

# AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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# INTRODUCTION

**The Augusta County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the following information as its 2008 Annual Report. Throughout 2008, the Augusta County Sheriff's Office has continued its dedicated efforts to keep Augusta County safe for all citizen's and visitors. 2008 was a very busy year for the members of the Sheriff's Office and we are proud of our efforts and accomplishments throughout the year.**



**AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF 'S OFFICE**  
**Randall D. Fisher**

# Augusta County, VA



## HISTORY

Augusta County was formed in 1738 and named for Augusta, the Princess of Wales and Mother of King George, III. The county boundaries once stretched all the way to the Mississippi River. Currently, the County covers 967 square miles, more than half of the size of Rhode Island. It is the second largest county (in land area) in Virginia.

## POPULATION

According to the 2000 Census, there are 65,615 people in Augusta County. Combined with Staunton and Waynesboro, VA, the area population exceeds 110,000. The median age in Augusta County is 39.

## GOVERNMENT

Augusta County is governed by a seven member Board of Supervisors. The County is divided into seven magisterial districts with Board members elected from each district. The Board of Supervisors meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

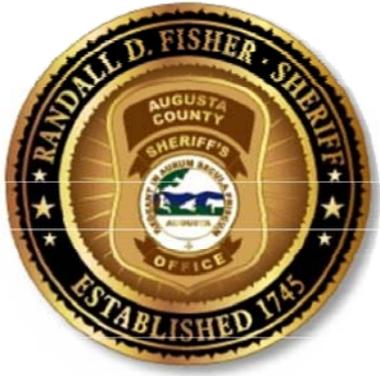
## ECONOMY

Augusta County has a diverse economy. While manufacturing accounts for approximately 30% of the jobs in the County, the governmental, services, and trade sectors are also very strong. In fact, the Augusta Correctional Center and Target are two of the County's largest employers.

## AGRICULTURE

Agriculture has traditionally been an important part of the County's economy. This remains true today. As of January 1, 2000, Augusta County had 37,400 beef cows and 75,000 sheep and lambs, ranking first in both categories in Virginia. According to the latest Census of Agriculture, there are 1,499 farms in Augusta County covering more that 282,000 acres. The average farm in the County is 188 acres.





# RANDALL FISHER

SHERIFF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA



Randall “Randy” Fisher joined the Augusta County Sheriff’s Office in 1972 as a jail officer. He worked his way through the ranks as a Patrol Deputy, Investigator, Lieutenant, and Captain. Randy was appointed interim Sheriff in 1998 after the untimely death of Sheriff Glenn P. Lloyd, who had held the office for almost 14 years. Randy was elected as Sheriff in a special election in 1998, and ran unopposed in the regular election in 1999. He has been re-elected to two additional terms. Randy resides near the village of Crimora with his wife Elizabeth. They have two sons, Matthew and Alex.

Sheriff Fisher is a graduate of Blue Ridge Community College and the Virginia Forensic Academy. The Sheriff is also a 1992 graduate of the FBI National Academy. Sheriff Fisher currently serves on numerous local boards and he recently served as the interim director of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy.

# MISSION STATEMENT

***“THE MISSION OF THE AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE IS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT AND PROACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO LIVE IN OR TRAVEL THROUGH AUGUSTA COUNTY WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, ETHNICITY OR RELIGION.***

***THE PARAMOUNT GOAL IN DOING SO SHALL BE TO MAKE AUGUSTA COUNTY A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN VISIT AND LIVE WITHOUT ANY FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OR WELLBEING OF THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILY, OR THEIR PROPERTY.***

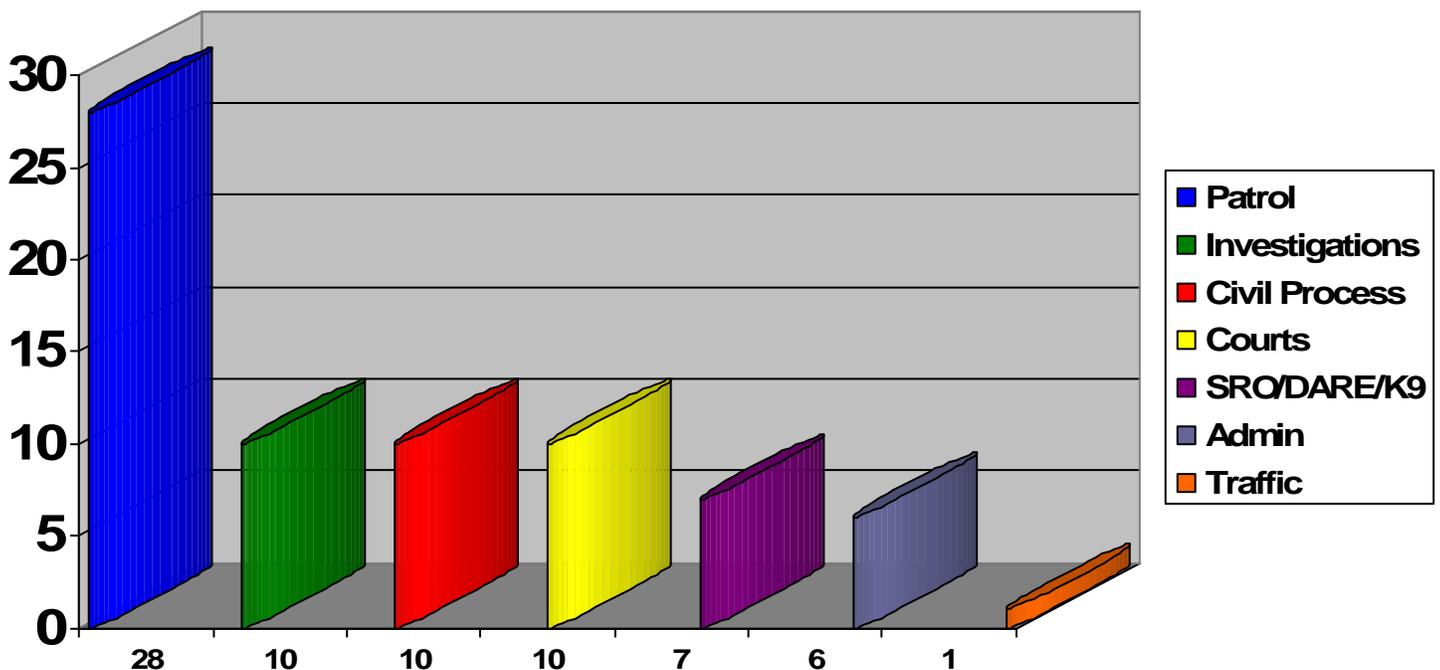
***DEDICATION, LOYALTY, INTEGRITY, AND JUSTICE SHALL BE THE HALLMARKS OF OUR EFFORT AND A QUALITY OF LIFE ENJOYED BY THE PUBLIC, UNFETTERED BY CRIME, SHALL SERVE AS THE BENCHMARK OF OUR SUCCESS.”***

# AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office is an organization of highly motivated public servants who are dedicated to improving the safety and quality of life of county residents and visitors. The Augusta County Sheriff's Office consists of 72 sworn deputies. Those 68 Full time and 4 part-time officers serve in the Patrol, Traffic, Investigations, Civil Process, Courts, Crime prevention and Administrative Divisions. Sheriff's Office Support staff includes an Administrative Assistant, Information and Technology Coordinator, an Office Manager and seven services support personnel.

During 2008 our agency responded to 24,526 calls for service and we had 16,209 self initiated incidents for a combined total of 40,735 incidents.

## 72 TOTAL SWORN PERSONNEL



# ACSO STAFF OFFICERS



**CAPTAIN DWIGHT WOOD**  
**CHIEF DEPUTY**

## PATROL



**LT. DENNIS BACK**

## INVESTIGATIONS



**LT. GLENN HANGER**

## TRAFFIC



**LT. JAMES MADER**

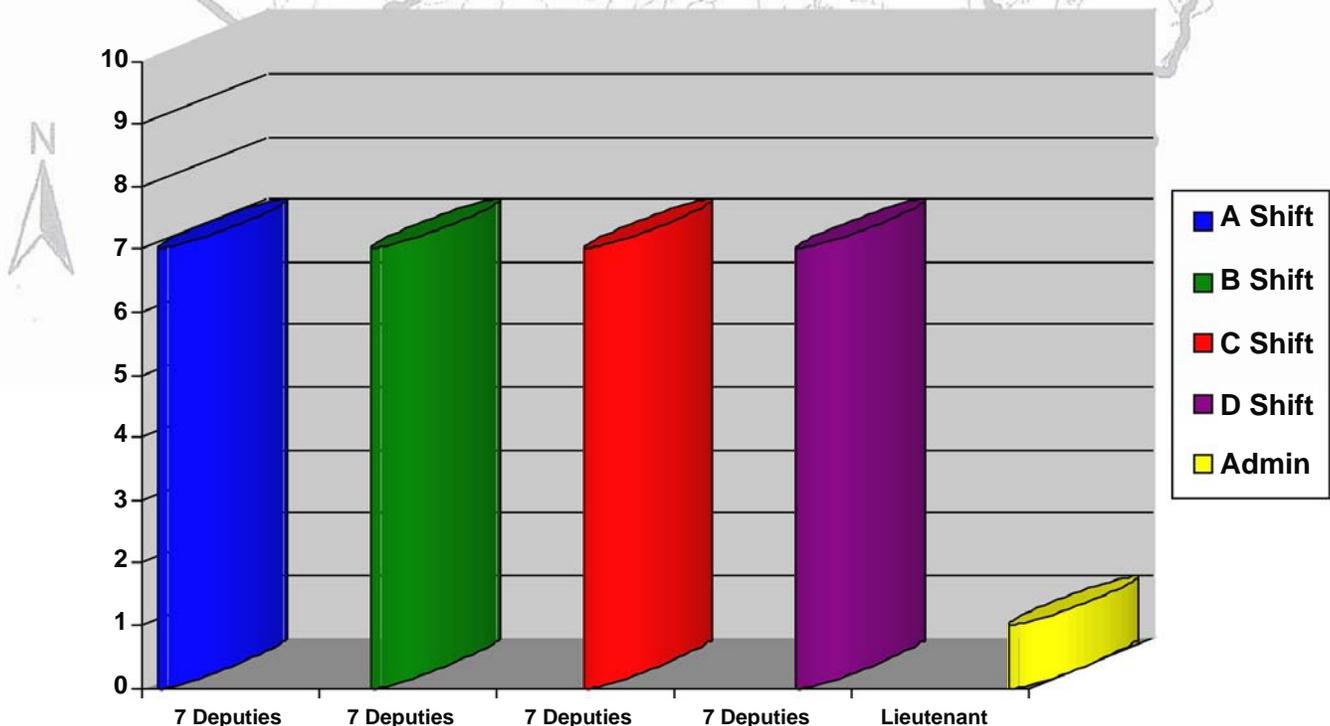
# SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNITS

## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Department's traffic enforcement efforts and with only 28 assigned personnel, the division not only answers calls for service and investigates all manner of criminal complaints, they also contribute the lions share of effort that is directed by the Department in the area of criminal and traffic enforcement. Each year, manpower fluctuates and the demands on the division's resources are stretched, but the division manages to successfully combat all types of violations.

The Division is divided into 4 rotating shifts that work 12 Hour tours of duty. These shifts are commanded by Sergeants. The Division is commanded by Lieutenant Dennis Back and in 2008 the Division wrote **2,133** Crime Incident Reports.

### ACSO PATROL DIVISION



# COURT SERVICES DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Court Services Division consists of Sgt. Michael Painter, Corporal Jerry Shifflett and 7 fulltime and 1 part deputy. The Division provides court security in three county courts and is responsible for transporting prisoners to and from the court complex.

# CIVIL PROCESS DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Division consists of Sgt. James "Monty" Sellers and 6 fulltime and 3 part deputies. In 2008 the Civil Process Division served **23,788** pieces of civil process of all types.

# TRAFFIC DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office has a small but active Traffic Division. Lieutenant James Mader has been serving as the Department's Traffic Officer for several years and he is the most active traffic enforcer in the Department. In 2008 Lt. Mader issued **1353** Virginia Uniform Summonses.

# INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division is commanded by Lt. Glenn Hanger and consists of Sgt. A.C. Powers and five investigators in General Investigations. These investigators are on call for all manner of criminal investigations and in 2008 they handled **529** cases.

Investigators can also be found in specialized units such as the Drug Task Force which has a Sergeant and two investigators and the Regional Gang Task Force which has one investigator.

# SCHOOL RESOURCE DIVISION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office School Resource Division is commanded by Sgt. Bill Bishop and consists of Corporal Rick Modlin and three School Resource Officers. These deputies provide police services at all of the County's High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools.

## DARE

Kathy Bishop is the Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E Officer and she is responsible for teaching the DARE program throughout Augusta County Public Schools. During 2008 Kathy taught **144** 45 minute DARE classes and **845** 5<sup>th</sup> graders in all schools participated in the program.

## CRIME PREVENTION

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Officer is Corporal Derek Almarode. He is responsible for the Department's Neighborhood Watch Program, Business Watch Program, National Night out and virtually every aspect of our Crime Prevention activities.

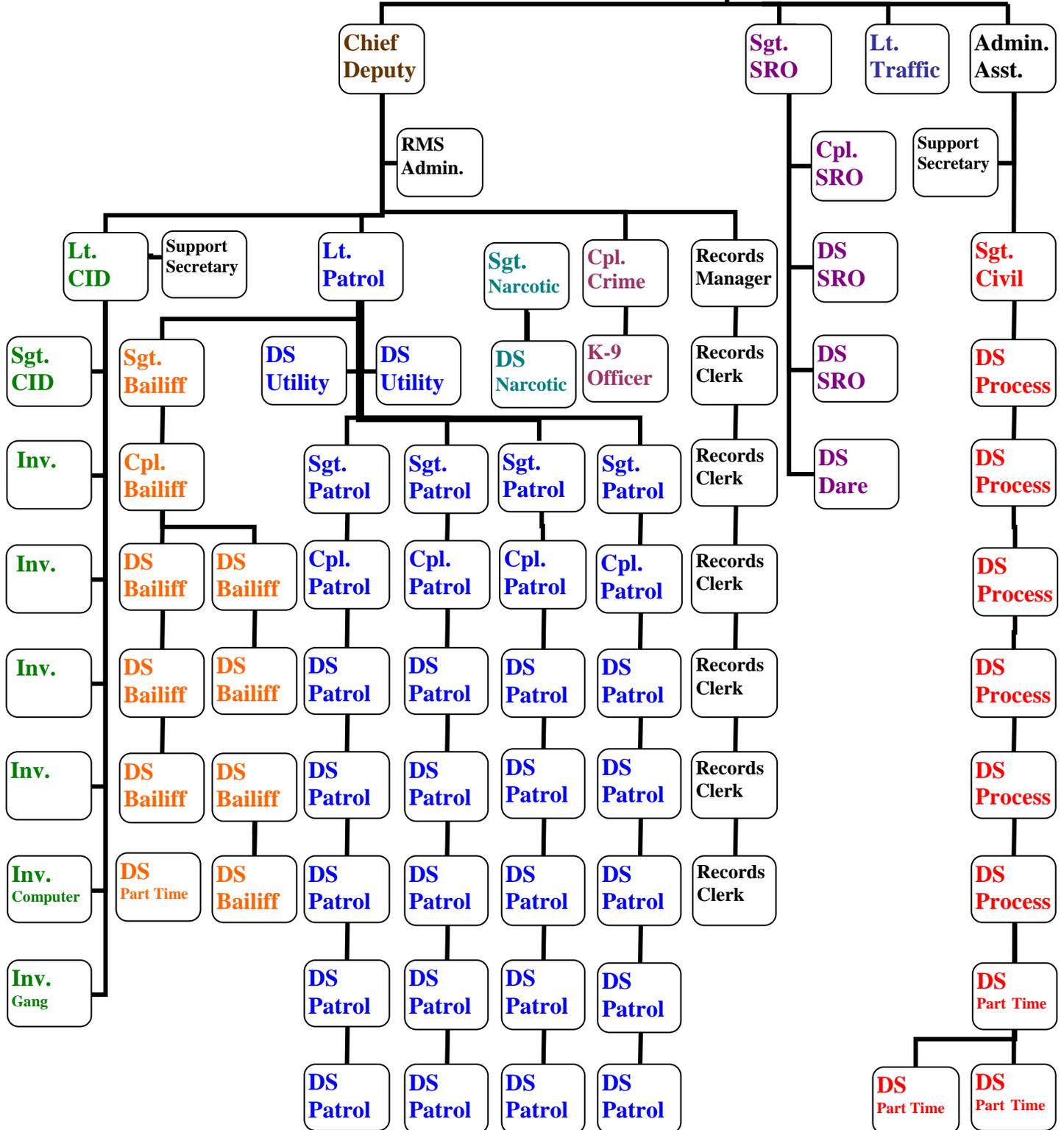


# AUGUSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**Randall D. Fisher**  
Sheriff

Accreditation  
Manager



# STATISTICS FOR 2008

Civil Process Served: **23,788**

Crime Incident Reports: **5,889**

Criminal Warrants Served: **3,205**

Protective Orders Served: **590**

Traffic Charges: **6524**

DUI Arrests: **96**

## 2008 Group A Offenses

Population	Incident rate per 100,000	Total incidents	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	Kidnapping/Abduction	Forcible Rape	Other Forcible Sex Offenses	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault/Intimidation	Arson	Extortion/Blackmail
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## 2008 Adult and Juvenile Arrests

<b>ARRESTS BY OFFENSE</b>	<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUVENILE</b>
Murder	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0
Sex Offenses	16	0
Forcible Robbery	6	0
Aggravated Assault	12	0
Simple Assault/Intimidation	81	1
Arson	2	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0
Burglary	37	1
Larceny	92	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	14	0
Fraud	31	0
Embezzlement	5	0
Stolen Property	7	0
Vandalism	25	2
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	107	3
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible	0	0
Pornography	0	0
Gambling	0	0
Prostitution	0	0
Bribery	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	20	1
<b>TOTAL GROUP A</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>ARRESTS BY OFFENSE</b>	<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUVENILE</b>
Bad Checks	53	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	15	0
Driving Under Influence	205	3
Drunkenness	221	0
Family Offenses, Nonforcible	8	0
Liquor Laws Violations	61	16
Peeping Tom	0	0
Runaway	0	0
Trespass of Real Property Conspiracy	36	1
All Other (except Traffic)	778	19
<b>TOTAL GROUP B</b>	<b>1377</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1844</b>	<b>50</b>

# 2008 AWARDS

**In 2008 the Augusta County Sheriff's Office received several Departmental Awards including the following:**

2008 DMV Seatbelt Usage Rate Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 2007 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge

**Individual officers and units also received the following recognition:**

**2008 Deputy of the Year** - Deputy Donald Smith

**Sheriff's Commendation** - Investigator Paul McCormick

**Sheriff's Unit Commendation** - Investigations Division

**Supervisors Commendation** -

Deputy Jonathan Wells

Deputy Caleb Spence

Deputy Arthur Blackwell

Deputy Thomas Christopher Pultz

**2008 Occupant Protection Award** – Corporal Michael Roane

**2008 DUI Enforcement Award** – Sergeant James “Monty” Sellers

**2008 Speed Enforcement Award** – Lieutenant James Mader

# 2008 ACTIVITIES

## Augusta County Sheriff's Office 2008 Public Meetings and Forums

01/8/2008	Broadmoore N.W.G. Meeting
01/18/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
01/29/2008	WWRC Security Threat Assessment Meeting
02/05/2008	WWRC Security Threat Assessment
02/14/2008	Mint Springs Ruritan – Identity Theft
02/15/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
03/13/2008	Deerfield N.W.G. Meeting
03/18-19/2008	Virginia Crime Prevention Conference
03/20/2008	Crime Prevention Class – Valley Vo-Tech School
03/21/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
04/17/2008	Plaza Apartments N.W.G. Meeting
04/18/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
05/16/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
05/20/2008	Bethel Presbyterian Church Men's Supper
06/20/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
06/23/2008	Buffalo Gap Ruritan
07/01/2008	Regional Crime Prevention Meeting – Roanoke
07/08/2008	DuPont Retirees Lunch
07/18/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
08/05/2008	National Night Out
08/11/2008	CPS Security Assessment
08/14/2008	Verona N.W.G. Meeting – Identity Theft
08/15/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
09/16/2008	Plaza Apartment N.W.G Meeting
09/19/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
09/20/2008	Mount Solon Fire Department Open House
09/25/2008	Plaza Apartment N.W.G Meeting
10/03/2008	Light House Church – Early Childhood Education
10/17/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
11/11/2008	Deerfield N.W.G. Meeting
11/20/2008	Plaza Apartment N.W.G Meeting
11/21/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting
12/1-3/2008	JMU Threat Assessment
12/09/2008	Pro Build – Identity Theft
12/19/2008	Crime Stoppers Meeting