

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



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SHERIFF WOODY PROMOTES THE REAL PROGRAM TO THE CHESTERFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RICHMOND, VA--- On March 10, 2016, Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. presented to a packed room to the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce. The topic of discussion was the REAL (Recovering from Everyday Addictive Lifestyles) program, a behavior modification and re-entry program designed to assist offenders to positively and comprehensively address their addictions and behaviors, while appropriately modifying their thinking. Through this, program participants are able to be prepared for re-entry into the community and be equip with the necessary skills for employment and success.

Sheriff Woody discussed the need for employers in the room to open their hearts and most importantly, open their minds to give non-violent offenders a chance at meaningful re-entry into our society by finding gainful employment. "One of the main purposes of a correctional facility is to do our best to create better citizens and not better criminals. These individuals will one day be back in our communities; at our grocery stores, at our movie theatres, in our schools. We have to do what is best to properly prepare them to contribute to our society."

The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce comprises of more than 500 unique business from small business owners to corporate CEO's looking to develop their own businesses as well as enhance their workforce. The presentation featured two successful participants of the Sheriff REAL Program who gave a real life examples of the power of change and also his Program Director, Dr. Scarbrough.





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.