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FY-2017 Annual Package

This letter serves as notification of the availability of the FY-2017 Annual Package. Beginning with FY2013, VDFP began providing the Annual Package electronically. The Annual Package may be found on the Virginia Department of Fire Programs' website and contains the following:

- ❖ **Aid to Localities (ATL)**
 - FY-2017 Audit Sheet
 - FY-2017 Disbursement Agreement
 - FY-2016 Annual Report
 - FY-2016 Allocations (actual)
 - FY-2017 Allocations (estimated)
 - FY-2017 Disbursement Schedule
 - Helpful Hints in Completing Annual Reports and Agreements
- ❖ **Burn Building Grant Program**
- ❖ **Regional Fire Services Training Grants Program**
 - FY-2017 Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Grants Application
 - Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Disbursement Agreement
- ❖ **VFIRS Hardware Grants Program**
 - Letter from VDFP Information and Statistics Manager
 - FY-2017 Application
- ❖ **Conference and Education Assistance Grants Program**
 - FY-2017 Conference and Education Grant Application

You will notice that there is no application package for the Training Mini Grant Program due to a lack of funding for FY2017. No Training Mini Grant applications will be accepted for FY2017.

Please note that the application postmark deadline for the VFIRS Hardware Grants is August 31, 2016.

Also note that the FY-2016 Annual Report **will not** be accepted prior to July 1, 2016 due to the adjustment to actual in June and the resulting additional FY2016 disbursement made by June 30.

Additional program forms and forms for completion of prior ATL years are available on our website at www.vafire.com.

SPECIAL NOTIFICATIONS OF FUNDING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Aid to Localities Entitlement (ATL) Program

The Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) voted to adopt new minimum ATL allocations for Towns, Cities, and Counties. *Beginning July 1, 2013 (FY2014)*, the minimum ATL allocations for Towns have been increased to \$10,000; and Counties and Cities has been increased to \$20,000. Below is a chart to illustrate the minimum increases:

| Type of Jurisdiction | Prior to July 1, 2013 | NEW Effective July 1, 2013 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Incorporated Towns | \$ 8,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| Counties | \$ 16,000 | \$ 20,000 |
| Cities | \$ 16,000 | \$ 20,000 |

ATL allocations are calculated based upon the most current US Population Census which was conducted in 2010. Based upon population, jurisdictions that have ATL allocations that fall below the minimum dollar values will have their ATL allocations raised to the minimum dollar level specified above.

Burn Building Grant Program

Prototype II Class A Burn Buildings

The Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) voted to remove Prototype II Class A Burn Buildings from Policy until such time the pre-fab building manufacturers can engineer a building to withstand the sustained and peak temperatures of Class A fuel.

Regional Fire Services Training Facilities (RFSTF) Grant Program

The Program is designed to provide defined grants to Virginia localities to provide multi-jurisdictional training as regional fire services training facilities per the NFPA 1001 and 1403 training standards.

Applications may be submitted after January 1, 2017, but must be postmarked by March 1, 2017 to be considered. The Program will be evaluated as competitive. FY2017 awards will be made by June 2017 with project performance between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

The Program Policy and related documents can be found on our website under the Grants & Local Aid\Regional Fire Services Training Facilities Grant Program web link.

VFIRS Hardware Grants Program

The Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) voted to reduce the amount of funding for the VFIRS Grant from \$1,000 to \$700 at the June Board meeting. This reduction will allow the VFSB & VDFP to provide more applicants with funding. The minimum specifications can be found in the Agency Practices document located on our website under the Grants & Local Aid\Technology Grants (VFIRS) web link.

Conference and Education Assistance Grant Program

The program provides financial support for conferences and seminars sponsored by Virginia based non-profit organization to further the education of fire and emergency service personnel. Applications may be submitted throughout the year, but must be postmarked by May 1, 2017. The Program will be evaluated as competitive. FY2017 awards will be made by July 2017 with project performance between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

If you have questions about the documents and forms or need additional assistance, don't hesitate to contact me at 804-249-1958 or via email at Theresa.Hunter@vdfp.virginia.gov.

Respectfully,

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