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### **CALLING ALL FUTURE HEROES**

SUFFOLK, Va. (April 29, 2011) - Looking for something fun – *and educational* – to entertain your children this summer? Back by popular demand is the Suffolk Fire & Rescue **Fire and Life Safety Camp**. Registration is currently underway for kids ages 7 to 10. Exciting camp activities include:

- A ride on a fire truck
- Using a real fire hose
- Experiencing the Fire Safety House and home evacuation drills
- Water safety lessons
- Hands-on first aid training
- Natural disaster awareness
- Seeing a Suffolk Police drug-detection dog in action
- Tackling a 55 foot obstacle course with slide
- Ident-A-Kid Child Identification Program with the Suffolk Sheriff's Office
- Lots of videos and activity sheets
- Lunch with the Firefighters.

The Fire and Life Safety Camp is designed to be fun and challenging, and ensures that children can't complain that they're "bored" this summer! Campers will also learn safety lessons about hazards encountered everyday around their homes and schools.

They will experience firsthand what it's like to be a Firefighter with the Suffolk Department of Fire and Rescue, while building a sense of teamwork and responsibility. Short periods of lectures and lessons followed by exercises will reinforce lessons learned. Additional lessons and activities will center around fire and life safety issues, branching out to basic first aid, water safety, bike safety, search and rescue and many other interesting topics.

Attendees will be grouped into teams of 5 and will operate as a "Fire Company" for their activities. Leadership principles are taught to each child directly and indirectly. Each child will get the opportunity to apply these principles as "Company Officer" for the day. Many of the activities planned correlate with requirements for several Boy and Girl Scout patches.

To accommodate family vacation schedules, this year's camp will have a choice of 4 sessions, with the cost at \$65.00 per session for each child. The cost includes a healthy lunch and snack each day, as well as materials to enhance the life safety messages learned during the camp, a graduation reception, and a camp tee shirt.

Dates, times, and locations are as follows:

- Session 1 June 27 – July 1 at Fire Station #3 located at 1001 White Marsh Road
- Session 2 July 18 – 22 at Fire Station #5 located at 3901 Bridge Road
- Session 3 August 1 – 5 at Fire Station #5 located at 3901 Bridge Road
- Session 4 August 15 –19 at Fire Station #6 300 King's Fork Road

Hours for all sessions are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Campers can be dropped off at camp locations after 7:30 a.m., and must be picked up by 1:00 p.m. Early registration is recommended, as sessions fill up quickly. **Deadline for applications is June 10, 2011 at 5 p.m.** Visit the Suffolk Fire & Rescue website at [http://www.suffolk.va.us/fire/fp\\_pe.html](http://www.suffolk.va.us/fire/fp_pe.html) to download an application.

Please contact Fire Prevention at 514-4540, or Investigator Pam King at 514-4542 with any questions.

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