ASO Adapts Community Outreach Efforts
With schools closed and community events cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sheriff's Office is finding new ways to stay engaged with our community and to support our partners, like Alexandria City Public Schools and ALIVE! Deputies are helping them provide food to families in need. They’re also staying connected with kids by reading books online and making virtual classroom visits.

Expanded Safety Protocols in Effect at Jail
The safety and well being of our inmates and staff remain the top priority for the Sheriff’s Office during the pandemic. Command staff works closely with the Alexandria Health Department as well as our own medical team and modifies jail and health screening protocols as necessary. Inmates were issued cloth masks on April 16, and all detention center staff must wear N95 masks after being fit tested (right) by our medical team.

Sign Up Now for Coloring with Our Community
Kids at home can have fun and learn about safety and civics with ASO’s new program, Coloring with Our Community. ASO is distributing coloring and activity books, each with a different theme such as bike safety and keeping our environment clean. Then every other Tuesday, beginning on May 19, deputies will appear in a Facebook video discussing that topic and coloring a selected page from that coloring book. This is free for City residents but you must sign up by May 17.
New Deputies Sworn In
Six new deputies took their oath of office and received their badges at an April 27 ceremony. Their families watched remotely as Sheriff Dana Lawhorne welcomed the recruits and Clerk of the Circuit Court Greg Parks administered their oaths. Congratulations to Deputy William Powell, Deputy Dianna Gethers, Deputy Daniel Canniff, Deputy Austin Grant, Deputy Francis Laigo, and Deputy Michael Spitzer.

Deputy Reyes Named Employee of the Quarter
Congratulations to Deputy Eloy Reyes on being named Employee of the Quarter! Deputy Reyes was nominated for this honor by his supervisor Sergeant LaJuenne Harding for his “can do” attitude, his “consistently positive demeanor,” his commitment to his team, and his overall professionalism. Deputy Reyes also uses his bilingual skills to assist colleagues and inmates, ensuring that they have timely and accurate information.

Appreciation for Community Support
Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and the Sheriff’s Office staff truly appreciate the outpouring of support and supplies from community members. Since the pandemic began, dozens of businesses, organizations and individuals, including U.S. Attorney G. Zachary Terwilliger (at right), have donated masks, sanitizer, and even food to the Office. Please know that your contributions and your messages of support have made a significant difference during a difficult time and we thank you!