

The Forest View

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News: The past couple of months have been both sad and joyous. We were sad to lose Lt. Brad Clark of Hanover Fire Dept. which was a line-of-duty loss. We also lost retired battalion chief Dave Creasy to cancer which may have been a result of years of fire suppression. After retirement from Chesterfield, Dave became the Fire Marshal for the City of Richmond, from which he also retired. This was an especially sad loss for your editor who fought fire along side Dave in Chesterfield and also worked with him as a part of VFPA when Dave was the Richmond City Fire Marshal. But we also had joy with two weddings. First was the wedding of former member (driver) Krystal. This was especially joyous for your editor who was Krystal's driver trainer. The second wedding was in October (outside, burrr) for former member Christina.



Medic 42 on a standby at a Midlothian High School Homecoming game. Forest View Rescue Squad also provided standbys at James River High School and Monocan High School.



Medic 42 was on standby at Midlothian High School for Battle of the Bands.



Another standby for Medic 42. This time it was for Swim across America charity event on the James River near James River High School

Staying the best volunteer rescue squad in the County, Central Virginia, and in contention for the Governors Award took a lot of work. The photos above show just some of that work. Those tasks include neighborhood standbys, in-station training, and first aid training for local groups. An idea that senior operations had was to have, Life Members, and Auxiliary members become more active in Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad. All of this is in addition to regular duty.

News cont.: We are approaching the Christmas season and New Years. Next time you are in the John at any station, check out the “Potty Training” on Christmas tree safety. But there are other things that are common this time of year that you should be aware of.



Candles, can be both beautiful and dangerous. If you are going to use them, make sure they are on a non-combustible surface, no where near combustibles, have a glass protector around them, and are never left alone when burning. The State fire prevention code prohibits their use in public buildings unless for religious purposes.



The latest fad for cooking turkeys this time of year is to deep-fry them. The main safety requirements for deep-frying turkeys are to make sure the turkey is **completely** thawed, and, most important, cook it out in the yard, not on a balcony or deck. Again, the State does not allow any cooking appliances on a balcony, even for storage, if they are connected to a fuel supply such as gas.



Some people celebrate Christmas with fireworks. most of us in the U.S. celebrate New Years with fireworks. For all of us, the State Fire Prevention Code prohibits any fireworks that move or make a sound even those bought by mail or on the internet. However **all** fireworks are banned in Chesterfield, Richmond and Henrico, even those purchased in another county or by mail or internet.



Our Chief stands at our table reserved for organizations nominated for a Governor’s award.

Chesterfield Fire and EMS won “The Governor’s Award for Contributions to EMS Health and Safety. This award was for the CFEMS Peer Support Team.

Fran Phillips, President of The FVRS Auxiliary, leads a business meeting during the annual Christmas dinner. *To the right*, members and guests of the FVRS fill 2 tables for a Christmas dinner at Crab Louies in Midlothian.

From our Chief:

Wayne continues to do such an excellent job of reporting that I find I have very little to add! I continue to be amazed at how very busy we all remain and we are still able to provide the citizens of Chesterfield County with great coverage. We have new plans for 2019 that I think will make us even more efficient. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for January 12, our annual banquet beginning at 1700 sign up sheets at both stations 3 and 5. Tony will be sending an e-mail out shortly reminding us how to participate in the awards system. Don’t forget to take part and enjoy picking out gifts.



Have a wonderful Holiday season with friends and family!