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## **Portsmouth Mayor to Deliver Chamber's Portsmouth State of the City Address on April 20**

HAMPTON ROADS, VA — The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the City luncheon will be held in Portsmouth on **Thursday, April 20 at noon at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center** (425 Water Street). Portsmouth Mayor Kenneth I. Wright, will highlight key business development initiatives, provide strategic municipal progress updates, address challenges and opportunities in the city, and provide a glimpse into Portsmouth's future. This is Mayor Wright's inaugural State of the City address. He was elected Mayor of Portsmouth in November 2010. More than 300 of the region's business, political, and community leaders are expected to be in attendance.

The Chamber's State of the City Series has become the preferred forum for elected officials and mayors to communicate with their constituents. The State of the City addresses are annual updates of each City's progress over the past year and agenda for the upcoming year. With five events in the series, each address is held in the featured city and is given by the mayor of that city. These events are a forum for interaction among leaders in attendance.

**Remaining schedule for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce State of the City Series:**  
**Suffolk:** Tuesday, April 26, noon at the Hilton Garden Inn and Suffolk Conference Center

Many thanks to Series Sponsors: TowneBank (Presenting), Bon Secours Virginia Health Systems (Gold), Cox Communications (Media), and Farm Fresh Inc. (Silver).

**About the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce ([www.hamptonroadschamber.com](http://www.hamptonroadschamber.com))**

As a not-for-profit member-based business organization, the mission of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is to serve its members and communities by creating economic prosperity and enhancing the quality of life in the region. Since 1801, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce has been building a stronger economy and a better business community. The Chamber represents nearly 2,000 member companies that employ more than 280,000 working men and women. The Chamber extends its programs to 17 cities and counties in Southeastern Virginia.

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