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New Fighting Fires with Facts Report! VDFP Publication Distributed to Virginia Localities

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) recently released its 2007 Fighting Fires with Facts report to more than 565 Virginia fire departments and 134 Virginia city/county administrators. The report, boasting 12 informational graphs and charts, provides 2006 fire and emergency response statistics for each locality. The release of the new publication marks the start of a new initiative by VDFP to assist and support local fire departments in the Commonwealth towards addressing fire trends specific to their communities.

"We are truly excited about the new publication," said W. G. Billy Shelton, executive director of VDFP. "The Fighting Fires with Facts report is part of a collaborative effort to provide life saving, community building information to our Virginia localities. We expect the data within the report to assist localities with future fire response and planning efforts."

For more information about the Fighting Fires with Facts locality reports, please contact Marion A. Long, the VFIRS program manager, at 1-866-4VAFIRE. To view the reports, visit http://www.vafire.com/fire_data_statistics/index.htm, and select the 2006 summary report for Virginia localities.

The media are encouraged to review the reports for their locality or coverage area.

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