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TO: All VCOS Members
FR: Chief Joseph Florentino, Chair, VCOS Elections Committee
RE: VCOS Board Nomination Deadline Approaches

The VCOS Board Election is nearing the deadline for nominations.

If you are a current member of the VCOS and are interested in being a member of the VCOS board, please read the following information carefully. The deadline for receipt of applications is **May 1, 2008**.

The VCOS board is comprised of nine (9) members at large, the VCOS IAFC director and the section's immediate past chair, for a total of eleven (11) members. No more than two at-large board members are allowed to serve on the board at the same time from the same division.

Open seats for at-large board members:
three (3) seats with three-year terms

All candidates for election to the VCOS Board must:

- be a regular member in good standing of the IAFC and VCOS;
- be an active chief officer engaged in supervising volunteers in a combination or volunteer fire department;
- be available to attend four (4) meetings a year in various parts of the country, with the understanding that some expenses for travel may be your responsibility;
- participate in conference calls that occur approximately once a month;
- work on projects assigned by the chair/board of directors;
- attend the VCOS annual meeting at Fire-Rescue International;
- promote the VCOS by writing articles for the VCOS newsletter and attending regional fire service events.

To be placed on the mail ballot as a candidate for the VCOS Board, you must provide the information enumerated below - these items are required or your candidacy will not be accepted:

- your name, address, phone, fax and email address;
- a statement explaining why you desire to be a board member in 150 words or less—this statement will be included on the ballot and the 150-word restriction is strictly enforced;
- your department name and department phone number;
- your position in that department;
- your supervisor's name and contact numbers so we may verify your information;
- your résumé;
- your division and IAFC number.

All above candidate information must be received by **Thursday, May 1, 2008**

All information must be sent by e-mail to all members of the VCOS Elections Committee, as listed below: (if you are unable to send by email, please contact the election committee chair to make other arrangements.)

Chief Joseph Florentino, Chair
jflorentino@littleelm.org 214-975-0425

Chief David B. See
dsee@ci.salisbury.md.us 410-548-3120

Chief James W. DiPace
jdipace@avonvfd.org 860-409-4390

Chief Vern Losh
vlosh@sonoma-county.org 707-565-1152

Chief Joseph Chornock
JChornock@montgomerycountymd.gov 240-773-8989

Senior Training Officer Ron Smith
rsmith@ccfire.us 307-682-5319

Candidate Announcement on Website

All candidates will be permitted to provide one announcement to be posted on the VCOS website during the election period. The announcement may include your profile and platform, not to exceed 300 words. The announcement must be approved by the Elections Committee prior to posting. The deadline for receipt of your announcement is **Monday, June 2, 2008**.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the above Election Committee members. Thanks for your interest in VCOS and continued support of the volunteer and combination fire service.

