## **Riverside Criminal Justice Agency**

## **Correction Connection**

January 2023



## Riverside Community Criminal Justice Board Eleventh Annual Community Appreciation Breakfast & Awards



On October 28, 2022, the RCCJB's Community Appreciation Breakfast & Awards Ceremony was held at the Beacon Theatre in Hopewell. The RCCJB's recently developed Strategic Plan was highlighted by several board members during the event.

Left: RCCJB Chairman Derek A. Davis, Surry County
Commonwealth's Attorney

Right: Honorable Peter D. Eliades, General District Court

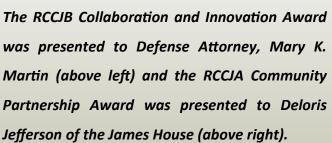


The Crisis Intervention Team Excellence Award was presented to TWO exceptional recipients this year: Dispatcher Latonia Costello, Hopewell Police Department (bottom left), and Officer Austin Blaylock, Prince George Police Department (bottom right).









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Pictured above: RCJA Staff attend VCCJA Fundraising Event," A Night in Vegas"

## VCCJA ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Hotel Madison & Conference Center Harrisonburg, VA November 16-18, 2022



Pictured above: RCJA Program Manager, Charlotte Walmon; RCJA Probation Officer, Stacci Nutty; RCJA Director, Denise Waff; VCCJA President, Gary Hughes

Members of RCJA staff attended the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association Annual Training Conference held in Harrisonburg this November. In addition to three days of pretrial and probation workshops, RCJA staff attended a fundraising event benefiting current and future VCCJA projects and initiatives.

Each year, the conference concludes with an awards luncheon acknowledging those who go "above and beyond" in the field of community corrections. We are proud to announce the VCCJA Meritorious Award for Local Probation was presented to RCJA's Stacci Nutty! We are proud of Stacci's contributions to our agency, our community, and to VCCJA. Congratulations, Stacci!





The Hopewell, Prince George, Surry Drug Court
Program graduated <u>THREE</u> participants on October 24,
2022. The Drug Court gives offenders a "Chance for
Change" by achieving recovery through a structured
14-month program including 4 phases of substance
abuse treatment and intensive supervision.

The Drug Court utilizes a special court docket to handle non-violent criminal offenses committed by addicted offenders. The Drug Court docket is held on Mondays at 4:00 pm in the Prince George Circuit Court.



Pictured: The Honorable William Edward Tomko, III, with our three Drug Court graduates.

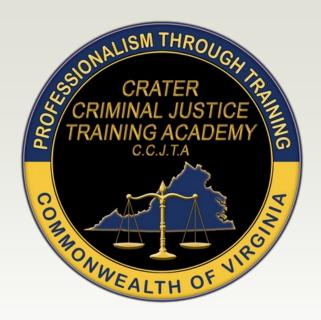


Pictured: Deputy Sheriff Austin Moon with DC graduates.



Pictured: Merakey Peer Specialist Donna Tucker-Stowell and Merakey Clinician Jessica Spears with DC graduates.





Crater Criminal Justice Academy Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) hosted a Mental Health First Aid class for Riverside Criminal Justice staff and Riverside Regional Jail staff on October 20, 2022. The CIT model encourages communities, families, law enforcement officers, and human services professionals to act as a compass

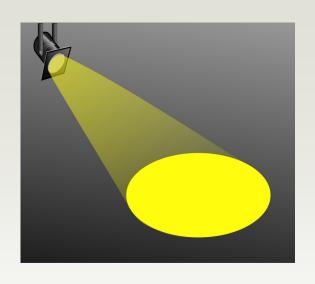
for consumers with mental illness.





Pictured: RCJA staff and RRJ staff participate in a role play with CIT staff.

The courts often order offenders to submit to mental health assessments, attend mental health counseling, and comply with medication management, conditions supervised by pretrial and probation officers. RCJA staff must be knowledgeable about mental health disorders and available mental health resources in the community to best serve our population.



New Employee
Spotlight:
Kimberly Gregg



In December, Riverside Criminal Justice Agency welcomed Kimberly Gregg as the new Drug Court Probation Officer. Kim brings a wealth of human services knowledge and case management experience. Welcome, Kim!







RCJA participated in the Hopewell Police Department's Food Drive this Thanksgiving by donating non-perishable food items. RCJA staff also participated in the Surry Department of Social Services 'Project Joy' program by donating wrapped gifts.



The RCJA Team wishes you a healthy, happy and prosperous 2023!