VATF-1 Responds to South Carolina Flooding
From The Fire Chief . . .

Where do we go from here? That’s the question we have to ask ourselves all the time. We must lean and move forward in a positive direction always. One department one way...the Fairfax way.

Whether the response is a fire, rescue, EMS, special operations response, apparatus, training, facilities, safety, wellness, fitness, or community outreach effort, the uniformed and civilian men and women of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department step up and make it happen. That’s the spirit that embodies everyone in this great department.

Remember, we cannot always keep doing things the same way or we will get the same results.

To that point, the structure fire on Purple Sage Court illustrates this exact point. If we would have kept training the same way, staffing the same way, conducting incident command the same way or providing emergency care in the same way, the results may have or would have been different at this fire incident.

Units responded to a two-story town house fire with victims trapped on the second floor. Crews arrived on the scene with heavy fire and smoke conditions on floor one. Our first in unit and command officers and crews executed the fire ground basics perfectly to reset and hold the fire, locate and remove two trapped occupants under heavy fire and smoke conditions. Upon removal of the victims our firefighter/paramedics and EMS Supervisors were strategically in place and waiting to execute the basics of emergency care to two lifeless fire victims. The crews went to work immediately and performed their ALS skills flawlessly.

Our live fire and command training along with spot on ALS and BLS training all came together that day on Purple Sage Court. Everyone executed the basics perfectly and flawlessly.

The crews gave the two victims every opportunity to survive this tragic fire event and they did. Both victims were released from the hospital. They lived.

Later in the evening the troops went back into the community and completed Safety In Our Community (SIOC). The firefighters and paramedics went door to door to connect with the community and checked smoke alarms and talked about the tragic incident with residents. In the same neighborhood of the fire incident the personnel installed numerous smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms save lives!

Our training, our response, our tactical operations, our risk assessment-
decision making, emergency care and community outreach efforts must match the response environment. Just think if we had not made changes to these items over time and implemented SIOC. I am proud of everyone that had a part in saving these lives.

We must keep being innovative, keep trying new things, shaping and reshaping our service delivery and operations. Everyone makes me proud to be part of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Be ready, be fit and healthy.

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Tiller trucks from Fire Station 10, Baileys Crossroads and Fire Station 29, Tysons Corner, hoist the American flag at the Mount Vernon Estate on Veteran’s Day.

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“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Solidarity for Our Law Enforcement Officers

By Acting Captain II Jennifer L. Svites
Fire and Rescue Station 32, Fairview

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department serves a diverse community and we show support with each interaction we have with the county’s residents and visitors. Whether responding to a call for assistance or supporting a charitable cause, our “silent support” represent us well and speaks loudly for the County without ever saying a word.

In light of the attacks to our partners in public safety, the Fairfax County Police Department, and other law enforcement officers (LEOs) in the County, I was compelled to find a non-verbal way to communicate such support. Our goal in public safety is to always go home at the end of our shift and trying to find a way to support our LEOs in the County was very important to me. We need to show our solidarity with them.

In December 2014, a former police officer, Daniel Jessup from Bedford, VA, started a Facebook initiative for everyone to replace a white porch light with a blue light bulb. With recent attacks to the LEO community, he wanted to show support and to also honor the lives lost. The event was scheduled for January 1 through January 7, 2015. His campaign started with several interested individuals and grew to over 31,000 in over one week. After seeing this small, non-verbal effort to support our partners I knew this is what I was looking for.

In a sign of solidarity with Fairfax County Police Department, Fire Station 32 has replaced one of our outside station lights with a ‘blue’ bulb. With the ongoing attacks to our dedicated members of the LEO community I wanted to convey our support by displaying a very positive and supported blue light outside our Station. I propose that all fire stations show solidarity with our LEOs by placing a blue light in front of each station to remain illuminated as a quiet sign of our enduring support for our partners in public safety.

The blue LED bulb I placed in front of Fire Station 32 was purchased at Lowe’s for $13.00 and it uses only 3 watts of energy (and has 25,000 life hours). Besides this simple gesture, it would be great to reach out to the closest district police station to offer invitations in utilizing our stations as a safe haven to complete reports, eat their meals, and join us for dinner. Again, I feel this small display of support would strengthen our public service bond with our LEOs.

Ultimately, I would love to see this show of solidarity spread throughout all of the Fire Departments within Northern Virginia. We need to continue to demonstrate to our LEOs that we support them!

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Fire and Rescue Station 32, Fairview, uses a “blue light” at the firehouse entrance to show solidarity and silent support with the Fairfax County Police Department.

“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Good morning!

Wanted to take a quick minute and thank you all! Last Wednesday (the day before Thanksgiving), you guys transported my mom who fell at my sister’s house off Felton Lane and got a decent cut above her eye. My entire family plus 7 nieces and nephew were in town. My parents, sisters, and their husband’s ranted and raved about the care that my mom received. I don’t know if you knew I was in the department when you got there or even after but I wanted to say thank you for taking care of my family. They were impressed that you guys even took a quick minute to rinse off the front step so that they wouldn’t have to look at the blood or deal with it. If I couldn’t be there I am glad you guys showed up in a big way!

Thank you for doing your job well and taking care of my mom! The 7 stitches were removed and the other pain/aches are slowly fading as she is now back in Ecuador.

Thanks again!
PFF Kathryn Buist 40-A
**FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

Every Step of the Way Program
Instructor/Program Evaluation Form

**SUBJECT:** Lighters & Matches

**INSTRUCTOR(S):** Nikki & Mary

**TIME:** 10:00

**DATE:** 10.22.2015

**LOCATION:** Christina King Pre

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**OVERALL GENERAL COMMENTS:** (USE BACK OF FORM IF NEEDED)

We’ve had this program, and it’s always great (including this time). Thank you.

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Front Lines can be viewed at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr)

“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce honored and recognized firefighters and police officers at their annual tribute, October 23, 2015, at the Hilton Springfield Hotel. Lieutenant Raymond, Fire and Rescue Station 5, Franconia was named Officer of the Year; Technician John Smith, 6th Battalion, was named EMT/Paramedic of the Year; Technician Brian Remines, Fire and Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw, was honored as Firefighter of the Year; and Technician Jerold Manuel received the Longevity Award.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department again collected the most money among fire department in the nation. The amount collected was $615,945 and broke the previous record for collections. A mighty thanks to all those who participated in the five-day event.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department partnered with Fairfax County Police and Sheriff’s office to present a check for $1,000 to the Dewberry Life with Cancer Family Center on November 30, 2015. The donated funds were proceeds made from selling pink t-shirts for our annual breast cancer awareness campaign.
Firefighter Brenda Pamperin, Fire and Rescue Station 1, McLean, lifts her bike after completing more than 3,000 miles in the Ride to Awareness, in support of raising awareness to mental health issues. Brenda arrived in Saint Augustine, Florida with a big smile on her face in early November. Brenda also participated in the Live Oak Veterans Day Parade, and had the honor and privilege of visiting with Earl Mills, the Grand Marshal of the parade. Mills, a WWII veteran, was with the 101st Airborne Division, “Screaming Eagles” and parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944.
On behalf of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Group, we thank and salute the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for your outstanding support. Your unique and compelling insights, experiences, and feedback are instrumental to our group’s efforts. We greatly appreciate the invaluable testing and partnership opportunities that exist between our organizations.

Your veteran team’s knowledge coupled with the highly realistic training environment is a resource of tremendous value, both for other responder teams as well as scientists and technologists trying to understand the engineering challenges.

The Next Generation First Responder program, funded by the Department of Homeland Security, First Responder’s Group, aims to enhance the safety and capabilities of emergency personnel. As part of our work on this effort, we visited the Lorton training facility and met with Captain Randal Bittinger and several members of his team. During this session, we were able to discuss and experience highly-realistic environments used in Urban Search and Rescue missions. In addition, we were able to deploy and test prototype equipment and collect valuable test data. After the Lorton visit, we toured the Academy in Fairfax, followed by a round table discussion on how we can deploy the NGFR program technologies in a realistic scenario.

By enabling a partnership between experienced First Responders, and the scientists working to enhance response capabilities, Captain Bittinger and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department are directly contributing to the advancement of science and technology in the area of First Responder safety and communication and the ultimate goal of saving lives.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Anna Greaves
Member of Technical Staff
Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Group

Front Lines
Deadlines

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“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Units from the seventh battalion extricate an adult woman from a two vehicle crash, August 30, 2015; she was then flown to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Firefighters also transported two other patients by ground. (Photo by Lieutenant Matt Tamillow.)

Firefighters responded to a fully involved house fire, September 29, 2015, at 12538 White Drive. The home was vacant and a total loss. The cause of the fire is under investigation. (Photo by Lieutenant Matt Tamillow.)

Firefighters respond to a vehicle crash into a light pole on Burke Center Parkway, August 14, 2015. Crews extricated the adult male and he was transported to Inova Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Crews responded to a car into a house October 27, 2015, at 6801 Smithway Drive, in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. Firefighters extricated the occupants; however, the passenger was deceased at the scene, and the driver was transported to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital where he was pronounced dead. No one was home at the time of the crash.

Firefighters battle a fully involved house fire on November 16, 2015 in the Great Falls area. A tanker task force and other specialty units responded to the large ranch-style home. The home was a complete loss. (Photo by Captain I William Vannoy)
And the Winners Are . . .

Battalion 1...FS39
Battalion 2...FS01
Battalion 3...FS38
Battalion 4...FS08
Battalion 5...FS27
Battalion 6...FS11
Battalion 7...FS41

with special recognition to Fire Station 14

“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Community Outreach Highlights

(All photos on this page by Elliott Rubino)

“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
The Herndon Fire Station is a new, replacement station located on the same site as the existing station. The new facility will be approximately 14,500 square feet with three bays and an 8,700 square feet underground parking garage. The height of the garage is 8’2” at the entrance and over the first five parking spaces then drops to seven feet for the remainder of the parking garage. A temporary fire station will be provided at 791 Elden Street while the new station is under construction.

**Schedule:**

- Advertise for Bid: September 2013
- Start Construction: December 2013
- Temporary Facility Complete: Spring 2014
- Substantial Completion of permanent Facility: Summer 2016
Top 10 Activity Report

July - September 2015

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Firefighters from Fire and Rescue Station 10, Bailey’s Crossroads, pose wearing their Veterans Day tee shirts honoring all veterans who have served past and present, November 11, 2015.

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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 Engine and Tower 440 for taking the time and providing a fantastic tour here at the MPSTOC for the individuals participating in the Disability Mentoring Day! The explanations and patience exhibited by the staff heightened the impact on our visitors and, I’m sure, will not be something they will forget for a long time to come. The teachers, who accompanied the students, indicated that their students were extremely pleased with the overview provided and being able to get some hands-on time with the equipment. Thanks!!! From Dean R. Sherick Community Outreach Liaison Assistant, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management.

To Captain John Smith (41 C) for thinking outside the box and mounting a tow hitch ball to both the UTV and inflatable boat trailers at 41. This custom installation will provide additional response options in the event the tow vehicle at 41 is not available. Nice work Smitty! From: Keith M. Ludeman, BC407-C.

Crews from Fire and Rescue Station 9, Mount Vernon, and Fire and Rescue Station 24, Woodlawn, provide valuable support to the first 9-11 Heroes Run held in Alexandria. Over 900 participated.
**Awards & Presentations**

**Unit Citation Award**

*Construction Paving Machine Incident*
- Lieutenant Duane N. Black III
- Lieutenant Thomas Nevin III
- Master Technician Michael B. Crowder
- Technician Kevin R. Dabney
- Lieutenant Matthew R. Guillaume
- Technician Richard E. Lathrop
- Technician Jorge H. Ochiata
- Technician Jeffrey T. Pfeifer
- Firefighter Spencer D. Bryant
- Firefighter Scott M. Dobson

**Safe Driving Career Achievement Awards**

**15-Year Safe Driving**
- Master Technician James M. Furman

**10-Year Safe Driving**
- Master Technician Raymond K. Beaver, Jr.
- Technician Gerald D. Butler
- Technician Shawn R. Fisher
- Technician Mark C. Killion
- Technician Robert E. Pickel, Jr.
- Technician Shannon G. Reed

**5-Year Safe Driving**
- Technician Robert D. Anderson, Jr.
- Technician Matthew C. Helmuth
- Technician Joshua M. Morrison
- Firefighter Bryant L. Wiggins
- Firefighter Kalyan A. Bruce
- Firefighter Brendan M. Downing
- Firefighter Facundo M. Silva

**Career Achievement Awards**

**Fairfax 2015 World Police and Fire Games**
- Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams
- Captain I Richard L. Merrell
- Lieutenant Charlene L. Ray
- Master Technician George E. Hahn
- Technician Vernon Johnson
- Firefighter Lauren Saffoori
- Firefighter Soraja Lofstrom

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Technician Thomas Feehan is presented his Senior Firefighter Shield at Fire and Rescue 21, Fair Oaks, upon his retirement, October 15, 2015. He had more than 40 years of service to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.  
(Photos provided by Northern Virginia Fire Buffs)
“Taking Up”

Thomas J. Griffin
Lieutenant

Entry Date: June 2, 1980
Retirement Date: September 18, 2015
Recruit School Number: 51st
Assignments: 12, 4, 27, 13, 18, FTO, 40, 14
Likes about the fire department: The camaraderie of a tight shift, great training, ample opportunities, challenging calls, laughing until it hurts, eating until it hurts, tech rescue, US&R...but mostly the great friends I’ve made. Oh, and the retirement system is second to none.

Will miss about the fire department: I will truly miss all the things I listed that I like about the department. I will miss teaching the younger guys and gals. I will miss seeing the children’s eyes light up when they come by the fire house and climb up in a rig. Mostly, I will miss the friendships, practical jokes, laughter and working beside some of the finest folks I’ve ever known.

Plans for the future? Hunt, fish, working on finding that lake front property I always wanted and build a house. See where God takes me from there.

Words of wisdom: You should never get stale in this job—There are too many opportunities to get stale-take advantage of them and expand your horizons Character really does matter. Integrity is how you and the department will be remembered. Leave a positive legacy. Take care of one another...

Daniel L. Schmidt
Public Safety Information Officer IV

On December 5, 2015, my job was advertised by county HR, thereby making my impending retirement official. I’ve had the distinct honor and privilege of working nearly 40 years for the best two organizations on the face of the earth: the United States Army, and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Both organizations provided work that has always been everything a job is supposed to be: rewarding, occasionally disappointing; carefree, occasionally stressful; joyful, and occasionally sad. The ebb and flow of my career has been nothing short of exhilarating and fulfilling.

After all these years of military and civilian service, it’s time to be a Grandpa full time, (being on-call as a grandparent, instead of PIO on-call), and perhaps, move into a part-time job that’s fun and close to home, but where I can get leisure time when needed. (Do I hear Home Depot knocking?) I owe my wife, Lori, a bunch of vacation travel that does not have a deadline of when we have to be back.

I’m 40 years into a wonderful marriage, the kind where you marry your best friend, raise two great sons, and continue to grow old together. Being able to go off into the twilight of my career and yet still be able to smell the roses is a great and powerful feeling that brings a warm and nostalgic smile to my face.

Not sure what the future will...
Anniversaries

41 Years
David C. Phillips, Fire Inspector II

33 Years
Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams
Master Technician George C. Hood II

32 Years
Battalion Chief Mike A. Deli
Captain II Michael J. Garcia

20 Years
Battalion Chief Daniel D. Shaw
Captain II Corey A. Matthews
Captain I Rocco Alvaro
Captain I Kenneth L. Coffelt
Captain I Philip A. Jenkins
Captain I Barry J. Rathbone
Lieutenant Joshua T. Allison
Lieutenant Larry M. Cufee
Lieutenant Charles J. Epps
Lieutenant John P. McDonell
Lieutenant Erick L. Weinzapfel
Master Technician Brian A. Bonifas
Master Technician John L. Boyer
Master Technician Scott E. Herbert
Master Technician John M. Hoffman
Master Technician G. B. Mayhugh
Technician Rony E. Avalos
Technician Jeffrey W. Murray
Technician James E. Pfister
Technician Glenn M. Snyder
Technician Anita J. Whitfield

15 Years
Acting Captain II Jennifer L. Svites
Captain I Cory A. Key
Captain I William S. Lynch, Jr.
Lieutenant Carmen Alessi
Lieutenant Pamela J. Daily
Lieutenant Douglas E. Dietrichson
Lieutenant Raymond E. Foster
Lieutenant John C. Macinyak
Lieutenant Jason D. Updegraft
Master Technician James M. Furman
Master Technician Elton L. Short
Master Technician Jeffrey W. Tinch
Master Technician Stephen D. Urban
Technician Jorge H. Ochaita
Technician Stephen M. Shapiro
Technician Susan V. Tomczak
Dana F. Powers,
Management Analyst II

10 Years
Captain I William D. Vanoy
Lieutenant Johnny Price
Lieutenant Richard M. Tamillow
Lieutenant Douglas M. Washington
Master Technician Robin S. Clement II
Master Technician Bryan C. Knupp
Master Technician Jeffrey M. Repine
Master Technician Christopher A. Zach
Technician Ian R. Brill
Technician Ivan W. Holmes, Jr.
Technician David M. Kerns
Technician Kristopher R. Keyser
Technician Michael D. Lee
Technician Jeffrey T. Pfeifer
Technician Stephanie K. White
Firefighter Lawrence N. Basil
Firefighter Mario A. Board
Firefighter Catherine E. Leary
Firefighter Delfin Reyes
Firefighter James M. Taber
Firefighter Jeffrey M. Williams
Chinaka A. Barbour,
Financial Specialist II
Wyleng Liew,
Life Safety Education Specialist

5 Years
Technician Jon A. Bailey
Technician Garrett J. Briggs
Technician Andrew Coston
Technician Joseph C. Deutsch
Technician John D. Flynn
Technician Corey S. Graham
Technician Jennifer A. Hiner
Technician Ryan M. Legg
Technician Jonathan J. Long
Technician Oscar E. Luna Tovar

Retirements

Firefighter Eugene W. Beach
October 23, 1978 - August 27, 2015

Lieutenant Karrie L. Boswell
February 29, 1988 - August 27, 2015

Lieutenant John R. Brinkerhoff

Technician Shawn M. Crisp
May 2, 2005 - November 13, 2015

Technician Thomas P. Feehan
July 21, 1975 - October 15, 2015

Technician Mark B. Gauntnier
August 4, 1986 - October 27, 2015

Lieutenant Thomas J. Griffin
June 2, 1980 - September 18, 2015

Nell R. Jarvis, Business Analyst III

Technician Brian L. Remines
February 29, 1988 - November 1, 2015

Daniel L. Schmidt,
Public Safety Information Officer IV
April 14, 1997 - December 21, 2015

Renee F. Stilwell,
Communications Specialist II
January 2, 1991 - November 12, 2015

New Hires

Giovani C. Ferrufino,
Administrative Assistant II
Fire Prevention

Mary C. Futrell,
Administrative Assistant III
Fire Prevention

Karen A. Lowery,
Administrative Assistant II
Fire Prevention

Iram S. Mahmood,
Administrative Assistant III
Human Resources

“The Fairfax Way, Moving Forward.”
Station Profile
Frying Pan Fire and Rescue Station 36

Captain II
Tony C. Kostecka
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1985
Station specialty: None.
Square miles in first due area: 6.2 square miles
Specific hazardous/target areas: Large residential mass housing.
Equipment assigned to station: Engine, Tower, Medic, Light and Air.
Total calls in 2014: 5,117