



## Division of Capitol Police News Release

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### **DIVISION OF CAPITOL POLICE HONORS TEN OFFICERS AT THE VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL**

RICHMOND, VA – At 1:00 p.m. yesterday the Division of Capitol Police honored ten Capitol Police Officers at a formal ceremony in the Virginia State Capitol's Old House Chamber. Seven officers were promoted and three officers received distinguished awards.

**Jesse T. Gilliam**, formerly Sergeant, was named **Lieutenant, Administrative Commander, Day Shift**. He has 11 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. His new duties involve managing the activities of the Training Section and Facility and Asset Management. He is responsible for fostering cooperative relationships among the Division, community and other public safety agencies. He is a native of Wise County, Virginia and currently resides in Sandston, Virginia. Lieutenant Gilliam is a U.S. Navy veteran.

**Matthew D. Ceto**, formerly Police Officer, was named **Sergeant, Operations, Evening Shift**. He has 3 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. He holds a B.A. degree in History from Randolph Macon College. His new duties involve supervising personnel and daily operations of the evening shift. He is a native of Plant City, Florida and currently resides in Glen Allen, Virginia.

**Joshua F. Duncan**, formerly Police Officer, was named **Sergeant, Operations, Day Shift**. He has 3 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. He holds an A.A.S. degree in Police Science from Germanna Community College and a B.A. degree in Anthropology from the University of Mary Washington. His new duties involve supervising personnel and daily operations of the day shift. He is a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia and currently resides in Hanover, Virginia.

**Phillip A. Blaschick**, formerly Sergeant, Operations, Day Shift, was named **Sergeant, Administration, Training, Day Shift**. He has 10 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. His new duties involve coordination of the training function for Division employees; maintaining training records and ensuring compliance with DCJS standards. He is a native of New York and currently resides in Henrico, Virginia.

**Todd D. Wood**, formerly Police Officer II, was named **Sergeant, Operations, Midnight Shift**. He has 9 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. He holds an A.S. degree in General Studies from John Tyler Community College. His new duties involve supervising personnel and daily operations of the midnight shift. He is a native of Midlothian, Virginia and currently resides in Glen Allen, Virginia. Sergeant Wood is a U.S. Army veteran.

**Chanda N. Cross**, formerly Police Officer, was named **Sergeant, Operations, Midnight Shift**. She has 3 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. She holds a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her new duties involve supervising personnel and daily operations of the midnight shift. She is a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia and currently resides in Powhatan, Virginia.

**Rahn A. Kersey**, formerly Police Officer, was named **Sergeant, Operations, Evening Shift**. He has 3 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police. He holds a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Strayer University and B.A. degree in Sociology and Social Work from Methodist College. His new duties involve supervising personnel and daily operations of the evening shift. He is a native of Chesterfield County, Virginia and currently resides in Chesterfield, Virginia. Sergeant Kersey is a U.S. Army veteran.

Three additional employees were recognized during this ceremony for their significant contributions to the Division:

**Captain Raymond J. Goodloe, III, Deputy Chief of Uniformed Operations** and **Sergeant Rebecca Herrera, Accreditation Manager** received the Division's Award of Excellence which recognizes employees who contribute significantly to serving the Division's stakeholders, Virginia's citizens, and to enhancing the Division's image through their consistent and persistent daily efforts. These efforts reflect their integrity, responsiveness, initiative, innovation, dedication, teamwork, loyalty, and accomplishments, as well as the quality of their work.

Captain Goodloe received the Award of Excellence for providing outstanding leadership in the planning, oversight and execution of the events surrounding the inauguration of the Commonwealth's 72nd Governor, the Honorable Terence McAuliffe. Captain Goodloe has 29 years of service with the Division of Capitol Police. His duties include managing, directing, and supervising the personnel involved in the three (3) shift operations functions of the Division which includes the following: Commanders, First Sergeant, Sergeants, Police Officers, and Support Officers. Captain Goodloe successfully completed the 32nd session of the Administrative Officers Management Program (AOMP) and is a graduate of the 231st session of the FBI National Academy. He holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Masters' of Professional Studies in Security & Safety Leadership from George Washington University. He is a native of Richmond and currently resides in Hanover County, Virginia.

Sergeant Herrera received the Award of Excellence for her outstanding efforts in coordinating the team effort of the members of the Division in achieving the Division's second reaccreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Standards Commission (VLEPSC). Sergeant Herrera's organization and oversight during this process was invaluable to the Division's overall team effort which resulted in the Division being found to be in compliance with all 190 applicable VLEPSC standards, thus achieving an exceptional 100 percent compliance. Sergeant Herrera has 14 years of law enforcement experience with the Division of Capitol Police; her duties consist of overseeing the accreditation section and the development of agency policy. She holds an Associate's Degree in Administration of Justice from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Business from Averett College. She is a native of Athens, GA and currently resides in Goochland County, Virginia.

**Special Agent James L. Cosby, Jr., Investigations** was also recognized during this ceremony as a recent recipient of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation highest award – the Award for Valor. Special Agent Cosby has 13 years of law enforcement experience with Capitol Police. His duties are to assist with providing investigative services for DCP. In that capacity, he investigates criminal activity in order to detect and apprehend perpetrators through the use of interviews, interrogations, surveillance, information and other investigative techniques. He holds an Associate’s Degree in Police Science (Cum Laude) from John Tyler Community College. He grew up in Midlothian, Virginia and currently resides in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

The Honorable Kirkland Cox, Majority Leader of the Virginia House of Delegates presented Colonel Anthony S. Pike with a copy of House Resolution No. 539 which commended the Division of Capitol Police for receiving the distinguished Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission second accredited status certificate. The resolution further expressed the General Assembly’s congratulations, respect, and admiration for the Division’s accomplishments.

The Commonwealth of Virginia’s Division of Capitol Police is the nation’s oldest police department, dating back to 1618 at Jamestown. The Division is a full service law enforcement agency providing police and security services to the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state government in the Capitol region.



From left to right: Sgt. Todd Wood, Sgt. Rahn Kersey, Sgt. Phil Blaschick, Lt. Jesse Gilliam, Sgt. Chanda Cross, Sgt. Josh Duncan, Sgt. Matt Ceto, Col. Steve Pike.

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