



The Forest View

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A Message from the Chief, Alice Beachy: It is almost here! June 30 through July 2 is our annual retreat. There are lots of fun activities planned with awesome giveaways.! We guarantee that all who attend will walk away with some new ideas and a different vision of Forest View. Dave has also managed to hook us with a live baseball game which includes a pregame picnic. Don't miss it! Give Dave a call if you want to be added to the list.

Our standbys continue to go well with the Ragnar Race being our most current. Can you believe that our people saw more than 200 runners! Most were minor injuries and illnesses, but some were very serious and were sent to a hospital. This month we had a crew at the Colonial Crossroads Bike Marathon. This is a first for us. It was held in Williamsburg and our crew stayed there overnight.

Along with all our busy endeavors, we continue to staff stations. I can't thank people enough for the time they put into Forest View to continue to make us the best! Finally, we added a fan to the day room at station 5. We purchased one that could easily be moved around by members. We are thinking about a table with some bar stools for the TV room. Any input or suggestions would be welcome.

We also have some sad news to add this month. Not only have we lost a police officer in the line of duty but also a past firefighter from Company 5, Brent Johnson. Some of us knew Brent because he was a graduate of Midlothian High School, or we fought fire with him at Company 5. He will be greatly missed.

As a final thought – if you haven't joined our Facebook page, why don't you give it a try?

News from May: In addition to the calls we ran, the month of May was quite a busy month. May 21-27 was EMS month and FVRS celebrated with two special functions. On Sunday, May 21, we had an open house at station 5. Approximately 200 people attended including various chiefs from the County and a couple of members of the County Board of Supervisors; Steve Elswick, former County Fire Chief and Leslie Haley, representative from the Midlothian district. We had bounce houses and coloring sheets for the kids, hot dogs and drinks for everyone, and tours of the station and equipment for everyone. Unfortunately, the engine company had a call but came back within the hour. Medic 45 (unit 43) also had a call which turned in to two calls. They were not able to return to station 5 until after all activities were over. Thank you DJ for organizing a great open house.

Then on May 23 and 24 Operations hosted free diners for all members. In all, about 72 people enjoyed grilled steak, or chicken, baked potatoes, and salad. Thanks to our cooks, Theresa, Lisa, Matt, our first night griller, and Bobby our second night griller. Thanks also to Alice for organizing a great time.