



KING & QUEEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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SHERIFF WILLIAM R. BALDERSON

Dear Citizens,

I am pleased to present the King and Queen County Sheriffs' Office Annual report for 2023. It is a pleasure to provide you with information about the operation and the accomplishments of your Sheriff's Office, which reflects the dedication and hard work of all our members. The men and women of the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office have worked hard to provide high-quality service and continue to strive towards a better community.

I want to thank the citizens for the trust that you have placed into me to serve as your Sheriff for the next four years. My commitment to serving you and the implementation of our P.E.E.R. program, Prevention, Education, Enforcement and Rehabilitation, will help keep crime low and help those in need. My number one asset is my staff. We are fortunate to have a great staff committed to service and professionalism. With that we have worked to increase pay across the board.

We had another successful year of grant opportunities, receiving a combined total of over \$500,000.00 in grant funding. These include traffic safety grants and an ARPA equipment grant. There also included funding for three school resource officers for the high school and elementary schools. This funding helped with projects not funded by the county that keeps the King and Queen Sheriff's Office on the cutting edge of law enforcement.

The King and Queen Sheriff's Office was fortunate to be awarded a \$350,000.00 grant through DCJS's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Under this equipment grant we concentrated on officer safety and wellness, investigating crimes and forensics, and updating our resources to combat crime. This funding advanced our department's abilities and put equipment in our deputy's hands that otherwise we would not be able to purchase.

Community outreach continues to be a priority, and we were successful for the third year with our National Night Out and continue to bring back programs cut during covid. We participated in the Bluegrass Fly-In, Juneteenth celebrations and Community Pride Day festivities. This was our second year participating in Faith in Blue. Our participation in Faith in Blue is a partnership with our faith-based communities.

As you read through the 2023 annual report, you will better understand the function and organizational structure of the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office. I assure you that we will continue our efforts to serve you better, the community. We will strive to achieve our mission, vision, and values.

Sincerely,

W. R. Balderson

W.R."Rob" Balderson

Sheriff

Website/Social Media

The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office has created a Facebook page and website in order to help inform the King & Queen community. Our Facebook page was created in January of 2017 and has just over 6,500 followers. Our Facebook page is known for our weekly Wanted Wednesday posts. Our website has been active since 2015 and contains information that may be helpful to the citizens of King & Queen County. Also, we are on Tik Tok to help us reach our youth. The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office strives to be transparent and give the King & Queen community the most up-to-date information and through our website and social media we can do that almost instantaneously.

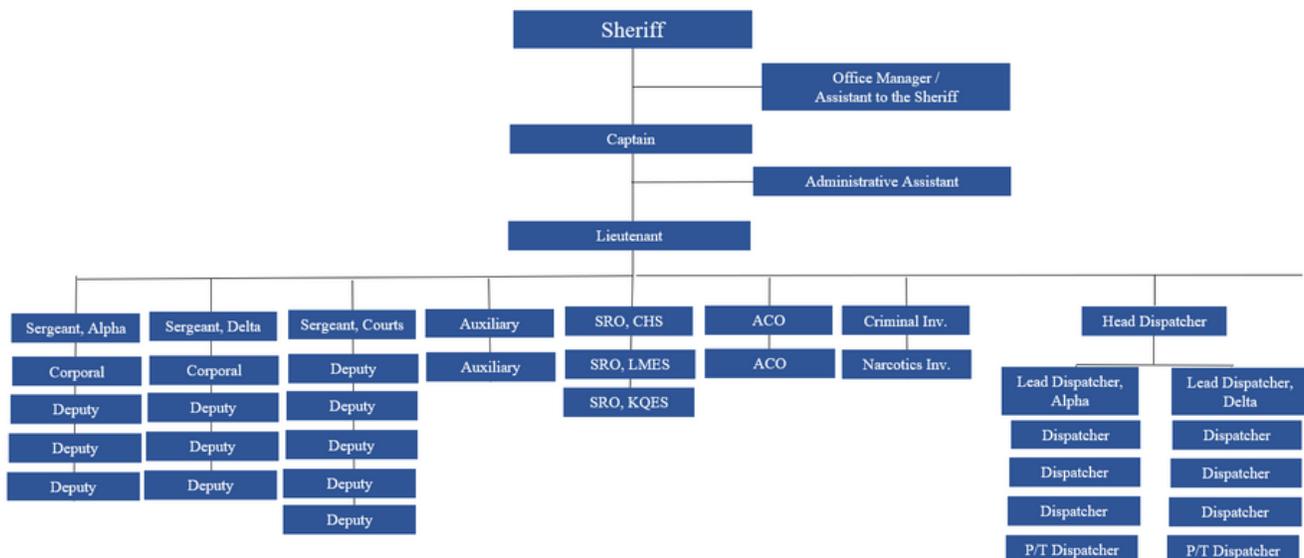
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Facebook Page : <https://www.facebook.com/King-Queen-County-Sheriffs-Office-Va-144271165636888/?ref=bookmarks>

Tik Tok: [@King_QueenSheriffOffice](https://www.tiktok.com/@King_QueenSheriffOffice)

King and Queen County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart

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About King & Queen County

King & Queen County was established in 1691 from New Kent County and named after King William III & Queen Mary II of England. King & Queen County has a total area of 326 square miles and 76 miles long. The 2021 U.S Bureau of Census indicates the population in the county to be about 6,662. King & Queen County remains a rural county with limited resources.

The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office serves the county of King & Queen, Virginia. To serve the community, the King & Queen County Sheriff's Office has 14 full-time sworn law enforcement officers and 6 part-time sworn law enforcement officers. The Sheriff's Office has 10 Deputies, 2 Investigators, 7 Dispatchers, 5 Court Security Deputies and 1 Auxiliary Deputy. The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office mission is to serve, protect and educate the citizens and visitors of King & Queen County. We are here to promote positive change and a safe environment in the King & Queen Community. To guarantee timely and accurate service of civil and criminal process. To effectively and efficiently receive emergency calls for law enforcement, fire and rescue and effectively dispatch and manage all incidents through radio communications. To maintain a safe and law-abiding community through community policing, investigations, animal control and traffic enforcement. All of this will be accomplished through a well-trained and diverse staff of dedicated employees.



Mission Statement



The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office mission is to serve, protect and educate the citizens and visitors of King and Queen County. We are here to promote positive change and a safe environment in the King and Queen Community.

Goals & Objectives:

Integrity: We are committed to the highest performance standards, ethical conduct and truthfulness in all facets of our duties.

Respect: We treat all persons in a courteous and fair manner and exhibit understanding of ethnical and cultural diversity, both on and off duty. We defend and uphold the values of the constitution of the United State and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Service: We embody our community and serve at their will. Therefore, we will provide courteous and professional service and work to foster strong community relationships.

Fairness: We treat all people impartially, with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the community we serve.

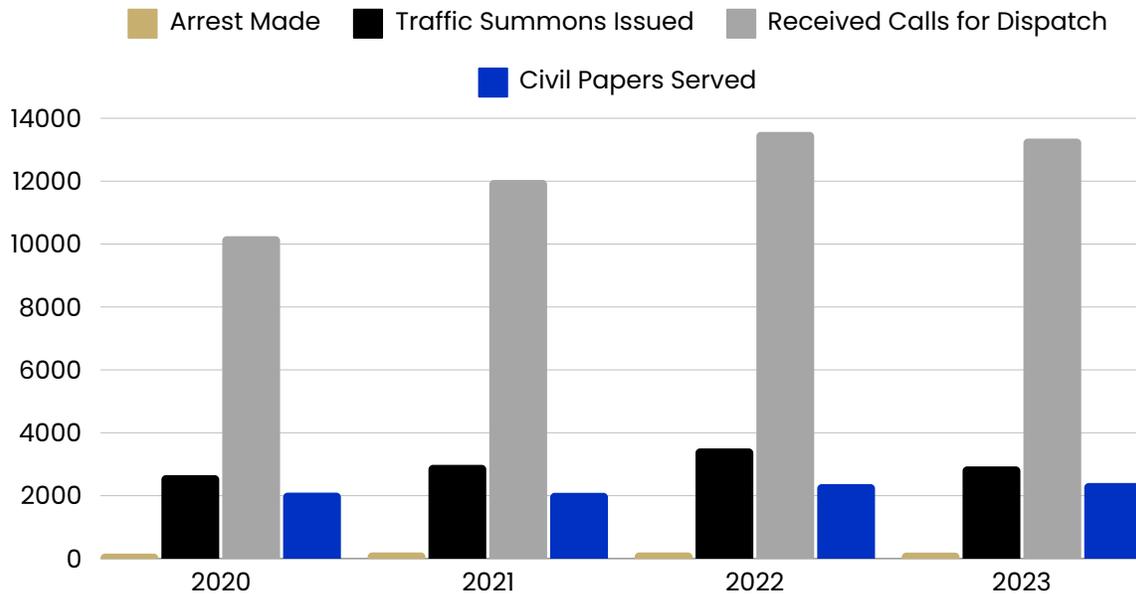
Accreditation

On October 3, 2023, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office was awarded the "Certificate of Accreditation" by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). VLEPSC is comprised of personnel from the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice. The Commission members consist of active Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police. The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office underwent 3 mock assessments. The assessment team reviewed files containing 191 standards put into effect under the process of accreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and interviewed various staff members of different rank and assignments. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 11, 2023, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office was recognized before the Board of Supervisors by Sheriff J. J. McLaughlin, Jr. of New Kent County Sheriff's Office, who presented the certificate of accreditation to Sheriff W. R. Balderson. It is the belief of the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office that becoming an accredited law enforcement agency is a vital step in building trust with our community leaders and residents within King and Queen County and neighboring jurisdictions.



Department Statistics

	King & Queen County Sheriff's Office Year End Department Statistics			
Description	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arrests Made	160	196	196	191
Traffic Summons Issued	2,654	2,980	3,503	2,931
Civil Papers Served	2,097	2,091	2,369	2,403
Received Calls for Dispatch	10,250	12,037	13,565	13,353
Warrants Issued	555	528	481	493
Accident Reports Made	121	140	121	151



Reportable Offense Statistics 2023

Group A Offenses

Group A offenses consist of the most serious crimes reported by the Sheriff's Office to the State. Group A offenses consist of 22 categories of crime.

Group A Offenses	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total	2023 Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	3	3	1
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Sex Offenses (Forcible)	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses (Non-Forcible)	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2	15	4	12
Simple Assault	26	31	39	63
Intimidation	0	6	8	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2	2	1	7
Counterfeit/Forgery	1	1	5	9
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	4	9	7	5
Drug/Narcotics Violation	42	45	46	15
Embezzlement	0	0	0	1
Extortion/ Blackmail	1	0	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0
Theft from Building	2	0	0	1
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Theft of MV Parts	0	0	0	0
All Other Larceny	0	7	4	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	3	4	17
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0	1	0	0
Impersonation	0	1	2	0
Stolen Property Offenses	0	2	1	1
Weapon Law Violation	4	29	9	14

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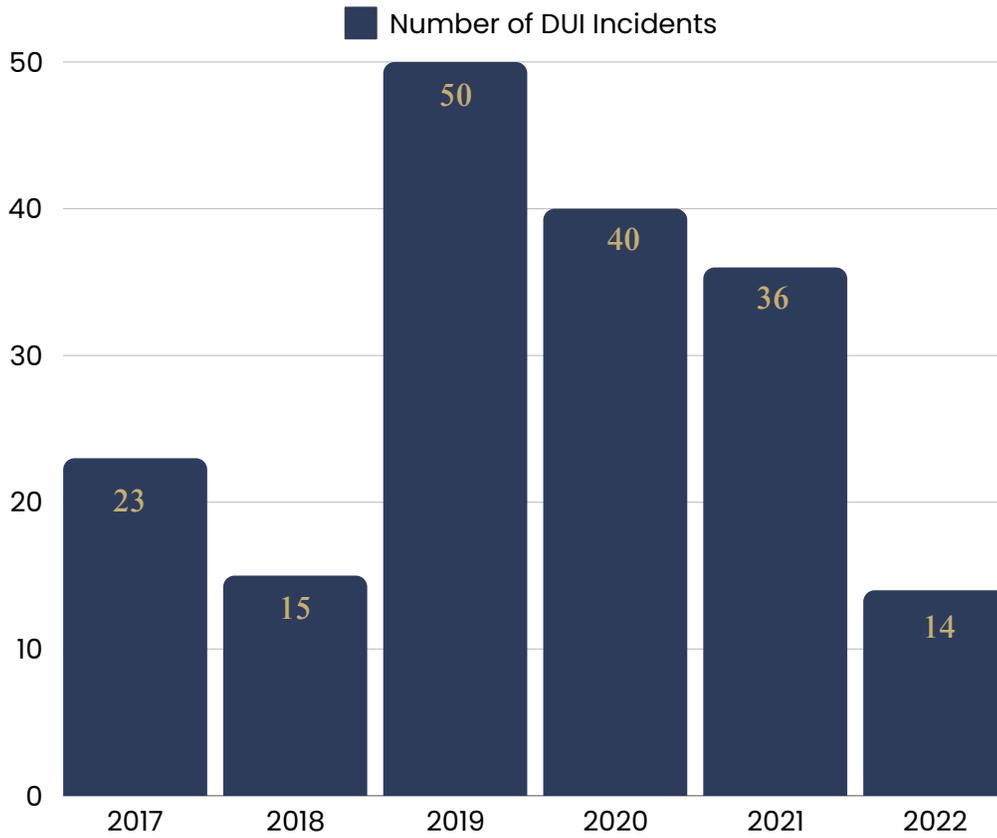
Group B Offenses

Group B offenses are crimes of a less serious nature. The State requires only those arrests for these offenses be reported. There are 12 crimes which require reporting arrest data.

Group B Offenses	2020 Arrests	2021 Arrests	2022 Arrests	2023 Arrests
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	7	8
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	40	36	33	14
Drunkenness	0	12	1	2
Family Offenses (Non-Violent)	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	13	8	8
Runaway	0	0	0	1
Trespass of Real Property	0	5	16	14
Conspire to Commit Group A Offense	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	26	54	96	79

DUI Enforcement

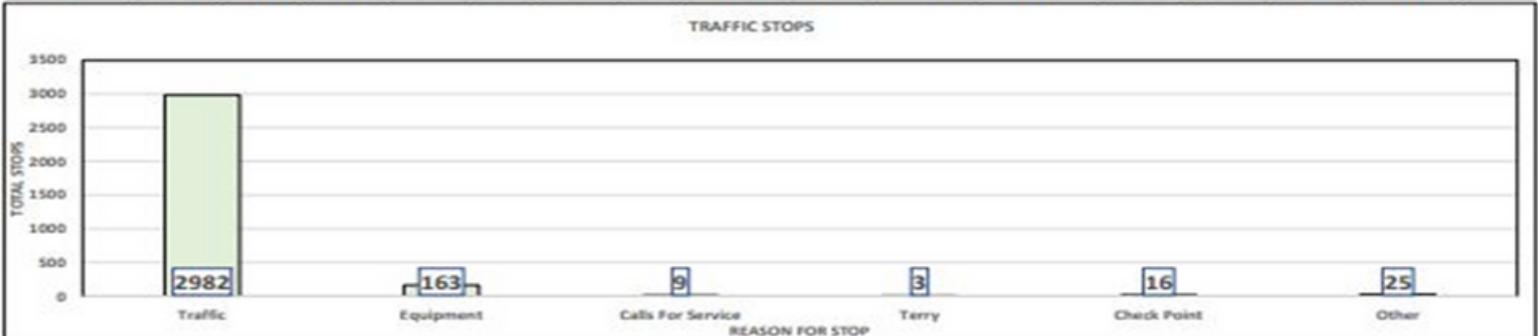
Number of DUI Incidents from 2017-2023



Community Policing Data Collection

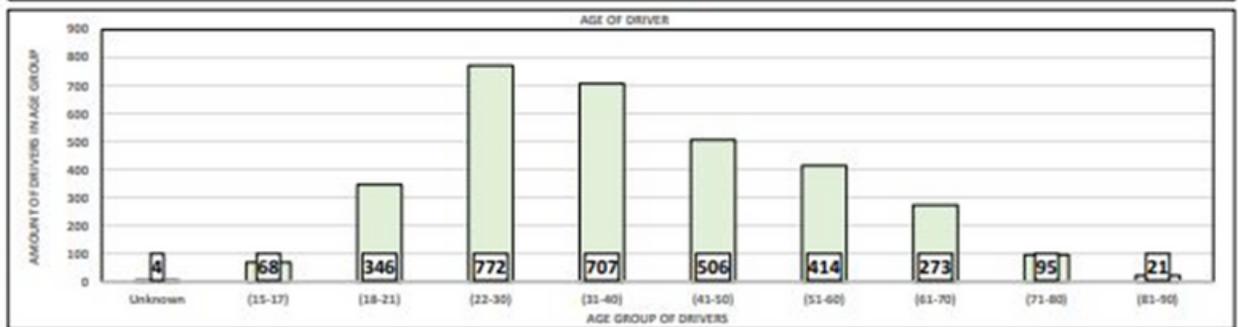
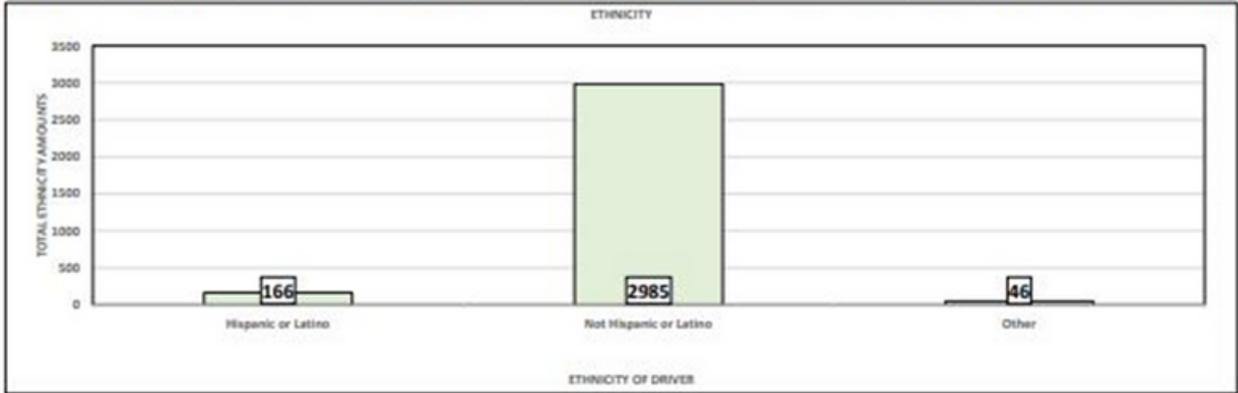
King and Queen County Sheriff's Office
Community Policing Data Collection for January - December 2023

Officer	Total Stops	REASON FOR STOP						ACTION TAKEN				DRIVER RACE				
		T	E	C	S	P	O	Summons	Arrest	Warning	No Action	W	B	I	A	U
Burns	107	102	0	0	1	2	2	43	3	60	1	78	22	0	4	3
Burr	96	87	3	0	0	1	5	67	0	19	7	59	35	0	0	2
Clark	63	62	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	13	31	17	0	0	15
Edleman	449	436	8	0	1	1	3	184	1	253	11	287	112	11	1	38
Hope	586	551	32	2	0	0	1	424	1	158	3	371	159	6	7	42
Lawson	46	45	0	0	0	0	1	24	0	19	3	36	5	0	0	5
Mills	637	626	1	0	1	7	2	461	4	165	7	434	180	6	4	13
Ours	102	90	10	2	0	0	0	72	0	0	30	67	32	0	1	2
Parker	629	586	37	2	0	3	1	491	8	87	43	436	150	10	0	33
Pistole	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
Radden	20	16	2	1	0	0	1	13	0	6	1	13	7	0	0	0
Rowe	19	18	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	8	1	9	8	0	0	2
Schefflien	437	363	63	1	0	2	8	319	0	0	118	227	117	1	2	90
Wilson	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	3198	2982	163	9	3	16	25	2129	17	781	238	2055	844	34	19	245



Community Policing Data Collection Continued

Officer	Total Stops	ETHNICITY			GENDER			DRIVER'S AGE									
		H	N	U	M	F	O	Not Known	15-17	18-21	22-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90
Burns	107	9	97	1	67	40	0	1	1	8	26	17	21	19	10	4	0
Burr	96	5	89	2	59	36	1	0	1	12	25	20	9	13	11	1	3
Clark	63	4	56	2	34	29	0	0	3	1	11	14	13	11	8	2	0
Edleman	449	14	410	25	318	131	0	0	17	43	121	103	61	56	40	6	2
Hope	586	40	546	0	354	232	0	0	11	60	142	128	100	65	44	32	4
Lawson	46	4	41	1	30	16	0	0	1	7	12	10	10	2	4	0	0
Mills	637	41	592	4	438	175	4	0	4	73	127	146	122	85	56	17	7
Ours	102	5	97	0	61	41	0	2	1	8	30	18	17	16	7	3	0
Parker	629	20	607	2	405	223	1	0	15	57	144	148	95	90	58	19	3
Pistole	6	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
Radden	20	3	17	0	14	6	0	0	0	4	7	4	0	1	3	1	0
Rowe	19	2	17	0	14	5	0	0	1	11	3	2	1	4	5	1	0
Scheffli	437	18	411	8	283	153	1	1	13	61	123	96	55	52	25	9	2
Wilson	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	3198	166	2985	46	2083	1088	7	4	68	346	772	707	506	414	273	95	21



ACO News

In August, Dalton Millard joined the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office as our full-time Animal Control officer. He has been a great asset to our department. Our Animal Control officer enforces the laws and regulations set by the state and county with an emphasis on animal control laws. The King and Queen County Animal Control division duties include but are not limited to answering complaints from citizens, catching stray animals and more.

King and Queen County Sheriff's Office Annual Animal Control Report													
Year 2023	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Total Calls for Service	46	42	39	30	51	56	56	34	41	54	34	0	483
Non-transport Calls for Service													
Follow-ups	19	16	14	23	12	17	8	18	15	48	21	42	253
Summonses	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Warnings	0	3	3	2	0	4	11	0	7	5	5	6	46
Lost Dogs	7	3	4	5	8	9	8	2	8	4	2	2	62
Lost Cats	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bite/Scratch Reports	0	2	0	1	1	2	3	2	5	2	1	3	22
Animals Transported													
Dogs Transferred to Shelter (Stray)	9	9	4	1	9	7	10	5	8	5	5	2	74
Dogs Transferred to Shelter (Owner Surrender)	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	10
Cats Transferred to Shelter (Stray)	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	1	0	1	1	11
Cats Transferred to Shelter (Owner Surrender)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Dogs Returned to Owner	0	1	2	1	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	1	13
Cats Returned to Owner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dogs Taken to Vet	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	6
Cats Taken to Vet	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dogs Euthanized in County Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cats Euthanized in County Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Types of Animals Processed													
Dogs Total	23	58	30	42	46	33	28	15	20	35	52	28	410
Cats Total	3	2	0	5	2	4	6	6	2	14	1	1	46
Equine	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Livestock/Poultry	2	0	2	1	5	4	10	9	18	2	1	1	55
Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Wild Euthanized in the Field	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

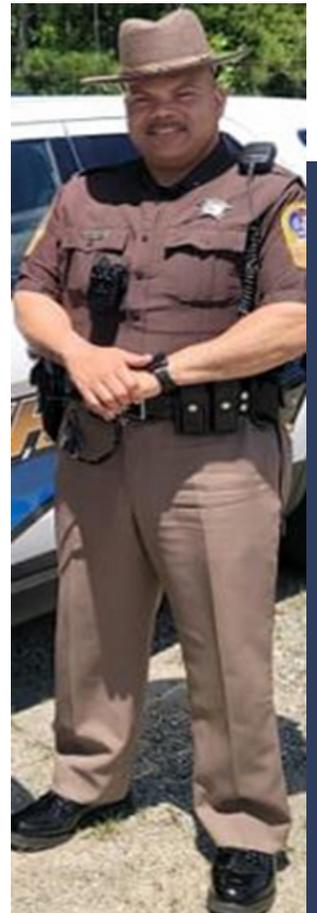
Project Lifesaver

Since the establishment of King and Queen County Project Lifesaver in 2019, the need for Project Lifesaver has grown and has been successful. This resource is free of charge to all citizens of King and Queen County because of the generous donations from local individuals and businesses. The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office strives to bring peace of mind to all the citizens when their loved ones go missing.

There has been an overwhelming response to this program and continuously growing. Currently, the program has 4 registered individuals and continues to grow. Deputy Jonathan Mills oversees the Project Lifesaver Program and he is pleased that this resource has been successful and very much needed in the community.

Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999 to assist those who care for Alzheimer, Dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome, and any other cognitive conditions that cause an individual to wander. The Project Lifesaver Program provides personalized radio transmitters or GPS locators to those individual people that tend to wander. These transmitters assist caregivers and the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office in locating those wandering individuals.

Much of the time, wandering individuals are found within 30 minutes.



Graduations and Retirements

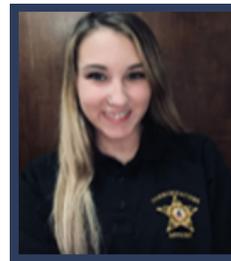
Deputy Graduations

On August 31, 2023, Deputy Hickory Burns graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy Basic Class 164. We are proud of his hard work and accomplishments. The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office strives to ensure that all our deputies and dispatchers have the best knowledge and education possible to do their job efficiently.



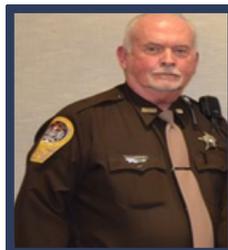
Dispatch Graduations

On March 29, 2023 Tammy Warren and Elizabeth Hatfield graduated from dispatch basic from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy. On September 20, 2023 Alexis Davis and Kat Rinehard also graduated dispatch basic from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy. Dispatch basic is a two-week long academy that gives dispatchers 70 hours-worth of knowledge and training to do their job efficiently and effectively.



Retirement

In June of this year, Court Security Deputy Craig Jorgensen retired after 7 years of service with the King and Queen County Sheriff's office. We can't thank him enough for all of his hard work and dedication to the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of King and Queen County.



Drug Enforcement

Drug Take Back Day 2023

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in two Drug Take Back Day events in 2023. Each year, the Sheriff's Office sets up two sites: Nick's Spaghetti and Steak House and the Pamunkey Regional Library. The first one occurred on April 22nd and the second one occurred on October 28th. Several deputies were stationed at the two drop-off sites to greet citizens and accept any unused, unwanted prescriptions. This year a total of 89.5 pounds was collected.

We want to take this time to thank all the citizens for coming by, seeing our deputies, and getting rid of those unused prescription medications so that they do not get into the wrong hands. The citizens of King and Queen County are helping end prescription drug abuse.



Community Activity

Safety Talks

In April, King and Queen County held a week of workshops and demonstrations focusing on safety. Investigator Cusick taught the cyber/internet safety workshop, Lieutenant Wilson taught a self-defense workshop, and Sheriff Balderson and Lieutenant Wilson taught an active shooter workshop. Other workshops included CPR/first aid, fire safety, and natural disaster preparation. In the picture shown Sheriff Balderson is demonstrating the proper application of the placement of a tourniquet.



2023 High School Graduation Celebration

On May 19, 2023, the King & Queen Sheriff's Office attended Central High's graduation ceremony. Deputy Rowe, Central's School Resource Officer stood proudly as the graduates received their diplomas. The King & Queen Sheriff's Office takes pride in providing a safe learning environment for the county's youth. Graduation day is the result of years of hard work by each student. We at the Sheriff's Office wish the class of 2023 the best of luck in their future endeavors.



Community Activity Continued

Bluegrass Family Day and Fly-In

On June 24, 2023 the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in the annual Bluegrass Family Day and Fly-In with the Lower King and Queen Fire Department. It was a great day of fun!



National Night Out

This year the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in two National Night Out events. This event is a partnership between local community organizations and citizens of the county. This event heightens crime and drug-prevention awareness, and develops strong bonds within the community. The first event was on August 1, 2023 at King & Queen Elementary School and the second was held on August 8, 2023 at the Upper King & Queen Ruritan Club. Both events were a huge success!



Community Activity Continued

Walkerton Day 2023

On August 12, 2023, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in Walkerton Day. The town of Walkerton hosts a community event where citizens come to enjoy vendors, games, food, music, and much more. Each year the Sheriff's Office enjoys participating in this event, it gives the deputies an opportunity to interact with the community in a positive way.



Faith and Blue Event

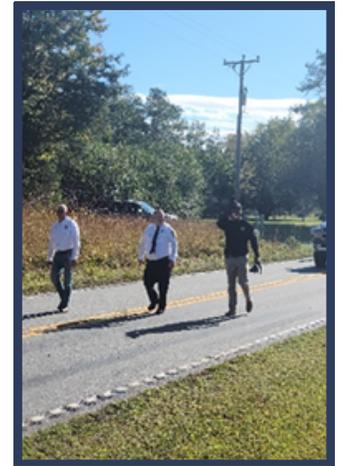
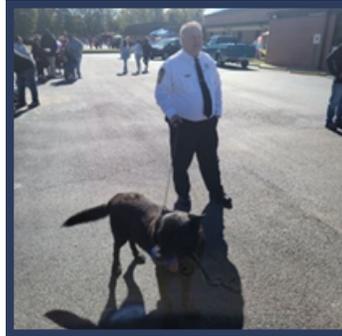
We had our second Faith and Blue Event this year. Poroporone Baptist Church allowed the King and Queen Sheriff's office to participate in their Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat, games and a Chili Cook Off. Great fun was had by all!



Community Activity Continued

Community Pride Day 2023

Each year the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office looks forward to Community Pride Day! On October 21st the community got together to celebrate Community Pride Day. Each year the community gets together, there is a parade, booths, and vendors. Each year, the Sheriff's Office is honored to be in the parade and interact with the community in a positive and uplifting way.



King & Queen Family C.A.R.E. Center

Thrive Virginia was given the opportunity to bring together a network of community members to co-create the opening of a family resource center in King and Queen County with funding from Families Forward Virginia. The Family C.A.R.E. Center is a place for families to feel connected to their community with access to many resources. Resources include workforce development, life skills/coaching, transportation resources, health services, support groups, and parenting education & advocacy.



Community Activity Continued

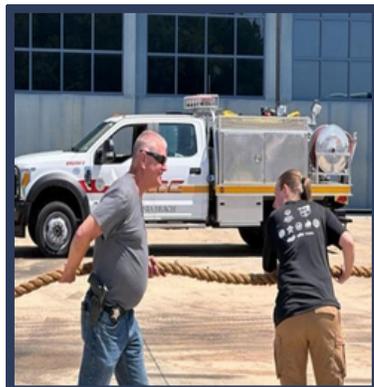
Smyrna Family Fun Day

On October 29, 2023 the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office was invited to Smyrna Christian Church for a Family Fun Day and First Responders Festival. It was a great afternoon with the church members and the citizens of King & Queen County.



Max Media Kind Fest

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in Max Media's Kind Fest this year. This year's festival focused on Virginia's Special Olympics and was hosted by the Norfolk's Sheriff's Office. The festival focuses on kindness under the banner of community unity. Sergeant Radden and Investigator Burr were at the Military Aviation Museum to help out. The festival included live music, a dunk tank, a water ballon fight, and a plane pull. It was an honor to have been part of such a noble cause.



Community Activity Continued

Community Police Academy

The Community Police Academy consists of one night a week for nine weeks. It gives citizens an overview of the operations and role of law enforcement. The training includes administrative operations, patrol, investigations, crime scene management, forensics, and firearms training. It also includes a day on the firearms range which meets requirements for the Virginia concealed carry permits. The Community Police Academy was coordinated by Investigator Cusick. The first graduation took place on June 8, 2023 with five graduates. It is a great way for citizens to learn about police operations and procedures.



D.A.R.E. Program

The D.A.R.E program is conducted in partnership with the King & Queen County school system. The ten-lesson program is instructed at both elementary schools and covers a variety of topics. Students learn how to combat peer pressure and put an end to bullying. Students are also taught how to be productive members of society. This program allows us to bridge the gap between law enforcement and our county's youth. On February 2nd of this year was the D.A.R.E. graduation. This year Lawson Marriott graduated 27 students and King & Queen Elementary graduated 24 students.



Community Activity Continued

The Fox Moon Farm Project

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Fox Moon Farm Project. This partnership will work with the non-profit's equine assisted learned program to help engage and build rapport to develop a positive connection between the police and youth. The Fox Moon Farm Project provides life changing equine programs and farm day trips to promote healing and wellness for vulnerable children and teens in a safe and supportive environment. This is one of the many programs that Sheriff Balderson plans to implement as part of his 4-step P.E.E.R. (Prevention, Education, Enforcement, and Rehabilitation) plan to reduce crime and violence.



Regional Critical Incident Stress Management Team

A first responder is subjected to about 800 critical events over the course of their career. Sheriff Balderson has created the regional Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team. Headed by Investigator Cusick, the foundation was laid and support came from all over. The King & Queen Upper Ruritan Club and Tappahannock-Warsaw Moose Lodge #2133 donated funds for the initial training of 30 selected individuals representing 16 different agencies from all over the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. CISM is an intervention protocol developed specifically for dealing with traumatic events. It is a formal, highly structured, and professionally recognized process for helping those involved in a critical incident to share their experiences, vent emotions, learn about stress reactions and symptoms, and be given referrals for further help, if required.



Community Activity Continued

Law Enforcement Roundtable

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office hosted a law enforcement roundtable with Virginia's Attorney General Jason S. Miyares on October 23, 2023. This roundtable discussion with Sheriffs and Chiefs from the Middle Peninsula's Northern Neck and surrounding areas was to discuss concerns and collaborate with the Attorney General on issues facing law enforcement in a rural location. Some of the topics discussed were drug trends, mental illness, staffing the Bold Blue Line initiative, and prosecution of cases. The roundtable was well attended by top law officials in our region and it was an honor Attorney General Jason Miyares was in attendance.



Awarded Grants

School Resource Officers Grants

In 2023, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office re-applied for the school resource officers grants through the Department of Criminal Justice Service and were awarded three School Resource Officer grants. These three grants allowed the Sheriff's Office to provide a School Resource Officer at Lawson Marriott Elementary School, King and Queen Elementary School and King and Queen Central High School. The School Resource Officers provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff and foster a positive relationship between law enforcement and citizens.

National Highway Safety Office Grants

In 2023, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office applied for the National Highway Safety Office Grant funding and was awarded \$27,749.00 for police traffic services, to place additional patrols on the highway, upgrade radar units and purchase a speed sensor sign. We were also awarded \$20,749 from the National Highway Safety Office Grant funding for alcohol enforcement, to place additional patrols on the highway, to purchase breath testing equipment and rechargeable power flares.

Local Law Enforcement Grant

In 2023, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office received \$1,704.00 in local Law Enforcement Grant funding. The funding was used to purchase bleed control kits for each patrol car.

American Rescue Plan Act Grant

In 2023, the King and Queen Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$350,000.00 grant through the Department of Criminal Justice Services' American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Goals for 2024 and Beyond

- Increase patrol officers by four to reduce response times and to provide back up on each shift. This was requested in 2023 and 2024 budgets and will remain a priority.
- Fully fund three School Resource Officers, one for each school in the county. Based on the current situation we have three SROs grant funded. There is also a review of the schools in the county.
- Fund the Resiliency Officer position. A position to mold a positive relationship with victims and with people suffering from drug abuse, domestic violence and mental health.
- Reduce drug(s) and drug related crimes by entering the drug task force.
- Continue to seek grant funding to reduce the need for budget items.
- More services for victims of crime to include a dedicated King & Queen Victim Witness Coordinator
- Resources for offenders and addicts of drugs and alcohol.
- Locate criminal justice services in the county so county residences do not need to leave the county for services to include Juvenile Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Intake.
- Certify a deputy as a crime prevention specialist and become a certified crime prevention community.
- Work to pass an ordinance to allow for speed cameras in school zones and school bus arm cameras.
- To continue progress on the P.E.E.R. program
 - Prevention
 - Education
 - Enforcement
 - Rehabilitation

New Sheriff

On January 1, 2023, Sheriff William R. Balderson became the new Sheriff of King and Queen County. Sheriff William R. Balderson, “Rob”, is a native of Essex County, Virginia. He is a graduate of Essex High School. He earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia and a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Sheriff Balderson began his career in Law Enforcement in 1997 with the Department of Corrections where he served in several positions within the security section. In 1999, Sheriff Balderson started his career with the King and Queen County Sheriff’s Office under Sheriff E.C. Walton. During his career with the King and Queen County Sheriff’s Office, he has served in several positions which include Patrol, School Resource Officer, DARE Officer, General Investigations, Criminal Investigations, Drug Investigations, and Lieutenant. In 2010, after Sheriff Charboneau was elected, Sheriff Balderson was promoted to the position of Chief Deputy where he served until his appointment at the retirement of Sheriff Charboneau on December 31, 2022. On November 7, 2023, Balderson was elected to a four year term as Sheriff of King and Queen County effective on January 1, 2024.



As Sheriff he is responsible for the daily operations of the King and Queen Sheriff’s Office. He also participates in all strategic planning and responses to incidents within the county. His department is made up of patrol, investigations, court security, transportation, civil process, animal control, and emergency dispatch. He continues to implement administrative planning of the department’s budget, policies, and procedures, and future departmental projects His goal is to increase community engagement, and to expand law enforcement coverage throughout the county.

During Balderson’s law enforcement career he has become a general instructor through the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He is an instructor through ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) in Active Shooter Level I and II. Erase (Exterior response to active shooter events), and CRASE (Civilian response to active shooter events). He is also an instructor from ASP in expandable baton and handcuffing. He is an instructor in Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing and Response to Suicide Bombing from the Department of Homeland Security and the New Mexico Tech University where he participated in explosive practical’s in the university’s explosive lab in the mountains of New Mexico. He is a member of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni. He graduated from the prestigious Virginia Forensic Science Academy hosted by the Virginia Department of Forensic Science in Richmond, Virginia. Sheriff Balderson has attended numerous conferences and training in Leadership, Tactics, Modern Policing, Community Policing, and Legal Issues in law enforcement.

Sheriff Balderson attended a three-week training session put on by the FBI LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association). He is a trilogy award recipient from the FBI LEEDA, an active member and continues to take courses in leadership & employment law. Sheriff Balderson also holds memberships and is an active participant in the Virginia Sheriff's Association, Virginia Sheriff's Institute, Virginia Chiefs of Police, Virginia Forensic Science Alumni, National Sheriff's Association, International Chiefs of Police, FBI-LEEDA, Small & Rural Law Enforcement Association, among other fraternal and community supported organizations. Sheriff Balderson has launched a new 4 step approach to reducing crime in King and Queen. The P.E.E.R. approach, P – Prevention, E – Education, E – Enforcement, R – Rehabilitation/Reentry. Sheriff Balderson's passion within law enforcement is stopping the cycle of recidivism. By introducing programs to the youth, that gives them a better chance of success in life through positive law enforcement relationships. "The cycle must be broken and the relationship with the community must be mutual and respect driven."