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PAMUNKEY REGIONAL JAIL COMPLETES 3rd CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

For Immediate Release: The third Pamunkey Regional Jail Citizen's Academy came to a successful close yesterday, as 6 area residents graduated with new-found knowledge of how the regional jail operates.

"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 program aimed primarily at jail operations. The 10-week session began in January, and classes were held at the Jail, which is located just south of the Hanover Courthouse complex.

Citizen's Academy graduate Elizabeth Cary said, "[I] gained great respect for what the officers do and what goes on inside the jail," noting that the average citizen doesn't fully appreciate the complexity of a multi-jurisdictional agency and the challenges the staff faces on a daily basis.

Over 30 individuals have graduated from the jail academy since its inception, which is taught by jail officers qualified by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) as General Instructors. In addition to certificates of completion and Citizen's Academy shirts, the graduates also came away with a valuable certification in both First Aid and CPR.

For more information, please contact the Pamunkey Regional Jail Training Division at 804-365-6400, ext. 3092.

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