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FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

NEW CONSTRUCTION & FIRE PROTECTION

FPEs performed 138 fire protection plan reviews for sprinkler, fire alarm, underground fire lines, and kitchen hoods.

Technician IIs, Fire Inspectors performed 292 fire protection system inspections, 36 building occupancy inspections, and 40 Operational Permits (HUPs).



PERMITS, PLANS & INSPECTIONS

Fire Lane Inspection: 7	Knox Box Inspection: 1
FMO Follow up: 17	Station Inspection: 415

*Assistant Chief
Matt Smolsky
Prince William County
Fire Marshal*



FMO's New Team Member

Tarren Horvath is our newly hired Fire Protection Engineer for the Fire Marshal's Office. This position is responsible for conducting new fire protection and detection system plan reviews to assure the design meets the code requirements as mandated by the state of Virginia.

Tarren has a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut. As a highlight to his achievements, he received the University of New Haven Fire Science Distinguished Service Award. He has three years of fire protection related experience at Kohler Ronan in Danbury, CT, working as a

Fire Protection Engineer. Tarren has performed technical code compliance design reviews for fire protection systems and special occupancies for several notable construction projects during his career. He served as a First Lieutenant for the Newtown Hook and Ladder Fire Department since 2011 where he provided firefighter and EMS services.

Tarren's office is in the Development Services Building, 5 County Complex Court. In addition, his contact information is as follows:

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August is Back to School Safety Month

***Prince William County Schools Open
Monday, August 26th***



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What's New in Emergency Management

- EM staff installed an antenna and associated hardware in the 8490 Kao Circle Warehouse to support radio communications.
- EM leadership conducted interviews for two vacancies in the program.
- EM staff hosted and facilitated the Public Safety Branch meeting in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The purpose of the meeting was to establish expectations regarding EOC positions, qualifications and responsibilities that will be outlined in the Emergency Operations Plan revision.
- EM staff began initial coordination with various agencies, both county and around the National Capital Region, regarding the excessive heat that enveloped the area from Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st.
- On Friday, July 19th, EM staff participated in the regional full-scale Capital Fortitude Exercise (see photos below). The exercise centered around an anthrax release scenario and the multi-jurisdictional point-of-dispensing process. Capabilities being evaluated included: Information Sharing, Medical Countermeasure Dispensing, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, and others. EM staff participated by loading and delivering supplies from the Kao Circle Warehouse to Metz Middle School in Manassas, by going through the point-of-dispensing process, and by providing personnel to assist with Controller duties.



- EM staff met with representatives from the City of Manassas and Manassas Park to discuss establishing a Citizen Corps Council partnership, which would strengthen the various programs such as the City and the Park's Community Emergency Response Teams, all Worship Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs, Medical Reserve Corps, and others.
- EM staff presented information on Hurricane Preparedness to the Town of Dumfries staff during their week-long retreat, which was centered around physical and mental wellness. The Hurricane Preparedness presentation was followed by Active Violence training delivered by Officer M. Whaley.



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

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August is Back to School Safety Month Pedestrians, Like Drivers, Are Responsible to Stay Alert While Traveling

Everyone is a pedestrian, at some point throughout the day, whether traveling by foot, bicycle, wheelchair, stroller or similar means. As pedestrians, we're at constant risk of being injured or killed from traffic crashes. According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, pedestrian fatalities, in the U.S., are on the rise, having increased 4% in 2017, the highest mortality rate since 1990.



August is Back to School Safety Month, a reminder to motorists the school year is about to begin and to be vigilant when driving. Many school and bus routes are improperly designed and pose a serious hazard for children due to the lack of sidewalks or crosswalks, wide roads and speeding drivers. According to the 2017-2018 National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, 6 student fatalities occurred during the school year; these students were killed either by their own school bus or by a passing motorist while loading and unloading the bus. Therefore, when driving, whether taking your kids to school or driving near a school or bus stop, be on the lookout for children loading and unloading the bus or walking and riding to and from school.

The school year, for Prince William County Public Schools, begins Monday, August 26th. To keep you and your loved ones safe, the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System urge pedestrians and drivers to follow these simple safety tips:

DRIVERS

- Slow down, follow the speed limit and be alert especially in the residential neighborhoods and school zones.
 - Look for pedestrians everywhere. Pedestrians may not be walking where they should be or may be hard to see — especially at night, in poorly lit conditions, including dusk/dawn/night and in poor weather.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- **NEVER** pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
 - ***Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving!***

KIDS

- **ALWAYS** cross the street with an adult, at least up until age 10, when your traffic skills and judgment are better.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
- **NEVER** run out into the street or cross in between parked cars.
- Wear reflective material or clothing and carry a flashlight to increase your visibility at night.
- **ALWAYS** walk in front of the bus, at least 10 feet, where the driver can see you.
- If waiting for a parent, wait on the same side of the street as the school bus loads and unloads.
 - ***DO NOT*** play in driveways, streets, parking lots and unfenced yards next to the street.

ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing in front of them. Don't assume that because you can see the driver, the driver can see you.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing a street and continue looking while crossing.

- It's safest to walk on a sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.

For additional information on pedestrian safety, visit Safe Kids USA <https://www.safekids.org/child-pedestrian-safety>, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>, and the Governors Highway Safety Association <https://www.ghsa.org/issues/bicyclists-pedestrians>.



Fire and Rescue Recruit Graduation Class 2019-1



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

Class 2019-1 consisted 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 announced the following graduates:

Richard M. Blank	Ryan R. Gibson	Tyler A. Marnell	Theodore A. Scheatzle
Dominic N. Carlino	Benjamin J. Herd	Stephen G. Mickle	Taylor A. Smith
James E. Close	Kelly A. Krebs	Christopher W. Paul	Joseph H. Tate
Casey M. Coulter	Grace E. Lehman	Alexander R. Pion	Gary W. Woods II
Renae L. Dillon	Ivanovich P. Lesevka	Charles R. Pistole	



Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Graduation Ceremony



On Wednesday, July 17th, at 7:00 p.m., the Prince William County Fire & Rescue System held its Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Graduation Ceremony at the Public Safety Training Center located at 13101 Public Safety Drive in Nokesville, Virginia. Battalion Chief Mike LaSalle presided over the ceremony. Assistant Chief James Forgo and Volunteer Chief Jerry Deem provided an inspirational message to the recruits and attendees.

Recruit Class 19144 consisted of 11 recruits who successfully completed 6 months of rigorous academic and physical training at the System's Public Safety Training Center. Each student performed 420 hours of training which consisted of 300 hours of Firefighter I & II, 40 hours of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Training, 40 hours of Hazardous Materials Training (up to the Operations level), Liquid Petroleum Gas Training and 4 days of Firefighter Survival Training. Upon graduation, they will be designated as Firefighter.

Please join us in congratulating the graduates:

Antonio Acker – Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton VFD
David Crane - Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton VFD
Neil Deven - Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton VFD
Anthony Mandina - Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton VFD
Maxwell Funk – Yorkshire VFD
Alexandrya Repp -Yorkshire VFD

Noah Kaplin – Dale City VFD
Joseph Kenny – Manassas VFD
Gavin Metaxa – Nokesville VFD
Jamar Wright – Lake Jackson VFD
Zack Yates – Stonewall Jackson VFD

