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Retirement Reception



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MARCH 2019

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

NEW CONSTRUCTION & FIRE PROTECTION

FPEs performed 89 fire protection plan reviews for sprinkler, fire alarm, underground fire lines, and kitchen hoods.

Technician IIs, Fire Inspectors performed 284 fire protection system inspections, 37 building occupancy inspections, and 51 Operational Permits (HUPs).



PERMITS, PLANS & INSPECTIONS

Fire Lane Inspection: 2 Knox Box Inspection: 3
FMO Follow up: 35 Station Inspection: 34

*Assistant Chief
Matt Smolsky*

*Prince William County
Fire Marshal*

NEW CASES

Date: 2-21-2019 | **Box:** 25-52 | **Type:** Vehicle Fire | **Address:** 11900 Livingston Road | **Business Name:** 5 Star Towing | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$12,000 | **Loss:** \$9,000 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Quick | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 2-24-2019 | **Box:** 11-23 | **Type:** Commercial Fire | **Address:** 7113 Sudley Road | **Business Name:** Exxon | **Cause:** N/A | **Value:** \$200 | **Loss:** \$200 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Hinson | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Active.

Date: 2-28-2019 | **Box:** 08-18 | **Type:** House Fire | **Address:** 7414 Garrison Road | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$225,300 | **Loss:** \$100,000 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Child | **Building Posted:** Yes | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 2-28-2019 | **Box:** 11-23 | **Type:** Commercial Fire | **Address:** 7753 Sudley Road | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Undetermined | **Value:** \$400,000 | **Loss:** \$0 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Broughton | **Building Posted:** No | **Status:** Active.

Date: 3-3-2019 | **Box:** 23-12 | **Type:** Apartment Fire | **Address:** 3000 Fox Lair Drive | **Business Name:** Meridian Bay Apartments | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$1,100,500 | **Loss:** \$600,000 | **Lead Investigators:** Lt. Miner/Lt. Schultz | **Building Posted:** Yes | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-11-2019 | **Box:** 23-22 | **Type:** House Fire | **Address:** 16373 Topsail Lane | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$268,300 | **Loss:** \$15,000 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Schultz | **Building Posted:** Yes | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-12-2019 | **Box:** 03-03 | **Type:** Vehicle Fire | **Address:** 18020 Main Street | **Business Name:** Sunoco Gas Station | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$4,600 | **Loss:** \$4,600 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Quick | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-13-2019 | **Box:** 04-02 | **Type:** House Fire | **Address:** 6737 Sutton Oaks Way | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$309,100 | **Loss:** \$450,000 | **Lead Investigators:** Lt. Schultz/Lt. Miner | **Building Posted:** Yes | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-14-2019 | **Box:** 23-09 | **Type:** Outside Fire | **Address:** 2918 Wetherburn Court | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$300 | **Loss:** \$300 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Schultz | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-16-2019 | **Box:** 13-11 | **Type:** Other | **Address:** 4805 Kenmont Court | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Incendiary | **Value:** Undetermined | **Loss:** Undetermined | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Broughton | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Active | **Area of Origin:** Outside.

Date: 3-17-2019 | **Box:** 04-04 | **Type:** Other | **Address:** 14601 Lee Highway | **Business Name:** Remington Mulch | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$0 | **Loss:** \$0 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Quick | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-17-2019 | **Box:** 17-29 | **Type:** House Fire | **Address:** 16058 Dumfries Road, Lot 15 | **Business Name:** Prince William Forest Park RV Campground | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$260,000 | **Loss:** \$260,000 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Quick | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Closed.

Date: 3-25-2019 | **Box:** 17-23 | **Type:** Townhouse Fire | **Address:** 14642 Earlham Court | **Business Name:** N/A | **Cause:** Accidental | **Value:** \$138,900 | **Loss:** \$20,000 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Broughton | **Building Posted:** Yes | **Status:** Active | **Area of Origin:** Outside.

Date: 3-28-2019 | **Box:** 02-67 | **Type:** Apartment Fire | **Address:** 13717 Lynn Street, #7 | **Business Name:** Longview Apartments | **Cause:** Incendiary | **Value:** \$2,336,680 | **Loss:** \$15,000 | **Lead Investigator:** Lt. Miner | **Building Posted:** N/A | **Status:** Active | **Area of Origin:** Inside.

Congratulations Daniel lerley – Team Member of the Month



Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky congratulates Dan on an accomplishment well done!

Construction Plan Reviewer Daniel lerley was chosen as the Department's Team Member of the Month, December 2018, for developing readily available, cross-referencing material of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code for the Fire Marshal's Office and surrounding jurisdictions of Prince William County.

Dan's selfless generosity to devote his personal time by utilizing his education and knowledge to develop these documents, training materials and conduct the training courses as the lead instructor, in such a short period of time, shows his dedication and commitment to the Department and his fellow co-workers, as well as the community. Dan's actions are emblematic of the Department's values of Unity, Ultimate Performance and Personalized Delivery as well as the County's values of Respect, Integrity, Creativity, Teamwork, Excellence and Responsibility.

Thank you for your leadership, hard work and dedication.

Fire & Rescue Members - Graduates of Prince William County Leadership Academy

Lieutenant Dustin Miner from the Fire Marshal's Office and Farah Large from DFR's Office of the Chief completed the seven-week Prince William County Leadership Academy. They graduated on March 21st in a ceremony held in the Board of County Supervisors Chambers peppered with humorous and touching moments. The County Executive Chris Martino was on hand for the celebration as was Acting System Chief Tim Keen.



Lt. Dustin Miner and Farah Large



Lt. Dustin Miner and Battalion Chief Tom Jarman



Captain Doug Webb Retires

On Saturday, March 30th, county employees, friends, family and co-workers gathered during a retirement reception for Fire & Rescue Captain Doug Webb.

Thank you, Captain, for 33 years of dedication and service to Prince William County and its residents. We wish you the best of luck as you embark on new endeavors.



Assistant Chief Lance McClintock congratulating Captain Webb



Battalion Chief Tom Jarman wishing Captain Webb best of luck



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What's New in Emergency Management

Statewide Tornado Drill

Emergency Management, along with Risk Management, the Department of Fire & Rescue, and the Office of Executive Communication, helped spread the word and encouraged participation in this year's Statewide Tornado Drill on March 19th. Our participation in the drill is important every year, as Virginia was one of the top 5 states that experienced tornadoes well over their yearly average in 2018, and Prince William County has experienced 115 tornadoes since 1950 (www.homefacts.com).



Emergency Preparedness & Wellness Fair

Emergency Management was invited to attend the 2019 Emergency Preparedness & Wellness Fair on the Woodbridge campus of Northern Virginia Community College on Wednesday, March 27th. EM staff talked with visitors about building a preparedness kit and encouraged them to sign up for PWC Alerts.



Schultz Graduates Basic Academy

Matthew Schultz, a member of the EM staff, graduated from the Emergency Management Institute's 'National Emergency Management Basic Academy,' comprised of 5 courses spanning a total of 4 weeks of instruction in emergency management principles and topics. The coursework was completed at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Virginia Emergency Management Symposium

Most of the EM team attended this year's Virginia Emergency Management Symposium, held at the Newport News, Virginia Marriott at City Center (March 26th-29th). The purpose of the symposium was to "discuss current trends and topics and share information about the latest tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security" (www.vemaweb.org/vems2019).



Farewell Scott Hudson

It is with sadness that EM staff bid farewell to Emergency Management Planner Scott Hudson. He has accepted an emergency management position in Houston, Texas. Scott has contributed excellence, expertise, and helped create a positive, fun environment with his great sense of humor, easy-going personality, and colorful socks for the past 2 years. Though he will be missed, we are excited for the opportunities ahead of him. Good luck, Scott!



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



Training 911 EMT Graduation

On Monday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m., the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System held its graduation ceremony for Training 911 EMT Class 19146 at the Public Safety Training Center in Nokesville, Virginia.

Chief Tom Wood of Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire & Rescue presided over the ceremony.

Class 19146 consisted of 13 students who successfully completed 14 weeks, over 160 hours, of intense academic and practical training, from November 2018 through

February 2019. During that time, they were trained to recognize and manage a variety of emergency situations for patients who had suffered traumatic injury or a medical crisis by utilizing basic life support skills such as airway management, Immobilization of specific injuries, control of hemorrhage and shock and administration of basic medications. In addition, they learned implementation of triage for mass casualty incidents. Upon completion of the course and exams administered by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and the National Registry of EMTs, the students received their certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

The Prince William County Fire and Rescue System is pleased to announce the following graduates:

Matthew Bickert
James Blackwell
Tamara Brooks
Vincent Carr

Michael Hood
Faith Manvell
Madyson McClung
David Ojeda

Diana Oquendo
John Parr
Will Shobert
Camron Staples

Quincy Thompson



You can view the graduation ceremony, captured on Facebook Live, at <https://www.facebook.com/PWCFireRescue>.

PSTC Staff Member Receives EMT Certification

Tamara Brooks is a graduate of the Training 911 EMT program; she is the Administrative Support Coordinator II at the Public Safety Training Center. Tamara attended Monday night, Wednesday night and Saturday classes (160 hours in total), to graduate from the Training 911 EMT program. What a huge accomplishment and testament to her dedication of a job well done.

Congratulations Tamara!



Pictured left to right: Assistant Chief Jim Forgo, Captain Brian Jurgensen, Lieutenant Marshall Wharam, Administrative Support Coordinator II Tamara Brook, Technician II Ayo Mattia and Battalion Chief Chris Granger

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National Window Safety Week April 7 – 13, 2019

Spring has arrived and as the weather becomes warmer, households will turn off their home heating equipment and begin inserting window screens to enjoy the cool spring breeze that a screen provides. While screens for some may be comforting, for others they are dangerous even deadly especially for small children.

Each year, children die and are injured from window falls. Children under the age of 5 are at the highest risk for such falls due to their curiosity and/or focus is elsewhere, such as a toy, a pet or any number of things while playing near a screened

window resulting in an unintentional injury or death. Although the majority of children that fall from windows reside in urban areas, falls do occur, from a first or second-story window, in homes or apartments.

National Window Safety Week is April 7th – 13th. The Prince William County Fire & Rescue System, in conjunction with health and safety organizations/agencies across the U.S., are urging the public to get involved, year round, at home, school and neighborhoods to help reduce unintentional injuries among children by understanding the role of windows. Windows are two-fold; while vital in escaping a home fire or other emergencies, parents and guardians need to understand the importance of protecting against accidental window falls. Listed below are window safety tips to keep your little ones safe:

Window Safety Tips

- Keep children away from open windows.
- Install window guards or window stop devices that prevent windows from opening more than 4 inches (educate family members, older children and adults, on how to release window guards in the event of a fire or other emergency that requires evacuation).
- Keep climbable objects, i.e. furniture, beds, toy chests, etc., away from windows.
- **DO NOT** place toys and other inviting objects on windowsills.
- Check to make sure porch and balcony railings are spaced 4” apart or less.
- Always provide adult supervision for children around open windows or in risky environments.

Acting System Chief Tim Keen of the Prince William County Fire and Rescue System states, “It’s important to remember that windows play a vital role in fire safety and should be considered as an alternative exit when planning a home fire escape plan. It’s also important to remember that windows pose a threat to young children when left open and unattended. Be proactive in taking the necessary precautions of safely securing windows to ensure your child’s safety.”

For additional information on window safety, visit the National Safety Council www.nsc.org/ and Safe Kids Worldwide www.safekids.org/.

Thomas and Becca: Why Window Safety Matters, click on the link to view the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7NKhANMsoQ>.



Chief Kevin McGee Retirement Reception

On Friday, March 29th, county employees, friends, family and co-workers gathered during a retirement reception for Fire & Rescue Chief Kevin McGee.

Thank you Chief for 39 years of dedication and service to Prince William County and its residents. We wish you the best of luck as you embark on new endeavors.

The Department will also be hosting a retirement dinner for the Chief on May 4th. (See attached flyer)



Chief McGee and wife, Eileen



Supervisor Marty Nohe (Coles District), County Executive Chris Martino, Past Virginia Delegate Rich Anderson and Chief McGee



Chief McGee and Battalion Chief Tom Jarman with members of the Fire Marshal's Office: Lt. Leroy McFail, Lt. Bob Harrell, Engineer II Vince Fitzpatrick, Engineer IV Lyndon Loh and Lt. Kendrick Terry



Chief Ron Mastin - Retired (Fairfax County), Chief Rob Clemons (City of Manassas), Chief Kevin McGee, Chief Richie Bowers - Retired (Fairfax County)



Police Chief Barry Bernard and Deputy Chief of Police Steven Thompson congratulate Chief McGee



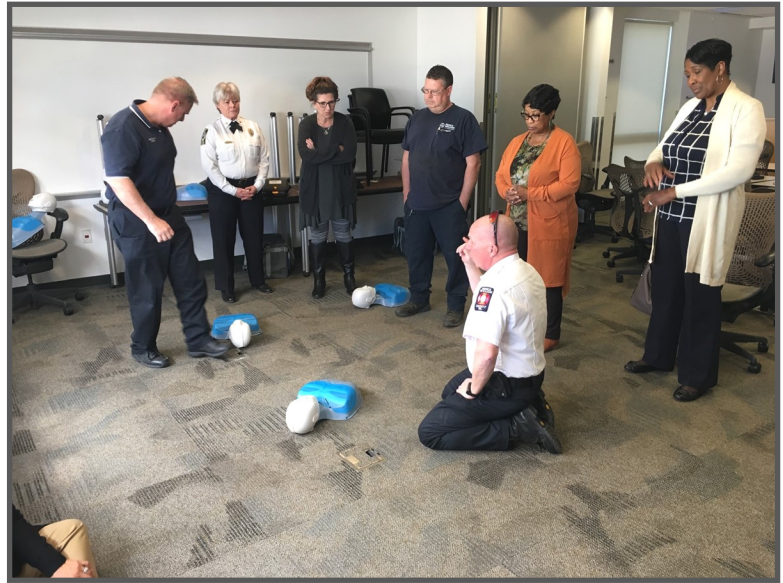
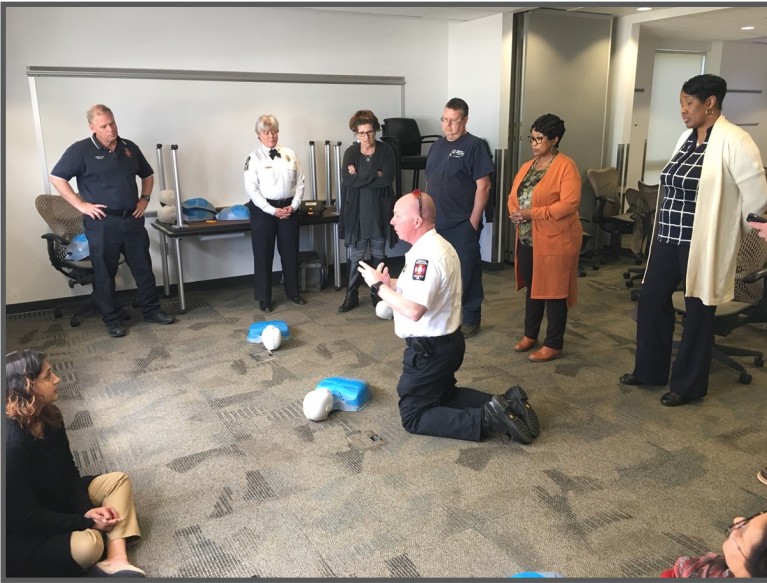
Fire and Rescue members who were employed prior to Chief McGee's arrival and worked beside him during part of his long career.



Chief McGee and Supervisor Maureen Caddigan (Potomac District)

Hands-Only CPR Class

On Wednesday, March 27th, Captain Bob Montminy taught fire and rescue's first Hands-Only CPR class to county employees. Bob's helpers were Lieutenant Randy Coggin and Public Education Coordinator Christopher Brothers. The next class will be held on Wednesday, April 17th. To register, please visit PWC University <https://pwc.skillport.com/skillportfe/login.action>.



2019 Risk Management / Safety Awards

The Fifteenth Annual Safety Awards for Excellence were presented at a ceremony and reception on March 28, 2019. These annual awards are sponsored by Risk Management in cooperation with the Safety and Health Council, and recognize excellence in risk management, safety and health, environmental, and wellness.

FIRE & RESCUE RECIPIENTS

Category: Health & Wellness

Exposure Control Program

**Captain Scott McLean, Lt. Jonathan Moore, Lt. Jeremy Moore,
Lt. J.T. Wilson, Lt. John Gillis and Lt. Bob Kieb**

Over the past year, the Department of Fire & Rescue Health & Safety Officers spent countless hours improving the Exposure Control Program; a critical component of their jobs. DFR Health and Safety Officers are the main point of contact for handling any type of exposure (airborne, blood borne, etc.) involving county employees.



Over the last twelve months, the following improvements have been made to the Exposure Control Program:

- A New Exposure Control Plan Policy was drafted and implemented in July 2018
- The Health and Safety Officers effectively managed 160 exposures
- The Health & Safety Officers worked with Novant to improve the process for expediting lab work due to an exposure
 - As a result, Novant has recently implemented a new protocol which has improved communications substantially
- The Health and Safety Officers have worked with the state to become a self-certifying agency enabling them to teach the Designated Infection Control Officer training (to be completed in July 2019).

Not pictured: Lt. Jonathan Moore, Lt. Jeremy Moore, Lt. J.T. Wilson and Lt. John Gillis

Category: Safety

Illicit Drug and Opioid Safety Training

Matt Adkins (Fire & Rescue) and Alexander McMillan (Police)

Opioid use and addiction has become an epidemic throughout the County and Prince William County is not immune from this crisis. In 2017, Executive Management requested Police and Fire & Rescue create a Synthetic Opioid Task Force to develop personal protective equipment guidance and contamination avoidance training for all police and fire personnel to protect themselves from these hazardous materials. Since non-public safety employees provide services, in the community, the need to provide awareness training to these employees was essential. Matt and Alex developed training on "Illicit Drug and Opioid Safety" providing information on awareness, recognition and personal safety for these employees. Matt and Alex developed training for non-public safety employees to identify potential exposures, how to prevent any exposures and what to do in the event of an exposure. The training was very popular and was requested by other departments who have employees working in the field.



Not pictured: Alexander McMillan (Police)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NOMINEES AND RECIPIENTS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

To view the complete list of nominees and their nominations, please visit Risk Management on PWC Connects at <http://pwconnects.pwcgov.org/risk/Pages/SafetyAwardsHallOfFame2019.aspx>.

2019 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

On March 28th, the 2019 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards held its 30th Environment Virginia Symposium in Lexington, Virginia. The awards recognized the significant contributions of environmental and conservation leaders in four categories: sustainability, environmental project, land conservation, and implementation of the Virginia Outdoors Plan. Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue received a Silver Medal for its Smarter Chemicals Program.

Smarter Chemicals Program

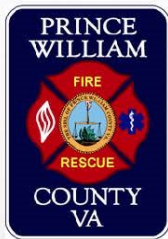
The Department worked with others in the County to develop a Smarter Chemicals product list. It was found that the average fire station had over 40 different cleaning products, compared to an average of eight for custodial companies hired by Prince William County.

A review, of employee injuries, revealed that many “slips and falls” were related to inappropriate dilutions of cleaners leaving floors slick and many “strains and sprains” were related to heavy products. The Smarter Chemicals Program has reduced employee injuries, decreased damage to facilities due to improper dilutions, limited exposure to potentially hazardous substances, cut excessive purchasing and the resulting disposal costs, and minimized the effort to maintain Safety Data Sheets. On average, 116 cleaning chemicals with safety hazards were eliminated from each fire station.

For additional information visit <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/>



Pictured left to right: Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) Director Clyde Cristman, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources Joshua Saks, Assistant Chief Lance McClintock, Battalion Chief Gene Luckinbill and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director David Paylor



CHIEF KEVIN J. MCGEE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



Please join us in celebrating Chief McGee's retirement
after 39 years of dedicated service to
Prince William County!

Saturday, May 4, 2019 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm

**Buckhall Station 16 – 7190 Yates Ford Road,
Manassas, VA 20111**

*Dinner will be served. \$20 per person.
Please make checks payable to Matt Smolsky.*

*RSVP and payment due to Darlene Allison by
Wednesday, April 24, 2019.*

Dallison@pwcgov.org or 703-792-6801.

**Please come prepared to share
your favorite memory with Chief McGee!**



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THE 12TH ANNUAL
Kyle R. Wilson
WALK FOR FITNESS
APRIL 27, 2019



Saturday April 27, 2019 🚒 **9:30am – 12:30PM**

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honoring the HERO Firefighter Kyle Wilson.

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Manassas, VA 20111

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