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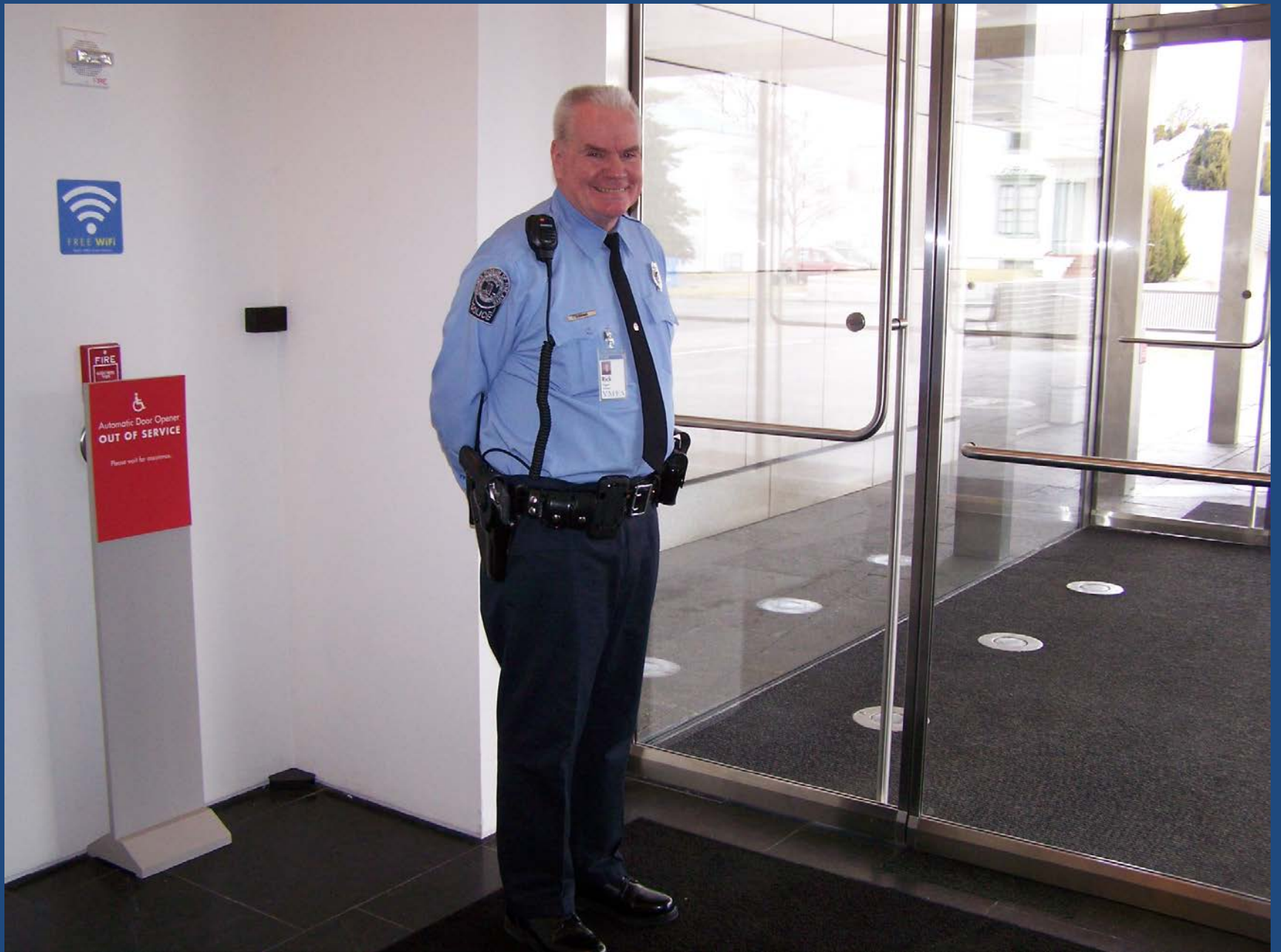
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- VMFA is now the 9th largest fine arts museum in the United States.
- We experience over 700,000 visitors a year, of which 50,000 are children.
- We have a priceless collection that cannot be replaced.
- We are an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, operating under the Secretary of Education.

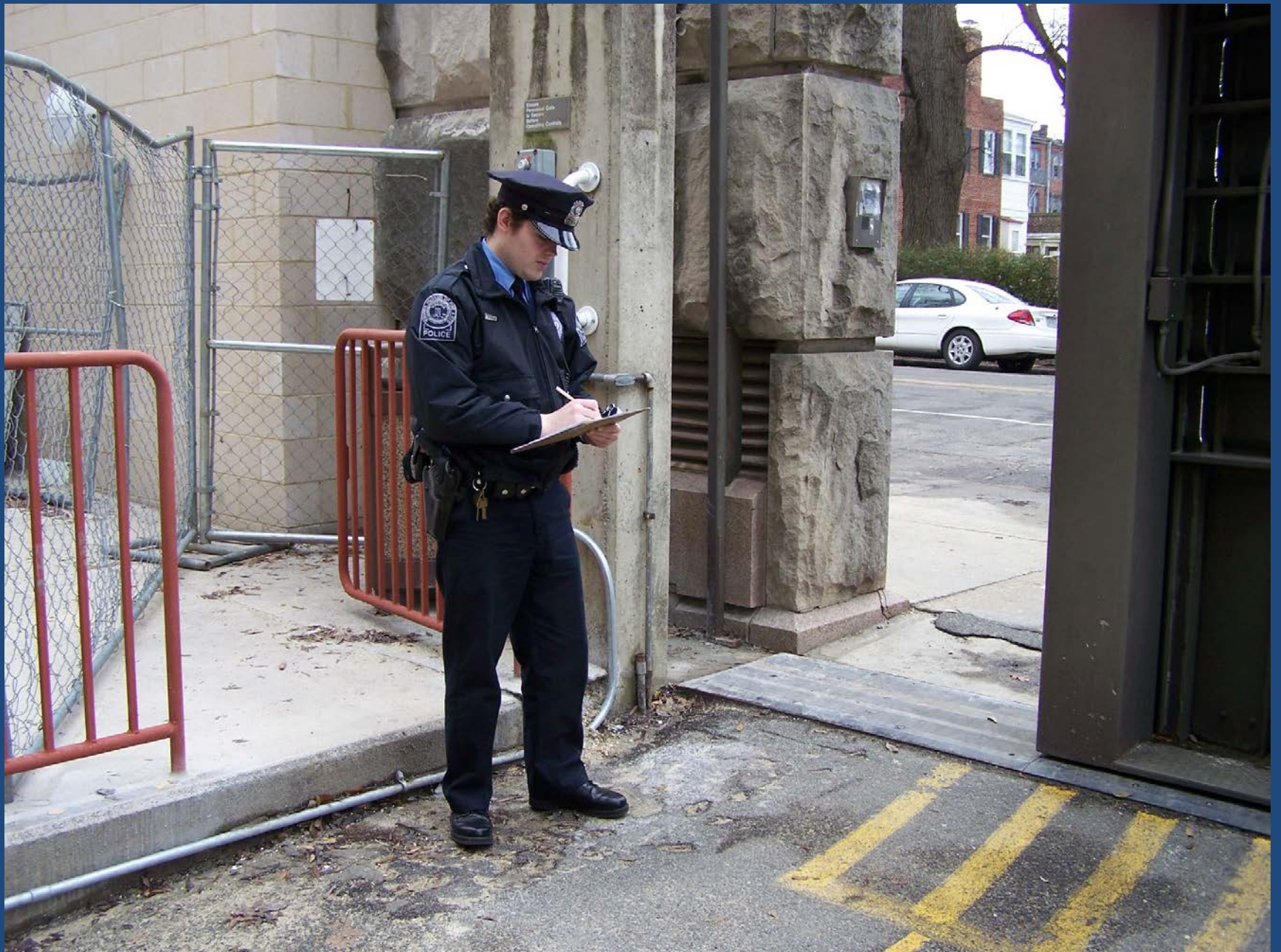
- We have a 14 acre campus located in the Museum District, in the west end of Richmond.
- Every year we host numerous events in which VIPs are in attendance (Governor, Lt. Governor, members of the General Assembly, members of the judiciary both Federal and State, foreign dignitaries and corporate executives).

SPECIAL CONSERVATOR OF THE PEACE PROGRAM

- Established in September, 2009.
- We currently have 36 Armed SCOP Officers, working around the clock to provide security to staff, patrons and facilities.
- We also operate a DCJS approved Private Security Training School. Through this school, we provide all mandated training, to include required firearms training.









TRAINING, cont.

- In addition to the DCJS mandatory training, we also provide training on:
 - First Aid/CPR/AED
 - Arrest Procedures
 - Defensive Tactics
 - Confrontation Management
 - Chemical weapons (OC)
 - Terrorism & Security Awareness
 - Basic HAZMAT response procedures

Additional Training cont.

- Active Shooter Response (cooperative training done with Richmond Police Dept.)
- Report Writing & Documentation

We are also a Certified Cargo Screening Facility under the Transportation Security Administration. The rules for this program require strict security procedures. All of the Officers must take a security re-certification class each year and pass a TSA examination.

COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

- We have had a Memorandum of Understanding with the Richmond Police Department since 2010, which articulates each agencies duties & responsibilities to the other. This MOU covers felony arrest procedures, cooperative joint training, evidence storage and processing, and prisoner transportation.

JOINT BENEFITS FROM THIS COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP

- Our Officers have made the following felony apprehensions, which were turned over to RPD responding officers:
 - 1-1-2012 – Apprehended a subject who had abducted a female from the Carytown area.
 - 9-30-2012 – Apprehended a subject who had robbed an individual at gun point.

COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH RPD cont.

- 12-1-2013 – Observed a subject breaking into a Synagogue at Boulevard & Grove. He was apprehended and it was later learned that he was also a suspect in burglaries in Hanover County.
- Also, we routinely assist RPD with incidents such as traffic accidents, traffic direction, establishing perimeters, and sharing of our surveillance imagery.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- We conduct a Background Investigation comparable to a police background. These were originally submitted to the Circuit Court along with the request for Court Orders of Appointment, but the Court said they didn't need them.
- Our requests for Court Orders of Appointment are submitted by an Assistant Attorney General, and are reviewed by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION cont.

- We are authorized by the Richmond Circuit Court to use the word “POLICE” on our badges and patches, and we do so.
- We also use the Seal of the Commonwealth on our patches and badges. The Secretary of the Commonwealth has confirmed that, as a State agency, we have the right to use this Seal in this manner.

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