

**VCOS Announces Symposium in the Sun Scholarships
October 30 – November 2, 2008
Clearwater Beach, Florida**

Your Volunteer and Combination Officers Section is offering two scholarship opportunities to attend the annual “Symposium in the Sun” this Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 in beautiful Clearwater Beach, Florida. The Symposium in the Sun is an annual educational and networking event targeted to the audience of Volunteer and Combination Fire Departments. We bring in the top instructors to provide you with some additional tools needed to manage and survive in today’s fire and emergency service community.

While the instruction is extremely valuable, the VCOS Board of Directors also realizes many organizations simply don’t have sufficient funds available to send participants. These are some of the organizations that could benefit most from attendance at our conference. So this is what we have done, we have two scholarships available to two fire departments that would benefit from the education and can’t afford to attend. Each scholarship consists of complimentary “Symposium in the Sun” registration not including the pre-conference seminar(s) and reimbursement of up to \$1000.00 in expenses.

To apply, the fire chief must:

1. Provide Name and Rank
2. Description of the department including size, number of members, annual budget and annual calls for service.
3. Problem statement and a brief description of how the symposium will benefit your fire department.

Submission deadline is August 1, 2008. Please submit your request to Chief Brett M. Waters at bwaters@centralvalleyfire.com. Each applicant will be notified of scholarship award after Fire Rescue International, August 14-16, 2007 in Denver, CO.