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Western Virginia Regional Jail's 1st Academy of Correctional Officers Graduate November 21, 2008

November 17, 2008 (Roanoke County, VA) The Western Virginia Regional is proud to announce that its first group of Correctional Officer Recruits will graduate from the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy on November 21, 2008 at 2:00 PM. This inaugural event will take place at Bonsack Baptist Church, 4845 Cloverdale Road, in Roanoke Virginia. These new Correctional Officers have completed eleven weeks of vigorous training in correctional law, firearms, defensive tactics, vehicle operations, and a number of other training programs surrounding the operation of a brand new state of the art correctional facility.

Upon their graduation, these recruits will begin an intensive internal training program to prepare them for the opening of the jail facility in March 2009. The training program consists of enhanced training on the jail's policies and procedures, operational procedures, as well as a detailed training regiment on the operation of the jail's security systems.

The Western Virginia Regional Jail encourages interested parties to visit the Western Virginia Regional Jail website at www.westernvaregionaljail.org, where pictures of the recruits' throughout their academy training have been posted. If you have any further questions please contact Deputy Superintendent Bobby D. Russell for any additional information.

The Western Virginia Regional Jail is a partnership of the counties of Franklin, Montgomery, Roanoke, and the City of Salem. More information and photos are available at <http://www.westernvaregionaljail.org>.