

Awards/Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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Richmond City Council Officially Awards/Proclaims the following:

#	TITLE/RECIPIENT/SPEAKER	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Richmond Co-Responder & Crisis Responder Week</p> <p>To be received by: Richmond Co-Responders And Crisis Responders</p>	<p>Richmond Official Proclamation</p>	<p>To proclaim and establish the third full standard week of September to be Richmond Co-Responder & Crisis Responder Week, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; thank all mental health professionals, support staff, law enforcement officers, and all others working collaboratively on behalf of behavioral health-related calls for service; and bring this important work to the attention of all our grateful residents.</p>	<p>Newbille</p>



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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws, and the Richmond City Charter, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially proclaim:

Richmond Co-Responder & Crisis Responder Week

Whereas, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize the importance of behavioral and mental health and that providing effective response to those facing behavioral and mental health crisis as critical to the happiness and wellbeing of our community residents and visitors; and

Whereas, Richmond Co-Responders includes mental health professionals and law enforcement officers responding in a collaborative effort on behalf of emergency behavioral health-related calls for service; and

Whereas, Richmond Mobile Crisis Response involves mental health professionals and peer recovery specialists responding to individuals in need of, and requesting, a rapid in-person behavioral health response; and

Whereas, Working together, co-response and mobile crisis response efforts engage community members in assessment, de-escalation, triage, safety planning, and connection to resources, with the goal of reducing cycles of crisis and preventing the need for more intensive intervention; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Richmond Community Response Team, Community Focus Team, and Mobile Crisis Response teams have worked tirelessly to divert thousands of individuals from hospitalization and arrest; and

WHEREAS, In 2023 the nonprofit International Co-Responder Alliance organization created National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week to recognize, promote, and support co-response and mobile crisis response efforts, partnerships, and all responders; and

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim and establish the third full standard week of September to be Richmond Co-Responder & Crisis Responder Week, in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia; thanks all mental health professionals, support staff, law enforcement officers, and all others working collaboratively on behalf of behavioral health-related calls for service; and brings this important work to the attention of all our grateful residents.

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