

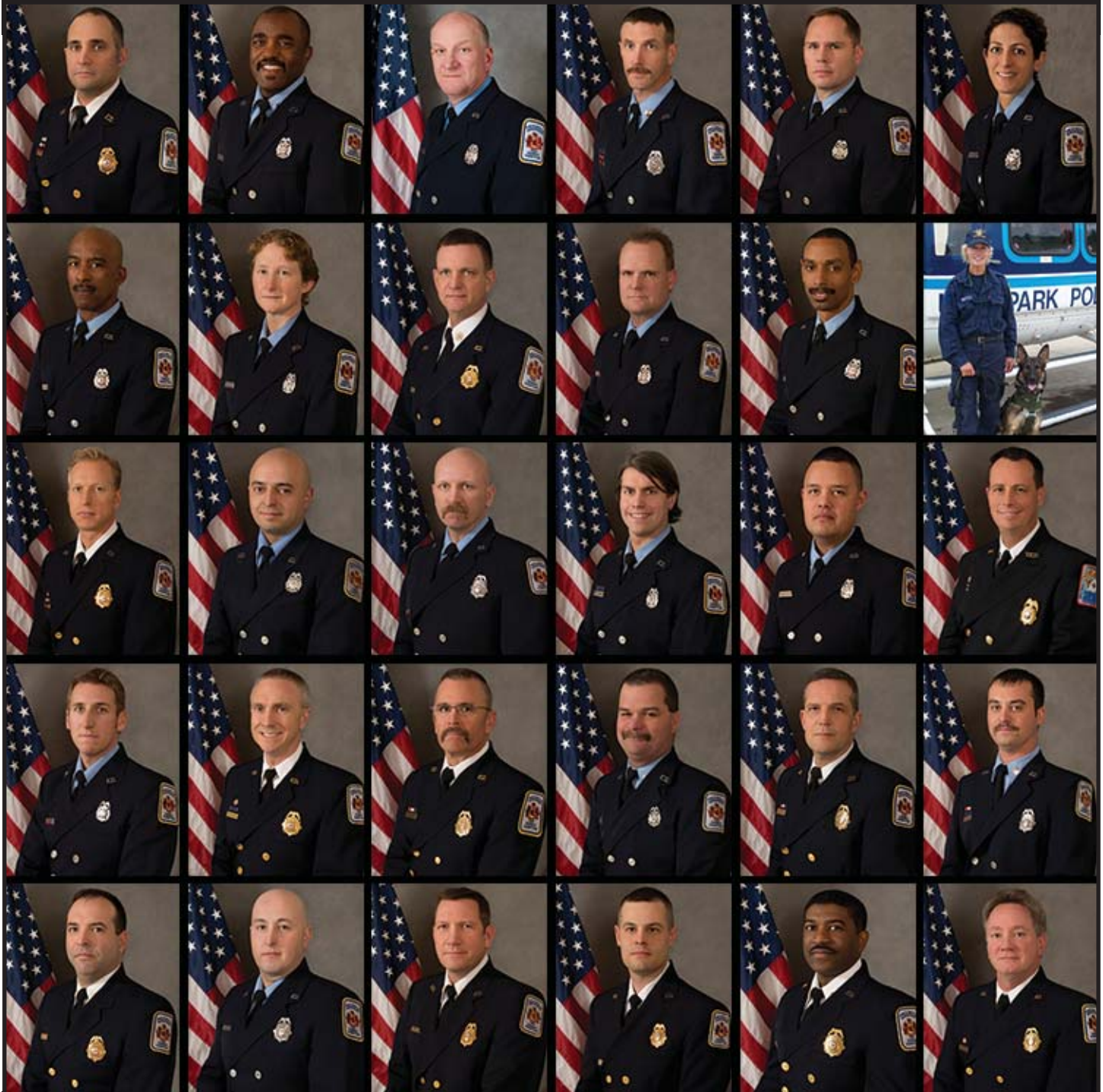
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June 15, 2014

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Chamber Recognizes, Honors Heroes





Richard R. Bowers, Jr.

From The Fire Chief . . .

We have experienced crazy weather patterns over the winter and early spring. The weather conditions have challenged our core mission with several different snow, ice, wind, rain events, frigid temperatures and lately torrential rain storms.

The latest rains of Spring 2014 resulted with flash flooding and numerous swift water incidents. Everyone has done a tremendous job under these severe weather conditions and I am so proud of all of you for your efforts!

As we continue to move forward as a department we have accomplished a number of items by working together. Compensation for the men and women of the department was our priority and it was accomplished with the Board of Supervisors approval on April 29, 2014.

We placed Safety 403 in service and response times for our safety officers have improved with the third safety officer being in service. Safety 403 was a staffing priority and we were able to accomplish this initiative.

The Five-Year Public Safety Staffing Plan was developed by the Fire and Rescue Department. I presented the staffing plan to the Board of Supervi-

sors on April 1, 2014, and it was well received. Our highest staffing priority is the fourth person on ladder trucks. The Board of Supervisors approved a 2012 and 2013 SAFER grant that will enable the department to implement the ladder staffing initiative with the fourth position being a firefighter/paramedic.

We implemented the Wellness In Our Community program (WIOC) that focuses on our older adult population with updating or completing a FILE OF LIFE (FOL). The men and women of the department have made countless FOL presentations at older adult recreation and living facilities

in their first due areas with thousands of FOLs being updated and or completed. Incredible!

The Safety In Our Community (SIOC) program continues to be hugely successful because

of the tremendous work and efforts of the men and women of the department. Because of their efforts, we have several documented cases where our troops installed smoke alarms during SIOC in a residential structure that did not have a working alarm. Subsequently, a fire occurred in the home shortly thereafter and the occupants were alerted and safely exited the home. There could have

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!**

"Stay focused, maintain your situational awareness and help each other out everyday."

Richard R. Bowers, Jr., *Fire Chief*
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From: George N.
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 1:36:00 PM
To: Chairman Email
Subject: Rescued By 911/FXFD

Madam Chairman:

I just want to tell you how pleased I am with the response that I received when I called 911 this morning when the elevator that I was on shut down completely and I could not get out of it! I live in the Palladium in McLean and at 6AM, I got in the elevator, the doors shut then NOTHING happened! I did initially push the emergency button in the elevator and they told me it would be a couple of hours before a technician could be dispatched. I then dialed 911 and it was immediately answered and the response from McLean station 401 was less than 10 minutes. They did a superb job of getting me out of the nonfunctioning elevator.

The McLean Fire and Rescue Team has my gratitude and many thanks.

George N.

been a much different outcome without the SIOC program and the troops installing a working smoke alarm.

We have two new engines that will be delivered to the Training Academy to train our recruits. These two engines will match our apparatus to our training and operational environment. This is a key step to standardization for the department with respect to focusing on "One Department, One Way!" Our firefighters and paramedics are saving lives!

The department is in the final stages of our Insurance Services Offices (ISO) evaluation. The last ISO evaluation was completed in the 1980s and our present ratings are a three in the urban-suburban areas and a nine in our rural areas of the county. I anticipate that our nine rating will be adjusted because of the investments the county has made in station openings, staffing initiatives, training programs, placing tankers in service and call-dispatching processes. The ISO evaluation will validate what improvements our department has made and possibly some areas we can improve our fire suppression capabilities and response. We should receive a rating report by the end of calendar year 2014.

As a continued part of my Front Lines message, I want to speak about another one of my Fire Chief's Expectations for this issue: Be kind and respectful.

Being kind and nice does not cost a penny as my mom always reminded me. Even after your tenth response for the shift and third fire incident at 2 a.m., I expect you to always be kind and nice. Being respectful means treating others with

respect at all times. Treat others like you wish to be treated. Treat them fairly and as an equal.

Please remember to embrace the 2015 World Police and Fire Games. They are here and we need to be prepared. Failure is not an option!

A special note of thanks to our civilian staff who are vital and valued personnel of this great department! Thank you for your dedicated service!

Stay focused, maintain your situational awareness and help each other out everyday.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Fire Chief. You always make me proud. ♦

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36th Annual Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards



Gold Medal of Valor



Battalion Chief
James J. Walsh



Captain II
Ronnie A. Rodriguez



Lieutenant
Carmen C. Alesi



Lieutenant
Daniel J. Kwiatkowski



Master Technician
Ronald G. Bauserman



Master Technician
Annette Corwin



Master Technician
Douglas L. Miller



Master Technician
Daniel M. Sova



Technician
Jarrod A. Schmidt



Firefighter
Todd E. Clist



Firefighter
Joshua M. Morrison



Firefighter
Donald W. Rohr

On May 3, 2013, a fire broke out in a liquefied propane gas refilling and storage yard in the Merrifield area. Four 1,000-gallon tanks are stored in the area, in addition to multiple 20, 100, and 420-pound cylinders. The area is a densely populated industrial area including a busy Home Depot located within 300 feet of the incident. The initial fire caused the heat and pressure to build in surrounding cylinders. This caused the pressure relief valves to open, releasing propane into the fire, causing a devastating chain reaction. As the fire was expanding, two of the 20-pound cylinders exploded and flames directly impinged on the manifold system for the 1,000-gallon tanks.

Engine 413 arrived on the scene with Rescue 401 and Tower Ladder 430. After a search of the office and garage, looking for civilians, two hose lines were stretched to attack the fire and cool the large

propane tanks. This placed the personnel within 40 feet of the fire and exposed cylinders. Battalion Chief Walsh arrived on the scene and positioned his vehicle to assume command of the incident operation and gain accountability of all of the personnel in the hazard area. He assumed command and control of the dynamic incident situation in the midst of the exploding cylinders.

During the initial hose advancement, two 100-pound cylinders exploded, launching metal shrapnel over 50 feet away in several directions. As the fire intensified, more pressure relief devices failed, causing the propane to ignite and cause the cylinders to wildly spin and rocket around the yard.

Based on the conditions found and the amount of propane involved, the recommended safe evacuation distance is more than 1 mile in all directions. Had the personnel chose a standby approach and let the tanks burn, the incident would have had a more disastrous outcome. The damage to the surrounding area would have been on a scale never before seen in Fairfax County. ❖

Silver Medal of Valor



Lieutenant
Antonio D. Trammell

On March 6, 2013, off-duty Lieutenant Antonio Trammell witnessed a vehicle accident in Prince George's County, Maryland. When he arrived at the vehicle, he realized that the engine compartment was on fire and the driver was still in the car that was filling with smoke. Lieutenant Trammell found the door jammed and used a rock to smash the window to get to the unconscious driver. When he attempted to get into the car, he was met with smoke. He backed away to get a fresh breath of air and returned to remove the patient through the window. Once the patient was out of the car, he found the victim to be unconscious but breathing. Concerned about another occupant, Lieutenant Trammell returned to the vehicle to complete a search. When he returned, fire was coming through the dashboard into the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Lieutenant Trammell could not see into the car so he searched the interior with his hands and found no other occupants. When the Prince George's County Fire Department arrived on scene the vehicle was completely involved in fire. ❖

Bronze Medal of Valor



Volunteer Lieutenant
Brian Pelletier

Lieutenant Pelletier was working at the Washington Navy Yard on September 16, 2013. That morning, Brian was called by one of their fellow co-workers to say that several of the victims from the shooting in Building 197 were being taken to Building 201. Knowing that Brian and one of his co-workers are active volunteer firefighters in their communities and certified Emergency Medical Technicians, it was requested that they render care. They quickly gathered the minimal first aid supplies available at their desks and proceeded to Building 201. At the direction and under the cover of law enforcement, they crossed between Buildings 176 and 201. Upon arriving in Building 201, they triaged and treated several patients. When it was determined that the condition

of one of the victims was beginning to deteriorate, efforts were made to obtain an EMS transport unit. Brian, despite the fact that at this time the scene outside of Building 201 had not been declared safe by law enforcement, made the necessary preparations to escort both the victims across the Navy Yard to the EMS units. During the movement of the patients across the Yard, they were assisted by a police vehicle where they were transported without further incident. ❖

Bronze Medal of Valor



Lieutenant
Patrick Sheehan



Lieutenant
Michael S. Taylor



Technician
Scott E. Herbert



Technician
Kevin R. Dabney



Technician
Jorge H. Ochaita



Technician
Jeffrey T. Pfeifer



Firefighter
Andres F. Martinez

On November 8, 2013, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue units were dispatched for a fire in a high-rise building. The first engine crew began stretching a hose line from the stairwell as Truck 410 and Rescue 418 arrived at the apartment that was on fire. While the hose line was still being stretched, Truck 410 and Rescue 418 entered and went to search for occupants. The smoke was so thick that the personnel were unable to see. The hose line was still not ready to be used for their protection as they progressed into the apartment that was on fire. Rescue 418's crew made their way into the bedroom. The bed was covered with a large pile of clothes where a victim was found, barely breathing. While Rescue 418 was beginning to remove the victim, Truck 410's crew found the seat of the fire in the apartment. The victim was carried out of the apartment to awaiting EMS resources. ❖



Bronze Medal of Valor



Battalion Chief
Michael C. Schaff



Firefighter Medic
Sally Dickenson



Canine Handler
Elizabeth Kreitler

On May 8, 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) requested Virginia Task Force 1's human remains canine team to assist the military which had suffered the loss of a KC-135 refueling aircraft in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. The team arrived in Kyrgyzstan at the crash site on May 12, 2013. The crash site was at the base of a mountain and spread over approximately six square miles. The team searched the area over two days in 90-degree heat and assisted the military in locating the third crew member. The debris was spread over an area covered thick in thorn bushes that prevented entry and was laced with jet fuel creating a hazardous environment. In addition, this area of the world can be very dangerous and required constant oversight by the military partners the team was assisting.

While USAR members are expected to be ready at a moment's notice and travel to difficult areas, this mission was unique and placed each handler and canine in extreme risk and danger. ❖



Certificate of Valor



Captain II
David K. Gruendel



Captain I
Marc L. Straubinger



Technician
Thomas R. Barnes



Lifesaving Award



Technician
Rickie L. Atkins



Lieutenant
Scott F. Primrose



Technician
Vernon Johnson

Training Corner



Managing Flow Paths Both Inside & Out of Structures

By Lieutenant Jason R. Abitz
Fire and Rescue Academy

Over the last several years, with the help of UL, NIST and a number of well-respected SMEs, tactical fireground decision making and tactics have dramatically changed for the better. More so, our tactical decision making has begun to match the modern day fire behavior. As we already know, the synthetics used today produce a greater rate of heat release and increased amounts of unspent fuel (smoke), ultimately leading to more volatile conditions. The fire service has begun to develop a solid grasp around identifying when ventilation limited conditions exist, coordinating the removal of heated gases and understanding when door control is needed to reduce potential flow paths. It is imperative to understand that coordinated ventilation does not occur when we “think” the hoseline is in place, rather when water is flowing and the need for ventilation is clearly communicated.

As we continue to put the puzzle pieces together and convert the science into strategy, we need to not only concentrate on our actions when we arrive, but also how we can manage conditions from the interior and throughout the incident as well. As we dive deeper into options to control the flow of heated gases, we need to first understand the flow dynamics. When we think about flow paths, we tend to imagine currents of air moving throughout the structure. These currents can be either bi-directional, which means fresh air moves in through the bottom of the opening and hot gases move out through the top of the same opening. Or the flow path could be uni-directional which means fresh air enters through one opening and superheated gases flow out a completely separate opening. The one thing

that is required to create uni-directional flow is a separate intake and exhaust which ultimately allows heated gases to move unimpeded throughout the structure. When discussing uni-directional flow paths, it is imperative to understand that this flow is very dangerous and potentially places the firefighter and residents directly in the path of the convective heat. As past LODDs and close calls have proven, the amount of heat moving throughout this uni-directional flow is far too many BTUs to be converted with an 1 3/4" handline. Therefore, figuratively speaking, we have brought a knife to a gun fight when placed in this situation.

So how do we control this flow path? We can start by controlling the front door and minimize the air intake. This tactic will greatly reduce the fire growth rate and cut off the potential flow path originating from the front door. Whenever a crew is unsupported by a hoseline, it is imperative to control the front door until water is ready to be applied. This could mean positioning on the outside and moving in with the hoseline, or if the officer feels there is a viable person inside and chooses to enter, than closing the door behind them to control the fire's growth rate. Our natural tendency makes us think twice about crawling into potential danger and closing the door behind us. What we must come to terms with is, when fresh air is introduced into the fire environment and there are no means to absorb the energy, the fire will grow. But not only will fire growth occur if an opening is created opposite that door, a unidirectional flow path will also be created. If orientation is a concern, simply bringing the door down onto a non-essential tool allows that crew to maintain orientation and can

reduce the amount of air intake by over 90 percent. But the question still exists, what if I have a hoseline and I have a way to control the environment? Front door control as effective as it is, tends to be forgotten after the first line makes the threshold. The first line proceeds in, but now the door firefighter is needed inside. The second line makes its way in, the truck first, and then the rescue, and next thing you know we have a revolving door. As for the engine company, deciding whether or not to leave your back-up firefighter at the door to manage the air intake needs to be a decision based not only on what UL and NIST recommend but also considering a few important factors. First, do the conditions at the front door tell you this fire is vent limited? If so, the door left open will quickly allow ignition of those heated gases. Second, is the wind at your back? Door control is a must when dealing with wind on the windward side of the structure. Lastly, how deep seated is this fire? Can your crew control the compartments with water, and get to the seat without the need to control the door? Also important to take into consideration is: Can the first engine utilize personnel from another crew to manage that door while they make a push? If you have the ability to control the heat, aggressively flow and proceed with a purpose. If you do not have the ability to control the heat (no hoseline) then you must control the air.

If the front door is allowed to stay open, how can the crews on the inside control potential flow paths? As mentioned before, ventilation occurs when a window or a door is removed or opened, not to mention, windows giving way under the heat. There are even times when the homeowner opens the window in an effort to “assist” the fire department with smoke removal. No matter what the cause of the ventilation, without a way to absorb the energy (application of water), the newly introduced air will affect the fire environment and ultimately change the flow path. This means that “reducing the ventilation profile” from the inside is just as important as controlling the door on the outside.

We tend to place a significant level of importance on external door control, and rightfully so. However, as we search and move about the

structure, we need to hold a similar level of importance on closing interior doors and removing rooms from the ventilation profile. It becomes imperative that we get into the habit of searching a room for people and fire, and closing the door as we exit that room. Once isolated, it does not matter what happens on the exterior of that compartment, it will not affect the environment you are operating in. Also, by shutting down all the potential exhaust ports, you keep yourself out of the potential flow path. Think of open interior doors as arteries throughout the house. When the front door is open, the heated gases and fire will travel from high pressure to low pressure and move throughout those arteries. An effective well trained crew quickly searching the structure can reduce the ventilation profile down to a few common areas and a hallway by simply being aware of where potential flow paths exist and isolating the compartments as they search. On that same note, identifying where the seat of the fire is and isolating that compartment, has been proven to immediately limit fire spread and substantially decrease heat inside that compartment within seconds. After containing the fire compartment, whatever happens on the outside of that room, i.e., window fails or is taken, will have no effect on the flow path and/or the rest of the interior environment.

We cannot, and should not, deny the fact that water puts fire out. The goal of every engine company stretching the line should be to deploy with precision and purpose, control the environment as they make the push, and put the fire out at the seat. The success of this lies in the aggressive application of water and efficiency of that well trained crew. The other side of this coin is: While the hoseline is coming off the engine, it needs to be flaked out and charged, and then subsequently, make its way to the seat of the fire. This takes time depending on setbacks, line selection, obstructions, and effectiveness of the crew. The truck, the rescue, or any personnel for that matter, can do their part to limit fire spread and reduce the impact of improper ventilation by always being aware of potential flow paths and reducing the ventilation profile as they move about the structure. ♦

Get Lucky?... Or Get Ready...?

By Dan B. Avstreich, MD FACEP
Associate Medical Director
Office of the Occupational Medical Director

There is an old adage commonly tossed around in medicine as a humble way of deflecting a compliment – “It’s better to be lucky than good.” Now, there is no doubt that luck plays a part in all types of success, and definitely in emergency medical services. We had just done a walk-through of that restaurant. The call came in at shift change so we had extra resources. There was an off-duty police officer in the restaurant that immediately started CPR. I have an uncle that suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while visiting a national park out West. A single ambulance covered the approximately 400 square mile area – and it just happened to be driving by that parking lot when my aunt called 911. He was quickly defibrillated and survived neurologically intact.

But, even in my uncle’s situation, luck was only part of the equation. Yes, it was very, very serendipitous that this ambulance was out and near him, but it was staffed by a crew that was well-trained and had the right equipment to quickly treat his lethal arrhythmia.

General George Patton once said “There is no such thing as luck, merely opportunity meeting preparedness.” And while we could debate the existence of good fortune, there is no arguing that we own the preparedness part. It may be lucky that a patient collapsed in front of a neighbor that knew CPR, but we make his luck by being quick out of the station, focusing on immediate debilitation, and providing high quality, minimally uninterrupted CPR. Having an intubation go smoothly isn’t just luck when you are maximizing your chance of success with a video laryngoscope and bougie. And it’s not just bad luck (or

bad anatomy) when you miss it.

It shouldn’t be luck that the STEMI patient who went into V-fib was converted with an immediate single shock. We should have been waiting to hit that home run from the second the pitch was thrown. At the same time, another provider catching a medication dose error isn’t lucky (for the patient or you) – it’s why we have these checks in place.

You can be lucky in any single hand of poker, but if you play every day for a year, your winnings become a reflection of your skill at the game. In other words, you make your luck. We are making our citizens’ luck with every drill, with rapid extrication, with every critical call where the whole team knows the play before even entering the door. It’s not lucky that you had the suction ready when that head injury patient vomited and went unconscious. You made the luck by thinking down the road and being ready to mitigate.

I’m not sure whether it’s better to be lucky or good, but I do know that the two are synergistic. Yes, it was serendipitous for victims of the Boston marathon bombing that there were enormous pre-deployed healthcare resources, but their field providers and hospitals had done their MCI planning, their training and their rehearsal. They got a good pitch – but they also stepped up and smacked it to the outfield wall because they had taken swings in batting practice all year.

Legendary golfer Arnold Palmer summarized it best: “The more I practice, the luckier I get.” I’ll never turn away good luck – but every day we are working to build it. ❖

World Police & Fire Games Kickoff



Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe participated in the kick-off of the Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games at Fire and Rescue Station 42, Wolftrap, and was named the Honorary Chairman of the Games. The Governor posed with crews from Fire and Rescue 29, and 42, Tysons Corner, and Wolftrap, May 21, 2014. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova, and Fire Chief Richie Bowers participated in the event, along with other county and public safety officials. (Left photo by Elliott Rubino, Right photo by Dan Schmidt)

From: Katherine L.
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 10:23 AM
To: OPA 703Fairfax
Subject: To the attention of Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers, Jr.

This is an email I just sent to Sharon Bulova:

I cannot begin to commend our fire departments in the area enough. On Saturday, May 3rd we were going home on Commerce Street. I noticed that a new restaurant had a fire in the kitchen area. I made a u turn as I was calling 911 to go back to verify what I saw. It was about 8:35ish. There was a young couple (visitors from NY looking for a pastry) in the parking lot who tried to tell me they had called 911, by that time I was on line with them. The response time was amazing, within, my guess 2 minutes. I ended up stuck in the parking lot of the restaurant, Au Bon Coin at 6400 Commerce St., needless to say I could not get out of the parking lot without disrupting the firemen. I’ve never been so close to a fire and all the equipment that is used. It was awesome to watch at least 4 different fire stations work in such harmony. Each person had a job, each person preformed like parts to a fine clock. How different stations could act so well as one unit floors me...I wish our government could take their example, we may have less disastrous “fires” and more solutions to what we need for the people of the USA.

Any way my point is we have amazing people doing an amazing job. I believe that if that young couple had not been there, or myself, and a great response by 911 and the fire departments not only the restaurant but the mattress store next to it would have been a total loss. Please tell those guys and gals thank you from me for doing an exceptional job! They saved 2 fairly new businesses and for me, that’s important, I love Au Bon Coin. When it is rebuilt you should go there and try their food and most especially their pastries...they are the best!

I did not add that I was with an 88 year-old gentleman that I help and once I let one of the firemen, Tony and a fireman a young woman I did not get her name, but they both kept us up to date as to how soon they may be able to help find a way to get us out of the parking lot. My friend has a prostrate issue and needs to urinate often the young lady found a place that if he needed to go he could privately. Thank God he didn’t need to go that night! Again you can be very proud of your team... so many companies talk about “teamwork” but don’t have a clue of what it means; I was honored to see it in action. Watching this has given me a true sense of being safe. The Franconia and Fairfax County Rescue have often helped me and my God-mother when we have had medical emergencies and I would give them a 99.9% of good care. Now I’ve seen another side to their work and it gives me peace to know they are there!



Firefighters Honor All Those Paying the Ultimate Sacrifice



Firefighters wear camouflage t-shirts to pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their Nation, May 23 -28. Firefighters honored all military who gave their lives for our freedom and the freedoms of others. Our humble salute provides us the opportunity to say thank you from a "grateful department."

"The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward."

"The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward."

Hot Shots



VATF-1 Dogs and Handlers Return Home.....Firefighter Medic Sally Dickinson, canine Fielder; Elizabeth Chaney, canine Hugo; Teresa MacPherson, canine Bayou; all return after their 12-day deployment in Oso, Washington, looking for survivors in the aftermath of the deadly mudslide. The dogs and handlers are seasoned members of VATF-1 and joined several other FEMA canine teams during the search over a several week period. (Photo by Renee Stilwell)



Crews from the 7th Battalion responded to a major vehicle crash March 4, 2014, at Ox Road and Robert Carter Drive. One patient was extricated and then transported with life-threatening injuries to INOVA Fairfax Hospital. (Photo by Battalion Chief Keith Ludeman)



Firefighters responded to a two-story house fire with heavy fire showing from the attic and roof, April 21, 2014, at 1712 Abbey Oak Drive, Vienna. No one was home when the fire broke out. Damage was estimated at \$300,000 and is under investigation. (Photos by Technician Giovanni Vasquez)



Firefighters from the 7th Battalion responded to a major vehicle accident at the Fairfax County Parkway and Huntsman Boulevard February 25, 2014, during inclement weather. After a lengthy extrication, both occupants were transported with non-life threatening injuries. (Photo by Battalion Chief Keith Ludeman)



Firefighters responded to a house fire March 23, 2014, at 5338 Jennifer Drive in the Fairview area. All six occupants escaped unharmed prior to units arriving on scene. Improperly discarded smoking materials on the rear deck caused an estimated \$50,000 in damages.



Fairfax County and Fairfax City firefighters battle a large garden apartment fire March 3, 2014, on Bob Court in the City of Fairfax. Units from Merrifield, Oakton, and Fairfax Center assisted in fighting the fire. (Photos by Pat Evinger, DPWES, Stormwater Management)



Crews from Fire and Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw, 28, Seven Corners, 30, Merrifield, 12, Great Falls, and 39, North Point, participate in a rural area water supply training scenario, including the collection, drafting, and shuttling of water to another site. The operation was conducted February 22, 2014, at Wolf Trap Park and is part of the testing for Insurance Services Office, Inc. One of the requirements of the ISO testing is for the water source to be more than 1,000 feet away and be performed without laying a supply line from the water source. (Photos by Brian Mensing)

From: "Turrell, Elizabeth"
 Date: April 3, 2014 at 4:25:19 PM EDT
 To: "Schaff, Michael"
 Subject: Following up with a Thank You

Chief,

Now that you've had a few days home to recover, I wanted to follow up with you and express my immense gratitude for your willingness to allow Debra and Kurt to tag along with your team last week, and your incredible hospitality towards them. Debra and Kurt said every single member of your team made them feel welcome and truly "part of the team." As I'm sure she probably told you, Debra is a self-proclaimed city girl so despite her excitement to join you all, this trip very much took her out of her normal comfort zone, but any nerves she had were immediately melted away by the warm reception she received.

All of us were so pleased and proud we were able to show viewers the amazing work your team does. In addition to what we put on air, the video and photo galleries were amongst our top viewed stories online all week. More importantly, I was so glad to be able to tell the stories of your men, women, and canines. Debra and Kurt both said getting to know your team was one of the best parts of this entire experience. Specifically, they noted the last night when they had a chance to sit and spend time just talking with your guys and gals, and hearing their stories. They said it really gave them a whole new level of respect and admiration for your team and what they do. (I also think Debra has a permanent soft spot for Pryce now, if he ever goes missing, you might need to check her home:-). Debra and Kurt are still working on a few more in depth pieces, that hopefully will air soon. Once they've finished everything, we will burn everything onto a DVD and send it your way so your team can see the stories, if they'd like.

I hope everyone there was pleased with our coverage. If there were any concerns, please let me know so we can be sure to correct it for next time (or anything you really like, too!). I certainly look forward to working with you and your team again in the future. Perhaps one of these days I can actually join in the fun....Kurt and Debra did give me a MRE, so I'm ready to go!:-)

Thanks,
 Liz

Elizabeth Turrell
 Planning Editor
 WUSA 9

The Admin Team Asks "Did You Know?" . . .

Did you know you can sign up for emergency alerts from the county? This system delivers important emergency alerts, notifications, and updates to you on all your devices:

- e-mail account (work, home, other)
- cell phone (text message costs may apply - see FAQs)
- pager
- wireless PDA

County employees can sign up for an account using the Employee Alert Network (EAN) at <http://ean.fairfaxcounty.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>. For more information on the EAN, go to <http://ean.fairfaxcounty.gov/faq.php>.

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 2/3/2014 **Box:** 27-03 **Address:** 7647 Tiverton Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$300,000 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 2/6/2014 **Box:** 39-01 **Address:** 907D Seneca Road **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$374,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 2/13/2014 **Box:** 17-07 **Address:** 13292 Scotch Run Court **Type:** Residential
Cause: Incendiary **Value:** \$639,540 **Loss:** \$110,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 2/14/2014 **Box:** 13-05 **Address:** 2251 Richelieu Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$449,130 **Loss:** \$339,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 3/9/2014 **Box:** 39-00 **Address:** 1274 Vintage Place **Type:** Residential
Cause: Undetermined **Value:** \$474,225 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 3/11/2014 **Box:** 05-94 **Address:** 6222 Driftwood Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$339,030 **Loss:** \$105,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 3/18/2014 **Box:** 08-09 **Address:** 7607 Allman Drive #101 **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$15,200,000 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 3/23/2014 **Box:** 32-03 **Address:** 5338 Jennifer Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$468,000 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 4/3/2014 **Box:** 27-10 **Address:** 6913 Sydenstricker Road **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$426,540 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 4/11/2014 **Box:** 24-00 **Address:** 8550 Wyngate Manor Court **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$386,880 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 4/12/2014 **Box:** 08-10 **Address:** 7407 Jayhawk Street **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$354,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 4/14/2014 **Box:** 11-00 **Address:** Marybaldwin Drive/Kenyon Drive **Type:** Outside
Cause: Undetermined **Value:** \$90,000 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 4/17/2014 **Box:** 09-43 **Address:** 7806 Eagle Avenue **Type:** Residential
Cause: Under Investigation **Value:** \$624,000 **Loss:** \$62,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 4/21/2014 **Box:** 42-11 **Address:** 1712 Abbey Oak Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Under Investigation **Value:** \$862,215 **Loss:** \$300,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 4/23/2014 **Box:** 15-04 **Address:** 13303 Hollinger Avenue **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$253,485 **Loss:** \$65,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 4/26/2014 **Box:** 24-00 **Address:** 5209 Remington Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Under Investigation **Value:** \$455,000 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Open



From left to right.... Battalion Chief Kerwin McNamara, and new Police Academy graduates, Lt. Eddie Price, Lt Timothy Palmer, Lt. Richard Gundert, and Deputy Chief Mike Reilly, Battalion Chief Brad Cochrane, pose for a moment at the 61st Police Academy Graduation, May 2, 2014, at Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The three new graduates took their oaths of office and will be assigned to the Fire Marshal's Office as fire investigators.

Birth Announcements

Firefighter Roger Perdomo Cortes (Fire and Rescue Station 2, Vienna) and his wife, Susan Stolpe, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter on March 16, 2014.



Top 10 Activity Report

January - March 2014

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Squad	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 422 E	219	E 410	790	R 426	387
A 417 E	84	E 409	782	R 411	357
A 421 E	71	E 411	725	R 421	353
A 414 E	65	E 429	705	R 418	347
A 405 E	49	E 422	692	R 401	295
A 413 E	49	E 404	688	R 414	243
A 438 E	42	E 408	688	R 419	236
A 402 E	41	E 430	665	R 439	214
A 410	31	E 405	651		
A 410 E	20	E 413	651		

Medic		Ladder Company		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 422	622	T/TL 429	547	EMS 405	403
M 430	581	T/TL 425	523	EMS 404	359
M 410	579	T/TL 410	478	EMS 403	307
M 413	554	T/TL 440	464	EMS 402	262
M 405	544	T/TL 436	451	EMS 406	262
M 425	539	T/TL 430	439	EMS 401	250
M 410 B	530	T/TL 411	378	EMS 407	225
M 426	523	T/TL 422	347	BC 403	205
M 408	520	T/TL 408	346	BC 404	202
M 429	514	T/TL 401	304	BC 402	172

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.

Front Lines Deadlines

The remaining 2014 deadlines are August 15 and November 15. Please submit articles or text to Dan Schmidt at Dan.Schmidt@fairfaxcounty.gov or Cathy Richards, Cathy.Richards@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Community Outreach Program Highlights



Several dozen children participated in the consolidated Public Safety "Bring Your Kids to Work Day" event, April 24, 2014. Kids were exposed to a multitude of interesting demonstrations. The half-day was capped off with lunch and participation certificates. (Left photo by Technician Shawn Crisp and right photo by Captain I Billy Moreland)

-----Original Message-----

From: [laura_c.](#)
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 5:33 PM
To: WEBTeam
Subject: Thank you

Message:To: Chief Richard Bowers

Dear Chief Bowers, I would like to express my gratitude to the Fairfax Fire and Rescue. Specifically I would like to tell you how wonderful, kind and professional Fire Medic Eric Villman and Lieutenant David Myers of M424 Tysons Corner were on April 2, 2014 when they were called to my office to help me with an emergency. I didn't know until after they left and I drove straight to my doctor how urgent my low glycemic episode could have been without their mitigation. They were both so gracious and understanding of my fear and emotions. They calmed me down, had our HR director find the required meal, administered glucose, and took my vital signs with proficiency and speed. Within minutes I was brought back to normal, when without emergency aid none of us work would have known what to do as this is the first (and only time I hope) that his type of episode occurred. It is so gratifying to know we have this speedy assistance within minutes of calling 911. But to know that these type of men and women are serving on the emergency teams is a special gift. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Fairfax Fire and Rescue and especially to Eric Villman and David Myers for their excellent service. Thank you.

Laura C.

Submitted By: Laura C.

Awards & Presentations

Unit Citation Awards

I-95 Vehicle Accident with Entrapment

Lieutenant Christopher H. Williams
Technician Jenna A. Jackson
Technician Jonathan A. Wright
Firefighter Elizabeth K. Planchak

Elevator Incident

Captain II Kit R. Hessel
Captain I Barry W. Maham
Captain I Michael J. Marks
Captain I Bruce A. Neuhaus
Lieutenant Randal L. Bittinger
Lieutenant Thomas R. Carver, Jr.
Master Technician Joseph P. Kieler
Master Technician George E. Loayza
Technician Ryland W. Chapman
Technician Trisha A. Danula
Technician Michael T. King
Technician Raul F. Perla
Technician Samuel L. Poles
Technician Susan V. Tomczak
Technician Vernon R. Tomczak
Technician Mark A. Velasco
Firefighter Hugh S. Boyle

Engine 405 & Truck 405

Lieutenant Herbert H. Brown, III
Lieutenant Matthew J. Nacy
Master Technician David J. May
Technician Benjamin E. Jenkins
Technician Rocky L. Workman
Firefighter Gregory B. Affeldt
Firefighter Lawrence N. Basil

Cola Dog Rescue

Lieutenant Randal L. Bittinger
Master Technician Joseph P. Kieler
Technician Ryland W. Chapman
Technician Trisha A. Danula

Great Falls Rope Rescue

Captain II Michael D. Allen
Lieutenant William J. Lamont III
Master Technician Joseph P. Kieler
Technician Trisha A. Danula
Technician Ronald B. Evans
Technician Samuel L. Poles
Technician Benjamin H. Roadruck
Firefighter Hugh S. Boyle

Westmoreland St. - Woman trapped

Captain I Richard M. Lancing
Lieutenant Richard E. Bright
Lieutenant Janet T. Norko
Lieutenant Steven C. Schellhammer
Master Technician Richard T. Bright
Lieutenant Kenneth C. Dobbs
Master Technician Joel M. Fry
Master Technician Spencer L. Spinner
Technician Jenna A. Jackson
Firefighter Charles J. Cox
Firefighter Medic Randall Gage
Firefighter Medic Brian L. Pape
Firefighter Jason D. Triplett

Mid-Rise Residential Building Fire - S. Greenbriar Street

Engine & Truck 410
Captain II Ramiro H. Galvez
Lieutenant William T. Hyden, Jr.
Master Technician Brian M. Chinn
Master Technician Brian T. Wood
Acting Technician Oscar E. Luna Tovar
Firefighter Jorge R. Araya
Firefighter Jamal R. Hudson

ALS Call - Old Mt. Vernon Road Medic 424

Technician Hyacinth N. Chia
Firefighter Clayton Thompson III

Team Performance Awards

Reston Metro Project and Dunn Loring Metro Project

Deputy Chief Michael T. Reilly
Battalion Chief
Bradford A. Cochrane, Jr.
Captain II George A. Hollingsworth
Captain II Corey A. Matthews
Captain I Victor M. Miller Jr.
Lieutenant Eddie L. Price
Technician Charles H. Ford IV
Technician Shawn K. McPherson
Maryalice D. Istvan, Inspector III
Michael B. Long, Inspector III
Sheila A. Pulliam, Inspector III
Howard W. Bailey, Inspector II
John O. Berthold, Inspector II
Timothy J. Cannon, Inspector II
Wayne R. Champagne, Inspector II
Michael J. Felczak, Inspector II
Michael E. Haynes, Inspector II

Sharon Bulova Award Winner



Susan Donovan, Assistant to the Fire Chief, received the Sharon Bulova Award, April 25, 2014, at the Government Center. The Sharon Bulova Award is given for exemplary administrative professional service. Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Human Resources Director Susan Woodruff, and Ed Long, County Executive, presented the award. (Photo by Elliott Rubino)

Ryan P. Kelly, Inspector II
William J. Mueller, Inspector II
David C. Phillips, Inspector II
Douglas E. Turner, Inspector II
William C. Aceto, Engineer IV
Cheryl S. Wood, Engineer III
Margaret A. Dix,
Financial Specialist III

**MPSTOC - September 2, 2013
McConnell Public Safety and
Transportation Center**
Deputy Chief Michael T. Reilly
Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams
Captain I Tim E. Fowler
Captain I Mark E. Kordalski
Captain I William Moreland
Captain I Rex E. Strickland III
Cindy S. Roatch
Laura C. Bacon, PSC III
Kathleen D. Cox, PSC III
Lee E. Fair, PSC III

From: Michele S.

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 3:00 PM

To: WEBTeam

Subject: Safety In Our Community Program

What a great program. 3 firefighters came to our house and asked us about key safety elements in the home. I was excited to say I had a brand new "talking" fire and carbon monoxide alarm - upstairs. Then I realized my downstairs alarm was missing. Yikes. it was on my mental To Do list but I hadn't done anything about it for months. The firefighters gave me a new alarm and were coming in to install it when they got an urgent call.

What a great program - bringing safety to the homes in Fairfax. Need an alarm? They've got it. Need it installed? They can do it.

Very smart to enhance safety so directly and effectively.

Thank you!

Michele S.



Units from Fairfax County, Arlington County, and City of Alexandria meet at the quarters of Engine 206 to discuss lessons learned following a multi-company drill, and to compare the differences in their various SCOTT breathing apparatus and different RIT packs, April 27, 2014.

Kelly R. Henry, PSC III
Adrian T. King, PSC III
Kaitlyn A. Knoll, PSC III
John W. Pempel, PSC III
Lenora N. Shipman-Clark, PSC III
Carissa L. Teets, PSC III
Zanthy R. Williams, PSC III
Amanda L. Nicoll, PSC II
Mason J. Kraut, PSC I

On-Call Duty Systems Inspection Team Inspections

Captain II Corey A. Matthews
Captain I Victor M. Miller, Jr.
Captain I Marlin Hood
Timothy J. Cannon, Inspector II
Ryan P. Kelly, Inspector II
Christine M. Malone, Inspector II
William J. Mueller, Inspector II
Michael A. Paruti, Engineer III

Captain II Kit Hessel, Station Captain, Fire and Rescue Station 39, North Point, and members of Rescue Company 39, Master Technician Joseph Kieler, Technician (Retired) Sam Poles, and Technician Trish Danula were recognized at the recent 2014 Regional Chamber of Commerce Awards held at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly.

“Taking Up”



Jerome A. Roussillon
Battalion Chief

Entry Date: March 8, 1982

Retirement Date: July 14, 2014

Recruit School Number: 56th

Assignments: 22-C, 11-C, Academy, 18-B, 14-A, 413-A, 418-A, BC402-A, BC406-A

Likes about the fire department:

The comradeship. The constant challenges and learning. Being able to serve those in a time of need. Being the calm in an emergency scene or time of chaos. The feeling of being part of a successful team action. Seeing members achieve things beyond their original conception. The kitchen table talks. I have had a blessed career; I truly love the job!

Will miss about the fire department:

The fine men and women I've had the opportunity to serve with over the years and all of the above likes.

Plans for the future? Family, Friends & (with God's continued blessing) Health & Fitness, aside from that - only time will tell. ☺

Words of wisdom:

- Regardless of how you came to this career and your position. Whether it was a life-long dream or strong recruiting. If you are here, embrace the department and your position. There are no trophies for simply

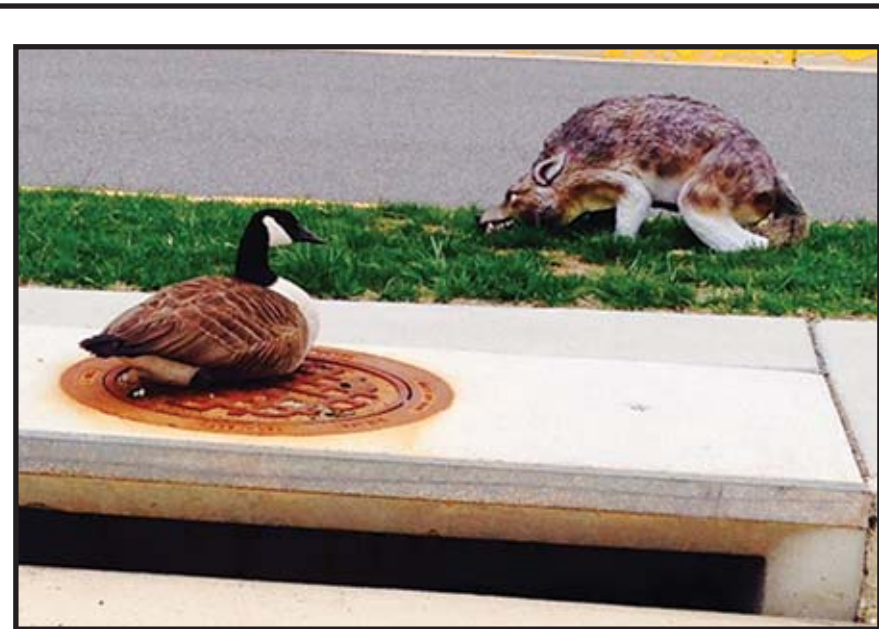
showing-up; performance is what counts.

- If you do not believe your shift, station, battalion, and department are the best, ask yourself, "What have I done to make it better?" Don't just criticize and complain; seek to improve and be a part of the "best." Otherwise, consider another career choice.
- "Execute" the duties of the position you hold in a manner that is competent and well-rehearsed. "Mentor" those around you. Be a "student" of the position to which you aspire. Everyday fulfill each challenge in some way.
- Your reach should always exceed your grasp; challenge yourself so you may feel the exhilaration of accomplishment.
- Don't just promote yourself and your career. Focus. There are enough of those around al-

ready. Be better than that; give back to the department and to those you serve, internally and externally.

- Condemn "entitlement attitudes", special interest "me" groups, and a system that allows them to exist and propagate. These items weaken morale, our mission, our stated core values, and our organization.
- If you rely on the rank of your position, intimidation, bullying, or fear of retaliation, you are not exercising true leadership – look in the mirror and re-evaluate yourself. You are not a true leader. Seek counseling. If you think this may apply to you, then it probably does.
- Second guessing is not a strategy and hindsight is not wisdom. What's happening when "boots hit the ground"?

Who or what made an influence



A soon-to-be cooked goose? Not so.....this goose stands its ground as it lays on a manhole cover watching the big, bad, wolf. The wolf cutout apparently wasn't enough to intimidate this brave goose to vacate its spot at VDOT Headquarters, May 1, 2014. (Photo by Deputy Chief Keith Johnson)

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary R.
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 1:31 PM
To: WEBTeam
Subject: Thank you

Message: I have delayed much too long to write your department to extend my sincere thank you for the fireman who responded to a house fire at Scotch Run Court, Centreville, VA in the early morning hours of 2-13-14. I was a victim as I rented a unit in the bottom floor of this single family home and the other room mate intentionally lit his clothes on fire and I lost not only my home, but everything I owned. One of the fireman that early morning brought to me my most treasured item - my son's ashes who had just passed away in September 2013. Even though the urn sustained some damage the kindness and caring that fireman showed will always remain in my heart. Thank you from the depths of my heart to all of the firefighters of Company 417. I have started to rebuild my life and I think of all of them almost daily. I have never experienced anything quite as that, nor do I ever want to again. If I can write another letter or do something, please let me know as this just does not seem like enough. God Bless you.

Submitted By: Mary R.

in your career? I'll only speak to the positive influences. This always comes at risk of leaving someone out and unintentionally not giving someone their proper dues. Be that as it may, I must acknowledge:

Captain II Steve Rhea (retired), my first shift leader. Capt. Rhea demonstrated all the attributes of transformational leadership (google it) before my university professors gave a name to it. What a model leader and friend. My first shift at FS422-C (June 1982-July 1986). What a group of guys – into the job, into training, into unselfishly providing a service regardless of the need; an incredible foundation from which to build upon. Thank you all. My study group through my career: BFC Al "Bonzo" Mullins (retired), BFC John Gleske (retired), BFC Floyd "Boots" Ellmore (retired) & Captain II Mike Godbout (retired) four of the finest fire ground officers I have had the pleasure with whom to share time. Thank you gentlemen, for your shared KSAs and friendship.

Fire Station 418 crews (October 1995 – December 2002): you each made fire station management and shift leadership a privilege, honor, and fun. I salute each of you and extend sincere gratitude. To the Technical Rescue and Urban Search & Rescue Teams I served with over the years (1985-2005), you deserve recognition and praise for your continued and unequalled local, national, and international service. Thank you!

The Ops 406 group & Deputy's Aides – hardworking and under appreciated, true unsung heroes. Thank you!
All the crews of Battalion 402-A (December 2002 – June 2006) and Battalion 406-A (June 2006 through today): you've made me proud to be in the same uniform and work in your battalion. You're the best; work to stay the best and please continue to look after one another. Stay safe!
BFC Richard "Dickey" Burbank (retired-Rest In Peace Chief), BFC Tyrone Harrington (retired), Captain II T. Mike Morrison (re-

tired), BFC Bobby Rhea (retired), BFC Eric Walker (retired), DFC Jeff Coffman (retired), Captain II Tyrone Corbin (retired), MTech/App C.O. Ducker (retired-Rest In Peace C.O.) – C.O. taught me a great deal about fire apparatus, though, at times, I think it was so he would no longer have to do the vehicle checks (lol). Chief "Z" – D2D and beyond, awesome job! ...and thanks for the positive atmosphere of: training, autonomy, and support – and oh, don't forget the roses.

...And lastly, Paul Mitchell for the development and marketing of a fine line of hair care products. ☺
To all, time is one of the most valuable things you can give someone. It is fleeting from each person's life and cannot be replaced. You send a strong message to someone you share or spend time with - affirming your perception of their worth. I hope, in my time, I've made a difference... You've been worth it! Be Well, Be Safe, Be Fit! Rizz... is signing out.



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. Backstep Kudos do not have to follow the chain of command. All Kudo submissions must be sent to backstepkudos@gmail.com.

***To Captain Dave Barlow and Lieutenants Tom Carver, Jason Abitz, and Ray Johnson** for the relentless dedication and true passion for keeping us SAFE through TRAINING. **From Lieutenant Scott Kraut.**

***To Battalion Chief Fred Brandell** for taking the time to perform SIOC at a residence in which the Operations Bureau had received a request to visit by an out of town family member due to fire safety concerns. Rather than pass this information on to one of his stations, Chief Brandell chose to visit the residence himself, replacing 2 smoke detectors and replacing 1 battery. Thank you for your professionalism. **From Captain II Tom Arnold.**

***To FF Josh Morrison** - We would like to welcome the newest member of our family to the world, Lila Jacquelyn Morrison! Congratulations Catherine and Josh on a beautiful baby girl. **From Fire Station 30-A Shift.**

***To 1st Battalion stations 412 and 439 C-Shift** for no personal injuries during the 1st quarter of 2014. **From Mike Marks, Safety 402-C.**

***To 3rd Battalion stations 415, 417, 421, 434, and 440 C-Shift** for no personal injuries during the 1st quarter of 2014. **From Mike Marks, Safety 402-C.**

***To 1st Battalion stations 404, 412, 425, 431, 436, and 439 and Battalion 401 and EMS 401 C-Shift** for no vehicle accidents during the 1st quarter of 2014. **From Mike Marks, Safety 402-C.**

***To 3rd Battalion stations 415, 417, 434, 438, 440, and Battalion 403 C-Shift** for no vehicle accidents during the 1st quarter of 2014. **From Mike Marks, Safety 402-C.**

***To the administrative staff of the Training Academy: Jacki Tinsley, An Trinh, and Roberta Katz** - Thank you for always going above and beyond! A person or team is only as good as the support they have and you've been a huge part of our successes. So, our success is yours as well! **From the Basic Training Staff: Captain Chester Waters, Lieutenant Marc Davidson, Lieutenant Angel Medina, Lieutenant Josh Allen, Technician MaryKate Costello, Master Technician Greg Bishop, and Technician Jermaine Jones.**

***To Firefighter Keith Baughn (FS20-A)**-For your courage, vast knowledge, and daring aboard Fireboat 420 during maritime operations. **From Apparatus Technician Miguel Obleas.**

***To Cave In Technician Michael Moore (FS39-C)** for stepping up and delivering your amazing taco salad from the Dragon Slayers at Fire Station 12- C.

***To the crew of E421 (Lt. Chris Williams, George Hahn, Chris Yorty, and Cory Parry)** for stopping to assist a motorist with a flat tire on Route 50....ME! Thank you! **From Deputy Chief Reilly.**

***To Technician Steve Shapiro FS 416-B**, for stopping on the scene of an vehicle accident while off duty and rendering aid to an injury patient. This accident took place on an ice/snow covered back road in Clifton in which 7th Battalion C-shift units could not access the scene. Technician Shapiro transported the patient in his pov, navigating through ice and snow covered roads, to the FRD staging location. **From BC Keith Ludeman.**

***To Nabeel Waseem (FMO Plans Review)** - For earning your Professional Engineering License in the State of Virginia. Thank you and the rest of the members of the Engineering Plans Review Branch for your hard work behind the scenes to keep the citizens and firefighters of the county safe every day. **From BC Brad Cochrane.**

***To Cathy Perry (FMO)** - for her assistance in developing a composite sketch of a person of interest in a number of fires in the Centreville area. **From BC Kerwin McNamara and all of FHMIS.**

***To Eddie Price, Rich Gundert, and Tim Palmer (FHMIS)** - For your recent graduation from the Police Academy. As mentioned by Fire Chief Bowers, "For six grueling months these three men and their families pushed through another recruit training academy! They did so with great leadership, effort, work and demonstration of camaraderie!" **From DC Reilly, BC Cochrane, and BC McNamara.**

***To Battalion Chief James J. Walsh** for his work in developing and coordinating a Multi Department RIT Drill with personnel from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, Arlington County Fire and Rescue, and Alexandria

Fire Department on March 22, 2014. Chief Walsh developed a dynamic training evolution that challenged the crews and gave us great insight into the RIT application, enhancing our relationships with our NOVA partners. Thank you for the participation, performance, and professionalism of the following units and personnel:

E408 - Lt. Michael Taylor, MTech Gary Thompson, Tech EMS Jonathan Long, FF David Saunders. E410 - Capt. Michael Fontana, FF Brian Passmore, FF Justin Willis, FF James Tolson.

E423 - Capt. Francis Mensah, Tech Shawn Rappach, FF Ryan Scanlan, FF Jose Calderon.

E428 - Capt. Calvin Alexander, Tech Peter Zagorites, FF Joseph Wright, FF Hyun Kang. E418 - Lt. Derrick Colden, Tech Stephanie Leland, FM Ryan Legg, FF Gregory Wood.

TL408 - Lt. David Gaertner, MT Joseph Laun, FF Sean O'Neil T410 - Lt. John Smith, MT Scott Herbert, Tech Langston Malin R418 - Capt. Robert Kitchen, Tech. Jorge Ochaíta, Tech Jeffrey Pfeifer, Tech Chris Herbolshemer.

M408 - Lt. Anthony Mullins, FM Grant Phillips.

M410 - Lt. James Morris, FF Christopher Murray.

M423 - Tech Ronald Seghetti, FF Brian Foster.

EMS404 - Capt. Gary Pemberton

TL440 - Lt. Scott Kraut, Tech Robert Seward, FF Jorge Arce EMS402 - Capt. Charles Cunningham.

EMS405 - Capt. Yolanda DeMark Engine 206 - A/Capt. Wells Wilson, FF Joshua Turner, FF Anthony Small, FF Holly Phillips.

Rescue 206 (Tower 203) - LT. Warner Sherman, FF Jarrett Wood, FF Juan Valdez.

Battalion Chief 212 - Sam R. Parker

BFC 111 - Matt Herbert Engine 109 - Lt. Philippe Tessier, FF John Hughes, FF Anne Slabinski, FF Chuck Cake.

Rescue 109 - Capt. I Craig Brightbill, FF John Hirte, FF Chris Velez. **From AFC John Caussin.**

***Congratulations to Technician John Guy** - for his 30 year Length of Service Award and for getting the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Firefighter of the Year award. Thanks to Technician John Guy, a.k.a. "the squad father" for all the hard work on the New Rescue 411 and working on the Cribbing Project. **From Captain II Danny Cox.**

***To Captain Jennifer Svites (Logistics)** - for going above and beyond helping out with gear issues, Class A uniforms, etc. - especially in the days preceding Jimmy Breslin's funeral. **From Lieutenant David Wright (37-A).**

FROM: Sharon Y.

RE: Explosion in Audubon trailer park 4/17/2014.

I want to personally thank you for taking good care of my 80 year old mother, she had a hip replacement less than a year ago. Her mobility isn't the greatest and glad you were there to watch over her.

Facebook Feedback

Fierce Sonia commented on a photo Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department shared. Fierce wrote: "Thank you for your help with the Huntington residents this morning."

UCM of Alexandria commented on a photo Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department shared. UCM of Alexandria wrote: "Thank you to all for your service!"

Eva A. commented on a photo Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department shared. Eva wrote: "My first Job in US for Fairfax County Fire And Rescue department. I love them. I proud them .God bless all of them. They are the best!"



American Red Cross

Dear Member,

In honor of National EMS Week, the American Red cross would like to thank you for your support!

For nearly a century, the American Red Cross has partnered with EMS, healthcare and public safety professionals to prepare for and respond to numerous disasters and medical emergencies.

As partners, you've helped us respond to over 70,000 local disasters each year. Plus, you've helped us train over 4 million people in CPR and first aid annually, saving countless lives.

As a leader in disaster response and a trusted training provider who understands the environment you work in, we're proud to provide you with a strong and growing portfolio of courses designed to help serve you best.

For your relentless support of the American Red Cross, **we thank you!**

Regards,

American Red Cross Preparedness,
Health and Safety

Apple Blossom Firefighters' Parade



Several Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department retirees ride in an "antique Maxim ladder truck" in the Winchester Apple Blossom Firefighters' Parade, Friday, May 2, 2014. (Photo by Paul Carlin)

3rd Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy Class



The third iteration of the Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy spent the evening learning about hazardous materials and about the responsibilities of the safety officer, April 24, 2014, at Fire and Rescue Station 40, Fairfax Center.

Anniversaries

35 Years

Captain II Richard A. McKinney

34 Years

Captain II Joseph M. Kaleda
Lieutenant Thomas J. Griffin
Lieutenant David M. Lauler

31 Years

Deputy Chief Keith H. Johnson
Battalion Chief Brian C. Brendel
Captain II Ronald B. Sydnor
Technician John C. Guy, Jr.

30 Years

Captain II George O. Gonzalez, Jr.
Captain II Charles E. Pullen, Jr.
Captain I Clyde M. Buchanan
Captain I Wayne A. Richardson II

Lieutenant David M. Bryant
Lieutenant James T. Morris
Technician Manuel Stribling
Firefighter Kimberly A. Kuranda

25 Years

Battalion Chief Elton N. Wright
Captain I Troy H. Dean
Captain I Walter E. Johnson
Captain I Joseph L. Kiser
Captain I Charles A. Martin
Captain I Jack L. Walmer, Jr.
Lieutenant Clifton Allen, Jr.
Lieutenant Kevin R. Coen
Technician Thomas R. Barnes
Technician Jacques A. Cochran
Master Technician David J. Higgins
Master Technician Dana R. Unger
Master Technician Michael C. Lewis
Technician Shawn K. McPherson
Technician Richard N. Mitchell
Technician Damon O. Price

Technician Kathleen M. Vorbau
Firefighter Marlon D. Garner

20 Years

Vickie L. Dawson,
Administrative Assistant III

15 Years

Master Technician
Hector J. Rivera Flores

10 Years

Toni E. Garcia, HR Generalist IV
Francis G. Hall, Fire Inspector II

5 Years

Acting Technician Eric Hoffman

Retirements

Technician Robert Arnone
5/27/86- 4/20/14

Captain I Oscar L. Beasley, Jr.
8/6/84 - 5/19/2014

Battalion Chief Craig N. Buckley
9/24/79 - 3/09/14

Lieutenant Thomas F. Chittenden
5/27/86 - 6/1/14

Lieutenant Craig S. Luecke
1/20/87 - 4/22/14

Technician Samuel L. Poles
3/17/86 - 3/10/14

Technician Chris M. Matsos
10/15/85 - 3/18/14

Battalion Chief Jerome A. Rousillon
3/8/82 - 7/14/14

Captain II Michael R. Smith
3/16/85 - 5/17/14

New Hires

Gary C. Dize, MA II
Safety and Personnel Services

Ronald N. Klus, Engineer III
Fire Prevention

Kyle Knox, MMS III
Urban Search and Rescue

Jeffrey D. Sargent, Inspector I
Fire Prevention

Daniel B. Willham, Engineer III
Fire Prevention

Shelby D. Zelonis, GISA II
Information Technology



The "Safety Team" now has three safety officers on duty, per shift.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

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Station Profile Tysons Corner Fire and Rescue Station 29

Captain II
Gregory W. Hunter
Station Commander



Station constructed: 1978

Station specialty: Highrise, Operations, Metro and Tunnel Operations, Elevator Operations, Battalion 402 Headquarters.

Square miles in first due area: 6.7

Specific hazardous/target areas: The Maderia School, MetroRail, Tysons Silver Line Tunnel, The Galleria at Tysons, Commercial and Residential Highrise, Rural Water Supply Operations.

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, Truck, Medic, and Battalion Chief

Total calls in 2013: 7,548

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I Richard Schaub**, Lieutenant Larry M. Cuffee, Lieutenant Charles D. Mills, Lieutenant Easton M. Peterson, Master Technician William L. Franklin, Technician Jacques A. Cochran, Acting Technician Brandon K. Truman, Firefighter James J. Hannan III, Christopher L. Rhodes, Firefighter Rebecca A. Stoddard. **B-Shift:** **Captain II Gregory W. Hunter**, Lieutenant Stephen C. Hartman II, Lieutenant Timothy L. Nicholson, Lieutenant Richard S. Slepetz, Technician James A. Moss, Jr., Technician Derrick W. Payne, Firefighter Medic Jeremy L. Fox, Firefighter Medic Justin G. Reed, Firefighter Nolan J. Copeland, Firefighter Archie S. Fellows. **C-Shift:** **Captain I Mark D. Ebersole**, Lieutenant Tie L. Burtlow, Lieutenant David E. Myers, Lieutenant Bruce J. Stark, Master Technician Angel M. Melendez, Master Technician William M. Schnaekel, Firefighter Medic Benjamin G. Trompeter, Firefighter Medic Eric C. Villman, Firefighter Thomas Y. Chong, Firefighter Salman F. Khan.



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