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25 year Celebration and Renaming of the Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé Fire and Rescue Training Academy

Leesburg, VA. - As the bagpipers from Northern Virginia Pipes and Drums played and the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Honor Guard performed the presentation of colors, the Fire and Rescue Training Academy received its new moniker, the Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé Fire and Rescue Training Academy.

Loudoun County officials, community leaders and members of the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue System came together with family and friends of Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé for the 25th Anniversary Celebration and Renaming Ceremony of the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Training Academy on Saturday October 17th, 2015.

In June of 2014 the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution of Honor and Respect, Celebrating the Life of Chief Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé. Chief Dubé served as the first Fire Marshal and Director of the Fire and Rescue System for Loudoun County, Virginia from 1970 until his retirement in 1987. Chief Dubé passed away February 21, 2014 at the age of 84. The Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé Fire and Rescue Training Academy memorializes Chief Dubé's contributions and endless dedication to the Fire and Rescue Services of Loudoun County.

Chief Dubé spent years seeking land to construct a central training complex that would adequately prepare Loudoun's fire and EMS providers with the advanced skills needed to deal with the challenges of a rapidly growing population. His dream was realized in 1985 when the Board purchased land on Sycolin Road, of which approximately 25 acres were dedicated to building the current training academy. Chief Dubé retired prior to the completion of the current training academy; however his legacy lives on today as the physical facilities and those who teach the classes carry on his vision.

"We come together today to celebrate an impressive 25 years of growth and development within our fire and rescue system. The advanced operating practices and competent character of the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue System was fostered by this wonderful training academy. And, without a doubt, this academy would not have been possible without Chief Oliver Robert Dubé. "O.R.", as many knew him, was a man of integrity, a man of the community, a hard worker, dedicated public servant, husband and father. He was a mentor and cherished friend, one that I was blessed to have known," said Fire System Chief W. Keith Brower, Jr.

Many members of the Dubé family were present at the ceremony, including his son Robert who addressed the crowd. "I would like to thank the County of Loudoun, and specifically Chief Brower, on behalf of the Dubé family. Having this facility bear our fathers name is a testament to his dedication not only to the fire service, but to our family," said Robert Dubé, Chief of the City of Alexandria Fire Department.

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Pictured: The family of Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé



Pictured: Fire System Chief, W. Keith Brower, Jr.

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Pictured: Chief Robert Dubé, of the City of Alexandria, son of Oliver Robert “O.R.” Dubé



Pictured (from left): Fire Chief W. Keith Brower, Jr., Deputy Chief Jose Salazar, Assistant Chief Matthew Tobia, Assistant Chief Keith Johnson, Assistant County Administrator John Sandy, Chaplain Charlie Grant, Mr. Mike Chaia, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott K. York

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