



### **What are the benefits of the city working with the county?**

*“As a Sheriff’s Office, we greatly value our relationship with the city of Vineyard. We have appreciated the relationship we have and the willingness of the city to prioritize public safety. As part of the contract with the County, Vineyard receives dedicated personnel that are assigned to the city and become committed to the needs and concerns of its residents.”*

*“We are taking a very proactive approach to policing and are working hard to keep Vineyard safe. As part of the contract, Vineyard also receives the benefit of pooled resources and specialty teams, such as SWAT, Investigations, SVU, K-9 Teams, Victim’s Advocates, Evidence/Forensics, Search and Rescue, Emergency Management, and all the necessary and exceptional equipment the County has to offer.” “We are also able to operate out of a smaller space because of these pooled resources. Through this relationship, the Sheriff’s Office and Vineyard City are partnering to provide the best, most efficient, and cost-effective law enforcement services available to the great residents of the community.”*

### **Do you feel the department is growing well with the needs of the city?**

*“Yes, I believe our current staffing levels reflect Vineyard’s commitment to the safety of its residents. This is something I am constantly monitoring and communicating with the leaders of the city to ensure we are not falling behind as the city continues to grow.”*

### **How have things been with the NOVA program?**

*"We have had great success for many years here in Vineyard teaching the NOVA program. This program is taught to sixth-grade students at both Vineyard and Trailside Elementary schools. This program is a great way for us to interact with the youth of Vineyard and help teach them life skills. We believe this is a valuable investment in our youth that will make a difference in their lives. Because of Vineyard's commitment to school safety and the funding of a School Resource Deputy, we have been able to continue this program and help ensure our schools are safe places for children to learn."*

### **Who are the new sergeants? What is it like having a team in Vineyard?**

*"The new sergeants in Vineyard are Sergeant Ryan, who recently served as our school resource deputy, and Sergeant Holm, who served as our Vineyard detective."*

*"Each of our sergeants supervises a patrol team. As a sergeant, you have the unique role of being an advocate for your team and ensuring the goals and priorities of the department are met. In Vineyard, you have the great opportunity to work closely with your team and be a part of this wonderful community. As a Sergeant, it is fun to help your deputies learn and grow and be a mentor to them. It is rewarding to serve and help others develop their skills and work hard to keep the community safe."*

### **How is the new space working for your team? What has the change been like?**

*"The new space has been a great upgrade for our team. We now have room for our new sergeants and the new SVU detective. We appreciate the investment from the city and have always been willing to do more with less. Our office now has two sergeants' offices, a detective office, an evidence room, patrol and secretary space, and the chief deputy office. Each sergeant's office is shared by two sergeants, and the detective office is also shared by our two detectives."*

### **What do you see for the future of Vineyard and its growth?**

*"As the city continues to grow and change, it is imperative that we take a proactive approach to public safety. Doing so will ensure Vineyard continues to be a safe place to live, work, and play. With growth comes the need for increased staffing to help keep response times low and ensure the needs of the public are being met while at the same time making sure we can carry out our duties in a safe and efficient manner. The Sheriff's Office is committed to growing with the city and working hard to continue to provide the best public safety and service to its residents."*

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