

Virginia Sheriffs' Institute elects New Officers



Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 21, 2011— The members of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute elected new officers for 2011-2012. Elected to the Sheriffs' Institute Board of Directors as Board Members: Sheriff Javier J. Smith, Charles City County; Sheriff James R. Edwards, Jr., Greensville County; Sheriff Danny R. Fox, Mecklenburg County; and Sheriff C.O. Balderson, Westmoreland County. Treasurer, Sheriff Anthony W. Roper, Clarke County; Secretary, Sheriff Steven L Dye, Russell County; Vice President, Sheriff Alex L. Caldwell Jr., City of Staunton; and President, Sheriff Vanessa R. Crawford, City of Petersburg.

The Sheriffs' Institute is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization established by Virginia sheriffs to provide training and education to the members of the institute including the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs across Virginia on issues relating to management, crime prevention and other areas of public safety. The Virginia Sheriffs' Institute also awards scholarships to young people across Virginia seeking an education in criminal justice while attending Virginia colleges or universities. The Sheriffs were elected to their respective offices at the annual meeting of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute which was attended by more than two hundred and sixty (260) sheriffs and deputy sheriffs across Virginia. The Virginia Sheriffs' Institute currently has some eighteen thousand (18,000) citizen associate members that support the activities of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute.

“The sheriffs serving on the board and as officers of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute command the deepest respect from their peers from across the Commonwealth.” said John W. Jones, Executive Director of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute. “It speaks very highly of a sheriff to have been elected to the Board of Directors and as an Officer of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute ,” according to Jones.

The term of service for the respective sheriffs serving on the Board of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute or as an officer is for one (1) year

“I am truly honored and humbled to have the privilege to serve as a Board Member with the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute. I look forward to this opportunity to further promote the VSI as well as the programs this organization sponsors,” stated Sheriff C. O. Balderson.