



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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**CITIZENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN 3rd PAMUNKEY REGIONAL JAIL
ACADEMY; APPLY BY JANUARY 11**

For Immediate Release: Would you like to know how your regional jail operates and how you might be able to help? Have you wondered about what it's like to be a jail officer in Hanover County, both the benefits and the responsibilities? The Pamunkey Regional Jail, serving Hanover, Ashland and Caroline, has a unique opportunity for you:

The third Pamunkey Regional Jail's Citizen Academy will be held this spring, with an application deadline of January 11th.

"This program will give citizens a better understanding of what corrections staff and inmates really do on a day-to-day basis," said Colonel James C. Willett, CJM, Superintendent of Pamunkey Regional Jail. "We hope it will break down the stereotype people may have about jail environments and make citizens feel comfortable and secure about this facility in their community,"

The Pamunkey Regional Jail was the first agency in the nation to offer such a correctional program. About 25 citizens have graduated in the first two years of this Academy. Jail staff members who are certified as general instructors by the Department of Criminal Justice Services will teach all classes, to include certification in First Aid/CPR.

The 9-week session begins on Thursday, January 31st, and will meet every Thursday thereafter, from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., until graduation on March 27th, 2008. Classes will be held at the Jail, which is located at 7240 Courtland Farm Road near Hanover Courthouse.

For an application or further information, please call Cindy Dykes at 804-365-6400, ext. 3001, or e-mail cpdykes@co.hanover.va.us

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