

# Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy

14TH EDITION NEWSLETTER



## Director's Comment 2022



The Academy recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year of service. A small celebration was conducted after a board meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> with Sharon Gray, DCJS as the guest speaker. The Academy's Foundation was able to provide food and beverages for the event.



Former Director & Former Harrisonburg Chief of Police, Richard Presgraves with Current Director, Andrew McNally (L)

Sheriff Steve Funkhouser, Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office and Chief Chris Rinker, New Market Police Department chatting after the ceremony.



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## Director's Comment 2022.....continued

Over the past year CSCJTA received grant funding for Training and Equipment. Funding was used to replace the Academy's server and to purchase training equipment. The Academy also focused on getting new equipment to help the academy meet the new DCJS physical fitness standards that will be coming into place. By having a variety of different options, the academy can more effectively focus on individual student needs and help all students meet the new standards.



The Academy successfully completed their Web-Based Assessment with CALEA October 21st. Thank you to the Accreditation Team of Assistant Director; Steven Arney, Kenzie Cooper, and Laurie Skinner for working on the Assessment throughout the year to help maintain the Academy's accreditation.

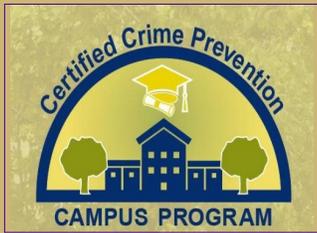
The next assessments will be May 5—13 (Web-based) and June 18 –21 (On-site). Once the assessments are complete, the Accreditation Team will travel to the National CALEA Conference in Bellevue, Washington in November to receive their Re-Accreditation.

## Member Agency Spotlight

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY



# Police Department

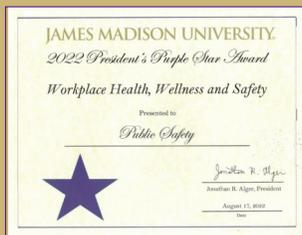


James Madison University received certification from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services as a Certified Crime Prevention Campus. Awarded

May 20, 2021



James Madison University Police Department has been accredited by the *Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission* since



The James Madison University Police Department was recognized on August 17, 2022 by President Jonathan Alger with the 2022 President's Purple Star Award for Workplace Health, Wellness, and Safety.



In support of the mission of James Madison University, the JMU Police Department is dedicated to developing partnerships with the community we serve to enhance the goal of providing quality higher education. We will earn the public's trust through community engagement to: Support academic freedom; Respect diversity; Protect civil and human rights, and; Provide a safe environment to foster the open exchange of ideas.

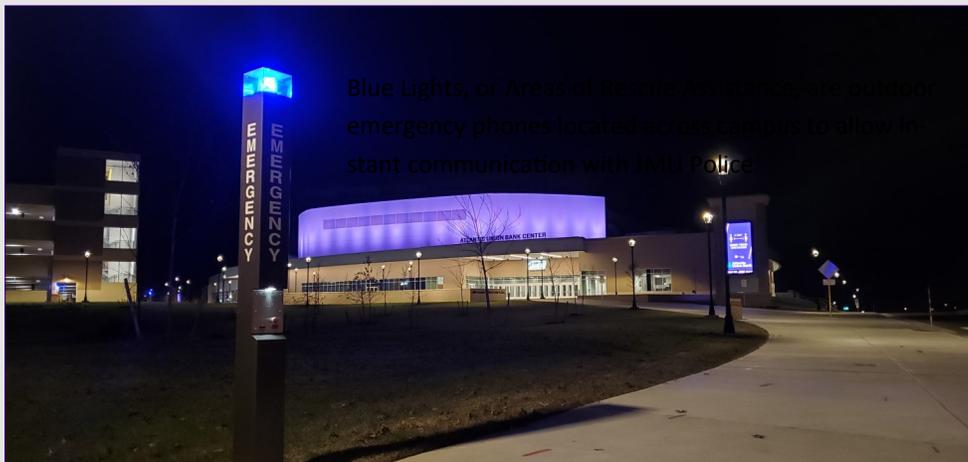
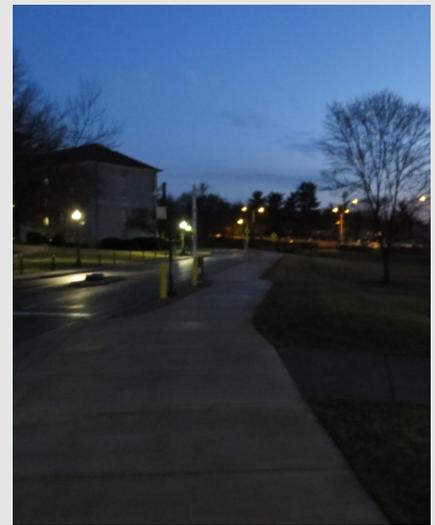
We will work collaboratively to prevent crime and disorder through a compassionate and empathetic police department, supporting our students, faculty, and staff in their goals to lead productive and meaningful lives.

**Anthony D. Matos, Chief of Police**

James Madison University provides full-service police protection to the campus community through its police department. The James Madison University Police Department is headed by a Chief of Police who reports to the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance. The jurisdiction of the University Police includes, but is not limited to, a core campus of 712 acres and 111 major buildings to include all university-owned, -leased or -controlled property. There are (45) sworn and commissioned police officers, all with comprehensive arrest powers. Thirty-one (31) officers are full-time and they are augmented by part-time officers. Full-time officers are members of a patrol unit, an investigative/forensic unit or special events unit. Patrol units patrol the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week while enforcing state statutes, protecting property, and responding to reported criminal incidents and traffic concerns. Four patrol officers augment



JMU Officers, along with enforcement obligations, serve the JMU and Harrisonburg communities with various public service and crime prevention functions. CEPTED certified officers conduct annual lighting surveys across campus and by requests from students, faculty, and staff. Officers strive to build positive community relations including assisting the Young Children's Program with "Hero's" day.



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The Police Communications Center is the first point of contact with the agency. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by 8 full-time and 8 part-time communicators. Every communicator has completed the Basic Public Safety Communications Officer course and is VCIN certified. The staff maintains telephone, radio, and other forms of electronic communications with emergency services personnel and the public. Staff monitors emergency notification systems, the LiveSafe smartphone app, on-campus intrusion and fire alarms, campus cameras, and severe weather alert systems. Staff also coordinates outside motor vehicle traffic to campus by monitoring gate access.

Sergeant Skelton works on a project with his “Little”. Sergeant Skelton takes part in the “Bigs in Blue” mentoring program with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. JMU police offer civil fingerprinting for non-profits like BBBS, emergency response agencies, as well as students, faculty and staff members.



The JMU Police Department participates in numerous outreach programs within the community. Shown here are Outreach and Education officers with Norfolk Southern representatives during a community safety event.

# University of Virginia Police Department



**Associate Vice President for  
Safety and Security and  
Chief of Police**

We take great pride in having the privilege of serving those who live, work, attend, and visit our University community. The diverse and knowledgeable staff that comprise our Department of Safety and Security make it a priority to connect with those whom we serve every day to develop the collaborative relationships necessary for building and sustaining a safe and healthy environment. While safety is paramount to our work, developing a relationship with the community we serve is the heart of who we are and the vast services we provide to our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

In addition to a well-trained and full-service police division, the Department of Safety and Security provides emergency management, threat assessment, youth protection, and a host of safety and security technologies that provide for a well-integrated public safety network. Our Office of Clery compliance provides the framework for ensuring strict compliance with those laws that govern the way we report crime, and promptly notify our University community of on-going threats and emergencies. And while all of these services provide for a safe environment for our community, our dedication and commitment to the values of honor, respect, fairness, dignity, and the preservation of our Constitutional rights drive our practices, planning, and service delivery.

Here are some numbers about our agency:

Serve almost 50,000 people everyday

Internationally accredited police agency

77 Sworn police officers

64 Security Officers

30 Support Staff

Community engagement is at the core of who we are and what we represent at the UVA Police Department. On October 26, 2022, the University of Virginia Police Department facilitated a tutoring program in conjunction with the Life Enrichment Center (LEC), Greer Elementary School for the second year. The tutoring occurs at Greer Elementary School located at 190 Lambs Ln, Charlottesville, VA 22901. The LEC is a non-profit organization geared to providing literacy tutoring for elementary students from Title I Schools across Virginia. The goal is to assist Albemarle County Public Schools in helping students become proficient readers. Additionally, our local Community Service Partner, Rev. Dr. Lehman D. Bates, II, will be present to coordinate an upcoming supply drive.



# Instructor Spotlight



## Lt. Brittany Jenkins Culpeper Police Department

Brittany grew up under the big skies of Bozeman, Montana but in 2006 moved to Culpeper, Virginia for a new adventure. Since she was too young to become an officer, she started working as the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant for the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office. After turning 21, she went to work as their Deputy Jailer.

In 2009 Brittany joined the Culpeper Police Department where she has spent the last 13 years of her law enforcement career. She is the first Culpeper PD female Lieutenant and has worked with almost every division within the agency. In 2009 she joined Culpeper PD as a patrol officer but in the time since, she has worked in Criminal Investigations specializing in child crimes, Community Policing, and then returned to patrol as a supervisor. In addition to her supervisor duties, Lt. Jenkins is the Lead Advisor for the department's youth Law Explorer Program, co-creator and Team Lead for the Peer Support Team focusing on Officer mental health and wellness, a handler for Culpeper PD's Emotional Support K-9 Gracie, Instructor (LawFit, General, and CIT), has served on the SWAT/ERT team, and was a Rappahannock EMS Council Crisis Intervention and Stress Management (CISM) Team Member.

Lt. Jenkins became General Instructor certified in 2018 and has taught numerous topics at the Academy, her favorite being de-escalation (for many reasons).

When off duty, Brittany enjoys spending time with her husband and three sons, working with her horse Albie, and indulging in her secret hobby of carpentry.



# Recent Graduations



134th Basic Jail Officer  
March 3, 2022



135th Basic Jail Officer  
May 19, 2022



145th Basic Law Enforcement Officer  
May 19, 2022



91st Basic Communications Officer



136th Basic Jail Officer  
September 1, 2022

# Recent In-Service Classes



Law Enforcement FTO 4/7/22



Gracie Survival Tactics Instructor Course 5/13/22



Professional Leadership Academy 8-3-22



General Instructor 8/19/22



4th Basic Animal Control Officer 9/29/22



92nd Basic Communications Officer 10/21/22

# Upcoming Classes

- Peer Support Professional Program Level I - November 28—30, 2022
- Peer Support Professional Program Recertification — December 1, 2022
- Struggle Well 2-day Training—December 7, 2022
- The Crossing—Culture, Crisis, and Decision-Making—January 11—12, 2023

# Academy Staff Recognition

The following Academy Staff members were recognized as Employees of the Quarter for 2nd and 3rd quarter. They were voted on by their staff peers for exemplifying the Academy Core Values: Knowledge, Integrity, Courage.

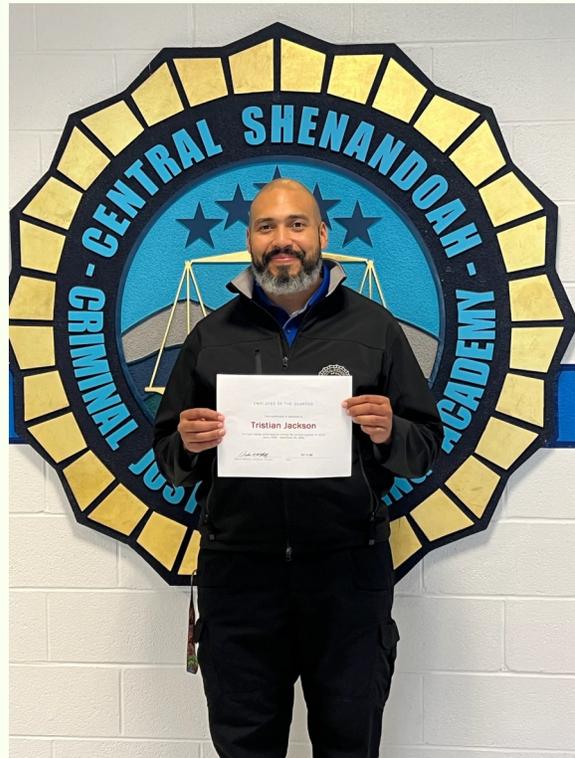
Kenzie Cooper was recognized as the 2nd Quarter recipient. She is the Academy's Registrar and newly appointed Accreditation Manager. She has been with the Academy since March of 2020.

Tristian Jackson was recognized as the 3rd Quarter recipient. He is the Basic Jail Training Coordinator. He has been with the Academy since March of 2019.

**CONGRATULATIONS Kenzie and Tristian!**



Director, Andy McNally presenting the Employee of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter to Ms. Kenzie Cooper.



Mr. Tristian Jackson, Basic Jail Training Coordinator with his certificate for Employee of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter.

# Academy Staff Connection

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