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Newport News Sheriff's Office Launches ALL Female Work Crew

Sheriff Gabe Morgan sees no reason to shy away from using female inmates on work crews. He is an equal opportunity employer.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office now has an ALL female work crew. The new program began the weekend of June 17 and 18 and is scheduled to continue every Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The women who are eligible are known to the sheriff's office as "weekenders." In other words, a judge has ordered them to serve their sentence only on a Saturday and Sunday. Many of these individuals have full-time jobs. They get to keep their jobs with this arrangement of punishment. They spend 48-hours a week locked-up at the downtown Newport News City Jail. "If they're serving time, why not make good use of that time?" questioned Sheriff Morgan.

The female work crew will pick-up trash along city streets. "It's a win/win," explained Sheriff Morgan. "The public benefits with cleaner neighborhoods at no cost to taxpayers."

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