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**Saturday Events to Honor Virginia Public Safety Officers
“Run for Our Heroes” 10k and 9/11 Patriot Flag Ceremony
~ VPSF Partners with Secretary of Public Safety and
America Never Forgets Foundation to honor fallen heroes~**

RICHMOND – The Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF) is partnering with Virginia Secretary of Public Safety Marla Decker, the American Never Forgets Foundation, and Richmond’s Halligan Bar & Grill to sponsor the “Run for Our Heroes” 10k memorial run and Patriot Flag Ceremony in Richmond on Saturday, May 7. The memorial run, from the University of Richmond (UR) to Capitol Square, will honor the victims of 9/11 and recognize those Virginians who will be remembered on the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial (<http://vpsf.org/Memorial.html>). The run will begin at Noon at the Jepson Alumni Center. At the conclusion of the 10k, there will be a 2:00p.m. ceremony on the South Portico of the Capitol featuring the “Patriot Flag,” which is in the midst of a 50-state tour, culminating with a ceremony in New York City on the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

“In light of events over the last 24 hours, the presence of the Patriot Flag in Richmond on Saturday will have even more significance,” said C. Hadden Culp, VPSF President and Assistant Fire Chief with the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. “We applaud the bravery and commitment of all the men and women, both at home and abroad, who have worked so hard over the last decade to keep our country and our commonwealth safe and secure. On this occasion, we recall the heroes of 9/11 and remember the many first responders in Virginia who have died in the line of duty.”

The Commonwealth of Virginia has designated VPSF as the official administrator for the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial, which will enjoy a place of prominence in Virginia’s historic Capitol Square complex. VPSF currently is in the process of raising the private funds needed to complete this statewide monument to public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Run for Our Heroes also will help promote the Healthy Heroes program, a joint venture between VPSF and Anthem to reduce the incidence of public safety officers who suffer line of duty deaths caused by heart disease.

About Virginia Public Safety Foundation

The Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1993. VPSF provides supportive services to the families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. VPSF serves as the official administrator, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, of the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor program and the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial campaign. To learn more about VPSF or to make a donation to the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial campaign, visit www.vpsf.org.

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