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## **Virginia Public Safety Foundation Announces Contribution from Virginia Professional Fire Fighters**

*~ Contribution Will Fund Public Safety Memorial~*

RICHMOND –Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF) announces the first contribution by a public safety organization to benefit the Commonwealth of Virginia Public Safety Memorial being constructed at Darden Memorial Garden adjacent to Virginia’s Capitol Square in Richmond. A generous \$6,800 contribution from the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPFF) represents a \$1 contribution from the dues payment of each member.

“As a fire fighter, I’m proud that the first of our brother organizations to deliver their contribution in support of Virginia’s monument to public safety officers killed in the line of duty is the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters,” said C. Hadden Culp, VPSF President and Assistant Fire Chief with the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

VPSF serves as administrator of the Public Safety Memorial, on behalf of the Commonwealth, and is charged with raising \$2 million to fund its construction.

“This contribution is a meaningful symbol of support by VPFF on behalf of Virginia’s many thousands of fire service personnel,” Culp said. “We look forward to working with VPFF and Virginia’s other emergency response organizations to complete this important campaign.”

### **About Virginia Public Safety Foundation**

The Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1993 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 killed in the line of duty, including grants to cover immediate expenses at the time of death and educational scholarships for surviving family members. 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, visit [www.vpsf.org](http://www.vpsf.org).

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