



# Division of Capitol Police

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### 3 Newest Va. Capitol Police Communications officers graduate from academy

**DISPUTANTA** – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police added 3 newly trained Communications Officers on Friday December 13, 2024, with their graduation from the 45<sup>th</sup> Basic Dispatch Academy located at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The 8-member graduating class was celebrated by the trainers and staff on Friday. The newest additions to the Capitol Police team are Communications Officer Christine Beatty of Richmond, Communications Officer Daniel Elkins of Midlothian and Communications Officer Sophia Mickens of Richmond. Communications Officer Christina Beatty was individually recognized for receiving the Academic Leader Award.

The DCP members of the Basic Dispatch Academy Class spent months preparing alongside DCJS Certified Communications Officers prior to attending the Crater Academy in Prince George County and completing the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services-mandated training objectives.

Colonel Mckee stated “I am very happy to be adding these 3 Communications Officers to our team. Each has displayed the skills and ability to be successful in their chosen profession. Our Communications Officers are often the unsung heroes in policing, serving as a lifeline for our Officers. The new additions to communications team truly exemplify the division’s core values of, Devotion, Character and Professionalism.”

The graduating Communications Officers will report for duty, where they will work with division certified training officers to learn the specifics of their new assignment.



Gater Criminal Justice Training Academy  
Certificate  
Christina N. Beatty  
45th Basic Dispatch Academy  
October 1st to October 20th, 2024

Gater Criminal Justice Training Academy  
Certificate  
Daniel Todd Elkins  
45th Basic Dispatch Academy  
October 1st to October 20th, 2024

Gater Criminal Justice Training Academy  
Certificate  
Sophia D. Mickins  
45th Basic Dispatch Academy  
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