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COMMUNITY REPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION 2017



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The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for Botetourt County. Core Responsibilities include Patrol, Regional Jail, Court Services, Animal Control and the Dispatch Center.

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is located at 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090.

The Office of Sheriff in Botetourt County was formed in 1770. The Sheriff is an elected constitutional law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Sheriff Sprinkle was elected to office in 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011 & 2015. The total number of employees as of January 2017 is 126. This includes law Enforcement, Correctional, Raid/Court services, Animal Control, Dispatchers, Jail Cooks, Support Staff and Part Time Employees.

From 01 January 2015 through 31 December 2017 –

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received/conducted the following:

		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Calls for Service	-	23,955	23,357
911 Hang Up Calls	-	341	332
Alarms	-	671	658
Animal Control Calls	-	1,724	1,642
Concealed Weapon Applications	-	969	769
Funeral Escorts	-	177	155
Protective Orders	-	423	376
Traffic Stops	-	4658	4,639
Incident / Investigations:			
Incidents	-	1,810	1,800
Offenses	-	1,953	1,886
Arrests:			
Charges	-	956	939
Arrests	-	803	763
Criminal Papers Served	-	2,349	2,105
Civil Papers Served	-	6,521	6,811
Uniform Citations	-	2,854	2,709

Community Concerns and Complaints

The Botetourt County Emergency Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and accepts emergency, non-emergency & informational calls.

Remember!

Dial 911 for an Emergency.

For non-emergencies dial (540) 473-8631.

Requests by citizens for Law Enforcement assistance are addressed according to the priority/urgency of the request.

Sheriff Sprinkle has an ongoing and receptive “open door” policy that welcomes comments, concerns and questions from all citizens.

Issues Affecting Law Enforcement Activities

Current budget reductions (federal, state & local) coupled with the increase of expenditures (Vehicles, Fuel, Equipment, etc.) have and continue to affect local law enforcement activities.

Community Involvement Through Crime Prevention

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office continues to be a resource to the Community for speakers and educational programs on various topics to church, civic and business organizations. Various members of the Sheriff’s Office continue to serve on a number of committees and boards in Botetourt County and in the Roanoke Valley. Those include:

- The Botetourt Prevention Team
- The Botetourt Family Assessment Planning Team
- The Botetourt Community Policy and Management Team
- The Blue Ridge Transportation Safety Board
- The Southwest Regional Crime Prevention Association
- The Roanoke Valley Crime Line Board
- The Botetourt County Character Counts Leadership Council
- The Botetourt-Alleghany Services Improvement Committee
- The Virginia Crime Prevention Association
- Regional Fraud Investigators

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office continually strives to improve the working relationship with our county citizens along with but not limited to: public and private Businesses and organizations, other law enforcement agencies and the general public. Presentations and other educational programs are administered to various civic, church and other organizations upon request. D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers maintain a positive relationship with students, parents, faculty, and staff, while providing guidance, instruction, prevention and safety programs to students during and after school hours.

Important and upcoming events, alerts and other useful information is distributed to the public via the universal communication system (reverse 911), the web site at www.botetourtsheriff.com and through the County Newsletter (County Administration), also through the local media – The Botetourt View, The Fincastle Herald, The Roanoke Times, WDBJ 7, WSLS 10 and WSET 13.

This agency works diligently to address problems and concerns expressed by the community in a timely manner in addition to providing available resources when appropriate, needed or requested.



Botetourt County Crime Report for 2017

OFFENSE	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
TYPE	Incidents	% Chg	Incidents	% Chg	Incidents	% Chg	Incidents	% Chg	Incidents	% Chg
Aggravated Assault	9	-47%	19	111%	18	-5%	25	39%	21	-16%
All Other Larceny	76	-36%	77	1%	70	-9%	64	-9%	97	52%
All Other Offenses	645	-13%	735	14%	810	10%	220	-73%	372	69%
Arson	2	-50%	2	0%	-	-100%	-		1	
Bad Checks	7	-30%	8	14%	8	0%	1	-88%	7	600%
Burglary/Breaking Entering	38	-41%	43	13%	53	23%	37	-30%	34	-8%
Counterfeiting/Forging	13	8%	13	0%	16	23%	10	-38%	10	0%
Curfew Violations	-	-100%	1		6	500%	5	-17%	6	20%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	5	-58%	4	-20%	12	200%	9	-25%	17	89%
Destruction/Vandalism	122	-8%	138	13%	97	-30%	106	9%	101	-5%
Disorderly Conduct	22	69%	15	-32%	20	33%	20	0%	13	-35%
Driving Under the Influence	52	-30%	58	12%	63	9%	65	3%	57	-12%
Drug Equipment Violations	2	0%	5	150%	5	0%	8	60%	14	75%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	154	1%	161	5%	163	1%	140	-14%	185	32%
Embezzlement	5	-55%	6	20%	10	67%	4	-60%	5	25%
Extortion	1		1	0%	3	200%	2	-33%	-	-100%
Forcible Fondling (Child)	13	86%	3	-77%	12	300%	12	0%	9	-25%
Forcible Rape	2	-33%	3	50%	2	-33%	5	150%	3	-40%
Forcible Sodomy	1		4	300%	1	-75%	6	500%	3	-50%
Gambling/Equipment Violations	-	-100%	-		-		-		-	
Impersonation	6	500%	2	-67%	28	1300%	15	-46%	3	-80%
Incest	-	-100%	-		1		-	-100%	-	
Intimidation	18	-5%	27	50%	17	-37%	36	112%	13	-64%
Justifiable Homicide	-		-		-		-		-	
Juvenile Runaway	11	-21%	7	-36%	11	57%	17	55%	10	-41%
Kidnapping	4		3	-25%	6	100%	3	-50%	1	-67%
Liquor Law Violations	23	28%	26	13%	24	-8%	23	-4%	17	-26%
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	14%	9	-44%	11	22%	15	36%	17	13%
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0%	-	-100%	-		-		1	
Non-Violent Family Offenses	11	22%	15	36%	12	-20%	19	58%	12	-37%
Obtain Money/False Pretense	24	-17%	17	-29%	22	29%	15	-32%	13	-13%
Peeping Tom	-		-		-		-		-	
Pocket Picking	-		-		-		-		-	
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	-80%	5	400%	7	40%	2	-71%	2	0%
Prostitution	-		3		2	-33%	2	0%	-	-100%
Public Drunkenness	57	-20%	59	4%	96	63%	93	-3%	97	4%
Robbery	3	-25%	1	-67%	1	0%	2	100%	1	-50%
Sexual Assault with Object	-	-100%	-		-		1		-	-100%
Shoplifting	17	31%	16	-6%	18	13%	27	50%	7	-74%
Simple Assault	143	-12%	135	-6%	165	22%	165	0%	197	19%
Statutory Rape	-	-100%	-		-		1		-	-100%
Stolen Property Offenses	-	-100%	-		1		4	300%	5	25%
Theft from Building	69	44%	43	-38%	67	56%	58	-13%	34	-41%
Theft from Machine	3	50%	3	0%	1	-67%	1	0%	-	-100%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	44	22%	72	64%	48	-33%	42	-13%	24	-43%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	13	-19%	16	23%	16	0%	16	0%	14	-13%
Trespassing	26	44%	22	-15%	20	-9%	22	10%	17	-23%
Weapon Law Violations	16	-27%	17	6%	20	18%	15	-25%	14	-7%
Wire Fraud	5	400%	10	100%	10	0%	15	50%	7	-53%
TOTAL OFFENSES	1,680		1,804		1,973		1,348		1,461	