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From the Fire Within:

My Journey Through Depression to Firefighter of the Year

By Jeff Frawley, Firefighter/Paramedic, DoD Civilian Firefighter of the Year 2023

Standing there in uniform, hearing my name called as the DoD Civilian Firefighter of the Year, I didn't just think about the calls I'd answered. I thought about the nights I couldn't sleep, and the days I wondered if I'd ever feel like myself again.

For a long time, I didn't even realize I was slipping. I was doing the job — showing up, putting on the uniform, answering calls, training, helping others — but going home and trying to act like everything in life was fine.

When I came up in the fire service, we were taught that if someone had mental health problems, they were weak. Most of us wouldn't even make eye contact or talk to them. For years, I transported patients with suicidal thoughts or depression, and I'll be honest — I used to roll my eyes and tell them, "Come on," with no empathy. But I never thought I'd end up facing that same kind of darkness myself.

When depression hit me, I didn't really acknowledge it. I just kept telling myself, *I'm in a funk. I'll be fine next month.* Time went on. We moved from South Texas to North Texas, building a house while renting another. My daughters moved back in, and the house was full again. I'd look around and tell myself, *Man, I've got it good. God has blessed me.*

But even with a full house, I felt completely alone. I didn't want to sleep, but I didn't want to wake up either. Every night was a fight to close my eyes, and every morning was a fight to get out of bed. I kept lying to myself, thinking once we got settled, I'd feel better. Around that same time, I had another injury — my right shoulder and arm were always on fire. I ignored it, pushed through the pain. I'd sleep with a heating pad wrapped around my arm just trying to get comfortable.





I remember the night I *broke*. COVID separation policies were in place, and some of our crews were relocated to the old barracks — what we called the “COVID cantina.” It was around 3 a.m. I was scrolling through YouTube when a video popped up of a firefighter talking about his battle with depression and how it affected his family and work. I must’ve watched that video ten times. At first, I was in shock — *is he talking about me?* The next few times, I just cried. I didn’t sleep a minute that night.



The next morning, I went home thinking about that video. The house was quiet — my wife was at work, the kids had all moved out. I made a pot of coffee and sat at the dining table, replaying that video in my head. The more I thought about it, the more the tears came. *What am I going to do? Where do I go from here?*

Then I remembered AFC Dessesha had put out messages on WhatsApp about depression and suicide — saying we could reach out to him anytime. I pulled up his contact, set the phone on the table, and just stared at it. *What am I going to say? How do I even start this conversation?* Finally, I just hit call.

The phone rang, and he answered, “Hello.” My mouth moved, but no words came out. He said hello again, and I finally got out, “Chief, it’s Frawley. Do you have a minute to talk?” He said, “Sure.” And then I just lost it. Between the sobbing, he kept asking, “Jeff, are you okay? Are you safe?” When I could finally talk, I told him I was safe. We talked for over an hour. I told him everything that was going on.

He gave me some of the best advice I’ve ever gotten.

“Have you told your wife about this?” he asked.

“No,” I said. “I didn’t want to burden her with it.”

The truth was, the depression had taken a toll on us. We were more like roommates than husband and wife at that point.

That evening, Sam texted and asked if I’d told my wife. No, I hadn’t. I didn’t know what to say. I’d always been the strong one in the family, and now I just felt small and weak. That night we barely spoke — just watched TV and went to bed.

The next morning, I was sitting at the dining table thinking, *Do I talk to her now or wait until later?* As she was getting ready for work, I finally said, “We need to talk about something.” I broke down and told her everything — how I’d been feeling, what was going on inside my head. She just hugged me tight and said she understood. She had battled depression before, too. She said, “We’ll get past this.”

That was the first time I realized I wasn’t alone — and it was the first step toward getting better. I started talking to someone professionally. It wasn’t easy opening up, but it was necessary. I learned that healing isn’t about pretending everything’s okay — it’s about being honest, even when it’s hard. Little by little, I started feeling joy again — joking with the crew, morning coffee before shift, talking with my daughters. Every conversation made the weight a little lighter.





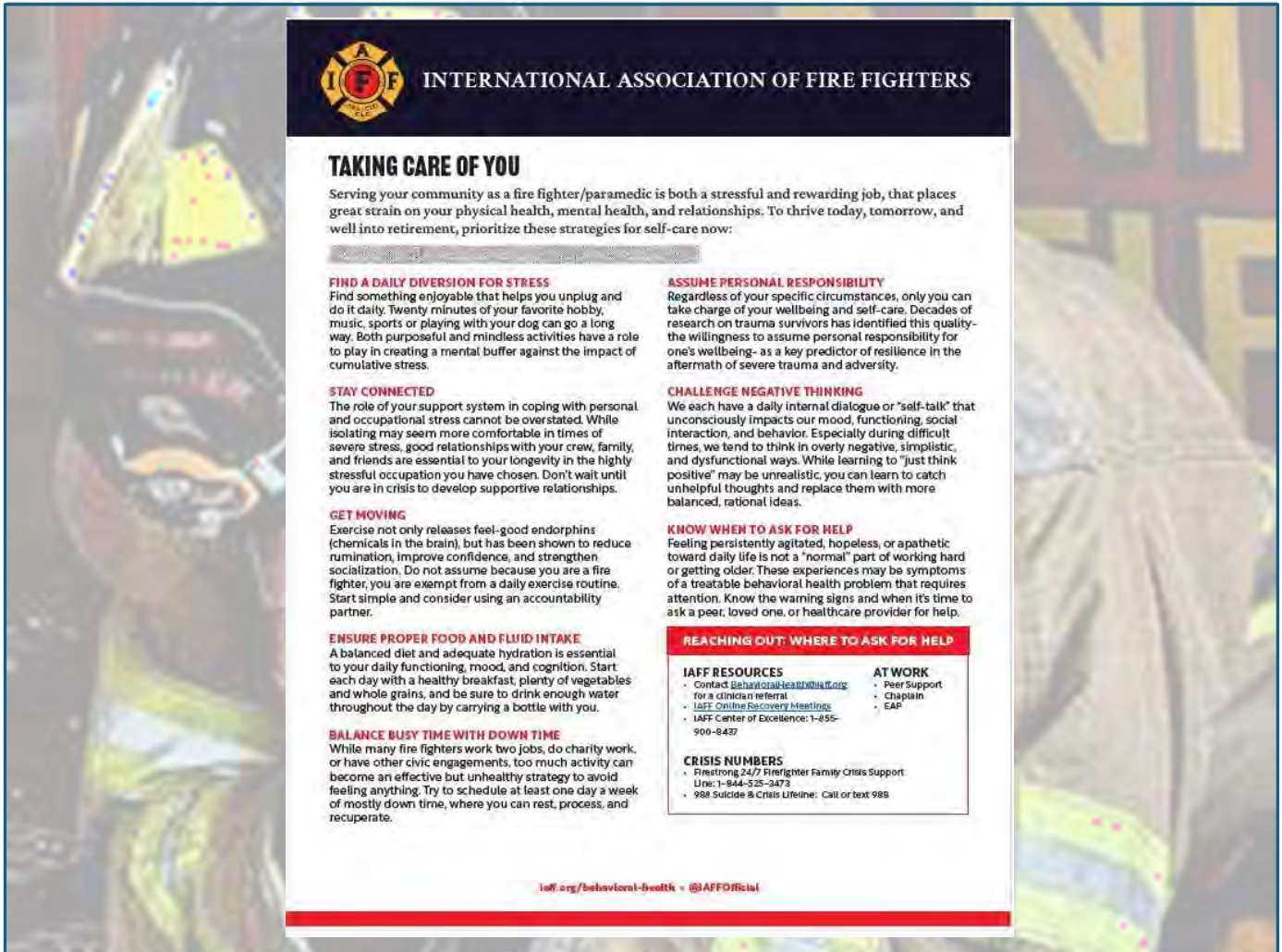
When I found out I was being honored as Firefighter of the Year, I was humbled — and honestly, emotional. That award isn't just about calls answered or training hours logged. For me, it represents resilience. It stands for the idea that no matter how far you fall, you can rise again.


The journey through depression didn't break me — it rebuilt me. It made me more empathetic, more aware, and more grateful for the people around me. It reminded me that the fire service isn't just about saving others; sometimes it's about saving each other.

If you're reading this and struggling, please don't keep it inside. Talk to someone — a coworker, a chaplain, a counselor. We don't leave anyone behind on the fireground, and we shouldn't in life either. The same courage it takes to run into a burning building is the courage it takes to say, "I need help."

My story isn't about an award — it's about survival, hope, and rediscovering purpose. The fire within me almost went out once, but with support, honesty, and perseverance, it came back stronger than ever.

If my story helps even one firefighter find the strength to reach out — then every moment of struggle was worth it.





INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS

TAKING CARE OF YOU

Serving your community as a fire fighter/paramedic is both a stressful and rewarding job, that places great strain on your physical health, mental health, and relationships. To thrive today, tomorrow, and well into retirement, prioritize these strategies for self-care now:

FIND A DAILY DIVERSION FOR STRESS
Find something enjoyable that helps you unplug and do it daily. Twenty minutes of your favorite hobby, music, sports or playing with your dog can go a long way. Both purposeful and mindless activities have a role to play in creating a mental buffer against the impact of cumulative stress.

STAY CONNECTED
The role of your support system in coping with personal and occupational stress cannot be overstated. While isolating may seem more comfortable in times of severe stress, good relationships with your crew, family, and friends are essential to your longevity in the highly stressful occupation you have chosen. Don't wait until you are in crisis to develop supportive relationships.

GET MOVING
Exercise not only releases feel-good endorphins (chemicals in the brain), but has been shown to reduce rumination, improve confidence, and strengthen socialization. Do not assume because you are a fire fighter, you are exempt from a daily exercise routine. Start simple and consider using an accountability partner.

ENSURE PROPER FOOD AND FLUID INTAKE
A balanced diet and adequate hydration is essential to your daily functioning, mood, and cognition. Start each day with a healthy breakfast, plenty of vegetables and whole grains, and be sure to drink enough water throughout the day by carrying a bottle with you.

BALANCE BUSY TIME WITH DOWN TIME
While many fire fighters work two jobs, do charity work, or have other civic engagements, too much activity can become an effective but unhealthy strategy to avoid feeling anything. Try to schedule at least one day a week of mostly down time, where you can rest, process, and recuperate.

ASSUME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
Regardless of your specific circumstances, only you can take charge of your wellbeing and self-care. Decades of research on trauma survivors has identified this quality—the willingness to assume personal responsibility for one's wellbeing— as a key predictor of resilience in the aftermath of severe trauma and adversity.

CHALLENGE NEGATIVE THINKING
We each have a daily internal dialogue or "self-talk" that unconsciously impacts our mood, functioning, social interaction, and behavior. Especially during difficult times, we tend to think in overly negative, simplistic, and dysfunctional ways. While learning to "just think positive" may be unrealistic, you can learn to catch unhelpful thoughts and replace them with more balanced, rational ideas.

KNOW WHEN TO ASK FOR HELP
Feeling persistently agitated, hopeless, or apathetic toward daily life is not a "normal" part of working hard or getting older. These experiences may be symptoms of a treatable behavioral health problem that requires attention. Know the warning signs and when it's time to ask a peer, loved one, or healthcare provider for help.

REACHING OUT: WHERE TO ASK FOR HELP

<p>IAFF RESOURCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact BehavioralHealth@iaff.org for a clinician referral IAFF Online Recovery Hearings IAFF Center of Excellence: 1-855-900-8437 	<p>AT WORK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Support Chaplain EAP
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CRISIS NUMBERS

- Firestrong 24/7 Firefighter Family Crisis Support Line: 1-844-525-3473
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988

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Last Alarms

The USFA reported 34 line of duty deaths in 2026. The following line of duty deaths have been reported since our last issue.

Carl Evans
Tribune, KS

Jeffery Derrick
Pittsburg, TX

Todd Koch
Richlandtown, PA

Robert Kilduff, Jr.
Boston, MA

Steven Lepselter
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Demair Lloyd
Largo, MD

John Morgan
Roscoe, IL

George Turner
Exton, PA

Carlos Ramirez, Jr.
Santa Clarita, CA

Harold Osborn
Seelyville, IN

Wayne Woodbury
Searsmont, ME

Isai Huerta
Odessa, TX



Lest We Forget
Navy F&ES Line of Duty Deaths in June






Brice Trossbach
Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD
27 June 2023





Retired CNRSW Fire Chief Answers Last Alarm



William Joseph “Bill” Egidi of Lakeside, CA, passed away in Sarasota, FL on June 16, 2026, at the age of 74. He was a devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, loyal friend, and respected leader whose life reflected service, laughter, generosity, and deep love for his family and community.

Bill was the beloved husband of Jeannie Egidi, and together they shared a life filled with love, fun, travel, and family. He was a proud and loving father to Josh Egidi, Emilee Egidi, Jonathan Egidi (Lily) and Dina Guizzetti, his cherished bonus daughter, whom he loved as his own. Bill was also the brother of Bonnie Peebles (Chris). He was a proud grandfather to Rilee Egidi, Mackenzie Egidi, Allison Egidi, Billy Egidi, Oliver Egidi, and Tyler Grady, his beloved bonus grandson. His grandchildren brought him great joy, and he treasured every moment with them.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy from 1970 to 1978, carrying the values of duty, discipline, and service throughout his life. He later devoted much of his career to public service and leadership with Navy Fire & Emergency Services, where he served with distinction as Navy Region Southwest Fire Chief before retiring. He was deeply respected for his commitment, work ethic, and the example he set for others.

Outside of work, Bill valued fellowship, community, and friendship. He was a proud member of the Elks, American Legion, Eagles, E Clampus Vitus, and the San Diego Parrothead Club, where he formed lasting friendships and shared in the camaraderie and traditions he loved. He was also known for his funny daily Facebook posts, which brought smiles and laughter to many.

Those who knew Bill, also known as Mr. Bill, will remember his strength, humor, and unwavering love for his family and friends. He lived with a generous spirit and a full heart, leaving a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. His legacy lives on in the family he loved so deeply, the friends he cherished, and the many lives he touched.

Bill will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his loving wife, children, grandchildren, extended family, and countless friends.

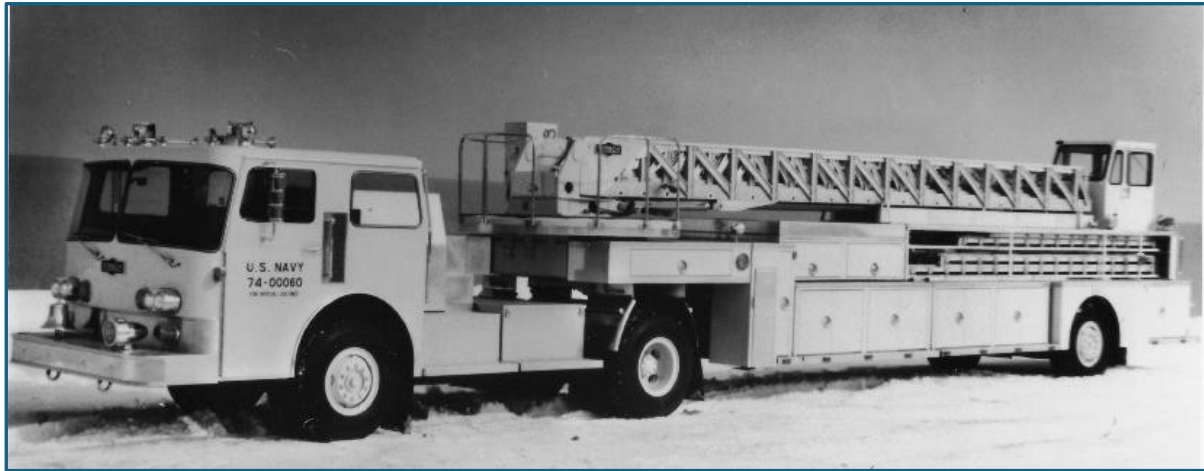
Rest in Paradise, Bill (Mr. Bill). Your love, your service, and your spirit will never be forgotten.





Navy Pirsch Ladders

By Bill Killen, photos from Bill Killen Collection



This Pirsch ladder truck was featured on pages 162 and 163 in my book, *Navy & Marine Corps Fire Apparatus*.

One of the last fire apparatus acceptance tests conducted by Navy Fire Marshal Program Administrator Jim Manser prior to his retirement in 1985 was the Pirsch Skytop 110' custom senior aerial ladder.

This factory photo was taken at the Pirsch factory in Kenosha, Wisconsin during the acceptance tests conducted by the Navy. Shown here painted and lettered to exact Navy specifications, the truck passed all tests and was accepted by the Navy for assignment to Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco, California. The Pirsch Model CSN6 Skytop 110 was powered with a 6-cylinder Detroit Diesel 6-71T engine and Allison MT-654 Automatic transmission. The cab was built by Truck Cab Manufacturers.

This Pirsch advertisement depicts the Naval Station Treasure Island's 110-foot aerial AFTER the Pirsch factory dressed it up with a "Sunfire" finish paint job and hand gold leaf lettering. Peter Pirsch distributed this advertisement at international, regional and state fire conferences. The 110 foot all aluminum heavy duty 4-section ladder included a telescoping waterway and high strength aluminum ladder.





Taking Care of Our Own Program

There are six firefighters in the Taking Care of Our Own Program.

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Albert Quinones	Naval Base Coronado, CA	richard.t.leith2.civ@us.navy.mil
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Arthur Gerpoltz	Fort McCoy, WI	brady.j.brever.civ@army.mil
Charles Latham	NAS Patuxent River, MD	joyce.a.aud.civ@us.navy.mil
Andrew Duran	NAVBASE Ventura County, CA	david.g.santillo@us.navy.mil

The “Taking Care of Our Own” Program, a sub-set of the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, was developed to support military component Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) personnel with a medical emergency defined as *a medical condition of an employee or a family member of an F&ES employee that is likely to require an employee's absence from duty for a prolonged period of time and to result in a substantial loss of income resulting from the unavailability of paid leave*. The Program invites all military component F&ES personnel to donate ONE HOUR of annual leave to any member to enable them to focus on recovery rather than financial distress.



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Jargon **“AS THE CROW FLIES”**

As you can imagine, relying only on the sun, stars and a knotted piece of string for navigation meant that captains sometimes got a bit disoriented about their precise location. For this reason, they usually sailed with a few crows on board. By releasing the crow – which instinctively flies towards land – and monitoring its flight direction, they could confirm their location and adjust heading accordingly.





U.S. Navy FTI Custom Chassis Pumpers

Story and photos by Tom Shand



Fire Master Corporation, which built commercial and custom chassis fire apparatus for mid-west departments became Fire Trucks Incorporated in 1960 and was based in Mount Clemens, MI. The company over the years became one of the primary suppliers of pumpers and other apparatus for all branches of the military. The U.S. Navy during this period developed a specification for a standard configuration pumper using an enclosed two door commercial chassis which would enable installations to easily obtain service and spare parts.

The first order for these units was awarded to Fire Trucks Incorporated and between 1963 and 1967 produced several large orders for pumpers based upon the International model R-185 chassis. These units were originally painted red and were equipped with a Waterous pump rated at 750 gpm with a 300 gallon water tank, along with a top mounted booster reel and four body compartments along with a large rear step to accommodate the crew.

It is interesting to note that the Navy placed a large order for American LaFrance Pioneer canopy cab pumpers in 1965 which provided room for personnel to ride in rear facing jump seats which enhanced safety for the crew. For the next few years engine replacements reverted to commercial cab chassis with these rigs becoming the standard design until 1975 when the specifications were changed to again require canopy cab vehicles.

Shortly thereafter FTI began to build and deliver 52 new pumpers for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps and were among the first units acquired in the new yellow paint scheme. The order was split using both Duplex D-260 and Pemfab canopy cab chassis that had similar appearances with flat cab fascia and sloping front windshield. These pumpers were powered by a Cummins V-555 diesel engine rated at 225 horsepower. The FTI pumpers were equipped with Waterous two stage fire pumps rated at 750 gpm, 500 gallon water tanks and a 40 gallon Class B foam tank. The pump panels on these units were straightforward with the addition of a Rockwood around the pump foam system.



The pumpers had an odd appearance as there was a full width walkway behind the engine enclosure that provided space for tool and equipment mounting due to the short wheelbase when coupled with an automatic transmission. Several installations heavily modified the apparatus including the installation of transverse crosslay hose beds, pre-piped deck guns and high side body compartments.

Naval Air Station Key West was assigned property number 73-02463 and carried an extended length of hard suction hose for use with the in ground cisterns located around the installation.





Engine 2 at the Naval Air Engineering Center Lakehurst carried property number 73-02446 and was rebuilt by department members to include a fixed deck gun, two crosslay hose beds in the walkway area along with preconnected intake line and additional warning lights.

From this point forward, the U.S. Navy continued to specify custom chassis, canopy cab apparatus for their engine companies. Fire Trucks Incorporated continued to provide vehicles for the Navy including an order for thirty-eight 1000 gpm engines during 1980. This followed a contract with Seagrave Fire Apparatus for forty-six engines in 1978 with Seagrave designing a new MB model cab specifically for use to compete for military apparatus orders. The experiences gained from these pumpers enabled the U.S. Navy Fire and Emergency Services to specify custom chassis apparatus for most all future acquisitions and provided the basis for today's modern vehicles.

USS Patriot (MCM-7) 8010 Drill at Sasebo



The USS *Patriot* (MCM-7) successfully completed what is quite possibly our final NAVSEA SO570-AC-CCM-010/8010 (*Industrial Ship Safety Manual for Fire Prevention and Response*) validation exercise — another major milestone in our return to the fight.

This evolution showcased the grit, professionalism, and teamwork that have defined this crew throughout an incredibly demanding availability. Watching so many organizations come together with one common purpose was something special.

A huge thank you to Security Reaction Force, Fed Fire, our dedicated project team, and the crew of the USS *Warrior* (MCM-10) for their outstanding support and partnership. Your hard work, coordination and commitment continue to move the USS *Patriot* closer to sea.





The Role of Emotions in Decision Making

By Rich Gasaway, PhD

It is a widely held belief that the best decisions are made without the interference of emotions. Economists and statisticians alike stand fast to this belief – the best decisions are made using pure logic. **Facts and formulas lead to the most rational decisions. But do they?** Imagine for a moment if the emotional control center of a person’s brain were removed. Would that person then make better decisions? To answer that question, I want to introduce you to Phineas Gage.



Gage was a construction foreman for a railroad company and on September 13, 1848, he sustained an injury that made him the subject of neuro-researchers to this day. While placing an explosive charge into a rock using a tamping rod, the ordinance accidentally detonated and the three-foot, seven-inch rod went through Gage’s skull. Amazingly, Gage survived an injury that would, to this day, be fatal to many. His physical recovery was no less amazing to doctors. Within ten weeks of the injury Gage returned to work. Life was normal again. Or was it?

There was something fundamentally wrong with Gage. He suffered no memory loss and no motor skill deficits (sans the loss of his left eye and the depth perception challenges it might create from having monocular vision). But Gage was clearly “different.”

His behavior had changed. In addition to a change in his personality, one of the most notable deficits was Gage could no longer make a coherent decision. The accident destroyed a portion of his brain in the frontal lobe that controls emotions. **Gage could no longer make good decisions for the lack of emotional input into the process.**

Many subsequent studies involving patients with traumatic brain injuries, lesions and tumors have validated the importance of the emotional control center in the process of decision making. We now know that emotions are a critical component of decision making, though economists and statisticians might still choose to disagree.

Thanks to the advances in modern medicine, researchers are now able to gauge a person’s emotional response to a stimulus and predict behavior long before the (apparent) rational decision is made.

One study I recall reading involved asking Chief Executive Officers to register their “gut” (emotional) solution to a problem prior to embarking on the long, often difficult and timely journey of gathering all the facts and evidence needed to make a “good” decision. When the dust settled, in a vast majority of the cases, the emotional “gut” decision equaled or was better than the rational, non-emotional decision.

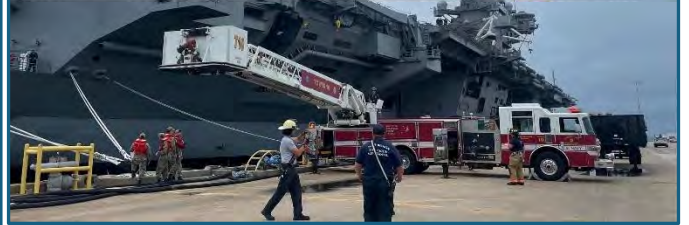
The ability of the emotional brain to solve problems and influence decision making is the very concept that Malcolm Gladwell wrote about in his best-selling novel, *Blink*. While Gladwell is not a researcher, his writing is well researched and, for the most part, accurately portrayed.

The take away: Emotions are essential – no, critical – to making quality decisions. I do not advocate making purely emotional decisions. Rather, I’d say trust your gut, but validate it with some proof – facts and data – that confirm you’re on the right track. But never dismiss your gut feelings. They’re telling you something... and the message is coming right from your prefrontal cortex.





The Daily Routine – Mid Atlantic





Around the Firehouse

Souda Bay Observes EMS Week



As we celebrate EMS Appreciation Week, Armed Forces Network Souda Bay extends our deepest gratitude to the dedicated emergency responders who serve our installation. Whether military or civilian, these first responders stand ready around the clock to provide critical, life-saving care to our service members, families, and workforce.



First Coast Promotions

Fire Chief Mark Brusoe had the honor of promoting First Coast Navy Fire & Emergency Services' newest Lieutenant, Jason Lynn.

Lt. Lynn has been with FCNF&ES for 16 years. Prior to his start in 2010, Jason served in the United States Army. He also served six years with the Florida National Guard.

Lt. Lynn is now assigned to Station 2, Group 4, NAS Jacksonville. Best of luck with your new position!



New Rig for NAVMAG Indian Island

Today we had the honor of pushing the new Engine 91 into its new home at Naval Magazine Indian Island, WA.

Thank you to all from Indian Island and the community who came out to help us with the momentous occasion.





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Food Trucks and Temporary Cooking Facilities

By Mark Weil, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention (Ret), Navy F&ES Hall of Fame #51



Mobile and temporary cooking activities are very common on Navy installations. Understanding the challenges and hazards involved can help the fire inspector limit these threats and ensure a fire safe environment for the operators and the customers they serve.

NFPA 1 with Navy Amendments (Navy Fire Code) chapter 50.7 provides definitive guidance for mobile and temporary cooking activities.

Owners/operators often underestimate the fire safety requirements, especially when the setup is short-term or offsite from a main kitchen. This is why it is imperative fire inspectors provide fire code guidance to keep these operations fire safe.

Fire Inspectors must consider the following guidelines:

- Permits shall be required for the location, design, construction, and operation of mobile and temporary cooking operations. Local Navy Fire Prevention Instructions outline specific permitting requirements.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided per NFPA 96 for cooking operations.
- Prior to performing mobile or temporary cooking operations, workers shall be trained in emergency response procedures.

Some of the most common violations include:

- Hood systems, ducts and filters with grease build up and without proper cleaning regimens in place
- Inspection tags on fire suppression systems and a proper Class K fire extinguisher(s) not properly being maintained and inspected
- Propane tanks not properly secured and precautions not taken to limit heat sources in around tanks



Fire inspectors are obligated to inform owners/operators about effective measures that can be taken to ensure fire safety is at the forefront of their operation.

Interactions with the owner/operators of these mobile and temporary cooking operations is important as it provides the necessary awareness to ensure compliance with the basics of the fire code to avoid violations. When violations are avoided the owner/ operators can ensure operations won't be impeded and more time can be focused on servicing their customers.

Special Notice: Fire Inspectors should also review the guidance for cooking capabilities in unaccompanied housing contained in CNIC NOTICE 11103, *Expanded Cooking Capabilities in Unaccompanied Housing*.





CNRSW F&ES Provides High-Tech HazMat Support

By Gregg Smith Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

Firefighters from Naval Base San Diego, Naval Base Coronado and nearby Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach provided critical robotic support to civilian first responders during a recent major chemical incident at a civilian industrial facility. The incident in Garden Grove, CA over the Memorial Day weekend involved the evacuation of over 50,000 local residents after a chemical storage tank at a private aerospace company overheated and began venting toxic and highly flammable chemicals.



Following requests for support from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Orange County Fire Authority, Navy F&ES arrived with *Johnny-5*, a Thermite RS-1 firefighting robot. “The robot’s initial mission was to provide decontamination support for hazardous materials entry teams operating in the hot zone,” said NWS Seal Beach Fire Chief Matt Rios, the robot division lead for the event.

Rios, along with robot team entry lead Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Glorioso from Naval Base Coronado and robot operator Firefighter David Gyselbrecht from Naval Base San Diego, had their work cut out for them. “The robot made entry on May 24 and remained downrange within the hot zone until the 27th,” said Rios. “We were able to support our civilian partners with decontamination activities as well as reconnaissance, remote fire suppression and air sampling.”

“The system employed light detection and ranging mapping technology to deliver real-time data to the incident command team, supporting operational decision making in coordination with both the EPA and the local fire agency,” added Glorioso.

“This incident demonstrated the strength of regional and local partnerships and the importance of agencies coming together to support one another during high-risk operations,” said Rios. “Through teamwork, shared resources, and coordinated response efforts, we were able to better protect our responders, our communities, and the public we serve every day.”



To the man who only has a hammer, everything he encounters begins to look like a nail.
— Abraham Maslow





Sigonella Firefighter Spotlights

What inspired you to become a firefighter?

The opportunity to serve others, make a difference, and be part of a team dedicated to helping the community.

What's the most valuable lesson you've learned on the job?

Preparation and teamwork save lives. Continuous training and trusting your crew are essential.

What advice would you give to a new recruit?

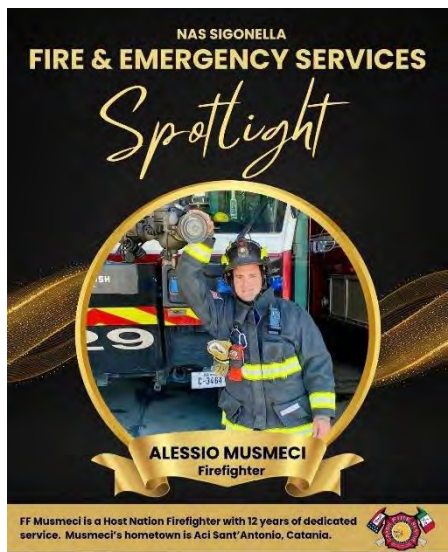
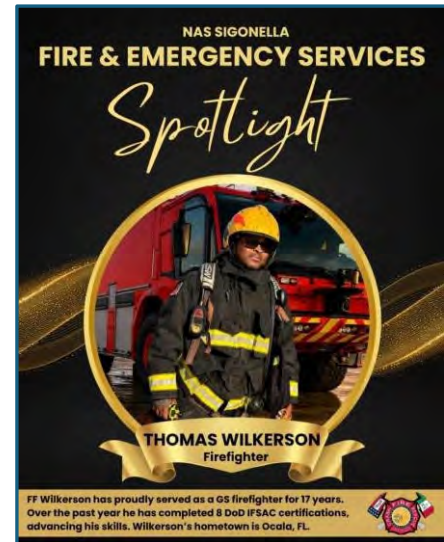
Stay humble and never stop learning. Listen, ask questions, and take every training opportunity seriously.

How do you and your crew stay positive during challenging times?

Through open communication, teamwork, and supporting one another. A little humor helps too.

What are some key objectives to balancing family life and work life?

Prioritizing quality family time, maintaining communication, setting healthy boundaries, and taking care of your physical and mental well-being.



What inspired you to become a firefighter?

Being a firefighter was a childhood dream. After initially pursuing a career in aviation, I felt called to the fire service and chose to start over, driven by a desire to serve and protect others.

What safety tip do you wish every family in our community knew?

I encourage every family to take a Basic Life Support and Defibrillation course. Learning these lifesaving skills can make a critical difference during an emergency.

What was the biggest challenge you overcame to achieve this?

Earning my DoD certifications through dedication, sacrifice, and continuous professional growth has been my greatest challenge—and one of my proudest achievements.

What's the most valuable lesson you've learned on the job?

You never stop learning. Continually evaluating yourself and striving to improve helps provide the best possible service to those we serve.

What does this achievement mean to you?

It reminds me that I am part of a larger fire service family. This achievement reflects not only my efforts, but also the support, knowledge, and teamwork of those around me.





Leading With Purpose

By Randy Bruegman

On a recent visit with two of my grandchildren, I asked them what their favorite movie was. Without hesitation, they both said *Wonder*. I have to admit, I hadn't heard of it. But we sat down together and watched it, and it didn't take long to understand why it meant so much to them.

Wonder offers a simple but powerful reminder of what it means to choose kindness when it matters most. At its center is Auggie Pullman, a young boy born with facial differences who enters a mainstream school for the first time after years of being homeschooled. As he navigates fear, judgment, and moments of cruelty, he also encounters compassion, friendship, and quiet acts of courage from those around him. The story unfolds through multiple perspectives, reminding us that everyone is carrying struggles we may see and others that we do not.

I've witnessed this firsthand as a fire chief, supporting our local burn centers and the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors at public events. When people encounter someone who has suffered a burn injury, they often don't know where to look or how to respond. It's human nature to notice what's different, but what matters most is what we do next, choosing to see the person, not the injury, and responding with respect.

And that's where the story of *Wonder* moves beyond the screen and into our everyday lives.

What makes the story resonate is its central message: kindness is not passive, it's a choice. It's choosing to include rather than exclude, to stand up rather than stay silent, and to see someone for who they are rather than how they appear. In the end, the message is simple. While we may not always control our circumstances, we always control how we treat others, and that choice carries lasting impact.

At the conclusion of the story, a young student who has spent the year facing ridicule, setbacks, and challenges walks across the stage at his school's graduation ceremony. He isn't being recognized for the highest grades or the most athletic ability, but for something far more important: strength of character.

As he approaches the stage, something unexpected happens.

The entire school stands and applauds.

In that moment, the students reflect that perhaps the world would be a better place if every person received a standing ovation at least once in their life.

It's a powerful idea, and perhaps an even more important reminder. We don't have to wait for a stage or a ceremony to offer that kind of recognition. We have the opportunity every day, in how we see people, how we treat them, and how we choose to lead.





The Leadership Lesson

And while the movie itself isn't about leadership, the message certainly is.

Because at its core, leadership is about how we treat people.

In today's environment, that matters more than ever. Across organizations, communities, and even at a national and global level, we are seeing the consequences of leadership that prioritizes being right over being respectful, position over responsibility, and authority over accountability. Over time, that approach erodes trust, weakens relationships, and creates environments where people disengage rather than contribute.

Kindness, when grounded in strength and clarity, moves us in the opposite direction. It builds trust. It reinforces standards. And it creates cultures where people feel valued, supported, and willing to give their best.

What It Looks Like in Practice

We've seen what this looks like when it's done well. Leaders like Alan Mulally, who led Ford Motor Company through one of the most challenging periods in its history, demonstrated that respect and accountability can coexist. He didn't just talk about those values, he built them into the daily operating rhythm of the organization. Through disciplined weekly Business Plan Review meetings, leaders were expected to present clear, honest updates, and more importantly, to surface problems early. When challenges were identified, the response was not blame, it was support. In fact, when a leader first flagged an issue, Mulally thanked him, reinforcing that transparency was not a weakness, but an expectation.

Over time, that consistency reshaped behavior. Leaders began to trust that they could speak candidly, collaborate across divisions, and focus on solving problems rather than protecting themselves. Mulally also aligned the organization around a single vision, one plan, one team, removing silos and reinforcing shared responsibility for outcomes. The result was a culture where people were both supported and held accountable, where respect was evident, but standards remained high. That environment of trust didn't lower expectations, it strengthened them, and it played a defining role in Ford's turnaround.

Indra Nooyi, former CEO of PepsiCo, took a similarly people-centered approach. She was known for connecting with employees on a personal level, even writing letters to families to acknowledge their support. At the same time, she led the company through significant strategic growth, reinforcing that strong performance and genuine care for people are not competing priorities.

And closer to home, Craig Culver, the co-founder of Culver's restaurant chain shared a perspective that reflects this principle in a very practical way.

When I interviewed Craig on The Leadership Crucible Podcast, he said something that has stayed with me. Real leadership is really basic. If you take care of your people and you're good to them, they'll take care of your customers, and the bottom line will take care of itself.

That message is simple, but it's powerful.





I was reminded of that recently when I met someone who had worked for Craig more than 20 years ago as a young employee. She shared that she ran into him at a recent event, and he remembered her by name after all those years. That tells you everything you need to know. He wasn't just talking about caring for people; he was living it.

In each of these cases, kindness wasn't about avoiding hard decisions. It was about how those decisions were made, how people were treated in the process, and the standard that was set for the entire organization.

And that's where the real connection lies. Kindness, when practiced consistently, becomes part of the culture. It shapes how people interact, handle conflict, show up for one another. Over time, it builds environments where accountability and respect coexist, where expectations are clear, and where people are willing to go the extra mile, not because they have to, but because they want to.

I've worked in organizations where kindness and taking care of people were core tenets of leadership, and I've worked in others where that couldn't have been further from the truth. In both cases, those philosophies didn't stay at the top, they permeated throughout the entire organization.

And I would imagine you can surmise which ones were more effective, provided better service, retained their employees longer, and built stronger relationships with the people they served.

It wasn't the organizations that ran like a sweatshop. It was the ones that led with people at the center, where expectations were clear, standards were upheld, and individuals were treated with respect.

Because when you take care of your people, they take care of everything else.

The challenge is, we don't always see that kind of leadership today.

Across organizations, communities, and even at a broader societal level, there has been a noticeable shift. In many cases, leadership has become more focused on being right than being respectful, and increasingly, it's not just about being right, it's about winning. And the two are not always complementary. When the focus shifts to winning at all costs, respect, accountability, and long-term relationships often take a back seat.

We see it play out every day.

We see leaders dismissing others rather than listening. Public criticism replaces private conversations. People are being talked over rather than being heard. Decisions are being driven by optics instead of what's right. And in some cases, individuals are being treated as expendable rather than valued.

And the outcomes are hard to ignore.

Trust begins to erode. People disengage. Communication breaks down. Good people choose to leave, while others stay but stop contributing at the level they once did. Innovation slows. Collaboration suffers. And over time, the culture shifts from one of shared purpose to one of self-preservation.

And we're seeing the impact of this not just in behavior, but in how people feel about leadership today.

What Can We Do About It?

So, the question becomes, what can we each do about it?

While we may not be able to influence every organization or every system, we do have complete control over how we lead in our own space, with our teams, our colleagues, and the people we interact with each day.





It starts with the small things. Taking the time to listen instead of rushing to respond. Treating people with respect, especially when there's disagreement. Having difficult conversations directly but doing so in a way that maintains dignity. Recognizing effort, not just outcomes. And being consistent in how we show up, regardless of the circumstances.

Because kindness in leadership isn't one defining moment. It's the thousands of small decisions we make every day. It's how we speak to someone in a hallway, how we respond under pressure, how we treat people when no one else is watching.

Those moments may seem insignificant on their own, but they add up. One act of respect leads to another. One moment of patience doesn't just stay with one person, it's carried forward by those who experience it, and in that way, it begins to multiply. One act becomes a hundred, a thousand, a million, shaping how people treat one another across a team, an organization, and even a community.

And it all starts with leaders setting the example. It also means holding ourselves accountable, not just for results, but for how we achieve them. Being willing to step back and ask, did I handle that the right way? Did I reinforce the culture I want to be part of? Did I treat people in a way that reflects the kind of leader I say I want to be?

Because leadership isn't built in big moments alone. It's built in the daily interactions that often go unnoticed but ultimately define everything.

And over time, those actions compound. They shape culture. They build trust. And they create environments where people feel valued, supported, and willing to give their best.

We may not hand out standing ovations in our organizations. But we do have the opportunity, every day, to recognize people, to support them, and to treat them in a way that reminds them they matter.

And in the end, that may be one of the most important things a leader ever does. Because how we choose to treat people is what they carry forward.

As Maya Angelou so powerfully reminds us, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

FINAL THOUGHT

Leadership doesn't happen "out there." It happens right where you are, in your next conversation, your next decision, and in how you respond when things don't go as planned.

It's reflected in the tone you set, the standards you uphold, and the way you treat people when it matters most, especially when it's not easy. Because at the end of the day, leadership is not about winning. It's about lifting others up along the way. It's about lifting others up along the way, creating an environment where people feel valued, supported, and motivated to give their best. It's about being consistent, intentional, and accountable for both the results we achieve and how we achieve them.

And if we get that right, everything else has a way of taking care of itself.

After 40 years in the fire service, Chief Randy Bruegman founded the Leadership Crucible Foundation to reshape future leadership with a focus on fostering courage, empathy and humility in leadership positions.

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Naval Station Mayport EMS Week

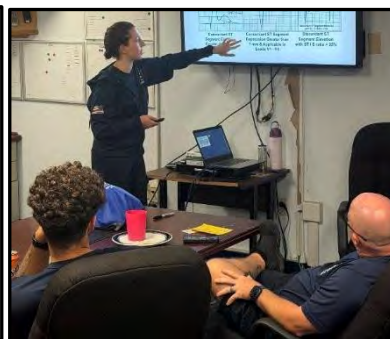
By Jose Cardenas, Fire Chief, NAVSTA Mayport



Naval Station Mayport Fire & Emergency Services observed EMS Week by emphasizing advanced clinical training, operational readiness, and strengthened regional partnerships. The week began with an official EMS Week proclamation signed by Installation Commanding Officer Capt. Trumbull, recognizing the dedication and lifesaving contributions of the department's EMTs and paramedics. The proclamation highlighted the critical role emergency medical personnel play in protecting military service members and their families and civilian employees and the surrounding communities through rapid emergency response and professional patient care.

One week's events, Medical Director Dr. Ferguson conducted an advanced EKG training course for all department EMTs and paramedics. The specialized instruction focused on improving the recognition and interpretation of critical cardiac abnormalities to ensure rapid diagnosis and treatment during real-world emergencies. The advanced clinical training sharpened the diagnostic capabilities of the department's emergency personnel and reinforced the department's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of patient care, medical proficiency, and emergency preparedness for both routine and high-acuity incidents.

In addition to clinical training, Naval Station Mayport Fire & Emergency Services collaborated with mutual aid partner AmeriPro to review joint response capabilities and reinforce mutual aid agreements. The coordination effort strengthened regional interoperability and ensured seamless emergency response operations between military and civilian agencies during small and large-scale or complex emergencies. These initiatives demonstrate the department's continued commitment to professional development, operational readiness, and the safety and protection of Naval Station Mayport and the surrounding communities.





EMS Week 2026 Navy Region Hawaii



Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Federal Fire Department (FFD) kicked off its annual recognition of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week by attending a formal proclamation signing hosted by the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

During the ceremony, the FFD was recognized alongside state and county partner agencies for its dedicated service and unwavering support to both the civilian communities of Hawaii and local military installations.

As a critical component of regional emergency response, the department's emergency medical providers deliver steadfast, lifesaving care to all U.S. military installations and associated properties on the island of Oahu.

Supported by 24 Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel, four Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) personnel, and 277 Basic Life Support (BLS) personnel, the FFD provides round-the-clock, 24/7 care to warfighters, their families, and surrounding local communities. The department responds to an average of 3,400 emergency medical calls per year.

"While we officially recognize our emergency medical providers this week for their selfless service and devotion to duty, we are truly grateful for their lifesaving efforts every day of the year," said Regional EMS Chief Jason Lopez.

Happy EMS Week to all of our dedicated first responders.





Cancer Factsheet

BEST PRACTICES TO REDUCE CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE: OFF THE JOB



This factsheet was developed by the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

The risk factors most linked to increased cancer rates include numerous modifiable factors.¹ Knowing and making small changes can reduce cancer risks significantly. For example, quitting tobacco before the age of 40 reduces the risk of dying from smoking-related diseases by 90%.²

The following are some of the modifiable risks we face when off duty, in everyday life.

ALCOHOL

It is well studied that consuming alcohol can increase the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, larynx, liver, and breast. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies alcohol as a group 1 carcinogen. The risk is increased by the amount you consume.³

Data collected over the last decade demonstrate that the fire service has a high rate of heavy and binge drinking. The amount of alcohol consumed over time is the most important factor in raising cancer risk. Alcohol metabolizes into acetaldehyde, which most researchers say is the leading cause for the increase in risk.⁴

What can you do?

Drink in moderation! According to the American Cancer Society Guideline for Diet and Physical Activity for Cancer Prevention, it is best not to drink alcohol. People who choose to drink alcohol should limit their intake to no more than two drinks per day for men and one drink a day for women.

TOBACCO

Fire fighters have lower rates of cigarette smoking than the general population; however, cigars and smokeless tobacco are used at a higher rate.⁵ Tobacco use can cause several cancers, including cancer of the lung, larynx, mouth, esophagus, throat, bladder, kidney, liver, stomach, pancreas, colon and rectum, cervix, and acute myeloid leukemia. Smokeless tobacco is linked to increased risks of mouth, esophagus, and pancreas.⁶

What can you do?

Quit using tobacco products. There is no safe level of tobacco use. Quitting smoking today will immediately reduce the risk for cancers associated with tobacco use and have substantial gains in life expectancy compared with those who continue to smoke. Also, quitting smoking at the time of a cancer diagnosis reduces the risk of death.

Need help quitting? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides coaching and resources through a free call to the Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).

SUNLIGHT

Sun exposure is a risk that we have control over reducing. The sun, sunlamps, and tanning booths are all sources of ultraviolet (UV) radiation that damages the skin. Excessive UV exposure is directly linked to skin cancer. The risk for melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, is increased with exposure to UV radiation from all sources.

What can you do?

Limit the amount of time spent in the sun and protect your skin by using sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF). Reduce your time in the sun, especially between mid-morning and late afternoon, and avoid other sources of UV radiation, such as tanning beds. Keep in mind that UV radiation is reflected by sand, water, snow, and ice and can go through windshields and windows.

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New London Fire Captain Retires



On behalf of the men and women of the Submarine Base Fire Department, we would like to thank Captain Justin Cappetta (left) for his dedication, leadership, and service throughout his time with our department.

As you begin the next chapter of your journey, we wish you nothing but success, happiness, and fulfillment in all that lies ahead. Your contributions to this department and the impact you've had on those you served alongside will not be forgotten.

Congratulations and best wishes, Captain Cappetta. Stay safe and thank you for everything.



Cat and Dog Rescued at Indian Head Base Housing



A cat and dog were safely removed Saturday night after a fire damaged a home in the on-base housing section of Naval Support Facility Indian Head. Multiple calls reported a large fire coming from the home. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire conditions from the rear of the residence and through the roof. Initial reports indicated animals may have been inside the home. A cat and a dog were both safely removed, and animal control was requested to respond.





CNRMA Hosts Community Outreach



Commander Navy Region Mid Atlantic F&ES District 1 recently hosted a community outreach and recruitment event at Naval Station Norfolk, providing high school juniors and seniors from the Chesapeake Career Center Firefighting Program with Chesapeake Public Schools, along with their principal and instructors, with an immersive look into Navy installation operations and emergency response capabilities.



Throughout the event, students experienced an interactive behind-the-scenes view of the personnel who protect those who defend America. The visit highlighted both military and federal civilian career pathways while showcasing the teamwork, professionalism, and operational readiness required across the installation. Through a comprehensive itinerary that included a shipboard tour of the USS Nitze (DDG-94), technical rescue and marine firefighter demonstrations at station 1, airport rescue

and firefighting operations at Station 3, and a CMV-22B Osprey static display, the students gained firsthand exposure to critical Navy ratings and civilian roles—including Damage Controlmen Aviation Boatswain's Mates, aviation maintenance technicians, aviation pilots, and federal civilian firefighters.





Confined Space Exercise at Sasebo

Commander Fleer Activities Sasebo F&ES firefighters and Branch Health Medical Clinic ambulance crews put their skills to the test during a joint confined space rescue exercise.

Crews worked together to locate, stabilize, and extract a simulated downed worker from the comm vault in the base communications office building. Realistic scenarios like this ensure that when the call comes, our combined response is seamless, fast, and effective.

Strong work by all hands!





F&ES and MWR Cooking Class at NWS Seal Beach



Collaboration, community engagement, and a passion for lifelong learning were on full display as Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Fire & Emergency Services partnered with Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) to host this month's popular cooking class.

Hosted by NWS Seal Beach Fire Station 31, the event featured Firefighter Chad Mohr as the month's selected "Celebrity Chef," sharing his culinary expertise while preparing and teaching how to make a delicious meal of tri-tip and southern-style cornbread for attendees.

Participants were treated not only to outstanding food but also to practical cooking instruction,

preparation techniques, and valuable tips from Firefighter Mohr, whose culinary background extends far beyond the fire station.

Coming from a family deeply rooted in the restaurant industry and pursuing coffee roasting as a personal passion, Firefighter Mohr regularly roasts specialty coffees sourced from around the world. His knowledge and enthusiasm for cooking were evident throughout the class and were reflected in the exceptional meal enjoyed by all in attendance.

While many aboard NWS Seal Beach know Mohr as one of the installation's veteran firefighters, he is also currently attending paramedic school, further demonstrating his commitment to professional development and continuous learning. Whether serving the community during emergency responses, advancing his medical skills, or sharing culinary expertise, Mohr consistently embraces opportunities to grow and serve others.

The cooking class also highlighted the strong partnership between NWS Seal Beach organizations. Fire & Emergency Services personnel regularly participate in MWR cooking classes, viewing them as an opportunity to develop and improve cooking skills, build relationships, and support fellow installation programs. The monthly events have become another way for personnel from across the installation to connect outside of their daily duties.



From the firehouse kitchen to the dinner table, Firefighter Chad Mohr's class proved that teamwork, dedication, and a willingness to share knowledge are ingredients for success both on and off duty.





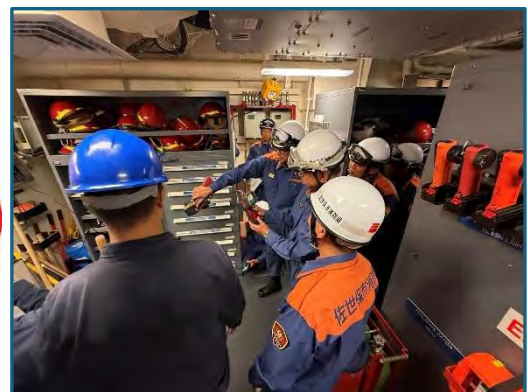
Shipboard Fire Drills at Sasebo

USS SAN DIEGO (LPD-22) ship forces and Commander Naval Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services successfully executed a highly effective validation exercise, demonstrating critical integration between ship forces and installation responders.

Following strict NAVSEA 8010 protocols, our in-hull, off-hull, and EOC teams tackled complex scenarios and unexpected drill anomalies. This rigorous training keeps our real-world readiness razor-sharp and ensures we are fully prepared for the upcoming December 2026 Full Scale Exercise.



We were also honored to host our partners from the Sasebo City Fire Department, who observed the drill pier-side. Sharing our shipboard response procedures helps build stronger, seamless bilateral integration for any future mutual-aid responses.



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.
- Henry Ford





A Bunch of Cool Pics



Blue Angels at NAS Pensacola



Sparky at NAS Jacksonville



NASCAR in San Diego



Sparky at NAVSTA Rota



Pier Side at Sasebo



Pier Side at Sasebo





Lifesaving Awards



To date in calendar year 2026, 68 individual Life Saving Award certificates have been awarded and 10 lives have been saved.



NDW	
Provider	Award #
Michael McCartney	1
David Owen	3
Lindsay Graham	3
Robert Rife	1
Anthony Painter	2
Robert Hill	4
Kathryn Lucas	5
Bryan Sohn	5
Joshua Wise	5
Michael McCartney	2
Alexander Ketner	1
CNRNW	
Robert Jette	1
Alan Gollmyer	1
Alan Gollmyer	1
Alan Gollmyer	1
Andrew Lewis	2
Robert Jette	2
Alan Gollmyer	1
CNRSW	
Javier Murguia	2
Andre Ramsey	2
Miguel Gonzalez	1
Joel Banta	2
Brian Henriquez	5
Sarah Will	3
Nick Rodriguez	1
Jesus Lopez	1
Josh Banta	3

CNRMA	
Provider	Award #
Mike Evans	1
Andrew Backowski	7
Anthony Balog	2
Adam Jernigan	2
William Troy	3
Daniel Williard	4
Robert Alphin	1
Nehemias Cortez	1
Albert Culanding	3
Chad Fuhrman	1
Alexander Garman	1
Bryan Ireland	1
Justin Mayfield	1
Eric Babcock	2
Justin Scaife	2
Matthew Buesing	1
Kamil Shealb	1
Nicholas Neumeir	1
Patrick Holt	1
David Fox	2
Phillip Routhier	1
Luke Morarend	1
Bethany Bott	1
Matthew Mical	1
Kyrstian Streit	1
Amara Perez	1

All incidents were cardiac arrest

Please continue to send in Life Saving and Significant Achievement Award nominations!

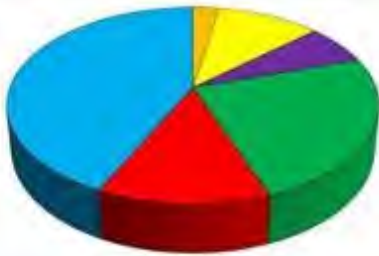




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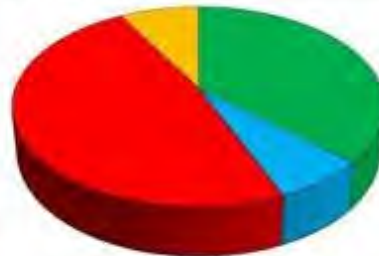
CY2026 Statistics (1 January – 31 May)

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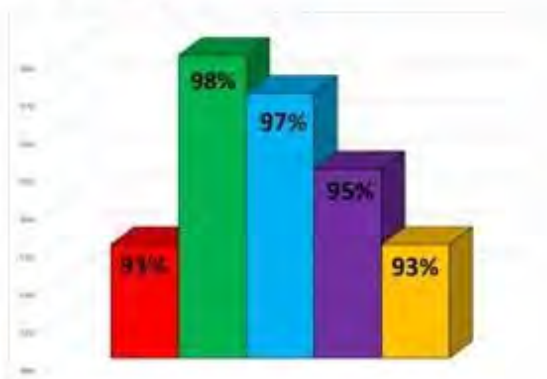
Rescue & EMS	10,375
Hazardous	3,072
False Alarm	5,859
Service Calls	1,629
Good Intent	2,583
Fires	647
Total	24,165

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	1,503
Hot Work Permits	10,398
Inspections	7,954
Building Evacuation Drills	1,768
Total	21,623

Training



EMS	97%
Proficiency	93%
Emergency Management	98%
Safety	95%
DoD Certification	93%





Navy F&ES Legacy

NAVY FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS
IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Date	Location	Name	Date	Location	Name
27 May 2024	Portsmouth Naval Hospital, VA	Anthony "Tony" McVey	9 August 1982	NAVSTA Adak, AK	Perry Wallace
21 August 2023	NAS IRB New Orleans, LA	Thomas "TJ" Maury	12 July 1981	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	John Schmidt
27 June 2023	NAS Patuxent River, MD	Brice Trossbach	4 March 1981	NAS Norfolk, VA	William Travis
21 August 2021	NAWS China Lake, CA	Mikel Lowe	19 October 1973	NAVSTA San Diego, CA	Brian Lindsey
09 August 2021	NAVSTA Great Lakes, IL	Jeffery Peters	19 October 1973	NAVSTA San Diego, CA	Stanley Hertel
1 January 2021	NSF Indian Head, MD	Bryan "Hammy" Hamilton	1 October 1973	NALF San Clemente Island, CA	Stephen Stifner
6 November 2019	NAS Pensacola, FL	Dwain Bradshaw	24 January 1964	NSY Puget Sound, WA	Vernon Fletcher
5 February 2018	NAVSTA Norfolk, VA	Stephen Bement	20 March 1962	NAVSTA Annapolis, MD	Herbert Wells
30 May 2014	JB Anacostia-Bolling, DC	John "Mac" McDonald	22 January 1961	NAS Midway Island, Atoll	AM3 Ronald Blakeman
13 January 2012	NSA Naples, Italy	Luigi Rullo	22 January 1961	NAS Midway Island, Atoll	AB3 Gordon Blatchley
13 August 2011	NSA Naples, Italy	Roberto Nocera	22 January 1961	NAS Midway Island, Atoll	AN Robert Razey
25 November 2005	NSY Philadelphia, PA	Robert Staepel	15 April 1954	NSF Dahlgren, VA	Warren Marsh Sr.
31 December 2003	SUBASE New London, CT	Kenneth Jeffrey	17 September 1943	NAS/NOB Norfolk, VA	Gurney Edwards
27 September 1988	NAB Little Creek, VA	Robert "Bobby" Hoeflein	07 December 1941	NAVSTA Pearl Harbor/Hickam Field, HI	Names Unknown

In Memoriam

UNITED STATES NAVY FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
Lifetime Achievement Award

2010	Kim, Tae Tang	2022	CDR Matthew Matthias
2014	John Robinson	2023	Thomas "TJ" Maury
2017	Thomas McCaffrey	2023	Gene Rausch
2017	Cort Jamison	2023	John Lyon
2019	Ricky Brockman*	2023	Mark Persutti
2019	Paul Murray	2024	Shane Rayfield
2019	John Rodgers	2024	Frank Montone*
2019	Michael Murray	2026	William Killen*
2020	Janice Lozoya*	2026	Rudolfo Gonzalez
2020	Daniel Vogel	2026	Christopher Connelly
2021	ABHCS Anthony Tranumn	2026	Daniel Gaumont

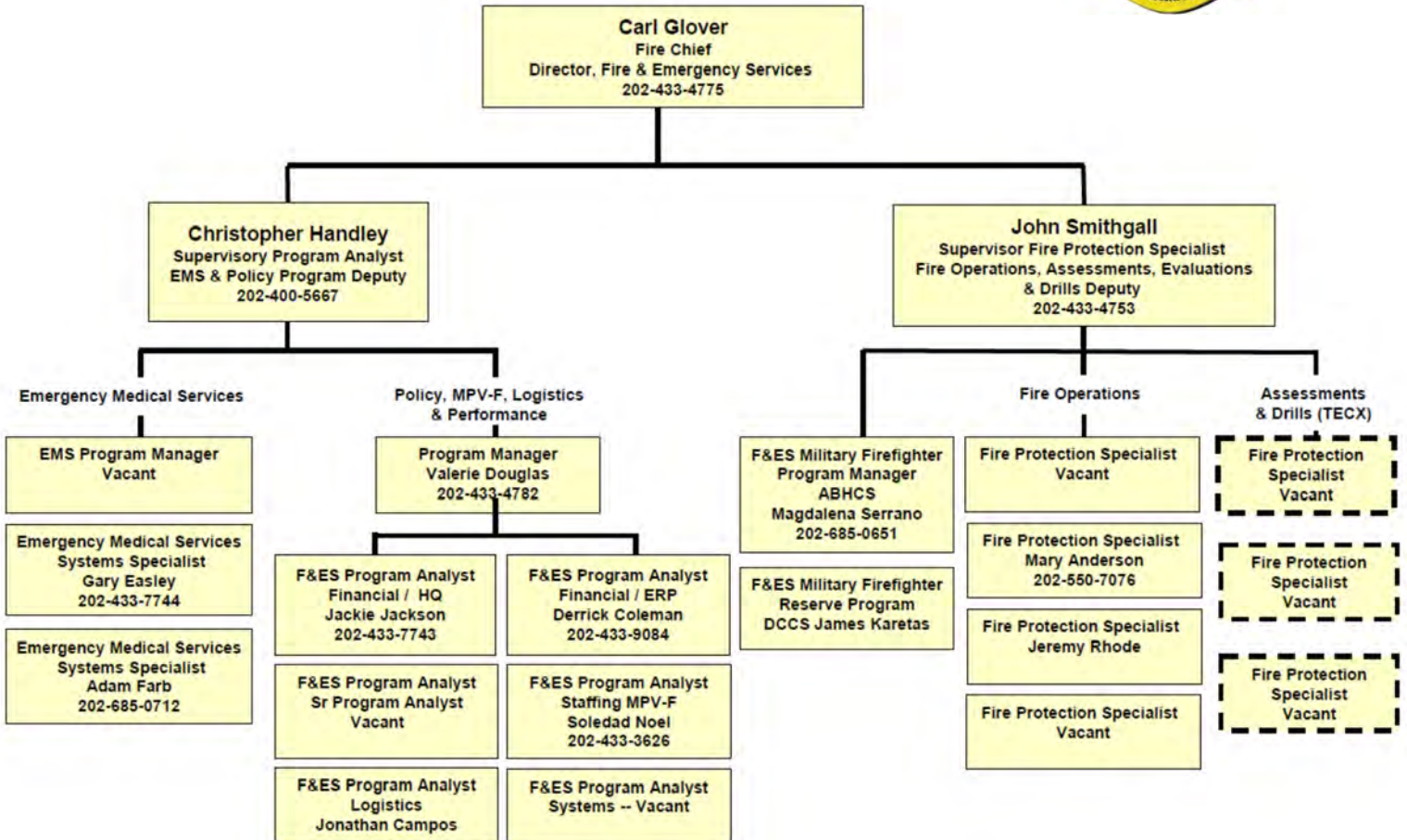
* Denotes Hall of Fame member





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