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Henderson County Sheriff's Office Newsletter



Deputy Geyer giving high-fives at the Kindergarten Readiness Rally

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Message from the Sheriff

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me as Henderson County Sheriff. I particularly want to thank each employee of the Sheriff's Office who has worked diligently for the citizens of Henderson County these last six years. It has been an honor to work beside these men and women who display high standards, professionalism and have such a heart for this place we call home. I cannot count the number of messages I have received from citizens about our staff - informing me of their attention to detail, their going beyond the call of duty, and their caring compassion. Each employee has done more than can ever be described and I am proud to have served with them.

I want to thank my family, friends, volunteers and campaign committee for their tireless dedication, integrity and hard work. I will never forget your friendship, support, prayers, encouragement and passion. Our campaign was a team effort that left everything on the field. You could have done nothing more. Jennie and I are forever grateful.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Sheriff-elect Lowell Griffin. I spoke to him by phone Tuesday night to congratulate him and offer our assistance in the transition. I wish him and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office God's blessing and protection. It has been an honor to be your Sheriff.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Sheriff Charles S. McDonald

Upcoming Events

National Correctional Officers & Employees Week (5/6-5/12)

HCSO is celebrating our Detention Officers this week. We encourage you to thank our team for the great work they do in our Henderson County Jail on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram May 6-12. Make sure to use the following hashtags: #CorrectionsWk #hcsodetention

City of Hendersonville Document Shred & Drug Take Back Event (5/11)

The City of Hendersonville, Hendersonville Police Department, Henderson County Sheriff's Office and Hope Rx are partnering to offer this event at Patton Park on May 11 from 9am-10:30am. Document shredding is available for city residents only; however, the pill collection is open to everyone. Non-perishable food items are being collected for Interfaith Assistance Ministries. [Click for more information.](#)

Peace Officers Memorial Day (5/15)

Pay tribute to the local, state and federal peace officers who have died, or been disabled, in the line of duty during National Police Week taking place May 13-19.

County Offices Closed for Memorial Day (5/28)

Green River Document Shred & Drug Take Back Event (6/2)

This event will be held on June 2 from 10am-12pm at Roscoe Green's store on Hwy 25 Exit 3 sponsored by the Green River Community Association, TRIAD, Hope Rx and HCSO. [Click for more information](#).

Carolina Brotherhood - Ride to Honor the Fallen & their Families

HCSO Major Steve Carter will be cycling 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. Visit www.carolinabrotherhood.com for more information. [Click here](#) to support Major Carter's fundraising efforts.

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.

Congratulations to Sgt. Ricky Bishop who was awarded the Knights of Columbus SHIELD award for his dedication and commitment to public service. Bishop along with Officer Michele Hoyle (Hendersonville Police Dept.), Lt. Jared Morgan (Hendersonville FD), Lt. Doug Henderson (Dana Fire & Rescue) and Paramedic Amy Carter (EMS) were honored at a reception held on April 26. [Read the Times-News article](#).

Photo credit: Andrew Mundhenk/Times-News

Below is a letter from a Clear Creek parent in reference to Deputy Gary Cox. We thank him for making a difference in our schools. Thank you to all the parents who have expressed their appreciation of the extra hours being worked by our team.

"Good afternoon. I did not know who else to send this to, but wanted someone to know. :) All of the sheriffs that have been on campus that I have talked to have been great. They are always so friendly and I am happy to see them there. With that being said, the officer that was there today impressed me from beginning to end. He was not only just in the car rider line, but helping open doors for students as they got out. My son said that he sat with them at lunch and answered questions and was just hanging out. And then as I was in the car rider line to pick my son up, I saw him go to the bus line to give kids high fives and then came and hung out with the car riders.



I know that the officers are there for security at the school, but I believe that if they are open and as friendly as the officer today they teach the students so much more. They add to the experience so much when they are so involved. I would love for him to know that his presence and behavior with the kids is very much appreciated. Please let him or his supervisor know how he has made people very happy!"

Congratulations to Deputy Smith and Deputy Pace! They, along with their K9's Gitmo and Maik, competed in the United States Police Canine Association Region 2 Police Dog II trial. They were up against over 40 K9 teams and each earned a near perfect score, qualifying for the USPCA annual national narcotics detection field trials.



Henderson County resident Cody Hill shared this photo along with a post about the great service provided by our Animal Enforcement Deputies after his horses got out of their pasture. "Huge thanks to the Sheriff Department to make sure my horses were safe until I got back home."



Henderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies made 199 arrests between 4/2 and 4/29. Below are links to some newsworthy arrests and events from the past month.

[Detectives find meth, make arrests in Etowah](#) (Hendersonville Lightning)

[Man arrested after drugs, gun found in Hendersonville home](#) (WSPA)

[Zirconia couple charged with felony child abuse](#) (WLOS)

[Three charged with possessing meth after vehicle stop](#) (Times-News)

[Fugitive charged with multiple drug, larceny offenses](#) (Times-News)

[Charlotte man stopped in Edneyville charged with drug offenses](#) (Times-News)

[Man accused of child sex crimes in Henderson Co.](#) (WSPA)

Camp STAR 5k Trail Run

The Henderson County School Resource Deputies hosted a Camp STAR 5k trail run/walk on Sunday, April 22, 2018. 85 participants registered for the inaugural race held at Camp Tekoa. \$4,700 was raised from registrants and sponsors that will be used to host over 400 rising 6th graders at Camp STAR in the summer of 2018. Sheriff Charles McDonald congratulated the runners and awarded the top three male and female runners with Henderson County Sheriff's Office challenge coins.

The top finishers were:

Male:

- 1-Kendall Weaver
- 2-Charlie Trollinger
- 3-Brett Larue

Female:

- 1-Veronica Irizarry
- 2-Tara Hammond
- 3-Kasey Ross



The Henderson County Sheriff's Office would like to give special recognition to Camp Tekoa for the use of their site, the Henderson County Rescue Squad for providing medical standby and Monte's Sub Shop for providing subs for the racers. HCSO would also like to thank the STAR counselors who assisted School Resource Deputies with race day set up, registration and clean up.

Camp STAR is dedicated to the youth of Henderson County. School Resource Deputies and teen counselors join forces to mentor and develop friendships with rising 6th graders over five, 3-day sessions, offered free of charge to the attendees.

Activities include fishing, hiking, swimming at Lake Lure, a visit to Downtown Hendersonville, a tour of the Henderson County Courthouse, a community service project and a pool party at the Elks Lodge to celebrate each successful session. Camp STAR is a wonderful way to connect with our youth and to reiterate the importance of leadership skills, anti-bullying and the dangers of addiction, all of which they learn in the seven-week STAR program brought to our elementary schools by our Deputies.



[View the Times-News photo gallery](#)

[See the sponsor list](#)

More information on the Sheriffs Teaching Abuse Resistance (STAR) program can be found on the [Sheriff's Office website](#).



Camp STAR 5k Trail Run Montage

2018 Sheriff's Citizens Academy

The Henderson County Sheriff's Citizens Academy graduated thirty new members at a commencement dinner held on April 20, 2018.

The graduation ceremony held at the Cedars was kicked off by Academy Director Barry G. Brown. He thanked the graduates for their dedication to the class and the interest they had taken in getting to know their Sheriff's Office. Brown said this was a class that 'everybody in the county ought to take' because it opens people's eyes to what goes on in local law enforcement and allows citizens to become better



informed. Director Brown also thanked his Assistant Director and VIP Warren Hargis and VIP Don Cunningham for their help throughout the class. The Sheriff's Citizens Academy program is in its 22nd year.

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 spoke to the academy members about his experiences working in the criminal investigations division and his time spent working undercover building cases against drug traffickers and drug dealers.

Following the presentation of certificates, Sheriff McDonald presented Director Barry Brown with an American flag art piece in appreciation for the many hours he volunteers to administer and organize the academy.

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, Crime Lab, 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, Detention Center, 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.



Congratulations to the 2018 Sheriff's Citizens Academy Graduates:

Bruce Benton	Carolyn McIntyre
Mike Bornia	Jack McIntyre
Al Bruce	Ernest Mowell
Cathe Coerver	Kerry Neville
Gary Corbin	Ruth Olbrei
Gwen Cradle	Gail Pace
Frances Hamilton	Ansel Pace
Otis Hamilton	Fred Rawls
Sheila Howard	Jes Stafford
Bill Imhof	Brenda Thorne
Marlene Jimenez	Harold Thorne
Jo Leach	Pam Young
Eddie Leach	Dave Young
Scott Lewis	Joann Youngs
Linda Mackintosh	Jim Youngs

The next Sheriff's Citizens Academy is scheduled to start in January 2019. All classes are held at the Sheriff's Office at 100 North Grove St. in Hendersonville. Applications and information may be picked up in the Sheriff's Office lobby or accessed on the [Sheriff's Office website](#).

The completed applications may be returned by mail to the above address or left at the Reception Desk in the Sheriff's Office Lobby.

For more information, contact the Sheriff's Citizens Academy at 100 North Grove St. Hendersonville, NC 28792 or call 828-694-2742.

[View photos from the class and graduation ceremony](#)

Breaking & Entering from Motor Vehicles

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office has seen a recent increase in motor vehicle breaking and enterings. These 'smash and grab' incidents typically occur when purses, bags and other items of value are left in plain sight inside unattended vehicles; thieves smash in windows, grab the visible items and flee the area. The most recent incidents have occurred in Henderson County parks and vehicles left unattended in parking lots.

The Sheriff's Office recommends individuals keep items out of view and lock their car doors. Tools and equipment should not be left unattended in truck beds. Cars should never be left running or keys left inside an unattended vehicle. Taking small steps can decrease your chance of becoming victimized.

Steps to Prevent Thefts from Motor Vehicles

Keep the interior of your car free of valuables. Don't assist criminals by leaving bags, purses, wallets, briefcases, laptops, cell phones, loose change, or anything that may be of value to a thief in plain view. Offenders have broken in to vehicles for items such gym bags because they assumed there were electronic devices and other items stored in them.

- Hide chargers and accessories that indicate a GPS, mobile phone, or other device may be stashed in your vehicle.
- Remove garage door openers, key cards, and house or work keys from the car so that a prowler cannot gain access to your home.
- Don't store or leave credit cards, identification or personal information in your glove box or anywhere in your car.
- If you must leave valuables in your car, put them in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.
- Before leaving your car, always remove the keys, roll up the windows, lock the doors, and set the alarm (if you have one).

- If possible, store your car in a closed and locked garage. If your car is parked in a carport or near your house, leave your exterior lights on throughout the night.
- Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit. Motion detectors are good psychological deterrents, causing the thief to think that someone has seen them when the light comes on. Additionally, the light makes the prowler or thief more visible.
- Consider installing a security system with video surveillance capabilities at your home.
- Improve visibility where your car is parked. If you park on the street, choose a well-lighted, open space even if it means adding additional exterior lighting. Trim back trees or bushes that block the view of your vehicle from your home. Avoid parking near anything that limits visibility like dumpsters, large vans or trucks, or wooded areas.
- Use a mechanical locking device such as a club that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake.
- Keep your keys with you instead of putting them in a hiding place.
- Don't leave your vehicle in unattended parking lots for long periods of time.
- Be observant when you exit or enter your parked vehicle, stop and take a look around the area.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office or local law enforcement.

What to Do if You Experience a Break-In

If your car is broken into, report the crime to the Sheriff's Office or local law enforcement. If it is a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. Take note of any details of the suspect(s), vehicles, and activities, and share your observations with the Telecommunicator. If the crime already occurred, contact the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 828-697-4911.

Working Together as a Community

Encourage your neighbors to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity, and to keep their car's interior free of valuables and other items. If a neighborhood consistently keeps their vehicles free of valuables, thieves will typically move on to other, more lucrative areas. A good way for neighbors to stay connected, remain vigilant and share information is through the creation of a Community Watch group. Get to know your neighbors and look out for each other.

Working with your Sheriff's Office

If you witness suspicious activity in your neighborhood, contact the Sheriff's Office. Taking cell phone pictures of suspicious vehicles and their tag numbers can be very helpful to investigators in identifying suspects. Car break-ins can

lead to other crimes such as identity theft, burglary and motor vehicle theft depending on what items are accessible inside the car; it is important to take steps to prevent the initial crime from occurring. Finally, if you are the victim of a crime, it needs to be reported. Law enforcement can only respond and work to prevent crime if they know about it.

Citizens can take simple steps to better protect themselves and drastically narrow that inviting window of opportunity for would-be thieves.

Recent Events

K9 Visit with the Scouts

Deputy Collier and K9 Bailey visited Cub Scout Pack 603 at one of their meetings in April to teach about his role as a deputy and K9 handler.

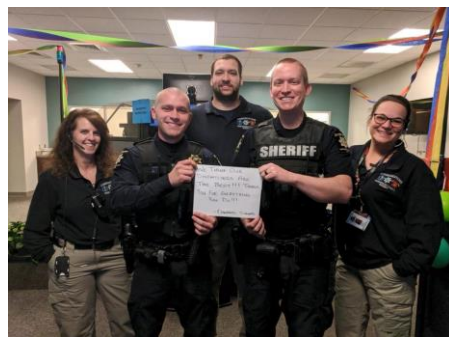
Special Olympics

Some of our deputies and family members participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run. Detective Orr is pictured running alongside one of the Olympians. Congratulations to all of this year's athletes!



911 Appreciation Week

In April we celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. We appreciate our 911 Center staff every day of the year, but it was nice to give them special recognition. Search [#NPSTW2018](#) on the [Sheriff's Office Facebook page](#) to see photos from all across emergency services thanking our team.



Domestic Violence Training

As part of our ongoing training and commitment to holding domestic violence (DV) offenders accountable, High Point's Captain Tim Ellenberger gave a presentation on Combating DV and a Study of Focused Deterrence to Patrol Deputies, Detectives, Victim Advocates, representatives from Safelight - hope and healing for families, crime analysts and administration. A DV initiative class was a part of in-service and all deputies are trained in DV response and the cycle of violence.



If you or someone you know is experiencing interpersonal violence, please connect them with support and services by calling 828-693-3840 or visiting <http://www.safelightfamily.org>.

Thank you Chaplains!

The Sheriff's Office hosted an appreciation dinner for our amazing team of Chaplains in April. The men who serve as Chaplains minister to our deputies and staff with weekly and online devotions and prayer support.

We recognized two faithful members of our Chaplain team who are retiring from service. On the left is Herb Putnam who has given 14 years to our team; on the right is Anthony Craver who has given 10. They have been serving as volunteer chaplains for all of those years.



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Henderson County Sheriff's Office works with community partners like Safelight, Believe Child Advocacy Center and the Department of Social Services to fight child abuse.



Pinwheels for Prevention

Pill Collection Events

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Entegra Document Shred and Pill Collection event. 5,000 pounds of paper was shredded and 49.2 pounds of medications collected to be safely destroyed. We appreciate Hope Rx, TRIAD, Entegra Bank and the HCSO VIPs for making this event a great success.

HCSO also hosted a pill collection event in conjunction with the DEA's National Drug Take Back day. We thank the Wingate Pharmacy students for assisting us with the event.

New Pill Collection Box

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office and Hope Rx has been working with Laurel Park Police Department to install a pill drop box in their department. In order to install the drop box and comply with DEA regulations, a camera system needed to be incorporated to monitor the area. Stand TALL stepped in to help make this possible.

Major Frank Stout, Chief Bobbie Trotter, Julie Huneycutt and Ron Kauffman celebrated the unveiling of Laurel Park's pill collection box. The medications collected in Laurel Park, as well as those collected from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office collection box and community events, are incinerated in the Sheriff's Office incinerator as part of the drug disposal program.

We appreciate the collaboration as we work to remove unwanted medications out of medicine cabinets and off the streets of Henderson County.

Blue Ridge Literacy Council Life Skills Class for Inmates

Eleven more men and women have completed the Blue Ridge Literacy Council's Life Skills Program that is offered in the Henderson County Jail. This course and other programming is aimed at building skills and connecting inmates with resources to help reduce inmate recidivism.

Classical Scholars

The Classical Scholars homeschool group toured the Sheriff's Office, Crime Lab and 911 Center. They have been studying forensics and the topics covered by Detective McClelland corresponded perfectly with their curriculum.

Administrative Professional's Day

Sheriff McDonald and HCSO thanked the civilian support staff members with a breakfast on April 25th. Personnel ranging from front desk receptionists and evidence custodians to administrative assistants and records personnel attended. We thank our staff for the professional service they provide to the Sheriff's Office and Henderson County residents.

STAR Graduations

Many of our elementary school 5th graders graduated from the Sheriff's Teaching Abuse Response (STAR) programs during the month of April. The Atkinson Elementary students taught by Cpl. Cantwell are pictured in their t-shirts following their graduation.

High School Shadow Program

Students from West, North, East, Hendersonville and the Career Academy learned about law enforcement careers during tours and presentations organized by their career development coordinators. Our jail cooks prepared them lunch between their presentations.

Did you know?

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office partners with PropertyRoom.com to handle the disposition of property via electronic auction as allowed by NC GS 15-14.1 with proceeds going to the Henderson County School Board.

This occurs after attempts to contact owners (if known) have been made, after unclaimed property is advertised when applicable and held the required length of time according to NC General Statute 15-12.

In 2016, \$25,842.92 was turned over to the School Board; in 2017, \$20,770.09 was turned over from auction proceeds and unclaimed money. So far in 2018, the Sheriff's Office has turned \$5,281.56 over to the Henderson County School Board.



Thank you to Don Dessenberger
& Evidence Custodian Nick
Zecher
for their work!

#HendersonCountyStrong

Last month we shared some photos from our deputies providing extra security in the Elementary Schools. More photos came in this month and we couldn't help but share them with our Guardian family!



Clear Creek School
@clearcreekcubs

Our 3rd graders loved their visit with Deputy Montoya today! We love our partnership with @SheriffHCSO! @HCPSNC #achievesuccessatCCS



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