

FIREFIGHTER

Newsletter



Rebecca H. Mays
\$2,500



David Lee Huddleston
\$1,000
Presented By Provident

Scholarship Recipients Are Announced

The following scholarship recipients were recently announced:

- Rebecca H. Mays - \$2,500
- Casey A. Walker - \$1,750
- Joshua Lee Long - \$1,250
- Taylor Benjamin Chandler - \$1,000 (Presented by Chesterfield Insurers)
- Meredyth Diane Monroe - \$1,000 (Presented by VFIS)
- David Kyle Huddleston - \$1,000 (Presented by Provident)
- Maeghan N. McAlexander - \$750
- Casey Tyler Smith - \$750
- Christopher Ethan Dew - \$750
- James H. Satterfield - \$750
- Ashley Lohr - \$500
- Scott Hull - \$500
- Ayla Diane Landis - \$500



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The City of Petersburg, Va has been conducting a city wide sweep of older unstable buildings within the city limits. Assisting in the operations is the Petersburg Fire Dept., city building, and fire inspectors.

T-1 crew assists fire inspector Doug Sanford in photographing an older brick structure on the corner of W. Washington, and N. Dunlop St. in the cities west end.

Bottom right FF Mike Clarke watches, while FF Kevin Roberts controls the tower. FF. Allan Stott (far right) with fire inspector Doug Sanford (far left) in tower.

Unable to be seen in the picture is Capt. Steve Yohe, who is hidden by the front end of T-1 observing from the ground. (photo & article Lloyd Goddard Dist 9)



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From The Auxiliary President

My name is Tina Puffenbarger and I am currently the elected President for the Auxiliary to the Virginia State Firefighter's Association.

I am excited to begin my two-year term and look forward to working with our State members, officers and committee members.

The officers and I are excited and willing to offer assistance to the VSFA and their projects also.

I am a member of the Harrisonburg Hose Co. # 4 Auxiliary and have been a part of the State Association for over 25 years.

I have been attending State Zone Meetings and Conventions during this time so I have become quite familiar with the operations of the Auxiliary to the VSFA.

My theme for my tenure is "Friendships".

The Auxiliary to the VSFA has afforded me and the members many

friendships with those from all areas of the state. The friendships we each gain from this organization sustain though the years.

Each year, the Auxiliary to the VSFA holds two Zone Meetings (Spring/Fall) and are part of the Annual State Convention (August).

Each of us that attend these meetings appreciates our time together and enjoys our visits across the state. We conduct business and have time to socialize.

The weekends we spend together are memorable. Ask any member and I am sure they have a Zone Meeting story to tell.

We are always looking for new members and auxiliaries to join our group. Please consider coming to our next meeting.

We have Zone Meetings scheduled in Harrisonburg on Nov. 9-10, 2012 and in Vienna on April 19-20,

2013.

I would love to hear from anyone wanting to join or just to hear new ideas, etc.

Please feel free to call me at 540-810-5315 or email at tpuffenbarger@harrisonburg.k12.va.us.

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as President to the State Auxiliary that celebrates 84 years of service to the Virginia State Firefighter's Association.

I hope to see or meet you at a meeting soon.

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New Delivery

On behalf of the Apparatus Committee, I am proud to announce the delivery of our new engine, a 2012 Pierce Velocity.

Many hours of hard work have gone into making this unit a reality, and I'd especially like to call out the dedication of Chris Cikra, Corey Merdler and Eric Bartholomew (2-A).

If it gives you any indication of how great this thing looks, our salesman made it his cover picture on Facebook.

Congratulations on the entire department's hard work that enabled us to make this a reality.

Without the numerous fundraising events that the department and auxiliary do, including bingo, craft fairs, etc., or without the great behind the scenes administrative work that all of our members do, this wouldn't be possible.

Thank you again for all your hard work.



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2012 Convention/Expo Recap

Firefighters and their families from across Virginia gathered in Hampton August 16-18th for the 126th Conference & Expo. The Hampton Roads Convention Center was abuzz with activity. There was something for everyone.

Business meetings, training, memorial service, EVT symposium, fire services board, fire service council, recruitment & retention, bingo, casino night, corn hole tournament, nascar simulators and tire changer, contests, truck rodeo, dance and last but not least the expo. Why weren't you there?

We would be remiss if we didn't say something about our vendors. We have several that have been with us through thick and thin.

Several of them remember all too well the days of meeting in gymnasiums and on hot parking lots.

Remember to thank them when you see them or their representatives in your area.

Without them we would not be able offer the many activities that make the Conference/Expo successful.

The Association is always looking to add activities and functions that are interesting and cutting edge. Your feedback and input is vital to these efforts.

Please contact the officers and executive committee members with your suggestions.

The memorial service was held on Wednesday evening. Pastor Tom Williams led the service where we remembered those members of fire departments and auxiliaries that passed away over the past year.

This is one of the highlights of the Conference and is always very well attended. This year was no exception.

The training sessions offered received very well. Attendance was at an all time high. 2013 will only get better.

Make your plans early to attend the 127th Conference/Expo August 14-17, 2013.



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