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First Responders Recognized for Life-Saving Response

By: Kristen Wong; Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Public Affairs

If you ask first responders why they serve, many will simply say helping others provides their daily motivation.

On April 13, 2023, at the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling fire station in Washington, D.C., first responders from Naval District Washington Fire and Emergency Services were recognized for heroic acts of service.

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From the Director



As we celebrate Memorial Day, please take time to Remember and Honor those who served and gave their all.

This is the time of the year as we transition to summer and it starts the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign; we can expect an increase in emergency response volume across our installations. At the same time, please take time to ensure the safety of all our members at work, at home, and on vacations.

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From the Director

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We were very fortunate to have Vice Adm. Yancy Lindsey participate in our annual awards ceremony. Lindsey was very appreciative of the F&ES program and expressed his gratitude and thanks to all the award winners. See Page 4 for more ... ***BZ to the Calendar Year 2022 Navy F&ES Award Winners!***

Navy F&ES Award Pictures Link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19MW_DA6a9ZROJdGyJcJF_-q2UHo2oHEa?usp=sharing

Fire departments are encouraged to participate in the Annual Firefighter Safety Stand Down (18 – 24 June) to review policy, procedures, and plans to look for opportunities to learn ways to improve safety in our operations.

The 2023 focus is lithium-ion battery response with the theme “Lithium-Ion Batteries: Are you Ready?”

Thanks to all our Navy F&ES Team and Shipmates who serve: ***Protecting Those Who Defend America***

Carl

2023 FIREFIGHTER
SAFETY
STAND DOWN



Taking Care of Our Own

From: CNIC 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 and 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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Commander, Navy Installations Command Honors Navy Fire & Emergency Services First Responders

Story and Photos By: Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Charlotte C. Oliver,
CNIC Fire & Emergency Service Public Affairs

From battling raging infernos to the Jaws of Life cracking open a crushed car door. From breathing life back into the lifeless to even rescuing the quintessential cat in a tree, firefighters and first responders have been there at our most trying of times. Some of these brave men and women even serve on naval installations, protecting both the Navy and the local communities.

To celebrate these selfless first responders, Commander, Navy Installations Command honors them through the CNIC Fire & Emergency Services awards program.

CNIC hosted the annual awards ceremony at the U.S. Navy Museum at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., May 10, 2023.

The Navy F&ES Awards Program was instituted in 1997 to recognize the most outstanding fire departments and personnel for achieving the highest degree of excellence in mission support and fire protection management.

“These awardees represent the best-of-the-best across Navy Installations Command’s 3,200 F&ES personnel,” said Vice Adm. Yancy Lindsey, commander, Navy Installations Command. “They selflessly serve to protect and respond under the most difficult circumstances.”

Lindsey spoke of the 31 lives saved by CNIC F&ES responders in calendar year 2022.

“You touch people’s lives every day,” said Lindsey. “I’m honored to serve with you and very impressed by the work you do – whether it’s responding to a shipboard fire, protecting our warfighting assets, or preventing fires from happening through education, inspections, and training. You never fail to answer the call for help.”

This year’s awards program comprised of 84 nomination submissions to compete within the 14 award categories.

Growing up, Fire Officer Christopher Cruz, Assistant Chief of Operations at Naval Station Rota, Spain, spent

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Vice Adm. Lindsey, commander, Navy Installations Command addresses attendees at the annual Navy Fire & Emergency Services awards.

First Responders Honored (con't.)



Department of Defense Fire Officer of the Year, Fire Officer Christopher Cruz poses for a photo with Vice Adm. Lindsey, commander, Navy Installations Command at the annual Navy Fire & Emergency Services awards.

his youth dreaming of being a firefighter. A dream that became a reality at 18, he has worked for Navy F&ES ever since.

“I have been able to work with incredibly diverse departments and great fire chiefs from around the Navy which have helped improve my leadership abilities,” said Cruz.

Cruz, from Yona, Guam, was selected not only as the Navy F&ES Civilian Fire Officer of the Year, but was also selected as the Department of Defense Civilian Fire Officer of the Year.

“It’s an incredible honor to represent all the amazing fire officers in Navy F&ES,” Cruz said of the award. “I am so thankful to accept this award on behalf of all the great firefighters I have worked for this past year, they deserve the real credit.”

For many Sailors, they say they joined the Navy to see the world, but for Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class Neil Ferrer, that is exactly how his Navy story began.

Every Sailor is a firefighter, but some Sailors carry those skills with them to shore duty.

Ferrer, from San Francisco, is one of those Sailors.

“My primary job as an aircraft director on the flight deck was coming to an end and it was time to move to shore duty,” said Ferrer, assigned to Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Gulf Coast Fire & Emergency Services, Florida. “My LPO told me that there is more to being an ABH than just moving aircraft all day.”

Ferrer attended fire school in Texas, and went onto be stationed in Rota, Spain, where he gained his first experiences as firefighter on shore duty.

“As a Sailor, especially at sea, we are expected to be proficient and expert in our fields,” said Ferrer, who was selected as the Navy F&ES Military Fire Officer of the Year. “In high tempo environments, the pressure and
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Navy F&ES Fire Officer of the Year, ABH1 Neil Ferrer poses for a photo with Vice Adm. Lindsey, commander, Navy Installations Command at the annual Navy Fire & Emergency Services awards.

First Responders Honored (con't.)



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obstacles that we have to overcome forces us to work as a unit and build unbiased camaraderie within each other to complete the mission. It's the same as being a firefighter, once we hear the alarm, it is second nature that we respond as soon as and as safely as possible."

The Navy F&ES Military Fire Officer of the Year is award to military personnel E-6 and above.

"It is my utmost honor to be awarded as the Navy's Military Fire Officer of the Year," said Ferrer. "I can honestly say that I was grateful enough just being selected for CNRSE, but for the Navy? It's more than what I could ask for."

Ferrer said that he is thankful for having a great leadership behind him and guiding him to be the best version of himself. He is also thankful for his junior Sailors that trust him to lead them.

"This cannot be done by one person alone, it's a team effort where everyone relies on everybody to be competent to watch each other's back."

More than 50 CNIC Fire & Emergency Services personnel from around the regions and family members attended the event.

"Our CNIC F&ES responders, inspectors and management staff are all dedicated to keeping our personnel safe," said Carl B. Glover Jr., Director, CNIC F&ES. "Their devotion displayed daily exceeds exemplary standards. BZ to all the CNIC F&ES award winners, and nominees."

Selections for fire departments and fire prevention program of the year awards were based on: emergency response performance; department level recognition, accreditation and certifications; customer outreach and public education; training and education; innovation and initiatives in safety, health and quality of life; fire prevention inspections, engineering, code compliance and enforcement; community and public education programs; and innovativeness.

Selections for individual categories were based on accomplishments, job performance, technical competence, leadership ability, initiative, resourcefulness, program development, training development, performance as an instructor, trainer or speaker and professional credentials.

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First Responders Honored (con't.)

This Year's F&ES Award Recipients and Runner-ups Are:

- Small Fire Department of the Year: Naval Support Facility Thurmont
Runner-up: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 10, Naval Station Great Lakes
- Medium Fire Department of the Year: Naval Station Mayport
Runner-up: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 6, Naval SUBASE New London and NAVSTA Newport
- Large Fire Department of the Year: Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo
Runner-up: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3, Virginia Beach
- Fire Prevention Program of the Year: Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, District 3, Virginia Beach
Runner-up: Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka
- Military Firefighter of the Year: ABH2 (AW/SW/IW) Edward Lujan, Naval Support Facility Thurmont
Runner-up: ABH2 (AW) Lorenzo Resendiz, Naval Air Station Sigonella
- Civilian Firefighter of the Year: Tylor Snell, Naval Station Mayport
Runner-up: Daisuke Nagasawa, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka
- Military Fire Officer of the Year: ABH1 (AW/SW/IW) Neil Ferrer, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Gulf Coast Fire & Emergency Services
Runner-up: ABH1 Jeremy Padilla, Naval Support Activity Naples
- Civilian Fire Officer of the Year: Christopher Cruz, Naval Station Rota
Runner-up: Kevin Moyer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
- Fire Service Instructor of the Year: Joseph Tabor, CNRMA District 3, Virginia Beach
Runner-up: Shinji Yuasa, Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo



(left to right) Navy F&ES Deputy Director (ret.) Gene Rausch, Navy F&ES Director Carl Glover and Navy F&ES Deputy Director (ret.) Ricky Brockman pose for a photo following the annual Navy F&ES awards ceremony.

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First Responders Honored (con't.)

The Following are Navy Only Awards:

- EMS Provider of the Year: Albert Curley, Naval Station Mayport
Runner-up: Kenneth Massengale, Naval Support Activity Annapolis
- Fire Inspector of the Year: Rudolph Medina, Metro San Diego
Runner-Up: Stacy Cruz, Joint Region Marianas
- Fire Chief of the Year: David Michaelson, Commander, Navy Region Northwest
Runner-up: Robert Wimes, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

The Navy F&ES Hall of Fame was established in 2003 to recognize significant and distinguished contributions to the Navy firefighting services.

Navy F&ES Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Andrew Arndt, Assistant Chief (ret.), Naval Station Great Lakes (formerly Navy Region Midwest)
- Mark Hendley, District Fire Chief (ret.), Naval District Washington Central Battalion
- Joseph Clinton Booth Duke Sr., Fire Chief (deceased), Naval Air Station Patuxent River

The Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement Award honors individuals who have been firefighters for at least 20 years, to include 10 years of service to Navy F&ES, and whose remarkable achievements in the fire service exemplify outstanding performance.

Navy Lifetime Achievement Award:

- Cmdr. Matthew Matthias, USNR (deceased), Commander, Navy Installations Command

Commander, Navy Installations Command is responsible for worldwide U.S. Navy shore installation management as the Navy's shore integrator, designing and developing integrated solutions for sustainment and development of Navy shore infrastructure as well as quality of life programs. CNIC oversees 10 Navy regions, 70 bases, and more than 43,000 employees who sustain the fleet, enable the fighter and support the family.

For more about the Navy's shore enterprise, visit: <http://www.cnic.navy.mil>.

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JBAB First Responders Recognized (con't.)



JBAB vice commander, Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler, addresses personnel assigned to NDW Fire & Emergency Services.

JBAB's vice commander, U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler, and senior enlisted leader, U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Clifford Lawton, were in attendance, as well as NDWFES' regional chief, Fire Chief Kevin Grinder, and district chief, Fire Chief Moises Colon.

"We have a group of highly-trained and motivated



Firefighter Timothy Donais receives a Navy F&ES Significant Achievement Award from JBAB vice commander, Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler.

Certificates of Life Saving were awarded to:

- Fire Inspector Alex Conover
- Fire Inspector Alexis Frye

Certificates of Significant Achievement were awarded to:

- Fire Capt. Joshua Carlson
- Firefighter Timothy Donais
- Firefighter Zachary Werkheiser
- Firefighter Barry Girard
- Firefighter Sean Milstead
- Firefighter Keith Mitchell
- Firefighter Jared Lyon
- Firefighter Medic Mary Ann Harris



Firefighter/Paramedic Mary Ann Harris receives a Navy F&ES Significant Achievement Award from JBAB vice commander, Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler.

personnel who are ready to respond to all types of hazards, 24/7, to protect our residents, employees, tenants and visitors," said Grinder before the presentation.

The incident the first responders were recognized

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JBAB First Responders Recognized (con't.)

for occurred in November 2022, when a patron at the JBAB gas station went into cardiac arrest.

Despite not being officially dispatched, Conover and Frye were among the first on the scene.

“We listen to the radio all day, just like everyone else,” said Conover. “We knew all the other units around JBAB and the Navy Yard were out doing other calls, so there were no units left on JBAB. When a call came out for CPR in-progress over at the gas station,



Fire Inspector Alexia Frye receives a Navy F&ES Lifesaving Award from JBAB vice commander, Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler.

successfully resuscitate the patient.

This type of emergency response is not uncommon for NDWFES.

“All of our personnel are cross-trained in fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services), to include our fire inspectors and training officers,” said Grinder. “They keep a radio on them the whole time they’re here to respond to calls like this and to make themselves available. In this case, we were doing some training and they were at the right place and the right time to be [one of] the first ones there.”



Captain Joshua Carlson receives a Navy F&ES Significant Achievement Award from JBAB vice commander, Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler.

me and [Frye] basically knew we were going to go. We were heading out the door before we even said anything to each other.”

Conover and Frye arrived behind a District of Columbia ambulance and they were able to help



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JBAB First Responders Recognized (con't.)



NDW Region Fire Chief Kevin Grinder addresses personnel assigned to NDW Fire & Emergency Services during an awards ceremony.

help people out and do the small things... It's about helping your neighbor and the satisfaction knowing their life is improved because of something you did." 🧯

NDWFES' area of responsibility includes the National Capital Region and surrounding areas, comprising 14 fire stations and almost 300 personnel. They also led the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) last year as the region with the most Life Saving Awards.

"Nobody does this for the recognition," said Grinder. "But we want to recognize them. It's a morale-booster and gives them that affirmation that they're doing the right thing, that their work is appreciated."

Helping the community is Conover's motivation. He said, "It's not the glory of going into the fire every day anymore. Now I'd rather

help people out and do the small things... It's about helping your neighbor and the satisfaction knowing their life is improved because of something you did." 🧯



Life-Saving Awardees from Navy District Washington Fire & Emergency Services pose for a photo with NDW F&ES leadership (far right) and JBAB vice commander, Air Force Col. Ryan Zeitler and senior enlisted leader, Air Force Chief MSgt. Clifford Lawton (far left).

Around the Firehouse

Navy Region Hawaii Bring Fire Safety Schofield Barracks' CDC

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child. The Federal Fire Department Region Hawaii supported the Schofield Barracks' Child Development Center events held on April 11 and 12, 2023.



The Fire Prevention and Operations Divisions teamed up to educate fire safety tips and to familiarize the military children about a firefighter's role in their community. It was a great way to celebrate the



military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and challenges they overcome. Many children at these events mentioned they wanted to become a firefighter when they grow up. It's always good to see joy in children eyes and in their emotions.



Joint Region Marianas Firefighters Visit McCool Elementary

Joint Region Marianas Fire & Emergency Services visited McCool Elementary for their family career day, April 17, 2023. The firefighters talked about not only their jobs, but about fire safety. The team hopes to inspire the next generation of public safety first responders.



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

NSA Bahrain Navy Firefighters Recognized

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 2nd Class Tanner Richards and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 2nd Class Westley Branch, from Naval Support Activity Bahrain, were awarded and recognized with Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals during an awards ceremony held at the firestation.

Bravo Zulu Shipmates!



In Memoriam:

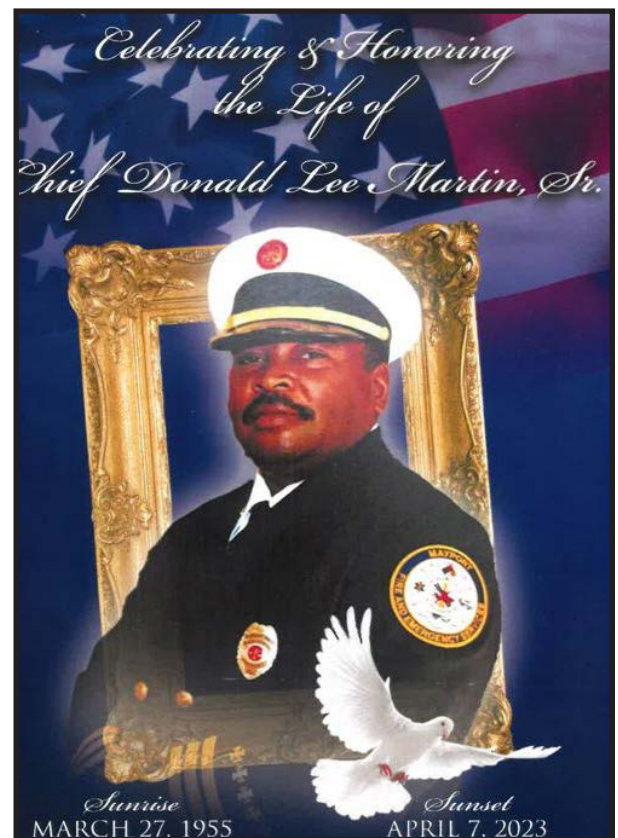
Celebrating & Honoring the Life of Fire Chief Donald Lee Martin Jr.

It is with heavy hearts that the men and women of Command Navy Region Southeast announce the passing of Fire Chief Donald Lee Martin Jr. who went to be with the Lord on April 7, 2023. His unexpected passing represents a tremendous loss to his, family, friends and the entire Southeast fire community.

Chief Martin joined the Navy on June 26, 1974, as a Vietnam-era sailor, where he completed seven years of dedicated service. Chief Martin was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1980, his last duty station was then-Naval Air Station Mayport, Florida.

On December 26, 1982, Chief Martin began a second career as a civil servant with the Navy Fire & Emergency Services Mayport Fire Department, where he joined as a firefighter. Chief Martin advanced his career and retired as Fire Chief at both NAS Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport.

Rest your oars shipmate, we have the watch.



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Welcomes Newly Promoted Captain

Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, California recently announced the promotion of Javier Murguia to the position of fire captain, April 26, 2023. With 23 years of experience, including his time as an active duty firefighter in the Air Force, Captain Murguia brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role as Fire Captain. He has already proven himself to be a skilled and effective leader, and we have no doubt that he will continue to excel in this new position.

During his time with at Seal Beach, Murguia has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in all aspects of his work. He has shown himself to be a skilled firefighter and a dedicated public servant, always willing to go above and beyond



in the service of his community. His hard

work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by his recent promotion to the position of fire captain.

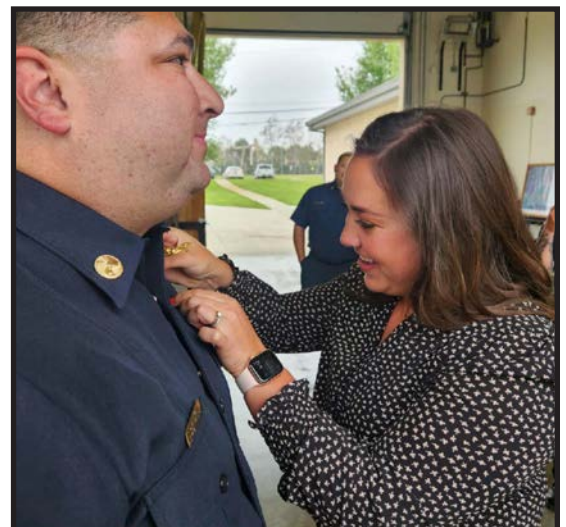
Murguia's promotion ceremony, held at Fire Station 31, was a true celebration of his accomplishments. Murguia was joined by his wife and children who pinned on his new badge and shared in this important moment. Seal Beach Fire & Emergency Services have no doubt that he will continue to lead by example and inspire his fellow firefighters to achieve greatness.

As fire captain, Murguia will play a

key role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the installation and surrounding community. He will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the firefighting team, and will work closely with other emergency responders to coordinate efforts in the event of a crisis.

Seal Beach F&ES is proud to have Murguia as a member of their team, and are excited to see the many contributions he will make in his new role.

Congratulations to Captain Murguia on this well-deserved promotion, and we look forward to working with him to serve our community for many years to come.





Upcoming Training



DATE	NAME	LOCATION
Aug. 28 - Aug. 30, 2023	Quality Improvement Workshop	Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Rosemont, Illinois
Nov. 7 - Nov. 9, 2023	Quality Improvement Workshop	Kingsport Fire Department, Tennessee

Center for Public Safety Excellence® Launches New Public Information Officer Professional Credential

From: Mike Higgins, Center for Public Safety Excellence

In January 2022, CPSE's Commission on Professional Credentialing began an effort to develop a new professional designation for Public Information Officers. The prior year, CPC had been approached by the National Information Officers Association with a request to develop the designation. Based on survey results from NIOA members, the CPSE Board of Directors unanimously approved the development of the designation to highlight the importance of the PIO profession. Following eight months of focused development and beta testing, CPC is proud to announce PIO as the sixth professional credential effective November 2022. This credential is available to individuals who are employed as public information officers for governmental or quasi-governmental entities or are volunteers for a federal, state, local or tribal government agency.

Version 1.0 Public Information Officer Designation Candidate Guide and Application is the first version of the Standard Guide and Application for the designation. This version offers the standard application package for those public information officers seeking the PIO designation. This designation program provides recognition of career excellence and achievement and provides for continued personal and professional development.

CPSE's mission is to "Lead the fire and emergency service to excellence through the continuous quality improvement process of accreditation, credentialing, and education." CPC assists in the professional development of emergency services personnel by providing guidance for career planning through participation in the professional designation program.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The PIO designation is open to designated/appointed/volunteer PIOs serving in federal, state, local or tribal governmental or quasi-governmental agencies or working for a corporate entity that is supported by government or that serves in emergency support functions.

Candidates are required to provide an organization chart verifying position within an organization. In the absence of a formalized organizational chart, candidates must provide a description of responsibilities along with a letter from their supervisor verifying their role as PIO. 🧯

Safety First and Always:
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At NAS Memphis, fire chief Hubert Blankenship (left) briefs Southern Division fire marshal Ray Dratt on fire prevention inspection procedures in effect at the station.



At Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Northern Division fire marshal Charles B. Gindele (left) discusses a self-contained breathing apparatus with a firefighting crew.

Marshals for safety



Atlantic Division fire marshal Andrew Weiss (left) reviews evaluation sheets with Norfolk Naval Shipyard fire chief James M. Manser (right) during the annual fire protection survey of the shipyard.

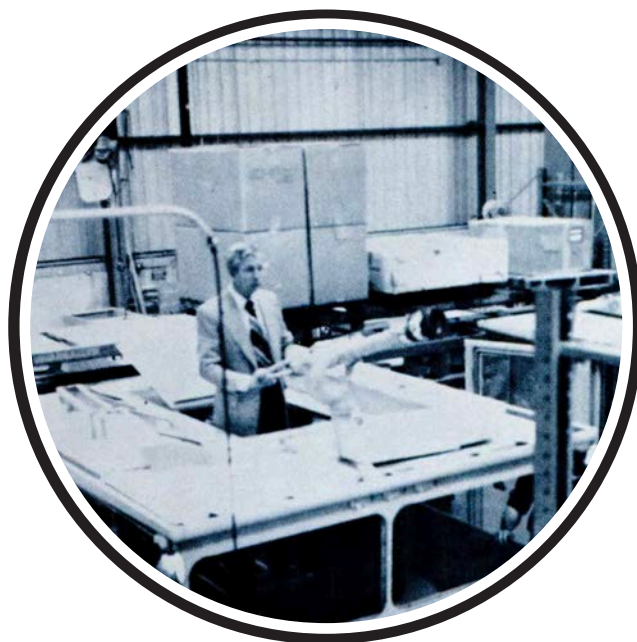


At Naval Support Activity, Seattle, fire marshal Don Weitkamp (right), one of the three Western Division fire marshals, checks pitot reading to determine water flow rate during pumper tests. Fire captain Tom Leep (left).

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Don Weitkamp, one of three fire marshals who work the Western Division, tests burned material in a warehouse after a fire at Naval Support Activity, Seattle.



Fire marshal program coordinator Richard E. Rightmer, NAVFACENGCOM, checks out the prototype cab and turret of the P-4A firetruck. With input from division fire marshals, who, in turn, get input from Navy and Marine Corps fire chiefs, he works up firefighting equipment chassis specifications.

In the past few years, Navy fire deaths ashore have gone down remarkably.

“Over the past 10 years, fire deaths at Navy and Marine Corps shore facilities have averaged 7.4 per year,” a Navy shore fire prevention spokesman says. “The only fire-related death since January 1976 was that of an assistant fire chief. He died of a heart attack while fighting an off-station fire. This record may be the best the Navy and Marine Corps has ever achieved in our shore fire prevention program. FY-68 was the last year no deaths were reported.”

Part of the credit for this record, he says, is due to the work and dedication of the Navy fire marshals.

No matter where you are ashore, there is a fire marshal overseeing your fire protection. The Navy’s fire marshals are few in number, but their responsibilities are tremendous. Currently, six fire marshals are responsible for the entire Navy shore establishment. Their services are available to the Marine Corps on request.

Although shore-based, fire marshals are available to assist forces afloat when requested and where feasible.

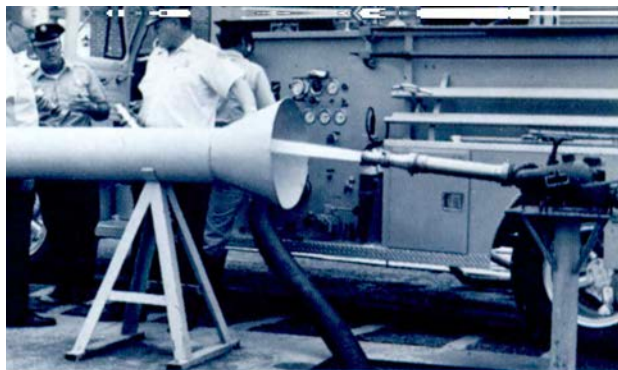
The fire marshal program functions under CHNAVMAT (Chief of Naval Material). Fire marshal program coordinator is Richard E. Rightmer. The marshals are assigned to NAVFACENGCOM (Naval Facilities Engineering Command) divisions for administrative support.

Fire marshals basically support the Navywide fire

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Assistant fire marshal Lewis Meyer (left), Atlantic Division, and NAVFACENGCOCM Chesapeake Division fire protection engineer Ken Faulstich investigate a fire .



Southern Division fire marshal Ray Dratt (left) oversees an annual pumper test being performed by fire chief Ben Clark and firemen at Navy Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, MS .



At North Island, San Diego, CA, fire marshal Jerry Dallas (left) and fire chief F. D. Huber (right) talk to an MB-1A crew after a crash training evolution.



After firefighting training exercises in the field at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, fire marshal Charles B. Gindele, Northern Division (right), diagrams one of the hypothetical fire situations and offers suggestions for improvement. (Left) Shipyard fire chief John Gallager.



Jerry L. Dallas (left), one of the fire marshals in the Western Division, observes a driver operator as he drafts water off the quay wall at North Island, San Diego, CA.

protection responsibilities assigned to CHNAVMAT. Because of the requirements of the job, a Navy fire marshal usually has come up through the ranks of Navy firefighters. As a rule, he has served a tour as a firefighter and, later, as a fire chief.

“A fire marshal brings years of firefighting expertise to the job,” the Navy spokesman states. “He has to. He is the senior administrative and technical authority in his division for all types of firefighting and associated rescue operations as well as for fire prevention inspection programs.

“As NAVMATINST 11320.12 says, this includes the organization, management, manpower, equipment, training, and operation of all structural firefighting units, aircraft firefighting units, and such other specialized firefighting units as may be required. This is no small task.”

At the present time, the fire marshals are Andrew H. Weis, who, with assistant fire marshal Lewis Meyer, handles the Atlantic Division; Don Weitkamp, John Connolly, and Jerry L. Dallas, who share responsibilities in the Western Division; Charles B. Gindele, Northern Division; and Ray Dratt, Southern Division. H.W. Anderson, fire marshal of the Pacific Area, retired recently. As of this writing, no successor has been named.

Back in the Day:

Marine Corps Ward LaFrance Pumpers

Story By and Photos from the Collection of: Tom Shand

During the decade of the 1950s engine company apparatus fleet utilized by both the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps was comprised of different models of commercial and custom chassis rigs. The U.S. Navy placed into service a number of open cab pumpers built on Federal model chassis by General Detroit along with American LaFrance 700 series pumpers equipped with a 750 gpm pump and 500 gallon water tank. The single largest order for new engines were built by Mack Trucks during 1956 when fifteen B model pumpers were placed into service at various Navy installations. While these units enjoyed good maneuverability they required the crew to ride on the rear step and provided limited protection from the weather and elements.



By comparison, the Marine Corps favored closed cab apparatus with several orders built by Fire Trucks Incorporated using International R-170 commercial chassis along with custom chassis pumpers produced by the Ward LaFrance Truck Corporation of Elmira Heights, New York. One of the distinctive features of the Ward LaFrance engines was the enclosed rear canopy with bench seat to accommodate the crew while providing a safer seating arrangement, compared to riding on the rear tailboard.

During 1949, the Marine Corps ordered seventeen pumpers from Ward LaFrance and were designated as model 83T and assigned serial numbers 2433 through 2449. These units were powered by a Waukesha model 140 GZB



Quantico Fire Station (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

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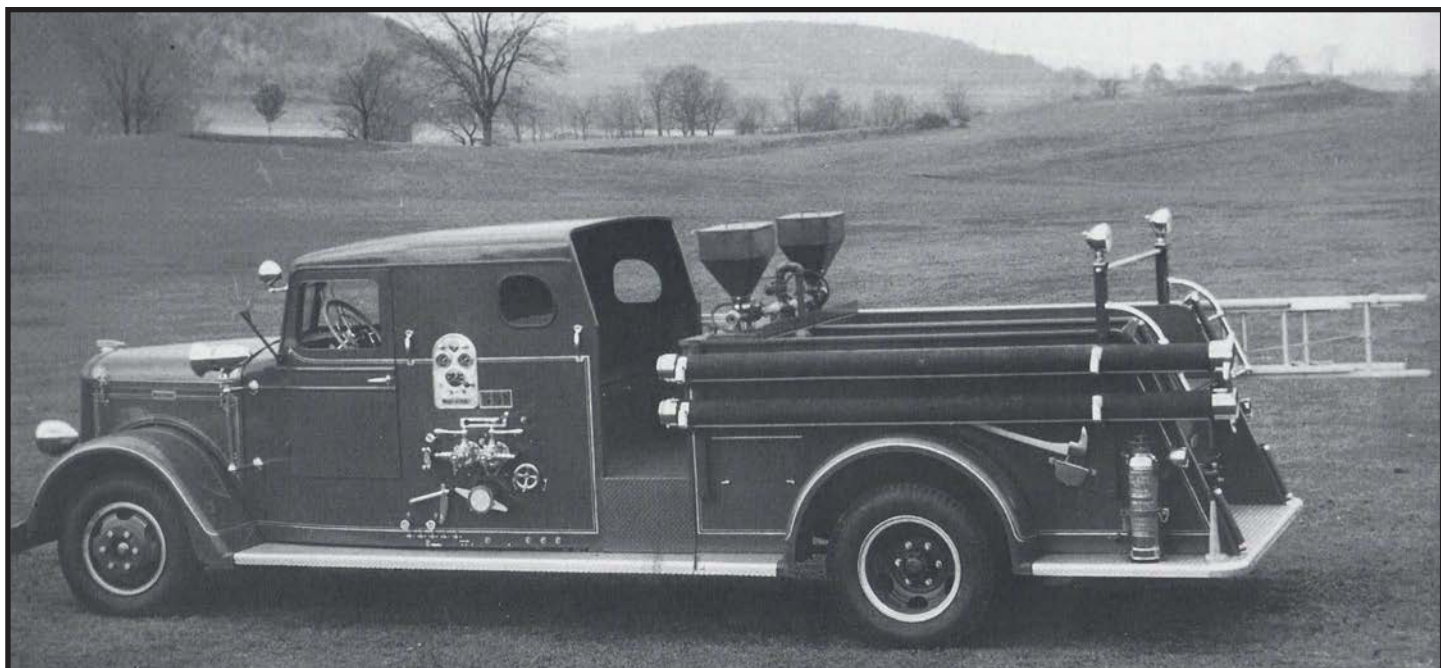
Back in the Day (con't.):

engine rated at 140 horsepower with a four speed manual transmission with an extended 175.50 inch wheelbase due to the canopy cab. The fire pump was a Waterous, two stage rated at 750 gpm with a 250 gallon booster tank. Two chemical foam hoppers were mounted at the front of the hose bed as delivered from the factory.

Compared to today's apparatus with multiple warning lights and devices, these rigs were spartan in their appearance with a single siren light mounted on a post adjacent to the driver's cab door with the hard suction hose and ground ladders extending beyond the body due in order to provide access to the rear facing bench seat. Marine Corps bases at Camp Pendleton and Quantico each received two Ward LaFrance pumpers and placed them into service. The Camp Pendleton rigs were modified with the removal of the chemical foam hoppers and replaced with booster reels which proved to be more useful for wildland incidents.

The Quantico pumpers were assigned to the main fire station and served along with a 1945 Seagrave 750 gpm pumper. During 1954, Ward LaFrance produced several more canopy cab pumpers for the Marine Corps which differed from the 1949 order with larger, rectangular windows in the crew cab and a single running board compartment on each side of the apparatus. Quantico Engine 1 operated one of these rigs and was outfitted with an overhead ladder rack equipped with a Bangor ladder and additional extension ladders to complement the standard ground ladder package. A portable four inlet monitor was carried on the right side running board along with several fire extinguishers.

In later years Ward LaFrance produced several orders of model 530B and 530C structural pumpers on both Reo and American General 6x6 chassis. Many of these units were modified by the installations for their use with preconnected attack lines, additional ground ladders and other equipment. It would take several years for the Marine Corps to return to custom chassis engine apparatus, when during the 1970s both the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps would acquire identically designed engine company units. 🔥



U.S. Marine Corps 1949-50 Ward LaFrance Pumper (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

The Brown Shoe Files

Story By: District Fire Chief, Battalion 2, Kash Christopher
Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services

“The Etiquette of Memorial Day”

As mentioned last month, we paid homage to the old “brown shoes” who were salty, firefighter veterans that were of the “Traditionalist” or “Baby Boomer” generation. They had a way of “tough love” for the newer generation, which was after they had a pack of smokes and a pot of coffee.

The “Brown Shoe” Files are open.

There are many origins of Memorial Day, from Union and Confederate Armies to individual cities and states adopting the day of observance, to what we have now, which is a federal holiday that honors and mourns those who died in military service to this great nation. It’s a day when cemeteries around the United States, and those in nations we fought with, adorn the graves with flags, thanking them for the ultimate sacrifice. It’s a day of remembrance and not one of celebration. However, some will confuse the day with a joyous occasion, and that’s where etiquette needs to come into play, which is correcting those who wish you a “Happy Memorial Day”.

“The Unofficial First Day of Summer”

Most are aware of the “101 Critical Days of Summer” which kicks off on Memorial Day. It’s also for some, a day off (except the Ops personnel on shift), and the “unofficial” start of the summer season, when schools are out and vacations are planned and taken. Summertime is “Americana”, which the “brown shoe” will tell you is “baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet”. However, if you wished them a “Happy Memorial Day”, the chances of getting a hard lesson on what the day was meant for was coming. These were products of generations that fought in wars, and more than likely lost friends along the way. For some “old salts” and “brown shoes” it may appear that the younger generation may not know the true meaning behind Memorial Day. The youngest generation was born after 9/11, and may not grasp the concept of Americans and their allies dying for the freedoms we hold dear today. It’s quite possible those conversations have not always gone civilly.

Were those conversations harsh? Perhaps. But that was the “brown shoe” way. Again, tough love from those who paved the way. Today, more and more tend to forget what the true meaning of the day is. All you can do is politely point out what the day means because they may not know. There is no need to jump on a box and berate them. Also, it’s okay to enjoy the day off, but before you do, maybe do the following.

Visit a cemetery, and pay your respects to gravestones marked with an American flag. Remember those friends and family members who may have lost their lives in the name of freedom. Remember the career firefighters who left their jobs to go and fight. Everyday people like Air Force SrA. Bryan Bell, Marine SSgt. Thomas Dudley, and Army Spc. Benjamin Moore, all firefighters for their local communities. Remember the shipboard firefighters, like Coast Guardsman Damage Controlman 3rd Class Nate Bruckenthal, who was killed in the Northern Persian Gulf. Finally, remember USAF SSgt. Ray Rangel, an active-duty firefighter deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, who was killed when he tried to rescue three Army Soldiers whose HUMVEE was overturned in a canal when the swift waters took him away. I ask that you pause during the day and remember those who gave all. Then, take a deep breath, and prepare for Summer. For firefighters, it’s usually a busy period.

To quote the legendary late NRNW Fire Chief Jack Woodard, “You don’t have to like your fellow firefighter, but you do have to love them.” With that, the “Brown Shoe Files” are closed. 🧯

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 region review assessments; all before the CNIC assessment team arrives. For more information, contact Eric Rhode: eric.k.rhode.civ@us.navy.mil



REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRNW	NAVMAG Indian Island	FEP	June 12 -16
CNRNW	NAVBASE Kitsap	FEP	June 19 - 24
NDW	NSA South Potomac	FEP	July 9 - 15
CNRSE	NSA Mid South	FEP	July 29 - August 5
JRM	NAVBASE Guam	FEP	August 5 - 12
CNRSE	NAS Meridian	FEP	August 5 - 12
NDW	NSA Annapolis	FEP	August 20 - 26
CNRMA	NSY Norfolk	FEP	August 28 - 31
CNRSE	NSA JRB New Orleans	FEP	September 10 - 16
CNRSE	CBC Gulfport	FEP	September 17 - 23
CNRMA	WPNSTA Yorktown	FEP	September 17 - 22
CNRSW	NSA China Lake	FEP	September 17 - 23
NDW	NSA Washington	FEP	October 1 - 7
CNRJ	CFA Okinawa	FEP	October 22 - 28
CNRJ	CFA Sasebo	FEP	Oct. 29 - November 4
CNRNW	NAVSTA Everett	FEP	November 12 - 18
CNRSE	SUBBASE Kings Bay	FEP	November 12 - 18
CNRSW	NAF El Centro	FEP	November 27 - Dec 1
CNRSE	NAS Kingsville	FEP	December 3 - 9
CNRSE	NAS Corpus Christi	FEP	December 10 - 16
CNRSW	NB San Diego - SWRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	June 12 - 16
CNRE	FDRMC Rota	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	July 9 - 15
CNRJ	CFA Yokosuka - SRF JRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	August 28 - Sept 1
CNRMA	Portsmouth NSY	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	September 10 - 16
CNRNW	NWRMC Vigor Seattle	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	September 17 - 22
CNRSE	SRMC Mayport	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	September 25 - 29
CNRE	FDRMC - Bahrain	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	October 15 - 21
CNRJ	CFA Sasebo - SRF JRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	November 12 - 18
CNRH	JB Pearl Harbor Hickam - HRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	December 4 - 8
CNRJ	Japan Area Assessment	NAVIG	July 09 - 29
CNRSW	San Diego Area Assessment	NAVIG	October 16 - Nov 2

CY 2022 DoD Fire & Emergency Services Award Winners



AWARD NAME	NAME/INSTALLATION
Fire Department of the Year (Small)	8th Civil Engineer Squadron Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
Fire Department of the Year (Medium)	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan
Fire Department of the Year (Large)	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA
Fire Prevention Program of the Year	902d Civil Engineer Squadron Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
Military Firefighter of the Year	Senior Airman Christian G. Hibner 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
Civilian Firefighter of the Year	Clinton Goepf Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA
Military Fire Officer of the Year	Marine Corps CWO3 Justin E. Barnes Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
Civilian Fire Officer of the Year	Assistant Fire Chief Christopher V. Cruz Naval Station Rota, Spain
Fire Service Instructor of the Year	Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention and Training Gregory N. Watkins Jr. DLA Installation Management San Joaquin, CA

Link to the 2022 DoD F&ES Awards press release:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3402759/dod-announces-winners-of-the-2022-dod-fire-and-emergency-services-awards/>



Congratulations to the CY 2022 DoD Fire & Emergency Services Award Winners



Life Saving Awards



In calendar year 2022, 145 CNIC Fire and Emergency Services responders were awarded individual Life Saving Award certificates. A team effort that saved the lives of 31 individuals.

So far in CY 2023, 32 individual Life Saving Award certificates have been awarded and seven lives have been saved.

Below are the awardees from April 17 to May 22, 2023. Bravo Zulu to all. Keep charging!

PROVIDER	REGION/LOCATION	INCIDENT TYPE
Firefighter/Paramedic Peter Gutierrez	Navy Region Hawaii – District 1	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Lombard	Navy Region Hawaii – District 1	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/EMT Damien Mercado	Navy Region Hawaii – District 1	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/EMT Joshua Niles-Dancy	Navy Region Hawaii – District 1	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Paramedic Shaun Rogers	Joint Region Marianas	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Paramedic Harrison Hardtz	Joint Region Marianas	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/EMT Benjamin Garcia	Joint Region Marianas	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Captain Kurt MacDonald	CNRMA – SUBASE New London	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Captain Patrick O'Brien	CNRMA – SUBASE New London	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter Emily Crocker	CNRMA – SUBASE New London	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter John Perodeau	CNRMA – SUBASE New London	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Driver Russ Atkinson	CNRMA – SUBASE New London	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Lieutenant/Paramedic Daryl Clements	CNRMA – Norfolk Naval Shipyard	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Logan	CNRMA – Norfolk Naval Shipyard	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/EMT Justin Dannhaeuser	CNRMA – Norfolk Naval Shipyard	Cardiac Arrest - Medical



Life Saving Awards



CPSE University Workshops



North Carolina Air National Guard Fire Department and CPSE invite you to attend the Quality Improvement for the Fire and Emergency Services Workshop June 20 – 22, 2023

Location

North Carolina Air National Guard
Fire Department
5740 West Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28208

Time

0800-1700 hours each day

Professional/business casual
attire required

Host Agency Contact

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Registration Fees

Covered under DoD contract

Registration Closes June 13

[Click Here to Register](#)

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the steps involved in the self-assessment process, from building a team to becoming an accredited agency.
- Identify the six building blocks of the accreditation process:
 - Conducting a Community Risk Assessment
 - Creating Program Goals and Objectives
 - Developing a Standards of Cover
 - Identifying and Documenting Performance Gaps
 - Developing a Strategic Plan
 - Conducting a Self-Assessment
- Understand the 10th edition of the self-assessment model.
- Identify tools and support for agencies.

Benefits of Accreditation:

- Provides greater community alignment.
- Encourages quality improvement.
- Facilitates input from and builds positive relationships with labor.
- Identifies strengths and weaknesses.
- Offers independent verification and validation.
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- Provides for data supported decision-making.
- Communicates management and leadership philosophies.

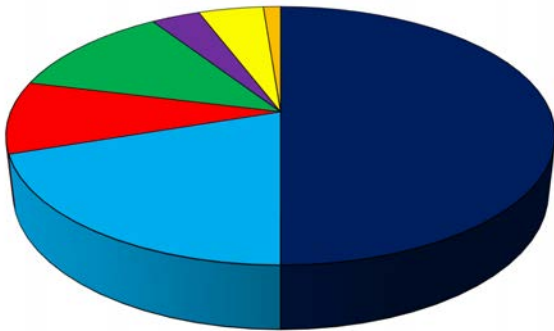
Adapt | Own | Grow | Stay Relevant | Embody

ESAMS Corner Update

By Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

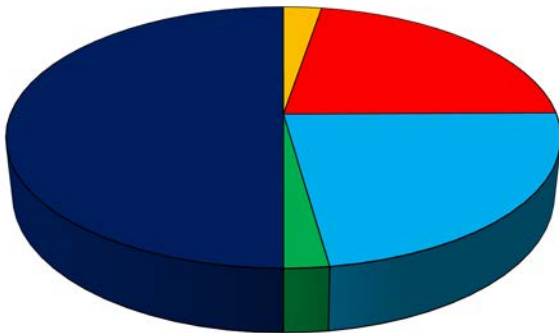
CY 2023 Statistics (01 Jan – 30 Apr)

Operations



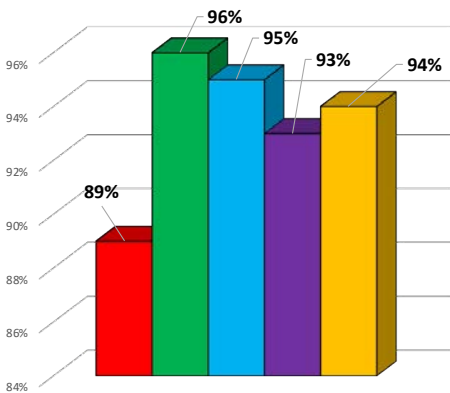
Rescue & EMS	7,409
Hazardous	3,386
False Alarm	4,452
Service Calls	1,282
Good Intent	1,710
Fires	454
Total Incidents	18,693

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	910
Hot Work Permits	9,066
Inspections	9,351
Building Evacuation Drills	1,072
Total	9,779

Training



EMS	95%
Proficiency	89%
Emergency Management	96%
Safety	93%
DoD Certification	94%

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

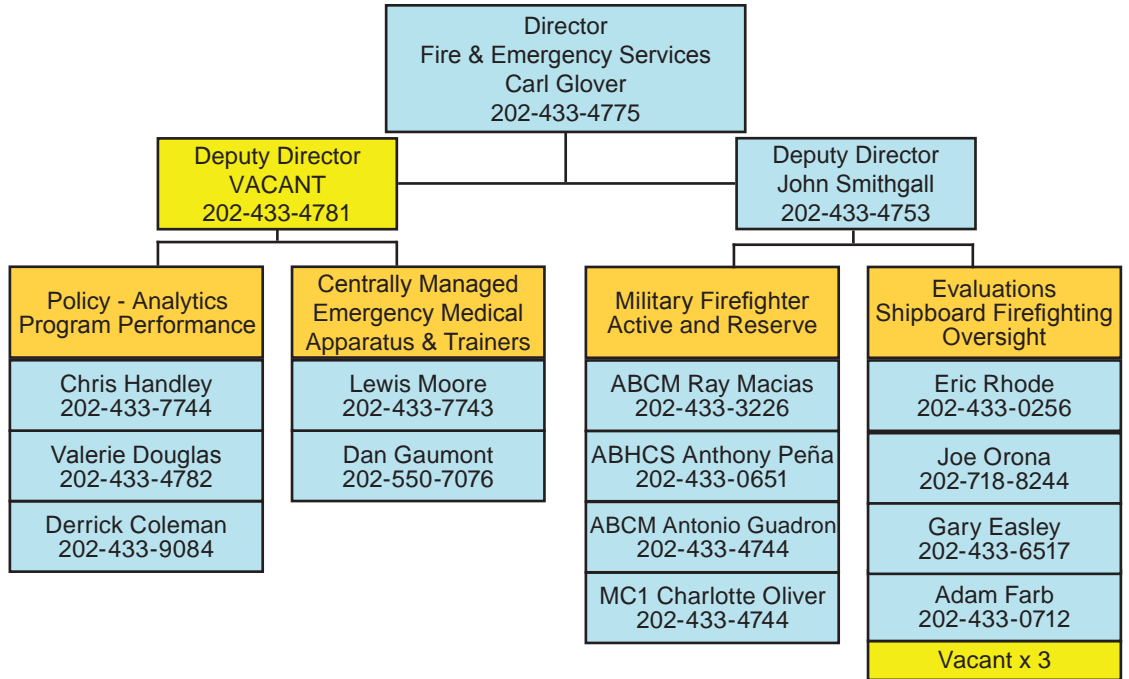
Mishaps Reported: 13
Total Lost Work Days: 4



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- Gene Rausch

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- John Crowell
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- Richard Rightmer
- Clarence Rout*
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