



**General Membership Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7 pm  
Lorton District Police Station  
8855 Lorton Road, Lorton, VA 22079

**Summary**

The Federation held its first in person meeting of the year at the Lorton District Police Station. Police Captain Anthony Stancampiano was presented a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to Lorton now that he has been transferred. Issues with Dominion Energy clearcutting trees along power lines were discussed with several communities inquiring about possible action. Major Patrick O’Hara shared an update on many issues, noting the recent unusual crimes are not enough for a crime wave. After the meeting, he provided a tour of the facility for all those interested.

**Call to Order- Ms. Wendy Henley, President**

Ms. Henley called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and thanked all those in attendance.

**Approval of the Minutes (Secretary position vacant)**

Ms. Henley presented the March minutes and Jonathan Kiell motioned to approve, seconded by Peter Weyland, approved unanimously by show of hands.

**Treasurer Report- Mr. James Fenton**

Mr. Fenton presented the treasurer's report.

Truist Checking	\$1,191.07
CD	\$5,064.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,255.15</b>

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Report - Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**

Supervisor Storck gave a report after a day of Board committee meetings.

**Lorton Police Station.** Pleased to have Major Patrick O’Hara here. Thanked Captain Anthony Stancampiano for his service to Lorton as he has been reassigned to Major Crimes Division. Seeking some additional staff at Lorton, including a crime prevention officer. Officers are still working 12 hour shifts and will need to be returned to a regular shift before Lorton can be staffed. Several officers are retiring, including Major O’Hara.

**Comment from Major O’Hara,** welcomed everyone to the station. About 30 or so officers work out of the station during the day, though we aren’t yet fully staffed. If there is anything you need, feel free to reach out to me and I can pass it on to West Springfield and Franconia Police Districts. Currently sitting at 132 officers below needs, with a new class graduating the academy in May. We are doing super well at recruiting, it will just take some time to catch up.

**Question from Jonathan Kiell,** since the new Franconia station is under construction, can they relocate here in the meantime? **Answer,** the new station will be open in July so they will remain in the current station until then. The new facility will be a multi-faceted space including a senior center and library.

**VDOT Paving Schedule.** Will be announced Wednesday night. I95 North ramp 166 A & B, two other ramps, Old Colchester Road, Park Road, Springfield Drive, Harley Road in Mount Vernon District. No new bike lanes or traffic modifications will be part of the repaving.

**Reworld Annual Report.** Has been provided and will be presenting at the July Federation meeting. Yesterday they had an M Solid Waste event that the fire department responded to. The reporting system is working a lot better.

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**Gunston Plaza Traffic Study.** Traffic study was completed, no light was recommended. Delegate Henson reached out of my support for a left turn prohibition. He supports the plan to limit traffic to right out only from the main entrance of the Plaza since a light isn't being put in. They are now working out the details on how that will be presented and enforced.

**Gunston Cove Road Safety.** Request for a do not block intersection sign at Cranford Drive. Expected six week wait for approval and installation. Flashing RRFB crosswalk at Amsterdam Street is also under consideration. VDOT is cautious about doing more of them.

**Furnace Road Dumping.** Dale Rumberger has been diligent on this. Thirty five bags of trash picked up on April 2nd. On April 8th, another 40 bags were picked up. Almost 3000 lbs of refuse. Operation Shield took on the task. We will all have to be diligent to keep this from happening again, but it will be a continuous problem. Thank you to Dale for his work on this.

**Comment from Wendy,** this included two lawn mowers, a mattress, and 725 lbs of glass.

**LCAC 60th Anniversary Gala.** April 26th at Woodlawn Estate, only nine tickets still available. The amount of need for LCAC is greater with the changes in Federal staffing.

**Federal Layoffs.** Three meetings in the past two weeks about the impact on our community by these dismissals. Data being pulled together shows about 50,000 employees losing their jobs, either staff or contractors. 15% decrease in size is projected. The particular departments impacted that effect us are Defense and Homeland Security. The impact on tax collection is \$200 million, 6 cents per person.

**Question from Liz Wilde,** asked for a clarification, 50,000 is that just Fairfax County? **Answer,** It is.

**Question from Peter Weyland,** impact of County budget cuts on fire department and first responders?

**Answer,** working to overturn the proposed cuts at Gunston and Crosspointe stations, losing the single ambulance currently stationed there. County Staff is arguing the area can be covered effectively, but that is questionable. It doesn't make sense to have a fire station without an ambulance. Also removed from Clifton and Great Falls. The other cut is the rescue truck at Lorton station. There are other ways to address these cuts. **Follow up,** recommendation for us at the BoS meetings? **Answer,** attend and make it personal.

**Question from Jonathan Kiell,** if you cut Gunston and Crosspointe, you rely on Lorton, but they are frequently dealing with I95. Talking about 30 min response times. **Answer,** agree and looking for other places to cut. All firefighters are trained for Basic Life Support (BLS). Paramedics are trained for Advanced Life Support (ALS).

**Question from Marty Schirmacher,** What is going to happen to the ambulances that are being pulled from service? **Answer,** not sure, they may have ones close to retirement. **Jonathan Kiell added,** that it is not vehicles, its staffing. **Follow up,** fire trucks are a tax cost, while ambulances are reimbursed from insurance. **Answer,** it is a revenue source. That's part of the argument, if we raise the level of reimbursement, a few percent, and it may offset the cut.

**Question from Shauneen Werlinger,** concerning Crosspointe, have they actually quantified the difference in response times? Intersection outside Shoppes at Lorton Valley have frequent accidents, need for ambulance service. **Answer,** I have objections to the cuts, my colleagues may see differently.

**Comment from Hillary Clawson,** I was charged for an ambulance ride. **Answer,** it should be charged to insurance, any leftover will be forgiven and not charged if you are a County resident.

**Question from Andy Normand,** can you stop by Pohick Estates and look at the ground where the proposed development is planned? **Answer,** I have been on the ground, and I am looking for the Federation to weigh in on it.

**Special Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation for Captain Anthony Stancampiano**

*"The South County Federation is honored to acknowledge Captain Anthony Stancampiano for his significant contributions as our primary liaison within the Fairfax County Police Department. As both the Assistant Commander*

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*and Acting Commander of the newly established Lorton Police District, he has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to interacting with our community and responding to our needs promptly. Captain Stancampiano played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Lorton Police District. He participated in the initial redistricting effort and played a crucial role in preparing the operations for the new facility. During this time, he ensured that the community remained informed and engaged. Captain Stancampiano has been active in South County Federation meetings, fielding various questions and requests while representing the Fairfax County Police Department. His friendly and self-assured nature has helped build a solid connection with the local community. By successfully tackling concerns and clarifying misunderstandings, he has been instrumental in resolving issues and enhancing the department's reputation. We sincerely regret his departure from our community in Fairfax County. However, we extend our best wishes for his future endeavors and hope that, in due time, he secures a new assignment in our area, particularly as the Lorton Police District becomes fully operational. Congratulations and Thank You, Captain Stancampiano!"*

**Captain Stancampiano responded,** thank you for this honor. I was involved in the redistricting process to rebalance our efforts in the county. That was exciting to be part of. I'm very proud of the work done here at Lorton station. I appreciate it very much.

### Legislative Updates

#### **Congressman Gerry Connolly, 11th District - Representative Fatimah Malek**

Provided an update on Federal workers, Executive actions, and tariffs.

- Supports a bill to restore Congressional authority on tariffs, and litigation over other executive actions.
- Sent a letter to the administration on education funding in light of the cutbacks at the Department of Education

**Question from Wendy Henley,** asked if the Congressman is researching the effects on impact aid.

**Answer,** yes they are researching all of the impacts of the President's actions, including on immigration and other policy changes.

#### **Roza Henson - 19th District, Virginia State Delegate, represented by Max Jenkins, Chief of Staff**

Mr. Jenkins provided updates from Delegate Henson's bills during the session

- Passed eleven bills, five vetoed by the Governor. The remaining six were signed and will go into effect July 1st.
- House bill 1659, foundation repair and mediate soil foundation issues.
- House bill 1874, allows former and retired law enforcement officers to be included in the definition of public official
- Submitted budget amendments, \$500,000 to Gunston Hall. \$200,000 to LCAC to assist those needing rent help.
- **Utility Pole placement.** VDOT is installing signs on the 15 poles closest to the road, will be done by the end of this month. Speed limit assessment would be done by end of May. If increase recommended, it will not. If decrease recommended, will move to the next step.

**Question from Marty Schirmacher,** how will Gunston Plaza deal with the plan? Is this a public concern? has there been a high rate of accidents? **Answer,** yes there is. There will be public hearings. **Wendy Henley** noted the accidents have included fatalities.

**Question from Jonathan Kiell,** will there be just signs or something else? **Answer,** public hearings will determine that.

### Committee Reports

#### **Land Use Committee, Co-Chairs Nick Firth and Keith F. Shovlin**

Mr. Firth no meeting in March, and Mr. Shovlin shared updates on local projects.

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- There will be a lot in April and May, the Pohick Road proposal, townhomes on Ox Road, the SSPA nominations. There will be a lot to report on going into summer.
- **Issue at Occoquan Overlook**, Dominion transmission lines pass through the neighborhood, NERC regulation mandates clear cut anything in their easement, passed in 2003 and will now enforce. Removed 20 feet of tree buffer between homes and lines. Wiped out today, transmission lines are 80 foot in the air. Response was a cease and desist letter that our HOA is impinging the easement. Reached out to local officials. Called ABC News, cameras were out today, will be on the news tomorrow. Dominion have more access and authority over a homeowners property than you do.

**Questions from Robert Dolce**, asked for clarification, are they going beyond the current extent? **Answer**, it looks that way and we asked what has changed? This came up on W&OD trail. Issue appears to be the data centers requiring power, will need to increase the load and may need to install a third line between the two existing.

**Question from Shauneen Werlinger**, how far does the easement extend? **Answer**, 295 feet from the pole. If the third goes in the middle, they wouldn't have to extend it. The property is common ground and the trees removed were done without notice or approval. Easement was enforced, there was no agreement on the easement. If they cut down the trees, they don't have trim every few years.

- **ARB - Sportrock Liberty**. The Architectural Review Board will be taking action on the application from Sportrock to open a climbing facility in the former dining hall at Liberty. They presented here last month and hope to open this fall.
- **Business updates**. Yafa Grille is looking more and more like it will open soon but still don't have a date. Unfortunately we lost a local business Father and Son Seafood has closed at Gunston Plaza.
- **SSPA Newington Road**. One of the SSPA nominations is to build a hotel and storage unit facility off Newington Road at Loisdale Road. Despite still going through the process, they have gone ahead and clear cut the site. They are planning to move ahead with the storage facility as they are allowed to do by-right.
- **Historical Market Dedication**. On May 3rd, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other groups will be dedicated the historical marker to William Lindsay at the Lindsay gravesite near Liberty Crest and Laurel Hill House.

**Question from Andy Normand**, about the SSPA meeting on last Monday. How is the Federation leaning? **Answer**, we don't even look at it until stage four, and it is currently in stage two. June 10th is the end of the SSPA period but not the final approval. Mr. Firth is only one vote and suggested how he is leaning.

**Environmental and Parks Committee, Co-Chairs Larry Clark and Dale Rumberger**

- No Report

**Transportation Committee, Co-Chairs Peter Weyland and Dale Rumberger**

Mr. Weyland shared a brief report.

- **Gunston Cove Road follow up**. Traffic concern to not block intersection with Cranford Road, traffic turning right onto Route 1.
- **School bus safety program**. 15 more cameras as of next week, on the school buses.

**Question from Andy Normand**, widening of Pohick Road, where is that in the process? **Answer**, they are in design phase on the sidewalk. No update on the widening. **Follow up**, no trucks on Gunston Cove Road. **Answer**, seems a lot are taking in early in the morning coming from Route 1.

**Question from Jim Fenton**, Old Colchester Road seems to have a lot of early morning traffic. **Answer**, they are backups from I95, drivers taking the exit and then cutting over from Route One.

**Education Committee, Chair Wendy Henley**

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Ms. Henley shared a information on two programs.

- New cameras on school buses was covered under transportation.
- Health department summer speech therapy program for school aged children, registration is now open. Six weekly sessions of one on one therapy. Fee for the program. Call 703-246-7121 for more information.
- **It is Purple Star Month.** Many FCPS schools are Purple Star Schools, offering support for children of military families. FCPS goal to become Purple star school division, 100% of schools maintaining purple star designation. Currently at 75%, 95 schools needed to reach 100%.

**Public Safety Committee, Chair Jonathan Kiell**

Mr. Kiell asked Major Patrick O'Hara to provide a report on certain issues

- **Road Shark.** Has started again in partnership with Virginia State Police to reduce reckless and aggressive driving. In a month have already exceeded last years numbers of tickets and citations. The first week, after St. Patrick's Day, 9,313 citations/warnings in Fairfax County. 1,500 were in the South County area. Next wave starts April 21st.
- **Recent unusual crimes.** Are we seeing a crime wave? We are not. In Lorton district, 4% of all calls for service originate here. Rate of crime is on a downward trend. St. Patricks Day Robbery of Truist bank at Gunston, no weapon seen. Tracked the guy but still an active crime investigation including the FBI.
- **Gun shop burglary,** truck backed into the store, 21+ guns stolen. Arrested two of the three immediately. Truck was stolen, dumped it after, stole another and caught in Montgomery Co. MD, 16 year olds. This is an active investigation. ATF is involved because the guns were transported across state lines.
- **New Policy on Foot Pursuit.** It's out of the ordinary to have a foot pursuit policy, just put into effect. Will help protect the Police against litigation.

**Closing Comments or Issues**

**Adopt A Highway** - This Saturday at 8 am meeting at Laurel Hill Central Green. The sign should be going up soon.

**Meeting adjourned**

**President Henley** thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm. The next scheduled meeting is on May 13th, 2025 at 7 pm on Zoom.

**Action Items**

- Keith Shovlin to conduct the Adopt A Highway cleanup of Lorton Road
- Wendy Henley to share the Certificate of Appreciation for Captain Stancampiano with the Police Chief.
- Federation members to consider joining a committee if not already part of one.