



*Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission*

# 2011 Annual Report

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The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) was established in 1993 and tasked with creating an accreditation opportunity specific to Virginia law enforcement. Since that time, the Commission has overseen the development of a comprehensive, efficient, and viable process that can assist Virginia's law enforcement community in the development and certification of policy and procedure. The Executive Board of the VLEPSC consists of representatives selected by the Virginia Sheriffs Association (VSA) and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP). The partnership developed by the VACP, VSA and the state Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is unique among state level accreditation programs in the country. Virginia is the only state accreditation program that can boast of this format for the sharing of leadership. The Virginia process is voluntary, attainable and relatively cost free. The Commission first accepted applications for accredited status on January 1, 1996 and completed 2011 with approximately 135 agencies involved in some phase of the program.

## THE COMMISSION

The current members of the Commission (and the year they were appointed) are as follows:

Sheriff Fred Newman – *Chairman* (2008)  
Washington County SO

Chief Timothy J. Longo, Sr. – *Vice Chairman* (2006)  
City of Charlottesville PD

Chief Emmett Harmon – *Treasurer* (2007)  
James City County PD

Sheriff Charles E. Jett (2000)  
Stafford County SO

Chief Gary Roche (2007)  
Town of Pulaski PD

Chief James E. Day (2007)  
City of Bedford PD

Sheriff Gabe Morgan (2009)  
City of Newport News SO

Sheriff Brian Roberts (2009)  
Brunswick Co. SO

Sheriff C.O. Balderson (2011)  
Westmoreland County SO

Sheriff Eric A. Atkins (2011)  
City of Salem SO

Chief John Evans (2011)  
City of Manassas Park PD

Chief Stan Olah (2011)  
Wintergreen PD

## NEWLY ACCREDITED/REACCREDITED AGENCIES

The following **Sheriff's Offices** received their initial accreditation award during 2011:

- Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
- Gloucester County Sheriff's Office
- Henry County Sheriff's Office
- Clarke County Sheriff's Office

The following **Police Departments** received their initial accreditation award during 2011:

- James Madison University Police Department

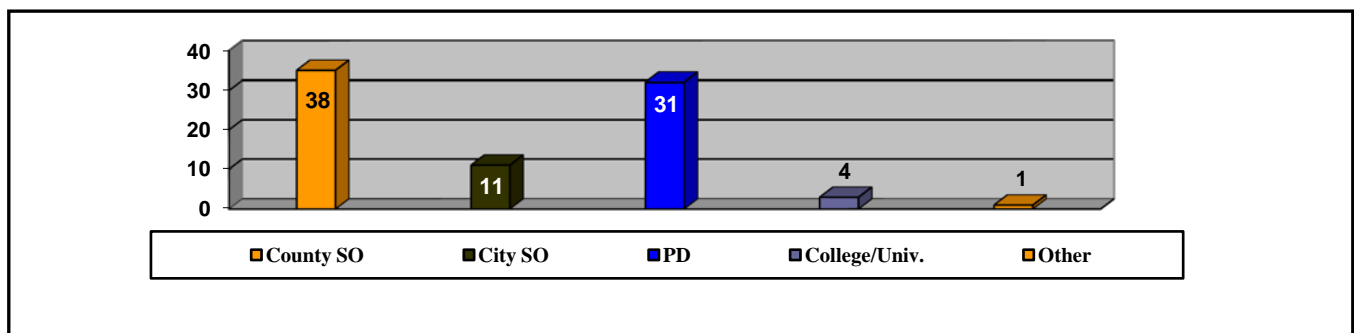
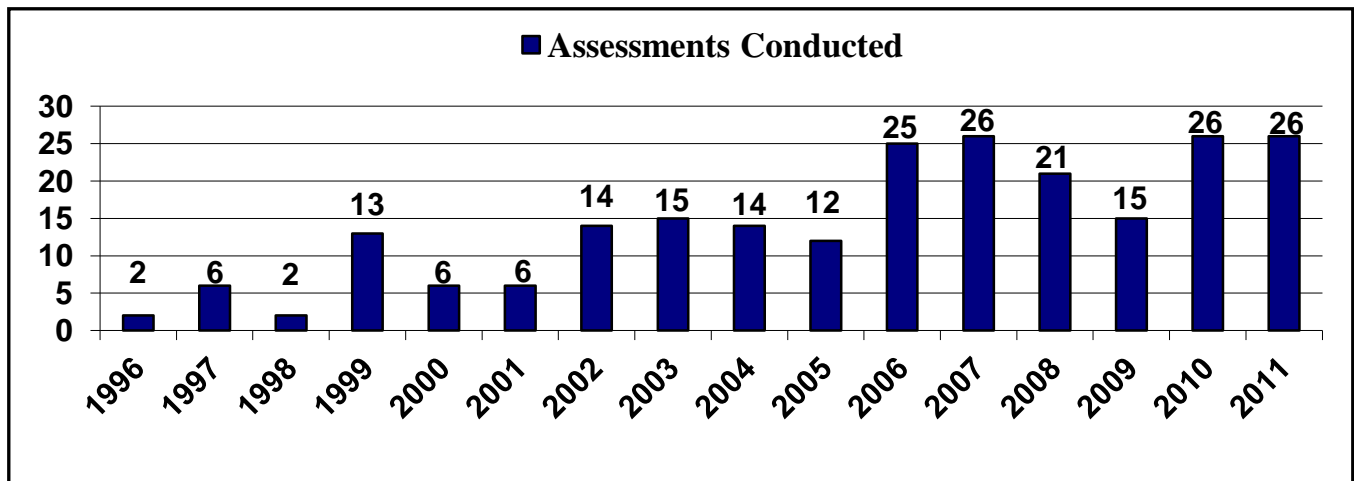
As of December 31, 2011, eighty-five (85) law enforcement agencies held VLEPSC accredited status.

Also during the past year nineteen (19) agencies were re-accredited by the Commission. The agencies re-accredited during 2011 include:

- James City Co. PD\*
- Manassas Park PD\*
- Lexington PD\*\*
- Martinsville PD\*\*
- Page Co. SO\*
- Charlotte Co. SO
- Pittsylvania Co. SO
- Chesterfield Co. SO\*
- Bristol SO
- Augusta Co. SO\*
- New Kent Co. SO\*
- Danville PD\*\*
- Warren Co. SO
- Chesterfield Co. PD\*\*
- Warrenton PD
- York-Poquoson SO\*\*
- Bedford PD\*\*
- King George Co. SO\*\*
- Botetourt Co. SO\*\*

\* Agencies re-accredited twice (3<sup>rd</sup> award)

\*\* Agencies re-accredited three times (4<sup>th</sup> award)



#### NEW AGENCY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2011

- Town of Altavista PD
- Town of Damascus PD
- Harrisonburg PD
- Hopewell PD
- Southside Virginia Training Center PD
- J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College PD
- Franklin Co. SO
- Hillsville PD
- Prince George Co. PD
- Waynesboro PD

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARD**

During the June 16, 2011 Commission meeting in New Kent, Virginia, Captain Bobby Mawyer from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries was presented with the 2011 Executive Board Award. Captain Mawyer is firmly committed to the accreditation process, serving as an accreditation manager for his agency and an assessor for VLEPSC. He has performed as an assessor on eight (8) on-site assessments, one (1) of those as team leader. Captain Mawyer has also served on countless mock assessments and is Vice Chairman for the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition (VALEAC).

## **ACCREDITATION PARTNERS**

Although the Commission operates as an independent body, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) provides oversight and staffs the project. DCJS remains committed to the state accreditation program and continues to provide the financial backing for day-to-day services.

The VLEPSC program is dependent on the voluntary participation of individual law enforcement personnel. The assessment of agencies seeking accredited status is conducted by three-member teams composed of Virginia law enforcement personnel that are selected from the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition (VALEAC). The program could not be successful without participating agency Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs allowing agency personnel to travel to applicant agencies in order to conduct assessments. The use of voluntary assessors allows the Virginia process to keep costs to minimal levels.

VALEAC continues to be an asset to VLEPSC and has been instrumental in contributing to the success of this program. Its members and leaders conduct quarterly meetings and training for new accreditation managers and assessors.

## **SUMMARY**

The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission continues to provide a matrix for self-inspection for all Virginia sheriffs' offices and police departments. Since its inception in 1993, the Commission has endeavored to make accreditation a viable reality for all agencies, regardless of size or financial constraints. The Commission believes in the importance of providing an accreditation program for Virginia's 400 plus agencies that is comprehensive, well administered and approachable. The Virginia program recognizes our obligation to assist all of law enforcement in their efforts toward professional advancement. The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Sheriffs Association and the Department of Criminal Justice Services are all committed to the continuation of our independent and uniquely Virginian, accreditation program.

Respectfully submitted,

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