

Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy

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DCJS — Recertification

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In March of 2020 the academy underwent its recertification through DCJS which occurs every 3 years. The auditors look at the Basic Law, Jail, Communications and Court Security/Civil Process, In-Service class documentation as well as academy policies for the years of 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The academy passed the certification and the next recertification will be due June 30, 2023.

Staff cell phone numbers and email addresses are below for your reference:

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Academy Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

During these uncertain times, the Academy took precautions to protect our students and staff against the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Academy's first line of precaution was to assign all Basic Law Students, that reside in the dorms, single rooms. Extra cleaning and sanitization details were performed. The Basic Law Students were spread out in the classroom to stay within the 6 feet apart guidelines.

All classes were suspended as of March 18th. The Academy hired Lambert Cleaning Service to sanitize and clean both floors of the dorms. Staff cleaned and sanitized bathrooms, locker rooms and classrooms.

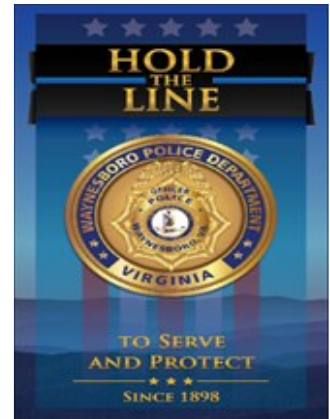
The Executive Committee held several conference calls discussing the Academy's ability to reopen and bring back the Basic Law Class to complete their training. On the May 11th conference call the Executive Committee re-evaluated the status of the Basic classes and all In-Service at this point. They decided that all In-Service classes are suspended until July 1st and we will have the current Basic Law Class back on Monday, May 18th. All online classes are open and requests for online can be sent to online@cscjta.org.

The Executive Committee also recommended that Academy staff work from home to eliminate person to person contact and exposure. Staff had remote access and were issued work cell phones. Director McNally and Assistant Director Arney took turns going to the Academy daily to have at least one staff member on site.

On May 11th the Academy Staff returned back to full duty at the academy. All phone numbers and emails are still operational if you need assistance.

We look forward to reopening and serving our member agencies in this new normal during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

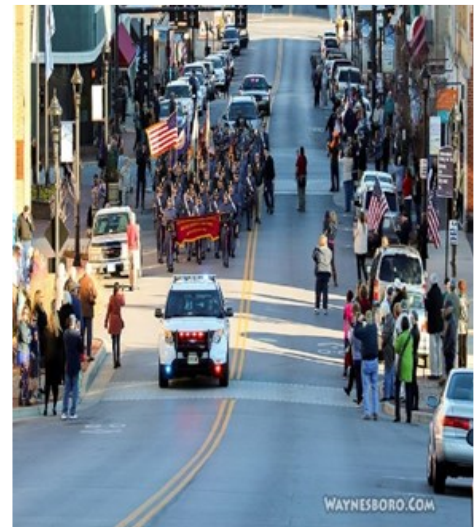
Member Agency Spotlight



In 1898, the Waynesboro Town Council employed their first police officer, Officer S.B. Shumate. By day he was the town's carpenter and once his work as a carpenter was done, he spent his time policing the town.

The town began to grow and more businesses opened which generated an increase in the population as well. Therefore, the Town Council saw fit to add an additional three officers, and in 1932 the town manager named Officer Shumate as the town's first Chief of Police.

Over the years the Town of Waynesboro was incorporated and became an independent city. As the city continued to grow to its current size, so has the police department. Today there are 49 sworn men and women protecting and serving the citizens of Waynesboro supported by a great staff of civilians. The current Chief of Police, Mike Wilhelm has served with the department since December 1995. He was appointed as the City's seventh Chief of Police in May 2011. Under Chief Wilhelm's leadership the department has evolved into a modern police agency with advances in procedures, equipment, and technology that provides up to date and professional policing services to the citizens of Waynesboro.



The Waynesboro Police Department is committed to enhancing Waynesboro's quality of life by providing exemplary law enforcement services in partnership with our residents and businesses. We treasure our good reputation and relationship with the community and work to maintain it through proper actions. We are committed to providing an atmosphere of safety and well-being for everyone in the community.

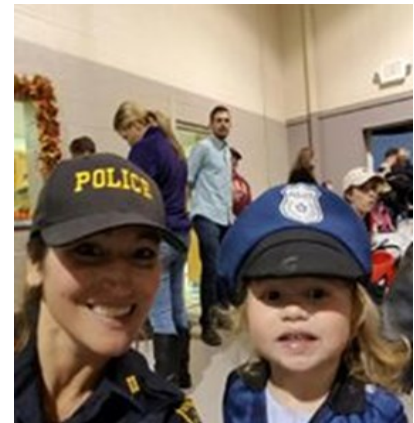


We are committed to selecting and retaining honest, loyal, dependable, hard-working employees with good critical thinking skills. We consider the needs of the employees, consistent with the needs of the department, and the needs of the community, in every decision we make. We value our jobs in the pursuit to fulfill a passion and a desire of helping people, and making our community a safer place to live, work, and play.





The Waynesboro Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for the City of Waynesboro. The city is located at the crossroads of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. Waynesboro is approximately 15 square miles in size with a population of just under 22,000 residents.



Member Agency Spotlight



Sheriff Timothy Carter

Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office



Timothy C. Carter is the Sheriff of Shenandoah County and was re-elected for his fifth term. Before he was first elected in 2003, Tim served for eight years as the Chief Deputy with the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office.

Tim graduated with a Bachelor's of Science from James Madison University in Economics in 1985 and a Master of Education in Counseling Psychology from JMU in 1994. Tim is also a graduate of the 202nd Session of the FBI's National Academy for Law Enforcement Administrators. He has completed police executive training at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute and the University of Richmond's Professional Executive Leadership School. He has extensive training in Law Enforcement Administration and Management, Leadership, Budgeting and Finance, Court Security, and Critical Incident Management. Tim is also a former Infantry Officer with the United States Army Reserves and attained the rank of Major.

Tim is a member of the Virginia Sheriffs Association and currently serves as the organization's President – an organization that is committed to serve the public safety of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Sheriff's Offices throughout the state.

Tim is a member of the Board of Directors of Response, Inc.; Shenandoah County's shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Tim has volunteered and supported many other organizations in his community.



Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office serves 512 square miles and over 42,000 citizens and visitors. The Sheriff's Office is comprised of multiple divisions-sections to better serve the citizens of Shenandoah County such as, Patrol, School Resource, Crime Prevention, Court Security, Criminal Investigations, Animal Control, Civil Process, Auxiliary, and Administrative.

Sheriff's Office conducts several events or provides many services related to, TRIAD, D.A.R.E., youth leadership camp, R.A.D, Safe Teen Driver, job fairs, Project Lifesaver, child ID kits, Neighborhood Watch, property checks, construction checks, and leading parades with our honor guard.

In 2006, the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office attained accredited status through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). The Sheriff's Office has since been, reaccredited 3 times and currently working towards their 4th reassessment. This achievement is an agency effort and benefits the citizens of Shenandoah County, Virginia.



Instructor Spotlight



Tim Wright

Career Police Officer (CPO)

K-9 Unit

Harrisonburg Police Department

Tim has worked for Harrisonburg Police Department since 1996 and has achieved the position of Career Police Officer (CPO). He has been a K-9 Officer for the Department for the past 18 years. He's currently partnered with K-9 Doerak, a 9 year old Belgian Malinois, certified in Patrol/Narcotics.

Tim has acquired the following instructorships during his career:

- General Instructor since 1996
- K-9 Master Trainer with Virginia Police Canine Association
- Harrisonburg PD K-9 Trainer
- Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Senior Instructor
- Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) Instructor

He is part of the HPD Accident Reconstruction Team and the HPD Peer Support Team.

Officer Wright continues to be an Instructor for the Academy instructing the Basic Law Enforcement classes in DUI/SFST subject matter. His knowledge and cooperation to teach has been a great asset to the Academy Instructional Staff.

Academy Staff Spotlight

Lauren “Kenzie” Herring

Registrar / Records Specialist



Kenzie Herring is the newest Staff Member at the Academy holding the position of Registrar.

Kenzie graduated from Harrisonburg High School and attended Blue Ridge Community College.

Kenzie comes from a law enforcement family which sparked her career in Emergency Communications for over 6 years. She is also a DCJS General Instructor.

Kenzie currently resides in Rockingham County with her fiancé and three dogs. Kenzie is excited to be a part of the team at the Academy and is ready to assist departments with any registering/records needs.

127th Basic Jail Officer Graduates

March 5, 2020

