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**Richmond-** On Friday, October 27th, the Richmond City Sheriff's Office will host the region's second Beyond Jails Summit to address community-based strategies for public safety to address homelessness, substance abuse, mental health, and violence in the city. This will be an in-person follow-conversation in reference to the Summit held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This event will also take place at the Richmond City Justice Center at 1701 Fairfield Way.

All attendees from the first summit have been invited back for today's summit in conjunction with newcomers. There will be attendees from the Richmond Public City Schools, Richmond Commonwealth Attorney offices, Richmond courts, other local, and state agencies as well as various nonprofit organizations including several local United Way agencies. At this event, Sheriff Antionette V. Irving will continue to provide agency updates followed by information from the staff about internal programs for inmates to ensure successful reintegration into the community.

Attendees today will participate in breakout sessions for continued discussions on specific areas of collaboration and shared resources. The sheriff's office will continue to consolidate the information discussed, creating a directory for the attendees.

According to Sheriff Irving, "We hosted this summit because we are all trying to solve the same issues and we can't do it alone. We have to come together, pool our resources, and be collaborative."

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