

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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The Sheriff Department is in the process of developing an online reporting of possible crimes. All entries will be reviewed then an appropriate officer will be sent immediately if the offence is in process and handled as a 911. Sheriff Spurling is hoping that the new Governor will adhere to his campaign promise of one county deputy per thousand. The Sheriff prefers two deputies per thousand to support the citizens of Mason County. We need more neighborhood watch committees for all communities as problems are increasing.

The yearly "Shop with A Cop" at Walmart was a huge success. 49 children participated with \$179.00 to purchase gifts with free gift wrapping. This event is financially supported thru Charlies Vision Organization. This is the same organization that supported the fund-raising event to acquire the new Command Center Vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff along with the Mason County Auditor Mr. Dunkel are trying to address the issue of "No Animal Control Officer in Mason County". When there is a commissioner allocated reduction for the Sheriff's Department, the first removed funding is Animal Control in the past and currently. Mr. Dunkel is in favor of trying to transfer the funding to the Auditors Department which should eliminate the removal of funding and get and keep the much needed and requested funding from the residents of Mason County.

The study for the funding of a new MC Jail is still a major issue. The cost is extreme and the requested need for not only jail cells, but an additional need for a mental health facility. According to Sheriff Spurling, jail cells are not the answer to handle folks with drug and mental issues. He also said that for multiple reasons. There have been several jails state wide that have shut down.

An announcement of a "Polar Plunge" at Alderbrook Resort will occur on February 12 at noon. It is a great fun event and he invited all to attend. Numerous officers have done the dunk!!!! And will be there again including Sheriff Spurling.

Submitted by Maureen Allen, Chair