

Angelique Beswick, emergency communications officer

Coming from Athem as a customer care rep, Angelique attends Virginia Union University, majoring in social work. She enjoys watching Netflix movies and cooking.



Heather Crosby, emergency communications officer

Previously a floating sales manager with Leonards Buildings in Richmond, Heather enjoys spending time with her family, remodeling her home and cuddling with her dogs.

Valicia Hawkins, emergency communications officer

Valicia comes to DEC from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she was a child care worker at Shuman Juvenile Detention Center.



Emily James, emergency communications officer

Previously a stage manager with Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Emily writes that she is “super excited to be here!” She studied stage management and worked in the arts and customer service for five years. As a marathoner, she hopes to qualify for the Boston Marathon at some point. She loves music, reading and her black cat named Speedy.

Laura Parisher, emergency communications officer

Laura worked as a hospitality provider at Chick-fil-A, and recently moved back to Virginia from Florida. With a degree in biology, she loves camping and hiking, and prefers cold weather to hot weather.



Brittany Perez, emergency communications officer

Previously a southern regional service manager with Citron Hygiene, Brittany is originally from Lowell, Massachusetts. She is a self-proclaimed “food critic,” and her eyes change color depending on the sun.

Ivory Russell, emergency communications officer

Ivory comes to DEC from Colorado Springs, where she was an emergency response technician. She has returned to her native Richmond after nearly 10 years living out of state. She enjoys reading, singing karoake and dancing.



Daija Thompson, emergency communications officer

A store manager with Family Dollar for six months, Daija was a correctional officer at Nottaway Correctional Center for about two years before that. She spends most of her time with her 1-year-old, Kheiron, who’s full of energy.