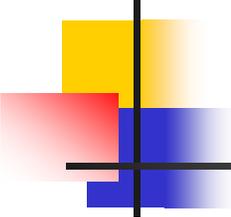


# CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER BUDGET ISSUES

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General Government Subcommittee  
January 29, 2008



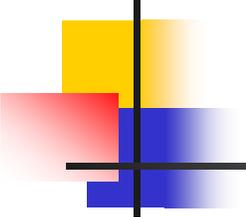
# FOUR MAJOR CHALLENGES

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- “Position gap” is widening
- Professional development and retention programs only partially funded, leaving “haves” and “have nots”
- 2002-03 reimbursement reductions never restored
- Budget Bill cuts Comp Board staff by 20%

# THESE OFFICES ARE 1,753 POSITIONS SHORT

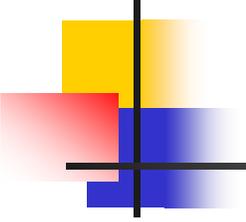
Office	Authorized	Positions short	% of shortfall
Sheriffs & regional jails	11,667	831	7.1%
Commonwealth's Attorneys	1,266	167	13.2%
Circuit Court Clerks	1,144	227	19.8%
Treasurers	861	161	18.7%
Finance Directors	363	3	1.0%
Commissioners of the Revenue	846	362	42.9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,167</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>10.8%</b>



# SHERIFFS' OFFICES POSITION SHORTFALL

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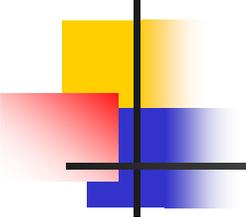
- Law enforcement deputies 41
- Court services 86
- Jail medical/treatment 356
- Administrative 77
- Dispatchers 27
- Emergency corrections 244
- TOTAL 831 positions



# COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS

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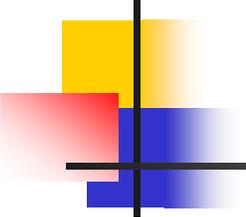
- General Assembly undertook to address over three years
- Only partially fulfilled
- 63 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys short
- 104 support staff



# MASTER DEPUTY/CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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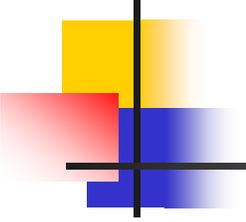
- Enacted to promote professional development, enhance retention
- Sheriffs, Commonwealth's attorneys, treasurers, commissioners
- Underfunding means there are "haves" and "have nots" – deputies with same achievements are treated differently



# QUALIFIED BUT UNFUNDED

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- Hundreds of deputies affected
- Deputy sheriffs/jail officers in 9 sheriffs' offices, 4 regional jails
- 23 Assistant Commonwealth's attorneys
- 14 treasurers, 58 deputies
- 18 commissioners, 117 deputies
- Commissioners' program likely to be cut

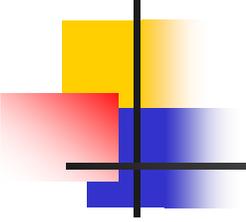


# POSITION SHORTFALLS ARE EXTREME IN MANY OFFICES

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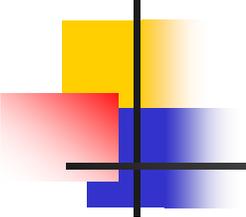
- Small, rural counties often hit hardest
- Treasurer 189.24% (5 positions in office – 15 required)
- Clerk 45.22%
- Commissioner 41.26%
- Sheriff 8.61%



# SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS

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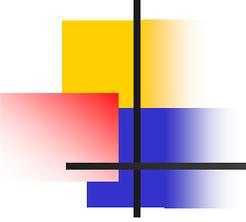
- Prince William Comm Atty 27.09%  
(almost 6 positions short)
- Portsmouth Sheriff 85.86%
- Prince Edward Clerk 36.19%
- Fauquier Commissioner 33.63%
- Portsmouth Treasurer 58.83% (7.5  
positions short)



# SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS

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- Buckingham Commissioner 38.82%
- Henrico Sheriff 25.21% (6.3 short)
- Newport News Commissioner 72.58%  
(4<sup>th</sup> highest need in state – 8.5 positions short)
- Suffolk Sheriff 60.50%
- Dickenson Comm Atty 37.57%
- Suffolk Clerk 36.43%



# REIMBURSEMENTS CUT, BECOME BUDGET REDUCTIONS

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- Budget reductions of 2002-04
- Clerks 19%
- Treasurers 19%
- Commissioners 19%
- Sheriffs 5%
- Commonwealth's Attorneys 5%
- Some restorations for sheriffs, CA's