

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 April

Aggravated Assault	3
Assault (Simple)	12
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	6
Runaways	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	10
Driving Under the Influence	3
Drug/Narcotic Violations	38
Drunkenness	8
Weapon Law Violations	9
Liquor Law Violations	2
Grand/Petit Larceny	13
Theft From Motor Vehicle	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Shoplifting	18
Counterfeiting/Forgery	5
All Other Offenses	85
Total Offenses	221

Total Arrest	Total Warrants
Adult- 94	Criminal- 362
Juvenile- 0	Civil- 1485

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

People try drugs for many different reasons. They may be looking to relieve physical and emotional pain, for social acceptance, to relieve stress or to "feel good". I'm sure everyone who is addicted to drugs would agree they did not plan to become addicted to them. Drugs can affect your judgment and your decision-making skills, which could lead you to join in dangerous activities. Drugs cost jobs, money, relationships and destroy reputations, futures and families. Don't fall victim to the allure of drugs. Don't let your life and the lives of those you love be destroyed by drugs.

As always, if you have a question or concern, please contact our office.

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Monthly Meeting Schedule

2 nd Mon	WASHINGTON CHAPEL** *cancelled in June	7:00 PM
	<i>Washington Chapel United Methodist Church</i>	
3 rd Tue	HIGHLANDER PARK/Exit 10	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	
4 th Tue	HAYTERS GAP	10:30 AM
	<i>Hayters Gap Community Center</i>	
4 th Thur	KONNAROCK	7:00 PM
	<i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

6-02	MENDOTA	7:00 PM
	<i>Mendota Community Center</i>	
6-06	BURSON CORNER	7:00 PM
	<i>Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department</i>	
6-07	HIGH POINT ***Cancelled until September	7:00 PM
	<i>High Point Elementary School</i>	
6-09	TAYLORS VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Taylor's Valley Community Center</i>	
6-09	QUAIL RIDGE	7:00 PM
	<i>Ely Residence</i>	
6-13	CROWVILLE/ GLADE	7:00 PM
	<i>Glade Spring Senior Center</i>	
6-14	HOLSTON GREENDALE	7:00 PM
	<i>Greendale Elementary</i>	
6-16	ZION COMMUNITY	7:00 PM
	<i>Zion Church</i>	
6-16	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Zion Church</i>	
6-20	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM
	<i>Pleasant View Methodist</i>	
6-21	EVERGREEN/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	
6-27	OAKWOOD DRIVE	7:00 PM
	<i>McDaniel Residence.</i>	
6-28	POOR VALLEY/HAYTERS GAP	7:00 PM
	<i>Valley View Assembly of God Church</i>	
7-12	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Woodland Hills Christian Church</i>	
7-14	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM
	<i>Three Springs Methodist Church</i>	

*****If Washington County Government offices are closed for a Holiday, there will be no neighborhood watch meeting.**

JUNE - Methamphetamine

The abuse of methamphetamine remains an extremely serious problem in the United States.

Methamphetamine (Meth) is a powerfully addictive stimulant that dramatically affects the brain & central nervous system. It is made from pseudoephedrine, a drug used in cold medications, and is processed with toxic and corrosive chemicals. It is highly and quickly addictive for many users.

The drug is made easily in clandestine laboratories with relatively inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients. These factors combine to make methamphetamine a drug with high potential for widespread abuse.

Many small clandestine labs operate out of houses, hotel rooms, or the trunks of cars.

Methamphetamine can be ingested, smoked, snorted or injected. Any way of using meth is extremely dangerous and it's very addictive.

Meth may range in color from white to brown; pink to red or in various shades of yellow or green. Meth can come in pill form, powder or chunks. Common street names for meth include: **speed, chalk, ice, crystal, crank, tweek, Dunk, Yaba, Scooby snax, glass** and several others. Crystal meth resembles rock candy, or chunks of ice or crystal.

Prescription forms of the drug are used for: attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), narcolepsy and obesity. At one time, methamphetamine was also used in inhalers as a treatment for asthma. When abused, it increases alertness and wakefulness, energy and focus. It also causes euphoria, increases confidence and enhances sexual experiences.

Methamphetamine abusers lose their appetites and may stay up for days on end before they crash. But besides being addictive, repeated or continuous methamphetamine use can cause heart damage, erosion and decay of the teeth and severe mental disorders. Methamphetamine addicts very often develop severe paranoia and psychosis that does not respond to usual treatments, and can become unstable, irritable and aggressive, all due to the damaging effects of the drug.

A highly addictive drug, methamphetamine creates a unique treatment need. Violent mood swings, extreme paranoia, and a longer-than-normal detoxification period are some of the challenges facing meth-focused recovery programs.

Nevertheless, treatment for methamphetamine addiction can succeed.

Virginia has 23 adult Drug Court Treatment Programs. Fortunately, **Washington County Circuit Court** is one of them.

The mission of the Drug Court Program is to stop the abuse of alcohol and other drugs and related criminal activity. Abstinence and law-abiding behavior are a requirement of the program.

A participant can stay in the program up to three years, provided they comply with the criteria. The ultimate goal is to treat and rehabilitate. The **Washington County Drug Court Program** has had several participants to graduate from the program.



According to:

www.dea.gov/resourcecenter/meth_lab_maps/2014.jpg in 2014 the United States had a total of 9,338 Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents. The majority of these incidents took place in the Midwest and the South. Virginia had **309** incidents.

The **Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office** had **82** incidents and **49** arrests involving Methamphetamine during 2015.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder..." James 3:4

Since the opportunity to handle a narcotic K9 was granted me last May, I have been amazed at the number of people who have found their lives in a seemingly uncontrollable downward spiral, after allowing one small indiscretion or bad decision to permit narcotics to gain a stronghold on their lives.

I've heard many say *they had no intention of getting to a place of addiction.*

It is hard to fathom how something so small can control our whole life. It can control our drive, our focus, our finances, and our priorities. It can take precedence over our health, our children, and our future.

The best way to avoid this situation is to *avoid it all together.* Know when to walk away and know when to run.



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