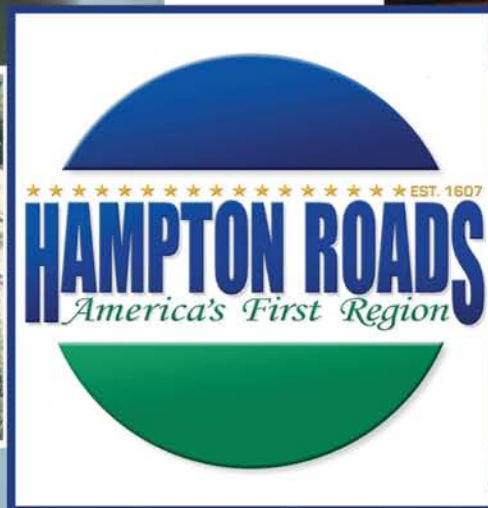


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In 2004, James City County Supervisor Bruce Goodson listened to a staff report on plans to purchase a new emergency radio system. It would have all the bells and whistles necessary to ensure that if someone called 9-1-1, a police car, fire engine or ambulance would arrive in short order to provide necessary assistance. Goodson did not question whether the investment was necessary. Instead he asked whether the public safety chiefs standing before the Board had considered a regional solution. Would James City's neighbors in Williamsburg, York County and Poquoson like to share in the expense and benefits to provide their citizens with better emergency services as well?

What difference, Goodson reasoned, did it make to a homeowner in James City if the dispatcher at the other end of his frantic 9-1-1 was in York County? Further he figured, if a house is burning in the James City County town of Toano and the closest available pumper is in the Bruton section of York County, why not send the York truck to the scene? And if a York fire captain arrives first in James City, why not let him take command? The victim doesn't care; he just wants a trained person to save his home, pull him out of a burning car or administer CPR?

James City County Administrator Sandy Wanner talked to his counterpart in York County, Mac McReynolds, and got the ball rolling. Poquoson and Williamsburg soon joined the conversation, and the communications directors from the four localities took it from there. Today, there is a totally coordinated radio system. Have a heart attack in York? You may speak to a dispatcher in Williamsburg and be served by a paramedic from James City. It's seamless, and taxpayers saved \$5-million by not buying redundant equipment. No wonder Gloucester County and other agencies and municipalities on the Peninsula are joining, and regions across the nation are studying this stellar example of collaboration and wondering, "can it work for us?"

Regional cooperation in Hampton Roads, at some level, is probably as old as the region itself. No doubt Captain Christopher Newport envisioned some future acts of teamwork when he laid anchor off Virginia Beach in April 1607, then established with John Smith and a hundred or so other adventurers that famous first settlement in Jamestown two and a half weeks later. The borders have not changed in more than four centuries; which is why Hampton Roads can legitimately call itself America's First Region.

The First Region ought to act regionally, and it does, in many ways. We work together to promote recycling and reduce litter through HR Clean. We formed Hampton Roads Highway Incident Management to remove vehicles more quickly from accident scenes. We allow library card users in one jurisdiction to check out books in another. We train EMT's at joint centers in Virginia Beach and Hampton. We have constructed regional jails, provided area wide education on how to reduce pollution from storm water

runoff and to keep grease from mucking up our sewer systems. We have regional programs to promote car-pooling, share the cost of bus transportation, dispose of garbage, collect debris swiftly after hurricanes and tornadoes, treat the mentally disabled, train future leaders, build relationships among area colleges and universities, recruit volunteers for non-profits, standardize permitting and promote tourism.

Some of our efforts, like the Hampton Roads Military and Facilities Alliance, are new and when they began, overdue. Others have been with us for decades, like the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, established in 1940. Today it serves 17 cities and counties from the Atlantic Ocean to West Point and operates 13 treatment plants, 104 pump stations and more than 500 miles of pipe. Each locality does not have to worry what happens after the toilet flushes. HRSD takes care of it in an environmentally safe and financially efficient manner.

HREDA, the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, is a result of much give and take among the many cities and counties of Hampton Roads. Until recently the Peninsula and Southside had their own sub regional organizations that took leads from the state and farmed them out to individual localities. Having a pair of these agencies produced needless competition between the two sides of the harbor, and sent confusing messages to prospects, who considered the virtues of the entire area, not simply one or another city, when deciding where to expand or locate.

HREDA, Hampton Roads Regional Transit, Southeastern Public Service Authority, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce as well as our two workforce development agencies on the Peninsula and Southside, are relatively large organizations; but there are smaller associations that likewise speak volumes about the ingenuity of our political, business and civic leaders. For instance, little Poquoson had insufficient calls for animal control to justify having its own officer and vehicle, so it contracted with nearby Newport News to do it, at a significant savings. Suffolk and Isle of Wight County formed their own water authority. Norfolk asked its neighbors to help battle homelessness, a regional problem. The result is jointly run shelters in Norfolk and Virginia Beach with more on the drawing board.

With taxpayers demanding more bang for their bucks, it makes sense to suggest that school superintendents, police chiefs, economic development departments, public works directors and transportation planners, as well as the elected boards and administrators that oversee them, follow Bruce Goodson's example when it makes fiscal and operational sense. Thanks to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, which instigates and then staffs many regional alliances, including monthly meetings of our city/county managers and mayors/board chairs, we have numerous models in place. They are listed among the dozens of organizations on the following pages.

There are pages missing though, and it will take political courage, the devotion of time and the development of more personal relationships among elected officials as well as business and civic leaders to tackle thorny issues like highway construction, mass transit, gang violence, regional identity and the sharing of the benefits of economic growth. We will never be one city with one government, even though there is thoughtful

conversation on that question. Indeed there may be some value in the inherent competition among localities to provide amenities for their residents; but there is likewise great worth in not duplicating efforts so as to free up available financial resources for overdue joint initiatives, or keep them in the pockets of our more than a million and a half residents who collectively make America's First Region a wonderful place to live.

The Hampton Roads Partnership, which is proud to publish this first State of Regional Cooperation in Southeastern Virginia, is committed to providing the support necessary for government and commerce to make our corner of the Commonwealth the best it can be for all of our citizens.

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### **Mission**

Chesapeake Service System's (CSS) mission is two-fold. First, it is to provide meaningful work opportunities to people with mental retardation and other severe disabilities, enabling them to reach their full potential in a least restrictive environment that maximizes independence. Second, it is to advocate for changed perceptions and inclusion of people with mental retardation and other disabilities in the community so that the community sees their ability rather than the disability.

### **Overview**

CSS provides opportunities for people with severe disabilities the chance to reach their full potential in work activities that they enjoy. CCS believes that every person with a disability is a whole person and has the same hopes and dreams.

CSS is a private-nonprofit organization formed in January 1985 by the Chesapeake Community Services Board to provide vocational opportunities and habilitation to people with mental retardation. Since then, CSS has expanded and is now serving people with all different disabilities from all cities in the Hampton Roads Area.

Eventually, CCS would like to be a statewide and possibly even a nationwide provider of vocational services for people with disabilities. CCS wants to reduce the 70% unemployment in this country for people with severe disabilities.

### **Noteworthy**

CSS created a laundry facility in Portsmouth for the mentally disabled. The facility now employs 75 people with severe disabilities.

## **CHILDREN'S RESOURCES OF HAMPTON ROADS**

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### **Executive Director**

Jeannie Martin

### **Mission**

To raise funds and find resources to promote and enrich the programs of the Tidewater Regional Group Home Commission.

### **Overview**

As many more children become victims of abuse and resort to crime, community involvement becomes essential. The TRGHC programs are focused on the challenge of getting children through these tough times. However, since the Commission's programs are only partially supported by state and local funds, the participation of the community takes on even greater importance. Children's Resources is dedicated to finding support and resources for all of the TRGHC programs.

### **Noteworthy**

Children's Resources raised money to remodel the Chesapeake Boy's Home, the Transitional Living Program, Centerville Group Home, the Crisis Intervention Home and Westhaven Boys Home.

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### **Mission**

CIVIC's mission is to foster community leadership and involvement for the betterment of Hampton Roads. Its vision is to establish a network of leaders, imbued with a regional perspective, serving as a driving force to lead Hampton Roads to its full potential.

### **Overview**

CIVIC exists to create an active network of informed, concerned citizens to guide the future and growth of the Hampton Roads Community into the 21st century. Working and learning together over a six-month period, participants in the leadership program are able to enhance their leadership skills, capacities and attitudes while they broaden their understanding of issues important to the region.

Our core leadership program is designed to encourage participants to be trustees of the Hampton Roads community -- to work for the common good -- and to become a leadership resource for the entire community, able to understand and facilitate collaboration, consensus building and creative problem solving in addressing community needs.

### **Noteworthy**

CIVIC established the Darden Award for Regional Leadership on November 17, 2005 to honor the lifetime contributions of Joshua P. Darden, one of the Commonwealth's foremost business and philanthropic leaders. Mr. Darden was the principal founder of the CIVIC Leadership Institute. He envisioned the organization as one that would bring together senior level leadership from both sides of the harbor to establish relationships and cultivate volunteer leadership for the region.

**COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER  
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**Executive Director**

Kimberly Humphrey

**Mission**

To provide quality education and services that enable youth, families, individuals, organizations, businesses, and communities to effectively resolve, reduce and prevent conflict.

**Overview**

The Center is a non-profit United Way Community Partner, a member of the Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution (VACCR), a member of the National Association for Community Mediation (NAFCM) and supports programs launched by the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

## **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)**

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### **Executive Director**

Dwight L. Farmer

### **Mission**

The CMP seeks to reduce roadway congestion and improve traffic safety in our communities through improving technology, expanding roadways, and increasing vehicle occupancy.

### **Overview**

Federal regulations require that a Congestion Management Process (CMP) be in place in all Transportation Management Areas with a population over 200,000. To meet this mandate, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) established a CMP for the region. The goal of the CMP is to reduce roadway congestion and improve traffic safety in our communities through improving technology, expanding roadways.

The CMP program identifies, develops, evaluates, and implements transportation strategies to reduce traffic congestion and enhance mobility.

### **Noteworthy**

The HRPDC completed extensive capacity and congestion analyses for the existing and future transportation network in the region. These analyses resulted in production of the Congestion Management System for Hampton Roads, identifying congested corridors for both existing and future years. In addition, the report includes an analysis of potential CMP strategies that could be used in congested corridors.

## CULTURAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER HAMPTON ROADS

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### **Executive Director**

Patricia Rublein

### **Mission**

The Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate cultural vitality and facilitate the development of healthy and dynamic cultural institutions throughout the region.

### **Overview**

The Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads serves its members and the community by:

- Advocating for public and private financial investments in the arts and cultural organizations
- Encouraging community participation in the arts and cultural activities
- Assisting cultural institutions in meeting their needs through targeted programs and services
- Providing forums for communication and collaboration.

The Cultural Alliance is funded in part through grants from: Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission, the Hampton Arts Commission, the Newport News Arts Commission, the Norfolk Commission on the Arts & Humanities, the Portsmouth Museums & Fine Arts Commission, the Suffolk Fine Arts Commission, the Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, and the York County Arts Commission.

The Cultural Alliance serves the more than 350 arts and cultural organizations in Hampton Roads.

### **Noteworthy**

The Cultural Alliance conducts an annual awards program to honor supporters and participants in the arts in the region, which contribute \$563.9-million to the local economy according to a recent study.

The Cultural Alliance with partner, Darden Publishing, produces a bi-yearly arts and culture guide, *Bravo!*. (need link) Dar

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**Executive Director**

Rich Flannery

**Mission**

To facilitate the removal of debris that impedes the flow of commerce and every day activities in Hampton Roads.

**Overview**

The Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC) expressed interest in better coordinating debris management as a region in 1999. In August 1999, Public Works, VDOT and some REMTAC members first met to discuss how to best address this regional issue.

Following Hurricane Floyd and Dennis, the REMTAC Debris Management Subcommittee formed and met on a monthly basis from February 2000 until a "Regional Debris Management Planning Model" was created for debris planning and debris removal in the region. As a result pre-positioned contracts are now in place.

The Subcommittee now meets on an as needed basis for contract revisions and/or after-action reports based on events, such as Hurricane Isabel in 2003. HRPDC continues to support regional debris management by facilitating contract revisions with key stakeholders including local jurisdictions, VDOT, FHWA, VDEM, FEMA and others as necessary. The contracts are renewed yearly to reflect changes in price and changing federal guidelines, and have a 5-year extension option.

The contract's operational authorities, the Southeastern Public Service Authority and the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority, are currently working with HRPDC and URS Corp. to rewrite the next contracts to incorporate input from localities and changes in federal policies.

**Noteworthy**

REMTAC's Debris Management Plan was instrumental in quick and cost-effective debris removal following Hurricane Isabelle.

## **EDMARC HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN**

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Debbie Stitzer-Brame

### **Mission**

The mission of Edmarc Hospice for Children is to ease the trauma of a child's illness or death, and to reduce the disabling effects of pediatric illness, loss, and bereavement on families.

### **Overview**

Established in 1978, Edmarc Hospice for Children was the first and is currently the only hospice in the nation designed specifically for children.

Edmarc was founded by the members of Suffolk Presbyterian Church in Suffolk, whose minister who was dying of cancer, and a young couple whose only son was dying of a progressive neuromuscular disease. The minister's name was Edward; the boy's name was Marcus. The agency is named in their memory.

In 1982, Edmarc Hospice for Children received a \$300,000 grant from the Birthday Offering of the Presbyterian Women. This gift funded the development and expansion of their hospice, home health care, and bereavement support services.

Edmarc now serves a wide geographic area that includes the Virginia Peninsula and all of Southside Hampton Roads. Edmarc Hospice for Children is a United Way agency, serving children with life-limiting illness and their families, without regard to their ability to pay for services.

### **Noteworthy**

EDMARC has served 733 families and 2500 members in 25 years.

## **EGGLESTON SERVICES**

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### **Frank Atkinson**

Paul Atkinson

### **Mission**

To create education, training, and employment opportunities

### **Overview**

Eggleston Services has been dedicated to the education, training and employment of individuals with disabilities for over 50 years. Their goal is to assist people in obtaining meaningful work opportunities, and to help them participate fully in their communities.

They help individuals with disabilities gain freedom from dependence on government support by providing them on-the-job training and stable work opportunities. When Eggleston Services opened in 1955 as the Tidewater Vocational Center, they served only five individuals with disabilities. Today, they serve hundreds. Over the decades, they have expanded through partnerships with local businesses and government institutions, offering their participants the chance to earn a living and be productive citizens.

### **Noteworthy**

Eggleston Services has grown to serve the communities of Sussex, Dreweryville, Boykins, Courtland, Franklin, Berlin, Wakefield, Waverly, Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, Grafton, Yorktown and Williamsburg,

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**Executive Director**

Angela Kay James

**Mission**

EHR seeks to be a powerful network of grassroots, interfaith, interracial, multi-issue organizations that work together to create a more just and more democratic society.

**Overview**

The members of the network allow ordinary people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social and economic decisions affecting their lives. The network helps create and sustain such organizations and allows them to act on a regional level.

In May of 2004 more than 25 EHR congregations were asked to identify the most critical needs for local communities. The 3 top issues were: Housing, Education and Jobs.

**Noteworthy**

EHR worked with the City of Virginia Beach and organized a partnership to focus on workforce housing. It included representation from Tidewater Builders Association, Habitat for Humanity, local bankers, business people, developers, the City of Virginia Beach Planning Commission and other community organizations.

The collaboration has produced a draft of a workforce housing policy for several hundred units of workforce housing a year, which the Planning Commission approved unanimously.

## **FORKIDS**

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Thaler McCormick

### **Mission**

ForKids seeks to provide families with housing and comprehensive services to foster permanent, positive family development leading to self-sufficient futures. ForKids is committed to ending the cycle of homelessness for children in South Hampton Roads.

### **Overview**

ForKids comprehensive services and residential programs help families overcome the barriers they face to self-sufficiency and build a foundation of stability. Through an award-winning network of shelters, housing, counseling, education and other comprehensive programs, ForKids helps client families make the very challenging transition from homelessness to home. It starts by giving them a safe place to live and over the ensuing weeks and months, helps them work through the often-complex and difficult circumstances that brought them there in the first place. They earn their room, board, supplies and other daily necessities by performing household chores and office tasks.

### **Noteworthy**

ForKids accomplishments over the years have included:

- A donation of two apartment buildings on 7<sup>th</sup> Bay Street that are used as transitional housing
- The Legacy home, which provides permanent housing for six families with diagnosable disabilities
- A six month Aftercare program that is HUD funded
- A Junior League Forkids Family Resource Center, which has its own library
- Training and employment opportunities for individuals with substantial barriers to employment
- The Elizabeth Place Transitional Housing, which provides five additional family apartments

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**Mission**

To improve the movement of freight in the region.

**Overview**

Freight transportation is a critical component of Hampton Roads' transportation systems. The movement of goods ensures that the region's businesses remain operational and competitive, and Hampton Roads families are able to obtain the items needed to enjoy everyday life. The region's mid-Atlantic location and multimodal options, including ports, airports, rail, private trucking, shipping and warehouse distribution facilities, with a network of road and rail corridors for the delivery of freight, goods, and services, makes it an ideal base from which to serve the large consumer and industrial markets located along the U.S. East Coast.

**Noteworthy**

The HRPDC has teamed with state and regional freight stakeholders to develop freight planning initiatives. Currently, a comprehensive regional freight study update is underway. The study includes a description of existing freight facilities, freight data sources, freight planning goals and objectives, freight facts, freight forecast analysis, military freight, regional truck movement analysis, economic impact of freight, and a list of freight needs and strategies.

## **FUTURE OF HAMPTON ROADS**

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### **President**

RADM Ray Taylor (USNR)

### **Mission**

The Future of Hampton Roads encourages, supports, and sustains activities and organizations that promote regionalism, and pursues the vision of a political union representing the region.

### **Overview**

The future of Hampton Roads, Inc. was founded in 1982 by a group of Hampton Roads community leaders with a commitment to improve the present and future quality of life for citizens of Hampton Roads. As a non-partisan and non-profit organization, the Future of Hampton Roads, Inc. depends largely on individuals and businesses willing to support it financially and accepts no funds from political subdivisions.

### **Noteworthy**

The Regional Structure Project is engaging citizens of Hampton Roads in a discussion of the structure of regional governance. By examining the current mechanisms of regional cooperation, the Project aims to identify practical reforms to the organizations and processes by which decisions are made and implemented on regional matters. Improved economic performance is the primary goal.

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### **Executive Director**

Dr. Val Livingston

### **Mission**

Genieve Shelter seeks to create a safe and supportive environment for victims of domestic violence.

### **Overview**

The Genieve Shelter was incorporated as a non-profit on May 26, 1988 by Theresa Connell in the town of Smithfield, VA. Theresa had been both a child and adult victim of domestic violence at different points in her life. She eventually became a survivor, married a non-abuser, and developed a family that was supportive of her desire to help other victims.

The Genieve Shelter serves the cities of Suffolk and Franklin, the Town of Smithfield, and the counties of Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Surry. Services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, individual and group counseling, court accompaniment, emergency shelter, food and clothing, and emergency transportation. The Genieve Shelter also has a Children's Program that offers after school tutoring, a weekly children's support group, and recreational activities.

### **Noteworthy**

The Genieve Shelter recently opened three new shelters in Hampton Roads.

## **GIRLS INC. OF SOUTHWEST HAMPTON ROADS**

[www.CenterForYouthSWHR.com](http://www.CenterForYouthSWHR.com)

5905 Portsmouth Boulevard,

Portsmouth, VA 23701

Phone: (757) 465-3896

### **Executive Director**

Tasha R. Newton

### **Mission**

To inspire all girls to become strong, smart and bold and to serve as an advocate for girls by focusing attention on their special needs and providing programs for all youth, thereby enabling them to become productive members of society

### **Overview**

Founded in 1958 by Portsmouth Service League, Girls Inc. is formerly know as Girls Club of Portsmouth and was located in the Westhaven neighborhood. In 1996, Girls Inc. moved into a new facility on Portsmouth Blvd. after conducting a three-year capital campaign.

Girl's Inc. is licensed for Day Care by the State Department of Social Services, holds a category 3 license, is a member agency of United Way of South Hampton Roads and is an affiliate of the national organization. Girls Inc. is governed by a board of directors, which meets monthly. The board of directors represents a diverse population of southwest Hampton Roads.

### **Noteworthy**

Girls Inc. has opened facilities in Portsmouth as well as in Indian River and Deep Creek in Chesapeake.

## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

[www.gsarts.net](http://www.gsarts.net)

1542 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street

Norfolk, VA 23508

Tel: (757) 451-4711

### **Executive Director**

Leon F. Hughes

### **Mission**

The mission of The Governor's School for the Arts is to create and maintain an educational environment for gifted students. This maximizes the artistic talent of each individual and promotes arts in the community.

### **Overview**

The Governor's School for the Arts holds classes in Norfolk and is one of 18 magnet Governor's Schools in Virginia. The school's admissions are competitive and based on an in-person audition. Students may apply for admission for all grades 9 through 12 and are selected from the school systems of Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight County, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Southampton County, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

The school includes the departments of musical theater, visual arts, theater, instrumental music, dance, and classical vocal. The school collaborates with local and statewide arts facilities and programs to further their students' educations. Staff members are professionally experienced in their art form.

### **Noteworthy**

The school has produced five graduates that currently sing professionally with major American Opera Companies.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS**

[www.shrhabitat.org](http://www.shrhabitat.org)

900 Tidewater Dr.

Norfolk, VA 23504

Tel: (757) 640-0590

### **Executive Director**

John Morgan

### **Mission**

To eliminate poverty housing and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people from all walks of life to work together in partnership to help build houses for low-income families throughout the major cities of South Hampton Roads.

### **Overview**

South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity works with businesses and corporations throughout the region to provide safe decent housing for low-income families.

Through donations and volunteer hours Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads builds homes for people who otherwise could not afford them. Once the houses are built, families must pay a significantly reduced mortgage.

### **Noteworthy**

Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads recently built 16 homes in 5 days in the Huntersville Neighborhood of Norfolk. The homes provided shelter to 61 people.

## HAMPTON-NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS

[www.hmncsb.org](http://www.hmncsb.org)  
300 Medical Drive  
Hampton, VA 23666  
Tel: (757) 788-0300

### **Executive Director**

Charles Hall

### **Mission**

To provide a comprehensive continuum of services and promote prevention, recovery and self-determination for people affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### **Overview**

The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board is the premier provider of behavioral health care and services for individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The board provides comprehensive mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services for people of all ages who live in Hampton or Newport News. In doing this, the board creates a community where people can find their own strength and become self-determining.

**HAMPTON ROADS ASSOCIATION  
FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE  
(HRACRE)**

[www.hracre.org](http://www.hracre.org)

1818 Sheringham West  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
Tel: (757) 481-2494

**President**

Craig A. Cope

**Mission**

HRACRE promotes the commercial real estate industry by educating its members on key issues, monitoring and addressing industry-related legislation, and taking the lead in the industry's evolution within the region and the commonwealth.

**Overview**

HRACRE serves the commercial real estate community on the both the Peninsula and Southside areas of Hampton Roads, and is part of VACRE, the Virginia Association for Commercial Real Estate. VACRE provides representation in Richmond and has a Political Action Committee that funnels member's donations to candidates who recognize the importance of our industry to the Commonwealth.

HACRE promotes the industry by educating its members on key issues.

Members are able to:

- Network with other men and women in the field of commercial real estate
- Learn more about the growing region of Hampton Roads and where development is taking place
- Be kept abreast of key legislative issues
- Have their voice heard should a concern arise.

**Noteworthy**

HRACRE recognizes leadership in design of commercial structures through an annual awards competition and provides members and brokers with the opportunity to see development opportunities throughout the region during an annual Bus Tour.

**HAMPTON ROADS CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
(HRCCE)**

[www.hrcce.org](http://www.hrcce.org)

5200 Hampton Blvd  
Norfolk, VA 23508  
Tel: (757) 889-9359  
Fax: (757) 489-2937

**Executive Director**

Betsy McBride

**Mission**

The mission of the Center is to support democracy in Hampton Roads and to connect public decision-making with civil dialogue and the informed judgment of the region's citizens.

**Overview**

The Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement (HRCCE) structures and facilitates civic engagement processes that provide for the productive collaboration between the citizens and their governments.

By encouraging the inclusion of more citizens in the public choices related to their region's quality of life and future, the Center's work enhances the accountability and transparency of public agencies.

The Center is a neutral source of information to support fact-based dialogue on regional issues. Their work helps boost regional understanding and brings voices into the public.

The Center for Civic Engagement serves the cities and counties of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Hampton, Newport News, York, James City, Williamsburg, Gloucester, South Hampton, Surry, Isle of Wight, and Franklin.

**Noteworthy**

HRCCE has established a library and database that specifies the best practices in civic engagement.

## **HAMPTON ROADS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

[www.hamptonroadschamber.com](http://www.hamptonroadschamber.com)

420 Bank Street  
P.O. Box 327  
Norfolk, VA 23501  
Tel: (757) 622-5563  
Fax: (757) 622-5563

### **Executive Director**

John A. Hornbeck, Jr

### **Mission**

The mission of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is to create economic opportunity and prosperity for all the people of Hampton Roads. The Chamber focuses on public policy, economic development, and service to business.

### **Overview**

The chamber of Commerce is a member based business organization that serves its 3000+ business members. HRCC was formed in 1994 with the merger of the Chambers of Commerce in Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Suffolk, The Chamber's goals are:

- To attract new jobs and investment to Southeast Virginia
- To train, educate, and assist existing business expansion
- To supply meaningful, innovative, high quality programs and services that fill the needs of a growing number of member firms
- To influence the shaping of public policy that supports sound, progressive business and regional growth.

### **Noteworthy**

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce sponsors annual State of the City addresses and an inter-regional trip where interested Hampton Roads business and civic leaders can see how other regions address communal challenges.

## **HAMPTON ROADS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION**

3661 E. Virginia Beach Blvd

Norfolk, VA 23502

Tel: (757) 664-7000

### **President**

Bruce Marquis

### **Mission**

The Hampton Roads Association of Chiefs of Police seeks to promote the professional development of all executive and management personnel within law enforcement agencies in the region.

### **Overview**

The Hampton Roads Chiefs of Police Association meets monthly to discuss public safety issues. They encourage close cooperation of all law enforcement agencies in the prevention of crime, detection of crime and the apprehension of those responsible for the commission of crimes, promote the highest standards of the police profession through selection and training of law enforcement officers and generally pledge and strive for the highest degree of respect for law and order through Hampton Roads.

### **Noteworthy**

In addition to discussing public safety issues, many of the chiefs take advantage of this opportunity to learn about new tactics, procedures, and technology that can be useful to their departments.

## **HAMPTON ROADS CLEAN**

HRCLEAN

[www.hrclean.org](http://www.hrclean.org)

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

723 Woodlake Drive

Chesapeake, VA 23320

Tel: (757) 420-8300

Fax: (757) 523-4881

### **Executive Director of Physical Planning**

John Carlock

### **Mission**

HR CLEAN promotes litter prevention, recycling, community beautification, and environmental awareness.

### **Overview**

The cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Southampton, Suffolk, Williamsburg, and Virginia Beach, and the counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Surry, and York are all members of HR CLEAN. The organization is supported by the Southeastern Public Service Authority and the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority. Some of these communities are also members of the Virginia Recycling Association and Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and also participate in national activities like the Great American Cleanup Campaign.

HR CLEAN has many projects that include but are not limited to:

- A Mini-Grant Program
- A public awareness campaign promoting waste reduction, litter control, and proper waste management
- A youth program
- A student environmental conference
- A special recycling program that has information for such items as computer/electronics and telephone books, and the promotion of the statewide litter prevention campaign
- Workplace Recycling Education
- Community cleanups including Clean the Bay Day, the International Coastal Cleanup, Great American Cleanup, and the various Adopt-Hampton Roads cleanups,

### **Noteworthy**

HRCLEAN has successfully produced radio and television commercials that educate Hampton Roads residents.

**HAMPTON ROADS CLEAN CITIES COALITION**  
(HRCCC)

[www.hrccc.org](http://www.hrccc.org)

Virginia Clean Cities  
401 Keith Avenue  
Kilmarnock VA, 22482

**Executive Director**

Al Christopher

**Mission**

HRCC seeks to promote non-polluting, non-petroleum alternative fuels and vehicles to increase U.S. national energy security, improve Hampton Roads air quality and public health, and develop economic, academic, and research opportunities in Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth of Virginia

**Overview**

Hampton Roads was recognized as a Clean Cities Coalition by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1996. In 2001, the non-profit Virginia Clean Cities, Inc. was created to manage the Coalition.

The Clean Cities program is sponsored by the Department of Energy in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992. This legislation's intent is to ensure national energy security by reducing dependence on imported petroleum products. The Clean Cities program was chartered to help achieve this objective by promoting alternative fuel use in the transportation sector.

In doing this they provide a forum for members to leverage resources, develop joint projects, collaborate on public policy issues, and promote petroleum displacement and clean air technologies. The HRCCC also intends to prepare the region for the onset of the hydrogen economy. They expect that a successful and accelerated transition to this technology will have enormous implications for eliminating the region's concerns with air quality.

The coalition draws stakeholders from local, state, and federal agencies, public health and transportation departments, commercial fleets, transit agencies, and other government offices, as well as auto manufacturers, car dealers, fuel and equipment suppliers, public utilities, and nonprofit associations.

**Noteworthy**

Virginia Clean Cities is working with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to explore ways in which possible production and use of biodiesel could help preserve the Dragon Run, a sensitive watershed and the farmland that surrounds it in a four-county region of Virginia.

**HAMPTON ROADS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(HREMC)**

[www.hremc.org](http://www.hremc.org)

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Regional Emergency Management Planner**

Richard Flannery

**Mission**

The Hampton Roads Emergency Management Committee will be a leading force for regional comprehensive and integrated emergency management programs and initiatives.

**Overview**

The purpose of HREMC is to promote the inter-jurisdictional and inter-agency coordination of emergency management issues and to foster emergency preparedness in the Hampton Roads area. It provides a working group for the exchange of information, experience and technology among Hampton Roads Emergency Management officials.

**Noteworthy**

HREMC has developed one of the nation's first Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) plans.

**HAMPTON ROADS FAMILIES ATTRACTION NETWORK**  
(HRFAN)

[www.hrfan.net](http://www.hrfan.net)

Tel: (757)664-1026

**Director of Marketing**

Sheila Harrison

**Mission**

FAN seeks to make it easier to find and enjoy the many cultural, historical and entertainment opportunities in Southeastern Virginia.

**Overview**

The Family Attractions Network (FAN) is a regional cooperative marketing program for tourism in the Hampton Roads region. The idea is to better position the market to visitors and locals alike.

FAN is comprised of 13 partners representing 23 municipal-owned or mission-oriented, non-profit attractions located in all seven major cities in Hampton Roads.

They are:

Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia  
Chesapeake Attractions  
Children's Museum of Virginia  
Chrysler Museum of Art  
Courthouse Galleries  
Endview Plantation  
Lee Hall Mansion  
The Mariners' Museum  
Nauticus, The National Maritime Center  
Naval Shipyard Museum  
The Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center  
Norfolk Botanical Garden  
Peninsula Fine Arts Center  
Portsmouth Lightship Museum  
Riddick's Folly House Museum  
Seaboard Station Railroad Museum  
Shooting Star Art Gallery  
Virginia Air & Space Center  
Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center  
Virginia Living Museum  
Virginia Sports Hall of Fame  
Virginia War Museum  
Virginia Zoo

## **HAMPTON ROADS FILM OFFICE**

430 World Trade Center

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

[www.FilmHamptonRoads.com](http://www.FilmHamptonRoads.com)

Tel: (757) 625-4696

Fax: (757) 625-4684

### **Commissioner**

W. Jeffrey Frizzell

### **Mission**

To generate economic impacts in the Hampton Roads region by attracting film, television and related media projects.

### **Overview**

To achieve its mission, in cooperation with the Virginia Film Office, the Hampton Roads Film Office offers incentives designed to attract production companies and film producers to the region. Incentives offered include:

- A rebate that takes into account the length of time a company stays in the region, the jobs it created, the people it the company trained and hired, and the goods and services purchased.
- State sales and use tax exemptions
- Free locations

### **Noteworthy**

The producers of Mission Impossible III shot a chase scene at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. That scene brought \$1 million dollars into the Hampton Roads area.

**HAMPTON ROADS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**  
(HRFCA)

Virginia Fire Chiefs Association  
P.O. Box 70907  
Richmond VA, 23255

**Chair**

Edward Senter  
Norfolk Fire Chief

**Mission**

HRFCA seeks to provide a comprehensive and integrated statewide public safety effort, thereby enhancing the quality of life by reducing the effects of fire, medical, and environmental emergencies.

**Overview**

HRCFA is interested in the advancement of the fire service; at their meetings they discuss:

- Ways of improving life-saving and fire extinguishments procedures
- Ways to assist in research studies
- Ways to serve as the recognized organization for the exchange of ideas, information, knowledge and experiences affecting the safety of life and property from fires;
- Ways to encourage and assist in the development of public education in fire prevention programs in the Region
- Ways to cooperate with all organizations in the promotion of the goals and objectives of the fire service
- Ways to support and encourage the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical services by the fire service to relieve human suffering.

The fire chiefs association includes local military and airport fire chiefs along with chiefs from Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg and York County.

**Noteworthy**

Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs Association worked to secure millions of dollars in Homeland Security, Fire Act and Safer Grant awards to purchase much needed equipment, staffing, and training. In addition the region's fire departments are now eligible for Urban Area Security Initiative Grants (UASI).

## **HAMPTON ROADS FOG**

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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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### **Executive Director**

John Carlock

### **Mission**

FOG seeks to educate the public and restaurant owners of the need to decrease the amounts of fats, oils, and grease from entering the sanitary sewer system.

### **Overview**

FOG stands for fats, oil and grease. This effort is a direct offshoot of initial efforts to revise and distribute an informational video titled, "Don't Get Backed Up!" funded by the Directors of Utilities Committee. Originally developed and produced by the City of Virginia Beach, the video describes the reasons to dispose of these particular wastes properly.

**HAMPTON ROADS  
HIGHWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT  
(HIM)**

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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Executive Director**

Dwight Farmer

**Mission**

Hampton Roads responders will operate under a clear set of understood and agreed upon incident management practices allowing for enhanced response cooperation and decreased incident impact.

**Overview**

Within the (HIM) community, multiple agencies have a hand in ensuring that traffic is flowing efficiently on the region's highway network. These include first responders such as the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Virginia State Police (VSP), traffic engineers, and public safety agencies, such as the police department and multiple fire and rescue agencies.

Secondary responders such as local medical examiners and towing agencies also play important roles. In 1999 the emergency response community formed a Highway Incident Management Committee (HRHIM), which attempts to improve the region's public safety emergency responses as they apply to highway incidents.

**Noteworthy**

HRHIM was instrumental in producing the first Multi-Jurisdictional memorandum of Understanding for Highway Incident Management in December of 1999. This nationally recognized document provides a uniform guide for safe operations at incidents occurring on the region's highway system.

**HAMPTON ROADS HOUSING CONSORTIUM  
(HRHC)**

[www.hamptonroadshousing.org](http://www.hamptonroadshousing.org)

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723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Executive Director**

Greg Grootendorst

**Mission**

The Hampton Roads Housing Consortium is a non-profit organization whose mission is to cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies, private organizations and community groups, in developing programs designed to meet the needs of low and moderate income housing. They work to assist the residents of Hampton Roads in the utilization of all available resources to meet their needs.

**Overview**

The Consortium serves as a regional vehicle to promote and facilitate excellent and affordable housing opportunities within Hampton Roads. The HRHC believes that households of all income levels deserve a fair opportunity to buy or rent housing that is safe, affordable and suitable for their needs. The HRHC also supports adequate housing for persons with special needs including the disabled and elderly.

Many HRHC member groups are directly involved with organizations that focus their efforts on community planning, housing production and rehabilitation, homeownership counseling, housing assistance program management and affordable mortgage financing. The HRHC gives these organizations and other interested groups a regional framework for information exchange, training activities and cooperative action. The HRHC also provides linkage with a statewide network of housing organizations through its membership in the Virginia Housing Consortium.

HRHC meetings are open to the public and any organization with a housing-related mission or interest is invited to become a voting member.

HRHC is made up of persons representing those organizations that deal with Housing and Development Organizations (such as Housing Partnerships, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity) and prominent lending institutions, as well as local utility corporations.

**Noteworthy**

HRHC honored ForKids with its annual Housing and Special Project award.

**HAMPTON ROADS INTEROPERABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(HRICAC)**

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Regional Emergency Management Planner**

Richard Flannery

**Mission**

HRICAC seeks to facilitate opportunities for technical communication interoperability from a regional perspective.

**Overview**

The committee consists of a primary and alternate representative from each of the HRPDC localities. In addition, there is a supporting oversight group that addresses day to day/interim technical issues and represents the overall HRICAC at various meetings and/or activities as authorized by the full HRICAC. The Oversight Group consists of four representatives, two each from the Southside and Peninsula.

HRICAC is responsible for the broad role of addressing regional communications interoperability opportunities and/or projects as requested by the participating localities, CAO's, HRPDC, and the HRICAC as a whole, and other entities.

**Noteworthy**

HRICAC has successfully overseen/managed the most recently installed Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTACRAN) system.

## HAMPTON ROADS LIBRARY NETWORK

Contact any City/County Library for more information

### Overview

HR Library Network, sponsored by the Greater Hampton Roads Public Library Network, provides regional access to public library locations, programs and job openings. Working together, the libraries of Greater Hampton Roads provide a common interface to regional information, better service to library customers, and a working environment of opportunity.

### Noteworthy

The Hampton Roads Library Network has worked in conjunction with all library branches in Hampton Roads to allow the use of one library card at any facility.

City of Chesapeake	<a href="http://www.CityOfChesapeake.net">www.CityOfChesapeake.net</a>
City of Franklin	<a href="http://www.FranklinVA.com">www.FranklinVA.com</a>
City of Hampton	<a href="http://www.Hampton.gov">www.Hampton.gov</a>
City of Newport News	<a href="http://www.Newport-News.VA.us">www.Newport-News.VA.us</a>
City of Norfolk	<a href="http://www.Norfolk.gov">www.Norfolk.gov</a>
City of Poquoson	<a href="http://www.ci.Poquoson.VA.us">www.ci.Poquoson.VA.us</a>
City of Portsmouth	<a href="http://www.PortsmouthVA.gov">www.PortsmouthVA.gov</a>
City of Suffolk	<a href="http://www.Suffolk.VA.us">www.Suffolk.VA.us</a>
City of Virginia Beach	<a href="http://www.VBgov.com">www.VBgov.com</a>
City of Williamsburg	<a href="http://www.ci.Williamsburg.VA.us">www.ci.Williamsburg.VA.us</a>
County of Gloucester	<a href="http://www.co.Gloucester.VA.us">www.co.Gloucester.VA.us</a>
County of Isle of Wight	<a href="http://www.co.Isle-of-Wight.VA.us">www.co.Isle-of-Wight.VA.us</a>
County of James City	<a href="http://www.JCCegov.com">www.JCCegov.com</a>
County of Southampton	<a href="http://www.SouthamptonCounty.org">www.SouthamptonCounty.org</a>
County of Surry	<a href="http://www.SurryCounty.govoffice2.com">www.SurryCounty.govoffice2.com</a>
County of York	<a href="http://www.YorkCounty.gov">www.YorkCounty.gov</a>
Town of Smithfield	<a href="http://www.SmithfieldVA.gov">www.SmithfieldVA.gov</a>

**HAMPTON ROADS METROPOLITAN  
MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM  
(HRMMRS)**

[www.HRMMRS.org](http://www.HRMMRS.org)

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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Emergency Management Planner**

Richard Flannery  
HRPDC

**Mission**

Through preparation and coordination among local law enforcement, fire, hazmat, EMS, hospital, public health, emergency management and other "first response" personnel, HRMMRS produces plans to respond effectively as a region in the first 48 hours of a public health or safety crisis.

**Overview**

HRMMRS works with Ready Virginia, Prepare Hampton Roads, FEMA, Virginia Corps, Virginia Medical reserve Corps, citizens corps, American Red Cross, Homeland security, HR Emergency Management Commission, VA Dept of Health, VA Dept of Emergency Management, Tidewater EMS, Peninsula EMS, National MMRS and HRPDC.

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security program that provides funding to the 124 largest jurisdictions to assist in maintaining plans, purchasing equipment and pharmaceuticals, and conducting exercises and training to develop and sustain the capabilities to respond to a mass casualty event. The MMRS program is the only federal initiative that supports multidisciplinary mass casualty response planning at the local/regional level.

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (HRMMRS) was developed under the direction of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) in 1999. It includes the cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg and the counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, Surry and York. The HRPDC contracts with the Tidewater EMS Council to manage the activities of the HRMMRS.

**Noteworthy**

The HRMMRS designed, purchased and equipped eight Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs).

**HAMPTON ROADS MILITARY AND FACILITIES ALLIANCE**  
(HRMFFA)

[www.hrmffa.org](http://www.hrmffa.org)

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Norfolk, VA 23510  
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**Executive Director**

Frank Roberts

**Mission**

The mission of the HRMFFA is to protect, preserve and grow military and federal capabilities in Hampton Roads for the common good and welfare of the residents of the region. Through regional advocacy and influence, the Alliance acts to retain and attract organizations, capabilities, and investments owned, operated or funded by the federal government.

**Overview**

The Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) is an initiative of the Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs Caucus. The Alliance was established to collectively focus area efforts on preserving and growing Federal capabilities within the Hampton Roads region. The HRMFFA was incorporated within the Commonwealth of Virginia in March 2006 under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as a tax exempt, not-for-profit 501c(4) organization.

The Alliance is managed by a Board of Directors comprised of thirteen public sector directors, who are the Mayors of the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg, and the Chairs of the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Isle of Wight, James City, and York. Additionally the Board of Directors has up to ten private sector directors from the local business community.

**Noteworthy**

The HRMFFA is engaged in a debate between Florida and Virginia over the future homeporting of a nuclear aircraft carrier.

## **HAMPTON ROADS NORFOLK AIRPORT TASKFORCE**

Norfolk Airport Authority  
2200 Norview Avenue  
Norfolk, VA 23518-5807  
Tel: (757) 622-2242

### **Executive Director**

Kenneth Scott

### **Mission**

To assist the Norfolk Airport Authority in enhancing commercial air service for Hampton Roads.

### **Overview**

The Hampton Roads-Norfolk Airport Task Force is a private sector initiative. It was born out of the recognition that improved commercial air service for Hampton Roads is vitally important to the future economic competitiveness of the region.

The Hampton Roads-Norfolk Airport Task Force consists of business leaders throughout Hampton Roads, including representatives from Virginia Beach Vision, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Portsmouth Partnership, Greater Norfolk Corporation, Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, Hampton Roads Maritime Association and Suffolk Tomorrow. It is modeled after the Washington Airport Task Force, a similar initiative in the Washington, D.C. area that has successfully advanced the quality and scope of air service at both Dulles and Washington National airports.

The primary goal of the Task Force is to establish the Hampton Roads area as a more competitive business and market center by improving and expanding its overall level of air service. By making air travel to and from Norfolk International Airport more accessible, convenient and cost-effective to both national and international destinations, the Hampton Roads region can significantly enhance its ability to successfully compete in the global economy.

Among the Task Force's specific goals are expanded routes and more carriers; improved and increased international connection options; more competitive airfares; and an overall heightened perception of Norfolk International as a "business friendly" airport.

### **Noteworthy**

Activities undertaken by the Task Force to date include assisting the Airport Authority in documenting both the level and mode of travel between Hampton Roads and the Washington metro area as part of an ongoing effort to decrease fares and increase service between Hampton Roads and Washington National Airport.

## **HAMPTON ROADS PARTNERSHIP**

(HRP)

[www.HRP.org](http://www.HRP.org)

430 World Trade Center

Norfolk, VA 23510

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### **Executive Director**

Dana Dickens

### **Mission**

The Hampton Roads Partnership focuses on economic development across the region, and is committed to moving Hampton Roads towards being more competitive in today's global economy.

### **Overview**

The Hampton Roads Partnership is a public-private nonprofit organization committed to pursuing regional competitiveness for Hampton Roads in a global economy. HRP represents ten cities, six counties, and one town in Southeastern Virginia, and works to facilitate regional collaboration and action with the intended result of improving the quality of life for all of the region's citizens.

HRP's operating funds come from investments made by businesses, educational institutions and the localities in the Hampton Roads Region. HRP focuses its efforts on:

- The Federal Government
- Technology-related economic development
- Transportation
- Tourism
- Workforce training
- Regional identity
- Healthy communities
- Water resources
- Professional sports

### **Noteworthy**

HRP is responsible for the "Hampton Roads America's First Region" campaign that can be seen and heard all throughout the region.

## **HAMPTON ROADS PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY**

[www.hrpwa.org](http://www.hrpwa.org)

11712C Jefferson Avenue, #247

Newport News, VA

Tel: (757) 599-1006

Fax: (866)-873-3690

### **Executive Director**

Chris Amerson

### **Mission**

To supply Hampton Roads with knowledgeable workers experienced in the field of Public Works.

### **Overview**

Recent trends have shown a reduction in the amount of experienced workers in various Public Works departments within Hampton Roads. Because many people are retiring, and others are transferring to private industry to earn more pay, an academy was structured to educate workers for careers in the Public Works field.

### **Noteworthy**

The Hampton Roads Public Works Academy created the Public Works Academy Cadet Program for High School students. It consists of courses teaching the basics of 18 major areas of work within Public Works. Each class is taught by a subject matter expert. Other training programs include:

- Construction & Building Trades Courses
- Construction Mathematics
- Hampton Roads Regional Storm Water Training
- Introduction to Construction Inspector
- Designing Wastewater Pumps Classes.

## **HAMPTON ROADS REALTORS ASSOCIATION**

(HRRRA)

638 Independence Pkwy # 100

Chesapeake, VA 23320

Tel: (757) 473-9700

### **Executive Director**

Crystal Anderson

### **Mission**

The mission of the HRRRA is to enhance the ability of Realtors throughout Eastern Virginia to achieve business success in an ethical and professional manner, and to protect and preserve private property rights.

### **Overview**

HRRRA is the largest Realtor trade association in Southeastern Virginia with over 4,000 Realtor and affiliate members. As a member of the association, individuals are also members of both the Virginia Association of Realtors (VAR), the largest of all trade associations in the state, and the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the largest trade association in the country with 1.3 million members.

HRRRA is organized around several councils that focus on specialties in real estate. These councils are designed to meet specific needs or segments of the membership by holding special meetings with relevant speakers and other programs, products and services.

### **Noteworthy**

HRRRA has worked with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to encourage the General Assembly to produce a broad-based funding mechanism to solve the region's transportation problems.

They also contributed money to the HER Shelter as well as the Suffolk Tornado disaster.

## **HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING ACADEMY**

[www.hrcjta.com](http://www.hrcjta.com)

Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy

805 Middle Ground Blvd.

Newport News, VA 23606

Tel: (757) 591-9059

Fax: (757) 595-1801

### **Executive Director**

Vince Ferrera

### **Mission**

The mission of the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy is to furnish the highest achievable level of professional criminal justice training and other related services to our partner organizations.

### **Overview**

HRCJTA consists of eleven paid employees and many member agencies. These agencies are local police departments, educational institutions, and criminal and defendant incarceration facilities.

The Academy offers many academic programs for training in Criminal Justice, including:

- Entry level training for jailor, court security and civil process officers,
- Entry level training for police officers and deputy sheriffs who perform police functions
- Basic telecommunications training.

## **HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL JAIL**

2690 Elmhurst Lane  
Portsmouth, VA 23701  
Tel: (757) 488-7500

### **Superintendent**

Roy Cherry

### **Mission**

The Hampton Roads Regional jail works in cooperation with the Virginia Association of Regional Jails to encourage mutual cooperation and assistance among the membership and the criminal justice community.

### **Overview**

Hampton Roads Regional Jail is an institution that is one of nineteen located throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL  
TASK FORCE TO END HOMELESSNESS**

810 Union Street  
City Hall Building, Suite 1001  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
Tel: (757) 664-4679  
Fax: (757) 441-2909

**Mission**

To bring together several localities and numerous homeless advocates to adopt a regional plan to end homelessness while also redeeming lives.

**Overview**

Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim set a goal of ending homelessness in ten years in Norfolk. That put in motion the establishment of an Office to End Homelessness in Norfolk. Since spring 2005, a regional task force has met regularly to brainstorm ideas.

The mayors of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Franklin and the chairman of the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors pledged support for a regional plan.

**Noteworthy**

The cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Portsmouth joined together to open the Gosnold Apartments in Norfolk in recent years. Single adults now occupy the 60 efficiency apartments. Of them, 80 percent were considered "chronically homeless" prior to moving in. Two social workers help tenants locate jobs, access mental health and substance abuse services, and obtain their GEDs.

The Cloverleaf Apartments, similar in size and scope to Gosnold, is scheduled to open on South Military Highway in Virginia Beach, at the site of a former skating rink. Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake collaborated on that project.

## HAMPTON ROADS RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

[www.hamptonroadsrp.org](http://www.hamptonroadsrp.org)

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Newport News, VA 23606

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Fax: (757) 269-5755

### **Executive Director**

H. Lee Beach, Jr., Phd

### **Mission**

The Hampton Roads Research Partnership (HRRP) seeks to increase regional prosperity through technology-based economic development.

### **Overview**

HRRP is funded by its members and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. The Partnership coordinates research efforts among 2,000 HRRP-affiliated scientists and engineers and directs its efforts towards bioscience, modeling and simulation, and sensors. They believe that these technologies fuel a positive cycle of technology transfer and wealth creation.

### **Noteworthy**

Norfolk State University's Center for Gaming and Simulation joined with the Research Partnership to conduct a workshop on wireless technologies for professionals from both academia and industry. The one-day event was designed to help attendees orient research and development to match market needs and future trends.

## HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT

[www.hrsd.com](http://www.hrsd.com)

1436 Air Rail Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
Tel: (757) 460-2261

### **General Manager**

Ted Henifen

### **Mission**

Their mission is to prevent pollution, protect public health, and support community development by providing wastewater collection, treatment, and related services.

### **Overview**

The Hampton Roads Sanitation District began in 1940 with the public approval of legislation from the Virginia General Assembly. The District serves seventeen counties and cities that include Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Isle of Wight, James City, York, Gloucester, Matthews, King and Queen, King William, and Middlesex. The governor appoints eight commissioners, each serving four-year terms to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD). Revenue is derived from service charges and revenue bonds.

HRSD constructs, operates, and maintains a wastewater treatment system. This system includes nine large treatment plants in Hampton Roads and four small plants on the Middle Peninsula, 104 pump stations, and approximately 500 miles of pipe with a combined capacity of 230 million gallons per day.

### **Noteworthy**

HRSD is embarking on a major project to expand its Atlantic Treatment Plant to accommodate the growth experienced in portions of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake.

Also, HRSD is constructing approximately six miles of pipelines from the Kiln Creek area of York County to the Wythe Creek area of Poquoson. The work also includes pipelines between Victory Boulevard and Yorktown Road and between Tabb Middle School and Route 134. These new underground pipes are needed to convey the wastewater generated by area homes and businesses to HRSD treatment plants. The new pipelines will replace aging portions of the existing system and will improve system operations.

**HAMPTON ROADS  
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
(HRSBDC)**

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Chesapeake, VA  
Tel: (757) 664-2592  
Fax: (757) 548-1835

**Executive Director**

Jim Carroll

**Mission**

Their mission is to contribute to the growth and development of the economy by providing management, technical, and other assistance and information to the region's small business community.

**Overview**

The HRSBDC was established in 1990 as a non-profit organization under a partnership agreement with the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and Thomas Nelson Community College. Working with the Mason Enterprise Center, George Mason University and the U.S. Small Business Administration, it is tasked with providing technical assistance services to the Hampton Roads small business community.

Since its inception, the number of local municipalities and organizations that provide either direct or in-kind financial support has grown to include: the cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach; the counties of Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton and York, and the Chamber of Commerce from Hampton Roads, Franklin-Southampton County, Isle of Wight, Windsor and Smithfield, Virginia Peninsula, York County and the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance. The eighteen cities and counties of the Greater Hampton Roads Metropolitan Statistical Area constitute the largest concentration of populations of small businesses in the state.

The SBDC works with its sponsors and other supporters to provide a wide variety of services to either new or existing small businesses. These services include: Business planning assistance through ongoing counseling services and training programs and other professional seminars, providing business information through research, access to databases, and lectures and programs designed to provide information on a wide array of topics. In addition they provide management skill counseling to enable business owners to become more efficient and effective in the marketplace.

## **HAMPTON ROADS STORM**

[www.hrstorm.org](http://www.hrstorm.org)

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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Chesapeake, VA 23320

Tel: (757) 420-8300

Fax: (757) 523-4881

### **Executive Director**

John M. Carlock

### **Mission**

The mission of HR STORM is to educate the public about the impacts of storm water runoff. They focus on proper disposal methods for auto maintenance products and household chemicals, proper pet waste management, and give tips on how to avoid other potentially environmentally dangerous activities.

### **Overview**

HR STORM, the storm water education program of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), is a coalition of local government staff members who share ideas and pool resources for targeted educational program efforts about storm water management. Some of the more recent educational efforts have been on proper disposal methods for auto maintenance products and household chemicals and proper pet waste management.

HR STORM makes extensive use of radio and local television for its public service campaigns. Secondary sources are local publications such as the real estate magazines distributed by the local newspapers.

### **Noteworthy**

HR STORM launched “The Chesapeake Club” with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to urge residents to avoid unnecessary fertilizing.

**HAMPTON ROADS TACTICAL REGIONAL AREA NETWORK  
(HRTACRAN)**

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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Regional Emergency Management Planner**

Richard Flannery

**Mission**

To provide for effective communication among emergency response officials throughout Hampton Roads.

**Overview**

The HRTacRAN system provides for a primary microwave link with secondary phone links among the various localities within the Hampton Roads Planning District, as well as other essential entities in the region, such as the U. S. Coast Guard and the ports. The system is integrated with the radio communications systems of the participating localities and supports radio communications for fire, rescue, law enforcement, and emergency management functions. It further provides a technological medium upon which other communications capabilities can be facilitated (such as video teleconferencing among local emergency operations centers and other entities, and IT/IP functions for data sharing by emergency managers during disasters or major emergencies).

**Noteworthy**

HRTACRAN conducted a successful trial run during tropical storm Hanna in September 2008. WHRO served as the center for receiving emergency response information before it was distributed regionally.

**HAMPTON ROADS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL  
(HRTC)**

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Fax: (757) 865-0298

**Executive Director**

Jarrett Brandon Early

**Mission**

HRTC's mission is to accelerate the transformation of Hampton Roads and its technology firms into world-recognized technology leaders.

**Overview**

To achieve their mission, the council aims to foster the development, recognition, and long-term success of technology companies in Hampton Roads. It advocates an economic, tax and regulatory environment, and the creation of a workforce and infrastructure that maximizes the competitiveness of the area's technology community. It promotes the region as an ideal location for new and expanding technology companies. It provides a forum for those firms to exchange information and ideas.

**Noteworthy**

Through communication advocacy and education, the Hampton Roads Technology Council (HRTC) is promoting the growth of Southeastern Virginia's technology sector and the success of its individual technology companies.

## **HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT (HRT)**

[www.hrtransit.org](http://www.hrtransit.org)  
3400 Victoria Blvd  
Hampton, VA 23661  
Tel: (757)222-6100

### **Executive Director**

Michael S. Townes

### **Mission**

Hampton Roads Transit, or HRT, serves the Hampton roads community through high quality, safe, efficient and environmentally friendly regional transportation services. They see regional mobility as the cornerstone of economic development and quality of life in Hampton Roads. HRT serves seven cities: Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

### **Overview**

HRT (or Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads) was created in 1999 when Tidewater Regional Transit (or Tidewater Transportation District Commission) and Peninsula Transit (or Peninsula Transportation District Commission) merged to form one regional public transportation system in Hampton Roads. HRT helps connect all of Hampton Roads by linking the Peninsula's and Southside's bus routes and other locations within the region.

### **Noteworthy**

HRT's accomplishments include:

- The Virginia Beach Wave, a hybrid electric bus that saves gas, travels various routes within the city that brings Atlantic Avenue's beachgoers together with the shops and restaurants that sit along the oceanfront.
- HRT MAX, or Metro Area Express, that allows commuters to travel to a specific destination in Hampton Roads, mostly work, without the stress of having to stop at all stops along the way. The Portsmouth Loop has shuttles running every 15 minutes for riders wishing to travel around downtown Portsmouth.
- The NET bus, or Norfolk Electric Transit, a complimentary bus system provided by the city of Norfolk and HRT. This route accommodates the needs of commuters by connecting HRT MAX riders with their respective places of employment.
- Paddle Wheel Ferries that travel between North Landing and High Street in Portsmouth and Downtown Norfolk at Waterside and Harbor Park during baseball season.

### **Noteworthy**

Currently HRT is in the process of creating a light rail system in downtown Norfolk. It will have stops between Eastern Virginia Medical School and Newtown Road.

**HAMPTON ROADS UTILITY AND  
HEAVY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

[www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com)

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Chesapeake, VA 23321  
Phone: (757) 484-7500  
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**President**

Andy McSweeney

**Mission**

It is the goal of the Hampton Roads Utility and Heavy Contractors Association to provide meaningful, effective, and responsive representation to its membership.

**Overview**

HRHUCA promotes efficiencies within the contracting system, provides opportunities for training and professional development, supports reasonable legislative actions that will benefit the industry, and shares knowledge and expertise with members.

The HRUHCA serves as a unified voice for the regional utility and heavy construction industry and promotes communication and education. The benefits of membership are:

- Become part of an influential group with lobbying power
- Members' employees and their children are eligible to apply for HRUHCA scholarships
- Can take advantage of educational and training services offered by the association and the Pruden Center
- Opportunity to share ideas and network with others in the industry

Members include large and small utility and heavy construction firms, site developers, marine contractors, vendors, municipalities, and regional authorities. HRUHCA meets the first Wednesday of each month.

**HAMPTON ROADS WATER EFFICIENCY TEAM  
(HRWET)**

[www.hrwet.org](http://www.hrwet.org)

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Executive Director of Physical Planning**

John Carlock

**Mission**

The mission of HR WET is to develop and implement a regional approach to promoting efficient water use throughout Hampton Roads.

**Overview**

The HRWET program raises public awareness of the region's water supplies and the need to use them efficiently with the objective of changing habits, not lifestyles, regarding water use.

HR WET does this by conducting a comprehensive educational program involving media relations, advertising, demonstrations at festivals and exhibits, and public speaking for civic groups.

The program includes videos, brochures, water-saving kits, a clearinghouse for exchanging information on water-wise practices, and a program that recognizes water-efficient businesses and industries.

HR WET also offers educational grants that aim to assist with environmentally friendly projects, and have numerous links to other sites and informational pages that give tips on how to preserve and save water throughout Hampton Roads.

**Noteworthy**

The H.E.R. Shelter built and furnished a brand-new facility to meet the growing number of victims of domestic violence seeking safe shelter. This increased capacity to 42 women and children a night.

## **HAMPTON ROADS WATER QUALITY RESPONSE PLAN**

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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Chesapeake, VA 23320

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### **Executive Director of Physical Planning**

John Carlock

### **Mission**

By assuming a proactive role, the region's water utilities and health departments will work as a team to develop health risk assessment protocols and public responses to findings of waterborne health threats. The cooperative ensures that the response to a water quality emergency by the various agencies involved is cohesive and synchronized.

### **Overview**

In response to national and local drinking water quality issues and the increased media coverage of such occurrences, the Directors of Utilities, the Directors of Public Health, and the Offices of Epidemiology and Water Programs staff recognized the need to improve communication between water purveyors and health officials. They felt that it was necessary to improve the communication process so that actions regarding waterborne threats to human health were cooperatively taken and so that accurate information could be provided to the citizens of Hampton Roads.

The Hampton Roads Water Quality Response Team developed Hampton Roads Water Quality Response Plan.

This plan provided an established procedure that:

- Assembled emergency representatives of the water utilities, regional health departments, and local health districts in the event of a water quality emergency.
- Determined the correct course of action and facilitates a coordinated response to the public and/or media.
- Developed an emergency response chart of the water utilities, regional health departments, and local health districts contact procedures.
- Furnished a directory of primary and secondary emergency contacts for water utilities and health departments in the Hampton Roads area.
- Gave a list of cross-educational training topics and a schedule for implementing training.
- Produced fact sheets on topics that cover possible events and waterborne health concerns.

**HELP AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE, INC**  
(HER)

[www.hershelter.com](http://www.hershelter.com)

P.O. Box 2187

Portsmouth, VA 23702

Tel: (757) 485-1445

Fax: (757) 485-0883

**Executive Director**

Sandra Becker

**Mission**

The purpose of Help and Emergency Response, Inc. (H.E.R) is to provide shelter and to engage in educational efforts to eliminate domestic violence.

**Overview**

The H.E.R. Shelter is a private, non-profit agency, certified by the United Way of South Hampton Roads, and the statewide coalition, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA). It has a 24-hour emergency hotline where a trained advocate can assist individuals in need with information, referrals, or when appropriate, can provide safe, emergency housing for a woman and her children.

The majority of funding is received from the following grants/sponsors:

- The United Way of South Hampton Roads
- The Virginia Department of Social Services
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice
- The City of Chesapeake
- The City of Portsmouth
- Soroptimist International
- Thrievant for Lutherans
- Over-The-Hill Bowl
- FEMA

**Noteworthy**

The H.E.R. Shelter built and furnished a brand-new facility to meet the growing number of victims of domestic violence seeking safe shelter. This increased capacity to 42 women and children a night.

## **HOPE HOUSE FOUNDATION**

[www.hope-house.org](http://www.hope-house.org)

801 Boush Street, Suite 302

Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: (757) 625-6161

### **Executive Director**

Lynn Seagle

### **Overview**

Hope House Foundation provides individualized supported living services for and with adults with developmental disabilities in their own homes or apartments. They currently serve more than 130 people living in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Hope House is known as an innovator and leader in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. In fact, study tours from the United Kingdom make Hope House one of only three stops when visiting residential service providers in the United

### **Noteworthy**

In 2008, Hope House Foundation received the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) national award for full community inclusion.

Much of Hope House's notoriety can be attributed to its Executive Director, Lynne Seagle. Lynne is a sought-after consultant both nationally and internationally. In 1999, she was awarded a Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation Leadership Award for her work on behalf of people with disabilities. Previous recipients of this award have included B.F. Skinner and Mother Teresa.

## **INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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### **Executive Director**

Dwight L. Farmer

### **Mission**

The Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) seeks to help reduce traffic congestion and increase safety on our roadways.

### **Overview**

ITS includes methods such as the use of highway message signs, video cameras, on-line communications, traffic signal systems, and automated toll booths. Daily commuters, residents, military personnel, tourists, and commercial transporters throughout Hampton Roads are being informed, assisted and influenced by the broad range of services now possible through ITS.

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) vision for the region includes the establishment of a multi-jurisdictional transportation system unified by ITS technologies. Over the long-term, this vision includes full-scale communication through Smart Traffic Centers in every city and county that will tie into the existing Smart Traffic Center of Hampton Roads.

The HRPDC provides support to local communities in ITS endeavors and coordinates the Hampton Roads ITS Committee, a formal committee of the MPO.

The ITS Committee consists primarily of traffic engineers and traffic operations staff from all sixteen local jurisdictions, the local transit agencies, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Virginia State Police, the Virginia Port Authority, the Department of Navy, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC).

The Hampton Roads ITS Committee is one of the first cooperative, inter-agency, multi-jurisdictional transportation groups in the nation. The accomplishments of the Hampton Roads ITS Committee serve as a model for the advancement of ITS throughout the country.

## **LEAD HAMPTON ROADS**

[www.leadhamptonroads.com](http://www.leadhamptonroads.com)

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Norfolk, VA 23510  
Tel: (757) 664-2528

### **Executive Director**

Angela Blackwell

### **Mission**

The mission of Lead Hampton Roads (LHR) is to build and strengthen regional leadership through education, partnerships and networking across traditional boundaries for the purpose of improving the quality of life in greater Hampton Roads

### **Overview**

Lead Hampton Roads takes a look at the social, economic, political, and educational needs within the community and then puts its leaders to work. Their participants are provided the opportunity to gain hands on community development experience and are encouraged to take constructive action where it is needed most.

Lead Hampton Roads focus diverse business and community leaders on the key issues that face Hampton Roads and its position in the state, the nation and the global economy. The program encourages the development of innovative leadership strategies, and provides extensive networking and team building opportunities.

### **Noteworthy**

40-50 individuals from the private and public sectors form a class each year that meets monthly for an entire day. Members take field trips, receive briefings, take part in leadership exercises and conceive and conduct group projects. To date LHR has nearly 1000 graduates.

## **LEADERSHIP HISTORIC TRIANGLE**

[www.leadershiphistorictriangle.camp7.org](http://www.leadershiphistorictriangle.camp7.org)

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Williamsburg, VA 23187

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Fax: (757) 229-2047

### **Executive Director**

Bob Hershberger

### **Mission**

To encourage, develop and support future community leaders.

### **Overview**

The intention of the Leadership Historical Triangle is to promote the importance of community involvement, to encourage class participants to be actively involved in the Historic Triangle community, and to implement outreach efforts to broaden and diversify the participant base and alumni participation.

They do this by bringing together participants who are eager to expand their community involvement and introduce the participants to key community leaders and organizations that address major issues. Leadership Historical Triangle also works to provide education, training, and development in community and leadership skills, and also to provide participants with an enjoyable experience as they enhance their roles as leaders, gain personal and professional growth, and form lasting friendships.

The LHT program provides the foundation necessary to develop effective leaders within the Community.

### **Noteworthy**

The Leadership Historic Triangle is raising money to install indoor plumbing in the homes located in the Historic Triangle communities of James City County, Williamsburg, and York County that still lack water and/or sewer.

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA

[www.vpcc.org](http://www.vpcc.org)

21 Enterprise Parkway, Suite 100,  
Hampton, Virginia 23666  
Tel: (757) 262-2000  
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### **Chairman**

Charles Mitchell

### **Mission**

The program attempts to provide premier personal and professional growth opportunities for people who want to make a difference on the Peninsula.

### **Overview**

Students in the Leadership Institute gain knowledge that would otherwise take years to acquire. They obtain this through access to:

- A broad exposure to local issues and programs
- An introduction to established leaders of the Virginia Peninsula
- The development of essential leadership qualities through interaction with fellow classmates
- An expanded network of community contacts

## **LEE'S FRIENDS**

[www.leesfriends.org](http://www.leesfriends.org)

7400 Hampton Boulevard, Room 201

Norfolk, VA. 23505

Phone (757) 440-7501

### **Executive Director**

Carol Olsen

### **Mission**

To offer person to person help and needed emotional and practical support to cancer patients and their families who are facing the crisis of diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

### **Overview**

Lee's Friends offers person to person help and needed emotional and practical help to cancer patients and their families who are facing the crisis of diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The patient and their family may be suddenly faced with a host of emotional traumas. Lee's House provides trained, caring volunteers to help in such time of trouble.

Many patients undergoing cancer treatments are hard pressed for even such basic necessities as food and clothing. In case of hardships, Lee's Friends helps coordinate services that meet basic human needs, such as transportation – Patients, many of whom are weak and in pain, may spend long, hard hours getting to and from doctor's offices, laboratories, radiation oncology centers, and hospitals for treatments. Lee's House's two vehicles and volunteer drivers, who often use their own cars, provide patients with needed transportation.

### **Noteworthy**

Lee's friends have been the recipients of many awards that include:

- President's Volunteer Action Award
- Governor's Gold Medal Award for Volunteer Excellence
- J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award
- Distinguished Merit Award
- Outstanding Organization Award
- Virginia Volunteer Administrator Award
- Community Leader Award
- L.D. Britt Community Service Award
- Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Award

## **HAMPTON ROADS MAYORS AND CHAIRS HAMPTON ROADS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

### **Overview**

The elected Mayors of all Hampton Roads cities and the Chairpersons of local County Boards or Supervisors meet on a regular basis to receive presentations on regional issues, such as transportation, military facilities and homelessness, and discuss ways they can work in a united fashion to promote the region's economy and quality of life.

Likewise the Chief Administrative Officers of the same localities also meet on a regular basis for the same purpose.

Localities participating are:

- the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg,
- the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, Surry, and York.

The CAO's often discuss new initiatives that relate to the management and operation of their local governments. Neither the CAO's or Mayors and Chairs have political or legislative authority.

### **Noteworthy:**

In 2008, the CAO's asked the Planning District Commission to conduct a study of solid waste disposal in Southside Hampton Roads. The agency currently handling that function, the Southeastern Public Service Authority, is slated to end in 2018, and its members – Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Franklin, Virginia Beach, Isle of Wight, Suffolk and Southampton – must decide whether to continue a regional system or operate independently.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
(MPO)

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**Executive Director**

Dwight L. Farmer

**Mission**

Their mission is to develop a Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan, a Transportation Improvement Program, a Congestion Management Process, and an Intermodal Management System.

**Overview**

The HRPDC provides staffing for the MPO to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities and to coordinate efforts with the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, Williamsburg Area Transit (WAT), and VDOT. The MPO's Technical Advisory Committee provides review and recommendations on all regional transportation planning efforts.

Voting members of the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization include representatives from the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg, and the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, and York, as well as the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, Williamsburg Area Transit (WAT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

**Noteworthy**

Hampton Roads MPO has been able to:

- Develop the annual Unified Planning Work Program, which includes the allocation of funds authorized to finance the planning process.
- Approve the work activities in the Unified Planning Work Program through the MPO voting process.
- Participate in the development of major investment studies.
- Participate in work sessions that support carrying out the planning process.

## **NORFOLK SENIOR CENTER**

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### **Executive Director**

Barbara Lifland

### **Mission**

The mission of Norfolk Senior Center is to be the pre-eminent focal point for services, activities, and information addressing the needs and interests of older adults in South Hampton Roads

### **Overview**

The Norfolk Senior Center seeks to enhance the quality of life for adults age 50 and above. It does this by committing to help older adults in South Hampton Roads remain in their homes with independence and dignity.

The Norfolk Senior Center provides opportunities for older persons to continue to grow and contribute through various activities, either as volunteers or students. This helps to meet their social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and economic needs.

## **OPPORTUNITY INCORPORATED**

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Norfolk, Virginia 23510

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### **Executive Director**

Judy Begland

### **Mission**

Opportunity Inc. seeks to ensure that regional workforce development system is market-driven and responsive in meeting the employment and training needs of employers and job seekers alike.

### **Overview**

Opportunity Inc.'s Board of Directors (the Hampton Roads Workforce Development Board) is responsible for developing policy and overseeing local workforce development initiatives in partnership with elected officials. In Virginia, there are sixteen local Workforce Development Boards.

The respective cities and counties appoint the board, whose members include representatives from business, industry, educational agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies, public employment services, public assistance agencies, vocational rehabilitation and labor organizations as well as the military. Membership is drawn from individuals who have optimum policy-making authority from their organizations.

Opportunity Inc. initiatives respond to the needs of the business community for trained and qualified workers. Through successful efforts that strengthen the regional workforce, the organization strives to increase per capita income, promote greater corporate competitiveness and improve regional prosperity.

Opportunity Inc. is the winner of the Virginia Department of Education's Regional Business and Industry Partnership Community College Award.

## **OUR HOUSE FAMILIES**

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Chesapeake, VA 23324

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### **Executive Director**

Alecia Gregg

### **Mission**

Our House Families provides a continuum of services for families in crisis, preventing homelessness and restoring the homeless.

### **Overview**

Through a network of food closets along with financial assistance and financial literacy education, Our House Families strives to prevent homelessness in the City of Chesapeake. By providing tangible resources to families in crisis, it helps families avoid homelessness, eviction or essential utility cutoff.

Additionally, Our House Families provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, education and other comprehensive programs to smooth the very challenging transition from homelessness to home.

Our House Families is committed to assisting families to regain and permanently secure self-sufficiency and independence with a steady stream of help and hope. Their goal is to see families restored and renewed.

### **Noteworthy**

Our House Families served a mother with 3 children in a Housing Program for over 18 months. During that time she was able to obtain her GED, attend and complete training to become a CNA, and increase her monthly income.

**PENINSULA AGENCY ON AGING**  
(PAA)

[www.paainc.org](http://www.paainc.org)

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Newport News, VA 23606-3585  
Tel: (757) 873-0541

**Executive Director**  
William Massey

**Mission**

PAA's mission is to support the independence and quality of life of Peninsula residents primarily 60 and over by advocating, arranging and/or providing vital human services.

**Overview**

PAA succeeds its mission by:

- Offering home-delivered meals that deliver hot lunches to individuals age 60 and over that are homebound due to illness or disability.
- Acting as a clearinghouse for information of interest to older adults and their caregivers. There is no charge for PAA's information and assistance service.
- Assisting older adults and their families in locating and arranging for in-home care.
- Counseling elders and others on many insurance issues including Medicare, Medigap, Long Term Care Insurance, fraud, and appeals.
- Providing information regarding community resources available
- Linking seniors to the community resources they need to remain independent.
- Arranging educational programs
- Providing transportation for elderly and disabled individuals to adult daycare centers, medical facilities, and to other activities sponsored by PAA.

PAA provides programs in cooperation with other community agencies in Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg, Poquoson, James City and York counties.

**Noteworthy**

Under the direction of the Peninsula Agency on Aging (PAA), the Williamsburg area is leading the Commonwealth in the implementation of Virginia's "*No Wrong Door*" project. *No Wrong Door* improves service delivery to Virginia's older and/or disabled adult population by strengthening communication among service providers. The project is a collaborative effort between multiple state agencies, local agencies and private partners.

## **PENINSULA COUNCIL FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

[www.peninsulaworklink.com](http://www.peninsulaworklink.com)

[www.PCFWD.org](http://www.PCFWD.org)

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Hampton, Virginia 23666

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Fax: (757) 826-6706

### **Executive Director**

Ned Carr

### **Mission**

To provide human capital solutions through creative funding strategies and partnerships that keeps our region globally competitive and economically strong.

### **Overview**

The Peninsula Council for Workforce Development staff ensures compliance with their mission statement and service standards.

The Council is governed by a 17-member executive committee consisting of nine representatives from the private business community, seven local elected officials (one from each jurisdiction) and the president of Thomas Nelson Community College.

The Council and its network of workforce partners offer employment and training services.

The Peninsula WorkLink:

- Creates a pipeline of workers
- Grows the talent of our existing workforce
- Surveys employers
- Demands that labor market studies keep the Peninsula knowledgeable of workforce trends, challenges, and solutions.

### **Noteworthy**

The Small Business Development Center on behalf of the Peninsula Workforce Development Consortium (GPWDC) conducted a survey to identify opportunities and solutions for the small businesses potentially affected by the pending actions of closing Fort Monroe and realigning Fort Eustis.

## **PENINSULA INTEGRATED 9-1-1 SYSTEM**

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Yorktown, VA 23690-0532  
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### **Principal Contact:**

Terry Hall – York County Communications Manager

### **Mission**

To facilitate the communication of public safety officials between the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson and the counties of York and James City.

### **Overview**

In 2002, York County embarked on a three-year plan to replace an outdated facility with a completely modern 911 center. The County saw a critical need to upgrade its 911 system, radio equipment and recording technology.

At the same time, James City was also contemplating the purchase of a new emergency communications program, and a member of its Board of Supervisors suggested to county management that it approach its neighbors to investigate the feasibility of a regional solution. Subsequently, James City County, York County, Poquoson and Williamsburg banded together and purchased a state of the art system.

The entire process took about two years to complete. The localities worked as a team to determine requirements for the system, and then acquired the necessary equipment.

Servicing a geographic area that encompasses the historic triangle of Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown, the 9-1-1 centers process a combined volume of about 400,000 calls each year.

Dispatchers in each locality are now able to monitor the emergency calls coming from the others and send the closest unit, even if it means ordering an ambulance, fire engine or police car in James City, for instance, to respond to an incident in York. Further if the 9-1-1 system fails in one locality, calls are immediately rerouted to the emergency center in another. The system has enhanced response time and saved the localities some \$5-million in capital costs.

### **Noteworthy**

The counties' investments in new infrastructure have proven so successful that other government organizations, including The National Park Service, have joined. Area hospitals are also being tied into the regional microwave network to improve interoperability and communications.

**PORTSMOUTH AREA RESOURCES COALITION  
(PARC)**

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Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition, Inc

P.O. Box 118

Portsmouth, VA 23704

**Executive Director**

Annie White-Guertin

**Mission**

To promote self-sufficiency by uniting community resources to meet basic human needs in Portsmouth and Western Chesapeake

**Overview**

PARC has serviced those in need in the City of Portsmouth, Western Branch and Deep Creek sections of Chesapeake since 1982. Many people in the area are familiar with PARC because of its family shelter, but are not aware of its other programs.

Its efforts are directed primarily at assisting the homeless, particularly families with children through an array of homeless prevention and sheltered housing programs.

PARC partners and collaborates with other agencies, city departments, and faith-based organizations through the Portsmouth Homeless Advisory Consortium (PHAC) in developing projects and funding to assist the homeless.

PARC's paid staff and volunteers are passionate about providing the best possible services to their clients while making optimum use of the limited financial, human, and other resources available.

**Noteworthy**

PARC is part of Portsmouth's 10-year plan to alleviate homelessness in and around the city. It offers 30 year round shelter beds, 44 transitional housing beds, and 10 permanent housing units.

**REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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**Regional Emergency Management Advisory Planner**

Richard Flannery

**Mission**

The Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee provides valuable input to the HRPDC Board and member localities.

**Overview**

REMTAC's activities are driven each year by the HRPDC Unified Planning Work Program and include planning for natural and manmade disasters that may occur in the region. REMTAC's tasks vary, but include storm or man-made debris management, public education, communications interoperability and special needs planning.

**Noteworthy**

REMTAC was instrumental during Hurricane Katrina in facilitating the swift removal of debris from the roadways.

**SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS  
(SSOS)**

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
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**Executive Director of Physical Planning**

John Carlock

**Mission**

To enhance maintenance, operations and management programs, evaluate and rehabilitate existing sewers, identify increases in capacity, and prioritize short term and long term project goals.

**Overview**

SSOS focuses on managing Sanitary Sewer Overflows in Hampton Roads. The Public Utilities Directors committee, which inaugurated SSOS, seeks to reduce the amount of overflow through the creation of new policy and procedures that each locality will follow.

In cooperation with HRPDC's SSOS regional consent order, the Hampton Roads Sanitation District is committed to providing the Hampton Roads localities with an integrated Regional Hydraulic sewer system.

## SENIOR SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA

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### **Executive Director**

John N. Skirven

### **Mission**

Senior Services of South East Virginia seeks to improve the quality of life for older Virginians.

### **Overview**

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia is the regional organization in South Hampton Roads that supports and enriches the lives of seniors and their families through advocacy, education, information and comprehensive services.

As a private, nonprofit organization, Senior Services provides services for older residents in Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Isle of Wight and Southampton counties. Senior Services receives funding from federal, state, municipal and private sources.

The organization dates to 1968 when the Senior Citizens Service Center incorporated as a 501(c) (3) organization to serve the needs of seniors and their families and caregivers in South Hampton Roads. In 1972, the name changed to the Southeastern Virginia Area wide Model Program, or SEVAMP, and was designated as the Area Agency on Aging in 1973. Their name changed once again, in 1997, to Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia.

### **Noteworthy**

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia has served over two million meals, contributed more than five million hours of volunteer services, driven seniors over 10 million miles and helped thousands of older residents live in their homes independently as an alternative to nursing home care.

## **SETON YOUTH SHELTERS**

[www.setonyouthshelters.org](http://www.setonyouthshelters.org)

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Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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### **Executive Director**

Paul Saley

### **Mission**

Seton Youth Shelters seeks to provide a safe haven and counseling and outreach services 24 hours per day, without charge, to assist youth in crisis throughout Hampton Roads and when possible, reunite families.

### **Overview**

Seton Youth Shelters is the primary resource in Hampton Roads for and about teenagers ages 9-18. Its services range from preventive “Life Strategies” coaching to temporary shelters to outreach to kids living on the street. Seton Youth Shelters is instrumental in breaking the cycle of dysfunctional families.

The Life Strategies Program is offered to teenagers currently in school whom the teachers have identified as at-risk or failing. Seton Youth Shelters' counselors equip them to navigate life's challenges through programs of conflict management, goal setting, self-image improvement, communications and problem-solving skills.

Currently, these programs are offered at Princess Anne High School and First Colonial High School and at no cost. Expansion to other schools in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Norfolk will occur with additional funding.

**SOUTHEASTERN COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
(SECEP)**

[www.secep.net](http://www.secep.net)

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Norfolk, VA 23502  
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**Executive Director**

Judith N. Green

**Mission**

SECEP seeks to provide education for a diverse population of students with challenging needs.

**Overview**

The school systems of Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, Portsmouth, South Hampton, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach combined in 1978 to create the Southeastern Cooperative Educational Program. This program functions as a regional public school.

Currently, the organization provides a formal structure through which the participating school systems can plan and operate programs for children with special needs. SECEP is established in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

A joint board, composed of a member from each participating system's school board, serves as SECEP's policy-making board. It meets regularly and functions like a local school board.

A committee of superintendents recommends program activities, budgets, personnel actions and other items for consideration.

An Advisory Committee, composed of the directors of Special Education from the SECEP-participating school systems, assists in planning program activities.

SECEP presently comprises five programs: The Re-ED Program, the Autistic Children's Program (ACP), Educational and Behavioral Interventions for Challenging Students (EBICS), Tidewater Regional Alternative Education Program (TRAEP), and Raising Expectations and Abilities for Children with Complex Health needs (REACH).

**Noteworthy**

SECEP serves over 1500 special education and alternative education students.

**SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**  
(SPSA)

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Southeastern Public Service Authority  
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**Executive Director**

Rowland Taylor

**Mission**

SPSA's mission is to dispose of waste in a manner that minimizes environmental damage for current and future generations of the region. It seeks to reuse waste whenever possible by turning it into a useful product.

**Overview**

Solid waste in southeastern Virginia had been previously handled by the individual localities. Each city or county collected and disposed of garbage within its borders or transported it a neighboring city for disposal. Commercial and industrial waste was collected by private haulers but disposal was restricted to the community in which it was generated. Many of the communities faced the growing challenge of how to handle their waste effectively.

In 1976 Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Franklin, and the counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton created the Southeastern Public Service Authority. SPSA collects waste picked up at businesses and homes and transports by private or municipal haulers and transports it to either a regional landfill in Suffolk or to a Waste to Energy Plant in Suffolk.

SPSA's oil and household hazardous waste disposal programs help keep rivers, lakes and groundwater cleaner.

**Noteworthy**

In 2006 SPSA recycled enough office, newsprint and cardboard to save over 250,000 trees; 1,692 tons of glass - enough to make 13.53 million baby food jars, over 3 million pounds of plastic - enough to make over 370,000 soda bottles (2-liter) and over 1.3 million pounds of tin and steel - enough to make 13,000 refrigerators.

**SOUTH EASTERN VIRGINIA PARTNERSHIP FOR REGIONAL  
TRANSFORMATION**

(SEVA-PORT)

500 East Plume Street, Suite 700

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Tel: (757) 314-2370

**Executive Director**

Judy Begland

**Mission**

SEVA-PORT seeks to integrate, enhance and build linkages between the industry of Modeling and Simulation (M&S) and the port-related industries of Transportation, Warehousing and Distribution (TWD), while at the same time reducing the human costs by developing the skills and talent of recently dislocated workers and untapped labor pools.

**Overview**

The SEVA-PORT Collaborative is a regional partnership of over 35 senior-level leaders in economic development, workforce development, civic, business, education, local, state and federal government, entrepreneurial and philanthropic organizations from the southeastern region of Virginia

The SEVA-PORT proposal focuses on aligning workforce, economic development and education program planning and delivery with current and emerging demands of a growing port in order to diversify and expand the economy and increase higher paying job opportunities.

Members of the Greater Peninsula, Hampton Roads and Crater Workforce Investment Boards and their support organizations (Peninsula Council for Workforce Development, Opportunity Inc. and Crater Regional Workforce Investment Group) have leveraged existing region-wide partnerships to establish a broad-based coalition consisting of representatives from the area's educational institutions, community-based organizations, economic and workforce development agencies, business and industry and local elected officials.

**Noteworthy**

(SEVA-PORT) was awarded a \$5 million grant in July 2007.

## ST. MARY'S HOME FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Tel: (757) 622-2208

Fax: (757) 627-5314

### **Chief Executive Officer**

William C. Giermak

### **Overview**

St. Mary's is the only pediatric long-term care residential facility of its kind in Virginia for children with severe disabilities. It offers a comprehensive range of residential, medical, therapeutic, educational and recreational services for children from birth to age 21.

St. Mary's provides a level of around-the-clock, complex care that would be very difficult to achieve in a home setting, regardless of the resources and capabilities of parents. The design and specialized features of the new facility opened in 2005 are enhancing their ability to provide care in a comfortable atmosphere of warmth and personal attention. The children at St. Mary's have the same social and emotional needs as children everywhere.

The Home also has an art therapy program, a pet therapy program and a new Girl Scout troop with six proud St. Mary's members.

St. Mary's cares for children from throughout Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth of Virginia with severe disabilities who come to them as a result of birth disorders, traumatic accidents, illness or child abuse. Each child is within the severe to profound range of mental retardation. Most use wheelchairs for mobility and may rely on methods other than speech to communicate their wants and needs. Many use feeding tubes to provide some or all of their nourishment. A few have tracheotomies, and almost all require regularly administered medication.

## **SUFFOLK TOMORROW**

### **Chairman**

George Barnett

### **Mission**

The mission of Suffolk Tomorrow is to coordinate the resources of the community in an effort to improve living and working conditions. They do this by providing leadership training, with the objective of providing volunteers and leaders for the City of Suffolk

### **Overview**

The purpose is to assemble information from the members of city council and other citizens of the city of Suffolk and elsewhere in Hampton Roads, and offer assistance in planning for the orderly growth and development of the community. Suffolk Tomorrow is comprised of 14 directors, with one each from each of the seven boroughs in the City and seven individuals from the City at large. Suffolk Tomorrow desires to promote a positive image of its city as a friendly and courteous place to live and work.

## **THE PLANNING COUNCIL**

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Norfolk, VA 23510

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### **Executive Director**

Kathleen Pritchard

### **Mission**

The Planning Council's mission is to plan, develop and manage human services to improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

### **Overview**

The Planning Council is a member of the National Association of Planning Councils and the United Way of South Hampton Roads. The Council's works to prevent homelessness, license and train child care providers, offer crisis intervention and connections to resources, and help parents balance work and family.

Because of the efforts of the Planning Council, in a single year:

- 226 persons maintained permanent housing
- 2,439 family day care homes participated in the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program
- 22,333 children received nutritious meals in day care settings
- 68 families benefited from customized childcare resource and referral programs contracted through their corporate employers
- 3,750 families obtained quality day care for their children through subsidy programs
- 35,110 callers found solutions to problems through information and referral programs
- 66,992 referrals were obtained by residents of the region to assist them in securing services
- 5,400 child care providers acquired knowledge and guidance
- 2,523 families secured information on and referral to child care resources
- 1,645 Portsmouth residents gained services and life skills
- 104 children prepared for SOL's through tutoring

## THE VANN H. LEFCOE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Portsmouth, VA 23704

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### **Program Coordinator**

Betty Jo Gwaltney

### **Mission**

The mission of the Vann H. Lefcoe Leadership Development Fund is to identify, educate, and encourage future leaders for the City of Portsmouth and to understand the City's role within the larger region.

### **Overview**

By inspiring civic awareness, responsibility and pride within the emerging leadership corps, the program provides the City of Portsmouth a succession of leaders to ensure a bright and prosperous future for both the city and the region. Candidates are selected from all segments of the community regardless of race, color, sexual orientation, age, and national or ethnic origin and shall exemplify the commitment and unselfish devotion demonstrated by Vann H. Lefcoe, who gave generously of his time and energy for the betterment of Portsmouth.

This non-credit course consists of twelve weekly meetings held in the Portsmouth Partnership Briefing Center, located in the TowneBank building in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Each class runs for 2 1/2 hours with a fifteen-minute break. Lectures, small group discussions, and guest speakers from government, business, and community agencies form the basis for instruction. An individual visit to either a City Council or School Board meeting is mandatory. A trolley tour of historical, industrial, and development sites in the city will be scheduled for one Saturday morning. The required text for the course is *Leadership is an Art* by Max Depree (1989: New York, Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing).

### **Noteworthy**

Each year there is a class project. In 2008, students designed one to clean up the Elizabeth River around Olde Towne. Called 'Pass the Net', the plan had several students patrolling the river each day scooping up trash with long-handled nets, photographing and bagging their "catch".

## **TIDEWATER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL**

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Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.

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### **Executive Director**

Jim Chandler

### **Mission**

The mission of the Tidewater EMS Council is to reduce morbidity and mortality by facilitating regional cooperation through the planning and implementation of an integrated emergency medical services delivery system.

### **Overview**

The Tidewater EMS Council was incorporated in 1974 as a non-profit private organization for the purpose of developing and implementing an efficient and effective regional EMS delivery system. The council integrates and coordinates resources to ensure rapid response and expert patient care among more than 70 local EMS agencies and 12 hospitals.

The council's 24-member board of directors represents the 10 cities and counties within the Tidewater EMS region plus six other medical organizations. The 10 jurisdictions are the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and the Counties of Accomack, Isle of Wight, Northampton and Southampton.

The regional EMS plan is fully revised every three years by the board of directors and interim revisions are accomplished annually. A number of standing committees assist the board in accomplishing the goals and objectives identified in the plan. Workgroups, taskforces, and subcommittees assist the standing committees.

The HRPDC contracts with the Tidewater EMS Council to manage the activities of the HRMMRS. HRMMRS supports and enhances Hampton Roads public safety, hospital, public health, and emergency management response capabilities to manage mass casualty incidents during the first 48 hours, prior to the arrival of federal assets

## **TIDEWATER LITERACY COUNCIL**

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Portsmouth, VA 23704

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### **Executive Director**

Christina Antonucci

### **Mission**

To empower individuals and improve our community through literacy.

### **Overview**

Tidewater Literacy Council is a nonprofit organization providing one-to-one tutoring to non-reading or low-level reading adults in the four cities of Tidewater Virginia: Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach. Adults living in the Tidewater region can contact Tidewater Literacy Council to register for free individual tutoring. Free evaluations are offered to adults who request help from TLC to improve their reading skills. Adult students whose reading ability exceeds the level offered at TLC are referred to Adult Basic Education programs in the city where they reside.

### **Noteworthy**

TLC trains and manages a corps of volunteer tutors who work with students in a one-to-one setting. Volunteers work with motivated adult students to meet their self-identified goals that include life skills (practical application of literacy skills) as well as general literacy instruction.

## **TIDEWATER REGIONAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION**

[www.trghc.org](http://www.trghc.org)

Tidewater Regional Group Home Commission

2404 Airline Blvd.

Portsmouth, VA 23701

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### **Executive Director**

Linda Flippi

### **Mission**

The mission of TRGHC is to operate community-based programs for children who are at risk of coming before or have already come before the juvenile and domestic relations district courts

### **Overview**

In the early 1970's, planners in the area who were addressing the gaps in the juvenile service system determined that the most pressing need was in the area of residential facilities for juveniles. Because the Tidewater Detention Home (TDH) was already successfully providing services on a regional basis, it was decided to use it as a model and set up a series of group homes to serve the entire region. The cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach and the counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton elected to support the regional approach.

The TRGHC has continued to develop and grow. In 1977, they moved the Regional Girls Group Home to its current location in Virginia Beach and, in 1984, changed it from an all-girls program to a co-educational facility.

Centerville Group Home opened in 1979. In 1986, they moved into their new Crisis Home in Virginia Beach, the first time that the Commission planned and constructed its own building.

The Tidewater Regional Family Group Home System, which is designed to provide independent living skills to older teenagers, was established the next year.

## **TRAFFIX**

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### **Program Director**

Ron Hodges

### **Mission**

TRAFFIX mission is to help commuters stop wasting money on gas, to reduce the amount of smog emitted into the environment, and to cure driving-related stress. They provide easy transportation alternatives

### **Overview**

TRAFFIX is a cooperative public service designed to promote transportation alternatives. It reports to an advisory board comprised of representatives from each of the transportation planning groups: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT).

TRAFFIX programs work to cure Single Occupancy Vehicle Disorder by encouraging carpooling.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
(TIP)**

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Chesapeake, VA 23320  
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**Executive Director**

Dwight L. Farmer

**Mission**

TIP seeks to list all projects for which federal funds are anticipated, and also non-federally funded projects.

**Overview**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a priority list of capital improvement projects developed for the transportation system in Hampton Roads. Federally mandated by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU), the TIP includes specific, agreed-upon projects for the cities and counties throughout the region. The TIP lists all projects for which federal funds are anticipated, along with non-federally funded projects that are regionally significant. The TIP is multi-modal; it includes highway and public transit projects, as well as bicycle, pedestrian, and freight-related projects. The TIP list includes each project's location, description, estimated cost, funding sources, projected allocations, schedule and status.

The Transportation Improvement Program includes projects that are funded from the federal government through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for allocating these funds to cities and counties in the region for appropriate transportation projects. Projects that improve road conditions and methods of travel are potential candidates for RSTP funds, and projects that improve traffic flow and air quality are potential recipients of CMAQ funds.

## **TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

723 Woodlake Drive

Chesapeake, VA 23320

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### **Executive Director**

Dwight L. Farmer

### **Overview**

TTC is composed of transportation engineers and planners from each of the local jurisdictions, plus representatives from the local transit agencies and VDOT. The TTC reviews virtually all items that are to come before the MPO and provides recommendations on actions to be considered by the MPO.

In addition to the voting membership discussed above, there are a number of invited participants on the TTC mailing list, including representatives from private bus services, taxi companies, the ports, and freight haulers, as well as organizations that provide services to senior citizens and those with disabilities. Other non-voting members include representatives from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Navy.

From time to time the TTC may request that the Transportation Technical Subcommittee (TTS) take up a topic that requires more in-depth discussion than is feasible with the full TTC. The TTS is a subset of the TTC, made up of one representative from each Hampton Roads locality, each transit agency, and VDOT. After the TTS completes its work, it reports back to the full TTC.

## **UNITED WAY OF SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS**

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### **Executive Director**

Michael Hughes

### **Mission**

To build a stronger South Hampton Roads by mobilizing its communities to improve people's lives.

### **Overview**

United Way of South Hampton Roads is a local, autonomous nonprofit organization run by a volunteer board of directors representing all areas of the South Hampton Roads community.

United Way addresses social challenges by leading community partnerships and providing funds for services directly impacting Hampton Roads. It also brings business, government, schools, health care and social services together as partners through efforts like Success by 6 and Young Leaders Society.

United Way provides necessary funds for human service agencies throughout Chesapeake, Isle of Wight County, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

### **Noteworthy**

United Way has established a community foundation that includes agencies as affiliates. The foundation assists donors who wish to endow specific agencies, programs or fields of interest.

**URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE**  
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**Regional Emergency Management Planner**

Richard Flannery

**Mission**

The UASI program seeks to enhance regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. It supports the National Priority by expanding regional collaboration in the National Preparedness Guidelines and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

**Overview**

UASI is a program under the Department of Homeland Security. Its 2008 program achieves its mission by providing financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas. It assists in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

Activities implemented under UASI must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, or response to terrorism to be considered eligible.

Many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate the dual-use quality for any activities implemented that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness.

**Noteworthy**

Through the Department of Homeland Security, the Hampton Roads UASI program was able to acquire suits that could be used if a biological threat were introduced into the region.

## **URBAN LEAGUE OF HAMPTON ROADS**

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### **Executive Director**

Edith G. White

### **Mission**

The mission of the Urban League of Hampton Roads, Inc. (ULHR) is to enable African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity and power and civil rights.

### **Overview**

The ULHR implements its mission by providing services and programs in education, employment, health, and housing to Hampton Roads communities through direct services, advocacy, research, policy analysis, community mobilization and collaboration throughout communities.

The Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement empowering African Americans and others to enter the economic and social mainstream. The National Urban League, headquartered in New York City, spearheads the nonprofit, nonpartisan movement, while Urban League affiliates operate in more than 100 cities in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

The Urban League of Hampton Roads programs include:

- Education and Youth Empowerment
- Economic Empowerment
- Health and Quality of Life Empowerment
- Civic Engagement and Leadership Empowerment
- Civil Rights and Racial Justice Empowerment

## **VIRGINIA BEACH VISION**

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### **Executive Director**

Martha McClees

### **Mission**

Its mission is to provide private sector support for initiatives and ideas that will help the City of Virginia Beach and the region achieve increased economic vitality and an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors.

### **Overview**

Virginia Beach Vision is a non-partisan, issue-oriented organization of over 100 CEO- and senior-level business and professional executives established in 1993.

The key areas on which Vision focuses are economic development, education, transportation, tourism, technology, arts and culture, sports development, environmental land use enhancements, and improved regional cooperation.

## **VIRGINIA MARITIME ASSOCIATION**

(VMA)

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### **President**

Kip Hinkle

### **Mission**

The Maritime Industry, through the leadership of the Virginia Maritime Association (VMA), seeks to be the driving force for the development of the Port of Hampton Roads.

### **Overview**

VMA was founded in 1920 for the purpose of promoting, protecting and encouraging the interests of commercial shipping through the Port of Hampton Roads. Today, the Association's goals and purpose remain true to its original purpose 86 years ago.

Currently, VMA is over 500 members strong and has a diverse committee structure prepared to address any subject relating to the overall operations of the Port. From physical harbor improvements to working with various governmental and legislative agencies, the Association strives to improve the local marine terminals.

### **Noteworthy**

The VMA received a \$320,000 dollar grant from the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission to increase the supply of truck drivers to the port.

**VIRGINIA PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
(VPCC)

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**Executive Director**

Dottie Jordan

**Mission**

To advocate and support the economic and business interests of the Virginia Peninsula and the Region

**Overview**

The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary membership business association that believes more can be accomplished through regional action and cooperation. This includes transportation funding and planning, tourism and industrial marketing, education, skilled workforce development, waste disposal and recycling as well as other basic government services. The Chamber also supports the growth of the small business sector. The Chamber believes in both economic growth and environmental protection.

The Coalition for Environmental and Economic Balance, an affiliate of the Chamber, works to sustain growth by lobbying for a balanced point of view, public education, and networking with similar coalitions on the East Coast.

**Noteworthy**

The Chamber has provided a climate for the expansion and success of small businesses through its Business Center and SCORE program.

**VIRGINIA PENINSULA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY  
(VPPSA)**

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**Executive Director**

Stephen B. Geissler

**Mission**

VPPSA seeks to safely and properly dispose of waste within its members borders.

**Overview**

(VPPSA) is a regional governmental agency established as a political subdivision of the state under the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act. It was established to offer solid waste management services to the member cities and counties through service agreements executed by both VPPSA and the member jurisdictions.

VPPSA is governed by a Board of Directors made up of one representative from each member city and county and appointed by the City Council or the County Board of Supervisors. The governing body of each member may also appoint an alternate who will represent the member jurisdiction in the absence of the appointed Board member.

VPPSA conducts a curbside recycling program that serves approximately 45,000 households in James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg and York County. It also receives brush, leaves and grass from residents of Hampton, Poquoson and York County and businesses in the area at the Compost Facility located in York County. The material is processed and compost and mulch products are made available for sale. In addition:

- VPPSA holds a total of 16 household chemical collection events per year and accepts a variety of paints, fuels, solvents, pesticides, automotive products and other chemicals from residents of Hampton, Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County and York County
- VPPSA holds a total of nine computer and electronics recycling events and accepts a variety of old computers and accessories from residents of Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County and York County.
- Residents and businesses in the Counties of Essex, King and Queen, King William, Mathews and Middlesex receive a full range of solid waste services. The system includes four transfer stations and 15 convenience centers located throughout the five-county region.

**VIRGINIA PENINSULA REGIONAL JAIL**

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**Superintendent**

John R. Kuplinski

**Overview**

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail is one of nineteen regional institutions in Virginia. It serves the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson as well as York County and James City County.

## **VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY**

(VPA)

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### **Executive Director**

Jerry A. Bridges

### **Mission**

The primary goal of the Virginia Port Authority is to stimulate economic activity in the Commonwealth by promoting the shipment of cargo through the state-owned terminals (Newport News Marine Terminal, Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, and the Virginia Inland Port in Warren County).

### **Overview**

As the Commonwealth's leading agency for international cargo transportation and maritime commerce, the Virginia Port Authority is officially charged with operating and marketing the state-owned facilities and maintenance projects that insure continued high quality service to port customers. The Virginia Port Authority is governed by a 12-member board that is appointed by the Governor.

### **Noteworthy**

- For more than two decades, the Virginia Port Authority has contributed nearly \$900,000 each year to local port projects throughout Virginia.
- The Virginia Port Authority recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Morocco to officially signify a cooperative effort to build trade between the two ports.

**VIRGINIA TIDEWATER CONSORTIUM  
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

(VTC)

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**Executive Director/President**

Dr. Lawrence Dotolo

**Mission**

VTC seeks to develop and share ideas, information, programs and resources to achieve its goals, which include promoting cooperation and collaboration among its member institutions to serve the people of the Tidewater region.

**Overview**

The Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education is a proactive consortium with the following goals:

- To determine the need for higher education programs and to provide increased educational opportunities for area residents.
- To encourage cooperative projects among the institutions of higher education to better serve the citizens of the area;
- To establish linkages between the member institutions and business, industry, government, and the military;
- To enrich existing academic opportunities, exchange and articulation programs;
- To work cooperatively with the local school divisions to serve the educational needs of teachers and administrators;
- To develop the use of technology to enhance the teaching and learning process;
- To enhance the economic development of the region by providing an opportunity for the development of a highly trained workforce

The Virginia Tidewater Consortium has enhanced the educational opportunities for nearly 150,000 students currently attending their member institutions.

## **VOLUNTEER HAMPTON ROADS**

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### **Executive Director**

Elizabeth B. Loyd

### **Mission**

To strengthen nonprofits through training and volunteerism so that as a collective force, they can make their community a better place for everyone.

### **Overview**

To accomplish their mission most effectively, they have organized their services into three key areas:

- Nonprofit Training
- Corporate Programming
- Volunteerism

As the nonprofit resource center in South Hampton Roads, The Hampton Roads Corporate Volunteer Council strives to strengthen the nonprofit sector by increasing its capacity to deliver services and operate efficiently. Their new Nonprofit Leadership Development Center enables these organizations to improve their effectiveness and build their capacity through comprehensive, realistic training programs. The Hampton Roads Corporate Volunteer Council helps companies give back to the community while also building leadership skills and teamwork in the workplace.

### **Noteworthy**

Volunteer Hampton Roads activities include:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January, a mentoring project that has inspired adults and youth to honor Dr. King's legacy of service
- National & Global Youth Service Day in April, which promotes the power of youth serving others
- Family Volunteer Day in November, which empowers volunteer families to provide food for families in crisis living in area shelters

## WESTERN TIDEWATER REGIONAL JAIL

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### **Superintendent**

Dave Simons

### **Mission**

WTRJ is dedicated to the efficient and effective operation of the Western Tidewater Regional Jail by providing care, custody and support to the inmates lawfully placed in their charge. Their commitment focuses on competent, expeditious, courteous, and cost effective services that enhance the safety and security of the residents of the City of Franklin, County of Isle of Wight and City of Suffolk Virginia.

### **Overview**

The Western Tidewater Regional Jail houses defendants and others who have been convicted, or accused, of crimes in the cities of Franklin and Suffolk, and the County of Isle of Wight.

WTRJ provides:

- Nutrition classes for both male and females inmates. The classes are conducted in six-week intervals, six weeks on then two weeks off. Instruction is provided by the Virginia Tech / Virginia State Extension Services.
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Religious services that are an active part of the weekly routine of the inmates. The Southeastern Correctional Ministry has provided the availability of many volunteers to assist in the servicing of religious activities for the facility. A local Chaplain coordinates the efforts of the Southeastern Correctional Ministry.

## **WHRO**

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### **President and CEO**

Bert Schmidt

### **Mission**

WHRO is a dynamic organization that seeks to improve the civic, educational and cultural life of the Hampton Roads community through broadcast, communications, and media services.

### **Overview**

WHRO is dedicated to enhancing the lives of the citizens in the communities it serves by responding to their need to be engaged, educated, entertained and enlightened. WHRO is a premier provider of products and services for educators and life long learners using the best technology available. WHRO is also a trusted and valued civic space where citizens can explore diverse issues in a thoughtful manner and a financially capable and sustainable organization delivering an excellent return on the community's investment. Finally, WHRO is a provider of quality programming and services for television and radio audiences.

### **Noteworthy**

WHRO was the center for receiving emergency response information from HRTACRAN during hurricane Ivan. Once the information about conditions throughout the region were received, those conditions were then retransmitted to other localities in Hampton Roads

## **WILLIAMSBURG AREA CHAMBER AND TOURISM ALLIANCE**

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### **President**

Richard Schreiber

### **Mission**

To encourage the growth of existing and new businesses, to coordinate the efforts of those involved in commerce, industry or professions, to promote the area as a year-round travel destination, and to support all activities believed to be beneficial to the area.

### **Overview**

The Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance is an organization of more than 1,000 members, who represent small businesses, large businesses, educational institutions and non-profit organizations in the Historic Triangle (City of Williamsburg, and the counties of James City and York). In particular:

- The Alliance has taken the lead in finding ways to ensure that the Historic Triangle attracts and retains vital businesses as well as an educated workforce.
- The Alliance is an enthusiastic supporter of The Student Transitional Education (STEP) Program, which is an innovative program in which seniors at Jamestown High School (James City County) alternate a week at school with a week of work. Presently there are fifteen students and fourteen businesses involved in the program. The STEP program helps students learn how to interact in a professional environment and learn the necessary skills they will need to be successful in the future.
- The Alliance offers free workshops about employing j-1 visa students for seasonal needs conducted in cooperation with several U.S. State Department-sanctioned sponsor agencies. The workshop will provide information regarding the hiring process of international workers as well as the benefits to and responsibilities of employers.

**WILLIAMSBURG AREA TRANSPORT  
(WAT)**

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**Executive Director**

Mark Rickards

**Mission**

Its mission is to ensure services meet the social and business needs of the community by providing a seamless coordinated regional transit system serving residents, visitors, and students through fixed-routes and transportation services for the disabled.

**Overview**

(WAT) is a governmentally-operated agency which provides transit bus services in the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County in the Historic Triangle area of the Virginia Peninsula in Hampton Roads.

WAT operates eight regular routes within the city and two counties, using a "hub and spokes" system based at the Williamsburg Transportation Center. Additionally, a connection to the City of Newport News and the Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) public transit bus system is provided on the Grey Line serving U.S. Route 60 east by traveling into the western edge of Newport News and meeting HRT's Route 116 Mall-Hall Loop at Lee Hall, Virginia. WAT also operates a Trolley service at River walk landing along the riverfront area at Yorktown, Virginia.

**WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF GREATER HAMPTON ROADS**  
(WAC)

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**Executive Director**

Julie Saad Sterzing

**Mission**

World Affairs Council seeks to promote a greater understanding, awareness, and interest in matters of international relations, foreign policy and diplomacy.

**Overview**

The World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads is a registered (section 501c3) non-profit, non-partisan educational organization.

Its goals are to inform and educate the Hampton Roads community based on the belief that a well-informed public is essential for the conduct of foreign policy in a democracy.

The Council believes in a strong community and student outreach program. Towards these ends, the Council sponsors and subsidizes student participation at all of its events. In addition, and through a series of side events, the Council creates constructive liaisons and networking exchanges between its distinguished visiting speakers and Hampton Roads organizations, businesses, and community leaders, for the further benefit of the communities of Hampton Roads.

The WAC has been successful in hosting numerous events that educate the public about foreign policy and issues outside of the U.S.

## YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS OF SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS

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### **Executive Director**

Harry Young

### **Mission**

YES seeks to empower inner-city youth to become leaders of character, vision and action in their communities by challenging their creativity and equipping them with practical, confidence-building media.

### **Overview**

YES of South Hampton Roads has a comprehensive approach to teaching valuable multimedia skills that showcases just how rewarding careers in journalism and entertainment can be. In 1991, the youth leaders challenged a group of teens from a public housing community to work together to make a music video with a positive message.

The intention is to bring the YES experience to a newer, younger generation who are savvy with social networking tools such as MySpace, blogging, v-logging and other communication tools.

### **Noteworthy**

- Youth Entertainment Studios uses hands-on media arts/technology production/marketing projects to assist young people at-risk in developing character and improved their technology and job skills.
- The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently announced that the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) won an award for Program Innovation in youth services for NRHA's collaboration with Youth Entertainment Studios, Inc. (YES).
- Youth Entertainment Studios now offers customized curricula development services to organizations wishing to start media arts and technology programs.
- Youth Entertainment Studios, Inc. (YES) and Tidewater Detention Home (TDH) entered into a unique partnership to launch a music recording studio inside the Chesapeake, VA juvenile detention facility to assist in reducing the recidivism rate. The initiative was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and The City of Chesapeake.