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McEachin honors Capitol Police anniversary

RICHMOND – U.S. Rep. A. Donald McEachin stopped by the Capitol on Monday to present the Virginia Division of Capitol Police an entry into the Congressional Record honoring the agency for its 400th anniversary in 2018.

McEachin, a former member of both the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate who is in his first term representing the state's 4th District in Congress, noted in his remarks for the Congressional Record that the Capitol Police traces its roots to Jamestown in 1618 and has grown steadily over the centuries. That growth gained pace after the capital city was moved from Williamsburg to Richmond in 1780.

“The Virginia Division of Capitol Police has moved and evolved with the Capitol every step of the way, and proudly remains an outstanding institution as well as an essential piece of Virginia history,” McEachin said. “I am honored to recognize this first-rate force and confidently anticipate from its members the same level of quality and success that they have always displayed. The Virginia Division of Capitol Police has been integral to the function of the Virginia State Legislature and the governor’s office for the duration of its entire existence.”

Col. Anthony S. Pike, the division’s chief, noted that McEachin’s entry into the Congressional Record came five days after the agency was reaccredited for another four years by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The commission establishes a significant list of professional standards designed to measure and evaluate agencies with the goal of overall and constant improvement.

“We appreciated the congressman’s support when he was in the General Assembly,” Pike said, “and we appreciate his continued support now that he’s moved on to Congress.”

Pike said the members of the 125-employee Capitol Police “have been committed to providing progressive law enforcement to Virginia’s elected officials, government employees, residents and visitors, and it’s nice to see our efforts to continually improve are not going unnoticed.”

The Capitol Police has a number of special occasions and historical displays planned in Richmond and Washington, D.C., over the remainder of the year to mark its 400th anniversary.



From left are Capt. Randall E. Howard, Col. Anthony S. Pike, U.S. Rep. A. Donald McEachin and Major Mark J. Sykes.

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