessed on the [Sheriff's Office website](#). Completed applications may be returned by mail to the above address or left at the Reception Desk in the Sheriff's Office Lobby.

Photos from the ceremony can be viewed on the [Sheriff's Office Flickr page](#).



## Recent Events

### Walmart Pill Collection Event

The Sheriff's Office, along with Walmart and High School Senior Nila Goodson, collected 56.96 pounds of medication at an event in early April. Thank you Nila for completing such a community oriented senior project! [Watch the WLOS coverage.](#)



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### Cub Scouts visit the Crime Lab

We welcomed Cub Scout Troops 611 & 618 for an explanation of law enforcement forensics by Detective McClelland. Thank you for your wonderful questions and curiosity about law enforcement and the science our detectives use to solve cases!



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### #WeAreHope Week

Henderson County middle and high school students took a public stand against substance abuse during the week-long "We Are Hope" Week campaign April 3-7. Many thanks to our collaborators which included Hope Rx, Park Ridge Health, Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Pardee Hospital, Henderson County government, Henderson County Department of Public Health, Henderson County EMS, Henderson County Sheriff's Office and The Free Clinics for offering support and sponsorship.



## Always Training

Training never stops for our first responders. One of the blocks of instruction from April included CPR re-certification classes taught by Telecommunicator Tim Putnam.



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## Special Olympics

Thank you to our deputies who participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run along with Hendersonville PD, Laurel Park PD, Fletcher PD, NC State Highway Patrol and NC License & Theft Officers. Visit [HCPS's album](#) to view photos from the event.



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## Rep. Meadows Holds Roundtable to Address Opioid Epidemic

Congressman Mark Meadows invited local law enforcement professionals to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to discuss the growing opioid problem in Western NC. [Read the release.](#)



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## Community Talks

The Sheriff's Office spoke to both the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO) on programs offered by HCSO and ways they can contribute to their own personal safety. One way is to create your family a safety profile at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com).



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## Educating High School Students

Local high school students participated in a shadow program to learn about careers in law enforcement.



Later in April, Hendersonville High School Civics classes visited HCSO to learn about the 911 Center and Detention Center.

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### **Career Day**

The EOD team, Deputy Justus and Deputy Hawkins (along with K9 Echo) visited with Sugarloaf Elementary students during their career day. We loved getting to interact with so many great students!



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### **VIPs on the air**

The Volunteers in Partnership (VIP) are seeking new members. Listen (and see photos) from their WTZQ interview by visiting [HCSO's YouTube channel](#). Working with the VIPs is a great way to get involved in serving your community!



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### **Entegra Event**

A great collaboration including TRIAD, Hope Rx, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and Entegra Bank yielded 4,500 pounds of documents shredded and 58 pounds of medications collected and destroyed from an event held on 4/21. [Watch the WYFF coverage.](#)



## **Administrative Professionals Day**

Our civilian staff includes front desk personnel, records department, administrative support in Detention, HR personnel, CCW/pistol purchase processing, Evidence Custodian and other support roles at HCSO.

Many of the services that residents have come to rely on are only possible with the support of our civilian staff. We thank them for their commitment to the mission and vision of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office!

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## **Etowah/Horse Shoe Town Hall**

Thank you to the Etowah Lions Club for hosting our Town Hall meeting. There was a great turn out from the community and they had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about their Sheriff's Office.

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## **K9 Demonstration**

The K9 Team provided an entertaining and engaging demonstration at the Edneyville Community Center. Attendees got to go on a track with the bloodhounds to see how missing people are found.

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## **Children's Day**

The Sheriff's Office participated in Hola Carolina's Ingles Children's Day Festival. Thank you everyone who stopped by the tent to meet our deputies, get a badge sticker and learn about Sheriff's Office resources!





## Volunteer Appreciation

We currently have 74 Volunteers in Partnership (VIP) who work in sixteen different capacities for the Sheriff's Office. We thank these incredible people for their dedication. Find out more information about VIP by visiting their [webpage](#) or [Facebook page](#)! We are always looking for new members to continue furthering the mission of HCSO and protecting the citizens of Henderson County.



## Did you know?

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office is adjusting their schedule for Concealed Handgun Permits (CCW) applications for both new permits and renewals.

In late 2012 and early 2013, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office saw a spike in the number of individuals applying for Concealed Handgun Permits. Based upon the number of new Concealed Handgun Permits that were issued, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office is anticipating a surge in CCW renewals over the next year and a half. To streamline the process for CCW renewals, the Sheriff's Office will be adjusting their appointment schedule.

New CCW appointments will continue to occur every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm. Renewal CCW appointments will occur every Wednesday from 9am-12pm AND every Thursday from 9am-11am.

Renewal process steps:

Concealed Handgun Permits must be renewed every five (5) years. The Sheriff's Office sends out a 'Notice of Concealed Handgun Permit Renewal' to permit holders, but CCW holders are encouraged to maintain an awareness of when their permit is up for renewal and take appropriate action.

Permit renewals must be applied for no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the permit expiration date. As a service to permit holders, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office sends out renewal notice letters ninety (90) days in advance of expiration date. CCW holders must go on-line to the Sheriff's Office website ([www.hendersonsheriff.org](http://www.hendersonsheriff.org) - Click on Permits/Fingerprinting > Permit to Carry Concealed Handgun > Order Carry Conceal > Renew Concealed Handgun Permit) to fill out the required forms.



Tips to ensure your permit will not expire:

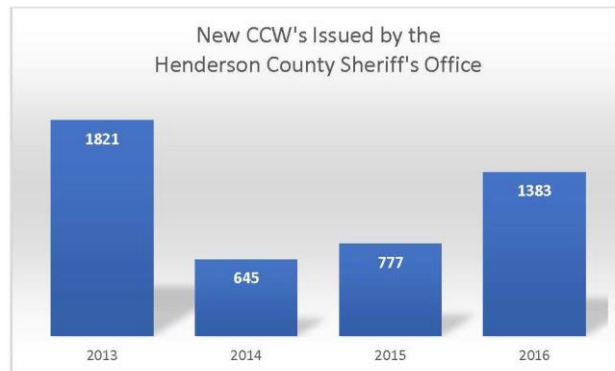
\* Carefully read the renewal letter and go on-line NO LESS than forty-five (45) days before the permit is set to expire.

\* If you have moved, you will need to update your address with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) AND complete

a change of address with the Sheriff's Office by calling (828) 694-3156 BEFORE it is time to renew your Concealed Handgun Permit.

\* [Renewal Paperwork](#) must be filled out completely; the previous address section is required by the state and all addresses (from the time the applicant turned 18 years of age) must be completed in order to be processed.

If you have a question about your Concealed Handgun Permit Renewal, you may call the Henderson County Sheriff's Office at (828) 694-3156.



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