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MEMORANDUM

TO: Audit, Finance and Planning Committee

FROM: Chief Michael Marshall

SUBJECT: VMI Police Overview

The VMI Police Department delivers professional and responsive public safety services to all cadets, faculty, staff and visitors while serving the community with dignity and respect. VMI Police has jurisdiction over all crimes that occur on Institute property including emergency and non-emergency response to calls for service. Our officers have the same authority as municipal police officers and enforce both the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Institute regulations. The VMI Police Department is currently staffed by fourteen certified police officers and four campus security officers that provide twenty-four-hour patrol services seven days a week. Authority to carry out this mission is granted by the Code of Virginia. Officers' powers and duties are outlined in the Code of Virginia and in the VMI Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual.

All VMI police officers are trained in nationally recognized active-shooter rapid-deployment and intervention techniques as well as the Incident Command System (I.C.S.), mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's. Officers also receive additional training in CPR/First Aid, sexual assault, domestic violence investigations and crisis intervention responses. Some of the officers have received specialized training in arson/bomb investigations, civil disturbances, dignitary protection, drug investigations, terrorism, and planning for large scale events. We share an interest and responsibility for continual growth and development for all VMI Police employees.

VMI Police Department also has a memorandum of understanding with the Lexington Police Department, Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office, and Virginia State Police to seek and receive assistance for major crimes that out-strip the department's resources or staffing needs. We also provide services to these departments.

Information and intelligence forwarded to the VMI Police Department is typically received from several sources to include the FBI, Homeland Security, Virginia State Police Fusion Center, and the Law Enforcement Information Center. This information helps enhance the security of the Institute, officer safety and boosts productivity in and efficiency in police work. Oversight mechanisms have been established to control what can be disseminated appropriately, with consideration given to official classification statuses.

