



# Division of Capitol Police

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### **Va. Capitol Police adding a new K9 Officer to the team**

**Richmond** – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police are adding a new police K9 handler to the fold. Colonel McKee announced this week that Officer Michael Light was chosen for the position following the completion of a competitive and comprehensive selection process.

Officer Light is a 6-year veteran of the Division of Capitol Police, having joined the department in 2019. He holds a bachelor's degree from Ferrum College and graduated from the Crater Criminal Justice training academy, where he was recognized as the class's top performer in the area of Emergency Vehicle Operations.

Officer Light has served the Division of Capitol Police in several roles, as a DCJS certified Field Training Officer, as a DCJS certified General Instructor and Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, as well as a REVIVE Instructor. Officer Light was a recipient of the Division's prestigious Medal of Valor award in 2020 and has worked in collaboration with local, state and federal partners to ensure public safety, while exemplifying the agency's core values of **Devotion, Character** and **Professionalism**. Officer Light will begin his training in the coming weeks.

Colonel McKee stated "I am extremely proud of Officer Light; his dedication and commitment will serve him well as he moves forward into this assignment. Police K9 handlers and their K9 partners play an essential role in creating a safe and secure environment for visitors, stakeholders, and elected officials conducting business here at the Capitol as well as in the surrounding area".



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