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**Daryl Roadcap**—Maintenance

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# Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy



## Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy Awarded National Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation by CALEA<sup>®</sup>

**Gainesville, VA** – The Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy was awarded national accreditation on November 16, 2019 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA<sup>®</sup>) in the Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation program(s).

Following a multi-year self-assessment phase and a meticulous site-based assessment of community engagement, policy, procedures, equipment and facilities by CALEA assessors, Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy Executive Director Andrew McNally, Assistant Director Steven Arney and Accreditation Manager Laurie Skinner attended the CALEA conference in Covington, Kentucky. Each agency being reviewed, goes before CALEA's 21-member Board of Commissioners where the commission reviews all findings and determines the agencies' accreditation status.

The evening of the hearing, during the celebration banquet, CALEA President Richard Myers and Executive Director Craig Hartley awarded Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy with accreditation, signifying excellence in public safety and commitment to community. This is Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy's first award of national accreditation. The Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy now moves into CALEA's four-year Accreditation cycle that includes four annual remote, web-based file reviews and a site-based assessment in the fourth year.

# 2019 Executive Retreat

Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy sponsored the Annual Executive Retreat for the Full Board September 3rd—5th, 2019 at The Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. There were 43 attendees present from our member agencies including Executive Director McNally and Assistant Director Arney.

The following were presenters at the Retreat:

- Jennifer Bockhorst, Assistant United States Attorney—Counsel to the U.S. Attorney (Western District of Virginia)
- Thomas Cullen, United States Attorney (Western District of Virginia)
- Matthew Davis, Acting Chief Deputy U.S. Marshall - U.S. Marshall Service (Western District of Virginia)
- Phillip Figura—Virginia Office of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, Chief Prosecutor, Major Crimes & Emerging Threats Section
- Suzanne Kerney-Quillen—Virginia Office of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, Major Crimes & Emerging Threats Section, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (Western District of Virginia)
- Kenneth Lammers, Jr.—Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, Wise County and the City of Norton
- Zachary Lee—Chief of the Criminal Division Assistant United States Attorney
- Richard "Brad" Sellers—Acting U.S. Marshall, U.S. Marshals Service (Western District of Virginia)



## Member Agency Spotlight

# Middle River Regional Jail



Jeffery Newton, CJM  
Superintendent



By: Sgt. Wyatt Brown

Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ), located in Augusta County, was opened in April 2006 upon the closing of the Augusta County Jail located in Staunton. The employees from the Augusta County Jail combined with MRRJ employees to form the regional facility, serving the City of Staunton, City of Waynesboro, and Augusta County. In July 2015, Harrisonburg/Rockingham joined the Middle River Regional Jail Authority.

**Inmate Population:** The original operating capacity of the Jail was 396, and permission was granted from DOC to double-bunk to accommodate 792 inmates. Average daily population since 2018 has been 895 inmates, with populations of over 1000 at times. In 2019, MRRJ began a Planning Study and Community-Based Corrections Plan for expansion of the current facility to accommodate population growth.

**Inmate Programs:** In order to help fulfill needs of inmates and their families, MRRJ offers programs to include GED and vocational training, substance abuse and Alcoholics Anonymous classes, cognitive behavior therapy, parenting classes, and re-entry programming with the goal of returning to the community inmates less likely to be reincarcerated. Over 35 class sessions are offered per week.

**Work Release and Community Programs:** MRRJ staff work aggressively throughout the community to find employment for both male and female inmates. Inmates can either be approved for work release by the court as part of their sentence or MRRJ can petition the court for approval for inmates to be approved for work release. Additionally,



MRRJ provides a number of work crews for member jurisdictions. These work crews provide vital services and save local taxpayer resources. One of these work crews provides the janitorial and lawn services for the Shenandoah Valley Criminal Justice Training Academy. At any given time MRRJ can have over 100 inmates on work release and over 80 inmates on community work crews.

**Mental Health Grant:** In August 2016 MRRJ was granted a concept proposal by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to establish a Special Needs Pod to house male offenders diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The initial grant concept has subsequently been extended to offer a wider variety of psychiatric services to inmates, add a mental health pod for female inmates, expand existing mental health treatment at the jail, expand mental health staff, and provide re-entry housing and programs to inmates. The program is currently experimenting with the introduction of certified therapy dogs to aid in the behavioral therapy programs.

**Law-Enforcement Support:** The Jail also strives to assist the needs of all law-enforcement agencies in order to provide a safer community. The Jail collects a variety of analytics and creates custom reports that are available to local agencies that can benefit criminal investigations, probation and parole monitoring, alternative sentencing programs, and pre-trial supervision.

MRRJ strives to maintain its obligation in its mission statement to safeguard the public by providing a safe environment for inmates to complete their sentences and to promote self-responsibility and development and have the goal of returning to the community more productive citizens.



## Member Agency Spotlight

# Charlottesville Police Department



**Dr. RaShall M. Brackney**

**Chief of Police**

**Charlottesville Police Department**



The Charlottesville Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for the City of Charlottesville, which has an area of about 10.3 square miles. The department serves a daytime population of approximately 100,000 people, including 49,000 city residents, 30,000 commuters, and 20,000 University of Virginia students.

Dr. RaShall M. Brackney was appointed as Chief of Police in 2018, and is a retired 35-year veteran of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. Dr. Brackney is a recognized expert in the areas of harm reduction, procedural and restorative justice practices, and community-police relations. CPD currently employs approximately 110 sworn officers and 27 civilian personnel who serve in our Field Operations Division, Investigations Division, Support Services Division, and Administration Division.

The Charlottesville Police Department is also proud to support its regional and state partners including the Albemarle County Police Department, University of Virginia Police Department, City of Charlottesville Sheriff's Office, Albemarle County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, and the regional Emergency Communications Center (ECC). These regional and state partnerships have proved to be crucial during times of crisis, celebration, and reflection, including for the NCAA Final Four and National Championship basketball games and Unity Days events.

CPD is also proud to continue building upon police and community relations with several events throughout the year, including Ice Cream with a Cop, C'ville Night Out, Law Enforcement Torch Run, and Cops 4 Kids. C'ville Night Out is a part of a national program that has brought together millions of community members and police around the country to foster a sense of community, help make our neighborhoods safer places, and enhance the relationships between neighborhoods and law enforcement. The daily commitment of our officers with protecting and engaging our citizens continues to build on our goal of "Service Beyond the Call."



## Charlottesville Police Department in Action With the Community



# Instructor Spotlight



**Erin Brogan**

**Sgt. Support Services**

**Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office**

Erin Brogan is a Sgt. for Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office. She supervises Animal Control, Civil Process, Auxiliary, and Chaplain Divisions.

Erin is currently working towards a degree in Criminal Psychology. She has been in Law Enforcement for 12 years working in many different capacities.

In addition to her responsibilities at the Sheriff's Office, she sits on the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies board and VASART board for the state of Virginia. She is an Investigator with the Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force. Helping other people to achieve success is one of her strong points.

Erin is a General Instructor, Field Training Officer, Law Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer. She is on the Tact Team as well as the Search and Rescue Team for the Sheriff's Office.

Erin was instrumental in the Academy starting the Basic Animal Control Class. She oversees the entire 3-week course.



# Basic Law 140 and Basic Jail 126 Class Activities





# Academy Staff Spotlight



## **Daryl Roadcap** **Maintenance Custodian** **CSCJTA**

Daryl was born and raised in the Grottoes area. He graduated Montevideo High School in Penn Laird, Virginia. He played baseball all 4 years of high school and the team was District Champs each of those 4 years. He later went on to play County League Baseball for Grottoes for 2 years.

Daryl worked 33 years in 2 different factories in Waynesboro, the last was DuPont where he took early retirement. He also played on their softball team for 10 years. His last place of employment was Walmart Distribution Center in Mount Crawford, Virginia for 11 years. In October 2018 Daryl was hired by the Academy as the part-time Maintenance/Custodian.

Daryl and his wife Susanne currently live in Mt. Sidney. He has two children, Katie and Jared, and has 3 grandchildren that he adores. He enjoys helping others. He is also an avid outdoorsman and gardener. Daryl and his wife buy and sell antiques with 4 booths at the Stuarts Draft Antique Mall.

# Recent Graduations

83rd Basic Communications Officer



125th Basic Jail Officer



140th Basic Law Enforcement Officer



126th Basic Jail Officer





## Recent Instructor Classes



General Instructor

August 30, 2019

Firearms Instructor  
September 13, 2019



# Upcoming Classes 2020

- ♦ Fair and Impartial Policing Train the Trainer — January 28—29, 2020
- ♦ Fair and Impartial Policing Booster — January 30, 2020
- ♦ Peer Support Professional Program Level 1 — March 4—6, 2020
- ♦ Stop Stick Instructor Training — April 15, 2020 (North Campus)