

## **Virginia Tech Rescue Squad Accepts Resolution of Appreciation from Board of Visitors**

BLACKSBURG, Va., June 24 -- Captain Matthew Johnson and Deputy Captain Matthew McGarvey of the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad accepted on behalf of the organization, a resolution of appreciation from the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors at this month's full board meeting occurring on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The resolution was issued for the agency's response to the incident that occurred at the Graduate Life Center on January 21, 2009. The resolution was presented by Mr. John R. Lawson II, Rector of the Board of Visitors.

On January 21, 2009 at approximately 7:06 pm, graduate student Xin Yang was murdered outside of the Au Bon Pain café in the Donaldson Brown Graduate Life Center. The Virginia Tech Police Department and Virginia Tech Rescue Squad responded immediately after a 911 call was placed. Xin was pronounced dead at the scene and a subject was placed into custody in relation to the murder.

Established in 1969, the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad is the Emergency Medical Service agency serving the campus of Virginia Tech. It is a volunteer student-run organization committed to providing exceptional emergency medical services to the University community. Virginia Tech Rescue Squad maintains three advanced life support ambulances and numerous support vehicles with command, communications, and technical rescue capabilities with in-station crews ready for service 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The agency relies profoundly on private donations from members of the University and extended community to fund technological upgrades and capital improvements to better provide this service to Virginia Tech at no cost. More information is available at [www.rescue.vt.edu](http://www.rescue.vt.edu)

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