



POLICE ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

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Fall 2024 News

The Regular General Body Meeting of the *Police Association of Virginia, Inc.* was held October 12, 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, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer from our Chaplain.

Roll call of officers: Ken “Butterbean” Strickland, Mike Brunner, Billy Mutter, Brian Hallman, Ralph Barbarise, and Executive Director, Ronnie Young were all present.

Reading of the minutes of the last Regular meeting in July 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.

Ladies Night was held and although the crowd was not as big as anticipated, everyone who attended enjoyed the food and fellowship. Mike (Fishbones) and his staff prepared another outstanding meal and Skip Blanchard and Donnie “DK” Butler each won over \$600 in the \$50/50 drawings. During the evening “program”, Brian Hallman was recognized for his forty plus years of service to the organization and presented the “Executive Emeritus award”. Congratulations Brian on a well-deserved award!

There was a motion to accept the Executive Director report, 2nd and after no discussion, the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship (Whitney) It was announced that all scholarship checks have been distributed and cleared the bank! Good Luck to all recipients!!

Membership: President Strickland announced and recognized our newest “Life Member” Robert Cowden who was unable to attend in July and presented him with his plaque acknowledging his accomplishment.

Ronnie read applications of Damon Jones and Ducal “Duke” Hayden, both employed by the United States Coast Guard. Both applications met the requirements for membership and were voted in unanimously by the membership.

Welcome Damon and Duke to the Police Association of Virginia!!

Chaplain, It was reported Diane Gawrys, and Wayne Kennedy passed away since our last meeting and we were also notified that Bob Beamon (retired PPD) passed away in August of 2023. It was also noted that although not PAV members, Mo Joseph, Sgt. Robert Riley and Troy Kay all of NPD (retired) had recently passed away. PLEASE keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. There was a call for anyone knowing a member sick and/or in distress and none were announced. The membership was reminded to contact either Ralph (757-544-8680) or Ronnie (757-651-3300) if they became aware of a member sick or/in distress.

Unfinished Business:

Ronnie reported that **thanks to Kyle Strickland our website is now up and running!! It remains a “work in progress” and will be updated as information becomes available. You can check it out by visiting policeassociationva.org** (Our original website domain (paov.org), was no longer available).

New Business: Elections

It was announced the nominating committee was presenting the following slate for 2025 BOD positions.

President Ken “Butterbean” Strickland, Portsmouth

1st V.P. John Hyman, Chesapeake

2nd V.P. Mike Brunner, Norfolk

Sgt. Arms Witney Ray, Virginia Beach

Chaplain Ralph Barbarise, Norfolk

Trustee(s) Billy Mutter, Portsmouth

Earl Killmon, Norfolk

Antonio “Antman” Wilson, Franklin

Bob Downing, Chesapeake

Brian Hallman, Norfolk

Skip Blanchard, Newport News

Ex Director Ronnie Young, Chesapeake

A call for any additional nominations was made, and after none were presented, there was a motion and second to elect the slate recommended by the committee. There was no further discussion, and the motion carried.

Congratulations to the 2025 Board of Director's!!

Good of the Order: President Ken Strickland and a group of Masonic Brothers from Lake Drummond Lodge #178, asked to make a special presentation to Brother Albert Barlow. He was presented with his 50 year Masonic Pin and certificates during a brief Masonic ceremony. **Congratulations Brother Barlow!!**

50/50 Winners: John Batakis and Diane Branch held the winning tickets, and each \$227.50 **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 12:03 pm and lunch (Oysters, Clam Chowder, Fish, Fried Chicken, the fixins, & dessert) was served.

NOTICE OF 2024 4th QUARTER DEATH ASSESSMENTS NOW DUE

<u>DA #</u>	<u>MEMBERS NAME</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Agency</u>
1040	Diane Gawrys	72	7/24/24	Virginia Game Commission
1041	Robert Beamon	85	8/21/23	Portsmouth Police Department
1042	Albert Budd	86	2/3/24	Chesapeake Sheriff's Office
1043	Wayne Kennedy	79	9/28/24	Norfolk Police Department
1044	“Butch” Michaud	85	10/24/24	Portsmouth 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.

It's that time of year, 2025 annual dues are now due! Please remit \$25 for your annual dues in addition to the above death assessments. If you paid to attend ladies' night (and attended) your payment will transfer toward your dues! If you paid to attend ladies night and did NOT attend, that payment covered your "guaranteed" meal.... For those members wanting to write one check for the year, that's great! We generally send out 5 death assessments in each quarterly newsletter, so the total for the 2025 year would be \$145, however If you choose to continue paying quarterly, that's not a problem.

Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Deep Creek Ruritan Club (AKA Log Cabin) 200 Luray Street in Chesapeake, on January 11th, beginning at 11:30 am, with lunch being served immediately following the meeting. Hope to see you there!!

On behalf of the entire executive board, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and good health in the New Year!!

*Until next time,
Ronnie*