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Central Virginia Fire Association Wins 2018 Governor Fire Service Award

February 23, 2019 – Central Virginia Fire Chiefs and Directors attended the 2019 Virginia Fire Conference in Virginia Beach, Va., to receive the “2018 Outstanding Fire Department Response” award for their response to the April 15, 2018 tornado. The tornado touched down in



Central Virginia Fire Association Award Recipients

Campbell County, the City of Lynchburg and the Elon community of Amherst County. This was the first tornado within the Lynchburg City limits and the first ever EF-3 in Amherst County since 1950. “Every day Virginia’s Fire Service professionals display an unwavering commitment to protect the citizens of our Commonwealth in times of danger,” said Governor Northam. “These brave men and women...show tremendous strength and dedication, going above and beyond the call of duty, and we are proud to recognize their honorable service.”

In attendance to receive the award from left to right were: Campbell County Public Safety Deputy Director/Fire Marshall Randall Johnson, Amherst County Public Safety Director Sam Bryant, Forest Fire Chief Monty Coleman, Brookville Timberlake Fire Chief Jerry Womack and Amherst Fire Chief Tom Martin.

Sam Bryant, Amherst County’s Public Safety Director stated “the 2018 tornado response was a coordinated effort from many Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Officers. Excellent team work and continued relationships ensured the successes in this response and those to come”.

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