

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

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## WITHAM CHOSEN AS NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF VIRGINIA PENINSULA REGIONAL JAIL

Williamsburg, Virginia – The Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Board of Directors has selected Deputy Superintendent/Lieutenant Colonel Roy C. Witham to serve as the Superintendent of the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ) effective Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Witham has dedicated 22 years to the effective management, operation and oversight of correctional facilities within two communities; the VPRJ (2017-present) and the Richmond City Sheriff's Office (1997-2017). Throughout his career, he has been involved in almost every detail of jail operations including shift management, inmate intake classification management, construction procurement, vendor management, personnel management, and overall facility operations.

"We had a good response from applicants interested in serving as our Superintendent. As a Board, we felt that much progress had been made at VPRJ over the past two years, and Colonel Witham, who had served as our Deputy Superintendent had been part of that progress. We are pleased that he was interested in this opportunity and that his background has prepared him to lead our regional jail. He is ready to take the next step and serve as our Superintendent," said Sheriff Danny Diggs, Chairman of the VPRJ Board Authority.

In addition to his experience with correctional facilities, Superintendent Witham attended the University of Tennessee, served in the U.S. Navy, and holds numerous certifications within the criminal justice field.

The Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail serves York County, Poquoson, James City County, and Williamsburg.

The VPRJ Board of Directors is composed of representatives from the served communities:

Sheriff J. Daniel "Danny" Diggs, York/Poquoson Sheriff's Office J. Randall Wheeler, Poquoson City Manager Scott Stevens, County Administrator, James City County Sheriff David Hardin, Williamsburg/James City County Sheriff's Office Supervisor Ruth Larson, James City County Board of Supervisors Andrew Trivette, Williamsburg City Manager Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator, York County Vernon Geddy III, Esq., Attorney