

FRONT LINES



September 11, 2015

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Firefighter, Civilian, and Officer of the Year Awards



*Master Technician Matthew J. Brecht
Firefighter of the Year*



*Margaret A. Dix, Financial Specialist III
Civilian of the Year*



*Battalion Chief Fred H. Brandell, Jr.
Officer of the Year*



Richard R. Bowers, Jr.

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From The Fire Chief . . .

The last several months had been hectic leading up to the Fairfax 2015 World Police Fire Games. The showcasing of each of the Fairfax public safety agencies was a huge success. Courage, determination and camaraderie was demonstrated every day during the games.

The World Police and Fire Games have come and gone and what a tremendous experience for all of the public safety personnel, the athletes, the county, our department and our residents. I have one simple thing to say to everyone: "Thank you!"

It was an experience of a lifetime for everyone. The athletes, their families and guests had nothing but positive things to say about all of our public safety personnel and the county.

What a legacy we leave behind as a result of the great vision and efforts made by so many. I am so proud of each of you and this department for the display of professionalism leading up to and during the WPFGs.

One of the key elements associated with the WPFGs is the importance and need of fitness by the men and women of each of the public safety agencies. The fitness efforts and work out regimes by our Fairfax WPFGs athletes and other national and in-

ternational public safety colleagues demonstrate the need to be fit to do the job tasks associated with the professions. There are incredible athletes that are firefighters, paramedics, sheriffs and police officers.

Be ready, be fit and be healthy.

The display of camaraderie and respect was apparent at every WPFGs venue and event from opening ceremonies until closing. The number of people met from our international and national guests was amazing. The unfortunate loss of Inspector Silva and the devastating injuries to other athletes in the bike event

brought the public safety athletes and agencies together to honor and respect one of our own that was lost doing what he loved - competing and biking.

Inspector Silva will always be remembered and never forgotten. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with his family, his team mates, and his colleagues.

Do your fitness, keep training and execute the basics perfectly every time!

Respectfully,
Fire Chief Richie Bowers

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!**

Richard R. Bowers, Jr., *Fire Chief*
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**2015
Firefighter of the Year,
Officer of the Year, and
Civilian of the Year
Award Ceremony**



(Photos by Angela Ballard)



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138th Recruit School



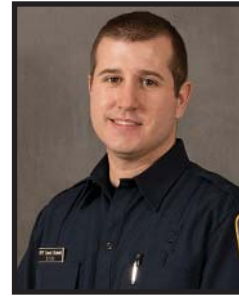
*Firefighter/Medic
Timothy A. Adams*



*Firefighter
Miriam R. Bender*



*Firefighter
Jacob C. Brendel*



*Firefighter
David B. Bulaski*



*Firefighter
Leo Canela*



*Firefighter
Ha S. Chon*



*Firefighter
Michael K. Conway*



*Firefighter/Medic
William T. V. Corcoran*



*Firefighter
Kenneth W. Cornett, Jr.*



*Firefighter
Christina A. Costello*



*Firefighter
Daniel J. Davis*



*Firefighter/Medic
Joshua P. DeBrow*



*Firefighter
Anthony J. Dent*



*Firefighter
Shane S. Dickinson*



*Firefighter
Daniel P. Droter*



*Firefighter
Steven T. Ellis*



*Firefighter
David J. Feder*



*Firefighter
Nathan C. Giddings*



*Firefighter
Thomas H. Gillis*



*Firefighter/Medic
Joseph A. Goldberg*

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*Firefighter
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*Firefighter
Daniel V. Gray, Jr.*



*Firefighter
Dustin A. Green*



*Firefighter
Scott I. Halisky*



*Firefighter
Vincent C. Harrison II*



*Firefighter
Michael P. Hertig*



*Firefighter/Medic
Anthony J. Karashowsky*



*Firefighter
Che D. Kerestes*



*Firefighter/Medic
Kelyn A. Lampkin*



*Firefighter
Mark P. Lee*



*Firefighter
Jamie D. Little*



*Firefighter
Marcus J. McPherson*



*Firefighter
Daniel M. Park*



*Firefighter
Tiffany Perez*



*Firefighter
Michael R. Salzano*



*Firefighter
Jischoi L. Savain*



*Firefighter
Jonathan G. Shao*



*Firefighter
Christopher M. Sherdel*



*Firefighter
Delonte V. Smith*



*Firefighter
Kavon A. Smith*



*Firefighter
Felix C. Truong*



*Firefighter
Stephen A. Ulrich*



*Firefighter/Medic
James A. Young*



*Firefighter/Medic
Mitchell C. Zumwalt*



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Letters of Thanks

From: 'Gilbert S.' via VVFD Info <info@vvfd.org>
 Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2015 at 3:09 PM
 Subject: With Gratitude and Thanks
 To: info@vvfd.org

Dear Vienna rescue personnel.

On June 15 2015 at 4 am in the morning my husband Gilbert S. at 407 East St NE fell on his way to the bathroom, just 4 days after a knee replacement. I, his wife, was unable to lift him and called 911. Within minutes your people arrived at our door, and in no time had they lifted him onto a stretcher and provided Reassuring kind words to me. You were so kind and so very professional, and the way you dealt with both my husband and myself was beyond kindness. You took my husband to The Virginia Hospital where we had just left 3 days prior. He was reoperated that same morning for torn ligaments in the same leg, that he had a knee replacement.

Alas again yesterday evening at 8.30 pm July 25 he slipped in his study and was on the floor and again I was unable to lift him and fearful for his already traumatized and in braze left leg. Again you arrived all big reassuring smiles and professional kindness helping us in our pitiful situation. You were God sent Angels.

It is too bad I only get to deal with you when we are in trouble, but so very very reassuring that you are doing this incredible work in our small community. You certainly make Vienna a better place to live, even when we get in trouble. Our heartfelt Thank you to each and everyone.

With much appreciation and admiration

Gilbert and Inger S.

Front Lines Deadline

The remaining 2015 deadline is November 15. Please submit articles or text to Dan Schmidt at Dan.Schmidt@fairfaxcounty.gov or Cathy Richards, Cathy.Richards@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Dear C Shift and the Firefighters at Great Falls,

FS412 C-SHIFT

Thank you so much for hosting us and showing the kids around your station. They had a blast! You've inspired a new generation of fire fighters ☺



Thanks for being The Most Awesome People
 in the history
 from:
 ZARIFA



Keep up the great work, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Warmly,
 The K. - Family

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 06:54 PM
To: Bowers, Richard
Subject: Praise for paramedics from McLean Fire Station (Medic Crew 401)

Dear Fire Chief Bowers,

Yesterday (July 27) around 3:15, my husband John fell off a ladder about 12 feet off the ground while doing some work on the soffits of our roof. Fortunately I was home when it happened, and after I heard a big crash, went out to see what happened. When I saw the agony he was in and that he couldn't walk, I called 9-1-1. The router at the center stayed on the line and informed me where the emergency vehicle was and when it would arrive.

The Medic Crew 401 paramedics came right away from our McLean Fire Station, which is only about 5 minutes from our house. The whole crew was terrific, especially Micah Swislow and Jenna Jackson. They took him to Inova Fairfax Hospital and I followed in my car.

The crew was professional, concerned, knowledgeable, compassionate, and considerate of my husband's pain. They had help from men of Arlington's Engine 106, who helped carry him on the stretcher into the ambulance. Our house is on a hill, so it was difficult to get him to the emergency vehicle parked at the street. Also, because my husband was in so much pain, they didn't want to put him on the board.

In the ambulance, they gave him pain medication and hooked him up to an IV. After the CT SCAN and X-rays were read at Inova Fairfax Hospital, it was determined that my husband has six fractured ribs and a partially collapsed lung.

Later, Micah came to the Emergency Room to visit John after he was admitted. Micah had just brought in another emergency patient, so he stopped by to see how my husband was doing.

Because of the rapid and correct care from the paramedics, any worse damage was avoided. He's looking at 6 to 8 weeks for his ribs to heal, and he's been banned for any more roof work, especially on ladders!

Thanks to you and to Medic Crew 401 for your excellent service.
Sincerely,
CiCi W. (Mrs. John K.)

Subject: Thanks to EMT Team

Message: Dear Fairfax County,

We've lived here 27 years and thankfully had never had to call 9-11 until last Saturday night. After fainting my wife called 9-11 and the Oakton team that came was amazing, handling the situation professionally, promptly and with tremendous care. They were awesome and our thanks to them. Incident was Saturday July 11 around 1045 pm at 9800 Bridleridge Ct Vienna.

Submitted By: Roger & Janet C.

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Chief Bowers:

We often hear fire truck sirens but rarely do any of us citizens get to see the fire and rescue people and their trucks at work. But today when I drove home into my cluster of town homes in Mallards Landing I found 7 fire vehicles parked on two streets with hoses running into my neighbor's house. This wasn't a drill; this was real.

Even though there were many vehicles and lots of people ready to spring into action, it was a well-coordinated scene. As an organizational development consultant with 30+ years experience, I am used to evaluating systems and people's performances; and I was impressed. People knew their roles and quickly went into action or were ready to move into action if needed.

Immediately I went into my house to get my camera so my neighbors would have photos for their insurance company. I also wanted to offer them my moral support.

Once the fire was extinguished, fire fighters wearing heavy coats in our hot-humid 90-degree weather carried insulation and dry wall outside and put it on a large plastic tarp. Putting a large plastic tarp down impressed me. You were even concerned about not ruining their yard and making clean up easier. Sweat was rolling of several fire fighters' faces as they did this work, but I only heard polite conversation and no complaints.

I don't usually write letters to complain or praise, but today they are a whole group of people who should to be thanked, and I am acting as the unofficial Mallards Landing neighborhood spokesperson to say the following.

- Thank you for putting the Tiller Truck in service today. I know how purchasing such an elaborate and sophisticated truck with our county trying to stretch every tax dollar must have been a hard-fought battle. But when you are a homeowner who has paid taxes for over 20 years and has their home as part of their retirement plan, it was a relief to see a truck that could save that retirement investment. It was only as I waited to see if my neighbor's roof or back side of their house would burst into flames, that I realized that this Tiller Truck was the only truck with the necessary equipment to address it. Our homes' backsides are located on a lake, so there would be no way for trucks to reach a fire from behind our residences. The only access is in the front from the street. This truck will certainly earn its keep with additional rescued lives and property. Thank you for the foresight to buy it and add it to your fleet of trucks.
- Thank you for the well-designed processes for fighting a home fire and for the clear role descriptions that had a large team of people knowing what to do and how to be prepared for any escalation of the fire. It was obvious that you have not only spent hard work determining how to organize a cadre of people and machines, but that you have trained your personnel well.
- Thank you for how personable people were to the home owners. I didn't see all of the interaction between the fire & rescue team with them, but I was especially impressed with Rocco Alvaro and the other fire investigators' interactions with them. They are not just fire fighters and investigators; they are your PR department to us. These front line people are the ones who interact with us and they were professional and personable.

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Facebook Feedback

Renan O. commented on July 9 at 9:55pm. Renan said "Thank you, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, for honouring the life of inspector Silva yesterday. It was greatly appreciated. We must respect the brave men and women in uniform who put their own lives at stake to protect the public. Greetings from Brazil."

Paula C. commented "Thank you for caring for our 4 legged friends!"

Michael P. commented "My wife and kids were there yesterday and had a blast. Well done on organizing and effectively executing these games!"

Kate R. commented on July 29 at 4:04pm. Kate said "Thank you for not only saving lives and property... but for risking your lives to save animals..."

Juraj K. commented August 2 at 1:21pm. Juraj said "Thank you for friendship the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department! TFA Team of Slovakia (www.firecontrol.sk/tfa)"

Linda T. commented "I love Firefighter's, they are not only strong, they are brave Hero's, I know a lot of them (my husband is a retired Firefighter, as is my Son.)the one thing I learned for years is that Fairfax County Firefighter's have HEART. and are dedicated to want they do. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department you are appreciated. Thank you for your service."

Linda C. commented "There were 4 lightning strikes in Reston today and my neighbor's house was set on fire by one of them. Tyson's Tiller Truck arrived on the scene immediately and put the fire out. When you live in a town house cluster with wood siding, a fire in one unit can easily move from unit to unit. Thank-you for having this truck and about 5 other vehicles on the scene that kept it contained. Those of us living at Mallards Landing thank you for your quick response which saved many houses. And we thank the fire fighters, EMS, and fire police who on a hot afternoon were efficient, effective and courteous. You just didn't put a truck into action today, you changed the lives of many in my neighborhood . THANK YOU!!!!"

- And, I know that others I didn't observe (because I stayed back from the action), were equally kind and supportive because when I arrived, my neighbors had already had been informed about when and how they would eventually be able to re-enter their home. And they knew they would not be able to live there for several days because the gas lines and power had been turned off.

In several short hours you have changed one Fairfax County citizen's opinion about how her tax dollars are spent and how safe she and others can feel by the protection you offer all of us living here.

With great appreciation,

Linda S. C.
Reston, VA 20191

FXFRD World Police and Fire Games Results

*Individual

WPFG Event	Last Name	First Name	Place
Swimming - Indoor	Bentley	David	3 rd
CrossFit	Blair	Christopher	3 rd
Motocross	Brecht	Matthew	3 rd
Cross Country	Bruck	Arthur	2 nd also 3 rd for Half Marathon Team
Orienteering	Buttenshaw	Jason	2 nd for Sprint, 3 rd for Classic
Bodybuilding	Carson, Jr.	Roosevelt	2 nd
CrossFit	Chilva	Bradley	1 st
Cross Country	Clarke	Caldwell	1 st
Half Marathon	Clarke	Caldwell	1 st also 3 rd for team
Stair Race	Clarke	Caldwell	3 rd individual and 2 nd for team
Track and Field	Curriden	Keith	1 st
Martial Arts - Sub Grappling	Da Silva	Roberto	2 nd
Push Pull	Ford	David	2 nd
CrossFit	Furneisen	Craig	1 st
Motocross	Groff	Matthew	1 st
Martial Arts - Sub Grappling	Hannan	James	3 rd
Stair Race	Harding	Monica	1 st
Shooting - Rifle Large Bore	Heufelder	Nicholas	2 nd for individual and 3 rd for team
Push Pull	Huggins	Laura	2 nd
Swimming - Indoor	Jaquays	Alison	1 st and 3 rd
CrossFit	Johnson	Thomas	2 nd
Wrestling	Kovach	Michael	1 st
Stair Race	Larson	Kimberly	1 st individual, and 2 nd for team
Bodybuilding	Manns	Felecia	3 rd
Martial Arts - Sub Grappling	Manuel II	Stanley	1 st
Cycling - Road	Marria	Paul	3 rd
Shooting - Rifle Large Bore	McGill	Ryan	1 st , 1 st and 3 rd
Bench Press	Melendez	Holly	1 st
Push Pull	Melendez	Holly	3 rd
Stair Race	Merrell	Richard	2 nd place team
Martial Arts - Karate	Moore	Michael	3 rd place team
Motocross	Mungo	Richard	2 nd
Cross Country	Pamperin	Brenda	3 rd
Triathlon	Payne	Carlton	1 st
Shooting - Rifle Large Bore	Rodgers	Kyler	2 nd , 3 rd and 3 rd
Martial Arts - Tae Kwon Do	Russell	Eric	3 rd and 3 rd
Swimming - Indoor	Schermerhorn	Scott	2 nd
Swimming - Indoor	Shaw	Douglas	three 1 st place medals, two 2 nd place, and one 3 rd place
Cross Country	Slivers	Adam	two 2 nd place medals, two 3 rd place medals
Rowing - Indoor	Tolle	Jeffrey	3 rd
Cycling - Road	Voigt	Michael	3 rd
Motocross	Wallis	David	3 rd place team for paintball
Stair Race	Walser	John	2 nd place team

*Individual/Teams

WPFG Event	FRD Team Name	Last Name	First Name	Results
Angling	Bright – Bright	Bright	Richard	3 rd
Angling	Bright – Bright	Bright	Richard	3 rd
Angling	Ware - Carver	Ware	Jeffrey	2 nd
Half Marathon	Fairfax Co. Fire - Half Marathon (Team)	Bruck	Arthur	3 rd
Half Marathon	Fairfax Co. Fire - Half Marathon (Team)	Coston	Andrew	3 rd
Half Marathon	Fairfax Co. Fire - Half Marathon (Team)	Slivers	Adam	3 rd

*Results and Information downloaded from the WPFG Website.

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In Memory of . . .

Firefighters and Police Officers pay tribute to Inspector Carlos Silva, who died during the WPFJG in a tragic bike accident. His body was being escorted to Dulles Airport and flown to his home in Brazil.



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2015 World Police and Fire Games



(Photo provided by Caldwell Clarke)

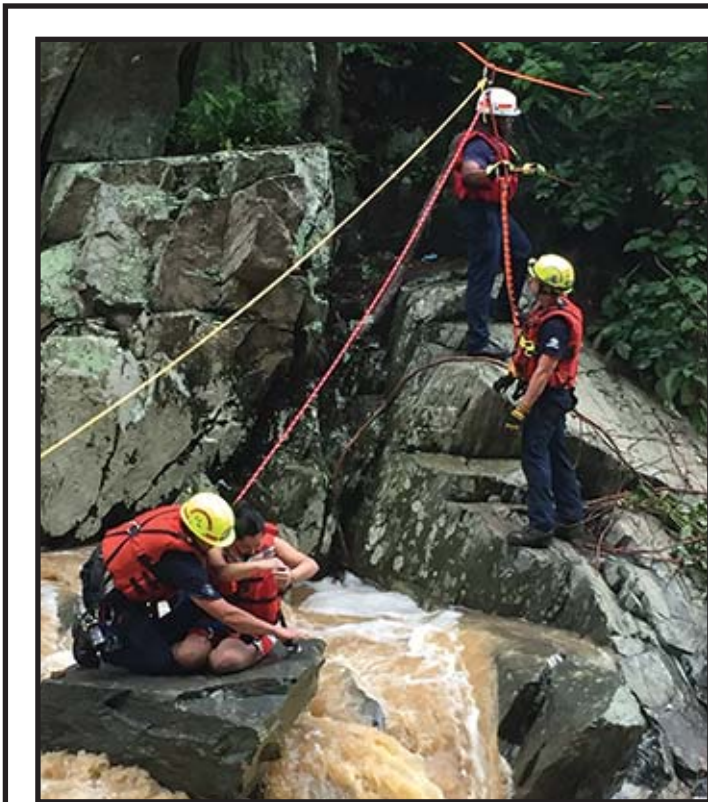
Facts-at-a-Glance

More than 9,250 athletes, from 68 countries, participated in 61 sports, at 53 separate venues, and more than 5,900 volunteer coordinators and staff who provided second-to-none support to the World Police and Fire Games.

Hot Shots



Firefighters from Fire and Rescue Station 14, Burke, Fire and Rescue Station 41, Crosspointe, and the Academy participate in a live-fire burn, June 22, 2015, at 1202 Drake Street, Vienna. (Photos by Brian Mensing)



Firefighters from McLean, Jefferson, and Great Falls rescued an adult female at Scott's Run Nature Preserve after quickly rising water dangerously stranded her on a rock.



Tiller Truck 429 went into service at Fire and Rescue Station 29, Tysons, July 27, 2015 at 7 a.m. The 100-foot Pierce (Tractor Drawn Aerial) TDA truck will allow the department to better match the apparatus and equipment to the response environment in the Tysons area.

Independence Day Parade



(Top photo by Elliott Rubino and bottom photo by Gary Dize)



Firefighters responded to an Annandale house fire, July 11, 2015. Two adults were displaced. The cause of the fire was an unidentified electrical event in the attic.

Community Outreach



Firefighters from Fire and Rescue Station 22, A-Shift, mix it up with children using hose lines during summer camp on a hot, summer day, July 31, 2015. (Photos by Matt Arbuckle)

Top 10 Activity Report

April - June

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

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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.



Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 5/15/2015 Box: 10-94 Address: 5821 Magnolia Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$678,800 Loss: \$62,500 Status: Closed
Date: 5/17/2015 Box: 10-95 Address: 5904 Skyline Heights Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$528,000 Loss: \$93,750 Status: Closed
Date: 5/23/2015 Box: 36-00 Address: 13861 Sunrise Valley Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental Value: \$42,463,812 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 5/27/2015 Box: 01-01 Address: 1823 Baldwin Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$352,550 Loss: \$93,750 Status: Closed
Date: 5/30/2015 Box: 11-92 Address: 5850 Cameron Run Terrance Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$165,428,950 Loss: \$120,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/03/2015 Box: 23-00 Address: 4032 Olley Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$366,700 Loss: \$87,500 Status: Closed
Date: 6/5/2015 Box: 19-00 Address: 7525 Woodside Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$287,950 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/9/2015 Box: 36-01 Address: 13820 Sunrise Valley Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental Value: \$84,152,975 Loss: \$2,000,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/15/2015 Box: 10-93 Address: 5820 Seminary Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental Value: \$1,575,037 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/18/2015 Box: 11-00 Address: 2509 Beacon Hill Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$226,200 Loss: \$70,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/21/2015 Box: 08-09 Address: 7455 Little River Turnpike Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$1,342,220 Loss: \$75,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/23/2015 Box: 19-33 Address: 8868 Hibiscus Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$369,537 Loss: \$88,750 Status: Closed
Date: 6/25/2015 Box: 30-01 Address: 2903 Gallows Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental Value: \$9,420,970 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/28/2015 Box: 05-29 Address: 6023 Curtier Drive Type: Residential Cause: Undetermined Value: \$211,210 Loss: \$93,750 Status: Inactive
Date: 7/1/2015 Box: 01-11 Address: 7575 Colshire Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Undetermined Value: \$129,218,375 Loss: \$60,570 Status: Inactive
Date: 7/5/2015 Box: 26-00 Address: 6816 Hopewell Avenue Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$195,487 Loss: \$70,000 Status: Closed
Date: 7/11/2015 Box: 08-06 Address: 5629 Ravenel Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental Value: \$320,612 Loss: \$70,000 Status: Closed

Front Lines can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr>

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7/3/15

We want to thank the crew that came to help my husband on June 15 at about 6:30. He was having a stroke & I was not at home. He called himself and I arrived as they were taking him to Fair Oaks.

They were so kind & considerate to us that we wanted to let them know how much we appreciate all the good work they do -

Sincerely -

Jim & Gloria J.

Letters of Thanks

ROGER,

June 4, 2015

I would like to thank you for what you do. At no time on May 23, 2015 while you were assisting me for my injuries was I worried. People such as you should get more credit for what you do. I'm currently at home getting ready to go back to work. I was blessed to not have any broken bones. So end closing my wife and I would like to thank you for what you did, we appreciate you.

God BLESS

Tim V.
Robin P.

495 accident
with mattress
on 5/23/15
About 10:15am

Job 
well
done!



June 10, 2015

Dear Chief Bowers,

Thank you for your most thoughtful and unexpected letter thanking us at McLean Bible Church for having hosted the funeral service for Chief Glenn Gaines some weeks ago. It was a great honor for us to serve you and to serve his wife and family during their time of loss and grief.

Working together with David Tobin and our staff team and with your

designated representatives, everything went amazingly smoothly, and I believe we all did our best to honor Glenn and his life and service to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and to his community.

With warmest regards and with appreciation to you and all who serve under your leadership,

Richard C. Parke
Pastor at Large

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Awards & Presentations

Safe Driving Career Achievement Awards

15-Year Distinguished Safe Driving

Master Technician Anthony L. Cabrera

10-Year Safe Driving

Technician Jerold R. Manuel
Firefighter Angela T. Ocampo
Master Technician M. Jason Roberts

5-Year Safe Driving

Firefighter Bilal A. Ali
Technician Shelita Green
Technician Paul Corso
Firefighter Colin E. Edwards
Technician Jonathan J. Kurzinger
Firefighter Nate Larkin
Firefighter Man Y. Li
Master Technician Lawrence McGunnigle
Technician Roxroy W. Reid
Technician Thomas D. Wainwright
Master Technician Jonathan A. Wright



Eric Fisher, Keg Good, and Shelby Zelonis, receive a Special GIS Achievement Award, at the Esri User Conference; Jack Dangermond, President of Esri, presented the award in July.

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.

To: E421: Lt. Bender, MT Loayza, E. Tech Welch, FF Hurtado

M440: H. Tech Arce, F/M Vaughn
For an ALS dispatch of a 55 YOF fallen out of bed with history of unintentionally taking too much sleeping medication and on pain medications for recent surgery. No remarkable findings other than being somewhat incoherent. M440's OIC, FFM Bryan Vaughn, took engine medic Tech Chris Welch as a second ALS provider and the patient went into cardiac arrest enroute to Fair Oaks ER. They performed CPR, established an IO, administered Narcan and Epi and arrived at the ED still in arrest. After her arrival at the ED, the patient had a ROSC, a BP, and was breathing on her own shortly. Great work by all involved.
From: Assistant Chief of Operations John Caussin.

To: Lt Ed DeCarlo and FM Nathan Gangler (M415)

For taking Bob Sydnor home from Fair Oaks ED at dinner time and remembering that family is first, especially Fire Department family.
From: Captain Kim Hood

To: Engineer III Rich Twomey (Fire Engineering Plans Review), for his assistance with one of my final college research papers. The paper required me to design a fire protection system for an 8-story high-rise building. It was to cover, in detail, all aspects of the buildings protection systems including its water supply, alarm notification devices,

fire pumps, etc. Also, the paper was to include all building codes and NFPA standards applicable to its design features. His evaluation of my paper along with his constructive criticism and positive guidance allowed me to submit an excellent final paper to successfully complete my third semester. I want to thank him and promise to pay the assistance forward someday.
From: Lt. Tom Biller

To: Captain Mike Davis (SAF403-C), for providing my college instructor with feedback on my final research paper. The college course was Fire Ground Safety and Survival and my final paper was a thorough evaluation of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives developed at the Firefighter Life Safety Summit. His feedback was greatly appreciated and his evaluation helped me earn an excellent grade. Thank you for all of your support.
From: Lt. Tom Biller.

To: FS17-A - Thank you for working with me and making my time at Fire Station 17 enjoyable and memorable. You are a dedicated crew who went above and beyond helping me with the retirement event the last few years. Thank You!
Respectfully - Captain CA Martin.

To: All who attended and helped with the retirement events - It has been 6 months since the event, and want to remind you to Honor Henry Sanchez and complete his Pledge.

Thank You to all who attended and helped me with the event.
From: Captain CA Martin.

To: The Operations Division, for approving the voluntary 48-hour work schedule, not so great to allow it after I retired. Thanks!
From: Kenneth "Bubba" Cornett (Retired).

To: LT Bobby Garza (21-C) and Technician Raul Perla (21-B) for your willingness to take time away from family and work to travel to Tel Aviv for a week and train more than 50 members of Israel's Home Front Command National Response Unit on the proper use and maintenance of the CIRT tool. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to share your expertise over four long days in very hot and humid conditions was greatly appreciated by our hosts. You represented yourselves, the FRD, and VA-TF1 with distinction and honor!
From: Deputy Chief Chuck Ryan (Special Ops).

To: E430: Lt. Devlin, M. Tech Chris Blair, E. Tech Brian Pape, FF Tyler Weaver, and M413. On April 30, 2015, units were dispatched to an ALS call for an 84 year old male in cardiac arrest. Crews arrived to find the patient in cardiac arrest and immediately executed the appropriate protocol and performed the corresponding tasks in a superior manner. As a result of their high level of performance, the patient was resuscitated and delivered to Fairfax Hospital with a sustained pulse and

blood pressure. The patient was discharged from the hospital two weeks later after the implant of a defibrillator. As a result of their performance, the patient was able to see his granddaughter win the Lacrosse State Championship and graduate high school. **From: Assistant Chief of Operations John Caussin.**

To: Fire Station 15 - Thank you for helping us with a re-occurring fire alarm here at the Criminal Justice Academy. The personnel at Station 15 have been incredibly kind and helpful. In addition to the fire alarm, Company 15 has helped us with recruit injury responses and most recently helped with Cops/Kids Day (children of fallen law enforcement officers). **From: Criminal Justice Academy Commander Captain Shawn Bennett.**

To: Personnel in Battalion 7-B who participated in the World Police and Fire Games, either as athletes, assisting with logistics, photography, planning, or a combination of all of these. Impressive showing from our Battalion! FS14-B - Captain Istvan (Softball, logistics), Tech Devera (Taekwondo), Tech Juan Ayala (Hockey), Lt. Devereaux (Dodgeball/Logistics), MTech Justin Parrock (Rowing) FS32-B - Captain Svites (Motocross), Lt. Lancing and FF Perdomo (Photography), FF Mittendorff (Running, Dodgeball, Triathlon), FF Maximo (Soccer) FS35-B - Captain Clarke (Stair climb, Triathlon, Half Marathon, Cross Country), FF Neuhaus (Swimming), FF Vaughn (Dodgeball), FF Hernandez (Flag Football), FS41-B - Tech Sweetland (Softball), Captain II Burkhammer (Orienteering, Mountain Biking - Planning & Logistics) **From: Brad Cochrane (BC407-B)**

Letter of Thanks

From: Webb, Kathryn
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:27 AM
To: Dennis, James L
Subject: Thank you

Lt. Dennis,

I was out sick yesterday, so I know this is a day late, but it is in no way a reflection of how appreciative we feel that you took the time to come and participate in our career day on Tuesday.

Thank you so much for participating in Crestwood Elementary School's Career Day! Your willingness to share your expertise will impact our students for years to come. We received much positive feedback after the event, as students shared with their peers, and teachers their new or newly reinforced ideas about their future possibilities.

A special thanks to each business and organization whose participants helped inspire our young people to reach for their dreams. We know that the hard work you do every day does not stop when you leave your job site, and we appreciate the extra hours you worked to catch up. In the same way you inspired our students, we hope their excitement to learn about your career inspired you.

Thank you again for helping us prepare our students for college, career, and citizenship. We hope that you will join us for years to come!

With deepest gratitude,
 Katie

*Kathryn Taylor Webb
 School Counselor (K-Thomas, Triplett; 1, 2,
 4)
 Crestwood Elementary*

"Taking Up"



Felecia L. Manns
Captain II

Entry Date: August 4, 1986
Retirement Date: August 24, 2015
Recruit School Number: 67th
Assignments: 2, Recruitment, 26, 1, (15 during medic internship), 32, 8, 39, 27, EMS2 @ 13 and 29, EEO Office, EMS4 @ 18.
Likes about the fire department: The unique silliness only

found in the fire service. The feeling of success when the team works well and we made a positive impact in someone's life.

Will miss about the fire department: Inspiring kids when we give tours or participate in community events. Spirited conversations. Cooking or grilling at the station only to be interrupted by the big one. Feeling like you got away with something because you slept all night. Being up all night on the big one.
Plans for the future? Rest. Catch up on home projects. Travel.

Words of wisdom: Treat everyone with respect, love, kindness and understanding. Take care of yourself, eat healthy and

exercise. Take stress seriously and remember to rest. Be the best you can be and never measure someone else's ability or circumstance by your yardstick. Remember love, kindness, and understanding.

What got you interested in the fire service? Interested in learning the career and wanted to challenge myself. My sense of community involvement.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Mike Hammerick, Lester Brown, Raul Castillo, Len Murry, J.T. Harrison, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Cody, Natalie Robb, Roscoe Hager.



James Lee
Captain II

Entry Date: March 17, 1986
Retirement Date: June 26, 2015
Recruit School Number: 65th
Assignments: 22, 35, 27, 24, 09, 19, 05, EMS406.
Likes about the fire department: The daily opportunities to provide care and assistance to someone in need and knowing that your actions can have a positive impact on someone's life. The challenge to always be your best and ready to give 100%

Will miss about the fire department: The camaraderie shared with co-workers over the past three decades. Friendships developed over the years. Firehouse dinners, the daily emergency incidents, the personnel who make the 6th battalion C-Shift the absolute best place to work.

Plans for the future? Take it easy for a while! Continue working and operating my electrical contracting business. Spend more time with my family, travel more, read more. Keep in touch with my FD friends.

Words of wisdom: Be a role model and a mentor. Every day is a learning opportunity - take advantage of all the knowledge and skills you can master. Re-

spect and be kind to each other. Keep each other safe so everyone goes home in the morning.

What got you interested in the fire service? Started as a volunteer in Orange, Va. where I grew up and a couple of the guys worked for Fairfax and encouraged me to pursue that career.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Jamie Clark, William O'Neil, Tom Graling, Gary Winemiller, Mike Wood, Mike Smith, John Caussein, Lester Brown, Andrew Duke, Jimmy Tolson, Jim Hedrick, Keith Morrison, Rich Roatch, and my friend and mentor, Bill Kingdon.

Anniversaries

40 Years

Technician Thomas P. Feehan

38 Years

Master Technician Michael D. Macario

36 Years

Assistant Chief John A. Burke

35 Years

Battalion Chief John S. Price, Jr.
Technician John M. Smith III

34 Years

Lieutenant Charles F. Adams, Jr.

33 Years

Battalion Chief Charles R. Hawkins
Lieutenant Gary W. Vozzola

30 Years

Paula E. Woodrum,
Emergency Management Specialist III

15 Years

Technician Robert A. Adeleke
Firefighter Gregory B. Affeldt
Technician Juan C. Ayala
Master Technician
Roosevelt Carson, Jr.
Wayne R. Champagne,
Fire Inspector II
Technician Stefan S. Dedes
Lieutenant Mark A. Fernandez
Lieutenant David A. Hessler
Master Technician Alison Jaquays
Technician Thomas A. Kidd
Lieutenant William J. Lamont III
Captain I Adam P. Lieb
Marlene H. Moran, Fire Inspector II
Master Technician Timothy J. Pais
Lieutenant David P. Saunders
Timothy D. Schwarting,
Fire Inspector III
Master Technician Robert J. Sweeney
Master Technician Loi M. Thai
Master Technician
Gary P. Thompson
Lieutenant Jeffrey L. Ware
Lieutenant Christopher H. Williams

10 Years

Lieutenant Gregory B. Barnett
Technician Jason M. Buttenshaw
Firefighter/Medic Joseph B. Callahan
Technician George L. Carpenter, Jr.
Laura M. Cosner,
Administrative Assistant IV
Technician Shawn R. Fisher
Firefighter Ahmed J. Harris
Master Technician
Kristopher W. Johnson III
Master Technician Kelly S. Joplin
Technician Jason P. Kamiyama
Firefighter/Medic Daniel G. Keyes
Rebecca C. Knerr,
Nurse Practitioner
Master Technician
Lawrence S. McGunnigle
Lieutenant Angel L. Medina
Master Technician James T. Morris, Jr.
Firefighter Tina M. Nally
Firefighter Todd M. Neach
Lieutenant Thomas Nevin III
Firefighter Derick N. Ondra
Firefighter Kathryn A. Roose
Lieutenant Kevin M. Roose
Firefighter Lauren E. Saffoori

5 Years

Charles W. Hickey,
Nurse Practitioner

Retirements

Technician Rickie L. Atkins
September 3, 1993 - July 8, 2015

Master Technician Kenneth W. Cornett
August 4, 1986 - June 29, 2015

Firefighter Carl E. Drew
May 27, 1986 - May 17, 2015

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

Captain II James E. Lee, Jr.
March 17, 1986 - June 26, 2015

Captain II Felecia L. Manns
August 4, 1986 - August 24, 2015

Captain I Paul A. Masiello
February 12, 1979 - May 3, 2015

Captain II Richard A. McKinney
May 21, 1979 - June 13, 2015

Battalion Chief Keith D. Morrison
January 3, 1989 - May 17, 2015

Firefighter G. Nick Pancione, Jr.
April 21, 1982 - June 1, 2015

Lieutenant David S. Wright
August 15, 1988 - June 4, 2015

New Hires

Nancy M. Hackett,
Administrative Assistant II
Fire & Rescue Academy

Jeffrey F. Carroll,
Inspector I
Fire Prevention Division

Nicholas J. Bowler,
Inspector I
Fire Prevention Division

Samantha L. Sanchez,
Administrative Assistant III
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Station Profile

Pohick Fire and Rescue Station 35

Captain II
Dennis Passmore
Station Commander



Station constructed: 1985

Station specialty: Medical Care Support Unit, Safety Office

Square miles in first due area: 9.12

Specific hazardous/target areas: Fairfax County Parkway, Numerous Elementary Schools.

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, Medic, Safety Officer, Medical Care Support Unit

Total calls in 2014: 3,349

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I Phillip A. Jenkins**, Master Technician Kyle B. Anderson, Technician Ryan P. McGill, Technician Jessica T. Pickett, Firefighter Gordon E. Bennett, Firefighter Kyler C. Rodgers **B-Shift:** **Captain I Hugh C. Clarke**, Technician Warren H. Artis, Technician Trevor A. Billingsley, Technician Kurtis S. Reakoff, Firefighter Dustin A. Green, Firefighter Marc A. Hernandez, Firefighter Andrew J. Neuhaus **C-Shift:** **Captain II Dennis Passmore**, Master Technician Jill F. Young, Technician Charles G. Arntson, Technician Ryan M. Legg, Firefighter Kathy A. Averys, Firefighter Monica L. Bartos, Firefighter Che D. Kerestes, Firefighter Kenneth M. Nesmeth



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