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McDowell selected Southeast's top fire chief

Anthony E. McDowell, chief of the Henrico County Division of Fire, has been chosen as the 2015 Career Fire Chief of the Year by the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs.

McDowell, who has led the Division of Fire since October 2012, was selected from 15 nominees and will receive the award June 20 at the organization's annual awards banquet in Birmingham, Ala.

"Henrico County is thrilled that Tony's excellent public service has been recognized by his peers in the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs," County Manager John A. Vithoukas said. "Henrico enjoys a high quality of life in part because of the work and dedication of the men and women of the Division of Fire. As chief, Tony leads from the front and by example. He is driven by a passion for helping others and is guided by a commitment to his faith, his family and his community."



McDowell will be the fourth recipient of the regional award since it was established in 2012. His selection also will serve as a nomination for Career Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. A winner will be announced at the group's annual conference Aug. 25-29 in Atlanta.

The Division of Fire provides fire protection and prevention services and is the primary provider of emergency medical services in Henrico. The department manages 20 fire stations and a training facility, and covers an area encompassing 244 square miles. It also operates a regional hazardous materials team and provides technical rescue, ground search and water rescue. The agency has 549 employees and an annual budget of more than \$51 million, and it responded to more than 43,000 calls for service in fiscal year 2013-14.

McDowell joined the Division of Fire as a firefighter in 1997 and rose to fire lieutenant and fire captain before becoming battalion chief of administration in 2011 and chief in 2012. In addition to his work for the county, McDowell has served as a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, vice president of the Central Virginia Fire Chiefs Association and a member of the Virginia E-911 Services Board. He also is the founding director of the Virginia Fire Officer Academy, which has trained hundreds of current and aspiring fire service officers.

A division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs provides leadership to career and volunteer fire service officials, managers of emergency services organizations and others in 10 states plus the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

May 8, 2015

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Varina District meetings to focus on Varina's past, present, future

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson will hold three Community Conversations meetings in May and June to discuss the history, present conditions and plans for the district in eastern Henrico County.

The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at Elko Middle School, 5901 Elko Road; 7 p.m. Monday, June 1 at Dorey Park Recreation Center, 2999 Darbytown Road; and 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nile Mile Road.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

May 7, 2015

CONTACT: Dr. Patricia Hill, Prevention Services Manager, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
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Henrico to present 'Little Black Dress' May 21 to promote awareness of depression

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services and JLP Productions will present "Little Black Dress," a play that seeks to help individuals who may be suffering from depression, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 21 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

The event is free and open to the public.

Based on a true story, "Little Black Dress" encourages audiences to think about ways to help or get help for someone who may be experiencing depression, a misunderstood and potentially life-threatening illness if it is not treated.

Health and wellness information will be available from various groups, including the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, The Jason Foundation, Safe Harbor, Full Circle Grief Center and NAMI Youth MOVE, a youth-led organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

May 5, 2015

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn M. Sears, Animal Protection Unit, Henrico County Police Division
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Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets

The Henrico County Police Division will provide rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Pet owners must register and pay at the cashier's office in the Administration Building before seeing a veterinarian on the first level of the adjacent parking deck.

Each vaccine costs \$10 and must be paid in cash. A rabies tag and certificate of inoculation are included. Pets from all localities are welcome. Cats must be in carriers.

Under Virginia law, dogs and cats 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies.

Henrico dog licenses will be available for \$10, for a one-year license, and \$15, for a three-year license. Officers will be available to discuss license options and vaccination requirements.

For information, call the Animal Protection Unit at (804) 727-8801.

May 1, 2015

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Fairfield meeting May 13 to discuss new voter ballots, police equipment, Wal-Mart

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Wednesday, May 13 to discuss Henrico County's new voter ballots, police equipment and various development projects, including a Wal-Mart that is proposed along Nine Mile Road.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

Representatives of the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, the Police Division and the Department of Planning will join Thornton for the discussion and will answer questions.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.
