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F&ES Editor in Chief:
MC1 Charlotte C. Oliver

Fire and Emergency Services Looking Ahead to the Future

Story by: Susanne Greene, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is helping Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire and Emergency Services advance their firefighting capabilities by providing Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) and other naval commands with a deployable firefighting robot.

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From the Director



Happy Holiday Season to All. All of our Regional F&ES Chiefs recently came together in San Diego to discuss our program changes and challenges.

I was very impressed by the level of engagement on the various topics and I am confident we have a solid strategy and framework for moving forward, to achieve alignment across all our Regions. During the meetings we discussed AFFF to F3 planning, shore-based shipboard fire response, staffing changes, fire prevention updates, POM, new apparatus, and critical incident reviews. Additionally, SW Metro F&ES hosted a few demonstrations of various equipment.

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Supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family



From the Director

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One of the highlights was the Navy tug boat demonstration to supply water to shore-based firefighters from the Tug. Also, while I was in San Diego, I was able to visit most of the Navy fire stations in the metro area and talk with the firefighters and crews. While stations are old, I was most impressed with the staff's positive outlook and the organization/cleanliness of all stations. Station and Company pride was evident. BZ to the Metro San Diego Navy firefighters. There a few pictures in this edition (page 17).

We recently learned of the passing of our friend Tom Smith. Tom was an dedicated professional in the DoD and USAF Fire Community. Rest in peace Tom; a pioneer, icon, great leader, and friend ... you will be missed, all the friends you mentored over the years will keep your legacy alive.

Our F&ES newsletter continues to be an outstanding form of communication to share info and pictures from around the Navy F&ES enterprise; much of what you see in the newsletter is assembled, organized, polished, and edited by MC1 Charlotte Oliver. Unfortunately, this is the last edition for MC1 Oliver, as she will be moving to her next Navy assignment at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. We have been blessed to have her expertise within our program and she will be missed. ***Fair Winds and Following Seas to Charlotte!*** Thanks for your dedication to our program and all the best with your family.



Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Anthony Peña will be picking up as our Editor for the *What's Happening* newsletter and our entire staff will be contributing to the development of future newsletters.

As we enter the holidays, many will be taking time off to spend with their family and friends; we urge everyone to be especially careful when traveling as the roads, airlines, etc. will be congested. Also, keep in mind all the firefighters, first responders, and military members who are standing watch during the holidays ... thanks for keeping us safe.

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 and enjoy the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carl



NOTE: Patch Collectors: Zachary Cannady is in search of DoD F&ES Patches for his collection; anyone interested in sending a F&ES Patch please contact Zachary direct. Email: zacannady@yahoo.com or text at 256-302-6234

Letter from the Editor

To Navy Fire & Emergency Services Director Carl Glover, Deputy John Smithgall, ABHCS Anthony Peña, the N30 Team, and the many Fire Chiefs and First Responders across the Regions and lastly, but not least, to the many, many readers of *What's Happening*:

Thank you for your support over the last 11 months during my tenure as your Editor in Chief of *What's Happening*. Without hesitation, you all accepted me as a part of the team, camera in hand and for that I am eternally grateful.

My time here at CNIC Headquarters has come to an early end and I am transferring at the end of December. In late July my father was diagnosed with stage three esophageal cancer and my request to transfer closer to home was approved. I start my new assignment at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine in early January.

Thank you Chief Glover for trusting me without question and giving me the reins of Navy F&ES's monthly magazine. I hope I did it justice as I knew I had big shoes to fill with the retirement of Gene Rausch.

To the many chiefs, firefighters, medics and everyone else who sent contributions for the newsletter, thank you. I'm sure you will not miss my e-mail inquiries asking for high resolution images or what certain acronyms stand for. I learned how to take submitted AARs and turn them into articles highlighting the men and women of our Navy fire service.

I leave the newsletter in the very capable hands of Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's (Handling) Anthony Peña.

I'm only at e-mail away.
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I stand relieved.

Very Respectfully,

Charlotte C. Oliver
Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class
United States Navy



(above) Captain James McIver, CNIC Deputy Director of Operations, right, presents Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal to MCI Oliver.

(below) Carl Glover, Navy F&ES Director, right, presents farewell gift to MCI Oliver. (Photo courtesy of Eric Rhode)



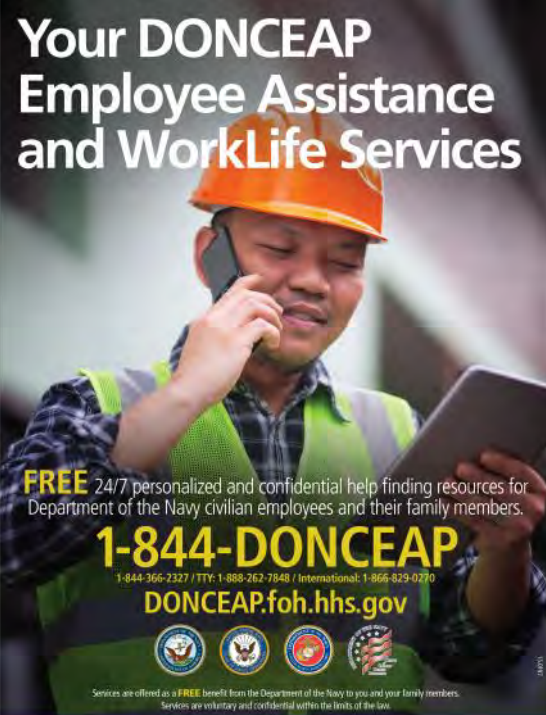
Taking Care of Our Own

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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Looking Ahead to the Future (*con't. from page 1*)



(left) The new THERMITETM RS1 Firefighting Robot discharges water during a demonstration for NRMA first responders at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown in mid-September. (U.S. Navy Photo by: Daniel DeAngelis)

“This remote-controlled firefighting unit will allow Navy firefighters to safely deploy the THERMITETM RS1 Firefighting Robot from a distance and conduct operations in locations that may be too hazardous for our firefighters,” said CNIC Director, Navy Fire & Emergency Services Carl Glover. “This unit could have applications on some ships, during weapons incidents, or other hazardous

material events.”

The robot is equipped with high-definition and infrared video cameras, a powerful nozzle with the capability of dispensing 1,250 gallons per minute (GPM), and has the ability to traverse hazardous terrain and climb stairs. The nozzle range is over 300 feet with a horizontal stream, over 150 feet with a vertical stream and with a maximum pressure of 200 pounds per square inch (PSI).



(above) NRMA F&ES first responders, assigned to NNSY and Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, watch a demonstration of the THERMITETM RS1 Firefighting Robot in mid-September. (U.S. Navy Photo by: Daniel DeAngelis)

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire and Emergency Services responders assigned to NNSY and Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, had the opportunity to train with the RS1 during a demonstration in mid-September. The robot does not replace a firefighter, but is an added tool to firefighting capabilities for protecting life and property both onboard NNSY and in the surrounding communities.

“The RS1 will benefit NNSY for fire suppression in warehouses, shipboard and drydocks,” said NNSY Assistant Fire and Emergency Services Chief Shawn Charity.

Currently, the RS1 firefighting robot is the only one

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Looking Ahead to the Future (*con't.*)

owned by the U.S. Navy in Hampton Roads and NNSY is piloting the Navy program. It will be used to support NNSY, other local military installations and provide off-installation assistance to communities outside of NNSY's fence line.

“While this unit is our first prototype for evaluation, we are considering additional or similar style firefighting units for the Fleet concentration areas in the next few years,” said Glover.

“The safety and security of our workforce is my number one priority,” said NNSY Base Support Officer Captain Gregg Benton. “The value of this firefighting robot is immeasurable when it comes to protecting the lives of our firefighters, workforce and Navy assets.”

For NNSY Firefighters, the future is now; welcome aboard RS1!



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Around the Firehouse

The Big Easy Welcomes New Fire Chief



From: CNRSE, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Krause

To: N30, Commander Navy Installation Command

Subj: Good News Story – NAS JRB New Orleans Fire Chief

Commander, Navy Region Southeast is proud to announce Richard Puente III as our newest Fire Chief for NAS Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES). Chief Puente hails from San Antonio, Texas and is married to Kristen Puente. They have 5 wonderful children; Richard, Aaron, Matthew, Brianna, Cataleya. Chief Puente worked 8 years Marine Corps and 11 years in Navy Civil Service. He worked his way up the ranks as Firefighter Mid-South and MCAS Yuma, Lieutenant NAS Corpus Christi, Captain NAS Kingsville Station Chief and Training Chief, NAS JRB New Orleans. Chief's primary goal is to align the department with their strategic initiatives, secondly; to improve community outreach and engagement.



¡Buenos Días! Naval Station Rota Welcomes New Fire Chief

From: NAVSTA Rota, Deputy Fire Chief Nathan Ollberding

To: N30, Commander Navy Installation Command

Subj: Naval Station Rota, Spain Fire Chief

Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central is extremely proud to announce Richard G. Henderson as the new Fire Chief for Naval Station Rota, Spain Fire & Emergency Services. Fire Chief Henderson hails from Oceanside, California and is married to Dorsey Henderson. They have three amazing children: Jordan, an Air Force Pararescue Specialist, Autumn, a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, and Gage, a Federal Firefighter. Henderson retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years of dedicated service. He entered the civil service as the Region Prevention/Training Chief for Commander, Navy Region Japan. Henderson was promoted to Fire Chief of Yokosuka, Japan in 2017. In 2021, he then accepted the position of Fire Chief at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. Henderson has a rich history of fostering relationships, building elite teams and improving organizational output. Naval Station Rota is excited to welcome his strategic vision, unparalleled leadership and innovative forethought as he continues to progress the department into the future and provide the best possible service to the community.



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Around the Firehouse

Fair Winds and Following Seas Chief Rayfield



From: NAVSTA Rota Fire Chief, Richard Henderson

To: N30, Commander Navy Installation Command

Subj: Fire Chief Shane Rayfield Retirement

Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa Central (EURAFCENT) would like to congratulate Fire Chief Shane Rayfield on his retirement from civil service.

Chief Rayfield has dedicated 25 years of service to Navy Fire & Emergency Services around the world. He has led in Guam, Cuba, Sicily, Navy Region EURAFCENT and Spain.

Fire Chief Rayfield will surf into the next chapter of his life with his wife Teresa and daughter Stella in beautiful Lourinha, Portugal. We would like to thank him for his service and wish him the best.



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Executive Fire Officer Program Graduation



Assistant Chief Jason Kinlaw (CNREURAFCENT F&ES) graduated from the prestigious Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program, November 14, 2023. This intensive and comprehensive program equips leaders with the skills and knowledge to navigate the complex challenges of today's fire service. Graduates have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and are now prepared to address the complex challenges that are facing the fire service.

"The EFO program was the most challenging and rewarding program that I have attended which has made a lifelong impact and instilled a great sense of accomplishment," said Kinlaw.

Upon commencement of the EFO graduation, Chief Kinlaw transitioned from his position at CNRMA F&ES as the EMS Chief to his new assignment overseas at CNREURAFCENT F&ES as the Training Chief. His successful completion of this arduous program is a testament to his dedication to excellence and commitment to enhancing the safety and efficiency of the fire service.

The National Fire Academy (NFA) states that "The EFO program is the pinnacle of U.S. Fire Administration's commitment to

support the needs of fire and emergency medical service (EMS) agencies in preparing executive officers to meet the ever-changing demands of the dynamic communities in which they service." The two-year program is renowned for its comprehensive curriculum, which prepares fire service professionals for leadership roles through advanced education in executive-level topics. The NFA recently announced that all courses in the new EFO Program have been recommended for 3-graduate credits each by the American Council of Education (ACE).

Selection for the EFO program is a competitive process that evaluates a candidate's experience, leadership, education and professional development, community engagement, and professional ethics and integrity. The next application period for the EFO Program runs from January 1, 2024, to February 29, 2024, using the National Emergency Training Center Online Admissions Application.

(Courtesy Photos)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Military, Local Agencies Partner for Joint Exercise

Personnel from Joint Region Marianas Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES), U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Andersen Air Force Base F&ES, and the Guam National Guard joined local government agencies for a full-scale mass casualty exercise at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport in Barrigada, Nov. 15. The exercise provided an opportunity for the agencies to train and work together to respond to real-world emergencies. (*U.S. Navy photos by Shaina O'Neal*)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Hawaii Federal Fire Department Life Saving Actions

In September Dustin Woodmansee experienced sudden cardiac arrest. First responders from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fire Department Station 10 responded to the call. Federal firefighters Curtis Yoshikane, Tyler Agtang, Stephen Taheny and Norman Lugo, along with members of the Honolulu Emergency Medical Services, performed basic and advanced life support on Woodmansee, saving his life.

Woodmansee and his wife, Britney, were recently able to thank the men personally for saving his life.

Mahalo and BZ Team!

(U.S. Navy photos by Melvin J. Gonzalvo)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Surface Warfare School Command Conducts Live Fire Training



Members of Commander, Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services and Yokosuka City Fire Bureau firefighters conducted a live fire training exercise at the Surface Warfare School Command (SWSC) onboard Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Nov. 27, 2023.

For more than 75 years, CFAY has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.

Great work team!

(U.S. Navy photos by: Taylor Ardito)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

USS New Orleans Conducts Chapter 13 Fire Drill

The amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18) conducted a chapter 13 Fire Drill aboard the ship at Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Nov. 15, 2023.

The drill required coordinated efforts by CNRJ fire and emergency services, the New Orleans' damage control team, and U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC) Detachment Sasebo to test and ensure effective integration in the event of a major fire aboard the ship.

(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Quinton A. Lee)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

CNRJ F&ES Conduct Chapter 12 Drill Aboard USS Milius



Commander Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services conducted a chapter 12 fire drill aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Milius (DDG 69). F&ES firefighters worked alongside shipboard personnel to combat the simulated fire.

(U.S. Navy photos by Taylor Ardito)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Joint Region Marianas Excels During Accreditation PEER Review

Joint Region Marianas had a success day during the Accreditation PEER review out-brief, garnering a green light to proceed to the Accreditation Commission hearings scheduled for February 2024. It made the team smile quite often as the PEER team commented on how well everyone gets along within JRM, and the family environment they have in the command.



(left) Members of JRM F&ES and Accreditation board members pose for a photo during the Accreditation PEER review out-brief. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of JRM F&ES)

The region knows he is humble, but Region Fire Chief Christopher Connelly's guidance, vision and willingness to get JRM F&ES to the goal line along with Team CNRSW F&ES PCA and constant review with Fire Chief Mark Berry was momentous.

*Editor's Note:

The table in the photo is the same table used during the Vietnam Conference where President Lyndon B. Johnson, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, General William Westmoreland, and others, met with President Nguyen Van Thieu, and Prime Minister, Nguyen Cao Ky, of the Republic of Vietnam, from March 20-21, 1967 at Top o' the Mar, Guam. The conference affirmed their joint determination with their allies, to defend freedom in South Vietnam and at the same time to continue the earnest search for an honorable peace.



(above) President Johnson, center, SECDEF McNamara, right, Secretary of State Rusk, left, and other members of the U.S. Government meet with South Vietnam President Thieu and Prime Minister Ky at Top o' the Mar, Guam, March 20-21, 1967. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of the Bettmann Archive)



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Kauai County FD Conducts SAR Training at Barking Sands

Recruits from Kauai County Fire Department and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services Department conduct search and rescue training on PMRF Barking Sands, Kekaha, Hawaii, Nov. 02, 2023. The recruits practiced different techniques for entering, searching and securing spaces to safely retrieve a person from a burning building.

(U.S. Navy Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Louis Lea)



NAS Jacksonville Completes NATOPS Validation

Naval Air Station Jacksonville recently completed their Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) validation, Nov. 28-30, 2023. The validation was conducted by Aviation Boatswain's Mate Senior Chief Anthony Peña, CNIC HQ F&ES Military Firefighter Program Manager, and Matthew McQuaig, CNIC HQ F&ES Fire Protection Specialist. Aided by CNRSE F&ES members Jeremy Massey and Lincoln Ratliff.



The F&ES validation was thorough, focused on compliance, and validated requirements were being met at all levels. The hard work completed by NAS Jacksonville F&ES in advance of the validation resulted in 159 of 164 line items being in compliance, an overall score of 97%. The inspection



team also took time to highlight the positive impact that inclusion of the Regional F&ES team had on the overall process as well as the obvious dedication and exemplary work ethic demonstrated by the NAS Jacksonville F&ES team.

(U.S. Navy Photos courtesy of NAS Jacksonville F&ES)



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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 is just around the corner! See the link below for tickets.

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



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.



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Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

Regional Fire Chiefs Meeting Highlights

During the recent Regional Fire Chief's meeting held in San Diego, California, there were various topics covered, but the region chiefs were also able to observe multiple firefighting exercises and capabilities. Including the firefighting capabilities that can be provided by Navy Tug Boats.



(U.S. Photos courtesy of Dir. Navy F&ES Carl Glover)



Santa's Little Helpers!

By: Fire Chief Mark A. Brusoe, Naval Air Station Jacksonville



Naval Air Station Jacksonville firefighters joined forces with the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville for their 17th Annual "Christmas for the Kids" event.



More than 250 children went on a shopping spree for those special holiday toys accompanied by Jacksonville Sheriff's Officers, NAS Jacksonville firefighters and several community volunteers to help carry those special toys. Walmart located on 103rd street, Jacksonville, Florida graciously hosted this annual event, which brought everlasting smiles and memories for all.

(U.S. Navy Photos courtesy of NAS Jacksonville F&ES)



Guantanamo Bay Gets New Consolidated Fire Station

Story and Photos by:

Fire Chief Robert Thompson, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Fire & Emergency Services

The Guantanamo Bay Fire & Emergency Services was established in 1903 to support the U.S. military base and its mission in the Guantanamo Province of Cuba.

The department was staffed with military firefighters, who shared building space and duties with public works. Due to the industrial age of the United States, the condition of the current fire station, and modernization of fire vehicles all created a need for a new fire station.


In 1941 on Marine Hill and 1944 in the industrial area near port operations, the Guantanamo Bay Fire Department was honored to move into brand new fire stations with the sole purpose of providing Fire Protection. These buildings served the department and community well for over 80 years. As the base grows, so does the needs of the Fire Department.

On Oct. 3, 2023 we started a new chapter in our history as we continue to grow and improve our



support of the Guantanamo Bay community with the opening of a new state of the art fire station. This



new fire station will consolidate the services of the two oldest fire stations in the Department of Defense system. Our firefighters are honored to be a part of this history as we move forward with our ultimate mission of "Keeping GTMO Safe". 



CNRJ F&ES Attend 22nd Annual Friendship Banquet

Story and Photos by: Assistant Chief of Training John E. Serrato
Commander, Navy Region Japan, Fire & Emergency Services



Yokosuka firefighters from District 1A commenced the proceedings with a moving Fallen Fire Fighter's ceremony. This ceremony was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices of Fire and Emergency Services personnel from Japanese and American fire services.

The U.S. Ambassador to Japan, the Honorable Rahm Emanuel, conveyed his message of friendship and the strength that emerges from unity within our communities via a video message. Following this message, an age-old tradition among comrades commenced, featuring a Sake barrel opening ceremony and a collective



"Kanpai" toast, symbolizing the shared bond of friendship.

Guests enjoyed captivating entertainment that epitomized a cross-cultural exchange. The first performance was by a local Hula school from the Kanagawa prefecture, which conveyed the essence of friendship and the Aloha spirit through its traditional dances and music. The second act featured an Old-style Biwa solo player skillfully playing the Japanese Lute and blending traditional music, singing, and modern compositions. In terms of both technical prowess and artistic expression, the Japanese performers left an indelible impression.

Throughout the evening, the ballroom filled up with smiles, the exchange of business cards, and energetic conversations among individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds, who came together to celebrate the cherished bond of friendship.

The 22nd Annual Friendship Banquet, held at the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo, was a heartfelt gathering that brought together not only Fire Departments from across Japan but also fostered connections among over 260 Japanese and American military personnel, firefighters, police officers, and civilians.

This remarkable event, which had its inception in 1996, marked the first Friendship Banquet since 2019 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic—at its core, the evening celebrated the spirit of friendship.

Setting the tone for the evening, the CNRJ



Back in the Day:

U.S. Navy Biederman MB-1 Crash Truck

Story and Photos by: Tom Shand

Over the years the U.S. Navy has utilized an array of crash-fire rescue vehicles to protect the airfield assets and personnel from a variety of manufacturers. During the period after World War II only a few companies were producing CFR vehicles for use at municipal airports with many using former military units as technology developed in the use of CO₂, foam and dry chemical apparatus. Companies such as American Lafrance, FWD and Ward Lafrance shifted some of their production to structural apparatus, while vying for military contracts which required substantial engineering effort to produce prototype vehicles for evaluation.

The Biederman Motors Corporation located in Cincinnati, Ohio was founded in 1920 by the two Biederman brothers with one of them taking the position as president and chief engineer. The company became noted for building specialized trucks and during World War II produced over 1600 trucks for the Army Air Force including crane trucks, fuel tractors and wreckers.



Beginning in 1953 Biederman collaborated with the Marmon-Herrington Company to produce 158 crash-fire-rescue vehicles for the U.S. Navy. These units were designated as model MB-1 and were unique in their appearance with a fully enclosed body and two person cab. The side body doors and twin roof mounted turrets were integrated into the overall vehicle design and was unlike any style of CFR vehicle that was currently in the Navy fleet.

The MB-1 was powered by a Continental model R6820 six cylinder gas engine rated at 320 horsepower through a five speed transmission and two speed transfer case. The vehicle was capable of a top speed of 64 mph which was quite fast for a vehicle weighing 33,000 pounds when fully loaded. The 6X6 chassis was built with a 189 inch wheelbase with several enclosed body compartments on each side of the vehicle.


The fire suppression system consisted of a 1000 gallon water tank, 100 gallon foam tank with twin foam systems, each supplying one of the manual roof mounted monitors. Staffing for this CFR vehicle consisted of a driver, two turret operators along with two personnel to operate hand lines that were enclosed on each side of the body. The foam monitors featured adjustable nozzle patterns and had a stream range of up to 180 feet.

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

The vehicle was equipped with six underbody nozzles, pike poles, CO2 extinguishers extension ladders were mounted on the right side of the vehicle along with a fixed rear body ladder to access the roof area where additional five gallon foam cans were stored. The Marmon-Harrington chassis components allowed this vehicle to traverse any type of terrain and despite its boxy appearance performed well under various operational conditions.

Following the delivery of the MB-1 vehicles the U.S. Navy began to develop a smaller, more compact crash-fire-rescue vehicle that would carry the MB-5 designation. These units were first built by Ward Lafrance and Marmon-Herrington and in later years during the 1960's were produced in large numbers by American Lafrance and Oshkosh Truck.

The Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas was assigned a MB-1 model vehicle carrying property number 71-00810. The yellow color of the vehicle was standard on Navy CFR units during this time, while the structural apparatus maintained the traditional red color. The MB-1 vehicle was unique for this time period. Back in the Day with features that would later be utilized to design new apparatus for airfield fire protection. 



(above) NAS Corpus Christi Crash 13 MB-1 1955 Marmon Herrington USN 71-00810 (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i Launches Vegetation Survey at Fort Shafter to Enhance Fire Safety

Story and Photos from: U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i Public Affairs



“The safety and well-being of our residents are paramount. This survey is a crucial initiative by USAG-Hawai'i to assess fire risks and discuss strategic mitigation for the community's safety,” commented Iris KirkPilger, project director for Island Palm Communities.

The day's activities involved assessing various risks and discussing potential quick-fix solutions. The approach was comprehensive, looking into factors like combustible fences, proximity of vegetation to structures, and the condition of gutters and parking areas. This proactive stance reflects the Garrison's commitment to the safety and well-being of its

In a concerted effort to bolster fire prevention and enhance the safety of military families, U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i conducted a comprehensive vegetation survey at Fort Shafter. The survey, led by the Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Ms. Brandi G. Skasik, took place on Friday, November 17, marking a significant step towards proactive fire risk mitigation.

The team, comprising key civilian personnel, explored densely vegetated areas to discuss and strategize on fire mitigation techniques. The diverse group of attendees, representing departments and services like Island Palm Communities, Directorate of Public Works, Natural Resources, Wildland Fire, Federal Fire, and Safety, addressed vital concerns related to tree trimming, grass cutting, preservation of native species, and fire prevention.




Richard Marsh from Installation Management Command Pacific noted, "This is about more than

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Hawai'i Vegetation Survey (*con't.*)

just surveying; it's about integrating knowledge across departments to achieve the best outcomes for fire prevention and community safety."

The survey's findings will guide the development of targeted strategies to manage fire risks effectively. This initiative at Fort Shafter is just the beginning, with plans to extend similar surveys to other Army installations on Oahu.

"Today's effort is a testament to our commitment to create outstanding communities where military families can live, work, and thrive," said Ms. Skasik, emphasizing the Garrison's dedication to continuous improvement in safety measures. 



Naval Air Facility Atsugi Hosts Fire Department Open House

Story by: Assistant Chief of Training Derrick Dimitris, Naval Air Facility Atsugi Fire & Emergency Services



In a remarkable celebration of community safety and engagement, Naval Air Facility Atsugi Fire & Emergency Services hosted an immensely successful Open House event on Oct. 14, 2023, as the grand finale of Fire Prevention Week.

This year, the department embarked on a journey of innovation, revitalizing every aspect of the event to create an inclusive and captivating experience.

Setting the tone for a day filled with excitement and education, the planning committee extended their reach to various on-base and off-base agencies, seeking

collaboration and fresh perspectives. The response from these agencies was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, highlighting the power of unity in promoting community well-being.

Navy security forces, Yamato City Fire Department, Ayase Fire Department, and the Red Cross all played pivotal roles in making this event a resounding success. Their captivating displays and engaging demonstrations were not only educational but also aimed at entertaining the NAFA community. In a testament to the spirit of collaboration, even Base Housing generously donated a prop stove, aligning perfectly with this year's NFPA theme: "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." The sense of community that emerged from these joint efforts left every department member elated, showcasing the power of collective action.



The Open House commenced with an awe-inspiring demonstration by Atsugi's Navy Security Forces K9 handlers, offering a glimpse of the day's excitement. A significant highlight this year was the introduction of a vehicle extrication demonstration, which proved to be a major crowd-pleaser, especially for those attending the event for the first

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Open House (con't.)




time. Attendees were also treated to a range of other popular attractions, such as a truck-pulling event demonstrating mechanical advantage, an opportunity to experience navigating a smoky corridor with thermal imaging cameras, a thrilling earthquake simulator, a rescue high-line display with Stokes basket rides, photo opportunities with Sparky, and a chance to win almost a thousand dollars' worth of donated door prizes.

The level of effort and energy invested in planning this event was truly exceptional. It involved designing innovative additions and meticulous coordination among all participating agencies, a testament to their dedication to

community safety. In the days leading up to the Open House, department members went above and beyond, conducting an extensive door-to-door marketing campaign and launching an aggressive social media push to ensure maximum exposure for the event.

Ultimately, the true measure of an event's success lies in community participation, and this year's results were nothing short of astonishing. The Open House witnessed an incredible turnout, with over 450 attendees.



The members of Atsugi Fire & Emergency Services were not only pleased with the outcomes but also humbled by the positive feedback they received. With enthusiasm and determination, they look forward to building upon this year's success to make the next event even more exceptional, reaffirming their commitment to safeguarding and educating their community on the path of fire safety and well-being. 

DoD Safe Helpline: How it Works

All Safe Helpline services are: anonymous, confidential, and tailored to support members of the DoD community and their loved ones affected by sexual assault.



You will always be connected to a live, specially trained professional.

“ One of the most profound gifts we can give survivors who come to Safe Helpline is simply listening to them. No one should have to go through healing from a sexual assault alone. ”

—Sami, Safe Helpline staff member for over three years

“ Compassion and support are at the heart of DoD Safe Helpline staff. It is what they provide to each visitor, and why we enjoy being a part of Safe Helpline. ”

—Sydney, Safe Helpline staff member for over ten years

“ When a survivor is connected with one of our staffers, they should know that this is a safe place, free from judgment or shame. We can help survivors find the support they need and deserve. ”

—Jason, Safe Helpline staff member for over three years

DID YOU KNOW?

A psychological health condition or seeking professional help will not automatically disqualify you for a security clearance.

1 SMALL ACT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Reach out to your nearest medical provider or the Military Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK



Project 1 Small ACT

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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CY 2023 IS COMPLETE!

BZ to All! Stay Tuned as CY 2024 is about to kick off!

OVERSIGHT PROCESS:

ASSESSMENT → EVALUATION → VALIDATION

REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRH	PMRF Barking Sands	NATOPS	January 23 - 25, 2024
JRM	NAVBASE Guam	FEP	February 11 - 17, 2024
CNRSE	NS Guantanamo Bay	NATOPS	February 13 - 15, 2024
CNRSE	NAS/JRB Fort Worth	FEP	February 25 - March 2, 2024
CNRMA	NAS Oceana	FEP	February 25 - March 2, 2024



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



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, 184 individual Life Saving Award certificates have been awarded and 35 lives have been saved.

Keep charging!

Provider	Region	Award	Incident Type
Captain/ Firefighter Ralph Nadler	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Engineer/Firefighter Brian Henriquez	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Sarah Will	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Andre Ramsey	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Chad Mohr	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Captain/ Firefighter Ralph Nadler	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	2	Cardiac Arrest
Engineer/Firefighter Luis Mata	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Engineer/Firefighter Jose Velasco	CNRSW – NWS Seal Beach	1	Cardiac Arrest
Battalion Chief Emmanuel Barnes	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Lieutenant/EMT Wilmer Garciatorres	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Lieutenant Raymond Winstead	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Astle	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Christian Fuentes	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jeremy Padgett	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Michael Howell	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Randy Lara	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jeremy Kovacs	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Assistant Chief Christopher Young	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Assistant Chief Robert Moore	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Lieutenant/EMT Wilmer Garciatorres	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	2	Cardiac Arrest

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Life Saving Awards (*con't.*)



Provider	Region	Award	Incident Type
Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Astle	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	2	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Christian Fuentes	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	2	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Marquesa Taylor	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jeremy Padgett	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	2	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Cara Hankins	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Andrew Garcia	CNRSE – Gulf Coast F&ES	1	Cardiac Arrest
Captain/EMT Wayne Barlage	CNRNW – NAVSTA Everett	4	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jacob Castro	CNRNW – NAVSTA Everett	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Steven Trujillo	CNRNW – NAVSTA Everett	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jason Urban	CNRNW – NAVSTA Everett	3	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Justin Rowe	CNRNW – NAVSTA Everett	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Mark Soika	CNRNW – NAVSTA Everett	1	Cardiac Arrest
Lieutenant/EMT Matthew Fujimoto	CNRH – District 3	2	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Driver Operator Matthew Neves	CNRH – District 3	2	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Driver Operator Justin Wong	CNRH – District 3	2	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/Paramedic Gabriel Sasaki	CNRH – District 3	4	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Watanabe	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Keith Imada	CNRH – District 3	4	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Joshua Callaghan	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Kaeo Kapana	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Kenneth Cruz	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Chayse Montalbo	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Rudi Galapia	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Baron Choy	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma
Firefighter/EMT Jantzen Hatakenaka	CNRH – District 3	1	Cardiac Arrest—trauma

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Life Saving Awards (*con't.*)



Provider	Region	Award	Incident Type
Firefighter/EMT Tyler Agtang	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Norman Lugo	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Stephen Taheny	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Driver Operator Curtis Yoshikane	CNRH – District 2	2	Cardiac Arrest
Captain/Paramedic Laura Arrington	CNRH – District 2	3	Cardiac Arrest
Lieutenant/EMT Aaron Lara	CNRH – District 2	3	Cardiac Arrest
Lieutenant/EMT Ryan Gouveia	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Kameron Aceret	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Landon Ogawa	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Michael Nacnac	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Kekoa Rosales	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Austin Slade-Matautia	CNRH – District 2	1	Cardiac Arrest
Driver Operator/EMT Raymund Manuel	CNRH – District 2	4	Cardiac Arrest
Driver Operator/EMT Mark Pascua	CNRH – District 2	2	Cardiac Arrest

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.

You may contact Gary by email: gary.m.easley.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone: (202) 433-6527.



Life Saving Awards

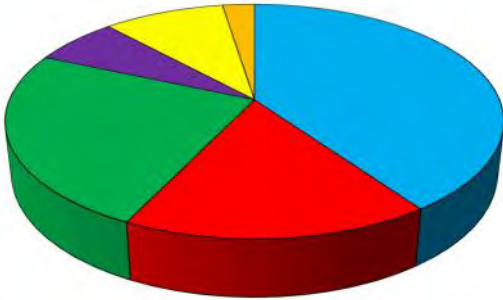


ESAMS Corner Update

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

CY 2023 Statistics (01 Jan – 30 November)

Operations



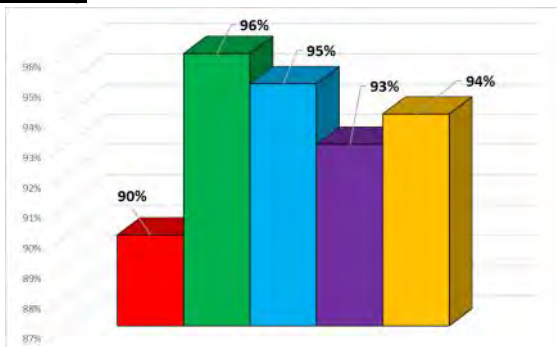
Rescue & EMS	20,807
Hazardous	8,732
False Alarm	12,617
Service Calls	3,412
Good Intent	4,841
Fires	1,280
Total	51,689

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	3,281
Hot Work Permits	24,473
Inspections	24,182
Building Evacuation Drills	3,576
Total	55,512

Training



EMS	95%
Proficiency	90%
Emergency Management	96%
Safety	93%
DoD Certification	94%

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

Mishaps Reported: 29
Total Lost Work Days: 15

Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)

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002 James Manser, 2005	020 Charles Peters, 2011	038 William Hennessey, 2019
003 Clarence Rout, 2006	021 Douglas Thomas, 2011	039 Robert Tofson, 2020
004 David Butler, 2006	022 Charles Gindele, 2012	040 Michael Jones, 2020
005 Alvah Cuthriell, 2007	023 John Wentzel, 2012	041 George Kennett, 2021
006 George McGuigan, 2007	024 Leroy Ellis, 2013	042 Glenn DeLaura, 2021
007 Waverly Sykes, 2007	025 Dr. Richard Tuve, 2013	043 Joseph Thompson, 2022
008 Hank Vescovi, 2007	026 John Arruda, 2014	044 Stuart Cook, 2022
009 William Albrittain, 2007	027 Augustus Bowling, 2014	045 Kenneth Jeffery, 2022
010 Daniel Marshal, 2007	028 Robert Darwin, 2015	046 Andrew Arndt, 2023
011 Nicanor Benavidez, 2007	029 James Meagher, 2016	047 Mark Hendley, 2023
012 Haraldur Stefansson, 2008	030 Frederick Seibel III, 2017	048 Joseph Duke Sr., 2023
013 William Beniker, 2008	031 Gerald Makowski, 2017	
014 William Thomann, 2009	032 Gelacio Rodriguez, 2017	
015 Harry Tagen, 2009	033 John McDonald, 2017	
016 Frank Brannigan, 2010	034 Dudley King, 2018	
017 Lewis Meyer, 2010	035 Eugene Carmody, 2018	
018 Roy Grubbs, 2011	036 Robert Williams, 2018	