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VCU Selects RMC Events as ESS Provider *New Contract to Start in July*

Richmond, VA May 16, 2018 – [RMC Events](#) is announcing that it will be the new provider of External Security Services (ESS) for [Virginia Commonwealth University](#) (VCU). VCU has utilized an ESS program across its campus since the fall of 2012. These security personnel assist uniformed VCU Police officers in a variety of ways, providing added visibility within the community.

Already widely recognized as Virginia’s premier event staffing company, RMC Events provided event management and support services at more than 9,400 events with 1,800 staff members in 2017. In addition, RMC built and has operated a [similar model](#) to the VCU ESS program at the University of Virginia since 2016. RMC will take over the program effective July 15, 2018 with an initial contract term of five years and up to three single-year renewal options.

“Trained RMC security staff will be present in academic and commercial spaces and at special events on VCU’s academic and medical campuses,” said VCU Police Chief John Venuti. “As police officers focus on strategic patrols and crime prevention on the street, RMC staffers will secure a variety of spaces that have routine, tailored security needs.”

As a result of this contract announcement, RMC will be creating 75 full-time jobs. These positions will include benefits and paid vacation time. A [job description](#) has been posted on the RMC website and interested applicants are encouraged to [apply online](#). Earlier this year, within its Event Operations Division, RMC announced the creation of 450 new part-time positions in the Charlottesville, Harrisonburg and Tidewater regions.

While VCU’s award of the ESS bid to RMC is a new contract, it is not the first time the organizations have worked together. In fact, RMC has been providing event staffing and support for VCU special events and athletics for more than 17 years.

“Obviously, this is a significant program and exciting opportunity to further enhance our partnership with VCU,” said [Dan Schmitt](#), President of RMC Events. “VCU’s academic and research success speaks for itself. To be asked to further our relationship with such an outstanding institution and group of professionals is an honor.”

About RMC Events:

RMC Events (<http://www.rmcevents.com>) provides event staffing support services to colleges/universities, NASCAR facilities, and over 150 sporting and entertainment venues across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The RMC Events Ambassador Program, headquartered in Charlottesville, Virginia, provides community safety personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The company was founded in 1999 and is based in Richmond, Virginia. RMC Events is committed to providing clients and venues with superior-level event management services and support to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for their guests.

About VCU and VCU Health:

Virginia Commonwealth University is a major, urban public research university with national and international rankings in sponsored research. Located in downtown Richmond, VCU enrolls more than 31,000 students in 217 degree and certificate programs in the arts, sciences and humanities. Thirty-eight of the programs are unique in Virginia, many of them crossing the disciplines of VCU's 11 schools and three colleges. The VCU Health brand represents the VCU health sciences academic programs, the VCU Massey Cancer Center and the VCU Health System, which comprises VCU Medical Center (the only academic medical center and Level I trauma center in the region), Community Memorial Hospital, Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU, MCV Physicians and Virginia Premier Health Plan. For more, please visit www.vcu.edu and vcuhealth.org.

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