

**Virginia Fire Services Board  
Administration, Policy and Finance Committee**

**December 1, 2011**

**Liaison Report – Brook Pittinger  
Director of Administration**

The VFIRS reports were emailed to the Board members. A quick re-cap of the data contained in these reports, includes:

**Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS)**

- **2011 Reporting Update** - As of 11/18/2011, we have a total of **552,331** incident reports submitted to VFIRS. Incidents for January - October are currently due. For 2011, we are targeting and sending reminders each month to fire departments with missing data. Since the last VFSB Meeting in Oct, we have gained a total of **136,991** incident reports.
- **2011 VFIRS Quality Control Audit** - The second quality control audit of incident data for 2011 was completed in October. Fire departments were sent reports to review in PDF format of their errors to correct and were also sent a reporting summary which showed if they had missing months. The audit was sent to fire departments by email and the deadline to respond is **Monday, November 28, 2011**.

**Incident Summary, Virginia, 2011 (as of 11/18/2011)**

Incident Type	Total	Percent
Fires	20,394	3.9%
Rescue and EMS	344,721	65.9%
Other Calls	157,603	30.2%
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>522,718</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Aid Given (Mutual or Automatic)	29,297	
Fire Exposures	316	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>552,331</b>	

Dollar Loss	Total
Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$199,482,523

Casualties	Total
Civilian Fire Injuries	384
Civilian Fire Deaths	53
Fire Service Injuries	456
Fire Service Deaths	0

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- Total Incidents - **522,718** (523K)
- Total Fire Dollar Loss - **\$199,482,523** (\$199 Million)
- Civilian Fire-Related Casualties - **437** (Injuries - 384, Deaths - 53)
- Fire Service Casualties (All Incident Types) - **456** (Injuries - 456, Deaths - 0)
- Top Three Causes with Residential Structure Fires - Heating (14.2%), **Cooking (34.0%)**, Unknown (28.4%)

Additional VFIRS Statistics/Reports are available on our Fire Data & Statistics webpage:  
[http://www.vafire.com/fire\\_data\\_statistics/index.htm](http://www.vafire.com/fire_data_statistics/index.htm)

### Needs Assessment

- The 2011 Virginia Fire Service Needs Assessment has officially ended and the overall survey response is **93%** (**327** Completed Surveys / Representing **593 / 639** Total Fire Departments). We reached our goal of exceeding the 89% survey response from last year.
- The 2011 Needs Assessment data will be compiled and the final report will be available in January in time for the 2012 Virginia General Assembly.
- Participation Reports are also now available and are posted on our website.  
[http://www.vafire.com/fire\\_data\\_statistics/needs\\_assessment.html](http://www.vafire.com/fire_data_statistics/needs_assessment.html)

### VFIRS Training

- **VFIRS Instructors** - VFIRS training classes were conducted in Lee County in October, and in Tazewell County and Lexington in November. Training will be scheduled for Greene County and Highland County for December.

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### Marketing & Communications:

- **2011 Memorial Service:** Next year's service will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Firefighters to honor:
  - **Firefighter David Palmer** – Roanoke City – Date of Death: 06/10/2011 (Presumptive)
  - **Lt. William Brady** – Norfolk Fire Rescue – Date of Death: 12/2010 (Presumptive)
  - **Bobby Slayton** – Roanoke City – Date of Death:
  - **James Blanchard** – James City – Date of Death: (Presumptive)
  - **Firefighter Jeffery Alan Cocke** – Altavista Fire Department – Date of Death: 08/04/2011 (LODD)
  - **Firefighter Horace "Teddy" Pendergrass** – Fairfax County Fire Department – Date of Death: 10/22/2011 (LODD)
- **AFG FP&S Grant – Smoke Alarm Installation and Education Project:** The Agency has distributed the 5000 smoke detectors awarded under the FEMA FP&S Grant (\$98,500) to the localities listed below. The **Smoke Alarm Installation and**

**Education Project** targeted 20 high risk communities to receive 250 alarms each to conduct an installation and education campaign patterned after VDH’s *Get Alarmed, Virginia!* Program, which expired this year.

County/City	Division
Accomack County	5
Brunswick County	5
Buchanan County	4
Charles City County	1
Craig County	6
Halifax County	3
King and Queen County	1
Lunenburg County	3
Mathews County	5
Mecklenburg County	3
Middlesex County	5
Nelson County	3
Pittsylvania County	6
Rappahannock County	2
Southampton County	5
Tazewell County	4
Danville	6
Franklin	5
Galax	4
Martinsville	6
Norton	4
Petersburg	1

- **Fire & EMS Studies Update:**

- **Amelia County** – The site visit on 11/6 and 11/7 went very well. The study committee is finalizing their study notes and will have the finalized study for the VFSB to release at the February meeting.
- **New Kent County** – The Agency received a (phone call) inquiry on the study process from the New Kent County fire chief.