

Richmond City Sheriff's Office Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.



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RICHMOND CITY JUSTICE CENTER CERTIFIED BY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

RICHMOND, VA --- Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. announced today that the Richmond City Justice Center (RCJC) has received "unconditional certification" by the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Corrections (BOC).

In February 2015, auditors from the Board of Corrections spent nearly a week inside the new facility, confirming compliance with 125 various *BOC Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups*. This audit must be performed every three years, and was the first such audit to take place since the opening of the RCJC in July 2014. Previous certifications were given to the Richmond City Jail, which was torn down last year. This marks the fourth consecutive "unconditional certification" during Sheriff Woody's administration (2006, 2009, 2012 and 2015).

The official notification to the Sheriff was made in the form of a letter from The BOC, dated July 15, 2015, along with a certificate which will hang inside the facility.

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The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.