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Suffolk Parks and Recreation Wins Awards

SUFFOLK, VA – October 22, 2008 – Over a thousand recreation professionals throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia recently gathered in Richmond for the VRPS 54th Annual Conference with the Governor’s Conference on Greenways, Blueways and Trails.

The Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) is a private, non-profit professional organization whose purpose is to unite all professionals, students and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks and other leisure services in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is affiliated with the National Recreation and Park Association.

Each year, awards from various categories are granted to Parks and Recreation Departments that meet or exceed the rigorous standards established by VRPS. This year, Suffolk Parks and Recreation won three awards: Outstanding New Professional - Jerrica Miller, Recreation Specialist II, Best New Special Event (for city population 50,001-100,000) - Just Fur Fun (a collaborative effort with Suffolk Animal Control) and Best Promotional Effort Circulation/Flyer (population 50,001-100,000) - Eggstravaganza.

“These awards solidify the fact that we have one of the best departments in the state,” Parks and Recreation Director Lakita Frazier said. “Collaborative effort, creativity and excellent team work have had a direct result. We will continue to strive for excellence and plan on becoming fully accredited through the Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

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