



May 2019

SQUAD SPOTLIGHT

This month marks the
67th year
for the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad



In the early 1950s, the sleepy little resort area known to most as “the village” had a population

of approximately 10,000 residents. The village stretched from Rudee Inlet to 49th Street, and most residents knew one another.

One cold December afternoon in 1951, attorney J. Peter Holland III came upon the scene of an accident near the corner of 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue. A woman had been struck by a car, so Holland called for an ambulance. The Fire Department ambulance was disabled and unable to respond to the call, so Holland called the Fort Story Army installation. The Dispensary was hesitant to send assistance because the injured party was not in the military. Holland's persistence resulted in an ambulance from Fort Story taking the woman to the hospital, three blocks from the site of the accident, nearly an hour after the request for help.

Unsatisfied, Peter Holland rounded up some friends to discuss the urgent need for an active volunteer ambulance service in Virginia Beach. The group visited a volunteer rescue squad in Fredericksburg, which had been operating successfully for several years. The group returned home with a vision and a plan, which became the nucleus for the proposed Princess Anne – Virginia Beach Rescue Squad.

The group sought and received \$500 from the Virginia Beach City Council and the Princess Anne County Board of Supervisors. John Fitzgerald donated a laundry truck to be used as a salvage vehicle, and a small boat was acquired to aid in water rescues. The disabled Cadillac ambulance that started Holland and friends on this mission was sold to the fledgling squad for \$1, as were a trio of metal buildings on 20th Street and Pacific Avenue, which had belonged to the Standard Oil Company. Two of the buildings were used as garages, while the third became a 10 x 18 foot "squad house". The squad space included two home-built bunks, with an overhead gas heater, and beaverboard walls. There was no insulation.

First, prospective members took the standard first-aid course offered by the American Red Cross; then uniforms and equipment were purchased. Finally, on May 1, 1952, the Princess Anne – Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, Inc. began operations with twenty-two charter members, and one associate.

The first call for service came on May 1. A sailor who had either fallen or jumped from the Boardwalk and drowned before the arrival of the rescue squad proved an inauspicious beginning for a squad that would later be known for its' lifesaving efforts.

Today, the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad has approximately 150 operational members, who respond to emergency calls. The squad also has a large support staff, who help with everything from ambulance check-offs to social events. VBVRS mans a minimum of two to three Advanced Life Support ambulances 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, working from two state-of-the-art stations. In addition, we staff numerous special events and operations throughout the year. Our members answer somewhere in the vicinity of 13,000 call annually, about one-third of all the calls in the city of Virginia Beach. Our training program and probationary period produce highly respected first responders, who are proud of the service we provide to the community. In 2018, we received the World EMS Volunteer Agency of the Year. Though VBVRS responds to calls anywhere in the city, we remain firmly aware of our roots in the Oceanfront and Great Neck areas; and we sincerely thank those who have supported us throughout the years.



Tidewater EMS and Emergency Nursing Education Expo

May 2-5, 2019 • Delta Hotel by Marriott • Chesapeake, VA

Tidewater EMS Council's
EMS and Emergency Nursing Education Expo
 Save The Date:
 May 2-5, 2019

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- CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Tracks Include Cardiac, Trauma, Medical, Pediatric, Leadership, Nursing, and More...

Dr. Peter Antvey will be the Keynote/General Session Speaker on Friday, May 5th

Bob Holdsworth, author of "Wading into Chaos" will be presenting a Leadership track and will be available for a book signing event

Bob Page - The Jeopardy King will be presenting Thursday and Friday

Massima will be presenting the Friday Lunch & Learn;

Sonosite will be presenting the Saturday Lunch & Learn

Saturday Night Social - Cinco De Mayo

DON'T MISS OUT...REGISTRATION STILL OPEN - CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW!!

CEU AND CE AVAILABLE FOR EMS PERSONNEL AND NURSES!!

If you have any questions, please email Mike McMahon at atcmahon@vaems.org.

[Click here to Register](#)

Book your group rate for Tidewater EMS EXPO

[CLICK for Schedule as of 4/5/2019](#)



Between the dates of March 30, 2019 and April 22, 2019
 the following individuals have advanced

Life

Pinion, John

EMT-B

Ashburn, Alexandra Dupree

Atkins, Katelyn

Baker, Kristina

Benik, Jared

Bullock, Rebecca

Carter, Joseph

Guevara, Brandon

Herrera, Olivia

Jackson, Cody

James, Emily

Khadivi, Aram

Miller, Jake

Rone, Shanna

Rose, Richard

Rowe, Antara

Setchell, Ariel

Spruill, Macon

BLS Intern

Amelly, Darby

Baldwin, Jason

Barna, Noah

Bayona, Joshua

Bellows, Lauren

Bowman, Rebecca

Boyde, Marie

Brown, Joan

Carr, Rusty

Garcia, Nicole

Huynh, Kathy

Jones, Lauren

Null, Forrest Woody

Prado, Kelly

Roberson, Wilhelmina

Rose, Jonathan

Sharpe, Richard

Simon, Allison

Smith, Chelsea

Tomlin, Czaria

Westmoreland, Emily

Student

Ball, Phillip

Barker, Tyler

Brown, Austin

Burke, Stephanie

Capbell, Zachary

Crane, Ellen

Dickerson, marissa

Gibeaut, Marlana

Gonzalez, Alexis

Hinson, Teresa

Jenkins, Keshiah

Jolly, Michael

Krizov, Alexander

Kuenzli, James

Lai, Kelsey

Loeffler, David

MacCuish, Bryan

Miller, Jeffrey

Miller, Lorin

Moter, Joanne

Ochoa, Brian

Painter, Stephanie

Pease, Meghan

Penning, Emily

Potter, Jasmine

Ratley, Mary

Robinson, Brandon

Rountree, Lasarita

Stiller, Christian

Stricklin, Tiffany

Tipis, Ivy

Torres, Lourdes

Turner, Brianna

Walker, Jordan

Wolfe, Jacob

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

Testimonials and letters from grateful neighbors



You people do AN Absolutely
fantastic job. Way to go!

Keep ON CARING.

Many thanks

Deepest regards



BOWLING LEAGUE



Summer fun league
Monday, June 10th- July 29th

PINBOYS on Laskin Rd.

Four person team - \$10 each
(Includes 3 games, shoes, & house ball)

Requirements:

- One person of the opposite sex per team (male/female)
 - Two people must be FOP or EMS members
 - Substitutes welcome for whole or partial game
- Contact Jim Marafka @ jmarafka563@yahoo.com to reserve your team



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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to VBVRS - May 1, 1952



We want to recognize your birthday!
Please send your full name and birth date to
RescueLines@vbrescuecouncil.org

We would LOVE your newsletter contributions!

Do you have events to share on our future calendar?

Have an idea for a story? Questions? Compliments?

Other input?

Contact us!

vbrescuecouncil.org/submission

IT'S NEW, IMPROVED AND IT NEEDS YOU!

We are pleased to announce that **Rescue Lines** is undergoing a makeover to make it more relevant than ever! **Rescue Lines** will now be sent directly to your email on a monthly basis and will be expanded to include critical VBEMS updates. On a quarterly basis, we will include stories from **Rescue Lines** in a downloadable PDF version which can be printed and shared or sent digitally to donors, family and friends. Printed copies of the quarterly version can be requested free of charge from EMS; contact VBEMS at

RescueLines@vbrescuecouncil.org for guidelines, requests and further details. Every month, **Rescue Lines** will also feature a special offer or giveaway for rescue personnel, so be certain to open it.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. This newsletter is not only created for you, but also created by you! In the new and improved **Rescue Lines**, we would like to take a month to individually spotlight each Squad, the VBEMS Personnel and the Specialty Teams in the **SQUAD SPOTLIGHT**.

We hope you will read, enjoy and contribute to your newsletter.

VIRGINIA BEACH EMS STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Perks for your service to our community

Get \$10 off registration for yourself and your guests at Adventureworks Wetland Zipline Park. Register in advance at:

Adventureworks.com
and use promo code \$10Off.

\$100 Gift Card WINNER!

Katarina Nadjkovic



Just for being a part of this group you will be automatically entered into a drawing each month!

Be sure to check every newsletter for all the news you need to know and to see if you are the lucky WINNER!

If you are the winner, contact Mary-Ellen McLean, Program Officer, VBRSF, Phone number: (757) 437-4830 or email address: mmclean@vbrescuefoundation.org to collect your prize!

Members are eligible to win each month, but can only be a prize winner once per year.

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