Fire & Emergency Services Legend Retires

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Fire & Emergency Services honored Fire Chief Freddie Thompson Jr. during his retirement ceremony held on December 29th, 2023 at NSB Kings Bay. During the ceremony Chief Thompson was also recognized for his 52 years, 3 months, and 24 days of dedicated federal service.

Chief Freddie Thompson Jr. is a native of Savannah, GA. His service to our nation began in 1971 as an Airman Recruit at the Air Force Basic Military Training Center, Lackland AFB, TX.

From the Director

Happy New Year! We are off to a fast start into the new year, and are looking forward to many continuous improvements projects / initiatives across our program. VADM Gray is now onboard as the new CNIC and his impact has been immediate as he is actively engaged on several fire programs to include training, risk identification, systems status, etc.

Earlier this month I was at NS Norfolk and had the honor of presenting the National Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year (2023) to Dave Rupert, CNRMA Fire Apparatus Fleet and facilities manager. The prestigious award is sponsored by Firehouse Magazine and Spartan Fire Apparatus. Dave is the first recipient from within DoD! BZ to Dave.
From the Director

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The new 1,000 gallon aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) vehicles are ready to start delivery. The Navy ARFF was developed based on the USAF Air Transportable ARFF, and was designed to fit into some of our older fire stations that are not large enough for the typical 1,500 gallon ARFF. The Navy currently has nine of the new 1,000 gallon ARFF on order. The E-One ARFFs look great; the first two will be delivered to NAS Kingsville within the next couple of months.

Navy F&ES is Hiring! Thanks to all our Navy F&ES Teams and members who serve, Protecting Those Who Defend America. Please stay safe.

Carl

Obituary

Retired Fire Chief Joseph Anderson, MCAS Tustin, 90, of Rantoul, IL passed away on the evening of Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at VA Hospital, Danville, IL.

Joseph served in the US Air Force for over 20 years. He then retired as Fire Chief from the Tustin Fire Department in California after more than 20 years of service. He loved his family and enjoyed fishing, gardening and cooking. He took pride in keeping his yard pristine and flying the American Flag. People gravitated to him and the world is a better place because of his presence.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on 3 February at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 East Grove.

He will be buried in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA on February 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. with a short family viewing there. Memorials may be made to the Shriners. Rest in peace, we have the watch. [Link to Obituary]

https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/30518675/joseph-anderson/wall
Additional Fire Related Hyperlinks and Sites

To Navy Fire & Emergency Services Fire Chiefs and First Responders across the Regions and to the many, many readers of What’s Happening, please take the opportunity to visit the links below to see additional articles and videos:

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**CNIC Holds Change of Command**


**Military Fire Fighter Heritage Foundation Scholarship**

The Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the 2024-2025 Scholarship application period is open. Applications are due to the foundation NLT 1 April 2024. Please include your application, a head and shoulders picture (no selfies), to info@MFFHF.com  
https://www.mffhf.com/2023-2024-scholarship-fund?fbclid=IwAR3a_GjQLsibQrDaTLTpfRUEjd1E3eaqIOIC7QWSdht-2sgfzOuAry8t8A

**Chief Alert Catalog (Jan 2024)**

Chief Alert 2024-01, Updated NAVAIR 80-R-14 Release (Released 7 January, 2024)

Chief Alert 2024-02, Fire Warden Training Trends (Released 10 January, 2024)

Chief Alert 2024-03, CNIC F&ES NATOPS Integration Notice (Released 24 January, 2024)

Chief Alert 2024-04, CNIC F&ES CART/FEP Assessment Checklist v.2.1 Update (Released 31 January, 2024)

For more information about Navy F&ES Chief Alerts, see postings at:  
https://g2.cnic.navy.mil/tscnichq/N3/N30/tempdocrepository/Region%20 Chiefs/Forms/AllItems.aspx

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

From: CNIC HQ Fire & Emergency Services

The Taking Care of Our Own Program was launched in October 2005 to provide a support network for federal civilian members of the DoD Fire 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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A Fire & Emergency Services Legend Retires

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After Basic Military Training, he proceeded via direct duty assignment to Charleston AFB, South Carolina where the entered on-the-job training as a Fire Protection Specialist.

After successfully completing Fire Specialist Training, he was reassigned as a Firefighter to Galena Airport Alaska, Eglin AFB, Florida, Yokota Air Base Japan, and Loring AFB, Maine.

As he career grew, he later completed assignment as an Assistant Fire Chief/Deputy Fire Chief at Iraklion AFS, Crete, Vandenberg AFB, California, Masawa AB, Japan, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, and Andersen AFB, Guam.

In 1989 he was assigned to the HQ Civil Engineering Support Agency at Tyndall AFB, Florida as Fire Protection Superintendent. In this capacity, he provided fire loss statistics, trends analysis, and fire investigation services for USAF Major Commands and Higher Headquarters; additionally he developed and managed the Air Force Firefighter Certification Program; now DoD-wide. In 1992 he returned to Galena Airport Alaska as Fire Chief followed by assignments to Hickam AFB, Hawaii and then to a second tour at Charleston AFB, South Carolina. While at Charleston, he was promoted to CMSgt and Deployed to King Abdul Aziz AB, Saudi Arabia. There he wore dual hats; installation Fire Chief and CENTAF Chief of Fire Protection, Saudi Arabia Area of Responsibility and had the unique opportunity to fly onboard the operating air carrier USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) to personally observe and understand aircraft carrier operations and required aircraft and rescue fire fighting support for Navy aircraft.

In 1996 he proceeded to his final active duty assignment as the Air Education and Training Command Fire and Emergency Services Inspector General, Randolph AFB Texas. On January 1, 1999, he was honorably
A Fire & Emergency Services Legend Retires (con’t.)

retired from the United States Air Force on the grade of Chief Master Sargent. His first assignment as a DoD civilian was Chief, Firefighter Training and Certification at Kelly AFB, Texas. In 2000, he transferred to RAF Lakenheath, England as Chief, Fire Prevention and Public Fire Safety Education. In 2002 he transferred to HQ, Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB, Georgia as Fire Prevention Base Operating Support Manager. In 2005, he was reassigned to Naval Station Rota Spain as Fire Chief; there he successfully integrated 71 military, Host Nation, and Federal Civilian firefighters into a cohesive team, and provided fire suppression support for the City of Rota. In 2008, he assumed duties as Fire Chief at Naval Air Station Atsugi, Japan which included four other geographically separated Naval Installations.

In 2011 he transferred to SUBASE Kings Bay, Georgia as the first DoD Fire Chief. Here he successfully transitioned the Department from Contractor operated to the present DoD Civil Service.

Mr. Thompson military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (5), Air Force Commendation Medal (1), Air Force Achievement Medal (1), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Dessert Storm/Southern Watch, Air Force Civil Engineer Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year and other unit and campaign awards. As a civilian he earned the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Departmental Award. He also earned the 2019 Navy Fire Chief of the Year. He is happily married to the former Sheila Johnson and has two sons CSM Freddie Thompson (Army) and David Thompson, and two daughters Evon Thompson and Brandon Thompson.

(photo above) CAPT Christopher Bohner, NSB Kings Bay Commanding Officer (right) presents Letter of Appreciation to Fire Chief Thompson Jr. (photo below) Commander Navy Region Southeast Fire & Emergency Services Fire Chief and staff present wooden plaque. (U.S. Navy Photo by: MC1 Zachary D. Behrend Kings Bay Public Affairs.)
Strengthening the Alliance: The Crucial Partnership between Chinhae F&ES and the Republic of Korea

Story and photos by: Regional Fire Chief Gil Chavez, Commander Navy Region Korea

One of the primary reasons that underscore the importance of this partnership is the challenge posed by limited resources on both sides. The Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae (CFAC) F&ES, and Host Nation Mutual Aid Partners, like many emergency response agencies, operates within a framework of finite resources. However, the CFAC F&ES Scope of Services required to assemble an Effective Response Force (EFR) to maintain public safety is vast and ever-evolving.

In such a scenario, the collaboration with Republic of Korea Navy and Changwon City Fire Services, becomes indispensable, as it allows entities to pool their resources and expertise to address a wide range of potential challenges.

The geographical diversity and dynamic nature of emergencies demand a collaborative approach. The Republic of Korea, as our host country, provides an invaluable layer of support that enhances the CFAC F&ES capacity to respond effectively to incidents of various scales. Whether it be Structural Firefighting, Technical Rescue Operations, or HAZMAT incident, the joint efforts of the CFAC F&ES and South Korean authorities create a more robust and resilient system, in support of CFAC’s Scope of Service.

According to CFAC F&ES Asst. Chief Paek, “this partnership extends beyond just the sharing of physical resources; it also fosters the exchange of knowledge and best practices”. The CFAC F&ES Team brings its wealth of experience and advanced training methods, while Host Nation Mutual Aid Partners contributes its unique insights and understanding of resource allocation beyond CAFC capabilities. This knowledge-sharing dynamic results in a more comprehensive and adaptive response strategy, ensuring that both entities are well-prepared for any possibility.

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(Above) CAFC F&ES ENG-2 crew participated in annual City of Chinhae multi-interagency city wide exercise.

(Right) The City of Changwon, Korea, invited Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae, Commanding Officer CDR Dispasquale, and Regional Fire Chief Gil Chavez to observe annual multi-interagency city wide exercise involving over 200 participants, including members of the CFAC Fire & Emergency Services Team.
Strengthening the Alliance (con’t.)

Moreover, “the collaboration between the CFAC F&ES and Republic of Korea enhances diplomatic ties and strengthens the bond between our nations, states “Asst. Chief Paek, “in times of crisis, the coordinated response sends a powerful message about the solidarity and long lasting friendship that exists between us”. It's a testament to the notion that when nations come together for a common cause, the collective strength far exceeds the sum of individual efforts.

As we celebrate and appreciate the strong partnership between the CFAC F&ES and Republic of Korea, it is crucial to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of the men and women who work tirelessly to uphold public safety. Their commitment to excellence, coupled with the collaborative spirit that defines this partnership, ensures that our communities remain safe and secure.

In conclusion, the synergy between the CFAC F&ES, ROK-Navy, and Changwon Fire Services Headquarters exemplifies the positive outcomes that can be achieved through international collaboration. According to CFAC F&ES Asst. Chief Chon, “by working hand-in-hand, these entities demonstrate that overcoming challenges is not just about the resources we have, but the partnerships we build”. Together, we are stronger, more resilient, and better equipped to face the uncertainties of any emergency we are called to.

Here is to a future filled with continued collaboration, shared successes, and the unwavering commitment to “Protecting Those Who Defend America”.

(center photo) The Republic of Korea Navy Fire Department hosted Shipboard Firefighters for an annual training at their training Facility, and invited members of the Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae, CFAC Fire & Emergency Services Team to participate. (above) Mishap exercise members of the CFAC Fire & Emergency Services Team participated by integrating with Ship’s Forces.
Message from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center

F&ESCP Update - Fire Officer Courses - TF-VLC and MyLearning

AFEC released the following new courses and end of course assessments. All courses are available within MyLearning and on TF-VLC. AFEC requests any feedback from those that decide to complete these new courses on MyLearning. AFEC have tested on both sites without issues. Dates behind the course name is for AFEC usage but signifies the last updated version of the course delivered to AFEC on that date.

10211W_03 Fire Officer I - 29 Sept 23
10212W_03 Fire Officer II - 29 Sept 23
10213N_03 Fire Officer III - 05 Oct 23
10214N_03 Fire Officer IV - 05 Oct 23

The following old courses and end of course assessments will be removed from MyLearning and TF-VLC o/a 16 July 2024 allowing time for those currently enrolled in the older version to complete this course. Exceptions on case-by-case.

10211W_02 Fire Officer I - 10 Nov 21
10212W_02 Fire Officer II - 1 Dec 22
10213N_02 Fire Officer III - 1 Dec 22
10214N_02 Fire Officer IV - 1 Dec 22

New DoD F&ESCP Procedural Guide Release dated Nov 2023

AFEC has updated the latest DoD Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program Procedural Guide. Summary of Changes:


A vertical bar next to paragraphs identify information changed from previous versions. Specifically, this revision includes the following significant updates:

- Updated AFCDA (MyLearning) enrollment procedures
- Updated AFCDA (MyLearning) EOC testing procedures
- TF-VLC and Student ID procedures
- Updated Certification Package Submittal Requirements
- National Registry Emergency Medical Responder
- Clarified 2151 certification course eligibility

Attachment can also be found via the Certification SharePoint database home page.
CNRMA Region Fire Kevin Janney Retires

Region Fire Chief Kevin Janney worked his last day in the office on 23 December 2023 and is now officially retired. Kevin has started his transitions to the next chapter of what comes next. Kevin served for over 30 years in the federal government and 28 of those years with Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services. Chief Janney will always be a member of the Navy F&ES family.

Fair Winds and Following Seas .... Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

Updated NAVAIR 00-80R-14 ARFF Manual Released

A recent publication of the NAVAIR 00-80R-14 Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Manual was published by NAVAIR PMA-251 and promulgated by CNIC Fire & Emergency Services via Chief Alert 2024-01.

While the entire manual should be reviewed for changes impacting shore-based ARFF service delivery, particular attention should be given to chapters 3 – 5 in which the predominance of the Navy F&ES ARFF requirements resides.

Due to its file size and designation as controlled unclassified information, the manual has been forwarded to each Region Fire Chief via the DoD SAFE system.

For questions regarding manual, please do not hesitate to contact SCPO Anthony Pena (anthony.f.pena.mil@us.navy.mil)
Around the Firehouse

CNRMA Welcomes New Region Fire Chief Christopher Payne

Christopher Payne serves as the Fire Chief for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services. Chief Payne has over 33 years of Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Emergency Management experience. In 1990, he began his passion for fire & emergency services as a volunteer in Virginia. He is a U.S. Army and Army Reserve veteran, having served in Bosnia and the Middle East with HHB 6-52 Air Defense Artillery as a Combat Medic and then at Fort Bragg, NC, with the 28th Combat Support Hospital.

After his active duty service, he began his professional career with Madison County EMS. Next, Payne was hired by Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, VA, where he attended a fire academy, Recruit Class 6, in 2002. He left Loudoun County to become a Captain for the County of Orange Fire & EMS before transitioning to the Department of Defense. He served ten years as a Firefighter/Paramedic at Quantico Fire & Emergency Services. While at Quantico, he served on the Rappahannock EMS Council Protocol Committee, was the team leader of the Quantico Rescue Task Force and was sent to Tactical Medic Training in Niagara, New York. As the team leader, he was responsible for organizing and providing training to personnel in preparation for an active shooter event. He also established the foundation for the installation STOP THE BLEED program.

In 2017, he accepted the Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services position at Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services (NRMA F&ES). He managed NRMA’s 10-state operating area EMS program. During his time as EMS Chief, he led NRMA F&ES to be the first DoD Fire Service recognized by the American Heart Association for the Mission Lifeline - Bronze Award. While at NRMA F&ES Fire Headquarters, Chief Payne also served as the Acting Deputy Chief of Operations and the Division Chief Of Technical Services. In late 2019, he was promoted to the NRMA F&ES District Fire Chief for Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Weapons Station Yorktown and Cheatham Annex, NRMA Fire District 2. In June 2023, he was laterally selected to the position of Deputy Fire Chief of Administration at NRMA Fire Headquarters and in September 2023 was selected for the position of Fire Chief.

Payne received an Associate’s Degree in Emergency Medical Services Technology (Paramedicine) from Northern Virginia Community College and became a Nationally Registered Paramedic in 2000. He continued his education by receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management in 2017 and his Master’s Degree in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Public Administration in 2018, both from Waldorf University. In addition, he is pursuing post graduate studies in Public Administration at Liberty University, part-time.

In his non-work time, Chris spends time visiting local community events and spending time outdoors with his adult children and grandson.
Around the Firehouse

Fair Winds and Following Seas Chief Robert Bethea

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic would like to congratulate Fire Chief Robert Bethea, upon his retirement. Best wishes!
NSA Panama City Fire Chief Selected as Senior Civilian of the Year

Naval Station Panama City (NSPC) was pleased to announce Thad Mapledoram (Fire Chief) as Senior Civilian of the Year. Fire Chief Mapledoram hosted the Annual CNIC / CNRSE, Fire Chief Conference, gathered all DON Senior Fire Leadership for a week to discuss best practices. This opportunity showcased Navy Station Panama City unique mission requirements and highlighted successes / best practices in the Region.

In addition, Fire Chief Mapledoram successfully obtained approval from CNIC for an out-of-cycle new fire engine by highlighting the critical ongoing vehicle failures and high amount of out of service downtime for repairs. Working with NSAPC Command and NAVFAC PW, he successfully gained approval and funding for a self-help project to repair damaged interior walls and paint all the bunk rooms, offices and training room at the fire station, motivating the team to complete this self-help project saved the government over $20,000.

He worked together with NSAPC Emergency Manager to successfully purchase a brand new Monaco D21 Fire Reporting system, first system enhancement in over 15 years. He created a training division, and enabled prevention division to achieve an annual Fire Inspection completion rating of 100%, first time ever in NSAPC F&ES history; training division performed live fire training with our Mutual Aid partners Bay County Fire Rescue, maintained an annual training completion percentage of 98%, highest in the SE Region. Fire Chief Mapledoram used foresight to have purchasing quotes ready for fall out funds, successfully was awarded an additional $150,000 in unfunded requests to replace fire department specialized tools and equipment, largest equipment upgrade in NSAPC F&ES history.

Fire Chief Mapledoram was one of only 10 CNRSE personnel selected out of over 100 applicants to attend the senior naval leadership course Building the Bench. Fire Chief Mapledoram led his team from a Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) score of 88% to a record high Regional Assessment (RASS) score of 94% for FIRE.
Around the Firehouse (con’t.)

Yokosuka Fire Engine Parade

CFA Yokosuka’s fire and emergency services participated in the City of Yokosuka’s fire engine parade on downtown Yokosuka's Chuo Odori, also known as Blue Street, on January 7, demonstrating our alliance and friendship with our host community. (U.S. Navy photos by Taylor Ardito)
NAS Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Renew Accreditation

Story by: Sandy Owens and photos by Petty Officer Oscar Diaz

In 2022 the Fire and Emergency Services of Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Fort Worth attained accredited status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation (CFAI), joining an elite group of Navy fire departments and the 296th nationwide to achieve this distinction. The Fire Department has demonstrated continued commitment to meeting CFAI standards and renewed their accreditation requirements for 2024 in January.

“Continuing our accreditation journey as the 9th accredited fire department in the Navy is an honor and privilege. I get to work with an incredible team that does amazing things every day,” said NAS JRB Fort Worth Fire Chief Sam De Sessa. “Joining the first 300 fire departments worldwide to achieve accredited status is an incredible accomplishment that showcases our unwavering commitment to serving our community.”

The Center of Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) outlines the accreditation process, which includes a peer review of accreditation documents, an onsite assessment, and participation in a public hearing before the CFAI. To maintain accredited status, the Fire Department must submit an annual compliance report confirming adherence to CFAI standards. “The international standards set by the CPSE are intentionally challenging to meet, as the bar is set high with our citizens in mind. Is there a higher calling than to meet the demands of earning our public’s trust? To us, you are worth it. We want to continue proving that every chance we get,” said De Sessa.

NAS JRB Fort Worth Commanding Officer Capt. Beau Hufstetler presented the Fire Department with their renewed accreditation certificate and emphasized the team’s dedication and achievement. "We are immensely proud of our Fire Department for achieving accredited status and being recognized as one of the top departments in the Navy,” he said. “This accomplishment is a testament to the team's dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to serving and protecting our base and community."

NAS JRB Fort Worth is the first and finest joint reserve base, known for training and equipping air crews and aviation ground support personnel, while supporting missions such as airlift, aerial refueling, and global mobility, making it an integral part of national defense infrastructure.
Around the Firehouse (con’t.)

David Rupert Named 2023 Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year

David B. Rupert, who is the fire apparatus, fleet and facilities manager of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic fire & Emergency Services in Norfolk, VA was named 2023 Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year by Firehouse and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA). The award recognizes outstanding efforts to promote a high standard of excellence in quality and safety in emergency vehicles. Rupert is a U.S. Navy veteran and has worked for the Navy for 23 years. He provides technical assistance with all Navy fire and emergency services apparatus response units worldwide. EVT's who joined Rupert as finalist for the award are John Murray, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, West Plan Beach, FL; Wayne Mittelstadt, South Metro Fire Rescue, Parker, CO; Mark Retzlaff, Green Bay, WI, Metro Fire Department; and Angus Duff, Consolidated Fire District #2, Prairie Village, KS.

(Article and photos from Firehouse.com News) See full article in the link below.
http://tinyurl.com/mns29bh8

(below) Carl Glover, Director of Navy Fire & Emergency Services (left) presented the 2023 EVT of the Year Award to David Rupert early January. Joining are retired Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire Chief Kevin Janney, and Captain John Montagnet, Director Operating Forces at Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.
Around the Firehouse (con’t.)

Two New ARFF Trucks Ready for Delivery to NAF El Centro and NAS JRB Fort Worth

Executive Fire Officer Program

For those interested in applying to the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program, an updated EFO Handbook has been posted to our webpage at National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program (fema.gov).

The open application period is Jan 1 – Feb 29, 2024 and will be capped at 500 applicants. The EFO Program participation contract is now available on the webpage as well.
Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation Memorial Bricks

The Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation is seeking donations to help maintain the current exhibits, acquire and preserve future exhibits, and to help offset the cost of the memorial plaza; however, we feel that anyone who makes these donations should be recognized for their contributions. We are pleased to announce that we have resumed selling memorial bricks.

For more information visit: https://www.mffhf.com/brick-order or send an e-mail to: info@mffhf.com.

NOTE:

The 2024 Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation Banquet and Award Banquet is scheduled for Saturday 23 March, 2024 at 7pm (doors open at 5:30pm) at the Pearl on the Concho 333 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, TX. Guest Speaker—Col Shawn Moore (Ret). Ticket Sale ends 18 March, 2024 at 11pm.

See the link below for tickets or scan the QR code.

https://www.stubwire.com/event/2024militaryfirefighterheritagefoundationbanquet/pearlontheconchohotel/sanangelo/30947/

DoD Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service

The Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation will host the 2024 DoD Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service on Friday, 22 March, 2024 at 3pm at the DoD Fallen Firefighter memorial on Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

We will be honoring Assistant Chief Michael Baker on the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Field, KS, and Firefighter Brice Trossbach of Naval District Washington Fire Department, Patuxent River, MD, and Captain Adam Hart, 1st Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron, Hurlburg Field, FL.
Those Were the Days

This month we introduced a new section. We hope to bring some old memories and pictures of those who served and are still serving our installations.

(top left and right) CNRMA F&ES first responders, assigned to Philadelphia Naval Shipyard pose for a picture.

Note: We welcome your pictures of Navy F&ES crews and trucks.

(right) CNRMA F&ES first responders, assigned to Naval Station Newport, pose for a picture.
U.S. Navy and Japan hold 16th Annual Joint Response Drill

Story and photos by: Taylor Ardito, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

American and Japanese personnel participated in a large-scale training drill onboard Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), simulating an earthquake and an emergency response.

The drill, conducted on Dec. 15, included a focus on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). This year marked the 16th successful completion of the annual drill.

This Joint Drill is a yearly exercise with rotating scenarios that reflect a real response. The in-depth planning of the drill, combined with the high degree of scrutiny, ensures that both the U.S. Navy and the Japanese government are proficient and able to work together seamlessly during an emergency. Kyoko Sugita, a community relations specialist for CFAY, has participated in the drill as a media escort since its inception.

"People in the Japanese government and in the U.S. Navy rotate in and out of important positions over time," said Sugita. "The drill makes sure that everyone is aware of their role and how they need to react."

This year, the drill scenario simulated a 6.8 magnitude earthquake originating from the Miura Peninsula, causing large scale power outages, damage to buildings, and the Ronald Reagan’s mooring lines shifting on the pier. The first part of the drill consisted of an evacuation of a damaged building, with some of the evacuees having a variety of injuries ranging from mild to severe.

Units responded to the simulated event swiftly with a large force from more than 20 different U.S. Navy and Japanese organizations. More than 250 employees from the CFAY Emergency Management Office, CFAY Safety Office, Commander, Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire and Emergency Services, CFAY Security Office, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Yokosuka Kyosai Hospital, Japanese Ministry of Defense, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan Coast Guard, Japanese Nuclear Regulation Authority, City of Yokosuka, and Japanese reporters from several publications all participated in the drill.

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"This [Joint Drill] is good practice with other emergency departments," said Sean Rutledge, CNRJ Fire and Emergency Services fire prevention chief and joint drill incident commander, "It ensures we are all prepared and know exactly what everyone should be doing."

Eleven injured role players were treated by CNRJ Fire and Emergency Services firefighters and Navy Corpsman assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka at the triage area near the damaged building. Nine of the role players with minor injuries were escorted to the emergency shelter area located at the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center.

One role player with a simulated broken arm was transported to the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka while another role player with simulated major head trauma was transported to Yokosuka Kyosai Hospital. As the last simulated patient was transported off scene, the attention shifted to the second phase of the drill where a Japanese Coast Guard vessel, JCG Kinugasa (MS-01), patrolled the harbor. In the scenario, the JCG Kinugasa used radiological monitoring equipment and found no radiation and the scene was declared safe.

"It is important for us to conduct this Joint Drill to strengthen United States and Japanese cooperation," said an official for the Japanese Nuclear Regulation Authority’s Radiological Survey Team, "It enhances our understanding of each other’s roles if something happens in the future."

Officials from both the Japanese and U.S. Navy observed the complex drill from start to finish. Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Capt. Les Sobol and Commander, Navy Region Japan Rear Adm. Carl Lahti observed the drill with their counterparts from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, Japan Coast Guard, and Japanese officials from the City of Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"The presence of both U.S. Navy officials and Japanese government observers is a testament to our shared commitment to regional security," said Sobol. "These drills are not just about readiness; they also serve as an avenue for mutual learning and understanding of each other’s protocols and methodologies in handling these scenarios. Year after year, we observe significant advancements in our joint operational capabilities, communication, and trust. This continuous improvement is vital, it enhances our respective strengths while simultaneously forging a deeper, more integrated U.S.-Japan alliance, grounded in mutual trust and cooperation."

The drill completed with a tour of the emergency shelter area located at the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center. During this tour, participants had the opportunity to better understand Fleet Activities Yokosuka’s ability to shelter displaced individuals during times of emergency. The 16th annual Joint Drill not only demonstrated the strength of the U.S.-Japan alliance but also highlighted the shared dedication to ensuring peace and safety in the region. The lessons learned and the relationships strengthened during this exercise will undoubtedly play a critical role in shaping the future of emergency response and cooperation between the two nations.
NSA Crane Firefighters Respond to Fire Out on Local Community

Story and Photos by: Bruce Drake, Naval Support Activity Crane Public Affairs
Published on 30 November 2023

The Naval Support Activity Crane - The standard shift change briefing for the NSA Crane Fire Department personnel had just been completed yesterday morning when they received a call for mutual aid from an emergency services dispatcher from a neighboring Indiana community.

“The call from Martin County dispatch said that there was a structure fire with possible resident entrapment in the village of Crane, Indiana which is a small community close to our installation,” said NSA Crane Battalion Fire Chief Corey Van Meter. “We got the call at 0825 EST and we had the first of 4 responding vehicles out the door by 0826 with all vehicles and crews on the site within nine minutes. We deployed with our Pumper-Tanker, Ambulance, Primary Fire Rescue Engine, and our Incident Command Vehicle.”

The NSA Crane firefighters responded to the community’s request for fire department assistance under the installation’s Mutual Aid Agreement that is in place with Martin County, Indiana. “We have Mutual Aid agreements will almost every county and community surrounding NSA Crane” said NSA Crane Commander Luis “Homie” Martinez. “We (NSA Crane) work hard at being the type of neighbor that communities want to be close with.”

(above) NSA Crane Firefighters work to extinguish a fire that had engulfed a house trailer in a nearby Indiana community Nov. 29. NSA Crane firefighters responded to the fire that was off the installation under a standing Mutual Aid Agreement that NSA Crane has with Martin County. The village where this house was located is normally supported by a volunteer fire department in an adjacent town but luckily NSA Crane’s firefighters were able to respond within 10 minutes of notification.
NSA Crane Firefighters Respond (con’t.)

“By the time we were on site, the front of the house trailer was fully engulfed in fire and we had reports from the neighbors that they believed the resident was still inside because his vehicle was in the driveway, so we went from an initial defensive fire response and shifted to an offensive fire scheme” said Van Meter. “Four NSA Crane firefighters then donned Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) gear and then breached the house trailer by the back door to gain entry to commence a search of the building for the resident.” The first team of firefighters, led by Fire Captain Lane Magers and Firefighter Eric Jones, went in first and did a visual and tactile search of the trailer rooms.

“We went in first and determined that no one was in the building” said Magers. “I then went back in with Firefighter Lane Frederixon to do a second confirmation search for the resident and we again determined that no one was inside.”

As the search team was inside the house trailer, other NSA Crane firefighters established water hoses and tanker operations to fight the fire around the front half of the residence and its attached porch. Hose crews had the fire under control as the search teams were exiting from the rear of the building.

“As the search team was exiting the building, the local community police had determined that the resident of the fire was at his place of work and was transporting him back to his house” said Van Meter. “At this point we were able to shift our complete focus to getting the house fire out as completely as possible so it wouldn’t endanger the neighboring buildings in the village” he added.

At this time, the volunteer fire department from the nearby town of Loogootee, Indiana along with other emergency services personnel from Martin County arrived on scene to assist with extinguishing the fire and finish the salvage operation with NSA Crane firefighters.

“We completed the fire assessment and salvage operations and were back to our department in under two hours” said Van Meter.

“The Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department responded to a mutual aid call to NSA Crane a few weeks ago when we had an incident on the installation that required them to help back up our fire coverage for the base… so we were glad to help them with this fire. Part of being a good neighbor is being there when you are needed” said Van Meter.
Back in the Day: American Lafrance 700 Series Pumpers

Story and Photos by: Tom Shand

The U.S. Navy fire apparatus fleet post World War II consisted largely of custom chassis pumpers built by American Lafrance, Buffalo Fire Appliance, FWD and Seagrave Fire Apparatus. The design of each of these manufacturers’ models was unique to each builder with the American Lafrance 600 series rigs built with as a conventional cab with the fire pump located just behind the engine ahead of the open cab area. The 600 series model was introduced in 1942 and featured an improved windshield and cab seating arrangement with the engine moved slightly further forward in the chassis for better handling and weight balance. During this period American Lafrance produced eighty six model B675CO pumpers for the U.S. Navy.

Buffalo Fire Appliance vehicles were distinctive with a large hood and massive grill and fenders with many of these being built with a four door cab, years ahead of when this design would be standard and accepted by fire departments. Between 1942 and 1945 Buffalo Fire Appliance produced approximately 680 pumpers and trailer pumps for the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Navy.

The FWD engines were more built with an open cab, engine ahead design with a 750 gpm fire pump and 300 gallon water tank. These pumpers were much more conventional in design with a side mounted fire pump, minimal body compartments along with a top mounted booster reel. While the other manufacturer’s apparatus had different features none of them could match the hill climbing capability and maneuverability of the FWD vehicles.

American LaFrance took a large gamble when they introduced their 700 series apparatus in 1945 with a cab-forward design putting the engine behind the driver’s and officer’s seats with rear facing jump seats. For this era the cab forward design was considered quite radical and the other major apparatus builders, including Mack, Maxim and Seagrave were openly critical of the design with advertising showing that the crew would be in peril during intersection accidents. The apparatus industry was slow to accept the cab forward design and did not develop their own versions until the late 1950’s giving American Lafrance a large advantage when working with fire departments to develop specifications for new rigs. In 1957 Mack Fire Apparatus introduced their C model vehicles with Seagrave announcing the K model cab forward apparatus the following year.

The U.S. Navy began to take delivery of several American LaFrance 700 series pumpers and straight frame ladder trucks to protect various installations beginning in 1952. All of these vehicles were open cab design, the pumpers outfitted with a 750 gpm two stage fire pump, 300 gallon water tank and right hand side pump panel. These pumpers were powered by a 204 horsepower V-12 engine with a 150 inch wheelbase and overall length.

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Back in the Day (con’t.):

of 25 feet, 4 inches. These units were called the Invader model pumper with hundreds of these vehicles delivered to fire departments across the country.

Between 1945 and 1958 American Lafrance produced over 3500 700 series fire apparatus with approximately thirty units built for the U.S. Navy including engines, trucks and specialized foam units. In 1956 American Lafrance sought to update the 700 series apparatus while the engineering group was working on a new design for a wider cab with expanded options for different motors, body compartments and warning light configurations. The result was the introduction of the 800 series apparatus built on a 160 inch wheelbase with a left side pump panel, body compartments both forward and aft of the rear axle along with heavier frame rails.

These vehicles were offered with two different drive trains and option content with the U.S. Navy taking delivery of sixteen model C-775-PKC pumpers during February, 1956. These rigs were rather austere in appearance with limited bright work or chrome with a combination siren light center mounted on the windshield over the cab. These units together with the other manufactures apparatus formed the backbone of the U.S. Navy’s apparatus fleet during this period Back in the Day.🔥

(above) U.S. Navy 1956 ALF 800 C-775-PCO #N-67-#N-80 (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)
VADM Scott Gray Assumes Command of the Navy’s Shore Type Command

Story and Photos from: Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

CNIC held a change of command ceremony at CNIC headquarters onboard Washington D.C.’s historic Navy Yard, Dec 18, 2023.

Vice Admiral Scott Gray relieved Read Admiral John V. Menoni, who had served as acting commander of Navy Installations Command since July 2023. CNO Franchetti was the honored guest speaker for this event. Read about it at https://www.dvidshub.net/news/460420/commander-navy-installations-command-holds-change-command
NSA Crane Fire & Emergency Services Improves Response Procedures with Contractors

Story by: Bradley, Beaty, District Chief, CNRMA Fire & Emergency Services-NSA Crane

On Nov. 2, 2023, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane Fire and Emergency Services was invited by Bowen Construction and Nicholson Construction Companies to participate in an injured worker/worker down drill at the Underwater Launch Test Facility (ULTF) currently being built at NSA Crane.

The ULTF is a site that will contain a more than 100 foot deep pit that once complete, will be filled with water to allow testing of various Navy systems to be conducted. Currently, it has no water and contains drills and excavators completing the final digging of the pool area. The site will also have an electrical substation, water treatment facility and a hyperbaric chamber for the divers that will operate in the pool once complete.

The exercise allowed all responders to understand the current risks at the job site while also getting familiar with what the final complex will look like once complete. It also allowed for each Fire & Emergency Services member to understand their unique responsibility to include how to identify where the site is located during its construction phase. “As part of the training exercise, the emergency services contact information was validated and the emergency dispatcher information needed was reviewed. The exercise also allowed all agencies to identify the best means to remove a victim from the pit and what alternative methods are available should the primary system not work,” said Bradley Beaty, NSA Crane’s District Fire Chief. “This was all briefed at ground level to ensure everyone understood the parts of the exercise and what to expect. Once all information was provided, the rescue crews were given a task to rescue a simulated casualty from the pit.”

In this first reaction exercise at the facility, a table top exercise mode was used to allow the construction personnel and the rescue teams to walk themselves through the proper response to an unknown medical event on the job site. “This meant that the construction personnel had to know how to properly announce over their site radios the procedures to

(left) Due to the depth of the work site excavation, when an Emergency Notification goes out for down worker, a personnel basket is lowered by crane to aid in the recovery of personnel. (right) The personnel recovery basket moves the injured worker to where medics are waiting to provide care. Picture by Bradley Beaty.
NSA Crane Improves Response Procedures (con’t.)

safely shut down all equipment creating an all stop condition.
The nearest workers to the injured personnel then explained how they would start providing buddy care to the worker while safely moving him to the crane basket to be removed from the site if he could be moved,” continued Beaty. “Due to the fact that the facility is still being constructed on NSA Crane, a construction worker was designated to call 9-1-1 while another was sent to the end of the road to safely escort NSA Crane emergency responders to the work site’s rally point.
The “injured” worker was removed from the pit with the crew-basket equipped crane normally used for personnel movements into the pit and once inside, they were lifted to the top of the pit where the patient was transferred to the NSA Crane Fire Department’s paramedics for additional care. As part of this table top exercise, the NSA Crane paramedics then explained what level of care they would provide based off the condition of the injured worker, how they would transport, and what hospitals could be used for additional care or evacuation to. The crews also discussed how they would properly notify local air evacuation units and which of the predetermined landing zones on NSA Crane would be used as primary landing zone for a possible air evacuation of the injured person.
The invitations to have the NSA Crane’s Fire & Emergency Services fire department participate in the two construction companies’ required safety drill led to a discussion about continuing the training at the site with a future exercise requiring a full response to include patient treatment, packaging and transporting. “These types of drills build partnership capacity and interoperability with the agencies that work on NSA Crane to ensure that on someone’s worst day, we are on our best,” said Beaty.

(above) Crew members move injured worker to basket for evacuation to the surface. (below) “Stop, Stop, all stop for downed worker”. Equipment holding position until scene is cleared. Picture by Bradley Beaty.
UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT  EVALUATION  VALIDATION

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Note: Please stay in touch with Eric, as dates are subject to change.
In calendar year 2023, 218 CNIC Fire & Emergency Services responders were awarded individual Life Saving Award certificates. A team effort that saved the lives of 42 individuals.

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**From the Desk of Gary Easley:**

**Attention:** The 2023 Navy Fire & Emergency Services Annual Awards nomination deadline will be here before you know it, please continue to work on the award packages for your firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, chiefs, and fire stations. Also, please take the time to consider your nominations for the next class of Hall of Fame inductees and Lifetime Achievement Award candidates. Award packages are due **no later than** Feb. 1, 2024.

Please contact Gary Easley if you have any questions.

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ESAMS Corner Update

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

CY 2023 Statistics
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F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

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Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)

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