

Incoming President

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Another year has flown by with the Vermont Police Association and now it's my turn to take the helm as president. So here are some things that I hope to get addressed.

As we start 2005 I would like to make this challenge to the trustees and members to **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR ASSOCIATION!** This year's annual meeting and banquet was very disappointing to me. We have over 700 members and had approximately 30 attend the business meeting. At the banquet we also had very poor attendance. If every member brought just one new face to the meeting we could improve attendance by 100%. And if this was done for several years in a row attendance would soar. The more members you get to come the more the word gets out what a great time we had. This is a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. I personally have met many new friends that I would not have had it not been for attending the VPA's annual meetings starting 20 years ago.

As I start my year serving the members as president I would like to set some goals.

1. Increase members' involvement with the association. We have approximately 11 meetings a year for the trustees. I would like to see members attend when ever possible so they are aware what the association is doing.

2. Increase the attendance at the annual meeting. Stress to current members and recruit new members to attend. This is a great time to relax and it is free for members.

3. Keep the membership more informed as to what we are working on in Montpelier. Hopefully this will be accomplished thru our website and possible a quarterly news letter.

There are many other ideas I have but, what I really want is to hear from the members and what they want. All of the VPA officers and trustees are listed on the website. Contact us with your ideas and concerns. We will listen and take action whenever possible.

Let's all work together to make this an even better Vermont Police Association
Stay Safe

—Mark Donka
President
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