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DC Goodwill Partners with Virginia Metropolitan Training Academy for its Free Unarmed Security & Protective Services Training Program

Arlington, VA – Goodwill of Greater Washington (DC Goodwill) recently launched a partnership with Virginia Metropolitan Training Academy (VMT Academy) to provide the skills based preparation for Goodwill's unarmed security & protective services training program at its Arlington Career Center.

Goodwill's previous training partner was an employer of security guards,. Since VMT Academy specializes in training and does not employ security guards itself, Goodwill believes more employers will be willing to hire Goodwill graduates who were not trained by a direct competitor.

According to Lisa Bauer, DC Goodwill Manager, Workforce Development, the improved VMT Academy training curriculum creates a "police academy" style of training that results in better qualified and trained graduates.

It is very rewarding to work across the community, and bring together partnerships that meet the needs of high growth business and the individuals we serve", said Lisa Bauer, DC Goodwill Manager of Workforce Development. "We're graduating individuals who are committed and ready to hit the ground running! After seven weeks and over 150 hours of comprehensive full time training, these students are well positioned for competitive employment. Graduates are eligible for unarmed positions in Virginia and DC and have the ability (in parallel with employment) to pursue additional academic and industry certifications."

Virginia Metropolitan Training Academy is an acclaimed public and private law enforcement training academy with a reputation for both effective training solutions. VMT Academy uses innovative technology in the protection of life and property utilizing a network of law enforcement and security professionals with over 40 years of combined experience.

In partnership with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), eligible program participants will also receive 6 college credits that can be applied towards a NOVA degree or certification, resulting in even greater opportunity in the security field.

DC Goodwill's Arlington Career Center is located on the second floor at 10 South Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Its partnership with VMT Academy began with the first cohort of the year in January.

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About DC Goodwill: Goodwill of Greater Washington's mission is to transform lives and communities through the power of education and employment. DC Goodwill provides free job training and employment services to people with disabilities and disadvantages throughout the greater Washington, DC metropolitan region.