

Albemarle County Sheriff's Office

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Game Enforcement

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I- HUNTER CHECKED

Albemarle County Sheriff's Office Deputies that were involved in the Game Enforcement program checked 254 hunters this season. Hunters checked were from normal patrol, and calls for service received from complaints.

II- PUBLIC CONTACT

Deputies interfacing with the general public during Game Enforcement operational hours, in reference to complaints, and providing public information. **Total 104.**

III- CALLS FOR SERVICE/ COMPLAINTS

Total calls for 2007-08 season recorded are 64, listed below in categories:

Trespassing- 31
Shot Fired/ Heard by land owners- 22
Road hunting- 9
Spot Lighting- 2

These numbers reflect only call received through E-911, not from the State Game Commission.

The State Game Commission does not tract calls received in Albemarle County.

IV- HUNTING SUMMONS ISSUED

Numbers of summons issued for 2007-08 seasons. **TOTAL 63.**

Illegal Hunting-

Spot Lighting- 12

Spot Lighting with weapon- 7

Hunting from vehicle-6

Road Hunting-50' of highway- 2

Hunting after normal hours- 7

ATV- no helmet- 3

Loaded weapons on highway- 10

Transporting loaded weapons on highway-8

Hunting on posted property-1

Conspiracy-illegal hunting activities-1

No Blaze Orange- 5

Fail to tag-1

V- HUNTING WARNING ISSUED

Number of illegal hunting warnings issued. **TOTAL 16**

Hunting-50' of highway-4

ATV- no helmet- 3

Loaded weapons on highway- 3

Hunting on Posted property-1

No Hunting Licenses- 1

Fail to tag- 1

Transporting loaded firearms on highway-3

VI- TRAFFIC SUMMONS

Traffic summons issued during Game Enforcement. **TOTAL 8**

Defective equipment-2

No operators license-1

NO operators license in possession- 1

No registration in possession-1

Expired State Inspection-2

No Seat Belt-1

VII- SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Decoy deer operations. **TOTAL 6**

Stake outs, known trouble areas, complaints received from general public. **TOTAL 26**

Special operations resulted in charges , as noted in Section IV and V.

VIII- PROPERTY SEIZES

Rifles- TOTAL 5

Savage caliber 243- 1

Marlin caliber. 30/30-2

Winchester caliber. 30/30-1

Remington caliber. 22 Mag.-1

On 2/15/08 Judge Barkley ordered these weapons to be seized by the Commonwealth Attorneys Office.

On behalf of the Sheriff's Office, requests were made to have weapons turned over to the Sheriff's Office for sale or trade for replacement duty weapons. Commonwealth Attorney's Office shall inform us if the State Codes permits request.

Vehicles- Total 1

1995 Toyota 4-Runner

Vehicle was released to owner on 2/15/08, by Deputy Martin.

IX- OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Narcotics violations. **TOTAL 1**

Juvenile was charged with possession of marijuana, charges were disposed of in Juvenile intake hearing.

X- SUMMARY

All of the Deputy's involved in the Game Enforcement for 2007-08 have put forth a team effort that resulted in a successful year. Operational program was different this year due to the changes in the type of enforcement needed to combat complaints received. This year the plan was to be more proactive, rather than be reactive, in our attempt to reduce calls for service in the rural areas of the County.

The team success is evident by the number of summons issued during special operations. The calls for service from the previous years show that our efforts have been successful by minimizing road hunting.

With the aid of the decoy deer and more saturated patrols in troubled areas the trends in complaint received in 2007-08 are from landowners dealing with illegal hunting on ATV's.

Our team received 100% compliance on convictions of summons.

The decoy was damaged, and replacement cost has been ordered by the Court in the amount of \$600.00.

In 2008-09 our plans will include more special operations dealing with ATV complaints.