



**AUXILIARY TO THE  
VIRGINIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Spring Zone Meeting                      Vienna, Virginia  
April 22-23, 2022**

March 4, 2022

Dear Members,

The Spring Zone Meeting of the Auxiliary to the Virginia State Firefighters' Association, Inc. will be held on April 22-23, 2022, and will be hosted by the Vienna Fire Department Auxiliary. All activities will be held at the Vienna Fire Station, 400 Center Street S., Vienna, VA 22180. A tentative schedule is included with this letter.

Lodging for the weekend will be at the Courtyard Marriott – Dunn Loring-Fairfax, 2722 Gallows Road Vienna, VA 22560. Reservations can be made by calling [703-573-9555](tel:703-573-9555) or booking online and mentioning the code Vienna Fire Auxiliary Room Block. You can make your reservation on line by clicking on this link [Book Your Group Rate | Marriott International](#) Room rates are \$111.00+ taxes for King Size Bed. Due to the multiple events in Northern Virginia, only King Size beds are available for the block. COVID guidelines will be enforced at the hotel, anyone who is not vaccinated needs to wear a mask. All rooms should be booked by **April 1st.**

Please let Joan Dempsey of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department know the number to attend by April 15<sup>th</sup>, so they can prepare accordingly. You may call email her at [Joanie@vvfd.org](mailto:Joanie@vvfd.org) or call her 703-216-0533.

All are welcome to wear masks during the Zone Meeting. Those who are not vaccinated, masks are required at the firehouse.

The Ways & Means Committee had the following offered to bring other raffle items for the Committee: Christiansburg, Riner, and Tappahannock Auxiliaries will donate a prize. Teri Norton, Tappahannock, will return the grocery cart filled.

At the Fall 2021 Zone Meeting a new idea was brought up in an effort to get the VSFA Auxiliary name out in places that we visit. The idea was that we do a collection of items and donate to the area we are visiting. The Vienna Auxiliary will for working with Vienna Foodies. They do cake kit activities for kids who are food insecure. Each member is asked to bring any of these items (or multiples) to the Zone Meeting in April: cake mix, birthday candles, icing, aluminum baking pan (size for cake). You could also include canned soda (like Sprite) – they use this as a substitute for eggs and oil in making the cake.

Be sure to check the Auxiliary Webpage [www.avsf.org](http://www.avsf.org) . All information will be posted there plus many other items.

**Annual dues can be paid now and must be received by June 30, 2022** to be eligible to vote in the annual election of officers at the Convention meeting in August. Dues are \$5 per member (excluding life members – they are free). If you wish, you may bring the check and list to the April Zone Meeting and pay there. Individual members are welcome to pay at this time also. To pay your dues we need the following:

- Include a membership list with email addresses (if possible). Please note life members.
- Specify President and Secretary and include their mailing address, phone number and email
- Check made payable to **Sandra Blosser, Treasurer** (\$5 per member, except life members)
- Mail to **Tina Puffenbarger, Secretary, 853 Northfield Ct., Harrisonburg, VA 22802.**

Reminder to be listed as a Life Member of the State you must have been recognized at a State Zone Meeting or Convention.

At the President's last Convention meeting we purchase a gift for our President from all the auxiliaries. If your auxiliary is interested in contributing to the gift, please bring your donation (check or monetary) to me, Tina Puffenbarger, at the Spring Zone meeting or mail to the above address. Please earmark your check as President's Gift. Send your donations by July 23 so that I can present the gift at our convention meeting.

Please don't forget your ill or injured firefighters. If they have been injured in the line of duty or if they have been sick and unable to work for 30 days, send their name, address, date of illness or injury, and the name of their fire department to Tina Puffenbarger, Secretary – 853 Northfield Ct., Harrisonburg, VA 22802. We will send the sick or injured firefighter a check for \$100.

The Resolutions Committee will send a Resolution of Respect to the fire department and family of any auxiliary member or firefighter who has passed. Send their name, date of death, name and address of fire department or auxiliary, name and address of next of kin to Judy Ward, PO Box 449, Centreville, VA 20122.

The Past President's Club presents the President's Point of Light Award at Convention each year. The award recognizes members who have volunteered 4000+ hours in their organization. Please write up nominations and bring to the Zone Meeting for the Past Presidents or email to Joan Dempsey - Joan Dempsey – [Joanie@vvfd.org](mailto:Joanie@vvfd.org) or Jean Pickin - [jpickin@verizon.net](mailto:jpickin@verizon.net) - they must have all nominations by May 15, 2022, for ordering certificates and award pins.

Please make your plans to be with us in Vienna on April 22-23. We look forward to having a large turnout and we especially look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Tina Puffenbarger, Secretary