

# Richmond City Council

# Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	PRESENTER
1	<p><b>Capt. Michael Snawder</b>                      Watch Commander                      Richmond Police                      Department</p> <p><b>To be received by:</b>  <b>Capt. Michael Snawder</b>                      Watch Commander                      Richmond Police Department</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND                      CITY COUNCIL                      RECOGNITION                      AWARD</b></p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate Capt. Michael Snawder, Watch Commander, Richmond Police Department, for his exemplary work as the most recent Precinct Commander of the Richmond Police Department - Richmond 2nd Police Precinct; and, thank our dedicated professional law enforcement officers, staff, and support personnel for helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.</p>	<p><b>Jones</b></p>

**The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were presented in the community at a different date.**

2	<p><b>Richmond 34</b></p> <p><b>Presented</b>                      For presentation for events held on February 22, 2019 At Virginia Union University and the Commonwealth of Virginia - Richmond Circuit Court - John Marshall Courts Building</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND                      CITY COUNCIL                      RECOGNITION                      AWARD</b></p>	<p>To recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond 34 and the vital civil rights work they represent; further commemorate the anniversary of demonstrations held February 20 and 22, 1960 in Richmond, Virginia; and, bring this to the attention of our community that we may share in remembering, regarding, and respecting such an important part of our history.</p>	<p><b>President</b></p>
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# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

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 body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize:

### Capt. Michael Snawder Watch Commander Richmond Police Department

**Whereas**, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Capt. Michael Snawder, Watch Commander, Richmond Police Department, for his exemplary work as the most recent Precinct Commander of the Richmond Police Department - Richmond 2nd Police Precinct; and

**Whereas**, Every resident of Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our nation deserves a safe community and to not have to live in fear of crime; and

**Whereas**, Essential to helping provide additional safety and security of Richmond residents and visitors is having professional law enforcement officers, staff, and support personnel, as provided by the Richmond Police Department, who serve with honor and fortitude in delivery of their duty, which, due to the exceptional nature of their work, puts them in harm's way; and

**Whereas**, In America, public service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through ongoing distinguished and commending example, Capt. Michael Snawder has proven a great dedication to and support of the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state, and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, labor, investment, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise;

**Now, Therefore**, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Capt. Michael Snawder, Watch Commander, Richmond Police Department, for his exemplary work as the most recent Precinct Commander of the Richmond Police Department - Richmond 2nd Police Precinct; and, thanks our dedicated professional law enforcement officers, staff, and support personnel for helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-fifth day of February, two thousand nineteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-first year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-second year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille  
Council President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert  
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council  
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Michael J. Jones  
Councilman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond South Central 9th Voter District



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## RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

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 body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby officially recognize:

# Richmond 34

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate the Richmond 34.

Representing hundreds of civil rights demonstrators who took part in marches and sit-ins in downtown Richmond on Saturday, February 20 and Monday, February 22, 1960, the "Richmond 34" was a name that came to be bestowed upon 34 of the participants who were arrested by police on the second day of the protests.

These organized events followed similar protest in Greensboro, North Carolina, on February 1, 1960, and included many students of African American descent from Virginia Union University, an historically black college in Richmond, who marched from the campus to the downtown business district. The action cumulated with protesters exercising the use of "sit-in" tactics by visiting four stores with lunch counters that refused equal service to non-white patrons, and refusing to leave until they were served. Originally scheduled and held on Saturday, February 20, 1960, the protests were extended to the following Monday when establishments closed rather than serve them.

On that second day, 34 of the protesters were arrested at the Thalhimers department store downstairs lunch counter and upstairs Richmond Room restaurant and charged with trespassing. The resulting convictions were subsequently appealed through the legal process to the U.S. Supreme Court, which, in June 1963, ruled that trespass laws could not be used to further racial discrimination.

Modeled after the nonviolent civil disobedience techniques developed by Mohandas K. Gandhi in South Africa and India in the first half of the 20th Century and incorporated and implemented by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the use of coordinated acts of protest and nonviolent civil disobedience were employed in the United States of America (especially in the South) in response to racial discrimination and segregation. These organized acts of public dissent were designed to publically confront and change discriminatory laws and practices that denied people the use of the same facilities and accommodations based on their race.

Through organized civil rights actions, court cases, and legislation, national laws were established to help ensure and protect civil rights. These laws included the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 that banned discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in employment and public accommodations; and, the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965 that restored and protected voting rights for all U.S. citizens.

**Now, Therefore,** Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor and celebrate the Richmond 34 and the vital civil rights work they represent; further commemorates the anniversary of demonstrations held February 20 and 22, 1960 in Richmond, Virginia; and, brings this to the attention of our community that we may share in remembering, regarding, and respecting such an important part of our history.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-second day of February, two thousand nineteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-first year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-second year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille  
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