



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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Deputy Superintendent appointed Superintendent of Meherrin River Regional Jail

For Immediate Release: Major Mark A. Bennett, CJM, CCM, Deputy Superintendent of the Pamunkey Regional Jail in Hanover, Virginia has announced his appointment as Superintendent of the Meherrin River Regional Jail, currently under construction in Brunswick, Virginia.

Colonel Bennett will assume the role starting on July 1, 2011, and will directly oversee the final stages of facility construction, as well as develop policies and hire the needed employees prior to the new jail's opening, slated for July, 2012.

The Meherrin River Regional Jail will be a multi-million dollar facility in Brunswick County, near Alberta, that will accommodate the pretrial and sentenced prisoners from Brunswick and Dinwiddie as well as the sentenced prisoners from Mecklenburg. A smaller satellite jail near the government offices in Mecklenburg is also planned as a part of the project that will accommodate the pretrial and work-release populations from Mecklenburg.

Colonel Bennett has over 13 years of experience in the Criminal Justice field, and has been the Deputy Superintendent of Pamunkey Regional Jail for the past 5 years. He is a member of the American Correctional Association (ACA), American Jail Association (AJA), National Sheriff's Association, the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ), and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He has completed extensive instruction on Executive Leadership-Upper Level Management Training, and continues to expand his knowledge in the field of Correctional Administration.