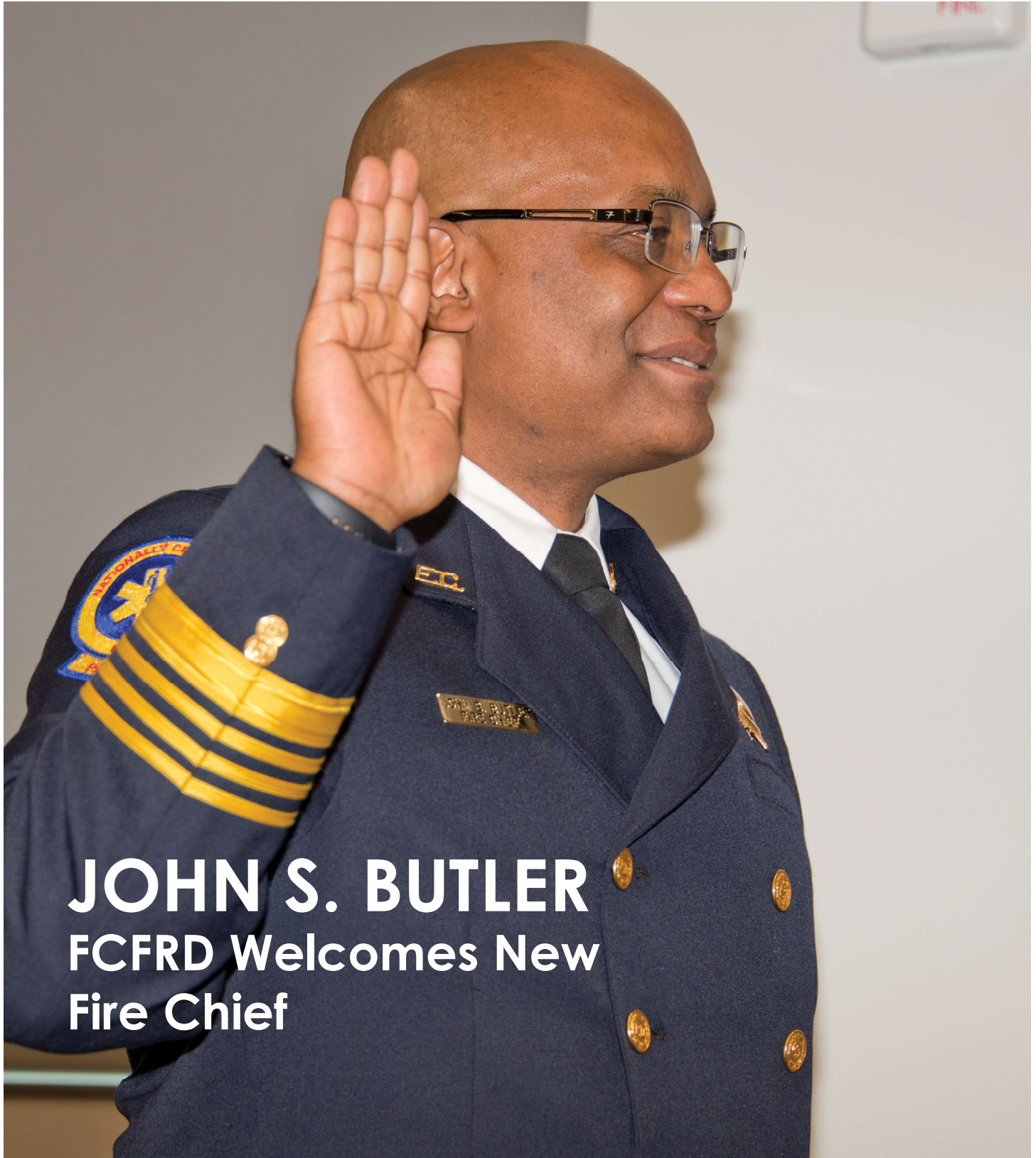


# FRONT LINES



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

October 2018



**JOHN S. BUTLER**  
FCFRD Welcomes New  
Fire Chief



# WELCOME

## Fire Chief John Butler

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, John Butler was sworn in as chief of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Chief Butler began his fire service career in 1993 as a firefighter/paramedic in Howard County, Maryland. He rose through the ranks and was appointed Fire Chief in 2014. Chief Butler also served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years, including two combat tours.

Chief Butler holds a Master of Science in Management from Johns Hopkins University, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Baltimore, and a certificate from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Leadership in Crisis Program. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Human Relations Committee and Maryland's Emergency Medical Services Board. Chief Butler is a 2014 recipient of Johns Hopkins University's Global Achievement Award for his humanitarian work in Africa.

## Farewell from Acting Chief Caussin

I am very grateful, and it has been an honor and privilege to have served in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) for the past thirty-three years. Like many of you, family members and/or friends that were already on the job influenced my interest in the Fire and EMS service. I applied to a number of departments and was fortunate to have the opportunity to be hired as a Firefighter/EMT with Fairfax County. My friends and early mentors (now retired members of both FCFRD and Alexandria FD) encouraged me to take the job with Fairfax County based on the Department's reputation and the opportunities afforded its members. I never imagined the scope of opportunity, education, friendships, and life experiences that Fairfax County has provided.



The FCFRD is currently taking a fresh look at our recruitment strategies to include leveraging the influence of our current members in attracting those women and men that share the core values of this organization and who are dedicated to public service. Key to this recruitment strategy is to illustrate what distinguishes Fairfax County. With hard work, commitment, teamwork, and dedication, there are endless possibilities and opportunities for new members. Our personnel serving as instructors and assisting with the Girls Academy, the Fairfax County Public Schools High School Firefighter Program and Falls Church Academy EMT Class, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Explorer Post 1949, Volunteer EMT and Firefighter classes, Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy, Community Emergency Response Team, and other community outreach programs have done a great job conveying this message.

With the FCFRD's recent recognition by the Center for Fire Accreditation International as an Accredited Agency, we have raised the bar even higher. This accomplishment is a result of dedication to serving this community by both our current members, and those who preceded us. To sustain this level of performance and continue evolving and improving as an organization, we need to bring on good men and women and begin to train, coach, and mentor them to take our place from their first day in the station and throughout their career.

Congratulations to our incoming Fire and Rescue Chief John Butler. As he will learn in short order, this is a high performing team that is continually looking for opportunities to improve and move forward. Thank you all for what you do.

Sincerely,

**Acting Chief  
John J. Caussin**



# CORE VALUES

## MISSION:

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department provides the highest quality 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 AND 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



### OCTOBER INOVA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL VISIT

On Friday, October 12, approximately six costumed firefighters visited Inova Children's Hospital to kick off the Halloween season. Organized by Captain Carlos Carillo, during the visit firefighters in superhero costumes went room to room to talk with children, families, and staff. Outside the hospital a fire engine and a ladder truck with the ladder raised was staged so the kids could talk to firefighters in the basket of the ladder truck. NBC4 and ABC7 news both ran features on the visit.



### MEDIC 401 RECEIVES LUCAS 3 DEVICE

McLean Volunteer Fire Department Medic 401 was awarded a Lucas 3 device from Fire House Sub's grant program. The device performs mechanical chest compressions during CPR. Pictured are McLean EMS Volunteers (left to right) Paramedic Lynn Clancy, President/EMT Kay Hartgrove, EMT Lisa Franzen and Fire House Representative Pamela Pitkin.



### WELCOME XANDER

Welcome to the newest member of Station 15, Chantilly! Therapy canine Xander is a six month old golden doodle who now calls Station 15 home. Xander joins therapy canines Wally and Belle as members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue family. Thank you to the folks at Sit Means Sit who assisted in training Xander.



# 2018 GIRLS FIRE & RESCUE ACADEMY



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department held the first and second annual Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp in July 2017 and 2018. The Academy hosted rising female freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Academy participants took part in a five day program full of fun-filled experiences, physical training, classes, and Fire/EMS simulations. They also had an opportunity to visit a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station to experience the everyday life of a Firefighter/EMT. Campers interacted, asked questions, and ate dinner with the on-duty crew.



### NATIONAL CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

On June 5, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized June 1-7 as National CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Awareness Week. Lieutenant Evelyn Edwards thanked the Board and highlighted the importance of residents knowing CPR and AED use. Acting Fire Chief Caussin and staff from the EMS Division were on hand to receive the proclamation.



### TRUCK 410-B HONORS SGM CHRIS HELMS

Members of Truck 410-B present a handmade "Red-Line" flag to the members of Eastside Fire & Rescue in the memory of SGM Chris Helms who was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on July 31, 2018. SGM Helms was a member of Eastside Fire & Rescue who left the agency after the attacks on 9/11 and was assigned to the U.S. Army's, Delta Force. The members of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue were privileged to represent the fire service with the Eastside Firefighters at the interment.



# MAKING FOOD DOLLARS COUNT

PROTEIN CHOICES

By Nicole Brown, MS, RDN, LD, ACSM EP-C

## HEALTHFUL EATING ON A BUDGET

A concern people raise is that healthy eating costs too much! This is true if we leave eating up to chance. But, if we can take time to plan meals and snacks, check what ingredients we have on hand vs those we need to purchase, eat leftovers and keep an eye on how the fresh produce is doing (eat it early in the days after shopping), we can eat very healthfully on a budget. There are so many resources available to us and, in particular, I wanted to recommend you check out the following:

- [www.choosemyplate.gov/budget](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/budget) includes two weeks of meals, recipes, and a shopping list.
- Eating Well has a free “A Week of 5 Ingredient Dinners for Less Than \$50” download available through their website. It features low cost meals, such as Slow Cooker Beef Stew and Easy Chicken Fried Rice.

## 10 TIPS: VARY YOUR PROTEIN ROUTINE

Protein foods include both animal (meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs) and plant (beans, peas, soy products, nuts, and seeds) sources. Dairy foods are also great protein sources. Grain products have a wide range of protein (3-6 grams in a slice of bread and up to 23 grams in a cup of cooked pasta made from soybeans). We all need protein. However, most Americans eat more than they need. How much is enough? See the chart below. For example, a 200 lb firefighter who wants to build muscle mass could aim for 140-160 grams of protein a day.

- **Vary your protein choices**  
Experiment with dishes made with beans or peas, nuts, soy, fish and seafood.
- **Choose fish and seafood twice a week**  
Select a variety of fish and seafood. The [www.seafoodwatch.org](http://www.seafoodwatch.org) app created by the Monterey Bay Aquarium can help find the safest sources (e.g. low mercury) and

Activity Level	Grams of protein/lb body weight
Sedentary	0.4
Recreational exerciser, adult	0.5-0.7
Endurance athlete, adult	0.6 -0.7
Growing teenage athlete	0.7-0.9
Adult building muscle mass	0.7 – 0.8
Athlete restricting calories	0.8-0.9
Estimated upper requirement for adults	0.9
Average protein intake of male endurance athletes	0.5-0.9
Average protein intake of female endurance athletes	0.5-0.8

sustainably raised and/or caught seafood. A ratings guide is updated periodically. It includes Best Choices Buy which are well managed and caught or farmed responsibly. Good Alternatives Buy can be a good alternative, however, be aware there are concerns with how they're caught, farmed, or managed. Pass on anything that is rated "Avoid" as these are overfished, lack strong management, or are caught or farmed in ways that harm other marine life or the environment. Two Best Choice are farm raised tilapia from Ecuador, Peru, the US and Canada are safe and sustainably raised; and US farmed shrimp as fresh, frozen, uncooked or cooked shrimp is an economical way to have a fast extremely lean protein. Fire Fit Spicy Garlic Shrimp, Chicken, or Tofu and Five Spice Tilapia are two recipes I can email you.

- **Make meat and poultry lean or low fat**

Choose lean or low-fat cuts of meat like top round or sirloin and ground beef that is at least 92% lean. Stores such as Trader Joe's and Aldi have 95% lean ground beef and ground turkey breast available at a good price. Trim visible fat or drain fat from meat and remove poultry skin.

- **Have an egg**

One egg a day doesn't increase risk for heart disease, so make eggs part of your weekly protein choices. Only the egg yolk contains saturated fat. The whites are a source of pure protein and can be added to a whole egg to increase protein and volume without adding saturated fat. Egg whites purchased in a carton are pasteurized and can be cooked or eaten raw (try adding to a smoothie as a protein source). Egg white salad is an easy high protein on the go lunch item. A couple dashes of hot sauce brings on the zing!

- **Eat plant protein foods more often**

Try beans and peas (kidney, pinto, black, or white beans; split peas; chickpeas; hummus), soy products (tofu, tempeh, veggie burgers), nuts, and seeds. They are naturally low in saturated fat and high in fiber. Fire Fit Black Bean Burritos are a tasty vegetarian option. Request The Meatless Market, a handout on plant based proteins that includes calories, protein, and sodium content.

- **Nuts and seeds**

Choose unsalted nuts or seeds as a snack, on salads, or in main dishes to replace meat or poultry. Nuts and seeds are a concentrated source of calories, so eat small portions to keep calories in check. Mix salted nuts with an equal part of unsalted to cut the sodium content. Mixing 2 tablespoons of Peanut powder (PB2) with one tablespoon of water creates a 50 calorie, 5 gram protein spread.

- **Keep it tasty and healthy**

Try grilling, broiling, roasting, or baking as these methods don't require adding extra fat. Some lean meats need slow, moist cooking to be tender - try a slow cooker for them. Avoid breading meat or poultry, which adds calories.

- **Make a healthy sandwich**

Choose turkey, roast beef, canned tuna or salmon, or peanut butter for sandwiches. Many deli meats, such as regular bologna or salami, are high in fat, sodium, and added nitrites and nitrates - limit their intake.

- **Think small when it comes to meat portions**

Get the flavor you crave but in a smaller portion. Make or order a smaller burger or a "petite" size steak. A deck of cards is about 3 oz of cooked meat which is about the size of half a chicken breast or a ¼ pounder."

- **Check the sodium**

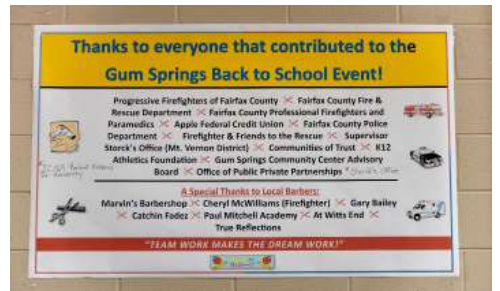
Salt is added to many canned foods, including soups, vegetables, beans, and meats. Many processed meats, such as ham, sausage, and hot dogs, are high in sodium. Some fresh chicken, turkey, and pork are brined in a salt solution for flavor and tenderness. If you have high blood pressure or are over 50, work toward limiting sodium intake to less than 1500 mg/day. Others can use a 2300 mg/day.

*(Source: Nancy Clark's Sports Nutrition Guidebook, 5th edition 2014)*

Please contact me with questions and comments about this or other nutrition topics.

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# IN THE COMMUNITY



In August, FCFRD, Fairfax County Police Department, and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office participated in a back to school event for kids in need at Gum Springs Recreation Center. Local barbers and several fire and rescue personnel (hairstylists and barbers prior to joining the department) all donated their time to provide haircuts for the kids. Donated backpacks with school supplies were given out. There were several fun activities. Firefighters and paramedics showed off their fire trucks, ambulances, and equipment.



**SUPPORTING WOUNDED WARRIORS**  
 In September, Station 27, West Springfield, A-Shift participated in a Wounded Warrior fundraiser at Planet Fitness. The shift supported the event by climbing 110 floors on the stair master, in full firefighter gear, in honor of the 343 firefighters who perished on 9-11.



**HIGH SCHOOL FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM**  
 The first week in August heralded the start of the third session of FCFRD's High School Firefighters Program. The program is run in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools. The program teaches high school students the firefighting and emergency medicine skills.



**CELEBRATING AT CHERRY RUN**  
 Our firefighters and paramedics love meeting those we serve! Rescue 414, Burke, B-Shift stopped by the Cherry Run community party on Saturday, October 27, to show off the squad and answer questions.





**26.2 MILES**

Congratulations to Lieutenant Mark Fiddler and Firefighter Julie Sehna for completing the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28!



**TYSONS PARTNERSHIP SHOES FOR KIDS EVENT**

In October, Fire Station 13, Dunn Loring, was honored to host and support the Tysons Partnership Shoes for Kids event. Shoes collected during the donation drive go to kids in need throughout Fairfax County.



**DISABILITY MENTORING DAY**

In October, Station 40, Fairfax Center, B-Shift met students participating in a Disability Mentoring Day. The event was hosted by Fairfax County Schools. Students learned about public safety careers. They interacted with firefighters and paramedics who showed them the tools and equipment used to help others.

**CITIZENS FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY**

FCFRD's Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy kicked off on September 20. The nine week course gives its members an in depth overview of the inner workings of the fire and rescue department.



# HONORING

## *Lieutenant (Ret)/Fire Inspector Doug Turner*

On June 29, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department lost an institution. Lt. (ret)/Fire Inspector Doug Turner passed away after over 50 years of service with the department. Turner began his career in 1967. He served in the field until retiring as a lieutenant in 1990. He returned to work at FCFRD the next day as a fire inspector in the Fire Prevention Division.

Last year, the Office of Public Affairs featured Turner and his impressive career in their internal county publication. The below article appeared in the Team Fairfax Insider. It is reprinted with permission.

### HALF CENTURY OF COMMITMENT FOR FRD'S TURNER

When Doug Turner joined the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in 1967, Lyndon B. Johnson was president, protests against the Vietnam War were growing, Elvis Presley got married, the world's first heart transplant took place and the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album reached number one on the charts.

Fairfax County had evolved from a farming community to one growing exponentially as the federal government created programs and jobs, and many of those employees settled in the surrounding suburbs. This put demands on the county to provide services to accommodate the public safety needs of the rapidly developing county, which provided many job opportunities.

With 10 years' experience as a firefighter in the U.S. Air Force and at National Airport, Turner, at age 31, was hired by the Fire and Rescue Department and given badge #239, meaning he was the 239th firefighter hired. Back then, firefighters (all male until the county's first female firefighter was hired in 1979) drove open-air fire engines and trucks, exposed to the elements and noise. "When a call came in," Turner recalls, "firefighters put their helmets and boots on, grabbed their turnout coats, then jumped on the tailboard of the apparatus, hanging on for dear life. We put our coats on while flying down the street." The phrase "catch the hydrant" was when the pumper would slow down slightly, but not stop, as it passed a fire hydrant near the fire. "The firefighters had to jump off the moving vehicle, grab the hose with a hydrant wrench wrapped inside and throw it toward the hydrant where they would anchor it with a foot as the pumper continued down the street stretching the hose toward the fire," Turner explains.

In his career, Turner witnessed tremendous changes in training, protective clothing and equipment, as well as tactics and specialties such as emergency medical



services, hazardous materials and technical rescue. There were no national standards at the time so they had to develop their own.

Looking back on his career, he described being promoted to sergeant at the Fire and Rescue Training Academy, where he worked from 1974 to 1982, as one of his most rewarding experiences. "Normally that assignment would be for a couple of years to get your ticket punched for future promotions," he says. But he fell in love with training and stayed nearly eight years. He was part of a team of eight trained in emergency medical services, including CPR, by some Fairfax Hospital doctors so they could then train others in the department. The training was so rigorous that only four of the eight made it through.

Acknowledging the physical demands of the job and characterizing it as for the young, Turner strongly believed 55 was the age to hang up his helmet and stop riding apparatus, which he did in 1990. However, fire service was in his blood and he wanted to continue contributing, using his knowledge and many years of experience to return the next work day as a civilian inspector in the Fire Prevention Division where he has worked since.

What would he tell a new employee just starting out? "Consider carefully if it is something you want to do for the rest of your career," Turner counsels. "If you don't like your job, you won't excel at it." He added it's important to "put your nose in the books and learn all you can in order to do the best job possible."

Some go into firefighting because they think it will be nonstop excitement, Turner acknowledges. And while there is the thrill of saving people and property, there are also many hours of training, maintaining equipment and otherwise preparing for the calls that make up a smaller part of the actual job. Now with perspective in his 50th year, he looks back: "I have truly enjoyed my career."

# FCFRD AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM CFAI

by Captain II Richard Merrell

On August 10, 2018, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) was awarded Accredited Fire Department status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). Agency accreditation is the international recognition of achievement and it shows to our community that the agency is performing to industry best practices and is holding itself accountable through external peer review. Government accountability is an emerging trend over the last few decades. Self-assessment measured against an international standard and validated by outside reviewers provides a reliable response to increased oversight by managers, elected officials and responsible governance to the citizens we are sworn to protect.

In April, FCFRD submitted its application for candidate status and opened its doors to host a six-member validation team that would make its formal recommendation to the CFAI. After a long week of interviews and program evaluations, validation team leader Chief Jim White, informed the department that we had received unanimous endorsement by his team for accredited status and commented that he had "never seen an agency of this size perform so well". While the endorsement and subsequent award of accredited department is an important milestone in being a citizen focused fire and rescue department, his comments speak to the commitment and dedication of the employees of the agency.

Accreditation validates that FCFRD is a community-focused, strategic minded, properly equipped, staffed and trained fire and rescue department. Currently there are only six accredited fire departments in the world that serve a population over 1 million. Only three of those agencies also have an ISO Class-1 rating and Fairfax is one of those three. Accreditation required that our agency complete a community focused strategic



plan, a comprehensive Community Risk Assessment – Standards of Cover document, and complete an agency self-assessment of 258 performance measures within 10 categories that span the entire operation of the fire and rescue department. Both the Strategic Plan and Community Risk Assessment documents are available to the employees on the departments inter-agency webpage, and to the public on the departments webpage. The Community Risk Assessment provides an over view of the community served, history of the county and its fire department, and detailed information on each of the 38 first due response zones including staffing and response performance.

As each department member has heard many times over the past 24 months, accreditation is an ongoing self-improvement process which means that we will continue to collect response information and adjust our practices to meet the needs and expectations of our community. It also requires that the agency complete annually required reporting that validates continuous improvement on goals and recommendations found during our site team visit, and it mandates that the fire and rescue department re-certify every five years under CFAI standards.

## BENEFITS OF CFAI ACCREDITATION

- Ensures FCFRD has a defined mission and strategic goals.
- Encourages quality improvement in all aspects of the department
- Identifies strengths and weakness to be shared openly
- Provides the establishment of a plan for improvement
- Communicates management and leadership philosophies to the organization, community, and elected body.

# Hot Shots



## 900 BLOCK OF HOLLY BLOSSOM COURT

On May 30, units from FCFRD and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue were dispatched for a house fire in the 900 block of Holly Blossom Court in the Great Falls area. Units arrived on the scene of a two-story, single family home with significant fire in an attached garage that extended to the main house. A second alarm was requested to bring additional resources to the scene. One occupant was evaluated for a minor injury and declined transportation to a hospital. Three firefighters sustained minor injuries. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the garage. The cause of the fire was an electrical event involving extension cords and a power strip. Damages are estimated to be \$149,500.



On the morning of June 23, units responded to a head on crash at Henderson Road and Hampton Road in the Fairfax Station area. Four people were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries.



On October 15, FCFRD and City of Alexandria Fire Department were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 1100 block of Arcturus Lane in the Fort Hunt area. Units arrived on scene to find heavy fire showing from the rear of a one-story, single family home. Crews worked quickly to extinguish the fire. One civilian was evaluated for smoke inhalation but refused transportation to an area hospital. There were no reported firefighter injuries. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started on the exterior of the home, under the attached sunroom. The cause of the fire was the accidental ignition of charcoal briquettes that were stored under the sunroom. Damages were approximately \$237,500.



On September 10, Fire Station 429, Tysons Corner, was dispatched for a medical emergency at a construction site in the 8300 block of Westpark Drive. Upon arrival, crews located an adult male in the stairwell between floors five and six. There was no working elevator and the stairwell was too narrow and full of debris to remove the patient. The patient had to be removed lying down. Firefighters and construction workers collaborated to use the sky crane safely removed the patient to the ground. A paramedic rode on the side of the stokes basket with the patient to continue administering aid.



On August 1, Fire Stations 12 (Great Falls), 18 (Jefferson), 39 (North Point), and 42 (Wolf Trap) responded to a report of a dog trapped on the rocks in Difficult Run near Georgetown Pike in the Great Falls area. The dog was stuck on a rock in the middle of the waterway and unable to return to shore. Swift water personnel were able to return the dog safely to its owner without injury.



On October 15, units were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 13100 block of Weather Vane Way in the Herndon area. Units arrived on scene of a two-story, single-family home with smoke showing from the roof and fire showing from a second-floor window at the rear of the home. Crews quickly located the fire in a bedroom. The fire was rapidly extinguished. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in a second-floor bedroom. The cause of the fire was a malfunctioning laptop computer. Damage as a result of the fire is estimated to be \$93,750.



On August 6, units from FCFRD and the City of Alexandria Fire Department were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 6900 block of Vantage Drive in the Groveton area. Units arrived on scene of a one-story, single family home and reported fire showing from the roof line and first floor. Crews quickly located a fire in the attic space and extinguished it. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries reported. Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the attic space. The cause of the fire was the electrical wiring supplying a ceiling light fixture in a bedroom. Damages were approximately \$260,038.

# TAKING UP



## ACTING FIRE CHIEF JOHN J. CAUSSIN

**Entry Date:** April 29, 1985

**Retirement Date:** September 4, 2018

**Recruit School:** 63rd

**Assignments:** FS18, FS11, FS21, Academy, FS14, FS15, FS37, Promotional Exams, FS24, BC06, DFC Support Services, AC-PSB, AC-Ops, AC BSB, Acting Fire Chief.

**Likes About the Fire Department:** Working as part of a team to help people in their time of need. The friendships and camaraderie.

**Will Miss About the Fire Department:** The dedicated men and women that make the Department such a great place to work and have a career.

**Plans for the Future:** Spending more time with family and friends, more golf and travel. Explore opportunities to use the experience gained throughout my career with Fairfax County.

**Words of Wisdom:** Stay safe by never becoming complacent and remaining a student of the profession throughout your career. Remain true to the mission of serving the community and one another.

**What Got You Interested in the Fire Service?** Members of the Alexandria FD, Bill Small, Jim Smith, John Vollmer, and Fairfax County FRD, Jimmy Ghi, educated me on the profession and opportunity.

**Who or What Made an Influence in your Career?** All I have worked for and with, especially Jeff Coffman, Stan Earl, Tee Hall, Dean Sherick, John Diamantes, Mike Deli, Chris Hunter, Craig Buckley, Danny Bickhamn, Don Booth, Greg Lange, Mark Wheatley, Mike Neuhard, Ron Mastin, Dave Rohr.



## CAPTAIN I CINDY BROWN

**Entry Date:** December 4, 1989

**Retirement Date:** June 26, 2018

**Recruit School:** 77th

**Assignments:** 26, 29, 1, 32, Academy - M407, MPSTOC-UFO, 32.

**Likes About the Fire Department:** Great people, wonderful retirement, running calls, having fun at the station, and making life long friends.

**Will Miss About the Fire Department:** All of the wonderful people that I have met through my career!

**Plans for the Future:** Retire and enjoy life with my family. Build a house by the beach in North Carolina. Live life!

**Words of Wisdom:** Leave the fire department on your own terms. Don't leave angry, broken, or bitter. Everybody knows when its time, listen to your voice and leave when its time.

**What Got You Interested in the Fire Service?** I didn't want to work in a factory in the middle of Ohio for the rest of my life, so I went to Paramedic School and the rest is history.

**Who or What Made an Influence in your Career?** So many people, I wouldn't even know where to start. So I will just name two, Walter Brown and Keith Ludeman. Thanks for always being there for me!

## FASST LAB DEDICATION

On Thursday, October 11, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) proudly celebrated the grand opening of its Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems Training Laboratory (FASST Lab) in the new Public Safety Headquarters. The laboratory came to fruition a few years ago, in a reclaimed modular classroom using donated materials and labor. It now provides, in a beautiful new setting, a multi-faceted community fire prevention education program.



The FASST Lab allows FCFRD Fire Prevention staff to effectively and affordably connect with community leaders, property owners and managers, building maintenance personnel, and fire protection system installers to collaboratively build and maintain a safer community. The minimal cost program is saving property owners and managers thousands of dollars annually, while significantly reducing faulty alarm responses. It is a win/win program for the community and the fire rescue service.

# FILL THE BOOT *for Muscular Dystrophy Association*



Despite several days of very warm and humid temperatures the career, volunteer and civilian members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD), along with the members of Department of Public Safety Communications, dug deep and worked hard to "Fill The Boot" for MDA.

As a result of this dedication, we are very proud to report that the members of FCFRD can claim the crown as the 2018 Highest Collecting "Fill the Boot" Campaign for MDA in the United States and Canada with an amazing \$603,676.05 collected.

For the 2018 Campaign, the following stations and shifts led the way:

**Top Overall Collecting Station:**

- Station 14 – Burke: \$38,652.54
- Station 5 – Franconia: \$36,018.95
- Station 40 – Fairfax Center: \$31,896.92

**Top collecting station/shift per capita:**

- Station 5, Franconia, C-Shift: \$1,950.00 per person
- Station 17, Centreville, C-Shift: \$1,400.10 per person
- Station 36, Frying Pan, B-Shift: \$1,113.10 per person

There are many facets that make Fairfax's campaign a success. Among them are the support from the Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics IAFF Local 2068, the FCFRD, the Department of Public Safety Communications, the Fairfax County Police Department FOP Lodge 77, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Retirement Association, Subway, Paul Davis Restoration, Eagle Bank, the Fairfax County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Canteens, the staff at the Greater Washington MDA. Last but not least, the families that came out to help work on the campaign behind the scenes delivering snacks and drinks, counting money, answering phones, folding shirts and the many other tasks that make our campaign the best.

# LARGE LOSS FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

<b>Date:</b> 5/22/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 43216 <b>Value:</b> \$74,340	<b>Address:</b> 11401 Popes Head Rd. <b>Loss:</b> \$74,340	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Open
<b>Date:</b> 5/26/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 41092 <b>Value:</b> \$363,440	<b>Address:</b> 5597 Seminary Rd. <b>Loss:</b> \$165,000	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 5/27/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Undetermined	<b>Box:</b> 42607 <b>Value:</b> \$1,323,913	<b>Address:</b> 6880 Commercial Dr. <b>Loss:</b> \$70,000	<b>Type:</b> Commercial <b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date:</b> 5/30/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 43907 <b>Value:</b> \$323,740	<b>Address:</b> 926 Holly Blossom Ct. <b>Loss:</b> \$125,000	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 6/5/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 43514 <b>Value:</b> \$283,460	<b>Address:</b> 7205 Neaptide Ln. <b>Loss:</b> \$70,000	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 6/7/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 42710 <b>Value:</b> \$275,400	<b>Address:</b> 9007 Sweet Birch Ct. <b>Loss:</b> \$55,000	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 7/2/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 41716 <b>Value:</b> \$191,920	<b>Address:</b> 14300 Green Trails Blvd. <b>Loss:</b> \$100,000	<b>Type:</b> Commercial <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 7/6/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 42700 <b>Value:</b> \$551,500	<b>Address:</b> 8802 Surveyors Pl. <b>Loss:</b> \$165,000	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 7/18/2018 <b>Cause:</b> Accidental	<b>Box:</b> 41300 <b>Value:</b> \$462,310	<b>Address:</b> 2218 Journet Dr. <b>Loss:</b> \$100,000	<b>Type:</b> Residential <b>Status:</b> Open

## FRONT LINES DEADLINES

The remaining deadlines for the 2018 Front Lines issues is November 15. Please submit articles or text to Ashley Hildebrandt ([ashley.hildebrandt@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ashley.hildebrandt@fairfaxcounty.gov)) or Cathy Richards ([cathy.richards@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:cathy.richards@fairfaxcounty.gov)).



# CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ACTING CHIEF JOHN CAUSSIN

On Friday, August 24, the department came together to say farewell and to celebrate the career of Acting Fire Chief John J. Caussin, Jr. at his retirement reception. Family members, friends, and department members came out in great numbers to wish him well on his retirement. The celebration was an overwhelming success! On behalf of the department, congratulations and good luck with future endeavors and achievements. You will be missed Chief Caussin!



# OPEN HOUSE 2018



Each year one fire station from each battalion is selected as best open house for their battalion. Criteria is based on how well the station illustrates the theme of Fire Prevention Week. This year the theme was "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." Congratulations to the winners of this year's open house:

- Battalion 1: Fire Station 39, North Point
- Battalion 2: Fire Station 2, Vienna
- Battalion 3: Fire Station 21, Fair Oaks
- Battalion 4: Fire Station 8, Annandale
- Battalion 5: Fire Station 5, Franconia
- Battalion 6: Fire Station 11, Penn Daw
- Battalion 7: Fire Station 14, Burke

# IN MEMORIAM



**Lieutenant Douglas E. Turner (Retired)**  
September 23, 1935 - June 29, 2018



**Lieutenant Luther B. "Ben" Dawson (Retired)**  
September 4, 1951 - August 7, 2018



**Lieutenant Charles E. Kerns (Retired)**  
March 31, 1942 - August 8, 2018



**Lieutenant Richard V. Slepetz (Retired)**  
January 20, 1944 - June 1, 2018

## TOP 10 ACTIVITY REPORT

### April - September 2018

#### Medic

Unit	Calls
M 422	1,476
M 430	1,429
M 429	1,336
M 405	1,312
M 426	1,297
M 411 B	1,262
M 425	1,262
M 413	1,246
M 411	1,234
M 404	1,210

#### Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 402E	136
A 421E	124
A 410E	94
A 413E	92
A 422E	90
A 414E	53
A 438E	39
A 401E	38
A 402	34
A 422	27

#### Engine

Unit	Calls
E 409	1,862
E 411	1,840
E 410	1,821
E 408	1,810
E 429	1,798
E 430	1,721
E 422	1,669
E 413	1,501
E 404	1,463
E 426	1,456

#### Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 429	1,472
T 425	1,331
T 430	1,245
T 411	1,094
T 410	1,080
T 436	1,058
T 408	985
T 422	970
T 440	869
T 405	854

#### Rescues

Unit	Calls
R 421	955
R 426	947
R 411	929
R 418	775
R 414	724
R 401	702
R 419	629
R 439	623

#### Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS 404	908
EMS 403	783
EMS 405	778
EMS 402	777
EMS 401	714
EMS 406	628
BC 404	561
BC 403	471
EMS 407	455
BC 402	433

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.

# AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

## Unit Citation

### **Accident with Entrapment**

Captain II Mark Guditus  
 Captain Gregory Rauch,  
 Fairfax City Fire Department  
 Lieutenant John D. Flynn  
 Lieutenant Michael D. Hendershot  
 Lieutenant Robert G. Ritchie  
 Lieutenant William E. Thurston  
 Master Technician Ian R. Brill  
 Master Technician David J. Higgins  
 Master Technician Bryan C. Knupp  
 Master Technician  
 Livingston J. Rolle  
 Technician Louis G. Botha  
 Technician Pete Kosenko  
 Technician Justin T. Roach  
 Technician Tegarassen Runge  
 Technician Glenn M. Snyder  
 Technician Paul A. Stella  
 Firefighter Melissa M. Cary  
 Firefighter Jasper R. Cooper  
 Firefighter Christopher D. Jarvis  
 Firefighter George H. Samartino  
 Firefighter Song Kyu Yi

### **Overdose with Cardiac Arrest**

Lieutenant John B. Haywood  
 Lieutenant Katja W. Lancing  
 Master Technician Alison Jaquays  
 Technician Michael T. Kovach  
 Firefighter Adam M. Ellis  
 Firefighter Wendy Y. Mitchell

### **Highway Fire**

Lieutenant Herbert H. Brown III  
 Master Technician Donald R. Crum  
 Technician Richard J. Beatty  
 Firefighter Timothy W. Sullivan

### **Infant Cardiac Arrest**

Captain I Thomas Nevin III  
 Master Technician Hyun J. Lee  
 Technician Michael W. Conover  
 Firefighter/Medic Nathan J. Decker  
 Firefighter Joseph Herrera  
 Firefighter Melanie P. Kemery

### **Pedestrian Struck**

Captain II John W. Streeter III  
 Technician Laura M. Elliott  
 Firefighter/Medic Burke W. Latimer  
 Firefighter Daniel J. Davis

## Length of Service Award

### **30 Years**

Captain II Tony C. Kostecka  
 Captain I Marcus D. Williams  
 Captain I Kelly W. Woolf  
 Lieutenant Richard A. Dawley  
 Lieutenant Anthony D. Mullins  
 Master Technician  
 Toussaint M. Holland  
 Master Technician Joseph P. Kieler  
 Master Technician Jeffrey L. Smith  
 Master Technician  
 Thomas C. Williams  
 Firefighter Roger K. Gent

## Career Achievement Awards

### **Commission on the Fire Accreditation International Validation Site Visit**

Captain II Richard L. Merrell  
 Lieutenant Kristopher W. Johnson III  
 Eric K. Fisher, GIS Analyst III  
 Maura M. Power, Business Analyst IV  
 Kirsten J. Schneider,  
 Management Analyst II  
 Laurel A. Stone, Management  
 Analyst IV

### **20 Years of Safe Driving**

Master Technician Donald R. Crum

## Meritorious Service Award

### **Newborn Delivery**

Lieutenant John D. Flynn  
 Master Technician Robin M. Lotz  
 Technician Jose A. Turcios

### **Field Training Office**

Lieutenant Ryan S. Fletcher  
 Lieutenant Nathan R. Larkin  
 Lieutenant James C. Kenney

## Team Performance Award

### **High Winds Event**

Battalion Chief Anthony L. Jackson  
 Captain I Haywood P. Marshall  
 Captain I Easton M. Peterson  
 Michael W. Devick,  
 Communications Operations  
 Supervisor

Qarin Bowers,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Wendy Burlingame,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Andrew Clarke,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Erin Hernandez,  
 Public Safety Communicator I  
 Ashley E. Honabach,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Kristen Johnson,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Amanda Killian,  
 Public Safety Communicator II  
 Adrian T. King,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Mason J. Kraut,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Roxana N. Reyes,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Lenora Shipman-Clarke,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Ian J. Stewart,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Carissa L. Teets,  
 Public Safety Communicator III  
 Megan Walters,  
 Public Safety Communicator III

### **I-Women's Conference**

Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams  
 Captain I Kristi L. Bartlett  
 Captain I Cynthia L. Brown (Ret.)  
 Lieutenant Elizabeth K. Planchak  
 Firefighter Kathryn F. Buist

### **Fire and Rescue Academy Upgrades**

Deputy Chief Robert P. Ruwe  
 Battalion Chief Gregory W. Hunter  
 Battalion Chief Brian P. Rooney  
 Battalion Chief Jerome I. Williams  
 Captain II George O. Gonzalez, Jr.  
 Captain I Aron J. Corwin  
 Lieutenant Vernon T. Corbin, Jr.  
 Lieutenant Marc S. Davidson  
 Lieutenant Michael S. Eddy  
 Lieutenant Timothy A. Fairchild  
 Lieutenant Ryan S. Fletcher  
 Lieutenant Stefan C. Gansert  
 Lieutenant Brian P. Gillingham  
 Lieutenant James C. Kenney  
 Lieutenant Nathan R. Larkin  
 Lieutenant Clyde B. Monroe III  
 Master Technician  
 Christopher F. Martin

In June, Two members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department were recently recognized for outstanding academic achievement and going above and beyond the call.

Mary Cramer, Life Safety Education, was honored by Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) with a Partner Award. The award recognizes groups and individuals who go above and beyond expectations in working with NCS in strengthening the overall well-being of individuals and communities. Mary has work tirelessly with local senior centers to promote fire and injury prevention in an effort to keep our residents healthy and safe.



Captain II David Winter, Communications, was honored by Acting Fire Chief John Caussin for receiving certification as an Executive Fire Officer (EFO) through the National Fire Academy. The program is intense and involves taking four graduate and upper-division-baccalaureate equivalent courses taken over a four-year period. Each course is two weeks in length. Captain Winter was then required to complete an Applied Research Project, that related to FCFRD, within six months after the completion of each of the four courses to receive this prestigious designation as an EFO.

Technician Andrea E. Dolan  
 Technician Matthew B. Duckwitz  
 Technician Andres F. Martinez  
 Technician Terence M. Stokes, Jr.  
 Deputy Sheriff Daryl A. Shifflett  
 Deputy Sheriff Benjamin J. Ulsh  
 Deputy Sheriff Seth J. Warner  
 Angela K. Ballard,  
 Assistant Producer  
 Chinaka A. Barbour,  
 Financial Specialist IV  
 Raymond E. Blankenship, Jr.,  
 Facility Attendant II  
 Viktor Bolotsko, Electrician II  
 Jorge Diaz Torres, Electrician II  
 William Funk,  
 Assistant Company Manager, SWM  
 Rickey G. Garrison, Plumber II, FMD  
 Don B. Gillum,  
 General Building Maintenance II,  
 FMD  
 Timothy J. Gosart,  
 Financial Specialist II  
 James L. Hedrick,  
 Management Analyst III  
 Forrest H. Johnson, Jr.,  
 Fire Apparatus Mechanic  
 Kevin S. Johnson,  
 Assistant Project Manager, FMD  
 Jeffrey F. Katz,  
 Management Analyst III  
 Vijayu Kundra,  
 Painter I, FMD  
 Donald H. Layman,  
 Material Management Specialist II  
 Thomas Liberati,  
 Assistant Project Manager, FMD

Donald McCallin,  
 Plumber I, FMD  
 Joshua R. Murphy,  
 Lead Refuse Operator, SWM  
 Brian E. Nast,  
 Fire Apparatus Mechanic  
 John A. Oldenburg,  
 Painter II, FMD  
 Tim Ours,  
 General Building Maintenance II,  
 FMD  
 Mark S. Pullman,  
 Fire Apparatus Supervisor  
 Gordon Richards,  
 Heavy Equipment Operator, SWM  
 Jimmie L. Richards, Jr.,  
 Fire Apparatus Mechanic  
 Catherine G. Schultz-Rinehart,  
 Management Analyst IV  
 Jason E. Stanley,  
 Management Analyst III  
 John Spicer,  
 General Building Maintenance I,  
 FMD  
 Brian E. Talbot,  
 Management Analyst II  
 Julio Ventura, Painter I, FMD  
 Bruce A. Webb,  
 Contract Analyst II  
 Leonard D. Wright,  
 Fire Apparatus Mechanic  
 MaryAnne Zandall,  
 Management Analyst I  
 Arrash Zohdi,  
 Senior Project Manager, FMD

**2018 Hazardous Materials First**

**Responder Operations**

Master Technician Matthew T. Groff  
 Master Technician Brian P. Jenkins  
 Master Technician Jeffrey L. Smith  
 Master Technician Daniel R. Thompson  
 Master Technician Clifford A. Watson  
 Technician Smith T. Banks II  
 Technician Anis Belhadj Mohamed  
 Technician MaryKate Black  
 Technician Craig L. Robertson



Congratulations BC Ronnie Rodriguez on his retirement after 26 years of dedicated service in Fairfax County. BC Rodriguez is leaving FCFRD for a new position as Fire Chief of the Winslow Fire Department in Maine.



# Letters of Appreciation

To whom it may concern:

On the morning of 24 May, 2018, during our annual screened porch cleaning, my wife fell and broke her ankle. A call to 911 was responded to very quickly by Reston Fire Station 25 and transported her to Reston Hospital. Later that afternoon, the doorbell rang and two members of the original crew inquired about her status. After learning she had broken two bones, they said they wanted to finish cleaning the porch and furniture. Needless to say, this was an unexpected and pleasant surprise. We want to thank the Chief and his crew on duty that day for going above and beyond to help us. I told them I was going to have a difficult time explaining to our neighbors what we had done to warrant this service. Before departing, the Chief reassured me that I should not hesitate to call if I had difficulty with my wife's mobility.

As forty year residents of Fairfax County, we commend Fire Department Leadership at all levels for creating a caring work environment/ and staff that is readily available and willing to lend a helping hand. Their actions on 24 May made our day a little easier.

Thanks for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Harold and Mary Jane

Dear Vienna VFD,

My husband and I can't thank your crew enough for coming to our home so quickly. Elliot and Akileh diagnosed and fixed the beeping, which was a carbon monoxide detector that was creating the beeping. That had not occurred to us at all. They also installed a carbon monoxide detector on our lowest level. Elliot and Akileh were personable and professional and gave us great advice about the care and treatment of the detectors.

We are especially grateful because my husband had recently gotten out of the hospital with a high blood pressure scare and the beeping problem started late yesterday afternoon. We were getting more and more upset because we had tried everything we could think of and not sleeping well. We were also worried that one of our two cats hid and was isolated from us. We were not sure he was getting enough food or hydration.

My husband, Burrus Carnahan, and I are thankful we live in the Town of Vienna and want to commend Elliot and Akileh for their outstanding service.

With warm regards,

Cindy S.

On Jun 8, 2018, at 8:29 AM, Chris Waitowicz wrote:

Deputy Chief Gray,

Just wanted to reach out and drop a note of appreciation for your acceptance testing division. We just wrapped up Fire Alarm and Fire Protection acceptance testing on a project in Reston and your team was professional and thorough.

For the most part we had Inspectors McKendree & Pumphrey, but all inspectors we had out here gave a good level of service.

We also appreciated the professional communication from Capt.'s Horton & Miller.

Thank you,  
Chris

CHRIS WAITOWICZ LEED AP BD+C

# ANNIVERSARIES

## 38 Years

Battalion Chief John S. Price

## 36 Years

Lieutenant Gary W. Vozzola

## 32 Years

Lieutenant Jeffrey R. Allen  
 Captain II Donald L. Vaught

## 31 Years

Firefighter Gordon E. Bennett  
 Lieutenant James R. Bookwalter, Jr.  
 Master Technician John L. Capps  
 Captain I James L. Dennis  
 Master Technician Anthony E. Doran  
 Firefighter Mark D. Franklin  
 Technician James M. Hayes  
 Battalion Chief Anthony L. Jackson  
 Battalion Chief Brian P. Rooney  
 Technician David D. Sweetland

## 30 Years

Captain II Carlton G. Burkhammer  
 Firefighter Roger K. Gent  
 Captain I Marcus D. Williams  
 Master Technician Thomas C. Williams  
 Cheryl S. Wood, Engineer III  
 Captain I Kelly W. Woolf

## 25 Years

Master Technician Jeffrey S. Allen  
 Captain I Robert A. Banasik  
 Lieutenant David G. Bender  
 Firefighter Jerome J. Bethea  
 Battalion Chief Donald E. Bowers  
 Master Technician Anthony L. Cabrera  
 Deputy Chief Bradford A. Cochrane, Jr.  
 Captain II Arthur D. Cos  
 Captain II Charles R. Cunningham  
 Battalion Chief David W. Hall  
 Deputy Chief Joseph E. Knerr  
 Lieutenant Michael C. Nelson  
 Captain Stephen T. O'Brien  
 Lieutenant Ronald S. Pifer  
 Technician Hao T. Sevener  
 Battalion Chief John L. Walsler  
 Master Technician Wade H. Watson

## 20 Years

Captain II David W. Barlow  
 Firefighter Michael J. Buckley  
 Captain II Matthew C. Burns  
 Captain I Richard R. David  
 Master Technician Sean M. Fensterwald  
 Captain I Thomas L. Flint  
 Captain I Stacie L. Galatis  
 Captain II Jared B. Goff  
 Maryalice D. Istvan, Fire Inspector III  
 Battalion Chief Patrick T. Kelly  
 Captain II Mark P. Menton  
 Firefighter Joseph C. Morris  
 Captain I Derrick L. Penny  
 Captain I Dustin K. Rice  
 Master Technician Kris A. Sacra  
 Lieutenant William M. Schnaekel  
 Master Technician Rodney D. Snapp  
 Master Technician Jeffrey J. Werth

## 15 Years

Lieutenant Jason R. Abitz  
 Lieutenant Herbert H. Brown III  
 Firefighter Gary J. Butler  
 Technician Ryland W. Chapman  
 Lieutenant Patrick S. Devera  
 Margaret A. Dix, Financial Specialist III  
 Technician Jason C. Earl  
 Firefighter Archie S. Fellows  
 Lieutenant Ryan S. Fletcher  
 Lieutenant James T. Martin  
 Master Technician Isagani M. Matias II  
 Firefighter Brenda J. Pamperin  
 Captain I Scott E. Schermerhorn  
 Firefighter Anthony D. Shockley  
 Lieutenant Michael S. Taylor  
 Terry L. Tewalt, Engineer III  
 Captain I Sean M. Wilson  
 Technician Robert C. Young  
 Lieutenant Scott-Patrick I. Zugner

## 10 Years

Firefighter Jorge R. Araya  
 Firefighter Meredith M. Bell  
 Firefighter Kurt L. Bolling  
 Firefighter Namaste N. Bosse  
 Technician Louis G. Botha  
 Firefighter Spencer D. Bryant

Firefighter Tyree W. Carr  
 Melissa A. Davis, HR Generalist I  
 Technician Corey D. Diamond  
 Firefighter Merneptah V. Funn  
 Lieutenant Daniel J. Gajewski  
 Master Technician William A. Harrington  
 Firefighter Bradley J. Meletti  
 Technician Ali R. Mirzai'i  
 Mark S. Pullman,  
 Fire Apparatus Supervisor  
 Technician Andrew T. Reedy  
 Kirk J. Speier, Management Analyst II  
 Technician Bryant L. Wiggins

## 5 Years

Adam B. Brewington,  
 Inventory Manager  
 David E. Feiring, Training Specialist III  
 Michael Kilby, Fire Inspector II  
 Jason E. Teets, Fire Inspector II

# NEW HIRES

Jorge G. Arias, Inspector I  
 Inspections  
 Ronald Adams, Inspector I  
 Inspections  
 Swetha Bommireddy,  
 Administrative Assistant IV  
 Payroll  
 Jocelyn F. Castro, NT Analyst  
 Information Technology  
 Jody Copach,  
 Materials Management Specialist I  
 EMS Division  
 Dahae Hwang, GIS Analyst II  
 Information Technology  
 Jessica B. LeBlanc, Data Analyst I  
 Information Technology  
 Keith Long, Administrative Assistant II  
 Inspections  
 Jeffrey F. Perka, Inspector I  
 Inspections  
 Marina Shafran, Life Safety Educator  
 Public Affairs and Life Safety Education  
 Troy E. Wittman, Inspector I  
 Inspections

# RETIREMENTS

**Technician Thomas R. Barnes**  
 June 19, 1989 - July 20, 2018  
**Battalion Chief Donald E. Bowers**  
 September 20, 1993 - November 1, 2018  
**Captain I Cynthia L. Brown**  
 December 4, 1989 - June 26, 2018  
**Acting Fire Chief John J. Caussin, Jr.**  
 April 29, 1985 - September 4, 2018  
**Captain Michael B. Davis**  
 July 11, 1994 - June 8, 2018  
**Technician Ronald B. Evans**  
 June 14, 1993 - September 28, 2018

**Master Technician Linwood M. Frye**  
 June 12, 1995 - October 29, 2018  
**Debora H. Maiorino**  
 September 6, 2014 - August 17, 2018  
**Captain I Robert M. Mohler**  
 January 3, 1977 - July 24, 2018  
**Technician David A. Nielan**  
 May 27, 1986 - June 20, 2018  
**Technician Sean A. Powell**  
 August 15, 1988 - May 25, 2018  
**Lieutenant Charleen L. Ray**  
 April 9, 1990 - June 22, 2018

**Battalion Chief Ronnie A. Rodriguez**  
 November 30, 1992 - September 28, 2018  
**Battalion Chief Michael C. Schaff**  
 January 3, 1989 - August 17, 2018  
**Battalion Chief Rex E. Strickland III**  
 November 30, 1992 - August 3, 2018  
**Jeffrey R. Yost, Engineer III**  
 June 29, 2013 - August 17, 2018  
**Deputy Chief Robert J. Zoldos**  
 July 11, 1994 - November 2, 2018

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**Daniel V. Gray**

## PROFILE

# OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



The Fire Marshal's Office is located in the Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters building and provides permits, construction related inspections, safety inspections, operational inspections, code enforcement, and fire investigation. Our inspectors are certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia and work closely with other city, county, and state agencies to ensure code compliance and provide technical assistance in the application, enforcement and interpretation of codes and standards.

### Fire Prevention Services - Battalion Chief John Walsler

- Inspections Branch: North County and South County
- Special Project Unit
- Special Investigation Unit
- Fire Protection Systems Branch: Acceptance Section and Retesting Section
- Engineering Plans Review Branch
- Revenue and Records Branch

### Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigative Services - Battalion Chief Kerwin McNamara

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