

# TROOPER

Official Publication of the Virginia State Police Association

## CHANGE: "TROOPER" MAGAZINE TO "TROOPER" NEWSLETTER

*It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory.*

– W. Edwards Deming

For over thirty years, the Virginia State Police Association has had a magazine, the "Trooper", and a newsletter, the "Informer". Your elected leaders of the Association have decided to change to one

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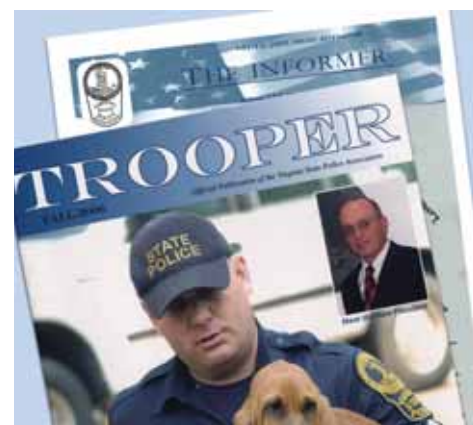
publication we describe as a "hybrid" newsletter. The new newsletter will be known as the "Trooper", will be distributed quarterly, and will be produced for us by the reputable firm, Neathawk Dubuque & Packett.

Woodrow Wilson said, "If you want to make enemies, try to change something." So the logical question would be, "Why this change?" There are two major reasons. The first reason, like most everything in life, has to do with money. There was a time the magazine was a revenue producer for the Association. We were able to raise in excess of fifty thousand dollars annually from the ads sold for the magazine. We have seen this steadily decline over the last eight to ten years until it has become a financial liability. We switched last year from the publisher we had employed for years because of declining revenues. The new publisher we hired recently terminated the contract because he was unable to produce the revenue promised. The second reason has to do with better serving our membership. We believe we can get news and information into our members' hands in a more timely manner with a newsletter. We have struggled for some time with this issue. An event occurs, it is written about, the magazine is compiled, it goes through several proofs to insure accuracy, the ads have to be compiled, it goes to the printer, etc, etc.... I think you follow my point. By the time the magazine is distributed,

the articles in many cases are "old" news. We believe we will be able to provide information in a timely manner with the streamlined process of an improved newsletter and our constantly improving website, [www.vspa.org](http://www.vspa.org).

*All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter another.*

– Anatole France



The "Trooper" magazine was "... a part of ourselves". It is hard to leave behind because it has been a significant part of our history. I only have to think of the many fallen members that have graced the covers of this magazine to get melancholy. At the same time, I am looking forward to the new "Trooper" newsletter and the possibilities it creates. We encourage your support and participation as we enter this new life.

**Kenneth Bumgarner,**  
VSPA President

## HELP US HELP MIKE!!

By Wayne Huggins

The VSPA is embarking upon its most ambitious special fundraising drive ever. Mike Smith has been a Division Six Dispatcher and active member of the VSPA for 14 years. Mike is suffering from a deteriorating case of muscular dystrophy. Mike and his wonderful wife, Cindy, have two daughters, Samantha, age 14 and Kimberly, age 13. Because of his special needs Mike and his family have enormous financial needs.

Those needs have recently escalated due to his deteriorating condition and as a result the need for a new specially equipped van. In an effort to be able to purchase the equipped van he needs Cindy had to borrow approximately \$10,000 from her annuity and they have taken out a second mortgage on their home. He was hoping to have his current vehicle equipped with the features he now needs, however he was informed that would be impossible. Thus the need for a new van. That van with the various features he must have to continue his employment will cost \$146,000. Because of the generosity and kindness of others approximately \$94,000 of that has been raised leaving Mike and his family with a balance of about \$52,000. Mike's need for the van is immediate or he may not be able to continue working. The van is now here in Richmond being equipped and he hopes to take possession in about three to four weeks. The VSPA has decided to do two things. In the short-term



we are going to make his monthly payments for him and in the longer-term we are going to begin trying to raise as much of the balance, \$52,000, (hopefully all of it) as is possible. Over the next several months the VSPA is going to be coordinating a number of "Emergency Relief" fundraising activities for this cause. Many of those activities are currently being planned and as details become available we will let you know. In the meantime we are asking our members to support this very worthwhile effort.

If you know Mike and his family, you know what remarkably inspiring people they are. Beyond all else Mike wants to continue working and supporting his family. This can only happen if they receive this much needed assistance. With the holidays here we hope each of you will take the time to help Mike and his family.

God Bless!

Please make your tax deductible contributions to "VSPA Emergency Relief Fund" and in the memo field of your check please note "Mike Smith".

### Mailing Address:

ERF - Mike Smith  
c/o Virginia State Police Association  
6944 Forest Hill Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23225

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BILL

HR 980, the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007, passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 314-97 in mid-July. S.2123 is awaiting a vote in the U.S. Senate. The National Trooper's Coalition, an organization each of our sworn members is a member of through the VSPA, sent the following to each U.S. Senator on October 12, 2007:

### - NTC Urge Support For - S.2123

*On behalf of the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) and its 40,000 members comprised of State Police and State Highway Patrol*

*throughout this country, we urge your strong support of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007, S. 2123.*

*Our nations' first responder community is our first line of defense in fighting our global war on terror domestically. Disparity in pay, working conditions and employee benefits is a real problem in law enforcement and we think this legislation will go a long way with helping us keep the best and the brightest in this important profession. Keeping America safe is our highest priority and we want to maintain the quality of professional law enforcement that American has come to depend on.*

*I am not making any promises  
but I will look at the bill.*

*- President Bush*

*Please support law enforcement officers and firefighters and support S. 2123. Please join with your fellow Senators and reach out to Allison Dembeck in Senator Judd Gregg's office to become a co-sponsor of this important legislation.*

*Thank you for support.*

### Dennis Hallion

*Chairman*

*National Troopers Coalition*

The Virginia State Police Association is monitoring the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 as it continues its journey through the legislative process. I and other NTC state presidents attended a Photo-Op with President Bush at the White House on



November 14, 2007. (See photo on page 2) Dennis Hallion, NTC President asked President Bush if he would support Senate Bill 2123. President Bush, after being apprised of some of the bill's contents, advised, "I am not making any promises but I will look at the bill."

The VSPA will keep you advised of the bill's progress.

# 75TH

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Kenny Bumgarner

On October 18, 2007, the Department of State Police celebrated 75 years of valor, service and pride at the Training Academy Gymnasium at State Police Headquarters. The ceremony was a reflection of the manner which the Department of State Police has conducted itself for 75 years. It was exemplary. It recognized all components of the Department's past, present and future. The celebration was attended by hundreds of retirees, civilian employees, families of past and fallen members, dignitaries, legislators and representatives of other police agencies.

The ceremony started with Colonel W. Steven Flaherty welcoming everyone and laying the foundation of the Department's history. There was an address by D. B. Smit, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of State Police originated with "inspectors" within the Department of Motor Vehicles. Former superintendents of the Department were recognized. The superintendents present were: Colonel Denny M. Slane, Colonel Robert L. Sutherland, Colonel William F. Corvello, Colonel M. Wayne Huggins, Colonel W. Gerald Massengill and Colonel W. Steven Flaherty. Additionally, the daughters and granddaughter of Colonel Woodson

and the daughters and son of Colonel Burgess were in attendance. Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety, the Honorable John W. Marshall, a former Virginia State Trooper, was the keynote speaker. The basic session presidents were recognized, the recently graduated 113<sup>th</sup> Basic Session recited the Trooper's Pledge along with all the active and retired members present, and legislative resolutions commending the Department were presented by Senator Phillip Puckett, whose grandfather was a Trooper killed in the line of duty and former Trooper, Delegate Bill Carrico. One of the highlights of the ceremony was a video presentation which included interviews with many former employees of the Department including Captain M. S. Urick, who joined the Department of State Police as an inspector in 1936.

After the celebration ceremony, the attendees fellowshiped with old friends and co-workers while enjoying a nice lunch outdoors.

Those that participated in the historical research, the planning and the execution of this distinguished celebration deserve our thanks and recognition for a job well done.

## SALUTING 75 YEARS OF TROOPER SERVICE

Reprinted from November 4, 2007  
By Donnie Johnston

Retired Fredericksburg-area Virginia State Trooper Ed Buchanan looked at some of the cutting-edge communications equipment on display at the Museum of Culpeper History.

*When I went to work with the State Police we were lucky to get a dispatcher in 20 minutes.*

– Buchanan

Buchanan was among a number of former troopers and other employees who attended the opening ceremony for an exhibit marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Virginia State Police.

*This display celebrates and pays tribute to the men and women of the Department, sworn and non-sworn, who, over the past 75 years, have dedicated their lives – and in some cases sacrificed their lives – for the good of neighborhoods and individuals of the region.*

– Capt. Michael Spivey

*Division commander for Culpeper*

The exhibit highlights, through pictures and other memorabilia, the efforts of the State Police since the Department's official inception in 1932. It will be on display through the end of December.

*Culpeper was chosen for the exhibit because it was one of four original division headquarters established in 1939.*

– Spivey

The Virginia Highway Patrol, the forerunner of the State Police, also suffered its first casualty in Culpeper.

On August 15, 1928, Trooper Neville Hatcher was dispatched from Warrenton to arrest Henry Shepherd, a suspected killer. Hatcher was shot several times in the stomach when he confronted Shepherd, and died four days later in a Charlottesville hospital.

It took the State Police (the investigative arm was then called "The Little FBI") 11 years to track down Shepherd. He was eventually arrested in Harlem and convicted in a Culpeper court, and spent the rest of his life in prison.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibit pays tribute to Hatcher and all the other



State Police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

There is also a video presentation that allows former troopers, such as Buchanan and retired Colonel Denny Slane (the two were classmates in the State Police Academy) to share stories from their days with the Department.

Spivey gave credit to Sergeants Mike Woodard and Les Tyler, both with the Culpeper Division, for putting together the display, which encompasses an entire room at the museum.

*We began collecting artifacts back in early June, and it took about four days to get the exhibit set up.*

– Woodard

In addition to the historical exhibits, Tyler and Woodard arranged a one-day display of up-to-date State Police tactical equipment yesterday in the museum's parking lot.

It was the old photos and equipment, however, that attracted the attention of retirees such as Slane (1949-84), Buchanan (1949-76) and William Schultze (1957-95).

"I've got 38 years of memories," said Schultze, who was an investigator in Fredericksburg for 21 years. "It was the finest job in the world."

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## ELECTION UPDATE

So you thought the elections were over? Not quite yet! The 2008 Elections for the VSPA Board of Directors will be conducted during the month of February. The results will be announced at our Annual Conference in Virginia Beach on Saturday evening March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Divisional meetings are being held until January 31. Ballots will then be mailed out and members will have the month of February to vote. *PLEASE NOTE THAT BALLOTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE MAILED TO THE ACCOUNTING FIRM OF MITCHELL, WIGGINS & COMPANY WHILE BALLOTS FOR ALL DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE MAILED TO THE VSPA OFFICE.* Instructions and addressed envelopes will be provided in the mailing with the ballots.

The list of candidates running for the various offices is:

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President** ..... Kenny Bumgarner  
**First Vice President**..... David Batkins  
..... Marty Chapman  
**Second Vice President** ..... E. J. Kelly  
**Treasurer** .....Randy Beeson  
**Secretary** .....Sean Fregoso

### DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES

**SPHQ** ..... Glenn Smith  
**First Division** ..... James Elmore  
**Second Division** ..... Michael L. Jones  
**Third Division** .....Robert Henderson  
**Fourth Division**.....Jeremy G. Armstrong  
**Fifth Division** ..... Warren Desper  
**Sixth Division** ..... James Dickie Byrd  
**Seventh**..... Joe Ragsdale

Please be on the lookout for your ballot on or about February 1<sup>st</sup> and then..... PLEASE VOTE!

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 2008

By Wayne Huggins

The 2008 Session of the General Assembly was gavelled into session on January 9, 2008. This session will prove to be a very challenging year with the fiscal pressures that exist. Nonetheless the VSPA is supporting

a number of very important issues. Those issues include the Variable Housing Allowance Bill which is being sponsored in the House by Delegates Beverly Sherwood and Scott Lingamfelter and in the Senate by Senator Ken Stolle. Delegate Lacey Putney will be introducing a Bill to increase the health care credit for retirees and Delegate Kirk Cox has introduced a budget amendment to address the "43 Hour Rule".

However there are other issues that we will be closely monitoring and will be taking appropriate action upon. Those issues may include legislation aimed at improving the efficiency and cost effectiveness of VITA. (Virginia Information Technologies Agency) and the STARS Radio System.

As is always, the cases occur quickly and sometimes without warning at the General Assembly. As has become our tradition, I will keep you apprised of those happenings through our All Member Email Service. If you have changed your email address or have created a new account, please notify us at the VSPA Office as soon as possible.

## VSPA HOLDS "BUCKLE UP TAIL-GATE PARTY" AT FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

By Mary King and Elizabeth Ferguson

The *Virginia State Police Association* (VSPA) along with *Youth of Virginia Speak Out* (YOVASO) about *Traffic Safety* held a seat belt celebration for Franklin County High School students in Rocky Mount on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. This fun-filled event was the grand finale celebration for the "Save Your Tail-Gate, Buckle Up Challenge" held at high schools in Virginia to encourage seat belt usage among Virginia teenagers.

Franklin County High School won the buckle up challenge which ran for three weeks at schools statewide.



Winners were selected based on educational and awareness activities, along with creativity. Franklin County High School totaled the most educational activities during the challenge and demonstrated outstanding creativity. Seat belt use by the students increased by 7% during the campaign and 78% of the students took a pledge to always buckle up.

In celebration of winning the campaign, approximately 600 students attended the “Save Your Tail-Gate, Buckle Up” party held just prior to the school’s final football game. The students enjoyed free barbecue and sides served by VSPA members, a DJ, an inflatable obstacle course, a DUI simulator with golf carts, air bag deployment demonstrations, canine demonstrations and various other safety participants. VSPA members Joe Scarce and Charlie Wayne Moore set up their barbeque pit to keep all the food warm and add a cookout atmosphere to the celebration. Troopers, deputies and civilians alike all came together to commend the hard work of these dedicated teens in their efforts to increase seat belt use.

“The Save Your Tail-Gate Party is a unique and fun way to reward students for their efforts to increase seat belt use,” said Mary King, YOVASO Program Administrator. “Schools look forward to competing for this party every fall and it definitely increases

the amount of seat belt educational activities in all schools that participate. We had schools calling every day to see where they stood in the competition and to get more ideas for seat belt promotions. We are very pleased that VSPA sponsored the party this year, allowing us to continue this successful tradition.”

In addition to VSPA members, representatives from the Virginia State Police, YOVASO, Rocky Mount Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, Franklin County High School and Staff, and the Regional Crash Investigation Team were on hand to entertain the students. All food, beverages and prizes were donated by businesses in Franklin County.

## CASUALTY ASSISTANCE AND PLANNING GUIDE – NOW ONLINE –

In 2006, the VSPA partnered with the Arlington based Florian Foundation and the Department to produce a high quality Casualty Assistance & Planning Guide. The Guide was then distributed to every employee of the Department. The Guide is a booklet that organizes and documents in one location, a family’s entire estate. In an attempt to keep the Guide available, it is now available on the VSPA Website. To access the Guide go to [www.vspa.org](http://www.vspa.org) and login to the “Member Area”.

## A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

By \*Mrs. Carly Davidson

My husband works undercover for the Virginia State Police. There. I said it. I’m not supposed to, you know. But as long as I’m explaining it to another Trooper, as long as there are no pictures, and as long as I’ve changed our names, I guess it’s safe.

It’s actually rather funny. \*Charlie, my husband, knocked me off of my feet when we were dating. He was so handsome, he worked for justice, was friendly to everyone and was so *clean*

*cut*. He was a man in a uniform, no less. I loved that shiny blue and grey in the driveway when we got married. You know the life; you’ve lived it.

So let me tell you about our walk on the wild side. Charlie isn’t wearing a uniform anymore. He wears Harley t-shirts, boots and a leather jacket to work. He drives a vehicle he keeps intentionally dirty – on the outside, anyway. Occasionally, he drives a motorcycle! My handsome husband is now sporting a chest-length goatee and hair longer than mine. (On the plus side, I’ve always wanted a little girl – we have three boys – so I could put her hair in ponytails. Now I get to do a ponytail everyday, it’s just not on a little girl.)

When people meet us as a couple, they do a double-take. We don’t match. I tried, honest, I did. I bought a leather jacket and a leopard print shirt. But it felt like dress up, and I’ve always preferred the princess stuff (tiaras and ball gowns, if you don’t mind.)

We’re getting used to the second glances. He doesn’t look right behind the wheel of our mini van anymore, and store security starts following us the second we walk into a shopping mall. Even the people at church are curious. Our church is fairly large, and not exactly a place where his look fits in easily. The pastor came to a friend and expressed his concern about Charlie. Was he having some trouble? Another lady came up to me and told me how excited she was when she met Charlie. She could tell the church was starting to reach “real people”.

And restaurants, well we’re still working that one out. He knows the character he’s portraying wouldn’t sit the way he’s been trained. So he’s trying to retrain himself to sit with his back to the door. I’d like to help him in this, but it isn’t going so well. “Are you watching the door?” he keeps asking. I’m trying, really I am.

*\*Names in this article have been changed to protect the ...well, they’ve been changed.*

## 2007 VIRGINIA BADGES FOR BASEBALL INITIATIVE

In the spring of 2007, the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation launched its first statewide program initiative, Badges for Baseball, selecting Virginia as the pilot state and working in partnership with Virginia Attorney General McDonnell and his staff. Badges for Baseball, created in partnership with the US Department of Justice, is a crime prevention initiative that teams at-risk youth with law enforcement officials to use baseball and softball as a means of encouraging positive out-of-school activities, as well as creating an opportunity to promote positive relationships between youth and local law enforcement officials. The Foundation together with the Attorney General's office partnered with the Virginia State Police Association, N.O.B.L.E, Virginia FOP, Virginia Chiefs of Police Association, US Marshall's Office and the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs to launch the initiative working together to create local relationships between youth organizations and law enforcement. Participating youth development organizations received cash grants of \$15,000, baseball equipment packages, Quickball packages, Healthy Choices, Healthy



Children curriculum training, one-day clinics, and the opportunity to send participants to summer camp in Aberdeen at Cal Sr's. Yard, a state of the art youth baseball complex.



In addition to the law enforcement partnership, another key component of the Badges for Baseball program is the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's character education program, Healthy Choices, Healthy Children. A total of 61 staff and law enforcement volunteers received training to teach Healthy Choices, Healthy Children, which uses baseball and softball to teach important character building lessons such as leadership, teamwork and personal responsibility. Over 1,500 youth completed the program, and had the opportunity to learn and play Quickball, a fast-paced game that uses elements of baseball to get youth excited about the sport. As a reward for completing the Healthy Choices, Healthy Children program, 75 youth were selected to receive an all-expense paid trip to the Ripken Academy in Aberdeen, MD for a week-long camp experience which included not only baseball instruction, but also a unique camp experience including rock-climbing, zip lines, and a ropes course at our over-night facility, North Bay. In addition to the week-long camp experience, the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation held 11 one-day clinics throughout the state of Virginia for approximately 300 program participants.



As we look towards next year, the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation hopes to build on this year's success and expand Badges for Baseball to reach even more youth and law enforcement officials. As young people get excited about baseball, and learn crucial life lessons, they are also beginning to see their local law enforcement officials in a new and different light, as coaches, mentors and another positive role model in their life.



## READY, AIM, FIRE

Article published November 10, 2007

EXMORE – The 2007 Trooper Troy D. Ashe Memorial Police Pistol Tournament, once again, served as a showcase for some of the Eastern Shores best pistol and sporting clays marksmen.

Competitors from local law enforcement agencies, as well as civilian shooters, stepped to the line on October 13 at the Trooper Troy D. Ashe Memorial Pistol Range, to vie for team and individual honors.

When the smoke cleared, a team from the Virginia State Police had captured this years Trooper Troy D. Ashe Memorial Trophy.

In an amazing display of marksmanship, a State Police team comprised of Troopers Tommy Hart, Mark Switzer and Scott Wade



posted a score of 299.6, with 63 X's, besting the 2<sup>nd</sup> place Exmore Police Department Team of Tara Leckel, Carlos Moyano, and Angelo Demartino with a score of 299.2 with 51 X's and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Virginia Marine Police Team comprised of Sid Adams, Richard Haynie, and Brandon Sterling with a score of 298.8, with 57 X's.

Police individual honors went to 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher Tommy Hart, State Police, with a score of 100 with 28 X's, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Brandon Sterling, Virginia Marine Police with a score of 100 with 27 X's and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Jim Pruitt, Northampton Sheriffs Department with a score of 100 with 25 X's.

Civilian team winners were the team of Durwood Moore, Warren Blake and Joseph Prinski, with a score of 299.6 with 55 X's.

Civilian individual honors went to 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher Joseph Prinski with a score of 100 with 23 X's, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Andrew Green with a score of 100 with 20 X's and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Dick Marshall with a score of 100 with 15 X's.

The 2006 Campbell Cup X ring only competition was won by Angelo Dimartino with 29 X's.

This years sporting clays competition was won by Wayne Lee Smith, with a score of 22 out of a possible 25. 2<sup>nd</sup>

place went to Angelo Dimartino with a score of 20 out of 25 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Will Smith with a score of 17 out of 25, after winning a shoot off with John Jackson.

The annual Daryl and Drew Campbell Memorial Scholarships were presented to Jordan Mellington of Atlantic, now a student at Christopher Newport University, for \$1,000, Clara Vaughn of Onley, now a student at the College of William and Mary, for \$750 and Parke Atkinson of Belle Haven, now a student at the University of Virginia, for \$500.

The Tournament Committee would like to thank all participants and sponsors for making this years tournament another successful event.

### 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VSPA CONFERENCE

The Virginia State Police Association encourages new troopers and first-time conference attendees to get involved with the Association by attending the annual conference at Virginia Beach. This is your event. Plan to make a weekend getaway with your friends and co-workers this March 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual VSPA Conference.

## ENTER TO WIN



### First-time conference attendees eligible for free conference registration

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Virginia State Police Association Conference will be held March 7-9, at the Wyndham Oceanfront hotel in Virginia Beach.

Again this year, the Association will sponsor any member that is a first-time conference attendees. The winner(s) will have their conference registration fee paid. Selection will be made in a random drawing.

To register, send in the form below. Forms may be faxed to the Association office at (804) 320-2616. To e-mail the form, send it to: sandrawinfree@vspa.org. The form may be mailed to: Virginia State Police Association, 6944 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225, attention Sandra Winfree.

*NOTE: If you are registering for free registration, please go ahead and book a hotel room and ask for leave time. Last year we had winners, but not enough hotel space or they forgot to ask for the weekend off.*

*To enter, fill in the form below.*

### First-time conference attendees

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date joined VSPA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attn: Sandra Winfree

*Deadline: February 22, 2008 · 4pm*

*Winners are final.  
 This prize is non-transferable.*

February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register with the Association to receive the discounted registration rate of \$150, a savings of \$50 per couple.

Room reservations must be made by February 5<sup>th</sup> by calling the Wyndham Resort Oceanfront at (800) 685-5105. Any reservations received after February 5<sup>th</sup> will be honored on a space available basis at the group rate. (See conference registration forms in this issue.)

Conference plans are still being finalized; however, there will be a golf outing as well as sporting clays event on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested

in golf, the fee is \$50 per player. For more information on golf, please contact James Russo at (757) 465-4707 or by e-mail at justicerusso@verizon.net. If you are interested in the sporting clays event please contact Sean Fregoso at (540) 847-1129 or by e-mail at vsp1606@comcast.net. Fees for the shooting tournament are \$35. Shooters and golfers will receive a BBQ lunch this year included in the fee for golf/shooting.

The committee is making preparations to hold a wine tasting seminar; it is tentatively set for Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. on Friday. In keeping with the beach motif, this year's theme is a "Pirate Party." Be sure to pack your favorite Pirate attire for this fun event. A contest will be held for the best costume. Winners will receive some nice prizes. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the General Membership Meeting is the first order of business. Members get an update on the status of the Association's financial standing from accountant Chris Fallon of Mitchell, Wiggins & Co. A legislative update on the 2008 General Assembly will be explained by VSPA lobbyist Wayne Huggins. There is scheduled to be a "Question for the Colonel" Session.

The VSPA Auxiliary Meeting is held at the same time as the General Membership Meeting. Contact Betty Fitzgerald at (540) 586-3489, if you have any questions.

The annual awards ceremony, complete with luncheon, begins at 10:30 a.m. The VSPA Citizenship Awards will be presented at this time. As last year, we will be holding a silent auction along with a live auction during Saturday afternoon session.

There will be vendors displaying their products on both Friday and Saturday afternoons. If there is a company that you would like to see, please pass the information along to Ms. Julie Bologna. Julie's e-mail address is jbolo90333@cox.net.

The conference wraps up on Sunday with morning worship lead by our very own Senior Trooper Patrick McCranie.

If you have never attended a VSPA conference, this one would be a great one to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting annual event. For more information, please visit our website or contact the VSPA at (804) 320-6272.

# ATTENTION VSPA MEMBERS

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**WWW.VSPA.ORG**

The Virginia State Police Association  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
March 7 – 9, 2008

Conference Registration Form  
Wyndham Oceanfront  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**FEES**

**For Couples**

Association Member: \$150  
Non-Member that is a member of the Department: \$200  
Non-Member Guest: \$250

**For Singles**

Association Member: \$75  
Non-Member that is a member of the Department: \$100  
Non-Member Guest: \$150

**ATTENDEE(S) INFORMATION**

Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear on nametag)

Name of Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear on nametag)

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday – March 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in playing golf, please contact Jamie Russo at (757) 465-4707 or by e-mail at justicerusso@verizon.net

I am interested in playing golf and am including the \$50 fee. \_\_\_\_\_  
(If the weather does not permit for golf, you will receive a refund via mail.)

**SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT**

Friday – March 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in sporting clays, please contact Sean Fregoso at (540) 847-1129 or by e-mail at vsp1606@comcast.net

I am interested in the sporting clays tournament and am including the \$35 fee. \_\_\_\_\_  
(If the weather does not permit for sporting clays, you will receive a refund via mail.)

**WINE TASTING**

Saturday – March 8, 2008 at 2 p.m.

This year the wine tasting will be on a first come first serve basis up to 150 people.

I am interested in the wine tasting and am including the \$10 per person fee. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Buffet # \_\_\_\_\_

"Arrr!" It's a Pirate theme" best dressed contest

SATURDAY'S EVENTS:

Awards Brunch/Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. Night Dinner # \_\_\_\_\_

**FORMS ARE DUE BACK TO THE VSPA OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

Mail to: VSPA, Attention Sandra · 6944 Forest Hill Avenue · Richmond, VA 23225 or fax (804) 320-2616



**Virginia State Police Association**  
**March 06 – 09, 2008**

**RATES:**

- \$79.00 Oceanfront
- \$79.00 Pool view / City view
- \$99.00 Tower Club
- \$129.00 Jacuzzi King
- \$129.00 Two Room Suite
- \$189.00 Three Room Suite

Single or double occupancy plus 13% tax per room, per night, plus \$1.00 Virginia Beach City Lodging Tax per room, per night. Each room is now equipped with a permanent in-room safe. A nominal daily fee of \$1.05 (a security warranty charge) provides every registered guest room with \$5,000 worth of protection against forced entry for items secured in the safe. Children under 18 are free in parent's room. There is a \$10.00 per night charge for each adult over double occupancy.

The above rates will be in effect three days prior to your scheduled arrival date and three days after your scheduled departure date only. CHECK-IN AFTER 4PM, CHECK-OUT BY 11AM.

Type of Room Desired:      1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_      2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
   Smoking \_\_\_\_\_      Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Your credit card will be processed for the first night's stay including tax (Most major credit cards accepted).*

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. One night's deposit by check or credit card is required with each reservation. Release date for unreserved rooms is February 5, 2008. Any reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis.

Make your check payable to: **Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront**  
5700 Atlantic Ave  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
**Attn: Reservations**  
**Fax: 757-437-9355 (Fax for reservations only)**

Cancellations must be made no later than THREE days prior to your arrival date or your first night's deposit will be forfeited.

**VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
6944 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225

**2008 Membership Form**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division No.: \_\_\_\_\_ (where you work) Area No.: \_\_\_\_\_ (where you work) Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Status of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time - (You must be a full-time VSP employee to join the Association)  
 Estimated date for retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Status: Regular Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ Retired Disability \_\_\_\_\_

**I. MEMBERSHIP STATUS (Please check one):**

- New Membership Dues: \$10 Enrollment Fee + see prorated schedule at the bottom of the form.
- Annual Membership Dues & Retired Members who have not received severance grant: \$120
- Lifetime Members (Previously paid lifetime fees)
- Retired Membership Dues: \$60 (This amount is paid after the member has received Severance Grant)
- Retired due to a service related disability in \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

**II. METHOD OF PAYMENT (Please check one):**

- Enclosed is my check, payable to VSPA in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- MasterCard  Visa  Discover  charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Acct. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_\_\_
- My dues are currently being deducted from my paycheck
- I would like my dues to be deducted in equal amounts of \$10 per month from my paycheck.  
*(Members are responsible for contacting the VSP Payroll Dept. to stop payroll deductions and notify VSPA of any changes)*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Prorated dues: Available ONLY to those joining for the first time:**

<b>January</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>\$10</b>

*First-time members must also pay a one-time enrollment fee of \$10  
 (please enclose enrollment fee when returning your application.)*

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Membership Coordinator  Lifetime/Disability   
 Payment:  Dues Deduction  Check  Cash  Charge Annual Renewal   
Retired Renewal   
New Member

*Please remember to keep all of your information up-to-date.*

# SAVE THE DATE(S)

**march** **7th-9th** Conference at Virginia Beach Wyndham Resort · VA Beach  
**9th** Board Meeting · VA Beach

**june** **14th** Board Meeting · Richmond

**august** **9th** VSPA Picnic · Camp VA Jaycee, Blue Ridge, VA  
**10th** Board Meeting · Bedford, VA

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