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Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

October 2019



FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief John S. Butler

As we enter the end of 2019, I want to focus on what's to come in CY 2020, which is aligning to be a defining year for our future within the Fire and Rescue Department (FRD). We will begin the year with the rollout of the internal communications plan which focuses on improving department wide communications and information sharing. We will then finalize the work of the Captain Work Groups and develop an implementation strategy while preparing for the 2020 Battalion Chief promotional process in the spring followed by the combining of the Captain I and II ranks in July. Sometime in the second or third quarter of 2020, we will fill the Assistant Fire Chief vacancy which could result in a Deputy Fire Chief vacancy, too.

I point to these events because they will be defining for our department and because they will require your support and engagement as we implement the various initiatives. We must build healthy teams that begin with each person, then each unit, station, battalion, shift, division, bureau, and ultimately department. This all focuses on shared leadership and engagement from all our uniform, civilian, and volunteer personnel. We will not always agree on every decision, but we must agree on working together to accomplish the established goals once a decision is made. We will have to adjust along the way and constantly evaluate progress to monitor and revise programmatic implementations. We've looked for opportunities to maximize efficiencies and will continue to do this in 2020 as we prioritize funding and personnel.

I cannot stress enough the importance of modeling good behaviors and living our core values. I've mentioned it on several occasions and will use this as another opportunity to stress the importance of making good decisions both on and off duty. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work for the FRD, serving the citizens and visitors of Fairfax County. As we prepare for the largest recruit class in our history to begin, take a minute and reflect on how excited and honored each of you were to receive that call when you were offered a position with the FRD. Be a friend, a mentor, and most of all, accountable to yourself and each other.



John S. Butler
Fire Chief

I wish you and your families a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you around.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John S. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fire Chief John S. Butler



CORE VALUES

MISSION:

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department provides the highest quality of services to protect the lives, property, and environment of our community.

To build and maintain public trust, we hold ourselves accountable to these core values:

INTEGRITY

We commit to honest, trustworthy, and ethical behavior.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

We support continuous training, mentoring, and professional development to ensure the best possible service for our community.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLNESS

We commit to providing the best health, safety, and wellness programs for our members' well-being and operational readiness.

DIVERSITY

We are dedicated to embracing and reflecting diversity throughout our department and community.

TEAMWORK & SHARED LEADERSHIP

Teamwork and shared leadership are integral to our department; we will seek out and engage our workforce.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We commit to fulfilling our responsibility and to deepening our involvement in the community we serve.

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FCFRD NEWS & UPDATES



FIRST RESPONDER FRIDAYS

Fire Station 30, Merrifield, B-shift, was featured on Fox 5's First Responders Friday, along with our public safety partners Fairfax County Police Department. Technician Jenkins promoted FCFRD's free smoke alarm's program.



METRO TRAINING

Fire Station 39, North Point, C-Shift, spent some time conducting METRO training on the new 7000 series rail cars, reviewing Hot Stick/WSAD procedures and Emergency Tunnel Evacuation Cart operations.



HAWK RESCUE

In August, Tower 401, McLean, A-Shift was called to assist Fairfax County Police Department Animal Protection. A hawk had become entangled in some netting. Lieutenant Roose and Technician Crabtree took MAPPO Lugo up in the tower bucket to reach the hawk. MAPPO Lugo was able to cut hawk free and then transport to a vet. The hawk is fine and back in the wild.



CONGRATULATIONS BETH!

FCFRD is extremely proud of Beth Adams, Quality Manager in our EMS Division, who was appointed to the Governor's EMS Advisory Board as the Northern Virginia representative. Her extensive knowledge of emergency medical services is unrivaled.



SAFETY STAND DOWN

June 16 through 22 was Safety Stand Down Week for all fire and EMS departments across the U.S. This year's theme is "Reduce our Exposure: It's Everyone's Responsibility". Goal is to increase awareness of cancer exposures and encourage everyone to take steps to reduce their exposure risk.



EXECUTIVE FIRE OFFICER TAMILLOW

Congratulations to Captain Matt Tamillow, Fire Station 10, Bailey's Crossroads, C-Shift, on graduating from the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program at the National Fire Academy. EFO is an intense 4-year program of in person and on-line courses along with four Applied Research Projects



HONORING OUR PAST

In early July, Fire Chief John Butler had the pleasure of meeting Sergeant (ret) Vincent Guidi as he toured the new Public Safety Headquarters. Sgt. Guidi was one of the first career firefighters hired by the county in 1949.



ASSISTANT CHIEF RYAN NAMED TUCSON FIRE CHIEF

Congratulations to Assistant Chief Ryan! In late August, the City of Tucson, Arizona announced the selection of FCFRD Assistant Chief Chuck Ryan as the 28th Fire Chief of the Tucson Fire Department (TFD). He begins his role leading this exceptional organization on September 30. Thank you for over 25 years of dedicated service to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

FCFRD HOSTS KIDS CUTS EVENT AT GUM SPRINGS RECREATION CENTER

FCFRD did its part to get kids back-to-school ready! Along with the Fairfax County Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Deputy Chief Willie Bailey and FCFRD members gathered at Gum Springs Recreation Center to host the event. Local hair stylists, including FCFRD Technician McWilliams and Firefighter Hakim Newsome, were on hand to provide free hair cuts. While they waited the kids enjoyed a petting zoo, moon bounce, face painting, music, and many more fun activities.



JOHN MORRISON NAMED IAFC VOLUNTEER CHIEF OF THE YEAR

On August 8, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) awarded Vienna Volunteer Fire Chief John Morrison with the 2019 IAFC Fire Chief of the Year awards. Volunteer Chief Morrison began volunteering with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (Fire Station 2) when he was 16 years-old. He became an emergency medical technician (EMT) within his first year. He became a volunteer firefighter in 2002 and was elected volunteer chief in 2010.

Over the last 23 years, Chief Morrison has used his knowledge and leadership skills to grow the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. As Chief, he oversees the operations and training of over 60 volunteers. His ability to build relationships and work with both volunteer members and career staff has allowed his department to increase operational and training hours by 44 percent over 10 years.

In addition to his chief duties, Chief Morrison serves as a Planning Section Chief of FCFRD's Urban Search and Rescue Team (Virginia Task Force 1) responsible for all planning aspects during deployments both nationally and internationally. He developed and manages a web-based portal that digitized paper processes including qualifications tracking, roster building and absence tracking. He also represents the Americas Region as a member of the United Nations International Search and Rescue Advisory Group's (INSARAG) Information Management Working Group.

As an Instructor III for the FCFRD Training Academy since 2005, Chief Morrison has led classes ranging from entry level through Firefighter II level classes.

Chief Morrison used his IT skills to develop a Volunteer Management System (VMS), providing departments with a sole source for operational, training, and administrative data. VMS tracks hours, duty shifts, class registration, volunteer training and certifications, equipment management, yearly physicals, and more. This system united all 12 Fairfax County volunteer fire departments into a single portal that allows for the sharing of resources, metrics and information.

Since 1996, the prestigious Fire Chief of the Year award has recognized one volunteer and one career fire chief. A selection committee appointed by the IAFC reviews nominations for active chiefs of departments that have shown exemplary contributions in the areas of leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, public service, and contributions to the fire service.



AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



Congratulations to the FCFRD employees recognized with Fairfax County Outstanding Performance and Team Excellence Awards. Tammy Avern, Margaret Dix, and Katherine O'Brien received Outstanding Performance Awards. Cathy Caniford and Victoria Mazzoli received Team Excellence Awards. Thanks for your hard work and dedication



Congratulations to Firefighter Brian Kennedy, (FS29-C) former RYA player and coach, for being inducted into the Concord University Hall of Fame. Brian had a stellar career as a running back at Concord from 2008-2011. Here he is with his family at the ceremony. His son, Brian Kennedy Jr., currently plays on our 115 American team.



Technician Tory Albertson Station 35, Pohick, C-Shift, Firefighter Andy Neuhaus (35-B), and Technician Vernon Johnson (35-A) were presented with the 2019 Springfield Rotary Club's First Responder of the Year award. All three were recognized at a breakfast ceremony hosted by the Springfield Rotary Club and a donation on their behalf was made to the Fairfax County Fire Fighters fund. Congratulations!



Community Risk Reduction's very own Mary Cramer received her 15-year award. Her team members presented her with her 15-year pen from Fairfax County and gave her a bouquet of flowers. Congratulations Mary!



GIRLS FIRE & RESCUE ACADEMY 2019



For three days in July, 24 young women from Fairfax County participated in FCFRD's third Girls Fire and Rescue Academy. During the academy, participants learned various firefighting techniques, ran multiple EMS simulations, and learned about what it takes to serve the residents of Fairfax County.



Hot Shots



6300 BLOCK OF COLUMBIA PIKE

On June 14, at 2:30 p.m., units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, City of Alexandria, and Arlington County Fire Departments were dispatched for a two-story, single family house on fire in the 6300 block of Columbia Pike in the Lake Barcroft area of Fairfax County. Crews rapidly went to work to control and eventually extinguish the fire. A second alarm was requested. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries reported. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started on the rear deck. The cause of the fire was improperly discarded smoking materials. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$218,500.



GLENBROOK ROAD

On Saturday, June 29 at approximately 6:27 p.m., units from FCFRD and the City of Fairfax Fire Department were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 3600 block of Glenbrook Road in the Mantua area of Fairfax County. Units arrived on the scene of a two story, single-family house with significant fire in a sun room to the rear of the home. There was extension to the first floor, second floor, and attic. Crews deployed multiple fire hose lines to each floor to extinguish the fire. One occupant sustained a burn injury and was transported to an area hospital. One firefighter sustained a non-life-threatening injury and was transported for evaluation. Three occupants were home at the time of the fire. One occupant noted an unusual sound followed by fire coming from the grill. The occupants self-evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department and called 9-1-1. Smoke alarms sounded after the occupants discovered the fire. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started on the deck when one of the occupants attempted to light the propane grill. The fire then spread to the adjacent rooms on the first floor via the deck door. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$243,750.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

On Sunday, April 29, a charter bus carrying thirty-two passengers was traveling on I-495. A tire blew out on the bus causing a loud boom. On further investigation by the driver, sparks were noticed and everyone on the bus was quickly evacuated. Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) responded quickly to the emergency. With a large group of passengers on the side of a busy highway and no projected time for a replacement bus, FCFRD dispatched the bus from the Training Academy to take the passengers to Fire Station 22, Springfield, where they could stay until a replacement bus was secured. Fire Station 22 opened up their bingo hall and provided snacks to the passengers. A special thank you to Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Station President Jaime Nguyen, Firefighter/EMT SunJin Hunt, and all the personnel at Fire Station 22 for lending assistance to all the bus passengers.



ELMWOOD DRIVE

On Monday, September 23, at approximately 9:12 p.m., units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and the City of Alexandria Fire Department responded for reports of a house fire in the 3400 block of Elmwood Drive in the Rose Hill section of Fairfax County. Arriving units observed heavy fire showing and power lines down near the front right side of the home. Units began an aggressive attack on the fire as additional crews conducted a primary search of the residence. Crews continued to battle the fire as it was determined that one occupant was unaccounted for. The fire was brought under control. Five occupants were home when the fire was discovered. An occupant in an upstairs bedroom smelled smoke. Upon investigation, the occupants discovered the fire and alerted the remaining occupants to the fire. Four occupants self-evacuated through windows prior to fire department arrival. Firefighters located a fifth occupant deceased inside the home. An autopsy will determine the victim’s identity and cause of death. The home had working smoke alarms that activated after the fire was discovered. Nine occupants were displaced. Four occupants were transported to local hospitals for non-life-threatening injuries. One firefighter was transported to be evaluated for smoke inhalation. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The property is considered a total loss with damages estimated at \$315,312.



HURRICANE DORAIN RESPONSE

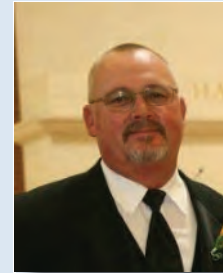
Virginia Task Force 1 was activated on August 30 for Hurricane Dorian and deployed to the Florida east coast area. Due to forecast changes, the team was relocated to North Carolina and released by FEMA on Wednesday, September 4. That same day, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) activated a 57-person Medium USAR team (USA-1) to respond to The Bahamas. The team arrived early morning on Thursday, September 5, in Nassau to join USAID’s Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), which was coordinating the U.S. Government response to Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas. USAID further tasked the Fairfax County USAR team with establishing a forward base camp for the DART, which added more than 40,000 pounds and another 8 team members.

In the following days, USAID’s USA-1 team worked with U.S. military partners to move over 95,000 pounds of equipment from Nassau to Marsh Harbour via airlift in US Navy CH-53 Sea Stallions, US Navy SH-60 Seahawks, US Marine V-22 Ospreys and US Army CH-47 Chinooks. USA-1 performed search and rescue operations, humanitarian needs identification, and structural assessments on numerous cays and islands around Abaco Island and the areas surrounding Marsh Harbour. This has been done utilizing US Army UH-60 Blackhawks and US Army CH-47 Chinooks. Our partnership with USAID has been in place for over 30 years, and we are proud to represent them, our country, and the residents of Fairfax County.


IN MEMORIAM




Lieutenant
James Douglas Fairbanks (Retired)
 June 30, 1943 - May 28, 2019



Technician
Andrew John Hubert (Retired)
 March 15, 1960 - July 27, 2019



Captain
William Barry Harlowe (Retired)
 July 14, 1960 - July 31, 2019



Battalion Chief
Joseph M. Revard (Retired)
 February 26, 1936 - June 28, 2019

TOP 10 ACTIVITY REPORT

April - August 2019

Medic

Unit	Calls
M422	1,324
M430	1,283
M426	1,162
M413	1,126
M405	1,108
M429	1,092
M404	1,075
M421	1,072
M425	1,067
M411	1,062

Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A422E	152
A402E	114
A410E	102
A421E	94
A408E	88
A413E	65
A401E	49
A417E	31
A412E	28
A414E	25

Engine

Unit	Calls
E410	1,724
E411	1,675
E430	1,618
E409	1,608
E408	1,555
E422	1,539
E429	1,505
E404	1,344
E413	1,330
E426	1,325

Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T429	1,245
T425	1,077
T436	955
T408	925
T411	894
T422	888
T440	799
T410	786
T401	735
T430	723

Rescues

Unit	Calls
R421	860
R426	821
R411	758
R418	735
R401	602
R419	599
R414	583
R439	558

Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS404	706
EMS403	652
EMS405	581
EMS402	574
BC404	547
EMS406	540
EMS401	538
BC403	397
BC402	390
BC401	363

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.

LARGE LOSS FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 3/15/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42607 Value: \$7,016,421	Address: 7012 Rhoden Ct. Apt. 202 Loss: \$181,250	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 3/23/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41716 Value: \$822,962	Address: 4525 Castleford Ct. Loss: \$300,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 3/24/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40590 Value: \$702,063	Address: 5915 Montell Dr. Loss: \$668,538	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 3/26/19 Cause: Undetermined	Box: 43107 Value: \$292,662	Address: 12701 Bradwell Rd. Loss: \$113,550	Type: Residential Status: Inactive
Date: 4/7/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41700 Value: \$87,145,788	Address: 14307 Summer Tree Rd. Loss: \$75,100	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 4/22/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41700 Value: \$2,236,779	Address: 13684 Bent Tree Cir Loss: \$616,548	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 4/22/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40800 Value: \$501,800	Address: 4030 Justine Dr. Loss: \$92,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 4/26/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40529 Value: \$273,350	Address: 6102 Essex House Sq. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Commercial Status: Closed
Date: 4/28/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42607 Value: \$59,670,638	Address: 7029 Skyles Way Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 4/30/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41700 Value: \$391,988	Address: 14113 Starbird Ct. Loss: \$143,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 5/15/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41801 Value: \$246,512	Address: 3117 Dashiell Rd. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 5/16/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42606 Value: \$293,175	Address: 5531 Sheldon Dr. Loss: \$73,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 5/23/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40590 Value: \$319,312	Address: 4806 Upland Dr. Loss: \$93,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 5/28/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 42801 Value: \$434,550	Address: 6443 Queen Anne Ter. Loss: \$128,050	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 6/1/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43415 Value: \$518,840	Address: 11224 Timberline Dr. Loss: \$132,900	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 6/4/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43000 Value: \$307,200	Address: 2900 Cedarest Rd. Loss: \$75,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 6/5/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 43022 Value: \$379,900	Address: 10253 Braddock Rd. Loss: \$118,750	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 6/13/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40800 Value: \$258,912	Address: 6925 Alpine Dr. Loss: \$155,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 6/14/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 41012 Value: \$1,212,687	Address: 6356 Columbia Pike Loss: \$220,500	Type: Residential Status: Closed
Date: 6/15/19 Cause: Accidental	Box: 40205 Value: \$875,158	Address: 235 Maple Ave. E Loss: \$50,000	Type: Residential Status: Closed

IN THE COMMUNITY



BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

While out in the community checking and installing smoke alarms, Engine 427, West Springfield, A-Shift, came across a birthday party. Firefighter/Paramedic Decker took time to give the group a tour of the engine. Everyone also got fire helmets!



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

On August 11, Fire Station 2, Vienna, B-Shift spotted an opportunity to support two young entrepreneurs. It also allowed them to quench their thirst and grab a little snack!



CAMP FUN

On August 7, the crew from Fire Station 22, Springfield, C-Shift was invited to Garfield Elementary to help the kids from the Rec PAC program enjoy the end of summer. There wasn't a dry kid in the bunch.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATE

In June, the crew from Station 23, West Annandale, A-Shift unexpectedly joined in one local celebration. Home CO alarm sounded and family called 9-1-1. Ended up being a malfunctioning alarm. 23-A helped the graduate immortalize the moment! Credit Suz Redfearn Photography



KEEPING COOL

Fire Station 31, Fox Mill, C-Shift, attended a local community cook out in late July. They also took time to show off their skills with a water hose to provide a little cooling for the kids!



FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE STATION 8 SURPRISES ANNANDALE TERRACE ES STUDENTS

Members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 8 visited Annandale Terrace Elementary to surprise one second grade student and his classmates. The story began in October 2018, when school counselor Ann Miller matched up second grader Raihan and firefighter Steve Urban in the Mentorworks program. Miller had been collaborating with the firefighters for several years, and she knew Urban would make a great mentor. Raihan and Urban had an instant connection and met regularly for weekly lunches. As their friendship grew, the student would ask questions about what firefighters do. Urban promised that one day he would bring the fire trucks to visit so Raihan could get an up-close view. Urban worked with teacher Rebecca Hefter to

plan the surprise. When the big day came, the entire second grade, with Raihan leading the way, was asked to walk outside with their teachers. There were two ladder trucks, an ambulance, and more than a dozen firefighters waiting out front. The children eagerly listened as Urban explained the reason for their visit. He then called Raihan up to help show the students the many pieces of gear a firefighter must wear when responding to a fire. Afterward the children were allowed to sit inside and examine the trucks. Over the years, the firefighters have been very generous to Annandale Terrace ES, spending time reading to students, donating school supplies, and participating in the mentoring program.

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CELEBRATING THE FOURTH

Fire Station 28, Seven Corners, B-Shift, attended an Independence Day Parade in the Lee Boulevard Heights neighborhood. Many of FCFRD firefighters and paramedics took part in their local community celebrations.



BURN CAMP VISITORS

In June, several current and retired FCFRD members served breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Central Virginia Burn Camp in Charlottesville, VA. Some also worked as counselors. The camp provides special, fun, and safe experience for children across Virginia with burn injuries.



FORT HUNT COMMUNITY GETS FRONT ROW SEATS TO FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

Recently, firefighters and paramedics of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been conducting training evolutions on a donated house off of Washington Road in the Fort Hunt area. Residents or home builders sometime donate old homes that are slated to be torn down so our firefighters can conduct realistic training scenarios.

Station 11, Penn Daw, C-Shift recently stopped by for a day of training and invited the neighborhood to come out and watch. No live fires were set but theatrical smoke machines were used to provide an extra level of realism. Personnel conducted fire hose

line advancement, ground ladder placement, and search techniques.

The community was very engaged in learning more about their fire and rescue department; they asked many questions about how we operate at house fires, our rank structure, and promotional testing process. They also offered cold bottled water to our crews – which we were very thankful for on a hot summer day.

A wonderful day of important training and getting to interact with those we serve!



REUNITED

On a sunny day in June, ABC7’s Jay Korff was riding a bike trail near Legato Road when he spotted a vintage baseball glove near the side of the road. Through some detective work Jay discovered the glove’s owner was FCFRD firefighter Cliff Watson. Jay was able to reunite Cliff with his little league glove. Cliff promised he wouldn’t leave the glove atop his car again

NBC4 BACKPACKS EVENT

Fire Station 5, Franconia, C-Shift, helped at NBC4’s Backpacks 4 Kids event.



In July, the crew from Engine 415, Chantilly, A-Shift, worked with Life Safety Education staff to conduct the Fire Safety Relays with the summer camp at Brookfield Elementary. Teaching kids fire safety in a unique way

TAKING UP



Charles W. "Chuck" Ryan
Assistant Chief

Entry Date: January 24, 1994

Retirement Date: September 27, 2019

Recruit School: 85th

Assignments: 24, 38, 11, 8, 10, 29, BC401-B, DFCO-B, DFCO-A, DFCO, AFCP, AFCA

Likes About the Fire Department: The camaraderie and brotherhood/sisterhood. Being faced with new, different, and uncertain challenges each work day. Having the opportunity to positively impact the community. The amazing range of opportunities available to FCFRD members that are not enjoyed in most other FD's.

Will Miss About the Fire Department: When you work in any one place 25 plus years, you develop a strong and emotional bond to that place. I will miss all the great people with whom I have had the privilege to work during my career, and I will definitely miss seeing my close FRD friends since I am moving across the country!

Plans for the Future: Do my very best to lead and promote the Tucson Fire Department, adapt to desert living, and continue my personal and professional development. Continue teaching at NFA, and be the best husband and dad that I can be,

Words of Wisdom: Never forget why you joined the fire service. Remember to always put service before self, and for those in higher ranks, never lose touch with your past. Stay proficient and focused, and constantly expand your knowledge base. Always, always, take care of yourselves and those entrusted to your supervision.

What Got You Interested in the Fire Service? I grew up in Albany, NY in the shadow of a city firehouse, and I was always that kid who came around the station. It was a childhood dream that I was finally able to realize many years later as a "second career." Forgive me for initially seeking a career in law enforcement before I decided to go to law school!

Who or What Made an Influence in your Career? There are too many people to name, but here are some notables: Roger Wilson, Ray Rummel, Kenny McDaniel, Kendall Thompson, Jeff Donaldson, Ron Mastin, Garrett Dyer, Paul Beardmore, Tom Watson, Mark Pullman, Kevin Thompson, Mike Wickwire, John Caussin, Dave Rohr, Mike Deli, Mark Rohr, Andrew Duke, Karl Roche, Jared Goff, all of the members of the shifts I had the pleasure of supervising, and FC John Butler.



Jay Palau
Captain II

Entry Date: October 13, 1986

Retirement Date: June 7, 2019

Recruit School: 68th

Assignments: FS24/C, FS08/C, FS10/C, FS19/C, FS04/C, FS38/C, FS26/C, FS21/C, FS17/C, Relief Batt3, FS38/C, Relief Batt4, FS34/C, FS38/C, FS41/A

Likes About the Fire Department: It's been amazing from start to finish to get to what we do with the some of the bravest and smartest the country has to offer.

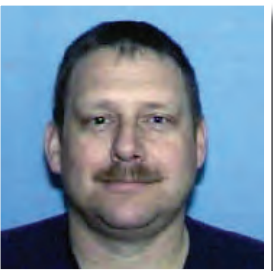
Will Miss About the Fire Department: Running calls, eating together, bonding on a level that few other careers can match.

Plans for the Future: Enjoy spending time with my family, enjoy watching my son finish growing up and play varsity football for Robinson. See him off to college and then spend Winters in the mountains and Summers on the shore.

Words of Wisdom: Take care of yourself, take care of your family, take care of the people you work with, take care of the people in need of your service. Always try to get to yes when someone asks for something reasonable.

What Got You Interested in the Fire Service? I grew up in Fairfax City and decided to volunteer at station 3 while I was in college and served there from '84 to '86 with some great folks that I knew from high school. It didn't take long to figure out that I wanted to be a career firefighter.

Who or What Made an Influence in your Career? BC Richard Burbank, Captain Steve Wright, Lt. Tom Wealand, Lt Dewey Perks, Lt. Chuck Marshall, Technician Jim Tolson, Lt. Scotty Williams, BC Mark Kane, Captain Jim Heider, Captain II Bill Kingdon, BC Chuck Hawkins BC Bobby Zoldos, BC Fed Brandell and everyone that I have ever worked with that taught me something. There were many.



James T. Morris
Lieutenant

Entry Date: April 30, 1984

Retirement Date: June 21, 2019

Recruit School: 60th

Assignments: 10, 26, 19, 5, 11, 21, and Battalion 405 Relief (all C-Shift assignments)

Likes About the Fire Department: The people. It's because of the people in this department (uniform and civilian) that I got through the loss of my brother on 9-11. Thank you for your care and support.

Will Miss About the Fire Department: The mind challenges. Every incident was a puzzle for me. What pieces do I have, what do I need to complete this puzzle.

Plans for the Future: Help with the grandchildren and take care of my parents. Teaching at Stafford County Fire Academy, fill in as Battalion Chief and/or Safety Officer for Stafford County.

Words of Wisdom: Know your job. Do your job and do it well. Do what is right for the situation.

What Got You Interested in the Fire Service? Family. Grandfather was fire commissioner. Father

was a Captain (equivalent to station chief) of our Fire Company.

Who or What Made an Influence in your Career? Jeff Donaldson, Bill Bullock, Tom Weland, Jim Heider, Bill Kingdon, and AC Tom Sweeney of Milford, CT Fire Department.

WASH YOUR HANDS



by Captain Johnny Price

Like many parents, I've lost count how many times I've asked my children if they washed their hands after using the restroom, or before sitting down to eat dinner. One time I tricked my oldest to prove he washed his hands daring him to stick his fingers in his mouth. Granted he was eight years old at the time, and he did it with that smug, "see, I told you so" look on his face. To which, I said, "thank you... Now go wash your hands again."

Good hand hygiene involves using soap to remove pathogens from your hands. This helps prevent infections because people, without even realizing it, frequently touch their eyes, nose and mouth. It is through these mucous membranes that pathogens can enter the body and make us sick.

Handwashing involves five simple and effective steps:

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water, turn off the tap and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the back of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least twenty seconds. Need a timer? Hum "Happy Birthday" twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Why? Because pathogens like *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, cryptosporidium and norovirus that cause diarrhea, and can spread some respiratory infections like adenovirus and hand-foot-mouth disease are

caused by feces. These kinds of germs can get onto your hands after people use the toilet or change a diaper, but also in less obvious ways, like after handling raw meats that have invisible amounts of animal feces on these. Consider this: a single gram of human feces (about the weight of a paper clip) can contain one trillion germs that can make you sick.

Pathogens can also get onto your hands if people touch any object that has germs on it because someone coughed or sneezed on it or was touched by some other contaminated object. So, think twice about sticking your hand in a bag of chips on the kitchen table. Consider and ask yourself, "did the last person who ate from there wash their hands?"

Here is a list of when you should wash your hands whether at the fire station or your home.

- After checking EMS equipment
- After patient contact
- After coughing, sneezing or wiping your nose
- After using the restroom
- Before eating or cooking
- Before emptying the dish washer

The single greatest thing that can be done to reduce the spread of disease to yourself, your coworkers and family members is to practice good hand hygiene. It's quick, it's simple and it can keep us all from getting sick.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain John Price, Infectious Control and Prevention Officer at (571) 722-8670 or via email at: johnny.price@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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- April 30, 1984 - June 21, 2019

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MOUNT VERNON Fire and Rescue Station 9



Station constructed: 1971

Station specialty: Fire/EMS Incidents

Square miles in first due area: 10

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, Medic, Battalion 406

Specific hazardous/target areas: Mount Vernon Hospital, 5 Nursing Facilities, 9 Public Schools, George Washington Historical sites.

Total Calls in 2018: 8,704

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