

# Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy

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## Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy Awarded Second National Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation by CALEA.



The Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy was awarded their *second* national accreditation on November 16, 2023 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Director Andrew McNally and Accreditation Manager Kenzie Herring attended the CALEA conference which was held this past year in Bellevue, Washington.

After the Board of Commissioners reviewed all the findings they once again determined the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy will continue in the CALEA's Accreditation for another four years. Great job on all the hard work and dedication!

## Member Agency Spotlight



### Dayton Police Department Mission Statement

The Dayton Police Department is committed to promoting a safe town through enforcement of laws, the prevention of crime, and education of laws, while providing excellence in public service through partnerships with our community.

The Dayton Police Department is led by Chief Trout and provides police services for the 1.2 square mile Town of Dayton. The Town of Dayton is a historic township with just under 2000 residents and situated just on the southern tip of the City of Harrisonburg within Rockingham County. Dayton was established in 1833 in the Shenandoah Valley. The town is growing with new housing developments to begin construction in 2024 adding to Dayton's population and size. The department has six police officers who are trained in all aspects of police work. Dayton Police officers need extensive knowledge in patrol, investigations, and forensics to provide quality services for the community.

In 2019, when Chief Justin Trout became Chief of Police, the department was in need of rebuilding and re-branding. The department began to focus on recruitment of qualified officers with a working knowledge of police work. The goal was to build a department with a reputation for success in our community and build relationships with all law enforcement agencies in the area. The department started the accreditation process with VLEPSC in 2022. The department has completed their initial assessment and is to go before the VLEPSC Commission in March of 2024 to become an accredited agency.

The Dayton Police Department has MOUs with the Rockingham County Sheriff's office and the Town of Bridgewater Police Department to provide police services when needed. The Department is one of five town police departments that is a member of the Rockingham Police Town Group (RPTG). The members of the RPTG hold five training sessions a year together. RPTG was developed to provide quality training in firearms, defensive tactics, driving, and scenario based trainings for the towns to improve and maintain police efficiency.

The department hosts many community engagement events throughout the year to reach all community members:

Coffee with a Cop

Cones with a Cop

National Night Out

Chief's Town Hall

Annual Survey

## Member Agency Spotlight....continued

Officer Earman at Touch-A-Truck at the Dayton Market (Below)



Chief Trout and LT. Hooker at Cones with a COP (Below)

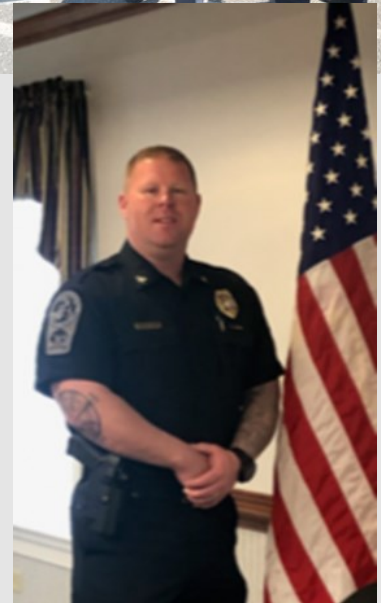


LT. Hooker and Officer Hevener  
National Night Out Donut Eating Contest (Above)



Dayton Officers at NNO (Above)

Chief Trout (Right)



Chief Trout and Officer Cacciapaglia at Coffee with a Cop at the Dayton Market (Right)



# Instructor Spotlight

**Officer Walter Sharp**

**Harrisonburg Police Department**



Officer Sharp has wanted to serve as a police officer since elementary school. He joined the Harrisonburg Police Department as an Auxiliary Police Officer in December 2020, graduated first in his BLE 143 class in May 2021, and was certified as a DCJS General Instructor in September 2021. He transferred to paid part time status with HPD in September 2022, and enjoys serving the Harrisonburg community as a patrol officer and teaching Terrorism/Counterterrorism and Freedom of Information/Privacy Act classes at CSCJTA.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Officer Sharp is a retired Marine combat veteran and a retired civilian Department of Defense intelligence professional. During his military career, Officer Sharp served as a Deputy Legal Counsel to General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; commanding officer of a field artillery battery; and a senior prosecutor. After his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps, he served as Secretary Colin Powell's Legislative Director of Global and Functional Affairs at the U.S. Department of State; Deputy Law Librarian at the U.S. Law Library of Congress; and Senior Associate Deputy General Counsel for Intelligence (general officer equivalent) at the U.S. Department of Defense.

Officer Sharp holds a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering, a law degree, two masters of law, and a doctorate of law from the University of Virginia. Education, teaching, and training are very important to Officer Sharp. He taught graduate level law courses as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center for more than ten years and is now proud to continue his teaching career at CSCJTA. He finds that his experience as an attorney and a former prosecutor makes responding to citizen's calls for service and investigating crimes much more interesting and rewarding.

When off duty, Officer Sharp enjoys traveling and cruising internationally with his wife Anne and spending time with his two kids, four grandkids, and three rescue dogs.

# Instructor Spotlight



**Captain Timothy Lansberry**

**Page County Sheriff's  
Office**

Captain Timothy Lansberry is a lifelong resident of Page County. He graduated from Luray High School in 2002. He then pursued a career in public safety. Captain Lansberry is a graduate of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, Basic Law Enforcement Class 108. He is also a graduate of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy, Virginia Fire Marshal's Academy, FBI LEEDA, Trilogy graduate, CPLE International Crossing Leadership Program, and the Professional Leadership Academy.

His career began with Shenandoah County ECC in 2003. He then went to Luray Police Department from 2005-2010 (Patrol/Investigations) and now is with Page County Sheriff's Office and has been there since 2010.

Captain Lansberry is a 2022 Graduate (Summa Cum Laude) of Liberty University, with a Bachelor's of Science in Public Administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice.

He has taught the Basic Crime Scene portion here at Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy for approximately 10 years now. Captain Lansberry resides in Luray with his wife Amanda and two sons, Carter and Carson. In his free time, he travels across Virginia and surrounding states with his bluegrass band, Blue Ridge Thunder.

# Basic Communication and General Instructor Graduation



**95th Basic Communication  
October 2023**



**96th Basic Communication—February 2024**



**General Instructor - December 2023**

## Recent Graduations and Classes



**Basic Jail Officer 141-November 16, 2023**



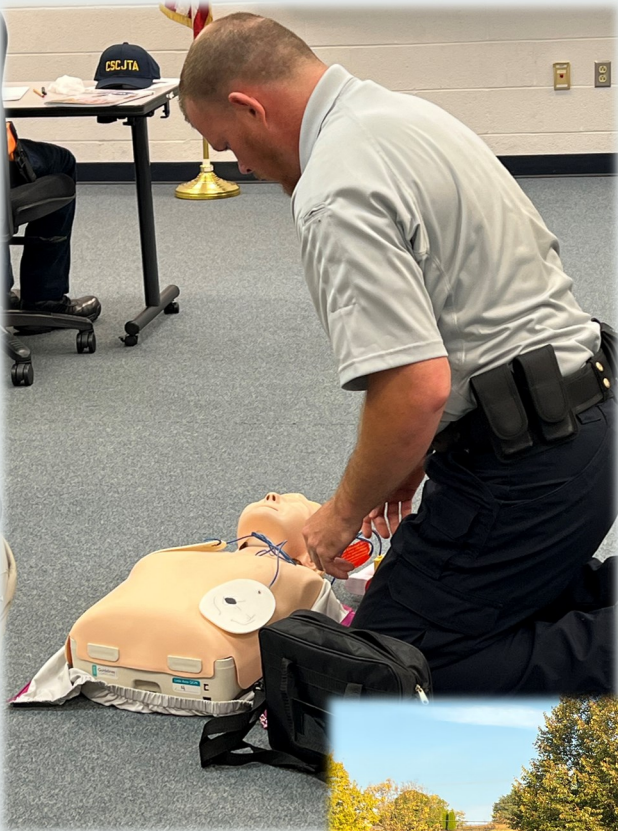
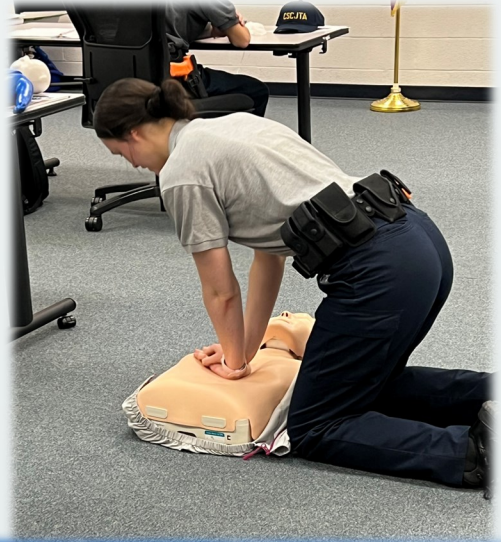
**Basic Law Enforcement 148 - November 16, 2023**



# BLE 148/BJO 141 Pictures



# BJO 141 Pictures



# STAFF RECOGNITION



Jessica Lam is one of the Training Coordinators here at the Academy. She graduated from Spotswood High school in Rockingham County, VA and immediately entered the U.S. Army as a Military Police Corrections Officer. Upon completing her initial enlistment, she transferred into the U.S. Army Reserve and reclassified to Military Police patrol. Having moved back to Rockingham County in 2004, Jessica became a Police Officer with Elkton Police Department and later went on to work as a patrol deputy with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office.

Jessica spent 2012 to 2023 activated with the Army. During that time, she completed her Masters Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management and graduated from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. She now serves as a Command Sergeant Major for an Army Reserve, Military Police Battalion in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

While stationed in El Paso, TX, Jessica volunteered at the El Paso Zoo as an Animal Education Specialist, teaching the community about the Zoo's animal ambassadors. In her free time Jessica enjoys hiking, reading, and traveling.

## Upcoming Classes

- March 15-22, 2024 - General Instructor
- March 26-27, 2024 - Surveillance Level I
- April 8-12, 2024 –Critical Incident Negotiations Level I
- April 22-26, 2024 - Detective Level II
- May 6-10, 2024 - Firearms Instructor
- May 20-23, 2024 - Defensive Tactics Instructor
- June 3-5, 2024 - Tactical Pistol 1
- June 3-7, 2024 - Critical Incident Negotiations Level II
- July 22-26, 2024 - Basic Sniper School