



## POLICE ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

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## Summer 2024 News

The Regular General Body Meeting of the *Police Association of Virginia*, Inc. was held July 13, 2024, at the Grassfield Ruritan Club, located at 920 Shillelagh Road, in Chesapeake. The meeting opened at 11:33am, with President Strickland calling the meeting to order, welcoming the many “new” but familiar faces, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer from our Chaplain.

Roll call of officers: Ken “Butterbean” Strickland, John Hyman, Mike Brunner, Whitney Ray, Bob Downing, Billy Mutter, Antonio Wilson, Ralph Barbarise, and Executive Director, Ronnie Young were all present.

**Reading of the minutes of the last Regular meeting in April 2024**, Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as printed; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

### **Executive Directors Report**

Ronnie provided the financial reports for operating, solicitor, and investment accounts, and that our 2023 taxes were being completed by our accountant and will be filed before the deadline.

An update on 2024 Ladies Night Dinner/Dance was provided. You can mark your calendars and start booking your rooms for the weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Four Points Hotel, located at 1211 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach. All rooms are oceanfront and will cost \$124 plus tax per night, suites are \$149 and the **cutoff date for the “PAV rate” is October 1<sup>st</sup>, so don’t wait to book!** Catering will be Fishbones Restaurant and music on Saturday will be provided by “DJ Dominck”. To provide a more accurate guest count guarantee for Saturday night’s dinner, there will be a **\$25 per COUPLE charge for the weekend, and provided you rsvp and attend, the \$25 will apply toward your 2025 annual dues or assessments. For those that are not staying at the hotel, parking will be “on your own” across from the Sandcastle Hotel, however, submit your receipt to Ronnie, and credit will also be applied toward your death assessments.** Guest cost will be \$25 per couple for Friday night only, and \$75 per couple for both Friday & Saturday night’s events. We hope you can join us for a great time!

The Executive Director report concluded with Ronnie thanking those who continue to respond and provided/update their email addresses, and once again, requests those who’ve not yet done so **OR** are not receiving PAV information via email, to **please** forward their email address/notification to [rwybkva5@aol.com](mailto:rwybkva5@aol.com). **Postage just went up again to .73 first class, effective July 14, 2024** and providing this information will not only improve communication, however, reduce annual postage and printing expenses significantly!

### **Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship** (Whitney) Announced and congratulated the 2024 PAV scholarships recipients. They were Giovanni Floriano, Colby Mutter, Skylar Schuetze, Kelsie Ray, Paige Coulter, Paris Howell, Lauren Hasty, Lauren Van Faussien, Henry Strickland JR., Ashley Floriano and Abigail Hartwick. On behalf of the entire membership, we wish them all well and Godspeed in their future studies.

**Membership:** Ronnie provided our membership numbers as follows; 242 regular members, 51 Life and 8 Associate for a total of 301 and reminded the membership that IF your dues and/or assessments fall in arrears 90 days, you will NOT be eligible for the Association’s benefits. IF in doubt or have unusual circumstances...call (757-651-3300) or email [rwybkva5@aol.com](mailto:rwybkva5@aol.com)

President Strickland announced and recognized our newest "Life Members" and presented them with plaques acknowledging their accomplishment

**Lloyd C. Farley was present, he thanked the membership, and promised to get out and attend future meetings!**

**George "Eric" Bergstrom JR., resides out of state, accepted on his behalf by his granddaughter, Victoria**

**Robert "Bob" Cowden, unable to be present however wished to express his appreciation for the award and thanked the membership for their dedication and years of friendship.**

### **Congratulations to our most recent group of "Life Members"**

**Chaplain**, Ralph Barbarise reported Delbert Zirkle, Porter Richardson and Jerry Fenske had all passed away since our last meeting. Diane Gawry continues to battle and is under 24 hour care, Gene Klemp's widow, Mary, continues to battle fluid build-up, and although not a PAV member, Chief Jackson (retired Suffolk PD) passed away. PLEASE keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. It was announced that the membership should contact either Ralph (757-544-8680) or Ronnie (757-651-3300) if they knew of a member sick or/in distress.

**Unfinished Business:** None presented

**New Business:** October is nomination/election of 2025 Officers. Anyone interested in holding a BOD position should contact E.C. Harris at 757-439-9917.

**Good of the Order:** Ronnie announced and congratulated Suffolk Sheriff, E.C. Harris who recently retired on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Good luck on your future endeavors, there's a "New Sheriff" in town!

50/50 Winners: Whitney Ray and Al Dumire won \$181.00 each, Congratulations!

There was no further business, and a motion was made, & second to adjourn the meeting, with no objection, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm and lunch (Steak, shrimp, baked potato, salad & dessert) was served.

#### **NOTICE OF 2024 DEATH ASSESSMENTS NOW DUE**

<b><u>DA #</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS NAME</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>
1035	Albert Thereault	96	1/25/24	Portsmouth Police Department
1036	Delbert N. Zirkle	86	4/21/24	Portsmouth Police Department
1037	Porter Richardson	88	5/6/24	Norfolk Police Department
1038	Jerry A. Fenske	81	6/10/24	Virginia Beach Police Department
1039	Donald C. Scott	88	1/26/24	Norfolk Police Department

***This is to notify you that the above assessments are due in the amount of \$30.00 (\$6.00 Each) Failure to pay these assessments within 90 days will suspend you from the trust and other benefits. Remember, for tax purposes, The Police Association of Virginia is recognized by the IRS as a 501 C3 organization. Please remit your check to PAV, P.O. Box 6874, Chesapeake, VA. 23323.***

***Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Grassfield Ruritan Club located at 920 Shillelagh RD, on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:30 am., with lunch (oysters, fish, chicken, clam chowder, fixins & dessert) being served immediately following the meeting. Hope you can make it!***

On behalf of the entire executive board, I wish everyone a continued safe, and happy summer!

Until next time,

Ronnie