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VAFR NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DEADLINES – DECEMBER 1, 2025

Lifeline Call for Articles & Photos

Deadline: December 15, 2025

Submit agency updates, feature articles, and high-quality photos for the 1st Quarter 2026 edition of the *Virginia Lifeline*.

 Send content to VAFR Editor Gary Dalton at garydalton@vafr.org.

VAFR 2026 Annual Convention – Save the Date

October 8 – 11, 2026

Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center

710 S Main St Ste 149, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

 More information will be released on VAFR.org.

Spring BOG Meeting & Training Weekend – Save the Date

March 20–22, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton – Charlottesville, VA

990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901

 Additional details and schedule will be posted on VAFR.org as they become available.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Due: January 21, 2026

Submit proposed amendments for review and consideration at the Spring BOG Meeting no later than January 21, 2026.


2026 Membership Dues Notice

Invoices will be emailed to Primary Contacts and mailed on January 2, 2026.

◆ Dues Deadline: March 15, 2026

◆ Payment options: Online or by check

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1st Annual Virginia First Responder Symposium – Save the Date

June 12–21, 2026
The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center
901 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg, VA 24061

- New training tracks
- Ten full days of programs, seminars, and hands-on labs
- Vendor and sponsor expo



Registration Opens: March 15, 2026



Brochure Release: February 2026

Hall of Fame Nominations

Due: March 1, 2026
Submit nominations to the state office or email kevindillard@vafr.org.

Life Membership Nominations

Due: March 1, 2026
Submit nominations directly to the VAFR State Office by the deadline.

Website Update

A brand-new, modern, and easier-to-navigate VAFR.org launches in early 2026.

Regional EMS Council Realignment

Effective January 1, 2026
The Virginia Office of EMS will transition from 11 Regional EMS Councils to 7, aligning EMS regions with other statewide public safety divisions.

- Current 11 councils remain in place through December 31, 2025
- New regional system officially launches January 1, 2026



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