

Nikki Boyington, emergency communications officer

Formerly a patrol deputy with King and Queen Sheriff’s Office, Nikki is mother to Colton and Autumn. Previously an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Navy, she enjoys hunting, fishing and shooting sporting clays.



Britney Butler, emergency communications officer

Before coming to DECPR, Britney was a mental health professional at the OLA Home for Boys. A graduate of Norfolk State University with a BSA in psychology, she enjoys music and spending time with family and friends.

Andrew Dean, emergency communications officer

Formerly a field representative with the U.S. Census, Andrew is an ordained minister with a background in EMS. He has a passion for helping the helpers and seeing families and communities grow.



Raeshell Epps, emergency communications officer

Coming from Amazon, Raeshell is a new mother to a baby girl. Born and raised in Richmond, She loves to spend time with her family, teach her daughter new things and watch documentaries.

Theresa “Reese” Gaines, emergency communications officer

Before coming to DECPR, Reese was a clinical pharmacy technician with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She says that her family is very small but very important to her. Each week, she and her father sync up a movie or show and watch while on the phone together. Her hobbies are writing, gardening and crafting. She once swam with sharks ... on purpose.



Shameeka Marcelle, emergency communications officer

Previously a Henrico County deputy and an NYPD 911 calltaker/dispatcher, Shameeka loves anime, reading, traveling and helping people.

Melissa Meadows, emergency communications officer

Melissa was a self-employed hairstylist for 18 years before coming to DECPR. A single mother to two little girls, she is currently in jiu jitsu and loves it. She says that she loves that she now can make a real difference in her community from a serious angle and not just theoretically and with their hair.



Kia Royster, emergency communications officer

Kia was an account specialist with Total Quality Logistics before joining DECPR. She is a plant mom whose favorite color is brown, and she likes to visit the Richmond SPCA to play with the puppies.

Angel Studvent, emergency communications officer

Angel graduated this year with a bachelor’s degree in information technology, and she is currently working on a master’s degree in cybersecurity. She homeschools her three children, and she and her husband of 10 years like raising farm animals.



Aretha Sykes-Benton, emergency communications officer

Previously a teacher, Aretha is a VCU graduate with a large, loving family and many friends. She spends her free time with her friends and “nephews” and exploring the beautiful city of Richmond.

Shara White, emergency communications officer

Previously a sales associate with Elman’s Dance Boutique, Shara is a Youtuber and content creator who loves to dance and draw forensic art portraits. She is a member of the Episolon Rho Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority at Virginia State University.



Veronica Williams, emergency communications officer

Veronica moved from New York City, where she was a corrections officer, to join DECPR. She has an associate’s degree in criminal justice. Her favorite color is gold, and she flies for free and likes to travel.

Tieneka “Tie” Wilson, emergency communications officer

Coming to DECPR from Garda World Security Services, where she was in armed security/corrections, Tie has an extensive background in public safety. She is very family oriented and enjoys all types of sports. She says she looks forward to being a beneficial addition to the department.

