

# The Guardian

Henderson County Sheriff's Office Newsletter



*Hometown Heroes Sgt. Ricky Bishop, Kenneth Martin and Dale Coerver*

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## Message from the Sheriff

The transition into a New Year is a fitting time for reflections and resolutions. Many people will choose to focus their resolutions on fitness or weight loss, but I propose that people expand their health goals to account for the safety and well-being for themselves and their entire family in the coming year.

Since I took office, I have had a vision for Henderson County and I am starting to see some of the pieces fall into place with respect to community preparedness. This county is incredibly blessed with our teams of first responders. It was made more apparent than ever during the Party Rock Fire incident. Agencies came together, our community rallied behind them and Henderson County was able to take care of its own backyard.

However, we may be faced with situations in the future that test and strain our emergency services personnel for extended periods of time. If, God forbid, we experience a large scale natural disaster or act of bioterrorism, how prepared will you be?

So I ask you:

What would you do if you picked up the phone to call 911 and couldn't get an answer?

What would you do if first responders were overrun and unable to respond?

I don't propose these hypotheticals to scare you. I ask these questions to get you thinking.

As emergency responders we do our very best to prepare and train; we have contingency plans and back-ups in place, but we cannot be all things to all people all the time. Citizens who feel too safe tend to become complacent. Although we have a top notch Sheriff's Office and fire and rescue agencies, we cannot sit back and expect someone else, especially the government, to take care of us.

During 2017, I want our county to become more self-sufficient by starting at home. Take small steps to make your family better prepared for an emergency. This could range from creating an emergency supply kit and signing up for [Nixle emergency alerts](#) to installing a security system or taking a class in first aid and CPR. As you become more prepared, involve your neighbors, HOAs and churches so that a spark will ignite across our county. The power of the community is a force multiplier for our emergency services personnel and we may be faced with situations where we need your help.

I am encouraged and inspired by what I see occurring in our county, but we have a long road ahead of us. Our strength will lie in the very bonds and relationships we are working to build today. My prayer is that we look after ourselves, our families and our neighbors because we do not know what 2017 and beyond may bring.

God bless you and your family in the New Year!

Sheriff Charles S. McDonald



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Upcoming Civil Sale**

- Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Henderson County Court House located at 200 North Grove Street in Hendersonville, NC
- [Notice of Sale of Real Property](#)
- [Hackley Writ of Execution](#)

### **House of Worship Safety and Security Class**

- Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office located at 100 North Grove Street in Hendersonville, NC
- 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. This presentation will assist church leaders and congregation members in making their place of worship a safe and peaceful place.
- Please RSVP by January 18, 2017 (if enrollment does not increase, class will be cancelled due to low numbers)
- To RSVP - email [anock@hendersoncountync.org](mailto:anock@hendersoncountync.org) with the following:
  - Name
  - Church/Organization Name
  - Total number of attendees
  - Contact telephone number
  - Contact email address

### **Mills River Town Hall Meeting**

- Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Community Room at Mills River Town Hall located at 124 Town Center Drive in Mills River, NC
- Sheriff McDonald and his staff will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting in Mills River to allow the public to get to know the Sheriff's Office, ask questions and learn about events and programs provided by the agency

## Hometown Heroes

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

On December 15, 2016, ten local first responders were recognized by the Hunter Automotive Group. The nominees were selected by leaders from their respective departments from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, Hendersonville Police Department, Hendersonville Fire Department and Henderson County EMS.



*Tom Hunter, Dale Coerver, Ricky Bishop, Kenneth Martin, Christian Miller, Curtis Philon, Bob Glaser, Timoty Cagle, Glen Gillette, Randy Hunter, Bruce Darrah and Eric LaRowe.*

The nominees were Sgt. Ricky Bishop (HCSO), Timothy Cagle (HFD), VIP Director Dale Coerver (HCSO), Bruce Darrah (HPD), Glen Gillette (EMS), Eric LaRowe (HPD), Telecommunicator Kenneth Martin (HCSO), Ed McDade (EMS), Christian Miller (HFD) and Curtis Philon (HPD).

Sgt. Ricky Bishop was nominated for his leadership of Camp STAR (Sheriffs Teaching Abuse Resistance). He and his team of School Resource Deputies hosted 260 rising sixth graders at their day camp last summer.

VIP Director Dale Coerver leads a team of over 80 volunteers in a variety of tasks that provide enhanced law enforcement services to the public allowing sworn deputies to complete the tasks for which they are specialized.

Telecommunicator Kenneth Martin received a nomination for his calm demeanor and ability to get help to those in emergency situations.

[Read the Times-News article](#)

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Deputy Towle responded to a possible overdose call and found a 25 year old victim lying unresponsive on the bathroom floor. Deputy Towle was unable to

locate a pulse and without hesitation administered one dose of Narcan. After administering a second dose the subject started to breathe and Towle was able to locate a pulse. Fire personnel arrived on scene and assumed treatment of the patient.

Congratulations to Detective Terry Tweed on his retirement! Detective Tweed has served the Henderson County Sheriff's Office as a Chaplain, School Resource Deputy, Property Crimes Detective, Fingerprint Examiner, Honor Guard member and Cadet Corps Advisor. Read the [Guardian article](#) from October 2015 to learn more about Detective Tweed's service to our county, nation and world.



A citizen had a positive interaction with our deputies and took the time to share her story. A female resident of Sylva was driving by herself to Greenville, SC when her tire blew on the 25 Connector. She said it was getting dark and she was scared to the point of tears. After a few moments Deputy Woodson and VIP Livingston pulled up to assist. To her amazement, Woodson and Livingston changed her tire and gave her instructions on how to drive with a 'donut' tire. The citizen appreciated their compassionate assistance.

## Evidence Update

You may have seen our recent Facebook or newspaper posts regarding a [notice of unclaimed property and notice of sale](#). After property has been held the required length of time according to [NC General Statute 15-12](#), unclaimed items can be posted and later sold at public auction with proceeds going to the Henderson County School Board.



The Henderson County Sheriff's Office has partnered with PropertyRoom.com to handle the disposition of property via electronic auction. The public can view and purchase items by visiting [their website](#).



In conjunction with making you aware of this announcement, we would like to provide you with some updates from our Evidence Custodian, Julie Kidd.

- Current item numbers logged into the Evidence Property Room: 6,821

**\*\*Keep in mind - these numbers do not necessarily represent the number of physical items processed. For example: Item #1 could represent hundreds of pieces of jewelry and Item #2 could represent six PlayStations.**

In 2016

- Items turned in: 3,261
- Items disposed of: 1,948
- Sold at auction: 188 (These 188 items were regrouped by PropertyRoom.com into over 1,038 smaller groups. Example: a box of miscellaneous jewelry was re-grouped into lots of ten or twenty pieces.)
- Destroyed: 1,141
- Other (turned over to another agency, turned over to the Sheriff's Office for use, relinquished to the Henderson County School Board): 220



*Loading up unclaimed items for auction*

In 2016, the Sheriff's Office identified \$25,842.92 that has been or can be relinquished to the Henderson County School Board. This money came from gambling and drug investigations, proceeds from PropertyRoom.com auctions and unclaimed money.

## Recent Events

### Breakfast with Leaders

We were happy to join Sugarloaf Elementary students at their Breakfast with Leaders! Chief Deputy Brown, Deputy Montoya and Deputy Carland spoke with students about their jobs and what leadership skills are needed for them to be successful.

These students were specially chosen because of the leadership they have



shown in their respective classrooms. We look forward to the great things they will accomplish in the future!

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### **Shop with a Hero**

Check out the [Christmas issue of the Guardian](#) to read about Shop with a Hero.

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### **Forensics Class Presentation**

West Henderson High School's Forensics Class invited Detective Phillips (recent National Forensic Academy graduate) and Lieutenant McClelland (former State Crime Scene Coordinator for the NC State Bureau of Investigations) to speak and share their expertise and experience.



### **Blessings in Boxes**

HCSO staff from multiple divisions volunteered to assist with The Storehouse's Blessings in Boxes. Pictured is Telecommunicator Quinn working to sort and bag items and toys for distribution.



### **Detective Badges**

Congratulations to to Girl Scout Troop 30583 on receiving their Detective Badges! This group of young women learned about evidence collection and processing from Lt. McClelland.



## Thank you!!!

Thank you [Flat Rock Playhouse](#) for inviting Henderson County first responders to a performance of A Christmas Carol.

Thanks to [Sheep Dog Impact Assistance WNC](#) for delivering some Christmas cheer to deputies and other first responders who were working on Christmas.

And a thank you to the citizen who brought in [hand sanitizer](#) for our deputies last month. What a great idea!



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## Ballin' for Badges

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office helped the Boys & Girls Club collect shoes for their members and played in the Ballin' for Badges for the second year in a row.



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## MADD

The NC Justice Academy welcomed Mothers Against Drunk Drivers to the western campus in Edneyville for MADD's [Night of Remembrance](#) on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Over 100 people were in attendance. Families who had been victimized by drunk and/or drugged drivers were joined by community members including NC State Senator Chuck Edwards, NC State Senator Jim Davis, District Attorney Greg Newman, Sheriff Charles McDonald and GHSP Director Don Nail to honor those lost in highway tragedies.





## Ingles Pill Collection Event

Because school was out of session, our School Resource Deputies gave back to the community by organizing a pill collection event. They partnered with the Highland Lake Ingles and Hope Rx to collect medications before Christmas.



## Reassurance Program

Our telecommunicators prepared and delivered gift baskets for the members of our Reassurance Program. This program allows elderly residents who live alone to verify their well-being each day with our 911 center staff. Delivering these baskets is a wonderful opportunity for our telecommunicators to meet and connect with the people they speak to every day throughout the year.



## Did you know?

In 2016, from September 19th to December 7, the [VIPs](#) prevented the following items from entering the Henderson County Judicial Courthouse:

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| 186 knives            | 2 Cat Claws          |
| 32 Vapes              | 2 Dental Picks       |
| 2 Razor Blades        | 2 Loaded Magazines   |
| 15 Credit Card Knives | 1 Money Clip Knife   |
| 7 Mace                | 1 Screw Driver       |
| 2 Large Nail Clippers | 2 Handcuff Keys      |
| 1 Large Safety Pin    | 1 Letter Opener      |
| 7 Wallet Multi Tools  | 1 Switch Blade Knife |
| 27 Scissors           | 1 Sharp Metal Probe  |
| 3 Forks               | 1 Ninja Star         |
| 1 Hedgehog Comb       |                      |
| 5 Pepper Sprays       |                      |
| 9 Key Knives          |                      |
| 5 Box Cutters         |                      |
| 1 Knocker Stick       |                      |
| 6 Nail Files          |                      |
| 3 Utility Knives      |                      |
| 3 Pocket Tools        |                      |



If you visit the courthouse, be sure to empty your pockets and purses of prohibited items and secure them in your vehicle.

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