



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

# PRESS RELEASE

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## **FIRST BASIC RECRUIT ACADEMY CLASS GRADUATES IN THE RICHMOND CITY JUSTICE CENTER**

RICHMOND, VA—Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. announced today that the Richmond City Sheriff's Office will graduate 23 members from its 1st Basic Recruit Academy Class held in the new training facilities located inside the Richmond City Justice Center. The graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, February 20th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Richmond City Justice Center. Awards will be presented to the highest achievers in the following categories: Top Gun, Top Academic, Top Driver and Best Overall. An award in recognition of outstanding commitment to the Sheriff's Office, entitled the C.T. Woody Jr. Sheriff's Award, will also be presented to a member of the class.

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office 1<sup>st</sup> Basic Recruit Academy provided both classroom and field training in the following categories:

<i>Professional Appearance</i>	<i>Professional Ethics</i>	<i>Stress Management</i>
<i>Jail History</i>	<i>Conflict and Crisis Resolutions</i>	<i>OC Spray and Chemical Agents</i>
<i>Inmate Work Programs</i>	<i>Inmate Grievances</i>	<i>Record Keeping and Processing</i>
<i>Cell Searches</i>	<i>Control of Contraband</i>	<i>Interpersonal Communication Skills</i>
<i>Report Writing</i>	<i>Special Populations</i>	<i>Privacy and Access to Records</i>
<i>Visitation</i>	<i>Suicide Prevention</i>	<i>Transfer/Release of Inmates</i>
<i>Code of VA</i>	<i>Hostage Situations</i>	<i>Civil and Criminal Liability</i>
<i>Constitutional Law</i>	<i>Courtroom Demeanor</i>	<i>Fundamentals of Marksmanship</i>
<i>Civil Process</i>	<i>Courtroom Security</i>	<i>Problem Solving</i>
<i>Sequestered Jury</i>	<i>Cultural Diversity</i>	<i>Courtroom Searches</i>
<i>Use of Force</i>	<i>Operational Guidelines</i>	<i>Enforcing Rules and Regulations</i>
<i>Civil Liability</i>	<i>Basic Firearms Training</i>	<i>Defensive Tactics</i>
<i>Defensive Driving</i>	<i>The Fourth Amendment</i>	<i>Rounds, Patrols and Inspections</i>

All required training was tracked electronically and reported to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). In order to graduate, each recruit must complete the curriculum requirements, successfully pass a series of written exams, meet qualifications standards in defensive driving, firearms, and defensive tactics, and pass the final examination.

Sheriff Woody stated, "*These graduates set a high bar for future Academy classes. They are exceptional in every way, and have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and public service. Indeed we are honored to welcome these newest members of Richmond's Law Enforcement Community.*"

**\*Family and friends of the graduates and members of the Press are invited to attend.**

**All guests must arrive in the lobby of the RCJC no later than 9:45 a.m.**

**Members of the Press must contact Major Baldwin in advance of their attendance.**