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CY-2024 Navy F&ES Award Winners Announced

Late on February VADM C.S. Gray, Commander, Navy Installations Command announced the results of the Calendar Year 2024 Navy Fire & Emergency Services Awards competition. Stay tuned for photos and stories in the March edition of What's Happening. Congratulations to our winners!

The following nine CNIC F&ES teams and personnel stand out as Navy F&ES Award winners and will go on to represent Navy at the DoD level of competition:

Small Fire Department of the Year: SUBASE Kings Bay

Medium Fire Department of the Year: NAVSTA Mayport

Large Fire Department of the Year: Navy Region Northwest

Fire Prevention Program of the Year: NAS/JRB Fort Worth

Military Firefighter of the Year: ABH3 Jakob Morrison, NALF Fentress

Civilian Firefighter of the Year: Stevan Ames, NAVSTA Mayport

Military Fire Officer of the Year: ABH1 Brooke Fox, NSA Bahrain

Civilian Fire Officer of the Year: Albert Curley, NAVSTA Mayport

Fire Service Instructor of the Year: Shinji Yuasa, CFA Sasebo, Japan

Additional Navy Only Award winners are:

EMS Provider of the Year: Tylor Snell, NAVSTA Mayport

Fire Inspector of the Year: Hyongchin Kim, CFA Chinhae, Korea

Fire Chief of the Year: Bradley Beaty, NSA Crane

Navy F&ES Hall of Fame, Class of 2025:

John Morris, Fire Chief (retired), NAS Corpus Christi

Jaimie Wood, Region Fire Chief (retired), Navy Region Southwest

Janice Lozoya, Asst. Fire Chief Prevention (retired), Navy Region Southwest

Frank Montone, Region Fire Chief (retired), Navy Region Northwest

Mark Chaney, Region Fire Chief (retired), Navy Region Midwest

Russell Tarver, Region Fire Chief (retired), Joint Region Marianas

Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement Award:

Frank Montone, Region Fire Chief (retired), Navy Region Northwest

Shane Rayfield, Fire Chief (retired), NAVSTA Rota, Spain



Supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family



From the Director

Congratulations to all our CY24 F&ES Award Winners ... VADM Gray recently announced our CY24 Navy F&ES Award Winners, Hall of Fame Inductees, and Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients. BZ to all the Teams and individuals. As you can imagine completion at this level is very competitive and fierce. We received 82 nominations this year, across all the award categories, and as you can imagine, it was very difficult to select only one winner in each category. *Every nominee is a winner*, and we truly had to select the best of the best. I commend all the Fire Chiefs and supervisors for taking time to write the nominations and provide recognition to their teams and staff. Formal awards presentation is scheduled for 23 April, at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis Maryland. We highly encourage all retirees, prior Navy Award Winners, Hall of Fame, Lifetime Award winners, friends, family of Navy F&ES to attend. **Note:** Given the current DoD Travel Ban the ceremony is tentative, we do expect to receive authority to proceed in next week, and we will keep everyone posted on the status; Please plan to attend



Best Wishes to all our Navy award winners who move forward to compete in the DoD F&ES awards selection process. DoD award announcements are expected first week in May

Enjoy this edition of our newsletter. We are always seeking articles, pictures, or event info for future editions. One feature I would like to expand is highlights from our Hall of Fame Alumni on “What They are Doing Now” feature with a couple of current Pics ... We want to stay in touch with our Navy F&ES family.

Protecting Those Who Defend America. Please stay safe.

Carl



NAF El Centro



Quint 45 positioned for a cool photo with Blue Angels F/A-18 aircraft.
(Courtesy Photo).



SCAN QR CODE FOR LISTING OF ALL CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES UNDER NAVY FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION (0081 SERIES).

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/Results?j=0081&a=NV52&k=&p=1>

Taking Care of Our Own

From: CNIC HQ Fire & Emergency Services

The Taking Care of Our Own Program was launched in October 2005 to provide a support network for federal civilian members of the DoD Fire & Emergency Services family. The Program provides a simple, systematic, DoD-wide means to help family members in crisis who have exhausted their leave. The program entails alerting all members of the family that a fellow member is suffering from a personal or family (medical) crisis and has been approved for Volunteer Leave Transfer Program. Each family member is asked to donate at least one hour of annual leave to the member in crisis so they can focus on recovering rather than worrying about loss of the pay check (the result of running out of leave). Participation in the program is completely voluntary and no member may be pressured to donate. The single requirement is that the leave recipient must be approved for the Volunteer Leave Transfer Program.

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988 Suicide & Crisis LIFELINE

Dial 988 for 24/7 emotional support anywhere in the U.S.

Call 988
Text 988
Visit 988lifeline.org/chat

→ to reach a caring counselor.

WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE:

The behaviors listed below may be some of the signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

TALKING ABOUT:

- Wanting to die
- Great guilt or shame
- Being a burden to others

FEELING:

- Empty, hopeless, trapped, or having no reason to live
- Extremely sad, more anxious, agitated, or full of rage
- Unbearable emotional or physical pain

CHANGING BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS:

- Making a plan or researching ways to die
- Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, giving away important items, or making a will
- Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Eating or sleeping more or less
- Using drugs or alcohol more often

If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text 988
Chat at 988lifeline.org

Crisis Text Line
Text "HELLO" to 741741

National Institute of Mental Health
nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention



This year's Memorial Service will be held on 28 Mar at 3PM at the DOD Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

We will be honoring the following fallen DOD Firefighters at the Memorial Service:

Captain Adam Hart, U.S. Air Force
 Chief TJ Maury, U.S. Navy
 Jeremy Lundgren, U.S. Air Force
 Bryan Hamilton, U.S. Navy

Jerry Leverett, U.S. Army
 Christopher Carneal, U.S. Army
 Herbert Wells, U.S. Navy
 Warren Marsh, U.S. Navy

The MFHF Awards Banquet and Ball will be Held on 29 Mar 25 at the San Angelo McNease Convention Center. Tickets on sale on the foundation web site: [2025 MFHF Awards Banquet and Ball at McNease Convention Center - StubWire.com](https://www.stubwire.com/2025-MFHF-Awards-Banquet-and-Ball-at-McNease-Convention-Center)

At the Awards Banquet and Ball we will be honoring our Lifetime Achievement and Class of 2025 MFHF Hall of Fame members:

Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation/DOD FES Hall of Fame:

Bill Casey, Navy
 Bennie "Bud" Williams, Navy
 Douglas Courchene, Air Force
 Gene Rausch, Navy
 Carl Glover, Navy

Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation DoD Lifetime Achievement Recipient:

Carl Glover

We also encourage you to visit the official Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation website www.mffhf.com for information.

Mike Robertson, President/Executive Director
 Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation



Learning Opportunities



**Center for
Public Safety
Excellence**

At the Center for Public Safety Excellence® (CPSE®) we are excited to bring you the latest learning opportunities to advance your department and career.

CPSE is looking for agencies to host the Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services workshop in 2025. If you are interested in hosting a 2025 workshop, download the [hosting agreement](#) for more information.

DoD Only - Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services Workshop - 3 Days, In-Person

Cancelled Apr 22-24 - Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Fire & Emergency Services, Crete Greece

Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services Workshop - 3 Days, In-Person

Mar 10-12 - Bernalillo County Fire, Albuquerque, NM

Apr 15-17 - Rincon Valley Fire District, Vail, AZ

Apr 23-25 - West Fargo Fire Dept., West Fargo, ND

Apr 30-May 2 - Clayton Fire Dept., Clayton, NC

May 7-9 - Montgomery County Fire, Gaithersburg, MD

May 13-15 - Fayetteville Fire Dept., Fayetteville, AR

May 13-15 - Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Sep 16-18 - Shawnee Fire Dept., Shawnee, KS

Click [here](#) for civilian workshops.

On-Demand Training

Category 2: Understanding the Essential Elements of the CRA/SOC

Mentoring in the Fire & Emergency Services

Data and Technology in the Fire & Emergency Services

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging: Active Inclusion for the Fire & Emergency Services

Annual Program Appraisals: Capturing our Past and Guidance our Future

Click [here](#) for on-demand training

On-Demand Webinars and Resource Documents

We encourage you to take the time to access these [free](#) resources in the CPSE University:

[On-Demand Accreditation Videos](#) -

Writing the Four-Part Answer - A webinar explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.

Performance Statements - A webinar explaining development of performance statements.

Creating a Strategic Plan - A webinar explaining the creation of a community-driven strategic plan.

Developing Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives - A webinar explaining how to develop effective goals and objectives for a strategic plan.

For questions or assistance contact info@cpse.org or 703-691-4620.

Resource Documents

[Annual Appraisals](#) - A handout to assist with developing annual appraisals.

[Critical Tasking](#) - A handout to aid in conducting critical tasking for all emergency response types.

[Engaging Stakeholders](#) - A handout explaining how to engage stakeholders in the CRA/SOC process.

[Fire Department Strategic Plans and Community Master Plans: Are They The Same?](#) - A handout comparing and contrasting fire department strategic plans and community master plans.

[Performance Statements](#) - A handout outlining how to develop performance statements.

[Writing the Four-Part Answer](#) - A handout explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.

[Completing the Designation Application](#) - Learn tips on completing the designation application for CFO, CTO, CEMSO, FM, or FO

[21st Century Fire & Emergency Services White Paper](#) Handouts and videos on the critical issue areas.

LA Fires with Mutual Aid

Story by: Fire Chief Matt Rios, Naval Weapons Station Federal Fire



Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Federal Fire has made history by sending its first-ever management support as EMS Strike Team Support to partner agencies combating the recent historical Los Angeles fires. This notable initiative marks the first time Commander Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW) has extended such a critical support role, showcasing the strength of mutual aid partnerships and the effectiveness of teamwork in times of crisis.

During these historical incidents, Chief Matt Rios and Firefighter Nick Rodriguez from NWS Seal Beach were integral parts of the emergency response teams stationed at the Rose Bowl Incident Base Camp assisting and learning from experienced Strike Team Leaders during such a large incident. NWS Seal Beach was also attached to a field team with Falck Ambulance in the active fire areas of Los Angeles; they played a crucial role in assisting EMS management on the ground, as well as being an active part of the response team attending various emergencies on the fire line, including the care and transportation of injured firefighters.

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LA Fires with Mutual Aid (*con't. from page 6*)

Equipped with a Falck BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulance and working alongside the LA County Fire ALS (Advanced Life Support) rescue squad, Chief 31, led by Chief Matt Rios, ensured comprehensive medical support was readily available. Their presence and expertise were invaluable, not only in delivering aid but also in facilitating a seamless integration with the local response efforts from the field to the incident command center.

This deployment was more than just a response to an emergency; it was an opportunity for collaboration and training with mutual aid partners. Thanks to the established and effective partnerships, NWS Seal Beach was able to extend its reach and support beyond its usual boundaries, fostering stronger relationships with external EMS partners.

By joining forces in this mutual aid response, NWS Seal Beach not only succeeded in achieving its mission objectives but also engaged in exemplary training exercises. These efforts not only protected the communities during the fire emergency but also paved the way for future collaborations.

The involvement of NWS Seal Beach Federal Fire in the Los Angeles fires underlines the importance of teamwork, readiness, and inter-agency cooperation in addressing emergencies. This deployment sets a precedent and establishes a new benchmark for our continued commitment to service, safety, and partnership.



The CPSE appoints Chief Kevin Good to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International as the Department of Defense Representative



Kevin Good is Fire Chief of the US Army Garrison-Fort Belvoir, Virginia, a CFAI Accredited Agency. He began his fire service career in 1997 as a volunteer in Stafford County, Virginia where he served in a variety of roles with that combination system for over 20 years, including volunteer Station Chief and volunteer County Battalion Chief. He has proudly served with the Fort Belvoir Fire & Emergency Services Division since 2001, rising through the ranks ultimately reaching Fire Chief in 2021.

Chief Good is a graduate of the Northern Virginia Fire & Rescue Leadership Development Institute's Inaugural Command Officer Management Program and has earned the designation of NFPA Certified Fire Protection Specialist. He has received national, state, and local awards for leadership including the Virginia Fire Chief's Association W.C. Smith Presidents

Award. Chief Good is the first Army Fire Chief to represent the DoD on the CFAI Commission.

CPSE News link: <https://www.cpse.org/the-cpse-appoints-chief-kevin-good-to-cfai>



New Director of U.S. Marine Corps Fire & Emergency Services

Mr. Abdur –Raheem As-Siddid was selected as the Director for USMC F&ES. *(Courtesy Photo)*



Navy Reserve Fire & Emergency Services Establishes Detachment “Gulf” in Guam

U.S. Navy photos by William J. Busby III

The Navy Reserve Fire & Emergency Services established its 6th detachment in late May 2024. Andrew Babas, Fire Captain, enlisted into the Navy Reserve, becoming the first to establish the Navy Reserve Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) on the island.



ABF1 Andrew Babas enlists into the Navy Reserve while wearing his Navy Fire & Emergency Services uniform.

Now ABF1, Capt. Babas will set up the command, combining his experience as a prior Marine Corps and Guardsman with his civilian profession. The unit is designed to support emergency operations on Guam. IS2 Johnavan Tamayo, a Prior Service Recruiter and Career Counselor, is tasked with filling billets for this new unit, seeking qualified Veterans and Prior Service individuals to work alongside ABF1 Babas. The Navy Reserve offers a \$20,000 bonus for a three-year contract. For information about enlisting in this unit please contact: johnavan.j.tamayo.mil@us.navy.mil

The mission of the Navy Reserve F&Es is to train and equip Reserve Firefighter force, capable of rapidly mobilizing first responders in case of disasters, and to support other contingent situations. Personnel

in the Navy Reserve F&ES services are associated with the Commander, Navy Installations Command, Fire & Emergency Services program and are Certified in accordance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) Standards as an Airport Firefighter including Firefighter I & II after attending a fire academy.

Navy Reserve has a total of six units commonly referred to as Detachments. Each Det's location has been strategically chosen near or at fleet concentration areas. Located in Earle, NJ; San Diego, CA; Jacksonville, FL; Norfolk, VA; JRB Fort Worth, TX, and Guam the detachments further leverage the geographic distribution of our Reservists. Since inception, the program has grown from 60 firefighters in 2007 to over 200 billets, with expected program growth. While Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling (ABH) remains the primary rating, which most program billets are coded, qualified personnel of any rating are able to join the program. (U.S. Navy photo by William J. Busby III)



NSA Mid-South Fire and Mutual Aid Partners Enhance Readiness Through Joint Training

Story by: Fire Chief Leo Hendricks, NSA Mid-South Fire Chief

Naval Support Activity Mid-South Fire, alongside its security and mutual aid partners, recently participated in an intensive training exercise as part of the Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain evolution. This initiative is a key component of ongoing preparedness efforts, ensuring that all agencies are equipped to respond effectively to emergencies.

For the past several months, participating teams have been focusing on warm zone operations—training designed to enhance coordination and tactical response in potentially hazardous situations. Battalion Chief Irwin from the Shelby County Fire Department emphasized the value of these efforts, stating, *“As we continue to prepare now, we become better responders for the community. Our continued partnership with ‘Navy Fire’ keeps evolving into greater preparation for the communities we serve.”*

The recent training exercise saw collaboration between NSA Mid-South Fire and its dedicated mutual aid partners, including Millington Fire, Shelby County Fire and EMS, and the Millington/Memphis Airport Fire Departments. Their joint commitment to readiness and inter-agency cooperation ensures a stronger, more capable response force for the region.



By continuously refining their skills and fostering these vital partnerships, NSA Mid-South Fire and its allies remain steadfast in their mission to protect and serve the communities that depend on them.



Mutual Aid Training Enhances Readiness at NALF Fentress

On January 13, Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress hosted mutual aid training with NAS Oceana firefighters, NALF Fentress firefighters, and the Sentara Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance team. The training focused on key procedures for patient transport and exchange in the rural area of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance operates out of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and serves a 125-nautical-mile radius. The team and aircraft are equipped to provide medical transport to facilities offering specialized care. The session covered essential topics, including aircraft features, contacting Nightingale, response times, potential landing sites, and patient exchange procedures.

NALF Fentress, with its open layout, is well-suited for patient exchanges, particularly given its location and accessibility in Chesapeake. Participants reviewed how to facilitate safe patient transfers and ensure effective communication with air medical crews.

District Chief Cedric Patterson stated, “This training ensures our teams are prepared to respond effectively when seconds count.”

The training highlighted the value of clear procedures and understanding among responders to ensure readiness for medical emergencies. By enhancing interoperability between ground and air teams, these sessions advance the overall mission of providing reliable emergency services.



2025 Dezome-Shiki Japan's New Year's FireFighter Ceremony

Story and Photos by: Kenneth M. Wampler, Fire Chief, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo Japan

Commander Naval Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services joined forces with off base fire departments from Sasebo and Saikai City to break in the New Year celebrating the Annual DEZOME-SHIKI or "New Year's Fire Fighter Ceremony". The event occurs on January 6th every year throughout Japan. The purpose is to pray for a safe year from the dangers of fire, and pay respect to old firefighting traditions. It's a tradition that dates back to 1659 when a Great Fire known as Meireki-no-Taika broke out in EDO in 1657 (now called Tokyo), it lasted for three days and destroyed 60% of the city, claiming 100,000 lives, which was about 1/3 of the city population at the time. The Jobikeshi Fire Brigade was established and Fire Corps began to station full

time members to protect important locations at strategic sites such as the Edo Castle, Shrines and Temples. Each year cities across Japan put their own special flair into Dezome-shiki. In Nagasaki Prefecture the U.S. Navy has seven sites located within Sasebo and Saikai City.

CNRJ Fire & Emergency Services participates every year with off base fire departments in Sasebo and Saikai Cities, Dezome Shiki. This year a total of 32 CNRJ firefighters and 3 engine companies participated in event. Base Commander for Fleet Activities Sasebo, Captain Michael Fontaine, Fire Chief Mark Wampler and Deputy Fire Chief



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2025 Dezome-Shiki Japan's New Year's (con't.)

Derrick Grinnell represented the official party and stood alongside the City Mayors, Fire Chiefs, and Municipal Directors. Over 1,000 firefighters from Sasebo and Saikai participated in the two events representing 16 stations and 60 branches while thousands of local citizens looked on.

The event was a tremendous success and kicked off the New Year on a positive note reinforcing fire safety and the great partnership between the U.S. Navy and surrounding communities.



NDW F&ES Provided Mutual Aid

A kitchen fire Displaced a family of five on March 6, 2025, after firefighters from NSF Indian Head quickly contained the blaze on a townhouse on Dale Drive near McWilliams Road in Indian Head, MD. (Courtesy Photo of the Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc.)



2024 NAS Oceana Air Show: Collaboration and Continuous Improvement in Large-Scale Event Management



Story and Photos by: Cedric Patterson, District Fire Chief Mid-Atlantic Region District #3

The 2024 NAS Oceana Air Show drew a record 347,000 attendees, the largest audience in the event's history. NRMA Fire & Emergency Services managed fire protection and emergency response for the three-day event, working within a 100-person Incident Command System (ICS) structure. With a focus on world-class planning and service delivery, this year's air show provided valuable insights and reinforced the importance of collaboration, logistics, and effective response systems.

Collaboration with regional partners, including Virginia Beach Fire, EMS, and local hospitals, as well as Suffolk Fire & Rescue, was a critical component of this year's operations. Virginia Beach General Hospital staffed an on-site field hospital, reducing transport times and supporting timely medical care. Pre-event site visits and planning meetings ensured alignment between municipal and Navy resources, allowing for clear communication and effective response strategies.

A key operational success was the response zone system, which divided the event space into Red, Blue, and Green zones. Vendor booths were color-coded and numbered, similar to street addresses, allowing responders to locate patients quickly within crowded

areas. Calls for service were routed through the City of Virginia Beach and Navy Region Mid-Atlantic's Regional Dispatch Center (RDC) directly to the Unified Command Post. Units were dispatched based on zone assignments, improving efficiency and reducing response times.

The Logistics Section ensured responders were equipped with radios, Incident Action Plans (IAPs), and assignments during check-in. Supplies such as meals, hydration, and equipment were distributed efficiently, supporting sustained operations. Real-time patient statistics were tracked using SharePoint on the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), providing leadership with real-time actionable data throughout the event.

The 2024 IAP has been selected for inclusion in the CNIC Incident Management Team (IMT) Course, recognizing its utility as a planning and execution model. Additionally, the air show hosted over 8,000 fifth-grade students on Friday for a practice show featuring a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program centered on naval aviation. This outreach event set a new Guinness record for the largest school field trip.



For 2025, enhancements will include expanded training for volunteers, additional equipment to support logistics and operations, and continued improvements to coordination with municipal partners. NRMA Fire & Emergency Services remains focused on a relentless pursuit of continuous improvement its approach to planning and service delivery for large-scale events.

[Read the full After Action Report Here](#)

Around the Firehouse

NAS Corpus Christi Awardees

(Left) Firefighter Julio Funes (Firefighter of the Year), and on the right is Captain Adrian Castillo (Fire Officer of the Year). Congratulations! (Courtesy Photo)



First Coast F&ES Promotes New Captain

Promotion Announcement. Early February, firefighters of First Coast Navy Fire & Emergency Services Fire Chief Mark Brusoe had the honor to pin our new Captain, Ali Razi. Captain Razi has been with First Coast Navy Fire & Emergency Services for over 9 years and has served in the United States Navy for 21 years (combined Active and Reserve), making the rank of Master Chief. Captain Razi will be assigned to Group 7 Station 3. (Courtesy Photo).

Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

RADM Barnett Navy Region Hawaii; Presented Awards to First Responders

Bravo Zulu! Navy Region Hawaii Sailors, Civilians were recognized Firefighters for a job well done and presented awards by RADM Barnett during an All Hands event.



(left) Patrick Allen is awarded certificate in recognition of 45 years of service. (Above) Francis Aurellano, Jonathan Akaka and Tristan Souza are awarded the Certificate of Life Saving. (Courtesy Photo)



Mona Amisone is recognized as civilian of the quarter (Fourth Quarter). (Courtesy Photo)

Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

New Orleans F&ES Supported Air Force One Visit



A huge thank you to our incredible team for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and hospitality shown for the visit of the POTUS!



Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Naval Base Ventura Crew Deployed in Support of Historic California Wild Fires

(Courtesy Photos).



Fire stopping and the Importance of These Fire Resistive Components for Fire-Safe Environments

Story by: Mark Weil (Retired Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, U.S. Navy Fire & Emergency Services), Navy Hall of Fame #51

In continuing the fire resistive components discussion from last month. There needs to be consideration given to fire stopping and their assemblies. This is especially true when the fire inspector is inspecting these elements and their efficiencies within the building(s) and their purpose. This also applies to the fire plans examiner and their review and design aspects of a building(s) and its application.

When it comes to understanding fire stopping it is important to understand what it is not. The three main components we will discuss briefly that fire stopping is not. It is not fire blocking, draftstopping and foam installation. Fire stopping is not fireblocking. As this is used within concealed locations in combustible construction. And this has the ability to resist the passage of flame to other areas. The International Building Code (IBC) defines fire blocking as in combustible construction, fire blocking shall be provided to cut off both vertical and horizontal concealed draft openings and to form an effective fire barrier between stories, and between a top story and the roof space. Also fire stopping is not draftstopping. As IBC defines, this material and or a device restricts the movement of air in concealed, and combustible locations. And fire stopping is not a form of foam insulation to provide a type of fire blocking. Again these three elements noted are not fire stopping.

NFPA 1 with Navy Amendments from a fire stopping point of view is based on features of fire protection, firestop systems and device requirements as defined in the code. Also these systems must meet the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) specifically E814. As this guidance states it is the testing method for fire tests of penetration firestop systems. And this test method is used to determine the performance of firestop systems with respect to exposure to a standard time-temperature fire test and a hose stream test. And the performance of a firestop system is all dependent upon the specific assembly of materials tested including the number, type, and size of penetrations and the floors or walls in which it is installed.

An important aspect that is often overlooked when it comes to fire stopping as Francis Brannigan noted in his Building Construction for the Fire Service book. Where he described there is another type of fire stopping, which he called “legal fire stopping”, because it is installed with no other purpose other than to meet the requirements of the code. And is designed to provide a barrier to the spread of fire in the interior voids of the building.

However, this fire stopping can often be ineffective. As there can be questions as to how it was installed. And was the firestopping properly and completely installed adequately. And was the building official or competent person vigilant in the reference to the firestopping application and its oversight. And was it tampered with, after its installation. As Francis Brannigan referenced in his book as he noted and experienced. And has seen and photographed that fire stop breaches existed with the use of this material. I have also personally experienced this throughout my career as an inspector. That when fire stopping was inadequately installed and maintained. This material created a false sense of security to its occupants. And this problem needed to be addressed and corrected immediately and accordingly.

Now at this point you may ask how do we address these issues with fire stopping. The first thing we need to address with these concerns is the potential firestopping issues at the plan-review process of the project. As this would be the responsibility of the fire plans examiner to review the plans for various penetrating items and ensure that these plans reviews include listing details for those penetrating items. The IBC in Section 107.2.1 requires that plans must show in detail that the proposed installation will meet code.

Then finally due to the complexity with fire stopping and with its requirements on the installation and applications. The IBC mandates that fire stopping be inspected by an special inspection based on critical applications as defined in chapter 17 of the IBC. In addition, NFPA 1 with Navy Amendments 12.3.2.1 Quality Assurance for Penetration and Joints, and 12.7.5.1 Fire Systems and Devices Required. These references can provide further guidance to the inspector and or the fire plans examiner. Thus, these two fire service entities, the fire inspector and fire plans examiner can apply and utilize these fire resistive components in a code compliant matter to the building(s) and or design elements involved. Then a fire-safe environment can be assured in the beginning and throughout the history of the building(s) if these elements are applied effectively.



NAWS China Lake Shipping Container Fire

Story and Photos by: Captain Brian Liske, China Lake Federal Fire Department



Incident Summary

On January 7th, 2025 Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake responded to a fire call. Engine and ambulance 21 responded to building 98004 for a report of an exterior structure fire with smoke and flames showing. Engine 21 confirmed enroute that smoke was visible and Chief 22 requested that Engine 32 responds as well. Engine 21 arrived on scene and reported a small C-train type storage building fully involved with wildland exposure to the Charlie side and a propane tank on the Delta side.. Engine 21 took a quick attack approach and stretched a handline to the front of the structure at this time Chief 22 arrived on



scene and assumed IC and labeled Engine 21 as fire attack.

At 10:40 Engine 32 arrived on scene and started establishing water supply. Engine 21 achieved knock-down of the fire at 10:41:04. Crews worked together searching for extension, salvage and overhaul. Fire was officially called out at 11:34:46. Crews remained on scene approximately 1 hour until the incident was terminated.

Investigation

After speaking with building occupants, China



Lake Police Department and IC it was determined that the occupants were using this exterior storage building as a smoking area and it is presumed that a cigarette was the likely cause of the fire. Another contributing factor was high winds in the area. DoD Fire Loss: \$5K to facility, \$2K.

United States Navy Community College New Degree

Sailors may now earn an Associates of Science in Emergency Management degree thru Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University under the U.S Naval Community College (USNCC). Although this program is open to all rating you can expect our ABH and DC Sailors working under Navy F&ES, Emergency Management, and those on the fleet to pursue this degree.

Talk to your Command Career Counselor and visit the website for more info.

<https://www.usncc.edu/s/academics/degree-program?name=Emergency-Management-ERAU>

Below are links to the USNCC Emergency Management Program announcement products. Thank you!

DVIDS article: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/489647/us-naval-community-college-accepting-applications-emergency-management-program>



New MCICOM F&ES logo & Challenge Con Unveiled

Story By Chris Shimer, Contract Support to MCICOM

The F&ES program at MCICOM is excited to announce the re-design of the F&ES logo and challenge coin. Developed by the MCICOM Fire Team and graphic designers, the logo was designed to be consistent with DoD F&ES while maintaining certain components that clearly identify the Marine Corps. This is the logo that will be used for shirt orders going forward.

The Marine Corps F&ES challenge coin has also been re-designed. The front side of the coin will be the new F&ES logo, while the back side of the coin will feature the design that is pictured below. Instead of a round coin, the new coin will be in the form of a Maltese Cross and is a three-inch coin as compared to the two-inch coin we currently have. The new coins have been ordered and will be distributed by the MCICOM Fire Team as appropriate.



Back in the Day: *Harrisburg Blitz Box*

Story by Tom Shand

Prior to World War II U.S. Navy engines were typically outfitted with split hose beds to accommodate 2.50 inch supply line along with one or two beds for 1.50 inch hose equipped with Rockwood Navy fog nozzles. The attack line hose would consist of two 150 foot 1.50 inch lines, flat loaded and connected to a gated wye secured on the rear step. This would permit the engine to drop this skid load once connected to the supply line bed and then reverse lay to the nearest hydrant or pull the attack lines and attach the gated wye to a pump panel discharge.

Transverse hose beds were developed in 1947 in Mattydale, New York where Chief Burton Eno built a plywood bin mounted over the rear hose bed where 1.50 inch hose could be loaded and preconnected to a side body discharge, with one line loaded to be stretched from each side of the apparatus. Over a period of time other local departments began to modify their apparatus to provide this set up over the fire pump area providing preconnected lines on existing rigs with little or no cost.

During the later part of the 1950's preconnected attack lines were a rarity as most engines were not equipped with rear body discharges. This was the case with the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire where during the War Years of the 1960's their engine companies lacked the ability to rapidly deploy attack lines encountering a heavy fire duty with working fires throughout the community. Chief Chet Henry developed the Harrisburg Blitz Box which consisted of three quarter plywood with six slots to accommodate four 1.50 inch and two 2.50 inch hose lines which would be attached to the pump panel discharges on each side of the apparatus.

Eventually nine engines built by Mack Trucks ranging in age from 1951 to 1962 were modified with the Blitz Box over the fire pump to provide multiple preconnected attack lines. Similar to the Mattydale hose tray, departments in central Pennsylvania rebuilt their rigs and modified their operations to provide this capability on many different models of engine units. This design has been carried over to current Harrisburg engine apparatus as each is outfitted with two 150 foot, two 200 foot and two 250 foot 1.75 inch attack lines in a crosslay configuration.



Cheltenham Naval Communications Unit Engine 791 1966 International R-190 FTI #73-01905 (Photo by Tom Shand)

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Back in the Day (*con't.*):

At several Navy installations, rigs which were not provided with rear body discharges were modified with attack lines loaded in place of the hard suction hose trays and connected directly to pump panel discharges. During the 1970's the Naval Communications Unit in Cheltenham, Maryland rebuilt a 1966 International R-190 750 gpm pumper using local resources to include a two preconnected crosslay hose beds over the fire pump. The Naval Ship Parts Control Center in Mechanicsburg modified Engine 237, a 1967 International R-190 750 gpm pumper built by FTI with a four slot version of the Harrisburg blitz box.

Today, fire departments across the country utilize preconnected attack lines that are carried at the front portion of the body and depending upon geographic locations may be referred to as transverse beds, bulk beds or crosslay hose beds. When you hear the term Mattydale or Harrisburg Blitz Box you now know the rest of the story as to how these hose bed configuration came from and how this design became integrated into many new engine apparatus over the years. Mattydale Chief Burton Eno and Chief Chet Henry from Harrisburg were among several of the many fire service visionaries who saw an issue and developed some innovative home built solutions that were developed at a local level. These concepts have ultimately contributed to the fire service in these areas. Back in the day local innovations often were the answer to complex issues.



Mechanicsburg SPCC Engine 237 1967 International R-185 FTI #73-01934 (Photo Courtesy by Tom Shand)



Norfolk Navy Yard Engine 6 Seagrave #248292 (Photo by Tom Shand)

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Region area installations should be aware of the Fire & Emergency Services assessment schedules for their locations so they can be prepared. To prepare, installations should conduct self assessments; regions should conduct CART or other region evaluations; all before the CNIC validation team arrives. For more information, contact Eric Rhode: eric.k.rhode.civ@us.navy.mil



OVERSIGHT PROCESS:



REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRMA	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Full Scale Exercise	23-29 March, 2025
CNRSW	SWRMC - San Diego	Full Scale Exercise	23-29 March, 2025
CNRMA	NSA Hampton Roads	FEP	23-29 March, 2025
CNRSW	NAS Lemoore	FEP	6-12 April, 2025
CNRE	FDRMC Detachment Bahrain	Full Scale Exercise	14-18 April, 2025
CNRSE	NAS Kingsville	FEP	14-18 April, 2025
CNRMA	JEB Little Creek	FEP	14-18 April, 2025
CNRSE	NAS Whiting Field	FEP	20-26 April, 2025
CNRMA	Naval Station Great Lakes	FEP	21-24 April, 2025
CNRE	NSA Souda Bay	NATOPS	22-24 April, 2025

Note: Please stay in touch with Eric Rhode, as dates are subject to change.



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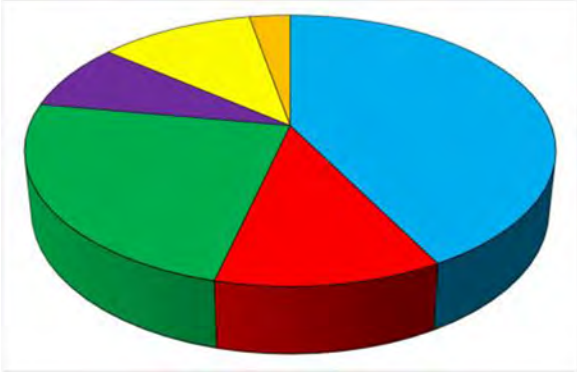
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ESAMS Corner Update

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

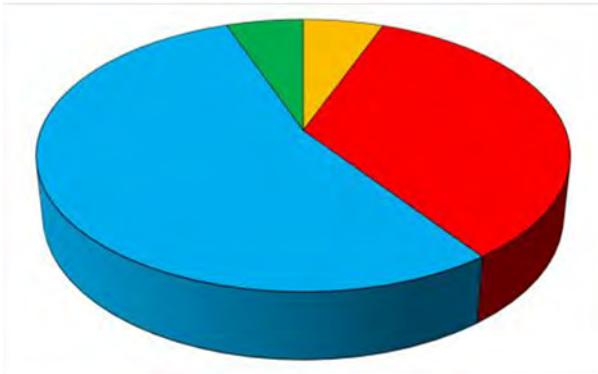
CY 2025 Statistics (1 January – 31 January)

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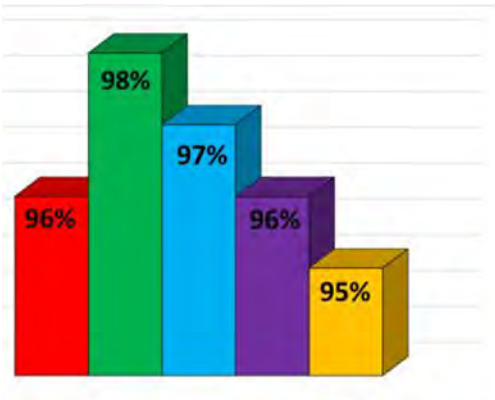
Rescue & EMS	2,017
Hazardous	558
False Alarm	1,140
Service Calls	390
Good Intent	537
Fires	142
Total	4,784

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	2,961
Hot Work Permits	1,875
Inspections	304
Building Evacuation Drills	317
Total	5,457

Training



EMS	97%
Proficiency	96%
Emergency Management	98%
Safety	96%
DoD Certification	95%

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 25

Mishaps Reported: 2
Total Lost Work Days: 0

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Janice Lozoya, 2020
Daniel Vogel, 2020

James LaConte, 2021
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