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2025 VALOR AWARDS

PROGRAM TIMELINE

6:00 PM

Registration & Networking

6:30 PM

Welcome, Gloria Williams, Valor Award Committee Chair

6:35 PM

Opening Remarks, Alec Burnett, Fauquier Chamber of Commerce President & CEO

6:40 PM

Presentation of Colors by the Liberty High School ROTC

6:45 PM

Missing Man Table Ceremony

6:50 PM

National Anthem performed by the Warrenton Chorale

7:00 PM

Invocation – Mike Poff, Senior Pastor Cornerstone Baptist Church

7:05 PM

Dinner

7:35 PM

Recognition of Invited Guests, Sponsors & Valor Awards Committee Members, Alec Burnett, Fauquier Chamber of Commerce President & CEO

7:40 PM

Video presentation

7:50 PM

Welcome Premier Sponsors, Mark B. & Gloria Williams

7:55 PM

Introduction of Honorees by Master of Ceremonies, Simone De Alba, Anchor WUSA9

8:50 PM

Closing Remarks, Gloria Williams, Valor Awards Committee Chair



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES SIMONE DE ALBA



She anchors mid-day and early-evening newscasts, and is part of WUSA9's Special Assignments Unit, leading the stations "impact" coverage that aims to tackle community issues.

With a career that has spanned the nation, Simone has covered major events across the country. From wildfires in California to politics in Montana and Texas. Notably she was one of the first journalists on scene during the massacre in Uvalde.

A Colorado native, she's passionate about marathons, rescue dogs, and books.

Simone comes from a law enforcement family, with her brother serving as an officer in Colorado for over a decade, and is honored to be part of the Fauquier Chamber Valor Awards.



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OPENING REMARKS

MARK B. WILLIAMS



Welcome to the 2025 Valor Awards! Mark B. Williams & Associates is again proud to join with many businesses and individuals in our community to honor the efforts of first responders who have gone above and beyond in their service to our community over the past year. While we acknowledge these heroes, we also applaud the work of all first responders whose daily work and volunteer time help

us feel secure in our homes and neighborhoods. We also recognize the contributions of the families of all first responders who support and share their loved ones with the larger community.

This year we have over 100 recipients, more than double the number of recipients in 2024, signifying the many acts of courage and sacrifice, the many years of dedication to the job and the teamwork required to work effectively together.

These awards are a tribute to the unswerving dedication of our first responders. We are proud to celebrate their acts of valor.

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VETERAN HONOREE GEORGE D. SCHEULEN



George D. Scheulen was born in Brooklyn, New York.
Although born in New York, he moved to Virginia when
he was six weeks old and was raised in the Stephens City
area, outside of Winchester. He attended James Wood
High School and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University where he was a member of the Reserve Officers'
Training Corps (ROTC).

While in attendance at Virginia Tech, he was drafted and after basic training was selected to attend NCO (Non-

Commissioned Officer) School. He served in the United States Army in the 1st Cavalry Division, known as the "First Team" and later in the "Sky Troopers". In 1965 he arrived in Vietnam as part of the first airmobile division, playing a critical role in the war and suffering the highest casualties of any U.S. Army division. They were deployed to the Central Highlands and coastal plains of Vietnam, utilizing air mobility for rapid movement and combat operation. Instead of horses, they used helicopters. With the rank of Sergeant, he was a squad leader in an infantry platoon. Their job was to locate and destroy the enemy, requiring extensive stretches of time in the jungle and often receiving enemy fire.

Mr. Scheulen is a recipient of the Bronze Star, awarded for valor and heroic achievement not involving aerial flight, and the Air Medal, awarded for meritorious achievement in aviation for all of the combat assaults in helicopters he completed.

After returning from Vietnam, he went back to Virginia Tech, where he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree. He began his work in public accounting in 1973, moving with his family to Warrenton in 1978 where he managed the Yount, Hyde & Barbour Warrenton office. In 1983, with William T. Patchett, Jr., he started Scheulen & Patchett, later to become Scheulen, Patchett & Edwards.

During his professional career, Mr. Scheulen was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA); the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA), past Director; the VSCPA Educational Foundation, past Director; the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce, past President, past Treasurer; the Warrenton Rotary Club, past President; the Fauquier Hokie Club, past President; and the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, past Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Scheulen and his wife, Barbara, live in Warrenton, Virginia. They have two adult children, and five grandchildren.



LIFE SAVING AWARDS

MARSHALL FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT



Proper

Captain Mike Proper. Proper is an emergency medical services captain who was traveling on a flight from Washington's Dulles Airport to Las Vegas on Dec. 9, 2024, when another passenger fell ill with a possible stroke. About halfway through the flight, Proper responded to a call for medical assistance from the crew for help with an unconscious passenger. The man's wife said he was recently diagnosed with diabetes and had just started new medications. He provided oxygen and conducted a stroke assessment. The patient regained consciousness and

Proper helped monitor his condition for 90 minutes until the plane landed and paramedics arrived. He performed as trained, followed protocols and had excellent communication with the flight crew. His quick medical attention may have saved the patient's life.





LIFE SAVING AWARDS

WARRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND THE FAUQUIER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE SYSTEM

First responders. On July 15, 2024, Emergency Medical Technicians Joshua Sabol and Jordan Rivera from the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company and Connor Rodendough and Casey Burr of the Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue System were dispatched to a business under construction and found two unconscious men inside the building. They tested the air for carbon monoxide and got a positive alert. They quickly removed the two men who were treated and survived

- ★ Joshua Sabol Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance 1 Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company
- ★ Jordan Rivera Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance 1 Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company
- ★ Conner Rodendough Technician Medic 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ Casey Burr Technician Medic 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System



Sabol Rivera







Burr



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE



Tanner

Trooper James C. "Chaz" Tanner. Tanner is a trooper with Virginia State Police Area 12 in Warrenton. He is being recognized for three separate investigations that resulted in high profile arrests, criminal charges and the recovery of drugs and guns.

On Nov. 8, 2024, Tanner was first officer on the scene of a fatal hit-and-run accident on Elk Run Road that killed a 73-year-old man as he crossed the road to his mailbox in front of his Catlett home. The case began with very limited evidence and no eyewitnesses, but Tanner relentlessly

followed leads until the suspect vehicle was identified after a tip from the suspect's neighbor. The 54-year-old suspect was charged with felony hit-and-run, manslaughter and operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock – a device that detects alcohol in a driver's system before allowing the car to start.

On Oct. 27. 2024, Tanner was on a traffic stop on I-66 for a fraudulent registration tag when he discovered the driver was a previously deported felon with a history of human smuggling. He called in support from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Along with three federal agents, the driver and four other occupants were arrested and charged with federal crimes, including a charge of human smuggling for the driver.

On Sept. 26, 2024, Tanner engaged in a pursuit with a fleeing vehicle on I-66 that ended with a chase on foot and the arrest of two men. The passenger was arrested for an out-of-state warrant and the driver for a traffic violation and charge of evading law enforcement. But Tanner then searched the driver and the vehicle and discovered 2 kilos of cocaine valued at \$200,000, along with two firearms. That led to additional charges and revealed a drug trafficking ring connecting across the U.S. and Mexico in a case that is still ongoing.

Tanner's exemplary work on these three separate cases showcases his commitment to the safety and justice of the citizens of Fauquier County. He has set a standard for other troopers to aspire to.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Delta Squad. On the early morning of May 29, 2024, deputies with the specially trained Delta Squad were dispatched to a home in Marshall on a report of a man with a weapon. When they arrived, they found a 35-year-old man holding a gun and a woman covered in blood. They quickly got the woman to safety and treated for her injuries. The suspect threatened to shoot officers, barricaded himself in the home and was arrested after a seven-hour standoff. The deputies that arrived on scene acted heroically by placing the injured woman's life before their own, knowing that the suspect had already inflicted bodily harm and stated that he was going to shoot any cop that arrived at his house.

- ★ Charles Acres Deputy First Class
- ★ Shianne Downs Deputy First Class
- ★ Spencer Kerns Deputy First Class
- ★ Erik Barnes Deputy First Class
- ★ David Settle Deputy First Class
- ★ Aaron Vescovi Sergeant







Downs



Kerns



Barnes



Settle



Vescovi



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

WARRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, FAUQUIER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE SYSTEM AND FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

First responders to a house fire. On Nov. 23, 2024, several first responders from the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company, the Fauquier County Fire Rescue System and the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a house fire with a possible trapped victim. They quickly began work to douse the flames and search for victims, but nobody was found inside. However, two unconscious dogs were removed to safety during the search and were treated with oxygen before being taken to a local veterinarian for further care. These crews demonstrated that any life, two legs or four legs may require rescue. All personnel went the extra mile to rescue these family pets from life threatening situations.

Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company honorees include:



Koglin



Ballantyne



Weirsky



Achter



Macintyre



Campbell



Cary

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS CONTINUED

- ★ Jason Koglin Assistant Fire Chief Rescue 1
- ★ Jacob Ballantyne Technician Rescue 1
- ★ Joseph Weirsky Firefighter Rescue 1
- ★ David Achter Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance 1
- ★ Griffin Macintyre Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance 1
- ★ Alexandra Campbell Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance 1
- ★ Jayden Cary Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance 1

Fauquier County Fire Rescue System honorees include:



McDonald



Stroop



Plaster



Ferraiuolo



Galvin



Miller

- ★ William McDonald Lieutenant Engine 1
- ★ Alex Stroop Technician Engine 1
- ★ Joshua Plaster Technician Engine 1
- ★ Mason Ferraiuolo Technician Medic 1
- ★ Robert Galvin Technician Medic 1
- ★ Brandon Miller Technician Medic 1





MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS CONTINUED

Fauquier County Sheriff's Office honorees include:









Davenport

Colbert

Rodgers

Boone

- ★ Lance Davenport 1st Sergeant
- ★ Brian Colbert Sergeant
- ★ Austin Rodgers Corporal
- ★ Jacob Boone Master Deputy

FAUQUIER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE SYSTEM, WARRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

First responders to a house fire. On Christmas Eve 2024, crews responded to a fire in a 55-and-older apartment building with victims trapped inside in subfreezing temperatures. First responders found a third-floor apartment filled with smoke and located a victim in the apartment with burns and smoke inhalation. He was removed to a hospital while other residents were evacuated and the fire extinguished. Crews worked seamlessly for a successful outcome to a very challenging situation.

Fauquier County Fire Rescue System honorees include:

- ★ Rich Cluff Battalion Fire Chief Battalion 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ John Kane Fire Chief New Baltimore Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- ★ Jason Koglin Assistant Fire Chief Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company
- ★ William McDonald Lieutenant Engine 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ Alex Stroop Technician Engine 1 Fauguier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ William Weisbrodt Technician Engine 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS CONTINUED

- ★ Jordon Coleman Captain Emergency Medical Services 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ Joshua Plaster Technician Medic 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ Dylan Hall Technician Medic 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ Carlos Chavez Technician Medic 1 Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System
- ★ Joe Johnson Corporal Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- ★ Cole Masterson Deputy First Class Fauquier County Sheriff's Office





MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS CONTINUED

Warrenton Police Department honorees include:







Hall

Perez

Farnsworth

- ★ Stephen Hall Sergeant
- ★ Jay Perez Corporal
- ★ Jory Farnsworth Officer



MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARDS

WARRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

First responders. On August 13, 2024, Corporal Jeffrey Shaver was the first to arrive to CVS in Warrenton on a report of an assault. He found a 40-year-old suspect had exited his car and attacked a 78-year-old victim with a brick. Shaver quickly detained the suspect and then assisted in caring for the victim. Officers Rachel Shockey and Frances Radel arrived and also administered care to the victim, who was taken to the hospital but later died. Detective Michael Gemmell interviewed the suspect at the scene and obtained critical evidence. Detectives Matthew Eggers and Richard Kniatt also obtained key evidence from witnesses and video cameras. The suspect was later charged with murder. These officers remained calm, used great judgment, and displayed excellent teamwork in an effort to save the victim, complete a thorough investigation, and bring the alleged suspect to justice.

- ★ Jeffrey Shaver Corporal
- ★ Rachel Shockey Officer
- ★ Frances Radel Officer
- ★ Michael Gemmell Detective Sergeant
- ★ Matthew Eggers Detective
- ★ Richard Kniatt Detective







Shockey



Radel



Gemmell



Eagers



Kniatt



MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARDS

FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dispatchers. On June 10, 2024, a series of calls reporting a child struck by a car came into the Fauquier County Communications Center. Several dispatchers took details from callers and worked to clarify the victim's injuries and instruct one

caller to perform CPR. Dispatchers were able to determine the driver was still at the scene, verify the workplace of the child's mother so police could be sent to notify her, and call for a helicopter to take the child to Fairfax Hospital for treatment. The dispatchers excelled on this challenging, emotion-filled day by having the ability to significantly coordinate several agencies to respond to a horrific crash scene involving a child who was just out riding a bike on a relaxing, summer day because of their professionalism and devotion to Fauquier County.

- ★ Myriam Plaisted Public Safety Telecommunicator I
- ★ Misti Battle Public Safety Telecommunicator I
- ★ Krista Bouie Public Safety Telecommunicator II
- ★ Gustave Anderson Public Safety Telecommunicator II
- ★ Tracy Werner Public Safety Telecommunicator IV
- ★ Kimberly Malloy Public Safety Telecommunicator III



Plaisted



Battle



Bouie



Anderson



Werner



Malloy



MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARDS CONTINUED

FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff's deputies. On July 7, 2024, Deputy Duy Duong was patrolling on Lee Highway when two vehicles flew past at more than 100 miles per hour. Deputy Duong attempted to stop them, but they continued down a dead-end road before crashing both vehicles. The occupants then fled on foot. Deputies set up a perimeter and, with the help of a K-9 unit, located five people, including three juveniles. The deputies determined both vehicles were stolen and found ski masks and bricks in the vehicles. An investigation determined the suspects planned to break into a gun shop to steal guns. The suspects were later connected to other vehicle thefts in Loudoun County.

The observant actions of Deputy Duong and his quick response to the scene prevented further potential for numerous automobile crashes and injuries on the highway. The vehicle stops, the quick search and investigations, and prompt responses of the other deputies thwarted the possible burglary of the gun shop and put an end to the juveniles' stolen vehicle spree. Deputy Duong and the deputies involved in this potentially highly explosive case are valued members of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office and serve as integral members of several of its divisions. They are dedicated to the safety of the residents of Fauquier through their exceptional proactive policing.

- ★ **Duy Duong** Deputy First Class
- ★ David Lee Lieutenant
- **★ John Thorpe** Lieutenant
- ★ Greg Behm Deputy First Class
- ★ Jacob Boone Master Deputy Sheriff
- ★ Kelsey Omohundro Master Deputy Sheriff
- ★ Charles Acres Deputy First Class
- ★ Colby Lewis Deputy First Class
- **★ James Arrington** Sergeant
- ★ Greyson Railey Deputy First Class

- ★ Austin Rodgers Corporal
- ★ Tyler Lloyd Corporal
- ★ Kevin Ryan Sergeant
- ★ Brian Colbert Sergeant
- ★ Joe Johnson Corporal
- ★ Chris Snyder Corporal
- **★ Shane Jacobs** Detective
- ★ Armando Cossio Deputy First Class
- **★ Bobby Lewis** Detective
- ★ Albert Richardson Detective



MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARDS CONTINUED









Behm

















Railey

Rodgers

Lloyd

★ ★ 13TH ANNUAL VALOR AWARDS











Colbert

Johnson

Snyder









Cossio

Lewis

Richardson





MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARDS

FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff's deputies. In July of 2024, Deputy Jonathan Grammo was dispatched to Andes Market in Remington when a caller said he spotted his stolen license plates on a vehicle at the gas pump. Grammo pursued the vehicle on Route 29 after it failed to stop and ended the chase with the pit maneuver. Grammo was injured but other deputies arrived and chased the suspect into the woods. Officers from several jurisdictions arrived but the suspect escaped. An investigation found the vehicle was stolen in Madison County along with several firearms that were in the trunk. The following morning sheriff's deputies identified a vehicle wanted in Culpeper County and another chase ensued on Route 29. Sgt. James Arrington again ended the chase with the pit maneuver and the suspect again fled on foot, but this time was captured. The man arrested was identified as the suspect in both chases and was wanted in several other jurisdictions. The heroic actions by Deputy Grammo, Deputy Duong, Sergeant Arrington and Deputy Healy, along with the observant actions of the other deputies who searched and investigated these crimes, helped to get a violent criminal off the streets.

- ★ Jonathan Grammo Master Deputy Sheriff
- ★ Scott Wines Deputy First Class
- ★ Lance Davenport 1st Sergeant
- ★ Austin Rodgers Corporal
- **★ Tyler Lloyd** Corporal
- ★ Kevin Ryan Sergeant
- **★ Brian Colbert** Sergeant
- ★ Chris Snyder Corporal
- ★ Zachary Webb Master Deputy Sheriff
- ★ Jordan White Corporal

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- ★ Cole Masterson Deputy First Class
- ★ David Lee Lieutenant
- ★ John Thorpe Lieutenant
- ★ Dawn Arrington Lieutenant
- * Kelsey Omohundro Master Deputy Sheriff
- ★ John Coppage 1st Sergeant
- ★ Christopher Koglin Detective
- ★ Bryan Vickers Detective
- ★ William Bailey Detective
- ★ Albert Richardson Detective
- * Richard Hudson Detective
- ★ Bobby Lewis Detective
- **★ James Arrington** Sergeant
- ★ K9 Remi Lieutenant
- ★ Shane Jacobs Senior Detective
- ★ Christopher Corbin Detective
- ★ Dylan Healy Deputy First Class
- ★ Duy Duong Deputy First Class
- ★ Chrissy Lamb Crime Analyst
- ★ Chuck Kuhler Radio Administrator
- ★ Jacob Hill Detective Warrenton Police Department





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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

WARRENTON POLICE



Carter

Police Chief Tim Carter. Carter grew up in Fauquier County, graduated from Fauquier High School and has worked at the police department since 1992. He began as a police officer before leading a patrol squad as a corporal, the criminal division as a detective sergeant and the operations bureau as a lieutenant. He then supervised both support services and the operations bureau as deputy police chief before taking the top job in 2023. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has completed many other advanced leadership courses.

WARRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



Koglin

Retired Fire Chief Dale Koglin. Koglin was an active member of the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company for 62 years. He joined at age 14 when the company was located on Main Street, and served at every level of leadership, including as fire chief for five years. While serving as fire chief, he also held the post of police chief for the Town of Warrenton. Until age 65 Koglin was known to show up for emergency calls night or day, rain or shine. He mentored countless other members including his sons. While no longer active for emergency calls, he remains involved with activities such

as Toys-4-Tots, community risk reduction, public outreach and as the company's unofficial historian.



VALOR AWARDS

WARRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



Larson

Sgt. John Larson. Larson was honored for donating a portion of his liver to a child after he was selected as a match from a pool of volunteer donors. He underwent extensive medical, physical and mental screening to ensure he was a good match and then underwent surgery before spending months recovering. This selfless act to risk his life to save another demonstrated extraordinary personal courage on the part of Sqt. Larson.





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As we celebrate the acts of valor this evening represents, we are reminded of how grateful our community is for the safe and secure environment you provide our citizens daily. A heartfelt thank you and know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

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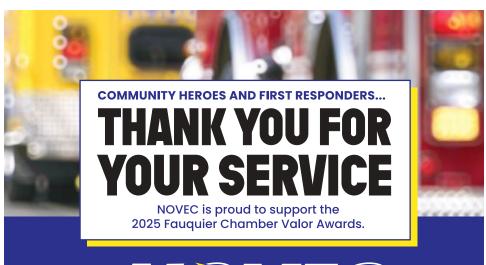
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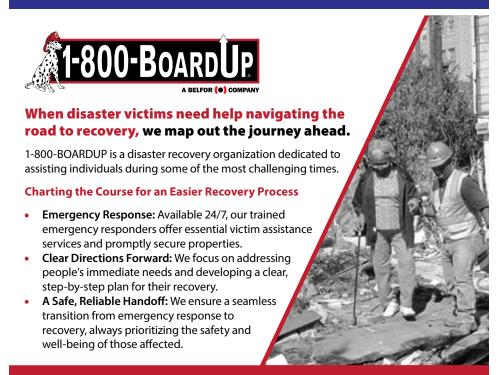
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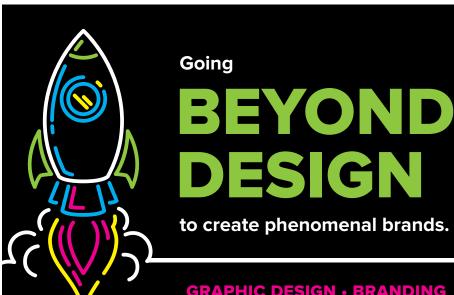
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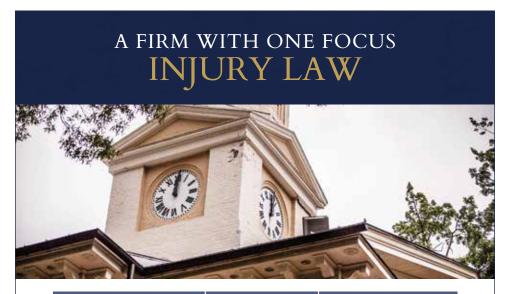
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