

FRONT LINES

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

April 2019



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief John S. Butler

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the first few months of my time with you, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD). More importantly, I want to focus on our future and the organizational priorities which will guide our path forward.

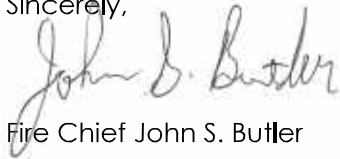
I spent the first four months on a listening tour to obtain the pulse of the FRD by meeting with both internal and external stakeholders to include: every member of senior staff, 15 town hall meetings with officers and civilians, all employee groups, the administrative staff, Climate Assessment Workgroups, various County agencies, civic groups, and all members of the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, I had the pleasure of visiting over 25 stations and attended numerous training opportunities.

Throughout these meetings, it was clear there are key issues which need to be addressed in order to move our department forward. To provide each issue with adequate attention, we will focus on addressing a few issues each quarter to avoid rushing decisions due to self-imposed time constraints. For the first quarter of 2019, these issues include the Lieutenant (Lt) Bid System, Master Calendar, and the health and wellness of our personnel. Specifically, we will review the effectiveness of the Lt. Bid System, look for opportunity to provide time back to companies through control of the master calendar, and most importantly, focus on your health and wellness through physical fitness training. Ultimately, we must focus more on outcomes than outputs, ensuring the decisions we make generate tangible value to the department.

With the recent Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief promotions, we have filled all the vacancies on our Senior Leadership Team. We will look to fill other key positions in the FRD over the next couple of months which will provide additional capacity to better serve both you and the citizens of Fairfax County. We will use the Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover to drive our decision making, focusing on creating efficiencies to include financial, human capital, service delivery, etc.

I want to thank you for welcoming me into the FRD and look forward to our future together. To be successful, we need every member of the FRD to be engaged and actively participate in the continued improvement of our department.

Sincerely,



Fire Chief John S. Butler



John S. Butler
Fire Chief



CORE VALUES

MISSION:

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department provides the highest quality services to protect the lives, property, and environment of our community.

To build and maintain public trust, we hold ourselves accountable to these core values:

INTEGRITY

We commit to honest, trustworthy, and ethical behavior.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

We support continuous training, mentoring, and professional development to ensure the best possible service for our community.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLNESS

We commit to providing the best health, safety, and wellness programs for our members' well-being and operational readiness.

DIVERSITY

We are dedicated to embracing and reflecting diversity throughout our department and community.

TEAMWORK & SHARED LEADERSHIP

Teamwork and shared leadership are integral to our department; we will seek out and engage our workforce.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We commit to fulfilling our responsibility and to deepening our involvement in the community we serve.

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FCFRD NEWS & UPDATES



CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats Captain II Tracey Reed, EMS 403, C-Shift, on your recent accomplishment graduating from the prestigious Naval Postgraduate School - Center for Homeland Defense and Security Masters Program. Fire Chief John Butler, Assistant Chiefs Ryan and Jenkins were on hand at Fire Station 40, Fairfax Center, to offer congratulations!



Amy Aubert @ABC7AmyAubert · Apr 24
 This sweet baby girl was delivered by @ffrrescue crews on Monday. Her uncle is a firefighter with the department. I spoke to the family today who says this is a memory they surely will never forget. 🧡

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Fire Station 22, A-Shift, made a special delivery on April 22. Medic 422 delivered a healthy baby girl in the back of the ambulance. The adorable baby just happens to be the new niece of Firefighter Delonte Smith of Fire Station 26, A-Shift, who was also working that day.



TEACHING EMS AND SAFETY

In November, Associate Operational Medical Director Dr. Dan Avstreich took time to review safety topics with Brownie Troop 56008.



A POET AMONG US

In November, Firefighter Natalie Potell, FS31, Fox Mill, C-shift, was named Prince William County poet laureate for 2018-2020 by the Prince William County Arts Council. The Prince William County poet laureate serves to promote an awareness of poetry and to heighten appreciation of the art form by participating in public gatherings, initiating engaging dialogue with residents, and by undertaking a project which makes poetry more available and accessible to people.



ADDING LIFE YEARS

In November, Rescue Squad 411 from FS11, B-Shift, Penn Daw, (Lt. Jon Stern, Tech Won Lee, Tech Ryan Beuttenmuller, Tech Robert Young) were presented with tickets to attend a Washington Redskins game in the Inova Suite. R411 received the tickets in recognition of their life-saving efforts during a call earlier this fall. On September 19, R411 responded to a call for a 38 year-old man who collapsed while out running and was in cardiac arrest. The crew was first one on the scene and were able to deliver immediate basic and advanced life support care. The patient was resuscitated and breathing on his own when the medic unit arrived. He was discharged from the hospital three days later. This case added forty life years to the 2018 FCFRD total, pushing Life-Years Added over the 2000 mark! The department is currently adding 50 years of life per week for the citizens of Fairfax County.



'TIS THE SEASON

On December 11, Fire Station 9, Mount Vernon, joined PIO staff to collect toys and bikes for Fairfax County children in need this holiday season. A huge thank you to Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota for generously purchasing the gifts and goodies and to Walmart for their support and assistance.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Every week since he became Chief of FCFRD, Fire Chief Butler has stopped by a fire station for dinner and conversation. In March, he spent one of his nights enjoying the company of Fire Station 17, Centreville, A-Shift.



MCI DRILL

On April 13, FCFRD led a Mass Casualty exercise at Fox Mill Elementary School. Exercise included numerous fire trucks and ambulances along with medevac helicopters.

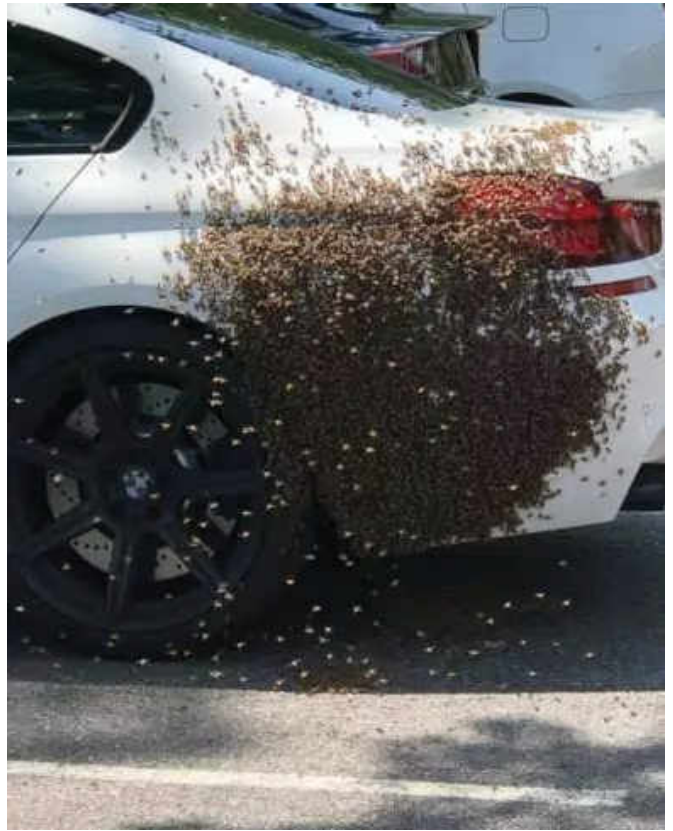
FIREFIIGHTERS & PARAMEDICS MAKE A BEE-LINE TO HELP OUT

by David Weand

At times, people call FCFRD for a variety of non-fire or emergency medical situations – usually when they can't think of who else to call. Tuesday was one of those days for Station 23, West Annandale, C-Shift.

I received a phone call at the station from an individual who indicated a bunch of bees were gathered on a car at their office. Normally not our thing, but as luck would have it I am a hobbyist beekeeper! We went to check on it and confirmed it was a swarm that had used this car as a resting point waiting for their scouts to find them a new home. I was going to contact local beekeepers to find someone to come collect them, but the building manager had already contacted someone. This allows the bees to be captured and saved rather than killed.

FYI – these bee swarms are usually docile and not going to sting you. They are full of honey and saving their energy to build a new home. Bees will follow the pheromones of their queen and make a ball around her. If you encounter a similar situation, Google your local bee group. They will likely have a phone number or email form to complete to alert them of a swarm.



A VERY SPECIAL VISIT

On Thursday, December 6, FCFRD firefighters and Fairfax County Police Department officers hosted a very special guest at Inova Children's Hospital. Santa accompanied the firefighters and officers as they traveled from room to room visiting with the children and their families. They also handed out coloring books, hats, and other goodies to the kids. Channel 4 and Channel 7 both aired segments on the holiday-inspired visit.



40TH ANNUAL NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS



Captain II
Felicia N. Barnes



Master Technician
John L. Capps



Technician
Jason R. Dolan



Firefighter/Medic
Robert M. Elam



Lieutenant
Mark A. Fernandez



Firefighter
Christopher J. George



Lieutenant
William T. Hyden, Jr.



Lieutenant
Rudy Iturrino



Firefighter
Stephen R. Langone



Master Technician
Luis A. Mata



Lieutenant
Angel L. Medina



Master Technician
Joshua M. Morrison



Lieutenant
Lawrence G. Mullin



Firefighter
Christopher P. Murray



Lieutenant
Edward L. Payne III



Master Technician
Robert E. Pickel, Jr.



Technician
Andrew T. Reedy



Technician
Domnic S. Runfola



Lieutenant
William M. Schnaekel



Firefighter
Jonathan G. Shao



EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY

BUT DON'T FORGET PROVEN TRADITIONS

by Deputy Chief Daniel Shaw

Every day there are new advances in technology that propose to make our lives more efficient. The fire service is not immune to this progress and many of these innovations increase our ability to meet the mission. Despite these benefits, we should never disqualify many of the proven traditions and practices of the fire service. A perfect example of this dichotomy between proven practices and technology is the advent of the iPad, an innovative device that brings information to you in a matter of a second, but is it a replacement for the institutional knowledge of a member of our FRD?

To illustrate this point, I was recently watching a show that interviewed a local London resident who was explaining the 'insiders' way to navigate the city. She offered traditional tips. The interview was not particularly memorable but one comment did perk my ears as it had a direct relation to our trade. When questioned about London cab drivers, she stated the rate is about \$11.00 a mile, which was enough to grab my fiscally-minded firefighter's attention. Then she mentioned why. A portion of the high rate was attributed to the state of the London economy, but regardless of that high charge, most feel it was considered money well spent. The approval of this exorbitant rate was based solely upon the cab drivers knowledge of the city. This knowledge is not learned through a GPS device or Smartphone; it is knowledge that is learned through a defined, rigorous, and mandated process. This process sets London cab drivers apart from any other cab drivers in the world. A similar process exists in some fire and rescue departments but is sorely missing in many others.

This process is the knowledge of your first due area or, in the words of the Transport for London, a test simply called, 'The Knowledge.' To have the distinct honor to drive a famous black cab in London every person must enter and successfully complete 'The Knowledge'. The process can last anywhere from two years to four years depending on the commitment and retention of the candidate. 'The Knowledge' requires a candidate to learn over 320 routes. These routes require knowledge of the 25,000 streets and over 20,000 landmarks, plus any places of interest within six miles of Charing Cross. Based on basic Internet searches, all of this work to learn their "1st Due" earns London cab drivers about \$38,000 a year. Compare this to an Apparatus Technician or backup driver at the rank of firefighter or fire medic. They most likely make more in yearly salary and are required to learn less in volume since most first due areas don't have 25,000 streets.

'The Knowledge' is not simply one written test; it is a tiered process that requires successful completion at each level before going to the next. This process eliminates the uncommitted yet fosters the candidates

who exhibit the passion and commitment to the mission. During the entire process candidates are expected to meet general requirements of all stages, answer based on the shortest route, know road work expected to last longer than 26 weeks with an alternate route.

Stage 1: Self-Assessment

- Utilized as a self-assessment tool as the manual states, 'to let you know if you are doing it the right way' and not wasting your time.
- Candidate performs 80 runs; that is 80 routes from point A to point B in the shortest and most efficient route.

Stage 2: 1st Written Exam

- The candidate must pick the shortest one of three routes based upon his knowledge. This is repeated five times for five different routes.
- The candidate is given 25 landmarks and must match four addresses to the correct one. They must get them right to continue to the next step.

Stage 3: Meeting with Examiner

- Candidate is asked two specified points within a radius of a first due. They must give the correct address of the two points and then describe the shortest route possible. This is repeated four times. Candidates are expected to show a high-level knowledge and precision and fluency in their answers.

Stage 4: Almost there

- Candidate reviews two specified points of interest from areas inside their first due to outside the first due. This is the equivalent of demonstrating directions from a point in your first due to a location in your 2nd or 3rd due.
- At this point, you will not be permitted to correct any errors when reciting your route. If you state it wrong, it is wrong--no mulligans.

Stage 5: Getting Closer

- The candidate must provide the shortest directions to any area within their first due, plus any addresses within a six-mile radius of central London. Your knowledge must be up to date. The candidate must be aware of new hotel names, high profile events like farmer's markets, theatre productions, and new attractions.

Stage 6: The light at the end of the tunnel

- The candidate must learn 25 routes from their first due but 21 of them coming from the outer fringe.

This exhaustive and comprehensive process is all done on the candidate's dime. Candidates do all of this for a job that offers no awards, no accolades, and only average pay - just the honor and privilege to be called a London cab driver. The intrinsic reward is being a part of something "cool", just like the desire to want to be a part of a firehouse that has a culture of success and

pride in accomplishing the mission every time.

The best a London cabbie can hope for is a large tip from a tourist or that a hooligan will not get too rowdy in the back of his beloved cab. Now put this in comparison to our apparatus drivers. These are professionals charged with driving a 20-ton vehicle competently and safely at an increased rate of speed, coupled with often facing competitive drivers who do not yield appropriately. We reward these operators when they demonstrate proper operating and controlling of the vehicle with a well-deserved award for safe driving and, most likely, a salary increase due to promotion to the rank. Yet does the same requirement exist for our operators as London has for their cab drivers?

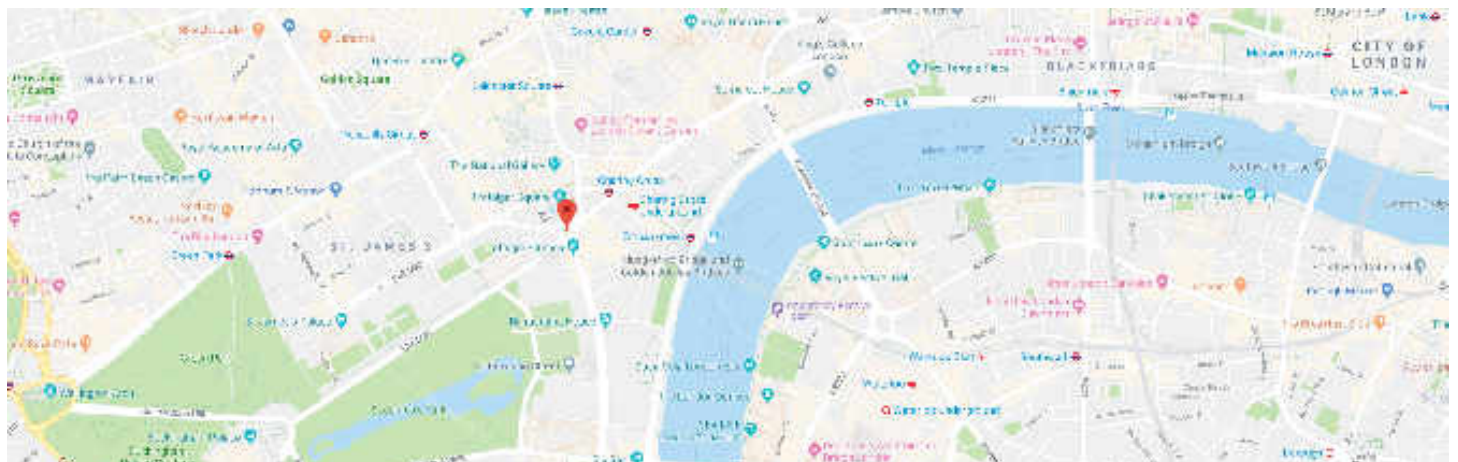
Fire departments across the country have correctly adopted a reactive response to FD vehicle crashes by taking the initiative to implement a comprehensive safe driving process. This process focuses on the candidate safely handling the vehicle on the open road through practical training. In comparison to London, the London cab driver never even gets behind the wheel until successfully passing the 'Knowledge'. As an organization, we are invested in learning how to inspect, maintain, and operate an emergency vehicle. However, have we put the same level of investment into having a firm idea of where we are going?

Included in the process for vehicle operations, is an intensive knowledge-based process of your response area that must be done before you ever grip the wheel of a fire truck. This knowledge based upon your passion, commitment, and diligence to know the area you are sworn to protect. Knowing your area eliminates just one of the stressors that a driver has when the fire of your career is toned out. If they can focus solely on the incident at hand and not fret over which way to pull out of the firehouse, the scale for success tips in our favor.

The 'Knowledge' for our emergency vehicle operators should include, at a minimum:

Buildings & Landmarks

- Hazard building names and addresses (Hospitals, Malls, etc.).
- Name and occupancy type of new buildings in their first due area.



- Fire Department Connections of standpipe/sprinklered buildings in their first due area.
- Fire Alarm Panels and Fire Control rooms for all equipped buildings in their first due area.
- Special considerations for buildings in their first due, such as positioning issues, water supply problems, etc.
- Long lays for residential structures in their first due area including areas with pipe stem or flag lot driveways.
- Location of low water supply areas that would require tanker or rural water supply operations.

Streets:

- Name, location and shortest directions to every street in their first due area.
- Shortest route directions from anywhere in your first due to another location within your first due.
- If you operate in a grid system, knowledge of unit and hundred blocks.
- Location and shortest directions to every dead-end street and split street in their first due area.
- Name, location, and travel direction of every one-way street in their first due.
- Name, location and shortest directions to every major artery leading into neighboring areas.
- Hundred blocks on major arteries.
- Firm knowledge base of water supply system for your respective area (this can range from knowing all hydrant areas in your area to where dry hydrants are for rural water supply).
- If an urban area with Interstates, know exit numbers, names, and access to each area in the shortest manner.
- Location of water supply for operations on Interstates

If you think this is too much to learn or it's not your responsibility, let's go back to the example of a London cab driver. A London cab driver doesn't drive with the burden that one error or one wrong turn can mean the difference between life and death. The worst a cab driver will lose is a tip; our lack of knowledge can lead to poor public perception, injury, or death. Exercise the pride in the position and understand that our predecessors had this knowledge for a reason – because it is required to be a professional vehicle operator to be able to accomplish the mission.

IN THE COMMUNITY



EASTER FUN

Fire Station 22, Springfield, C-Shift was invited to help out with a community Easter egg hunt on April 21. The crew and a Fairfax County Police Department officer combined to help oversee the event and help the kids collect eggs.



CFRA

March 21 was the first night of the Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy. Fire Chief John Butler and Deputy County Exec Rohrer welcomed the 20 residents who will spend the next 8 Thursday's learning about their fire and rescue department.



IN GOOD COMPANY

Fairfax County resident Jim Stunkle took the time out of his schedule on February 23 to spend the day cooking breakfast, lunch, and dinner for Fire Station 29, B-Shift. Operations Deputy Brad Cochrane and Aide Lt. Dave Bender stopped in for a visit and breakfast. Mr. Stunkle does this as an appreciation for what we do for the community. Thank You Jim!



On April 28, Fire Station 22, Springfield, C-Shift returned from a call to find a baby squirrel in the station. It was cold and scared and latched onto Firefighter Payne. They tried putting the squirrel back in the woods by the station, but it kept following them back. One of the crew has a family member who works with abandoned animals and took baby squirrel there. She is doing well.



DOG'S DAY OUT

In March, Fire Station 42, Wolftrap, A-Shift recently hosted a local group that trains service dogs. A great opportunity for these future canine companions to get to understand, and feel comfortable, that our firefighters and paramedics are there to help.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 52029

Fire Station 14, B-Shift, Burke, got a special surprise. Members of Girl Scout Troop 52029 brought them boxes of Girl Scout cookies to enjoy. The troop selected the firefighters as their "Hometown Heroes" deserving of the coveted cookies. As a thank you the firefighters showed the kids around the station.



PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

A special shout out to several members of the High School Firefighters program who were selected to present the colors at the Congressional Fire Services Institute 31st National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium Dinner. The dinner brings together fire service leaders from across the country and policy makers on Capitol Hill.



HOCKEY FOR A CAUSE

Congratulations to the combined Fairfax County Fire and Rescue/Police Department hockey team who won the championship in the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation Tourney! They beat Prince William Department of Fire and Rescue/Police Department by a score of 5-3. More importantly, money was raised to support the foundation that's dedicated to assisting in recovery and rehabilitation of injured firefighters and burn patients in Washington Metropolitan Area.



TWINKLE, TWINKLE

On December 1, members of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, A-Shift, along with over 100 community volunteers, braved the cold and rainy weather to install Christmas decorations on the homes of three veterans. This special community event was run by the non-profit Decorate A Vet, an organization dedicated to assisting local veterans in need, to make repairs, beautify their houses and yards, and decorate their homes for holidays.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE

by Lieutenant Christopher Warner

Recently while working at a fire station with a probationary firefighter, he presented his "tool of the day" quick drill. He chose the 2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher, also known as "the water can." He delivered a well-organized presentation that highlighted the unit specifications, uses, performance, and refilling procedures of the water extinguisher. Afterwards, he fielded questions. He was able to answer all, but one very important question - What are the maintenance requirements/procedures for the water can? Not knowing the answer off hand, he quickly utilized his looked up the answer. This made me wonder how many know the correct maintenance requirements for the fire extinguishers FCFRD currently uses?

The presentation mirrored much of the literature found in well-known fire department trade magazines. Many have numerous articles referencing the selection, type, usage, and potential hacks for various fire extinguishers. At the end of each article, there is a short paragraph that notes the importance of regular inspection and maintenance.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code/Standard 10, "provides requirements to ensure that portable fire extinguishers will work as intended to provide a first line of defense against fires of limited size" (NFPA, 2018). Under this code (NFPA-10) there are written guidelines regarding the inspection and maintenance for fire extinguishers. NFPA-10 states that visual inspections should occur when extinguishers are first placed into service and at least once a month thereafter. Additional visual inspections should occur more frequently if they are susceptible to mechanical damage (NFPA, 2018). The manufacturer date and last inspection date for all units, including non-staffed units should be know by all staff. Any evidence of physical damage (i.e. bent/broken handle, bent/damaged gauge, etc.) may prevent proper operation. Maintenance is required at least once a year or more frequently when indicated by the routine monthly inspection (NFPA, 2018).

In addition to monthly and annual inspections, the NFPA-10 states that every six years, stored pressure fire extinguishers should undergo a complete tear down and inspection prior to being recharged or retired from service. Pressurized water extinguishers require hydrostatic testing every five years, carbon dioxide every six years, and dry chemical extinguishers every 12 years.

A few common issues found during inspection include missing or broken safety seals, missing pins, or outdated inspections tags. A broken seal could indicate that a small portion of the contents had been discharged, even if it did not affect the pressure gauge. A missing pin makes the extinguisher susceptible to accidental discharge. A missing pin in a CO₂ extinguisher could cause the entire contents of



the extinguisher to be accidentally discharged. In most cases, there would no evidence that the extinguisher had been discharged. This would only become evident when one picked up the extinguisher to use it and it was much lighter than normal or when nothing discharged from the nozzle. Another concern that occurs with a fair degree of frequency is regarding the extinguishers found between the cab and patient compartment. If the pin was missing, it could lead to the contents of the extinguisher being discharged into the patient compartment if something was to fall onto the extinguisher handle.

At FCFRD, the extinguishers on apparatus and in the shops are the responsibility of station personnel. Outdated, broken, damaged, or discharged extinguishers must go through the same process as any other small item repair. An Asset Repair Form should be completed and the broken, damaged, or defective extinguisher MUST be sent to the warehouse via Service 1. At the warehouse it will be serviced by a licensed vendor and then returned to the station. We are not responsible for extinguishers located inside the physical building. They are inspected and serviced by a vendor.

Although this may be viewed as just one more thing to check, we have a responsibility to ensure that all extinguishers are in good working condition. If you have any questions, please contact me at: christopher.warner@fairfaxcounty.gov.



TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN

by Namaste DeCarlo

To many of us at Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, when we hear of Well-Fit we think of work performance testing, a light duty necessity, or an occasional place to work out. However, Fitness Trainer Jake Patten, Captain II Dennis Koteki, and Lieutenant Josh Allison have taken Well-Fit to a whole new level. Along with physical therapist Julie Collier, the group pours all their knowledge and energy into ensuring everyone is happy, healthy, and safe fully-functioning fire fighters.

If you can't make the workout, you can find Daily workouts posted on the Well-Fit Facebook page. Classes are expanding locations and times as more and more people are benefiting from the fitness programs designed to meet a firefighters daily demands. Jake Patten can even personalize your workouts if you have special requirements. This is a place of no limits and absolutely no judgement. A place to move you forward and take care of our own.



MASTER TECHNICIAN ALISON "AJ" JAQUAYS (FS21 C SHIFT)

I began the "work out with Jake" in the mornings from the beginning a little over a year ago. I had been going to well fit pretty regularly with some coworkers and forming our own workouts. I had pretty much recovered from my cancer treatments and radiation by then. Then Jake and Dennis started the AM workouts and took my strength and conditioning to a whole new level. I have never felt stronger. I like that we get a great workout and I do not have to think or plan it out beforehand. Just show up, give it my all, and sweat. Having Dennis, Josh, Jake, and even Julie there watching us ensuring our form is good. They add an alternative move in case a particular exercise is too difficult or painful due to old injury. A bunch of us even go on the weekends when we leave shift and Jake has the weekend workouts posted on Facebook. If they are not ready when we are, we can do an older workout that is posted there as well. Most of these we can manage on shift at the station gyms as well. I feel these workouts are buying me time in the field. This helps make my job easier by being stronger to do the tasks that I need to perform.



BATTALION CHIEF PATRICK KELLY (BC03 C SHIFT)

I was having difficulty with my on duty workouts getting constantly interrupted and my motivation waned. As a result, my personal fitness suffered and it became evident during my annual WPE. Determined to change, I started the firefighter workout when going off shift. The group atmosphere provided the motivation I was looking for and I was able to workout at my pace. The variety of exercises provided a better well rounded workout and soon I noticed the benefits. At my next WPE I improved my time by more than a minute and I felt better afterwards. As we move to FMAP, I am confident I will have no issues as the components are built into the daily workouts.

144th RECRUIT SCHOOL



Firefighter
Kathryn M. Auer



Firefighter
Levi C. Bingman



Firefighter
Carter T. Bowns



Firefighter
Austin D. Cole



Firefighter
Austin L. Collins



Firefighter/Medic
Bernard F. Cory



Firefighter
Joshua H. Davis



Firefighter
Joshua V. DeLa Cruz



Firefighter
Christopher P. St. Clair



Firefighter
William P. MacCallum



Firefighter
Mark G. Martinez



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Amos J. Nissley



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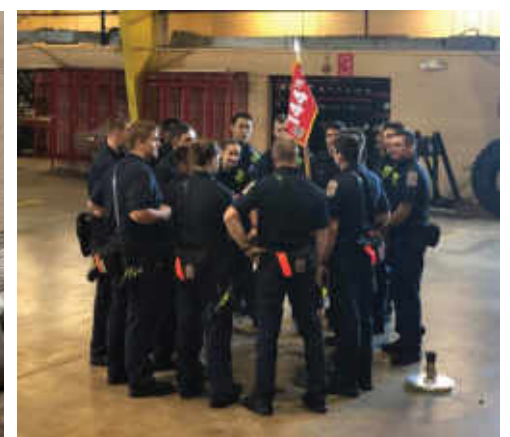


Firefighter
Kevin E. Weaver

The 144th Recruit Class graduated on March 15, 2019, after six months of extensive training. Firefighters were trained to respond to fires, hazardous materials incidents, vehicle crashes, and extrications, swift water rescue, confined space rescue, and emergency medical incidents.



September 17, 2018 - March 15, 2019



Hot Shots



OVERTURNED TANKER TRUCK

On March 28, at approximately 11 a.m., a tanker truck overturned on I-495NB prior to Georgetown Pike/American Legion Bridge and began actively leaking fuel. Responding HazMat crews worked aggressively to contain the 8,500 gallons of gasoline the tanker was carrying. The leak was contained to 100-200 gallons and did not affect the nearby Potomac River. The remaining gasoline was transferred to another tanker. I-495NB was shut down for hours. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue, Fairfax County Police, Virginia State Police and the Virginia Department of Transportation all assisted with the incident.



BENT TREE CIRCLE

On April 22, units were dispatched to a fire in a three-story garden-style apartment building in the 13600 block of Bent Tree Circle in the Centreville area. Arriving units witnessed heavy smoke and fire coming from all three levels at the center of the building. A second alarm was requested. During a preliminary search, firefighters located a deceased person in an apartment. The fire was brought under control. Approximately 30 people were displaced from 13 apartments. Damages were estimated at \$616,548. The cause remains under investigation. There were no firefighter injuries.





THAMES STREET IN KINGS PARK

On November 6, at 9:32 a.m., units were dispatched for a fire in a single-family home in the 8400 block of Thames Street in the Kings Park area of Fairfax County. Units arrived on scene and observed a significant amount of fire showing towards the rear of the home. A second alarm was requested. Crews quickly proceeded to bring the fire under control. There were no reported civilian or firefighter injuries. Fire Investigators determined the fire was accidental in nature and started in the hallway laundry area. The cause of the fire was an electrical event within the dryer. Damages are approximately \$216,250.



BRADWELL DRIVE

On March 26, at approximately 4:06 p.m., units responded to a reported house fire in the 12700 block of Bradwell Drive in the Fox Mill area. Units arrived on the scene of a two-story, single family home with significant fire visible throughout the attached garage and roof. There was some extension into the attic and first floor of the home. Crews quickly brought the fire under control. Three occupants were transported to an area hospital. There were no reported firefighter injuries. A neighbor alerted the two occupants that were home of the fire within the attached garage and called 9-1-1. Working smoke alarms were present. It is unknown if they activated due to the location of the fire. Fire Investigators determined the fire started in the attached garage. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Three people were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and accepted. Damages were approximately \$107,500.

On February 1, around 2:02 p.m., units were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 7800 block of Thornfield Court in the Fairfax Station area of Fairfax County. Units arrived on the scene of a two-story, single-family home with fire showing on the exterior of one side and extending into the attic. Crews quickly extinguished the fire. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries reported. Two occupants were home at the time of the fire. The fire was discovered by a neighbor who alerted the occupants and called 9-1-1. Smoke alarms were present but did not sound due to the location of the fire. Both occupants safely evacuated prior to fire department arrival. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started on the exterior of the house. The fire was caused by a malfunctioning motor on a hot tub. Four occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and declined. Damages were approximately \$60,000.



Photo courtesy of Daniel Liebman, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department

MONTELL DRIVE

On March 24, around 1:58 p.m., FCFRD and City of Alexandria Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 5900 block of Montell Drive in the Franconia area. Units found a two-story, single family house with fire engulfing the rear of the home, including the second floor, attic, and garage. One civilian and one firefighter were transported to the hospital. No one was home at the time of the fire. The fire was accidental and started on the screened in porch. The cause was improperly discarded smoking materials. Damages were approximately \$663,538.



KERRY LANE

At 8:24 pm, February 24, units from the 5th and 7th Battalions C-Shift responded to Kerry Lane in the Springfield area for a large tree into a house. Four people were home at the time. Two were able to self-evacuate. Two had to be rescued by FCFRD Firefighters using ground ladders. Thankfully, none of the occupants were injured.



BECONTREE LANE IN RESTON

On November 3, at 5:22 p.m., units were dispatched for a report of a fire in a three-story, garden style apartment building in the 1600 block of Becontree Lane in the Reston area of Fairfax County. Crews quickly located a fire in an apartment on the terrace level of the building. A second alarm was requested. While advancing fire hose into the apartment, firefighters removed two occupants from the stairwell. They also located one person outside the building who had been removed by neighbors prior to fire department arrival. The fire was quickly extinguished. Seven patients were assessed at the scene. Four were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. There were no firefighter injuries. Fire Investigators determined the fire was accidental in nature and started in the kitchen of an apartment. The cause of the fire was an electrical event involving the toaster. Damages are estimated at \$150,000.



I-66E at ROUTE 123

On April 16, around 6 p.m., crews responded to I-66 East Bound prior to Route 123 for reports of multiple vehicles involved in a crash with one on fire. Units arrived to find two cars on fire extending to a third car. Fourteen vehicles were involved with 19 passengers total – 17 adults and two children. No injuries. All EB lanes shut down while fire was extinguished.

FACT*R BRINGS TRAUMA CENTER TO PATIENTS

Inova Health System, Inova Trauma and Blood Donor Services, and the Northern Virginia EMS Council, in collaboration with the Fairfax County and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue departments, are proud to announce the launch of FACT*R (Field Available Component Transfusion Response), a field program that provides blood via 911 resources to entrapped trauma patients. FACT*R is a groundbreaking program that will provide lifesaving training and supplies to first responders, enabling a dramatic increase in the level of care they can provide in the field. The program keeps blood in hospital circulation and makes it available to the field when it is needed most. This revolutionary program is the first of its kind nationwide.

The FACT*R program was a result of a tragic vehicle crash in Loudoun County in September 2017. A passenger vehicle carrying Erin Kaplan, her mother, and three children was struck broadside by a large converted food truck, heavily entrapping them in the wreckage. Firefighters immediately began cutting and prying the tangled metal away as paramedics provided lifesaving care to the trapped patients. Erin Kaplan did not survive the impact. Her mother and children were critically injured. EMS personnel recognized early on that this was not a routine entrapment and these patients were going to need blood before being freed from the wreckage. Facing a lengthy extrication, additional blood was requested from Inova Loudoun Hospital and Stone Springs Hospital and delivered directly to the scene. As a result of this decision, and the ability to transfuse blood products during the extrication process, the four critically injured Kaplan family members survived.

Immediately after this incident, representatives from both Loudoun and Fairfax Fire and Rescue departments, Inova Trauma Center, Inova Blood Donor Services and the Northern Virginia EMS Council began to create a formal policy and procedure to get blood products to the patients on the scene of extended incidents. This collaboration resulted in the development of the innovative FACT*R program.

"In situations such as the Evergreen Mills Road accident where patients face extended extrication time, paramedics now have a policy and process in place to administer lifesaving blood products directly on the scene," said Keith Johnson, Chief of Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. "Although born from tragedy, the FACT*R program is a resource that will save many lives."

Generous contributions from the Fredrick D. and Karen G. Schaufeld Family Foundation and Telos Corporation fund the program in Northern Virginia. "This gift is in honor of the professional men and



women of Loudoun and Fairfax who have made it their life's work to provide care and comfort to our community," said Fredrick D. Schaufeld. "Our only request is that these individuals occasionally take the time to look into their own mirrors to see the angels who walk among us."

"I can think of no greater privilege than to provide the latest in lifesaving technology to those who so selflessly serve and protect our community," said Telos CEO and Chairman John B. Wood. "We are proud to support our first responders by bringing a new level of innovation to the region's EMS services."

"FACT*R is a regional accomplishment available to all fire and rescue services in Northern Virginia. It will serve as a model for blood distribution and accountability. What this program demonstrates is the importance of collaboration across the continuum of healthcare. A patient's hospital visit truly begins, not with registration, but when EMS arrives on scene," said Craig Evans, executive director of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

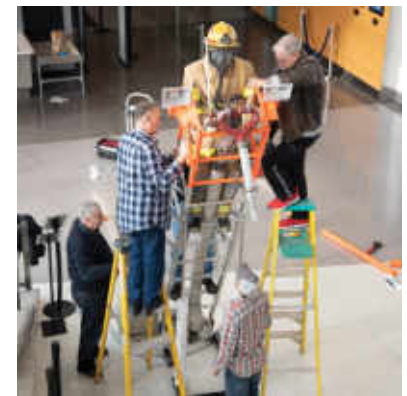
This unique program highlights the importance of the emergency medical care first responders provide to their patients. "It is an honor to be part of such an innovative collaboration," said Fairfax County Fire Chief John S. Butler. "The FACT*R program will undoubtedly improve trauma patient outcomes in Northern Virginia."

"Inova Blood Donor Services provides blood products to nearly two dozen hospitals and health facilities in the Washington Metro area. The unique FACT*R program will allow our donors to save even more lives. We rely on generous blood donors who donate regularly, up to six times per year, to maintain an adequate, steady supply of blood for patients in our community," said Terri Craddock, Senior Director of Inova Blood Donor Services. Donors can sign up to donate blood and be part of ensuring critical life-saving blood is available for patients in our community, including those requiring blood from the FACT*R program.

NEW LADDER DISPLAY IN PSHQ MUSEUM



A new ladder display was fabricated and installed in the PSHQ Lobby for the Fire Department Museum on Saturday, January 12, 2019. A special thanks to Paul and Steve Carlin for fabricating the display, and Gary Pope, Charlie Allen, Ken Neumann, Steve Hartman, and Elliott Rubino for their assistance with installation. A tremendous job well done by all! (Photos by Elliott Rubino, Steve Carlin, and Paul Carlin.)



TOP 10 ACTIVITY REPORT

October 2018 - March 2019

Medic

Unit	Calls
M 422	1,493
M 430	1,382
M 405	1,263
M 426	1,244
M 421	1,226
M 429	1,212
M 415	1,195
M 404	1,189
M 413	1,187
M 408B	1,187

Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 421E	149
A 413E	134
A 402E	114
A 410E	103
A 422E	99
A 438E	55
A 437E	31
A 408E	26
A 401E	21
A 414E	20

Engine

Unit	Calls
E 410	1,891
E 408	1,840
E 430	1,742
E 409	1,718
E 429	1,667
E 422	1,657
E 411	1,630
E 404	1,442
E 413	1,386
E 415	1,376

Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 430	1,279
T 429	1,260
T 425	1,147
T 410	1,004
T 436	944
T 408	979
T 422	908
T 411	879
T 440	865
T 405	795

Rescues

Unit	Calls
R 421	1,016
R 426	906
R 411	826
R 418	804
R 401	709
R 414	695
R 419	665
R 439	591

Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS 404	923
EMS 403	815
EMS 405	767
EMS 402	674
BC 404	672
EMS 401	651
EMS 406	559
BC 403	496
BC 405	433
BC 401	415

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call or added on to be counted. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.

TAKING UP



DANIEL C. MITCHELL, Sr.
Lieutenant

Entry Date: January 3, 1989

Retirement Date: December 28, 2018

Recruit School: 75th

Assignments: FS11, FS09, FS01, FS19, FS34

Likes About the Fire Department: The action, fellowshiping, and camaraderie.

Will Miss About the Fire Department: Running all types of calls, the bonds created, camaraderie. Making a positive impact in someone else's life.

Plans for the Future: Stay active, may work again.

Words of Wisdom: Stay true to the job. Strive to make a difference each day you come to work. Get to know your co-workers.

What Got You Interested in the Fire Service? The ability to help others.

Who or What Made an Influence in your Career? Clayton Thompson, Eric Walker, Reggie Johnson, Dave Bentley, John Loss, William Atwell.



JEFFREY T. WHARTON
Lieutenant

Entry Date: February 2, 1987

Retirement Date: November 13, 2018

Recruit School: 69th

Assignments: FS01-C, FS26-C, FS29-C, FS39-C.

Likes About the Fire Department: The amazing family we all share together throughout this wonderful county. The satisfaction of helping someone in their worse time of their life with no monetary receipt.

Will Miss About the Fire Department: WOW!!! RUNNING CALLS AND TRAINING TO BE A BETTER FIREFIGHTER AND OFFICER. All the members I have had the pleasure working with over my 32 years, each and every one of them have made a huge impact on my life and I will miss working with them tremendously. Our friendships will last a life time as well as our memories.

Plans for the Future: Continue teaching Rescue tactics, RIT and extrication. Take a couple months off for some Jeff time. Take care of my family and enjoy what I have been planning for since I started this amazing career. Take some time out to relax with fishing, hunting and travelling to see this amazing country.

Words of Wisdom: 1) Know your job very well and then perform it even better. 2) Get into the health savings plan and put as much as you can into it, extra income when you retire. 3) Put as much money as you can into deferred comp, it will pay off. 4) Stay healthy and work out every day, we our very lucky to have such a great welfit program and occupational health facility to help you stay fit and healthy. 5) Retire healthy and on your time, you get paid very well for what you do so don't get angry at the job, enjoy it and love it. 6) Special service is where it's at LOL.

What Got You Interested in the Fire Service? When I was 8 years old my Grandma watched me while my parents worked during the day and summer. She lived beside the firehouse and I played in the yard of the firehouse. The fire fighters would come out and throw ball with me. When I got old enough to join the Fire Chief gave me an application for my 15th birthday present. I was able to witness my dad help the fire fighters on an apartment fire close to our house one weekend and from that point on I wanted to be a firefighter. My two oldest brothers were members as well, so I followed in their footsteps.

Who or What Made an Influence in your Career? My volunteer Fire Chief Bill Walton was a huge mentor of mine thru out my career and got me started in the fire service. I wanted to follow a couple guys who I volunteered with Tim Williams and Milton Painter and become a career firefighter. When I was at fire station 1 Eric Moore and John Gleske took me under their wings and taught me a lot at the start and through out my career. Pretty much everyone I have had the opportunity to work with made an impact on my career. My first shift for getting me started in the right direction and my last shift 426 C for being there like family and knowing there job very well. It's a great feeling when you know all your guys could ride in any position on the rig and do an awesome job every day.



JEFFREY L. MONGOLD
Captain II

Entry Date: December 8, 1997

Retirement Date: April 11, 2019

Recruit School: 95th

Assignments: FS21, FS39, FS34. FS30. FS14. FS22. Relief Battalion 4A. Relief Battalion 2A, Acting BC 405-A, USAR.

Likes About the Fire Department: People, Calls, Training.

Will Miss About the Fire Department: The talks around the table. Responding to working fires.

Plans for the Future: Farm, work part-time, fish, hunt, golf, and camp with family.

Words of Wisdom: To leave this job knowing that you were a good firefighter.

What Got You Interested in the Fire Service? My family volunteered in local Volunteer Fire Department.

Who or What Made an Influence in your Career? The true firefighters and chiefs who knew their jobs and were not afraid to do the right thing.

LARGE LOSS FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 7/27/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42402 Value: \$228,050	Address: 8409 Leaf Rd. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 7/28/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42607 Value: \$1,461,210	Address: 5766 Backlick Rd., #202 Loss: \$93,750	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 8/7/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43604 Value: \$383,488	Address: 13193 Rover Glen Ct. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 8/8/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42901 Value: \$366,862	Address: 8340 Greensboro Dr., #907 Loss: \$93,750	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 9/7/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41100 Value: \$7,290,188	Address: 6421 Richmond Hwy. Loss: \$65,000	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 9/8/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43501 Value: \$347,675	Address: 6932 Spelman Dr. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 10/6/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42809 Value: \$54,605,600	Address: 6129 Leesburg Pike, #502. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 10/11/2018 Cause: Undetermined	Box: 43004 Value: \$1,467,275	Address: 8609 Hillside Pl. Loss: \$99,775	Type: Residential Status: Inactive
Date: 10/15/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40900 Value: \$616,300	Address: 1100 Arcturus Ln. Loss: \$237,500	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 10/15/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43603 Value: \$654,425	Address: 13114 Weather Vane Wy. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 10/24/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42200 Value: \$549,700	Address: 7233 Beverly Park Dr. Loss: \$293,850	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 11/5/2018 Cause: Undetermined	Box: 41191 Value: \$1,486,150	Address: 6027 Richmond Hwy., Loss: \$50,000	Type: Commercial Status: Inactive
Date: 11/6/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41407 Value: \$403,000	Address: 8403 Thames St. Loss: \$216,250	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 11/22/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40404 Value: \$295,612	Address: 652 Stuart Ct. Loss: \$75,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 11/28/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42300 Value: \$1,352,562	Address: 4125 Elizabeth Ln. Loss: \$93,500	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 11/30/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43012 Value: \$625,000	Address: 9409 Lee Hwy. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 12/9/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40800 Value: \$352,388	Address: 3811 Hydale Dr. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 12/9/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42504 Value: \$389,025	Address: 11159 Saffold Way Loss: \$92,500	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 12/13/2018 Cause: Undetermined	Box: 43705 Value: \$693,237	Address: 6629 Briarleigh Way Loss: \$351,162	Type: Residential Status: Open
Date: 12/20/2018 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42801 Value: \$232,150	Address: 3135 Holloway Rd. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed

Date: 1/4/19 Cause: Undetermined	Box: 40146 Value: \$1,111,280	Address: 6615 Malta Ln. Loss: \$1,111,280	Type: Residential Status: Inactive
Date: 1/22/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43401 Value: \$746,412	Address: 2966 Trousseau Ln. Loss: \$90,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 1/26/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41923 Value: \$437,500	Address: 8210 Legion Dr. Loss: \$437,500	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 1/31/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41091 Value: \$392,087	Address: 3400 Carlin Springs Rd. Loss: \$392,087	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/1/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 44103 Value: \$599,362	Address: 7804 Thornfield Ct. Loss: \$60,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/2/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41141 Value: \$500,650	Address: 6324 Telegraph Rd. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/2/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41700 Value: \$304,525	Address: 14113 Starbird Ct. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/4/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41617 Value: \$873,588	Address: 7008 Balmoral Forest Rd. Loss: \$125,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/12/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41301 Value: \$376,338	Address: 2239 Chestertown Dr. Loss: \$80,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/2/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41700 Value: \$304,525	Address: 14113 Starbird Ct. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/23/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42107 Value: \$246,512	Address: 12009 Waples Mill Rd. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 2/28/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43401 Value: \$599,400	Address: 2820 Thaxton Ln. Loss: \$87,500	Type: Residential Status: Open
Date: 3/7/19 Cause:	Box: 42121 Value: \$4,053,291	Address: 12320 Oak Creek Ln. Loss: \$367,188	Type: Residential Status: Open
Date: 3/9/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40144 Value: \$398,750	Address: 1434 Brookhaven Dr. Loss: \$398,750	Type: Residential Status: Open



Edith V. Beitzel (Retired)

April 13, 1946 - February 13, 2019

George W. "Bill" Ellis

May 24, 1937 - February 22, 2019

Lieutenant Harry E. Diezel (Retired)

January 10, 1940 - January 9, 2019

Robert F. Fioramonti (Retired)

January 8, 1940 - April 8, 2019

Thomas L. Mobley (Retired)

June 22, 1941 - April 6, 2019

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



In March, Technician Tory Albertson, FS35, C-Shift, was presented with the Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW National Paramedic of the Year award for his outstanding service. The presentation was one year after he received the VFW Virginia Paramedic of the Year. Tory is assigned to Station 35, Pohick. In attendance to support him were Fire Chief Butler, Battalion Chief and EMS 407, and members of Station 35 and Station 22, Springfield.



On November 8, Rescue Unit 411 from Fire Station 11, Penn Daw, and Lieutenant Edward Payne III were honored during the Knights of Columbus Bradican Assembly 2996 annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Lieutenant Mark Fernandez, Master Technician Robert Pickel, Master Technician Joshua Morrison, and Firefighter/Medic Robert Elam, and Lieutenant Payne were recognized for their rescue efforts during an incident on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on June 20, 2018. R411 and Lt. Payne were instrumental in saving three workers trapped in the bucket of a boom truck during a multiple vehicle fire on the bridge.

During this annual ceremony, Assembly 2996 retires torn, fired, and unusable United States Flags. As part of this patriotic event, they honor those dedicated to public service who protect the community. The flag presented this year had been flown over the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world and supports various charitable and community activities.



The "Busiest Company" sign recognizes the single busiest company in FCFRD. The sign is given to any unit that runs the most calls in a calendar year. In 2018, that unit was Engine 410, Bailey's Crossroads, with 3,810. Fire Chief Butler and DC Shaw were on hand to see last year's recipient Engine 409, Mount Vernon, hand-off the sign to E410.



Lieutenant Jessica Smith (FS15, C Shift, Chantilly) was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution (Colonel William Grayson Chapter) Public Safety Commendation for her work as an EMS provider.



PGFD HONORS FCRD FIREFIGHTERS



Congratulations to Rescue 411, A-Shift, Penn Daw (Lieutenant Mark Fernandez, Master Technician Joshua Morrison, Master Technician Robert Pickel, Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Elam), Lieutenant Edward Payne III (FS01, C-Shift), members of the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, and Prince George's County Police Department who were honored for their heroic actions during a complex fiery crash on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in June 2018. During the April 16 ceremony at National Harbor, firefighters and police officers were presented with commemorative coins recognizing their contributions. Thank you to Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department for taking time to honor these first responders.

ANNIVERSARIES

October - December 2018

34 Years

Battalion Chief Mike A. Deli

33 Years

Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams
Master Technician
George C. Hood II

32 Years

Captain II Joseph Palau III
Captain I James B. Johnson
Lieutenant Ben A. Dye

30 Years

Captain II Tony C. Kostecka
Lieutenant Richard Dawley
Lieutenant Anthony D. Mullins
Master Technician Joseph P. Kieler
Master Technician Jeffrey L. Smith
Richard F. Twomey, Engineer III

20 Years

Firefighter Clayton Thompson III

15 Years

Captain II John J. Tedesco
Captain I Peter B. Besong
Lieutenant Allan R. Burchell
Lieutenant Karen M. Torpey
Lieutenant Mark R. Wolfen
Lieutenant Todd M. Young
Master Technician Ian M. Kelly
Master Technician Hyun J. Lee
Master Technician Kevin J. Steinhilber
Master Technician
Michael R. Worthington
Master Technician Peter G. Zagorites
Technician MaryKate Black
Technician Dennis S. Camacho
Technician Charles H. Ford IV
Technician Javier M Lopez
Firefighter Patrick A. Butler

Firefighter Wendy Y. Mitchell
Pamela S. Czekalski,
Administrative Assisrant II
James J. Jordan,
Fire Apparatus Mechanic

10 Years

Master Technician John G. Adams
Master Technician Christopher F. Martin
Master Techican Alexander M. Paal
Master Technician Shawn M. Rappach
Technician Eric J. Edwards
Technician Jason J. Kim
Technician Jonathan J. Kurzinger
Katherine E. Good, GIS Analyst II

5 Years

Ashley B. Adams,
Administrative Assistant IV
Jennifer L. Dennis, HR Generalist I
Ian P. Gregoire,
Emergency Management Specialist III

January - March 2019

39 Years

Captain II Robert A. Konczal

37 Years

Captain II Mark Guditus
Captain II James J. Istvan
Captain I Gerard J. Morrison

36 Years

Master Technician David J. May
Technician Leo T. Sullivan

33 Years

Captain I Leroy L. Butler, Jr.
Captain I Bruce A. Neuhaus

32 Years

Lieutenant Leslie C. Smith
Master Technician Robert L. Upchurch

31 Years

Captain II Wayne P. Wentzel
Technician John D. Leary, Jr.
Maria J. Teel, Business Analyst I

30 Years

Technician Daryl T. Casey

Lieutenant Thomas C. Meloy
Wayne T. Burgess,
Emergency Mgmt. Specialist III

25 Years

Assistant Chief Charles W. Ryan
Deputy Chief Cheri E. Zosh
Battalion Chief Ramiro H. Galvez
Battalion Chief Samuel L Gray
Battalion Chief Ryland B. Kendrick
Battalion Chief Jeffrey S. Lewis
Battalion Chief Glenn A. Mason
Battalion Chief David L. Warner
Captain II Sean T. Evans
Captain II Dennis Passmore
Captain I Derek A. Edwards
Captain I Trenton D. Houghton
Lieutenant Anthony L. Liddell
Lieutenant Glenn B. Mooneyham
Lieutenant Mark J. Plunkett
Lieutenant Dwan D. Starks
Master Technician Matthew T. Groff
Master Technician Patrick J. Keenan
Master Technician John C. Manvell
Master Technician David H. Stroup
Technician Kevin W. Bell
Technician Dovel C. Gilmore
Technician Christopher H. Kempton

20 Years

Captain II David G. Bentley
Captain II Robert W. Kitchen

Captain II Christopher A. Pittman
Captain II Patrick Sheehan
Captain I William J. Atwell
Captain I Robert M. Garza
Captain I Stephen J. Hurst
Captain I Barry W. Maham
Captain I Haywood P. Marshall
Captain I William D. Vance
Lieutenant Daniel J. Kwiatkowski
Lieutenant Edward L. Payne III
Master Technician Mark R. Butler
Master Technician Sean D. Hodgson
Master Technician Brian P. Jenkins
Master Technician Britt M. Phelps
Master Technician Gary S. Reuter
Master Technician Michael L. Skeeel
Technician Scott R. Fickes
Technician Blake C. Myers
Fifierghter Alex E. Stewart

15 Years

Steven M. Dennis, IT Program Manager

10 Years

Katherine L. O'Brien,
Engineering Technician I
Donna M. Speakes, Nurse Practitioner

5 Years

Technician Tory J. Albertson
Technician Ian A. Antons

5Years - Jan. - March 2019 (Continued)

Technician Matthew D. Arbuckle
 Technician Thomas R. Baldwin
 Technician Michael E. Bender
 Technician Rachel A. Blakely
 Technician Arthur M. Bruck
 Technician Trevor J. Butler
 Technician Michael J. Cajayon
 Technician Howard J. Capon
 Technician Robert J. Castellanos
 Technician David C. Chang
 Technician Matthew S. Cislo
 Technician Daniel A. Duarte
 Technician Ryan M. Dussia
 Technician David J. Ford
 Technician Brian A. Hallahan
 Technician Chuk Li
 Technician Jordan M. Linhart
 Technician Danny J. Lintot
 Technician Michael A. Ly
 Technician Vincenzo J. Malvosio

Technician Terence M. Stokes, Jr.
 Technician Michael A. Voigt
 Technician Stephen N. Washenko
 Technician Tyler W. Weaver
 Technician Adam J. Willemssen
 Firefighter/Medic Robert M. Elam
 Firefighter Stefan A. Bachmann
 Firefighter Ruth N. Ballard
 Firefighter Daniel J. Bridges
 Firefighter Rashad Briscoe
 Firefighter Jeffrey W. Cockey
 Firefighter Joseph R. Cornwell
 Firefighter Kimo I Desantos
 Firefighter Derek T. Dotson
 Firefighter Brian A. Edwards
 Firefighter Elliott R. Foster
 Firefighter Austin W. Gum
 Firefighter Anthony R. Harley
 Firefighter Christopher D. Jarvis
 Firefighter Brian L. Kennedy

Firefighter Jessee D. Kruse
 Firefighter Stephen R. Langone
 Firefighter Alexander H. McKenna
 Firefighter Patrick Montague
 Firefighter Diego F. Ramirez Grast
 Firefighter Brian P. Reaver, Jr.
 Firefighter Kyler C. Rodgers
 Firefighter Benjamin T. Sisson
 Firefighter Timothy W. Sullivan
 Firefighter Trent T. Thomas
 Firefighter Ryan M. Warner
 Firefighter Robert A. Wealand
 Firefighter Justin P. Williams
 Firefighter Marcus S. Woods
 Gary C. Dize, Management Analyst II
 Keith E. Ruby, Engineer III
 Jeffrey D. Sargent, Fire Inspector II

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Jeffrey R. Allen

August 4, 1986 - October 30, 2018

Nicholas J. Bowler, Inspector II

June 16, 2015 - October 26, 2018

Technician Victoria R. Callow

June 3, 1991 - February 5, 2019

Damien E. Chaves, Engineer III

July 25, 2016 - January 11, 2019

Lieutenant Kevin R. Coen

June 19, 1989 - January 10, 2019

Captain I David P. Conrad, Sr.

March 8, 1982 - December 24, 2018

Technician Mike C. Day

June 3, 1991 - December 22, 2018

Battalion Chief Edith M. Eshleman

January 20, 1987 - February 19, 2019

Lieutenant Eugene L. George

May 27, 1986 - December 19, 2018

Master Technician George C. Hood II

October 15, 1985 - February 5, 2019

Captain II Michael A. Istvan

March 8, 1982 - December 22, 2018

Lieutenant Lloyd B. Jackson

June 3, 1991 - December 22, 2018

Captain II Robert A. Konczal

January 28, 1980 - February 1, 2019

Firefighter Irene A. Lawrence

April 3, 2006 - December 28, 2018

Lieutenant Daniel C. Mitchell

January 3, 1989 - December 28, 2018

Captain II John W. Richter

April 9, 1990 - December 19, 2018

Firefighter George H. Samartino

August 18, 1997 - December 10, 2018

**Laurie E. Varnau,
Management Analyst I**

February 29, 1988 - November 27, 2018

Battalion Chief James J. Walsh

April 29, 1985 - December 25, 2018

Sandra J. Ward, Engineer III

April 13, 1987 - December 20, 2018

Master Technician James E. Wilkerson

January 3, 1989 - January 31, 2019

Lieutenant Jeffrey T. Wharton

February 2, 1987 - November 13, 2018

NEW HIRES

Miko M. Burns,
 Materials Management Specialist I
 EMS Administration

Charles E. Butler, Jr.,
 Materials Management Specialist II
 Urban Search & Rescue

Austin K. Cadang,
 Inspector I
 Inspections

Nestor M. Diaz-Jaimes,
 Administrative Assistant III
 Fire Prevention

Ashley K. Garand,
 Administrative Assistant IV
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Jonathan M. King,
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 PHN III

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PROFILE

ANNANDALE

Fire and Rescue Station 8



Volunteer Chief
Roger Waller



Station constructed: Founded in 1940, the building has gone through several additions and renovations.

Station specialty: "The Bubble" with a population of over 43,000. There are 16 street boxes and 5 highway boxes. Daily minimum staffing of 13 uniformed personnel.

Square miles in first due area: 9.6

Equipment assigned to station: E408, TL408, M408, M408B, BC404, CAN408, Reserve Ambulance.

Specific hazardous/target areas: Sleepy Hollow Manor Nursing Home, Bright View Senior Independent and Assisted Living, and the Evergreen House. Residential high-rises including the Parliament House. Commercial high-rises. Multiple garden apartment complexes including Americana Drive and Wadsworth Court. Port Royal Road Industrial Park. I-495 Beltway, Mason District Park, and Wakefield Park/Audrey Moore Recreation Center.

Total Calls in 2018: 11,490

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I Eric S. Craven**, Lieutenant H. T. O'Toole, Lieutenant Robert J. Sweeney, Master Technician Joseph A. Breslin, Master Technician Charles E. Keplinger, Master Technician Stephen D. Urban, Technician Cody R. Henson, Firefighter/Medic Garrett B. Irving, Firefighter Ruth N. Ballard, Firefighter Casey P. Braswell, Firefighter Jesus E. Castro, Firefighter Daniel P. Droter, Firefighter Matthew G. Ifert, Firefighter Clarence V. Tombo. **B-Shift:** **Captain I John E. Peters**, Lieutenant Patrick I. Kairouz, Lieutenant Karl D. Roche, Master Technician Robert J. Pilsucki, Technician David C. Chang, Technician Alexander D. Fischer, Technician Morgan D. Galassi, Technician Duane E. Lawrence, Technician Israel Rodriguez, Firefighter Maillim D. Empie, Firefighter Michael P. Hertig, Firefighter Robyn A. Kane, Firefighter Patrick Montague, Firefighter Matthew C. Quigley, Firefighter Sean J. Sack. **C-Shift:** **Captain II Christopher M. Sampl**, Lieutenant Adam C. Brock, Lieutenant Sage L. Gummerson, Lieutenant David P. Saunders, Master Technician Jaemohn D. Cloyd, Master Technician Joseph M. Laun, Master Technician Gary P. Thompson, Technician Kenneth E. Gates, Technician Nicholas F. Heufelder, Firefighter/Medic Muhammad I. Dizicheh, Firefighter/Medic Joseph M. Shipman, Firefighter Michael K. Conway, Firefighter Mari A. Christenson, Firefighter Sean A. O'Neill, Firefighter Blake W. Riggelman, Firefighter Sophia J. Therriault.

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