Richmond City Council



Formal Awards Ceremony/Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Mary Firefighter Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services To be received by: Firefighter Joe Mary	RICHMOND OFFICIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD	To recognize him on the occasion of his upcoming retirement after 30 years of public service with the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services.	Trammell
2	Fighting More Than Fire To be received by: Members of Fighting More Than Fire	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize the organization for its work in our community.	Trammell
3	RFD Foundation Metro Richmond Flying Squad To be received by: Members of RFD Foundation Metro Richmond Flying Squad	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize it for its work on behalf of Richmond's emergency first responders and our community.	Trammell

Richmond City Council - Chief of Staff Office - Public Information

RICHMOND OFFICIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Firefighter Joseph A. "Joe" Mary

Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Firefighter Joseph A. "Joe" Mary on the auspicious occasion of his upcoming retirement after 30 years as a member of the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Joining the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services on January 4, 1988, Firefighter Joseph A. "Joe" Mary will officially retire on April 1, 2018. A dedicated public servant, Firefighter Mary made many important contributions during his 30-year career with the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, which included serving five years in its Firefighter Training Academy and serving as an Emergency Medical Services Instructor and Coordinator.

As further example of his dedication to the fire service, Firefighter Mary has also served as Vice President of the Richmond Professional Firefighters Association, International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 995, which advocates on behalf of Richmond firefighters.

In America, public service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through his outstanding example, Firefighter Joseph A. "Joe" Mary has proven his dedication to and support of the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state, and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, investment, labor, and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Firefighter Joseph A. "Joe" Mary on the auspicious occasion of his upcoming retirement after 30 years as a member of the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services; and, thanks him for his service in helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, enjoy, and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-sixth day of February, two thousand eighteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert Council President, Richmond City Council Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

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RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

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Fighting More Than Fire

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate the Fighting More than Fire organization for its work in our community.

Founded in 2012 by dedicated local Richmond firefighters and supporters, Fighting More than Fire is a nonprofit organization that was established to help support families in rebuilding their uninsured or underinsured homes that were damaged or destroyed due to fire or disaster.

Since its establishment, Fighting More than Fire has worked directly with affected families and donated precious time, talent, expertise, and funds towards rehabilitating their homes. To date, the organization has successfully completed three projects in the Richmond area during the past five years.

Some examples of its important home restoration work include gutting and remodeling rooms; laying and refinishing floors; and, installing new windows.

Richmond City Council is a strong supporter, promoter, and champion of the continued progress, advancement, and success of all Richmond residents and heralds the work of public service departments and the many individuals, organizations, and entities providing additional volunteer community assistance on behalf of local families.

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RFD Foundation

Metro Richmond Flying Squad

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate the RFD Foundation Metro Richmond Flying Squad for its work on behalf of Richmond's emergency first responders and our community.

Established on May 1, 2017, the Richmond Flying Squad is a division of the nonprofit RFD Foundation and was created to help provide direct health and comfort support services on behalf of emergency first responders while on scene at emergency incidents.

Supported by donated equipment, supplies, a vehicle, and 30 volunteers, the Metro Richmond Flying Squad provides emergency first responders with rehabilitative canteen services that include a safe and clean area to rest, renourish, and rehydrate. Their services also include core temperature stabilization; decontamination from cancer causing agents; relief from climatic conditions; and, individual medical evaluations prior to going back into emergency operations mode.

As further example of its dedication and commitment, since its inception the Metro Richmond Flying Squad has provided support during quarterly drills for the Richmond Regional Heavy Technical Rescue Team and has assisted residents displaced from their homes due to fire and emergency incidents.

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