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VIRGINIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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Administrative Professionals Section

"Professionals Partnering to Serve Our Community"

HENRICO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS APS MEETING



Justin Johnson

Administrative Professionals Section president Laura Cleveland of Henrico hosted the group's 3rd quarter meeting on August 26 at the Richmond International Raceway (RIR). We were welcomed by RIR Sales & Marketing Manager, Justin Johnson.

Once we did our 'round robin' of introductions, our speaker, Battalion Chief Jackson Baynard provided us with an overview of the Unified Incident Command System used by Fire, EMS, Police, and other partner agencies working together during events at the track to ensure public safety. Along with the crews of uni-

formed personnel across the agencies, there is a healthy contingent of plain clothes personnel who are also busy observing and relaying information as needed.

The track is divided into two separate zones; the inside controlled by RIR, and the outside, controlled by the fire department. Typically, the two zones remain separate, but a large-scale incident would require both to work in tandem. Changes were implemented following the tragedy of 9/11 and the Boston Marathon bombing, starting with the implementation of a Joint Hazardous Assessment Team (JHAT), which would determine the level of response needed in a similar type incident.

As much as planning for contingencies plays a role in maintaining the public's safety and security, so too does Communications. That task, along with accountability for all personnel is made easier by the use of Esri's GIS satellite tracking software available on tablets and smart phones. The software makes it possible to quickly map the area as vendor names and locations may change from one race to the next. Personnel in the field can identify their location in relation to an incident that may occur, allowing the closest responders to mitigate the incident. Information is then communicated more accurately up



Battalion Chief Jackson Baynard

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2016 3RD QUARTER MTG. - RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY





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and down the chain from the EOC or nerve center, to the responders in the field. They currently respond to an average of 50 to 60 calls per Saturday race, and 2 Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) certified medics are included in the staffing on hand.

Following Battalion Chief Baynard's presentation and the brief Q&A that followed, the group went outside to for a ride in Henrico County Truck 1's bucket, courtesy of personnel from Station 1.

Our bucket ride was followed by lunch and the business portion of our meeting.



APS President Laura Cleveland



BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

- APS will sponsor a hole at the VFCF Golf Tournament at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, Friday, September 23rd. If you would like to donate or can assist with ticket sales or registration at the tournament, contact Laura Cleveland, cle56@henrico.us.
- Annual Fire & Rescue Conference, Virginia Beach—Paula King will be the conference speaker again this year. She will provide 4 hours of training which may cover two topics. An update will be provided once the topic has been finalized.
- A Technology Day will be held on Thursday of the conference. Please check with your department's technical support personnel to see if they would be interested in presenting.
- Silent Auction—Last year's auction proceeds were \$2,000. We will hold the auction and a 50/50 raffle. Please donate items for the auction; some suggestions are sports items, department T-shirts, hats, etc.
- WIPS Conference—The Women in Public Service Conference will be held on September 21 and 22 in Portsmouth, VA. The conference theme is "Building Bridges to Excellence." You still have time to register.
- VFCF Roanoke Valley Golf Tournament at Hanging Rock Golf Course in Salem, VA on October 7, 2016. This will be the inaugural tournament for Salem. Sponsors are needed.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

The 2016 application period for the **Robert E. White Memorial Scholarship, Glenn A. Gaines Leadership Legacy Award and the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association Health & Safety Awards is now open.** The deadline to apply is December 1, 2016.

The Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation (VFCF) offers annual scholarships for continuing education. Individual

scholarship awards range from \$250-\$2,500 and can be used for expenses such as registration, tuition, books, meals, lodging, or transportation.

For more information on the eligibility and selection criteria, go to the VFCA website, [http://vfca.us/Scholarships Awards](http://vfca.us/Scholarships_Awards).

Central Virginia EMS Expo

Save the Date for the 8th Annual CVA EMS Expo March 4 & 5, 2017

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members, **Tamara Brooks** from Nokesville, VA and **Christina Smith** from Chesterfield, VA.

Thank you *Chiefs* for your continued support.

DEC. MEETING HOST

Nichole Fury of Williamsburg will host the 4th qtr. meeting on Friday, December 16, 2016. Save the date!

Additional information including the speaker and agenda will be provided at a later date.

BECOME A MEMBER

VFCA section memberships are just \$40 per year.

In addition to all of the benefits afforded by joining VFCA, APS membership provides quarterly training and networking opportunities with other administrative professionals throughout the state, as well as an AD & D policy by Provident

Membership also reduces the cost of your registration for the annual conference. Join online, www.vfca.us.

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