

# Fire Chiefs Establish 501(c)(3) Foundation



The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association has established the new **Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation (VFCF)**. The new organization has been recognized and awarded 501(c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service. "This was certainly great news" stated Chief Ronald Mastin who serves as the organization's Chairman of the Board.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide educational opportunities, including scholarships, to fire and emergency services professionals; develop public relations programs to promote and raise public awareness of Virginia's fire and emergency services; to assist other related organizations in the development and implementation of public education programs; and provide grants to other fire and emergency service organizations. Funding will be through personal donations, corporate giving, and fund raising events such as golf tournaments.

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The original VFCA scholarship program was established in 2002 in memory of Mr. Robert E. White, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia who donated his money towards the betterment of the Fire Service throughout the state. Over the years a few other donations were made by the family.

The first scholarships were provided in 2003 once the fund was sufficient to be able to provide them. Since that time 96 scholarships have been awarded and more than \$48,000.00 has been provided to worthy recipients.

Efforts to create the Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation began approximately two years ago.

The Foundation was created and recorded with the SCC on July 19, 2007, with pending 501 (c)(3) recognition by the IRS at that time. On September 24, 2007 IRS formally recognized the Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation as a 501 (c)(3) entity.

Since that time funds were transferred from the VFCA to the Foundation. An investment fund was established and a checking account was created to provide for day-to-day operating funds for the organization.

Foundation scholarships will be awarded in February of each year at the Mid Atlantic Expo and Symposium.

## How to become a sponsor...

The Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation gratefully accepts and relies on donations from individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations. Because the Foundation is a designated 501(c)3 by the IRS, all contributions are tax deductible. All donors will be acknowledged and recognized as appropriate.

To contribute to the Foundation, go to the VFCA website, [www.vfca.us](http://www.vfca.us) and click on the Foundation button or simply copy this page, fill out the information below, and return it to the Foundation.

VFC Foundation  
P.O. Box 70907  
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