

LOUISA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMS

Water Safety Station Initiative



With the increase in population and activity on our waterways, the Louisa County Department of Fire & EMS (LCFEMS) introduced the Water Safety Station Initiative in 2014 to the waterside communities and businesses of lakes Anna and Louisa. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 10 people die from unintentional drowning every day. In a drowning scenario timing is everything. This initiative would make available important life saving equipment for by-standers on-scene when an emergency arises. This will give the person needing assistance the best possible chance for rescue and survival.

What's this all about?

The Water Safety Station Initiative (WSSI) entails the purchase and installation of a "Ring Buoy Safety Station" at key locations around Lake Anna and Lake Louisa. It is the goal of LCFEMS to place these water safety stations in all communities and businesses with waterfront common areas, where there is an increased chance of water emergencies. The sole purpose of this initiative is to increase the safety of our citizens and guests on the waterways of Louisa County. In some cases more than one unit may be necessary depending on the size of your waterfront and the amount of common areas in a community. We also strongly urge waterfront homeowners to consider participating in this initiative by purchasing a ring buoy for your personal dock.

We understand that each community and business is unique, and that is why we are offering two different options to suit your needs. The first being a more affordable option, it consist of a single ring buoy that can be hung on a dock. The Second option is a complete water safety station that includes a weather proof case to prolong the life of the safety equipment. Depending on the layout of your location, LCFEMS personnel will work with you to place it in the most effective area on the property.

Sample Signage



How can we help?

As with any item you save money when buying in bulk, purchasing these units from us allows everyone to get a better price and also allows us to better measure the success of the program. LCFEMS will provide lumber and materials when needed and will also provide free installation of the stations.

Get Involved!

We encourage your communities and businesses to get involved and help us ensure the safety on our waterways. To place your order or for more information contact the Louisa County Department of Fire & EMS by email at sneedham@louisa.org or by calling 540-967-3491. We have staff that can attend your community meetings and make a presentation to your members as well.

911 Dock Signs

Don't forget to purchase your 911 dock signs and install them on your docks. This is an inexpensive way for us to be able to locate you in case of an emergency. Contact LKA about getting your sign at 540-894-8673. Remember signs should be posted on the docks facing the water.



Safety Equipment Information:



Ring Buoy

\$85.00

- A single ring buoy can easily be attached to your dock for quick access and safety. Perfect for smaller subdivisions or even private dock owners who are looking for a cost effective way of increasing safety on the water. Also includes an 8"x12" sign recognizing your contributions to the initiative.

Ring Buoy Safety Station

\$260.00



- A Complete Ring Buoy Safety Station includes a 24" life ring buoy, 60' rope with lemon float and is all enclosed in a weather proof case which can be secured with a plastic seal provided by LCFEMS. Also includes an 8"x12" sign recognizing your contributions to the initiative.