



FRIENDS OF THE RICHMOND MOUNTED SQUAD 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICERS

Sgt. Eric Bardon Officer in charge of the unit, with the city police since 1987 and with the mounted unit since 1999.

Officer Rich Fecht with the department since 1996 and with the mounted unit since 1999.

Officer Monica Watson Has been with Richmond Police since November, 1998.

Officer Craig Buchbinder has been with the Richmond Police since June 2005.

Officer Dawn Lehmann has been with the Richmond Police since February, 2007.

HORSES

Rio - Joined the Mounted Squad in 2007. Is back to work and passing every test with flying colors!

Raleigh - joined the squad in 2008. He is a 2004 Spotted Draft gelding (from Virginia Sport Horses) standing 17 hands. He was donated with funds raised by the "Friends". His extra large tack was paid for by a grant from the Fan Women's Club.

S.S. Roadrunner (Roady) - A 15.2 hand, dark bay Standardbred retired racehorse. He's been with the squad since 2000.

Turbo Diesel - joined in the Spring of 2009, a Percheron/TB cross donated to the Squad.

Beau - A 15.2 hand, dark bay Standardbred retired racehorse. He's been with the squad since 2009.

EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals

December 10, 2008, Noon – Morgan Fountain, Shockoe Slip

Blessing by Dr. Karen Thompson

Music of the Season by Susan Greenbaum

(2009 Blessing scheduled for Friday, December 11)

Richmond Ride

April 5, 2009 Noon

Downtown and Carytown, departed from Byrd Park near Carillon

FRMS board members distributed flyers to Carytown merchants so they and their patrons would be aware in advance that the "Horses Are Coming!"

No. of participants: approximately 75

Money raised: \$1534.40 (net after expenses)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Mullins Ramsey, President

Bob Armstrong, Vice-President

Karen Webber, Secretary

Anne Baskerville, Treasurer

Renee Hatten, Board Member

Barbara Howell, Board Member

Cathette Plumer, Board Member

Linda Warner, Board Member

Open Barn Tour

June 7, 2009 1-4 PM

Inaugural event. Our board had talked about hosting an "open barn" for a long time. About 300 people attended. A great story in the Times Dispatch about the Mounted Police and a sidebar about the Open House really helped spread the word. A wonderful outreach and educational opportunity to get up close and personal with the officers and horses.

FRMS Horse Show

August 16, 2009 – Dorey Park

A good show (about 70 exhibitors) with very strong sponsorship. Rescheduling of another show which landed on the Saturday before the FRMS Show dampened participation somewhat. We will address such conflicts in the future. \$3,274 projected income, with \$922.18 expense for a net profit of \$2,351.82.

FRMS Equine Yard Sale

October 4, 2009, 10 am-approx 3-4 pm

Held at the inaugural State Fair of Virginia at The Meadow Event Park next to the popular Champion Saddlery Tent. Auction raised \$398, Yard Sale raised \$275.16 for a total of \$673.16

FRMS Annual Meeting

October 20, 2009, 6 PM – Robin Inn, Park Avenue, Richmond

ACQUISITIONS

Storage Barn – located at Dorey Park – Cost: \$3,689.60, plaque: \$16.99

Turbo Diesel – Percheron/TB gelding donated Spring, 2009

New Horse Trailer – purchased by FRMS – Cost after trade-in: \$6,995.00

T-Shirts – Redesign and production of FRMS T-shirts

COMMUNITY & CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT

Sponsorship of stall in Southern States Legends Stable at The Meadow Event Park – Cost: \$1,500 - "Friends of The Richmond Mounted Squad in honor of Officers and Horses Past and Present"

Optimist Club of Greater Richmond - \$300 donation for morning hospitality for 2008 and 2009 Richmond Rides

Southern States S.H.O.W. Program – Received \$399.50 for horse feed proofs of purchase collected for FRMS

Grant Request submitted to Fan Women's Club for \$2,000 (FRMS was recipient of \$2,000 in 2008)

2009 MEMBERSHIPS

Shelley Fulleborn

Barbara Gaden

Paula Saur

Grace Mullinax

Rusty Stirrups Riding Club

Alyson Stone

Margaret Grove

M/M Tyler Franks (LIFE)

Bruce and Linda Warner (LIFE)