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Henderson County Honor Guard

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Message from the Sheriff

As many of our readers and citizens know, we have worked tirelessly over the past five years to take the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, as I inherited it, to a whole new level of proficiency and professionalism. The Henderson County Sheriff's Office has always been seen as a strong sheriff's office with no shortage of humble and dedicated public servants working to keep the community safe. What was lacking however, was leadership accountability, as well as a unified vision that involved every single member of the team in pursuit of common objectives.

With participation from deputies all the way up through the rank of Sheriff, we went about the daunting task of taking a long, hard look at what was important to us. We asked questions to determine where we were, where we needed to be and how we were going to get there. Our Vision, Mission and Value Statements were developed through focus groups and laid the foundation for our strategic planning process.

If you have attended any of our community town hall meetings we have held throughout the county over the past few months, you've heard about the history

of the Office of Sheriff and how the vision of our particular office is to remain faithful to those noble traditions as we strive to be a professional, innovative and responsive Sheriff's Office.

I was asked this week at one of our town hall meetings about a motto that we use at our Sheriff's Office: "*A Brotherhood in Pursuit of Excellence.*" While our seven promises of professional service have an outward facing quality about them and focus on how we present ourselves and interact with the public we serve; I view this motto as one that turns to the inward focus of the men and women who serve and their relationships with one another. We are more than a department. We are more than a squad. We are more than a team. A team is a group that comes together to achieve a common goal, which on the surface, could describe our Sheriff's Office, but there is a unity and purpose and fellowship that goes beyond that.

Our brotherhood is a term we use specifically to describe our deeply shared commitment to one another and to the values and commitments that we hold in common. It is not meant to refer to gender, but rather to a sense of unity and commitment in a way other words fail to describe. Those who, by virtue of their character and skills, become a part of this agency become a part of something special indeed. We take pride in being our brother's keeper and serving Henderson County with a level of unparalleled service always pursuing a standard of excellence.

Upon being hired by the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, all employees take an oath before the Sheriff and others as a vital reminder of our call and sacred commitment to one another and to serving our community. Unlike other agencies we are aware of, we provide the opportunity for all of our employees sworn and non-sworn and our citizen volunteers to swear to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and the Constitution of the United States. All are honored to be able to do so. This oath, the values and traditions we hold dear, and the brotherhood we belong to are commitments that are renewed each and every day for the men and women who work in this office. In a vigilant effort to avoid the tarnish of compromise, every day of our lives as employees of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office must begin with the decision to do what is right and to continue to be a part of this brotherhood which we hold so dear.



Sheriff Charles S. McDonald

Upcoming Events

Farm City Day (10/7)

Come out and visit the HCSO booth at Farm City Day on [Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10am-4pm](#) in Jackson Park. You can pick up information on emergency preparedness, the Sheriff's Citizens Academy, Smart911, visit with our deputies and see some of the equipment used to keep Henderson County safe!

Village of Flat Rock Document Shred & Pill Collection Event (10/14)

TRIAD Henderson County, Hope Rx, HCSO and the Village of Flat Rock are offering a free document shred and drug take back day on [Saturday, October 14, 2017](#) from 10am-12pm at the Village of Flat Rock Town Hall. Residential shredding is open to residents of Henderson County.

Final Town Hall of 2017 (10/17)

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office will be holding a community meeting to wrap up this year's series of meetings held throughout Henderson County. Anyone who missed their specific community's meeting or those who live in incorporated areas are welcome to attend. Join us on [Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 6-8pm](#) at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office located at 100 N. Grove St. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

Pardee Pill Drop Event (10/19)

HCSO is partnering with Pardee UNC Health Care to offer a pill take-back event on [Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 10am-2pm](#) at N. Justice St. (just before the main entrance to Pardee Hospital).

City of Hendersonville Document Shred & Drug Take Back (10/27)

The City of Hendersonville, Hendersonville Police Department and Henderson County Sheriff's Office will be holding a document shred and drug take back event on [Friday, October 27, 2017 from 9am-10:30am](#), or until the truck fills, at Patton Park. The document shred is for City of Hendersonville residents only. The drug take back portion is open to anyone.

Drive Through Pill Collection Event at HCSO (10/28)

An opportunity to drop off medications at the Sheriff's Office beyond our standard weekday collection box! Drive through the parking lot at 100 North Grove Street on [Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10am-2pm](#) and drop off your medications.

Festival Día de los Muertos (10/29)

The Sheriff's Office will have a booth at El Centro's Day of the Dead festival on [Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 3pm-6pm](#) at Sugarloaf Elementary.

Halloween at the Sheriff's Office (10/31)

Looking for a safe trick or treating option on Halloween? Stop by the Sheriff's Office on [Monday, October 31st between 5pm and 7pm](#). Our office is only a short walk from the Trick or Treat Street festivities happening on Main 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.

On Wednesday, September 27, 2017, the North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association (NCJAA) awarded Henderson County Sheriff's Office Detention Officer Joey Garren with the Detention Officer of the Year Award. This honor recognizes a detention officer who has made outstanding contributions to his or her Sheriff's Office in the performance of their duties.



Nominees were submitted from across the state who demonstrated initiative in the performance of their duty or for specific meritorious service which resulted in the saving of a life or other significant act. The NCJAA Awards Committee selected Detention Officer Garren to be recognized at a banquet held in Greensboro during the NCJAA Annual Conference.

Two events led to Detention Officer Garren being nominated by the Henderson County Sheriff's Office; one incident occurring within the confines of the jail, the other occurring while he was off duty and out in the community.



On Friday, June 9, 2017, Detention Officers Joey Garren and Stephen Darnell, were passing out meal trays in special housing. They noticed an inmate had begun to bang on his cell door. The officers responded swiftly, realized the inmate was in distress and called for the door to be unsecured. As soon as the door was open, Officer Garren immediately turned the inmate around and began the Heimlich maneuver. After several thrusts, a piece of food became dislodged and the inmate began breathing normally again.

Earlier in the year, while off-duty and shopping at a home improvement store, Joey Garren came across an unfolding situation. A shoplifter became agitated when he was confronted by employees and began to swing a metal fence post at them. Joey Garren wrestled the man to the ground and detained him until Hendersonville Police Officers arrived on scene. The man was arrested and charged with felony armed robbery.

Sheriff Charles McDonald along with Jail Administrator/Captain Neal Urch, Lt. Tim Fuss and fellow Henderson County detention officers attended the ceremony honoring Garren. Regarding Officer Garren, Sheriff Charles McDonald said, "He demonstrates actions that are quick, selfless and with great regard for the safety of our inmates. We are proud of Joey's commitment exhibited both on and off duty and we're grateful to the NCJAA for recognizing the remarkable work of one of Henderson County's finest."



While off duty, Deputy Jacob Tipton spotted a young lady standing on a bridge who seemed to be in distress. He called in to report the incident to the Sheriff's Office, but before help could arrive, the young lady had taken off her shoes and climbed over the railing of the bridge. Deputy Tipton started speaking with the

lady and was able to talk her back over the rail. After speaking with Deputy Tipton, she said she wanted to get help and was transported to a local hospital without incident.



On September 25, 2017, the Hunter Automotive Group honored sixteen 'Hometown Heroes' that included three Henderson County Sheriff's Office employees. Detention Officers Stephen Darnell and Joey Garren were recognized for saving the lives of two inmates and Detective Corporal Aaron Lisenbee was recognized for leading the agency's violent crimes unit and his work on high-level felonious cases.

[Read about all the nominees at BlueRidgeNow.com](http://BlueRidgeNow.com)

It was with deep sadness that we said goodbye to one of our own last month. Detention Corporal Jimmy Carter passed away on September 20, 2017 at home with his family. He proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Army and United States Air Force. He was passionate about his family and dedicated to his grading/excavating business as well as serving as a detention officer in the Henderson County Detention Facility. Jimmy loved life and was always willing to go the extra mile to help others.

Thank you to the Henderson County Honor Guard, composed of HCSO Deputies and Fletcher Police Department Officers, for the 21 Gun Salute and Flag Presentation during Cpl. Carter's memorial service. We would also like to



thank Deputy Lund from Buncombe County Sheriff's Office for playing Taps and Paul Parce for playing the bag pipes during the ceremony. Our prayers continue to go out to Jimmy's family.

Henderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies made 209 arrests between September 4th and October 1st. Below are links to some newsworthy arrests and events from the past month.

[2 charged after meth seizure at Hendersonville home](#) (Times-News)

[Drugs and guns arrest](#) (WHKP)

[3-month-old missing from Haywood County found safe](#) (WLOS)

[East Flat Rock man arrested for indecent liberties](#) (Hendersonville Lightning)

[4 arrested in Henderson County drug investigation](#) (WLOS)

[Erratic driver stopped, charged with drug offenses](#) (Times-News)

2018 Sheriff's Citizens Academy Accepting Applications

Sheriff Charles McDonald and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office would like to announce the 2018 Sheriff's Citizens Academy is now accepting applications for classes beginning January 23, 2018. The objective of the Citizens Academy is to educate the public on the duties, requirements, and responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff in Henderson County. The class is for every citizen in the county that seeks to enhance his or her knowledge of our county's law enforcement and thus become a more supportive citizen.

There are thirteen classes scheduled, all of which take place on Tuesday evening and start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. All classes are held in the Sheriff's Office training room. Class size is limited to 40 students and classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class topics include, but are not limited to: officer training & education requirements, criminal investigations, STAR program & school resource deputies, force on force decision making, crime prevention techniques, frauds & scams, personal safety, 911 communications process, emergency preparedness, K-9 teams, animal enforcement, bomb squad & SWAT teams, detention, civil process, courthouse

security, gang information, drug prevention programs and the 'Volunteers in Partnership' program.



The class will tour law enforcement related facilities, enjoy hands-on demonstrations, and get a close-up look at the vehicles and equipment used in daily operations. Participants will also meet many professional deputies, office personnel and the Sheriff's Office leadership team. There will be opportunities for students to ask questions and talk with the aforementioned personnel. It will be an educational and fun experience. The class fee is \$30.00, which includes a binder, handouts, graduation meal and class recognitions at the final session.

Interested persons must pass a background check and may pick up an [application](#) at the Sheriff's Office at 100 North Grove Street in Hendersonville or download one from the Sheriff's Citizens Academy page on the Sheriff's Office [website](#).

For [more information](#) or questions please contact Citizens Academy Director Barry Brown at (828) 694-2742 or bbrown@hendersoncountync.org.

Recent Events

Stand T.A.L.L. raising funds for K-9 vests

The local nonprofit Stand T.A.L.L. has begun raising funds to provide protective vests for three Sheriff's Office K9s (Belgian Malinois K9s Maik, Gitmo and Ranger). You can learn more by clicking on the following links.



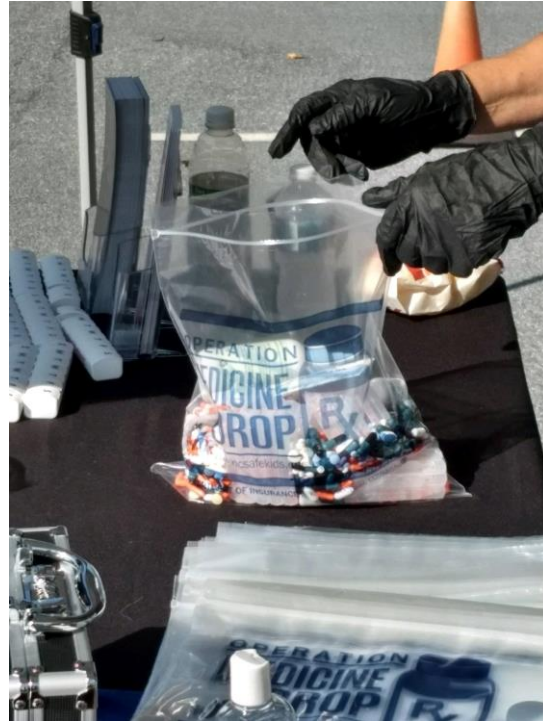
[Nonprofit launches fundraiser to buy police K-9 vests](#) (Times-News)

Stand T.A.L.L. website www.thankacop.org

Aging in Place/Etowah Pill Collection Events

Over ten pounds of medication were collected at the Aging in Place conference at Blue Ridge Community College. We partnered with our friends from [Hope Rx](#) and [Aging Projects, Inc.](#) to help educate the community as they stopped by to drop off their medications.

Over 45 pounds of medication were collected at the event held at United Community Bank in Etowah. The [Triad Henderson County](#) team along with United Community Bank shredded 6,500 pounds of documents. A big thank you goes out to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office [Volunteers in Partnership - VIP](#) for assisting with the event as well!



If you missed these events, you can ALWAYS bring your unused medications to 100 N. Grove Street any Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm to ensure they are disposed of in a safe manner.

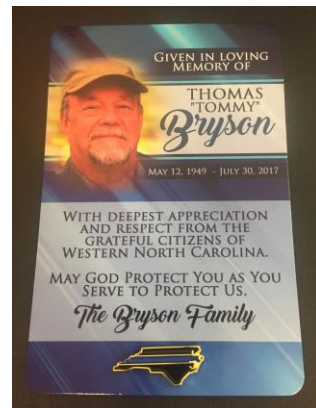
Fiesta Hendersonville

Sheriff's Office Deputies interacted with Fiesta Hendersonville attendees on September 24th. The downtown Hendersonville event was sponsored by Hola Carolina! to educate and celebrate Latin culture and the diversity of Henderson County.



Tommy Bryson memorial pins

Thank you to the family of Tommy Bryson, Pastor Randy Barton of Anchor Baptist Church and the listeners of WGR Gospel Radio for providing our Sheriff's Office and other first responders with lapel pins in remembrance of Tommy Bryson. Our personnel were touched and honored to wear these pins in honor of a great man.



Personal Safety Presentation

The residents of Dana Hill requested the Sheriff's Office to speak to them about personal security, scams and safety resources. One question that was asked during the presentation: 'What number do we call if we need a report taken on property damage or would like to report a suspicious person in our neighborhood?'

Great question!

828-697-4911 is the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number which you can dial 24 hours a day for non-emergency help. Using the non-emergency number keeps 911 available for true emergencies. This number can be used for a crime that did not occur recently; a non-emergent request to meet with a deputy or extra security requests.



Did you know?

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office continues to utilize a community approach to offender focused deterrence to hold domestic violence offenders accountable and offer care to victims. All our deputies receive ongoing training in domestic violence response and the cycle of violence.

[Safelight](#) provides support for victims of interpersonal violence, sexual assault and child abuse. If you need help, would like to talk with someone or know someone who does not have a safe place to stay, call (828) 693-3840, visit the [Safelight website](#) (www.safelightfamily.org) or visit their office at 133 5th Ave. W in Hendersonville. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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