

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 2001
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Caroline Rhodes, Volunteer Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: International Year of Volunteers - Volunteer Recognition -Lacy Banks

2001 has been designated International Year of Volunteers by the United Nations General Assembly. To celebrate, the Office of Volunteer Services has highlighted outstanding volunteers and the County department they work with each month for the past year. In the final month of this program, the County is recognizing Lacy Banks, Volunteer Fire Chief of the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department, and Chief Richard Miller of the James City County Fire Department.

Lacy Banks has served the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department for over 41 years. He began his volunteer career as a young adult when the station was in its original site at Taylor's Garage in Toano. He rose through the ranks serving in every position until his election as Chief of the Department in 1984. Lacy continues to provide many hours of service often responding from his job to the emergency call. With Lacy's leadership, the Volunteer Fire Department has increased its membership, has added new equipment such as the ladder truck and the SAFE house, replaced the squad truck, and made many improvements to the building to enhance the working conditions for both volunteers and paid staff. Under Lacy's command, the Department has participated in the Honor Guard at the National Fire Academy, and the Department has been active in assisting in the County Fair and other recreational and educational events in the County. He also works closely with County Fire Management Team members to improve the overall County Fire and EMS service.

The Volunteer Fire Department is a critical part of the total public safety delivery system in James City County. As a result of his service and leadership, the Volunteer Fire Department continues to respond for Fire and EMS delivery in the upper part of the County while paid staff supplement the service.

Lacy has facilitated an excellent relationship with the County and serves as a model on how to partner in the delivery of service not only to the members of the Volunteer Fire Department but to the County as a whole.

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