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DATE: **February 8, 2011**

Old Dominion University and Turkish civil servants Tour Newport News City Jail

Sheriff Gabe Morgan was selected by Old Dominion University to assist with a Professional Development Program involving an elite group of Turkish civil servants. ODU received a grant with the Turkish Ministry of Interior for a Professional Development Program that involves an elite group of a dozen Turkish civil servants. These professionals are being groomed for senior leadership positions in Turkey.

"The professional development ties between ODU and Turkey have been forged most recently as Turkey is exploring new foreign policies and tries to expand its in-depth knowledge about local government structures and functions in the U.S." said Dr. Regina Karp, director of the Graduate Program in International Studies. "The Newport News Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Morgan is a crucial part of this development process."

As part of the ODU program, the Turkish delegation will visit a variety of civic and public institutions. The Newport News Sheriff's Office was selected to provide an overview of how a local sheriff's office operates. This will provide a unique opportunity to tour the Newport News City Jail and Jail Annex.

On Thursday, February 10, 2011, Sheriff Morgan will talk with them about his position, the election process, legislative issues, the running of the jail(s), and providing courtroom security. In addition to escorting the Turkish delegation through the City's correctional facilities, Sheriff Morgan has arranged for the group to hear from judges about our judicial system. A Question/Answer session will take place with the Honorable Peter Tench and Honorable Bryant Sugg followed by observing actual court proceedings.

"The introduction of our Turkish delegation to the Newport News law enforcement and court system will be invaluable," Dr. Karp said. "We appreciate Sheriff Morgan's unique assistance with the Professional Development Program."

WHO: ODU and Newport News Sheriff's Office
WHAT: Introduction to Turkish Delegation -- including Jail Tour & Observance of Court Proceedings
WHEN: Thursday, February 10, 2011
8:30 a.m.
WHERE: Newport News Sheriff's Office (*Administration Offices in the Justice Building*)
2501 Washington Avenue; 2nd Floor
Newport News, VA 23607

(see timeline below for estimated times and locations)

TIMELINE (*subject to change*):

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Welcome remarks by Sheriff Morgan at the Sheriff's Office Admin. Office
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Travel to Circuit Court for a briefing and Q & A by the Honorable(s) Peter Tench and Bryant Sugg
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Observe Circuit and District Court proceedings
10:10 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Tour main jail and jail annex
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Travel back to the Justice Building for a briefing and Q & A by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

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