

ECO Leslie Brown

ECO Leslie Brown is known to all as a competent team player who is motivated to work toward departmental goals. She is punctual, hard-working and shows initiative by seeking out solutions to problems. She is respectful to her colleagues and supervisors and helps others. ECO Brown is a veteran who has dedicated over 20 years serving the citizens of Richmond.

Recently, she attended the Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program (VALEAP), which assists law enforcement personnel and First Responders who have undergone traumatic critical incidents. After participating in such an amazing process, ECO Brown, ECO Frederick, ECAS C. Jones and ECAS Byrd received an opportunity to meet and take a photograph with Gov. Glenn Youngkin and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Sheriff Robert Mosier. ECO Brown assisted with gathering all of the dispatchers present at the event to address the pressing issue of re-classification of Public Safety dispatchers as first responders.

Dispatchers are currently classed as secretaries. ECO Brown spoke passionately about the work we do every day, emphasizing that changing our classification would complete and respect our role as first responders. Her emotional statement, along with that of other dispatchers from Richmond and other Virginia Emergency Communication Centers, had an impact on the



audience. Gov. Youngkin listened attentively to her concerns and assured her that he would look into the matter. ECO Brown expressed her gratitude to him for acknowledging her worries and for giving her the opportunity to speak up about not only her concerns, but the future of other

Communication Officers abroad.

Additionally, her dedication and performance is outstanding. On April 28, 2022, DEC received a Bucky activation, which turned out to be an actual armed commercial robbery. ECO Brown was able to provide real-time GPS updates to the responding units, which was vital in the apprehension of the perpetrators, because we did not have any vehicle descriptions at the time. Due to the information ECO Brown was providing, officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle. A short traffic pursuit ensued and ECO Brown's experience was placed on display. Because of her elite skills and fellow team members, Second Precinct units were able to apprehend two (2) subjects without further incident.