

Update

The newsletter of the
Virginia Municipal League

Inside ...

1-6



State awards first responder radio system grants

Federal crime analysis grant money available

Mandates catalog available from state

Noise provision removed from shooting range bill

As the 2005 session of the General Assembly wound to a close, local governments succeeded in having a controversial bill modified that would have allowed shooting ranges to generate significantly more noise than other businesses.

At the request of the patron, the Senate Local Government Committee amended HB 2282 (Janis) Monday. The committee removed language that would have created a statewide noise level for shooting facilities of 64 decibels measured over a one-hour period. As a result, local governments will retain the authority to make decisions regarding noise levels.

The amendments do spell out that noise limits may not be more restrictive than those in effect at the time any application for the shooting facility was filed.

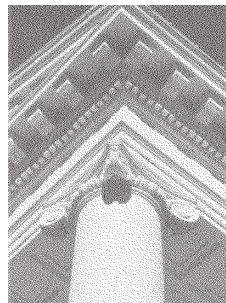
VML considers the amendment of the bill to be an important protection of the authority of local governments to protect the citizens they serve, while providing a fair

balance of the competing property rights of shooting range owners with the rights of landowners to have peaceful neighborhoods. Thanks to the many local government officials who spoke out on the issue.

The General Assembly appeared on track to adjourn Saturday. *The Washington Post* reported in its Wednesday editions that members of a budget conference committee were nearing agreement on how much of the state's \$1.3 billion surplus should be spent on transportation. The newspaper reported that conferees had tentatively agreed to spend about \$850 million of the

surplus on roads and transit. That agreement was expected to clear the way for the committee to finish its budget negotiations and for the legislature to adjourn on Saturday.

VML's legislative staff will publish a wrap-up edition of the *Legislative Bulletin* next week. ❖



General Assembly
2005

League seeks photos for anniversary book

The Virginia Municipal League will publish a book later this year commemorating its 100th anniversary and the many accomplishments of local governments over the past century. Copies will be distributed to all local elected officials, managers, administrators and public libraries.

We need your help.

In order for the book to reflect a cross-section of cities, towns and counties across Virginia, we need to compile a comprehen-

sive collection of photographs spanning the past 100 years.



We need *digital copies* of photographs taken between 1905-2005 that depict any of the following: historic or significant events in your community's

history, especially as they relate to local government; administration of local government services, including police, fire, public works, transportation, voter registration etc.; streetscapes and skylines spanning

Continued on page 2

AT THE LEAGUE

In search of photos continued ...

the century; historic local officials (elected or appointed); and significant public buildings and projects, including regional endeavors. As always, we are open to suggestions. Please feel free to contact me.

Again, we need digital copies in any of the following formats: TIFF, JPEG or PDF. The higher the resolution the better. Please include a separate text file explain-

ing the content or significance of the photos, and any photo credits that need to accompany publication.

Please mail CDs or send by e-mail to: David Parsons, VML, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241. E-mail: dparsons@vml.org. Questions? Contact David Parsons at 804/649-8471. Deadline: Please send by May 15. ❖

FROM THE CAPITOL

State awards first responder radio system grants

Gov. Mark R. Warner announced Wednesday that Virginia is allocating \$2.16 million in federal funding to 27 localities to support local interoperable communications projects and initiatives. This funding was awarded to Virginia by the federal Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and will be received by the localities in the coming two weeks.

"Virginia has been a national leader in coordinating state and local efforts to improve interoperability," Warner said. "In a business where seconds count, these funds will help provide better communications systems for our first responders saving lives every day."

The State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) evaluated 62 local grant proposals that competed for up to \$100,000 each, which includes 20 grant proposals that will be funded through a \$1.7 million award from ODP. The executive committee also identified eight localities to receive a total of \$460,000 in funding from the NIJ for local interoperability demonstration projects.

"The Interoperability Committee developed a standard evaluation criteria and did a good job of evaluating all proposals and identifying the best requests," said Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator Chris Essid.

"We wish we had more funding to distribute and will continue to work to identify additional funds to assist localities with their interoperability needs," said SIEC Chair Charles Werner, who also serves as a deputy fire chief for Charlottesville.

The 20 grant proposals that were

awarded funding from the ODP award are:

Locality	Amount
Alleghany County	\$20,000
Amelia County	\$100,000
Augusta County	\$100,000
Botetourt County	\$37,540
Colonial Heights	\$97,825
Craig County	\$99,350
Danville	\$99,250
Greensville County	\$100,000
Hampton	\$100,000
Isle of Wight County	\$100,000
Northumberland County	\$57,900
Orange County	\$100,000
Page County	\$98,800
Petersburg	\$96,420
Powhatan County	\$97,600
Pulaski County	\$100,000
Roanoke City	\$65,000
Roanoke County	\$30,000
Rockingham County	\$100,000
Williamsburg	\$100,000
Total awarded	\$1,699,685

Additionally, three demonstration projects were funded by the award from the NIJ.

In this set of grants, the counties of Stafford, King George and Spotsylvania, along with the City of Fredericksburg, will receive \$75,000 each to develop the regional Rappahannock Criminal Justice Information Network, which will expand regional wireless capabilities to law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services.

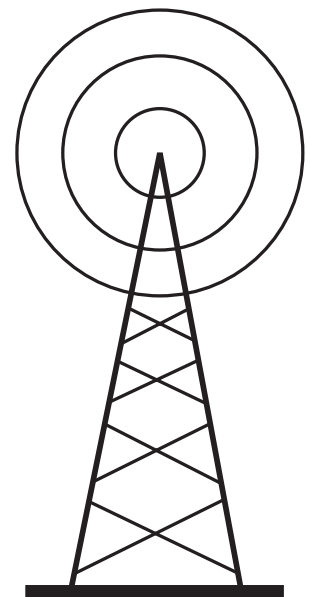
Also, Rockingham County and the City of Harrisonburg will jointly receive \$100,000 to support a portion of a multi-

million dollar project to build a regional 800 MHz communication system.

And the City of Winchester and Frederick County will jointly receive \$60,500 for Phase 1 of the Shenandoah Valley Regional E-Safety Network, which will use an open architecture design to provide data interoperability.

Virginia's interoperability efforts have been recognized by the Department of Homeland Security's SAFECOM, the federal entity charged with improving radio communication among first responders nationwide, as a best practices model.

The grant funds will support the overall goals and initiatives in the Statewide Interoperable Communications Plan, which was a result of six regional focus groups involving 39 localities, state agencies, and first responders, and including law enforcement, fire, EMS, public health, and emergency management personnel. ❖



FROM THE CAPITOL

Federal crime analysis grant money available

The Department of Criminal Justice Services announced the availability of federal grant funds through the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program. Grant funds are available for the following types of projects:

- Establishing, expanding or enhancing the crime analysis capabilities of law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies.
- Projects to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system through strategies and programs that promote better system coordination, effectiveness and efficiency, and/or help agencies identify and respond to emerging criminal justice issues.

Certain limitations and requirements apply. The grant funds:

- cannot be used to pay for more than 75 percent of the cost of a project (the remainder must be provided, in cash, from non-federal sources);
- cannot be used to purchase equipment unless it is a necessary part of an approved project;
- cannot be used for construction or renovation;
- cannot be used to supplant state or local funds that would otherwise be available for these purposes.

Successful applicants will receive funding for 12 months, starting July 1, 2005. Beyond that period, future support will depend upon the availability of federal funds, satisfactory project performance, and continued demonstration of need. The grant guidelines (see

link below) provide additional information about future federal funding.

Grant guidelines and instructions for preparing and submitting applications for Byrne funds may be obtained at www.dcjs.virginia.gov. From the main page, click on "What's New" and look for the link to this announcement.

If you are unable to access the information or download the documents, contact Virginia Sneed, at 804/786-5491 or virginia.sneed@dcjs.virginia.gov, to obtain copies of the grant guidelines and application forms.

Completed grant applications for these funds must be received at DCJS no later than 4 p.m. April 1. ❖

ETCETERA

Mandates catalog available from state

The Commission on Local Government has published the *2005 Catalog of State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments*. It provides an inventory of all state and federal mandates – as of Dec. 31, 2004 – affecting local governments.

Each mandate has a separate entry containing a brief description of the mandated action, identification of the type of mandate, name of administering agency, authority on which the mandate is based, and the schedule for assessment of the mandate. The catalog also includes an

index listing the mandates administered by each state agency, as well as a key word index.

Copies of the catalog are available for downloading from the commission's Web site at: www.clg.state.va.us; then select "New from the Commission on Local Government." The catalog has 375 pages in electronic format; Adobe Acrobat Reader software is required to download and view it.

Questions? Contact Ted McCormack at 804/786-6508. ❖

REGULATIONS

Intended Regulatory Action

Regulations governing re-enrollment plans. The State Board of Education has proposed action to establish regulations regarding the transfer of students between public schools, detention homes and juvenile correctional centers. The regulation will establish a re-enrollment plan to share information about a student's public and correctional education and to facilitate a student's reenrollment in public schools upon release from commitment. The agency intends to hold a public hearing. Contact Cynthia Cave, Department of Education, at 804/225-2818 for more information.

Final Regulations

Waivered services. The Department of Medical Assistance Services has proposed amendments to (i) add several enrollee groups to the list of individuals excluded from participation of continued enrollment in MEDALLION; (ii) add federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics, and certain clinics administered by local health departments to the list of MEDALLION providers that may serve as primary care providers; (iii) expand the list of medical services exempted from MEDALLION referral requirements; (iv) reduce the maximum number of MEDALLION clients that an individual primary care provider can

serve from 2,000 to 1,500 and provided that no more than 10,000 MEDALLION clients may be served by federally qualified health care centers, rural health clinics and local health department clinics enrolled as Medicaid providers; and (v) expand the list of infraction for which a primary care provider may be sanctioned and add certain civil monetary penalties that may be imposed. For additional information, contact Alissa Nashwintner, Department of Medical Assistance Services, at 804/225-4714. ❖

POSITIONS

Longer version of job ads posted at www.vml.org

Because of the number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the position descriptions in Update. A full version of all of the job listings published here for the past two months appears on VML's Web site at www.vml.org. Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

Executive Director, Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy

SALARY: \$65,000-\$75,000. Services 56 agencies; certified through Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Reqs. 10 yrs. progressively responsible mngmnt. exper. in public safety, criminal justice or a related field. Consideration given to applicants with relevant 4-yr. degree. Apply: Send resume to: Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, Attention Chief Douglas L. Davis, P.O. Box 88, Weyers Cave, VA 24486. Additional info at: <http://www.br.cc.va.us/academy>. Contact: Chief Douglas L. Davis at 540/942-6545. Deadline: March 31. EOE.

City Attorney, Petersburg

SALARY: \$60,972-\$100,397. Oversee legal affairs under general direction of city council. Reqs. extensive experience, a considerable amount in the practice of municipal law. Residency requirement. Visit www.petersburg-va.org. Submit application and/or resume to: City of Petersburg, Human Resources Department, 103 W. Tabb St., Petersburg, VA 23803. Deadline: March 4. EOE.

Juvenile Services Chief, York County

SALARY: Negotiable DOE/DOQ (+) benefits. Direct Juvenile Services Division in Department of Community Services. Reqs. master's in relative field, and 6-9 yrs exper. in an increasingly responsible mngmnt. position in human services field, or any equiv. comb. of training and exper. Req. county application may be obtained from Human Resources Office, 120 Alexander Hamilton Blvd., Second Floor, Yorktown, VA ; from www.yorkcounty.gov; or by calling 757/890-3690. Open until filled. EOE.

Business Retention and Workforce Development Manager, Hampton

SALARY: \$51,166 (+) benefits. Work with existing businesses to expand their operations and retain their presence in the city. Reqs. B.A. in appropriate field, 5 yrs. exper. in property sales, marketing, and/or economic development activities and solid sales, workforce development and negotiation skills. Submit City of Hampton application to: Department of Human Resources, 22 Lincoln St., 4th fl., City Hall, Hampton, VA 23669. To download application, visit www.hampton.gov/hr. Contact: hrdept@hampton.gov, 757/727-6345 or FAX 757/727-6449. Deadline: Feb. 25. EOE.

Director of Public Facilities, Bedford County

SALARY: \$41,742-\$51,710 start range (+) benefits. Manages development review process and reviews construction projects; manage the administration, operations and personnel of the Solid Waste Department, as well as General Properties. Reqs. bachelor's in civil engineering or related field (+) exper. Master's or PE desired (+) 3-5 yrs. local govt. exper. Applications from: Bedford County Human Resources Department, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 E. Main St., 2nd Floor, Bedford, VA 24523 or online at www.co.bedford.va.us. Open until filled. EOE.

Criminal Justice Services Director, Prince William County

SALARY: \$68,290-\$88,095 start range, \$68,290-\$109,265 full range. Lead Office of Criminal Justice Services in its mission to develop, establish and maintain community base corrections programs that provide sanctions and alternatives to incarceration. Any comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to master's in criminology, criminal justice, or a related field; and 3-5 yrs. exper. in corrections and criminal justice. To apply: visit www.pwcgov.org/job or mail resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, 4380 Ridgewood Center Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192. # 899930. Deadline: March 25. EOE.

Assistant Director of Finance, Danville

SALARY: \$56,000-\$85,000 DOQ (+) benefits. (Pop. 48,000) Oversee and supervise the maintenance of complex financial records under general direction of the city's finance director. Education and experience equiv. to graduation from accredited college with degree in accounting

or related field; master's preferred, supplemented by extensive accounting and mngmnt. exper. in the public sector. CPA req. Submit detailed resume and completed city employment application to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 3300, Danville, VA 24543-3300 or e-mail to HR@ci.danville.va.us. Download application at www.danville-va.gov. Deadline: March 15. EOE.

Executive Director, Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Plan, direct and coordinate all economic development programs and activities on behalf of the IDA. Prefer candidates with a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of local government, as well as knowledge of economics and local government finance as they relate to economic development. Reqs. bachelor's in business admin., public admin., related field or equiv. Send resumes to: Brunswick County IDA, P.O. Box 48, Lawrenceville, VA 23868 or deliver to 116 W. Hicks St., Lawrenceville, VA 23868. Deadline: March 18. EOE.

Comprehensive Services Act Director, Richmond

SALARY: \$63,464-\$114,530 (+) benefits. Responsible for supervising programs and administering the coordination of inter-agency planning and funding of services to at-risk youth and their families pursuant to the Comprehensive Services Act. Preferred candidate will have master's in social work, criminal justice, psychology, business or public admin. (+) 2 or more yrs. exper. of relevant work. Resumes may accompany applications, but a completed City of Richmond employment application req. Only applicants selected for an interview will receive a written response. Submit application to: City of Richmond, Human Resources, Room 109, P.O. Box 26505, Richmond, VA 23261-6505. For info. call 804/646-5900. Visit www.ci.richmond.va.us. # 27M-473. Deadline: March 7. EOE.

Executive Director, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

SALARY: Negotiable within established range (+) benefits. Provide leadership, administration, oversight and fiscal accountability for the authority's staff and resources. Under direction of the Park Authority Board, implements board policy,

Continued on page 5

POSITIONS

manages the organization's business practices, analyzes park and recreational needs and oversees resource protection, facility program development and land acquisition. Submit resume online to: Alliance Resource Consulting at www.allianceresourceconsulting.com; or FAX to 562/901-0769 or send to One World Trade Center, #420, Long Beach, CA 90831. For more information, contact Eric Middleton or Sherrill Uyeda at 562/901-0769. Deadline: March 11. EOE.

Town Manager, Nags Head, N.C.

SALARY: Negotiable (+) benefits. (Pop. 3,000 / 30,000 during tourist season). \$13 million bdt; 100 FTEs. Reqs. bachelor's degree (MBA or MPA preferred) and demonstrated exper. managing major initiatives and local services. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John T. Maxwell, Senior Vice President or Roger M. Scott, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1206 Laskin Road, Suite 210, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; Fax 757/422-6617 or e-mail jmaxwell@springsted.com. For further information visit www.springsted.com. Deadline: March 31.

Other positions

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at www.vml.org.

Legal Services RFP, City of Galax

SALARY: Negotiable. Deadline: 4 p.m. Feb. 28.

Program & Project Coordinator, Herndon

SALARY: \$39,756-\$50,421 entry range. Open until filled.

Director, Division of Chesapeake Bay Land Assistance (Richmond)

SALARY: \$48,042-\$98,576 DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Feb. 28.

Assistant County Administrator, Scott

SALARY: \$34,744-\$36,170 hiring range (+) benefits. Deadline: March 3.

Director of Planning and Community Development, Ashland

SALARY: \$50,000-\$68,988 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Open until filled.

Chief of Police, Petersburg

SALARY: \$58,667-\$75,693 DOQ + benefits. Deadline: March 4.

Director of Finance, Charlottesville

SALARY: Mid-\$90,000s-low \$100,000s to start. Deadline: March 7.

Director Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Loudoun County

SALARY: \$81,010-\$109,363 hiring range. Deadline: Feb. 25.

Building Official, Warren County

SALARY: \$43,880-\$53,464 start range. Open until filled.

Director of Planning, Westmoreland County

SALARY: Negotiable (+) benefits. Deadline: Feb. 28.

Town Planner, Cape Charles

SALARY: \$31,000-\$41,000 (+) benefits DOQ. Deadline: March 1.

Public Information Specialist II, Norfolk

SALARY: \$36,051. Open until filled.

Operations Engineer, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$72,985-\$109,478. Deadline: March 16.

County Administrator, Bedford

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: March 4.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, March 4. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758. VML publishes job advertisements at no cost to its local government members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$25 per ad per issue, which includes posting on VML's Web site and publication in Virginia Town & City (deadlines permitting). VML edits position descriptions in printed publications because of space limitations.*

CALENDAR

Summit on Performance Measures for Fire and EMS, Arlington, Feb. 28-March 1

National summit is intended to achieve higher standards and optimal outcomes for emergency response organizations. Learn best practices from speakers of leading fire departments, including Susan Herbert of Fairfax County. Plus, discover factors hindering your department's performance and learn to justify increased funding and grant requests with accurate performance data. See <http://www.performanceweb.org>.

ICMA Southeast Regional Meeting, March 3-4, Savannah

Includes ICMA University Workshop presented by Bob O'Neill on "A Sea of

Change: Sailing in Uncharted Waters." Additional details forthcoming. Contact: ICMA's Careen Campbell-Hussein at 202/962-3599 or Chussein@icma.org.

Diversity and the Generation Gap at Work, March 9, Richmond

Examine the different levels of diversity and the effects of these differences on the workplace. Learn how to create a more inclusive work environment where diversity becomes a source of cooperation rather than of conflict. Held from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the University of Virginia's Richmond Center. Sponsored by the Virginia Institute of Government. Registration: \$100 (includes lunch). Contact: Jovan Hackley at 804/371-0202, e-mail jh5sr@virginia.edu, or visit www.VaInstituteofGovernment.org.

Rural Innovation Forum, March 18, Winchester

One-day conference devoted to rural innovation, showcasing ideas, projects and programs that enhance agriculture and rural business. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lee-Jackson Best Western Conference Center. Registration: \$25 covers lunch; info. on-line at www.loudounfarms.org or by calling 703/777-0426. Pre-registration by March 9.

Preferred method of submitting items is via e-mail to David Parsons at: dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758.

Update

The newsletter of the
Virginia Municipal League

P.O. Box 12164 • Richmond, VA 23241



U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance

Providing local governments with discounted nationwide contracts for office supplies, furniture, computers and peripherals, general supplies and more. For more information:

www.uscommunities.org

1-800-635-3993

A VML-sponsored service



LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
WORKING TOGETHER SINCE 1905



Update is published
biweekly by the
Virginia Municipal League

P.O. Box 12164
Richmond, VA 23241
(804) 649-8471
Fax: (804) 343-3758
E-mail: e-mail@vml.org
www.vml.org

Executive Director
R. Michael Amyx

Editor
David Parsons

Associate Editor
Manuel Timbreza