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**York County Fire and Life Safety COVID-19 Update**

Approximately two weeks ago, the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety had a total of 11 personnel that had tested COVID-19 positive since the latter part of June. Since that time, all of these personnel have completed their quarantine and returned to duty along with others that had been quarantined as an extra precaution. However, in the past 24 hours two additional personnel have tested positive, are in the process of being quarantined and the department is working to identify those that may need to quarantine as an added precautionary step. The department has tested approximately 146 personnel, some of whom have been tested on multiple occasions and some additional tests are anticipated.

As indicated before, COVID-19 cases have become prevalent in our community. As a natural and expected consequence, fire and EMS personnel have the potential to be exposed both through their profession as well as through normal community exposure similar to what has occurred in other fire/EMS agencies as well as health care facilities/ environments. Since more testing is being conducted community wide, as well as within the department, an “uptick” in positive results can be expected. The department maintains regular contact with the Virginia Department of health for guidance on all actual or suspected cases.

Our number one priority is to always ensure the health and safety of the public and our personnel that serve them.

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