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- January 14 - Session Convenes

- January 21-22 - VFCA & VPFF Joint Lobby Days

- February 17 - Crossover

- March 14 - Session Adjourns

- Democratic Trifecta

Session is 45 days in odd numbered years and 60 days in even numbered years - this will be a "long session"

Typical Process

1. Bill vetted in subcommittee
2. Bill vetted in full committee
3. Bill sent to respective floor
4. Bill crosses to other chamber
5. Steps 1-3 are repeated
6. Governor signs bill

This step by step process assumes that the bill is voted through each time

OVERVIEW OF 2026 SESSION

2026 POLICY PRIORITIES

1. Dedicated and Sustainable State Funding for Fire and EMS Response - ATL Increase

2. Funding for Firefighter Cancer Screening

3. Enhanced Retirement Benefits for 9-1-1 Dispatchers

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- Engagement During Session
  - Contact key legislators
  - Committee testimony
  - 2027 Lobby Day

- Engagement Outside of Session
  - Build relationships with local legislators
  - Meet with your legislatures back home to educate on issues
  - Invite members to tour fire station
  - Other community events

✅ DO...

- Research the legislator before meeting
- Create a connection between your priorities and their constituency
- Be concise and prepared
- Respect their time
- Keep notes
- Follow up

🚫 DON'T...

- Make it partisan
- Overload with data
- Assume they know what you're talking about
- Speak for other stakeholder groups, unless position is clear
- Criticize

KEY DO'S AND DON'T

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- Third Annual Joint Lobby Day with Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPFF)

- January 21-22

- Location(s): Downtown Richmond, Capitol, and General Assembly Building (GAB)

- 30 attendees registered

- Typical lobby day
  - Breakfast at the Hilton
  - Remarks
  - Review of Priorities
  - Lobbying 101
  - Legislator Mtgs in the GAB
  - Evening Reception

LOBBY DAY

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KEY RESOURCES FOR 2026 SESSION

**Bill Tracker
Link**

**House Live Stream
Link**

**Senate Live Stream
Link**

QUESTIONS?