

Virginia Beach Fire Department
Volunteer Support Technician-Enhanced Task Book
and Sign-Off Sheet

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Procedure:

1. Once a member of the VST program has received approval to operate as a VST-Enhanced, the company officers at Company 8 will use this task book as a tool to ensure they have the skills necessary to operate on the Engine and Ladder.
2. They may ride the Engine and Ladder while completing these tasks, but must be checked-off on each item listed within 6 months of being advanced to the status of VST-E.
3. Once completed, please forward this check-off sheet to Fire Training, Attention BC of Training, to be included in the Support Technician's training file.

REQUIRED SKILLS	Company Officer Signature and Date
Incident Command System: Review the Incident Command System (ICS) to include accountability and chain-of-command. Review Response SOP and ICS SOP.	
Communication Procedures (Radio Usage): Ensure the support technician understands the use of the radio, TAC channels, and the emergency button operation procedures from the cabs of Engine 8 and Ladder 8.	
Equipment Location: Identify and note the location of all tools and equipment on Engine 8 and Ladder 8	
Engine & Ladder Operations and Incident Support Activities: Identify the expectations of a VST-E on the incident scene. State how each operator of the Ladder or Engine will be assisted and be able to assist in tasks assigned.	
Connect Supply Lines: Demonstrate this skill and show proper communication with the Engine or Ladder operator	
Charging Hydrants: Demonstrate this skill and show proper communication to ensure the supply line is charged at the correct time.	
Brush Truck Ops and Ground Cover Fires: Demonstrate the operation of Brush 8 and note the strategy and tactics of brush truck operations. As directed by firefighter personnel, assist in brush fire operations.	
SCBA Support and Air Systems Familiarization: Demonstrate safe cascade and air compressor operation. Be able to Identify the main components of SCBA's and the location of all SCBA's on Engine 8 and Ladder 8	
Fire Behavior and Portable Fire Extinguishers: Demonstrate the safe use of the various extinguishers carried on Engine 8 and Ladder 8.	

REQUIRED SKILLS (Cont)	Company Officer Signature and Date (Cont)
HAZ MAT Awareness: Review responding apparatus procedures. Be able to identify hazardous materials that may be encountered while assisting the Engine or Ladder operator.	
Chain Saw Safety: Demonstrate the safe way to start, operate, and check off a chain saw. Demonstrate basic maintenance procedures for the saw.	
Light Search and Rescue: Review procedures and define roles of personnel involved in SAR operations.	
Admin/Computer Reports: Demonstrate how to access the computer and enter Red Alert Reports and the note the importance of reporting in the VBFD.	
Physical Fitness: Understand the importance of Physical Fitness and develop a personal physical fitness program.	
First-Aid / CPR: Demonstrate the competency to perform basic First Aid and CPR.	
Instruction: Be able to teach incoming Support Technicians any, and all aspects of the tasks required to become proficient with the location and operation of the equipment located on Support 8 and Support 30. Perform continuing education for existing VST's on any and all aspects of the tasks assigned.	
Participation: Ride on Engine 8 and Ladder 8 enough to sufficiently maintain proficiency with those tasks assigned to VST-E's, while maintaining the minimum standards required on the monthly duty Support Technician schedule.	