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Virginia Public Safety Foundation Celebrates National Police Week and Remembers Sacrifices Made by Public Safety Officers Across Virginia

~ Curry Roberts to lead construction of Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial~

RICHMOND –Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF) celebrates National Police Week May 9-15 by paying tribute to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Virginia in 2009 and announcing progress toward construction of the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial, for which VPSF serves as official administrator. Curry Roberts, President of the State Fair of Virginia, will serve as chairman of a construction advisory committee charged with leading VPSF through the construction of Virginia's monument to public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

"Last week, Governor McDonnell held a ceremony at the Capitol honoring three law enforcement professionals who died in the line of duty in Virginia in 2009," said C. Hadden Culp, Assistant Fire Chief for the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, and VPSF President. "National Police Week is a time for every Virginian to remember those lost while serving to protect them, including these three officers and the many that preceded them, and to show appreciation for all those serving in law enforcement."

In 2009, VPSF was selected by Governor Kaine, as an established non-profit organization recognized statewide and with compatible missions, to raise the estimated \$2,000,000 of private funding needed to construct the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial to be built at Darden Garden on Virginia's Capitol Square.

"I'm proud to announce the formation of our construction advisory committee of dedicated professionals and the appointment of Curry Roberts to lead it," Culp said. "Curry Roberts has shown his dedication to Virginia's public safety community throughout his career and once again has accepted the call to serve on behalf of his fellow Virginians."

"In building this Memorial, which will be a source of pride for Virginia's 165,000 public safety officers and their families, we are reliant on the financial generosity of the countless individuals and

organizations from around Virginia who will help make this dream a reality," said Roberts. "This Memorial will serve as a place where all Virginians can remember the contributions of the men and women of the public safety community who died in the line of duty and give thanks for their service."

Members of the Commonwealth Public Safety Construction Advisory Committee

Curry Roberts, President, State Fair of Virginia

Janet Clements, President, Janet L. Clements Consulting

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Selby Jacobs, Chief, Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue (Retired)

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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, visit their website at <http://www.vpsf.org>.

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About the Virginia Public Safety Foundation:

Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has existed for more than 15 years and is led by a distinguished board of directors made up of all former Virginia Governors as well as leaders in business and public safety. VPSF provides supportive services to the families of public safety officers -- including police officers, volunteer and paid firefighters, volunteer and paid emergency medical technicians and corrections officers -- killed in the line of duty, including grants to cover immediate expenses at the time of death and educational scholarships for surviving family members.

C. Hadden Culp is Assistant Fire Chief with the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. He was elected President of VPSF's Board of Directors in January 2010, the first fire official to serve in that role.

Curry Roberts is President of the State Fair of Virginia and serves as a Director on the VPSF Board of Directors.