

# FRONT LINES



December 15, 2015

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

## *VATF-1 Responds to South Carolina Flooding*





Richard R. Bowers, Jr.

*"Everyone makes me proud to be part of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department."*

## From The Fire Chief . . .

**W**here do we go from here? That's the question we have to ask ourselves all the time. We must lean and move forward in a positive direction - always. One department one way...the Fairfax way.

Whether the response is a fire, rescue, EMS, special operations response, apparatus, training, facilities, safety, wellness, fitness, or community outreach effort, the uniformed and civilian men and women of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department step up and make it happen. That's the spirit that embodies everyone in this great department.

Remember, we cannot always keep doing things the same way or we will get the same results.

To that point, the structure fire on Purple Sage Court illustrates this exact point.

If we would have kept training the same way, staffing the same way, conducting incident management command the same way or providing emergency care in the same way, the results may have or would have been different at this fire incident.

Units responded to a two-story town house fire with victims trapped on the second floor. Crews arrived on the scene with heavy fire and smoke conditions on floor one. Our first in unit and command officers and crews

executed the fire ground basics perfectly to reset and hold the fire, locate and remove two trapped occupants under heavy fire and smoke conditions. Upon removal of the victims our firefighter/paramedics and EMS Supervisors were strategically in place and waiting to execute the basics of emergency care to two lifeless fire victims. The crews went to work immediately and performed their ALS skills flawlessly.

Our live fire and command training along with spot on ALS and BLS training all came together that day on Purple Sage Court. Everyone executed the basics perfectly and flawlessly.

The crews gave the two victims every opportunity to survive this tragic fire event and they did. Both victims were released from the hospital. They lived.

Later in the evening the troops went back into the community and completed Safety In Our Community (SIOC). The firefighters and paramedics went door to door to connect with the community and checked smoke alarms and talked about the tragic incident with residents. In the same neighborhood of the fire incident the personnel installed numerous smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save lives!

Our training, our response, our tactical operations, our risk assessment-

### Fire Chief's Expectations

- **Be ready, be safe, be fit and healthy!**
- **Be kind and respectful!**
- **Embrace diversity and mentor!**
- **Execute the basics perfectly!**
- **Train, train, train!**
- **Work together!**
- **Community outreach!**

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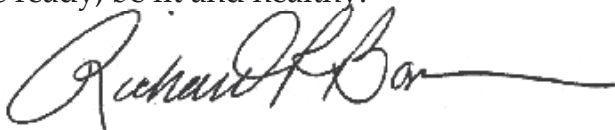


*Tiller trucks from Fire Station 10, Baileys Crossroads and Fire Station 29, Tysons Corner, hoist the American flag at the Mount Vernon Estate on Veteran's Day.*

decision making, emergency care and community outreach efforts must match the response environment. Just think if we had not made changes to these items over time and implemented SIOC. I am proud of everyone that had a part in saving these lives.

We must keep being innovative, keep trying new things, shaping and reshaping our service delivery and operations. Everyone makes me proud to be part of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Be ready, be fit and healthy.



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# Solidarity for Our Law Enforcement Officers

By Acting Captain II Jennifer L. Svites  
Fire and Rescue Station 32, Fairview

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department serves a diverse community and we show support with each interaction we have with the county's residents and visitors. Whether responding to a call for assistance or supporting a charitable cause, our "silent support" represent us well and speaks loudly for the County without ever saying a word.

In light of the attacks to our partners in public safety, the Fairfax County Police Department, and other law enforcement officers (LEOs) in the County, I was compelled to find a non-verbal way to communicate such support. Our goal in public safety is to always go home at the end of our shift and trying to find a way to support our LEOs in the County was very important to me. We need to show our solidarity with them.

In December 2014, a former police officer, Daniel Jessup from Bedford, VA, started a Facebook initiative for everyone to replace a white porch light with a blue light bulb. With recent attacks to the LEO community, he wanted to show support and to also honor the lives lost. The event was scheduled for January 1 through January 7, 2015. His campaign started with several interested individuals and grew to over 31,000 in over one week. After seeing this small, non-verbal

effort to support our partners I knew this is what I was looking for.

In a sign of solidarity with Fairfax County Police Department, Fire Station 32 has replaced one of our outside station lights with a 'blue' bulb. With the ongoing attacks to our dedicated members of the LEO community I wanted to convey our support by displaying a very positive and supported blue light outside our Station. I propose that all fire stations show solidarity with our LEOs by placing a blue light in front of each station to remain illuminated as a quiet sign of our enduring support for our partners in public safety.

The blue LED bulb I placed in front of Fire Station 32 was purchased at Lowe's for \$13.00 and it uses only 3 watts of energy (and has 25,000 life hours). Besides this simple gesture, it would be great to reach out to the closest district police station to offer invitations in utilizing our stations as a safe haven to complete reports, eat their meals, and join us for dinner. Again, I feel this small display of support would strengthen our public service bond with our LEOs.

Ultimately, I would love to see this show of solidarity spread throughout all of the Fire Departments within Northern Virginia. We need to continue to demonstrate to our LEOs that we support them! ❖



Fire and Rescue Station 32, Fairview, uses a "blue light" at the firehouse entrance to show solidarity and silent support with the Fairfax County Police Department.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Newington Forest School

8001 Newington Forest Avenue  
Springfield, Virginia 22153

November 10, 2015

Dear Fire Chief Bowers,

I want to express my appreciation for your generosity in support of our schools. Your personal commitment was incredibly helpful and allowed us to give warm coats to our students. These donations make an immediate difference in the lives of our kids.

Thanks to you we have helped countless children stay warm. The support we get from individuals like you makes it possible for all of us to make this community a great place to live in.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You have made a valuable difference in the lives of the children we serve.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yeditza Velez".

Yeditza Velez  
Parent Liaison  
Newington Forest Elementary

From: Buist, Kathryn  
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 10:29 AM  
To: Jenkins, Benjamin E.; Wilson, Marcus D; Gruver, Nikki Lee; Warner, Ryan; Adams, John G.; Peterson, Andre  
Subject: Thank you

Good morning!

Wanted to take a quick minute and thank you all! Last Wednesday (the day before Thanksgiving), you guys transported my mom who fell at my sister's house off Felton Lane and got a decent cut above her eye. My entire family plus 7 nieces and nephew were in town. My parents, sisters, and their husband's ranted and raved about the care that my mom received. I don't know if you knew I was in the department when you got there or even after but I wanted to say thank you for taking care of my family. They were impressed that you guys even took a quick minute to rinse off the front step so that they wouldn't have to look at the blood or deal with it. If I couldn't be there I am glad you guys showed up in a big way!

Thank you for doing your job well and taking care of my mom! The 7 stitches were removed and the other pain/aches are slowly fading as she is now back in Ecuador.

Thanks again!  
PFF Kathryn Buist 40-A





FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
Every Step of the Way Program  
INSTRUCTOR / PROGRAM EVALUATION FORM

SUBJECT: LIGHTERS & MATCHES

TIME: 10:00

DATE: 10-22-2015

INSTRUCTOR(S) Nikki & Mary

LOCATION: CHRIST THE KING PRE

CHECK THE BOX WHICH BEST DESCRIBES:	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
RATE THE MATERIAL COVERED. <small>(Age Appropriate Material)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE HANDOUT MATERIALS <small>(Related to subject, easily understood, helpful)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S KNOWLEDGE <small>(Instructor knows subject, simplified key points)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S CONFIDENCE <small>(Did the instructor relate to the group?)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S SPEECH AND DELIVERY. <small>(Spoke clearly, talked to class, enthusiastic)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE LENGTH OF THE CLASS <small>(Kept the students interest)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S ENTHUSIASM <small>(Happy to answer questions and enjoyed interacting with the group)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RATE THE SOUND SYSTEM <small>(Did it enhance the program?)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
CHECK THE BOX WHICH BEST DESCRIBES:	ON TIME	5-15 MINUTES LATE	10-15 MINUTES LATE	15-20 MINUTES LATE
DID THE INSTRUCTORS ARRIVE ON TIME?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DID THE PROGRAM START ON TIME?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
ANSWER THE FOLLOWING YES OR NO	YES	NO		
WAS THERE A GOOD INSTRUCTOR-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP? <small>(Instructor was patient, understanding, helpful)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
WERE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS STRESSED AND PRACTICED? <small>(Safe methods and techniques taught at all times)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE INSTRUCTOR COME BACK?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
WERE THE STUDENTS ENGAGED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
WERE THE FIREFIGHTERS ABLE TO VISIT? (FOR PUPPET SHOWS ONLY) (CIRCLE ONE) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO THE ABOVE QUESTION, DID THE INSTRUCTOR EXPLAIN WHY AND TALK WITH THE GROUP ABOUT THE JOB OF A FIREFIGHTER? (CIRCLE ONE) YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
HOW WELL DID THE ISAW STAFF AND FIREFIGHTERS INTERACT? N/A				
OVERALL GENERAL COMMENTS: (USE BACK OF FORM IF NEEDED) <small>(If you have had a previous program from ISAW, how did this one compare?)</small> We've had this program, and it's always great (including this time). Thank you.				

Please complete and fax the form to the Public Affairs and Life Safety Education Section at 703.244.5899 or mail to:  
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Attention: Patsy Silverell  
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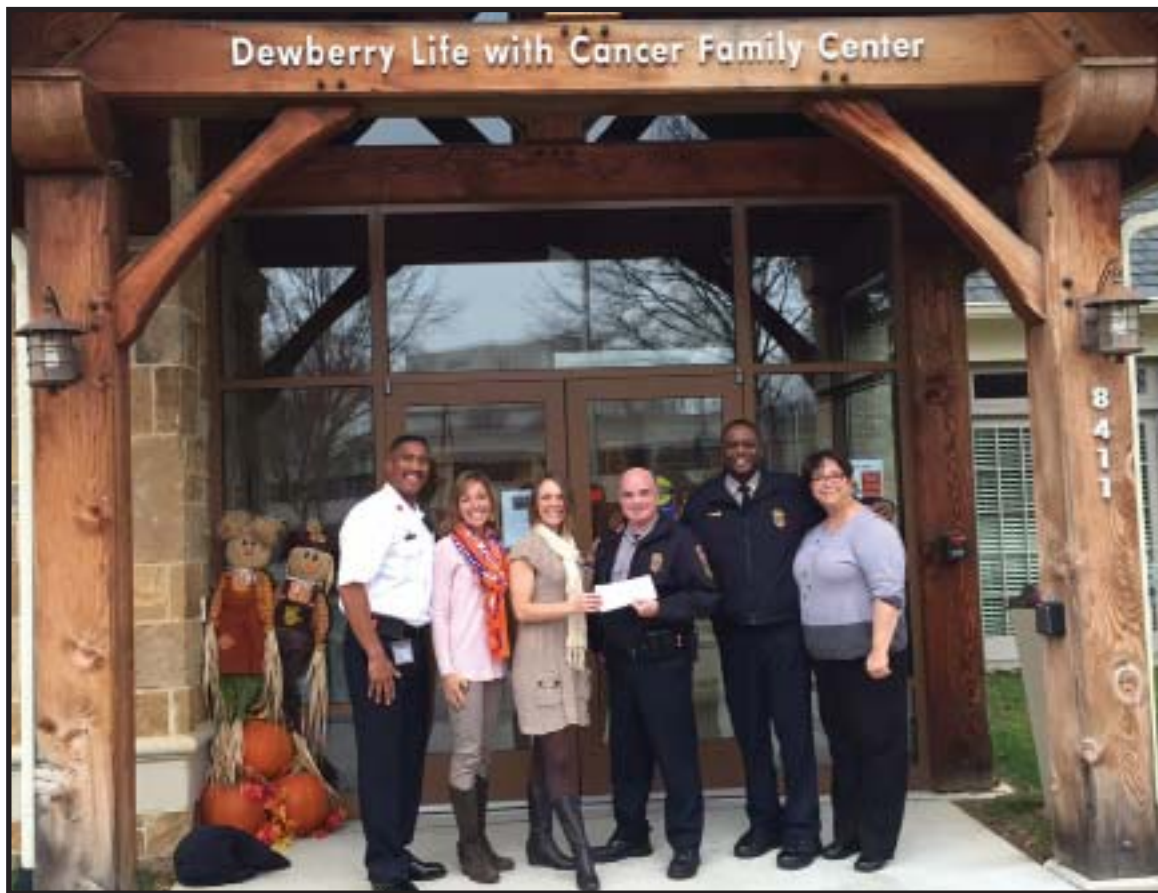
FD-404 (03/05) Public Affairs and Life Safety Education Section



The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce honored and recognized firefighters and police officers at their annual tribute, October 23, 2015, at the Hilton Springfield Hotel. Lieutenant Raymond, Fire and Rescue Station 5, Franconia was named Officer of the Year; Technician John Smith, 6th Battalion, was named EMT/Paramedic of the Year; Technician Brian Remines, Fire and Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw, was honored as Fire-fighter of the Year; and Technician Jerold Manuel received the Longevity Award.



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department again collected the most money among fire department in the nation. The amount collected was \$615,945 and broke the previous record for collections. A mighty thanks to all those who participated in the five-day event.



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department partnered with Fairfax County Police and Sheriff's office to present a check for \$1,000 to the Dewberry Life with Cancer Family Center on November 30, 2015. The donated funds were proceeds made from selling pink t-shirts for our annual breast cancer awareness campaign.

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Firefighter Brenda Pamperin, Fire and Rescue Station 1, McLean, lifts her bike after completing more than 3,000 miles in the Ride to Awareness, in support of raising awareness to mental health issues. Brenda arrived in Saint Augustine, Florida with a big smile on her face in early November. Brenda also participated in the Live Oak Veterans Day Parade, and had the honor and privilege of visiting with Earl Mills, the Grand Marshal of the parade. Mills, a WWII veteran, was with the 101st Airborne Division, "Screaming Eagles" and parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Dear Fire and Rescue Team A.

Thank you so very much for helping me at Metro last Saturday when I was so sick. Sorry I was not the best patient that day! Doug did end up taking me to the NOVART Health Center. You were right about needing immediate medical care, but I just wanted to go home, as I kept whining! At least we were prepared because of your good care.

Thanks again. Enclosed is a small gift in appreciation of all you do.

With Love, Brenda 😊

Just can't say it enough.

You guys are the best!





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24 September 2015

On behalf of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Group, we thank and salute the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for your outstanding support. Your unique and compelling insights, experiences, and feedback are instrumental to our group's efforts. We greatly appreciate the invaluable testing and partnership opportunities that exist between our organizations.

Your veteran team's knowledge coupled with the highly realistic training environment is a resource of tremendous value, both for other responder teams as well as scientists and technologists trying to understand the engineering challenges.

The Next Generation First Responder program, funded by the Department of Homeland Security, First Responder's Group, aims to enhance the safety and capabilities of emergency personnel. As part of our work on this effort, we visited the Lorton training facility and met with Captain Randal Bittinger and several members of his team. During this session, we were able to discuss and experience highly-realistic environments used in Urban Search and Rescue missions. In addition, we were able to deploy and test prototype equipment and collect valuable test data. After the Lorton visit, we toured the Academy in Fairfax, followed by a round table discussion on how we can deploy the NGFR program technologies in a realistic scenario.

By enabling a partnership between experienced First Responders, and the scientists working to enhance response capabilities, Captain Bittinger and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department are directly contributing to the advancement of science and technology in the area of First Responder safety and communication and the ultimate goal of saving lives.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Anna Greaves  
Member of Technical Staff  
Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Group

FS412 C-SHIFT

8/25/15

THANK YOU, from the bottom  
of our hearts for helping us in a  
major way on one of the most important  
days of our lives. I appreciate the  
calm assistance and the amazing  
care given to me and our newborn baby.  
Words cannot express our deep appreciation.  
Thank you for all you do, day in, day out.  
Sincerely, the P

## Front Lines Deadlines

The deadlines for the upcoming 2016 Front Lines issues are February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. Please submit articles or text to Cathy Richards, Cathy.Richards@fairfaxcounty.gov.

# Hot Shots



Firefighters responded to a fully involved house fire, September 29, 2015, at 12538 White Drive. The home was vacant and a total loss. The cause of the fire is under investigation. (Photo by Lieutenant Matt Tamillow.)



Units from the seventh battalion extricate an adult woman from a two vehicle crash, August 30, 2015; she was then flown to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Firefighters also transported two other patients by ground. (Photo by Lieutenant Matt Tamillow.)

Firefighters respond to a vehicle crash into a light pole on Burke Center Parkway, August 14, 2015. Crews extricated the adult male and he was transported to Inova Hospital with life-threatening injuries.



Firefighters battle a fully involved house fire on November 16, 2015 in the Great Falls area. A tanker task force and other specialty units responded to the large ranch-style home. The home was a complete loss. (Photo by Captain I William Vannoy)

Crews responded to a car into a house October 27, 2015, at 6801 Smithway Drive, in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. Firefighters extricated the occupants; however, the passenger was deceased at the scene, and the driver was transported to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital where he was pronounced dead. No one was home at the time of the crash.

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# 2015 Fire Prevention Week Open House



Fire & Rescue Station 23, West Annandale



Fire & Rescue Station 23, West Annandale



Fire & Rescue Station 14, Burke



Fire & Rescue Station 41, Crosspointe



Fire & Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw



Fire & Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw

## And the Winners Are . . .

- Battalion 1...FS39
- Battalion 2...FS01
- Battalion 3...FS38
- Battalion 4...FS08
- Battalion 5...FS27
- Battalion 6...FS11
- Battalion 7...FS41

with special recognition to Fire Station 14

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# Community Outreach Highlights



*(All photos on this page by Elliott Rubino)*

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# *Fire and Rescue Station 4, Herndon*



The Herndon Fire Station is a new, replacement station located on the same site as the existing station. The new facility will be approximately 14,500 square feet with three bays and an 8,700 square feet underground parking garage. The height of the garage is 8'2" at the entrance and over the first five parking spaces then drops to seven feet for the remainder of the parking garage. A temporary fire station will be provided at 791 Elden Street while the new station is under construction.

## **Schedule:**

- Advertise for Bid: September 2013
- Start Construction: December 2013
- Temporary Facility Complete: Spring 2014
- Substantial Completion of permanent Facility: Summer 2016





Firefighters from Fire and Rescue Station 10, Bailey's Crossroads, pose wearing their Veterans Day tee shirts honoring all veterans who have served past and present, November 11, 2015.

# Top 10 Activity Report

## July - September 2015

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Squad	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 413 E	99	E 409	874	R 421	472
A 422 E	81	E 410	853	R 426	458
A 402 E	47	E 429	751	R 411	381
A 414 E	42	E 411	751	R 418	377
A 421 E	35	E 422	743	R 401	307
A 417 E	29	E 430	688	R 419	276
A 401 E	20	E 417	683	R 439	251
A 405 E	18	E 405	674	R 414	241
A 402	15	E 408	673		
A 410 E	11	E 426	673		

Medic		Ladder Company		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 422	699	T/TL425	551	EMS 404	391
M 430	639	T/TL430	496	EMS 405	382
M 426	611	T/TL411	468	EMS 403	356
M 417	593	T/TL410	464	EMS 401	334
M 405	585	T/TL429	444	EMS 402	318
M 413	579	T/TL436	428	BC 404	299
M 429	576	T/TL422	411	EMS 406	288
M 409 B	573	T/TL408	406	EMS 407	217
M 421	571	T/TL440	366	BC 403	171
M 410	565	T/TL405	362	BC 402	170

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.

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# Large Loss Fire Investigations

<b>Date:</b> 7/12/2015	<b>Box:</b> 44009	<b>Address:</b> 4750 West Ox Road	<b>Type:</b> Commercial
<b>Cause:</b> Undetermined <b>Value:</b> \$100,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$100,000 <b>Status:</b> Inactive			
<b>Date:</b> 7/18/2015	<b>Box:</b> 40500	<b>Address:</b> 6562 Yadkin Court	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$251,625 <b>Loss:</b> \$93,750 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 7/20/2015	<b>Box:</b> 42707	<b>Address:</b> 7707 Carrleigh Parkway	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$415,825 <b>Loss:</b> \$415,825 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 7/28/2015	<b>Box:</b> 40592	<b>Address:</b> 4300 Upland Drive	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$832,562 <b>Loss:</b> \$70,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/1/2015	<b>Box:</b> 42400	<b>Address:</b> 8690 Walutes Circle	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$102,280 <b>Loss:</b> \$93,750 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/7/2015	<b>Box:</b> 43704	<b>Address:</b> 7637 Kingsbury Road	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$371,250 <b>Loss:</b> \$93,750 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/15/2015	<b>Box:</b> 43800	<b>Address:</b> 14925 Greymont Drive	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$1,232,925 <b>Loss:</b> \$105,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/22/2015	<b>Box:</b> 40943	<b>Address:</b> 8077 Janna Lee Avenue	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$79,639 <b>Loss:</b> \$79,639 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/26/2015	<b>Box:</b> 43000	<b>Address:</b> 8519 Spartan Road	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$339,175 <b>Loss:</b> \$70,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/27/2015	<b>Box:</b> 41406	<b>Address:</b> 5046 Dequincey Drive	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$304,500 <b>Loss:</b> \$118,750 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/29/2015	<b>Box:</b> 41196	<b>Address:</b> 6421 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$237,710 <b>Loss:</b> \$60,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 8/30/2015	<b>Box:</b> 43900	<b>Address:</b> 11525 Hemingway Drive	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$2,068,962 <b>Loss:</b> \$232,500 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 9/2/2015	<b>Box:</b> 44011	<b>Address:</b> 12314 Oak Creek Lane	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$47,689,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$80,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 9/4/2015	<b>Box:</b> 41012	<b>Address:</b> 4101 Morin Street	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Inactive <b>Value:</b> \$310,678 <b>Loss:</b> \$62,135 <b>Status:</b> Open			
<b>Date:</b> 9/4/2015	<b>Box:</b> 43800	<b>Address:</b> 15213 Dumas Court	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$424,225 <b>Loss:</b> \$156,250 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 9/20/2015	<b>Box:</b> 41043	<b>Address:</b> 1638 Dempsey Street	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$348,490 <b>Loss:</b> \$70,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 10/10/2015	<b>Box:</b> 41407	<b>Address:</b> 5262 Dunleigh Drive	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$442,275 <b>Loss:</b> \$218,750 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 10/12/2015	<b>Box:</b> 41800	<b>Address:</b> 7118 Terry Lane	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$240,325 <b>Loss:</b> \$80,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 10/18/2015	<b>Box:</b> 40944	<b>Address:</b> 8634 Woodward Avenue	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$266,025 <b>Loss:</b> \$266,025 <b>Status:</b> Closed			
<b>Date:</b> 10/26/2015	<b>Box:</b> 43702	<b>Address:</b> 7300 Eastgate Lane	<b>Type:</b> Residential
<b>Cause:</b> Accidental <b>Value:</b> \$319,550 <b>Loss:</b> \$93,750 <b>Status:</b> Closed			

# BACKSTEP KUDOS

Submission to Backstep Kudos is simple. Three items of information are needed to submit a kudo: "To," "For," and "From." Submissions should be one or two sentences—maximum. All Kudo submissions must be sent to [backstepkudos@gmail.com](mailto:backstepkudos@gmail.com).

**To Engine and Tower 440** for taking the time and providing a fantastic tour here at the MPSTOC for the individuals participating in the Disability Mentoring Day! The explanations and patience exhibited by the staff heightened the impact on our visitors and, I'm sure, will not be something they will forget for a long time to come. The teachers, who accompanied the students, indicated that their students were extremely pleased with the overview provided and being able to get some hands-on time with the equip-

ment. Thanks!!! **From Dean R. Sherick Community Outreach Liaison Assistant, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management.**

**To Captain John Smith (41 C)** for thinking outside the box and mounting a tow hitch ball to both the UTV and inflatable boat trailers at 41. This custom installation will provide additional response options in the event the tow vehicle at 41 is not available. Nice work Smitty! **From: Keith M. Ludeman, BC407-C.**



Crews from Fire and Rescue Station 9, Mount Vernon, and Fire and Rescue Station 24, Woodlawn, provide valuable support to the first 9-11 Heroes Run held in Alexandria. Over 900 participated.

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# Awards & Presentations

## *Unit Citation Award*

### *Construction Paving Machine Incident*

Lieutenant Duane N. Black III  
 Lieutenant Thomas Nevin III  
 Master Technician Michael B. Crowder  
 Technician Kevin R. Dabney  
 Lieutenant Matthew R. Guillaume  
 Technician Richard E. Lathrop  
 Technician Jorge H. Ochiata  
 Technician Jeffrey T. Pfeifer  
 Firefighter Spencer D. Bryant  
 Firefighter Scott M. Dobson

## *Safe Driving Career Achievement Awards*

### 15-Year Safe Driving

Master Technician James M. Furman

### 10-Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Raymond K. Beaver, Jr.  
 Technician Gerald D. Butler  
 Technician Shawn R. Fisher  
 Technician Mark C. Killion  
 Technician Robert E. Pickel, Jr.  
 Technician Shannon G. Reed

Master Technician Elton L. Short  
 Technician Kris W. Tollok  
 Technician Christian H. Waelder  
 Firefighter Clinton A. Brown  
 Firefighter Walter A. Covert, Jr.  
 Firefighter Ferris A. Hayward

### 5-Year Safe Driving

Technician Robert D. Anderson, Jr.  
 Technician Matthew C. Helmuth  
 Technician Joshua M. Morrison  
 Firefighter Bryant L. Wiggins  
 Firefighter Kalyan A. Bruce  
 Firefighter Brendan M. Downing  
 Firefighter Facundo M. Silva

## *Career Achievement Awards*

### *Fairfax 2015 World Police and Fire Games*

Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams  
 Captain I Richard L. Merrell  
 Lieutenant Charlene L. Ray  
 Master Technician George E. Hahn  
 Technician Vernon Johnson  
 Firefighter Lauren Saffoori  
 Firefighter Soraja Lofstrom



Technician Thomas Feehan is presented his Senior Firefighter Shield at Fire and Rescue 21, Fair Oaks, upon his retirement, October 15, 2015. He had more than 40 years of service to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. (Photos provided by Northern Virginia Fire Buffs)

*"The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward."*



## "Taking Up"



**Thomas J. Griffin**  
Lieutenant

**Entry Date:** June 2, 1980

**Retirement Date:** September 18, 2015

**Recruit School Number:** 51st

**Assignments:** 12, 4, 27, 13, 18, FTO, 40, 14

**Likes about the fire department:**

The camaraderie of a tight shift, great training, ample opportunities, challenging calls, laughing until it hurts, eating until it hurts, tech rescue, US&R....bur mostly the great friends I've made. Oh, and the retirement system is second to none.

**Will miss about the fire department:**

I will truly miss all the things I listed that I like about the department. I will miss teaching the younger guys and gals. I will miss seeing the children's eyes light up when they come by the fire house and climb up in a rig. Mostly, I will miss the friendships, practical jokes, laughter and working beside some of the finest folks I've ever known.

**Plans for the future?** Hunt, fish, working on finding that lake front property I always wanted and build a house. See where God takes me from there.

**Words of wisdom:** You should never get stale in this job-There are too many opportunities to get stale-take advantage of them and expand your horizons Character really does matter. Integrity is how you and the department will be remembered. Leave a positive legacy. Take care of one another...

on and off duty.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** High School friends pressured me into volunteering. Then Lieutenant Jay Netreur convinced me to make it a career.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?** Chan Smith, Skip McClung, Bill Spaulding, Richard Slepetz, Jim Small, Jack Brown, Bob Lanning, Bobby Rhea, Dewey Perks, Dave Conrad, Mike Regan, Mike Reilly, Jeff Coffman, Rodney Hodgson, Dave Barlow, Rex Strickland, Kent Watts, Rizz, Tommy Wolfe, Eddie Teal, Steve Blount, everyone from FS18-All Shifts from 1988-2008. I'm certain I've forgotten many.



**Brian L. Remines**  
Technician

**Entry Date:** February 29, 1988

**Retirement Date:** November 1, 2015

**Recruit School Number:** 71st

**Assignments:** 30, 8, 34, 01, 11

**Likes about the fire department:** Being able to help people over my years.

**Will miss about the fire department:**

All the friends I made over the last 27 years.

**Plans for the future?** Going to work for Anne Arundel Fire Department.

**Words of wisdom:** Never forget where you came from. Treat your senior members with respect.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** Father was a firefighter, grew up around fire department.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?** Chuck Jacobi, Gregg Hayre, Ed Neach, Ben Dawson.



**Daniel L. Schmidt**  
Public Safety  
Information Officer IV

On December 5, 2015, my job was advertised by county HR, thereby making my impending retirement official. I've had the distinct honor and privilege of working nearly 40 years for the best two organizations on the face of the earth: the United States Army, and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Both organizations provided work that has always been everything a job is supposed to be: rewarding, occasionally disappointing; carefree, occasionally stressful; joyful, and occasionally sad. The ebb and flow of my career has been nothing short of exhilarating and fulfilling.

After all these years of military and civilian service, it's time to be a Grandpa full time, (being on-call as a grandparent, instead of PIO on-call), and perhaps, move into a part-time job that's fun and close to home, but where I can get leisure time when needed. (Do I hear Home Depot knocking?) I owe my wife, Lori, a bunch of vacation travel that does not have a deadline of when we have to be back.

I'm 40 years into a wonderful marriage, the kind where you marry your best friend, raise two great sons, and continue to grow old together. Being able to go off into the twilight of my career and yet still be able to smell the roses is a great and powerful feeling that brings a warm and nostalgic smile to my face.

Not sure what the future will

# Anniversaries

## 41 Years

David C. Phillips, Fire Inspector II

## 33 Years

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

## 32 Years

Battalion Chief Mike A. Deli  
Captain II Michael J. Garcia

## 20 Years

Battalion Chief Daniel D. Shaw  
Captain II Corey A. Matthews  
Captain I Rocco Alvaro  
Captain I Kenneth L. Coffelt  
Captain I Philip A. Jenkins  
Captain I Barry J. Rathbone  
Lieutenant Joshua T. Allison  
Lieutenant Larry M. Cuffee  
Lieutenant Charles J. Epps  
Lieutenant John P. McDonell  
Lieutenant Erick L. Weinzapfel  
Master Technician Brian A. Bonifas  
Master Technician John L. Boyer  
Master Technician Scott E. Herbert  
Master Technician John M. Hoffman  
Master Technician G. B. Mayhugh  
Technician Rony E. Avalos  
Technician Jeffrey W. Murray  
Technician James E. Pfister  
Technician Glenn M. Snyder  
Technician Anita J. Whitfield

hold in this career field; however, with the tsunami of the Information Age lapping at both my desk and electronic device, I count my blessings of being able to work with the best people ever. It's been a rollercoaster ride and a most wonderful journey. I thank each and every one of you for all the support you've provided over the years. It was always appreciated. Thank you all for the memories; I hope they will stay with me forever.

God Bless, God's Speed,

Dan Schmidt,  
Director, Public Affairs and  
Life Safety Education

## 15 Years

Acting Captain II Jennifer L. Svites  
Captain I Cory A. Key  
Captain I William S. Lynch, Jr.  
Lieutenant Carmen Alessi  
Lieutenant Pamela J. Daily  
Lieutenant Douglas E. Dietrichson  
Lieutenant Raymond E. Foster  
Lieutenant John C. Macinyak  
Lieutenant Jason D. Updegraff  
Master Technician James M. Furman  
Master Technician Elton L. Short  
Master Technician Jeffrey W. Tincher  
Master Technician Stephen D. Urban  
Technician Jorge H. Ochaita  
Technician Stephen M. Shapiro  
Technician Susan V. Tomczak  
Dana F. Powers,  
Management Analyst II

## 10 Years

Captain I William D. Vanoy  
Lieutenant Johnny Price  
Lieutenant Richard M. Tamillow  
Lieutenant Douglas M. Washington  
Master Technician Robin S. Clement II  
Master Technician Bryan C. Knupp  
Master Technician Jeffrey M. Repine  
Master Technician Christopher A. Zach  
Technician Ian R. Brill  
Technician Ivan W. Holmes, Jr.  
Technician David M. Kerns  
Technician Kristopher R. Keyser  
Technician Michael D. Lee  
Technician Jeffrey T. Pfeifer  
Technician Stephanie K. White  
Firefighter Lawrence N. Basil  
Firefighter Mario A. Board  
Firefighter Catherine E. Leary  
Firefighter Delfin Reyes  
Firefighter James M. Taber  
Firefighter Jeffrey M. Williams  
Chinaka A. Barbour,  
Financial Specialist II  
Wyleng Liew,  
Life Safety Education Specialist

## 5 Years

Technician Jon A. Bailey  
Technician Garrett J. Briggs  
Technician Andrew Coston  
Technician Joseph C. Deutsch  
Technician John D. Flynn  
Technician Corey S. Graham  
Technician Jennifer A. Hiner  
Technician Ryan M. Legg  
Technician Jonathan J. Long  
Technician Oscar E. Luna Tovar

Technician Jason D. Young  
Acting Technician Steven C. Melone  
Firefighter/Medic Andrew M. Crush  
Firefighter/Medic Sally A. Dickinson  
Firefighter/Medic Jeffrey M. Kutner  
Angela K. Ballard, Assistant Producer  
Mary V. Catlett, Financial Specialist III  
Phyllis H. Schwartz, HR Generalist III

# Retirements

Firefighter Eugene W. Beach  
October 23, 1978 - August 27, 2015

Lieutenant Karrie L. Boswell  
February 29, 1988 - August 27, 2015

Lieutenant John R. Brinkerhoff  
January 3, 1989 - September 4, 2015

Technician Shawn M. Crisp  
May 2, 2005 - November 13, 2015

Technician Thomas P. Feehan  
July 21, 1975 - October 15, 2015

Technician Mark B. Gauntner  
August 4, 1986 - October 27, 2015

Lieutenant Thomas J. Griffin  
June 2, 1980 - September 18, 2015

Nell R. Jarvis, Business Analyst III  
June 10, 1995 - July 27, 2015

Technician Brian L. Remines  
February 29, 1988 - November 1, 2015

Daniel L. Schmidt,  
Public Safety Information Officer IV  
April 14, 1997 - December 21, 2015

Renee F. Stilwell,  
Communications Specialist II  
January 2, 1991 - November 12, 2015

# New Hires

Giovani C. Ferruffino,  
Administrative Assistant II  
Fire Prevention

Mary C. Futrell,  
Administrative Assistant III  
Fire Prevention

Karen A. Lowery,  
Administrative Assistant II  
Fire Prevention

Iram S. Mahmood,  
Administrative Assistant III  
Human Resources

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## Station Profile

### Fryling Pan Fire and Rescue Station 36

**Captain II**  
Tony C. Kostecka  
Station Commander



**Station constructed:** 1985

**Station specialty:** None.

**Square miles in first due area:** 6.2 square miles

**Specific hazardous/target areas:** Large residential mass housing.

**Equipment assigned to station:** Engine, Tower, Medic, Light and Air.

**Total calls in 2014:** 5,117

**Station personnel:** **A-Shift:** **Captain I Carlos R. Carillo**, Lieutenant Charles F. Adams, Jr., Master Technician Adam C. Heming, Master Technician Edward C. Lofties, Technician James L. Campbell, Technician Justin D. Childs, Technician Nathaniel R. Moore, Firefighter/Medic Ronald S. Seghetti, Firefighter Patrick A. Butler, Firefighter Matthew B. Duckwitz, Firefighter Karl L. Dyer, Firefighter Adam R. Wright. **B-Shift:** **Captain I Matthew T. Cox**, Lieutenant Adam W. Ashwood, Lieutenant Pedro P. Benavidez, Master Technician James J. Galvin, Technician Stefan S. Dedes, Technician Corey S. Graham, Technician Jason D. Young, Acting Technician Cory Kwitkin, Firefighter Michael A. Ly, Firefighter Andrew E. Maturo, Firefighter Todd M. Neach. **C-Shift:** **Captain II Tony C. Kostecka**, Lieutenant Sean E. Ferguson, Lieutenant James A. Flynn, Master Technician Kevin D. Makely, Master Technician Gary S. Reuter, Technician Andrew M. Doherty, Technician Nicholas F. Heufelder, Technician Jason R. Walter, Firefighter/Medic David C. Bulman, Firefighter/Medic Chuk Li, Firefighter Keith Bresnahan, Firefighter Tina M. Nally, Firefighter Jonathan D. Schmeltz.



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