



Vermont Police Association

Representing Vermont's Finest

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Dear Members of the Vermont Police Association,

I'm deeply honored and grateful to have been re-elected for another term as President of the Vermont Police Association. Your continued trust and confidence mean more to me than I can express. Serving this Association and advocating on behalf of Vermont's law enforcement community has been the greatest privilege, and I'm proud of what we've accomplished together.

When I first assumed this role, I shared several core goals of the Board with you; maintaining and increasing the Association's financial health, modernizing our operations, increasing our presence in the Vermont Legislature, and ensuring the VPA remained a strong, relevant, and principled voice for Vermont's law enforcement community. Thanks to the dedication of our Board, supporters, and membership, we're pleased to report meaningful progress has been made on each of these fronts.

A Stronger and Financially Sound Association

Fiscal responsibility was one of our highest priorities, and we've operated with discipline. Through careful budgeting, reduced and more strategic spending, and a renewed focus, the Association has remained in a healthy and stable financial position. This is the result of deliberate choices made by the Board to protect the long-term sustainability of the VPA so we can continue to serve our members for years to come.

Because of this work, the VPA is no longer simply reacting to financial pressures but is instead positioned to plan, grow, and invest wisely. This financial stability allows us to pursue new opportunities, respond to emerging needs, and honor our commitments to members and their families when it matters most.

Modernization and Technological Progress

Another major focus of the past term was bringing the VPA further into the modern era. We've made significant technological upgrades improving accessibility, efficiency, and engagement. Our website now includes online membership and donation portals, making it easier than ever for members to stay connected and for supporters to contribute to our mission.

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We've also established a public scholarship page, dedicated to our longtime Scholarship Chair John King, creating greater visibility and accessibility for those opportunities while reinforcing our commitment to education and professional development. These improvements reflect a forward-thinking Association who understands the importance of supporting our members where they need it most.

To further strengthen our connection with supporters, we've taken a hands-on approach by personally acknowledging and thanking each person who expresses support for the Association.

A Stronger Voice at the Statehouse

The VPA has been more proactive and consistently involved in the Vermont Legislature than at any point in recent memory. We've worked tirelessly to advocate for equity and fairness in survivor, disability, and retirement benefits, ensuring those who serve, and their families, are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Our presence at the Statehouse has been intentional and principled. We've built relationships, provided informed perspectives, and ensured lawmakers hear directly from the professionals who understand the realities of law enforcement work. While there is always more to do, the progress made underscores the importance of remaining engaged, informed, and united.

Leadership, Representation, and Service

Over the past term, the VPA has filled a number of crucial appointed roles to ensure law enforcement has a voice at important tables across the state. These include representation on the Vermont Criminal Justice Council, the Law Enforcement Advisory Board, the Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board, Vermont Emergency Services Memorial Board, and the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission. These appointments allow us to actively participate in policy decisions, advocate for member's wellness, and contribute meaningfully to broader public safety discussions.

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There are still important roles which remain unfilled, and we strongly encourage any member interested in active participation to consider stepping forward. The strength of this Association depends on engaged members who are willing to lend their selflessness, voices, experience, and leadership.

Supporting Officers and Families

One of the most meaningful accomplishments of this term was the establishment of the Vermont Injured Police Officers Fund. This fund was created to help fill critical gaps for Officers who are seriously injured in the line of duty and for surviving families when benefits fall short. It reflects our belief no Officer or family should ever feel abandoned after making sacrifices in service to others.

Additionally, the critical line of duty incidents involving Captain Grey and Sergeant Locke underscored painful gaps in support for Officers and their families during times of crisis. Those events directly led to the establishment of the Vermont Injured Police Officers Fund. Their experiences strengthened our resolve to ensure no member or family ever stands alone in their greatest time of need. This effort embodies the very best of who we are as a profession; standing together, taking care of one another, and honoring service with action rather than words alone.

We also pause to honor those whose sacrifices remind us why this Association exists. We continue to mourn fallen federal law enforcement Officer David "Chris" Maland, who was tragically killed in the line of duty here in Vermont. The VPA remains committed to ensuring their service and sacrifice are never forgotten, and we will continue our efforts to honor their legacy in meaningful and lasting ways.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, our goals remain clear. We'll continue the important work already underway while placing a renewed emphasis on increasing member involvement and participation. We'll focus on building strong partnerships, seeking new opportunities, and further strengthen the financial foundation of the Association as a whole.

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The challenges facing law enforcement today are real and complex. But so too is the strength, professionalism, and commitment of Vermont's Officers. Together, we'll continue to advocate, adapt, and lead.

We thank you for your continued trust, commitment, and unwavering dedication to the communities you serve. I'm proud to stand with you and honored to continue serving as your President.

Respectfully,

Christopher R. Hoar

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