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### **COUNTY LITTER CONTROL DEPUTIES TAKE LITTER PREVENTION TO COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**In an effort to take a more proactive approach to the problems of littering in Washington County and to better educate the students, the Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office Division of Litter Control will be taking their litter prevention and education program into the county schools. According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, the two county litter control deputies will be visiting Greendale Elementary School on Tuesday, January 27 at 12:00 noon. The deputies will be talking with the fifth grade classes.**

**Since the addition of the Litter Control Division to the Sheriff's Office in July 2007, the Division has reported the following activity:**

**Litter complaints: 250  
Charges of littering: 36  
Inoperative vehicle complaints: 58  
Notices to remove vehicles: 14  
Criminal arrest warrants and summons: 141**

**"One of the biggest advantages of our Litter Control Division is overseeing the Assign-A-Highway and other cleanup programs in Washington County," stated Sheriff Newman. This program allows for the courts to sentence persons convicted of various crimes to probation. As part of their probation requirements, a section of roadway is assigned to the probationer to be kept trash free.**

**"The program is very beneficial in keeping our highways trash free," said the Sheriff. "Currently, we have 37 probationers assigned to the program, and in 2008, over 35,000 pounds of trash was picked up with a local cost savings of \$12,500."**

**In addition to the Assign-A-Highway Program, litter control deputies also oversee weekly and volunteer cleanup programs. In 2008, over 40 tons of trash and 1,310 tires were removed from along roadways and illegal dumpsites in Washington County by these cleanup programs.**

**“Our litter control deputies are making a difference in our county with the enforcement of litter control laws, the Assign-A-Highway Program, other cleanup programs and the litter prevention and education programs in our county schools,” said the Sheriff. “They are both certified law enforcement deputies who have the authority to respond to routine calls, domestic problems, and any other calls with the same authority as other law enforcement deputies.”**

**Members of the media are invited to Greendale Elementary tomorrow at 12:00 noon to speak with the litter control deputies and to see, first hand, their prevention and education program that is being presented in the Washington County Schools.**