



## New Years Resolution? Resolve to Be Safe!

By Fire Rescue Chief Thomas M. Billington

We get the emails daily from Firefighter Close Calls: the names of Firefighters seriously injured and /or killed in the line of duty. My good friend Chief Billy Goldfeder's important work of making sure we all remember and resolve to be safe has positively brought these important issues to the forefront. However, I feel that I had become complacent. I received another Firefighter Close calls email last week and did a quick scan until I saw my former Department's name Martin County Florida! With a lump in my throat I read that 22 year old Martin County Firefighter, Jahwann McIntyre, was part of a crew who were working a structure fire in a two-story home early one morning. He was inside with two other firefighters conducting a primary search for trapped occupants when something went wrong. A Mayday was declared and a RIT Team entered to rescue their col-

leagues. Of the three, two received injuries: one treated at the scene and the other at the local hospital. However Firefighter McIntyre, on the job less than a year, was severely burned over 50% of his body and is listed in critical but stable condition at Jackson Memorial Burn Unit in Miami. Although less than one year on the job I am confident of the extreme pre-deployment training that Jahwann went through, I know he had state of the art protective gear, not to mention the seasoned crew he was with.



So what can we take from this so early in the investigation?

1. The emails from Firefighter Close Calls are not just names; they are somebody; a brother or sister firefighter.
2. Whether on the job 3 months or 30 years, it can happen to you or a fellow firefighter.
3. Please take a moment to think of Jahwann. Updates on Jahwann's condition can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/MCFirefighters>

God Bless and Be Safe,

## Paying it Forward, Moving Upward

By AC Darren Stevens

In the words of Charles Dickens, "The important thing is this: to be ready at any moment to sacrifice what you are, for what you could become." 2012 proved to be another opportune year for the County and for our Department, as we continued onwards towards meeting some exceptional goals of growth and development within our organization. We secured funding for, recruited and began our second recruit school for 14 new Technicians, with the third recruit school planned in the coming months. This past year also brought several promotions, from Battalion Chief through the Technician II process that is wrapping up shortly. 2012 also witnessed a brand new station for New Baltimore Fire and Rescue, increased ALS incentives to ensure we remain competitive and also retain our valued employees. There was a high volume of achievements and victo-

ries for our department, in the way we work together and in meeting administrative and field goals in 2012. While our field personnel continued to deliver exceptional service to our citizens, we secured additional grant funding for our Emergency Management Division, our expanded training staff and programs continue to excel, and our partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions deepened. As we continue to work together as a strong and united team, I am proud to say, that in the eyes of Charles Dickens, the Fauquier Fire Rescue system sacrifices every day, every moment, for what we will become. Cheers to all of your hard work and dedication in 2012, and in looking forward to 2013!

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### Special Reminders:

- The County and DFREM offices will be closed on Fri., Jan. 18 and Mon., Jan. 21 in observance of County holidays.

- Reminder to Fire and Rescue Association Chiefs. Your volunteer membership listing for 2013 and Pre-renewal Life Insurance Census is due on 1/23/13. If you have any questions, please contact Christa.

# Now is the Time! - Resolve to Be Ready

By Sara Makely, Deputy Coordinator,  
Emergency Management



New year, new start! Now is the time for you and your family to make an important resolution for 2013 that won't cost much and could save a lot of heartache: **Resolve to be Ready** for any emergency.

Whether severe winter storms, tornadoes, spring flooding, earthquakes, hurricanes or something else hits Virginia next year, you can be prepared ahead of time. To get started on your resolution, make an emergency plan: <http://www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/makeaplan>.

Decide with your family:

**\*\*Who is our emergency point of contact?** Choose an out-of-town friend or relative to be your contact. During emergencies, it's often easier to make long distance rather than local calls. So choose an out-of-town person to call who can help communicate among your family members if you are separated from each other because of the emergency. Make sure every family member knows your emergency contact's phone number.

**\*\*Where are our meeting places?** In case you can't return to your home, choose a place to meet in your neighborhood and another place outside your neighborhood if you can't get back in there. Your neighborhood meeting place may be a friend's house on the next street. A meeting place outside your neighborhood may be a nearby church, store or another friend's home.

**\*\*Do our schools have emergency plans?** If you are a parent, ask your schools and daycare providers about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during a crisis. Ask if they are prepared to stay in school if necessary and where they plan to go if they must leave.

**\*\*Do you own a small business?** If so, find helpful information and steps on how to protect your business against disasters at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).

Emergencies will happen, but taking action now helps minimize the impact they will have on our lives. Now is the time...**Resolve to be Ready** and make your plan for 2013.



## Insights from Battalion 1

By Battalion Chief R.J. Arft



The holidays proved to be busy again for Battalion 1, but now that they are over, we can begin to focus back on normal day to day operations. With the onset of the colder weather we need to remember a few things to keep all of us safe. First, be careful responding to fire and EMS incidents because of the ever-changing road conditions. During the winter months remember to increase your stopping distances and slow down during inclement weather. Not only should

you watch out for your crew but also watch out for the other guy on the road that "thinks" he/she knows how to drive in the snow and ice. In the last 5 years, I have been involved in – or on the scene for – three different crashes that involved Fire and EMS units due to poor weather conditions. And although most of the time they are not our fault, they can still be scary and place our responders at risk for injury. What saved our crews

during one of these incidents was the proper positioning of the apparatus. The crew was able to place the unit in a position that made it safe for the first responders and the persons involved in the crash. If the unit would have been parked in a different position or location, the outcome could have been a lot different – possibly resulting in more civilian and/or first responder injuries. Remember to take precautions and stay safe!

## Southern Voice

By Battalion Chief Brian Lichty

It is hard to believe that another year has come to pass. The past year was a busy one, keeping the Southern Battalion occupied with an increase in call volume. We have seen everything from fatal automobile accidents to plane crashes to train accidents. On the fire side of things, we have seen everything from house fires to barn and mulch fires. But, let us not forget about the things we have accomplished outside of answering the emergency calls. We have seen the

Catlett Volunteer Fire Department celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, new SCBA's hit the road, a new EMS reporting system and so much more. We look forward to the year ahead with new employees who will soon join us in the field; and additional 24-hour units, promotional process for Technician II, newly promoted Lieutenants and much, much more. We are eager to face the challenges ahead, the partnerships we will forge and the knowledge we will gain. We

leave this month with a **BIG** thank you to all the Volunteer Companies of the Southern Battalion who have supported the personnel working in their stations during the Holiday Season and all year long.



# Northern Lights

By Battalion Chief Natasha Randall

The Northern Battalion crews have been faced with several difficult and some tragic calls this month. The first bout of wintery weather and the holiday season brought about several serious motor vehicle collisions, some requiring extensive extrication, flight and even ground transports to trauma centers. Our recent extrication training has certainly come in handy, and it showed as crews worked together to handle each incident with

exceptional professionalism and profi-

ciency. This month, our Lieutenant School students tirelessly practiced command scenarios. Below are DFREM and MVFD personnel working on incident command of Technician Wood's rendition of a fire at Food Lion. Company 11 and Air-care hosted landing zone safety training!



IAFF Local 3762 had the honor of attending the ground-breaking ceremony for LCpl Nick Thom through *Homes for our Troops*. *Homes for our Troops* is a non-profit organization that builds handicap accessible homes that caters to the needs of injured soldiers returning home from overseas. Technicians McEvelly, Neese and I were present to represent our department and bear witness to the community's outpouring of support.



# Co. 10 Spotlight

By Bruce Morrow, VP Co. 10

On Saturday, December 15th, sixteen NBVFRC Volunteers mobilized in six pieces of equipment and loaded Santa (Junior Member Quinn Morrow) on top of its new Wagon 10. They spent all day, equipped with plenty of candy canes, performing the annual "Santa Run" through many of Company 10's first due neighborhoods. This is an out-

reach effort Company 10 started years ago for its local community.

The children and parents along the route enjoyed the show of apparatus and local firemen and firewomen, and expressed how much they appreciate what the men and women of Co. 10 do for them everyday! A great reminder to us all to get out into our communities and

spread some cheer, and build positive relations. A really great day!



# Recruit School & Fire Academy Highlights

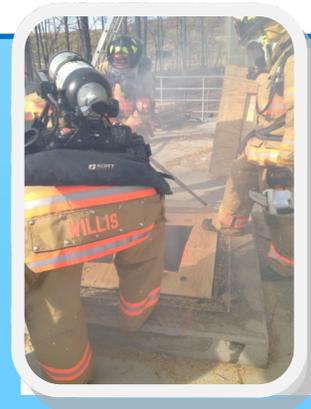
By Lt. Russell Baker

As we enter our 19th week of Recruit School 2012-02, all of the Recruits are out in the field completing their EMT -E Internship and ALS Precepting course. I would like to encourage everyone to take a moment and greet each Recruit and introduce yourself.

Night Fire Academy 2012-18 is winding down their Firefighter I class at the same time and will be conducting

their FF I burns soon. We look forward to this, as it is when they will demonstrate all of their newly acquired skills.

The Fall 2012 EMT-B class is also finishing up and that class will be testing on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Let's give them some encouragement, and help them along, as they start their EMS career.



2012-02 Recruit School Final Burn

***What if someone you loved called for help  
and no one answered?***

**Free training. 16 years and older.**

**Visit [FauquierFireRescue.org](http://FauquierFireRescue.org) or  
call Shirley Allen at 540-422-8808.**



**Fauquier County needs volunteer firefighters and EMTs.**



## In the News and Around the County



**Volunteer Fire Rescue Association President Tom Marable receives an award from the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution Community Award in the area of Fire Safety.**

**Technicians Morris and McGrath complete some station maintenance.**

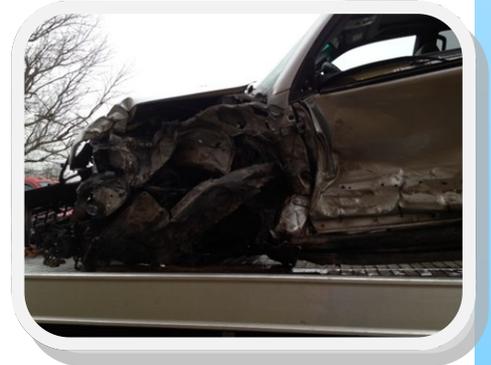


## Happy Birthday to You!!

Andrea Schaeffer – 1/7	Jeffrey Burgess – 1/18
Thomas Shiflett – 1/8	Katherine Chrimer – 1/19
Charles Hunter, Sr. – 1/11	Christa Brown – 1/20
Sam Miller – 1/16	BC Justin Clayton – 1/27
James Wyne – 1/17	Donald Jackson – 1/28



## NAME THAT CALL! CAN YOU GUESS WHAT BATTALION WAS ON SCENE AT THESE INCIDENTS?



Marshall Volunteer Fire Department was saddened at the death of Henry C. Lane, Jr. on December 19th. Henry was an avid volunteer celebrating 50 years with our department. He was the "official money taker and coffee maker" for our monthly breakfasts, as well as the shutterbug with the camera at all of our events. Henry will not only be missed by our department, but by the entire Marshall Community. Henry's family, along with Co. 3, would like to thank everyone in our "Fire/Rescue Services" family for the thoughts, prayers and involvement in the beautiful services held for Henry.



\$6,780.00 was raised through the Pink T-shirt Campaign and was gifted by Fauquier County Fire & Rescue to the Fauquier County Working Together Committee and the Fauquier Health Foundation in Dec.!



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**Free Flu Shots Still Available for Fauquier County Employees**

Free flu shots are still available for Fauquier County Employees and their spouses at NOVA Medical. Shots are limited and will only be given to those who have an authorization form from Human Resources. NOVA Medical - 528 Waterloo Road, Warrenton, VA

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8am to 7pm; Wednesday & Friday: 8am – 5pm

For more information, and to receive your authorization form, please contact Renee McNemar at [renee.mcnemar@fauquiercounty.gov](mailto:renee.mcnemar@fauquiercounty.gov).