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Virginia Public Safety Foundation Celebrates National Fire Prevention Week and Remembers Virginia Firefighters

~ Heart Disease Line of Duty Deaths Dominate Virginia Roster~

RICHMOND –Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF) celebrates National Fire Prevention Week October 3-9 by paying tribute to Virginia firefighters and remembering firefighters killed in the line of duty in Virginia. VPSF is official administrator of the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial being built at Darden Memorial Garden on Capitol Square in Richmond.

“The Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial will honor all Virginia public safety officers killed in the line of duty, including police, sheriff’s officers, firefighters and EMTs,” said C. Hadden Culp, Assistant Fire Chief for the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, and VPSF President. “This week, in celebration of National Fire Prevention week, we remember the names of 100 firefighters lost in service to Virginia communities. Their heroism inspires us every day.”

“I would also like to draw attention to a startling statistic: fully half of the firefighters listed below lost their lives to a cardiac-related event suffered in the line of duty. We need to do more to fight this health crisis in our community, and VPSF is on the front lines of this battle.”

In 2010, VPSF launched the Healthy Heroes program to promote heart health and physical wellness in the public safety community so that line of duty deaths might be addressed from a proactive, rather than reactive, stance. Healthy Heroes provides public safety agencies across Virginia with blood pressure training and screenings, health education workshops, dietician services, and support for smoking cessation.

Listed here are the names of firefighters killed in the line of duty in Virginia. To read the names is to remember the bravery and sacrifice of each individual and their surviving family.

Joe H. Anderson, Norfolk Fire Department, 2/16/83

John W. Askew, Jr., Irvington Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, 7/31/85

Michael B. Bassett, Boones Mill Volunteer Fire Department, 3/23/86

Clark R. Berry, Arlington County Fire Department, 4/7/99

William S. Bradner, Tunstall Fire and Rescue, 11/5/97
Clarence G. Brady, Hopewell Fire Department, 8/19/82
Jerrold W. Branch, Dendron Volunteer Fire Department, 4/12/86
Larry H. Brooks, Portsmouth Fire Department, 1/1/92
Cecil A. Broughman, Henrico County Division of Fire, 5/27/94
Warren G. Brown, Portsmouth Fire Department, 6/8/89
David P. Bruce, Sydney Volunteer Fire Department, 5/9/81
Robert G. Cassell, Roanoke Fire Department, 11/1/85
James R. Clarke, Henrico County Division of Fire, 7/18/03
Steve A. Colona, Melfa Volunteer Fire & Rescue, 12/27/94
Neal W. Conwell, Drewryville Volunteer Fire Department, 1/8/87
Wilbur R. Copeland, Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue, 5/23/89
Earl J. Cronin, Alexandria Fire Department, 2/15/92
Robert T. Crutchfield, Danville Fire Department, 1/28/90
Kirby Daniels, Portsmouth Fire Department, 9/29/92
Vernon D. DeShazor, Danville Fire Department, 1/28/30
David M. Dunkerley, Louisa County Volunteer Fire Department, 6/20/93
Robert M. Eades, Bristol, Virginia Fire Department, 10/15/98
Gwyn L. Ellis, LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department, 10/20/92
Bernard E. Emerson, Jr., Richmond Fire Department, 7/27/06
Louis J. Farri, Alexandria Fire Department, 5/21/02
Larry W. Felton, Norfolk Fire and Rescue, 6/8/08
Billy R. Francis, Danville Fire Department, 1/30/97
John W. Fugett, City of Richmond Fire Department, 1/24/90
Christopher M. Garneau, Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department, 8/17/95
Calvin C. Garrett, Mathews Volunteer Fire Department, 1/18/84
Richard L. Gatewood, Portsmouth Fire Department, 3/8/90
Richard F. Gentry, Henrico Division of Fire, 2/21/89
Michael D. Goff, Petersburg Fire Department, 3/19/82
Steven W. Gray, Suffolk City Fire Department, 2/3/97
William A. Guinn, Norfolk Fire Department, 8/31/99
Jerry W. Hall, Richmond City Fire Department, 1/6/06
Grant M. Hamilton, James City County Fire Department, 9/9/91
Walter E. Hanh, Richmond City Fire Department, 9/2/94
Jarl E. Hanson, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, 7/21/97
Billy W. Harris, Richmond Fire Department, 12/27/06
Henry Y. Hellmandollar, Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department, 9/18/88
Harvey H. Helm, Roanoke Fire Department, 11/1/85
L. Rogers Herbstreith, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, 11/20/94
William R. Holley, Richmond City Fire Department, 2/26/89
John R. Hudgins, Chesapeake Fire Department, 3/18/96
Paul J. Ivins, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, 3/23/93
George H. Knight, Danville Fire Department, 6/3/85
William D. Lee, Virginia Beach Fire Department, 8/5/08
Frederick G. LeGrys, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, 3/9/85
John F. Lincoln, Loudoun County Volunteer Fire Company, 12/7/97

Mark W. Lockhart, Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue, 5/23/89
Elmo R. Mann, Richmond City Fire Department, 4/2/89
Paul M. Manor, Hopewell Fire Department, 3/26/80
Carter D. Martin, Brookville-Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department, 6/22/95
Patrick G. Mason, Bensley-Bermuda Volunteer Rescue Squad, 11/8/81
Roy Mattison, Norfolk Airport Authority Fire Department, 12/24/92
Bradley C. McNeer, Chesterfield County Fire Department, 12/18/99
Burton D. Melchor, Virginia Beach Fire Department, 6/13/92
John P. Memory, Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department, 10/16/06
Jeffrey T. Messinger, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Department, 4/6/01
John E. Miller, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Department, 1/4/02
Jay M. Miller, Catlett Fire Company, 9/28/89
Ed S. Mizell, Portsmouth Fire and Rescue Department, 6/21/07
Anthonio G. Moncouich, Portsmouth Fire and Rescue Department, 5/5/86
Danny W. Morris, Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department, 10/22/87
Joseph E. Newsome, Chesterfield Fire and EMS, 4/23/07
Paul A. Nichols, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, 9/2/01
Page O. Outten, Cheriton Volunteer Fire Department, 10/8/92
Henry R. Parker, Suffolk City Fire Department, 12/3/97
Mark E. Polan, Blacksburg Fire Department, 8/22/90
Floyd M. Price, Luray Volunteer Fire Department, 3/18/90
James E. Quesenberry, Newbern Volunteer Fire Department, 4/19/89
William G. Rafter, Norfolk Fire Department, 6/14/90
George J. Rehak, Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue, 6/30/02
Jesse L. Rhodes, Norfolk Fire Department, 1/1/88
Harry D. Riggins, Portsmouth Fire Department, 5/28/92
Steven M. Rosenfield, Salem Volunteer Fire Department, 9/9/04
Walter J.M. Scruggs, Fairfax County Fire Department, 5/16/90
Wilfrid L. Seng, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, 12/26/03
Russell L. Shiflett, Charlottesville Fire Department, 7/26/81
Howard Silvers, Chesapeake Fire Department, 10/8/99
Jeff L. Simpson, Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, 9/11/01
Michael G. Sims, Goochland County Fire and Rescue Department, 3/25/84
John R. Small, Virginia Beach Plaza Volunteer Fire Company, 10/3/82
Matthew B. Smith, Catlett Volunteer Fire Department, 9/28/89
Jon H. Snyder, York County Fire Department, 12/28/98
Arnold R. Stoneman, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Department, 11/26/97
Charles U. Stowell, Phoebus Volunteer Fire Department, 1/30/88
James L. Tharp, Norfolk Fire Department, 1/30/88
John E. Thomas, Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, 1/30/06
William C. Trollinger, Portsmouth Fire Department, 12/21/91
David R. Wells, Portsmouth Fire Department, 4/15/88
Christopher J. Whelan, City of Norfolk Department of Fire and Paramedic Services, 2/13/00
James D. Whittle, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, 3/6/94
Max B. Willard, Oakwood Fire Department, 11/12/05
Kyle R. Wilson, Prince William County Fire Department, 4/16/07

James S. Winslow, Norfolk Fire Department, 7/16/92
Frank E. Young, Chesapeake Fire Department, 3/18/96

Please note that this list is not comprehensive. VPSF, in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia, continues to compile the roster of public safety officers to be remembered at the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial. The memorial will honor police officers, sheriff's officers, correctional officers, paid and volunteer firefighters, paid and volunteer EMTs, Virginia National Guardsmen, game wardens, marine resource officers, and state park rangers.

For more information on the Virginia Public Safety Foundation, including ways in which you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial or the Healthy Heroes program, visit <http://www.vpsf.org>.

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