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State Memorial Service to Honor Virginia Fallen Firefighters

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA: – The annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at the Richmond Raceway Complex Horticultural Garden and Pavilion Building. Two firefighters who died in the line of duty last year will be recognized for their bravery and dedicated public service.

The fallen firefighters to be honored are Firefighter John Paul Memory II of Isle of Wight County's Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department, and Firefighter Jerry Wayne Hall of the City of Richmond's Department of Fire and Emergency Services. In addition to honoring recently fallen firefighters, the annual memorial service will honor the memory of 80 Virginia firefighters who have given their lives over the past twenty years.

The memorial service, lead by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, will include a keynote address by Governor Timothy M. Kaine, a Virginia Fire Services Honor Guard procession, and a musical performance by Richmond recording artist Susan Greenbaum. Fire apparatus from fire departments across the state will also be displayed during the service.

A reception, hosted by the Virginia Professional Firefighters Association, will be held for fallen firefighter family members and guest immediately following the service.

For more information on the Virginia Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service, contact Mark Buff at (804) 249.1965 or visit www.vafire.com.

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