



BEHIND THE SCENE

VIRGINIA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION, Inc.

February 2015
Administrative Professionals Section

"Professionals Partnering to Serve Our Community"

APS Holds Quarterly Meeting

By: Sherri Laffoon, APS President

The Administrative Professionals Section quarterly meeting was hosted by Virginia Task Force 2 in Virginia Beach on November 12, 2014.

Battalion Chief Tracy Freeman provided an overview of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Program and gave everyone a tour of the warehouse (pictured right). It was a great presentation of an impressive operation!

The APS would like to thank Monique Williams for arranging and hosting the meeting and coordinating lunch. Special thanks to Monica Crowell for the tasty dessert.

The next APS meeting will be held at the Fire & Rescue Conference on February 20, 2015.



2015 Fire & Rescue Conference

Mark Your Calendar!

The 2015 Fire & Rescue Conference will be held February 19-22, 2015. We will have a couple of speakers for our morning and afternoon sessions. You can choose which breakout session you would like to attend; there are many to choose from! All can be found on the vfca.us website.

Silent Auction

In an effort to raise money for the Virginia Fire Chief's Foundation, there will be a silent auction held at the February conference. We need your assistance in soliciting donations and making the baskets that will be auctioned. Please check with businesses in your locality to see what they would be willing to donate. Examples of items would be peanuts, wine, beer, paintings by local artists, local attractions (waterpark, amusement park, caverns, botanical garden, historical monument), challenge coins, etc.

Please coordinate with Sherri Laffoon to get the items to her before the conference if you are unable to attend. All items need to be to her by Friday, February 13, 2015. If you need a copy of the official donation letter, please email Sherri at laffoons@chesterfield.gov. We need a few volunteers to assemble the baskets before the conference. If you can help, let Sherri know.

Assistance Needed at the Fire & Rescue Conference

The conference committee could use our assistance at the 2015 conference. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing the bags, speaker introductions, monitoring classrooms, etc. If you are available to assist, please email Sherri Laffoon at laffoons@chesterfield.gov.

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2015 VFCA-APS Officers

Congratulations to the following individuals who will represent the Administrative Professionals Section for 2015:



Nichole Furey, President
Administrative Assistant
Williamsburg



Laura Cleveland, Vice President
Administrative Assistant
Henrico



Chris Gallagher, Secretary
Business Services Coordinator
Hampton

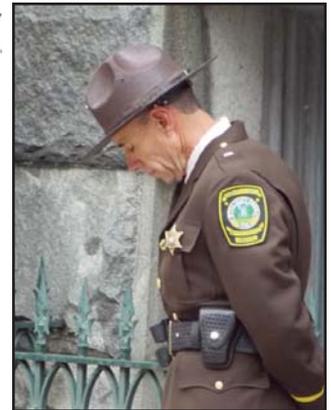
APS Members Attend Public Safety Memorial Dedication

On Saturday December 6, 2014, APS members Sherri Laffoon, Renee Wilson and Lynn Cherry-Miller attended the dedication of the Commonwealth of Virginia Public Safety Memorial Wall.

This memorial was built to remember 870 members of the fire service, law enforcement, EMS, and the Virginia National Guard who have made the supreme sacrifice for the Commonwealth of Virginia and its localities. Despite the weather, there was a great turnout for the very moving ceremony. If you are ever in Richmond, go by and see the wall. It is an amazing tribute to the fallen public safety officers.



VIRGINIA PUBLIC SAFETY *The Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial* FOUNDATION



Help Recruit New Members

We are looking for more professionals in the fire service to join our section. If you have a co-worker who you would feel would benefit from joining our section, bring them to a meeting. Membership dues are \$40 and include the following benefits:

- Valuable training opportunities
- Networking with other professionals in the fire service
- Subscription to the "Behind the Scene" section newsletter and the "Commonwealth Chief" Magazine
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance

Registration is available online at www.vfca.us. You can also see your membership status and pay your dues online. If you have questions, contact President Sherri Laffoon at laffoons@chesterfield.gov or 804-796-7159.