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Turkish Civil Servants Tour Newport News City Jail

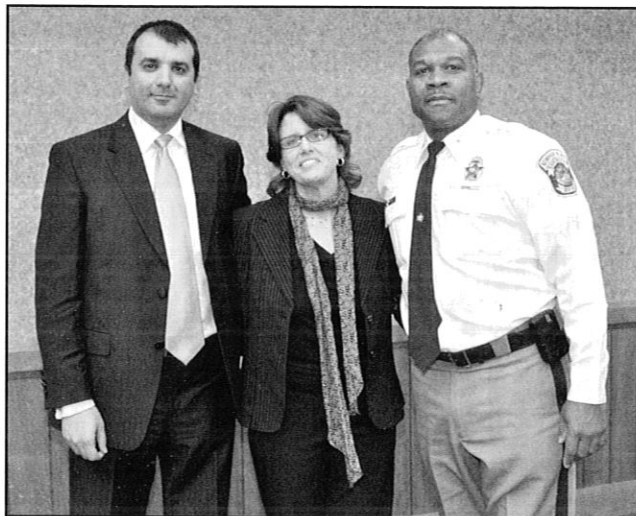
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The Newport News Sheriff's Office was presented with a rare opportunity to exchange ideas with a foreign delegation of civil servants. The group was from Turkey and consisted of professionals being groomed for senior leadership positions in their own country.

Old Dominion University received a grant from the Turkish Ministry of the Interior for a Professional Development Program, and the Norfolk university reached out to Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan for help. As part of the ODU program, the Turkish delegation visited a variety of civic and public institutions. The Newport News Sheriff's Office was selected to provide an overview of its responsibilities.

"The professional development ties between ODU and Turkey have been forged most recently as Turkey is exploring new foreign policies and tries to expand its in-depth knowledge about local government structures and functions in the U.S.," said Dr. Regina Karp, director of the Graduate Program in International Studies. "The introduction of our Turkish delegation to the Newport News law enforcement and court system was invaluable. We appreciate Sheriff Morgan's unique assistance with the Professional Development Program," Dr. Karp continued.

The morning of February 10th began with a continental breakfast. "The coffee is not strong enough for you, I know," said Sheriff Morgan as he welcomed 11 Turkish gentlemen and university representatives. "I say that because I spent time in Incirlik, Turkey. I was a Provost Marshal for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers." That connection helped break the ice.



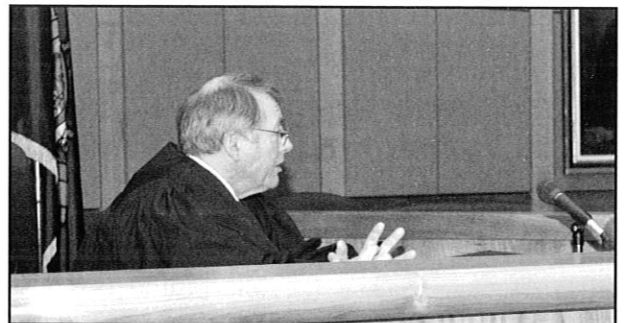
Akin Guneri, member of the Turkish delegation;
Sabine Hirschauer, Old Dominion University;
and Sheriff Gabe Morgan.

In addition to the weak coffee, Morgan noted one major cultural difference—the role of working women. "In the top tier of my command staff, I have two women. In my entire organization, I have 43% women. In America, there is no expectation of privacy in the jail. Women work in the jail and on all floors." That statement elicited an audible gasp from the Turkish men.

The delegation got to see for themselves what Sheriff Morgan described as he took them on a tour of the jail. They began in booking with an explanation of what

happens following a person's arrest. They saw housing units, the recreation yard and the medical unit.

In addition to visiting the correctional facility, the group also experienced court proceedings. The Honorable C. Peter Tench graciously cleared time from his Circuit Court docket to accommodate a question and answer session. Akin Guneri, a major in his village police department, told the judge there are



Circuit Court Judge C. Peter Tench conducted a Question & Answer session with the delegation of Turkish sub governors.

civil and criminal courts in Turkey, but they do not have a jury system, which explained their curiosity about ours. They wanted to know how many people sit on the jury, and they asked if a judge can overturn a jury's verdict. "I can set aside a jury verdict if it is contrary to the law, but I cannot set aside a verdict based on the facts," answered Judge Tench. "In other words, I may disagree with the decision, but I cannot overturn that verdict if it was reached based on fact."

Following the Q&A with Judge Tench, the group observed actual court hearings in the Honorable Bryant L. Sugg's General District courtroom.

For her part in the day's program, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Tyneka Flythe said it was a great opportunity to share ideas from across oceans and seas. "I truly feel that our world is getting smaller. I was just as interested in learning from them as I was in sharing with them." Members of the Turkish delegation were equally appreciative of the opportunity for discussion. "We are learning the differences and whether we can apply what we've learned in our country," said Guneri.



Sheriff Morgan escorted the foreign delegation through the jail as part of a professional development program between a local university and the Turkish Ministry of the Interior.

Norfolk Sheriff's Office Oversees The Return Of Safety City

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The lights have been turned out on Norfolk's Safety City for the past two-and-a-half years. But this spring, the miniature city, formerly run by the Norfolk Police Department and an independent board of volunteers, made a return with the Norfolk Sheriff's Office at the helm.

The mini city is designed to teach school-age children about safety awareness. Located on the edge of the Norfolk Zoological Park, Safety City paints a realistic picture of the landmarks and challenges people face every day while navigating around their city.

Norfolk's public and private school children in grades K-3 receive lessons in pedestrian awareness, traffic laws, seat belt safety and street smarts in general. There are miniature buildings to maneuver including city hall, a fire station and businesses, and there are flashing stoplights and signs to help children learn the rules of the road. There are also dozens of new and gently used bicycles parked in Safety City for

hands-on lessons in bike safety and sharing the road.

The opening of The Tide, Norfolk's Light Rail system, will be another topic for discussion of rail crossing safety.

Captain Steve Duke who oversees the program says the outdoor classroom has endless possibilities. "We're already considering the space for expansion of the NSO's Safety Print program, which provides fingerprint identification cards of young children," said Duke.

Sheriff Bob McCabe always hoped the outdoor classroom wouldn't sit idle for long.

Safety City provides other opportunities for the public. There's spacious interior classroom areas in addition to the outdoor streetscapes. Sheriff McCabe's goal is to allow community groups and service organizations to use the classrooms for meeting space.

The zoo donated the building. The miniature mockups were built with donations from local businesses. The street signs reflect safety messages