

FRONT LINES



March 15, 2016

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Blizzard 2016 - Winter Storm Jonas





Richard R. Bowers, Jr.

"I appreciate the hard work and efforts by everyone. Let's continue to move forward the Fairfax way!"

From The Fire Chief . . .

The weather this winter has been unpredictable and certainly challenging for everyone. After turning the corner on warmer temperatures during and through the holiday season, Mother Nature unleashed winter on us relentlessly! Bitter cold temperatures, wind, snow, and ice did not hamper the men and women of this department during response operations. The blizzard of 2016 dumped more than two feet of snow over a 36-hour period. The troops continued their outstanding work and efforts throughout the blizzard and there were numerous medical and structure fire responses. Deep snow with drifts that were in upwards of six to eight feet made response environments tough at best for the troops, but as always, they far exceeded expectations and responded to every call.

I appreciate the continued dedication and efforts by the troops and staff during the blizzard. Thank you for doing your job!

As we turned the corner from 2015 to 2016, I have established priorities for the organization. Our 2016 priorities are:

- Wellness, fitness, and safety
- Community engagement

- Customer service
- Technical competency - sets and reps

Your wellness, fitness, and safety are very important to the overall well-being of you and your family. Do your part to stay fit! Eat correctly, listen to our OHC physicians, follow-up on referrals, and always maintain safe operational practices. Our commitment to community engagement is a top priority and external and internal customer service is always job number one! Our continued emphasis on training is critical to maintaining and improving technical competency through

"sets and reps."

With our 2016 priorities established and coming off of numerous accomplishments in 2015, we have laid a great foundation for the future of our

department! I appreciate the hard work and efforts by everyone. Let's continue to move forward the Fairfax way!

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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FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parklawn Elementary School
4116 Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22312



January 19, 2016

Dear Fire Chief Richard Bowers,

Thank you for your contribution to this year's toy drive at Penn Daw Firehouse. The Parklawn community is grateful for your generosity. The gifts you provided were cherished among the students that received them. The parents were also appreciative as your donation eased a true economic burden.

Thank you for all that you do! Happy New Year!

With Much Gratitude,

Marybeth McDermott⁺ P
Jamie Fobert
School Counselors
Parklawn ES

Letter of Thanks



Public Affairs and Life Safety Education would like to introduce and welcome our new Communications Specialist II, Shawn Gore. He will be overseeing the department's Fire and Life Safety Education program that focuses on teaching older adults and preschool and kindergartners fire safety. He will also be maintaining the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program as well assisting with PIO duties.

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News and Social Media Sharing

By Captain I Randal L. Bittinger
Public Affairs and Life Safety Education



Have you signed up to receive our News Blog? Did you “like” us on Facebook? Do you follow us on Twitter? Catch any new videos?

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is continuing to move toward a greener environment. *Front Lines*, the department’s newsletter, is now distributing a minimum number of hard copies and encourages everyone to read it online at our website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr. Today, news blogs are the new “news releases” and are circulated through multiple news mediums allowing for more timely and interactive news sharing.

Any major news stories are now posted on our blog. Do not let this phrase scare you. It’s an easy to use platform that you sign up to follow. Once you’ve signed up for our blog, you will receive an email alerting you to each new blog that is posted. It is easy to sign up! From any computer or connected device, go to <https://ffxfirerescue.wordpress.com/> or click on the Fire and Rescue News link from our main web page. As you scroll down you will see an icon that says “subscribe.” Once you click on subscribe, enter your e-mail address and submit. That’s it! You will automatically receive the news blogs as they are sent out.

If you do not have a Facebook account because you’ve been hesitant to join, now is the time. Facebook is a social networking website that makes it easy for you to connect and share with

your family, friends, and community online. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue uses this platform to share photos, news articles, and events going on within the county. The county has authorized all department computers to access our Facebook page. Once you create a Facebook Account, go to our site at <https://www.facebook.com/fairfax-countyfirerescue> (it can also be accessed from our main web page) and “Like” us by clicking the “Like” button. Liking us will allow you to share department posts on your personal page, send messages, and interact with other department members and residents that comment and share on the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Facebook page.

Finally, we have Twitter. The department Twitter account is routinely used for sending out breaking news and alerts. It is linked to the County Twitter account and can be used for weather alerts, natural disasters, traffic accidents

as well as seasonal safety messages. Our Twitter link is <https://twitter.com/ffxfirerescue>.

We also have a link from our internet website to video content that is produced for the de-

partment. One example is the quarterly Fire and Rescue Digest.

We encourage everyone to go to our main web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/> and check out our social media content.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Life Safety Education at 703-246-3801. ❖



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PETA



January 28, 2016

Richard R. Bowers Jr.
Fire Chief
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Via e-mail: Richard.Bowers@Fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Chief Bowers,

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and our more than 3 million members and supporters, many of whom live in Virginia, I'm pleased to let you know that Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will be receiving a Compassionate Fire Department Award for rescuing Milo, a Saint Bernard who fell through the ice at Woodglen Lake. Thanks to your team's quick actions and expertise, this terrified dog was reunited with his family.

We hope your team's effort will inspire others to come to the aid of animals in need. In recognition of this action, we'll be presenting your department with a framed certificate and delicious vegan chocolates. Thank you again for your compassion.

Very truly yours,

Ingrid E. Newkirk
President

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Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the City of Fairfax Fire Department were reunited with Milo, the 5 year-old, 120-pound Saint Bernard and his family during a press conference Friday, January 29, 2016 at Station 32, Fairview.

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The Well-Fit Nutrition Primer: Promoting a Culture of Health and Wellness

By Nicole V. Brown, MS, RDN, LD ACSM EP-C
Fairfax County PSOHC Nutrition Consultant

Well-Fit *Nutrition Primer* will be available in Fairfax County in the coming months. The *Nutrition Primer* is a resource of evidence-based information and was developed to contribute to the overall health and wellness of Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Firefighters and staff, and their families. It will be available in multiple locations including: 38 fire stations, the Fire and Rescue Academy, the North and South Apparatus Shops, the EMS Training Facility, the Logistics Distribution Center, offices at the Massey Building, the Investigations Unit, the Risk Management Division, the Public Safety Occupational Health Center (PSOHC), and Well-Fit.

The contents of the *Nutrition Primer* are detailed below; please note that the *Nutrition Primer* is also where issues of *Nutrition Action* will be kept to provide easy access to department personnel. *Nutrition Action* is the most widely subscribed health newsletter in the world and is published by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). CSPI is like a Consumers Union that publishes Consumer Reports but with a focus on nutrition and health. CSPI has no industry ties. Dr. Don Stewart is making *Nutrition Action* available to 60 different fire and rescue locations. Well-Fit will send the latest issue to your work location ten times a year. One person at each designated location will be asked to alert personnel about the arrival of the latest issue and to place it in the *Nutrition Primer* according to the corre-



sponding section.

To promote *Nutrition Primer*, highlights from specific issue's contents will be posted to the Well-Fit Facebook page as well as sent via email. Articles shared will range from how sustain weight loss to guidance on healthy supplement use.

The *Nutrition Primer* Section by Section:

1. **Buying Guides=Brand Name Ratings:** These one pagers will save you time and money and guide you in making better decisions at the grocery store. Brand-Name Ratings are found on the second to last page of most issues of *Nutrition Action*. Copies will be made and placed in the *Nutrition Primer* for others to use and take home. Examples you'll find in the *Primer*: Cream of the Pop (top rated popcorn); Milking It (the best cow's milk, soy milk, almond milk) Saucy Bits (pasta sauce ratings), The Inside Scoop (all about ice cream and other frozen treats).
2. **Recipes:** Use the *Nutrition Primer* to save recipes that promote healthy eating along with providing nutritional facts and cost information. To email your favorite healthy recipes contact: nutrition.fitness@verizon.net. Recipes will be shared throughout the department.
3. **Meal and Snack Planning templates** can be used at the fire stations or at home.
4. **Shopping Lists** can be used for the fire stations or at home. The Dirty Dozen are produce items that have pesticide residues

according to the Environmental Working Group. So if it fits into your budget to buy them organic, that would be more healthful. The Clean Fifteen are produce items that are fine to buy in their conventional forms. Check out www.ewg.org for updates.

- 5. Other Resources: "How Diet Causes High Blood Pressure . . . and How to Reverse It"; and "What to Do and Why" are two hand-outs informing us of evidence-based nutrition and lifestyle changes that help promote our health.


In addition to using the *Nutrition Primer*, it may also be helpful to schedule an individual nutri-

tion consultation. Here are three ways to find a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN): 1. Contact me by calling 703.969.6114 or email me at nutrition.fitness@verizon.net. 2. Ask your insurance company about coverage for nutrition services. For those of you with Cigna coverage, three nutrition consultations are typically covered each year (and sometimes more). 3. Do a zip code search using www.eatright.org "find an expert."

As always, I welcome your feedback and questions as they relate to your health promotion efforts! Please note, appreciation goes out to Firefighter Christina Costello who contributed to the cover design and Stephanie Johnson, RDN who is a graphic designer and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, who completed the cover, back, and binding designs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 703.969.6114 or nutrition.fitness@verizon.net.





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

SUBJECT: LIGHTERS & MATCHES TIME: 11:15 DATE: 1-20-16
 INSTRUCTOR(S) *Candice & Nikki* LOCATION: *CARDINAL FOREST F*

CHECK THE BOX WHICH BEST DESCRIBES:	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
RATE THE MATERIAL COVERED. <small>(Age Appropriate Material)</small>	✓			
RATE THE HANDOUT MATERIALS <small>(Related to subject, easily understood, helpful)</small>	✓			
RATE THE INSTRUCTORS KNOWLEDGE. <small>(Instructor knew subject, simplified key points)</small>	✓			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S CONFIDENCE. <small>(Did the instructor relate to the group?)</small>	✓			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S SPEECH AND DELIVERY. <small>(Spoke clearly, talked to class, enthusiastic)</small>	✓			
RATE THE LENGTH OF THE CLASS <small>(Kept the students interest)</small>	✓			
RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S ENTHUSIASM <small>(Happy to answer questions and enjoyed interacting with the group)</small>	✓			
RATE THE SOUND SYSTEM <small>(Did it enhance the program?)</small>	✓			

CHECK THE BOX WHICH BEST DESCRIBES:	ON TIME	5-10 MINUTES LATE	10-15 MINUTES LATE	15-20 MINUTES LATE
DID THE INSTRUCTORS ARRIVE ON TIME?	✓			
DID THE PROGRAM START ON TIME?	✓			

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING YES OR NO	YES	NO
WAS THERE A GOOD INSTRUCTOR-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP? <small>(Instructor was patient, understanding, helpful)</small>	✓	
WERE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS STRESSED AND PRACTICED? <small>(Safe methods and techniques taught at all times)</small>	✓	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE INSTRUCTOR COME BACK?	✓	
WERE THE STUDENTS ENGAGED?	✓	

WERE THE FIREFIGHTERS ABLE TO VISIT? (FOR PUPPET SHOWS ONLY):
 (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO THE ABOVE QUESTION, DID THE INSTRUCTOR EXPLAIN WHY AND TALK WITH THE GROUP ABOUT THE JOB OF A FIREFIGHTER?
 (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

HOW WELL DID THE ESW STAFF AND FIREFIGHTERS INTERACT?
excellent interactions

OVERALL GENERAL COMMENTS: (USE BACK OF FORM IF NEEDED)
(If you have had a previous program from ESW, how did this one compare?)
We love this puppet show & its message - very excited to see the firefighters

Please complete and fax the form to the Public Affairs and Life Safety Education Section at 703.246.5899 or mail to:
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Front Lines Deadlines

The deadlines for the upcoming 2016 Front Lines issues are May 15, August 15, and November 15. Please submit articles or text to Battalion Chief Willie Bailey (willie.bailey@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Cathy Richards (cathy.richards@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigative Services (FHMIS) Section

By Battalion Chief Kerwin A. McNamara
Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigative Services Section

In 2014 FHMIS began working with Maura Power, Management Analyst III within Operations, to conduct an analytical review of fire activity in Fairfax County. Historical reports from the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) were reviewed. That review highlighted that in recent years the most common cause of fire in Fairfax County was reported as “undetermined.” This indicated that the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) could more accurately capture the fire data within the report. Procedural changes were made to allow investigators the ability to more precisely document fire causes.

To improve our data collection as well as correctly document fire information in NFIRS, FHMIS published an Informational Bulletin (IB #2014-195) informing the FRD that a FHMIS investigator would be dispatched on the initial box alarm in Fairfax County. This was a major change from previous years when investigators would wait until the fire officers would completely extinguish the fire, conduct overhaul and then make a determination of the origin and cause (O&C). If the fire officer was unable to determine the O&C they would make notification to FHMIS.

This process produced a number of concerns:

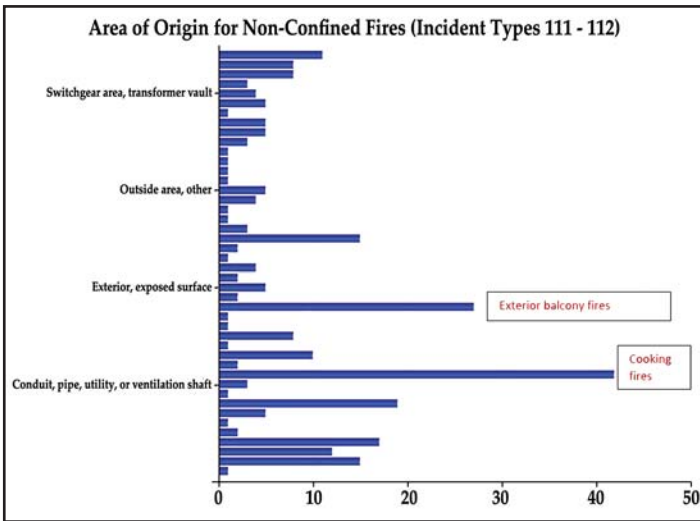
- Operational units had to remain on scene until FHMIS arrived. Depending on the incident location and the time of day, arrival time may be delayed by heavy traffic.
- At times, extensive overhaul was conducted prior to the investigator initially viewing the scene destroying valuable evidence.
- Witnesses may have left the scene prior to investigators conducting time-sensitive interviews.

Dispatching an investigator on the initial box alarm has improved many aspects for Operations and FHMIS:

- Placing Operational Units in service more quickly and holding only units that will provide assistance while conducting O&C.
- Working with the Incident Commander (IC) to provide technical expertise and guidance during overhaul to maintain the fire scene.
- Canvassing the crowds to obtain interviews along with photos or videos of the early fire incident. This alone has provided valuable information to FHMIS.
- Wrapping up the fire scene more quickly allowing the owners of the property, along with their fire restoration contractors, access to the structure in a timelier manner.
- A more recent review of the data shows that since the new procedure has been instituted, it has led to more accurate reporting of fire causes within Fairfax County. The goal of FHMIS is to share this information with the PIO/Life Safety Education staff so the department may tailor our public education programs to meet the safety needs of our community.

Below is the structure fire data from 2015 for Fairfax County:

NFIRS Incident Type Code	NFIRS Description	Number of Incidents
111	Building fire	423
112	Fires in structures other than in a building	14
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	455
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	53
115	Incinerator overload or malfunction, fire confined	6
116	Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	12
117	Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	6
118	Trash or rubbish fire, contained	94
Total		1063

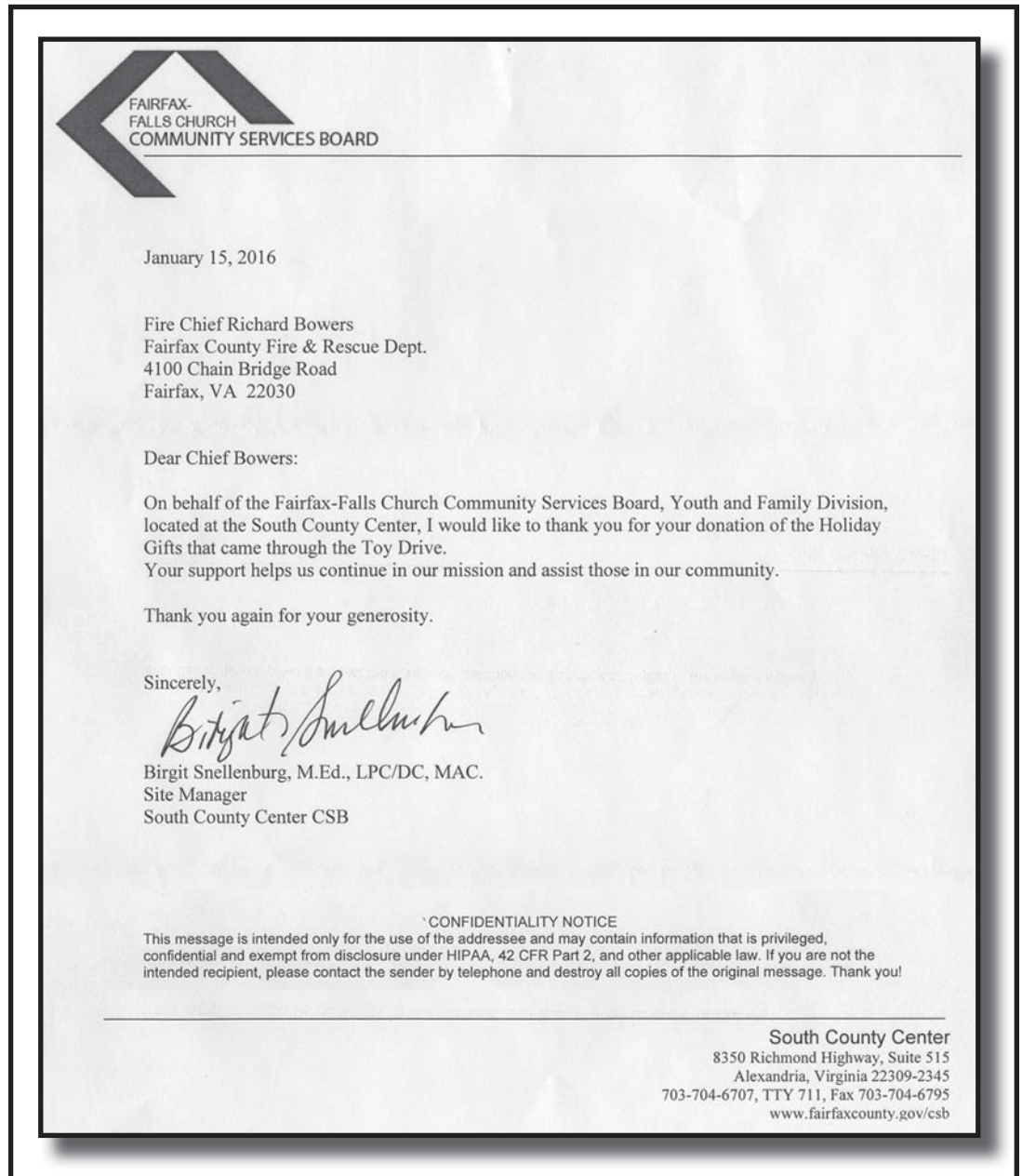


We understand overhaul has to occur but try to maintain as much intact drywall within the room or area of origin.

Another reminder to Operational Units is that FHMIS needs to be notified about any and all hazardous material spills. You may contact us by radio or a phone call to the on duty investigators while you are still on scene. Discussing the incident with the fire officer will assist the investigator to determine if they actually need to come to the scene. This includes gasoline, oil, diesel, etc. FHMIS is required by State and Federal law to report these incidents as well as generate a report for our agency partners including Stormwater Management. ❖

Some reminders FHMIS would like Operational units to consider:

- If firefighters have photos or videos that they have taken, please share those with the investigators. This information is valuable to FHMIS when we conduct interviews and piece together the fire incident.
- When firefighters are requested to provide a statement of what they initially observed upon arrival, we would appreciate a detailed response. This may include the color of smoke, doors locked or unlocked, windows open or closed, people or vehicles leaving the scene, etc.
- Try to maintain the interior as best as possible until an investigator is able to enter the area.



Hot Shots



Units responded to an apartment fire in the Franconia area on December 16, 2016. (Photos by Lieutenant Matt Tamillow)



On January 25, 2016, during the January Snow Storm, Units responded to numerous vehicle accidents including this tractor trailer accident on Interstate. (Photos provided by All Hands Working)

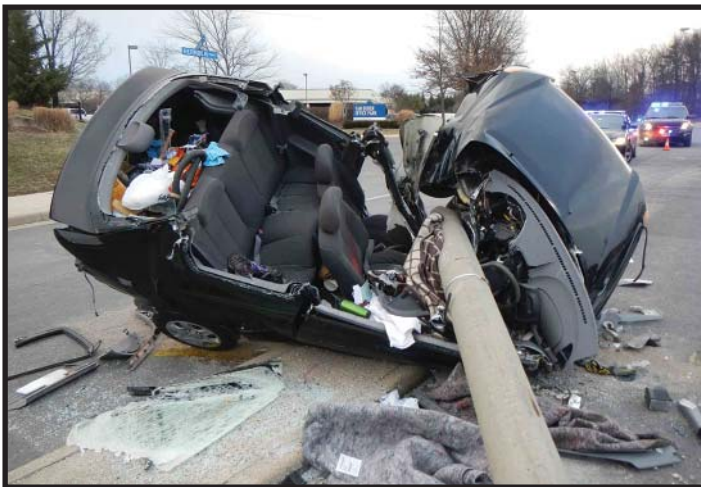


Units were dispatched to Mercer Lake on January 25, 2016 for a 10 year-old male injured in a sledding accident. The patient was located at the bottom of the dam with multiple injuries. Police helicopter, FX01, landed on the top of Mercer Lake Dam and the patient was quickly transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he was treated for his injuries and has been released from the hospital. (Photos by Captain I Caldwell Clarke)

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Units responded to the Fairfax County Landfill in Lorton, February 6, 2016, for an outside tire fire in the recycling section of the landfill. Units worked through the night to contain and extinguish the fire. Damages were estimated at \$600,000. (Photos provided by Battalion Chief Walsh)



Units responded to a vehicle that crashed into a light pole in the Herndon area. There was one victim trapped in the vehicle. It took approximately 50 minutes for crews to extricate the victim. The patient was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. (Photos by Captain II Wayne Wenzel)

Community Outreach Highlights



Partnering with private corporations and local businesses, Fairfax County firefighters and paramedics along with the County School, Police and Sheriff's departments held the 17th Annual Firefighters Holiday Rescuer's Toy Distribution, December 15, 2015. The event helped several thousand children have a brighter holiday season. Special guests included Santa and one of his elves, Flash Max and several therapy dogs. (Photos by Captain I Bittinger)

From: Dan Avstreich
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 01:06 PM
To: Bowers, Richard
Subject: Compliments from nurse manager at IFMC

Chief,

I received the following email this morning from Francis Schmidt on behalf of Delores Gehr, the nurse manager of IFMC ED.

"Dr.Dan,

Delores wanted to pass along to Medic 414-C that a patient they brought yesterday, 46 yom c/o chest and back pain was a type I aortic dissection. The incident number is E160261663.

She told me that they gave a great report, and did a great job.

Just wanted to pass along.

Have a great day."

The gentleman was in the OR from 2100-0430 having his aorta repaired, but seems to be doing OK this morning. This is a great call, especially after we hosted that EMS conference on aortic catastrophes just last month.

A picture of his emergent aortic CT is below.

Strong work, team!

Dr. D

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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 Kirk Speier (PPEC) - For taking great care of me when I went by the warehouse for a helmet issue. Talking to Captain Key, he said that Kirk has effectively organized the Personal Protective Equipment Center and is known for great customer service. **From Acting Captain II Colin Flanigan.**

To Master Technician Christopher Gay (FS31-C) - It is with much admiration, respect and honesty, that I submit my driver for recognition. Master Tech Gay's strengths include his strong working knowledge of Fire Department protocols, policies, and procedures, and his ability to make quick assessments and sound decisions in emergent times. He consistently strives to perform at the highest level. These attributes, along with his great verbal and written skills, make him a true professional. Master Technician Gay has trained two employees at the same time to become qualified backup drivers...and amazingly both were successful! In a time in the Fire service where there are so many forums for training - finding and making time to coach and train others is hard and challenging.

From Captain I Tom Johnson (FS31-C)

To Lieutenant Chris Williams (FS14-B) - A quick 'thank you' to you and the personnel on R414 and TR414 for the work you did at the LDC to stabilize the stairs to the warehouse. As you know, this was the only accessible doorway for staff to enter the LDC to provide support to Operations. Additionally, your efforts meant that an FMD employee did not need to venture out on the roads, dig out the

truck with the welder onboard and then work in the snow....and if he did, he could now devote his time to other urgent repairs. **From DFC Paul Ruwe (Support Services)**

To E435C and companies from the 7th, 6th, and 5th Battalions who responded to the second alarm house fire in box 3504. Personnel had to overcome extreme cold temperatures and over two feet of snow mitigating the event swiftly and safely. **From BC Keith Ludeman (BC407-C)**

To Ed Monseur (FS32-C) - Congratulations on your exit from DROP. One of the last few original EMS Lieutenants who spent many years of sleepless nights and late meals. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement! **From BC Keith Ludeman (BC407-C)**

To Chuck Horton (FS14-C) - Congratulations on your promotion to Captain. Thanks for all the help and work in the Lucky 7! Good Luck in Prevention. 4.) Special thanks to Matt Cislo, (FS14-B) - for his part in helping with the design of the Battalion 7 logo! **From BC Keith Ludeman (BC407-C)**

To All Stations in Battalion 7-B and Captain II Burkhammer - For your incredible efforts during the snowstorm in some incredibly challenging conditions. Thank you for your efforts on the incident scene and in the firehouse during this time. It was a tour for the ages and everyone performed at the highest level. **From BC Brad Cochrane (BC407-B).**

IN MEMORIAM

Retired Mechanic II Robert F. Arrington, Jr.

Date of Passing: January 19, 2016

Years of Service: August 15, 1977 - February 13, 2004

Retired Lieutenant Milton Goldsmith

Date of Passing: November 13, 2015

Years of Service: April 1, 1974 - July 31, 2009

Retired Technician Cliff Rogers

Date of Passing: November 15, 2015

Years of Service: August 28, 1967 - June 28, 1991

Retired Technician Albert Runion

Date of Passing: February 2, 2016

Years of Service: August 18, 1969 - January 24, 1992

Retired Sergeant Willard Shelton

Date of Passing: January 17, 2016

Years of Service: August 1, 1966 - October 19, 1979

Retired Deputy Chief Stephen Smith

Date of Passing: February 12, 2016

Years of Service: February 4, 1964 - July 31, 1998

Retired Captain John Sullivan

Date of Passing: November 6, 2015

Years of Service: October 22, 1963 - January 1, 1988

James William Jordan

Date of Passing: February 19, 2016

Years of Service: June 16, 1977 - May 10, 1986

Top 10 Activity Report

January - December 2015

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescues	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 413 E	311	E 410	3,465	R 421	1,857
A 422 E	238	E 409	3,392	R 426	1,659
A 414 E	219	E 411	3,084	R 411	1,378
A 410 E	191	E 429	2,913	R 418	1,345
A 402 E	177	E 422	2,884	R 401	1,253
A 421 E	144	E 408	2,811	R 419	1,101
A 401 E	94	E 430	2,756	R 414	1,007
A 417 E	86	E 417	2,718	R 439	972
A 402	63	E 405	2,660		
A 405 E	45	E 426	2,546		
Medic		Ladder Company		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 422	2,731	T/TL425	2,185	EMS 404	1,575
M 430	2,471	T/TL429	1,981	EMS 405	1,524
M 426	2,370	T/TL430	1,932	EMS 403	1,355
M 425	2,339	T/TL410	1,860	EMS 401	1,255
M 405	2,269	T/TL436	1,852	EMS 402	1,203
M 410	2,262	T/TL411	1,846	BC 404	1,164
M 429	2,257	T/TL422	1,623	EMS 406	1,125
M 413	2,248	T/TL408	1,620	EMS 407	832
M 417	2,242	T/TL440	1,472	BC 403	772
M 410 B	2,225	T/TL405	1,431	BC 402	722

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

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Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 10/30/2015 **Box:** 40190 **Address:** 1858 Massachusetts Ave. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Undetermined **Value:** \$352,080 **Loss:** \$352,080 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/11/2015 **Box:** 42402 **Address:** 8642 Village Square Dr. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$112,037 **Loss:** \$93,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 11/16/2015 **Box:** 41200 **Address:** 151 River Park Lane **Type:** Residential
Cause: Undetermined **Value:** \$2,034,825 **Loss:** \$1,900,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 11/21/2015 **Box:** 43211 **Address:** 8113 Sylvan Glen Lane **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$281,712 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 11/28/2015 **Box:** 44211 **Address:** 9540 Noory Court **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$1,280,825 **Loss:** \$137,500 **Status:** Closed

Date: 12/4/2015 **Box:** 43101 **Address:** 11853 St. Trinians Ct. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Undetermined **Value:** \$328,562 **Loss:** \$328,562 **Status:** Open

Date: 12/6/2015 **Box:** 41200 **Address:** 9716 Arnon Chapel Rd. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$1,103,650 **Loss:** \$140,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 1/1/2016 **Box:** 42703 **Address:** 6326 Alberta St. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$308,550 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 1/11/2016 **Box:** 40814 **Address:** 4959 American Drive **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$1,101,000 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 1/20/2016 **Box:** 43705 **Address:** 6414 Casperson Rd. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$192,275 **Loss:** \$70,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 1/21/2016 **Box:** 42809 **Address:** 6205 Cheryl Dr. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$327,338 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 1/24/2016 **Box:** 43504 **Address:** 7823 Roundabout Way **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$476,262 **Loss:** \$163,750 **Status:** Open

Date: 2/5/2016 **Box:** 42320 **Address:** 8474 Ararat Ct. **Type:** Residential
Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$417,388 **Loss:** \$271,250 **Status:** Open

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"Taking Up"



Steven Clark
Captain II

Entry Date: April 29, 1985
Retirement Date: February 6, 2016

Assignments: 26, 34, 1, 10, 22, 20, 24, 29, 14, 2.

Likes about the Fire Department: No job in the world could be as satisfying as the fire service. To work with your hands, your mind, your skills to make a terrifying ordeal better for somebody else.

Will miss about the Fire Department: The interactions with the characters you work with every day on the job.

Plans for the future: Travel, fish and mostly laugh at all the stuff I've seen in the last 30 years.

Words of Wisdom: Smile.

What got you interested in the fire service: My uncle Dick Casey bringing me to the Vienna Fire Station as a kid.

Who or what made an influence in your career: Each and every one of you, but especially being able to work in Vienna, where I grew up and lived through high school, with Leo, Mike, Karen, Steve, Mike and Patrick.



Shawn K. McPherson, Sr.
Technician

Entry Date: June 19, 1989
Retirement Date: February 18, 2016

Assignments: FS09, Resource Management (Property Auditor), FEMA-Logistics (Oklahoma City Bombing, Turkey 2x for Earthquakes), Fire Prevention Division - Fire Marshal, Fire Investigator, Evidence Technician.

Likes about the Fire Department: No job in the world could be as satisfying as the fire service. Working on the Highway. Once you save a life, you are never the same or look at life the same again. There is no equivalent.

Will miss about the Fire Department: Some of the best friends and times of your life - both challenging and fun. Being a Fire Marshal is the best job in the world.

Plans for the future: I have an empty plot of land in North Carolina and an empty 30' boat slip that needs some attention!

Words of Wisdom: Expand your mind, heart, and spirituality. You can learn a lot in 25 years.

What got you interested in the fire service: Roscoe Hager at a job fair at Prince George's Community College. Dallas Phillips.

Who or what made an influence in your career: Frank Te-

evan, Dean Cox, Dewey Perks, Mike Tamillow, Chief Dyer, Dwayne Savites, Captain Robert Lynch, Lee Duckwitz - so many friends!



Elton N. Wright
Battalion Chief

Entry Date: April 10, 1989
Retirement Date: December 14, 2015

Assignments: 24, 5, 11, 30, 26, 01, 09, 37, and the Fire and Rescue Academy.

Likes about the Fire Department: What's not to like. The excitement of responding to and mitigating various emergency incidents. Serving with a diverse group of people who share the same passion and dedication for the job. Working at the Fire and Rescue Training Academy and providing the best Suppression and EMS training to our personnel!

Will miss about the Fire Department: The camaraderie of the friends I have spent the past 26 years working with. Morning line ups, fire house meals, and the salutations of 30/40 recruits saying good morning/afternoon Sir!

Plans for the future: Go back to school in the Fall of 2016, finish my degree and take it from there.

Words of Wisdom: Challenge yourself. You have to be a team

player. Treat everyone with fairness at all times. To use ING online banking for an analogy. There are three things that end in "ING" that you can bank on doing for the rest of your career in the fire department; Training, Learning, and Cleaning. The sooner you embrace these con-

cepts the happier you will be!
What got you interested in the fire service: A good friend from high school informed me of the job opportunity and introduced me to Gino Crump, Captain II (retired) who started my recruitment process.
Who or what made an influ-

ence in your career: Never wanting to fail and disappoint my superior officers or the crews and personnel I supervised. Thank you to all of those who helped mentor me along the way and set a positive example by their dedication and work ethic!

BARBARA COMSTOCK
 10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA



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 House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

February 1, 2016

Fairfax County Fire Department
 4100 Chain Bridge Road, 7th Floor
 Fairfax, VA 22030

To Members of the Fairfax County Fire Department,

On behalf of Virginia's 10th Congressional District, I wish to thank you for your service to our community throughout the snowstorm. Your hard work and sacrifice kept our community safe and secure during a powerful and dangerous weather event.

We are particularly thankful for your willingness to risk your own well-being on behalf of others. While spending time away from your own families, you improved the situation of countless others. Your service has been invaluable to the residents of the 10th District and I wish you the best as we continue to recover from this historic winter storm. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we may be of any assistance to you in the future.

Best Wishes,

Barbara Comstock
 Member of Congress

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Awards & Presentations

Safe Driving Career Achievement Awards

10-Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Hyacinth N. Chia
 Master Technician Christopher M. Morgan
 Master Technician Nathanael E. Perkins
 Technician Kevin W. Bell
 Technician Victoria R. Callow
 Technician Edwin E. Flores
 Technician Michael D. Lee
 Technician Karen D. Sterling



Master Technician Mark Lucas and Technician Manuel Stribling receive their retirement plaques. Technician Lucas has 25 years of service and Technician Stribling has 31 years of service. (Photo by Elliott Rubino)



A Vienna Teen, Charlotte Heffelmire, was presented with a Citizen Lifesaving Award Thursday, January 8, 2016, by Fire Chief Richie Bowers and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Ms. Heffelmire was recognized for her selfless act in saving her family's lives on November 28, 2015. (Photos by Captain I Randal Bittinger)



5-Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Laurie E. Peverill
 Technician David M. Kerns
 Technician Javier M. Lopez
 Technician Thomas H. Sittinger, Jr.
 Technician Carloalexie S. Solomon
 Technician Craig M. White
 Technician Robert C. Young
 Firefighter Joel N. Atagwe
 Firefighter Matthew C. Quigley
 Firefighter Jason A. Reisch



Technician Ed Deskins receives his 30-year plaque for retirement from Deputy Chief Andrew Duke on December 17, 2015. (Photo by Lieutenant Matt Tamillow.)

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Anniversaries

39 Years

Captain I Robert M. Mohler

36 Years

Battalion Chief Thomas W. Graling
Captain II Robert A. Konczal

34 Years

Captain II Mark Guditus
Captain II James J. Istvan
Captain II Michael A. Istvan
Captain I David P. Conrad
Captain I Gerard J. Morrison
Technician Michael L. Frames

33 Years

Captain I Mark A. Nash
Master Technician David J. May
Technician Leo T. Sullivan

30 Years

Captain I Leroy L. Butler, Jr.
Captain I Michael J. Marks
Captain I Bruce A. Neuhaus

20 Years

Battalion Chief Kit R. Hessel
Lieutenant Adam C. Brock
Lieutenant Michael Engelhardt
Lieutenant Karl D. Roche
Master Technician Jack W. Billhimer III
Master Technician George E. Hahn
Master Technician Kenny M. McGee
Master Technician Cliff E. Sweeney
Master Technician Richard C. Vannoy

Technician Raul F. Perla
Technician Jeff S. Seabright
Firefighter Clevis R. Hooker
Firefighter Jason D. Triplett
Firefighter Erich H. Williams

15 Years

Battalion Chief Thomas G. Arnold
Captain I Derrick O. Colden
Lieutenant Thomas E. Biller
Lieutenant Richard D. Gundert
Lieutenant Katja W. Lancing
Lieutenant Steven T. Onufrey
Lieutenant Miranda Pelham
Master Technician
Rolando E. Contreras Chicas
Master Technician Glenn W. Dressler
Master Technician George E. Loayza
Master Technician Reid V. Lottchea
Master Technician Robert E. Pickel, Jr.
Master Technician Linda J. Post
Master Technician Kevin F. Reyes
Master Technician Deborah Sparrer
Technician Nicole Y. Ciarrocca
Technician Craig S. Furniesen, Jr.
Technician Shannon G. Reed
Technician Ryan J. Ward
Frederick R. Reddington,
Inspector II
Vickie R. Shorts, Fire Inspector II

10 Years

Lieutenant Kristi L. Bartlett
Lieutenant Benjamin E. Jenkins
Lieutenant Christopher M. Kroboth
Lieutenant Jeffrey E. Loach

Lieutenant Bruce J. Stark
Master Technician Michael E. Garvin
Master Technician
Aleksandra O. Kazmar
Technician Daniel P. Barker
Technician Jin S. Lee
Technician Victor F. Popovich
Technician David W. Prohaska
Acting Technician
Vicki L. Swain
Firefighter Romulo D. Maciel Filho
Firefighter Kyle L. Turner

5 Years

Lieutenant Scott Kraut
Master Technician Michael A. Heath
Technician Adam S. Bartman
Technician Trevor A. Billingsley
Technician James L. Campbell
Technician Nathan S. Cheon
Technician Sergey Fedorovsky
Technician Jeremy L. Fox
Technician Thomas E. Hill III
Technician Christopher R. Lindsey
Technician Alisha A. Reakoff
Technician Eric W. Schlueter
Technician Andrew W. Snell
Acting Technician Richard J. Beatty
Acting Technician Ashlyn F. Cornett
Acting Technician Adam G. Wiesler
Firefighter Paul G. Beasley, Jr.
Firefighter Todd E. Clist
Firefighter Rachael A. Defibaugh
Firefighter Daniel G. Delboy
Firefighter Daniel V. Holton, Jr.
Firefighter Kevin E. Nishiyama
Firefighter Sean A. O'Neill
Firefighter Jonathan D. Schmeltz
Jacqueline W. Tinsley,
Administrative Assistant IV
Dan Avstreich,
Disaster Assistance Specialist II
Timothy B. Middleton,
Inventory Manager

Retirements

Assistant Chief John A. Burke
September 24, 1979 - December 30, 2015

Battalion Chief Elton N. Wright
April 10, 1989 - December 14, 2015

Captain II Gary D. Pemberton
January 24, 1983 - December 14, 2015

Captain II Ronald B. Sydnor
May 31, 1983 - December 28, 2015

Captain I Marlin Hood
August 19, 1996 - January 18, 2016

Lieutenant Larry M. Cuffee
November 13, 1995 - December 31, 2015

Technician Edward T. Deskins, Jr.
March 17, 1986 - December 25, 2015

Technician Karl C. Sallberg
October 10, 1988 - December 13, 2015

Technician Manuel Stribling
April 30, 1984 - January 10, 2016

John O. Berthold, Inspector II
November 21, 2009 - December 25, 2015

Laura M. Cosner,
Administrative Assistant IV
July 9, 2005 - December 18, 2015

New Hires

Kevin Brown,
Materials Management Specialist II
Apparatus Section
Wayne R. Gore,
Communications Specialist II
Public Affairs and Life Safety Education
David M. Lucia II, Engineer III
Fire Prevention Division

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Station Profile Kingstowne Fire and Rescue Station 37

Captain II
John W. Richter
Station Commander



Station constructed: 1996

Station specialty: Foam and Light and Air Operations

Square miles in first due area: 6.6 Square Miles

Specific hazardous/target areas: Newington Tank Farm, Fed Ex, U.S. Coast Guard Station, Fairfax County Water Authority, Fairfax Connector, EMTA, and South Apparatus.

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, Medic, Foam, Light and Air, SHRU, and Battalion Chief

Total calls in 2015: 3,177

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain II John W. Richter**, Technician Jason P. Kamiyama, Technician David L. Wallis, Acting Technician Richard J. Beatty, Firefighter Lawrence N. Basil, Firefighter Rodney D. Washington. **B-Shift:** **Captain I Derek A. Edwards**, Master Technician Loi M. Thai, Technician Christopher H. Kempton, Technician Anthony D. Shockley, Firefighter Derick N. Ondra, Firefighter Crystal M. Plasters, Firefighter Julie A. Ray, Firefighter Marcus C. Whitfield. **C-Shift:** Captain I Tie L. Burtlow, Technician LaTasha Byrd, Technician Elizabeth K. Planchak.



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