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NNSO Honoring Volunteerism

The Newport News Sheriff's Office has 125 valuable volunteers. Each is dedicated to improving lives. Volunteers go behind bars in an effort to help men and women jailed on a variety of criminal charges. Most of the 30 programs offered at the Newport News City Jail exist because of the compassionate work of volunteers. Inmates are taught basic computer skills to brick masonry. They receive substance abuse counseling and anger management techniques. There are a myriad of programs and classes lead by volunteer instructors.

Volunteers were honored at this year's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held at the Marriot Hotel in City Center. Council members Joe Whitaker and Sharon Scott were among the honored guests.

In addition, Chaplain James Robinson was awarded the Citizen Service Medal at a promotion and award ceremony held at City Hall. Robinson began counseling inmates at the jail in 1985. In 1992, he started the Freedom Outreach Center in Southeast Newport News. Its mission is to offer tutoring and job training at no cost to ex-offenders.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the jail can contact the Inmate Program Coordinator at 926-8535.

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