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## North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association

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### *President's Message...*

Glen R. Matayabas, President NCJAA

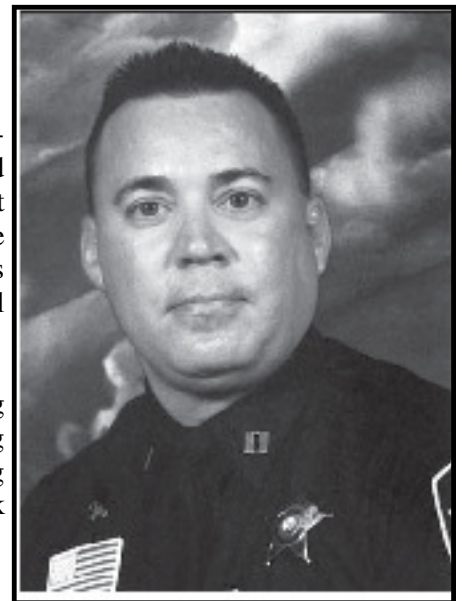
I hope everyone had a great summer and had an opportunity to get away on a family vacation. If your summer was much like mine, I had the opportunity to spend some time at the pool and beach and even managed to spend a family vacation at Disney World. I hope that everyone was able to make a commitment to spend time to strengthen their family relationships which is very important. This summer has been great, but it will soon be over as we prepare to get our children back in school and we begin to refocus and plan for the upcoming months ahead.

Our focus as the Board of Directors is on the upcoming 2008 Annual Training Conference in High Point at the Radisson Hotel on October 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Training Committee has completed the breakout training sessions, and we are all looking forward to a great conference with excellent training and an opportunity to network with vendors, jail administrators and other professionals from across the State.

I would like to take the time to detail some of the events and changes at this year's conference. The first change that you will see is that we have expanded the Vendor Hall and have made plans to open the Vendor Hall the evening before the conference **on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm - 7pm**. This is to allow more time for networking with the vendors and to better utilize the space. We will also have some snacks and refreshments so that we can start early getting to know the vendors as well as those attending the conference. This change will also assist us with early registration for the conference as you will have to register before entering the Vendor Hall.

Another change as a result of expanding the Vendor Hall is that the General Session each morning will be held at Noble's Restaurant which is next to the Radisson Hotel. The Board of Directors will direct everyone where to go, and I would like your assistance in getting your people to the General Session. Another change is that on the first day of the conference we will have a Focused Group Discussion on the Jail Standards Revision led by Major Debora Montgomery from Guilford County and on the second day of the conference, we will have a Round Table Discussion led by Mark Strickland of the Justice Academy. Each morning at the General Session we will get items which members of the Association would like to review for each of the discussions. We felt this was a very positive change to allow members to give input on the Jail Standards Revision being proposed as well as an opportunity to review issues discussed on each day of the conference.

Some other changes include shortening several training sessions to only two hours and repeating the classes in order to have a variety for you to choose to attend. On the first training day we will have eight classes instead of only having four. On the second training day there will be a total of ten classes. Some of the training sessions that I would like to highlight are the Jails as the New Asylums: Why Should We Care? by Jim Pitts, President of Western NC, NAMI, Financial Perspectives in Detention by Rachel Vanhoy, and Mark Priest will be presenting two classes on the 2009 Detention In-Service Update and a class for New Jail Administrators.



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This year I am also looking forward to seeing how many new nominations we get for the 2008 Board of Directors. I am very happy to see that many more jail administrators and members are getting directly involved in the Association in which I believe that growth is very important. I hope all those that submit their names for nomination get elected as it is a great honor to serve on the Board. Also, please submit your nominations for the Sheriff Richard Frye Scholarship Award which is a cash scholarship award given each year at the conference banquet. You can review the eligibility requirements and submission details by visiting our web site at [www.ncjaa.org](http://www.ncjaa.org).

Our next Board Meeting for the Directors is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Raleigh as we are completing the finishing touches to the conference agenda. I am still committed to getting each of you actively involved in your Association. So please don't hesitate to contact me personally. I appreciate your comments and suggestions so keep them coming.

I wanted to relay to everyone a tragic incident that took place in Wilmington, NC to one of our fellow detention officers. I was unaware of this incident until I received an email from Mark Priest at the Justice Academy. Tarica Ann Pulliam, age 27, a Detention Officer for the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, was shot outside her home on her way to work and later died at the hospital. Officer Pulliam worked for the Sheriff's office for two years and she is survived by her 7-year-old daughter. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her family, friends and fellow officers of the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

Remember that our commitment for the year and the Annual Conference is on "Leadership and Relationships: Our Focus Is Our People." I look forward to seeing everyone in October at the Annual Conference in High Point.

"Treasure your time with family and friends...live life to the fullest and enjoy the special moments of life while staying committed to your faith, spirit and profession."

May God Continue to Bless You,

**Next Newsletter Deadline: October 15, 2008**

## **Jail Administrators Professional Development Course**

On Friday, August 15, 2008, a graduation ceremony was held for the first annual Jail Administrators Professional Development Course. Seventeen Jail Administrators from across the state participated in the new course and received a certificate for 176 hours of professional development training. The course was a joint venture between Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and Justice Training Solutions. It consisted of five separate classes from May 5, 2008 through August 15, 2008. Students received training on leadership skills, budgets, grant writing, crisis management, legal updates, and how to develop a professional jail staff. The course was a wonderful opportunity for networking and to continue the professional development of Jail Administrators across North Carolina.



**Graduating Class:** Front row (left to right) Kent Everett – Lee county, Catrena Ross-Keys – Beaufort County, Tana Calloway – Mecklenburg County, Denise Mitchell – Duplin County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row (left to right) Patricia Saunders – Beaufort County, Terry Beck – Iredell County, Sharon Price – Ash County, Rosalyn Smith – Washington County 3<sup>rd</sup> row (left to right) Chad Smith – Stanly County, Wendell Sain - Davie County, Michael Valentine – Iredell County, JoAnn Sapp – Randolph County, 4<sup>th</sup> row (left to right) Randy Shelton – Surry County, Robert Slater – Forsyth County, Marty Parsons – Forsyth County, Tony Holyfield – Surry County, Mark Eaker – Lincoln County

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## What is the North Carolina Justice Academy Learn Center?

In today's training environment, law enforcement agencies are discovering that rapid online communication and training is the way to achieve and maintain a competitive advantage. Law enforcement training in North Carolina is no different. During the summer of 2008 the North Carolina Justice Academy will unveil its latest strategy of delivering current and necessary law enforcement training throughout the state.

The mission of the North Carolina Justice Academy is to improve the quality and effectiveness of criminal justice services to the citizens of North Carolina through research, education, training, and support for criminal justice and related personnel. In keeping with this mission, the North Carolina Justice Academy has partnered with Learn.com to create its own online training environment. The North Carolina Justice Academy Learn Center is an online portal designed for "anytime, any place, any pace" access to learning content and administration. Typically, the North Carolina Justice Academy Learn Center will allow for online learner registration of courses, delivery of learning activities, and learner assessment in an online environment.

What is the North Carolina Justice Academy Learn Center? The North Carolina Justice Academy Learn Center is a web-based learning management system that will help the North Carolina Justice Academy manage and deliver training programs to criminal justice personnel throughout the state. Self-study (online) courses will be available through the system, and all registrations will be managed online through this new system. Currently, there are two mandated In-Service courses for Telecommunicators and Detention Officers and thirty-nine Adobe and Microsoft Office suite courses from the Learn2 Library that the North Carolina Justice Academy has subscribed to. More classes are scheduled to be developed and offered through the NCJA Learn Center by the fall of 2008.

Some of the features of the North Carolina Justice Academy Learn Center include the ability for users to: View

web-based courses available through the Course Catalog; Enroll in web-based courses through the Course Registration link; Check status of enrolled classes Self registration for online courses. Other specific features of this program include: Permission based ability for user's manager to approve course access; User is automatically e-mailed a confirmation of registration approval; Agency supervisor's ability to track user progress through standard system reports; Course Certificates are viewed and/or printed for classes that have been completed by the user.

For more information please contact Mark Strickland @ (910) 525-4151 or [mstrickland@ncdoj.gov](mailto:mstrickland@ncdoj.gov)

## New Pre-Fabricated Prison Facility In Cherokee, North Carolina Saves Taxpayers Millions

A North Carolina county is close to opening that area's newest, most high-tech and cost-effective jail.

A 150-bed detention center is just days away from opening in Cherokee County, North Carolina. It's equipped with automatic doors, high-tech cameras, and state-of-the-art prefabricated cells.

Each of the cells was built at a factory in Georgia. Crews only took 11 days to put them all in!

Sheriff Keith Lovin says the facility cost only eight million dollars to build — a five million dollar savings over a traditional facility.

Sheriff Lovin told us, "I'm having to currently pay to keep dangerous inmates in other facilities. When we get to this safe, secure, modern facility, that's money that can go back to other needs in-county."

Once staffed, the building will save even more money because it only needs four jailers to keep tabs on over all 150 inmates.

Reported by Mark Bruce  
WRCB TV Eyewitness News Reporter/Anchor  
May 31, 2008 09:17 PM EDT

### **BUSINESS CARD ADS** **@ \$100/PER AD**

All ads placed in the NCJAA Newsletter are on a first come, first serve basis.

Each newsletter is limited to only 10 ads per issue.

If you would like to advertise, mail your business card & your check in the amount of \$100 to:

NCJAA, P. O. Box 41368, Raleigh, NC 27629

### **Calendar of Events**

**NCJAA Annual Conference**  
**Radisson Hotel, High Point, NC**  
**336-889-8888**  
**September 30 — October 3, 2008**

## Election Time

The North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. Successful candidates will be elected by the NCJAA membership during the October conference.

Basic requirements for Board membership include:

1. Dedication to the detention profession and a sincere desire to move the profession to a higher state of professionalism;
2. A willingness and ability to devote time and exert considerable effort to serve the NCJAA membership;
3. Full NCJAA membership (not associate membership) for at least the past two (2) years;
4. A willingness and ability to attend all Board meetings and functions (6-8 annually, some overnight) and to travel at their own (or county's) expense;
5. A letter of solid support from your sheriff or jail board.

Nominees will submit the following items:

1. Letter from the candidate indicating that he/she meets the basic requirements for Board membership, stating that he/she will be available to attend Board meetings as scheduled, and requesting that his/her name be placed in nomination.
2. A short (less than 250 words) biography of the candidate, including personal information, education, work experience, present duties and responsibilities, and other pertinent information.
3. A letter from the Sheriff stating that they fully support the candidate's nomination and that the candidate will be allowed to travel to Board meetings as scheduled.

Nomination packets must be mailed to the following address and postmarked on or before September 1, 2008.

Elaine Christian, Executive Director, North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association  
Post Office Box 41368, Raleigh, North Carolina 27629

## Sheriff Richard Frye Scholarship Offer

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, the student must:

1. Be a member or the immediate family member (son, step-son, daughter, step-daughter or spouse) of a member of the North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association. (Does not include Associate Members.)
2. The student must be enrolled in a Criminal Justice or related course of study in an accredited college, university or technical school.
3. The student must be engaged in or seeking a full-time career in detention, corrections, law enforcement, law or another criminal justice-related field.
4. The student may be required to appear for a personal interview before the Scholarship Committee.

**To Apply:** The student must complete a scholarship application and forward it (along with all required information) to the North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association Scholarship Committee. The packet must be mailed to the following address and postmarked on or before **September 1, 2008**:

Elaine Christian, Executive Director, North Carolina Jail Administrators' Association  
Post Office Box 41368, Raleigh, North Carolina 27629

The NORTH CAROLINA JAIL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION will award a cash grant up to \$1,000.00 at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

**If you need an application please go to our website, [www.ncjaa.org](http://www.ncjaa.org), or call the NCJAA office at 800-889-7118.**