

Filming for new FFA ARFF training film

July 20 thru July 31 was a busy time for the VDFP ARFF program and the Richmond International Airport Fire Department. This was a unique opportunity for both agencies to participate in the filming of a new Federal Aviation Administration training film for Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting. Using the VDFP ARFF Trainer and the personnel and equipment from the Airport Fire Department, events such as engine fires, wheel fires, and interior fires were the order of the day. Scenes were discussed, staged, walked thru, filmed and filmed again.

In addition, filming of communications, vehicles and equipment, and other support systems were included. When completed, the new training film will be used by departments throughout the United States and even internationally.



Filming was done from in front, behind, and beside the firefighters as they carried out the "shoot list". At times two films crews were operating and multiple shouts of stand by, action, and cut rang out across the tarmac.



While much of the filming contained live fires, there were also shoots that included tasks such as removing equipment from the apparatus, communications, and operating the apparatus.

Christopher Doud, Deputy Director East Coast Multimedia Services was extremely pleased, "The cooperation of both the airport and Fire Programs was more than we could have asked for." Marc Tonnacliff, FAA Airport Safety Specialist/ARFF also observed the filming.

The project is expected to take a year to complete and will replace the current three disc computer based training program currently in use.

