



Rappahannock Informant

Our 31st Year of Excellence

Volume 30

<www.rrcja.org> <rrcja@rrcja.org>

March 2009

“Heroes Never Die...”



Police Memorial Service

Fredericksburg
May 11th, 2009
1 PM

Middletown
May 12th, 2009
11 AM

Please join us as we honor those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



Inside this issue:

<i>Jail Basic #141</i>	<i>Pg 2</i>
<i>Red Cross Blood Drive</i>	<i>Pg 2</i>
<i>Middletown Building Dedication</i>	<i>Pg 3</i>
<i>LE Basic #110 Begins</i>	<i>Pg 3</i>
<i>News From Admin</i>	<i>Pg 4</i>

Director Comments

Improve Your Career by Obtaining a College Degree

It is a proven fact that deputies and officers with college degrees stand a better chance for career advancement. In addition, a degree will significantly improve your chances of a higher paying job after retirement or as a second career.

We have been developing many partnerships with various colleges and universities in an effort to provide our member deputies and officers with higher education options. In addition, Germanna Community College has increased the amount of credits that RRCJA graduates can receive from both the Law Enforcement and Jail Basic academy classes.

We have articulation agreements with Bluefield College, Averett University and the University of Phoenix. This allows credit toward a four-year degree to those officers and deputies who graduated from the RRCJA Law Enforcement Basic class. Please call Candi Johnston for further information 540-371-2875.

Deputies and Officers who attend Germanna College will be given 20 credits towards their Associate Degree if they attended the Law Enforcement Basic class at RRCJA. If they attended the Jail Basic, they receive 8 credits. Any questions, please contact Mr. Irving Comer, 540-834-1033.

Law Enforcement Basic #108 Small, but mighty!

BY: Karen A. Deane
Training Coordinator
kdeane@rrcja.org

Law Enforcement Basic #108 began on February 9, 2009, following its customary week of Court Security/Civil Process. This is the smallest class in recent memory to be held at the Fredericksburg Campus. L.E.



If it ain't raining, LE 108 ain't training!

#108 consists of ten full time students and one student coming through on an option. If I had a dollar for every instructor that

walked into the classroom and asked, "Is this it?" I could probably buy myself a nice dinner somewhere!

As of this writing, L.E.

(Continued on page 4)

Jail Basic #141 Graduates “Give All or Get Out”

BY: Karen S. Wessel
Jail Basic Coordinator
kswessel@rcja.org

On April 1, 2009, twenty-nine students graduated as class Jail Basic #141. The class nominated Lieutenant Micah Meadows, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office as the Guest Speaker. Lieutenant Meadows spent seven days with JB141 as one of their driving instructors. He sincerely wished them well and thanked them for their hard work and dedication throughout driving. Class Leader/Class Speaker, Robert A. Lewis, thanked the instructors and Academy Staff who were dedicated to teaching them and wished them well throughout their career.

Dave Vice, RRCJA, Director, presented certificates and awards to the graduating class. Earning the **Top Academic Award, Top Skills Award** and the **Top Overall Award** was **R. Lewis** from **Fauquier County Sheriff's Office**. Earning the **Charles E. Murray, Jr., Top Performance Achievement Award** was **J. Clatterbuck** from **Culpeper County Sheriff's Office**. Earning the **Top Female Physical Fitness Award** was **B. Maines** from **Culpeper County Sheriff's Office**. Earning the **Top Male Physical Fitness Award** was **K. Donaldson** from **Rappahannock Regional Jail**.

Thanks to all the Instructors, Staff, Superintendents, Training Officers, and Sheriffs whose dedication and continued support help make the Jail Basic Program a success. Congratulations to each of the graduates.



Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

J. Clatterbuck, Jr. B. Maines

Fauquier County Sheriff's Office

J. Coppage R. Lewis
S. Jacobs J. Weaver

Northern Neck Regional Jail

M. Burton E. Luna
D. Gibbs J. Stephan

Pamunkey Regional Jail

D. Brown S. Haag
K. Cummings D. Robinson
J. Fletcher C. Uerz

Peumansend Creek Regional Jail

J. Moore, II

Rappahannock Regional Jail

D. Ankrom, III S. LoPorto
B. Batkins S. Mack, Jr.
C. Butler W. Marzec
K. Donaldson K. Meek
B. Guillotte K. Ogata
M. Layne M. Taylor



Red Cross Blood Drive

July 9th, 2009

8:30 AM—12:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!!!

MIDDLETOWN BITS COMM, SWAT, CS/CP

BY: Jeff Driskill
Training Coordinator, Middletown
jdriskill@rrcja.org

The upcoming Communications Officer Basic #91 starting June 1st in Middletown promises to be one of the largest classes we've been privileged to host in recent years. Current enrollment stands at 16 and instructor support from our agencies has been very good, however a few instructors are needed for Survival Spanish and practical testing. Interested instructors are asked to call 540) 868-1360.

The Middletown campus is proud to report that the SWAT Basic Class held March 30th – April 3rd was well attended, highly motivated and mission minded under

the outstanding tutelage of a cadre of Winchester P.D. Instructors. Recent high profile shootings throughout the country emphasize the importance of such quality training and Middletown Training Coordinator Jeff Driskill wishes to express his appreciation to Lt. Doug Watson and Sgt. Mike Ritchie of the WPD for setting the bar high and providing their expertise for our SWAT courses.

A special thanks goes out to Assistant Director Larry Nida for his efforts in creating the new Academy Court Security/Civil Process curriculum which will be unveiled May 4 – 8 in Middletown. Interested students should be aware of new DCJS prerequisites for certification in CS/CP requiring completion of the ICS 100, NIMS 700 and the Emergency Response to Terrorism classes. Instructions will be provided to students on where to complete the self-study, online courses.

Building Dedication

On May 12th, the building at Middletown will be dedicated to the memory of Major J. Alvin Johnson, whose service to the Academy, agencies, and his community will be long remembered. Please join us immediately following the Police Memorial Service as we take this time to honor our friend and colleague.

Law Enforcement Basic #110



Karen Deane and Ray Lora greeted the new class

Ray Lora, rlora@rrcja.org
Karen Deane, kdeane@rrcja.org
Training Coordinators

Law Enforcement Basic #110 (aka the Auxiliary Class) begins on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. On behalf of the academy staff we would like to say, "Welcome to the family."

This is the first auxiliary class that the academy has held in approximately three years. Ray Lora is the training coordinator who will lead the class through the next eleven months. L.E. #110 will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 1800-2200 and on Saturdays from 0730-1600. Occasionally, there will be no classes scheduled on Saturdays due to holiday weekends.

As with every basic class, whether L.E., Jail or

Communications, we depend on the assistance of our member agencies as well as help from the family members and friends of our students and staff. L.E. #110 is no exception. If you would like to help us in our training effort, either as an instructor, role player or evaluator, please contact Ray, either by e-mail or by phone at 540) 371-2875, x-108. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

L.E. #110 Role Play Dates

Patrol Techniques

Saturday, September 5, 2009

TBA, call for times

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

1800-2200

Thursday, September 10, 2009

1800-2200

Saturday, September 12, 2009

TBA, call for times

D.U.I. Night

Saturday, October 17, 2009

1300-2200 (Drinkers & Chaperones at 1200)
(Sorry, no L.E. or military personnel may drink.)

News from the Admin Staff

BY: Candi Johnston
Office manager
candijohnston@rrcja.org

Many of you are aware that DCJS has been going through many changes. DCJS has (again) informed us that there is a change in personnel responsibilities. Paul Ludwig will continue to be our field representative, and can answer questions for you, so continue to call him with questions. He will also be administering the state exam for the LE basic schools, and visiting the academies.

They have heard our cry for a central clearing point, though. Beth White, who is the field representative for the south/west area of Virginia, will be that person for us. All of the following should be forwarded to her:

W-2's, Training Extensions, PIC 1's, On the Job Training Forms, Field Training Forms

Beth White's address is P.O. Box 60, Lyndhurst, VA 22952. She can be reached by phone at 540-910-1354, fax 866-224-8993, and by email <Elizabeth.white@dcjs.virginia.gov>.

Please send only PIC 1's to Beth for approval. PIC 1 forms have three sections. The top section is for officer information; the middle part (Part aA documents the class, and the last part (Part B) is for DCJS approval. PIC 3 forms, which are already approved by DCJS, and credit transfer forms, which are issued from other academies should be sent directly to RRCJA, not to Ms. White.

(Continued from page 1)

#108 is approximately halfway through their training period. So far, they have completed Defensive Driving, Basic Firearms and a plethora of classroom topics ranging from Legal to Use of the Police Canine.

Graduation for L.E. #108 is set for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. here at the academy.



LE #108 In Action!

L.E. #108 Role Players Needed

Patrol Techniques

Monday, May 4, 2009 1300-2200
Tuesday, May 5, 2009 1300-2200
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 1300-2200

D.U.I. Night

Friday, May 15, 2009
1300-2200

(Drinkers & Chaperones in at 1200)
(Sorry, no L.E. or military personnel may drink)

Shoot - Don't Shoot

Friday, May 29, 2009
TBA (call for info.)

Contact Karen Deane <kdeane@rrcja.org>
or SaraAnn Simpson
<ssimpson@rrcja.org> to sign up.