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Virginia Task Force 1, Haiti Deployment — Special Supplement Inside (Pull-Out)



Two-alarm fire at 2537 Herrell Court in the Falls Church area on January 31, 2010, caused \$150,000 damage. Two people were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. A furnace caused the fire. (Photo by John Leonard)



Ronald L. Mastin

“Thank you for what you do each and every day and your selfless dedication to service.”

From The Fire Chief . . .

The past several months have been extremely rewarding as I witness the professionalism and dedication of our members as they deal with a number of “first time” events. The loss of 29 positions due to significant budget reductions, the activation and deployment of 114 members to Haiti, and record-breaking snow challenged us in many ways, but each was met head-on, and overcome by our personnel. Each of these tested the core beliefs and commitment of our members to do more with less, and helped us find creative ways to manage our resources, while never wavering on service delivery to our residents and the community.

Despite losing a record number of positions last fiscal year, receiving no pay raises, and an eight percent budget reduction in the amount of \$12 million over a two-year period, our members have gone the extra mile to serve both our internal and external customers. This was accomplished while we continue to see an increase in demand for service and face the potential for additional cuts. Current year budget cuts spared us by not losing any staffing on frontline response units, however, any significant reductions this time around will undoubtedly impact service delivery and hamper our ability to make timely responses.

I mention the budget challenges only to give high praise and acco-

lades to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department as we deployed two VATF-1 teams to the devastating Haiti earthquake. This was a first for us even though the team has been on numerous deployments worldwide. The teamwork displayed by task force members, civilians, family members, and the support of the county leadership was truly a work of art. To have 72 team members on the ground in Haiti within 22 hours was an amazing first, but to follow it up with a second team of 42 members while keeping all 114 frontline units fully staffed was only possible because of a mission focused/dedicated workforce.

Not only was this the first time we mobilized two teams, but it was also the longest deployment for our members. This required more shifts to be filled, more interviews and inquiries for our PIO staff, updates to elected officials, nightly teleconferences, and work by our Family Services Support Team to ensure our entire Fire and Rescue Department family was taken care of. This stretched all facets of the department, but to say I am proud of the response to these challenges would be an understatement. Not only did the team rescue nine people and assist with seven other rescues, they showed the true meaning and spirit of “community service,” a core value, with their everyday actions. In addition to search and rescue, it

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included establishing temporary shelters, and helping the U.S. Embassy where our base camp was located.

On February 5, 2010, just eight days after both teams returned, a record-breaking winter storm leaving behind a record 30 plus inches of snow descended upon us. This event created the need to up staff our ladder companies and command units, place 37 four-wheel drive units in service, and staff additional EMS units for more than a week. This event heavily taxed our resources and required everyone to commit to working extra shifts, and taking everyone away from their families during this record-setting storm. Every part of the organization was challenged as we provided for the all-hazards needs of our residents during this trying period. Our call volume increased significantly, including multiple working fires, dialysis patient transports, oxygen delivery, and numerous other public service requests.

This event was the first time we used the National Guard and their all-wheeled drive vehicles to support our mission. This extra resource, coupled with the support of our volunteers, greatly enhanced our response capability as even the most basic call was incredibly hard to accomplish. Multiple units were stuck daily, patients were carried to transport units in the most creative of ways, and the rebuilding of chains was a regular firehouse activity for several days.

While the description of these "first time" events only touches the surface of what it takes to plan, prepare, support, and recover from these challenges, the overall success is a direct reflection of the commitment, professionalism, dedication, and hard work of every member of this fine



Personnel from Fire and Rescue Station 9, C-Shift, participated in the week long event honoring Dr. Seuss's birthday recognized as "Read Across America." This event encourages and gets kids excited to read. Personnel read to the children from Hollin Meadows Elementary School in Alexandria. Pictured above is Kimberly Martin, Teacher, Technician Michael D. Guck, Firefighter Gregory M. Merryman, Firefighter Lauren E. Costello, Lieutenant Michael Wall, Fairfax County Police Department, and Lieutenant Jessica P. Spear. (Photo by Captain I Kerwin A. McNamara, Fire and Rescue Station 9, C-Shift)

organization. Thank you for what you do each and every day and your selfless dedication to service. ❖

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Saluting Those Who Wear Two Uniforms

By Christopher Sarokhan
President, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

In the weeks following 9/11, as Americans were roused with patriotic fervor, one image among others inspired them to service and to admiration of those who answer the call. In this artistic rendition, a firefighter amidst the rubble of the World Trade Center passes an American flag to a soldier heading off to battle, who assures him, "I'll take it from here."

The men and women who serve in the military and the fire service have always shared a bond of kinship and admiration. U.S. Senator John McCain, heir to a storied military tradition and a survivor of the 1967 *USS Forrestal* fire, once remarked of the fire service, "like soldiers, your courage is our shield, your loyalty our privilege, your sacrifices our lesson in heroism and your devotion to your fallen and injured our shared and honorable obligation." Today, surveys of servicemen and women deployed in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom show that the professionals whom they respect the most are those in the fire service. Naturally, this respect is echoed by our respect of our brethren in military service.

The fire service in Fairfax County is no stranger to this bond. In World War II, so many of the existing firefighters went off to war that the county's fire service began accepting firefighters as young as 14. The war also led to the hiring of the county's first Fire Chief. This relationship continues today. In deployments to Haiti and elsewhere, the county's Urban Search and Rescue team operates side-by-side with the military to provide humanitarian assistance and serve as



an ambassador of U.S. goodwill. Many career and volunteer members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) are also veterans of the U.S. military. However, a special few go above and beyond to distinguish themselves, the department, and the nation by wearing both a military uniform and the fire service uniform, providing selfless service to all. These include both career and volunteer members of the department.

Volunteer members who are currently serving in the military include at least seven volunteers who are active members of the military, with several currently deployed or on active duty.

They include the following members:

Captain Douglas TenHoopen, a Volunteer FF/EMT and Engine Driver/Operator with the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, is a U.S. Navy SH-60 helicopter pilot. Captain TenHoopen has deployed during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Allied Force (Kosovo), as well as on several sea and Pentagon tours. He is currently the

Commander of the Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. In his 23-year career, Captain TenHoopen has received over 20 decorations and campaign awards. During this time he has also spent 28 years as a volunteer FF/EMT, serving in departments in six different states.

Lieutenant Commander Holly Harrison, a Volunteer FF/EMT with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, is the first woman in the Coast Guard to receive the Bronze Star and to command a vessel in a combat zone. Her citation lists her "meritorious achievement in combat operations," "uncommon bravery," "unparalleled leadership," and "tactical brilliance."

Commander Harrison also holds a Masters degree from Princeton University and has held numerous other command, instructor, and staff positions in her 15-year career.

Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Dr. Deborah Volker (Volunteer Paramedic at Franconia) is currently deployed to Afghanistan as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge and Operations Representative for the U.S. Air Force Band. As Director of Operations and Musical Director for the Air Force's Strolling Strings, Ms. Volker's unit promotes troop morale, diplomacy, and outreach to host nation communities. In addition to serving as a Volunteer Paramedic, Ms. Volker is also the President of the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department.

Also from Franconia, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Lance Corporal Daniel Gaal is currently on active duty with Bravo Company, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion as a Light Armor Vehicle Gunner in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Gaal joins his father, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Gaal (U.S. Army, retired) as a member of Franconia, where he is a FF/EMT and Engine Operator/Driver.

Sergeant Robin E. Pesnell, a Volunteer EMT with the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department has spent over 11 years in the U.S. Army, including one deployment to Afghanistan in 2009. Sergeant Pesnell has received 15

decorations, including the Combat Action Badge.

Captain Patricia Giera, a recent Volunteer FF/EMT with the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department, has been a Military Police Officer in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve since 2002. Deployed to Afghanistan in 2005, she has received several decorations, including the Combat Action Badge.

Captain Giera is joined at Annandale by Commander William Burns, another recently-graduated Volunteer FF/EMT. Commander Burns pilots the U.S. Navy's F/A-18C Hornet, an all-weather capable multi-purpose jet fighter that is the mainstay of the Navy's carrier air fleet.

Through their distinguished and honorable service, sacrificing comfort and safety to protect their neighbors and their country, these seven, and their career FCFRD counterparts in the military, represent the best traditions of both the fire service and the U.S. military. They are joined by many career FCFRD firefighters at least 33 other volunteers who are military veterans, including doctors, helicopter and fighter pilots, Green Berets, nurses, intelligence officers, and combat veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. For going above and beyond to serve in both worlds, these men and women have our enduring gratitude and respect. ❖

Dr. Scott Weir Receives 2009 Governor's Emergency Medical Services Award for Outstanding EMS Physician



Dr. Scott Weir epitomizes what the emergency medical services field is by leading a very large system with poise, intuition, and intelligence. He strives to make the Commonwealth's EMS system the best it can be and to achieve optimal patient care. For more than eight years, Dr. Weir has served as the Operational Medical Director for Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, the largest career department in the state. Dr. Weir routinely participates in training related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Task Force and Urban Search and Rescue Team and has been deployed all over the world. He exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication in his implementation of medical control. Dr. Weir's significant contributions to Virginia's local, regional, and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Fire Investigators Receive National Fire and Explosion Certification from NAFI

By Battalion Chief M. Anthony Barrero, Jr.
Fire Prevention Division

Eighteen members of the Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigative Services Section recently obtained national certification as Certified Fire and Explosion Investigators (CFEI) from the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI). The CFEI designation from NAFI is the premier fire investigator certification program in the world.

During the preparation for the CFEI examination, ECCII Terry W. Hall, Lieutenant David M. Lauler, and Lieutenant Joseph Vacchio demonstrated selfless dedication and a positive attitude in helping their fellow fire investigators by assisting with study materials and acting as mentors. Each of the investigator/instructors prepared and presented in-depth training classes that helped prepare other investigators for the CFEI examination.

The designation of CFEI is a confirmation of a fire investigator's superior skills and experience and is awarded after arduous training, self-study,

and extensive experience on the part of each selected investigator. Earning this prestigious certification is a nationally recognized measure of the highest standards and shows extraordinary commitment to excellence and dedication from each investigator.

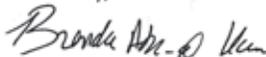
The CFEI certification is a two-part process involving a thorough credentials review by other experts in the field of fire and explosion investigation based on the completion of the CFEI application, and successful completion of the CFEI examination. Preparation for the examination required more than 200 hours of study.

By receiving the designation as CFEI, the fire investigators have earned the respect of their peers throughout the fire service and have established standards for other investigators. Their selfless dedication to duty and commitment to excellence reflects highly upon themselves and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. ❖

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to take the time to write you a letter to let you know about two of your medics at Station 35, I believe they are on B shift, Linwood and Warren. On 21 September, after a wonderful dinner my mom collapsed to the ground. We called 911, she came around after about 20-30 seconds. The medics arrived and checked my mom out. They not only made sure mom was okay, but made sure to let us know everything would be okay. I was worried, because this had never happened before and she had no signs before fainting. They worked on my mom for a little in the ambulance, and then transported her to Springfield INOVA. My mom told me that this was the best care she has ever gotten, and that the person who put her IV in did such a great job she didn't even feel it. Linwood did a great job making sure mom was okay on the trip to the hospital. My mom couldn't have been in better hands than with Linwood and Warren. They talked to her and made sure she was comfortable. My mom is very important to me, and I am so happy she had the great care she received that day. You could tell that they both really cared about their patients, and loved what they do. You have some great guys working for you, and I thought I should take the time to write and let you know that. Great service like that should not go unnoticed or unrecognized. Thank you for your service!!

Sincerely,


Brenda Abu-El-Hawā

February 5, 2010

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RE: McLean Station 1A

Dear Chief Mastin:

Paul and Nancy Burke have been residents of Fairfax County, and more specifically McLean, Virginia nearly 50 years. In all that time there were few occasions to call on Fire and Rescue.

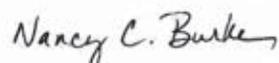
However that all changed this past December of 2009. On Dec. 19 McLean Station 1A, "A" Shift Captain Bill Atwell and his EMS crew were called to the family residence to transport our 91 yr old Dad to Virginia Hospital Center for critical care. You may recall that this was the date of the first major snow storm of the season. Captain Atwell and his very capable crew arrived at the house and were extremely considerate of Dad as well as our Mom. They were efficient in their assessment, kind and caring in management of Dad and Mom to the EMS vehicle and into the hospital. No mean trick with all the snow! On the way to the hospital one of the medics made a great catch of a medication that was not compatible with another medication that Dad was prescribed. He noted that and the ER physician immediately removed the improper medication. Dad was a very proper gentleman and all your personnel treated both parents with great respect.

As a result of exhaustion and cardiac fibrillation, on December 24, 2009 "B" shift EMS was called to the home for transport of our Mom to Virginia Hospital Center. Paramedics Pam Dailey and Shawn Crisp were outstanding in their efficient assessment of Mom, their kindness and respect for her situation. Realizing that her husband was already admitted to Virginia Hospital Center they repeatedly checked on her in the ER until all their paperwork and other duties were completed and they left.

Both parents were released in the next two days. Unfortunately though, Dad was in need of assessment and transport again on Dec. 29, 2009. Again this EMS crew took great care with him. Dad was entered into Hospice at this point and passed away at home Jan. 16, 2010.

My sisters, brothers and I wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for the expertise, professionalism and "going the extra mile" to guarantee the safety, comfort and respect of both parents during those trying 3 ½ weeks. All members of the McLean 1 A EMS "A" and "B" shift crews were exceptional in their attendance to our parents. We wanted you to know how your employees demonstrate the highest ideals of public safety and fire and rescue goals. Even to the point of being concerned about how much snow they were bringing into the home!

Most sincerely,



Madeline (Burke) Drummond (PA)
Janice Burke (Arlington, VA)
Joseph Burke (Falls Church, VA)
Casey Burke (Burke, VA)

Patrick Burke (Chantilly, VA)
Paul Burke (NY)
Matthew Burke (Fairfax, VA)
Nancy Burke (Reston, VA)

Work Performance Evaluation Is Ongoing

By Captain I Ralph M. Pisani
Health and Safety Section

The work of firefighters has a strong physical component. The job requirements of moving heavy and bulky equipment into position during fire suppression activities, extricating victims following a vehicle accident, and carrying heavy patients down flights of stairs demand peak physical fitness levels. All fire and rescue personnel must demonstrate appropriate fitness levels prior to employment. Subsequently, the staff at the Public Safety Occupational Health Center ensures that we maintain fitness levels that allow us to perform the essential functions of our job throughout our careers.

In 1993, the then Occupational Health and Safety Division developed the Work Performance Evaluation (WPE). The WPE helps determine whether a firefighter can meet the demands of the job in a safe and effective manner. The annual evaluation is accomplished by measuring a number of activities designed to tap critical components of physical fitness such as muscular strength, aerobic capacity, agility, and endurance. All personnel who are subject to wearing an SCBA are evaluated. Successful completion of the WPE is defined as safely accomplishing all events within the established time of 10 minutes 47 seconds.

Last year the WPE was held at the Wellness Fitness Center for the first time. With the Center's complement of weight and aerobic equipment and the daily availability of the full WPE course, the department saw a failure rate of less than one percent.

It should be understood that the WPE should be used as a measurement tool for each individ-

ual. The WPE is a performance evaluation designed to simulate tasks encountered during fire suppression activities. Like most simulations, the events of the WPE do not exactly imitate firefighting tasks. It does help evaluate/measure our ability to perform firefighting tasks at a moderate level of exercise intensity. An individual who is not able to complete or has trouble completing the WPE may have difficulty doing his or her assigned tasks during a significant fire or EMS incident. Since we do not engage in fire suppression activities on a daily basis, it is our individual responsibility to maintain an adequate level of physical conditioning to meet the requirements of firefighting. Even if you are medic, and always riding a medic unit, it is your responsibility to be ready to engage in fire suppression activities at a moments notice. The WPE is a way of determining if a firefighter has the minimum capabilities to engage in fire suppression activities.

The successful completion of the WPE requires certain skills and a moderate level of aerobic conditioning and physical strength. For a person who is significantly "out of shape," it's possible the requirements of the WPE will exceed your capabilities. If you have problems or have had problems in

the past with the WPE, I encourage you to seek assistance with Beth Shepherd or myself. Please e-mail me with any questions you may have or call me at 703-263-7316. You can also send an email to either beth.shepherd@fairfaxcounty.gov or ralph.pisani@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The 2010 Work Performance begins March 15 for office staff, and April 1 for field members. ❖



Captain I Ralph Pisani checks technique as a firefighter goes through the Work Performance Evaluation.

Winter Wallop and the FRD-072

By Maria Teel, Business Analyst
 Safety and Personnel Services Division

The FRD-072, Vehicle Accident, Non-Collision Form was widely used during the Winter Wallop of 2009-2010, snow storms. During the month of December, the Safety and Personnel Services Division received 68 FRD-072s, Vehicle Accident/Damage Report Packages. Out of the 68 reports, 43 reports reported the condition as snowy, 37 were reported as Non-Collision Damage, and 6 were Vehicle Accidents. In an effort to make the FRD-072 form fill-able,

it has been reformatted to allow employees the option of filling it out on the computer, opposed to handwriting. The form remains formatted in Excel. The Microsoft Drawing Toolbar can be used to draw the Scene Diagram right on the FRD-072 form! To display the Drawing toolbar, Click **V**iew, **T**oolbars, **D**rawing (See **Figure 1** below). The Microsoft Excel Drawing Toolbar will display. (See **Figure 2** below) ❖

Figure 1

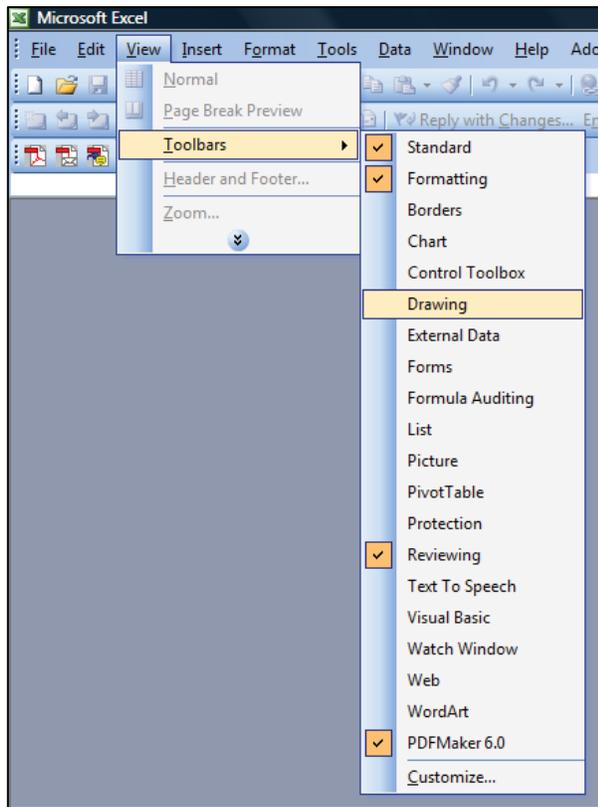


Figure 2

A screenshot of the FRD-072 form titled 'FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT Fire and Rescue Department'. The form contains various sections for reporting an accident, including 'Reporting', 'Location', 'FRD Vehicle', 'Driver's Name', 'Description', 'Accident Location', 'Date', 'Investigator', 'Corrective Actions', 'Damage', 'Injuries', 'Witnesses', and 'Portable Equipment'. A large blue oval is drawn around the 'Scene Diagram' section, which is currently blank. Text inside the oval reads: 'You can draw the Scene Diagram Here using the Microsoft Excel Drawing Toolbar'. The 'Supervisor' field is visible at the bottom right.

A special thanks to Acting Technician Benjamin H. Roadruck, FS 39-B, for making the suggestion to convert the FRD-072 to form fill-able and Captain II Elton Wright, Chairperson of the Innovative Ideas Committee, for making the suggestion to the Safety and Personnel Services Division.

CERT Training Program Continues

By Michael O. Forgy
Adjunct Instructor, Fire and Rescue Academy
Executive Officer, United States Fire Administration

The Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) recognizes the need for an organized and trained group of citizen volunteers to respond in the event of a disaster or an imminent threat of a disaster, or assist in pre-disaster mitigation. To better assist the FRD, hundreds of citizens have volunteered to become members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program, developed by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), educates county residents to be better prepared to survive and recover from all-hazards including severe weather, flooding, major power outages, fire, transportation or hazardous materials incidents, weapons of mass destruction such as biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive-incendiary incidents. Incidents such as Hurricane Katrina have shown trained and informed residents will be better able to help themselves, their families, neighbors, and co-workers in an event of a disaster that slows, hinders, or overwhelms normal response.

The CERT training program, administered by the FRD, is available to all county employees. There are two types of training programs available for delivery: one takes place at the FRD Fire and Rescue Academy (FRA) and is led by volunteer FRD instructors. Students are led through comprehensive "hands-on" training classes on search and rescue, lifting and cribbing, medical operations, and incident command. The second is a field delivery program which is led by members of the CERT program. This second program is less "hands-on" and more closely follows the CERT program as presented by FEMA. Stu-

dents wishing to "bridge" the gap between the two programs will have the opportunity to do so at specially designed classes which will be taught at the FRA.

Semi-annually, CERT students are brought together for a Full-Scale Exercise as their final exam where they put all their skills to the test. Students will have to treat and transport numerous patients (usually a three to one ratio of victims to students), conduct search and rescue operations, and mitigate various hazards such as gas leaks, fires, and electrical hazards.

CERT members, identified by their green hard hats and green reflective vests have proven to be an important response asset in other jurisdictions throughout the Nation. The Fairfax County CERT program has been successful in assisting the FRD in numerous events, such as Fire Prevention Week Open Houses, various festivals, and assisting with the flooding response in the south county.

For more information on the program, please contact Jeffrey F. Katz, Volunteer Coordinator at 703-246-3926. ❖



CERT Students carrying a patient during training at the Fire and Rescue Academy.

Community Outreach Program Highlights



Members of Fire and Rescue Station 10, Bailey's Crossroads, and Supervisor Penny Gross, Mason District, provide children from Bailey's Crossroads Elementary School with new winter coats.



Members from the Fire and Rescue Department and Supervisor Jeff McKay, Lee District, help bring winter coats to the United Christian Ministries during the November 2009 Winter Coat Drive.



More members of the Fire and Rescue Department, and Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District, provide winter coats for children less fortunate.



Top Photo: Members from Fire and Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw, load toys into bags for giveaway to local schools and shelters. Middle and bottom photo: Bicycles, sports equipment, games, dolls, and other toys were provided to hundreds of local children during the holidays. The Fire and Rescue Department provided over 2,500 toys to children. (Photos by Scotty Boatright)

Hot Shots



Two-alarm fire located at 1287 Middleton Court on January 6, 2010, caused \$200,000 in damage. The fire was accidental. A plumber using a torch caused the fire. (Photos by Captain II Jeffrey S. Lewis, EMS 2, A-Shift)



Firefighters put out a vehicle fire at approximately 2:45 p.m., January 19, 2010, at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fordson Road. Units from Pohick Fire and Rescue Station 35 were on scene and extinguished the fire. (Photo by John Finucan)

Two adult males died in a fire at 5610 Heming Avenue. The fire is under investigation. (Photo by Technician William D. Brinton, Fire and Rescue Station 22, A-Shift)



A fire at 6909 Alpine Drive, December 29, 2009, caused \$150,000 in damage. A smoke alarm provided early warning to the single occupant. A space heater caused the fire. (Photos by Lieutenant Thomas J. Griffin, Fire and Rescue Academy)



The Fairfax Firefighters Emerald Society again organized the department's participation in the annual Wreaths Across America event at Arlington National Cemetery, December 12, 2009. Over 50 firefighters and family members participated in the event. B-Shift had an especially strong presence with every battalion represented. (Photo by Captain I Daniel D. Shaw, Fire and Rescue Station 9, C-Shift)

Six:

1. I'm writing this letter to tell you how pleased I am at what transpired this morning of 12-23-09.

2. I had said to have my front walk and driveway cleared of snow. But, even though the street was clear, the plow came through and covered up the end of my drive. As I was trying to clear that away, Truck #410-C stopped to help.

3. FF Javier Santa Gadea insisted on doing all the shovelling; Lt. Jared Goff and the driver, Tech Scott Herbert were in the party.

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4. I was deeply touched that the men took the time and effort to, voluntarily, help me. And, especially, since I can only walk using a walker.

5. Please ensure a copy of this letter is placed in the personnel files of the above listed FF's.

I thank you.

Melvin M. Fox

Awards & Presentations



Battalion Chief Mark A. Rohr, Battalion 401, C-Shift, presents Captain II Richard A. McKinney, Jr., his 30-year plaque at Fire and Rescue Station 36, Fryling Pan, May 27, 2009.



Deputy Chief Garrett L. Dyer, Operations, A-Shift, presents Lieutenant William F. Bundy, Jr., his 30-year plaque at Fire and Rescue Station 10. (Photo by Firefighter Benjamin E. Jenkins, Fire and Rescue Station 10, A-Shift)



Ledo Pizza franchise owner, Mr. Akim Alam and his wife, Fahmida Alam (pictured second and third from left), present Firefighter Joel N. Atagwe, Battalion Chief David L. Warner, Firefighter Matthew G. Gambino, and Lieutenant Jeffrey F. Klopp (pictured left to right) of Fire and Rescue Station 38, West Centreville, with certificates for free pizzas. Mr. and Mrs. Alam provided over 1,000 certificates for free pizzas to members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

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 Firefighter Ahmed J. Harris

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 Technician Laurie E. Peverill
 Technician David M. Kerns
 Firefighter Jason Reisch

Rescue 411

Lieutenant Robert W. Gusa
 Technician Brian L. Remines
 Technician John S. Wehr
 Technician Derrick L. Penny

Truck 411

Lieutenant Steven T. Henry
 Technician John D. Leary, Jr.
 Firefighter Langston K. Malin

Truck 424

Lieutenant Michael W. Engelhardt
 Technician Charles A. Harman
 Technician George H. Moore

Medic 411

Lieutenant Donald R. Brasfield
 Technician Iris O. Shaw

Team Performance Award

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 Technician In Sung Hwang
 Firefighter Crystal M. Kushnir
 Firefighter Khalil B. Abdul-Rasheed

Medic 427

Firefighter Antwaun L. Hawkins
 Technician Justin P. Parrock

Medic 405

Lieutenant Timothy C. Walker
 Technician Bryan C. Knupp
 Volunteer Deborah Volker

Fire Station 9 Street Project

Lieutenant Jessica P. Spear
 Technician Michael D. Guck
 Technician Roosevelt Carson, Jr.
 Acting Technician Carlo Alexie S. Solomon
 Firefighter Gregory M. Merryman
 Firefighter Johnathan H. MacQuilliam
 Firefighter Lauren E. Costello

Career Achievement Award

Technician Michael W. Conover

Meritorious Service Award

Battalion Chief Gregory A. Bunch
 Battalion Chief Brian C. Brendel
 Captain I Steven J. Blount
 Lieutenant Joseph M. Kratochvil
 Lieutenant James T. Martin
 Master Technician Kerry R. Jackson
 Master Technician Gregory A. Keppley
 Technician Michael T. King
 Technician Michael D. Moore
 Technician Leo T. Sullivan
 Technician Annita L. Reynolds

9 Year Safe Driving

Technician Raymond K. Beaver, Jr.

15 Year Safe Driving

Lieutenant Gary E. Morin

Line Copy Deadline

The deadlines for 2010
 Line Copy are no later than
 May 15, August 15, and
 November 15. Please submit
 articles or text to Dan Schmidt
 at Dan.Schmidt@fairfaxcounty.gov
 or Cathy Richards, Cathy.Richards@
 fairfaxcounty.gov



Chief Ronald L. Mastin presents a certificate of appreciation to Ronnie Chantker, President of the Tysons Corner Rotary, February 5, 2010, recognizing their special partnership with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in reaching out to the community. (Photo provided by the Tysons Corner Rotary)

“Taking Up”



**Captain I
Tony E. Biller**

Entry Date: May 21, 1979

Retirement Date: January 5, 2010

Recruit School Number: 47

Assignments: 13, 12, 31, 29, 25, 19, 5, 36, 29, 38

Likes about the Fire Department: There is no other job out there that comes close to the experiences and memories that I will leave the Fire Department with. I was fortunate to grow up in Annandale and work for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The reputation and success of the department was built by a generation of dedicated men prior to me starting in 1979. The system that they built made it easy for me to continue the tradition.

Will miss about the Fire Department: Being the first arriving engine on a good fire. Learning my first due area and knowing that it made a difference. Sharing meals like a family and playing dish games . . . til the end. Trying to top someone else's story about a big call. Watching children wave at the fire truck as we drove by. Picking on each other and “the rookie.” Laughing until I couldn't breathe. Being a calming presence during tough times

for people.

Plans for the future: Travel with my wife. Spend time with my four grandchildren. Kayak fish. Go to church more. Read. Compete in the 2015 World Police & Fire Games in Fairfax. Re-invent myself.

Words of wisdom: Never take your job for granted. The opportunity to be a firefighter is a gift. Take pride and ownership for what you have been entrusted with. Never yield your courage.

What got you interested in the fire service? As a young boy I visited my father at Station 8 often. I watched how the men treated each other like brothers. I wanted to be part of that.

Who or what had an influence in your career? My mentors: My father, also Glenn Gaines, Mike Kephart, Pat Morrison, Jim Swiggett, Lynn McConahy and Mark Kane. My best friends: Marty Tasker, Vic Ceglie and Ralph Pisani. All the members of the Peer Fitness Trainer Group. Thank you.



**EMS Technician
James A. Minyard**

Entry Date: May 31, 1983

Retirement Date: July 16, 2009

Recruit School Number: 59

Assignments: 18, 23, 13, 4, 1, 14, 27, 23, 14, 27, 2, 30, 16

Likes about the Fire Department: Running the calls. Being there when it mattered, getting invited into people's homes,

inflicting pain on them (ALS calls), tearing up their stuff (fire calls), and they thank us for coming. Riding Tower 430 with Cliff behind the wheel.

Will miss about the Fire Department: Staying up all night, yeah. Running the calls. The sound of an old fashioned Hurst tool motor on I-66. The smell of the firehouse after a good fire. Dinner time. The “American Heros” shift, you know who you are. Thomas Wayne Reedy and all of my “Squad Guys.” What can I say?

Plans for the future: More time on my motorcycles. More time on my horse. More horse shows. A little travel (some of it work). More time with my kids and their school activities. Maybe coach softball again. There are also a few things I need to get done around the farm, too.

Words of wisdom: Old guys teach the young guys. The “old timers” know things the new people will not get in the Academy. We need to pass on what we know to make them better and keep them safe. Get along with and take care of your shift. They'll take care of you when you need it. Look out for each other on incidents. You too, Cliff.

What got you interested in the fire service? Dallas Slemph and Ralph Dulaney. They lured me away from the police department. So blame them.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Jim Beadle, Dave Shiff, and the rest of the Academy staff. They taught old school firefighting. That first shift at Company 18. Sonny Flynn, Bob Morrell, Charlie Jeter, Gary Leeth, Greg Lange, Mike Peck, Rich McKinney, Mike Istvan, Carl

Pope, and the infamous Sunnie Cardwell. They set my career in the right direction and showed me what the fire service was all about. Dewey Perks, he's the one who sent the letter of interest for CCT school to Chief Isman, not me, I had nothing to do with it. So blame him. Ron Sacra, Chuck Marshall, Jim Alderton, Bill Evans, John Ahrens, Mike Hamrick, Jeff Sager, Ed Dodson, Jamie Lee, Vinny McGregor, Bill Kingdon, Jimmy Johnson and probably a couple of others. They showed me how to be a good medic and what the meaning of patient care really is. Gary Winemiller, Pete Wright, Jerry Haines, Roger McGehee, Paul Ruwe, and Buddy Neal. Great shift leaders and the best fire ground officers bar none. There's more. The list is long. And finally, the fireman's fireman. The embodiment of the meaning of firefighter. The guy you can always count on no matter what the call. He always has your back and is your good right hand man, Leo Sullivan. I'll see you.



**Battalion Chief
Mark T. Kane**

Entry Date: April 12, 1976

Retirement Date: February 10, 2010

Recruit School Number: 37

Assignments: 1, 5, 10, 29, 30, Academy, Battalions 3, 4, and 5.

Likes about the Fire Department: We are fortunate to have

careers that still offer a clear sense of purpose and give meaning to what we do. Our work challenges the whole person: mentally, physically, psychologically, and socially. I like the challenge of bringing order to chaos. This has been an opportunity to experience and do many things that bring perspective to life. The days off during the week and good pay and benefits were important. I met many interesting people with different interests and backgrounds, and some great people who were very dedicated to their work. The camaraderie is unique and an important part of our profession.

Will miss about the Fire Department: I will miss the ready interaction and friendliness of so many people. I will miss the adventure and excitement of running (most) calls.

Plans for the future: I will take several months to enjoy life, organize things at home, and assess where I am. We have a trip to South America planned for this spring. I anticipate returning to some work in the fall, probably pursuing some other interests and taking less responsibility. I have prepared myself to teach social science in high school, but I am not sure that I will necessarily follow that route. For now we will stay in the area near our children and grandchildren.

Words of wisdom: As H. J. Heinz said, "To do common things uncommonly well is what brings success." Skip the flash, the gimmicks, and the latest fad and concentrate on the details of your job each and every day. Practice the basic until they are instinctive. Feel a strong sense of responsibility for your own job

and don't worry so much about what everyone else is doing or not doing. Be true to yourself, and don't sacrifice your soul to meet someone else's visions.

What got you interested in the fire service? I became interested because of many of the attributes listed above under "Likes about the department." I also like the idea that you could advance on our own merits if you worked and studied hard. It was a field in which the outcomes were clearly linked to what you did and how you did it. You couldn't just put a spin on things and expect the fire to go out. More specific to the question, my older brother, John, was a volunteer, as was a friend of our family, Jack Heenan. This all seemed much more real and important than most of the silliness that passed for extracurricular activities in high school. I became a volunteer at Dunn Loring, and later decided to make a career of it.

Who or what made an influence in your career? I have worked with so many people in my career that it would be difficult and maybe even unfair to name just a few people. When I was younger I observed every shift leader and chief that I was around, and each had his strengths and his weaknesses. I tried to remember what was done well or that worked, and learned from that, as well as learning from their mistakes. As a chief, it was good shift leaders who made my job easier and more successful. They are key people in our operations. I must pay special tribute though to the apparatus drivers. When I

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Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 11/2/2009	Box: 29-10	Address: 7901 Bimam Wood Drive	Type: Residential
Cause: Undetermined Value: \$480,650 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Inactive			
Date: 11/4/2009	Box: 11-00	Address: 3506 Groveton Street	Type: Residential
Cause: Under Investigation Value: \$304,740 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Open			
Date: 11/5/2009	Box: 01-91	Address: 2300 Brilyn Place	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$195,000 Loss: \$120,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 11/8/2009	Box: 04-23	Address: 4205 Sherando Lane	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$345,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 11/28/2009	Box: 17-11	Address: 13925 South Springs Drive	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$521,385 Loss: \$75,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 12/5/2009	Box: 17-12	Address: 6734 Hartwood Lane	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$522,630 Loss: \$70,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 12/20/2009	Box: 08-04	Address: 7409 Annanwood Court	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$332,595 Loss: \$75,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 12/21/2009	Box: 38-03	Address: 15183 Wetherburn Drive	Type: Residential
Cause: Under Investigation Value: 413,655 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Open			
Date: 12/22/2009	Box: 04-05	Address: 6011 Rock Cliff Lane	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$4,000,000 Loss: \$100,600 Status: Closed			
Date: 12/29/2009	Box: 08-00	Address: 6906 Alpine Drive	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$293,450 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 12/30/2009	Box: 27-01	Address: 6020 Timber Hollow Lane	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$277,485 Loss: \$75,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 1/1/2010	Box: 08-10	Address: 7130 Little River Turnpike	Type: Commercial
Cause: Undetermined Value: \$1,339,620 Loss: \$1,339,620 Status: Inactive			
Date: 1/2/2010	Box: 04-27	Address: 6329 Over See Court	Type: Residential
Cause: Undetermined Value: \$272,570 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Inactive			
Date: 1/3/2010	Box: 37-00	Address: 7912 Telegraph Road	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$222,160 Loss: \$95,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 1/20/2010	Box: 30-06	Address: 8610 Cherry Drive	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$507,750 Loss: \$507,750 Status: Closed			
Date: 1/18/2010	Box: 25-05	Address: 2007 Homer Terrace	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$472,800 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 1/20/2010	Box: 18-12	Address: 2769 Winchester Way	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$178,550 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed			
Date: 1/23/2010	Box: 33-07	Address: 3131 Draper Drive F	Type: Residential
Cause: Accidental Value: \$1,491,800 Loss: \$250,000 Status: Closed			

Date: 1/26/2010 **Box:** 26-09 **Address:** 5643 Heming Avenue **Type:** Residential

Cause: Under Investigation **Value:** \$271,950 **Loss:** \$271,950 **Status:** Open

Date: 1/31/2010 **Box:** 30-02 **Address:** 2537 Herrell Court **Type:** Residential

Cause: Accidental **Value:** \$668,535 **Loss:** \$170,000 **Status:** Closed

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was new, they were the mentors and informal leaders on every shift. As a firefighter, I learned my job tasks but also the many other necessary things about our culture and what is expected. As a shift officer, they definitely made my job in the station and on calls easier. They often were the most reliable people on a shift, and major influences on each shifts's persona. There were

in general many good things and also some not so good things that happened during my long career, whether in emergency operations, working with other people, or with policy decisions that may have affected me or all of us. I tried to take the time to appreciate the good, and learn from the bad or disagreeable and then move on. Sometimes I saw things while working with the

public that actually made me appreciate what I have all the more. All of these events in one way or another have influenced my career. I consider my career as a great experience. I thank everyone that I have worked with in one capacity or another, for each has contributed in one way or another to what I am as I retire.

Top 10 Activity Report

January - December 2009

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Squad	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 410	2,090	E 410	3,186	R 418	1,436
A 408	2,017	E 409	3,003	R 411	1,390
A 411	1,673	E 422	2,982	R 426	1,299
A 409	1,638	E 408	2,981	R 421	1,219
A 414	629	E 429	2,628	R 401	1,169
A 423	552	E 411	2,598	R 419	977
A 422 E	442	E 404	2,541	R 414	920
A 436	401	E 413	2,531	R 439	803
A 437	362	E 430	2,504	R 421 B	14
A 417 E	345	E 425	2,477	R 490	4

Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 422	2,539	EMS 404	2,196	T 425	1,792
M 408	2,493	EMS 405	1,612	T 410	1,789
M 410	2,420	EMS 402	1,527	T 429	1,784
M 418	2,393	EMS 403	1,312	T 422	1,542
M 430	2,293	EMS 401	1,198	TL 430	1,424
M 409	2,293	EMS 406	1,128	TL 408	1,274
M 426	2,249	BC 404	852	TL 405	1,253
M 404	2,212	EMS 407	819	TL 436	1,232
M 411	2,187	BC 403	668	TL 411	1,210
M 425	2,156	BC 402	656	TL 440	1,099

Coordinator Offers Counseling

The Behavioral Health Coordinator is offering confidential counseling for firefighters and their families on a wide range of issues including:

- Couples communication
- Work stress
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Trauma/PTSD
- Parenting
- Referrals to psychiatrists, psychologists, other counselors

Bill Prasad,
LPC, CSAC
Massey Building,
Sixth Floor
703-246-3970

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.



Life Safety Education Presents

By Janelle R. Radzavich
Life Safety Education Specialist
Public Affairs and Life Safety Education

It all starts with an e-mail and a fax, another presentation with Life Safety Education is on the horizon. It is time to let the rookie show their skills dressing for groups of preschool and kindergarten children. But what is it that Life Safety really does? Who are these women who appear and tell field personnel how to dress?

Life Safety Education is part of the Every Step of the Way (ESW) program and has been around for over 20 years. Five of us make up the Life Safety Education team. Our supervisor is Renée Stilwell. Renée was one of the creators of the ESW program, and now works with Juvenile Firesetters, so you won't see her at the puppet shows very often. Mary Cramer executes the programs for older adults, along with participating in school age programs. Wyleng Liew, Jenni Edmonds, and I improve, create, schedule, and carry out school age programs.

Our goal is to educate high-risk groups about fire safety. In the context of fire safety, these groups include young children, future latch-key children, and older adults. For each of these

groups we carefully develop age appropriate programs with one or more safety messages. Many of you may be familiar with our puppet shows, in which the firefighter's role is vital.

We invite station personnel to our programs for pre-school and kindergarten aged children, not just to add "wow" factor; we invite the firefighters to possibly help save a child's life. Our goal in including firefighters is to provide a welcoming, familiar surrounding for the children to meet their friend: the firefighter. We want the children

to come away from the program feeling they have made a new friend and therefore associate the firefighter and their gear in a positive light. These programs are designed with the learning process of a child in mind, this is why we may do things in a different order, and say things in specific ways; believe it or not there is a method to our madness.

Now, without further ado, here are some tips that can help when you are doing a presentation out in the field (as requested by several

captains), without ESW staff, the tips will also help explain why we do the things we do.

- Most importantly, remember your audience. Young children need basic information and should see the firefighter as a friend. Remember, they are not ready to process large



Janelle Randzavich, Life Safety Educator, and a firefighter from Fire and Rescue Station 10, Bailey's Crossroads, conduct a fire safety presentation at Higher Horizons Head Start in Falls Church on December 3, 2009. (Photo by Scotty Boatright)

amounts of detailed information. Older children and teens, however, may be more interested in what each piece of equipment does and the life of a firefighter.

- Children are fun, so have fun with your presentation. Treat your audience as if you want to be their friend, smile, and joke with them. This will put your audience at ease with you, becoming more receptive of your message.
- Use positive language when describing a firefighter. Words such as “cool” and “awesome” set the tone for a positive interaction and experience. Keep in mind, words like “scary” and “monster” set a negative tone. For example, once dressed, talk about how cool firefighters look, how neat the “hero mask” is, and the fun noises the gear makes, instead of saying “Don’t be scared.” Young children hear the “scared,”

not the “don’t.”

- Refer to the firefighter as a firefighter, instead of fireman. While politically correct, the term firefighter also describes the job of a firefighter. The term fireman implies to some children that firefighters bring fire, rather than fight fire.
- Put on gear slowly, take your time and explain each piece, in an age appropriate manner of course. For example, the mask be-



comes a “hero mask,” when talking to young children. They can identify with a “hero mask” because the superheroes they see in movies and on TV wear one, too.

- Interact and talk with the children once all gear is on. Allow them to come up in small groups, that way a nervous child does not feel intimidated by facing a firefighter one on one. ❖

Every Step of the Way Numbers

- Every Step of the Way has existed for over 20 years
- Each school year Life Safety Education holds over 400 programs for preschool and kindergarten, reaching over 20,000 students
- Life Safety’s programs designed for school age children, reaches over 10,000 students.
- Our Older Adult programs reach over 12,000 adults.
- All in all, Life Safety Education reaches over 40,000 members of our community, spreading the word on fire safety.



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February 11, 2010

Chief Ronald L. Mastin
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
4100 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Chief Mastin:

Last Monday evening, a fire broke out in one of our apartments at Avalon Hermitage in Fair Oaks. Despite frigid temperatures and massive snow drifts, your Department's firefighters successfully brought the fire under control with no injuries to our residents.

I understand the particularly harsh and dangerous conditions that confronted your team that evening, including the difficulty moving equipment through the knee-deep snow, navigating the icy roads, and the danger of battling a top floor blaze. It is a testament to the professionalism of your Department that the fire was rapidly contained without any casualties.

I also understand that two of your men sustained minor injuries fighting the fire, and I was relieved and thankful to hear that these firefighters are expected to make full recoveries. On behalf of AvalonBay, I would like to convey my gratitude to your whole team and express my appreciation for the work that your Department does for Fairfax County every day.

With deepest thanks and admiration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bryce Blair", is written over a light-colored background.

Bryce Blair

Retirements

Lieutenant Lonnie G. Belk, Jr.
February 12, 1979 - January 2, 2010

Captain I Tony E. Biller
May 21, 1979 - January 5, 2010

Lieutenant George M. Brooks
May 4, 1981 - January 2, 2010

Master Technician Martin J. Bundrick
April 24, 1978 - January 15, 2010

Captain I Dennis W. Duff
May 4, 1981 - January 1, 2010

Battalion Chief Floyd L. Ellmore III
August 18, 1975 - January 4, 2010

Battalion Chief Mark T. Kane
April 12, 1976 - February 10, 2010

Technician James A. Minyard
May 31, 1983 - July 16, 2009

Captain I David L. Prohaska
May 4, 1981 - December 30, 2009

Technician David L. Taylor
April 30, 1984 - January 15, 2010

Battalion Chief James C. Tolson
April 30, 1973 - December 18, 2009

Anniversaries

33 Years

Captain I Robert M. Mohler
Battalion Chief Mark A. Rohr

31 Years

Captain I Paul A. Masiello
Lieutenant Richard E. Bright
Captain II Ricky A. Hess

30 Years

Battalion Chief Thomas W. Graling
Captain II Robert A. Konczal
Technician John M. Lockhart
Technician William E. Teal

20 Years

Firefighter Ronnie O. Carter
Master Technician William F. Kight, Jr.
Master Technician Christopher N. Lee
Lieutenant Sheree E. Melton
Captain I Natalie D. Robb
Lieutenant Bonnie J. Tobalske
Captain I Jeffrey A. Tolle
Lieutenant Robert L. Vaught
Lieutenant Nicholas Weresnick III

15 Years

Master Technician Kyle B. Anderson
Technician Rickie L. Atkins
Howard W. Bailey, Fire Inspector II
Lieutenant Daniel B. Borden
Lieutenant Christopher M. Brown
Lieutenant Carlos R. Carrillo

Technician Joseph K. Cox
Technician Ramon M. Estrada
Captain I Matthew M. Lopez
Captain II Keith M. Ludeman
Technician James B. McKendree
Lieutenant Emily L. Murphy
Captain II Kathleen M. Stanley
Lieutenant Michael W. Whetsell

10 Years

Shamsher Singh, Engineer III

5 Years

Technician Michael W. Adams
Technician Svetlana F. Baylinson
Parveen K. Bhatia,
Financial Specialist III
Technician Gregory R. Bishop
Technician Jeffrey H. Carney, Jr.
Technician Elena Carver
Technician Hyacinth N. Chia
Technician Clarence B. Dickens II
Technician John B. Haywood
Technician Kelly D. Johnston
Technician Sally Y. Kraut
Technician Joseph A. Morell, Jr.
Guy D. Morgan,
Professional Standards Officer
Firefighter Angela Ocampo
Scott A. Read, Fire Inspector II
Technician Duane P. Tenney III
Technician Eric T. Thieman
Technician Christopher Warner
Technician David E. Weand
Technician Antonia P. Williams
Acting Technician Romel B. Williams
Firefighter Marcus D. Wilson
Technician David A. Winter

New Hires

Raymond E. Blankenship, FA II
Fire and Rescue Academy

Alan E. Gooding, MA II
Air Shop

Victoria L. Kammerude, MA I
Recruitment Section

Kirsten Schneider, AA IV
Personnel Services Bureau



Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Annual Summary (FY 2009)

(July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

Proudly Protecting & Serving Our Community

A four-page Annual Summary has been recently published and is now available for all. It replaces the Annual Report/Fact Sheet and can be viewed and downloaded at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire.

The Annual Summary provides a brief glimpse of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, including a brief organizational overview, annual highlights, performance measures, community outreach programs, helpful statistics and numbers, and various photos.

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Pictured above: Back row, left to right: Lieutenant Sean E. Ferguson, Captain I Robert L. Burlingame, Captain I Gregory L. Hedrick, Captain I John E. Hart, Lieutenant Marc L. Straubinger, Lieutenant Kevin R. Coen. Front Row: Captain I Steven J. Blount, and Captain II Keith M. Ludeman, UFO Supervisor.

Profile

McConnell Public Safety Transportation Operations Center Communications

Captain II
Keith Ludeman
Uniformed Fire Officer
Supervisor

Facility: McConnell Public Safety Transportation Operation Center (MPSTOC) the 147,000-square-foot facility opened for 911 Operations October 14, 2009.

Purpose: The center is a partnership between Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia that brings multiple agencies and functions together under one roof to enhance the effectiveness of public safety services, improve traffic congestion management, and better manage the response to and recovery from major emergencies.

Uniform Fire Officer (UFO) Mission: The UFO is the single point of contact at DPSC for the Fire and Rescue Department. The UFO is responsible for monitoring the deployment of department resources and providing technical advice and guidance as needed to call takers and dispatchers. Additionally, the UFO is responsible for insuring adequate emergency vehicle coverage throughout the county, and for keeping department staff informed of significant incidents or events.

Other agencies collocated in MPSTOC: Virginia State Police Division 7 Dispatch, VDOT's Northern Virginia Traffic Control Center, Fairfax County Police Department, Department of Public Safety Communications.