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## **Dalton to Serve as Acting CEO of the Virginia Railway Express**

**Alexandria, Va.** – A seasoned veteran of rail operations, Richard Dalton has been named acting CEO of the Virginia Railway Express (VRE). Dalton, who joined VRE in 2009 as director of rail equipment and services, most recently served as chief operating officer and deputy CEO.

VRE's parent organizations, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, confirmed Dalton as acting CEO on November 7 and 14, respectively.

Prior to joining VRE, Dalton spent 20 years in the private sector, focusing on customer service, operations, and technical solutions for the rail industry. He was forward deployed in various sea commands in the United States Navy. He holds a bachelor's and master's in business administration from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Dalton was instrumental in VRE's implementation of positive train control earlier this year, making it among the first commuter rail services in the U.S. to do so. Chief among his accomplishments are the standardization of VRE's fleet through the procurement of new locomotives and passenger rail cars, implementation of both lifecycle maintenance and reliability-centered maintenance, and cultivation of positive working relationships with VRE's host railroads. He also played a key role in extending VRE service to Spotsylvania County in 2015. Dalton's focus in the coming months is on complete customer satisfaction.

The 12th largest commuter rail service in the U.S., VRE is a transportation partnership of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission. VRE's mission is to provide safe, cost effective, accessible, reliable, convenient, and customer responsive commuter-oriented passenger rail service. The 4.5 million rides the railroad provides annually in Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. remove some 100 million vehicle miles from the region's interstates. Learn more at [www.vre.org](http://www.vre.org).

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