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Saving Lives and Making a Difference in Lives

For 22-years, Chaplain James Robinson has volunteered at the Newport News City Jail. "I love the Lord with all my heart and I love the 'least' of God's people," he said of why he does it. Robinson advocates for those people who the rest of society would just a soon forget. He believes in redemption. He believes in second chances. Robinson works with inmates in an effort to make them productive members of society upon release from jail.

An inmate hell bent on killing himself is revived by a jail nurse and jail guards. The dramatic incident unfolded earlier in the year when, without warning, an inmate hung himself off the bars of his cell. He was discovered by a nurse. She and three deputies responded quickly. The inmate was cut down from his makeshift noose and CPR performed.

Chaplain Robinson will receive the Citizen Service Medal for his volunteer service at the upcoming Newport News Sheriff's Office awards ceremony.

Health Administrator Hope Hasan, Deputies R. Clayton and S. Sheridan, and Sergeant C. Wilberg will each be awarded the Lifesaving Medal for their heroic efforts.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office

WHAT: PROMOTION & COMMENDATION CEREMONY

WHEN: Thursday, November 15, 2007 @ 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: City Council Chambers
City Hall
2400 Washington Avenue; Newport News, VA

WHY: Publicly recognize personnel who have been promoted during Calendar Year 2007 and to honor those personnel and volunteers who are committed to making a difference.

** Interview opportunities can be made in advance of the ceremony or following the ceremony.*

In addition to the above mentioned examples, there will be other awards and promotional announcements.

*** Delegate Phil Hamilton will be the Guest Speaker*

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