

Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy

Newsletter

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CALEA Accreditation Update

On May 17, 2019 the Academy completed and passed the 1st phase of accreditation which was the Web-based Assessment. During the second phase, the Academy welcomed the On-site Assessment team of Dean Register, Director of the Criminal Justice Professionalism Division of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Captain Kari Williams with Valdosta Police Department in Georgia on June 17th. While the Assessment Team was here, they conducted 19 interviews with members of the community and agency members. During the site-based assessment it was determined, through interviews and observations, that the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy is in compliance with all applicable standards and appear to be the leader in criminal justice training in Virginia.

The final phase is to attend the CALEA Conference to be held in Covington, KY November 13th - 16th. Director Andy McNally, Assistant Director Steven Arney and Accreditation Manager Laurie Skinner will attend on behalf of the Academy. They will have to go before the Commission Review Committee. Upon Committee approval they will be awarded CALEA Accreditation.



Pictured L to R: Andy McNally, Director; Steven Arney, Asst. Director; Laurie Skinner, Accreditation Manager; Kari Williams, CALEA Team Member and Dean Register, CALEA Team Lead

Meet the Staff:

Andy McNally—Executive Director
Steven Arney—Assistant Director
Heather Gearheart—Office Manager / Training Coordinator
Christopher Knott—Training Coordinator
Jason Bibeau—Training Coordinator
Bobby Landes—Training Coordinator
Tristian Jackson - North Campus & Satellite Training Coordinator
Jean Fiske—Records Specialist / Registrar
Laurie Skinner—Accreditation Manager / Administrative Assistant

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Member Agency Spotlight



Albemarle County Police Department

Chief Ron Lantz



The Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) is the primary law enforcement agency for Albemarle County. Albemarle County is 726 square miles comprised of a 32-square-mile urban ring with a suburban and rural landscape. Albemarle County has an approximate population of 109,000 residents.

Appointed as the department's 5th Chief of Police in 2016, Chief Ron Lantz has focused on building community trust and citizen engagement through his Community Advisory Counsel (CAC), Crime Prevention Counsel (CPC), and Community Advisory Teams (CAT). ACPD employs 149 sworn officers who serve in our Uniform Patrol Divisions, Criminal Investigations Division, Jefferson Area Drug Enforcement (J.A.D.E.) Task Force, Community Support Division, and Traffic Unit. In addition, ACPD is supported by 30 civilian staff members.

The Albemarle County Police Department's regional partnerships are critically important to providing a comprehensive law enforcement approach to our citizens. The ACPD works with the Virginia State Police, the Charlottesville Police Department, the University of Virginia Police Department, the Albemarle County Sheriff's Office, the Piedmont Virginia Community College Police Department, the Charlottesville/Albemarle Airport Police, and the regional Emergency Communications Center (ECC).

Our citizens are another valued component to the ACPD's success. Most recently, department members participated in our annual *Putt-Putt with the Police* event and the annual *Virginia Rules Camp*, which is a law-themed summer day camp hosted by our local law enforcement agencies. It offers young people a fun and healthy week of learning about Virginia laws and building positive relationships with local LEOs in their community. These community events attract hundreds of citizens and provide our department with the opportunity to engage in a way that builds lasting relationships with them. Community members receive an in-depth overview of the ACPD and get a chance to ask questions concerning their neighborhoods. These relationships are crucial in breaking down barriers when a crisis arises.

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Community Activities involving ACPD Officers and staff



Member Agency Spotlight



Dayton Police Department

Chief Justin Trout



The Dayton Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for the Town of Dayton, a historic township with just under 2000 residents, and is situated just on the southern tip of the City of Harrisonburg within Rockingham County. The Dayton Police Department provides 24-hour coverage to the town utilizing 5 full-time police officers, and 6 part-time police officers. Dayton was established in 1833 in the Shenandoah Valley. The Town of Dayton is 1.2 square miles. Within the Town of Dayton is Wilbur Pence Middle School with close to 750 students and 100 staff members, most of which do not reside in the town. Dayton has many businesses to include the town's biggest business, Cargill that employs 1100 workers. Dayton host three major events each year: Dayton Days/Autumn Celebration with 40,000 plus visitors, the Red Bud Festival with 4,000 plus visitors, and the Dayton Muddler with over 1,000 participants.

Chief Justin Trout moved to Rockingham County February 2019 as the Lieutenant of the Dayton Police Department. He then took over as the Chief of Police June 15, 2019. Prior to this, he spent 13 years with the Virginia Beach Police Department. Chief Trout has begun expanding on the community policing approach to policing that already existed prior to his arrival. The department works closely with the community, businesses, and organizations to maintain quality relationships. Recently Chief Trout partnered with a local ice cream shop to host "Cones with a Cop". This event allowed children to meet police officers, ask questions, and see police equipment. The department also has "Coffee with a Cop" that allows community members to ask questions and voice concerns. Hosting events such as these builds trust and relationship within the community the police department serves.

The Dayton Police Department has mutual aid agreements and assists the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Bridgewater, and Harrisonburg Police Department with police services as well. The Dayton Police Department is also a member of the Rockingham Police Town Group (RPTG). The Rockingham Police Town Group consists of Dayton, Bridgewater, Timberville, Broadway, and Grottoes. RPTG comes together for training such as firearms and use of force training to name a few. Chief Trout and Chief Dodd from Timberville have recently developed the Tactical Athlete Program (TAP). The TAP program provides officers with physical fitness and advanced firearms training.

The Dayton Police Department is always looking to advance equipment for officers that enables them to provide quality police services to the community. The department recently purchased mobile data terminals (MDTs) for each police car in their fleet. The department also updated the firearms the officers carry. The Dayton Police Department is committed to promoting a safe town through enforcement of laws, the prevention and education of crime, while providing excellence in public service through partnerships with our community.



Cones with a Cop

at Grammie's Ice Cream



Instructor Spotlight



Benjamin Kontaxes, Esquire

Auxiliary Sergeant
Waynesboro Police Department

Benjamin Kontaxes is a licensed attorney currently working as an Associate at the firm of SublettPearson, PLC in Roanoke, VA. Benjamin handles a variety of matters including criminal law, estate planning and debt collection.

Benjamin received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University, graduating *summa cum laude*, and his Juris Doctor from Liberty University School of Law, where he graduated *summa cum laude*, at the top of his class.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Benjamin began a law enforcement career in 2002 as a police officer with the City of Rocky Mount, NC. He later served with the Dare County Sheriff's Office in a variety of roles, including Uniformed Patrol, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, General Law Enforcement Instructor, and Specialized Subject Control and Arrest Techniques Instructor.

Benjamin was awarded his North Carolina Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate in 2009, the highest level of law enforcement certification available in the State, and remains sworn as a reserve Dare County Deputy. He has also obtained his Virginia law enforcement certification and general instructor certification, and currently serves as an Auxiliary Sergeant with the City of Waynesboro, VA.

Benjamin also serves as an adjunct instructor of law at Liberty University School of Law and has been teaching there since 2013.

Welcome Basic Law 140 and Basic Jail 125



Crime Scene Photography



Range Master



Academy Staff Spotlight



Jason Bibeau

Basic Law Training Coordinator

Jason Bibeau was hired in August 2018 at the Academy in the position of Training Coordinator. He is a graduate of the Academy's BLE#103rd training class where he graduated with honors. Jason served in patrol at the Fluvanna Co Sheriff's Office obtaining the rank of Corporal, serving on the SRT Team, and diver with the Counties Water Rescue Team. Jason also served with the Augusta Co Sheriff's Office and Lake Monticello Police Department where he left as a Sergeant/acting Lieutenant, and law enforcement liaison to the Environmental Compliance Committee. Jason is still a sworn law enforcement officer serving as the Auxiliary Lieutenant for Scottsville Police. Jason first came to Virginia in 1993 while serving in the US Army and moved back to Virginia in fall of 1998.

Jason has been a regular instructor at the Academy for several years, and in addition to being a General Instructor, Jason is also an instructor in the disciplines of Firearms, Defensive Tactics, ASP Integrated, Speed Measurement (Radar/LIDAR), First Aid/CPR/AED, Stinger Spike Strip, is a Range Master, and holds armorer certifications from Colt & Glock. Jason is passionate about training and officer development. Jason is in the final stages of obtaining a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a Cognate in Business Management from Liberty University and expected to meet all degree requirements by the end of 2019. Jason and his wife Angela live in Augusta County and are active in their Church.

Academy Staff Spotlight



Tristian Jackson

Training Coordinator
(North Campus, Satellite & In-Service Training)

In January of 2011, Tristian Jackson began his sworn law enforcement career, with the other new recruits of the Basic Law Enforcement (BLE) Class 123 at the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Academy (CSCJTA). Prior to stepping through the CSCJTA doors, Tristian had worked for over three years as a Police Records Clerk with the Harrisonburg Police Department, who would later send him through CSCJTA as their new Patrol Officer hire. Within the first week of BLE 123, Tristian was voted co-class president, alongside with Kelly Massad. Tristian spent his next eighteen weeks, like every other law enforcement recruit, nailing all the 200+ DCJS objectives until he took the Virginia state test and graduated from CSCJTA on May 10th, 2011.

Afterwards, Tristian returned to the Harrisonburg Police Department, where he began working as a Patrol Officer in “Area 1,” the Northern section of the Friendly City. Within a few years, Tristian had pursued a series of law enforcement trainings (including the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation, National Criminal Justice’s Crime Scene Investigations Course, and the Miami-Dade Public Training Institute Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop) in the hopes of honing his investigative abilities. In 2013, Tristian had joined the Harrisonburg Police Department’s Critical Negotiations Team (CNT), working to improve his interview abilities and his understandings of effective communicating with subjects under duress. All these factors, and his deep-rooted interest in the Criminal Investigations Division, allowed Tristian to successfully secure a position as a General Investigator in 2015.

In February of 2016, Tristian became the first Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women (DOVV) Detective, calling him to shift into specializing his investigative skills toward Domestic Violence, Sexual Assaults, and Stalking. Tristian had intended to develop this new V-STOP position over the next five years or more, but his ambitions were cut short by a family situation needing his full attention. In February 2017, Tristian left the Harrisonburg Police Department to become a full-time Stay-At-Home father. However, soon after leaving, Tristian found a part-time position at Bridgewater College, where he was moonlighting as a Campus Police Officer. Over the following two years, Tristian would become a full-time Campus Police Officer, while maintaining his domestic responsibilities as a major care provider for his two small children. Once his personal affairs had resolved in a positive manner, Tristian found himself yearning for a more complex and challenging assignment than Bridgewater College could provide him. Incidentally, Tristian discovered an opening at the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, while discussing a Defensive Tactics apprenticeship with the Basic Law Enforcement Training Coordinator, Jason Bibeau. He applied in January 2019 and was selected for the In-Service/North Campus Training Coordinator in March 2019, where he serves to this day.

Recent Graduations

Basic Law Enforcement Officer



Basic Jail Officer



Recent Graduations Continued

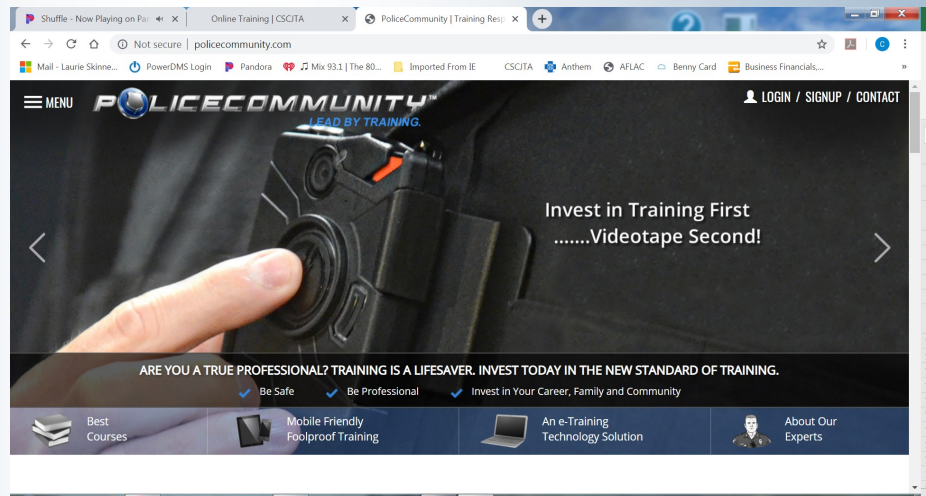
Basic Jail Officer



Basic Communications Officer



On-line Training



The Academy has partnered with The Response Network Inc. (TRN) in order to bring a more modern version of training by video rather than by PowerPoint. The online training has mobile access through the app-store on your mobile device (Wi-Fi is not required).

Signing up is easy. Get with your Training Officer at your department and they can enroll you. After enrollment Internet Explorer is not to be used as it will give errors on loading the final assessment.

We are excited about this new training program and hope that you have a pleasant experience. At any point questions, issues or concerns arise, please email online@cscjta.org for a faster response.

In-Service Training

Here are a few of our upcoming classes. **For a full list of In-service Classes please visit our website at www.cscjta.org.**

- Firearms Instructor—September 6—13, 2019
- Crisis Communication Training for 911—September 10, 2019
- Background Investigations for Police Applicants—September 16—17, 2019
- Advanced SWAT—September 23—27, 2019
- Controlled F.O.R.C.E 32-hour Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification—October 28—31, 2019