



IMPORTANT NOTICE

2020 Annual Meeting Information

** Please carefully read this entire letter as it contains important information for VSFA Members **

Fellow VSFA Members,

I want to thank you for your continuing support, especially in these uncertain times. The purpose of my letter is to ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of the Associations proceeding for 2020.

First, I am sure everyone knows the 2020 Joint Conference, First Responder Virginia, scheduled for September 24-26 in Virginia Beach, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes all associated events, training, and meetings associated with the conference. However, the Executive Committee has determined the need to conduct a VSFA Annual Business Meeting to ensure that we are operating in accordance with the VSFA Constitution and By-Laws.

Therefore, the Executive Committee has set **Saturday, November 14, 2020**, as the new Annual Business Meeting date. This event will be held virtually utilizing the ZOOM meeting format. **The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9am and should end by 2pm at the latest.** This meeting agenda will be abbreviated so as to not to take up any more time than needed to ensure you, our members, are informed and to accomplish those items which need to be addressed in this business year such as By-Law changes and annual election of officers.

For those reasons we have enclosed a copy of the Credentials Paperwork which MUST be completed and submitted to the Secretary to take part in any official vote. There will be no conference fee charged this year, but as in years past your dues will have to be paid in full to recognize the credentials as valid. I will remind you that you are encouraged to pay dues via credit card through the website.

Included in this packet is a copy of the By-Law changes/additions. The purpose of this change is to officially allow the use of virtual technology to conduct any meeting and for voting in such meetings. This change has been approved by the Executive Committee.

The Nomination committee will present a slate of qualified candidates for the elective offices at the Annual Business Meeting. All current officers are up for reelection, but should you wish to have another name entered for consideration please contact either Co-Chair Jeff Flipppo, David Akers or the VSFA Secretary. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

This year the Red Book will be available for download from the VSFA website. All committee and officer reports will be posted there and will not be on the agenda unless requested by the individual committee chairman. This is being done, to keep the meeting in line with this year's shorter time frame. However, there will be time allotted to address any member concerns or questions.



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Finally, the conference committee has decided to not have any type of memorial service this year as they did not feel they could pay appropriate respect to our fallen members. Therefore, next year's conference will pay tribute to both the 2020 and 2021 fallen members. To maintain accountability, we are asking that you still complete the deceased member form and submit it with your dues this year. This information will be retained for the 2021 service.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact myself, any elected officer, or Executive Committee member as we are always ready to assist. I look forward to seeing everyone on-line for the Annual Business Meeting.

Stay Safe,

Sincerely,

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