

2010 VSBA Hot Topic Conference on School Safety

The need for school safety is obvious. From the student waiting at the bus stop to a teacher slipping on a wet cafeteria floor, safety is priority one. This conference will highlight many safety issues in today's schools. The presenters will present data and facts on various safety topics as well as address related school board policy concerns. Ensuring a safe environment for all can save jobs, prevent personal injuries, improve school moral, increase learning and save money!

Attend this conference to learn what you can do as a school board member to create a mind-set of safety all year. **Due to the nature of this conference, school division staff who supervise in the areas of maintenance, facilities and safety are also invited to attend.**

For Those With a Long Drive

A block of 55 rooms has been reserved at the Charlottesville Omni, 235 W. Main Street for the night of August 18.

Please make your hotel reservations directly by calling (434) 971-5500 or online: <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Charlottesville/MeetingFacilities/VSBAHotTopics8.aspx>

Inform the reservation staff you are attending the conference to receive the special rate of \$132 (single or double). **The deadline for the reserved block is July 28.** Please make your reservations by this date. If reservations exceed the block number, or are made after the July 28 deadline, the minimum rate will be \$189.

Registration

Name _____

School Division _____

- Board Member District Staff
 Superintendent Other _____

Costs:

Preregistration: \$130 (Before August 5)

Registration: \$180 (After August 5)

The deadline for preregistration is August 5. Registration fees received after August 5 will be \$180 per person. Purchase orders and registration via telephone **do not constitute payment of registration fees** and will result in a \$50 late fee if paid after the deadline date.

No refunds will be made after August 5 except in the case of personal illness. Prior to August 5, refunds of one-half of the registration minus a \$50 processing fee may be made.

All requests for refunds must be made to the VSBA President in writing signed by the Board Chair certifying a personal illness.

You may register online at:
www.vsba.org

Please return this form with your payment to:

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200 Hansen Road, Suite 2
Charlottesville, VA 22911

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August 19, 2010
Charlottesville Omni
235 W. Main Street



Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration**
(Continental Breakfast)
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome**
Stuart D. Gibson, Past-President
VSBA
- 9:20 a.m. Introduction to Safety**
David Brooks, Safety Engineer, Brooks Consulting Group
David will give an introduction to risk management and an overview of the coverages that school systems require, including crime, workers compensation, legal, student accident etc. He will also explain coverages, public perception and financial impact.
- 9:40 a.m. Transportation Safety**
Tom Williams, Director of Transportation, Washington County Public Schools
Washington County Public Schools has four video cameras on every bus! Tom will explain how cameras are assisting with the reduction of illegally passed buses and behavior issues. Tom will also discuss lessons he’s learned and practical policy advice for board members.

Anne Pilson, Director of Transportation, Patrick County Public Schools
Chairperson of the Virginia Association of Pupil Transportation (VAPT)
Anne will also discuss transportation safety and tips for school board members. Each year the VAPT judges over 1200 posters drawn by students from across the state in the School Bus Safety Poster Contest. She will bring many examples to share. The topic for this year’s poster contest is “Be Aware: Know the Danger Zone”.
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Employee Safety**
Dan Hurley, Senior Director of Risk Management, Norfolk City Public Schools
Dan transitioned from Risk Manager of the City of Norfolk to Risk Manager for Norfolk Public Schools. He will discuss safety issues he deals with on a regular basis including employee safety, transportation safety, and building and grounds safety. He will also share an incentive program developed for the Norfolk Public Schools fleet.
- 11:45 a.m. Student Safety**
Nita Mensia– Joseph, Director of Operations, Portsmouth City Public Schools
Ms. Mensia-Joseph will discuss how PCPS received a safety grant for more than \$500K which resulted in national recognition for the school system. She will share how PCPS improved emergency response procedures for students and employees plus PCPS’ success through improved training in reducing injuries to support staff employees. She will suggest ideas to improve safety/security operations of all employees. Finally, you will hear questions board members need to ask on how to improve safety and security in schools.
- 12:45 p.m. It Happened, What Next? Taking Safety Home**
David Brooks, Safety Engineer, Brooks Consulting Group
David will conclude the day with a question and answer session on general safety. David will stress developing a “Culture of Safety” and give some tips on what board members can do generally and through policy to support safety in your schools.
- 1:00 p.m. Announcements, Adjournment & Lunch in Atrium**
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