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Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

2019 School Safety Training Forum



The [2019 School Safety Training Forum](#) was held in Hampton, Virginia on July 29–August 1, 2019. This year's agenda was focused on providing all the tools needed for a successful and safe 2019–2020 school year. This year featured a pre-conference training “Applied Threat Assessment

for K12 School Teams and Practitioners” by threat assessment expert, [Gene Deisinger](#).

The main conference featured prevention, response, and recovery information and as a result valuable school insight from the [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission's](#) report from the [2018 tragedy in Parkland, Florida](#). Participants also received leadership in crisis and recovery training from one of the [most devastating tornadoes in history](#).

Those attending the Forum had the opportunity to get all the tools needed from the experts at the [Federal Department of Homeland Security](#) to conduct an active shooter tabletop or exercise at their school. The conference agenda included inspiring highlights from the field, information on juuling and vaping, gangs and human trafficking, suicide prevention climate improvement, “Virginia Rules”, statewide crime and violence data, threat assessment best practices, disability

awareness for schools, the results of the SRO and SSO survey conducted by Virginia Tech, identifying social media threats, D.A.R.E. Updates, de-escalation techniques, legal topics such as information sharing, and Title IX. Speakers included former Raleigh Police Chief Harry Dolan, social media expert Sam Jingfors, legal expert and conference favorite John More, and many others.

2019 Conference on Violent Crime



The [2019 Conference on Violent Crime](#) was held on June 4–6, 2019 at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Virginia. Over 250 Virginia sworn law enforcement officers, military, prosecutors and criminal justice professionals interested in specialized information about trends and solutions related to violent crime reduction were registered

to attend the event. The conference has developed into a great educational and networking tool for law enforcement and criminal justice professionals in the Commonwealth. Topics included domestic terrorism, sovereign citizens and anti-government individuals, street gangs, animal abuse, human trafficking, mexican cartels, internet crimes against children, and more. The conference concluded with a presentation about the impact of trauma on law enforcement officers.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

2019 National Threat Assessment Conference for Educational Institutions

November 4–6, 2019 • Richmond Marriott Downtown, Richmond, Virginia

The DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and the Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with the Maryland Center for School Safety, the U.S. Department of Education, and a host of co-sponsors, have partnered to offer a robust lineup of subject matter experts in threat assessment from across the nation. This conference is recommended for national and state leaders, school superintendents, school administrators, school mental health professionals, teachers, counselors, higher education personnel, and school/campus law enforcement officers. For more information, go to www.dcjs.virginia.gov/content/2019-national-threat-assessment-conference-educational-institutions

Pretrial Key Definitions



The Adult Services team enlisted the subject matter expertise of the Pretrial Justice Advancement Committee (PJAC) to update the pretrial definitions related to setting up new placements and

closing placements in PTCC. Feedback from pretrial agencies guided the updates and was refined by PJAC. In conjunction with Samantha Honig (Blue Ridge Court Services) and Wes Smallwood (OAR-Jefferson Area Community Corrections), DCJS provided training on these updates at the May 2019 Director's meeting. The pretrial definitions will be included in future CORE trainings. In addition, DCJS is planning an implementation strategy for ensuring ongoing fidelity of the use of the definitions. The definitions will be sent to all pretrial agency directors in a separate email. The new definitions may be found on the DCJS website at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/correctional-services/publications, and a training video found at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/resources-0

Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI) Report Updates

PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT IN VIRGINIA



The Adult Services team has made revisions to the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI) report. The revised VPRAI is the result of the feedback received from the stakeholder workgroup process that was established through recommendations from

the Virginia State Crime Commission. The Adult Services Team is currently soliciting additional feedback from a diverse sample of agencies – urban, suburban, rural, east, west, north, south, and central parts of Virginia. Agency directors from the sample group have received an email with the feedback forms and completion instructions. The feedback form provides a structured process for getting feedback to DCJS about the changes made to the VPRAI report and input for how we can make improvements. We have asked for feedback from all stakeholders, to include pretrial agency directors, pretrial staff, General District Court judges, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judges, Circuit Court judges, Commonwealth's Attorneys, and defense attorneys. Once the feedback forms are returned to

DCJS, Adult Services will make the necessary revisions. When the VPRAI report is finalized, we will make the changes in PTCC and begin our implementation process. More details about the implementation is forthcoming.

DCJS Training Updates



There has been a lot of positive activity and energy around training in 2019. The C.O.R.E. Competencies for Local Probation and Pretrial Officers training team and the Training Advisory Group (TAG) have

put in long hours and a lot of effort to ensure the effectiveness of the training curriculum and delivery. DCJS and TAG debuted a new look for C.O.R.E. material and a new delivery format for training topics. Ms. Shannon Dion, Director of DCJS, was on hand to offer words of advice, encouragement, and thanks to C.O.R.E. trainers and participants. DCJS and TAG will continue to advance C.O.R.E. training throughout 2019 and beyond. C.O.R.E. training for September/October training (Cohort C) is filling up quickly, so please make sure you register new officers as soon as possible. Registrations for C.O.R.E. must be made through the DCJS training website, located at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/correctional-services/programs/comprehensive-community-corrections-act-ccca-pretrial-services-act/ccca-psa-core.

Virginia Jail Mental Health Pilot Program (JMHP)

The purpose of the Virginia Jail Mental Health Pilot Program (JMHP) is to provide a continuum of behavioral health services to inmates while incarcerated and once released to the community. This is done by working with community corrections agencies, local CSB's, and other stakeholders. JMHPs provide crisis services and ongoing behavioral health services for inmates with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders. These services are designed to facilitate inmate recovery, reduce recidivism due to mental illness, and improve safety for both inmates and staff. DCJS currently administers \$2.5 million for six JMHP pilot sites, which are: Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Middle River Regional Jail, Prince William Adult Detention Center, Richmond City Sheriff's Office, and Western Virginia Regional Jail. A full report on the progress of these pilots is available at <https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2018/RD390>.

Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS)



On September 26, 2017, DCJS was awarded \$496,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) project grant. The purpose of the project was to develop a prototype platform to identify predictors for illicit drug use

that cross-tabulates law enforcement, health, health professions, and local data. While Phase I of the project focused on the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the intent is to eventually implement the data sharing platform statewide.

Phase II of the project, which is being funded by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and managed by DCJS, will take place from June 2019 to September 2020. The objectives of Phase II are: extend the software licenses; increase data sources; enhance the platform's capabilities and increase the platform's coverage area.

Over the last year data sharing agreements were put in place between DCJS, Virginia State Police (VSP), Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS), Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition (NSVSAC), and the Winchester Police Department. These agreements permit the sharing of data between the agencies listed, and govern how data is managed and proliferated by the data-sharing platform.

Virginia Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Planning (COAP) Grant (CARA)



On September 22, 2017, DCJS was awarded \$100,000 for a planning grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to develop and implement a framework that focuses on cross-systems collaboration of criminal justice and behavioral

health to engage justice involved individuals with substance use disorders in recovery services. The funds allocated for

this grant have been utilized to develop a framework that can be implemented statewide. In 2018, an additional \$750,000 award was received to begin Phase II of this project, which involves the solicitation and disbursement of sub-grants to localities to provide substance use disorder treatment and recovery services to justice-involved individuals. Sub-grantees will be selected based on data cross-tabulated from DCJS and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services data. Localities will be selected based on opioid-related crimes within those areas, matched with Community Services Board catchment areas that are experiencing high and/or emerging problems with deaths related to opioid overdose. Data from DCJS and the Virginia Department of Health Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will be gathered to ensure the most recent data available is used in the selection process.

The primary activities during Phase I consisted of completing systems mapping gap analyses to identify and improve programs or projects that serve individuals with opioid use disorders regionally to include the Piedmont, Western, Eastern, Central, and Northern regions. A statewide best practice conference will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 10, 2019.

Pretrial Services and Local Probation Focus Groups



DCJS facilitated the first pretrial services and local probation focus group meeting at the Virginia Public Safety Center on April 30, 2019. The event included more than 57 participants from local

pretrial services and local probation agencies across Virginia. The purpose of the focus group process is to gather information to create a uniform statewide compliance evaluation tool and process, which will ensure standardized practices across the Commonwealth of Virginia for local pretrial and probation agencies. For more information on the activities of the focus groups, visit the DCJS website at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/news/dcjs-pretrial-services-and-local-probation-focus-groups

Annual “BIKE FOR BLUE” Bicycle Ride

May 13, 2019: 0630 hrs. Richmond Capitol Plaza – It was a cool, rainy Monday morning but that didn’t discourage members of area law enforcement agencies from gathering at the Capitol Plaza in Richmond to kick off the 2019 National Police Week with the annual “BIKE FOR BLUE” Bicycle Ride. The ride, approximately a 110 mile adventure from Richmond to Washington, DC, included members of the Richmond Police Department and Sheriff’s Office, Chesterfield Police Department and Sheriff’s Office, Virginia Capitol Police, and State Police riding bicycles in support of all Law Enforcement Officers. They joined with officers from around the country when they arrived in the Nation’s Capitol late that afternoon. The annual ride serves as a kick off for Police Week Events in Washington, DC, and Memorial Services to honor officers lost in the line of duty around the U.S. Members of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, several of them former law enforcement officers, came out to show support for the riders and wish them well on the ride.



DCJS staff, Lisa Thornton, Derrick Mays, and Jon Banberger were there to wish the riders well on their long journey!



Event Coordinators: Captain Steve Grohowski, Chesterfield Police Department (Center) and Lieutenant Robert Marland (Right) Richmond Police Department.

Online Application Submittal System

DCJS has established an online system that allows the applicants of all five programs to submit applications, documentation, and payments online on a 24/7 basis. Prior to the implementation of the online system, DCJS was experiencing a backlog of applications that in some instances exceeded 60 days. This created a delay in how quickly applicants could begin employment or start their business. The online system provides our constituents with instant verification that their application has been received and their payment has been processed and approved. For renewal applicants, their credentials are almost instantaneously approved providing all renewal requirements have been met. Status calls to our Call Center have also been greatly reduced. The online system also has some built in tools for employers, allowing them to create a list of their employees and submit application payments on behalf of their employees.

Live Scan Fingerprint Submittal Process

Working hand in hand with the Online Application Processing System is DCJS' participation in a statewide Live Scan fingerprint project. Until DCJS began participating in this project, applicants for licensure, registration and certification were required to submit "ink and rolled" fingerprint cards as part of the application process. DCJS staff then had to manually scan the fingerprint cards in preparation for electronic submittal to the Virginia State Police (VSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to conduct a State and National criminal history background search. Applicants are now required to schedule an appointment with the State's Live Scan fingerprint vendor and electronically submit their fingerprints. The criminal history records search report regarding applicants who do not have a criminal record can be returned to DCJS as quickly as 24 hours.

Constituent Communication and Customer Service

DCJS has implemented many changes to enhance its communication and customer service delivery to our constituents to help make the licensure, registration, and certification processes a positive experience. One of the overall objectives is to provide constituents with 24/7/365 access to the systems and information they need to be in compliance with all regulatory program requirements. DCJS has upgraded its Call Center to one that will aid DCJS management in determining how to best utilize its staff

resources to timely and effectively respond to constituent inquiries. The new Call Center allows DCJS management to monitor the number of callers in the queue and also view how long the caller has been waiting for service. The new Call Center provides a number of valuable reports that will provide information to assess when peak hours of coverage is needed; how long it takes each agent to process a call; how many calls go unanswered; the telephone numbers of the persons calling; and numerous other valuable tools. The Call Center also allows management to monitor calls for quality assurance and if necessary, a manager can join an agent and constituent on a call.

Some other initiatives implemented to enhance constituent communication and customer service include:

- DCJS website enhancement – The DCJS webpages associated with our regulatory programs have been updated to make them more "user friendly" and allow our constituents to easily find and access the information needed. This is all part of our effort to allow our constituents to help themselves when customer service staff are not readily available.
- Email notices and other communications – All individuals who are licensed, registered, or certified with DCJS are required to provide a valid email address in order to establish their online account. DCJS has made email its primary mode of communication with constituents. Types of email notices sent include but are not limited to renewal notices; credential approval notices; application deficiency notices; firearm endorsement notices; and general informational notices.

The Results

DCJS is pleased with the results regarding the initiatives discussed. The backlogs regarding applications or fingerprint cards are a "thing of the past". There are now the systems and tools needed to provide constituents with 24/7/365 access to obtain desired credentials. Complete application turnaround time has been reduced from an average of 44 days in calendar year 2016, to nine days in calendar year 2019. DCJS will continue to identify ways to enhance the licensing experience for our constituents. All citizens of the Commonwealth deserve the opportunity to obtain the credentials needed to begin work or start a business as soon as possible.

New Section Members

Greg Hopkins, *Juvenile Justice Specialist*



Greg Hopkins is the agency's new Juvenile Justice Specialist and will be serving as our subject matter expert on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. In this role, Greg will coordinate our juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant

programs, promote and enhance statewide efforts to address racial and ethnic disparity, and liaison with the federal government, among other duties. Greg recently worked at the City of Richmond, where he was the Community Programs Manager and managed the juvenile behavioral health docket, juvenile surveillance services, community services, youth and family support, and several more programs. Greg is a graduate of Virginia State University (BA in Sociology) and Tiffin University (MS in criminal justice).

Terry Willie-Surratt, *CASA Grant Monitor and Quality Assurance Coordinator*



Terry brings a commanding blend of legal, social and organizational development expertise to the agency. As a consultant, she has over ten years of experience in developing community relations, collaborations and partnerships, board development, personnel

management, grant writing, project and grant management, fundraising and organizational infrastructure design. She has experience in teaching, facilitation, development and curriculum design in soft skills training, leadership development, diversity and inclusion, culture competency, community engagement, team building and conflict resolution and both personal and organizational resiliency.

Terry has proven leadership and senior management experience in both business and/or nonprofit management as Executive Director for Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates and The Values Institute of America. She is also an experienced trainer in leadership and team building.

Terry has experience in the social services and legal arenas, previously with the County of Henrico where she served as the Community Resource Director with the Department of Social Services. She also served as the Director of Area Social Services for the Richmond Salvation Army and as an

Associate Director for an organization that provides legal advocacy on behalf of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. She is recognized as a community leader through acceptance in Leadership Metro Richmond. She received the Stettinius Fund for Nonprofit Leadership Award and is a recipient of A Woman of Style Award. Terry is an alumnus of the Center for Creative Leadership where she successfully completed the Leadership Development curriculum. She currently serves on several community boards including Resource Work Force Investment Board for Area 9, NIA, Inc., Family and Adolescent Services, Inc., Another Chance to EXCEL, and Saint Paul's Baptist Church's from Cradle to Prison Pipeline Small Group Ministry.

Human Trafficking Initiative in Education

The Prince William County Schools' Human Trafficking, Prevention, Identification and Referral Program has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 National Criminal Justice Association Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award for the South Region.

The winning programs will be honored at an awards luncheon on September 16th during the 2019 Forum on Criminal Justice in Crystal City, Virginia. This is a multi-faceted wraparound program that includes a classroom prevention lesson with triage, victim support services, a media campaign, school staff training, and community awareness. In 2016, the Virginia Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention (ACJJP), the State Advisory Group required by the JJDP Act, recommended to the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board that the Prince William County School Board receive JJDP Title II funding.

The Prince William County Public Schools' Human Trafficking Program is in its third year of funding through JJDP Title II. Over 30,000 students have received the prevention lesson on human trafficking since the 2013–2014 school year. Over 667 students have asked to speak to a school social worker through the triage portion of the classroom prevention lesson. Out of those students, over 223 have been identified as victims of sexual assault, grooming, and/or trafficking. The school board ultimately made the decision to fund the Human Trafficking Prevention Specialist Program Coordinator position in the official school board budget. This supports long-term sustainability for the human trafficking program.

For more information, please contact Ed Holmes at ed.holmes@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Virginia CASA for the win!



Never underestimate what a well thought out plan and several thousand committed child advocates can accomplish

together! In the bleak winter of 2018, DCJS convened a dynamic group of CASA program directors for the purpose of crafting a plan for the future of Virginia's CASA programs. After careful review of the successes and needs of the CASA programs statewide, volunteer recruitment emerged as the priority. In order to accomplish this goal, the team identified the need for an easily accessible Virginia CASA website.

Array Digital, a Virginia based digital marketing firm and website developer, offered nonprofit organizations the opportunity to apply for a Facebook competition to win a free website development package. The winner only needed to garner the most "likes" to win the competition. Virginia CASA programs rallied support all across the country and won! The new website was launched in May, 2019 and will help local programs in volunteer recruitment and public awareness. Additionally, there are plans to utilize the site to develop volunteer training components. The next step in the plan is to launch a statewide recruitment campaign. We are really proud of our CASA program network. Visit the website at www.virginiacasa.org.

For more information, please contact Melissa O'Neill at melissa.o'neill@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Child Death Investigation Protocol Contract Awarded to Justice 3D

Justice 3D has been selected as the recipient of the Child Death Investigation Protocol contract. A protocol that outlines and explains best practices for the investigation of child deaths will be developed for law enforcement officers by Justice 3D by December 31, 2019. DCJS is responsible for incorporating the protocol and subsequent training into existing and new training offerings to all law enforcement in Virginia.

Funded by the Children's Justice Act (CJA) for Virginia, this protocol will provide guidance to law enforcement for all child death cases in Virginia. Currently, standard practice is to include Child Protective Services, a division of the Virginia Department of Social Services, in all cases involving child death. By providing guidance on a more detailed interview, law enforcement may be able to look at other possible causes of death beyond Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and child abuse, among others.

For more information, please contact Jenna Foster at jenna.foster@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Field Inspections and Audits



Terry Montgomery presents the Piedmont Academy staff and Board Members their re-certification plaque.



The Piedmont Academy staff and Board Members receive their re-certification plaque.

Employee Profile: Karen Sullivan



Karen Sullivan has worked for DCJS for 21 years. Her multi-tiered job requires numerous skills and a high level of energy, which she has in abundance! Karen works with DCJS staff to plan agency conferences and training events, and issues RFPs for locations and

services for these events. In addition to this vital support role, Karen processes agency purchase orders and serves as the agency's parking/ID coordinator, telecommunications coordinator, transportation officer, fuel card administrator, and travel card program administrator. She also works on other projects as assigned, and is currently coordinating an inter-agency re-distribution of employee parking spaces.

In 2016, Karen had the privilege of working in the Governor's Office for the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on loan from DCJS, and continues to work with them on special projects. She holds certifications as a Virginia Contracting Associate (VCA) and a Certified Government Meeting Planner (CGMP). She was elected in 2017 and 2019 to the Board of the Old Dominion Chapter of

the Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP), and she was selected as Chapter Planner of the Year in 2018.

Because of Karen's multiple roles, she connects not only with numerous employees of DCJS, but multiple outside vendors as well. She handles her many daily work interruptions with humor and assurance, and unerringly remembers why someone is calling. Karen received her Bachelor of Science from Virginia Commonwealth University in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice—her education serves her well in communicating with all her contacts.

Anyone that operates at Karen's dizzying speeds needs downtime to recharge! When not at work, she enjoys spending time with family, including her husband who works for a local police department and her daughter Sarah, a rising high school senior. Other favorite hobbies are relaxing, shopping, working out, yard work, and watching a good movie. She likes all kinds of music, but Jason Aldean is a favorite performer. Karen loves seafood or Italian food, and vacationing in North Myrtle Beach, Florida, or Las Vegas.

DCJS is fortunate to have someone with Karen's experience, knowledge, and dedication to the agency.

Financial Services

ARMICS (Agency Risk Management Internal Control Standards) Review: Financial Services is conducting this review with a deadline of September 30, 2019. During this annual process, all divisions of DCJS are reviewed to ensure compliance with the Virginia Department of Accounts' (DOA) minimum requirements to provide reasonable assurance of adequate internal control, fiscal accountability, integrity of financial reporting and safeguarding of the Commonwealth's assets. DOA is responsible for financial accounting practices for state agencies and institutions. Monica Darden, Karen Roth, and Jacoby Harper are conducting the review.



New employee: Adrienne Howard joined DCJS Financial Services in April, 2019.

Coming from the Department of Education, Adrienne brings with her more than 20 years of public and private experience in finance. She will be the Accounts

Receivable Accountant and will also handle procurement processing and employee travel processing. Adrienne has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting, and she will earn her Master's in Business Administration this year from the University of Phoenix.

Human Resources

The Human Resource Office at DCJS provides guidance, direction and programs to foster an effective, quality workforce. They seek to balance tradition with innovation while serving as planners, consultants, and strategists to staff in the support of agency programs and services. The Commonwealth's Recruitment Management System (RMS) website may be used to view all DCJS job openings. To apply for a position, submit a completed State of Virginia Application for employment at <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/login> by 11:59 p.m. on the closing date for that position.

Victims Services

The DCJS Victims Services Team administers grants, coordinates training, provides technical assistance, implements statewide initiatives, develops best-practice resource materials, drafts and reviews policies, and supports victim-serving organizations throughout the Commonwealth. Victims Services staff also assist individuals and communities impacted by mass casualty events through victim assistance emergency response.

Victim assistance emergency response involves coordinating the response for victims in mass casualty events. As outlined in the *Code of Virginia*, the DCJS State Crisis Response Coordinator, Julia Fuller-Wilson, leads this effort in partnership with the Virginia Victims Fund (VVF). Responsibilities include deploying immediate assistance for victims in the event of an emergency and assisting with the recovery effort on an ongoing basis.

In the immediate aftermath of a mass casualty event, the Virginia Crisis Response Team (CRT) may be activated. This team is composed of DCJS and VVF staff, staff of the Virginia Victim Assistance Network, and volunteers throughout the state who are trained to provide trauma mitigation and education to those impacted by the event. Team members are called upon to provide assistance to those affected in both large and smaller-scale incidents. Training to become part of the CRT includes a minimum of 24 hours of skills-based, field tested training developed by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). The training covers techniques and protocols for providing crisis intervention, fundamentals of crisis and trauma, psychological first aid, and response during a catastrophic event.

Services offered by Victims Services and the CRT include: conducting Group Crisis Intervention sessions, accompanying impacted individuals and families, assisting the institution/location/site of the incident, VVF information and filing, one-on-one crisis intervention, assistance with memorial/anniversary planning, providing information and referrals, and any other needed victim advocacy.

Most recently, victim assistance emergency response occurred in Virginia Beach after the May 31, 2019 shooting in a city office building. Within 24 hours, Fuller-Wilson and other crisis responders arrived in Virginia Beach to assist as needed. Immediate efforts included providing crisis intervention and other services at the Family Assistance Center (FAC), which was established as a place where victims and others impacted by the shooting could seek information, assistance, and services.

The response to Virginia Beach by Virginia's CRT has been ongoing continuously since June 1. After the FAC closed, crisis responders have assisted in many different capacities, such as conducting several Group Crisis Intervention sessions each week. As of August 31, a total of 53 crisis responders from all over Virginia have assisted, resulting in 1,745 hours of response time. In addition to on-site response, Victims Services staff have assisted Virginia Beach with long-term planning, accessing emergency Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds, and applying for federal grant funding.

For additional information about Virginia's crisis response efforts, please contact Julia Fuller-Wilson at julia.fuller-wilson@dcjs.virginia.gov.

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