INTRODUCED: June 24, 2019

## AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-164

To amend ch. 12, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new § 12-123, concerning fees for Fire and Emergency Services training events, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein a new fee for § 12-123.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 22 2019 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 12, Article IV of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is

hereby amended and reordained by adding therein a new section numbered 12-123 as follows:

Sec. 12-123. Fire and Emergency Services training events.

A fee as set forth in Appendix A to this Code shall be assessed by the City, through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, for each person who attends a training event held by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for sworn firefighter personnel.

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§ 2. That Appendix A of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein a new fee** for section 12-123 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) as follows:

Code Section Description

Fee

- 12-123 Fee for each person who attends a training event held by the \$75.00 Department of Fire and Emergency Services for sworn firefighter personnel
  - § 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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**City Clerk** 



## CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE



Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST					
DATE:	May 1, 2019 EDITI	ECEIVED			
TO:	The Honorable Members of City Council	JUN 07 2019			
THROUGH:	The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor	E THE CITY ATTORNEY			
THROUGH:	Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer				
THROUGH:	Lenora Reid, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer- Finance	5			
THROUGH:	John Wack, Director of Finance				
THROUGH:	Jay A. Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning	100 A			
FROM:	Melvin D. Carter, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services	Watth			
RE:	Acceptance of Funds -Fire Officer training event	_			
ORD. OR RES. No.					

**PURPOSE:** To authorize the Department of Fire & Emergency Services to accept registration fees for a training event for sworn personnel. The department will invite Fire Officers from surrounding counties to include: Colonial Heights, Chesterfield, Fort Lee, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Petersburg for the purpose of training on how Fire Officers should handle misconduct and ethical issues. The funds will be deposited into a new Special Fund in which will be identified as Fire Special Events.

**REASON:** A one day program that combines discipline, leadership, and ethics training with an overview of the challenges posed by digital imagery and social media. This fast-paced class examines the role that firehouse culture plays in misconduct and offers concrete solutions to Officers to avoid derailing their careers while protecting their subordinates.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended this revenue be accepted and appropriated to the Richmond Fire Department FY2020 Special Fund Budget.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Fire and Emergency Services will host Mr. Curt Varone, Esq. from The Fire Law Group, LLC to facilitate training to Fire Officers. Curt Varone has over 40 years of experience in the Fire service, retiring in 2008 as a Deputy Assistant Chief with the Providence, RI, Fire Department. He is a practicing attorney licensed in both Rhode Island and Maine, and served as

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the Director of the Public Fire Protection Division at the NFPA. Curt has written two books, Legal Considerations for Fire and Emergency Services, and Fire Officer's Legal Handbook. He is a Contributing Editor for Firehouse Magazine and writes the Fire Law column. He remains active as a Deputy Chief with the Exeter (RI) Fire Department. Mr. Varone is scheduled to facilitate the course <u>Firefighter Misconduct-Fire Officer's Role & Responsibility</u> September 4-6, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** These funds will increase the Richmond Fire and Emergency Services FY20 Special Fund Budget.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Revenue up to \$4,500 per day for the 3-day training course for Fire sworn personnel assigned to Shifts A, B and C.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: N/A** 

**REVENUE TO CITY:** The Department of Fire can project to receive up to a total of \$13,500 from surrounding localities. The estimation of \$13,500 is based on a projection of 60 registrants per day over a 3 day period at \$75 per registrant.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** June 24, 2019

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 22, 2019

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Public Safety Committee.

## **CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:**

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Department of Finance, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and the Office of Budget and Strategic Planning.

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposal between Fire Law Group, LLC and City of Richmond – Department of Fire & Emergency Services.

STAFF: Melvin D. Carter, Fire Chief Elmond D. Taylor, Deputy Chief- Support Services Dwayne V. Bonnette, Deputy Chief- Suppression Erica Kindell, HR Manager