



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PROGRAMS

Changing the Face of Virginia's Fire Service:
Innovation, Teamwork and Dedication

WHO WE ARE

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) provides nationally accredited emergency service training programs and support to Virginia fire and emergency service organizations. Services include, but are not limited to: professional training opportunities; funding opportunities; public fire and life safety education/awareness; research, data collection and information reporting assistance; operational support to communities in need during emergencies; and fire and rescue service advocacy. In addition, VDFP provides technical assistance to local fire and emergency service organizations.

OUR VISION

To be nationally recognized as the leader in enhancing the quality of fire and emergency services.

WHAT WE VALUE

Integrity
Innovation
Customer Service
Quality
Health, Wellness & Safety
Dedication
Efficiency
Respect
Teamwork

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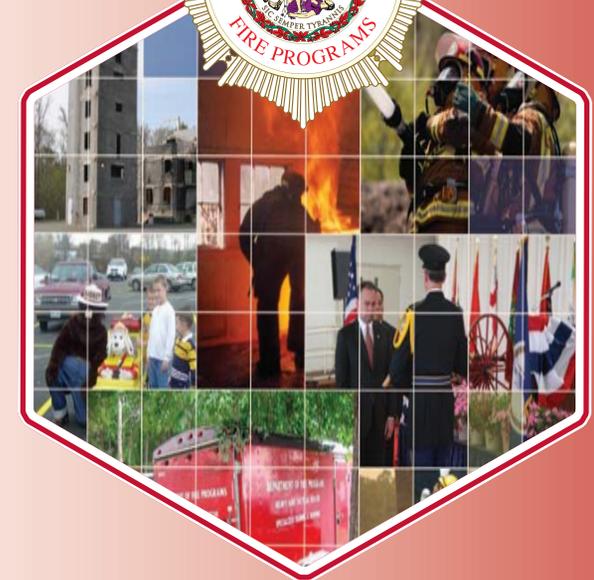
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WHAT WE OFFER

PROGRAMS

- Aid to Localities - an entitlement program that provides funding to 324 counties, cities, and incorporated towns in the state to assist with funds to pay for training, construction of training centers, firefighter equipment and protective clothing. All allocations are population-based.
- Burn Building Grants - development grants are awarded annually for the construction of training props to conduct practical fire evolutions. The grant also funds the repair of existing burn buildings.
- Training Mini-Grants - provides grants for projects and/or programs that positively impact or further fire service training in the Commonwealth.
- Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS) Technology Hardware Grant Program - provides an incentive for jurisdictions to participate in VFIRS by lessening the economic burden associated with acquiring computer hardware.
- Conference and Education Assistance - provides needed financial support for conferences and seminars sponsored by Virginia-based nonprofit organizations that further the education of fire and emergency services personnel throughout the Commonwealth. Funding assistance is also available for Virginia Fire Marshal inspector and investigator recertifications.
- Virginia Dry Fire Hydrant Grant Program - The program provides funding annually for the installation of dry fire hydrants into natural water supplies, such as ponds and lakes in rural areas.
- Be Fire Safe Grant Program - provides fire safety equipment, such as smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to selected local fire and EMS departments and public/nonprofit agencies. Recipients receive fire safety equipment and educational materials for installation in pre-identified, at-risk households.

TRAINING

Providing fire training to Virginia's firefighters is the primary focus of the VDFP. Presently, there are 53 fire related programs that range from firefighting and fire apparatus driving courses to leadership and fire prevention. Each program is designed to meet national standards as defined by the Pro-Board. Approximately 22 of the 53 fire-related programs are accredited by the Pro-Board. Training programs are delivered through the Department's seven division offices to meet local training needs.

In addition, VDFP provides highly specialized programs, such as Airport Rescue Firefighting and the Virginia Fire Marshal Academy. The Airport Rescue Firefighting program provides mandatory training to nine indexed airports in Virginia. The Virginia Fire Marshal Academy provides training in code enforcement, fire safety, and fire and explosive investigations. The training includes law enforcement classes for Fire Marshals with police powers.

Through a cooperative effort with Virginia's Community College System, VDFP offers approximately 20 joint courses that enable students to receive college credit for completed college courses or VDFP classes. The courses are recognized, approved and accredited through the American Council on Education. Students who successfully complete the VDFP joint courses may receive credit towards an associates or applied science degree in fire service technology at Virginia's Community Colleges.



ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mobile Incident Support Teams (MIST)
- Heavy Technical Rescue Program
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)

FACILITIES

- The agency has seven division offices located throughout the Commonwealth. Some of the facilities have classroom space for fire and emergency service organizations to host meetings and training sessions.
- The agency headquarters, located in Glen Allen, offers two small classrooms that can seat up to 40 people. In addition to classroom space, the Glen Allen office offers a learning resource center (computer lab) for VFIRS and Microsoft Office training. A similar resource center is available in the Roanoke division office.

APPARATUS/FLEET

- Heavy and Technical Rescue and Response Trailers - VDFP has approximately nine heavy technical rescue and response trailers. Each trailer has equipment and gear used for training and emergency assistance.
- Foam Trailers - VDFP has seven new trailers available to support ongoing foaming operations. The foam forms an aqueous film that floats on top of burning liquid and prevents the release of vapors. The trailers are intended to be a logistical support to mitigate incidents.
- VDFP Equipment Reutilization Exchange - VDFP's website provides a venue for Virginia fire and emergency services personnel to display used serviceable equipment. For more information, visit www.vafire.com.