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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Western Virginia Regional Jail's 1<sup>st</sup> Academy of (55) Recruits Starts September 1, 2008**

September 1, 2008 (Roanoke County, VA) The Western Virginia Regional Jail's first group of (55) Correctional Officer Recruits begin employment on September 1, 2008. These new recruits will be sworn in September 2, 2008 at 3:00 PM at the Roanoke Regional Firearms Training Facility located at 6231 Twine Hollow Road, Salem, Virginia. The new recruits will begin a week long initial orientation program beginning Monday, September 1, 2008 and then begin their (11) week basic academy at the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Training Academy on September 8, 2008. After completion of the basic academy these new officers will begin a vigorous departmental training process that includes specific training on the jail's policies and procedures, operational processes, as well as a detailed training regiment on the operation of the jail's security systems.

The jail continues to hire and recruit highly professional individuals with an interest in corrections and the desire to work in a brand new state of the art correctional facility. The jail is presently on target to hire the remaining (39) correctional officer recruits needed to open the facility on March 9, 2009 and we continue to receive applications for those positions on a daily basis. The next group of recruits will be hired in the middle of November 2008 for orientation and facility specific training and then begin their basic academy training on December 1, 2008 at the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy.

The Western Virginia Regional Jail encourages interested parties to follow the recruits through their basic training by visiting the Western Virginia Regional Jail website at [www.westernvaregionaljail.org](http://www.westernvaregionaljail.org), where pictures of the recruits' progress will be posted regularly. 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>.