

# Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



## NEWS

DECEMBER 2020

### Operation Elf a Success Thanks to Thoughtful Donors

Through Operation Elf, children with an incarcerated parent are able to receive holiday gifts, including toys, games, gift cards and books. This year's Operation Elf was truly special because of the challenges of the pandemic and hardships people are facing. Thankfully, [generous donors made Operation Elf a success](#) with more than 250 children receiving gifts this season!



### Sheriff's Office Spreads Holiday Cheer

With the winter holidays presenting added challenges for many in our community this year, the [Sheriff's Office worked with others to deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need and to promote the holiday spirit through outreach](#). Partnering with other City agencies as well as with ALIVE! and Casa Chirilagua, ASO staff helped to organize and distribute meals to hundreds. Some employees donated to these causes directly and others shared their talents, like Deputy Todd Stubblefield who painted a holiday scene on the windows of a business in Del Ray.



## Six Deputies Graduate from Academy

In December, [six new deputies successfully completed five months of basic law enforcement training](#) and graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy as members of Session 143. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Session 143 did not have a traditional graduation ceremony, however the Sheriff's Office congratulates Deputy Fidelis Asonglefac, Deputy Dianna Gethers, Deputy Austin Grant, Deputy Francis Laigo, Deputy William Powell and Deputy Michael Spitzer on their achievement.



## Deputies Raise Money for NoShave November

For the first time, the [Sheriff's Office organized a team to support NoShave November and cancer charities](#). Deputy Stearns spearheaded ASO's efforts and, with the Sheriff's approval, dozens of deputies grew beards -- and raised \$1200 for cancer awareness and prevention! Deputies and other staff donated the money they would typically spend on shaving and hair maintenance to organizations that educate others about cancer prevention and aid those fighting the battle.



## Deputy Hagar Named Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Master Deputy Richard Hagar who was named Employee of the Quarter! A very dedicated and knowledgeable team member, Deputy Hagar has excelled in the safe, secure and efficient management of video conferencing for inmates appearing in court and meeting with their counsel during the COVID-19 pandemic. U.S. Attorney G. Zachary Terwilliger even wrote to Sheriff Lawhorne to express his appreciation for Deputy Hagar's outstanding efforts.

