

THE STATE BOARD OF LOCAL & REGIONAL JAILS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome & Congratulations!

On Friday, June 27, 2025, Governor Glenn Youngkin appointed the Honorable J. Joe McLaughlin from New Kent, Virginia, and Ryan Moore from Williamsburg, Virginia to the State Board of Local and Regional Jails. On Thursday, July 3, 2025, Governor Youngkin shared the news of Mr. Randy Sherrod's reappointment from Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Congratulations to our new and returning members!



BLRJ News: First Edition

This newsletter is designed to enhance communication, education, and transparency!

The State Board of Local and Regional Jails is excited to share local and regional jail accomplishments, initiatives, and challenges to promote public and stakeholder support! Please contact us at contact@bolrj.virginia.gov.



On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, Board members and staff from the BLRJ visited Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail to recognize and honor National Corrections Officer Week & National Nurses Week. Thank you to Colonel Witham and Team VPRJ for all you do in maintaining long-term and lasting public safety.

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Gratitude & Appreciation

The State Board of Local and Regional Jails would like to express sincere appreciation to Dr. Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker and the Honorable Charles "Charlie" Jett, for their years of service and commitment to the Board and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Through their leadership, commitment, and collaborative efforts these individuals left a lasting mark on the Board and to public safety.

Local & Regional Jail In-Custody Deaths

Decreased 6% in Calendar Year 2024:

In calendar year 2024 (CY24), 48 in-custody deaths were reported, which is a 6% reduction from the previous year. Based on the BLRJ's annual capacity reports, the number of deaths from CY22-CY24 have consistently remained below 1% of the average daily population across the Commonwealth's local and regional jails. The full report may be found here:

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Jail Capacity Report - HB1600 - Item 385.D.

As part of the annual reporting requirement, local and regional jails are asked to complete the 2025 Jail Capacity Report and submit it to the State Board of Local and Regional Jails at contact@bolrj.virginia.gov.

Inmate Id Report - HB2221

Directs the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the State Registrar of Vital Records, to issue a report of findings and recommendations on inmate identification processes and obstacles to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025. <https://forms.office.com/g/6hfgXxgp1a>

Telehealth - SB1039

Directs the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to develop and implement policies to support inmate participation in telehealth appointments across local and regional correctional facilities. Please complete the survey no later than August 1, 2025, found here: <https://forms.office.com/g/ZANZg343Xp>

Thank you for your attention to these legislative mandates. Inputs provided play a critical role in ensuring that our policies are informed, practical, and responsive to the needs of jails across the Commonwealth.

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On Wednesday July 16, 2025, the State Board of Local & Regional Jails completed its fourth public meeting of 2025...

- Congratulations to the facilities receiving unconditional certification: Culpeper County ADC, Danville City Jail, and Fauquier County ADC.
- The BLRJ was presented 11 jail reviews, continued its ongoing regulatory review of 8 programs and services standards, and approved the request for state funding for Prince William-Manassas Regional ADC's renovation project to enhance public safety.
- Effective July 1, 2025, new code §§ 53.1-133.06-.09 become law, while BLRJ considers impact to 6VAC15-985, please remember statutes control if there are any conflicts or overlap.
- DOC Offender Management Services Update:
 - 1,039 (988 male, 51 female)
- Since 2022, the BLRJ has reduced regulations by 10% and guidance documents by 11.7% in support of Governor Youngkin's EO-19.
- Thank you to Sheriff Casey of Alexandria City, for the recommendation to take a comprehensive look at our annual report to enhance transparency.
- CALL TO ACTION: Please review your agency's gang reporting protocols on Criminal Street Gang Reporting and EO-41. Together we can enhance public safety, create better case outcomes, and share access to valuable resources!

We appreciate your readership and invite you to share your public safety experiences, achievements, initiatives, and obstacles with us at contact@bolrj.virginia.gov

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