



**Richmond City Sheriff's Office**  
**Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.**



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## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE & YMCA PUT A NEW TWIST ON "SHOP WITH A COP"**

**RICHMOND, VA**—Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. today announced his Office's annual partnership with the YMCA in the Shop With A Cop program. This year's program is unique. By special request of the Richmond City Sheriff's Office, all of the twenty-two (22) participants in the program this year are children of incarcerated jail residents. The Shop With A Cop program is sponsored by the YMCA of Greater Richmond and is designed to serve children between 10-14 years of age that are in need of school clothing.

Each child received confirmation from the Sheriff's Office notifying them of their shopping date, and has been allotted \$100 to spend on clothing for school. A volunteer Sheriff's Deputy will be assigned to each child to assist in keeping track of spending and making their selections. Children are permitted to purchase outfits, shoes, underwear, socks and a sweater or jacket.

**WHEN: Thursday, August 19, 2010.**  
**TIME: 8:30 a.m.**  
**WHERE: Target Store, 4521 South Laburnum Avenue.**

"Two years ago, the Richmond City Sheriff's Office served the first middle-school-aged children in the YMCA Bright Beginnings program through our 'Shop With A Cop' partnership. They have generously shared their time and understand how important this relationship is for the community's youth. It is our pleasure to work with Sheriff Woody, and this unique partnership provides more evidence of his commitment toward positive outcomes for those in his care," says YMCA of Greater Richmond President and CEO Barry Taylor.

"It gives me a great feeling of pride to see the care and compassion, displayed by my employees. It is a humbling experience to be selected to be a part of this truly unique community care program," said Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr.

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*The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.*