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## Regional Public Safety Training Center FACT SHEET

### **Background**

On April 11, 2012, the Board approved the proposed FY13 capital budget which included funding for a Firearms Training Facility. However, there was much public concern and resistance to the project as proposed. As a result, on February 6, 2013, the Board directed staff to bring forward information on funding for an enclosed firing range and information on additional sites for a firing range.

Pursuant to the Board's direction, staff proceeded to obtain estimates for an enclosed range and review potential sites for a joint facility with the City of Charlottesville and The University of Virginia. Over the course of several months, staff developed an evaluation matrix to evaluate potential locations for an enclosed firing range. This process included the active involvement of County citizens.

On August 14, 2013, the Board reviewed analyses on three sites. The Board determined that a site currently owned by UVA on Milton road was the most suitable location for such a facility and directed staff to move forward in developing necessary joint funding and operating agreements between the County, City, and UVA.

### **Overview and Project Cost**

The proposed training center will be located at the old 172 acre Milton Airfield site, which is owned by UVA and currently houses an outdoor firing range.

The center itself will be an enclosed firing range structure with special HVAC requirements as well as noise buffering provisions. The facility's full enclosure will allow for controlled acoustics and ballistic safety. It will also include at least one multipurpose classroom for training and education. The facility will be used only by local law enforcement and correctional officers, and will not be open to the public.

The project will cost an estimated \$4-5 million total. Capital and operating costs will be jointly funded by UVA, Charlottesville and Albemarle County. In December 2013, the region was awarded approximately \$2.9 million from the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia to offset planned capital costs associated with the regional firearms training center.

### **Contact**

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