April 7, 2011

EMAIL MEMORANDUM

TO:        Sheriffs and Regional Jail Superintendents
FROM:    Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary
RE:        FY12 Budget Reduction Implementation

On April 6, 2011, the General Assembly approved an amendment submitted by Governor McDonnell during its reconvened session to provide one-time funding for Sheriffs and Regional Jails to offset funding shortfalls in FY12, using FY11 state general fund year-end balances. Those balances, however, will not be available for allocation by the Compensation Board until after statewide year-end balances have been identified and designated by the State Comptroller, likely no sooner than August, 2011.

When the Compensation Board sets budgets for FY12 on May 1, 2011 for Sheriffs’ Offices and Regional Jails, it must pro-rate a shortfall in appropriated funding in the form of a base budget reduction from FY11 amounts. If year-end balances are later allocated to the Compensation Board to restore reductions, they will need to be allocated as one-time funds, such as temporary salaries or office expenses. The Board will need to approve a plan for restoration of reduction amounts, and more information will be forthcoming at a later date.

An overview of the planned implementation of the FY12 budget reduction, and information regarding your opportunity to request changes to the default implementation of reductions prior to April 14, 2011, is available on the Compensation Board’s website at http://www.scb.virginia.gov/docs/fy12brimplementation.pdf. Please review this information at your earliest opportunity, so that you will have ample time to consider any changes to the default budget reduction implementation you may wish to request.

c:    Governing Bodies