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The VSFPA Newsletter will be published every two months. Your news is needed in order for us to keep the members of this organization in communication and informed with current events and what is going on in different areas of the state.

If any of you have items of newsworthy information you feel should be published in this newsletter, please send same to me here at 211 Lee Street, Bristol, Virginia 24201. I will be most appreciative of your contributions of any material that will be of interest to all of us.

This newsletter wants to take this opportunity to congratulate the Organization's first Fire Prevention Man of the Year, namely, Mr. Howard H. Summers, Jr., District Engineer of the State Fire Marshal's Office, Norfolk, Va. Howard is a most worthy recipient for this award. He has devoted much time and effort in behalf of the VSFPA and Fire Prevention in general.



Any member of VSFPA is eligible to be selected for this honor each year on the basis of his work in his community, in the Association or worthy contributions in the efforts of Fire Prevention, the solicitation of new members for VSFPA, etc. Now is the time to begin consideration of the Fire Prevention Man of the Year for 1972.

The annual meeting of the VSFPA was held in Richmond, Virginia, on May 2, 1972, at the John Marshal Hotel. President Ernest Wood gave a brief history of the organization and some of its accomplishments for the new members. The following men applied for membership: Quinn Harris, State Fire Marshal's Office, Walter W. Brooking, County of Henrico, Wallace W. Nicholson, Newport News S. & D. D. Co., Wallace J. Robertson, Fire Marshal, York County, and Frank L. Hodges, Jr., Guard - Alarms Systems, Inc.

The minutes of the 1971 annual meeting were read and approved, and reports were made by various committees.

Howard Summers reported on the success of the Virginia Fire Prevention Clinic which included some participation from industry. He thinks OSHA act helped bring these people out. He also reported the continuing education service of the Southern Association of Colleges is interested in a certificate program in Fire Prevention.

Mr. Summers reported that three people completed the three years of the Fire Prevention Clinic and received certificates. President Wood commended Mr. Summers for his fine job of organizing the school.



W. J. Bolling reported on the Special Committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of joining the Virginia Municipal League. Mr. Bolling also discussed the appropriation of funds for publication of a newsletter. A fund of \$250 was agreed on by the membership.

Mr. Art Davies discussed the problem of door to door sales of home extinguisher systems and misrepresentation of some of the sales people. Solutions given by some of the members were: Contact news media and warn public and the use of solicitor's laws.

Howard Summers reported that the State Health Dept. had chosen the State Fire Marshal's Office to enforce Title 18 and 19 laws on Nursing Homes, including NFPA 101 as Federal Law.

President Wood reported on the committee to select the Outstanding Fire Prevention Man of the Year which will be a yearly award by the VSFPA. The first award for the Outstanding Fire Prevention Man of the Year for 1971 was presented to Mr. Howard Summers, Jr., by William J. Bolling. Plaques were also presented to past Presidents Milton Holland and Charles Dismuke by President Wood.

The election of officers for the current year were as follows: William Bolling, President; M. E. Williams, First Vice President; Howard Summers, Second Vice President; Clyde Wimmer, Secretary-Treasurer; and Walter Eubanks, Chaplain.

Appointed to Board of Directors were Ernest Wood, Art Davies, Tidewater; Robert Monoley, Richmond; Willis T. Swartz, Northern; Elmer Cullop, Southwest; Thomas Jarrett, Roanoke; and N. C. Davis, Charlottesville area. William Bolling presented a Past President Plaque to Ernest Wood.

A tentative date of November 10, 1972, was set for the November meeting of the VSFPA in Northern Virginia. The exact location will be announced later in this newsletter.

IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the VSFPA, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to Chief M. E. Williams and his co-chairman, Chief Walter Stickel for their admirable accomplishments in making all the preparations for our annual meeting in Richmond in May.

I am sure that all of us realize what an enormous task they undertook in arranging for the accommodations for our meeting plus composing the impressive program. Chief Williams and Chief Stickel have made numerous contributions to the VSFPA and we are most fortunate to have members as cooperative and industrious.

ON FIREWORKS

The following item of interest concerning fireworks was submitted by Art L. Davies, Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau, Portsmouth, Virginia, for our newsletter.

Civic and veterans' groups wishing to sponsor big fireworks displays this year should be reminded to call on the nearest federal ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS DIVISION enforcement office. For if they plan to buy fireworks out-of-state they will first need a federal permit. Fireworks purchased by state or local governments, however, are exempt from the provisions of Title XI of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970.

IN RECOGNITION

We want to acknowledge as worthy of commendation, the promotion of Howard H. Summers, Jr., to the position of Assistant Chief Fire Marshal for the State of Va. He has assumed the duties of this office as of July 1 in the Richmond location of State Fire Marshal's office. Our heartiest congratulations and approval!

Appointment of Committees of the VSFPA for the year of 1972-1973 is as follows:

Membership Committee: Art Davies, Robert Monaley, Willis Swartz, Elmer Cullop, Thomas Jarrett & N. C. Davies. This committee shall consist of one person from each of the geographical areas set forth in Article VI, and shall endeavor to have all eligible fire prevention officials and appropriate members of their staff become members of the VSFPA.

Education Committee: H. H. Summers, Jr., Crawford Keith, Harry B. Wade, Frank L. Hodges, Jr., N. C. Davies, John B. Twine. This committee shall consist of one person from each of the geographical areas as set forth in Article VI, and shall serve for a period of one year. This committee shall be responsible to the President to formulate plans and programs to carry out the objectives of this Assn. as outlined in Article II.

Public Relations & Publicity Comm.: Walter E. Eubanks, James Snapp, H. H. Lyon, Quinn M. Harris, Jr., Dwight Hicks, Walter W. Brooking, Jr. This committee shall consist of not more than ten, nor less than six persons and shall be appointed on the first day of the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of one year. Membership in this organization is not required for members of this committee. It would be desirable to have members from each geographical area set forth in Article VI, who are primarily engaged in public relations and publicity.

Grievance Committee: Charles P. Dismuke, Carl C. Holt, Clayton W. DeKay. This committee shall consist of three persons who shall be appointed at the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of one year.

Financial & Auditing Committee: Harry B. Wade, Herbert H. Lyon, and Walter R. Stickel.

Nominating Committee: Milton Holland, Earl Brown, Willis T. Swartz.

Legislation Committee: Frank L. Hodges, Jr., Walter E. Eubanks, and Sutton Mullins.

Program Committee: John W. Heath, Jr., Earl Brown, and Milton Holland.

Outstanding Fire Prevention Man of the Year

Committee: C. Sutton Mullen, Jr., H. H. Summers, Jr., and Wayne O'Dell. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate submissions for the 1972 Fire Prevention Man of the Year award.

WHAT IS A FIREMAN?

He's the guy next door. He's a man's man with a short memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines, sirens, smoke & danger.

He's a Fireman. He puts it all on the line when the bell rings. He's a man who savors life because he has seen too much death. He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of the awesome power of violent force out of control. He's a man responsible to a child's laughter, because his arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again. He's a man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life . . . hot coffee held in numbed unbending fingers . . . the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke and fire . . . convulsed lungs . . . a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling . . . the comrades of brave men . . . the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men. He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities; and when he marches it is to honor the fallen comrade. He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man. He lives it.

A DAILY PRAYER

O Lord,
Grant that each one who has to do with me today may be happier for it. Let it be given me each hour today what I shall say and grant me the wisdom of a loving heart that I may say the right thing rightly. Help me to enter into the mind of everyone who talks to me, and keep me alive to the feelings of each one present. Give me a quick eye for little kindnesses that I may be ready in doing them and gracious in receiving them. Give me a quick perception of the feelings and needs of others and make me eager hearted in helping them. Amen.

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