

### Communications Officer Wadiya Pearson

CO Wadiya Pearson has been selected as the May 2018 Communications Officer of the Month. CO Pearson has been employed with the Department of Communications since October 31, 2016. Since that time, she has been nothing but a positive influence on the department, as well as providing outstanding customer service to the officers and citizens of Richmond. She has been nominated for the honor of Communications Officer of the Month for her dedication to the department, her willingness to assist her fellow co-workers, and the exceptional level of performance she maintains daily.

Wadiya maintains a positive and productive work ethic under any circumstances, and exemplifies what it means to be a team player. On May 14, 2018 her work ethic was put on display nationally as she managed a traffic pursuit involving a hit-and-run driver that quickly escalated into an officer involved shooting incident. Viewers nationwide heard her voice checking the status and location of the unit involved, advising the response code of additional/back-up units, and en-



suring the safety of the officer on scene. The professionalism that she displayed during this high impact incident was a distinct advantage to a police officer under stressful conditions.

Wadiya is competent, dependable, a team player and has consistently met or exceeded departmental goals.

She is willing to do all that she can to assist her co-workers and the department. Taking this into account, she recognized that there is a need for fire operators and agreed to expand her career tract and take on the challenge of training on fire radio.

CO Pearson is an exemplary employee that has continued to excel and make those around her better. She has a positive attitude and diligently takes on daily assignments with persistence. Her contributions have been beneficial to the department, her peers, and the citizens of Richmond.