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Dear Community Member:

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to the Arlington County Sheriff's Office with your questions, concerns and thoughts. The recent deaths of Mr. George Floyd, Mr. Rayshard Brooks have sparked a national conversation around policing in America. In the Sheriff's Office, we remain committed to building strong partnerships with the community while doing our jobs in a way that earns and keeps the public's trust. As an elected official, I have continued to work with the community to hear concerns, build a diverse workforce, train our deputies to de-escalate situations, and ensure accountability.

#### **WHAT WE DO:**

The Arlington County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is responsible for the management and operation of the Arlington County Detention Facility (ACDF); providing courthouse/courtroom security and court support services; service/execution of civil and criminal warrants and court orders; and transportation of inmates. In all of these areas the Sheriff's Office is, and has always been, committed to ensuring that all individuals in our jail as well as those encountered in Court and on the street, are treated equally and with dignity and respect.

I take the training of Sheriff's Office staff very seriously and ensure that staff are trained in accordance to the law, policy and best practices. My staff receive approximately 800 hours of formal training at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy that include 4 weeks of Deputy school. Upon successful completion of the academy, staff receive an additional 496 hours of field training where they work with field training deputies to ensure they are prepared to work on their own without direct supervision. Annually, sworn staff attend almost 20,000 hours of training. This training consists of but is not limited to: legal issues/review; cultural diversity; implicit and/or unconscious bias, ethics, verbal judo, conflict resolution, communications, control tactics, firearms, investigations, and other topics related to the daily responsibilities of my staff. The training that staff receive is constantly reviewed and updated to ensure that the knowledge they gain is applicable in today's society and addresses current events.

Several members of my Command Staff have attended Challenging Racism courses hosted by Offender Aide and Restoration (OAR). Two members of Command Staff are also participating in the County's Restorative Justice initiative and are serving on committees. In addition, we have been working with Challenging Racism organization to offer training, first to supervisors and then line staff but unfortunately COVID-19 placed this on hold but we are currently working to see if this course could be offered virtually.

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PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ACCREDITED

In addition, our office is committed to our Crisis Intervention Training program (CIT). This training is designed to equip deputies with the knowledge and skills necessary to deal with a situation involving a person in a mental crisis. De-escalation of all situations is specifically covered during this training portion, regardless of the mental status of parties involved.

Currently, 71% of my staff are certified. I am committed to ensuring that 100% of staff become CIT certified.

We are accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) since its inception and inspected annually by the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC). Achieving and maintaining these accreditations ensure that we are held to the highest standards. Being accredited requires a constant review of our policies and practices that help to ensure that staff operate at the highest level and that all inmates are treated equally and with dignity and respect.

I will continue to have frank and honest discussions on how law enforcement and our communities can work together to resolve issues and concern to ensure everyone's safety. Thus, as Sheriff, I am committed to listening and learning to ensure the Arlington County Sheriff's Office is always reviewing our training, policies and procedures to ensure we are following best practice knowing that they are ever evolving

I understand we **MUST** do and be better.

Sincerely,



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