

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



## News

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### Sheriff's Office Joins National Night Out Celebration

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, members of his command staff and several deputies celebrated the 35th annual National Night Out on August 7. Two dozen ASO employees joined Police, City officials and neighbors at community cookouts, block parties and ice cream socials across Alexandria. More than 20 neighborhoods took part in the national outreach program that promotes partnerships between the community and law enforcement



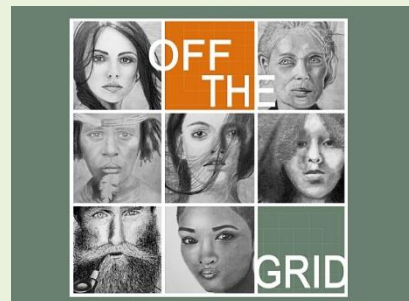
### SAFE Project Participates in Drug Take Back Day

At the Drug Take Back day on July 28, City leaders welcomed retired Admiral Sandy and Mary Winnefeld, the founders of [SAFE Project](#), who lost their son to an opioid overdose and are committed to fighting the opioid epidemic. SAFE Project joined SAPCA, Alexandria Renew and the Sheriff's Office outside The Neighborhood Pharmacy to encourage the safe disposal of unneeded medications, while Alexandria Police staffed three other locations. In total, Alexandria turned in 200 pounds of unwanted drugs!



### Torpedo Factory Exhibition Features Inmate Artwork

Original [artwork from inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center is now on exhibit](#) at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Old Town. "Off the Grid: Creating Change through Art Instruction and Inspiration" opened at the Torpedo Factory in July and will be displayed at the second floor Community Gallery through August 31. Art instructor Kelli Schollard-Sincock, who volunteers her time and talents, organized the exhibition to highlight the work of her students at the Alexandria jail and the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.



### **Sheriff's Office Earns Reaccreditation from CALEA**

Sheriff Lawhorne is proud to announce that the [Sheriff's Office was formally reaccredited](#) by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) at a ceremony on July 28. CALEA assessors evaluated the Sheriff's Office on its compliance with more than 300 standards related to law enforcement and noted that the Office is "visible, proactive and community oriented and has successfully engaged its community in a partnership to maintain a safe community."

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### **Ceremony Honors Inmates' Achievements**

Inmates and staff at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center celebrated the academic and personal [achievements of 18 inmates at a graduation ceremony](#) on July 19. Among those recognized at the ceremony were four inmates wearing caps and gowns who had passed their General Educational Development (GED) examinations. The graduation program featured remarks from guest speaker, Rose T. Dawson, Director of the Alexandria Library.

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### **Sheriff's Office Active in Youth Outreach**

Throughout the summer, ASO has been involved in youth outreach activities. Deputies helped at multiple bike rodeos across the City, and on July 14 Deputies Zachary Selph and Marissa McElveen greeted kids and let them explore a Sheriff's Office vehicles at Tons of Trucks (right). Then on July 24, ASO welcomed the young men from Kamp Kappa for a visit that included a meeting with the Sheriff, a jail tour and cruiser demonstrations. The visit was part of the Street Law program organized by retired U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee.

