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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ENSURING LIFE AND PROPERTY SAFETY THROUGH SPOTSYLVANIA'S EXISTING OCCUPANCY SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

Spotsylvania, VA – January 6, 2011 – Spotsylvania County's Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management (FREM) team will be resuming inspections under the existing occupancy inspection program on January 10, 2011. Inspections of buildings and facilities are primarily targeted where the highest potential loss of life might occur, and other building inspections will occur thereafter. Businesses along the Route 3 and Route 1 corridors will likely be among the first sites to be visited.

FREM Chief Chris Eudailey says: "First and foremost, we aim to ensure that buildings are safe for Spotsylvania citizens, businesses, employees and those patronizing County businesses. FREM is proactive in attempting to identify potential causes of fires." This proactive stance also helps prevent future fire situations which might put Spotsylvania's combined volunteer and career staff in jeopardy.

While life safety is the primary goal, this inspection program benefits businesses in preservation of property and resources. Inspections help ensure the safety of the patrons visiting the business sites. The program also benefits the community's tax base.

Information on the fee structure for the program is available at [www.spotsylvania.va.us](http://www.spotsylvania.va.us). Under "Government Services," click on "Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management," then on "Fire Prevention," and then on "Inspection Fees." The fees collected for building inspections are being used to support the two staff members who will work with Deputy Fire Marshall Philip M. Sullivan in this fire prevention effort.

The Spotsylvania Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management continuously works to provide a safer environment for individuals and businesses in the County. As evidenced by this program, protection of business owners and their investments is crucial. For further information, contact Philip M. Sullivan, Deputy Fire Marshall, at [psullivan@spotsylvania.va.us](mailto:psullivan@spotsylvania.va.us) or 540-507-7925.

For additional County information: [www.spotsylvania.va.us](http://www.spotsylvania.va.us)

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