

# Extra

# Connections

An interview with

## Dale Marshall

Throughout his career with the Christiansburg Police Department, Dale Marshall has shown great dedication in his roles as a D.A.R.E and Ordinance officer. In 2014, Marshall was awarded two of the Christiansburg Police Department's highest honors, the Medal of Valor and the Officer of the Year Award. Both awards recognize exemplary service and the Officer of the Year award is given through peer recognition. Here, Dale talks about his favorite things about Christiansburg.



**“The community’s immense support for each other is what sets Christiansburg apart from other towns. Also, the community’s support for the Police Department is amazing. We are very lucky to have that great support system.”**

### What do you do for the Town of Christiansburg?

As a D.A.R.E. and Ordinance officer, I give students facts and statistics about drugs, alcohol and tobacco. I go over different scenarios with them and really try to teach them to be responsible for their actions.

### What is your greatest accomplishment?

Really my greatest accomplishment is having an impact on the kids I teach. I really love hearing stories from the kids about how they take what I've taught them and try to put it into use at home.

### What is your favorite part of your job?

Interacting with the children that I teach is my favorite part of the job. It is extremely rewarding.

### What are some of your favorite places in Christiansburg?

One of my favorite places to go is the water tower behind Christiansburg Middle School. The view is amazing; you can see the lights from the town and the mountains in the background. The view from Hans Meadow is also another favorite.

### What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

When I'm not working I enjoy being with my family. I spend a lot of time taking my kids places.

### If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?

I would visit the Bahamas because I've always wanted to experience the blue water, the white sand and the peaceful atmosphere. I've also always wanted to be a pirate.

### Who is your biggest influence?

My 16-year-old son Austin is my biggest influence because his strength inspires me.

