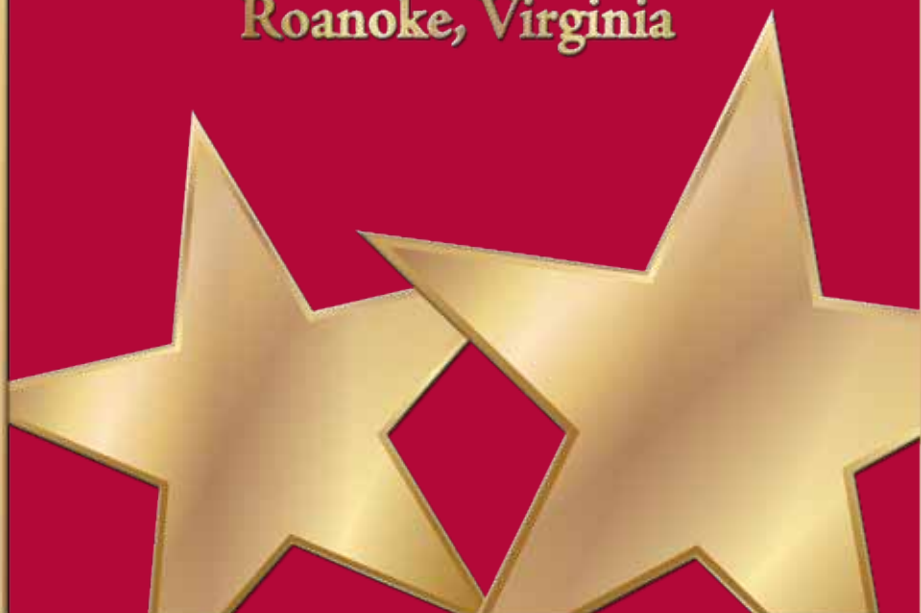




2014 VACP/VPCF AWARDS

September 9, 2014
Roanoke, Virginia





The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation each year recognize individuals in three award categories: Lifesaving, Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement and Valor.

It is with great pride that we recognize the exceptional efforts of these fine officers and individuals who are a credit to their agencies and true public servants to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Our many thanks to longtime sponsor Verizon Wireless for their support of our organization and this awards program.

Sincerely,

Chief Timothy J. Longo, Sr.
2013-2014 VACP President

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The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia

VACP/VPCF AWARDS PROGRAM

Chief David Sloggie, VACP Awards Committee Chairman

Awards for Lifesaving, presented to Agency Chiefs

Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement

Awards for Valor

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Chief Timothy J. Longo, Sr., VACP President

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- ◆ Please remain at the end of the banquet for additional group photographs. Gather near the stage at the front of the room.
- ◆ Photographs of the award presentations will be available on the VACP photo website — <http://photos.vachiefs.org> — following the conference. Prints may be purchased from the photo gallery directly, or you may download high-resolution images to make your own prints.
- ◆ Protective sleeves for your awards are available at the front of the room after the banquet.

Keynote Speaker

THE HONORABLE TERENCE R. MCAULIFFE, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Terry McAuliffe is the 72nd Governor of Virginia. Since being sworn into office, the Governor has worked to grow and diversify Virginia's economy and encourage more businesses across the nation and globe to locate in the Commonwealth.

The Governor's administration has made significant progress in building a stronger transportation infrastructure, taken steps to reform Virginia's education system to prepare Virginia students for jobs of the 21st Century, and has restored the voting rights of more Virginians than any other governor during the same period of time.

Governor McAuliffe is also committed to standing up for Virginia's veterans. He expanded the Virginia Values Veterans initiative, which encourages employers to recruit, hire, train, and retrain our veterans. He also signed into law legislation that will provide unemployment compensation to military spouses who leave their job to accompany their spouse to a new military assignment in another state, as well as legislation that will expand access to higher education for eligible veterans' family members.

The Governor also launched the Virginia Cyber Security Commission which will put Virginia on track to become the national hub for fighting cyber crime, and for attracting the cutting-edge jobs that come with this rapidly growing industry. And, continuing in the spirit of both transparency and innovation, he launched Data.Virginia, a new portal that gives Virginians easy access to a trove of public data from across our many agencies.

Expanding access to health care is one of Governor McAuliffe's top priorities. The McAuliffe administration recently launched Commonwealth Coordinated Care, a program that will blend and coordinate Medicare and Medicaid benefits for approximately 78,000 eligible Virginians. This innovative program, one of the first in the country, will help make life a little easier for the people affected and will also bring greater efficiencies and cost savings to Virginia's healthcare delivery system.

Governor McAuliffe previously served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2001 to 2005, was co-chairman of President Bill Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, and was chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign.

Terry and his wife Dorothy were married in 1988. They've attended St. Luke Catholic Church for two decades and have been involved in every sport, activity, and competition imaginable with their five children Dori, Jack, Mary, Sally, and Peter.

The Governor attended Catholic University and Georgetown Law School.





The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation are proud to honor twenty-five officers with the 2014 Award for Lifesaving.

The VACP/VPCF Lifesaving Award is presented in recognition of a law enforcement officer's actions that put that officer in harm's way in an attempt to save the life of another. This year's honorees risked their own lives to save others from burning buildings and vehicles, traffic crashes, falls and other dangerous situations.

The Lifesaving Awards will be presented at the officers' agencies by their agency heads on behalf of the VACP.

2014 LIFESAVING AWARDS



Master Officer Paul J. Cunniff, Sr. Sr. Officer Kenneth J. King Officer Edward C. Costley	Chesterfield Co. Police Dept.
Officer Brian M. Dentel	Chesterfield Co. Police Dept.
Sergeant Michael B. Young Officer Melvin Matias	Chesterfield Co. Police Dept.
Sergeant Todd Lyons Officer Quentin Livingston	Franklin Police Dept.
Lt. Bill Hallam Officer Ryan Merrell	Fredericksburg Police Dept.
Deputy Kevin L. Ayers	Hanover Co. Sheriff's Office
Officer Patrick Balchunas	Prince William Co. Police Dept.
Officer Steven R. Mattos, Jr.	Prince William Co. Police Dept.
Officer David Chandler Officer Anthony Cornett Officer Kenneth Jacob Officer John Raina	Richmond Police Dept.
Officer Eric Austin Firefighter/EMT Barry Brown	Roanoke Co. Police Dept. Roanoke Co. Fire & Rescue
Officer Shane Sukowaski	Suffolk Police Dept.
Sergeant Christopher J. Aikens	Virginia State Police
Senior Trooper Paul Domingoes	Virginia State Police
Trooper Charles A. Lanfranchi, Jr. Trooper Brandon D. West	Virginia State Police
Senior Trooper J. D. Stamper	Virginia State Police



The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation each year selects a recipient for the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement. This award is presented in recognition of an individual's conspicuous act or achievement in the performance of some duty that results in an exceptional and responsible contribution to law enforcement. The act or achievement must clearly distinguish the individual from others in the same or like circumstances.

This award may be presented to a civilian employee or volunteer whose efforts benefited law enforcement statewide, regionally, or locally; or, to a law enforcement officer whose efforts extended beyond his agency or locality and had a regional or statewide impact.

The 2014 VACP/VPCF Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement is presented with great pride to Lt. James S. De Ford, Sr. of the Virginia State Police.

2014 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

Virginia State Police

LT. JAMES S. DE FORD, SR.

After the tragic events at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, the need for a practical and realistic plan for a full-scale evacuation of Washington, D.C. became apparent. The scope of such a plan required extreme detail, regional cooperation and actual execution to test its worthiness. From 2007 to 2013, Lt. De Ford specifically designed the Traffic Management Plan for a Northern Virginia Evacuation for local, state and federal police response in a worst-case scenario.



He had the foresight to create a plan that would be easily adaptable for application to lesser events. The plan also is designed to control access into the District of Columbia if or when necessary. In the past three years, Lt. De Ford has tested elements of the plan through various evacuation drills. Lt. De Ford also created a check sheet so emergency personnel would know what to do during a crisis.

He facilitated an Inauguration Planning meeting in 2012 with the Virginia National Guard, Arlington County Police, VDEM and U.S. Park Police to strategize for planned and unplanned walkouts across the various bridges from D.C. into Virginia during the 2013 Presidential Inauguration. He continued to bring planning for these incidents into a cohesive structure, which then could be advanced through the use of the management plans he already was developing.

A practice evacuation drill was held on December 14, 2012 that was planned and run entirely by Lt. De Ford. There is no other known neighboring state or jurisdiction where such a drill of this magnitude has ever taken place. In 2013, Lt. De Ford executed a "No Notice" drill of the plan in its entirety.

There is no mistaking Lt. De Ford's remarkable commitment and extraordinary energy put forth to create, refine, and implement this evacuation plan. His completion of this mammoth document is even more impressive because it was done in the midst of all other usual activities, election events, and in concert with other Division personnel. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia are in debt to Lt. De Ford for his insight, vision, prudence, collaboration, and dedication to mission that, if/when this plan is ever needed can be successfully executed and save countless lives in a time of crisis.



Tonight, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation honor nine Virginia law enforcement officers with our highest award.

The VACP/VPCF Award for Valor recognizes a law enforcement officer who, in the line of duty, performs an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged with an adversary at imminent personal risk.

These awards recognize the bravery, professionalism and commitment to public service of these fine officers.

2014 VALOR AWARDS

Portsmouth Police Department
Detective Roberto Aguilar

Portsmouth Police Department
Officer Kenneth White

Richmond Police Department
Officer Farrhard El-Amin
Officer Justin Sumpter

Richmond Police Department
Officer LaTosha Miller
Officer Reynaldo Perez

Richmond Police Department
Sergeant Wes Partin
Officer Alejandro Ardila

Virginia Division of Capitol Police
Corporal James L. Cosby, Jr.

DETECTIVE ROBERTO AGUILAR



On May 2, 2013 at approximately 11:45 p.m., Detective Aguilar was on patrol when a call was dispatched for a robbery in progress a few blocks away from his location.

Detective Aguilar immediately went to the location and observed a vehicle along the curb. Three males appeared to be getting into the vehicle. Detective Aguilar stopped his vehicle and activated his spotlight to illuminate the vehicle. One of the males getting into the rear of the vehicle dropped some items he was carrying. At that point, Detective Aguilar observed flashes and smoke coming from an object pointed in his direction and also heard gunshots. Detective Aguilar was being shot at by the suspect. All three subjects got into the vehicle and fled, and Detective Aguilar activated his emergency equipment and initiated a pursuit.



Detective Roberto Aguilar

As they drove down South Street, Detective Aguilar observed the right rear passenger door open and several more shots were fired in his direction. Detective Aguilar remained calm and continued to call the pursuit in to alert other area officers to his constantly changing location. A second officer arrived and joined in the pursuit. The suspect vehicle then crashed into a parked vehicle. All occupants exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Detective Aguilar observed the suspect that was shooting at him and continued to pursue him in his vehicle. Detective Aguilar then saw the subject run between two houses, exited his vehicle and proceeded to pursue on foot. He observed two subjects lying on the ground and as he approached they began to flee again. Detective Aguilar continued to pursue while communicating with other responding officers to establish a perimeter, and coordinate a K-9 officer to conduct a track. When K-9 arrived on scene Detective Aguilar teamed with the K-9 officer and approximately 10 minutes later they located the suspect and placed him into custody.

Detective Aguilar was in imminent physical danger when responding to the robbery in progress, and while pursuing the suspects even when they began to fire gunshots at him. Detective Aguilar maintained a calm steady demeanor that allowed him to pursue the suspects, and to direct all other responding officers to apprehend all suspects in the vehicle. It is for his extraordinary acts in the face of imminent danger to himself, and his professional response that Detective Roberto Aguilar receives the VACP/VPCF Award for Valor.



On September 14, 2013 at approximately 10:00 a.m., a man entered Chartway Federal Credit Union in Virginia Beach wearing a do-rag over his face, gloves, and dark clothing. He announced a bank robbery, pointed a handgun at the bank tellers, and ordered them to place money in a bag. He continued to point the handgun at the tellers, yelling out demands and telling everyone to get on the floor.

Officer Kenneth White was at the bank with his wife on personal business during his off-duty time. As the robbery began, Officer White, with no assist officer, drew his weapon and identified himself as a police officer. Officer White ordered the man to drop his weapon, at which time the robber turned with his weapon towards Officer White. In fear for his life and those of others in the bank, Officer White then shot and killed the robber.



Officer Kenneth White

Officer Whites' actions in while encountering an armed and agitated bank robber who threatened the lives of numerous bank employees and customers demonstrated extreme courage and calm in the face of serious danger. Officer White was a lone police officer outside of his jurisdiction, whose heroic act demonstrated his willingness to place himself in harm's way to protect others. The VACP is proud to honor Officer Kenneth White with the VACP/VPCF Award for Valor.

OFFICER FARRHARD EL-AMIN OFFICER JUSTIN SUMPTER



Richmond Second Precinct Officers Farrhard El-Amin and Justin Sumpter encountered a prowling suspect who attempted to escape through a nearby creek. The officers gave chase and a struggle ensued in the creek. During the struggle, the suspect produced a knife and began to stab at Officer Sumpter, who was cut during the fight. Officer El-Amin grabbed the suspect's left arm, allowing Officer Sumpter to wrestle the knife away from the suspect's hand. After this intense struggle, the officers eventually were able to handcuff the suspect.

Officer Sumpter was cut twice, but thankfully the injuries were minor. With the unstable battleground of a creek, this incident could have ended with negative results, but the two officers worked together to prevent the suspect from turning this into a fatal attack. The VACP is honored to present Officer Farrhard El-Amin and Officer Justin Sumpter with the Award for Valor.



Officer Farrhard El-Amin



Officer Justin Sumpter

OFFICER LATOSHA MILLER OFFICER REYNALDO PEREZ



On November 24, 2012, Richmond Officers Reynaldo Perez and LaTosha Miller were working a traffic control assignment when they observed a suspect actively exchanging gunfire with another individual in a vehicle. Officers Perez and Miller ran toward the parking lot where the firefight was taking place and while receiving gunfire in their direction. As the two Officers approached the parking lot, they observed one suspect running directly at them, discharging a firearm. Officer Perez challenged the subject who dropped his firearm and was taken into custody. Officer Miller ordered other individuals to the ground who were in the immediate area. Responding units located a second occupied vehicle in the same parking lot that had been struck by gunfire. Officers conducted a felony vehicle stop, taking four additional subjects into custody. The offender was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, shooting into an occupied vehicle, and willfully discharging a firearm in public. The other individual involved in the shooting fled the scene. No shooting victims were located as a result of the incident.

Officers Perez and Miller displayed intelligent and courageous behavior in immediately locating, disarming, and apprehending a violent offender. The actions of these two officers protected innocent citizens from possible injury or death. The VACP is proud to honor Richmond Officers Reynaldo Perez and LaTosha Miller with the Award for Valor.



Officer LaTosha Miller



Officer Reynaldo Perez

Richmond Police Department

SERGEANT WES PARTIN OFFICER ALEJANDRO ARDILA



Richmond Police Officer Alejandro Ardila and Sergeant Wes Partin didn't know what to expect when they first entered the dark house on Rusk Avenue last spring. They and several other officers had been called to the South Richmond home on April 20 to check the welfare of two people inside. The shades in the house had been drawn, making parts of the home pitch black, and music was blaring.

Officer Ardila could see the shape of a woman sitting on a couch. He saw the gunshot wound and could tell that she already was dead. As Officer Ardila rounded a corner, carrying a ballistics shield, a man opened fire from a pitch-dark hallway, wounding both Officer Ardila and Sergeant Partin.

One of the rounds struck Ardila and then hit Partin's right arm. "The first one, we actually shared," Partin said, referring to the bullet. "It went through him and into me. That's how close we are," he joked.

After Officer Ardila and Sergeant Partin were shot, they both took cover and returned fire. They exited the house to be relieved by the SWAT Team. Sergeant Partin and Officer Ardila were quickly taken to the hospital for treatment of their wounds.

It was later found that the shooting suspect fatally shot a woman in the house prior to the officers' arrival and committed suicide after firing at the officers.

The VACP is honored to recognize Richmond Officer Ardila and Sergeant Partin for their heroic and courageous acts with the Award for Valor.



Sergeant Wes Partin



Officer Alejandro Ardila



On June 21, 2012, Corporal James L. Cosby, Jr. of the Virginia Division of Capitol Police was near a law firm in Chesterfield County when he observed a man in business attire running around a pond located behind that building. Corporal Cosby then noticed several people exiting a corner door on the side of the building. As he passed the entrance to the building's parking lot, Corporal Cosby observed a vehicle with several women inside, all of whom appeared to be upset. He turned his vehicle around on Courthouse Road and proceeded back towards the law firm. Corporal Cosby then observed an individual run across Courthouse Road into the woods. Based on his police training, Corporal Cosby believed an active shooter event was occurring. As he pulled up to the intersection, he advised the women in the parked car that he was an off duty police officer and asked what had happened. She informed him that an armed man came into their office and shot a lawyer and then fled. She also advised Corporal Cosby that the victim was on the first floor.



Corporal James L. Cosby, Jr.

As he approached the building entrance, Cosby encountered a black male exiting the building with a rifle in his right hand. Corporal Cosby was wearing his issued police badge and drew his service weapon and stated, "Police, drop your weapon." The subject told Cosby, "Buddy, kill me right now, shoot me right here..." The subject took his left index finger and put it to the center of his forehead. He then began to walk towards Cosby. Corporal Cosby continued to give commands for him to drop his weapon. Corporal Cosby recalled that although the suspect refused to comply with his commands, the suspect did not point the weapon at him. The subject repeatedly asked Cosby to shoot him, continually advising that he was in his "threat zone." Corporal Cosby engaged the subject in conversation as he closed the distance between them. As he reached for the subject's weapon the subject turned away. Corporal Cosby quickly holstered his weapon and grabbed the suspect. A Chesterfield Police Officer arriving at the scene came to his assistance and helped him to disarm and subdue the subject.

Mark M. Lowe, 42, was convicted on August 30, 2013 on five charges, including attempted murder, abduction, unlawfully shooting into an occupied dwelling and two counts of felonious use of a firearm.

As a result of his selfless act of bravery, Corporal Cosby was able to end the rampage of an active shooter while also avoiding a potential "suicide by cop" scenario. The VACP is honored to present Capitol Police Corporal James L. Cosby, Jr., with the Award for Valor.



The President of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police each year selects an individual for the President's award in recognition of meritorious efforts on behalf of the law enforcement profession and Virginia's criminal justice system.

The 2014 President's Award recipient is Mr. Michael R. Doucette, Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Lynchburg.

Mr. Doucette has made a great effort to reach out to the VACP and work with the police chiefs on legislative and policy initiatives. His leadership and vision has been integral to strengthening the working relationship between the Commonwealth's Attorneys and our law enforcement leaders. We look forward to the benefits this will bring to our shared mission of ethical and professional service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2014 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL R. DOUCETTE

Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Lynchburg

Mike Doucette joined the Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in 1984 as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and has been the Commonwealth's Attorney for Lynchburg since 2006. He graduated in 1981 from the University of Connecticut and in 1984 from the Marshall/Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary.

In 2003, Mike was honored by the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorney (VACA) with the Von Schuch Award as the outstanding assistant or deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the entire state. In 2005 and 2011, he received the Lynchburg Police Department's Honorable Service Award. In 2011, Virginia's Lawyer's Weekly chose him as one of its 31 honorees for "Leader of the Law" out of more than 45,000 attorneys in Virginia. In 2014, he received the VACA's Robert F. Horan Jr. Award as the outstanding Commonwealth's Attorney for Virginia.



Mike is a past president of VACA. He chaired the Protective Order subcommittee of the Governor's Domestic Violence Prevention Advisory Board and serves on the Virginia State Crime Commission, the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board, the Virginia Supreme Court's Special Committee on Criminal Discovery Rules, and the board of directors of the National District Attorneys Association. He is the president of the board of directors for the Virginia Legal Aid Society, is a member of the Lynchburg Museum Advisory Board, and serves on the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference. He also lectures at the American Legion's Boys State of Virginia.

For many years, Mike has taught fellow prosecutors statewide at the "Murder 1" homicide course, the "Top Gun" drug enforcement course, the "Red Flag" insurance fraud course and the Trial Advocacy course. He has been a frequent faculty member for the National College of District Attorneys trial advocacy courses and the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine's courses on Advanced DNA. He has also lectured for the Maryland State Attorneys' Association, the William & Mary Bar Review course, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the University of Richmond's School of Law Symposium on Melendez-Diaz.

Mike is a Cold War veteran of the United States Air Force. He lives in Lynchburg with his wife Beth, and their dog, Abbie. Beth and Mike have four grown children and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Mike is an avid runner, having completed 20 marathons. He also plays, coaches and referees soccer.

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