



# **King & Queen County Sheriff's Office**

## **2022 Annual Report**

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## KING AND QUEEN COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



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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 2022. 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 Offices have worked hard to provide high-quality service and continue to strive towards a better community.

2022 has been a year of rebuilding in a post-Covid world. We have been plagued with a decreased interest in law enforcement reflective of the decrease in applicants for all positions. However, we have been able to continue the same level of service to our community.

We had another successful year of grant opportunities, receiving a combined total of over \$250,000.00 in grant funding. These include traffic safety grants, covid grant funding for overtime and equipment, two traffic speed sign, a shoot don't shoot simulator, training funding, and an upgrade on our body worn camera program equipment. There also included funding for two school resource officers for the 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.

During the past year, we were able to fund two additional positions in dispatch to have two dispatchers on each shift during peak times. We continue to raise salaries and benefits to be competitive in the region.

Community outreach continues to be a priority, and we were successful for the second 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. A new program area kicked off this year faith in blue, our participation in faith in blue is a partnership with our faith-based communities.

There was a slight decrease in crime and traffic crashes. There was not a decrease enough by no means to reduce preventive and enforcement efforts. What we did see an increase in was mental health and drug overdose-related incidents. This trend has been reflected both state and nationally. We will review strategies to address these issues.

On December 31, 2022, Sheriff John Charboneau retired after 42 years of service. The King and Queen Board of Supervisors presented Charboneau a resolution in honor of all his hard work and dedication as Sheriff of King and Queen County.

As you read through the 2022 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

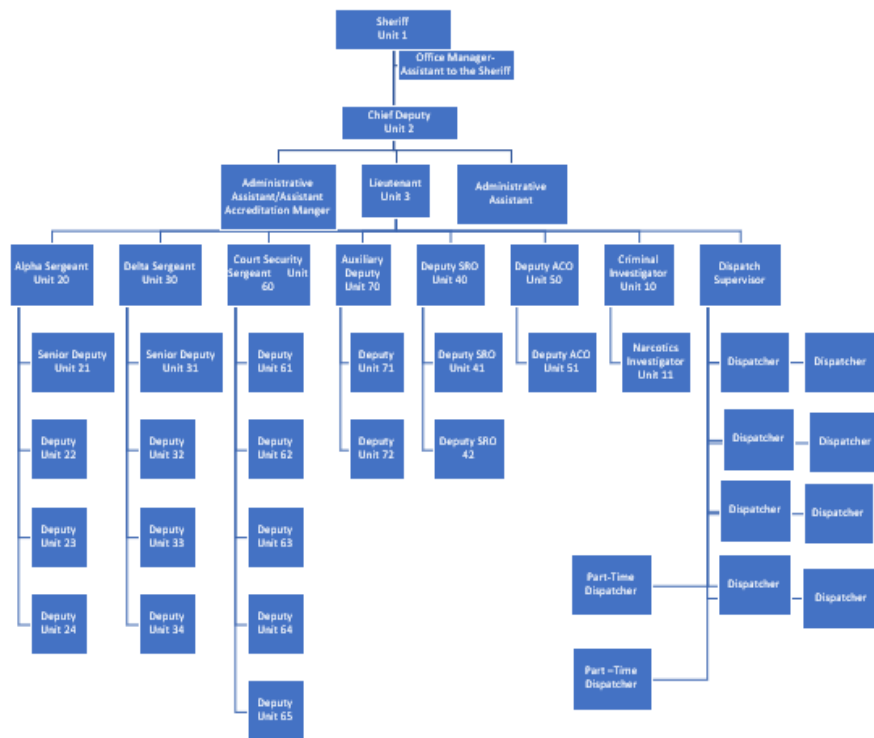
The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office has created a Facebook Page and Website in order to help inform the King & Queen Community. Our Facebook Page was created in January of 2017 and has just under 6,000 followers. Our Facebook Page is known for our weekly Wanted Wednesday and Felon Friday posts. Our website has been active since 2015 and contains information that may be helpful to the citizens of King & Queen County. In 2020 we added Twitter and Instagram accounts. Also, we are now 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.

**Web site :** [www.kqso.net](http://www.kqso.net)

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

**Tik Tok:** [@King\\_QueenSheriffOffice](#) **Instagram:** [@kingandqueensheriffsoffice](#)

King and Queen County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



## 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

The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office announced in June of 2018 that it is a law enforcement agency seeking Accreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). Of the more than 400 law enforcement agencies in Virginia, 100 of them have achieved this distinction. It is our desire to accomplish this task and join this distinct group.

Accreditation is considered the ultimate measure in professionalism among law enforcement agencies. The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission consists of members of the Virginia Sheriff's Association, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. It has established 190 professional standards divided into four general subject areas: Administration, Operations, Personnel and Training by which law enforcement agencies are measured.

In providing the accreditation program, the Commission's goals are:



- To promote public confidence in law enforcement.
- To promote cooperation among agencies
- To ensure proper training for law enforcement personnel.
- To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by law enforcement.

Accreditation sets the standards by which an agency must continue to operate in order to retain their accredited status. These professional standards must become a routine way of conducting Sheriff's Office business. There are on-going yearly reviews, with re-accreditation scheduled every four years.

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office has been working hard this past year to standardize all policies and forms. We have established all our policies and forms to have consistency in the department. We are currently in the stage of getting standard proofs of compliance. We are gearing up to have our first mock assessment in early-2023. Followed by a full assessment in mid-2023.



## Department Statistics

 <b>King &amp; Queen County Sheriff's Office</b> 				
<b>Year End Department Statistics</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Arrests Made	216	160	196	196
Traffic Summons Issued	3,422	2,654	2,980	3,503
Civil Papers Served	2,167	2,097	2,091	2,369
Received Calls for Dispatch	11,888	10,250	12,037	13,565
Warrants Issued	651	555	528	481
Accident Reports Made	153	121	140	121



## Reportable Offense Statistics 2022

### 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	2019 Total	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	3	3
Robbery	1	0	0	1
Sex Offenses (Forcible)	4	0	0	0
Sex Offenses (Non-Forcible)	1	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	2	15	4
Simple Assault	40	26	31	39
Intimidation	0	0	6	8
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4	2	2	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	1	1	1	5
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	4	4	9	7
Drug/Narcotics Violation	78	42	45	46
Embezzlement	2	0	0	0
Extortion/ Blackmail	0	1	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0
Theft from Building	1	2	0	0
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	2	0	7	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	2	0	2
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	0	0	0
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	1	0	3	4
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	5	0	1	0
Impersonation	0	0	1	2
Stolen Property Offenses	2	0	2	1
Weapon Law Violation	5	4	29	9

## Reportable Offense Statistics 2022

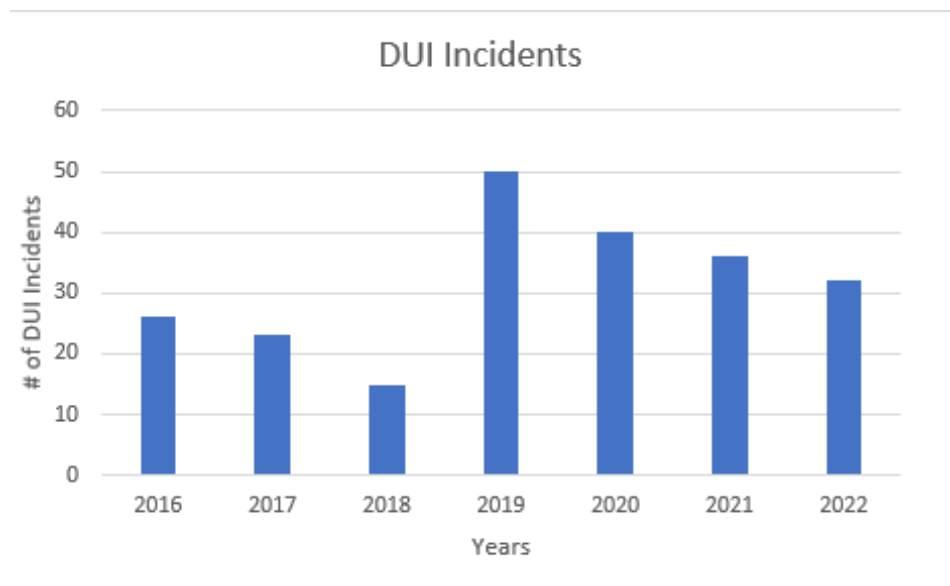
### Group B Offenses

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	2019 Arrests	2020 Arrests	2021 Arrests	2022 Arrests
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0	7
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	50	40	36	33
Drunkenness	2	0	12	1
Family Offenses (Non-Violent)	1	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	14	0	13	8
Runaway	0	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	3	0	5	16
Conspire to Commit Group A Offense	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	41	26	54	96

## DUI Enforcement

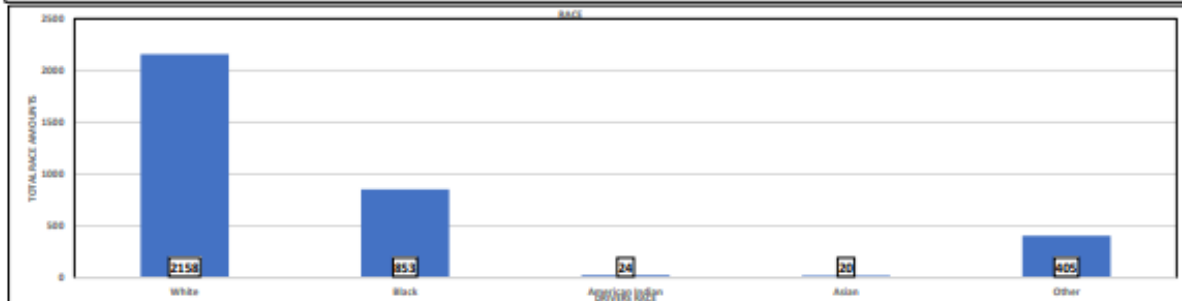
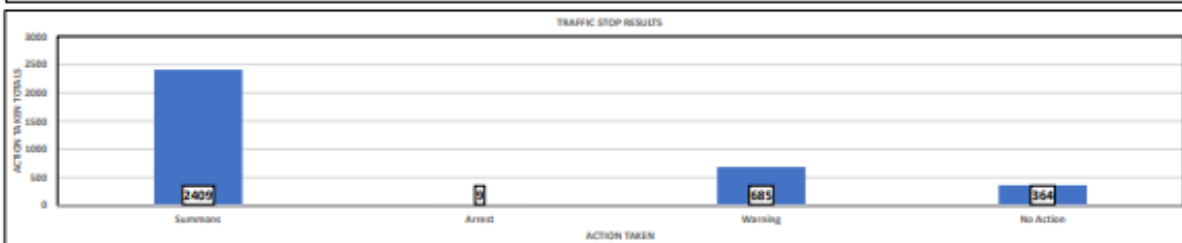
Number of DUI Incidents from 2016-2022



# Community Policing Data Collection

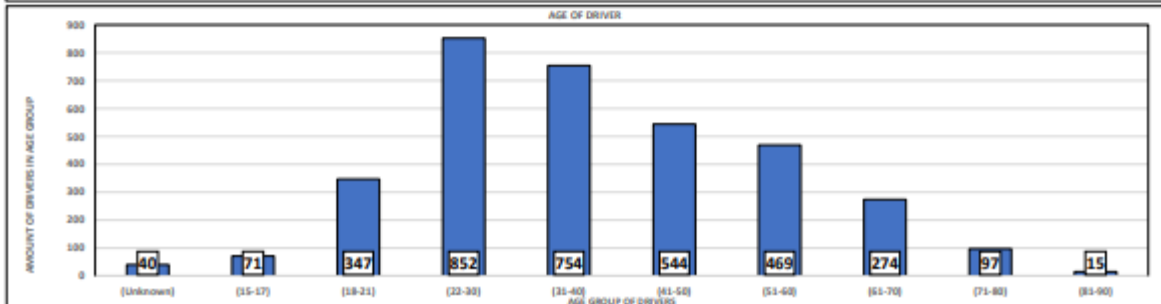
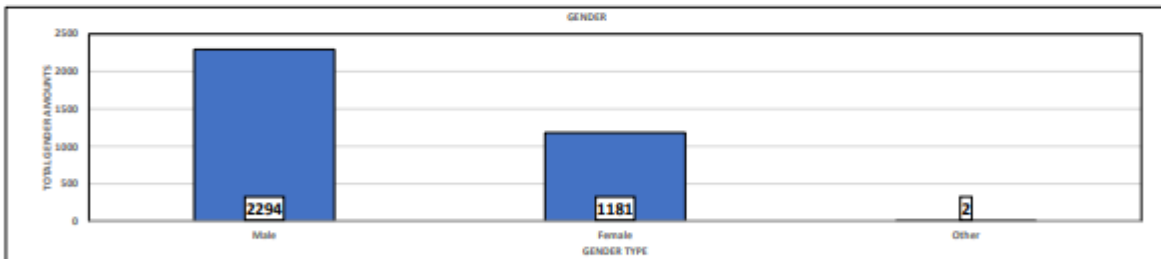
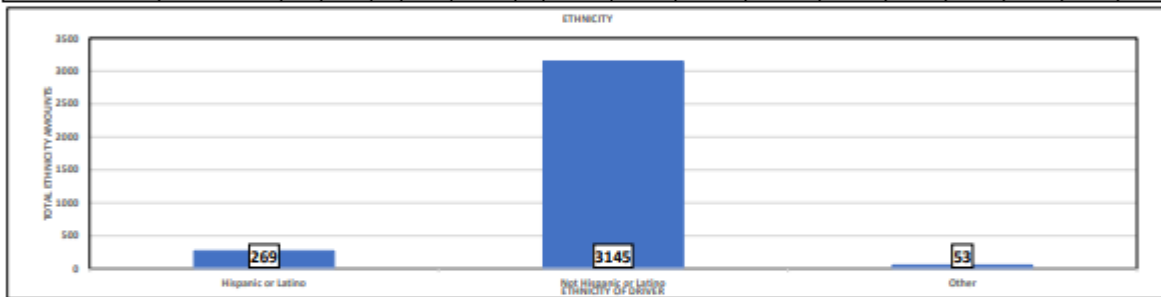
The Virginia Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Uniform Crime Reporting Section began the collection of community policing data as required by the Community Policing Act. In addition to data collected on each motor vehicle stop, the Community Policing Act requires each state and local law enforcement agency to collect and report to the State Police the number of complaints the agency receives alleging the use of excessive force.

King and Queen County Community Policing Data Collection for January-December 2022																
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
Balderson	40	39	0	0	0	0	1	37	0	2	1	8	11	0	1	20
Boyington	358	346	10	1	1	0	0	296	5	45	12	190	90	0	0	78
Burr	269	250	5	0	0	3	11	207	0	27	35	178	80	1	2	8
Cox	583	560	0	1	0	8	14	357	1	166	59	408	130	5	0	40
Cusick	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hope	461	444	8	4	0	3	2	316	0	143	2	293	140	0	6	22
Lawson	418	406	0	4	0	5	3	233	0	114	71	279	87	6	1	39
Mills	269	251	12	1	0	3	2	184	1	63	21	176	79	3	1	10
Ours	189	166	13	2	0	4	4	132	0	8	49	129	48	1	2	9
Parker	6	4	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	0
Radden	72	59	6	4	0	3	0	53	1	17	1	45	20	0	0	7
Rowe	157	149	1	0	0	1	6	94	0	61	2	99	43	1	1	12
Scheffli	392	324	36	5	2	8	17	299	0	0	93	218	74	7	0	93
Shipman	248	240	3	3	0	0	2	193	1	36	18	128	47	0	6	67
Wilson	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3467</b>	<b>3243</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2409</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>2158</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>405</b>



# Community Policing Data Collection Continued

King and Queen County Community Policing Data Collection for January-December 2022																	
Officer	Total Stops	ETHNICITY			GENDER			Not Known	DRIVER'S AGE								
		H	N	U	M	F	O		15-17	18-21	22-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90
Balderson	40	0	40	0	26	14	0	0	1	4	10	12	3	5	5	0	0
Boyington	358	7	335	16	236	121	1	0	5	42	81	76	52	58	36	7	1
Burr	269	26	241	2	186	83	0	0	7	25	65	60	43	38	19	11	1
Cox	583	106	473	4	381	212	0	31	5	39	116	116	117	85	51	20	3
Cusick	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hope	461	30	430	1	292	169	0	4	18	76	115	106	55	44	33	9	1
Lawson	418	23	388	7	287	131	0	1	6	31	115	91	63	57	34	16	4
Mills	269	18	247	4	179	90	0	0	3	16	60	68	49	42	24	5	2
Ours	189	6	182	1	115	74	0	0	4	15	57	31	28	26	17	9	2
Parker	6	0	6	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Radden	72	2	69	1	40	32	0	0	3	5	21	13	10	10	8	1	1
Rowe	157	13	137	7	95	62	0	0	4	16	37	33	26	22	12	7	0
Schefflien	392	30	353	9	276	115	1	4	10	52	113	78	55	50	22	4	
Shipman	248	8	239	1	174	74	0	0	5	26	59	69	41	29	11	8	0
Wilson	4	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3467</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>3145</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2294</b>	<b>1181</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>15</b>



## ACO News

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 SHERIFFS OFFICE YEARLY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

YEAR 2022	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Total Calls for Service	46	38	57	47	54	58	41	44	45	44	47	41	562
Follow-ups	9	13	11	10	3	9	3	5	2	4	3	2	74
Summonses	2	18	8	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	36
Warnings	3	2	0	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	13
Lost Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
Lost Dogs	5	5	7	6	10	6	3	6	9	3	5	0	65
Bite Scratch Reports	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
<b>Animals Transported</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>170</b>
Dogs Transported to Shelter (Stray)	8	4	6	4	4	16	5	7	5	6	3	5	73
Dogs Transported to Shelter (Owner Surrender)	1	1	0	6	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	16
Cats Transported to Shelter (Stray)	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	10	2	0	3	1	25
Cats Transported to Shelter (Owner Surrender)	3	0	1	1	5	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	16
Dogs Returned to Owner	3	4	7	6	10	8	3	1	1	1	0	0	44
Cats Returned to Owner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dogs Taken to Vet	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	7
Cats Taken to Vet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dogs Euthenized in County Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cats Euthenized in County Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Types of Animals Processed</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>191</b>
Dogs Total	17	10	14	16	18	25	11	9	6	7	4	7	144
Cats Total	3	0	1	2	6	7	2	10	2	4	3	1	41
Equine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Livestock/Poultry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	6
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Wild Life Euthenized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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 5 registered individuals and continues to grow. Deputy Craig Jorgensen 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.

## Mattaponi Rappahannock Explorers Post #333



Explorer Post 333 is joint effort between the King & Queen and Essex Sheriff offices. The post is governed by the Boy Scouts of America, concentrating on law enforcement practices. The post is open to youth from surrounding jurisdictions needing a post within their home locality. Per the organization's rules and regulations, youth between 14 and 21 are eligible for the enrollment. In 2022, each of our five members aged out of the program. The post is undergoing a restructuring with an upcoming recruitment campaign coming soon. It is our goal to have the post up and running at full capacity in the near future.

## Special Recognition

### 2022 MADD Award

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office had a recipient of the 2022 MADD award, Deputy Brian Burr. The MADD award is given out each year to more than 100 law enforcement officers for their dedication to impaired driving enforcement and prosecution. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Deputy Burr investigated and handled over 8 DUI related incidents.

In October, Deputy Burr was awarded the 2022 MADD award. Deputy Burr is committed to reducing DUI related fatalities and keeping our citizens and all those who pass through our county safe!

The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office strives to make our roads safe and one day hopes to eliminate drunk driving.





# Graduations

## Deputy Graduations

On May 25, 2022, Deputy Ronnie Ours graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy Basic Class 158. On December 7, 2022, Deputy Laura Carroll graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy Jail Basic Class 208. On December 15, 2022, Deputy John Parker and Deputy Scott Edleman graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy Basic Class 161. Deputy John Parker was also awarded the Charles Murray Award for overall excellence. We are proud of all their 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.

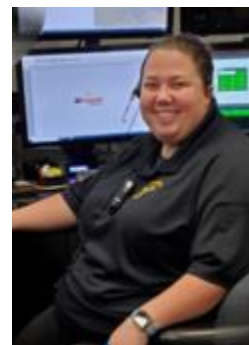


## Dispatch Graduation

On February 9, 2022, Jessica Taylor graduated from Dispatch Basic 139 from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy.

On November 3, 2022, Renee Brown also graduated from Dispatch Basic 141 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.



*Jessica Taylor*

## Promotions

Sheriff Charboneau promoted several people in 2022. Investigator Mitchell Wilson was promoted to Lieutenant. Deputy Brian Burr was promoted to Narcotics Investigator, Corporal Radden was promoted to Sergeant, and Deputy Lawson was promoted to Corporal.



Lieutenant Wilson has been with the sheriff's office since 2014 and has served many roles including: Animal Control Officer, Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigator, and Narcotics Investigator. He is a General Instructor, OC Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and the Training Coordinator for the agency along with being the Lead Instructor.

Investigator Burr has been with the sheriff's office since 2017 and has served many roles including: Animal Control Officer, Patrol Deputy, Court Security, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, General Instructor with LIDAR, Radar Certification, and Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector. Investigator Burr's primary function will be focusing on narcotic investigations. He will also be the property and evidence technician for the office.



Sergeant Radden has been with the sheriff's office since 2020 but has been in law enforcement since 2004. Sergeant Radden has served as a Patrol Deputy, School Resource Officer, and also as the Community Relations Officer. He also became the department's Quartermaster and Inventory Specialist. In his role as Sergeant, he has become the delta squad's patrol supervisor. He also became the department's Administrative Supervisor and Supervisor of the School Resource Program.

Corporal Lawson started her law enforcement career in 2011 as a dispatcher for the sheriff's office. She left the sheriff's office in 2013 to pursue a career in Corrections. She ended her career in Corrections as a Jail Lieutenant. Corporal Lawson graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy on December 16, 2021. On July 1, 2022, Lawson was promoted to the rank of Corporal taking on the role as the patrol corporal for alpha shift. With this position, she is responsible for Community Engagement, assisting shift sergeants, and Dispatch Quality Assurance.



## Drug Enforcement

### Drug Take Back Day 2022

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in two Drug Take Back Day events in 2022. 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 30<sup>th</sup> and the second one occurred on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Several deputies were stationed at the two drop-off sites to greet citizens and accept any unused, unwanted prescriptions. This year a total of 92.3 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 May, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office had the opportunity to partner with the Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department for a three- part safety talk. There were discussions on self-defense, firearms safety, and fire prevention. It was a great opportunity to engage with our citizens.



## 2022 High School Graduation Celebration

On June 3, 2022, the King & Queen Sheriff's Office attended Central High's graduation ceremony. Sergeant Radden, 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 2022 the best of luck in their future endeavors.



# Community Activity Continued

## Bluegrass Family Day and Fly-In



The weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> the King and Queen County Sheriff's office participated in the Bluegrass Family Day and Fly-In with the Lower King and Queen Fire Department.



The Rappahannock Native American Tribal Center included the department in their Tribal Counsel Meeting in June of this past year.



We also participated in a Juneteenth celebration put on by the NAACP that was held at the Second Mt Olive Baptist Church. Kenneth Byrd, president of the NAACP for this area, had a big part in organizing this event. It was great fellowship and food.

## National Night Out

On August 3, 2022, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office participated in National Night Out. This event is a partnership between local community organizations and citizens of the county. Each year, on the first Tuesday in August, communities across the United States participate in National Night Out. This event heightens crime and drug-prevention awareness, and develops strong bonds within the community. It was a huge success! Next year we hope to have two events.



# Community Activity Continued

## Faith and Blue Event



We had our first Faith and Blue Event this year. Poroporone Baptist Church allowed the King and Queen Sheriff's office to use their Trunk or Treat Event to get out in the community. Great fun was had by all! Corporal Lawson did a great job organizing this event and we hope to make it an annual event.



## Community Pride Day 2022

Each year the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office looks forward to Community Pride Day! On October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Community Activity Continued

## Mattaponi Baptist Church Law Enforcement Appreciation

On October 23, 2022 the King and Queen County Sheriff's office was invited to Mattaponi Baptist Church for their second annual Law Enforcement Appreciation service and lunch. The deputies received cards of thanks, a booklet, a big box of goodies, and a delicious lunch. The support from these church members was greatly appreciated.

## First Responders Festival

On October 30, 2022 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.



## D.A.R.E. Program

In October 2021, The King & Queen County Sheriff's Office firmly established the D.A.R.E. program. This 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of this year was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. graduation. Sergeant Radden and Deputy Mills congratulated the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at King and Queen Elementary School and Lawson Marriott Elementary School on successfully completing the D.A.R.E. program.





## Awarded Grants

### Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant Program (CESF)

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$49,900 in grant funding to be used towards combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds were used to buy supplies such as disinfecting wipes, N95 masks, gloves, Lysol spray, hand-sanitizer, and protective glasses to be given to personnel. Some of the funds were allocated to help with coverage of personnel on court days. Much of our court security staff is in the high-risk range so to ensure their health and safety, funds were used to grant over-time pay to our patrol deputies to help cover security on court days. The grant was good through December 31, 2022 and we have reapplied.



## School Resource Officers Grants

In 2022, 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 two School Resource Officer grants. These two grants allowed the Sheriff's Office to provide a School Resource Officer at Lawson Marriott Elementary School and King and Queen Elementary School. We continued a county funded SRO position at 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.

## **Awarded Grants Continued**

### **Body-Worn Camera Grant Program**

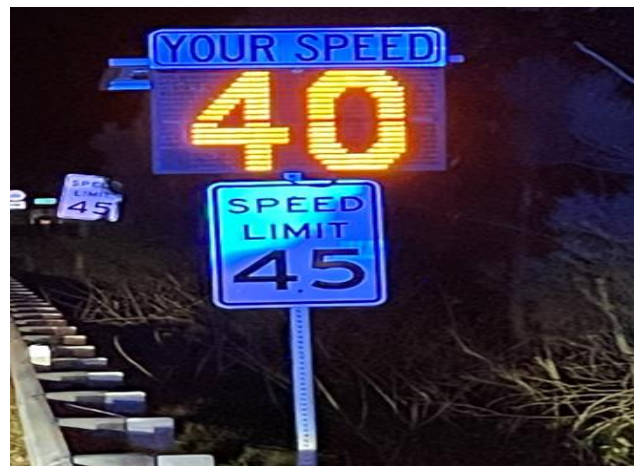
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In April of 2021, the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$18,900.00 for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. This grant does not run out until March 2022, so this is still an active grant and the sheriff's office is still fulfilling. This program provides funding for body-worn cameras for officer and citizen safety. With this program the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office is currently in the process of adding 25 new body-worn cameras to the already existing 12 body-worn cameras in the program. Over the years these cameras take a great deal of wear and tear as they are worn by our deputies each day. As our deputies deal with unpredictable incidents these cameras take the blow, such as inclement weather, tracking through woods and brush and apprehending unruly citizens at times. With the funding from this grant the sheriff's office can add body-worn cameras to replace those cameras that go out of commission to be fixed but it also gives the sheriff's office extra cameras to be given to Part-time Deputies and Court Security Deputies. It is critical that our Court Security Deputies have body-worn cameras as the rise in ECOs have occurred and much of the time our Court Security Deputies are responsible for the transport of these individuals. Being awarded the funding from this grant has significantly helped the sheriff's office, the cost of body-worn cameras is constantly going up but the need for them is also rising. Having been awarded this grant has given the sheriff's office some relief budget wise on equipment. The equipment the sheriff's office uses each day is expensive and a constant upkeep, so the assistance from the grant has been helpful. This program was fully implemented throughout 2022. All deputies are equipped with a Body-Worn Camera and a spare to be used at all times.

## Awarded Grants Continued

### Speed Sign Grant Funding

We were able to use Department of Criminal Justice Service funds and Department of Motor Vehicle Traffic Enforcement funds from grants to erect two movable speed signs. These speed signs will not only read out speeds to motorists, they will alert drivers that they are exceeding the speed by flashing and a speed 10mph over the posted speed will result in a blue and red strobe light. These signs have software to calculate violations and average speeds for different hours allowing us to target key times with an officer present. This project costed approximately \$11,000.00 of which \$1,000.00 was county funded.

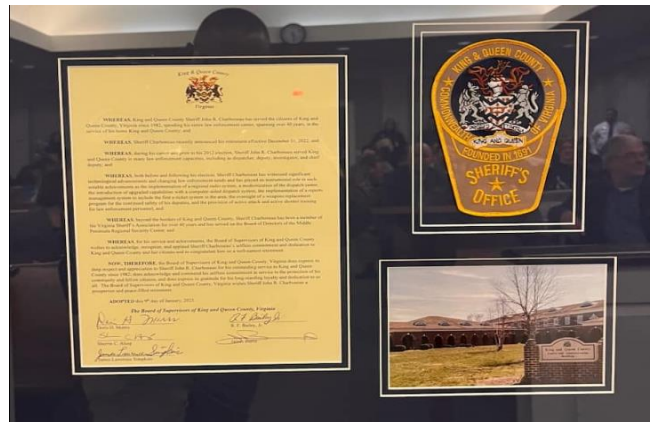


### Shoot Don't Shoot Simulator

We were able to use Department of Criminal Justice Services grant funding to purchase a simulated law enforcement scenario based “shoot don't shoot system”. This allows us to train officers in encounters and see their restrictions in certain scenarios. As the use of force increases around the country, we are able to train on de-escalation tactics and use of force measures. This tool is often used in larger agencies or academy settings, but through grant funding we are able to train and practice “in house”. Funding was also made possible with Asset Forfeiture Funds from drug arrests.

# Retirements

Sheriff John R. Charboneau announced his retirement after 42 years of service on December 31, 2022. Sheriff Charboneau has served in every role in the department from dispatcher, patrol deputy, investigator, Chief Deputy, and Sheriff. Sheriff John R. Charboneau accomplished many of the goals he set forth for the Sheriff's office to be ahead of its time and it has truly made a difference in the community. The King and Queen County Board of Supervisors presented Sheriff J. R. Charboneau with a resolution in honor of all his hard work and dedication as Sheriff of King and Queen County. He will be greatly missed.



Dispatcher Cathy Brooks retired after 23 years of service with the King and Queen County Sheriff's office. We can't thank her enough for all of her hard work and dedication to the Sheriff's office and the citizens of King and Queen County.



## 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.



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 lead the department to be fully accredited, 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 practicals 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."