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Commonwealth to Honor the Town Of Christiansburg For Crime Prevention Efforts

(Christiansburg, Va.) – Rick Arrington of the Department of Criminal Justice Services will present the Certified Crime Prevention Community Award to the Town of Christiansburg for its dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all its residents through partnered crime prevention efforts.

“Crime Prevention is the key to a safe and successful community,” stated Chief Mark Sisson. “Christiansburg is dedicated to providing citizen’s safer neighborhoods and reduced crime.”

Virginia’ unique program requires that a locality develop and implement a collaborative community safety plan within a flexible framework and provides an ongoing process by which communities can reassess and update their plan to address emerging community safety issues. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers the program.

The program is not designed to be easy, stated Rick Arrington. “It requires a tremendous effort on the part of the locality to plan and develop viable safety strategies that impact every aspect of that community and to then implement such strategies that will reduce citizen fear of crime, youth violence, gang activity and involvement in drugs.”

To obtain certification, a locality must meet 12 core community safety elements and strategies, including establishment of a local community crime prevention council, assignment of a certified crime prevention specialist, and a documented neighborhood watch program. A listing of the program criteria is available on the DCJS website at www.dcjs.virginia.gov

For more information on the Christiansburg Police Department Crime Prevention Program, contact: Crime Prevention Specialist Sergeant Kevin Tucker.

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