

THE FIRELINE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF THOMAS M. BILLINGTON

Are You a Chicken or a Pig?

It is one thing to have a part in our organization. Simply being accepted as a volunteer or being hired and doing our emergency response tasks automatically makes us involved in the organization.

Yes, you can respond to calls, pull a duty night, and then go home. You do not need to be part of a committee,

part of a station project, or even take on specialty training that enhances your service levels. You can be “involved”. But what about your commitment? The difference between



'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'.

To reach out-of-the box goals, you have to be *committed*. As they say on Wall Street, the greater the risk, the greater the reward.

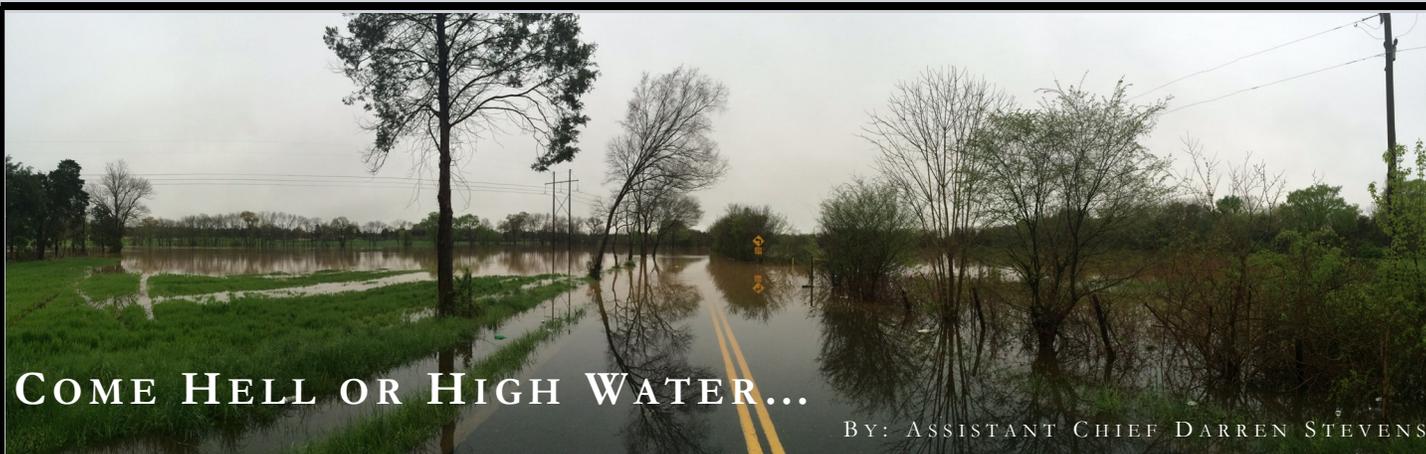
So Are You All In?

Yes, it will take countless hours, and you will almost certainly run into a brick wall at times. You may even have to start all over after you’ve been working on your project for months. But that’s what being a public servant is all about—doing whatever it takes to improve the quality of life for our citizens and visitors, even when they’ll probably never know how hard you’re working for them.

Commitment. That’s one of the main differences between those who choose to work or volunteer for the public sector and those who don’t. And if you don’t have commitment, why are you even there in the first place?

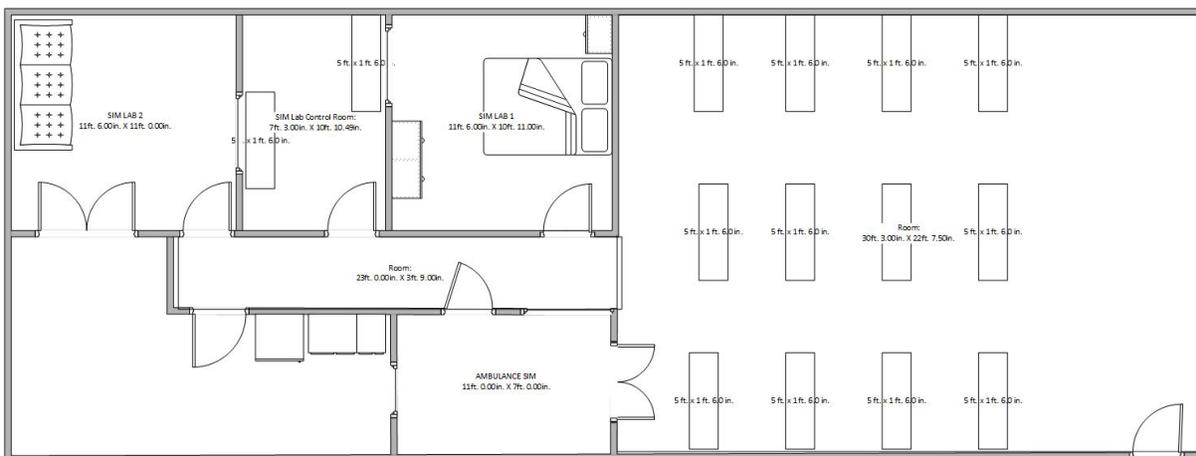
Chief Billington

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What a month April has been... first snow, then rain, followed by the inevitable flooding. Thank you to all the responders who helped keep our community safe during this stormy month.

Our newest project, the ALS Simulation Lab is moving forward quickly, just this morning our vendors confirmed the orders and the equipment should be arriving just as construction begins the first week of June. The Lab will be located at the Warrenton Armory and features a classroom for 24 students and three simulation lab rooms. Each lab room is designed to provide a realistic setting for an EMS emergency; a residential bedroom, the back of an ambulance and the last room can be quickly converted to represent a living room, baby's nursery or hospital room by changing the furnishings.



I am very excited to see this project begin, I know the impact this facility will make on our ability to provide to top-quality EMS services. Thank you to our local governmental leaders who have remained committed to this project, the VA Office of EMS RSAF Grant program, and our staff members who have put in so much effort, even before the first nail has been driven. Have a great month and be safe everyone.

*The phrase come hell or high water dates back to 1882 and implies that we will accomplish the mission regardless of what obstacles may come our way.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BY: SARA MAKELY



SAVE MONEY
 VIRGINIA'S HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
SALES TAX HOLIDAY
 MAY 25 - 31

NEW THIS YEAR
CHAINSaws
 ARE TAX-EXEMPT

Get ready to save money! Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 25-31. Go shopping the last week of May and save money on lots of useful items. Virginia's annual Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 25-31. Before the storms hit, stock up on many supplies for protecting your home and business and you won't pay sales tax on them.

New this year: gas-powered chainsaws costing less than \$350 and chainsaw accessories are tax free! Among other items that are tax-exempt are these, with a price of \$60 or less:

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
- Batteries, excluding car or boat batteries
- Portable self-powered light sources, including flashlights and lanterns and glow sticks
- First aid kits
- Cell phone chargers
- Weather Band radios and NOAA Weather Radios
- Portable self-powered radios, including radios with electrical power capability
- Bottled water of any size, including flavored and carbonated
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths
- Bungee cords and rope
- Ground anchor systems, tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers
- Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers such as buckets, barrels, canteens, coolers

Shop for items on this list that have a sales price of \$1,000 or less:

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables.

Retail outlets will have information about the tax holiday. For more information, click [HERE](#).

If you haven't done so already, sign up for CodeRED and CodeRED Weather Warning to receive the latest updates about closings, delays, and other weather alerts.

Click on the logo below.



Happy Birthday!



Joseph Troilo—5/4
CJ Hunter—5/6
Lieutenant Hart—5/7
Clifton Krieg—5/7
Shirley Allen—5/9
Kenny Johnson—5/9
Kelly Burnthorn—5/10
Mark Klinkenberger—5/11
Fred McEilly—5/22
Dale Kidwell—5/25
Jessica Best—5/27

Congratulations!

Technician Best—Ambulance and Utility Release
Technician Bryant—Ambulance Release
Technician Cluff—Engines, Tankers, Ambulance, Utilities,
and Brush Truck Release
Technician Dodson—Ambulance and Utility Release
Technician Latimer—Ambulance and Utility Release
Technician Reneau—Ambulance Release
Technician Troilo—Ambulance and Utility Release

Guess who?

Can you figure out who this is?
Here's a hint: he has a birthday
this month!



COMPANY 10

BY: TECHNICIAN NEESE



It was a normal day just like any other day at Company 10, when suddenly the bell went off and we were on our way to a CPR in progress. Medic 10 responded with 3 and Wagon 10 responded with 4. Medic 10 arrived on scene first and started to work. A couple of minutes after their arrival, the patient had a pulse and was beginning to breath on her own. Thanks to our new precepting Paramedic, and all others involved, we were able to save a life! The patient was flown out to Fairfax Hospital where, last we heard, she was still with us. I want to say thanks to all that helped, very strong work!

TRAINING

BY: LIEUTENANT HART

Check out these photos from the CEU weekend in April and from Lieutenant Baker's burn with his Firefighter I High School class.



INSIDE BATTALION 1

BY: BATTALION CHIEF ARFT

Over the last few months the Fire Operations Group has been working with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, the Warrenton Town Police, the Fauquier County School Board, and the emergency manager on a county-wide active shooter policy and the accompanying Standard Operating Guidelines.

During this timeframe, many rumors have come up, along with many questions. However, last week during our first table top it was evident that all of our time and hard work is beginning to pay off.

About 30 individuals from several different agencies attended the table top drill. These agencies included DFREM, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, the Communications Center, Virginia State Police, Warrenton Town Police, the Fauquier Hospital, the Fauquier County School Board, and the Grace Miller Crisis Management Team. A lot of good questions and thoughts were brought up to the group for review. Insight into what had been overlooked in the plan was also brought up, providing the next steps in our process. Over the next few weeks we will continue to optimize the response and begin training all Fire and Rescue personnel early to mid-summer.



Last month we celebrated Battalion Chief Arft's birthday at El Toro Restaurant in Warrenton! Career staff also helped him celebrate his "100th" birthday!



THE SOUTHERN VOICE

BY: BATTALION CHIEF LICHTY

What a month we have had, everything from house fires, to water rescues, and so much more. If the old saying is true (April showers bring May flowers) we should have a very flowery month in May. The recent floods kept just about everyone in the county busy with calls.

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since the last batch of Technician's completed their driver and ALS release. Now we have another group of Technicians working diligently to complete their release. By the end of this month we hope to have most of the Southern Battalion Technicians complete with their EMS release.

As the summer months finally come upon us we would like to remind everyone to stay safe. Everyone should stay hydrated at all times. Also please remember more and more people are out enjoying the nicer weather, so stay alert to the increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic.



Rappahannock River at Remington Bridge



Flooding on Summerduck Road near Remington

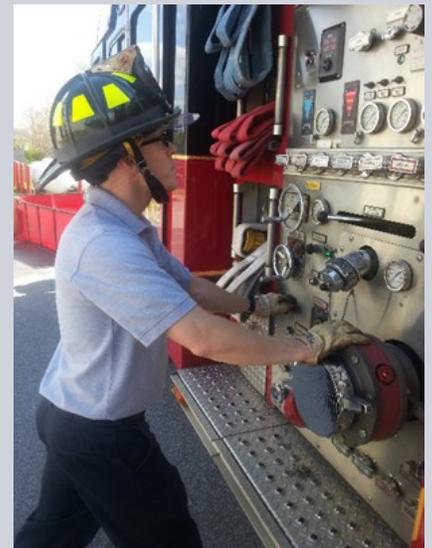


Flooding at Kelly's Ford Boat Ramp

NORTHERN LIGHTS

BY: TECHNICIAN COPPERSMITH

Greetings from the great north! Many changes recently...the weather is getting warmer, flowers are beginning to bloom and with every passing hour the rookies of the department are growing closer to leaving the intern nest and soaring as new emergency service providers. Like sands through an hourglass these are the days of our lives. I have experienced much since graduating from recruit school. Countless hours have been spent driving, pumping, drafting, assessing, pulling and racking hose, and checking boxes. I have to be honest, more than once I have felt somewhat intimidated being a new member in the field among so many knowledgeable and experienced providers. But their guidance, mentorship and patience has not only made me a better provider but feel welcome as a member of this outstanding team.



IAFF LOCAL 3762

BY: SAM MILLER, UNION PRESIDENT



Local 3762 has remained busy in 2014 and is continuing to gain speed as warmer weather approaches. We have been fortunate to receive several new members from the recent graduating recruit school and wish them all the best during their careers!

We have also had the opportunity to work alongside several of the volunteer Chiefs and DFREM command staff during the recent budget process. Everyone capitalized on the idea of “strength in unity” to pursue a common goal, a concept we are proud to represent. We are excited to work with everyone again in the future!

This year, our Secretary Brian Latham, is heading up a campaign entitled “Operation Warm”. This is an opportunity for our local to give back to those in need by raising money to provide coats to children in schools within Fauquier County. We will keep the entire fire and rescue community posted as this campaign gains momentum. Please encourage everyone to donate!

As the year progresses we remained excited to be a positive and progressive asset to Fire and Rescue in Fauquier, our community, and our members. Please stay safe and visit our webpage to learn more about our fundraisers, the IAFF, and our members at www.iafflocal3762.org. Stay Safe!

**We've got a spot for you
at Fauquier County Fire and Rescue!**



- Volunteer firefighters and EMTs are needed throughout Fauquier County. 16 years and older. Free training.
- Cadet members (14 and 15 year olds) are welcome at New Baltimore, Catlett, Marshall Fire, and Lois.
- Visit FauquierFireRescue.org or call Shirley Allen at 540-422-8808.



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