

Virginia Juvenile Justice Association

Tidewater District Elections 2015

Tidewater Members: In accordance with the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) Bylaws, the following members have been nominated to hold office in the Tidewater district for two-year terms beginning in January 2016. Please vote for one candidate per office (space will be provided for write-in candidates). Voting will be on-line and available December 1 – December 15, 2015. Thank you for participating in the election process.

Demian Futterman, 2015 State Election Commissioner



Candidate for Chair

KATHERINE GRIMM
VADJJ – 3rd District Court Service Unit
Portsmouth

Katherine just completed her third term as District Chair after serving two terms as Vice Chair. She is employed by the Portsmouth Court Service Unit as the Director. Prior to beginning work in the 3rd CSU, she was employed by the 15th CSU in Spotsylvania. Katherine is said to be a strong and capable leader, admired by her staff. Since joining the 3rd CSU team in 2002, she has had a significant impact on juvenile services in the Portsmouth area and wants to bring that same energy level to VJJA. On a personal note, Katherine is an animal lover originally from Lockport, New York. She and her dog & cat family now make their home in Chesapeake.



Candidate for Vice Chair

GINGER PLOEGER
Tidewater Youth Services Commission

Ginger Ploeger has been an active VJJA member for the past 17 years. She has served two terms as the Vice Chair for the association's Tidewater District, participated on the local advisory board for several years & also assisted with prior VJJA institute planning committees. Ginger is currently the Director of Community-Based Clinical Services of the Tidewater Youth Services Commission (TYSC). She has been an Assistant Director/Director of TYSC since 1998 & has been responsible for overseeing the operations of both residential & community-based programs. Ginger has worked with at-risk youth in VA for 20+ years. She also serves on the VB Community Criminal Justice Board, CPMT & was recently appointed by the VBCPS board to serve on the CAC for Gifted Education. Ginger is a Virginia Beach native & an alumna of Virginia Tech. Go Hokies! She currently resides in Virginia Beach with her husband & their two children.



Candidate for Secretary

GREGG SMITH
VADJJ – 4th District Court Service Unit
Norfolk

Gregg Smith is a lifelong resident of Hampton Roads. He was born in Norfolk and graduated from Old Dominion University. Mr. Smith is twenty-two veteran of the Department of Juvenile Justice starting his professional career in 1993 as the first Gangs and Weapons Intensive Probation Officer. He has worked as an Intensive Parole Officer and served as a CSU Gang Specialist. Currently, he is a Probation Supervisor with the Norfolk Court Services Unit and the former Region III Gang Coordinator for the Department of Juvenile Justice. He chairs both the Norfolk CSU Recidivism and Training Committees.

Outside of work, he spends hundreds of hours each year volunteering with at-risk youth. He has been named USAA Citizen of the Year and he is a two time Volunteer of the Year for Boys and Girls Clubs of America. In addition, he enjoys photography and is a freelance disc jockey.



Candidate for Treasurer

MARC CRIPPEN
VADJJ – 3rd District Court
Service Unit
Portsmouth

Marc Crippen has been VJJA member for almost 10 years, and the Treasurer for the Tidewater District for the past 4 years. He has been with the Portsmouth CSU for the past 8 years, having a probation/parole caseload for 6 years, and has been a Probation/Parole Supervisor for the past 2 years. Previously he was employed as a counselor at Newport News Juvenile Detention and a police officer with the City of Chesapeake. Marc is a member of MENSA since 2005 and a member of the Virginia Gang Investigators Association since 2012. He has been on the Board of Director's with the Virginia Governmental Employees Association since 09/2013 and on was on the Board of Directors with FRIENDS of the Portsmouth Juvenile Court for 6 years, and the Vice President for 2 ½ years. Marc graduated with a B.S. in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University & a Master's in Public Administration from Old Dominion University. A Tidewater native, he and his wonderful wife of 13 years and 2 daughters make their home in Chesapeake.