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VRE Santa Trains to Run December 14

Tickets Available Online and at Select Locations Beginning November 25

Alexandria, Va. – A holiday tradition cherished by thousands of Northern Virginia families, VRE Santa Trains will run Saturday, December 14 from five stations – Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Woodbridge, Manassas, and Burke Centre. The 75-minute excursions begin as early as 8:09 a.m. and as late as 3:55 p.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves will be on board listening to children’s holiday wishes and handing out goodie bags.

Santa Train tickets can be purchased beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 25. Half of the tickets will be sold online and the other half will be available for purchase at five locations. Each location sells tickets only for the train station that corresponds to its location. Online tickets generally sell out in less than five minutes. VRE recommends creating an account before tickets go on sale to expedite the checkout process. Tickets are \$5 in person and \$6 online. Details about online ticket sales and vendor locations can be found at <http://vrespecialevents.org>.

VRE Santa Trains, now in their 23rd year, are more than a holiday excursion. For many young passengers, the Santa Train is their first ride on the rails, so VRE takes the opportunity to promote rail safety. The railway also encourages riders to support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive by bringing gifts for a less fortunate child to their departure station.

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.

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