

**Virginia Fire Services Board  
Fire Education and Training Committee**

**December 1, 2011**

**Liaison Report - Donald E. Hansen  
Branch Chief of Training and Operations**

The Training and Technical Services and Training and Operations Branches' are in the process of concluding the first semester of the FY12 training calendar. Each of the Division Chiefs has been working diligently with their prospective program area's to complete requested courses for the first semester of FY12.

1. **Instructor In-service 2011** – The 2011 Instructor In-service is posted to the Knowledge Center. The In-Service consists of a 50-minute session on VDFP updates and a 30-minute session on HR training. The In-Service training is mandatory for all current Part-time Instructors and optional for non-compensated local instructors. The In-Service training deadline for wage instructors is December 16, 2011. Currently, **281** instructors have completed the In-service training.
2. **Instructor Symposium 2012** – The Spring 2012 Instructor Symposium will be offered in the Tidewater Division 5 Region. The location and Train-the-Trainer opportunities will be announced on the VDFP website once the Instructor Symposium facility is secured.
3. **Knowledge Center** – Currently, there are 12 classes published to the Knowledge Center, which meet the demands of the Fire Service, Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement personnel. To date, the agency has **6,171** registered users; an increase of **193** registered users since the October Board meeting.
4. **NFA In-State Weekend** - Plans for the Spring NFA In-State Weekend are in full swing. The site for the spring 2012 event will be the J. Sergeant. Reynolds Community College West Campus in Goochland VA. At this time, the following courses will be offered: F730-Health & Safety Officer, F461-DMICO TtT, F321-Incident Comm. System for Highrise Ops, F322-Incident Command System for Structural Collapse, and F273-Marketing Fire Prevention in your Community.
5. **No Show Report** – Thirteen students were identified as first time offenders of the No Show Policy since the October Board Report. By agency policy, each locality was advised of the no show offense. During the same period, there have been no second time offenders of the No Show Policy.

### **Training and Technical Services Branch**

6. **Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division:**

- a. The ARFF Program has completed its fall training session. The fall training session consisted of five funded Aircraft Live Fire Training classes, one funded ARFF Certification Class, one funded General Aviation class, two non-funded ARFF certification classes, and one non-funded General Aviation class. The funded General Aviation class was cancelled due to low enrollment. Two hundred and ten firefighters attended the Aircraft Live Fire Training sessions. There were 12 students in the funded ARFF Certification Class and 21 students in 2 non-funded ARFF Certification Classes. Twelve students attended the non-funded General Aviation class.
- b. Additionally, the ARFF Trainer was displayed at the Public Safety Expo held at the State Police Headquarters on November 10, 2011.

- c. The ARFF Trainer is currently undergoing scheduled preventative maintenance to prepare for next semester's training events.

**7. National Incident Management System (NIMS) Program Division:**

- a. Since the October Board meeting, the following courses have been conducted through the NIMS program office: NIMS ICS for the Fire Service (2), which meets ICS 100 & 200 criteria; ICS-300 (11); ICS-400 (3); and Command & General Staff Functions-Practical Evolutions (C&GSF-PE).
- b. The NIMS program office will continue to support requests for ICS training (ICS 100-400), Unified Command, and IS course classroom delivery as well as Command and General Staff Functions for the Local Incident Management Team (C&GSFLIMT), C&GSF-PE, and "ICS Planning & Forms" with available resources including instructors and materials when requested.
- c. The NIMS Program office also provides administrative and funding support for National Fire Academy (NFA) approved courses delivered through the VDFP Division Offices. The State's NFA Grant has not been released, as of November 8, 2011, which is probably due to budget issues.
- d. The NIMS Office conducted the second quarterly VDFP Mobile Incident Support Team (MIST) exercise in New Kent County October 26-27, 2011. During the exercise, the participants were faced with additional challenges to ready themselves for actual deployment conditions. The scenario was a winter storm situation based upon circumstances similar to those encountered by many localities during the winter of 2010-11.
- e. Following the exercise, VDFP Logistical Support was requested through Hanover County to support temporary office space with the three MIST Trailers and support personnel. Each unit was integrated into Hanover's emergency operations to augment on-site facilities. On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the victim was located in the North Anna Battlefield Park area and transported to a local medical facility for observation.
- f. Chief Grainer continues to provide national support and education to many National Conferences at no cost to the Commonwealth or Agency.

**8. Technical Rescue Division:**

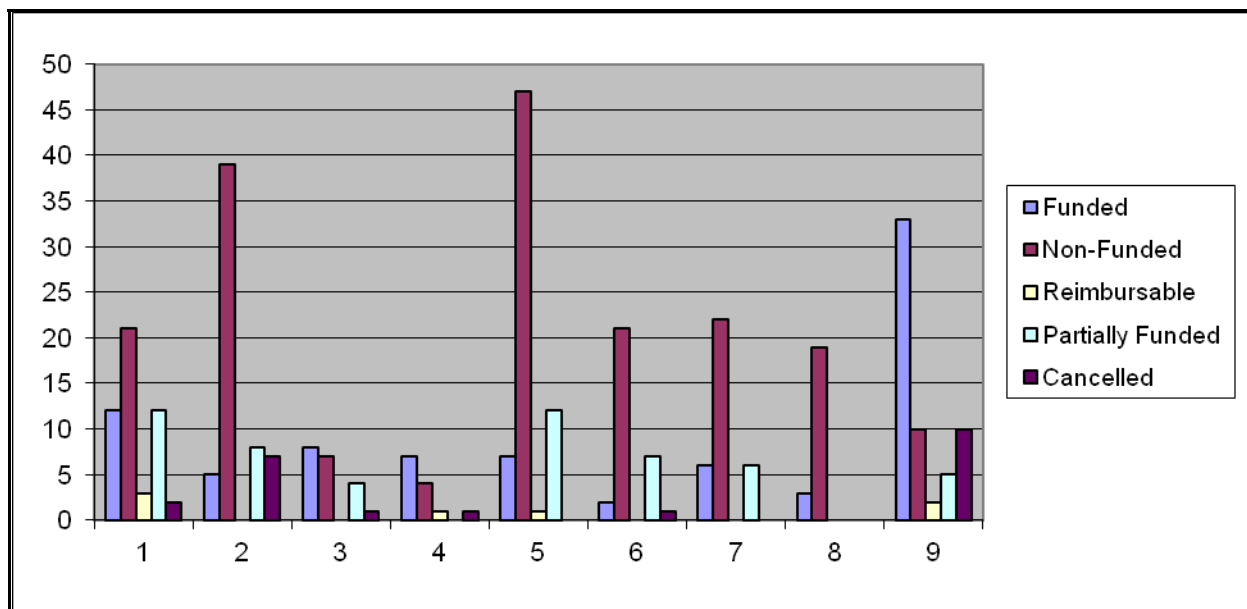
- a. The technical rescue programs are being updated. The Introduction to Technical Rescue is complete and the Level I programs are being finalized.
- b. Advertisement for the spring technical rescue programs will begin in December.
- c. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with most of the training officers from Division 5 to discuss the technical rescue programs. It was a very productive meeting with everyone understanding why the changes were being made.

**9. Quality Assurance and Course Curriculum Division:**

- a. The Agency is currently working on one instructor review and should have it completed by the time the December meeting is held.
- b. One of the final two pilots for Instructor III is currently being held. The final Instructor III pilot is scheduled during January. The Board should receive the program for review at the February meeting.
- c. The Quality Assurance Committee has continued work with an anticipated completion date of late January 2012.
- d. The Agency is working with the Propane Association on the rewrite of the L.P. Gas program. We are hoping to have this project completed by late January and be able to pilot the program this spring.

**10. Statistical Data October 1, 2011 through December 2011**

Division	Funded	Non-Funded	Reimbursable	Partially Funded	Cancelled	
0	0	1	0	0	5	
1	12	21	3	12	2	
2	5	39	0	8	7	
3	8	7	0	4	1	
4	7	4	1	0	1	
5	7	47	1	12	0	
6	2	21	0	7	1	
7	6	22	0	6	0	
8	3	19	0	0	0	
9	33	10	2	5	10	
Total	83	191	7	54	27	362



Legend: Division 8 = Virginia Fire Marshal Academy, Division 9 = ARFF, HTR, NIMS and VFIRS

11. **Available courses FY11** - Note: A dynamic document that is not inclusive of the entire listing of courses offered through the Commonwealth of Virginia is listed on the Homepage for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. For local non-funded courses, localities have the option whether or not to advertise the course on-line.