



# 2018 VACP AWARDS

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September 11, 2018  
Roanoke, VA





The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Foundation (VACP) each year recognizes individuals in three award categories — Valor, Lifesaving, and Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement — as well as presents a President's Award. It is with great pride that we recognize the exceptional efforts of these fine officers who are a credit to their agencies and true public servants to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The VACP wishes to thank FirstNet & Verizon Wireless for their support of tonight's awards banquet.

Sincerely,

Colonel Kelvin L. Wright  
2017-2018 VACP President

# Annual VACP Awards Banquet

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Announcement of Awards for Lifesaving

Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Contribution to  
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Presentation of Awards for Valor

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### *Award Recipients & Executive Board:*

- ◆ Please remain at the end of the banquet for additional group photographs. Gather near the stage at the front of the room.
- ◆ Protective boxes for your awards are available at the front of the room after the banquet.

### *Photography:*

- ◆ Photographs of the award presentations will be available online at <http://photos.vachiefs.org/VACP-Conferences/2018-VACP-Annual-Conference> following the conference. Prints may be purchased from the photo gallery directly, or you may download high-resolution images to make your own prints.

# VACP AWARDS COMMITTEE



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In celebration of 400 years of continuous operation, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to recognize Colonel Anthony S. "Steve" Pike and the men and women of the Virginia Division of Capitol Police, the oldest and first organized police agency in the United States.





# 400TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

## DIVISION OF CAPITOL POLICE, 1618-2018

The Virginia Division of Capitol Police has the distinct honor and privilege of being recognized as the first organized policing agency in the nation. The historical roots of the agency originate at the first permanent English settlement in Jamestown. The Guard, consisting of 10 men, was formed 400



years ago in 1618 to protect the governor from the hostile Indian population.

By 1663, the force was expanded to 20 men and assigned to protect the governor, the Council and the Colonial Assembly. The capital was moved in 1699 to Williamsburg, where the Guard remained an important part of the executive and legislative process.

In 1780, the capital of Virginia was again relocated to a safer location — its current home in Richmond. In 1801, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating the Public Guard, which was responsible for protecting public property in Richmond. This military force remained active until 1869.

The term “Capitol Police” was first used in an act of the Virginia General Assembly passed on Jan. 28, 1884. This act provided “for the appointment of Capitol Police certain other employees about the Public Buildings and Grounds.” The Capitol Police has steadily expanded in size and remains in service to this day.





**T**he Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation (VACP) is proud to honor twenty-three officers with the 2018 Award for Lifesaving.

The VACP Lifesaving Award is presented in recognition of a law enforcement officer's actions that put that officer in harm's way in an attempt to save the life of another.

This year's honorees risked their own lives in an effort to save others from burning buildings and vehicles, drownings, stabbings, shootings, attempted suicides, and other dangerous situations.

The Lifesaving Awards will be presented at the officers' agencies by their chiefs on behalf of the VACP.



# 2018 LIFESAVING AWARDS

Albemarle County Police Department

**Officer Paul Quillon**

Buena Vista Police Department

**Officer Jacob Christopher Moore**

Chesterfield County Police Department

**OFC Jonathon M. Sorley**

**OFC Brian J. Simmons**

Culpeper Police Department

**Officer Johnny Slaughter**

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**Deputy Christopher Kothe**

**Deputy Krystal Laine**

**Deputy Donald Fein**

Norfolk Police Department

**Officer David Dubus**

Portsmouth Police Department

**Detective Robert Dyer**

**Detective Stanley Alexander**

Prince William County Police Department

**Officer Michael Pope**

**Officer Peter F. Inskeep**

**Officer Alexander Cordner**

**Officer Stephen A. Webber**

**Officer Randy L. Johnston**

**Officer Tyren A. Hawkins**

Richmond Police Department

**Det. Derrick Longoria**

**Officer Rebekha Moore**

**MPO William Cole**

**Officer Lashaun Turner**

Virginia State Police

**Trooper Joshua W. Hudson**

**Trooper Jesse R. Lewis**



**T**he VACP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement is presented in recognition of an individual's conspicuous act or achievement in the performance of some duty that results in an exceptional and responsible contribution to law enforcement. The act or achievement must clearly distinguish the individual from others in the same or like circumstances.

This award may be presented to a civilian employee or volunteer whose efforts benefited law enforcement statewide, regionally, or locally; or, to a law enforcement officer whose efforts extended beyond his agency or locality and had a regional or statewide impact.

This year, two individuals are being recognized with the 2018 VACP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement – Virginia Beach Police Lieutenant Scott Humphrey and Virginia State Police Special Agent C. Scott Wade.

# 2018 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

*Virginia Beach Police Department*

## LIEUTENANT SCOTT HUMPHREY

In 2000, Lieutenant Humphrey established the first Virginia chapter of the Police Unity Tour. This non-profit organization was formed specifically to raise funds to build and support the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington, DC. For five years, Scott led this organization as President and in 2009 was instrumental in the establishment of a new organization, Law Enforcement United. Together these two organizations have attracted thousands of volunteers from law enforcement agencies across the nation and have raised millions of dollars for the NLEOM Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors, the Officer Down Memorial Page and the Spirit of Blue Foundation.



Lt. Humphrey currently serves as the Vice President of the “Officer Down Memorial Page”. This organization is dedicated to honoring and bringing public awareness of all who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The research he conducted in this role resulted in identifying four officers who were originally excluded from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Through Lieutenant Humphrey’s diligence, the names of these officers now are included on this memorial.

Lt. Humphrey serves as the leader of the Virginia “Cops on Top” team. This team of volunteers undertakes mountain climbing expeditions every year in order to raise awareness of those lost in the line duty. In this capacity, he has led a team of Virginia officers to the summit of Virginia’s highest peak and he has participated as team member, summiting the tallest peaks of Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

During his 25-year tenure with the Virginia Beach Police Department, he has made significant and noteworthy contributions, such as serving on the VBPD Honor Guard since 1995. Lt. Humphrey’s commitment to this ceremonial unit has remained consistent through the ranks, having served as an Honor Guard Supervisor and in his current role as the Honor Guard Commander. Lt. Humphrey was instrumental in obtaining training for members of the Honor Guard from the elite sentinels who guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Under his leadership, the unit has provided their unique service to more than 50 funerals across the country

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for fallen law enforcement officers.

Lt. Humphrey also is an ardent supporter of the End of Watch Foundation. Scott ran in the various annual Run for Hope 5K events while wearing body armor as a member of Project Active Armor – <http://www.lawenforcementunited.org/ActiveArmor>. This fun activity brought families and various law enforcement teams out from around the larger area to honor the sacrifices made by law enforcement families everywhere and to encourage all law enforcement officers to wear their body armor. This along with his general work to support the “Below 100” campaign communicates his strong commitment to support the health, wellness and longevity of police officers.

For many years, Lt. Humphrey has been a leader in the Virginia Beach Police support program. In this role, he has ensured that officers facing challenging circumstances (duty or non-duty related) can access supportive services in an environment of confidentiality and with a focus on their wellness and emotional health. In 2018, Lt. Humphrey introduced an impactful campaign that focuses on reducing the risk of suicide in first responders.

Knowing that the image of police in the community is an important component of building trust, Lt. Humphrey has been a volunteer with “We the People: The Citizen and Constitution” at James Madison’s Montpelier. This nationally acclaimed civics and constitutional history program teaches middle school and high school students about civic competence and responsibility. He has served several times as a judge at the state level competitions for middle and high schools held in Williamsburg. He helps students understand their Constitution and civic responsibilities, as well as the police officer’s role as a protector of their fundamental rights.

Lt. Humphrey has donated thousands of “off duty” hours and miles to conduct these activities over more than two decades. This work reflects an unusual level of commitment, initiative and willing sacrifice. During this time, he has been promoted twice, earned a master’s degree, raised two daughters with his wife, and twice has received the Department’s Medal of Merit. The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to honor Virginia Beach Police Lieutenant Scott Humphrey with the 2018 Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement Award.

# 2018 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

*Virginia State Police*

## SPECIAL AGENT C. SCOTT WADE

As a veteran narcotics investigator, Special Agent C. Scott Wade continually sees the plague of opioid use and distribution on the Eastern Shore in what has become a statewide epidemic.

Special Agent Wade created a special coalition designed to address the epidemic through education, prevention, and intervention. The Coalition consists of the Accomack and Northampton Sheriff's Offices, the local Probation & Parole district, and the Eastern Shore Community Services Board. The Coalition's achievements are recognized statewide as a model for other communities to employ.



The Coalition produced two unique videos that were shot and edited by the Virginia State Police videographer. One video documents the story of the Alleghany County Sheriff and his son's continuing recovery efforts, and the second video features an Eastern Shore family's journey after the fatal overdose of a loved one.

These efforts resulted in the introduction and passage by the Virginia General Assembly in 2018 to authorize the establishment of local and regional drug overdose fatality review teams. Governor Northam traveled to the Eastern Shore in May to attend Special Agent Wade's coalition presentation and to sign Senate Bill 399 into law.

Senate Bill 399 is a tremendous law enforcement aid that enables the teams to conduct contemporaneous reviews of overdose deaths. The new law also promotes cooperation and coordination among agencies investigating fatal overdoses, and aids with the tracking of patterns and clusters related to overdose deaths within communities.

Special Agent Wade's impressive work and tireless efforts to see this legislation enacted comes in addition to his full-time task force duties and investigation caseload. His goal is to see similar efforts extend across the Commonwealth in hopes of saving more lives.

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Foundation is proud to present Virginia State Police Special Agent C. Scott Wade with the 2018 Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement Award.





**T**onight, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation (VACP) honors twelve Virginia law enforcement officers with our highest award.

The VACP Award for Valor recognizes a law enforcement officer who, in the line of duty, performs an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged with an adversary at imminent personal risk.

These awards recognize the bravery, professionalism and commitment to public service of these fine officers.



# 2018 VALOR AWARDS

Chesterfield County Police Department

**Sergeant Jeffrey A. Kencitzski**  
**Master Officer Shawn V. Beach**

Chesterfield County Police Department

**Corporal Brian M. Rhodenizer**

Danville Police Department

**Officer Justin P. Nelson**  
**Officer John S. Stadler**

Farmville Police Department

**Sergeant David A. Ragland**

Portsmouth Police Department

**Officer Angelina Baaklini**

Roanoke Police Department

**Officer R. Andrew Howell**

Stafford County Sheriff's Office

**Deputy Cody McCormick**

Virginia State Police

**Trooper Zachary G. Torrance**

Virginia State Police

**Master Trooper David A. Lewis**

Virginia State Police

**Senior Trooper Christopher A. Putnam**

Chesterfield County Police Department

**SERGEANT JEFFREY A. KENCITZSKI  
MASTER OFFICER SHAWN V. BEACH**



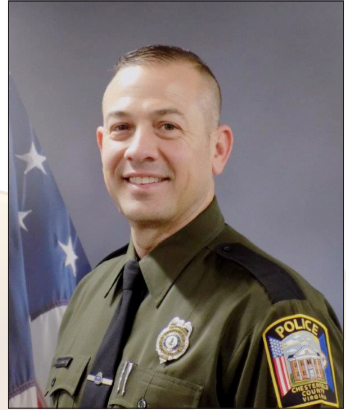
On December 27, 2017, Sergeant Jeffrey Kencitzski and Master Officer Shawn Beach responded to a suicidal subject who had fired off multiple rounds inside his house.

When Sergeant Kencitzski arrived, he and Master Officer Beach began to set up a perimeter in front of the house. Sergeant Kencitzski saw two women sitting in a vehicle in the driveway of the house. He was able to get them out of the driveway and safely away from the scene to keep them from harm. Prior to getting clear, they told him that the man inside the house was intoxicated and angry.

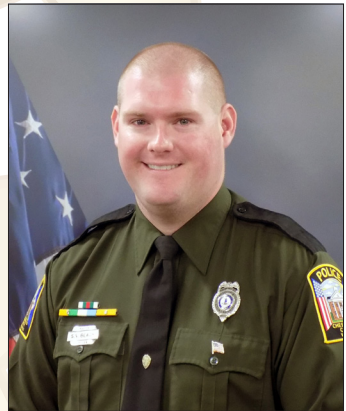
After getting the two possible victims away from the present threat, Sergeant Kencitzski and Master Officer Beach saw the subject fling open the front door. He was screaming unintelligibly, was visibly enraged and carrying a rifle. Sergeant Kencitzski tried to verbally engage the man to no avail. The man then levelled the weapon at the officers and fired a round through the glass screen door at Sergeant Kencitzski and Master Officer Beach. In fear for their lives, both officers were forced to return fire at the man, resulting in several fatal wounds.

Sergeant Kencitzski and Master Officer Beach demonstrated heroism and valor through their willingness to put themselves in harm's way to protect the two potential victims and the surrounding community. They put themselves at risk to try and help a suicidal man and resorted to lethal force only when necessary to protect their lives and the lives of those around them.

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police is honored to present Sergeant Jeffrey A. Kencitzski and Master Officer Shawn V. Beach with the 2018 Award for Valor.



*Sergeant Jeffrey A. Kencitzski*



*Master Officer Shawn V. Beach*

## Chesterfield County Police Department

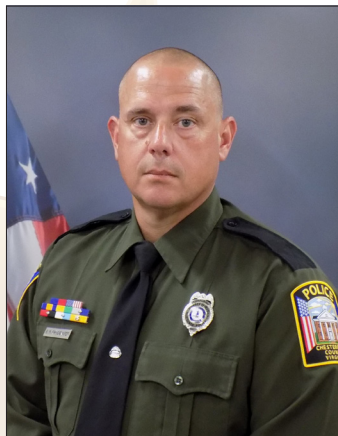
# CORPORAL BRIAN M. RHODENIZER



On the afternoon of October 11, 2017, Chesterfield County police officers were dispatched to a bank robbery in progress at the Argent Federal Credit Union. Officers were advised that a man there had just committed an armed robbery.

Responding officers located the suspect in a vehicle several miles away. As they approached, the suspect sped off. Corporal Brian Rhodenizer was behind the suspect's vehicle and remained close enough to prepare for the suspect's attempt to flee.

The suspect exited from the vehicle and attempted to scale a fence with cash in his hands and a pistol tucked in his waistband. Corporal Rhodenizer utilized a Taser to subdue the suspect; however, it proved ineffective. As the suspect dropped to the other side of the fence, both the cash and firearm fell to the ground. The suspect picked up the money and gun while turning towards Corporal Rhodenizer, who was shouting orders at the suspect. As the suspect's gun rotated in Corporal Rhodenizer's direction, he fired twice, striking the suspect in the abdomen.



*Corporal Brian M. Rhodenizer*

As the suspect went to the ground, Corporal Rhodenizer continued giving commands to the suspect. Once over the fence, he secured the suspect and immediately began rendering first aid. Corporal Rhodenizer yelled for other officers to throw him medical supplies over the fence. Corporal Rhodenizer and another officer treated the suspect's wounds to the chest/abdomen area while also attempting to calm him.

The rescue workers that treated and transported the subject to the hospital returned to the scene later and inquired as to whom rendered the initial aid to the suspect. These firefighter/paramedics were surprised to hear it was the officer that shot the suspect. Ultimately, they commended his quick actions, advising the suspect never would have survived his injuries without the immediate and excellent attention received prior to reaching them.

The suspect has since been implicated in three additional bank robberies in the metro Richmond area and Corporal Rhodenizer has been lauded for his heroic and courageous actions.

We are honored to present Corporal Brian M. Rhodenizer with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.

## Danville Police Department

# OFFICER JUSTIN P. NELSON OFFICER JOHN S. STADLER

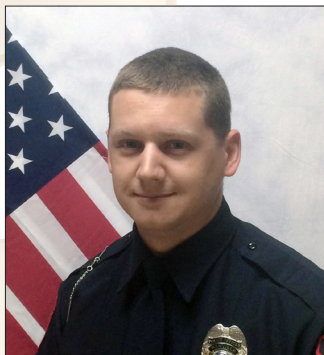


On January 6, 2018, just after midnight, Officer John Stadler responded to a disturbance call. The caller reported a female running down the street, screaming that someone was shooting at her. Officer Stadler encountered the hysterical female who was screaming the words, "He killed her." Officer Justin Nelson and Corporal Jeffries arrived on the scene as Officer Stadler was attempting to gain more information from the distraught female. The female only could manage to give minimal helpful information.



*Officer Justin P. Nelson*

Officers Stadler and Nelson proceeded to the address to check the well-being of the individuals inside. The officers encountered another subject sitting in the driveway, who advised that a female inside had called him for a ride. The subject told Office Stadler that he did not know about the condition of the people inside the residence.



*Officer John S. Stadler*

Officer Stadler knocked on the door and announced himself as "the Police." An extremely agitated male on the other side of the door then yelled back, so Officer Stadler asked whether everyone was okay. The suspect responded, "They all dead." As Officer Nelson stepped onto the porch, the suspect fired a shotgun round through the front door causing both officers to retreat for cover.

Corporal Jeffries, who was several houses up the street, notified dispatch of "shots fired" and called for all available units to respond. SWAT and Hostage Negotiations were activated, but would not arrive in time to address the situation. Shortly after the 50-minute standoff, the suspect exited the residence through the front door and fired two shotgun rounds toward the officers.

When the suspect raised his weapon to fire again, Officer Nelson fatally engaged him, ending the standoff. After securing the scene, officers discovered the suspect had killed both a female and a small dog inside the residence.

We are honored to present Officer Justin P. Nelson and Officer John S. Stadler with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.



## Farmville Police Department

# SERGEANT DAVID A. RAGLAND



On the afternoon of May 22, 2012, Farmville Police were dispatched to be on the lookout for an armed man entering the town. The man had been involved in a domestic situation in recent weeks and was under a protective order that prohibited him from possessing a firearm. It was believed that the suspect was enroute to inflict harm to his wife at her place of employment.

The suspect's vehicle, a green Dodge truck, was stopped by officers from the Farmville Police Department and Prince Edward County Sheriff's Department in the 1900 block of West Third Street. The suspect sped from the stop and fired a shot at the pursuing Farmville officer, David Ragland.



*Sergeant David A. Ragland*

The pursuit continued into Prince Edward County, where the suspect stopped on Forestview Road. The suspect exited his vehicle armed with a handgun and shots were fired by Officer David Ragland and the suspect. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. Officer David Ragland sustained no injuries as a result of shots fired by the suspect.

Farmville Police Officer David A. Ragland, who has since been promoted to Sergeant, is recognized with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.

## OFFICER ANGELINA BAAKLINI



On November 6, 2017, Portsmouth Police Officer Angelina Baaklini was patrolling her assigned area when she came upon a suspicious male on a bicycle. Officer Baaklini recognized him by name and face and had knowledge that he had an active juvenile detention order. As Officer Baaklini was attempting to detain the 15-year-old, he produced a handgun and shot Officer Baaklini five times. One of those rounds was stopped by her ballistic vest; however, four rounds struck her in the body. Officer Baaklini took cover behind her police vehicle, drew her weapon and radioed dispatch that she had been shot. She provided a very detailed description of the suspect to include his name and direction of travel.



*Officer Angelina Baaklini*

Retired Portsmouth Police Sergeant Geravis "G.A." Brown lived nearby and came to Officer Baaklini's aid. He stayed with Officer Baaklini until other officers arrived. Detectives Robert Dyer and Stanley Alexander were the first officers on scene, immediately providing necessary first aid until Portsmouth Fire Rescue and Emergency Services responded and assumed her treatment.

Because of Officer Baaklini's very clear description of the suspect, his name, as well as direction of travel, responding Officers Ian McNett and Connor McDaniel spotted the suspect entering the London Oaks Apartment complex on foot and could see that he had a handcuff on one of his wrists. As Officer McNett and Officer Connor were working to close the distance from the suspect, K-9 Sergeant Matthew Crutcher worked his way through the apartment complex to prevent the suspect's escape. Officer McNett and McDaniel were able to close the distance and challenge the suspect as Sergeant Crutcher and K-9 Eli provided cover as the officers took him into custody.

Officer Baaklini was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital where she underwent surgery upon arriving at the hospital and subsequently a second successful surgery overnight. The 15-year-old male suspect was charged with numerous offenses including attempted capital murder of a police officer and use of a firearm. He was adjudicated as an adult and was found guilty of all charges.

For their efforts, Detectives Robert Dyer and Stanley Alexander will receive the VACP Lifesaving Award. Tonight, we are honored to recognize Officer Angelina Baaklini for her bravery and professionalism with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.





On November 8, 2017 at 10:05 PM, Roanoke Police Officer R. Andrew Howell answered a disturbance call where he could hear a male and female arguing. He heard over his radio that the male subject was armed. As Officer Howell approached, he determined that there were three individuals involved — two who were arguing and one who was standing nearby.

While observing the subjects, Officer Howell could hear a female state, "you put a gun to my face" and then observed a female walking towards him. The female asked if she could go to the residence next door. Officer Howell continued to focus on the remaining male and female on the property. The remaining female was now a short distance from the front porch and the male was looking down at her as the argument with the other woman continued. Officer Howell then observed the male raising a handgun in the female's direction as he began verbal warnings to the suspect to drop the gun. The suspect then fired a shot at the woman.



*Officer R. Andrew Howell*

Officer Howell immediately returned fire at the male suspect, who was now turning toward him with the weapon pointed in his direction. The suspect was struck and collapsed on the porch. Officer Howell took custody of the suspects' firearm and summoned additional police resources to aid in securing the scene. Despite the provision of emergency treatment, the suspect died from the wounds received.

Through the course of the Virginia State Police investigation, it was determined that at least one round from the suspect's weapon was fired towards Officer Howell's position. The female victim advised that an ongoing domestic issue had been developing over a child custody issue. The victim credits Officer Howell's intervention with preventing her from being shot during this conflict.

The quick response and actions of Officer Howell were critical in preventing further violence and serious injury or death. Officer Howell acted according to training and policy and without any hesitation to engage an armed combatant who had already fired at a defenseless victim. Without Officer Howell's quick response and immediate intervention, the circumstances could have resulted in additional injury or death.

The VACP is honored to present Officer R. Andrew Howell with the distinguished 2018 Award for Valor.

Stafford County Sheriff's Office

**DEPUTY CODY MCCORMICK**

Virginia State Police

**TROOPER ZACHARY G. TORRANCE**



Around noon on December 28th, 2017, the Stafford County Sheriff's Office released a bulletin on a homicide suspect. Traffic on I-95 in Stafford County was very heavy; however, Virginia State Police Trooper Zachary Torrance was able to spot the subject's vehicle as it pulled onto I-95 to head north. Trooper Torrance called into dispatch to have them relay to Stafford County Sheriff's Office that he was behind the suspect vehicle. He continued behind the vehicle, waiting for backup.

The vehicle then stopped in the middle lane of traffic on I-95 and the suspect leaned out his driver's side window and began firing into Trooper Torrance's windshield. After a round of shots, the suspect put the vehicle back in drive and headed north again. Undeterred by the close call, Trooper Torrance kept up with the vehicle and expertly called the pursuit as they headed north on I-95 at a high rate of speed. Had Trooper Torrance not reacted as quickly as he did to the shots fired, he would have been struck center mass by the bullet that penetrated his windshield and then his driver's seat.

Stafford County Sheriff's Deputy Cody McCormick responded to a call that a Virginia State Trooper was pursuing a vehicle northbound on I-95. Shortly after Deputy McCormick joined the pursuit, the suspect leaned out of his window again and fired his weapon. McCormick, a former Army ranger who had been shot at before in Iraq and Afghanistan, ducked as a bullet came through his windshield and lodged in the center of his driver's seat headrest.

The suspect then accelerated and headed north on I-95 with Trooper Torrance and Deputy McCormick right behind. At the 142 mile marker, the vehicle ran off the



*Deputy Cody McCormick*



*Trooper Zachary G. Torrance*

right side of the interstate and overturned, landing upside down in the travel lanes.

Upon the suspect vehicle overturning and coming to a rest in the middle of the highway, Trooper Torrance and Deputy McCormick tactically exited their cruisers and took up a position of cover behind the State Police cruiser and secured the perimeter until back-up units could arrive. As additional deputies and troopers arrived on scene, the Sheriff's Office responded with their tactical response vehicle and used its ram to breach the suspect vehicle windows, which allowed for a better view of the suspect inside. It was quickly determined that the suspect was suffering from some type of injury. At this time a team of deputies and troopers moved forward and were able to remove the suspect from the vehicle. It was confirmed that the suspect was terminally injured from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

The VACP is honored to recognize Stafford County Deputy Cody McCormick and Virginia State Trooper Zachary G. Torrance with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.





On Christmas Day 2017, Master Trooper David Lewis heard a dispatch that a 2015 Ford Escape that had been involved in an armed robbery at a Dinwiddie County convenience store and that it may be headed north on I-95.

Henrico County police officers and Virginia State Police troopers located the Ford Escape near Route 1. But when the officers approached, the vehicle fled the parking lot.

State Police pursued the suspect vehicle, which was traveling 120 mph without its lights on. The driver attempted to ram the trooper's vehicle.

The pursuit continued north into Caroline County. Meanwhile, Master Trooper Lewis and his fellow Culpeper Division troopers were getting into position to pick up the pursuit should it continue into Spotsylvania County.

And, it did... with the suspect still traveling in excess of 100 mph and using the shoulder to get around traffic. By this time, Master Trooper Lewis had received additional information on the suspect, indicating he was likely armed and had shot up a convenience store in North Carolina earlier on Christmas Day. Also, the driver had stolen the Ford Escape at gunpoint at another gas station in North Carolina.

Suddenly, the driver bailed from the Ford Escape as it was still moving and ran on foot towards the median. Master Trooper Lewis pursued the suspect on foot. The suspect fired at Trooper Lewis, narrowly missing him. Master Trooper Lewis immediately returned fire and struck the suspect, who still refused to stop and ran into the heavily-wooded median.

Interstate 95 was immediately closed in both directions for the safety of all motorists and a perimeter established to contain the suspect within the median. The 21-year-old male suspect was located and surrendered to State Police. The suspect's firearm was recovered at the scene and marijuana was found inside the stolen vehicle. The suspect was treated for non-life threatening injuries and charged on multiple counts.

Master Trooper Lewis risked his own safety to protect his fellow troopers and passing motorists against the threat of this potentially deadly gunman. We are honored to recognize Master Trooper David A. Lewis with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.



*Master Trooper David A. Lewis*





On the evening of September 19, 2017, Senior Trooper Christopher A. Putnam observed a vehicle traveling 87 mph in the 60 mph zone on Chippenham Parkway in Chesterfield County. When the trooper activated his emergency lights, the vehicle pulled over to the northbound shoulder. As Sr. Trooper Putnam approached the vehicle, it sped away and a pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit continued north on Chippenham Parkway, crossed over the James River into Henrico County and then onto Parham Road. The driver of the vehicle turned into a neighborhood street that was a dead end and tried to turn around in the cul-de-sac. Senior Trooper Putnam positioned his patrol car in front of the vehicle and rendered it disabled.



*Sr. Trooper Christopher A. Putnam*

Now stopped, a female jumped out of the driver's side and fled on foot into the yard of a nearby residence. Without hesitation, Sr. Trooper Putnam ran after her commanding the woman to stop. The woman stopped, turned, and fired a 45-caliber handgun, striking Sr. Trooper Putnam in the arm and ballistic vest.

The woman then ran through the neighborhood and forced her way – at gunpoint – into a house, demanding the residents surrender their vehicle to her. She fled that residence and was apprehended in the woods nearby by Henrico County Police without further incident.

The quick arrest of this woman was due to Sr. Trooper Putnam's extraordinary fortitude and determination not to let the shooter escape or harm anyone else. Despite having lost the use of his arm in the shooting, he remained incredibly calm and made his way back to his patrol car while still taking cover. Maintaining his composure, he called his location into dispatch and provided a detailed description of the shooter, resulting in her quick capture. With the help of a Henrico County Officer, Sr. Trooper Putnam was able to administer his own tourniquet to his arm, stopping the profuse bleeding and ultimately saving his own life.

The 23-year-old North Carolina woman was sentenced to serve 46 years in jail for her guilty plea to attempted capital murder of a police officer.

In recognition of his extraordinary courage, purpose, and resolve, we are honored to recognize Senior Trooper Christopher A. Putnam with the 2018 VACP Award for Valor.



**T**he President of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation (VACP) each year selects an individual for the President's Award in recognition of meritorious efforts on behalf of the law enforcement profession and Virginia's criminal justice system.

This year, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation and 2017-18 VACP President Colonel Kelvin L. Wright are proud to recognize Chief Larry D. Boone, Norfolk Police Department, with the 2018 VACP President's Award.



# 2018 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

## CHIEF LARRY D. BOONE, NORFOLK

Throughout his career, Chief Boone has committed his efforts to forging relationships with Norfolk's diverse community members. Under his leadership, the Office of Community Relations was created and enhancements to available programs and local partnerships have seen a direct impact on Norfolk's community engagements.

Chief Boone revolutionized the Norfolk Police Department's Recruitment Unit. He instituted a paid internship program that provides on-the-job experience prior to students entering the department. This enhanced the candidate pool, provided students an opportunity to intern alongside Norfolk police officers and created an open door for successful interns to enter the police academy.

Additionally, Chief Boone improved the diversity within the Recruitment Unit, which resulted in an increase of diverse, qualified applicants and minority recruit candidates.

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, known as NOBLE, recently selected Chief Larry Boone for the 2018 Eric Holder Leadership Award, an honor that recognizes law enforcement leaders who have helped bridge the gap between police and community. When Chief Boone took over in December 2016, the department reported a 19 percent drop in violent crime by the end of his first year on the job - reportedly the biggest drop in Norfolk since 1998. In 2018, violent crime is down 18 percent over July 2017, and the city is on track to see a 37 percent reduction in violent crime over a two-year period.

Chief Larry Boone began his successful law enforcement career with the Norfolk Police Department in 1989. Prior to joining the Norfolk Police Department, Chief Boone earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. In addition to his undergraduate studies, he played football for Georgia Southern University (Division I-AA), winning two national titles (1985, 1986). He also earned a Masters of Public Administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

He is a 2010 graduate of the 241st Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and an active member of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI National Academy Associates and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. In addition to his active memberships in prestigious associations, he regularly volunteers in the community and participates in mentorship programs for Norfolk's youth.



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