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Fire & Rescue
Host Open House
in Celebration of
Fire Prevention Week
October 6 — 12, 2019



**Community
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Section
Monthly
Update**

Fire Marshal's Office
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5 County Complex Court, #162, Prince William, VA

SEPTEMBER 2019

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

NEW CONSTRUCTION & FIRE PROTECTION

FPEs performed 84 fire protection plan reviews for sprinkler, fire alarm, underground fire lines, and kitchen hoods.

Technician IIs, Fire Inspectors performed 346 fire protection system inspections, 50 building occupancy inspections, and 48 Operational Permits (HUPs).



PERMITS, PLANS & INSPECTIONS

Fire Lane Inspection: 2

Knox Box Inspection: 2

FMO Follow up: 12

Station Inspection: 629

Assistant Chief

Matt Smolsky

*Prince William County
Fire Marshal*

August Team Member of the Month



Kim Shands

Kim Shands is an Administrative Support Assistant III for the Fire Marshal's Office. Kim was chosen as Team Member of the Month for August due to stepping up to perform additional duties.

First, she adjusted her schedule and worked extra hours to cover the office while Judy was on vacation. On several occasions, Kim came in early and stayed late to make sure that all of the tasks were completed before the next day.

Next, she managed the school inspections and kept detailed records of their status so we could ensure they all opened before the start date. This involved researching and checking the status of the permits multiple times

each day, updating the chief and inspectors, and contacting the contractors to schedule the necessary inspections. While doing this, Kim worked with the Tech IIs to continue to add new SIP inspections into the system and to manage the scheduled workload each day. She also assisted in managing the Captiva cleanup project and helping to create the new process for ensuring the completion of tasks and record retention.

Finally, Kim assisted multiple customers and the building department with some challenging issues and always maintained a positive and friendly attitude to provide superior customer service. She received many compliments about her willingness to help out each customer with their questions or issues.

Congratulations Kim and thank you for your dedication and hard work to FMO and the residents of Prince William County.

Lieutenants Warren Broughton and Dustin Schultz Complete FMO Internship



Lt. Warren Broughton

Both Lt. Broughton and Lt. Schultz demonstrated hard work and determination by not only completing the 18 weeks and 3 days of minimal core certification training, but the intense and comprehensive internship and training to become a Duty Fire Marshal. The internships culminated in a pair of final exercises of dealing with a difficult customer during a code compliance inspection and a live fire investigation held at the Public Safety Academy.

This internship focuses on all aspects of the duties, turned over Fire Marshals, have to face. These include, but are not limited to: Code Knowledge and Compliance, Inspections, Notices of Violation, Summons Issuance, Court Preparation and Procedure, Fire and Explosives Investigation, Crime Scene and Evidence Collection, Lab Procedures for Analysis, Research, Arrest Procedures, Use of Force Continuum, Firearms Qualification, and High Threat Response drills. Throughout the internship, each candidate has to pass tests and reviews to ensure knowledge retention and performance.

Due to the size of the FMO, internships rely on participation from everyone to assist in completion, but a special thanks goes to each of the FTOs and mentors that helped make this process successful. Both shifts of the FMO worked tirelessly with the FTOs and Interns.

Lt. Schultz worked closely with his FTO, Lt. Miner, in completing each of the tasks and meeting the benchmarks. They completed several fire investigations and code compliance cases that were difficult. Lt. Broughton, not to be out done, worked with his FTO, Lt. LeFever, to complete his internship. This included dealing with several challenging investigations and code compliance customers.

Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky, the PWC Fire Code Official, formally signed their release as Duty Fire Marshals. Please join us in congratulating Lt. Warren Broughton and Lt. Dustin Schultz on completing their FMO Internship and being turned over as Duty Fire Marshals.

Well done Warren and Dustin!!!



Lt. Dustin Schultz

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



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What's New in Emergency Management



AME Church Community Event

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September was National Preparedness Month, and it was busy! Prince William County Emergency Management (EM) had the opportunity to participate in various preparedness and community events throughout the month. On Saturday, September 14th, EM Staff attended the First African Methodist Episcopal Church Community event in Prince William County, and met many church members and community members in the area. EM staffed a table to provide preparedness information, and had the opportunity to speak to everyone about who we are, what we do, and to announce Public Safety Day, which was the following Saturday, September 21st.

EM Staff also presented at a senior luncheon in the Town of Dumfries at the Community Center on Friday, September 20th. This was a wonderful opportunity to speak with residents of Dumfries about preparedness in Prince William County and to describe what the EM program does.



Public Safety Day on the Plaza

PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

On Saturday, September 21st, we celebrated Public Safety Day. This year offered more events than in years past, and was well attended by the local community. In addition to featuring our wonderful first responders and supporting agencies, this year featured live music and a CPR station



Make the Right Call at Public Safety Day

which provided instruction and practice on CPR props. The coordination team is gathering feedback from participants to make next year's event an even greater success!



Katie Kitzmiller

PROMOTIONS

One additional note from August: As we welcomed our newest staff member (Alex Weston), two EM staff celebrated promotions on August 26th; Katie Kitzmiller was promoted from Emergency Management Planner to Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, and Matthew Schultz was promoted from Emergency Management Specialist to Emergency Management Planner. Interviews took place the last week in September to fill the vacant Emergency Management Specialist position. Congratulations Katie & Matt!



Matthew Schultz

Visit the Office of Emergency Management at www.pwcgov.org/ready or call 703-792-5627.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

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Hoarding: Reduce the Risk of Fire Injuries and Deaths

There are approximately 19 million Americans affected by hoarding; the compulsive need to find/purchase and keep objects, animals or trash regardless of their value. Hoarding is a mental-health disorder in which one's behavior has a detrimental effect on one's health emotionally, physically, socially, financially and/or legally. People with hoarding don't recognize their condition and how it not only affects them, but their families and the community.

There are various levels of hoarding that define the severity of a person's disorder <https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/mental-health/hoarding/related/levels-of-hoarding/#gref>;

by understanding the levels, people can learn how to assist those affected by the condition and minimize the abundant and serious risks associated with hoarding. Because large amounts of personal possessions fill the home, living spaces become cluttered and difficult to move around in or are unusable. This creates a dangerous environment contributing to household falls, obesity, respiratory problems (caused by dust mites and squalor), and poor medication compliance. But the most serious risk, associated with hoarding, is the potential for fire.

Hoarding Increases the Risk of Fire

When visiting the home, be aware of the following safety hazards:

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are too close to the stove or oven. Heating units may be too close to items that can burn. If a heater is placed on an unstable surface it may tip over into a pile and cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of the piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How to Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- When speaking with someone who is a hoarder, focus on safety rather than clutter.
- Help the resident make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits and practice the plan often.
 - Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- Install working smoke alarms in the home.
 - Test them at least once a month.
- Reach out to community resources.
 - Talk with the fire department to alert them of your concerns.
 - They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.

- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.
 - Those living adjacent to an occupied structure can be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions.

To report a possible hoarding situation, in Prince William County, please call or contact Public Works Neighborhood Services at 703-792-7018 or nsd@pwcgov.org.

For additional information on hoarding and fire safety, visit the National Fire Protection Association www.nfpa.org and the U.S. Fire Administration www.usfa.fema.gov.



Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!
Fire Prevention Week 2019
October 6th – 12th

The Prince William County Fire & Rescue System (System) is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years — to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016.

“These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. While NFPA and the System are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location.

“Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go,” states Chief Tim Keen of the Prince William County Fire & Rescue System. “No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.”

The Prince William County Fire & Rescue System is hosting Open Houses at various fire stations throughout the county, on Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m., in support of this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!”. Please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PWCFireRescue) for a list of stations, locations and times of our Open Houses.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.fpw.org.

Fire and Rescue Host Open House in Celebration of Fire Prevention Week



The public is invited to celebrate Fire Prevention Week with the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System during their Open Houses.

Open House will be held at various fire and rescue stations throughout the county. Families are welcome to tour the station and meet the firefighters who serve their community. A list of the stations, locations and times of Open House are listed below.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

**Station 3F – Dumfries-Triangle Volunteer Fire Department
18321 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 4 – Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue
14450 John Marshall Highway, Gainesville, VA 20155**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 5 – Nokesville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
12826 Marsteller Drive, Nokesville, VA 20182**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 6 – Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue
13712 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 7 – Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department
11310 Coles Drive, Manassas, VA 20112**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Station 8 – Yorkshire Volunteer Fire Department
8277 Patton Lane, Manassas, VA 20111**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.



BOCS Approves Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week, October 6th — 12th in Prince William County. Pictured left to right: Public Education Coordinator Christopher Brothers, Assistant Chief James Forgo and Supervisor Maureen Caddigan (Potomac District)

**Station 10 – Dale City Volunteer Fire Department
14975 Catalpa Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 11 – Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire Department
7814 Garner Drive, Manassas, VA 20109**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 13 – Dale City Volunteer Fire Department
13511 Hillendale Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22193**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Station 14 – Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton (O.W.L.)
Volunteer Fire Department
12400 Hedges Run Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192**

- Open House - Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 15 – Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue
3510 James Madison Highway, Haymarket, VA 20169**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 16 - Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department
7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20111**

- Open House – Saturday, October 5th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Station 17 – Dumfries-Triangle Volunteer Fire Department
15219 Holleyside Drive, Montclair, VA 22025**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 18 – Dale City Volunteer Fire Department
5849 Dale Boulevard, Woodbridge, VA 22193**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 20 – Dale City Volunteer Fire Department
3171 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge, VA 22192**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 23 – Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue
16530 River Ridge Boulevard, Woodbridge, VA 22191**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 24 – Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue
5901 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 25 – Nokesville Volunteer Department of Fire & Rescue
9405 Devlins Grove Place, Bristow, VA 20136**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

**Station 26 – Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue
5026 Davis Ford Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192**

- Open House – Saturday, October 12th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact the stations directly.

FIRE PREVENTION 2019

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OCT 12

9AM-
4PM

DESANTO COMMUNITY HALL — 13511 HILLENDALE DR, DALE CITY VA, 22193

ACTIVITY STATIONS

- Practice CPR (not a certification course)
- Dressing Drills
- Kid-Friendly Obstacle Course
- Make a Basic First Aid Kit
- 911 Dispatcher Q&A



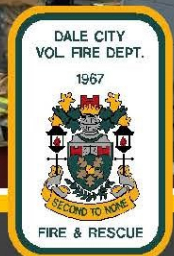
STATION TOURS

- “Practice” Driving a Fire Truck!
- Learn what it takes to be an EMT
- See where Volunteers Eat, Sleep, & Train
- Meet SPARKY the Fire Dog
- Equipment Demos & More



FOOD & GIVEAWAYS

- Dave's Dogs Food Truck (11AM-4PM)
- Bake Sale and Vendors
- Games & Prizes for all ages
- Membership Information
- Virginia American Water (Fire Hydrant raffle!)



**LAKE JACKSON
VOLUNTEER**

OPEN HOUSE

**OCTOBER 12, 2019
11AM - 2PM**



FAMILY FUN!

- Moon Bounces
- Ski Ball Games
- Lunch with Fire Pup
- Meet the Firefighters and EMTs!
- Fire Demos & More
- Check out all the fire trucks, ambulances and boats from



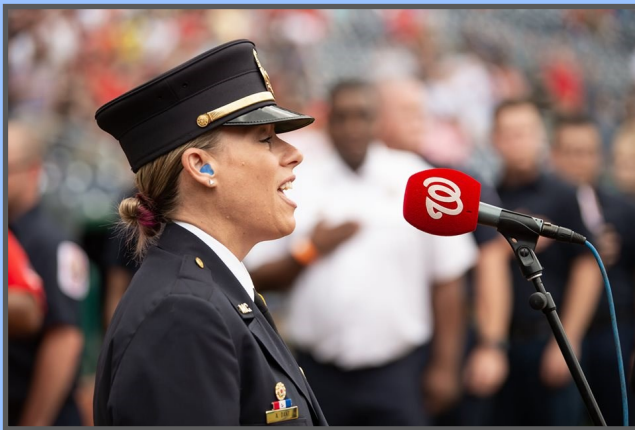
**Lake Jackson VFD
11310 Coles Drive
Manassas, VA 20112**





MWCOG Attends Nationals' Firefighter Appreciation Day

On Sunday, September 1st, Prince William County Fire & Rescue in conjunction with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) group that included D.C. Fire & EMS, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, and Prince George's County Fire & EMS attended the Washington Nationals' Firefighter Appreciation Day at Nats' Park.





National Capital Region 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb & 5K Walk

On Saturday, September 14th, some PWCFDR members (current and former) participated in the Prince George's 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Participants were:

Jeffrey Lynch

Lucas Gray

Rachel Payne

Tamara Brooks

Kelly Krebs

Ryan Allday

Stephen Soloduk

The National Capital Region 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and Walk, hosted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is a way to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live on 9-11-2001.

Each participant pays tribute to a FDNY Firefighter by climbing or walking the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Your individual tribute not only remembers the sacrifice of a FDNY brother, but symbolically completes their

heroic journey to save others. Through firefighter and community participation we can ensure that each of the 343 firefighters is honored and that the world knows that we will never forget.



MWCOG & the Dulles Plane Pull

On Saturday, September 14th, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Prince William County Fire & Rescue, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, Loudoun County Fire & Rescue and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority) attended the Dulles Plane Pull. Children had the pleasure of meeting Sparky the Fire Dog, go through the Home Fire Escape Obstacle Course and play the Hot or Not Game; just a few of the many fire and life safety games for education and fun that were available at the event.



1st Annual Golf Tournament

Firefighter Cancer Foundation

Virginia Chapter



In Memory of Johnny Thomas



October 11th & 12th

Registration:

www.vaffcggolf.com

Single Day Tournament
10:00 AM Shotgun Start each day



Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club
456 Shadows Drive Front Royal, Virginia 22630