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Caroline Fire – Rescue Lieutenant Velasquez Graduates VA Fire Officers Academy

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Caroline, Virginia –Fire-EMS Chief David Layman of Caroline County Fire Rescue and Emergency Management is pleased to announce that Lieutenant Raymond Velasquez graduated from the Virginia Fire Officer's Academy on Friday, June 17, 2011. This specialty school is held annually on the campus of the University of Richmond. Lieutenant Velasquez is only the second officer from Caroline County to have attended the Academy.

The Virginia Fire Officer's Academy is a week long, one of a kind school held once a year and is based on the core principle of "Safety through Leadership". The curriculum covers a wide variety of topics ranging from Fire Fighter Survivability Profiling, Fire Service Health and Wellness, Burn Injuries, and Leadership. The forty students competitively selected each year from fire departments across the Commonwealth spend an intense week living on campus. A typical day begins at 6 am with physical training and continues with classroom and group training exercises until 9 pm or later each evening.

"I am very proud of Lieutenant Velasquez's accomplishment. The lessons learned from this training program will help the entire Department", stated Fire-EMS Chief Layman. For additional information or to learn about volunteer or career opportunities within Caroline, please contact the Department of Fire and Rescue Administration office at 804 – 633-9831.

