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**\*\*UPDATE EVENT CANCELED\*\***

**RICHMOND, Va. (January 21, 2016) – Hanover Crisis Intervention Center (HCIC) and Hanover Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Awards Ceremony**

**Due to weather conditions the event for January 26, 2016 has been canceled. The event will be rescheduled and a date will be announced in the near future.**

An awards ceremony honoring first responders from Hanover County and medical staff from Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center will be held Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Memorial Regional Medical Center located at 8260 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

Members of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Hanover County Fire/EMS, Hanover County Community Services Board and Pamunkey Regional Jail will be recognized for their outstanding efforts and contributions to serving the needs of the mental health consumers and their families in the Hanover County community. Award recipient are as follows: Dep. Matthew Gathright (Hanover CIT Law Enforcement Officer of the Year), Lt. Brian Hughes (Hanover CIT Jail Officer of the Year), B.C. Mike Watkins (Hanover CIT Fire/EMS Responder of the Year), Sgt. Frank Dressler (Hanover CIT Trainer of the Year), Jenna Dukes (Hanover CIT Behavioral Health Provider of the Year), and Jenni Quinn, RN from Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center (HCIC Medical Provider of the Year).

Award recipients will be joined by employees of each program's partner agencies, as well as employees of Bon Secours Richmond Health System, to celebrate the many accomplishments of those committed to excellent service and community partnerships.

An agenda and award descriptions are attached for your review and members of the media are encouraged to attend.

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### **About Bon Secours Virginia Health System**

Bon Secours Virginia provides good help to thousands of Virginians through a network of hospitals, primary and specialty care practices, ambulatory care sites and continuing care facilities across the Commonwealth. The not-for-profit health system employs about 12,000 people, including nearly 650 physicians as part of the Bon Secours Medical Group.

The fourth largest and only faith-based health system in Virginia, Bon Secours Virginia offers a full range of services including cardiac, women's, children's, orthopaedics, oncology, neurosciences and surgery at seven award-winning hospitals.

- Bon Secours Richmond is St. Mary's Hospital, Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital and St. Francis Medical Center.
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads is Maryview Medical Center, DePaul Medical Center and Mary Immaculate Hospital.

### **About Bon Secours Virginia Health Care Foundation**

The Bon Secours Virginia Health Care Foundation raises charitable funds to help Bon Secours Virginia Health System address the community's growing health care needs with compassion and excellence. Through charitable support, we are dedicated to helping

create healthy communities, advancing clinical innovation and providing an extraordinary experience of care. For more information on giving, visit [www.bsvaf.org](http://www.bsvaf.org).

### **About Hanover County Sheriff's Office**

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office has been the principal provider of law enforcement services for the County of Hanover since 1720, making the Sheriff's Office one of the oldest law enforcement agencies in the nation. The Sheriff's Office is both internationally and state accredited, and serves a population of over 100,000 citizens who reside within 472 square miles. For more information, visit [www.hanoversheriff.com](http://www.hanoversheriff.com).

### **About Hanover County Community Services Board**

The Hanover County Community Services Board (HCCSB) is one of 40 community services boards across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The agency's mission is "to partner with individuals to provide supports and services in the areas of mental health, intellectual disabilities and substance use disorders in their efforts to lead satisfying and productive lives in their communities". HCCSB provides a range of services and programs to county residents and is licensed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and accredited by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services agencies. A 12-member Board of Directors, appointed by the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, along with nearly 125 employees serve over 5,000 individuals each year.

**HCIC and Hanover CIT Recognition Reception**  
**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**2:00pm**

**Program Order:**

- \*Welcoming Remarks-Jill Russell, Administrative Director
- \*HCIC Program Remarks- Scott Ward, Hanover CSB Coordinator of Crisis and Urgent Care
- \*Presentation of CIT Awards and Closing Remarks- Kelley Brown, Hanover CIT Coordinator
- \*Closing Remarks- Col. David Hines, Hanover County Sheriff

**Hanover CIT Law Enforcement Officer of the Year:** An award for outstanding achievement as a CIT-trained law enforcement official in Hanover County or the Town of Ashland, and for embodying the CIT mindset in all aspects of his or her job. May be recognized for a single event that exemplifies the use of their CIT skills or for multiple events that highlight their outstanding dedication to the CIT program, CIT services and advancing its success.

**Hanover CIT Jail Officer of the Year:** An award for outstanding achievements as a CIT-trained jail officer in Hanover County and for embodying the CIT mindset in all aspects of his or her job. May be recognized for a single event that exemplifies the use of their CIT skills or for multiple events that highlight their outstanding dedication to the CIT program, CIT services and advancing its success.

**Hanover CIT Fire EMS Responder of the Year:** An award for outstanding achievement as a CIT-trained Fire EMS responder in Hanover County, and for embodying the CIT mindset in all aspects of his or her job. May be recognized for a single event that exemplifies the use of their CIT skills or for multiple events that highlight their outstanding dedication to the CIT program, CIT services and advancing its success.

**Hanover CIT Trainer of the Year Award:** This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding CIT skills and an exceptional ability to train and convey the core objectives of CIT.

**Hanover CIT Behavioral Health Provider of the Year:** This award recognizes a behavioral health provider whose dedication and active membership in Hanover CIT and the HCIC has greatly enhanced the program's success. This person demonstrates ongoing commitment and active involvement with CIT community partnerships and works to improve access to services within their own system or with the community mental health system.

**HCIC Medical Provider of the Year:** This award recognizes an MRMC medical provider who has demonstrated outstanding skills in the evaluation and care of patients of the HCIC. This person demonstrates a commitment to the team collaboration that is required to reach a positive and appropriate consumer disposition during mental health crises.