

Fire

From A1

CATEC instructor Larry Antonacci (2nd from right) talks with students outside the fire training facility on Avon Street Extended. The year-long course at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC) introduces students to the equipment and procedures necessary to fight live fires, operate in hazardous materials incidents, and conduct search-and-rescue operations.

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CATEC student Anonte McCoy crawls across the floor of a burning building during a search and rescue training exercise at the fire training facility on Avon Street Extended. Students performed the exercises using real fire to prepare them for the Virginia Firefighter 1 exam.



CATEC students (from left) Ky Clancy, Anonte McCoy and Lach Myers helps each other put on gear at the fire training facility on Avon Street Extended.

At funeral, Sharpton decries no-knock warrant

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Rev. Al Sharpton told the hundreds gathered Thursday for Amir Locke’s funeral that the 22-year-old Black man would still be alive if Minneapolis had banned no-knock warrants.

Sharpton was among several speakers who paid tribute to Locke and other Black people who have died in encounters with police. Along with song and prayer, the service at Shiloh Temple International Ministries included strong condemnations of racism in policing and em-

phatic demands for change.

“Amir was not guilty of anything but being young and Black in America,” Sharpton said. He said if Minneapolis had banned no-knock warrants “we wouldn’t be at a funeral this morning.”

Sharpton also noted that February is Black History Month and he spoke about the history of slavery, detailing how slaves had their names taken away from them and were forced to take the names of their masters. He said Black people for too long have been seen as “nameless suspects.”

“Enough is enough. We are no

longer going to be your nameless suspects,” Sharpton said, as the crowd applauded.

Earlier in the service, funeral-goers were prompted to “Say his name.” They responded: “Amir Locke.”

Locke’s aunt, Linda Tyler, denounced racism in policing and demanded that officers stop talking about the need for more training, and instead start using de-escalation techniques on white and Black people alike.

“If it is something you simply cannot do, we just ask that you resign today instead of resigning another brother or sister to her grave,” she said. She also said

she doesn’t want to hear about how policing is a difficult job.

“If you think being a police officer is a difficult profession, try to be a Black man,” she said, as the crowd cheered.

A large portrait of Locke was displayed at the front of the church, with a white casket topped with roses and bouquets of flowers nearby. Minnesota Democratic Gov. Tim Walz and St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter were among those in attendance.

Locke’s death has prompted an outcry against no-knock warrants, with a push by his family and others to ban them in Minnesota and beyond.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, who has come under scrutiny for the city’s use of such warrants, and Minneapolis Interim Police Chief Amelia Huffman did not attend. Shiloh Temple Bishop Richard Howell Jr. told the Star Tribune before the service that Frey would not attend without an invitation from the family.

As the service began, hundreds of people sang the hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” before Howell led the church in prayer. Members of the Grammy Award-winning group Sounds of Blackness also performed. They later sang their song, “Black Lives Matter.”

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Charlottesville proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year’s total assessed value of real property by 7.909 percent.

2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.8804 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the “lowered tax rate”.

3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Charlottesville proposes to adopt a real estate tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.1696 per \$100 or 19.268 percent. This difference will be known as the “effective tax rate increase”.

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Charlottesville will exceed last year’s by 12.492 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as practicable thereafter. All City residents have the right to attend and share their views on the proposed real estate property tax levy increase, within such reasonable time limits as established by City Council. The meeting and public hearing will be conducted via electronic means. Instructions for individuals wishing to participate in the March 21, 2022 public hearing via webinar will be posted on the City of Charlottesville’s website.

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