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Firefighters respond to a single-family home fire located at 4007 Pickstone Drive with a possible victim trapped. Firefighters immediately affected a rescue of an adult male from the burning home.



Michael P. Neuhard

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From The Fire Chief . . .

Summer is now upon us. I trust everyone will take the opportunity to take a much deserved vacation during the next few months. Activities within the Department continue at a brisk pace, and I see no end in sight. I will be updating you on accomplishments and future activities by video during the next several months. As we move forward, it's important you keep your eye on the Intranet for the latest status and outcomes of the various task force/committee activities and ongoing strategic planning efforts.

I want to thank everyone for your continued effort at providing the highest level of service to our community and its visitors. It doesn't go unnoticed by me or the residents and visitors of Fairfax County. I enjoy reading the compliments that I receive from the work and service you provide around-the-clock.

Safety is an important topic that is embedded in our training, standard operating procedures, and most everything we do. Recent events have caused us to pause, reflect, and evaluate how well we are doing at incidents and at taking care of our fellow members.

When we respond to emergencies we do many things well. We are well-trained, use state-of-the-art equipment, provide the necessary resources to mitigate the emergency, and rely on the principles of incident

command to manage emergencies. That is how we operate and train; however, we must always be on guard for the unplanned or unexpected. Our decision-making and risk taking have to always take into consideration the safety of our members. This must be done individually and as a team.

We can never become complacent or lax in the area of safety. We must always strive to operate safely as individuals and crews.

In an effort to provide a renewed emphasis on safety we are combining current efforts with new activities to form a combined and overarching safety initiative called TOPS – (Training, Operations, and Program Safety Initiatives).

The four areas include: safety preparedness, safety training, safety programs, and safety operations.

Safety Preparedness

- Participate in the “Everyone Goes Home” initiative
- Create an Incident Safety Review Board
- Work toward a cultural change/paradigm shift in operational safety
- Emphasize safety at all times
- Continue to provide the safest PPE and apparatus available
- Participate in local and national near miss reporting and analysis
- Continue SIIT reporting
- Continue ARB and remedial driver training

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Women in the Fire Service Conference

By Captain I Sandra K. Caple
Women's Program Officer

The 11th International Conference of Women in the Fire Service was held March 29 - April 3, 2005. The biennial conference sponsored by Women in the Fire Service and hosted by Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service educated attendees during seminars and hands-on sessions, including networking receptions to help women progress in the fire service. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department sent representatives from a broad cross-section of its membership, and facilitated a workshop on pregnancy and operational guidelines. The workshop was facilitated by Captain II Richard A. Sweatt, Equal Employment Office (EEO), Captain I Sandra K. Caple, Women's Program Officer, and Retired Lieutenant Roscoe Hager.

A wide variety of other workshops, the ABC's of Assessment Centers, Structural Firefighting Operations, First-In Fire Officer, Preparing for Chiefhood, Mediating Disputes, Communications, Culture, and Conflict, were all available. Over 80 workshops were available.

One of the highlights of the conference was the opening ceremony which included: Tom Carr, Montgomery County, Fire Chief; David R. Paulison, United States Fire Administrator; Harold Schaitberger, General President, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF); Sally Collins, Associate Chief of the United States

Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; and Laura Laurenzi, President, Women in the Fire Service. Chief Michael P. Neuhard was a guest of honor at the ceremony and Deputy Chief Duane M. Dodwell, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, was present representing Senior Staff.

Mike Mohler, President of Local 2068, attended and was recognized by Harold Schaitberger, General President, IAFF.

There were approximately 200 to 300 fire service men and women present during the opening ceremony from across the United States, including 17 members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, and from as far away as Japan. The ceremony ended with an inspiring video set to music, depicting women firefighters performing their duties during training and emergency incidents. Fairfax County attendees were honored when several of them were showcased in the video production. Thanks goes to Scotty Boatwright who provided many of the action photos resulting in an inspiring event. ❖

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The guest speaker for the 11th International Conference of Women in the Fire Service was Sally Collins, Associate Chief of United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.



27th Annual Valor Awards

Bronze Medal



**Haz Mat Technician
Ronald G. Bauserman**
Fire and Rescue Station 1
A-Shift



**Haz Mat Technician
William L. Franklin**
Fire and Rescue Station 1
A-Shift

On Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at approximately 9:40 p.m., the Northern Virginia area was hit with intense storms, dropping heavy concentrations of rainfall within a brief period. Many of the streams quickly turned into rivers with water levels rising beyond their banks, producing flash floods in low-lying areas. The water from this storm covered several bridges and roadways, making them temporarily impassable.

At approximately 9:40 p.m., units from the McLean Fire and Rescue Station were dispatched for a caller trapped in her vehicle in the high moving water. The water was almost to the windows of the vehicle, and the water inside the vehicle rising up to her seat.

The crew of Engine 401 positioned their fire apparatus on Kirby Road and continued on foot to check the two bridges located on the private road (pipe stem), across from Claiborne Drive. Their objective was to make a quick assessment, locate the vehicle, notify all responding fire department units of the vehicle location, and to reassure the passengers of the stranded vehicle that help was on the way.

Visibility was poor, due to the heavy rain and trees that were partially obstructing the view. The crew of Engine 401 continued to search for

the vehicle in the direction of the second bridge; they shined their flash lights in order to locate the vehicle.

At this time, the caller of the stranded vehicle informed the 911 call taker that the water had completely covered the driving lights of the vehicle in the water. The Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) instructed the driver of the private vehicle to turn on the inside light of her vehicle, to see if emergency personnel could locate her faster. The driver notified the dispatcher she could see lights from rescue personnel shining and approaching in her direction. Technician Ronald Bauserman noticed a vehicle's dome light on, shining in the direction near the bridge.

It was at this time that the crew of Engine 401 notified PSCC that they had located the vehicle. The crew of Engine 401 gathered their rescue equipment and followed the slope down toward the second bridge. The water level had reached the far side of the road. The entire area was covered in water. The terrain was uphill and sloped down toward the bridge, and even lower at the location of the vehicle. The water at this location started to pool and was approximately two feet deep, and moving fast. As the crew of Engine 401 approached the bridge, the water increased in volume, speed, and depth. The vehicle was in a direct path with the heaviest flow of water, and its level was reaching up to the windows of the vehicle, nearly three feet and continuing to rise.

From this position, they could see the danger of the situation. The rain had not let up and the water level from the stream was 15 to 20 feet above its normal level and continuing to rise. There was also the potential for the vehicle to be carried downstream at any moment. The officer from Engine 401 made the decision for his crew to proceed with a rescue attempt and notified command.

The car was located approximately 40 feet past the last bridge post. They began securing the rope to the bridge post. The first crew proceeded out toward the vehicle carrying two ropes. Arriving at the vehicle, they secured one rope to the vehicle. Tension was then placed on this rope by the second crew at the bridge so the rescue crew could use it as a guide/tether. The rope remained in one of the rescuers hands, as a back-up line to pull the crews out of the water and back to the bridge, in case they were unable to maneuver through the current.

Once the rope was secured to the vehicle, Captain Lightfoot from Arlington County Fire Department communicated to the driver the steps they were going to take. The water level was rising and debris was striking the crew members and the vehicle. Technician Bauserman forced open the driver's door. The driver was then removed from the vehicle and handed to Captain Lightfoot. Once she was secured in his arms, the rescue team proceeded back towards the bridge. Technician Bauserman and Technician Franklin helped shield and channel the water so there was less of an impact of the current reaching Captain Lightfoot as the three of them moved the driver towards the bridge. The crew at the bridge continued to maintain tension of the first rope and pull in slack on the second rope as the rescuers made their way back to the bridge.

It was because of the teamwork and excellent performance of the crews that this water-rescue was a success. Technician Bauserman and Technician Franklin acted professionally and placed themselves in danger while rescuing the driver of the stranded vehicle.

Bronze Medal



**Captain II
Steven D. Clark**
Fire and Rescue Station 20
C-Shift



**Firefighter
Rudy Iturrino**
Fire and Rescue Station 30
C-Shift

Lifesaving Award



**Master Technician
Virgil J. Weber**
Fire and Rescue Station 20
C-Shift



**Technician
Richard N. Mitchell**
Fire and Rescue Station 20
C-Shift

On the evening of Sunday, June 27, 2004, Fire Boat 420 responded for a disabled boat on the Potomac River just south of Buoy 54. The crew of Fire Boat 420 rescued a family of five (two adults and three children) from a 15-foot boat just before it sank. The actions of the fire department boat crew deserve recognition for their valorous, quick and professional performance that night.

The original dispatch was for public service assistance, a disabled boat with no electrical power in the Potomac River located near Buoy 54. It was dark, and the dispatch location provided to the 911 center was inaccurate, which made it difficult to locate the stranded boat. At this time, Fire Boat 420 personnel requested the Fairfax County Police helicopter to be dispatched to assist in locating the missing boat. Navigational charts, crew's knowledge of the

river, and the helicopter's assistance made it possible to quickly locate the vessel in distress.

As Fire Boat 420 was passing Hallowing Point, the stranded vessel owner told the U.S. Coast Guard radio operator he could see flashing lights of the fire boat nearby. Master Technician Virgil Weber, the boat operator, identified the shortest travel distance out of the channel by using the depth finder and chart plotter. Captain Steven Clark was responsible for the boat crew, the incident, the operation of the forward infrared scanner, which scans for river hazards, and the boat's radar, which searches for the missing boat. Firefighter Rudy Iturrino's assignment was to search for the missing vessel using night vision goggles.

It was quickly determined the stranded 15-foot boat did not have electrical power, and was also taking on water rapidly. An adult male was actually in the water swimming and attempting to pull the boat closer to shore. As the fire boat approached, the man re-entered his boat, and very quickly the boat began to fill with water, putting the stranded boat crew in danger. The smaller vessel began taking on water and the two adults and three children on board started to panic when their vessel began to sink. The vessel listed hard to port side (left side) because of the water inside the boat, weight of people on board, and the rapid current from the outgoing tide.

Technician Richard Mitchell, the radio operator, was in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard, providing frequent updates of the situation and location of the boat. While Master Technician Weber was maneuvering closer to the vessel, Firefighter Iturrino and Captain Clark went to the stern side (back of the boat) to secure the bowline and organize the off-loading of the stranded vessel.

While the vessel was sinking, Firefighter Iturrino held tightly to the youngest girl, and safely transferred her to the fire boat. Captain Clark shouted for Technician Mitchell's assistance. He then came out of the pilot house unaware of the vessel's demise. Firefighter Iturrino then grabbed the young boy from his mother's arms and brought him to safety passing him to Technician Mitchell. With one foot on the fire boat and the other on the bow of the sinking

vessel, Firefighter Iturrino locked hands with the oldest girl and brought her on board the fire boat as well.

As the vessel was listing hard to port (left side), two people were still on board. Captain Clark locked an arm with one of Firefighter Iturrino's arms, who was gripping the fireboat's railing. Then Captain Clark went onto the top of the sinking vessel's bow and pulled both remaining adults onto the fireboat. The vessel was sunk completely within minutes.

The crew of Fire Boat 420 placed themselves at great risk. They could have fallen into the river, found themselves trapped under either boat or in debris in the river. The crew showed good judgment as they quickly reacted to the dynamics of the sinking vessel, moving to remove the victims as efficiently as possible.

It is difficult to compare the actions of this crew to those of any other, because no other unit shares the same level of responsibility. Operating on the river at night is inherently dangerous and takes a high level of skill, and even more so in locating a sinking boat whose operator did not know his location. The crew used all available communications effectively and demonstrated a strong working knowledge of the river and its surrounding landforms. The crew used all of its electronic devices and aids to navigate, including radar, forward looking infrared, night vision binoculars, depth finder, and the chart plotter.

Lifesaving Award



**Captain I
John E. Hart**

Uniformed Fire Officer



**PSC III
Scott N. Pierpoint**

Public Safety Communications Center

On Friday, March 26, 2004, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Supervisor Denise Torelli, Public

Safety Communication Center (PSCC), came into the Fire Dispatch section to advise Captain John E. Hart of a motorcycle crash on Woodburn Road in front of the PSCC. While the fire dispatchers ensured that units were responding, Captain John Hart, shift Uniformed Fire Officer (UFO), and PSC III Scott N. Pierpoint (EMT) departed for the incident scene to investigate the nature of the accident. They located the crash approximately one block up Woodburn Road near Leroy Place.

Upon arrival at the scene, Captain Hart and PSC III Pierpoint observed several citizens standing around an unconscious and unresponsive motorcyclist. The patient was lying down in a drainage ditch next to the road. The victim had his helmet on but it appeared as if he landed head first in the ditch with his head resting on his right shoulder blocking his airway.

The patient was unconscious, unresponsive, and not breathing, with a cyanotic skin. Captain Hart and PSC III Pierpoint, with the assistance of some bystanders, established cervical immobilization, held cervical traction, and moved the patient from the ditch placing him face up on a level ground. The patient displayed signs and symptoms of a possible cervical spinal injury, was unresponsive and not breathing, limbs and body flaccid, and skin color ashen.

Captain Hart and PSC III Pierpoint held cervical traction while removing the patient's helmet, and then proceeded to open his airway with a modified jaw thrust. The patient started breathing on his own with shallow and labor respirations. His skin color improved slightly. At this point Engine 423, and Ambulance 423 arrived on the scene.

Captain Hart requested a bag valve mask (BVM) and a cervical collar from the engine company crew to assist the patient's breathing and immobilization of the patient's cervical spine. Since the patient's respirations were shallow and labored, PSC III Pierpoint utilized the BVM to assist the patient with ventilations. While assisting ventilations, the patient began to vomit. PSC III Pierpoint then cleared the airway with a portable suction. At this time, Medic 408 arrived on the scene. PSC III Pierpoint continued

with ventilation assistance while Medic 408 personnel took over patient care.

Captain Hart and PSC III Pierpoint's actions during this incident are short of heroic. Both men took decisive actions, and acted above and beyond their normal duties as PSCC fire supervisor and dispatcher. Without their critical actions, the patient could have been moved incorrectly and the cervical injury could have become permanent. If the patient would have had to wait for the arrival of the engine company and other emergency personnel, the patient would probably have died from asphyxiation.

The patient was diagnosed with C3 and C4 cervical dislocation, and fully recovered from his injuries

Lifesaving Award



**Captain I
Gary D. Pemberton**
Fire and Rescue Station 20
C-Shift

On the morning of March 21, 2004, Captain Gary Pemberton was on his way home when he came across a motor vehicle accident on Ox Road at the Occoquan Bridge. The accident scene consisted of a Volvo with significant front end damage and a truck. Captain Pemberton identified himself as an off duty medic as he surveyed the incident scene. He found a man and a woman trapped inside the Volvo with severe injuries. As he assessed, he found the female patient to be pulseless and apneic, and the man to be confused with facial trauma. Captain Pemberton ensured through bystanders that 911 had been called. He then personally called 911 and explained his situation and specifically requested a Rescue Company, Medic unit, and helicopter for transport.

While waiting for the arrival of the units, Captain Pemberton retrieved his protective equipment from his vehicle and entered the damaged Volvo. While in the vehicle, he continued to assess and calm the elderly male driver who was confused. Unable to fully see the patients, Captain Pemberton continued to assess the patients' pulse, respiration, and mental status while he maintained cervical stabilization. After the arrival of Rescue 414 and Medic 405, Captain Pemberton provided the pertinent patient information and findings to the arriving medic unit, and then continued to remain in the damaged Volvo to continue stabilization and comfort the patient while Rescue 414 completed a difficult extrication of the patient which first required the removal of the deceased victim.

After the removal of the vehicle roof and other significant extrication procedures, the patient was removed from the vehicle. Captain Pemberton continued to assist paramedics with securing the patient to the long spine board. After ensuring all was accomplished, Captain Pemberton continued his journey home. Thanks to the comprehensive care and treatment rendered by all, in particular from Captain Pemberton in those first few critical moments, this patient stood a much greater chance of survival from an already tragic event.

Certificate of Valor



**Volunteer Captain II
Thomas K. Warnock**
Company 14

On Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Volunteer Captain Tom Warnock was on his way to the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) station on Rolling Road. He arrived on the scene of a vehicle crash with injuries on Coffey

Woods Road in the Burke area of Fairfax County. The accident involved a single vehicle that had slid off the road. The vehicle had come to rest in the ditch to the side of the road after hitting a tree. Significant damage to the left front quarter of the vehicle was evident. The vehicle was still running with the horn blowing, but was mired in the wet ground. When he arrived at the scene, several bystanders were present but no fire department or police units had yet arrived.

Parking his vehicle, he understood that one of the bystanders had called 911. Although, Volunteer Captain Warnock did not have any fire department personal protective equipment (PPE) available or latex gloves with him, he approached the vehicle to determine if there were any injuries and checked to see if he could secure the vehicle. There were two occupants in the vehicle, a conscious and alert female (the driver), and an unconscious male passenger. Damage to the vehicle was extensive. The driver's side door could not be opened and the vehicle controls were inaccessible around the driver. The steering column had been twisted and partially driven into the dashboard by the impact and the ignition switch and key were inaccessible. All of the vehicle doors were locked. The driver was able to unlock the passenger side door, which opened sufficiently for him to gain access through that opening without needing to enter through the missing rear window or otherwise forced entry.

After gaining access, he entered the passenger side of the vehicle and briefly assessed the two patients. The passenger was the severely injured patient. This patient was unconscious, unresponsive, and bleeding profusely from the head and lying on the passenger seat of the vehicle. He positioned himself in the available space around this patient, and attempted to open the patient's airway using a modified jaw thrust.

When Volunteer Captain Warnock repositioned the patient's head, the patient expelled a considerable amount of blood from his mouth, causing some respiratory activity. While waiting for the fire and rescue department units to arrive, Tom opened the patient's airway, and the patient was able to breathe. Tom obtained information on the accident from the driver, ascertaining the passenger's age and that he was not wearing a

seat belt at the time of the accident. The driver could not recall if she was wearing a seat belt or not. In the process of assessing and treating the male patient, a large amount of blood got on Volunteer Captain Warnock's hands, arms, and clothing.

When units from the Burke Fire and Rescue Station 14, A-Shift, arrived on the scene, the male patient was no longer breathing and Volunteer Captain Warnock could not find a carotid or radial pulse. He provided the arriving responders with a situation report and assisted them with the patient's cervical stabilization, spinal immobilization and quick removal of the patient to the ambulance. He then cleaned himself with saline water, and entered Medic 432 unit to assist the providers treating the patient with resuscitation efforts.

Volunteer Captain Tom Warnock's actions should be commended. Without personal protective equipment, he quickly assessed the incident, gained access to the vehicle through broken glass and shards, opened the patient's airway, and provided cervical spine immobilization. He exposed his hands, arms and clothing to blood and other bodily fluids from the patient's severe head trauma, vomit of blood and bodily fluids. Without disregard for his own safety, he continued to assist the patient with his airway, cervical immobilization, and when fire department personnel arrived, he assisted them in the extrication of the patient and treatment on the back of the Advanced Life Support Unit. Volunteer Captain Tom Warnock's valorous unselfish actions could have made a difference in saving the life of the patient, unfortunately the patient died due to massive head trauma.

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- Revise the Rehab manual

Safety Training

- Increase emphasis of safety / risk assessment in recruit school
- Increase emphasis of safety, risk assessment / size-up, tactical decision-making in officer development schools
- Focus on safety; risk assessment / size-up, tactical decision-making during recall officer development schools and continuing education

Safety Programs

- Leadership of BC's to drive behavior modification and training to company and individual level
- Conduct post incident "tail-board" critiques
- Conduct formal incident critique
- Update and modify our Post Incident Analysis process
- Continue training on "May Day" and lost firefighter procedures

Safety Operations

- Strive for effective communications
- Ensure and improve upon safe driving practices
- Proper use of PPE/SCBA
- Appropriate/continuous size-up and risk analysis
- Appropriate tactical decisions and assignments
- RIT implementation and support

This increased awareness, focus, and program implementation will undoubtedly help everyone operate safer so that we all can return another day to take care of the residents and visitors of Fairfax County. ❖



112th Recruit School



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Station 15, C-Shift



Firefighter
Randall J. Allen
Station 29, A-Shift



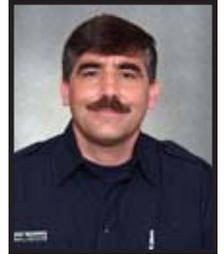
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113th Recruit School



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Hot Shots



First arriving units on the scene reported heavy fire to the Laurel Grove Baptist Church located at 6843 Beulah Street in the Franconia area of Fairfax County. Firefighters brought the fire under control within 30 minutes despite heavy winds and cold temperatures.



Fire investigators remove debris from the garage at the house fire located at 4007 Pickstone Drive. One burn patient was transported by paramedics to Inova Fairfax Hospital and was later transferred to the Washington Hospital Center Burn Unit. The cause of the fire was determined to be improper disposal of smoking materials.



A two-alarm Reston house fire displaces five . . . heavy fire was visible from the home located at 2009 Roundhouse Road in Reston/Hunter Mill area. One firefighter received minor injuries and was transported to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Damages were estimated at \$800,000.



A t-bone automobile crash at the intersection of Prosperity Avenue and Arlington Boulevard required extrication (Engine 430, Rescue 418, Medic 418, Medic 402, Ambulance 430, EMS 402, and Battalion Chief 404) of the driver. The driver and passenger were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital.



Springfield house fire . . . upon arrival firefighters discovered heavy fire from a single-family home located at 7107 Bonniemill Lane. One firefighter was transported with non-life threatening injuries. Damage was estimated at \$600,000 and the cause was accidental.

Firefighters saw fire and smoke rising from the single-family home located at 6510 Rock-a-by Road in the Springfield area. An adult male was flown to the Washington Hospital Center for burns and an adult female was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation. The home was a total loss and the cause of the fire was an unattended candle. (Photo by Lieutenant Raul G. Castillo, PIO/LSE.)



Firefighters encountered heavy smoke from the roof from the rear of a townhouse located at 6012 Talford Court in the Springfield area. The fire was extinguished in approximately 15 minutes. Damage was estimated at \$175,000. Fire investigators determined the cause to be accidental. Two adults and one teenager were displaced.

Two patients were ejected from a van on the Fairfax County Parkway south of Popes Head Road. Firefighters prepared the two patients for medivac. Both patients were taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital by AirCare and Fairfax 1, Fairfax County Police Department. (Photo by Technician Thomas A. Zirkle, Fire and Rescue Station 11, A-Shift.)



Fire Boat 420 Christening Ceremony



FAIRFAX COUNTY
FIRE & RESCUE

420



Fire Chiefs Hockey Takes First At Orlando MDA Hockey Tournament

By Technician Brent Schnupp
Fire and Rescue Station 1, A-Shift

Does the NHL lockout have you craving some good competitive hockey? There was no lack of competitive ice hockey in Orlando, Florida, the week of January 10-13, 2005. That's where the 2nd Annual National MDA Public Safety Hockey Tournament took place to benefit MDA. The event was hosted by the Central Florida (Orlando) Firefighters Hockey Team and featured 20 teams from the USA and Canada. Over \$15,000 was raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during the four day event.

The Fairfax/Metro Area Fire Chiefs Tournament Ice Hockey Team is comprised of public safety employees from across the metro region. This past January the team returned to Orlando for a second straight year and competed in the Red Division. The tournament team includes members from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service, District of Columbia Fire Department, City of Alexandria Fire Department, Arlington County Fire Department, Fairfax County Police Department, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Justice.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department members included Lieutenant Bob Banasik, Lieutenant Pete Masters, Technician TJ Cabrera, and Technician Brent Schnupp.

The Fire Chiefs opened up the tournament with a tight 2-1 win over The Central Florida Enforcers, a local Orlando team made up of Florida State Troopers. Game two ended in an 8-1 Fire Chiefs win over EL Paso, Texas Fire. Game three featured a key match up of the two top

teams in the division competing for the #1 seed going into the finals. The Fire Chiefs took on Columbus, Ohio Fire in a tough rematch from last year with Columbus Fire winning by a narrow 1-0 margin. The point system used resulted in another rematch



of the same two teams, Columbus Fire vs. The Fire Chiefs in the finals competing for a first place trophy on day four.

The finals were another hard fought grudge match from the opening face off with Columbus Fire netting the first goal. Rick Tiene (FEMA) responded quickly for the Chiefs netting his own goal and the first period ended tied 1-1. The Chiefs stepped it up in the second period with Rick Tiene scoring two more goals, completing the hat trick and giving the Chiefs a commanding

3-1 lead going into the third period. Columbus Fire battling a tough Fire Chiefs penalty kill squandered numerous power play opportunities in the second period including a full three minute 5-3 advantage. Columbus Fire came out hungry and firing on all cylinders in the third period controlling the majority of play, and out shooting the Fire Chiefs but they could not break the Chiefs defense and goalie. Playing superior in goal during the third period, the Chiefs goalie doused the flames of Columbus Fire and the game ended in a 4-1 win for the Chiefs after Lieutenant Bob Banasik netted a late open net goal sealing the victory and a first place finish. The Fire Chiefs goalie, a Lieutenant for Orlando Fire, subbing for the team, was awarded the team MVP for the tournament for only allowing one goal per game four over four games. Rick Tiene (FEMA) took honorable mention for his three goal performance in the finals and lead in total points for the tournament.

On the 2005 calendar, the Fire Chiefs tournament team will be competing in three local public safety tournaments over the next three months and our Ashburn Ice House team will continue year round play in the C2 adult division at the Ashburn Ice House. So if your looking for some good hockey to take the place on the NHL lockout come check out the Fire Chiefs. If you are interested in tournament information, Ashburn Ice House game times or Fire Chiefs apparel and novelty items contact Team Manager Brent Schnupp at Fire and Rescue Station 401, A-Shift. ❖

United Way

*By Deputy Chief Dave McKernan
Fire Prevention Division*

Risk as defined by Webster's Dictionary is "exposure to the chance of injury or loss." Giving to the United Way this year was a calculated risk. Members of the Fire Department's United Way Team asked firefighters and support staff to give to the United Way when the United Way organization had not demonstrated an ability to manage donated money in an ethical manner.

Kate Hanley, as chairman of the Fairfax County United Way Campaign for 2005, asked our members to step up and take a risk. She explained the steps the United Way organization had taken to ensure the money donated to the United Way is properly spent. She explained her efforts and that of Mike Mohler, President, Local 2068, to demand accountability within the regional United Way organization.

I would like to thank the 275 members of the Fire and Rescue Department who contributed to the United Way campaign this year. Many important programs were supported including the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County, HEROES, Inc., and many others. A total of \$38,152 was donated to the United Way by the members of the department.

I would also like to thank the members of this department who did not contribute to the United Way. Despite your busy schedules you accepted the United Way Team into your stations and offices and treated us with respect. The team realized this was going to be a hard sell and that we would meet significant resistance, but we were always treated with respect. You listened patiently and then declined politely.

A special thanks to Tom Simcoe who took considerable time out of his retirement to assist in this effort.

Next year's goal: Participation of 350 members.
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Fire and Rescue Department web site.
Our web site address is:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire>*

Awards & Presentations

Career Achievement Award

Paula Ferrer Management Analyst II
 Patricia Devlin Management Analyst IV
 Battalion Chief Christine N. Woodard
 Captain II James M. Chinn
 Technician Kenneth J. Athing
 Master Technician Robert L. Upchurch
 William E. Roberts, Instrument Technician II
 Technician Allan B. Brockway
 Lieutenant John M. Yadlosky

Meritorious Service Award

Firefighter Michael L. Frames

3-Year Safe Driving

Technician Edward L. Payne
 Technician Michael L. Rosier
 Technician Eric M. Wyatt
 Technician Marguerite D. Dabe-Colby
 Firefighter Brenden J. Petersburg
 Firefighter Jeffrey W. Tincer

6-Year Safe Driving

Lieutenant John T. Pizzo
 Lieutenant Donald R. Brasfield
 Master Technician Michael B. Crowder
 Firefighter George H. Samartino
 Firefighter John H. Woodward

15-Year Safe Driving

Lieutenant John M. Yadlosky
 Master Technician David J. Higgins
 Technician Allan B. Brockway

Citizen Awards

Mr. Danny Bickham
 Mr. Dallas Slemp

Unit Citation

Hunting Horn Lane

Engine 431

Captain I Dennis W. Duff
 Technician Jessica P. Spear
 Firefighter Keith F. Bresnahan
 Firefighter Matthew T. Cox

Medic 425

Captain I Gary D. Pemberton
 Technician Rony E. Avalos

EMS401

Captain II William R. Kingdon

I-66, East at Route 123

Haz-Mat 434

Captain I E. Martin Ranck
 Master Technician Charles R. Cunningham
 Master Technician Todd R. Gorham
 Technician Ronald J. Kuley

1925 Leonard Road

Engine 430

Captain II Robert J. Zoldos
 Technician Michael C. Nelson
 Master Technician Michael L. Sease
 Firefighter Michael E. Duffy

659 S. Greenbrier Street

Engine 410

Captain I Troy H. Dean
 Technician Karl D. Roche
 Firefighter Jeffrey W. Tincer
 Acting Technician Michael P. D'Amico

Medic 410

Lieutenant Gary C. Dize
 Acting Technician Mark J. Deyneka

Potomac River, Buoy 49

Fire Boat 420

Captain II James M. Chinn
 Technician Kenneth J. Athing
 Technician Kevin W. Bell
 Firefighter Duane R. Breisch

6917 Mary Caroline Place

Medic 405

Captain I James E. Lee
 Lieutenant Sheree E. Melton

Tower 405

Lieutenant Carlton Chatmon
 Firefighter Anthony D. Craft
 Firefighter Marlon J. Crockett

Engine 426

Captain II Walter T. Brown
 Technician Michael L. Skeeel
 Technician John C. Macinyak
 Technician Gregg J. Dojcek

Rescue 426

Captain I David K. Gruendel
 Master Technician Terrance L. Fayson
 Technician James T. Franklin

Engine 422

Captain I Victor M. Miller
 Firefighter Gary J. Butler
 Firefighter Joel M. Fry
 Firefighter Robert C. Schoenberger

Potomac River, Buoy 54

Fire Boat 420

Captain II Steven D. Clark
 Master Technician Virgil J. Weber
 Technician Richard N. Mitchell
 Firefighter Rudy Iturrino

1361 Kirby Road

Engine 401

Captain I Elton N. Wright
 Master Technician Donald R. Crum
 Master Technician William L. Franklin
 Technician Ronald G. Bauserman III

Engine 108

Captain Joseph Lightfoot
 Firefighter Todd Lewis
 Firefighter Steven Sharpe

I66 West, Fairfax County Parkway

Engine 421

Captain I Robert P. Ruwe
 Technician Matthew J. Brecht
 Technician Matthew T. Groff
 Firefighter Jon S. Stern

Rescue 421

Lieutenant Michael J. Marks
 Master Technician John C. Mayers
 Technician Peter C. Kehne

Team Performance Award

EMS BILLING TEAM

Deputy Chief John A. Burke
 Lieutenant Edward G. Dodson
 Firefighter Mary Kate Costello
 Firefighter Robert A. Helmus
 Darlene Clark
 Mary J. Dargusch
 Susan H. Herbert
 Linda J. Lachapelle
 Robert J. Mizer
 Marjorie Porter
 Beth Adams Roemmelt
 Catherine G. Schultz

8817 Stark Road

Engine 423

Captain I Lynn R. McConahy
 Technician Jeffery W. Murray
 Technician David A. Neilan
 Firefighter Claude R. Johnson

Ambulance 423

Technician Robert J. Desousa
 Firefighter Rolf F. Lenzsch

Medic 408

Captain I Raymond E. Griffin
 Captain I Ryland B. Kendrick
 Firefighter Dennis S. Camacho

EMS405

Captain II Veron T. Corbin

First Quarter 2005 Promotional Ceremony



Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard administers the Firefighters Oath at the First Quarter Promotional Ceremony held on Monday, March 21, 2005 at Williams Memorial Hall - Fire Station 3, 4051 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia.



Lifeguards Chris Henderson, center left, and Charlie Colello, Jr., center right, were recognized on March 18, 2005, for their lifesaving actions on a four year old male at the Terrence Townhomes community pool in Annandale. Lifeguard Colello initiated CPR while Henderson called 911 and evacuated the pool. Their heroic actions helped the patient survive a near drowning experience.

Second Quarter Promotional Ceremony



Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard administers the Firefighters Oath at the Second Quarter Promotional Ceremony held on Monday, June 20, 2005 at the Public Safety Center, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia.



Retiring Captain II's James Ault, Larry Collier, and Charles Rosenberg were recognized for their support to emergency medical services at an EMS meeting on March 17, 2005.

14 February 2005

Dear Chief Neuhard,

As you know I have spent a lot of time off work this past year to care for my Mother who had cancer. Unfortunately, on 2 February 2005 she lost her battle.

I am writing this letter to let you know how grateful my family and I are for the time off I had received. Because of my medical experience, my siblings delegated the responsibility for her care and follow up care to me. It was a responsibility I gladly accepted. My mother needed 24 hour care after her brain surgery in June 2004. I took approximately 4 months off. She progressed and did very well. Well enough for me to return to work. Well enough for her to visit Fire Station 11 in late October to say "thank you" and to provide breakfast for the "boys." The prognosis was great . . . years had been added.

The celebration was short lived. She was rediagnosed, in late December 2004, with an extremely aggressive form of the disease that attacked the meninges of the central nervous system and the cerebral spinal fluid. This disease quickly devastated her central nervous system. In less than four weeks my mother went from an extremely active, independent, fun loving adult to an almost vegetative state, in constant pain, and completely dependent on round-the-clock care for her every need. During the last few days she lost her cognitive skills completely. The change was devastating.

I don't even know where to begin to say "thank you." This department and the personnel in it have given my family something we could never repay you for . . . the precious gift of TIME. I could honestly say that I don't know what we would have done, or how things would have gone with her treatments and care, had we not been presented with this opportunity. The outcome may not have changed, but just having the time to be there for her during the surgeries, the radiation treatments, the chemotherapy treatments is irreplaceable. Please know that the last months of my Mother's life were loving, productive ones. She had the opportunity to spend time with all of her children and grandchildren because of the caring people in this Department. We were able to provide care and support to her that would not have been able to happen had I not been able to get the time off of work to investigate and coordinate her care.

The support and other acts of kindness from this department; one word . . . incredible. My shift and the personnel at my station . . . I don't even know where to begin to say thank you. The words of encouragement and support . . . unbelievable. I personally want to thank each and every individual who worked for me, supported me, donated time for me, or took a few minutes out of their day to call me and ask what they could do. All of these people made sure my family and I had only one concern . . . Mom.

This is what family is all about . . . taking care of each other. I have a wonderful extended family in this fire department. I am very thankful because God has granted me a true blessing. None of my other siblings would have ever been able to take time off work. In fact, one of my sibling's employer does not even recognize the FMLA. He was the only one unable to be at Mom's side when she died.

There are just no words or actions to relay my gratitude for all of the support . . . thank you and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Lieutenant Christine A. Penska
Fire and Rescue Station 11, C-Shift

Community Program Highlights

Giving the Gift of Life to the Community

The 112th Recruit Class and Training Academy staff joined together as a team to donate blood for Inova Blood Donor Services on December 23, 2004.



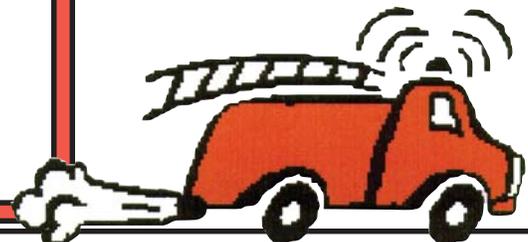
Top 10 Activity Report

September 2004 - May 2005

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 408	1,551	E 422	2,278	R421	1,308
A 413	1,531	E 409	2,270	R426	1,074
A 409	1,509	E410	2,256	R418	1,047
A 430	1,391	E421	2,186	R401	923
A 411	1,224	E408	2,111	R411	833
A 414	1,214	E404	1,975	R419	752
A 434	1,161	E 429	1,974	R414	718
A 438	1,146	E413	1,967	R439	622
A 410	1,142	E425	1,953		
A 436	1,102	E 401	1,944		

Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 418	2,386	EMS 404	1,494	T425	1,428
M422	2,199	EMS 405	1,264	T429	1,358
M426	2,102	EMS 402	1,211	T410	1,260
M421	2,090	EMS 403	1,144	TL 408	997
M408	1,960	EMS 406	1,021	T422	965
M425	1,956	EMS 401	940	TL430	912
M404	1,908	BC 404	667	T438	782
M410	1,900	BC 403	603	T411	699
M429	1,897	BC 402	508	TL 401	619
M417	1,887	BC 406	440	TL424	619

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.



Ribbon Cutting for North Maintenance and Reserve Apparatus Facility



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the North Maintenance and Reserve Apparatus Facility, Saturday, March 19, 2005. The apparatus facility, one of two such facilities in Fairfax County, has over 19,000 square feet of space consisting of four vehicle repair bays, that includes an aerial repair bridge crane, and eight storage bays that houses up to twenty emergency vehicles. The facility is also equipped with administrative offices, a training room, and an emergency vehicle automotive storage section providing storage to over 1,400 apparatus repair parts. The facility operates with a crew of nine; one supervisor, six specialized fire vehicle mechanics, an automotive parts specialist, and a reserve vehicle coordinator. From left to right: Captain II Richard A. Roatch, Apparatus Section; Edith V. Beitzel, Management Analyst II, Planning Section; Battalion Chief Andrew L. Duke, Special Ops; Leonard C. Allen, Supervisor, South Maintenance Facility; Paul E. Carlin, North Maintenance Facility, Apparatus Supervisor; Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard; John Von Senden, HSMM Architects; Peter Murphy, Planning Commissioner; Joseph Shipley, Superintendent, Vista Contracting; Carey F. Needham, Chief, Building Design Branch, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES); James D. Gorby, Director DVS; Hank L. Houde, Construction Management Branch, DPWES; Assistant Chief Mark S. Wheatley, Operations; and Deputy Chief John J. Caussin, Support Services.



Before . . . and After



Firefighter Bill Coburn, Fire and Rescue Station 39, B-Shift, rescues a family pet from a house fire at 2009 Roundhouse Road. Lieutenant Lea Boswell, Fire and Rescue Station 25, B-Shift, provided some TLC and an extreme make-over.

Thank You

January 28, 2005

Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard
4100 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax
Virginia 22030

Reference my previous letter concerning an annoying 'chirping' noise of the fire alarm system in Greenspring Retirement Community.

As a Fairfax County resident, I would like to express my appreciation for your attention to our distress and commend you for the prompt way in which you handled the above referenced incident. We realize that our problem is trivial compared to your normal duties, but the fact that you acted so quickly shows that your first concern is with the health and well being of the public.

We would also like to commend Captain Steven Edwards who visited us on Jan. 26, 2005. His professional skills comes 'packaged' in a genuinely friendly, sincere human being. His personality is excellent and immediately puts you at ease. In fact my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our discussion with him and were surprised - and delighted - to meet such an intelligent, communicative individual; he is definitely not what we expected. He was sensitive to our concerns, listened intently to our views, and he has a humility that belies his senior level position. Although he couldn't fix our problem, we are sure that he did all that could be done.

In our opinion, if you need someone to represent your Department for whatever reason, Capt. Edwards will make you proud! I know that because of him, my wife and I have a renewed respect for the professionalism of the Fairfax County Fire Dept.

Thank you,
Jo Anne and Ed Toler
Springfield, VA

New Hires

Svetlana Baylinson
David Batiz
Gregory Bishop
Jeffrey Carney
Elena Carver
Hyacinth Chia
Michael Cohen
Clarence Dickens
Darrell Duane
Steven Gauntner
Jeremy Greenberg
Howard Hartman
Jaclyn Haynes
John Haywood
Kelly Johnston
Nicholas Lawyer
Kimani Long
Timothy Mahoney
Richard Miller
Guy Morgan
Joseph Morell
John Morrison
William Mueller
Patrice Muya
Angela Ocampo
K. Blake Payne
Marc Perry
Scott Read
Robert Sollenberger
Duane Tenney
Eric Thieman
Brenda Townsend
Christopher Warner
David Weand
Antonia Williams
Romel Williams
Marcus Wilson
David Winter
Sally Yono
Verna Zosh

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 08/20/2004	Box: 810	Address: 7216 Sipes Lane	Loss: \$140,000	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$140,000 Loss: \$140,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 09/12/2004	Box: 2606	Address: 6225 Bren Mar Drive	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 09/21/2004	Box: 3105	Address: 2719 Soapstone Drive	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$2,000,000 Loss: \$1,000,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 10/17/2004	Box: 0800	Address: 6621 Columbia Pike	Type: Structure	Cause: Undetermined
Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Inactive				
Date: 10/18/2004	Box: 3801	Address: 5305 Kimanna Drive	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$450,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 10/26/2004	Box: 2214	Address: 7407 Hastings Street	Type: Residential	Cause: Incendiary
Value: \$400,000 Loss: \$350,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 11/14/2004	Box: 2504	Address: 1432 Northgate Square	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$120,000 Loss: \$120,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 11/29/2004	Box: 0942	Address: 7664 Audubon Meadow Way	Type: Residential	
Cause: Undetermined Value: \$1,580,000 Loss: \$600,000 Status: Open				
Date: 12/01/2004	Box: 1012	Address: 4101 Tahoe Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Electrical
Value: \$450,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/08/2004	Box: 1919	Address: 7602 Southern Oak Drive	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$1,258,146 Loss: \$944,757 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/09/2004	Box: 2904	Address: 1415 Claves Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Wiring
Value: \$1.2M Loss: \$250,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/14/2004	Box: 1922	Address: 8003 Edinburgh Drive	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Heater Value: \$400,000 Loss: \$400,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/14/2004	Box: 3702	Address: 7025 Bentley Mill Place	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Combustible Value: \$1,200,000 Loss: \$410,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/16/2004	Box: 0111	Address: 1643 LaSalle Avenue	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$800,000 Loss: \$800,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/16/2004	Box: 1012	Address: 6317 Landess Street	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Gasoline Value: \$800,000 Loss: \$600,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/20/2004	Box: 0528	Address: 6834 Beulah Street	Type: Commercial	
Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$375,000 Loss: \$375,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/24/2004	Box: 2901	Address: 1592 Spring Hill Road	Type: Commercial	
Cause: Accidental-Heater Value: \$6,000,000 Loss: \$500,000 Status: Closed				
Date: 12/27/2004	Box: 3500	Address: 7758 Northedge Court	Type: Residential	
Cause: Accidental-Vehicle Battery Value: \$795,842 Loss: \$266,825 Status: Closed				

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 12/27/2004	Box: 0146	Address: 6451 Kedleston Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Engine Battery	Value: \$10,000,000	Loss: \$5,000,000	Status: Closed
Date: 12/27/2004	Box: 0804	Address: 3513 Annandale Road	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Furnace	Value: \$300,000	Loss: \$300,000	Status: Closed
Date: 02/21/2005	Box: 2433	Address: 8108 Oaklake Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Dryer	Value: \$600,000	Loss: \$200,000	Status: Closed
Date: 03/03/2005	Box: 2511	Address: 2009 Rounhouse Road	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Chimney	Value: \$805,000	Loss: \$801,000	Status: Closed
Date: 03/04/2005	Box: 2300	Address: 4007 Pickstone Drive	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Smoking	Value: \$400,000	Loss: \$400,000	Status: Closed
Date: 03/06/2005	Box: 2207	Address: 7101 Bonniemill Lane	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Electrical	Value: \$600,000	Loss: \$605,000	Status: Closed
Date: 03/08/2005	Box: 2707	Address: 6012 Taliford Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Smoking	Value: \$565,000	Loss: \$170,000	Status: Closed
Date: 03/20/2005	Box: 0594	Address: 6510 Rock-A-By Road	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Candle	Value: \$150,000	Loss: \$150,000	Status: Closed
Date: 03/26/2005	Box: 1715	Address: 6120 Union Village Drive	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Smoking	Value: \$467,000	Loss: \$300,000	Status: Closed
Date: 04/07/2005	Box: 3800	Address: 14406 Hardee Chambliss Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Smoking	Value: \$700,000	Loss: \$550,000	Status: Closed
Date: 04/10/2005	Box: 1504	Address: 13202 Shady Ridge Lane	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Gas Smoker	Value: \$800,000	Loss: \$600,000	Status: Closed
Date: 04/14/2005	Box: 1203	Address: 938 Leigh Mill Road	Type: Residential	Cause: Undetermined	Value: \$480,000	Loss: \$480,000	Status: Open
Date: 04/16/2005	Box: 2505	Address: 2008 Chadds Ford Drive	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental Ceramic Chimney	Value: \$1,800,000	Loss: \$1,000,000	Status: Closed
Date: 04/21/2005	Box: 0143	Address: 1833 Sommerville Drive	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Grill	Value: \$600,000	Loss: \$200,000	Status: Closed
Date: 04/25/2005	Box: 3413	Address: 3205 Dominy Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Hot Exhaust	Value: \$1,200,000	Loss: \$800,000	Status: Closed
Date: 05/09/2005	Box: 2219	Address: 7958 Angus Court	Type: Structure	Cause: Accidental-Heater	Value: \$10,000,000	Loss: \$2,000,000	Status: Closed
Date: 05/14/2005	Box: 1093	Address: 3710 N Rosser Street	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Lighter	Value: \$3,050,000	Loss: \$600,000	Status: Closed
Date: 05/14/2005	Box: 0405	Address: 665 Dulles Park Court	Type: Residential	Cause: Accidental-Lamp	Value: \$2,400,000	Loss: \$200,000	Status: Closed

"Taking Up"



Battalion Chief
William D. MacKay

Entry Date: September 22, 1980

Retirement Date: February 4, 2005

Assignments: Recruit School 52, 17, 18, 5, 34, Apparatus, 26, Academy, 34, 37, 34, Battalion 403, and Special Ops

Likes about the Fire

Department: Diversity of incidents, opportunities to provide a service to the citizens, and the ability to develop as an individual and as a team.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Coworkers (uniform and civilian), activity level, being part of the "team," and the unpredictable nature.

Plans for the future: Assume position of Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management for Fairfax County.

Words of wisdom: As officers and members of the best fire department in the country we have an obligation to make sure that "everyone goes home" at the end of the shift.

What got you interested in the fire service? My brother was a junior firefighter in my hometown.

Who or what made an influence in your career? John Kimball, Roscoe Hager, Mark Wheatley, "B" Shift at Station 18 in the mid-1980's, and all the dedicated folks in the haz mat program.



Technician
Charles T. McFarland

Entry Date: May 17, 1971

Retirement Date: December 2, 2004

Assignments: Recruit School 18, 3, 1, EOC, Fire Prevention, 23, and 10

Likes about the Fire

Department: Shift work and the togetherness of everyone to get the job done while on incident calls or at the station.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Driving apparatus and all of the wonderful people I have had the pleasure to know and work with throughout my career. Thanks to all for a beautiful ride.

Plans for the future: Continue working at my part-time job, enjoy my wonderful family and grandchildren, the beach, and golfing.

Words of wisdom: Always look ahead, be proud of what you do and always try to do things to the best of your ability – no one can ask for anything more.

What got you interested in the fire service? Became a volunteer at Station 3 in 1963 while in high school.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Gene Daily, Stuart Fox, Jim Anderson, and Charles Dismuke.



Battalion Chief
James W. Swiggett

Entry Date: October 1, 1973

Retirement Date: January 8, 2005

Assignments: Recruit School 29, 25 (three times), 15, 28, 1, 10, 11, and Academy

Likes about the Fire

Department: The unknown challenge of emergency incidents. Training with the people in my battalion to be prepared to do our jobs.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The fantastic people it has been my good fortune to be associated with while doing something I truly love.

Plans for the future: Watch my two sons play for their high school sports teams and not have to worry about conflicts with the Fire and Rescue Department's work schedule.

Words of wisdom: Never stop training and preparing to do your job. You only get out of it what you put into it. Be the best you can be everyday.

What got you interested in the fire service? A friend from my hometown of Winchester who briefly worked for the county, Terry Braithwaite.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Bob Lanning, Charlie Rose, Carl Plaugher, Chris Raabe, and Carl Maurice.

Retirements

Lieutenant

Phillip M. Duckwitz

March 8, 1982 - March 29, 2005

Captain I

Robert T. Kevan

July 17, 1978 - August 25, 2004

Technician

Charles T. McFarland

May 17, 1971 - December 2, 2004

Battalion Chief

William D. MacKay

September 22, 1980 - February 4, 2005

Master Technician

Paul S. Plaughter

June 2, 1980 - September 29, 2004

Battalion Chief

James W. Swiggett

October 1, 1973 - January 8, 2005

Captain I

Steven I. Weissman

April 24, 1978 - November 26, 2004

Anniversaries

5 Years

Jorge A. Arce

Timothy O. Barb

Todd I. Barb

Christopher Barnes

Mathew C. Barnhart

Bill C. Betz

Vincent L. Boyle

Gerald D. Butler

Keith E. Curriden

Richard E. Dodge

Michael O. Feaster

Richard J. Fogelson

Kenneth G. Geffen

Kyung S. Ha

Robin M. Lotz

Eric D. McLaughlin

Michael D. Miller

Fabio A. Mir

Brian P. Moore

Antjuan D. Proctor

Jason M. Roberts

Shamsher Singh

Michael R. Zdunski

10 Years

Kyle B. Anderson

Howard W. Bailey

Daniel B. Borden

Christopher M. Brown

Carlos R. Carrillo

Joseph K. Cox

Ramon M. Estrada

Benjamin C. Hudson

Scott D. Keener

Kimberly A. Klaren

Dennis M. Kotecki

Matthew M. Lopez

Keith M. Ludeman

Mary C. Mangione

James B. McKendree

Emily L. Murphy

Jonathan R. Starling

Michael W. Whetsell

15 Years

Mervin E. Barrera

Natalie D. Bell

Rodney V. Colbert

Danny J. Daniels

Andrew L. Duke

Diane K. Finch

Rebecca P. Kelly

Kenneth M. Laverock

Christopher N. Lee

Sheree E. Melton

Horace C. Pendergrass

Charleen L. Ray

John W. Richter

Richard A. Roatch

Natalie D. Robb

John W. Rogers

Bonnie J. Tobalske

Robert L. Vaught

Nicholas Weresnick

20 Years

Michael V. Allen

Terry J. Berner

Jack W. Billhimer

Margaret A. Carroll

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John M. Lockhart

William E. Teal

Vernon T. Corbin

35 Years

Carmen J. DeFranks

Gary W. Winemiller





Station Profile

Fryling Pan Fire and Rescue Station #36

Captain II
Gary R. Pope
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1988

Station specialty: Tower Ladder

Square miles in first due area: 6.1

Specific hazardous/target areas: The FAA Air Traffic Control Center (main center for countrywide traffic control), Homeland Security Building and Sky Marshals headquarters

Total calls in 2004: 4,619

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, truck (tower), ambulance, reserve truck, and reserve medic.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** Captain I Tony C. Kostecka, Lieutenant Kit R. Hessel, Lieutenant William T. Schellhammer, Technician Edward C. Lofties, Technician Kenneth E. Neumann, Technician Ronald S. Pifer, Technician Michale R. Zdunski, Firefighter Michael R. Boub, Firefighter James A. Breisch, Firefighter Patrick A. Butler, Firefighter Justin D. Childs, and Firefighter Kevin D. Makley. **B-Shift:** Captain I Richard C. Smith, Lieutenant John W. Rogers, Master Technician Gary W. Vozzola, Technician Todd I. Barb, Technician William S. Borger, Technician Delos C. Dupree, Firefighter Trisha A. Danula, Firefighter Brian C. Edmonston, Firefighter John A. Fleming, and Firefighter Vernon R. Tomczak. **C-Shift:** Captain II Gary R. Pope, Lieutenant Richard H. Schaub, Technician Michael D. Brown, Technician Barrett E. Gibbs, Technician Peter Kosenko, Firefighter Keith Baughan, Firefighter Brian J. Bonkoski, Firefighter Donald G. Clemens, Firefighter Stefan S. Dedes, and Firefighter Michael S. Eddy.

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