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Safe Travels for the Holidays!

Whether you are heading to Grandma's or your shift at the airport, plan to travel safe this holiday season. Prepare your car for winter weather and add an emergency kit if you don't already have one. Only drive in conditions you are comfortable with and remember that bridges and overpasses can form ice quickly. Plan for heavy traffic around the holidays and give yourself plenty of extra time.

Taking a flight out of RIC? Make sure your gifts aren't on the TSA prohibited items list at [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov). Don't worry - fruitcake is a permitted carry-on item. I checked for you. Wishing you safe, speedy holiday travels!

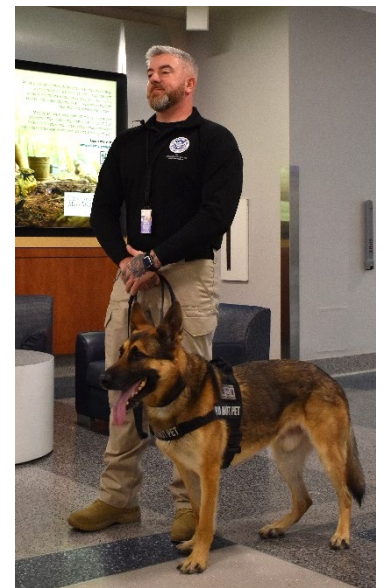
Hello, Mr. September!

[The free, downloadable, 2025 TSA Canine Calendar has been unleashed](#), and it features one of RIC's own. Hary, a TSA explosives detection canine who has been trained to screen passengers and their belongings, is the highlighted pup of the month for September 2025 in the national calendar!

Hary is a six-year-old German Shepherd. The dog and his handler, Kyle Smith (pictured right) have been a team for four years, serving Nashville International Airport (BNA), Charlotte International Airport (CLT), and now Richmond. The pair have also assisted at special events such as the Super Bowl, the Indianapolis 500, and a recent Formula One race in Las Vegas.

"It is an honor to have the opportunity to work alongside Hary and help protect the traveling public," said Smith. "We are a team, a partnership that brings out the best in both of us."

Congrats on the recognition, Hary and Kyle!



Special Delivery for the USO

by Tricia Riggs, Senior Center Operations Specialist, United Service Organizations

The Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia stopped by the USO to drop off nuts and chocolates for the troops on Wednesday, November 20. The Girl Scouts themselves could not get time away off from school, so members of the council delivered them personally.

This special partnership with the Girl Scouts makes sure our USO is stocked with sweets for our service members. Thanks to the volunteers who stopped by!

October 2024



428,441



19.7 million lbs.



9,873

-2.8%

+7.5%

+6.7%



YEARS OF SERVICE

Chuck Samuels
Utilities & Grounds
Capital Region Airport Commission

**Congrats to Chuck
for 20 years at RIC!**

The Holidays Came Early!

On Friday, November 22, Breeze Airways launched its brand-new route from Richmond to Sarasota-Bradenton (SRQ)! Refreshments were provided to all passengers of the inaugural flight and ARFF was on-hand to provide a celebratory water arch over the plane.

[Book your flight to SRQ today!](#)



Itinerary: Important Dates

- December 14-21** [2024 USA Boxing National Championships](#)
- December 16** [Civilian Response to Active Shooter Training](#): Hosted by RIC PD, 3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., North Conference Room
- December 19** [RIC Joint Safety Meeting](#): 11:00 a.m., North Conference Room
- December 21** **Winter Solstice**

GREEN DAY/S

Holiday block leave of troops for the holidays

Depart: December 17-18, 2024

Return: January 4-5, 2025



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