

It is the mission of the Staunton City Sheriff's Office to serve all citizens with respect, fairness, and compassion. We are dedicated to providing a quality work environment with professionalism and moral values. The Staunton City Sheriff's Office is devoted to providing quality law enforcement, court security and civil process services to all citizens and visitors of the City of Staunton and to conduct ourselves in a manner respectful of the trust that has been placed upon us.

Christopher M. Hartless, Sheriff



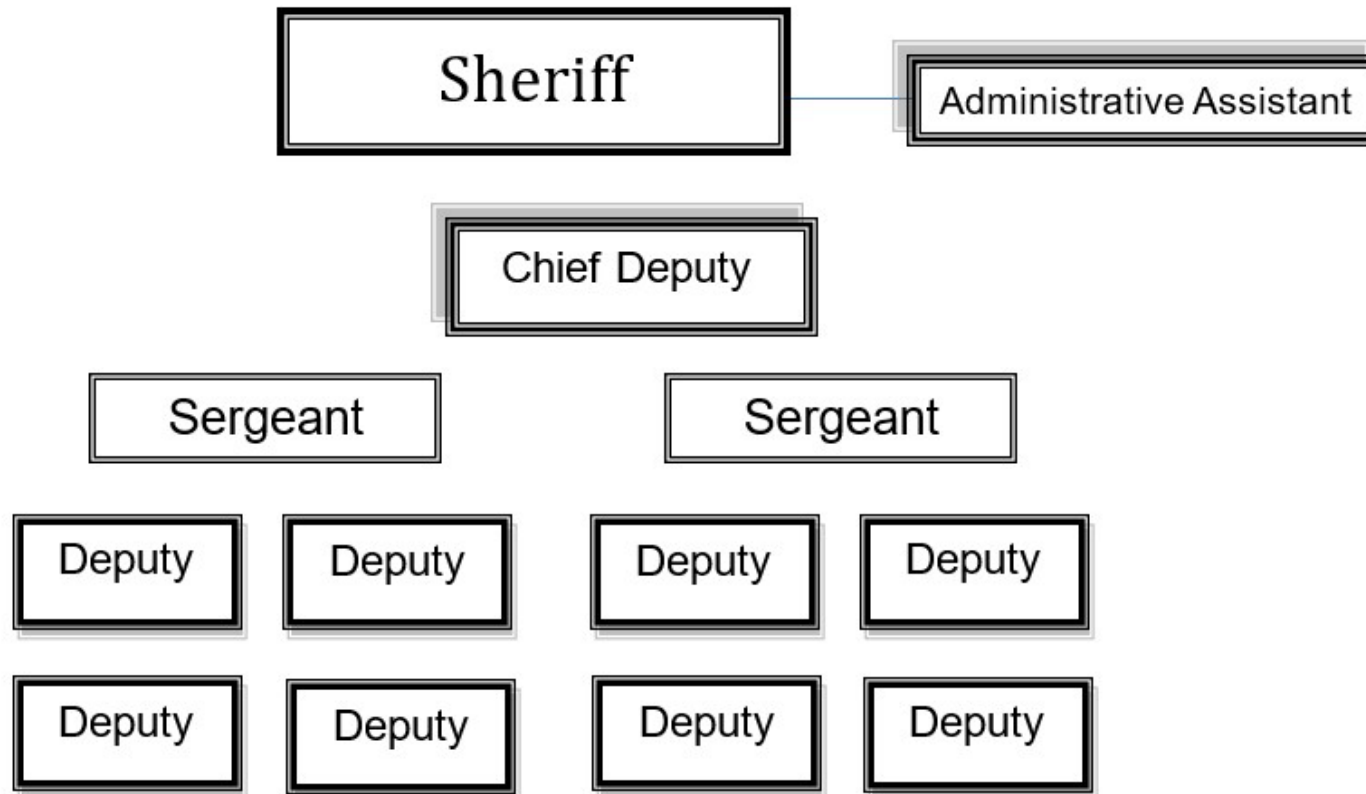
Staunton Sheriff's Office History

- Position existed as far back as 1802
- Originally known as “City Sergeant” or “Sergeant for the Corporation” and was appointed by the court
- The elected Constitutional Office created in 1972 after a change in the law.

What do we do & how do we differ from the Police Department?

- Primary responsibilities:
 - Court security
 - Transportation of prisoners
 - Service of civil process (court papers)
 - Civil Enforcement authority over evictions, repossessions, extraditions and civil commitments
- While we have joint Law Enforcement authority within the city, the Police Department is the primary response agency for matters such as traffic enforcement, criminal investigations and operating a 911 center.

Staunton City Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



In the Community

- Partnered with Project ChildSafe to provide free gun locks to anyone who may need them in order to safely lock any firearms that they have in their home.

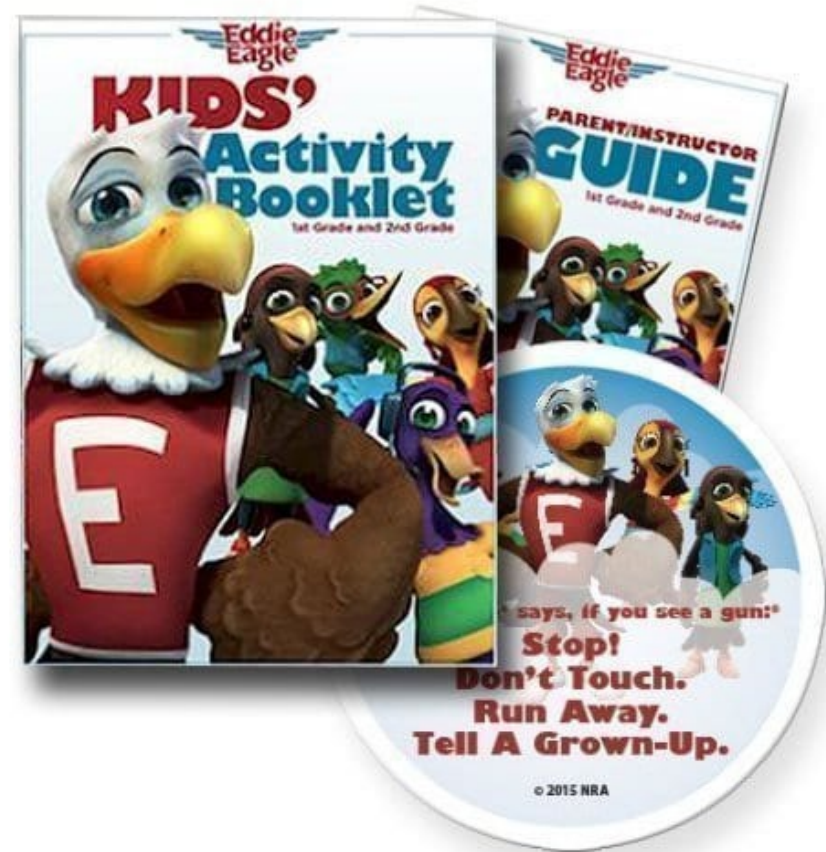


- Project ChildSafe®
 - Nationwide education program promoting responsible gun ownership
 - Safe storage of firearms in the home.
 - Developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF®)
 - Trade association for the firearm industry, to raise awareness about firearm safety.
- Since 2003:
 - Program has distributed more than **40 million free firearm safety kits**
 - Include a cable-style gun lock with installment instructions and a gun safety booklet
 - This is in addition to more than 70 million free firearm locks manufactures have provided with new gun purchases

<https://projectchildsafe.org/>

In the Community

- Provide information to kids and adults to help them make sound decisions regarding firearm safety.
- Provide Eddie Eagle Program information which teaches children what to do if they find a gun and provides information to adults in order to safely secure their firearms.



Eddie Eagle

- Started in **1988**:
 - Eddie Eagle GunSafe program has reached more than 28 million children
- **2015**: NRA introduced a new Eddie Eagle video
 - Eddie has a modernized look and some new friends—the Wing Team. Together, they learn what to do if they ever find a gun:

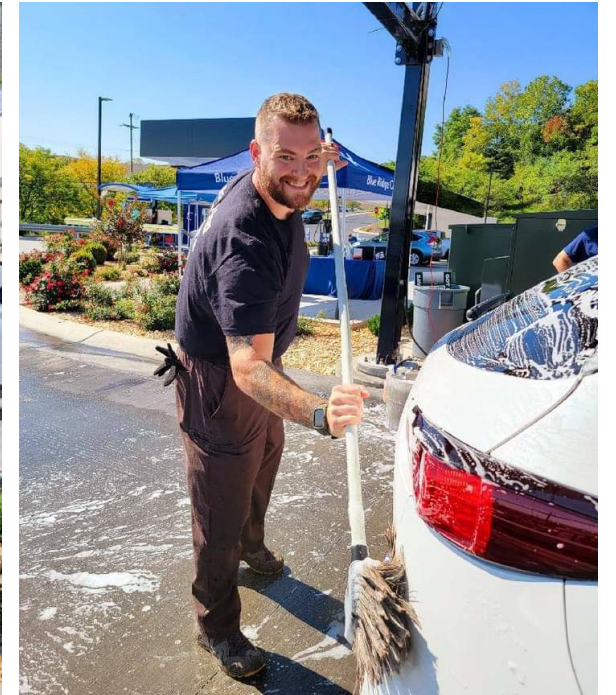
**STOP! Don't touch. Run away.
Tell a grown-up.**

- <https://youtu.be/Ho36vonT3Rw>

<http://eddieeagle.com>

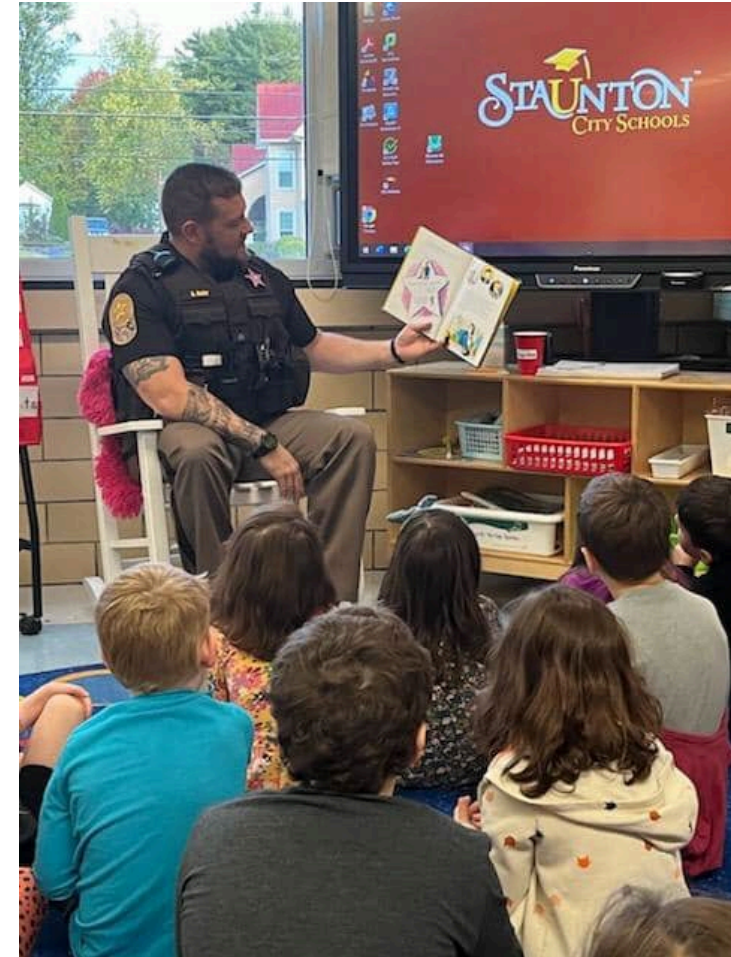
In the Community

- Participating with local business, Tidal Wave, and supporting the fundraiser for Blue Ridge CASA.



In the schools

- Reading to children at T. C. McSwain Elementary School and talking about how to be a good citizen with them.



In the Schools

- Worked with Valley Career and Technical Center to present at their Law Enforcement program.
- Worked with their Carpentry program and their kids constructed a swing gate for our courthouse security.



Camp Light!



VFW Kids Day!



Parades!



TRIAD

- Recently partnered with Attorney General's Office for a newly recreated TRIAD coalition covering Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro.
- Coalition's local strategies are still being developed



TRIAD - History

Virginia Triad: Still Leading the Way for Seniors

The Triad partnership in Virginia, through the Office of the Attorney General, protects our growing elderly population. With the support of the local sheriffs, police chiefs, AARP, and other community services groups Triad works to keep older Virginians informed of their rights.

A major purpose of Triad is to develop, expand and implement effective crime prevention and safety programs for older Virginians.

Triad works at the local level to improve the quality of life for seniors by providing an active exchange of information between local law enforcement and seniors.

Triad was established in 1988 when three national organizations agreed that the elderly could better be protected by cooperative efforts. The relationship was cemented when the organizations - the **American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)**, **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**, and the **National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)** - signed a cooperative agreement.

<https://www.oag.state.va.us/index.php/programs-initiatives/triad-seniors>

WHO MAY BE INVOLVED IN A S.A.L.T. COUNCIL?

Members From:

- ✦ Sheriff's Office
- ✦ Police Department
- ✦ Seniors' Groups
- ✦ AARP
- ✦ Churches
- ✦ Area Agencies on Aging
- ✦ Senior Centers/Nutrition Sites
- ✦ Adult Protective Services
- ✦ Advocates for Seniors/Other interested persons and volunteers

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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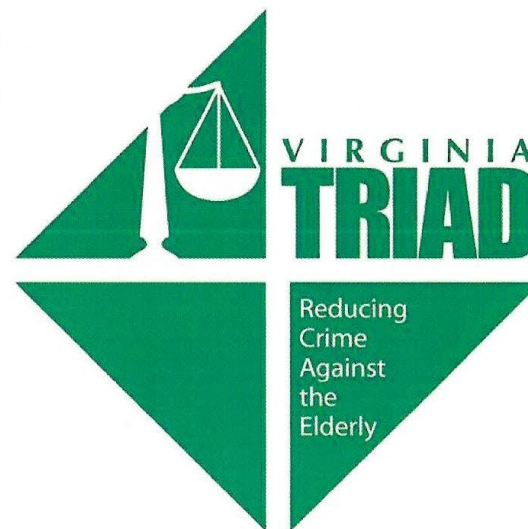
Web: www.ag.virginia.gov

*The Office of the Attorney General –
Virginia Triad can:*

*Meet with law enforcement &
seniors to discuss forming a Triad;*

*Offer training, support, and
resources, to local Triad groups;
and,*

*Provide free educational workshops
on fraud and scam prevention to
senior groups in Virginia.*



**COMMUNITIES
WORKING
TOGETHER FOR
SENIORS**

**Coordinated by the Virginia
Office of the Attorney General**



WHAT IS TRIAD?

Triad is a partnership consisting of the local sheriff and/or police chief, seniors, and senior service providers in a community who agree to work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly. Important to a Triad is an advisory council of law enforcement leaders and older persons, which serves as a sounding board, information channel and catalyst for renewing emphasis on reducing crimes against the elderly.

WHY IS TRIAD NECESSARY?

Older Americans make up the fastest-growing segment of the population. By 2025, 25% of Virginia's population will be age 60 and up. This statistic will continue to rise. Criminals prey on older Americans and Triad works to prevent exploitation and victimization in this segment of the population.

HOW DOES TRIAD WORK?

Triad is run by a S.A.L.T. Council:

Seniors And Law Enforcement Together

The S.A.L.T. Council meets on a regular basis to develop, expand, and implement effective crime prevention and education programs for seniors. The Council also works to improve the overall quality of life for seniors in the community.

PROGRAMS THAT TRIAD MAY IMPLEMENT

File of Life Adopt-A-Senior
Seminars/Workshops
Yellow Dot Program
Senior Conferences/Senior Days
Health & Safety Fairs
Project Lifesaver
Shred-A-Thons
Senior Citizen Police Academies
And many more!

WHAT MAY RESULT?

Reduced criminal victimization of older persons.

Improved quality of life for older residents of the community.

Greater involvement of the community in implementing solutions.

Focused attention to the crime-related needs and concerns of older persons.

Enhanced delivery of law enforcement services to the elderly.

Each Triad partnership responds to the unique needs of its particular community and population. By uniting law enforcement and seniors all involved experience positive results!!



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Questions?