



# VFCA MEMBER ADVANTAGE

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. (VFCA) is the advocate for leadership of emergency response organizations. VFCA provides a comprehensive and integrated statewide public safety effort, thereby enhancing the quality of life for our customers by reducing the effects of fire, medical, and environmental emergencies.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

Your membership in the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association makes you a member of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation, the companion non-profit educational organization that offers educational seminars, the Virginia Fire Officer Academy, the scholarship program and other such worthy programs. It's a full palette of programs and services from which you can choose those of particular interest to you, the VFCA member.

### 1. Career Development

#### Mid-Atlantic Expo & Symposium (MAE&S)

The premier fire and emergency services conference offering a mix of association business, networking and over 40 educational sessions during the event The MAE&S is a cost and time efficient way to sharpen your skills, expand your knowledge base and broaden your fire service network.

#### Virginia Fire Officer Academy

This award winning four-and-a-half-day program assists fire and emergency services professionals to move from a tactical view to a comprehensive strategic view of fire and emergency services, operations, personnel safety, and administration. Participants will enhance their professional development through a unique four and one-half day hands-on, interactive learning experience designed to provide a better understanding of the relationship between leadership, ownership and safety.

### Educational Seminars

From broad-based tactical and fire ground training to more focused programs such as "Horse Sense" that hones and prepares officers to lead and manage their organizations on a day-to-day basis.

### 2. Information & Idea Exchange

#### Commonwealth Chief Magazine

Touted as one of the country's best fire and emergency services organization member publications, *Commonwealth Chief* magazine puts the latest thinking and current issues – as well as all you need to know about your association – in your hands on a quarterly basis.

#### Exhibitor Trade Show

The exhibitor show, held in conjunction with the Annual Conference, presents a unique opportunity for chiefs, company officer's, firefighters and others to spend quality time with the vendors who provide the very latest in technology, products and services utilized by today's modern fire service.

#### VFCA Website at [www.vfca.us](http://www.vfca.us)

Your source for the latest wide-ranging information about the association and its activities at your fingertips – 24/7. Register on-line or download a conference registration application, peruse the latest and back issues of *Commonwealth Chief* magazine, or obtain LODD information. VFCA's website is changing continually to

provide you with the information you need when you need it!

### Networking Opportunities

Opportunities occur throughout the year to learn informally from your peers. At VFCA events or on the Website, you can connect with the fire chiefs and other fire service personnel from around the state who share your concerns, but from a slightly different perspective.

### 3. Political Action

#### Legislative Summit

VFCA leadership plays a leading role in the Annual Legislative Summit where major fire/EMS organizations from across the Commonwealth come together to decide what legislative issues are important and relative in today's ever changing environment.

#### Advocacy

Members and leaders take the fire service story directly to state and federal elected representatives to work for laws and regulations that enhance your ability to provide safe communities. VFCA appointments to many state boards and advisory bodies ensure fire and emergency services input on actions that affect us all.

### 4. Personal/Family

#### Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Each VFCA member is provided with AD&D insurance benefits in the event an unexpected tragedy should strike.

### Reduced Registration Fee's

Members are provided a reduced registration fee at the Annual MAE&S.

### Member Categories

#### Annual Membership fees (Check the appropriate category)

- Active**
- Career Chief Officer \$75.00
- Volunteer Chief Officer \$40.00
- FF & Co. Officer \$40.00
- Affiliate - \$40.00  
*Individuals in professions allied to the fire service (such as Sections, Public Education; Emergency Services; Technical Rescue or other areas that not covered under Active) -*
- Corporate - \$100.00  
*Representatives of companies with an interest in fire prevention, fire suppression, insurance, or other fire-service-related products*
- Life or Honorary - \$20.00  
*Individuals who have been selected to receive Life or Honorary Membership in the Association by a vote of the Executive Board.*  
**(Life or Honorary members receive complimentary membership. To receive mailings, the member fee is \$20/yr.)**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join today by filling out the membership application and paying online at [www.vfca.us](http://www.vfca.us) or  
Mail this application and payment (check payable to VFCA): VFCA • P.O. Box 70907 • Richmond, VA • 23255-0907

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Dept/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ FDID# \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Officer:  Yes  No Retired:  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by Credit card:  Visa  Master Card  AMEX  Discover

Credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: (3digit # on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the following:

Register me as one of the following Sections:  Admin. Professionals  Federal/Military  Company Officer  None

DFP Division:  1  2  3  4  5  6  7 Type of Department:  Volunteer  Career  Combination

If you have questions concerning this application and/or membership status, contact VFCA Member Services at (888) 818-0983 or email [memberservices@vfca.us](mailto:memberservices@vfca.us)