



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is very pleased to announce that one of our investigators was recognized by the Hanover Safe Place Board of Directors for her work with victims of domestic violence and crimes against children.

Inv. Kerri Freis has served as a member of the Hanover Safe Place Board of Directors for three years. Her commitment to quality of service and excellence in law enforcement creates a solid foundation for the Hanover County Sheriff's Office response to crimes against women and children.

She was important to the creation of the Hanover AWARE program that donates ADT Security alarms to survivors with protective orders who are at risk of violence. Inv. Freis and the Sheriff's Office hosted the first Hanover Community Summit meeting to address domestic violence and sexual assault in 2001 and she continues to dedicate time to creating dialogue and strengthening understanding and collaboration among Summit participants.

Most recently, Inv. Freis participated in the Attorney General's Conference: *Faith and Families; Building Partnerships to End Abuse*.

Inv. Fries has served with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office since 1996, and currently holds the rank of Senior Deputy Sheriff. In addition to the investigation of domestic violence and sexual assault incidents, Inv. Freis serves as an academy instructor and a fitness leader.

"The quality of work and dedication to duty expressed by Kerri is an example to all," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook. "We are blessed to have an individual of her character and strength to serve the citizens of Hanover. Inv. Fries, and the work of Hanover Safe Place is an outstanding example of the collaboration that the Hanover County Sheriff's Office has with our community to maintain our quality of life."

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