

# THE FIRELINE NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF BILLINGTON

*"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own." - Benjamin Disraeli*

To my mentors, thank you. A mentor is a person or friend who guides a person by building trust and modeling positive behaviors. I was recently at a work luncheon and everyone was waiting for and encouraging me to eat first. Of course, I couldn't; for two reasons. First, my late mother said "never eat before a lady" and two one of my mentors said "When the food is served, the troops eat first!" My late mother knew that I was thankful for her guidance but sometimes we forget to say thank you to some of the most important people in our professional lives, our mentors. In my fire service profession I have gained more leadership lessons from mentors than from any degree or certificate. So, with that, I want to take time to reflect on some of my mentors and the life lessons that they shared with me that I value daily.

Edward B. Smith JR. Volunteer Fire Chief,  
Retired Army Colonel (deceased) -

"When the food is served, the troops eat first!"/ "That which is done well is that which is checked" (1979)

William F. Obrien III, Public Safety Director,  
Retired Army Colonel former staff to Presi-

dent Kennedy - "When the boss is out of town, you are not the acting leader, you are the leader, make the damn decision!"(1988)

Steven Jerauld-, Chief Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (retired) -

"No matter how bad it looks, a good company officer is willing to stop in the middle of a fire-fight and not be afraid to change course. (1986)

Steven H. Wolfberg, Emergency Services Director (retired) -

"When it's a success promote the person or team, when it's a failure you take responsibility"/ "Family First"/ "When things are not going right, look in the mirror"/ "Good leaders are leaders that have people around them that would not hesitate to tell them when they are screwing up!"

Alan Brunacini, Chief Phoenix Fire Department (retired), author, teacher, forward thinker - "Fire Service leaders of today must replace rank-induced control with true internal customer service!"

Enjoy the rest of your summer and be safe!

*Chief Billington*

BY ASST. FIRE RESCUE CHIEF DARREN STEVENS

### *When I least expected it...*

Last week I had a meeting with two FCSO Detectives, both of whom I had worked with long ago. As one would expect, we began talking about the "good old days" and one of them thanked me for my involvement with the exploring program. Even before he could legally drive, he knew what he wanted to do for a career; in fact, seven of the original eight members of the group are working in Law Enforcement still today. At the time, Explorer Post 1077 was a new idea from a new Sheriff and I was fortunate enough to have played a small part by becoming an advisor along with Rick MacWelch and 1SGT Sal Torelli. I never realized the impact that the program would have on so many young people until this recent

conversation, 21 years after the program started.

Each of us has an opportunity to set an example for the new people entering our organization, and we need to make sure it's a good one. Take the time to show them the right way to do things, help them gain mastery of their skills and most of all, tell them that you believe in them. You are investing in the future of your department.

Now I ask each of you to reflect back on the people that helped put you where you are today, find them and say thank you; I guarantee that you will make their day.

Stay Safe,

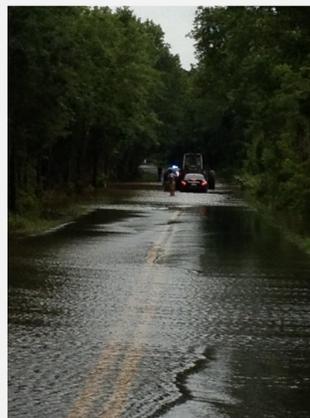


All employees who graduated in the most recent Recruit School have completed their requirements for Driver Release Ambulance! Many of them have also completed their Driver Pump Operator release for Engines and Tankers.  
Congratulations!

Technician I  
Kelly Burnthorn  
Technician I  
Terry Graham  
Technician I  
Elliott Foster  
Technician I  
Jeremiah Leonard  
Technician I  
Brendan Miller  
Technician I  
Clifton Krieg, Jr.  
Technician I  
Jessica Saunders  
Technician I  
Thomas Shiflett  
Technician I  
Chris Twomey  
Technician I  
Robert Willis

## INSIDE BATTALION 2

BATTALION CHIEF BRIAN LICHTY



The Southern Battalion has had another busy month. First and foremost, the weather has helped to test all of us. The Southern Battalion was very busy with several calls resulting from heavy rains and flash flooding after a week of extreme heat. The crews from Company 7 performed several water rescues.

We cannot forget the long awaited Technician II promotions that took place this month. We congratulate our new Southern Battalion Technician II's; Corey Butler, Brian Latham, Thomas McGrath, and Nicholas Baer. These new Technician II's have done an outstanding job completing all requirements for promotion, and we look forward to seeing them grow even more in the future.

Let us finish this month with a couple of quick congratulations and a "job well done!" First, we would like to congratulate Company 13 Lois on the job well done on their recent EMS inspection. Next we would like to welcome the new Officers of the Remington Volunteer Fire Department who started their new terms in office on July 1st!



## EMS REPORTING

BATTALION CHIEF JUSTIN CLAYTON

I want to take a moment to remind everyone of an important item which some staff members are forgetting on a regular basis. This is the necessity of changing the

appears as though the personnel who just went off duty are preparing the reports. This is a real problem as far as OEMS is concerned. It makes it look as though we are having someone who is not on the call, prepare the reports. (This is a big no-no) So, be sure changing the personnel in the reporting system when you come on duty becomes a standard part of your morning routine. I also want to advise everyone that Technician Bankston and I picked up a good bit of new information on our trip to

the Image Trend conference. There is a new QA/QI module which we will have access to by about the first part of August. This is designed to be a much easier-to-use system and will allow us to be more proactive in our ongoing QA/QI process. (More on this as we get it configured and rolled out to the field.) We will also have the ability in some new upgrades to add our daily checkout sheets to the system. Thanks to everyone for your attention to detail on your reports.



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personnel in the reporting system when you come on duty. Your failure to sign in as the new crew leaves the previous personnel in the system. So, even though you show your name as being the driver/caregiver, etc. it

## INSIDE MEDIC-1

BY MATT WYNE, TECHNICIAN

Medic 1 has been busy, as usual! Many weather-related calls have been run, between heat related medical problems to water rescues. We would like to thank the crews from Boat 7, Wagon 2, and all fire stations for all their support on the many water rescues we had a few weeks ago. With their assistance, and coordination from Chief 1, many people were pulled from the water with minimal injury.



LEFT: Friday, July 26, 2013 18:23 Box 0116 was sounded for a traffic collision reported with rollover. Battalion 2 was the first to arrive finding the vehicle involved located off the roadway. The single occupant was clear of the vehicle. The driver reported no injuries. The incident was reduced returning most units. Rescue 1 arrived and assisted with hazard checks. Units cleared within 20 minutes.



LEFT AND RIGHT: Friday, July 26, 2013 17:15 Box 0119 was sounded for a traffic collision reported with rollover. Rescue, Wagon, and Medic 1 arrived finding the vehicle involved located off the roadway. The collision involved only a single vehicle. The driver was seriously injured and was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital by AirCare. No other injuries reported. Units on the assignment: R1, W1, M1, BATT1101



# GEAR ROOM UPDATE

BY BATTALION CHIEF BRIAN LICHTY

Last month we had a good turnout for the grand opening of the Gear Room. I would like to thank everyone that showed up for this event and hope that everyone had a good time. The Gear Room saw several different people the first night; processing everything from uniform request to gear replacements. We look forward to seeing even more this next month on August 14th. Again the gear room this month will be processing current gear requests, taking new gear requests, and sizing personnel if needed. Please come by and see us we will be open from 1600 to 2000 on August 14, 2013.



LEFT: DC Kight explores the Gear Room at last month's open house.

# INSIDE BATTALION 1

BY BATTALION CHIEF R.J. ARFT

After two years, late nights, crying in corners and attempting to just keep my head above water, I have finally finished my bachelor's degree. Some may think that this is just a piece of paper, or a notch on my belt, as I did when I first started, but I now see a different outlook on the situation. A lot of fire folks out there will say that a degree doesn't teach you anything about being a firefighter, experience is how you learn, and running calls is the only way to understand the "job" – but I beg to differ. Over the last year, I have taken courses in which we have discussed new technologies that departments across the county are using to combat structure fires, terrorist attacks and hazardous materials incidents...just to name a few. These college courses have allowed me to give input on topics that are affecting every fire department across the nation such as staffing and budget shortfalls. A big part of my degree program dealt with leadership. I feel, as most of you do, that reading a book will not make you a good leader but reading a bunch of books and having

the knowledge to implement the appropriate leadership in the appropriate situations will make you a better leader! I feel strongly that taking your past experiences with different leadership styles, and adding the knowledge you've gained in college, has the best probability of making great leaders. I encourage everyone to finish their degree. It is not only important to the future of our department, but also to you.

In the last two months, three other members of our system have completed their degree programs and I would like to say congratulations to Chief Stevens, Chief Kight and Kimberly Strayer. I now understand the hard work and dedication that went into this endeavor.

Changing tones a little bit, two months ago members of the 1st Battalion conducted Technician II testing. After many hours of studying and in station training the Technician I's that met all of

the requirements were tested on their skills. The following Technicians passed and received their promotions from the 1st Battalion. Technician II Bankston and Technician II McGrath (Battalion 1-2 Floater), good job guys. Speaking of Technician II testing, I would like to recognize Lieutenant Kidwell for all of his hard work and extra hours making the Technician I to Technician II program possible. I think a lot of people forget all of the "behind the scenes work" that goes into

BELOW: Fauquier Health and Co. 1 Engine and Medic 1 in feature on [FOX News](#) for summer trainee program.



## FIRE OPERATIONS GROUP

The current members of the Fire Operations Group are:

- ◆ Battalion Chief Arft (Chair)
- ◆ Chief Myers (Co-Chair)
- ◆ Chief Jeniec
- ◆ Assistant Chief Moore
- ◆ Captain Woodward
- ◆ Lieutenant Kidwell

The Fire Operations Group have been around for a number of years and have just started to hit the ground running with the new members for 2013/14. If you have any comments or concerns please feel free to contact any one of the members listed on the right. The Fire Operations Group is working hard to update some of our older policies at the same time that we are working on new ones. The group is currently working with the Sheriff's office to create a joint policy on Active Shooters. Chief Myers and Battalion Chief Arft are meeting with representatives from the Sheriff's office on a monthly basis and hope to have a policy and training completed by the end of the year. Assistant Chief Moore and Lieutenant Kidwell have been working on creating a rural water supply manual for the County. As with all of the other manuals, we are looking at adopting the NOVA water supply manual and adapting it to fit Fauquier County's needs. Please watch for upcoming Battalion training on this, as they are hoping to start the training around early September. A special thanks goes to Assistant Chief Buddy Lane for his help with this project. Chief Jeniec and Captain Woodward have been reviewing our older SOG's and making sure they are still up to date. Also, they have started and will be working with the Special Operation Committee to review our swift water SOG's. Finally, we are working on updating the County Website (operations section). Please check back often, as we will be placing up-to-date policies, upcoming projects and training aids on the Website over the next few weeks.

### Did you know?

Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Management and VFRA sends out this monthly newsletter (The FIRELINE) to all its personnel, fellow County workers, and others in the community, every month? The FIRELINE highlights monthly activities, response to calls, accomplishments, upcoming Station events and fundraisers, awards, honors, happenings and other news in fire & rescue! If you would like to contribute a brief article, announcement, or photo to the FIRELINE, we welcome your submissions! It's a great way to advertise upcoming events! Just email submissions by the last day of each month to

[danica.low@fauquiercounty.gov](mailto:danica.low@fauquiercounty.gov)

## Happy Birthday to You!

Lieutenant Russell Baker – 8/29  
 Technician I Brendan Miller – 8/25  
 Technician II David Sours – 8/24  
 Co. 4 Chief Tony Corbin – 8/20  
 Technician II Brian Latham – 8/10

On behalf of the DFREM Senior Staff asks that you join them in congratulating our department's newest Technician II's, all of whom began their careers here as part of Recruit School 10-01 "Others May Follow... But We Were The First."

Technician II Nick Baer  
 Technician II Jonathan Frinks  
 Technician II David Wood  
 Technician II Donald Jackson  
 Technician II Richard Butler  
 Technician II Jonathan Bankston  
 Technician II Brian Latham  
 Technician II Thomas McGrath

Each of these gentleman have completed the Technician II program guide and successfully passed the practical evaluation testing required for promotion. The effective date of promotion was July 20th, 2013. All of you are invited to join us at the next Chief's Meeting at 7pm on August 1st for a brief promotional presentation. Thank you Lt. Kidwell for your work on this project and for all of you who helped in the stations.



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# INSIDE BATTALLION 3

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Everyone in Battalion 3 is getting acclimated to their new assignments and has been doing an excellent job working hard to learn a new area and new apparatus.

Thanks to everyone from all of the North-end stations for all of your help with training!

Some pictures from calls this month...



At last month's Fauquier County Board of Supervisors meeting, Board of Supervisors member Chris Granger made a Proclamation honoring Dale Koglin and Steve Ross for 50 years of active service in the Warrenton Fire Department. The two joined back in 1963 when they were just 14 years old. At that age, Koglin and Ross cleaned up the old firehouse on Main Street and tagged along at a distance on calls, but couldn't actually fight any fires. But as other members came and went, Koglin and Ross never wavered. They made sure they never received two D's or an F in school (which would have gotten them booted from the Department), and when they turned 16, they received the training necessary to become full-fledged volunteer firefighters.

Throughout the years, they remained active, even while juggling demanding professional careers. Ross became the Fire Chief at Dulles Airport, while Koglin served for years as Warrenton's Chief of Police. Story from <http://www.fauquier.com>



# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EMERGENCY SERVICES APPRECIATION DAY  
AT CREIGHTON FARMS**  
*Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013*



In recognition of the selfless dedication of our emergency services workers, all police officers, firefighters, and rescue squad members are invited to come play Creighton Farms' award-winning Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course for just \$50 per player. Tee times will be available from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm.



Please call the Golf Shoppe at Creighton Farms at 703.957.4805 to make a reservation. We look forward to celebrating your service with a great day of golf!



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National Preparedness Month is coming up in September! Stay tuned for more from Fauquier County Emergency Management in next month's issue of the FIRELINE!



Check out [www.warrentonfire.org](http://www.warrentonfire.org) for timely news and announcements from Co. 1, Warrenton Station!



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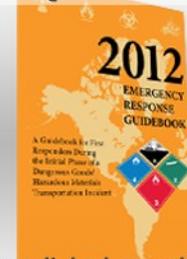
## ERG 2012 Lookup Guide Free for Volunteers

An e-book version of the 2012 Emergency Response Guide (ERG) is now available [free to volunteer firefighters](#) courtesy of the Sheridan Programmers Guild. The ERG2012: Quick Lookup e-book is also available to other non-volunteer first responders at a small fee. It is accessible on most tablets, smartphones and computers.

The format of this e-book is the same as the Emergency Response Guide itself, so users do not need to get used to a new layout. Users may also transfer it to as many personal devices as they wish, and can pass it on to other volunteers within their department. The developers hope to have at least one person with the e-book per department in order to pass updates along quickly.

Published by the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the [2012 ERG](#) manual is designed to help first responders in the first 30 minutes of a hazmat incident. PHMSA also has a [mobile app available for free](#).

### ERG: Quick Lookup



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# Culpeper County Fire Department

**Professional Development Series Presents:**

**September 28th, 2013 8am-1pm**

**Location: 19601 Church Rd, Brandy Station VA 22714**

## **Engine Company Priorities in the absence of a Truck**

presented by

**Captain Wes Kitchell, Santa Rosa FD**



Capt. Wes Kitchell is retired from the Santa Rosa FD as a Captain on truck 1. He has over 33 years of experience in the fire service. He is a featured speaker at Fire-Rescue on Truck Company Operations for moderate and small departments as well as Engine Company priorities in the absence of a Truck. During his tenure, Capt. Kitchell developed many of the ventilation procedures and tactics used by both Engine and Truck Companies. He is recognized as an authority on Truck Company operations and has delivered numerous seminars on the subject in both the United States and Canada. He has spent many years researching effective ways to mitigate hostile events on the fire ground while providing efficient fire ground operations. Capt. Kitchell is a Senior Rescue Instructor for the State of California and was a Task Force Leader on FEMA's CATF-4 Fire Department. He is a member of the NFPA and IFSTA. He has chaired the development of multiple training manuals in all aspects of firefighting.

### **Seminar Objectives:**

- Theory of ventilation and tactical need
- Review of new Fire Behavior Data and how that affects ventilation
- Fireground Tactical decisions
- Risk benefit matrix
- Staffing and arrival sequence
- Tolls and equipment
- Building construction
- Urban myths
- Operations
- Class syllabus and links page to websites pertinent to the topic will be provided
- Certificate of attendance provided

**\$30 Registration Fee: Form attached. Check or money order payable to:  
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# 3rd Annual

**AUG. 31**



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