BOTETOURT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COMMUNITY REPORT
COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT
CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION
2025

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PER ADM 21.01

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 2021 is 128. This includes Law Enforcement, Correctional, Raid/Court services, Animal Control, Dispatchers, Jail Cooks, Support Staff and Part Time Employees.

From 01 January 2025 through 31 December 2025–
The Botetourt County Sheriff's Office received/conducted the following:

		2024	2025
Calls for Service	-	34,462	33,136
911 Hang Up Calls	-	158	103
Alarms	-	504	558
Animal Control Calls	-	3,665	3,379
Concealed Weapon Applications/Renewals	-	882	1,168
Funeral Escorts	-	127	135
Protective Orders	-	559	566
Traffic Stops	-	8,923	10,377
Incident / Investigations:			
Incidents	-	1,850	1,945
Offenses	-	2,220	2,546
Arrests	-	564	750
Criminal Papers Served	-	2,705	2,211
Civil Papers Served	-	11,754	13,673
Uniform Citations	-	7,071	8,801

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) 928-2200.

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.botetourtsheriffva.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.