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York County Fire and Life Safety Connects with Community at First Responder Market

The York County Department of Fire and Life Safety proudly participated in Yorktown Market Days' First Responder Market held on Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing, bringing together local heroes and community members. In addition to Fire and Life Safety, first responders were present from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, Peninsula Regional Emergency Communications, Public Works, and others for a day of safety education and family fun. Market organizers estimate 1,500 people attended the First Responders Market.



At the market, firefighters engaged with hundreds of residents and offered tours of fire apparatus. Children had the opportunity to chat with firefighters and marvel at the fire engine, medic unit, and, in its first appearance at the First Responders Market, the fire boat.

The Prevention and Community Safety Division gave away coloring and activity books filled with important safety information along with toy fire helmets that could be seen worn



by children throughout the market. Approximately 500 people stopped to speak with the Prevention and Community Safety personnel and to get some freebies for the kids. Many of them also toured the Safe House (a mobile education unit designed like a house to teach fire safety skills).



“This event was a wonderful opportunity for our department to connect with members of the community outside of emergency situations,” said Fire Chief Allen Baldwin. “At the market, we were able to share safety information and speak with members of the community we are proud to serve.”

Fire and Life Safety extends its appreciation to everyone who attended the event. Plans are already underway for next year’s event!

Note: Additional photos are posted on the department’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyfire>.