



**Richmond City Sheriff's Office**  
Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.



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### **SHERIFF WOODY HOSTS STAFF PICNIC IN HONOR OF CORRECTIONS WEEK**

To mark the end of National Correctional Officers week, City of Richmond Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. hosted a staff picnic to honor and recognize his deputies. While music played in the background, the beautifully landscaped interior courtyard of the new Richmond City Justice Center (RCJC) provided the perfect setting for the sheriff's top brass to serve hotdogs, hamburgers and all the usual picnic fare to several hundred deputies. This is the first gathering of this sort on the grounds of the new \$124M Richmond Justice Center, and Sheriff Woody hopes to make this an annual event.



Richmond's facility is one of the largest in Virginia as it relates to number of deputies and residents (inmates). In stark contrast to the antiquated Richmond City Jail, the sparkling RCJC is equipped to handle the challenges and opportunities of modern times. "We are no longer confined to a facility built to simply warehouse offenders, but shift to a model of rehabilitation, maximizing efficiencies through technology, insightful architectural design, adaptive training models, and strategic operations", said Sheriff Woody.

All the new technology in the world would fail if it wasn't embraced by staff. Deputies had to train to become technologically savvy and learn all new systems, adopt a new working culture, and transition from a linear model of corrections to the evidence-based direct supervision model. Richmond's deputies have adapted and are excelling at every turn.

Sheriff Woody added, "This staff picnic was just a small way of showing our staff that we recognize their efforts as a team, appreciate their sacrifices, and honor the dangerous work they engage in daily to keep our community and Justice Center safe."

*The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.*