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Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2010

The last meeting of the Virginia Fire and Life Safety Coalition was held on November 18, 2010 from 1000 ~1200 hours at the offices of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Members in attendance

Sabrina Stylowski – Hampton Fire  
 Beth Bruner – Norfolk Fire-Rescue  
 John West – New Kent Fire-Rescue  
 Fred Turck – VA Department of Forestry  
 Margaret Tucker – James City Fire  
 Patsieann Misiti – Alexandria Fire

Renee Stilwell- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue  
 JD Jenkins-VDFP/VFMA  
 Becky Drayton-VDH/DPH  
 Bill Jones –FirePro/ODHFS/VFFM  
 Mark Buff -VDFP  
 Sandy Bailey-Instructor for EMS Hanover/VCU

Conference Call Attendance  
 N/A

Call to Order: Patsieann Misiti, President, called the meeting to order at 1000 HRS.

Opening Remarks: Patsieann welcomed all, confirmed that quorum was established and reviewed voting protocols.

Quorum was established: Yes  No

Previous Minutes were approved: Yes  No  Yes, as amended. Comments listed under VA Dept of Forestry should actually be under VDFP  
 (Motion by: R. Stillwell ; second by JD Jenkins )

Officers' Reports:

President – No report

Vice-President – Karen – No report

Treasurer – R. Stillwell represented C. Stillwell and reviewed treasury report.

Secretary – Becky Drayton volunteered as Secretary for this meeting.

Past-President – No Report

Guests: Ms. JD Jenkins

**Committee Reports:**

Conference Committee – November 11, 2011 – Play Safe, Be Safe Workshop – sign-up as educator (1 kit) or trainer (12 kits); also discussed a date in 2012 in Northern Virginia; more information to come.

Home Safety Council – JD will be Start Safe Trainer Program (training December 2010)

Membership Committee - Curtis/David, working on membership/listserv list for January meeting

Professional Development Committee –

New book out by Delmar – Fire and Life Safety Educator – will be looked at by VDFP

March 12-13, 2011: NFA in-state weekend – no pub ed listed; JD sent possible pub-ed list around to get feedback on thoughts for future classes

Pub Ed II class: January 20-21st

Have had several classes fill recently in Richmond, hoping to do more in Richmond, asked about thoughts on future classes

Communicating with your Community – hope to roll out curriculum in the spring

Updating “Red Book” to put online (lesson plans, activities, etc.) – great discussion of ideas on updating, adding graphics, matching with SOLs, etc.

Educational tools ordered from Innovative Concepts: bean bag toss and several fire escape boards (with coalition and VDFP logos)– Fairfax has own set that has been very well received

How to be distributed? Portable pub ed trailer – plan ahead to have materials there

Suggestion to display at fire chief convention (educational opportunities/displays)

Should be delivered by end of the year

Mark Buff – asked for suggestions for applying for upcoming Firefighter’s Assistance grant (any and all assistance appreciated) and mentioned grants position open with VDFP

June 4, 2011 Memorial for Fallen Firefighters – looking at honoring 8 firefighters; please help promote to increase attendance

VDFP Facebook page – up to 2230 fans; increasingly effective tool for sending information

### **Constituent Group Reports:**

**Virginia Department of Forestry** – Department of Forestry – asked if anyone has seen FireFacts.org  
Goodie bags – giveaways and “A Day in the Forest with Smokey Bear” DVD (campfire safety; can get through Ad Council)

Vasmokeybear.blogspot.com – has had good participation. Showed some campaign posters

Golden Smokey Award given to Fred Turck (one of only 3 to receive all 3!)

### **Central Virginia –**

Going to be a push for education within EMS scope coming down the pipeline

New Kent – www.nkfr.net website up; hope to advertise public educator position after the first of year

### **Northern Virginia–**

Change your clocks, change your batteries – Fairfax Fire Departments went out, stations picked high risk

areas and continued to check in-home daycares (since January has installed over 600 alarms)  
Remembering When Conference attended by Alexandria; great opportunity

**Shenandoah Valley--**

(Bill Jones) attended Charlottesville Fire Department, Wine Festival and participated in the kids program. 200 kids – attended. The Old Dominion Historical is scheduled to do 380 events. Providing classes for inspectors. Virginia Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial - June 4, 2011- 12:00 - Richmond International Raceway has 8 inductees might have 9;(discussed definition of line of death – trying to get larger attendance at the event) Unable to get participation from fire departments at the ceremony.

**Southwest –**

**Tidewater --**

James City County – preschool presentation to discuss more than stop drop and roll. Only 9 people attended session – 6 preschools represented. There was a lack of knowledge except for teaching Stop, Drop and Roll. Williamsburg group embraced and implemented what they learned from last two years. Recommend Play Safe Be Safe Kit be put in each classroom instead of one at each facility. Internet based information with Be Safe is not as effective because they don't have internet access. Teachers had not signed up for free newsletter. Most preschools don't have ability to use internet in classes and turnover rate has increased. Teachers and admin don't remain long term – have to review classes again to same organization.

**VDFP / VFMA**

JD still on state autism task force. Attended Faces of Fire Conference, suggests moving to main DFP conference room. Robot is available on the trailer. He attended Charlottesville and Children's Hospital event.

**VDH-CIVP --**

Other Reports:

**NFPA –**

**Old Business:**

1. Election of Officers - Review of nominees (see below):  
President – JD Jenkins  
Vice President – Bill Jones, Fire Pro and Bob Wall, Prince William County  
Treasurer – Curtis Stillwell, Arlington  
Secretary – Joy Dotson, Loudon County

**New Business:**

1. Votes tallied, new officers include:  
President – JD Jenkins  
Vice President – Bill Jones, Fire Pro  
Treasurer – Curtis Stillwell, Arlington  
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2. Certificate of thanks for service was given to all past officers.

**Action Items:**

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- 3.

**Meeting Adjournment –**

A motion to adjourn was made by R. Stilwell; second was made by S.Bailey . This motion was approved unanimously. The next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011 beginning at 10 AM at VDFP HQ.

**This meeting was adjourned** at 1215 HRS.

**Scribe:** Becky Drayton

