



Proclamation

Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company 50th Anniversary

- WHEREAS,** the need for local fire protection in the Stony Point community was evident due to its rural nature and geographical remoteness from Charlottesville and surrounding areas, making the nearest fire department in East Rivanna less effective due to long response times; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1974, led by the proactive citizens of Stony Point and members of a local civic organization, a public meeting was convened by Chuck Norford to address the critical need for establishing a local fire service, resulting in overwhelming community support and swift action and a board of directors was promptly established, consisting of dedicated individuals including Chuck Norford, Montie Pace, Robert N. Woodall, Angelica Kilham, John Haskell, and John Desio, with Ted Armentrout appointed as the inaugural Fire Chief; and
- WHEREAS,** through the vigorous efforts and enthusiasm of community volunteers, the challenges of securing a site, planning and constructing a firehouse, acquiring essential firefighting equipment, and organizing necessary funding were met with unwavering determination; and
- WHEREAS,** the generosity of local businesses, such as Charlottesville Oil Co. and GOCO Oil Co., funded the vital tanker trucks for the Fire Company, and the steadfast support of National Bank and Albemarle County Government allowed the purchase of additional firefighting apparatus and supported the financing of the construction of the firehouse; and
- WHEREAS,** the groundbreaking ceremony for the Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company's firehouse was held on August 5, 1975, and since then, the facility has been equipped with a modern fleet including a brand-new tanker, two pumpers, and a brush truck, significantly enhancing the capability to serve and protect the Stony Point community, as well as assisting the entire county; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Albemarle Board of County Supervisors, do hereby recognize and express its appreciation to the Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company for their many accomplishments during their 50 years of service and look forward to their second century of service.

Signed this 15th day of May 2024

Jim Andrews, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors