

Washington County Sheriff's Office

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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"Take the time to prevent a crime"

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Statistics for August

Aggravated Assault	1
Assault (Simple)	24
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	20
Credit Card Fraud	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	18
Driving Under the Influence	6
Drug/Narcotic Violations	23
Drunkenness	8
Impersonation	5
Kidnapping	1
Larceny (all other)	47
Liquor Law Violations	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Shoplifting	16
Trespass	3
All Other Offenses	94
Total Offenses	270

Total Arrest	Total Warrants
Adult- 147	Criminal- 365
Juvenile- 8	Civil- 1,790

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

In our region most people own a gun and we get a lot of request inquiring on how people can legally carry a concealed weapon. This month in the Neighborhood Watch meetings we are going to discuss the process and requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapon Permit.

On average our agency processes around 1000 to 1200 permits a year. Some of these are renewals and some are new permits. The sheriff's office is responsible for checking eligibility of an applicant by checking the driving record, criminal history, and surrounding jurisdictions court systems for convictions of each applicant, whether it is a new permit or a renewal permit.

If you have a question or concern, please contact our office

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Monthly Meeting Schedule

10-01	HIGH POINT (1 st Tuesday) <i>High Point Elementary School</i>	7:00 PM
10-03	MENDOTA (1 st Thursday) <i>Mendota Community Center</i>	7:00 PM
10-07	BURSON CORNER (1 st Monday) *Cancelled <i>Goodson Kinderhook FD</i>	7:00 PM
10-10	TAYLORS VALLEY (2 nd Thursday) <i>Taylor's Valley Community Center</i>	7:00 PM
10-17	ZION COMMUNITY (3 rd Thursday) <i>Zion Church</i>	7:00 PM
10-15	HIGHLANDER PARK/Exit 10 (3 rd Tuesday) <i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	7:00 PM
10-22	HAYTERS GAP (4 th Tuesday) <i>Hayters Gap Community Center</i>	10:30 AM
10-22	POOR VALLEY/HAYTERS GAP EVENING (4 th Tuesday) <i>Valley View Assembly of God Church</i>	7:00 PM
10-24	KONNAROCK (4 th Thursday) <i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	7:00 PM

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

10-8	WOODLAND HILLS <i>Woodland Hills Christian Church</i>	7:00 PM
10-10	GATE CITY HWY <i>Three Springs Methodist Church</i>	7:00 PM
12-02	CLAYMAN VALLEY <i>Goodson Kinderhook FD</i>	7:00 PM
12-03	EAGLE RIDGE <i>High Point Elementary School</i>	7:00 PM
12-09	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING <i>Glade Spring Community Center</i>	7:00 PM
12-12	QUAIL RIDGE /WORTHINGTON WAY <i>Ely Residence</i>	7:00 PM
12-16	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES <i>Pleasant View Methodist</i>	7:00 PM
12-16	OAKWOOD DRIVE <i>McDaniel Residence</i>	7:00 PM
12-17	LOWRY HILLS <i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	7:00 PM
12-19	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY <i>Zion Church</i>	7:00 PM

Concealed Weapons Permit

How to obtain a concealed weapons permit in the state of Virginia

Any person 21 years of age or older may apply in writing to the clerk of the circuit court of the county or city in which he or she resides, or if he is a member of the United States armed forces, the county or city in which he is domiciled, for a five-year permit to carry a concealed handgun. There is no requirement as to the length of time an applicant for a Concealed Handgun Permit must have been a resident or domiciliary of the county or city where he or she resides. It is suggested that the applicant check with the Circuit Court where they reside for any local procedures.

Questions specific to completion of the application, residency, or acceptable proof of handgun competency should be directed to the court.

Documentation of Proof of Handgun Competency - [Section 18.2-308.02](#)

The court shall require proof that the applicant has demonstrated competence with a handgun and the applicant may demonstrate such competence by one of the following, but no applicant shall be required to submit to any additional demonstration of competence:

1. Completing any hunter education or hunter safety course approved by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or a similar agency of another state;
2. Completing any National Rifle Association firearms safety or training course;
3. Completing any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a law-enforcement agency, junior college, college, or private or public institution or organization or firearms training school utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Criminal Justice Services;
4. Completing any law-enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision of law enforcement or security enforcement;
5. Presenting evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in organized shooting competition or current military service or proof of an honorable discharge from any branch of the armed services;
6. Obtaining or previously having held a license to carry a firearm in this Commonwealth or a locality thereof, unless such license has been revoked for cause;
7. Completing any firearms training or safety course or class, including an electronic, video, or on-line course, conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle Association-certified firearms instructor;
8. Completing any governmental police agency firearms training course and qualifying to carry a firearm in the course of normal police duties; or
9. Completing any other firearms training which the court deems adequate.

A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses or classes; an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization, or group that conducted or taught such course or class attesting to the completion of the course or class by the applicant; or a copy of any document which shows completion of the course or class or evidences participation in firearms competition shall constitute evidence of qualification under this subsection.

No applicant shall be required to submit to any additional demonstration of competence, nor shall any proof of demonstrated competence expire.

Fees for Concealed Handgun Permits – [Section 18.2-308.03](#)

The court shall charge a fee of \$10.00 for the processing of an application or issuing of a permit. Local law enforcement agencies may charge a fee not to exceed \$35.00 to cover the cost of conducting an investigation pursuant to this Code section. The State Police may charge a fee not to exceed \$5.00 to cover the cost associated with processing the application. The total amount of the charges may not exceed \$50.00, and payment may be made by any method accepted by the court.

All information obtained from the Virginia State Police http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms_ResidentConcealed.shtm#Fees

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The topic for this month is in regard to concealed weapons permits, but with this ability we must remember the importance of self control.

British statesman Edmund Burke argued, "men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains on their own appetites. Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there is without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

Often times our greatest enemy is found in ourselves. We frequently lack self control and the necessary discipline to walk the path of righteousness. It is true that we limit ourselves of blessings to others and to the blessings that we might receive, had we only controlled ourselves. To have an intemperate mind is to lack self control, and that lack is actually the bonds that often keep us from true freedom. Purpose in your life to be self controlled and disciplined and find freedom from your chains.

Seeking Still<><
Erik Hinchey
WCSO Chaplain