

**Virginia Fire Services Board
Fire Prevention and Control Committee**

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**Liaison Report – Russell Chandler
Branch Chief of Training and Technical Services**

1. Since the Board meeting in October, the Virginia Fire Marshals Academy (VFMA) has been involved in many functions that were just as much agency related, as they were Academy related. Chief Bailey is the lead in organizing and supervising the tractor drivers for our large training trailers. In addition to building a core of drivers, we have been extremely busy in getting them trained on towing and remote site setup.
2. Since the original design of the VFMA Mobile Burn Cells, Chief Bailey has made major improvement and enhancements that have not gone unnoticed by the manufacturer. In fact, Kidde is bidding on a similar unit for another state. In that process, they have requested photos and data on Chief Bailey's changes to the Agency's units, so they can incorporate those designs into their new models.
3. The VFMA held a class at the Richmond Convention Center on the *CFFI-5 Death Investigations*. The class had 65 students from around the state participate in the two-day class. The Medical Examiners office as well as Richmond Homicide and Forensic units assisted in the class.
4. The VFMA completed a Fire Investigator 1033 class in Richmond with 19 students. The class was held at the Barrett Learning Center in Hanover County. The class had students from the Virginia State Police, Fort Lee and the counties of Loudoun, Prince William, Chesterfield, Henrico, and Halifax.
5. Our Public Fire & Life Safety Coordinator, J. D. Jenkins, put on a "*Play Safe Be Safe*" workshop in Henrico County with 53 participants. Dr. Cole was the primary speaker, who is a remarkable talent in selling the concept and making every child's environment safer. We were proud to sponsor this outstanding event along with the Virginia Fire & Life Safety Coalition.