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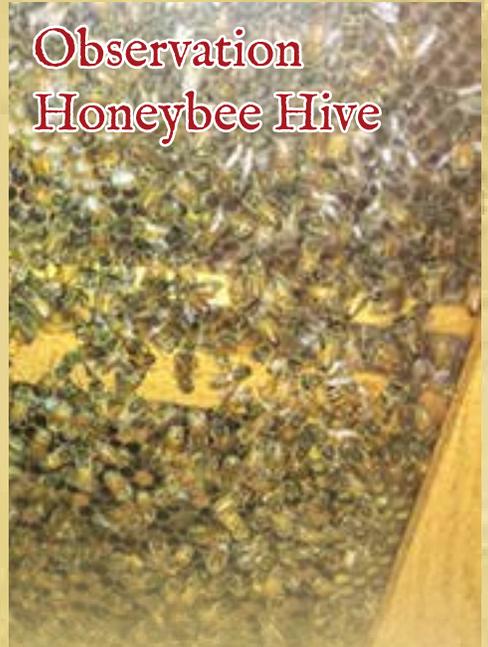
Downtown Activities A Great Success

Downtown Wytheville was full of people and activities on July 4th. The day-long event brought thousands of people to Main Street and Elizabeth Brown Park with the cruise-in, bands, kid's activities, hot dog eating contest, and the finale of fireworks.

Stay tuned for more details regarding the fall festival and cruise-in on Saturday, September 20. For more information, visit DowntownWytheville.com.



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MAYOR'S MEMO

by Mayor Trenton G. Crewe, Jr.



Wytheville Town Council has a history of endeavoring to be proactive. We try to look at situations from all angles and make the best educated decisions in regard to the present and future needs of our community and its citizens. We certainly do not have a crystal ball to predict the future. But, we try to look ahead and anticipate needs before they arise.

We have been supportive of many cooperative initiatives through the years which have allowed us to combine resources with other jurisdictions, near and far, for the collective betterment of all. We have accomplished many important things through collaboration including regional tourism initiatives, joint water projects, and partnerships for public safety and emergency services. You have probably heard about recent changes in funding of our local joint industrial development activities. We have been a partner in these efforts from the beginning and intend to continue to support this cooperative initiative.

I have just passed my 24-year mark as Mayor of Wytheville, with 30 total years on Town Council. I have been honored to serve you. If there is one thing that I have learned through these decades of service it is that any project worth doing takes time. Look at our Community Center and Meeting Center Complex. The idea behind that started over 20 years before the first footer was ever poured. It took a lot of vision, hard work, and dedication by countless people to make it become a reality. But look at how successful it is today. You will not find many days out of the month that the combined parking area

is not full for recreational activities enjoyed by our local citizens or meetings and events that bring revenue into our local businesses and meals and lodging taxes into the Town's revenue.

There are many positive accomplishments that can be seen in the past decade or so through our industrial development partnership. Numerous new industries have located in Wytheville and Wythe County producing hundreds of jobs. More than one half million dollars of equipment and structures has been added to our tax rolls. Additionally, plots of land are ready with the necessary infrastructure for prospective industries to locate in Progress Park and other locations in the future. I feel strongly that we should continue our cooperative efforts to jointly support this initiative. I am pleased to see that the JIDA has defined a renewed focus on the opportunity for this agency to help us recruit new businesses to our downtown.

Speaking of downtown, we are pleased to welcome the very first director of Downtown Wytheville Inc., John Woods. We are excited to have John on board as revitalization efforts begin to really start taking shape. While he has spent a good portion of his career in other parts of the country, his educational roots are deep in Southwest Virginia as he

spent many years at Virginia Tech working on his masters and doctoral degrees. He has previously worked with two different Main Street initiatives and we are excited to put his experience to work in our downtown.

I hope that you had the opportunity to experience the 4th of July in Downtown Wytheville. What a fabulous day! It was great to see Main Street full of people and activities as well as Elizabeth Brown Park later that evening for the After Hours concert and fireworks. Thousands of local and regional citizens, as well as visitors to the area, enjoyed the day of activities. Make sure you have September 20 on your calendar as Downtown Wytheville will once again host the Downtown Wytheville Festival: Dickie Boyles Memorial Cruise-In.

The more things change...the more things change. We have experienced a great deal of change within the internal management and structure of some of our Town of Wytheville departments in the past year. Many long term employees have retired and others have moved up into those roles. Tommy Seagle assumed the role of Public Works Director. Sherry Corvin is now our Town Clerk. Sheri Shelton is the new Human Resources Manager. We are pleased to have them in their new roles. They already have decades of Town service and bring this knowledge to their leadership.

I welcome the opportunity to talk to you regarding your ideas and concerns. My office, at the Wytheville Municipal Building, is open prior to Council meetings on the second and fourth Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and other times by appointment. I can also be reached by phone at 223-3356 or via email at tcrewe@wytheville.org.

Calendar

July

28 - Town Council Meeting

August

11 - Town Council Meeting
14 - Planning Commission
25 - Town Council Meeting
25-29 Curbside Brush Pick Up

September

1 - Labor Day Holiday
(Offices closed)
8 - Town Council Meeting
11 - Planning Commission Meeting
22 - Town Council Meeting

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Wytheville Town Council

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Train Derailment

On the evening of July 14, 2014, near the intersections of Grayson Turnpike and Old Stage Road, a 14-car Norfolk Southern train derailment occurred. Many of the train cars contained automobiles, automotive products, scrap metal and other retail products. Emergency personnel did not uncover any hazardous spills, so there was no danger to the public or the environment. Norfolk Southern was responsible for the cleanup which is ongoing and will continue for a few weeks.

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Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum



In 1967, the Town of Wytheville purchased the home of Wytheville's first resident physician, Dr. John Haller. The Town agreed to partner with the Wythe County Historical Society (WCHS) to operate the circa 1823 residence, the Haller-Gibboney Rock House, as a museum. This arrangement led to the purchase in 1972 of the Town's first agricultural classroom building (ca. 1926), which became the Thomas J. Boyd Museum.

By the early 1990s, the WCHS's membership had dwindled and the Society was unable to care for the collections or to have the facilities open on a regular basis. The Town of Wytheville officials realized the importance of preserving these historic buildings and their collections and understood the role that they could play in attracting heritage tourism travelers to the community. In 1994, the Town created the

Department of Museums and the position of Director of Historic Resources/Department of Museums to oversee the development of the museums and to promote activities and programs for the general public.

Today, the Haller-Gibboney Rock House is a Registered Historic

Landmark that features exhibits on the Haller family (Dr. Haller served as a country doctor, county coroner, and delegate to the Virginia Legislature), furniture of the period, and domestic life in the 19th century.



FUN FACTS: Rock House Role in the Civil War

- The Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum was used as an infirmary after Toland's Raid in 1863.
- Charles Haller, youngest son of Dr. John Haller: He entered the Confederate Army as a first Sergeant and came out a Colonel. Col. Haller was on the muster roll of the Wythe Grays at Charleston, S.C., in 1859. After his service, he ran a store here in Wytheville. He never married.
- William Gibboney, son-in-law of Dr. John Haller: Captain Gibboney was a Quarter Master for the Confederate Army. During the Civil War, he worked with the county officials to secure horses and uniforms for the troops. After the war, he was a store owner at the corner of Main and Tazewell Streets.
- Albert Gibboney, grandson of Dr. John Haller and son of William Gibboney: Having enlisted at Lewisburg in the 22nd Virginia Regular Infantry, he was in several skirmishes in different places. His letters home to his future wife, Sallie Bogle, described the hardships of war. He surrendered at Appomattox on Sept. 9, 1865.



TOUR INFORMATION

Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, 12 Noon - 4 p.m.

TOURS ON THE HOUR

Adults: \$4.00/Children: Ages 6-12
\$2.00 (Children 5 and under are
FREE with paying adult admission)

Tour Tickets Available at Thomas
J. Boyd Museum & The Museum
Shop (inside E. Lee Trinkle Regional
Visitors Center, 975 Tazewell
Street).



From the Chief's Chair

Police Chief Offers Summer Safety Tips

Now that summer is here, there will be an abundance of energy expended to work on summertime projects in homes and yards. This summer, Wytheville Police Department Chief Rick Arnold would like to remind everyone about being safe in doing these activities in and around your home. Be aware of your surroundings and tools that may trip you up and cause harm to you, family members or visitors to your home. Remember to put tools away after the work is finished for the day to prevent them from being stolen. This is something that our community has already experienced this summer and it amounts to a great deal of costly items when all the cases are added together.

We have already observed in our national headlines about the dangers of leaving our children or pets in a hot car unattended. Although, on the national average these types of incidents are down compared to previous years, media attention has brought it to the forefront. We all need to be aware of these dangers. We do not want that type of tragedy to visit our hometown.

This is also the time of year that scams are starting to be perpetrated on the elderly. Be cautious of someone offering to treat your driveway to make it look new again or re-roof your home for a discounted price. In the past we have had incidents that resulted in oil being sprayed on driveways to give a "new" treated look. Then the first heavy rain comes and washes it all away. It is so easy to contact the Town Treasurer's office to determine if these people have obtained the necessary business permits. If they have not, the police should be called immediately. Chances are they may be wanted in another jurisdiction for committing the same types of fraud. No legitimate business should be operating without securing the proper license from the Town.

Another issue to be cautious about is vacationing away from your home. It is probably the last thing on your mind when you are getting ready to travel to a fun place for the entire family. Remember to cancel your newspaper delivery and mail service during extended travels. Criminals drive around looking for targets of opportunity. Papers lying in the driveway are a giveaway that no one is home. You could have a trusted neighbor or family friend collect these items for you. As a service to the community, the Wytheville Police Department

does offer a house check service. While you are away for your extended travels, the police officers will conduct a courtesy check of your residence to ensure that it is secure. In the event we find something, we will also have contact numbers to call and notify of any problems. I encourage you to call our administrative office at 223-3300 during normal operating hours and give the assistants your information to be added to this check list.

It is hoped that everyone has an enjoyable summer and try to stay cool.

Police Officer Graduates from New River Police Academy

In July, Police Officer Recruit Zachary Taylor graduated from the New River Police Academy at Dublin, Virginia. Officer Taylor entered the police academy after recently being hired in December, 2013. The police academy is approximately 24 weeks in length. During his extensive course of training which involved 880 hours, Officer Taylor received instruction in Driver Training, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Patrol Operations, Investigations, Legal/Constitutional Issues, Physical Training and Professionalism and Ethics.

Wytheville Police Department Chief Rick Arnold stated, "We are excited for Officer Taylor to have completed his course of training at the academy. The course evaluations and statements from the instructors from our agency who participated in his training at the academy indicate that he has performed well and will be able to apply his new knowledge for the benefit of the citizens for the Town of Wytheville. The training at the academy is very intense and structured to ensure that not only is the mind fed but the body is put through a series of tests that will serve the officer well on the street."

Upon his reporting to duty, Officer Taylor will be assigned to a patrol team with a field training officer and will continue his training with that officer for a minimum of 8 weeks, at which time he will be evaluated regarding his progress and ability to perform police duties on his own.

Officer Taylor was one of nine officers that graduated from the academy which included members from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Radford City Police Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Wytheville Police Department and Pre-Employment Candidates.

Reporting Period April - June 2014

<u>Accident Statistics</u>	April	May	June	<u>Traffic Enforcement</u>	YTD
Major Accidents	7	11	7		
29 Major Accident Reported (YTD - 51 Major Accidents)				Speeding Violations	197 451
				Seat Belt Violations	73 129
Minor Accidents	32	29	27	Child Safety Seat Violations	4 7
88 Minor Accidents Reported (YTD - 162 Minor Accidents)				Stop Light/Stop Sign Violations	17 49
				Suspended/Revoked O/L	20 44
117 Total Accidents Reported (YTD - 213 Accidents Reported)				No/Exp O/L, Regist, Tags, Insurance	74 173
				Reckless Driving	50 76
Injuries	0	5	0	Fail to Yield Right of Way	19 36
5 Accident Related Injuries Reported (YTD - 13 Injuries Reported)				Following Too Close	7 16
				Defective Equipment	32 78
Fatalities	0	0	0	DUI/DUID	9 28
				Texting & Driving	3 6
				Dangling Objects	2 7
Charges	3	10	6	Habitual Offender	1 2
19 Accident Related Charges Issued (YTD - 42 Charges Issued)				Misc Traffic Offenses	147 312
				TOTAL Traffic Violations	655 1414
				Criminal Charges as a result of traffic enforcement	60 33
				Drug Related Charges after Stop	32 49

Criminal Enforcement

		YTD
Aggrav/Simple Assault	27	32
Burglary/B & E	3	5
Shoplifting	16	21
All Other Larceny	16	39
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1	2
False Pretenses/Confidence Games	5	13
Credit Card Fraud	2	5
Embezzlement	2	4
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1
Dest/Damage Property	1	12
Drug/Narcotic Violations/Drug Equip	42	63
Drunk/Disorderly/ABC Violation	67	107
Bad Check	1	1
Family Offense/Non-Violent	1	1
Felony DUI/DUID	9	17
Trespass	1	3
All Other Offenses	54	75
Weapon Law Violations	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Criminal Arrests	257	409

BRUSH COLLECTION GUIDELINES

TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA

DATES TO REMEMBER

BRUSH PICKUP DATE FOR 2014

- February 24—28
- April 28—May 2
- June 23—27
- August 25—29
- October 27—31
- December 29—January 2

BRUSH COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- In order to avoid getting a citation, please do not have brush out earlier than 6:00 PM on the Friday before collection week.
- ♦ Do not place brush on water meters or sewer cleanouts.
- ♦ Do not place branches, grass clippings or leaves in the travel lane or block sidewalks.
- ♦ Any brush placed out after the scheduled collection time may not get picked up in a timely manner or may result in a fine/charge.
- ♦ Tree removals by a contractor for a homeowner are to be disposed of by the contractor.
- ♦ Vehicles should not be parked near the brush, as this blocks accessing the piles.
- ♦ The Town will not pick up old furniture, lumber, tires, or similar items. Disposal of these items are the responsibility of the owner or tenant.
- ♦ **The brush disposal site is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 AM to 3 PM and the first and third Saturday of each month from 8 AM to 1 PM if a sale is made for the Saturday disposal. A fee of \$3 per cubic yard must be paid at the Treasurer's Office prior to disposal with a \$5 minimum fee. During the week of quarterly pickup, the site will be open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM.**

Few localities offer this type of free service. Your assistance in following the guidelines will ensure the service continues. Please contact the Director of Public Works at 223-3357 with additional questions.



SORT LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO SEPARATE PILES; GRASS CLIPPINGS MUST BE BAGGED OR IN CONTAINERS



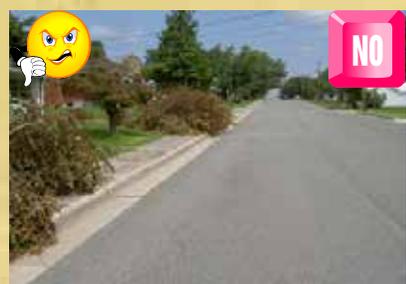
IN A VERY SMALL PILE, BRANCHES MAY BE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS



ARRANGE ALL BRANCHES IN THE SAME DIRECTION PARALLEL TO STREET



MORE THAN ONE DUMP TRUCK LOAD (10 FT. X 7 FT. X 4 FT.) PER HOUSEHOLD



DO NOT PLACE BRUSH, GRASS CLIPPINGS, OR LEAVES IN THE TRAVEL LANE OR BLOCK SIDEWALKS



DO NOT PUT ANY OTHER ITEMS IN THE BRUSH PILE



BRUSH SHOULD NOT BE ON WATER METERS OR SEWER CLEANOUTS OR AT FIRE HYDRANTS OR GUIDEWIRES



BRANCHES MUST FACE SAME DIRECTION; STACK LOGS SEPARATELY NO LARGER THAN 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER



TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE REGULATIONS FOR BRUSH DISPOSAL EFFECTIVE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2012, AND AMENDED MARCH 24, 2014.

On the first and third Saturday of each month, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Town residents may take one pickup load of brush to the disposal site without a fee. Disposal of brush in excess of a pickup load will be charged the \$3.00 per cubic yard fee, and the Treasurer's receipt must be presented to the attendant on duty.

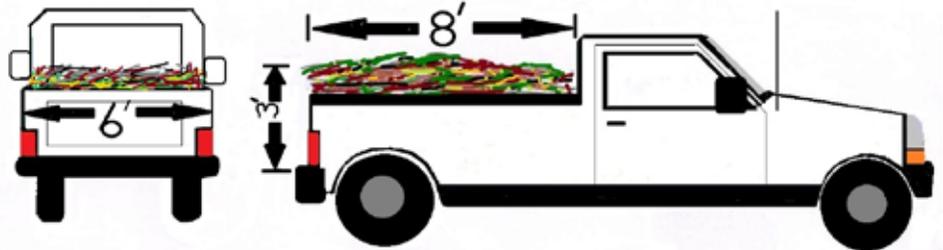
The Town of Wytheville brush disposal site will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for disposals pursuant to a permit. There will be a disposal fee of \$3.00 per cubic yard that must be paid to the Treasurer's Office prior to disposal. The receipt must be presented to the attendant on duty at the brush disposal site. (Unless brush permits are sold, there will be no attendant on duty.)

On the reverse side is an illustration which indicates the approximate size of a load that may be hauled on an average pickup truck, trailer, dump truck, container, and the associated fees for disposal.

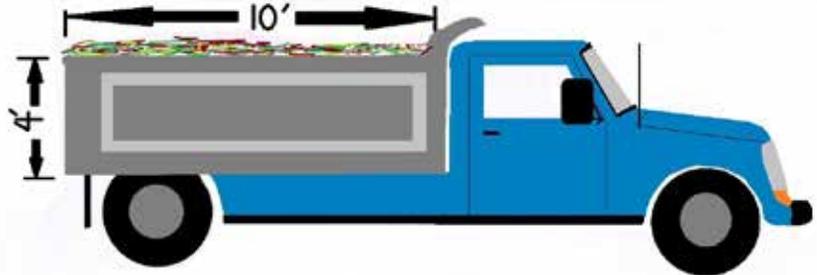
The Town will conduct bi-monthly curbside brush collection for the residents of the Town, which will be at no cost to the residents. These collections will be made the last weeks of February, April, June, August, October, and December 2014. All curbside brush regulations will still be applicable.

TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE BRUSH AND YARD WASTE DISPOSAL FEES @ \$3.00 PER CUBIC YARD

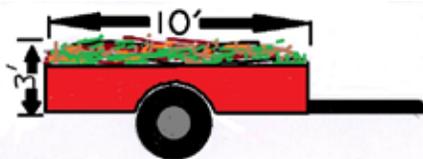
Average Pickup $\frac{6' \times 8' \times 3'}{27} = 5 \text{ c.y.} \times \$3.00 = \$15.00$



Dump Truck $\frac{7' \times 10' \times 4'}{27} = 10 \text{ c.y.} \times \$3.00 = \$30.00$

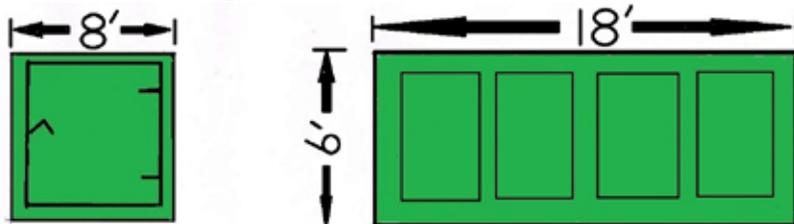


Average Trailer $\frac{6' \times 8' \times 3'}{27} = 5 \text{ c.y.} \times \$3.00 = \$15.00$



Trailer lengths:	
10'	= \$17.00
12'	= \$19.00
14'	= \$21.00
16'	= \$23.00
18'	= \$25.00

Box Containers $\frac{18' \times 8' \times 6'}{27} = 32 \text{ c.y.} \times \$3.00 = \$96.00$



NOTE: There will be a minimum charge of \$5.00 for small loads (i.e., trunk of a car).



Three Added to Wall of Honor

Three distinguished citizens were added to Civic Monument of the Wall of Honor this year including, for the first time, a father and daughter.

Anne Browne Crockett-Stark - A native of Wythe County, Anne B. Crockett-Stark is a retired teacher and guidance counselor with over 30 years of service in Wythe County Public Schools and Wytheville Community College. Mrs. Crockett-Stark was also the first woman to be elected to Wytheville Town Council, serving from 1978-1982. In 2000, she was elected to the Wythe County Board of Supervisors and in 2003, she became the first woman to serve as the group's chairperson. She served four terms as the 6th District representative in the Virginia House of Delegates, retiring in 2014. Her list of community service work is long and encompasses civic, professional, and community organizations. She

is a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and has participated in many aspects of church life, including serving as a Lay Minister. She is the widow of Dr. Carl E. Stark and has two daughters.

James E. Crockett - A lifelong resident of Wythe County, the late Mr. Crockett dedicated many years to civic organizations and public service. He was a constitutional officer as the Clerk of the Court from 1952-1975. He also served as a justice of the peace and was a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors. He was active in many local civic groups including the Civic Defense League, Shriner-Kazim Temple, and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He had 26 years of perfect attendance with the Lions Club. Mr. Crockett

also taught school for a number of years and was involved as an owner or partner in several local businesses. He was a life member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Willie May Brown, had four children: Susan Elliott, James E. Jr., Anne B., and Walter Samuel. He passed away in 1981.

Wilma Jones Snyder - A respected educator, writer, church leader, and volunteer, Wilma Snyder has called Wytheville home for almost 40 years. She was a teacher and substitute teacher in Wythe County Public Schools for over 20 years. Since retirement, she has worked to promote reading and children's literature through a variety of media including newspapers, blogs, and radio shows. She is a life member of the American Association of University Women and has been very involved in St. Paul United Methodist Church and the American Cancer Society. As the wife of the previous President of Wytheville Community College, she had the responsibility of representing the college at many meetings and events as well as hosting dignitaries on a variety of occasions. She and her husband, William F. Snyder, have two daughters.

CITIZEN ALERT



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

Effective July 1, 2014, Wythe County residents can begin receiving emergency alerts on their mobile devices and via email.



You must do one of the following to receive emergency alerts:

- Scan the QR Code on the left with your smartphone
- Click on the top link at WytheCo.org
- Visit the Wythe County Admin Office, Rural Retreat Town Office or Wytheville Municipal Building to fill out a paper registration form.

Citizen alert is a cooperative effort between Wythe County and the Towns of Rural Retreat and Wytheville.



Wythe County
Emergency Communications Center

James D. Copeland – (276) 223-4533

Wythe County Citizen Notification Form

Fill out the below form to receive emergency notifications on your mobile device or email:

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town, State, ZIP: _____

Send alerts to the following devices (Must select two):

Home Ph.: _____

Primary Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secondary Cell Phone: _____

Secondary Email: _____

TTY Device: _____

Receive Severe Weather Alerts (Circle)? Yes No

- Life-sustaining Equipment
- Mental/Cognitive Condition
- Mobility Impairment
- Refrigerated Medicines
- Service Animal Required
- Speech Impairment
- Supplemental Oxygen Required
- Vision Impairment/Blind

← Please mark any special needs?

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Wytheville Police Department Undergoes State Accreditation Assessment

A team of assessors from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) recently visited the Wytheville Police Department to examine all aspects of the Wytheville Police Department's (WPD) policy and procedures, management, operation, and support service.

Verification by the team that the WPD met the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

The WPD had to comply with 190 standards, with 571 bulleted issues, in order to gain accredited status. Chief Rick Arnold stated: "As the standards and techniques for law enforcement change, the agency must change to keep up with them. Accreditation is a voluntary process which requires us to review how we do our tasks and ensure that we are offering the best service to the community we serve. This was our fourth assessment in twelve years and my first as Chief of this department. I looked forward to

the challenge and felt confident that we were able to meet the standards exceptionally, as set forth by the VLEPSC board. There are approximately 450 law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I take great pride in our agency's accomplishment as we will be one of only ninety agencies that are accredited by the State."

The WPD Accreditation Manager is Captain Joel Hash, Jr., who stated the assessment team was composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. They included assessors from the Falls Church Police Department, the Christiansburg Police Department and the Danville City Sheriff's Office. The assessors reviewed written material, interviewed individuals, and visited offices and places where compliance could be witnessed.

Since the assessors completed their review of the agency, they will report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Captain Hash stated. Upon the completion of this year's assessment by the assessors, the Wytheville

Police Department was found to have complied with all standards and bulleted issues, as presented. Only three files were returned for repair and these were quickly accomplished while the assessors were still on site. Chief Arnold indicated that this was the best assessment that the agency has ever had.

Accreditation status is granted for four years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. Although every member of the agency and several departments within the Town of Wytheville administration contributed to the success of this on-site assessment, special thanks need to be expressed to Captain Joel L. Hash, Jr. and Investigator John D. Claypool for their tireless efforts to ensure that the standards of excellence set by the Commonwealth are met and achieved by this department.

The Wytheville Water Treatment Plant Performance Award



The Virginia Department of Health - Office of Drinking Water works with Water Plant owners and operators across Virginia to ensure that customers have access to safe drinking water that meets federal and state drinking water standards. The Town of Wytheville Water Treatment Plant is regulated by the Field Office located in Abingdon, VA.

The Virginia Department of Health Excellence in Granular Media Water Treatment Plant Performance Awards are presented to the facilities each year that perform above and beyond minimum standards, optimizing their treatment process and running it efficiently and effectively. The primary purpose of the program is to reduce the risks to public health associated with drinking water. The awards are given according to three levels of performance:

Bronze award recipients meet or exceed a minimum standard for filtration, at every filter during each month through the year. The filtered water is tested every 15 minutes.

Silver award recipients meet or exceed the filtration standard, plus a standard for either water clarity or the filter backwash - or cleaning - process.

Gold award recipients meet or exceed minimum standards for filtration, clarity, and the filter backwash process.

The Wytheville Water Treatment Plant has received the Gold Award every year for the past six years. The employees at the Wytheville Water Treatment Plant go the extra mile each year to make sure we provide good quality and safe drinking water for our customers. To achieve this top ranking is a monumental accomplishment, and we are proud of our record in supplying safe water to our customers. Our first priority at the Town of Wytheville is always to provide the highest quality drinking water—and the best in customer service—to the citizens of the Town.

The 2013 Wytheville Annual Drinking Water Report is available at <http://www.wytheville.org/pdf2014/Wytheville2013CCR.pdf>