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A large dump truck overturned onto a second dump truck spilling garbage and pinning the driver in the second truck at a Lorton landfill on May 1, 2006. Firefighters worked for over an hour to stabilize the overturned dump truck and to extricate the trapped driver.



Michael P. Neuhard

“Your compassionate care, professional demeanor, and the flawless execution of your duties remain our calling card.”

From The Fire Chief . . .

I hope all of you are well and enjoying a fun summer with activities around family and friends. As I write this column, we have just opened Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 40, Fairfax Center, which will provide better response times and much needed relief for surrounding stations, as well as providing an effective home to the Hazardous Materials Response Team. In addition to being the largest station in our inventory and our 36th station, it also has several unique features including: an apparatus washing space, a modular classroom, and green building design features. Congratulations to Captain II Milton L. Painter, Station Commander, Fire and Rescue Station 40, B-Shift; Edie Beitzel, Planning; and the entire crew at Station 40.

I want to once again thank all of you for your professional, dedicated, and compassionate assistance to our Police Department during their time of need. The tragic deaths of Detective Vicky Armel and Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino have touched us all. Many of you knew Vicky and Michael, others have worked or interacted with one or both of them. Regardless of how their deaths affected you, all of you stepped up to the plate to assist with incident response, Critical Incident Stress Management, photography and public affairs, EMS and fire staffing during the funeral, canteen support, logistical support,

rendering of honors, and the many other important activities during that time period. Your service did not go unnoticed by me, the Board of Supervisors, our sisters and brothers in the Police Department, or the community. I am extremely proud of you and proud to be a member of the team.

As most of you know by now, the FY2007 budget process has ended and the FY2008 process has begun. The Board of Supervisors supported our initiatives in FY2007, including an adjustment of your salary to remain market competitive, the increase of minimum staffing to favor our rescue companies, and the addition of the Seventh Battalion. These combined initiatives will improve safety, our span of command and control, and ensure the organization can fill its vacancies. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the FY2007 budget cycle. I look forward to the FY2008 process.

On Friday, June 2, 2006, we had another opportunity, at 10801 Windcloud Court, to experience the challenge of our current building construction as it is assaulted by fire. Conditions deteriorated rapidly leading to a mayday call from firefighters and their removal from upper floors by ground ladders. At this time, a near-miss investigation is being conducted, with appropriate follow-up actions to be identified and acted upon as soon as possible. This incident highlights the importance of

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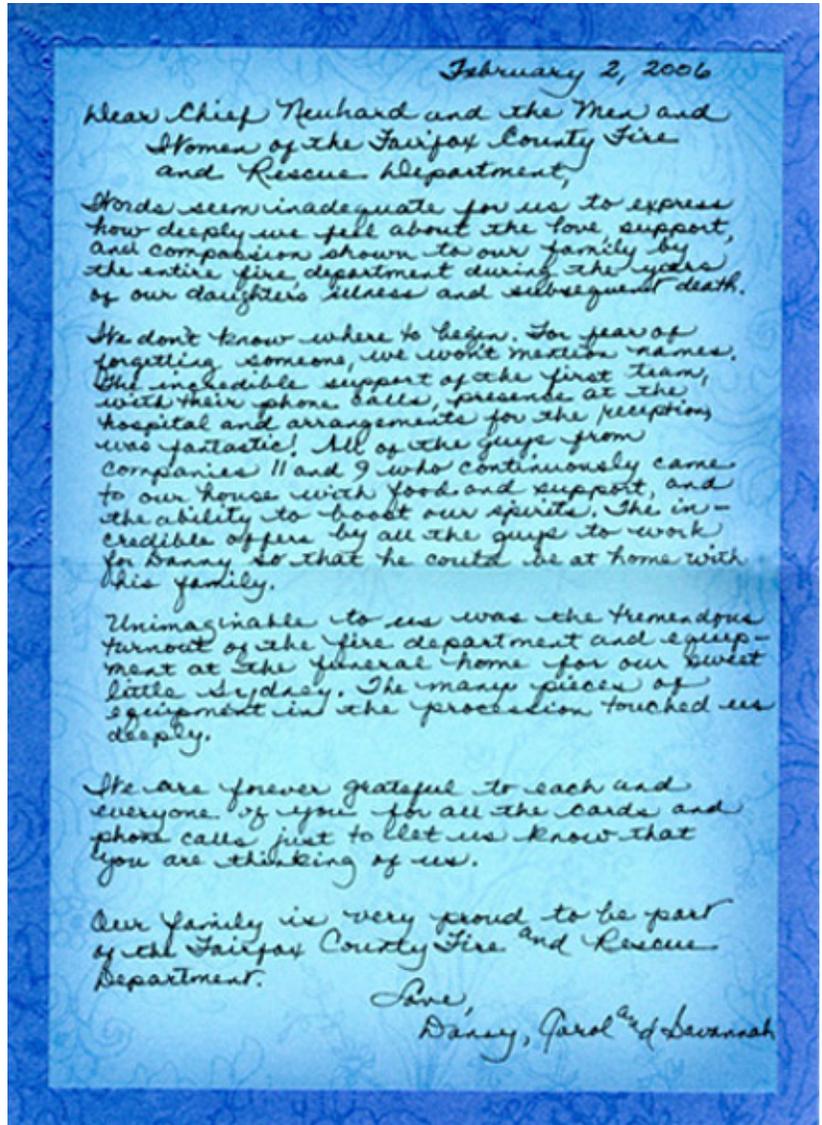
proper safety procedures being followed – ensuring that ladders and RIT teams are in place, and that proper size-up and timely commitment of appropriate resources to the incident.

Let me close by thanking you for your continued dedicated service to county residents and visitors. Your compassionate care, professional demeanor, and the flawless execution of your duties remain our calling card.

This is clearly seen in the personal letters that I receive almost everyday from our residents. Several letters from our residents in this issue of Line Copy bear that out. Thank you again for all you do.

I hope you all have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Michael P. Neuhard



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EMS Transport Billing – First Year Results

By Mary C. Mangione
EMS Transport Billing, Program Manager

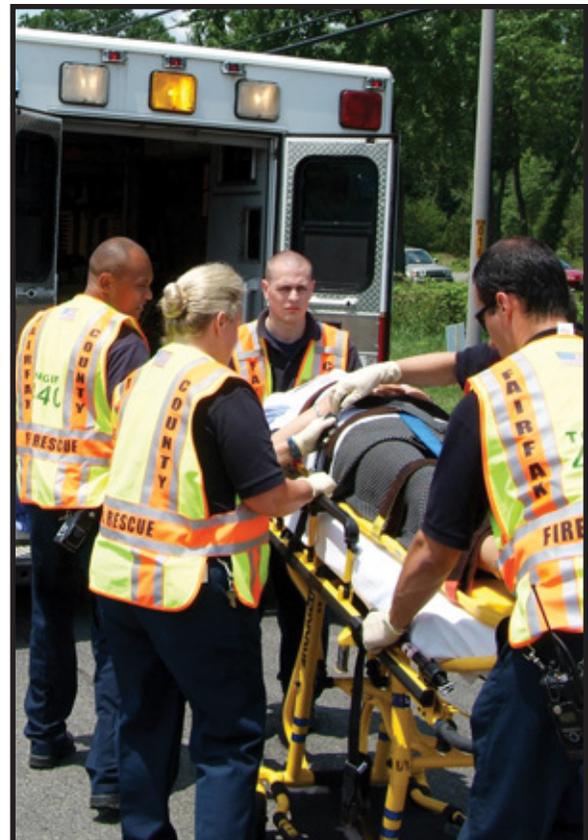
Emergency medical transport billing completed its first full year of operation on March 31, 2006. As of the end of May 2006, the program has collected over nine million dollars, exceeding expectations. Only eight percent of the money was collected from individuals. The remainder came from Medicare and other insurance coverage.

The program's compassionate billing philosophy has proven to be a great success with patients, who seem to understand the protections included for them in the program. Complaints and inquiries from patients regarding the program were few and primarily involved queries about the Notice of Privacy Form. The form has been redesigned to include "Frequently Asked Questions" which hopefully will help patients better understand the form and billing process. During the first year, 353 patients used the hardship waiver process, a measure of the program's commitment that no one will suffer financial hardship from the need to call for emergency medical help. While there have been a handful of start-up issues (fax machines, etc.), we have been able to trouble-shoot and problem-solve in an effective manner, thanks to the staff support in managing and operating the program.

The greatest challenge remains the acquisition and implementation of an electronic patient care reporting (EPCR) system – a sophisticated handheld computer system with specialized software that significantly enhances field capturing of patient and response records and data. The system must meet data capture requirements for transfer to the billing company; data and reporting requirements for the State; and internal records and reports requirements, while providing enhanced and efficient record-keeping for our field EMS providers. This system will bring the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to a state-of-the-art level, comparable

with patient reporting systems used in many jurisdictions in Virginia and the metropolitan area. Unfortunately, the complex technical requirements of an information technology project so large and sensitive (security of patient data) have delayed the adoption of an acceptable solution. The project remains a department priority and has been included as part of our project of implementing a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

This project could have not been successful without the support of all Fire and Rescue Department members, including those in our volunteer departments and from staff of other county agencies. ❖



One of over 40,000 plus patient transports that firefighters and paramedics do annually.

West Springfield Fire and Rescue Station 27 Holds A Special Record

By Captain I Felecia L. Edwards

Shift Leader, Fire and Rescue Station 27, B-Shift

West Springfield Fire and Rescue Station 27 is a very special place to work. It is a part of the West Springfield Government Center which includes the district police station and administrative offices for Supervisor Elaine McConnell, Springfield District. But that's not what makes it so special. The station is newly remodeled and houses Medic 427, Engine 427, and Truck 427. But, that's not it either. Fire and Rescue Station 27 is commanded by Captain II Gary Winemiller, C-Shift, who has over 30 years of service in Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and is presently the most senior person in the entire department. Captain I Mark Brennan is commander of A-Shift and Captain I Felecia L. Edwards is commander of B-Shift. Although these facts are pretty special, that's still not it.

Well do you give up? OK, let me tell you. Fire and Rescue Station 27 holds the record for the most babies born in one year. A-Shift just recently had one birth on April 18. Firefighter Sean Green and wife Margo Dinkins had a baby daughter weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. named Cortnee. C-Shift had three births. Firefighter Keith Curriden is the proud father of a daughter named Gabrielle; Firefighter Mark Butler and wife Laura had a daughter named Grace; Probationary Firefighter Jeff Carney and wife Shelly had their second child named Morgan, born on September 5, 2005. Firefighter Carney's first born Kyle, three-and-a-half years old, is proud to be a big brother. However, B-Shift had seven births in one year. That's right, I said seven.

This baby phenomenon began last July 4 with Firefighter Joseph M. L. Vogtembing. In fact upon his return to work, he was still sporting the stylish hospital wrist band because his son Joseph, Jr., was two months premature and remained in the hospital for several more weeks. Firefighter Vogtembing also has a

daughter named Priscille who is five. Apparatus Technician Richard Bright and his wife Kimberly had their second child, a daughter named Julia. Their son Coulton is three. About a week later Lieutenant Matthew Myers and his wife Alison had their second son Nicholas. His first born son Nathan is also three. Both Bright and Myers had their babies about the same time. Probationary Firefighter Angela Ocampo was assigned to the shift during her light duty period awaiting the birth of her first baby. Her light duty assignment had her stationed at Fire and Rescue Station 27 on all three shifts. She went into labor while A-Shift was working. Medic 427 transported the mother-to-be on December 5 to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Firefighter Ocampo gave birth later that evening to a bouncing baby boy named Tyler. Only two and half weeks later Lieutenant Cory Matthews and his wife Mary gave birth to their son and third child, Myles. Lieutenant Matthews daughter, Tamya, eight, and son Sequon, 14, are thrilled about the new addition to the family. A month later Firefighter Livingston Rolle and wife Janice had their first child, a daughter named Grace. Grace was born on January 13. This brings us to the seventh baby born. Firefighter Charles Harmon and his wife Denise welcomed their first child, a son named Hunter Charles, born on May 23.

We are not quite sure what caused this phenomenon. It could be the water but, there is no evidence to support that premise. It might be something they all ate for dinner at the station but, that theory is inconclusive. Is this a coincidence or fate? Or maybe, just maybe, West Springfield Fire and Rescue Station 27 is just plain special. Whatever happened, we have 11 beautiful babies and 22 proud parents. ❖



117th Recruit School



*Firefighter
Kristi L. Bartlett
Station 11, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Brian L. Casson
Station 10, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Michael E. Garvin
Station 29, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Brian Gross
Station 38, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Benjamin E. Jenkins
Station 31, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Christopher M. Kroboth
Station 29, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Jin S. Lee
Station 10, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Jeffrey E. Loach
Station 19, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Romulo O. Maciel Filho
Station 4, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Victor F. Popovich
Station 5, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
David W. Prohaska
Station 34, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Bruce J. Stark
Station 32, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Chaz Z. Takacs
Station 9, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Richard M. Tamillow
Station 8, B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Aleksandra O. Tereshchuk
Station 17, A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Kyle L. Turner
Station 22, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Nicolette S. Veith
Station 23, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Samuel C. Wilson, III
Station 5, C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Kasim Yilmaz
Station 1, A-Shift*

Station 30 Helps With Smoke Alarms

January 24, 2006

Station Commander J. Iacone, Station 30

Dear Commander Iacone,

I am writing to compliment two of your staff who came to my house this morning to assist me with my fire/smoke detectors. I have recently bought a townhouse in your area. Unfortunately, I don't recall the names of the two firemen who came to assist. But they were very conscientious, courteous and

helpful in assisting me. I feel more secure now not only because I have solved my fire/smoke detector problem, but also by knowing I have a responsive fire department nearby to rely on.

Sincerely yours,
John Buckley

First Quarter Promotional Ceremony March 17, 2006



Individuals promoted during the first quarter of 2006 include: **Captain I:** Robert A. Banasik, Frank W. Geiger, Michael G. McCullen, and Brian E. Moravitz. **Lieutenant:** Clifton Allen, Joshua T. Allison, Rocco Alvaro, Thomas G. Arnold,, Todd I. Barb, Mervin E. Barrera, Bill C. Betz, Matthew D. Black, Daniel B. Borden, Lawrence M. Braswell, Larry M. Cuffee, Marc S. Davidson, James L. Dennis, Gregg J. Dojczak, Derek A. Edwards, Evelyn G. Edwards, Timothy E. Edwards, Kenneth G. Geffen, Robert W. Gusa, James P. Hobgood, Stephen M. Johnson, Dennis M. Kotecki, Joseph M. Kratochvil, Miranda Lambermond, Richard M. Lancing, James R. Low, Mark P. Menton, Anthony D. Mullins, David E. Myers, Mark A. Nash, Janet T. Norko, Edward L. Payne, Michael L. Sease, David K. Sellers, Leslie C. Smith, Michael S. Snapp, Jessica P. Spear, Rex E. Strickland, Jennifer L. Svites, Antonio D. Trammell, Jack L. Walmer, Michael W. Whetsell, and Kelly W. Woolf. **Technician:** Jason R. Abitz, Christopher Barnes, Thomas E. Biller, Christopher M. Blair, Carolyn P. Carmody, Roosevelt Carson, Hugh C. Clarke, Ben G. Coffman, Matthew T. Cox, Dustin J. Cramer, Eric S. Craven, Michael E. Duffy, Brian C. Edmonston, Michael O. Feaster, Ryan S. Fletcher, \$Raymond E. Foster, James M. Furman, Brian A. Gallamore, Mary J. Getts, Kyung S. Ha, Dawn C. Howell, Thomas N. Johnson, Michael E. Klump, Robin M. Lotz, James T. Martin, Stephen P. McCay, Michael D. Miller, Alexander C. Obert, Brenden J. Petersburg, Laurie E. Peverill, Matthew E. Phillips, Christopher Sampl, Scott E. Schermerhorn, Jay W. Smith, John E. Smith, Daniel M. Sova, Deborah G. Sparrer, Jon S. Stern, Leo T. Sullivan, William E. Thurston, Kris W. Tollok, Vernon R. Tomczak, William D. Vance, and Frances J. Webb. **Fire Inspector III:** David E. Feiring, James T. Hartnett, and Monique M. Joseph. **Management Analyst I:** Reena M. Thomson.

World Police and Fire Games Update

By Sergeant Bruce Blechl
 Franconia District Station
 Fairfax County Police Department



It is official; Fairfax County has advanced to the second round of the selection process for the 2013 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG). Not only has Fairfax County been invited to the second round, but also Denver, Colorado; Calgary, Canada; Innsbruck, Austria; and Belfast,

Northern Ireland. With that collection of entries, the WPFG Federation will have a vast array of jurisdictional history and traditions to sample and absorb. Fairfax County is unique in that the locality is not a traditional urban setting which the Games are normally accustomed. Team Fairfax 2013 has taken that fact into consideration while planning for the impending site inspection by the WPFG Inspection Committee; tentatively set for the second week in September. Although Fairfax County has multiple notable attractions and endless parking space within its confines, Team Fairfax 2013 had to be cognizant of just how large our jurisdiction is.

With events being held at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, the Washington Dulles Hilton, the Dulles Expo Conference Center and George Mason University just to name a few, it was decided the western end of the county would be the most accommodating to the needs and requirements of the Games. The Westfield Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, located in the Sully District, was selected to be the host hotel for the ten-day event. Here, athletes and their families will be required to check-in and receive their credentials. The hotel will also serve as the site for the expo/trade show, currency exchange, media coverage, and medical hospitality center.

The Games are about more than the athletic competitions themselves. The opening

ceremonies for the Games will be celebrated at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Washington, DC. Several mid-week socials will be offered and held at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center, and the Pentagon. The closing ceremonies will be held at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

Aside from the social events, a nightly gathering place for everybody affiliated with the Games was established. Aptly named, the Athlete's Village will also be held at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center. During the duration of the Games, the Dulles Expo North Hall will be converted into a nightclub that will be open to the attendees and public alike. Here, everyone will be able to relax from the day's events, watch video footage from the daily competitions, enjoy nightly entertainment and camaraderie, and consume copious amounts of food and drink. Internet capabilities will also be established for those who wish to contact their family and friends who did not make the trip.

As was mentioned, the next hurdle for Team Fairfax 2013 to overcome is the site inspection which is tentatively set for September. Once here, the WPFG Inspection Committee will evaluate hotel availability, restaurants, athletic venues, transportation concerns, and overall knowledge of the Games by government officials, public safety leaders, and those who may be directly affected by the Games. If Fairfax County is deemed a worthy finalist, Team Fairfax 2013 will travel to Adelaide, Australia, in March 2007 for the final round. There are several more months to prepare for the site inspection and to spread the news of what lies ahead. Through this article, I hope I have reached those who may be unaware of this exciting movement. To learn more about the Games, please visit www.cpfaf.org. ❖

Why Should I Collect For MDA?

Lieutenant Marc Davidson
Fire and Rescue Station 29, C-Shift



Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard (second from left), Nicholas Butler (center front), and members of Local 2068 enjoyed time with children who attended the 2006 Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp in Leonardtown, Maryland, on June 30. Members of Local 2068 provided entertainment for the children as targets in the dunk tank. Local 2068 and Chief Neuhard also grilled and served hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs.

Darn good question. A legitimate question. One that deserves a good answer. Let me try to give you one (or many). First and most obviously, “the kids.” If you have ever met a child whose hopes and dreams start and end with a wheelchair, there is usually a powerful and immediate response...the need to help. Collecting pennies, nickels, and dimes from complete strangers fulfills that need. Sometimes we need to understand more rationally why something is so.

Tradition. As a culture, the fire service values tradition above all things...except when it doesn't suit us, and then we're all “200 years of tradition unimpeded by progress.”

Fifty-one years ago a father of two boys in Boston is desperate. Medical bills are overwhelming and he doesn't know what to do. He's been told his two sons may die without further treatment. Simply put, he is lost. He turns to his high school friend, George Graney, and asks for help. A jake with Engine Company 1, George does what his profession inherently calls for...he helps. He gets 20 other firefighters together, they go door-to-door, filling canisters

for his friend, and end up collecting \$5,000. The jakes from Boston are famous for their generosity. Ask Captain Bob Konczal about a road trip to Fenway and a fire truck ride to the front gate. I can attest to that spirit in the aftermath of Worcester, Massachusetts, they treated us like brothers and sisters. Eventually, George Graney asks, and gets the entire city, then the state, and then the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to make the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) its designated charity. One firefighter making a difference.

Okay, forget tradition. Why not work with other organizations or other charities? How about burned children? We do...or do we? Are you throwing away aluminum cans at your station, instead of getting them to Aluminium Cans For Burned Children (ACBC, call Renee Stillwell and pitch in). Did you know that the IAFF is the largest contributor to burn research in the United States? Have you run or sponsored a runner in the Marine Corps Marathon for them? How about breast cancer? Did you get in touch with Technician Jaemohn Cloyd at Station 8 to help the Susan G. Komen Foundation? How about Captain John Niemiec's efforts for hepatitis research and the Tim Harmon Foundation? Master Technician Will Bailey and toys for kids at Christmas? Marine Corps Toys for Tots? This department supports those efforts like very few organizations I know.

But why is MDA so visible? My theory is because it has to. After doing some fact finding, I found out that MDA is one of very few charities that does not receive money from United Way. It is self-sufficient. United Way is a three billion dollar plus organization. MDA is one tenth its size. American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and thousands of other excellent charities receive money from United Way. That means your work on Labor Day weekend is not just “nice,” it's crucial. It is literally the lifeblood for the families relying on MDA.

The questions are numerous, the answers are straightforward. Is MDA efficient with it's money? Yes (call me and we'll review the financial sheets and data I received from the American Institute of Philanthropy and Charity Navigator, both are independent research firms that rate every charity). Does the money help people in our area? Yes, (call me, let me tell you about a father of two who puts on the same bunkers you do, or the Marine whose son is afflicted, and has been activated to Camp Lejeune, or many others). Why didn't we do more for hurricane relief? We did (call me) as an interesting side note, ask any other local throughout Virginia and Maryland, and they will all tell you the same thing that they told Kristin Wallace and me. The hurricane meant substantially less collected last year...we are the only local/department in the entire Mid-Atlantic region who feels we collected more because of the hurricane (believe me, they collected the same way we did).

I could go on with "the facts, only the facts." Like I said, call me, you talk, I promise I will listen. Let me leave you with this. Three families, in three separate places say one thing which seals the deal for me. These are three families who have been forced to deal with one of 40 different diseases that will eventually rob their child or loved one of any semblance of a normal life, it may even take their life. These are diseases that affect all races, genders, rich/poor, insured/uninsured, young and old. These families only hope is that their loved one lead as normal a life as possible until a cure can be found. They are desperate and they are overwhelmed. Speaking with these three families individually—they all said the same thing, "Without MDA we would have been lost." It is a statement so simple to understand, so universal in it's meaning, ...we would have been lost. I don't want to imagine a day when my world has been yanked off its chain, that I have to repeat that phrase. But, if I do, I can only hope that some group like MDA... which ultimately means you, will stand, roll up their sleeves and say "This is who we are, this is what we do." Thank you George Graney. See you on the street. ❖



From left to right: County Executive Anthony Griffin, Master Technician Robert A. Joy, and Chairman Gerald E. Connolly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Master Technician Robert A. Joy Receives Onthank Award

Having served on the Council of Governments (COG) Passenger Rail Safety Committee for 18 years with the last 12 years as the committee chair, Master Technician Joy has used his role to lead improvements to metro rail safety for the region. His involvement has provided the area with a better equipped and prepared emergency service resulting in a safer commuter rail system for the thousands of daily riders of Metro, Virginia Railway Express, and AmTrak. As committee chair, Master Technician Joy recognized the need to develop an operations manual that could be used by Northern Virginia fire and rescue departments, along with those from Maryland and the District of Columbia. Master Technician Joy took on the responsibility of coordinating this enormous project, which included researching, verifying, and validating large amounts of information. He worked with other jurisdictions to learn more about their operations to assist in revising and editing the manual. As a result, through his guidance and leadership, the *Fire Departments of Northern Virginia Metro Rail Manual* provides the region with a user-friendly text for consistent training and operations with Metro Rail emergencies. Master Technician Joy's accomplishments as committee chair and his work on the manual have been recognized by the Council of Governments Fire Chiefs Committee. ❖

Fire and Rescue Department Thanked After EMS Call

Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530
Fairfax, VA 22032-0078

January 19, 2006

Dear Mr. Connolly:
The Fairfax County Rescue Department saved my life last week. On Thursday, January 12 between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., I had a heart attack at home. My husband called 911 and as a result, I was lucky enough to receive the services of a wonderful ambulance and fire crew. I'll never forget the competent, kind, caring people who took care of me. They have the most beautiful faces I have ever seen in my life (excluding my children and grandchildren, of course). They were so efficient and speedy in

administering emergency care and all the while they were so calming, gentle, and thoughtful. We are very lucky to have people like this to take care of us when we need them. Unfortunately, they seem to be unsung heroes but you can be sure that I'll be singing their praises forever. I hope I don't need such a service again but if I do, I'll feel better knowing that people such as these superior people are available to help me and those I love.

Sincerely,
Salley R. Dzikiewicz

cc: Michael P. Neuhard
Chief; Fire and Rescue Department
Penn Daw Fire Station Number 11
Alexandria Gazette

Community Program Highlights



Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard and Captain I Robert M. Mohler, President, Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics, IAFF Local 2068, presented Nicholas Butler with an honorary firefighter badge, a department shirt, and a certificate making Nicholas an honorary firefighter of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



Left to right: Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard, Stacy Williams, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Reston office; Battalion Chief Daniel V. Gray; Captain I Robert M. Mohler, Fire and Rescue Station 35, A-Shift, and President, Local 2068 (far right), and Nicholas Butler (center front).

Hot Shots



Master Technician Joseph Kieler, R421, and Acting Technician Todd Young, E434, push the dashboard away from a patient on the scene of a vehicle crash on Route 66 West after Route 123 on February 24, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. (Photo by Technician George Loayza, Fire and Rescue Station 21, B-Shift)



Firefighters reported heavy fire and smoke coming from the garage of this two-story home at 4819 Briggs Road in Fairfax on April 28, 2006. Sixty firefighters were dispatched to the scene of the two-alarm blaze. Two adults and two children were displaced. Damage was estimated at \$375,000. The cause of the fire was accidental, combustibles placed too close to a hot barbeque grill.



(Photos left and right) A second-alarm brought over 70 emergency personnel to the scene of this three-story single-family home at 10801 Windcloud Court in the Oakton area. One firefighter was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with a non-life threatening injury. Damages were estimated at \$1.8 million.



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a three-alarm Reston townhouse fire at 11266 Fairwind Way. Two adjoining properties, 11268 and 11270 Fairwind Way also received major fire damage. Two firefighters sustained non-life threatening injuries. The damage was estimated at \$1.1 million. The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical.



This two-story single-family house fire started as a result of combustibles stored too close to a hot barbeque grill on April 30, 2006. One male occupant was home at the time of the blaze and was medivaced to Washington Burn Center. Damages was estimated at \$575,000.



In Remembrance



Detective
Vicky O. Armel



Master Police Officer
Michael E. Garbarino





Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department personnel, family, and friends pose before participating in the Fairfax City 4th of July Parade. (Photo by Paul Carlin, North Apparatus Maintenance Facility.)



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Color Guard leads the Fire and Rescues representation in the 4th of July Parade on Route 123. (Photo by Lieutenant Joseph Vacchio, Investigations.)



Left to right: Lieutenant Evelyn G. Edwards, Relief 6th Battalion, A-Shift; demonstrates training techniques to the local media; Paula L. Polito, Support Services; and Juan B. Rengel, Purchasing and Accounts Payable at the new Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Emergency Medical Services Training Simulation Center located at 7921 Jones Branch Drive in the McLean area. The facility opened on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.



Left to right: Captain II Edith M. Eshleman, Fire and Rescue Station 17, B-Shift; Firefighter Alessandra C. Hurtado, Fire and Rescue Station 17, B-Shift; Emily Mathis and Laura Mathis, Centreville Dogs, and kneeling Firefighter Svetlanna F. Baylinson, Fire and Rescue Station 17, C-Shift, hosted a dog wash. Approximately \$795 was raised to benefit the Centreville Dog Park.



Chairman Gerald E. Connolly and Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard present a plaque to Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth whose assistance helped provide space for the Tysons Corner Emergency Medical Services Training Simulation Center. West Group was also recognized for their key support.

Huntington Community Association, Inc.
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Open Letter to Supervisor Gerry Hyland June 30, 2006

Supervisor Gerry Hyland Mount Vernon
District 2511 Parkers Lane Alexandria,
VA 22306-3273

Reference: County Response to the Huntington Community

Dear Supervisor Hyland,

As you know, residents of the Huntington Community on Fenwick Drive and Arlington Terrace were victims of severe flooding late Sunday night, June 25, 2006. Before we had time to think what to do next, Fairfax County had already swung into full disaster mode.

As I walked the community that Monday morning, it appeared that the entire county government had moved to Huntington. The response from all levels of county government has been beyond expectations. Residents have repeatedly told me how appreciative and impressed with the response the county has given.

The efforts of the county have expanded to include community based organizations, churches, businesses, and many of our fellow citizens. Today's cleanup effort led by Volunteer Fairfax will be a major factor in residents being able to return to their homes.

While the cause of this flood event remains unknown, I know the county is already making headway in determining the cause and will be providing that information to us as soon as it is known. We thank you and the county for bringing in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist with this process, as well as mitigation of future flooding.

Your call to me immediately after the flooding was just the beginning of what has become a massive effort to make the community whole. This is not surprising given your long term and unwavering support of the Huntington Community.

Here we are only five days later and some residents are already back in their homes, and massive cleanup has been accomplished. Please express to Chairman Connolly, members of the Board, all county agencies and staff, and community based organizations, our gratitude and deep appreciation for all that has been done, is being done, and will be done. Later this summer, we look forward to expressing our appreciation to everyone on a more personal level.

In His Service,

Mack B. Rhoades, Jr., PhD
President

Awards & Presentations

Career Achievement Award

Technician Kurt A. Hoffman
Lieutenant Paul A. Masiello
Master Technician Robert A. Joy
Technician Christopher M. Matsos
Captain II James Tolson

Meritorious Service Award

Lieutenant Edward L. Payne

Unit Citation

8064 Saint Anne's Court

Rescue 411

Lieutenant Thomas L. Flint
Technician John C. Guy
Technician David A. Hessler

Tower 411

Lieutenant Bruce A. Neuhaus
Master Technician Jerry L. Smith
Firefighter Clark Slaymaker

3128 Barnard Court

Tower 430

Lieutenant Richard S. Slepetz
Technician Eric S. Craven
Firefighter Jason C. Earl

Rescue 418

Lieutenant Matthew C. Burns
Lieutenant David P. Conrad
Lieutenant Wayne P. Wentzel
Master Technician Christopher A. Bastin
Master Technician Kent Watts

Rescue Engine 433

Captain Greg Thuat
Technician Scott Poole
Firefighter Jason Gorres

Team Performance Award

8064 Saint Anne's Court

Engine 424

Lieutenant Craig S. Luecke
Technician Larry L. Duncan
Technician Haywood P. Marshall
Firefighter Elizabeth K. Wagner

Engine 411

Lieutenant Leroy I. Butler
Technician Kenneth G. Geffen
Firefighter Kahre P. Leavitt
Fire Medic Thomas Nevin

Engine 409

Captain I Todd S. Hall
Master Technician Emily L. Murphy
Technician Raymond K. Beaver
Technician Christopher T. Bell

Truck 411

Lieutenant James R. Low
Lieutenant Christopher Thompson
Firefighter Marc O. Saldivar

Medic 424

Technician Clyde J. Davis
Lieutenant Timothy N. Dunaway
Firefighter Mariano J. Siles

Medic 409

Lieutenant Barbara R. Silvia
Firefighter Luis Mata

Medic 411

Lieutenant Thomas M. Connolly
Technician Stephen P. McCay

Ambulance 411

Technician Jeffrey E. Klopp
Firefighter Mark C. Killion

Engine 465

Captain Melvin Carney
Captain Bruce Wright
Technician Daniel Wedding
Firefighter Russell Pearson
Firefighter Mark Weeks

7399 Hayfield Road

E437

Captain I Charles H. Clark
Technician Charles L. Collier
Technician Brian J. Ni
Firefighter Khaljl B. Abdul-Rasheed

A437

Firefighter Trina L. Mosier
Technician Karen D Sterling

Tower 405

Lieutenant. Carton Chatman
Master Tech George C. Hood
Firefighter Marcus Wilson

M405

Captain I. James E. Lee
Firefighter Jeanette Hannibal

R411

Lieutenant George A. Hollingsworth
Technician Danny C. Mitchell
Technician Brian L. Remines
Technician Richard M. Trudeau

8623 Kenilworth Drive

Engine 427

Lieutenant William T. Hyden
Master Technician John R. Brinkerhoff
Technician Manuel L. Stribling
Firefighter/Medic Vincent Flores

Truck 427

Master Technician Jeffrey F. Klopp
Firefighter Livingston J. Rolle
Firefighter Charles A. Harman

Medic 427

Lieutenant Gregory W. Hunter
Master James H. Parson
Firefighter/Medic Michael W. Adams

EMS405

Captain II Glenn A. Bydume

2505 Ryegate Lane

Medic 409

Lieutenant Michael J. Fontana
Firefighter Anthony D. Craft

Engine 409

Captain II James C. Tolson
Master Technician Cathleen C. Cody
Technician Christopher H. Kempton
Firefighter Ahmed J. Harris

5218 Southampton Drive

E427

Captain II Gary W. Winemiller
Master Technician John R. Brinkerhoff
Fire Medic Vincent Flores
Firefighter/Medic Romel B. Williams

M427

Lieutenant Gregory W. Hunter
Firefighter/Medic Jeffrey H. Carney
Firefighter Karen M. Torpey

FJLEPC

Shenandoah Pride Exercise

Captain I Martin Ranck
Lieutenant Sean J. O'Conner
Master Technician David K. Sellers
Technician Lillie Allen-Peyton
Technician Joseph P. Gorman
Technician Dave A. Hessler
Technician Mark P. Menton
Analyst III Eric Fisher

Communication Manual Committee

Lieutenant Michael J. Fischer
Master Technician Nicholas Weresnick
Firefighter Sean M. Wilson
PSCIII Jon Ronan

3 Year Safe Driving

Firefighter Pedro P. Benavidez
Firefighter Dustin J. Cramer
Firefighter Gianova Vasquez
Firefighter Robert J. Williams

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Deputy Chief Duane M. Dodwell Completes International Professional Designation Process

Deputy Chief Duane M. Dodwell of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has successfully completed the process that awards him the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO). The Commission on Chief Fire Officer Designation met on March 1, 2006, to officially confer the designation upon Deputy Chief Dodwell who is one of only 498 CFO's worldwide.

The Chief Fire Officer Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components including:

experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement, and 20 technical competencies.

A Board of Review consisting of members of the fire and emergency services profession, academia, and municipal agencies review each application and recommends successful candidates for designation to the Commission.

Deputy Chief Dodwell has been a member of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for 21 years.

2005 Volunteer Fire Service Awards



Each of these individuals have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the department through hundreds of hours of providing fire and emergency medical services or through other roles to support the goals of the Fairfax County combined career-volunteer system. Pictured left to right: Tina Godfrey, Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; Camilla Hollenbeck, Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company; Shane Murphy, Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company; Jack May, Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company; Howard Springsteen, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department; Keith Edgemon, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department; and Tim Fleming, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman, Volunteer Fire Commission presented the awards.

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 3/20/2006 Box: 25-04 Address: 11410 North Shore Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental - Vehicles Value: \$1,132,825 Loss: \$627,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/2/2006 Box: 25-04 Address: 11266 Fairwind Way Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$1,492,500 Loss: \$1,109,500 Status: Closed
Date: 4/11/2006 Box: 31-07 Address: 2651 Conquest Place Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$483,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/16/2006 Box: 36-02 Address: 13300 Jefferson Commons Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Gas Value: \$1,800,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/21/2006 Box: 34-07 Address: 9416 Colonade Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$2,000,000 Loss: \$405,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/26/2006 Box: 26-94 Address: 4923 Manitoba Dr. #103 Type: Residential Cause: Under Investigation Value: \$1,000,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Open
Date: 4/28/2006 Box: 40-01 Address: 4819 Briggs Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Barbecue Value: \$495,965 Loss: \$377,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/28/2006 Box: 38-00 Address: 14374 Quail Pond Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Lamp Value: \$509,900 Loss: \$225,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/30/2006 Box: 14-02 Address: 10023 Marshall Pond Road Type: Structure Cause: Accidental - Charcoal Value: \$1,097,535 Loss: \$578,535 Status: Closed
Date: 5/1/2006 Box: 09-00 Address: 8621 Buckboard Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$600,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 5/4/2006 Box: 18-10 Address: 7424 Fairwood Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Open Flame Value: \$618,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 5/23/2006 Box: 09-43 Address: 8104 Martha Washington Street Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Coals Value: \$400,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 5/24/2006 Box: 04-25 Address: 12030 Sunset Hills Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$8,500,000 Loss: \$260,000 Status: Closed
Date: 5/29/2006 Box: 20-00 Address: 10524 Old Colchester Road Type: Residential Cause: Incendiary Value: \$175,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Open
Date: 5/29/2005 Box: 18-13 Address: 2936 Annandale Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$1,100,000 Loss: \$500,000 Status: Closed
Date: 5/29/2006 Box: 37-02 Address: 6010 Ashby Heights Circle Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental - Open Flame Value: \$1,625,000 Loss: \$821,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/2/2006 Box: 34-01 Address: 10801 Windcloud Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Electrical Value: \$1,800,000 Loss: \$1,800,000 Status: Closed
Date: 6/11/2006 Box: 04-31 Address: 2648 Wild Cherry Place Type: Residential Cause: Accidental - Closed Value: \$900,000 Loss: \$400,000 Status: Closed

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6 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Keith W. Cerzullo
Firefighter Colleen M. Wuckovich

9 Year Safe Driving

Technician Lloyd B. Jackson
Technician James B. McKendree

15 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Kevin R. Cohen
Technician Joseph P. Kieler
Technician Joseph A. Oleksia

Fairfax County Volunteer Services Award

Community Leadership

Master Technician Willie F. Bailey

**2006 National Association of
Police Organizations**

Top COPS Award - Honorable Mention

Captain I William B. Harlowe

**Retired Police Captain Thanks
Fire and Rescue Department**

January 19, 2006

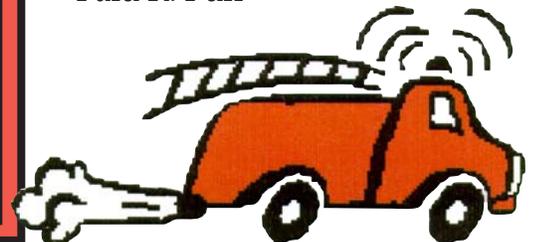
Dear Chief Neuhard:

As a way of introduction, I am a retired Fairfax County Police Captain. I go back to the era of George Alexander, Al Savia, Frank Sherman, Richard Stone, Gene Campbell, Buzzy Jackson, and many others that I worked in EOC and the county with. I have been on the scene of many wrecks, fires, and ambulance calls. However, last Thursday night, January 12 was the first time I had the need of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue services. I wasn't sure what was wrong with me, but I knew I needed help and should go to the hospital. I can't tell you what company responded to my needs, but I know you can check and find out who was here.

The purpose of this letter is to tell you how grateful I am to those who responded, how they went about what they had to do, how they assured me and my wife Linda they had things well in hand. From the time of the initial call to the arrival at the Fair Oaks Hospital, we could not have asked for things to go any better.

I just want you to know it is a comforting feeling to know that these services are available when you need them. I hope we don't need them again. I am on the mend and once again our thanks and gratitude to those who responded to our needs.

Sincerely,
Palu R. Puff



Top 10 Activity Report

March - May 2006

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 408	577	E 408	820	R 421	394
A 413	568	E 410	763	R 426	368
A 430	530	E 421	763	R 418	362
A 409	512	E 422	753	R 401	328
A 411	501	E 409	729	R 411	289
A 410	447	E 411	693	R 419	256
A 431	425	E 425	688	R 439	240
A 414	412	E 413	657	R 414	228
A 434	398	E 426	641		
A 428	388	E 404	635		
Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 418	800	EMS 404	692	T 410	406
M 422	770	EMS 402	497	T 429	376
M 408	753	EMS 401	445	TL 436	375
M 426	692	EMS 405	426	T 425	368
M 410	676	EMS 403	422	T 422	337
M 404	673	EMS 406	405	TL 430	319
M 421	666	BC 404	248	T 438	299
M 425	661	BC 403	232	TL 408	293
M 429	647	BC 402	187	TL 405	257
M 411	641	BC 401	168	TL 401	223

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.

Thank You For Reaching Out to Residents

February 16, 2006

Dear Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard:

The Bucknell Manor Neighborhood Watch would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Fairfax County Fire Department. Last month, I contacted the fire department through the web site about a speaker on fire safety for our meeting and quickly received a call from Captain Mike Garcia of the Penn Daw Fire Station. He agreed to provide speakers for one of our monthly meetings.

We were grateful that the following B squad members were able to attend our Neighborhood Watch meeting on Monday, February 6, 2006, Captain Mike Garcia, Firefighter Iris Shaw, Technician James Hayes, and Lieutenant John Pizzo.

The officers were not only friendly, but extremely helpful to our citizens. The calendars and other information they provided was appreciated. We are grateful for their time and effort and wanted to make you aware of our gratitude. This was our first experience working with the Fire Department and it was a positive one.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Amanda D. Barton

Assistant Watch Coordinator

Bucknell Manor Neighborhood Watch

January 15, 2006

Dear Chief Neuhard:

My son is a Cub Scout in pack 1533. He needed to fulfill a requirement that included a visit to a police or fire station. We choose to visit Station 30, which serves our neighborhood. I called during the day and the captain invited us to come by that evening. We were greeted by Firefighter Archie Fellows. I explained that we needed to learn how he helped people in the community and how courage is needed to perform his job. (Courage is one of Cub Scouting's core values.) I thought that we were just going to see a fire truck and be on our way.

What we got instead was an enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and professional firefighter that made our visit very successful and memorable. He took the time to show us all of the equipment and the tools he uses in his job. He even recruited another firefighter named Bill to demonstrate how they find people in the smoke, with the thermal imager. Mr. Fellows even delayed having dinner, so that he could finish our tour.

I just wanted you to know that the Heller family appreciates the staff of Station 30, especially Firefighters Archie Fellows and Bill (last name unknown). We hope that we will not need to call on them, but feel good knowing that they are there.

Sincerely,

Tom Heller

Fairfax, VA

"Taking Up"



Technician
Carmen J. DeFranks, Sr.

Entry Date: May 4, 1970

Retirement Date: March 31, 2006

Recruit School Number: 14

Assignments: 5, 1, Research and Planning, 2, and Fire Prevention

Likes about the Fire

Department: The satisfaction of helping people who need help no matter who is working as a team on a rescue or fire emergency to complete the task. Working the past 23 years in Prevention as an inspector and working with the private sector to make Fairfax County a safer place to work and live.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: After 36 years with the fire department the things I will miss the most are the people I have met both career and volunteer, and working with people in the private sector, along with the other county agencies trying to make this county a safer place. Most of all I will not be getting up at 3:30 a.m.

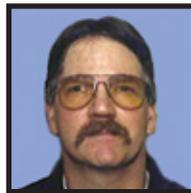
Plans for the future: No real plans at this time. Goal to improve my health and take better care of myself to spend more time with my son in Ohio, my grandsons, and my mother. Do some traveling with my

wife.

Words of wisdom: The Fire and Rescue Department offers many different types of jobs. Remember to come to work and do the very best possible job that you were trained to do. Give the citizens of Fairfax County your best, remember we work and represent Virginia's largest fire and rescue department and wear the uniform with pride.

What got you interested in the fire service? My good friend Emilo DiCola, Al DiCola, Buzzy Ludlow, Frank Ivestor, Jimmy Woodward, the late chief George Alexander, and I volunteered at Franconia, Company 5.

Who or what made an influence in your career? My family, friends, and retired Chief Charles P. Dismuke, the late Deputy Chief Ron Peck, and retired Deputy Chief Stephen Smith.



Master Technician
Walter L. Baughman, Jr.

Entry Date: February 22, 1972

Retirement Date: April 28, 2006

Recruit School Number: 21

Assignments: 15, 2, 11, 28, 26, 18, 10, 21, 25, 21.

Likes about the Fire

Department: Being part of a team and going out and taking care of business.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Don at line-up in

the morning!

Plans for the future: Travel this great country that we live in and go skiing for more than a week at a time.

Words of Wisdom: Don't give up, just take a break and come back stronger. And, take care of your body, it's the only one that you will have.

What got you interested in the fire service? My long time friend, Lee Duckwitz.

Who or what made an influence in your career: Captain James Stuart Fox (Badge #3), Chief Gene Daily, and the career staff assigned to Fire Station 3 in the early 70's.



Firefighter
Robert E. Potter Jr.

Entry Date: May 4, 1981

Retirement Date: May 12, 2006

Recruit School Number: 54

Assignments: 28, 10, and 20

Likes about the Fire

Department: All the friends I've made and the family atmosphere.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: My friends; Fire and Rescue Station 20, B-Shift; and boat patrols on the weekend.

Plans for the future: Drive a school bus full-time, teach CPR and First Aid, and a driving instructor. Keep my swimming pool business, but not working as hard.

Words of wisdom: Be safe.

What got you interested in the fire service? Being exposed to the fire department by my dad, brother and uncles.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

My brother Tom Hawkins, Fire Chief in Arlington and Alexandria, Joe Shifflett, Harry

Johnson, Mike Ciarrocchi, Bobby Rhea, Mike Deli, John Carr, Al "Bonzo" Mullins, and Jimmy Chinn.

Congratulations

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Running Club recently placed 1st and 3rd in the team category at the Cascades Fire Chase 10K in Sterling, Virginia. The Running Club is open to all firefighters. Those interested in joining can contact Master Technician James P. Kotwicki, Fire and Rescue Station 28, A-Shift, or james.kotwicki@fairfaxcounty.gov



Pictured above are (kneeling left to right): Technician Dan Ha, Fire and Rescue Station 34, A-Shift; Master Technician James P. Kotwicki, Fire and Rescue Station 28, A-Shift; (standing left to right) Firefighter Facundo M. Silva, Fire and Rescue Station 18, A-Shift; Firefighter Tracy M. Reed, Fire and Rescue Station 26, C-Shift; Volunteer Jackie Gruendel, Fire and Rescue Department 10; Captain I Tony E. Biller, Fire and Rescue Station 29, A-Shift; Firefighter Mary Kate Costello Fire and Rescue Station 13, C-Shift; Lieutenant Ralph M. Pisani, Fire and Rescue Station 29, C-Shift; Captain I Philip A. Pommerening, EMS Administration.

Retirements

Master Technician
Walter L. Baughman, Jr.
February 22, 1972 - April 28, 2006

Master Technician
Cathleen A. Cody
December 10, 1984 - June 23, 2006

Technician
Carmen J. DeFranks, Sr.
May 4, 1970 - March 31, 2006

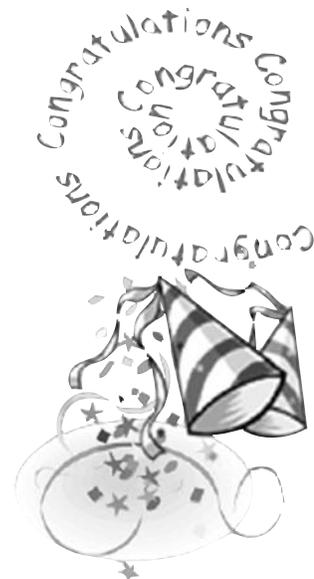
Technician
George E. Lewis, Jr.
September 22, 1980 - March 16, 2006

Firefighter
Robert E. Potter, Jr.
May 4, 1981- May 11, 2006

Battalion Chief
Eric D. Walker
May 21, 1979 - June 22, 2006

Master Technician
Kent E. Watts
January 12, 1981 - May 8, 2006

Battalion Chief
Thomas V. Wolfe
December 5, 1977 - June, 9, 2006



Anniversaries

5 Years

Michael J. Van Dyke
Firefighter Dawn C. Miller
Rae B. Seaborn
Lilian V. Ruiz

15 Years

David M. Gudinas
Master Technician Willie F. Bailey
Technician Smith T. Banks II
Technician Victoria R. Callow
Technician Kevin Campbell
Master Technician Michael B. Crowder
Captain I Eric F. Cunningham
Technician Mike C. Day
Lieutenant Samuel T. S. Devera
Master Technician Sean E. Ferguson
Lieutenant Michael D. Hendershot
Technician Lloyd B. Jackson
Technician Ji Young Lee
Master Technician Mark F. Lucas
Technician Alfred O. Mann
Lieutenant Francis O. Mensah
Lieutenant Stephen E. Miller
Technician Michael D. Moore
Lieutenant John T. Pizzo
Technician Luis V. Rollins
Lieutenant Richard H. Schaub
Lieutenant David K. Sellers
Lieutenant Kenneth A. Wildman
Master Technician Jill F. Young

20 Years

Technician Robert Amone, Sr.
Firefighter James A. Breisch
Firefighter Eric S. Britton
Lieutenant Carlton Chatmon
Lieutenant Thomas F. Chittenden
Firefighter Jay Corwin
Technician Philip C. Devereaux
Technician Carl E. Drew
Captain I Mark L. Feaster
Technician James T. Franklin
Master Technician Eugene L. George
Captain I Todd S. Hall
Lieutenant Glenn C. Jackson
Lieutenant Peter B. Masters
Lieutenant Edmond D. Monseur
Technician James B. Labb
Cathy J. Richards

25 Years

Deputy Chief Dereck A. Baker
Lieutenant George M. Brooks
Captain II Walter T. Brown

Captain I Dennis W. Duff
Technician Jeffrey E. Edwards
Firefighter Robert A. Helmus
Technician Robert D. Hicks
Firefighter Donald O. Holland
Firefighter Robert E. Poter, Jr.
Captain I David L. Prohaska
Lieutenant Mark D. Stone

30 Years

Captain II Michael J. Ciarrocchi
Technician Charles L. Collier
Battalion Chief Mark T. Kane
Captain I Gregory A. McIntosh
Lieutenant Peter J. Michel
Master Technician Douglas L. Emerson, Jr.
Captain II Michael J. O'Connor
Captain II Gary R. Pope
Technician William G. Roberts
Battalion Chief Elliott H. Rubino

31 Years

Mary J. Dargusch

32 Years

Technician Sunnie Cardwell
Technician Milton Goldsmith
Captain I Larry E. Jenkins

33 Years

Captain I John E. Hart
Master Technician Lawrence J. Ricciardi
Captain II James C. Tolson
Captain I Lionel G. Duckwitz

34 Years

Master Technician Walter L. Baughjman, Jr.
Battalion Chief Dewey H. Perks
Battalion Chief John S. White

35 Years

Master Technician Claire O. Ducker, Jr.

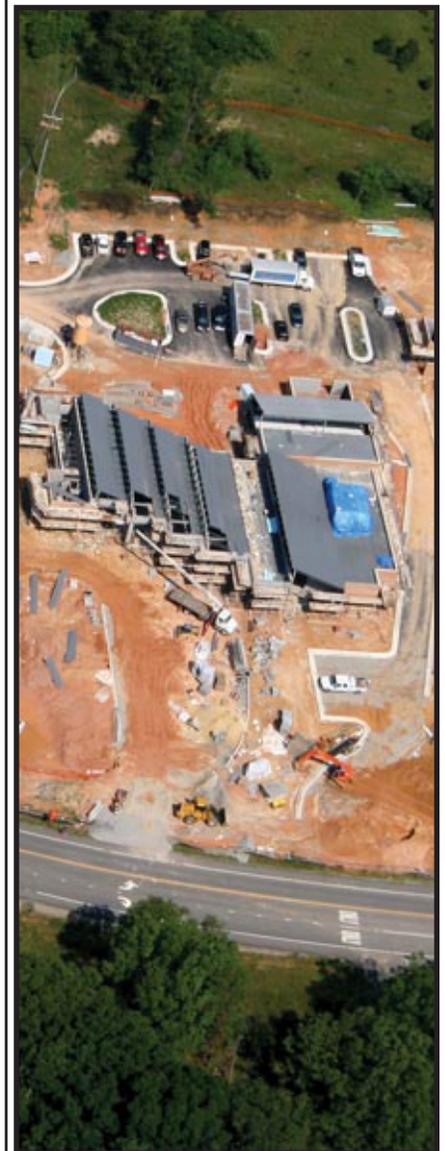
36 Years

Technician Carmen J. DeFranks, Jr.

New Hires

Velma Bunch
Dianne A. Crump
Katrina M. Powell

Crosspointe?



Construction for Fire and Rescue Station 41, Crosspointe, is moving forward. (Photo by Paul Carlin, North Apparatus Maintenance Facility.)



Station Profile

Fairfax Center Fire and Rescue Station #40

Captain II
Milton L Painter
Station Commander

Station constructed: 2005-2006

Station specialty: Hazardous materials

Square miles in first due area: 6.6

Specific hazardous/target areas: Fairfax County Government Center Complex, Fairfax Corner Shopping Complex, Costco and Home Depot, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, VDOT Complex, Interstate 66, and the future Public Safety Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC) under construction.

Total calls in 2005: Station went in service June 12, 2006

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, medic, tower ladder, hazardous materials unit, hazardous materials support unit, and field command unit

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I Martin E. Ranck**, Lieutenant Timothy E. Fowler, Lieutenant Steven T. McFarland, Lieutenant Mark P. Menton, Master Technician Adam C. Brock, Master Technician Robert A. Joy, Master Technician Gary E. Morin, Technician Lillie Allen-Peyton, Technician Jared B. Goff. Technician Kyung S. Ha. Technician Britt M. Lauler, Technician James T. Martin, Technician Elton L. Short, Technician Giovanni Vasquez, Technician Thomas A. Zirkle, Firefighter Scott R. Fickes, Firefighter Jason P. Kamiyama, Firefighter Stephen J. Painter, and Firefighter/Medic Alyssa J. Slotkin. **B-Shift:** **Captain II Milton L. Painter**, Lieutenant Richard M. Lancing, Lieutenant Janet T. Norko, Lieutenant James A. Perkins, Master Technician Mark G. Briskey, Master Technician William S. Moreland, Master Technician Christopher M. Morgan, Technician Alfred M. Dougherty, Technician James T. Franklin, Technician Brian A. Gallamore, Technician Gregory A. Keppley, Technician Laurie E. Peverill, Technician Matthew E. Phillips, and Technician Daniel M. Sova. **C-Shift:** **Captain I Reginald T. Johnson**, Lieutenant Sean J. O'Connor, Lieutenant Natalie D. Robb, Lieutenant Daniel T. Young, Master Technician Richard C. Vannoy, Technician Smith T. Banks, Technician Douglas E. Butler, Technician Joseph P. Gorman, Technician Brian P. Jenkins, Technician Hector J. Rivera-Flores, Technician Jeffrey L. Smith, Technician Daniel R. Thompson, Technician Clifford A. Watson, and Firefighter Kevin J. Steinhilber.



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