



## **Division of Capitol Police**

### *News Release*

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### **Two Division of Capitol Police Officers Step into Sergeant Roles**

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police is proud to announce the promotion of two officers to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Kevin Jones and Sergeant Eric Lynch were officially promoted by Colonel John T. McKee, following a competitive selection process.

Sgt. Jones brings more than 13 years of law enforcement experience and holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Walden University. He joined the Division of Capitol Police in 2022 and has embraced a role in the development and training of current personnel. Sgt. Jones holds multiple certifications through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, including general instructor, Narcan instructor, defensive tactics instructor, ALERRT instructor, field training officer, among others. In addition, he has trained to provide executive protection to key government officials. Sgt. Jones has been a significant asset of the division, earning Rookie of the Year in 2023 and the Award of Excellence in 2024.

Sgt. Lynch joined the Division of Capitol Police in 2023 after eight years of distinguished service in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of sergeant. Upon joining the division, Sgt. Lynch became a certified field training officer, playing a key role in preparing and developing the division's newest officers. His commitment to excellence is further reflected through his desire to become certified as a bicycle officer and his training to provide executive protection to key government officials. Sgt. Lynch's experience and dedication have made him a trusted and respected member of the division.

"Sgt. Jones and Sgt. Lynch are exceptional officers whose leadership will strengthen and help shape the future of our division," Col. McKee said. "I am proud to see them step into leadership

roles where they will continue to guide our team and serve Virginia's government officials, employees, citizens of the Commonwealth and its visitors with distinction. I wish them well!"

The Virginia Division of Capitol Police is appreciative of both newly promoted sergeants for their continued dedication and service. Their leadership will play an important role in advancing the mission of the division.

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### **About the Division of Capitol Police**

The Division of Capitol Police has been leading the nation since 1618 in securing, protecting and serving the seat of government and its people. Our mission is to provide progressive law enforcement and security services to Virginia's government officials, employees, citizens of the Commonwealth and its visitors.

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