



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RICHMOND SHERIFF'S TRAINING ACADEMY RE-CERTIFIED BY DCJS

**RICHMOND, VA**—Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. today announced that the Richmond City Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Training Center, which conducts mandatory training to certify deputies through its academy, has once again received Re-Certification by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

The RCSO Training Center was initially certified by DCJS in the mid-1980's. Once an agency's initial certification is met, they must undergo an audit every three years to ensure that administrative, operational, and facility standards are maintained for all academies providing mandated training.

The RCSO received the news in the form of a certificate and a letter, dated July 1, 2015, from the Director of DCJS, Francine C. Ecker. The Richmond City Sheriff's Office Training Center's recertification is valid through the end of June 2018.

"We are proud of the efforts of our Training Center staff. Their commitment to excellence is responsible for ensuring our continued success." – *Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr.* 

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.