

BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COMMUNITY REPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION 2020



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The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for Botetourt County. Core Responsibilities include Patrol, Regional Jail, Court Services, Animal Control and the Dispatch Center.

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office is located at 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090.

The Office of Sheriff in Botetourt County was formed in 1770. The Sheriff is an elected constitutional law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Sheriff M.T. Ward was elected to office in 2019, and began his term January 1st, 2020. The total number of employees as of January 2020 is 128. This includes Law Enforcement, Correctional, Raid/Court services, Animal Control, Dispatchers, Jail Cooks, Support Staff and Part Time Employees.

From 01 January 2020 through 31 December 2020–

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received/conducted the following:

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Calls for Service	-	26,856	21,797
911 Hang Up Calls	-	345	266
Alarms	-	717	626
Animal Control Calls	-	2,515	2,289
Concealed Weapon Applications/Renewals	-	945	1,711
Funeral Escorts	-	159	124
Protective Orders	-	284	380
Traffic Stops	-	6,715	5,299
Incident / Investigations:			
Incidents	-	1,686	1,726
Offenses	-	1,654	1,744
Arrests	-	759	628
Criminal Papers Served	-	3,220	2371
Civil Papers Served	-	7,742	6,343
Uniform Citations	-	5,146	3,881

Community Concerns and Complaints

The Botetourt County Emergency Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and accepts emergency, non-emergency & informational calls.

Remember!

Dial 911 for an Emergency.

For non-emergencies dial (540) 473-8631.

Requests by citizens for Law Enforcement assistance are addressed according to the priority/urgency of the request.

Sheriff Ward has an ongoing and receptive “open door” policy that welcomes comments, concerns and questions from all citizens.

Community Involvement Through Crime Prevention

The Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office continues to be a resource to the Community for speakers and educational programs on various topics to church, civic and business organizations. Various members of the Sheriff’s Office continue to serve on a number of committees and boards in Botetourt County and in the Roanoke Valley. Those include:

- The Botetourt Prevention Team
- The Botetourt Family Assessment Planning Team
- The Botetourt Community Policy and Management Team
- The Blue Ridge Transportation Safety Board
- The Southwest Regional Crime Prevention Association
- The Roanoke Valley Crime Line Board
- The Botetourt County Character Counts Leadership Council
- The Botetourt-Alleghany Services Improvement Committee
- The Virginia Crime Prevention Association
- Regional Fraud Investigators

The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office continually strives to improve the working relationship with our county citizens along with but not limited to: public and private Businesses and organizations, other law enforcement agencies and the general public. Presentations and other educational programs are administered to various civic, church and other organizations upon request. D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers maintain a positive relationship with students, parents, faculty, and staff, while providing guidance, instruction, prevention and safety programs to students during and after school hours.

Important and upcoming events, alerts and other useful information is distributed to the public via the universal communication system (reverse 911), the web site at www.botetourtsheriff.com and through the County Newsletter (County Administration), also through the local media – The Botetourt View, The Botetourt Bee, The Fincastle Herald, The Roanoke Times, WDBJ 7, WSLs 10 and WSET 13.

This agency works diligently to address problems and concerns expressed by the community in a timely manner in addition to providing available resources when appropriate, needed or requested.