



### **Sheriff Appointed to Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC)**

On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, Westmoreland County Sheriff C.O. Balderson was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors with the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). VLEPSC has been established to provide law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth with an avenue for demonstrating that they comply with accepted standards for efficient and effective agency operation. Accreditation sets the highest standards and is the method to gauge compliance. This process is considered the ultimate measure of professionalism among law enforcement agencies. Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office is one of 83 accredited law enforcement agencies out of over 400 in the state. VLEPSC is governed by 12 members on the executive board which is comprised of six Sheriffs and six Chiefs of Police. Each member is appointed to serve by their respected association from across the state for their expertise and knowledge. "I am honored to have this opportunity to serve on the VLEPSC Board of Directors. I am committed and dedicated to sustaining the goals and objectives of the commission. These goals and objectives include promoting public confidence, increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided, ensuring proper training and promoting cooperation among law enforcement agencies," stated Sheriff Balderson.

The first Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Board Meeting attended by Sheriff Balderson since being placed on the Board. This meeting was held at New Kent County Sheriff's Office on June 16, 2011.



Sheriff Danny R. Fox of Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is presented his initial law enforcement accreditation by Sheriff Balderson

