September 11, 2015

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Firefighter, Civilian, and Officer of the Year Awards

Master Technician Matthew J. Brecht
Firefighter of the Year

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

Battalion Chief Fred H. Brandell, Jr.
Officer of the Year
From The Fire Chief...

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

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

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

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

One of the key elements associated with the WPFGs is the importance and need of fitness by the men and women of each of the public safety agencies. The fitness efforts and work out regimes by our Fairfax WPFGs athletes and other national and international public safety colleagues demonstrate the need to be fit to do the job tasks associated with the professions. There are incredible athletes that are firefighters, paramedics, sheriffs and police officers.

Be ready, be fit and be healthy.

The display of camaraderie and respect was apparent at every WPFGs venue and event from opening ceremonies until closing. The number of people met from our international and national guests was amazing.

The unfortunate loss of Inspector Silva and the devastating injuries to other athletes in the bike event brought the public safety athletes and agencies together to honor and respect one of our own that was lost doing what he loved - competing and biking.

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

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

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Richie Bowers
2015 Firefighter of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Civilian of the Year Award Ceremony

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“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Letters of Thanks

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

Dear Vienna rescue personnel.

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

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

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

With much appreciation and admiration

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

Dear Fire Chief Bowers,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject: Thanks to EMT Team
Message: Dear Fairfax County,

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

Submitted By: Roger & Janet C.
Dear Chief Bowers:

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

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

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

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

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

- Thank you for putting the Tiller Truck in service today. I know how purchasing such an elaborate and sophisticated truck with our county trying to stretch every tax dollar must have been a hard-fought battle. But when you are a homeowner who has paid taxes for over 20 years and has their home as part of their retirement plan, it was a relief to see a truck that could save that retirement investment. It was only as I waited to see if my neighbor’s roof or back side of their house would burst into flames, that I realized that this Tiller Truck was the only truck with the necessary equipment to address it. Our homes’ backsides are located on a lake, so there would be no way for trucks to reach a fire from behind our residences. The only access is in the front from the street. This truck will certainly earn its keep with additional rescued lives and property. Thank you for the foresight to buy it and add it to your fleet of trucks.

- Thank you for the well-designed processes for fighting a home fire and for the clear role descriptions that had a large team of people knowing what to do and how to be prepared for any escalation of the fire. It was obvious that you have not only spent hard work determining how to organize a cadre of people and machines, but that you have trained your personnel well.

- Thank you for how personable people were to the home owners. I didn’t see all of the interaction between the fire & rescue team with them, but I was especially impressed with Rocco Alvaro and the other fire investigators’ interactions with them. They are not just fire fighters and investigators; they are your PR department to us. These front line people are the ones who interact with us and they were professional and personable.
### Facebook Feedback

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

**Paula C.** commented “Thank you for caring for our 4 legged friends!”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With great appreciation,

Linda S. C.
Reston, VA 20191
# FXFRD World Police and Fire Games Results

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

“In Memory of . . .

“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Facts-at-a-Glance
More than 9,250 athletes, from 68 countries, participated in 61 sports, at 53 separate venues, and more than 5,900 volunteer coordinators and staff who provided second-to-none support to the World Police and Fire Games.
Firefighters from Fire and Rescue Station 14, Burke, Fire and Rescue Station 41, Crosspointe, and the Academy participate in a live-fire burn, June 22, 2015, at 1202 Drake Street, Vienna. (Photos by Brian Mensing)

Firefighters from McLean, Jefferson, and Great Falls rescued an adult female at Scott’s Run Nature Preserve after quickly rising water dangerously stranded her on a rock.
Tiller Truck 429 went into service at Fire and Rescue Station 29, Tysons, July 27, 2015 at 7 a.m. The 100-foot Pierce (Tractor Drawn Aerial) TDA truck will allow the department to better match the apparatus and equipment to the response environment in the Tysons area.

Independence Day Parade

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

Firefighters responded to an Annandale house fire, July 11, 2015. Two adults were displaced. The cause of the fire was an unidentified electrical event in the attic.
**Top 10 Activity Report**

**April - June**

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

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**Community Outreach**

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

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### Large Loss Fire Investigations

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Letters of Thanks

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

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

Sincerely,

Jim & Garden J.

Roger,
June 14, 2015

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

God Bless

Tim V.
Robin P.

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Awards & Presentations

Safe Driving Career Achievement Awards

15-Year Distinguished Safe Driving

Master Technician Anthony L. Cabrera

10-Year Safe Driving

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

5-Year Safe Driving

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

Dear Chief Bowers,

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

Working together with David Tobin and our staff team and with your designated representatives, everything went amazingly smoothly, and I believe we all did our best to honor Glenn and his life and service to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and to his community.

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

Richard C. Parke
Pastor at Large

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

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Submission to Backstep Kudos is simple. Three items of information are needed to submit a kudo: “To,” “For,” and “From.” Submissions should be one or two sentences—maximum. All Kudo submissions must be sent to backstepkudos@gmail.com.

To:  E421: Lt. Bender, MT Loayza, E. Tech Welch, FF Hurtado  
M440: H. Tech Arce, F/M Vaughn  
For an ALS dispatch of a 55 YOF  
fallen out of bed with history of  
unintentionally taking too much  
sleeping medication and on pain  
medications for recent surgery.  
No remarkable findings other than  
being somewhat incoherent. M440’s  
OIC, FFM Bryan Vaughn, took en-  
gine medic Tech Chris Welch as a  
second ALS provider and the patient  
got into cardiac arrest enroute to  
Fair Oaks ER. They performed CPR,  
established an IO, administered  
Narcan and Epi and arrived at the  
ED still in arrest. After her arrival at  
the ED, the patient had a ROSC, a  
BP, and was breathing on her own  
shortly. Great work by all involved.  
From: Assistant Chief of Opera-  
tions John Caussin.

To:  Lt Ed DeCarlo and FM Nathan  
Gangler (M415)  
For taking Bob Sydnor home from  
Fair Oaks ED at dinner time and  
remembering that family is first,  
especially Fire Department family.  
From: Captain Kim Hood

To: Engineer III Rich Twomey (Fire  
Engineering Plans Review), for  
his assistance with one of my final  
college research papers. The paper  
required me to design a fire protec-  
tion system for an 8-story high-rise  
building. It was to cover, in detail,  
all aspects of the buildings protec-  
tion systems including its water  
supply, alarm notification devices,  
fire pumps, etc. Also, the paper was  
to include all building codes and  
NFPA standards applicable to its  
design features. His evaluation of  
my paper along with his construc-  
tive criticism and positive guidance  
allowed me to submit an excellent  
final paper to successfully complete  
my third semester. I want to thank  
him and promise to pay the assis-  
tance forward someday. From: Lt.  
Tom Biller

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

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

To: All who attended and helped  
with the retirement events - It has  
been 6 months since the event, and  
want to remind you to Honor Henry  
Sanchez and complete his Pledge.  
From: E430: Lt. Devlin, M. Tech Chris  
Blair, E. Tech Brian Pape, FF Tyler  
Weaver, and M413. On April 30,  
2015, units were dispatched to an  
ALS call for an 84 year old male  
in cardiac arrest. Crews arrived to  
find the patient in cardiac arrest  
and immediately executed the ap-  
propriate protocol and performed  
the corresponding tasks in a superior  
manner. As a result of their high  
level of performance, the patient was  
resuscitated and delivered to Fairfax  
Hospital with a sustained pulse and
blood pressure. The patient was discharged from the hospital two weeks later after the implant of a defibrillator. As a result of their performance, the patient was able to see his granddaughter win the Lacrosse State Championship and graduate high school. From: Assistant Chief of Operations John Caussin.

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

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

Letter of Thanks

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

Lt. Dennis,

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

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

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

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

With deepest gratitude,
Katie

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

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“Taking Up”

Felecia L. Manns
Captain II

Entry Date: August 4, 1986
Retirement Date: August 24, 2015
Recruit School Number: 67th
Assignments: 2, Recruitment, 26, 1, (15 during medic internship), 32, 8, 39, 27, EMS2 @ 13 and 29, EEO Office, EMS4 @ 18.
Likes about the fire department: The unique silliness only found in the fire service. The feeling of success when the team works well and we made a positive impact in someone’s life.

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


Words of wisdom: Treat everyone with respect, love, kindness and understanding. Take care of yourself, eat healthy and exercise. Take stress seriously and remember to rest. Be the best you can be and never measure someone else’s ability or circumstance by your yardstick. Remember love, kindness, and understanding.

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

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

James Lee
Captain II

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

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

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

Words of wisdom: Be a role model and a mentor. Every day is a learning opportunity - take advantage of all the knowledge and skills you can master. Respect and be kind to each other. Keep each other safe so everyone goes home in the morning.

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

Anniversaries

40 Years
Technician Thomas P. Feehan

38 Years
Master Technician Michael D. Macario

36 Years
Assistant Chief John A. Burke

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

34 Years
Lieutenant Charles F. Adams, Jr.

33 Years
Battalion Chief Charles R. Hawkins
Lieutenant Gary W. Vozzola

30 Years
Paula E. Woodrum,
Emergency Management Specialist III

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

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

5 Years
Charles W. Hickey,
Nurse Practitioner

Retirements

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

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

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

Nell R. Jarvis, Business Analyst III

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

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

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

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

Battalion Chief Keith D. Morrison

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

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

New Hires

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

Jeffrey F. Carroll,
Inspector I
Fire Prevention Division

Nicholas J. Bowler,
Inspector I
Fire Prevention Division

Samantha L. Sanchez,
Administrative Assistant III
Fire Prevention Division

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4100 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Station Profile
Pohick
Fire and Rescue
Station 35
Captain II
Dennis Passmore
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1985
Station specialty: Medical Care Support Unit, Safety Office
Square miles in first due area: 9.12
Specific hazardous/target areas: Fairfax County Parkway, Numerous Elementary Schools.
Equipment assigned to station: Engine, Medic, Safety Officer, Medical Care Support Unit
Total calls in 2014: 3,349

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