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SUFFOLK, VA (June 9, 2010) The City of Suffolk is pleased to report that all volunteer fire stations are now being manned by volunteer firefighters. Volunteer of Driver Volunteer Fire Department began staffing their station at 5 p.m., with Holland, Whaleyville and Chuckatuck volunteers returning at 8 p.m.

The seamless transaction back to the volunteer organizations was coordinated in a late afternoon meeting between the City Manager, city staff and the volunteer organization's leadership. At that meeting the volunteer chiefs were advised that the previous issues which caused the cancelation had been corrected and the city was in full compliance. A workman's compensation policy which covers the volunteers was issued and became effective today.

Staff also shared with the leaders some of the actions that were put in place to safeguard against repeat occurrences, including the city employee who previously had workman's compensation oversight is no longer employed by the city.

City administration credits the cooperation between the volunteers and city staff for the resolution of the issue. "We appreciate the patience and understanding of the volunteer chiefs and their organizations during this process," advised City Manager Selena Cuffee-Glenn. "The level of cooperation they have shown during this challenging time demonstrates the high level of commitment they have for their communities and the

City. We appreciate and value the strong partnership that has and will exist for many years to come," Cuffee-Glenn added.