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## New officers pinned, take oath

The Danville Police Department pinned 10 new officers who graduated from the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy last week.

At a Thursday ceremony, friends and family gathered at police headquarters to watch as Kymber Cook, Charlene Crews, Kenneth Evans, Craig Lichtenfeld, Joclyn Martin, Joshua Piedra, Christopher Pritchett, Colby Richardson, Matthew Stone and Robert Walters receive their officer badges and take the oath.

The day after, they received their certificate of completion from the academy in a ceremony at the New College Institute in Martinsville.

Awards were also presented during the ceremony. Lichtenfeld won first place in firearms, Evans and Walters tied for second place, and Stone was third place. Piedra was presented with the academic award, and Pritchett received with the director's award.

The new officers will now enter Danville police's B.R.I.D.G.E. Program, which stands for Building Relationships, Inspiring Dialogue, Growing Engagement. This four-week program gives a focus on community engagement, connecting with stakeholders, seeing an overview of Danville and the completion of a community project.

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# Caesars Virginia sets a record with \$37.99M monthly revenue

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Caesars Virginia set a record for revenue in May, bringing in \$37.99 million to the casino that calls Danville home.

The Virginia Lottery released its monthly tally of casino revenues on Monday.

Caesars — as it's done in the past — also soared above the other operations in the state, besting Hard Rock Bristol, Rivers

Casino Portsmouth, The Interim Gaming Hall Norfolk and Live! Virginia in Petersburg.

For Danville, it was the highest figure since March 2025, when \$35.98 million was generated.

December marked a full year of operation for the Danville casino built on the ground that once operated Schoolfield Mill, part of the sprawling Dan River Inc. textile operation.

Smokestacks — known as the “Three Sisters” — remain and have been preserved on the property as a nod to that history.

The December 2024 opening came after developmental hurdles — courtesy of the COVID-19 pandemic — sent the original \$400 million project soaring to more than \$750 million for the Danville project.



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Caesars Virginia hosts its grand opening in Schoolfield on Dec. 17, 2024.