



TRAINING NOTICE

17-19 JUNE, 2026

The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association is offering FREE training at the Annual Convention in Kingsport, TN



Everything Ropes

Wednesday, 17 June, 2026 / 1800-2000 hours

Todd Chrisley, Christiansburg Fire Department and Past President
Frank Wright, Christiansburg Fire Department

This will be an open forum about ropes. The discussion will be about maintenance, care of equipment, safety issues, proper rope storage does and don'ts with some hands-on training.

EV Construction and Challenges During Extrication &

What's New in the World of Firefighting Foam

Thursday, 18 June, 2026 / 0800-1200 & 1300-1600 hours

Captain Eddie Chitwood NREMT-P (Retired)
Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department / Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department



Dropping the Sheild

Friday, 19 June, 2026 / 0730-1100 & 1300-1600 hours

Kenny Mitchell, JR., Fire Lieutenant (Ret).
National Speaker, Workshop Presenter, Podcast Host, and Founder of Operation Yellow Tape.

To provide quality resources, education, events, inspirational speaking, and a podcast to support first responders and their families that may be suffering in silence due to a mental health set-back.



Traffic Incident Management

Friday, 19 June, 2026 / 1300-1600 hours

Hunter Matheney, Firefighter, Roanoke City Fire & EMS

The Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) is a coordinated, multi-agency approach designed to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents quickly and safely, minimizing congestion, secondary crashes, and risks to responders and motorists.



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