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Firstly, congratulations for being selected to attend the Basic Crime Scene Photography training. Secondly, we would like to welcome you to the City of Virginia Beach. We're excited that you get to spend some time in our city as you attend the training hosted by the Virginia Beach Police Department and instructed by the Virginia Department of Forensic Science. Initially, the training was to be located at our Special Operations/Forensics/Property & Evidence building a short distance away from the Municipal Center and Police HQ. However, due to the need for sustained mock crime scenes for the duration of the training, we suggested moving the training to one of our training facilities, called Creeds, located at **1585 Campbells Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23457**. This facility is located in the area of the city known as Pungo, which we affectionately refer to as "down in the country". It was previously an airfield and has been turned into a Simulated (Sim) City that is used by local law enforcement agencies for various training purposes.

There are a few considerations to pass on to you as you prepare to attend the training located in this section of our city:

Travel:

Travel to/from Creeds takes you through rural areas on roads meandering between crop fields, irrigation ditches which could swallow a Prius whole, and likely some wildlife.

Please adjust your speed accordingly. This facility is located about 20 minutes further south than the original training location.

Hotel:

If you're visiting from outside of our city, you will want to book a hotel sooner as opposed to later. The closest hotels to the training facility are the oceanfront resort hotels. As you can imagine, booking a hotel for a week in June will become increasingly more difficult as the training approaches.

Food:

There are **not** many options for food in this part of the city. There are only two or three restaurants. There are several options along the way to training, but nothing within reasonable driving distance during your lunch break. I would suggest bringing a lunch, and snacks, and packing it within a small cooler. There are a few refrigerators available at this location, but they quickly fill up due to attendees to other trainings.

Water:

June. Virginia Beach humidity. 'Nuff said. Bring plenty of water for yourself. There are water fountains in the facility to refill. We'll provide a large cooler full of water and Gatorade each day, but be sure to stay hydrated.

Sunscreen/Bug Spray:

Being that this facility was repurposed from an airfield, large portions of the training space are paved, thus trees (shade) are limited. Wear a brimmed hat and bring sunscreen. Also, large portions of this area are considered wetlands. Bugs are always a possibility.

Shared Space:

During our training time, we will be sharing the space with the VBPD Academy. They are scheduled to perform the Patrol Tactics portion of instruction at the Creeds facility while we are also there. This will entail their movement throughout the Sim City for the instructors to illustrate key points. As such, we'll be sharing the space and working around them. Their education takes precedence, but should not interfere with our training. To signify that we are "out of play", the Creeds staff has asked that we wear

yellow traffic safety vests. Vests are available to be loaned to attendees, but if you have an issued traffic safety vest, feel free to bring it with you.

Local Attractions:

As you can imagine, our Oceanfront area attracts much attention during tourist season. There are many things to do at this area including the new adventure park (ropes course and zip lines) near the Virginia Aquarium, Ocean Breeze Waterpark, the oceanfront midway, and of course the beach. There are evening dining options galore. There's something for everyone here in our city. Be sure to take the opportunity to enjoy yourselves after class each evening, if possible.

Finally, there should be several of our folks within the training that can serve as your local experts when it comes to any of the above recommendations.

Enjoy the training and your time at the Beach.

Thanks,



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