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Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office Establishes Foundation Fund

Williamsburg County Sheriff Stephen Gardner has announced the establishment of a charitable fund at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation for the benefit of the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office. The fund has been established to assist in meeting various needs at Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office, including officer support for families of deputies killed or wounded in the line of duty, equipment, training, and implementing community-based programs initiatives. The fund provides an instrument for citizens to make tax-deductible contributions supporting the Sheriff's Office.

Stephen Gardner, Sheriff of Williamsburg County, shared, "I am pleased to announce that we have entered an exciting new chapter in our agency and for Williamsburg County by announcing our partnership between Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office and the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation resulting in the creation of the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office Foundation. Law enforcement isn't just a job at the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office & Detention Center. It is a calling to public service. Sometimes, it is a call to danger. Our dedicated deputies place their lives on the line every day for citizens of Williamsburg County and those visiting here.

The ultimate goal of the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office Foundation will be to provide our deputies and detention deputies with the best training, equipment, and support necessary to fulfill that calling, which is not always available through the budgetary process. With the help of Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office Foundation will make it possible for anyone to make a tax-deductible donation to the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation on behalf of the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office Foundation."

Belle Zeigler, Executive Director of Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, shared, "We are delighted to welcome the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office to our foundation family. We believe that our partnership with Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Gardner, his staff, and the Williamsburg County community will have a significant and positive impact on many lives. The foundation appreciates the efforts of the Sheriff and his team for raising the dollars through tremendous community support to establish this fund. We look forward to working together to grow the fund, thus increasing our ability to impact the community positively."

The foundation serves Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg Counties. The mission is to improve the quality of life in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina by fostering



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philanthropy and connecting financial resources to local nonprofits and other charitable entities through strategic grantmaking.

More information about Eastern Carolina Community Foundation may be found at www.easterncarolinacf.org or by calling 843-667-1131. Contributions to the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office Foundation Fund may be made online through the foundation website or mailed to Eastern Carolina Community Foundation ("ECCF"), P.O. Box 1615, Florence, SC 29503 (memo: WCSO Fund.) For more information about the Sheriff's Office, please visit: www.williamsburgcounty.sc.gov/159/Sheriffs-Office.

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