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Sgt James Gordon

Sgt. Gordon has over 19 years in Law enforcement and Obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Ashworth College. He has worked as a Correctional Officer with Hampton Roads Regional Jail, and while with the Virginia Beach Police Department he has worked as a Patrol Officer, Community Policing Officer, Property Crimes Detective, Special Investigative Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Community Policing Sergeant, and Executive Aide to the Deputy Chief of Operations. Sergeant Gordon currently oversees the Crisis Intervention Program for the Police Department and is a General Instructor, and a Crisis Intervention Training Core Instructor.

Attorney Annette Miller

Annette Miller, Virginia Beach (Mental Health) graduated from Virginia Tech in 1983 with a double major in English and political science, from Syracuse University in 1985 with a master's in English, and from the University of Richmond in 1988 with a degree in law. She was the first law clerk in the Virginia Beach Circuit Court from 1989-91. She worked for Parker, Pollard and Brown from 1991-95. She started employment part time with the Virginia Beach Public Defender's Office in 1995 on a part time basis. She was offered full time employment, when a position opened, in 1996. She has specialized for approximately the last seventeen years in criminal law with an emphasis in forensic psychology and insanity litigation. She has lectured extensively in the field for agencies/conferences including, but not limited to, the National Commission of Correctional Health Care, the Indigent Defense Commission, the Regional Judge's Conference, the Department of Behavioral, Health and Developmental Services, and the Virginia State Bar. She has been published in the American Bar Association, Criminal Litigation, Winter 2010, Volume 10, Number 2 for the article "Post Adjudication 'Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity' Process in the State of Virginia." She received the Virginia Beach Human Rights Award for mental health education/advocacy in 2000. She has consulted with courts, the jail, police, public defenders, and private counsel on a variety of legal/mental health issues.