

# Community Safety Section Monthly Update

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# FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

# **NEW CONSTRUCTION & FIRE PROTECTION**

FPEs performed 83 fire protection plan reviews for sprinkler, fire alarm, underground fire lines, and kitchen hoods.

Technician IIs, Fire Inspectors performed 269 fire protection system inspections, 27 building occupancy inspections, and 18 Operational Permits (HUPs).

# **PERMITS, PLANS & INSPECTIONS**

Fire Lane Inspection: 1

FMO Follow up: 9

Knox Box Inspection: 1 Station Inspection: 159

# FMO Swearing In

Several Assistant Fire Marshals (AFM) were recently sworn in by Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court Ms. Kristina L. Gleason. AFM Plan Reviewer Dan lerley and AFM Inspectors Charlie McCool and James Csizmadia were sworn as part of complying with Title 27 of the Code of Virginia. This allows them to perform their duties on behalf of the Fire Marshal, Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky, in compliance with their authorized scope of duties. The Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office thanks Ms. Gleason for her assistance in performing this vital function.



Dan lerley



Charlie McCool



James Csizmadia



Assistant Chief

Matt Smolsky

Prince William County

Fire Marshal

#### CONGRATULATIONS JUDY THOMPSON FMO'S Employee of the Month for May 2019

Judy Thompson, an ASAII in the Fire Marshal's Office, had a great month in May. Here are some of her accomplishments for being named employee of the month:

### **Customer Service**

Judy has handled several customer and contractor issues. One call in particular took about 30 minutes and she handled it with professionalism and was able to find a resolution. Judy also receives several compliments on her friendly attitude whereby people call to speak directly to her. She also plans the social events in the office to help keep the morale high.

### **Apartment Project**

Judy was involved in doing the research and verification of the apartment spot check project. She continues to verify data and accuracy in EnerGov.

#### **SIP Project**

Judy was very helpful in assisting in researching information in EnerGov to make the conversion of the SIPs while maintaining data integrity. She was able to show us how to effectively use the system to get the information FMO needs and was also a part of deciding how it should be disseminated to the Tech IIs.

#### FOIAs

Judy has processed the majority of the due diligence FOIAs each month. She has effectively worked with the captains to make sure that the deadlines are met and that the right information is sent to the customer.

Thank you Judy for your dedication and hard work to FMO and the residents of Prince William County.



#### Congratulations Lieutenant Warren Broughton

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Lieutenant Warren Broughton conducted his final investigation burn as part of the intensive FMO Internship process. The final exercise is meant to replicate real world fire conditions and the significant requirements for fire investigation under NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921.

The Fire Marshal's two room burn cell is designed, built, and furnished to provide exact conditions found in homes

and/or apartments. This cell is part of the FMO's Burn to Learn program that teaches and evaluates fire investigators. Captain Scott Karhan lead the effort and coordinated the exercise. The final exercise is designed to evaluate Lt. Broughton's skill he has acquired over the course of his training and internship. This is a double blind exercise that is set up where both the intern and his FTO are unaware of how the fire started and prevents any bias. Lt. Broughton did an excellent job finding the origin and cause of the fire and was able to effectively document all aspects of the investigation. Fire investigations can be long grueling work, and although only a two room cell, the skills and investigative techniques are standards as dictated by NFPA 921 and require the use of the scientific process. Lt. Broughton has demonstrated a strong working knowledge of both NFPA 1033 and 921, under the expert guidance of Lt. Justin Lefever, throughout his internship and the final exercise showed just that.





Exercises like this provide great benefit, not only for the intern, but other investigators as well. The following day, Prince William County Police Forensic Science Services (FSS) also used the cell, post fire, for training with their new scene scanner. This high tech scanner digitally maps the inside of the structure and can pick up fire patterns and will have promising use in the future. There is no way these vital exercises and training can be conducted without the help of many contributors. The PWC FMO would like to recognize and thank the following people for their assistance:

 Battalion Chief Chris Granger, Captain Bruce Tucker, Lieutenant Matt Smallwood, and the PSA staff for the Logistics and supplies.



- Lieutenant Rob Wiencko for providing the furnishings to make the exercise as real as possible.
- Sergeant Jarrod Yost and PWCPD FSS for demonstrating their new equipment.





# New Duty Fire Marshal — Congratulations Lieutenant Dustin Schultz

Please join the Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office in congratulating Lieutenant Dustin Schultz. He recently completed his internship process with the Fire Marshal's Office and was formally designated as a Duty Fire Marshal by the Prince William County Fire Marshal, Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky.

The PWC FMO Internship is an exacting process that challenges all the education, experience, and skills of new Assistant Fire Marshal's (AFM) hoping to be designated as Duty FMs. Over 18 weeks of required certification training obtaining NFPA 1033 (Fire Investigator), NFPA 1031 (Fire Inspector I & II), DHCD Core, and the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, are spent prior to the internship process, including many hours spent in self-study. Although the job requires lifelong learning and being "a student of the job," the internship process ensures the prospective Duty FM has what they need to perform as a fully functional Law Enforcement Fire Marshal. This includes additional tested training and long hours over several months.

Lieutenant Schultz, under the watchful eyes and expert guidance of Lieutenant Dustin Miner and Captain Tyler Cirillo, completed the following under his internship:



Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky congratulates Lieutenant Dustin Schultz

 Investigated over 18 fires which includes: writing Search warrants, evidence collection and processing, submitting Requests for Laboratory Examination (RFLE), writing Criminal Complaints, and Court Appearances.

- Completed over 29 complex Fire Code compliance inspections that include: working with Business Owners and Property Managers to gain voluntary compliance while being "Open for Business", working with several other PWC Agencies such as the Building Department and Development Services, Public Works and Property Code Enforcement, Issuing relevant Notices of Violations, Issuing Orders of Fire Watch, and follow up inspections with Emergency Repair Permits.
- Completed a final Burn investigation exercise (Full Scale) in the PWC FMO's "Burn to Learn" two room cell.
- Completed a Complex Code case inspection, complete with Code Compliance report and NOV. This exercise examines the AFM's capability to deal with difficult personalities while mitigating conflict towards resolution.

Whether you see him on a scene or the station, please congratulate Lieutenant Schultz for all the hard work, dedication, and determination to achieve this goal. The Fire Marshal's Office would like to recognize the commitment of Lieutenant Miner as Lieutenant Schultz's Field Training Officer (FTO), Captain Cirillo, and the rest of A-Shift and B-Shift for their contributions.

Congratulations Lieutenant Schultz!!!

# PROMOTIONS

# **Congratulations Captain Cirillo & Lieutenant Knight**



BC Tom Jarman congratulates Captain Tyler Cirillo



Please congratulate Captain Tyler Cirillo and Lieutenant Jason Knight on their promotions to Battalion Chief and Captain respectively. Due to their promotion, they will be leaving the Fire Marshal's Office effective the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. Chief Cirillo will become the new Personnel Battalion Chief and Captain Knight will be going to Station 6 in Coles District. This, of course, gives them one more opportunity to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Enforcement campaign prior to their departure.

The Fire Marshal's Office was recently able to gather for food and fellowship to celebrate Tyler and Jason on their accomplishment. It was great to gather with our Administrative, Plans Review, Inspections, and Duty FM staff to provide these guys with some parting gifts and a toast in their honor. Even Lieutenant Kyle Cirillo, Tyler's brother, was able to join us from EMS OPS.

Both Tyler and Jason were extremely valuable assets to the Fire Marshal's Office through mixing dedication and determination with a strong work ethic and humor. Although they will be missed, both Operations and Personnel will be gaining some high performers.

Words seem futile to describe the improvements gained over the years due to the efforts of these guys and their teammates.



BC Tom Jarman congratulates Lieutenant Jason Knight



Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky congratulates Lieutenant Dustin Miner

also one of our primary instructors for the Fire and Rescue Recruits and does a fantastic job of blending information with humor. Lt. Miner is passionate about his job and it shows.

In addition to the recognition and certificate, he is also awarded a highly coveted and constantly sought after "Jimmy Chip." If you've not heard of the "Jimmy Chip", it is for a free buffet and drink at Jimmy's Café, located in the basement of the Development Services Building. This chip is provided by Chief Smolsky to award recipients.

Congratulations Dustin and thank you for representing the Fire Marshal's Office so well!

Visit us at www.pwcgov.org/fire and click on the Fire Marshal's Office.

# LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS!

#### CONGRATULATIONS LIEUTENANT DUSTIN MINER FMO'S Employee of the Month for June 2019

Lieutenant Dustin Miner was the June recipient of the Fire Marshal's Award. His selection was based on his work with helping and educating local high school kids on the duties of a Law Enforcement Fire Marshal. The Battlefield High School Criminal Justice Instructor Mr. John L. Chrisinger, in a letter to Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky,

stated Lt. Miner's "professionalism that he displayed was exceptional" and that "his interaction with the students was priceless." Lt. Miner does an excellent job of educating and relaying information about the Fire Marshal's Office and the requirements of our profession. He is









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# What's New in Emergency Management

- EM staff hosted representatives from Alertus, a mass notification company, to provide a demonstration of their products which are designed for employee safety, such as a 'panic button' and public information and warning system that will integrate with the current Everbridge platform in case of a sudden, unplanned incident such as an active shooter or tornado.
- EM staff continued work on Public Safety Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>) and National Preparedness Month (September) planning along with other agencies to make sure that both efforts are a success and effectively reach a wide audience, helping to create safer communities and more prepared citizens in the county.
- EM and DoIT staff attended the quarterly Everbridge Mass Notification System meeting in Fairfax. The quarterly meetings are intended to help foster communication among the various jurisdictions under the National Capital Region Everbridge Contract, discuss current use cases and best practices, and to introduce new and upcoming features of the system.
- EM staff hosted and conducted three Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Branch Meetings. The June meetings included the Infrastructure Branch, Operations Support Branch, and Human Services Branch. The Public Safety Branch is scheduled for next month. The purpose of the meetings is to inform and update representatives from lead and support agencies within the respective branches and to discuss the overall plan, roadmap, and changes regarding EOC structure, as well as to help clarify expectations of each position that has a role in the EOC during an activation.
- EM staff hosted and taught an ICS-300 (Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents) course in the Emergency Operations Center.
- EM staff met with Fire & Rescue System officers to discuss the development and implementation of training on the topics of active violence and first-aid, with the target audience being non-uniform personnel. This is an active measure initiated by the County Executive after the recent deadly shooting in a Virginia Beach government facility, and is part of the larger County Security initiative already underway.



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### Celebrate 4th of July Safely Leave Fireworks to the Professionals



Rarely do we consider fireworks harmful much less deadly; yet, fireworks are one of the biggest fire dangers to life and property. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there are more reported fires on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July than on any other day of the year and 2 out of every 5 fires reported are fireworks-related.

Annually, thousands of fireworks-related injuries are treated in hospital emergency departments throughout the United States. Although Prince William County permits the use of some fireworks, restrictions apply and for good reason. No matter how breathtaking fireworks are or how easy they appear to use, they are potential fire starters. Acting System Chief Tim Keen, of the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System, encourages residents to leave fireworks demonstrations to trained professionals by enjoying one of the many larger aerial fireworks shows in the District, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area by visiting <a href="https://www.nbcwashington.com/entertainment/the-scene/Your-DC-Area-Fourth-of-July-Fireworks-Finder-2019-Edition-510762651.html">https://www.nbcwashington.com/entertainment/the-scene/Your-DC-Area-Fourth-of-July-Fireworks-Finder-2019-Edition-510762651.html</a> and <a href="https://www.visitpwc.com/search/?q=July%204&type=events">https://www.nbcwashington.com/entertainment/the-scene/Your-DC-Area-Fourth-of-July-Fireworks-Finder-2019-Edition-510762651.html</a> and <a href="https://www.visitpwc.com/search/?q=July%204&type=events">https://www.visitpwc.com/search/?q=July%204&type=events</a>. However, should you choose to purchase fireworks, Chief Keen recommends purchasing from a fireworks stand that has been inspected and approved by the Fire Marshal's Office. All stands in Prince William County are properly permitted to sell fireworks displayed. To view the list of 2019 permissible fireworks and approved fireworks stands, visit <a href="http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/FR/fmo/Pages/Permissible-Fireworks.aspx">http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/FR/fmo/Pages/Permissible-Fireworks.aspx</a>.

To assist residents in preparation for the Fourth of July and additional festivities held throughout the summer, the Fire Marshal's Office suggests the following safety tips:

- Fireworks should only be ignited by an adult.
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors in an open space clear of spectators, buildings, vehicles, debris and flammable materials or on a driveway, sidewalk or other fire-resistant surface. Remember, fires are caused by careless handling of fireworks in areas exposed to sparks or live fireworks.
- Keep spectators a safe distance away from permissible fireworks at a minimum of 25 feet for ground items.
- Keep a bucket of water handy in case sparks start a fire.
- Be sure children around fireworks know to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches on fire.

- Deposit sparklers in a metal container as they may be stepped on while hot or lost in the grass and stepped on while playing.
- **DO NOT** place used fireworks in combustible trash cans or bags.
- **NEVER** aim or throw fireworks at another person.
- **NEVER** try to re-ignite fireworks that malfunction or fail to go off.
- DO NOT wear loose clothing when using fireworks.
- NEVER experiment or make your own fireworks.
- **NEVER** carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Pets may be frightened by the noise and lights of fireworks; keep pets inside or away from the area when in use.

#### **Illegal Fireworks**

Illegal Fireworks in Prince William County without approved permits is defined as:

"Fireworks" means any firecracker, torpedo, skyrocket, or other substance or object, of whatever form or construction, that contains any explosive or inflammable compound or substance, and is intended, or commonly known as fireworks, and which explodes, rises into the air or travels laterally, or fires projectiles into the air.

If you are in possession of illegal fireworks, please contact the Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office for disposal at 703-792-6360. **DO NOT** throw them in the garbage! Turning in illegal fireworks will not result in any fines or summons, and no questions will be asked.

For more information on fireworks safety, visit the National Fire Protection Association <u>www.nfpa.org</u>, the National Council on Fireworks Safety <u>www.nsc.org</u>, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) <u>www.cpsc.gov</u>.

# Help Us Help You Prevent Kids in Hot Cars

It's that time of the year when the forecast is predicting hot and humid weather. As periods of high temperatures continue, individuals should heed weather warnings to avoid becoming a victim of hyperthermia, a heat-related illness. Hyperthermia occurs when the body is exposed to excessive heat and produces or absorbs more heat than it can release causing the body's temperature to climb.

Hyperthermia can affect anyone, yet children and the elderly are most vulnerable. On average, 38 children, in the U.S., die annually from hyperthermia after being left unattended in motor vehicles. According to the Department of Meteorology & Climate Science (<u>http://ggweather.com/heat/</u>), there have been a total of 812 Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke (PVH) deaths since 1998. Last year, there were a total of 52 PVH deaths, an increase from the previous year; and so far this year, there have been 17 children that have died in hot cars due to hyperthermia.



Although the month of July holds the record for being the deadliest month for children trapped in cars, any month with high temperatures is deadly to children left in cars. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) warns that on a 60° F day (spring weather), the temperature inside a vehicle can reach a dangerous 110° F within several hours. The onset for heatstroke in children is when the internal body temperature reaches about 104° F. The serious risk of death in children occurs when the internal body temperature reaches 107° F.

Unfortunately, the number of child hot car fatalities will continue to rise, even though most parents believe it could never happen to them. Acting System Chief Tim Keen, of the Prince William County Fire & Rescue System, in conjunction with safety advocates Kids and Cars and Safe Kids USA, remind parents and caregivers to be vigilant and practice safe measures in the prevention of injuries and deaths caused by vehicular hyperthermia.

#### Help us help you prevent kids in hot cars by following these simple safety tips:

- NEVER leave children unattended in a car NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE (video)
- ALWAYS check the back seat of the vehicle before exiting (Beat the Heat, Check the Backseat) (video)
- Keep a teddy bear in the passenger seat directly next to you.
  - This is a reminder to look for your little one when it's time to exit the car.
  - Always lock your car and keep all keys out of the reach of your kids.
  - ° To avoid the risk of locking themselves in the car.
- Slow down.
  - <sup>2</sup> Teach yourself to stop, take a minute and check your car when it's hot and you're responsible for children.
    - This micro-minute can make a huge difference in car-seat rituals.
- Pay attention to your sleeping habits.
  - Those who have children under the age of 1 are at the highest risk due to juggling many responsibilities on little sleep.
  - ° When you are fatigued you are more likely to be forgetful.
- Place something valuable in the back seat.
  - <sup>o</sup> Consider items you never leave home without such as your wallet, purse, cell phone or items you absolutely must have for work such as your briefcase or laptop/tablet to keep in the backseat with your child as a reminder.
- Have a routine in place for morning drop-offs.
  - <sup>°</sup> Have the daycare worker call if the child has not been dropped off as expected.
  - <sup>°</sup> Take a photo of your child at the daycare drop-off and send to the other parent. If by a designated time, the photo is not received, the other parent would be alerted that the child has not been dropped off.
- Explore new vehicle and car-seat options upgrade your gear or your wheels.
  - SensorSafe Technology (phone app) an alarm sounds if the seat is unbuckled while you're driving of if a child remains after you've parked.
  - <sup>°</sup> Rear Seat Reminder alerts drivers that there may be something in the rear seat.
- Set a reminder on your phone.

# REMEMBER: Children and pets should NEVER be left in a car unattended for even a short period of time!





# Fire & Rescue Provide Fire & Life-Safety Tips to Hispanic Viewers

On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Lieutenant Helton Pereira, of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, appeared as a guest, on Panorama Latino, is seen here being terviewed by Host Hector Cendejas. Lt. Pereira spoke about various fire prevention topics covering outdoor cooking, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

The show will air on Comcast Cable TV, Channel 2, each Friday in July at 8:30 p.m. You can also view the interview on YouTube.

# Fire and Rescue Members Recipients of the 2019 County Executive Awards



**BC Frank Orefice** 

### **Battalion Chief Frank Orefice**

Providing appropriate behavioral health support to fire and rescue personnel during times of duress requires a combination of knowledge, compassion and finesse. Chief Orefice has repeatedly demonstrated these skills and used them effectively to assist fire and rescue personnel in obtaining the support that they need. Whether it is responding to a call from a distraught firefighter related to a traumatic event, a personal loss, a wear and tear stress injury, or internal conflicts, Chief Orefice makes connecting with the individual a priority. He responds at all hours of the day and night, on weekends and even while on vacation. He always makes himself available, no questions asked.

Chief Orefice approaches each person as a unique individual. He listens nonjudgmentally and treats each person with respect. He has the rare talent of seeing the strengths and good in others when they are having a hard time believing in

themselves. He normalizes the struggles that fire and rescue personnel share with him and creates a sense of safety, trust and hope. He is a team player who has worked collaboratively with the staff of the Public Safety Resilience Center on numerous occasions to ensure that personnel get the support and services they need. Most importantly, he does all of this with the utmost care to protect the confidentiality of the individual.

Chief Orefice has helped countless fire and rescue personnel to save their careers, relationships and, most importantly, their lives. And, he has done it all with the utmost humility. His willingness to go the extra mile makes a difference and helps firefighters return home safely to their families at the end of every shift.

Chief Orefice is a great example of how our vision and values guide our actions, and for this he is a recipient of a 2019 County Executive Award.

#### **Review & Rewrite the County's Personnel Policies**

Personnel Policies Team of Adreanne Simms, Andrea Brenner, Angela Poetzman, Brian Ferguson, Gail MacDonald, Joy Brown-Lansdown, Keri Purtell, Levi Bass, Linda Thompson, Matt Groff, Megan Kelly, Mona Snead, Phyllis Jennings-Holt, Sara Smith, Shana Hrubes, Susan Washington and Tracey Hormuth. This team represents the departments of Human Resources, Fire and Rescue, Executive Management, Social Services, Public Works, County Attorney, Finance, Parks, Police, and Management and Budget.

As part of County Executive's initiative to support employees at all levels, this team was commissioned in 2017 to review and rewrite the county's personnel policies. The policies had been amended over many years, but there had never been a systematic review to update policies to be consistent with how work is currently performed. An employee survey and several focus group meetings revealed that, while there was satisfaction with many county policies, there were several identified almost universally as being difficult to understand or administer or were seen as contrary to the county's vision and values.



Capt. Brian Ferguson

The project team was comprised of employees from a variety of agencies, and they were charged with making the policies clear, consistent and fair. The Human Resource subject matter experts provided technical information while the agency representatives discussed the practical aspects of using and implementing policy. The team worked with a contractor in the early phases of the project, and then took over all project responsibilities in early 2018. Team members researched policies from other jurisdictions and reviewed best practices from around the country. Thursday afternoons became "policy time," where team members hashed out differences and details. The team was also tasked with bringing policy recommendations to the Leadership Team for review, discussion and tentative decision-making.

This team delivered a simplified, easily understandable set of policies that have been well-received by employees, and the majority of the policy changes will go into effect on July 1st.

The team achieved a major accomplishment and provided invaluable service to the county as we continue to live into our beliefs and expectations about employees. The new policies support the leadership philosophy that employees are our most valuable resource and that employees thrive when they are trusted, included, respected and supported at all levels. The new policies also provide a solid basis for creating a good foundation with current and new employees as we continue "to make a positive difference in our community."

For all of their efforts in aligning our policies with our culture, this team is a 2019 County Executive Award recipient.

# Former Prince William County Fire & Rescue Chiefs Honored



Retired Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue Chiefs Kevin McGee and Mary Beth Michos were recently honored at the annual Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Conference held, this year, in Edmonton, Canada.

#### Metropolitan Fire Chief of the Year

Chief Kevin McGee was awarded the Metropolitan Fire Chief of the Year. Chief McGee rose through the ranks of the Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue becoming Chief, in 2007, until his retirement this past May, having served the Department and residents of Prince William County for 39 years.

Chief McGee was presented this prestigious award for the development and implementation of key initiatives that paved a successful path for the

Department in becoming an industry leader in incident management, fire ground strategy and tactics, firefighter safety, training, Emergency Medical Services, and wellness and behavioral health.

#### Lifetime Achievement Award

Chief Mary Beth Michos was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. Chief Michos became Chief of the Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue in 1994. She was the first female to become a "Metro" fire chief and successfully lead the Department during her tenure. Upon retirement, in 2007, Chief Michos began working with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC); she continues today as a Program Subject Matter Expert.

#### **Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association**

The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs (Metro) Association brings together fire chiefs from large metropolitan fire departments to share information and focus on major issues effecting policy changes in the U.S., Canada, and abroad. Its members belong to the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and are the fire chiefs of jurisdictions with minimum staffing of 350 fully paid career fire fighters.



# **Graduation Ceremony - National Honor Guard Academy**



On Friday, June 14th, public safety personnel from across the region graduated from the National Honor Guard Academy. The ceremony was held at the A. J. Ferlazzo Building in Woodbridge.

The National Honor Guard Academy is a one-week course that entails marching/close order drills with rifles and colors, flag folding, mock chapel service, casket work to include loading and unloading of funeral coaches and caissons (fire

engine), mock gravesite service, and overall honor guard and flag etiquette. Approximately, two classes a month are offered, nationwide; depending on requests from various jurisdictions, some combine classes regionally. In Prince William County, the classes are primarily held at the CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) Facility in Manassas.

DFR Honor Guard performs one to two events a month often as a combined Guard with the PWC Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. DFR members interested in becoming an Honor Guard, please contact Battalion Chief Chip Morrison.

For more information about the National Honor Guard Academy visit <u>https://nationalhonorguardacademy.com/</u>.

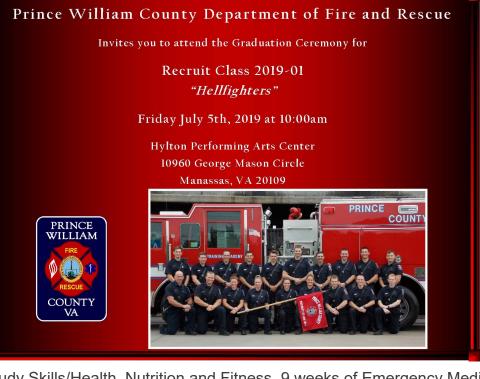


DFR Members pictured left to right: Tech I Daniel Worrell, Tech I Jeffrey McCoy, Tech I Eric Dombkowski, and Tech I Lonnie Fugate

### Fox 5 Zip Trip & Station 502 Visit the Town of Occoquan

On Friday, June 14th, Fox 5 Zip Trip visited the Town of Occoquan. Local entertainers, vendors and agencies were on site for the event. Joining the festivities was Station 502, Chief Jim McAllister, OWL Volunteer Fire Department and Lieutenant Nicholas Feliciano, Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue, accompanied by their crews. Chief McAllister spoke about the Prince William County Fire & Rescue System and the various fire and rescue equipment on display at the event.





# Fire and Rescue Recruit Graduation Class 2019-1

On Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue will hold its graduation ceremony for Recruit Class 2019-1at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas. Battalion Chief Chris Granger will preside over the ceremony.

Class 2019-1 consists of Fire and Rescue Technicians who successfully completed 26 weeks of rigorous academic and physical training at the Department's Public Safety Training Center in Nokesville, Virginia. Each student performed in excess of 1,248 hours of training. The training consisted of 1 week of Orientation/

Study Skills/Health, Nutrition and Fitness, 9 weeks of Emergency Medical Training, 12 weeks of Fire Training, and 4 weeks of Specialized Training.

The Department will announce the following graduates:

Richard M. Blank Dominic N. Carlino James E. Close Casey M. Coulter Renae L. Dillon

- Ryan R. Gibson Benjamin J. Herd Kelly A. Krebs Grace E. Lehman Ivanovich P. Lesefka
- Tyler A. Marnell Stephen G. Mickle Christopher W. Paul Alexander R. Pion Charles R. Pistole
- Theodore A. Scheatzle Taylor A. Smith Joseph H. Tate Gary W. Woods II

For more information, please call 703-792-6162.

You can view the ceremony live on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/PWCFireRescue/.