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As much of the Commonwealth continues to dig out from an unusually active winter—complete with snow, ice, and what many are calling “*Virginia snowcrete*”—we hope you and your crews are staying safe and warm. Even as winter hangs on, planning is well underway for a strong spring and an even stronger year of training and collaboration.

2026 Virginia First Responder Symposium Brochure Released

The official 2026 Virginia First Responder Symposium Brochure is now available!

This year's Symposium will feature:

- 8 comprehensive training tracks
- 130+ courses

The brochure provides a full overview of training tracks, sample courses, and what to expect when we gather in Blacksburg this June.

👉 View the Symposium Brochure:

https://issuu.com/vavrs/docs/2026_vafr_symposium_brochure.vf
or scan the QR code.



📱 Symposium Mobile App Now Live - The Virginia First Responder Symposium Mobile App is now live and designed to be your go-to resource throughout the event. Most features are public. Login is only required to save sessions and complete course evaluations.

With the app, you can:

- Browse the full course schedule
- Filter sessions by track or date
- Save sessions to My Schedule
- Access maps, transportation details, and dining discounts
- Receive real-time updates and announcements

👉 Access the Symposium Mobile App:

<https://virginiafirstrespondersymposium.base44.app>
or scan the QR code.



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Symposium Registration Opens March 1

General registration for the 2026 Virginia First Responder Symposium opens on March 1, 2026.

We encourage early registration, as many courses will have limited seating and high demand.

VAFR Membership Dues Reminder

This is a reminder that VAFR membership dues are due by March 15, 2026.

Maintaining current membership ensures:

- Discounted training rates
- Access to member-only benefits
- Eligibility for VAFR programs, events, and opportunities throughout the year

VAFR Spring Board of Governors Meeting & Training Event

The VAFR Spring Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting and Training Event will be held:


 March 21, 2026

 DoubleTree by Hilton Charlottesville
990 Hilton Heights Rd
Charlottesville, VA 22901

A special VAFR group rate is available for attendees staying at the hotel. Visit www.vafr.com for more info.

We look forward to an incredible year of training, collaboration, and growth across the Commonwealth. Thank you for your continued support of VAFR and the first responders we serve.

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