



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **New Town of Vienna Police Officers Graduate from Academy**



(Pictured from Left to Right Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey, Capt. Thomas Taylor, Officer Emily Lichtenberg, Colonel James Morris, Officer David Reed, Officer Patrick Crandall, and Captain Tu Farhan)

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Officer Emily Lichtenberg, Officer David Reed, and Officer Patrick Crandall graduated from the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the Centreville Baptist Church. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six-month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The six-month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes but is not limited to 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics training.

The Criminal Justice Academy trains new and veteran officers from Vienna, Herndon, Fairfax County Police, the Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's office.

In order to attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes written testing, a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test, and various interviews. On average, only 2% of the people that apply to be a police officer make it through the hiring process and are invited to attend the basic recruit training session. The Town of Vienna Police Department has a full-time instructor on staff at the training facility.

For the next twelve weeks, Officer Emily Lichtenberg, Officer David Reed, and Officer Patrick Crandall will be assigned a Field Training Instructor (FTI). During those twelve weeks, the FTI will observe and guide the Officers' performance in officer safety, traffic enforcement, interaction with citizens, report writing, investigations of crimes, vehicular accidents, and many other aspects of enforcement duties.

Officer Emily Lichtenberg grew up in the Northern Virginia area and graduated from Freedom High School in Loudoun County. Emily is an avid Hockey player who also played lacrosse and cross country running. Emily comes from a law enforcement family as both of her parents are retired from the Arlington County Police Department.

Officer David Reed grew up in the Rockville area of Maryland. He received an Associate from Montgomery College in Rockville, MD. Prior to joining VPD, he was a volunteer EMT with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. In his time off, David enjoys reading.

Officer Patrick Crandall grew up in the Northern Pennsylvania area but spent most of his adult life in Western New York. He attended Binghamton University in New York and received a degree in economics. Before starting his career with VPD, he worked with disabled adults, construction demolition, and financial services planning management. In his off time, Patrick enjoys golf, Martial Arts, and motorcycles. During his time at the Criminal Justice Academy, Patrick's outstanding performance and highest GPA earned him the prestigious Academic Director Award.

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