



SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

# JOINT MEETING SENATE JUDICIARY & REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



- There are 28,000 inmates incarcerated at 40 DOC facilities.
- An additional 69,000 individuals are participating in community corrections probation/parole, including 330 at 4 CCAPS.
- There are approximately 6,600 field COs.
- For the fourth year in a row, Virginia has maintained the lowest recidivism rate in the country at 23.1 percent.

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## DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES



- DCJS is charged with planning and carrying out programs and initiatives to improve the functioning and effectiveness of the criminal justice system as a whole.
- DCJS facilitates statewide law enforcement training standards and regulates law enforcement agencies.
- DCJS is the state administering agency of all criminal justice grants and distributes nearly a quarter of a billion dollars per year to localities.

Director – Shannon Dion

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE



- Operates 32 court service units (2 are locally operated), 1 juvenile correction center--Bon Air, and 1 school
- There are 10 Community Placement Program sites and 9 detention reentry programs.
- In recent years, juvenile intakes decreased 39.8%, new probation cases decreased 51.7%, detainments decreased 43.6%, and direct care admissions decreased 44.5%.
- Current number of committed youth in direct care is 255 with 157 at Bon Air
  - Total direct care admissions from 2013 to 2019: 695 to 335

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# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



- Serves as the Commonwealth's all-hazard emergency and disaster prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery agency.
- 80% funded through federal grant programs.
- Operates the Virginia Emergency Operations Center.
- Includes 7 regional offices across the Commonwealth.
- Coordinating the state's response to COVID-19:
  - Leads the multiagency Health Equity Working Group.
  - Distributed PPE including over 880k N95 masks, 1.7M surgical masks, 460k facial covers, 5M gloves, and 530k gowns along with other supplies.
- Monitoring over 510 First Amendment protests statewide.
- FY20: supported 133 local governments through 7 disaster events and 256 recovery operations.

State Coordinator – Curtis Brown

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## DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE



- DFS is a nationally accredited forensic laboratory system, established by Virginia law, to provide forensic laboratory services to the Commonwealth's state and local law enforcement agencies, medical examiners, Commonwealth's attorneys, fire departments, and state agencies in the investigation of any criminal matter.
- DFS also provides DNA, DUI, and DUID training at no cost to attorneys and judges.
- DFS, in conjunction with the OAG and local law enforcement, VA's rape kit backlog has been eliminated: 2,665 previously untested rape kits have been tested, including kits that had gone untested for decades.

Director - Linda Jackson

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## DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PROGRAMS



- VDFP provides funding, professional development, research, and operational and technical support to Virginia's fire services agencies.
- VDFP also houses the State Fire Marshal's Office, which has the responsibility of protecting life and property for the citizens of the Commonwealth.
- VDFP is responsible for all fire training provided to career and volunteer departments across the Commonwealth.

Executive Director – Mike Reilly

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## VIRGINIA STATE POLICE



- The Virginia State Police is the Commonwealth's statewide law enforcement agency and in addition to providing law-enforcement services and protecting the Commonwealth, the agency is the central repository for all criminal history information.
- The agency's 3,035 (2,140 sworn) employees actively plan, train and promote emergency preparedness to protect the citizens of the commonwealth and its infrastructure.
- VSP has provided support to local law enforcement agencies in response to more than 140 protests in recent months.

Superintendent – Colonel Gary Settle

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## VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD



- The Virginia Parole Board is the agency responsible for making parole determinations for the Commonwealth.
- The mission of the Virginia Parole Board is to release on parole those eligible offenders deemed suitable for release and whose release will be compatible with the welfare of society and the offender.
- Total geriatric eligible: 1,260
- Total parole eligible population: 2,005
- VPB currently working on *Fishback* and juvenile parole cases.

Chair – Tonya Chapman

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AUTHORITY



- The agency administers ABC laws with an emphasis on public safety by ensuring an orderly and regulated system for convenient sales and responsible consumption of alcohol.
- Since its establishment in 1934, Virginia ABC has contributed \$10.3 billion to the Commonwealth's general fund, which supports major education, health, and transportation initiatives.
- ABC became an authority in 2018.

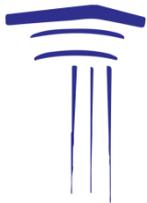
Director – Travis Hill

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# COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS' SERVICES COUNCIL



- CASC is the Virginia state agency responsible for providing training, education, and services for Virginia's prosecutors.



Director – Jane Chambers

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## BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS



- The Board is responsible for state oversight of the Commonwealth of Virginia's jails that are operated by local and regional jails.
- The Board establishes mandatory standards for jail operations and reviews the deaths of all jail offenders, a new responsibility required by the General Assembly beginning in FY2018.
- The Board is responsible for inspections and audits of all jails to ensure jails meet standards set by the Board.

Chair – Vernie Francis

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# HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION



- Develops recommendations and collaborates on policy matters pertaining to:
  - Homeland Security
  - Cyber Security
  - Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience
  - Emergency Radio Communication Interoperability
  
- Investigates emerging technologies from a threat and public safety use perspective:
  - Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)/Drones
  - GPS/Signal Jamming
  - Body Worn Cameras

Director – Shawn Talmadge

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# NORTHAM ADMINISTRATION ACHIEVEMENTS

# GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Governor Northam proposed 8 commonsense gun violence prevention bills during 2019 Special Session and 2020 General Assembly Session
- 7 of those bills have been signed into law:
  - Universal Background Checks
  - Extreme Risk Protective Order
  - One Handgun a Month
  - Expansion of Protective Order Prohibition
  - Reporting Lost & Stolen Firearms
  - Preventing Child Access to Firearms
  - Local Authority to Regulate Firearms



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Since Governor Northam has taken office, he has championed criminal justice reform efforts.
- Last May, Governor declared May as Second Chance Month.
  - Hosted 5 community round tables (Prince William County, Richmond, Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Abingdon)
- Feedback and community dialogues informed a comprehensive 2020 legislative package.
- Of the proposals, all but two bills passed and have since been signed into law (parole bills sent to study).

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Governor Northam's 2020 legislative package included bills to:
  - Decriminalize marijuana
- Expand parole eligibility:
  - Age-based discretionary parole\*
  - Medical/compassionate release\*
  - *Fishback* cases
- Raise felony larceny threshold to \$1,000
- Raise the age a juvenile can be transferred to circuit court
- Modify standards for writs of actual innocence petitions
- End the practice of suspending driver's licenses for failure to pay court fines and costs and for non-driving related offense
- Allow credits toward court costs and fines for community service

\*Sent to Virginia State Crime Commission for study



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# LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

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The DCJS law enforcement division is responsible for regulating criminal justice professionals and criminal justice training academies across the Commonwealth. This includes:

- Facilitating revisions to training standards
- Tracking mandated training
- Certifying and de-certifying law-enforcement officers and jail officers
- Academy and agency audits to ensure compliance
  - 5 Field Services Coordinators cover the state (3FTE; 2PTE)
- Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Committee accreditation
- Developing model policies

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

City/County Sheriff's Offices	123
Police Departments	174
Campus Police Departments	41
State Law-Enforcement Agencies	12
Private/Airport/Railroad	20
Criminal Justice Training Academies	39
LE Communications Centers	43
Regional Jails/Detention Centers	24
<b>TOTAL All Agencies</b>	<b>476</b>

## OFFICERS REGULATED BY DCJS

Law-Enforcement Officers	22,280
Jail Officers	6,910
Court Security/Civil Process	345
Dispatchers	3,344
Corrections	8,176
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,055</b>

# BASIC TRAINING

	<b>Minimum Mandated Hours</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b>
Basic Training	480 hours	680-1,500 hours
Field Training	100 hours	100-800 hours

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Law-Enforcement Officers are required to complete 40 hours of in-service training every two years.

General career development	34 hours
Legal training	4 hours
Cultural Diversity	2 hours
<b>TOTAL</b>	40 hours

# QUESTIONS?

