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**Caroline County Spring Regional Fire School  
the Largest in the State**

Caroline, VA – The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Caroline County Spring Regional Fire School was held April 24 & 25, 2010 at Caroline High School. This year's event was the largest ever for Caroline County and the largest in the state for a regional fire school with over 380 students registered. This year 13 courses were offered in various topics including Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue, and Leadership.

Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Public Safety, Marla Graff Decker was the keynote speaker at opening ceremonies. Secretary Decker spoke to the emergency responders about the vital role they play in our citizen's lives and the importance of continued training. Also present at the Spring Regional Fire School Opening Ceremonies were Undersecretary, John Buckovitch; Executive Director of Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Willie G. Shelton, Jr.; Virginia Department of Fire Programs Division I Chief, Tom Berry; Caroline County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Maxie Rozell; and Caroline County Fire & Rescue Chief, David Layman. Dr. Arthur Wertz gave the invocation. The colors were presented by the Caroline County Sheriff's Office color guard.

Over 200 hours of training were presented. The knowledge and skills gained from this Regional Fire School will save the lives of both fire and rescue personnel, and citizens, not only from Caroline County but across the state.

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