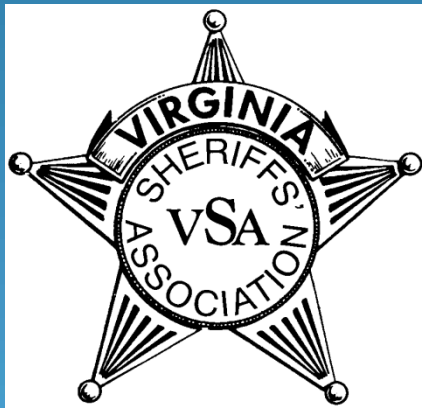


VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



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Issues in the General Assembly



Sheriff J.D. Diggs,
York County - Poquoson,
President



Sheriff Thomas D. Jones,
Charlotte County,
Chairman, Legislative Committee

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1. Pay issues for public employees, including deputy sheriffs and support staff. *Amendment by Senator Norment.*
 2. The Compensation Board. The Sheriffs' Association supports the services provided by the Compensation Board and rejects all proposals to abolish it.
 3. Retirement contributions for local employees. The Virginia Sheriffs' Association is concerned of any proposal to require local deputy sheriffs and support staff (prior to July 1, 2010) to pay localities for retirement benefits.
 4. Career development for sheriffs and constitutional officers. *Amendments by Senator McDougle and Senator Stuart.*



Compensation Board

- ❖ Conducts the mental health survey in conjunction with the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee to determine the level of inmates with mental illness
- ❖ Compiles the jail inmate population report used by policy makers to track the inmate population in all local and regional jails
- ❖ Conducts the jail canteen audits and jail per diem reimbursement audits – results in cost savings for the Commonwealth



Compensation Board cont.

- ❖ Compiles the jail cost report, which identifies the cost associated with running all the local and regional jails and serves policy makers well
- ❖ Administers the career development programs for all constitutional officers and their deputies
- ❖ Responsive to current needs in public safety - they were responsible for developing a law enforcement notification program during the sniper incident - this is an informational system linked to the State Police and Sheriffs



Compensation Board cont.

- ❖ Administers through a contract the statewide automated victim notification program (VINE) providing citizens with the ability to receive automatic notification of the incarceration status of inmates in Virginia and most other states
- ❖ Uses modern staffing standards to distribute funding for constitutional officers, based on workload standards and objective staffing standards

These are only a few of the many examples of the roles of today's Compensation Board



Compensation Board cont.

- ❖ The Compensation Board is allocated 21 FTE's and currently have 16 filled positions – 4 vacant and one that they cannot afford to fill
- ❖ Total funds distributed on behalf of Constitutional Officers: \$622 million
- ❖ Total administrative budget: \$2.2 million
- ❖ Operational cost per dollar of local aid is approximately 1/3 of 1¢



Compensation Board cont.

If you exclude the mainframe system to VITA for the COIN and LIDS system (approximately \$500k/year), the Compensation Board's administrative costs drop to approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1¢ per dollar of local aid distributed - that is about as efficient as an agency is going to get.