



## **Division of Capitol Police**

### *News Release*

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### **Three Communications Officers Graduate Basic Dispatch Academy**

**DISPUTANTA, Va.** – The Virginia Division of Capitol Police welcomed back to Capitol Square three newly trained communications officers following their completion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Basic Dispatch Academy at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The graduation ceremony was held December 12, 2025, at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy and recognized the 14-member graduating class, including Capitol Police Communications Officers Olivia Hedgepeth, Tamara Williams, and Victoria Vargas.

Crater's Basic Dispatch Academy is an entry-level training program for dispatchers and communications officers that meets and exceeds state-mandated training requirements. The 80-hour certification program ran from Dec. 1-12 and concluded with two days of hands-on dispatching, led by Capitol Police Communications Officer Lisa Woods, during the 105<sup>th</sup> Basic Law Enforcement Officer Academy's applied practical training.

"Our communications officers play a critical role in public safety, and this training ensures they're prepared to support our officers and Virginia's government officials, employees and visitors to the seat of the state government," Division of Capitol Police Chief John T. McKee said. "I am proud of their hard work and happy to have them on our team. Great job Olivia, Tamara and Victoria!"

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



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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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