



Wytheville Department of Public Safety

MISSION STATEMENT



The Wytheville Department of Public Safety exists for the purpose of safeguarding life and property and maintaining order in a professional manner that preserves a confidence in our democratic process. Each officer and employee shall be responsible for the observance of orders, proper performance of duty, and the maintenance of discipline on the part of members and employees assigned to their shift and for enforcement of the law, promotion of proper patrol, investigation of motor vehicle accident, necessary investigation of crime, and protection of life and property. To fulfill its mission, the Wytheville Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing a quality work environment and the development of its members through effective training and leadership.

2017 Partial Third Quarter Traffic Enforcement/Accident Statistics

Crash Reporting: July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017

	Jul	Aug	Total	YTD
Major Crash	13	5	18	65
Minor Crash	33	25	58	232
Injuries	6	2	8	23
Fatalities 0	0	0	0	
Charges	13	4	17	51

Total Crashes - 76
Year To Date - 297

Criminal Charges 7/01/17 – 8/31/17

Kidnapping	1
Forcible Fondling	1
Robbery	2
Simple/Aggrav Assault	5
Arson	1
Extortion	1
Burglary/B & E	1
Shoplifting	9
Theft/Bldg	1
Theft/Motor Veh	1
Theft/M V Parts	4
All Other Larceny	21
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6
Swindle/Con Game	3
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	3
Stolen Property	1
Destruction/Damage	8
Drug/Narcotic Viol	9
Porn/Obscene Mat	1
Weapon Law Viol	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Drunkenness	27
Trespass Real Prop	3
<u>All Other Offenses</u>	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	129

Traffic Charges 7/01/17 – 8/31/17

Defective Equipment	32
No Registration	15
No Operators License	10
Suspended/Revoked	17
Counterfeit Inspection	3
Counterfeit Registration	1
Fail to Obey O/L Restrictions	3
Non-Resident O/L	3
Reckless Driving	8
Seatbelt Violations	17
Inspection Violations	22
Fail to Yield Right of Way	15
Fail to Obey Traffic Signal	13
Speeding Violations	78
<u>All Other Traffic Violations</u>	<u>235</u>
TOTAL	472

Citizens desiring additional information regarding the programs and activity of the Wytheville Department of Public Safety are encouraged to contact Chief Rick W. Arnold at anytime by calling 276-223-3310 or ricky@wytheville.org. "I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Wytheville. Without your support, we cannot succeed in our task of providing a safer community." *Chief Rick Arnold*



Officers Save Life at Walmart



On July 16, 2017, at approximately 12:18 p.m., officers of the Wytheville Police Department responded to the Walmart store, located on North 4th Street, regarding a male subject that apparently was having a cardiac episode that required assistance. The Wythe County Rescue Squad had been contacted, but officers on patrol were closer and arrived at Walmart to offer assistance. Upon their arrival, Officers Jennifer Brewster and Blaine Grubb observed Jeremy Rooney being given CPR by Tracey and Jesse Belcher and Shirley Puckett. Tracey and Shirley are registered nurses at Wythe County Community Hospital. Officers Grubb and Brewster immediately deployed the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) twice with a positive result. CPR was continued until the quick arrival of the rescue squad where they took over treatment of Mr. Rooney. He was transported to Wythe County Community Hospital Emergency Department for further treatment. He was immediately airlifted to Wake Forest Medical Center in North Carolina and was joined by his wife and two children.



Mr. Rooney's survival is directly related to the quick thinking and actions of nurses and citizens and the officers' training and the availability of an AED. The AED used in this situation was purchased with a grant provided by the Wythe - Bland Foundation. Chief Rick Arnold stated, "We are fortunate to have the caliber of these two officers in our agency. They are representative of all the employees that we have within the Public Safety Department. They have a strong commitment to the protection and safety of the community they serve. They also strive to be trained in every aspect for services we provide." Chief Arnold continued, "I want to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who assisted in bringing Mr. Rooney back to life so that he could be returned to his family. In this day and time, it is hard to find people who will do the right thing, but Wytheville and Wythe County have an abundance of people who do the right thing. On behalf of the Wytheville Police Department., we want thank Shirley Puckett, Jesse and Tracey Belcher for, not only their expertise in lifesaving, but their willingness to be involved and make a difference in someone's life."

The Wytheville Police Department became involved in the AED program in February, 2017. Through this program, the agency could outfit all public safety vehicles with an AED and all employees, regardless of rank or position, were trained in the use of the equipment. This program was accomplished in large part because of the generosity of the Wythe - Bland Foundation, who are committed to the health and welfare of the citizens of Town of Wytheville, Wythe County and Bland County. "We are fortunate to have an organization like the Wythe - Bland Foundation providing the service they do to this community," stated Chief Arnold.



On September 01, 2017, Sergeant John S. Humphrey of the Wytheville Police Department announced his "End of Watch" and retired from police work. John began his career in law enforcement in 1987 when he was hired as a Patrol Officer with the Pulaski Police Department. In 1994 John joined the Wytheville Police Department as a Patrol Officer. In 2011, John was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant where he supervised the midnight shift for 6 years. John will retire after serving the Pulaski and Wytheville communities approximately 30 years as a Police Officer. The Town of Wytheville and the Wytheville Department of Public Safety wish Sergeant John Humphrey the best in his future.

WPD Sergeant John S. Humphrey Retires