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VDFP Receives National ProBoard Re-accreditation

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP), the state agency responsible for providing training programs and support to Virginia's Fire Service, has been re-accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications Committee on Accreditation (ProBoard).

"We are proud to receive re-accreditation, as this confirms that our agency's fire service training offerings, testing and certification processes have met or exceeded the ProBoard's accreditation requirements," said VDFP Executive Director, W.G. Billy Shelton. "Accreditation assures our customers – Virginia's Fire Service, that our organization is committed to upholding professional qualification standards."

VDFP has been nationally accredited since 1982 by the ProBoard. Re-accreditation was approved on September 18, 2007 and is valid through 2012 for the following standards and levels:

- NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials First Responder – Awareness, 2002 edition
- NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operational, 2002 edition
- NFPA 1001, Firefighter I & II, 2002 edition
- NFPA 1002, Driver/Operator Pumper & Aerial, 2003 edition
- NFPA 1003, Airport Rescue Firefighter, 2005 edition
- NFPA 1006, Rescue Technician Rope, 2003 edition
- NFPA 1021, Fire Officer I, II, III, & IV, 2003 edition
- NFPA 1031, Fire Inspector I & II, 2003 edition
- NFPA 1033, Fire Investigator, 2003 edition
- NFPA 1035, Public Fire Educator I & II, 2005 edition
- NFPA 1041, Fire Service Instructor I, II, & III, 2002 edition

About the ProBoard

The mission of the ProBoard is to establish an internationally recognized means of acknowledging professional achievement in the fire service and related fields. However, the accreditation of organizations that certify uniform members of public fire departments (career, combination and volunteer) is the primary goal. The Pro Board accredits fire service training agencies that use the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) professional qualification standards. Accreditation is generally provided at the State or Provincial level to the empowered certifying authority of that jurisdiction. Additional information about the ProBoard is available at www.theproboard.org.

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