Navy F&ES is off to a very good and fast-paced start for calendar year 2022. We have many new initiatives and projects underway to kick-off the year. First a few updates.

Our Deputy Director, Gene Rausch suffered a traumatic fall on 29 Sep at his home. Unfortunately, he was home alone when the fall occurred and it is unclear of what precipitated the fall. After he failed to report for work the following morning, a friend came by the house to check on him and found him with very serious injuries. 911 was called and he was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Gene sustained breaks to ribs and his scapula on his left side, two broken vertebrae, and multiple skull fractures. Most seriously, he sustained brain bleeds on both the left and right side of his skull. He required immediate surgery. After many weeks in the hospital, Gene was released to continue his recovery and rehabilitation at home and is doing remarkably well, on his long road to recovery. The doctors and care providers have all said that his recovery so far is truly a “Miracle” considering the severity of his injuries.

Recently Gene, his family, and several N30 staff members paid a visit to the Fairfax County Fire Department to personally thank the responders, that provided the initial care and treatment that was crucial to his survival and recovery progress. Gene would like to extend his sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone that have reached out with thoughts and well wishes and he looks forward to seeing everyone again very soon.

As you could imagine, we have had a break with our Newsletter, and this edition is the start of bringing the Newsletter back on line. With Gene out, please send

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articles, suggestions, and recommendations to: gary.easley@navy.mil ... Thanks to the M-Atl F&ES Team for their assistance to re-start our Newsletter!

As I look back across 2021, I’m proud of the work from all our Regions and Fire Departments; your hard work, devotion and dedication does not go unnoticed. The accomplishments you have achieved, especially during an incredibly challenging pandemic, continues to be outstanding and contributes to the success of our Navy. While we continue to build on our success, 2022 will have new and emerging conditions to tackle; I am confident our F&ES Teams are ready for the challenge. Thank you for all that you do, on a daily basis …I know it hasn’t been easy.

Navy F&ES has had several key personnel changes, retirements and promotions. We will try to provide more details and recognition in our next Newsletter. Additionally, it is the time of the year to provide nominations for the Annual F&ES Awards. Chiefs at all levels nominated and provided recognition for the outstanding performers in each category (nominations were due to CNIC NLT 1 Feb 2022). Also, we should take the opportunity to recognize/nominate members for the Navy F&ES Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Awards as well. I know there are many deserving candidates for these prestigious awards.

Please take some time as we start the New Year, to recharge your batteries and reconnect with co-workers, family and friends. Whatever you do, don’t take any unnecessary risks. Stay Safe and always remember Everyone Goes Home.

Carl

Check Your LES!

Navy civilian employees are highly encouraged to review their biweekly Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) to ensure their accurate benefits deductions are reflected. Benefits changes submitted during the 2021 Federal Benefits Open Season should be reflected in the 21 January 2022 LES.

For questions, call the Benefits Line at 888-320-2917 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Eastern.

Developing and Exercising a Unified Command

By: Damian Johnston, Assistant Chief of Training, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Navy Region Japan

Across the fire service, it has become increasingly necessary over the years to work with other agencies to accomplish our mission. According to NFPA, 274,000 emergency responses involved mutual aid in 1980. That’s no small number, but it had more than tripled to 864,000 responses by the year 2000, and grown to be nearly 1.4 million by 2020. Mutual aid and automatic aid agreements are common place. No matter how large or small your department is, or where you’re located, you likely have one or more of these agreements in place.

Our roles and responsibilities have also expanded over the years to include much more than fighting fires.

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For decades now, technically and tactically sound firefighting techniques have not been enough to ensure our success. We must also be, or at least have on our teams, experts in EMS, HazMat, ARFF, Shipboard, Rescue, and ever increasingly, a never ending onslaught of administrative programs and functions. However, perhaps no other realm of our profession is more crucial, more applicable, and more impactful than our ability to successfully implement and lead an effective Incident Command System (ICS) structure. With the ever growing importance of mutual aid and working with other agencies, our ICS structures must expand to include more than just our own teams. Depending on the type of emergency you face, the possible agencies you may need to work with are nearly limitless.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides us with a standard approach and framework to handle these challenges in the form of Unified Command, but like all skills, ICS and Unified Command require training, practice, and preparation to increase our odds of success.

Following several months of joint planning, Commander Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services at NAF Atsugi, and representatives from a variety of NAF Atsugi departments, along with their Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) counterparts, recently undertook a large scale joint exercise to test and strengthen these abilities.

The scenario involved a simulated emergency on board a JMSDF aircraft resulting in an emergency landing. U.S. Navy and JMSDF firefighters worked together to quickly extinguish a simulated fire, and then got to work extricating multiple victims from the aircraft.

Once the victims were extricated, medical responders from both nations cooperated in conducting triage, treating patients, and actually transporting patients to a simulated hospital destination.

Successfully managing such an event requires firefighting, extrication, triage, treatment, transport, and recovery, all managed under a large and complex Unified Command structure. U.S. Navy and JMSDF firefighters, along with medical responders, Air Operations, Security Forces, and EOCs from both nations, coordinated their response efforts. Many other departments, such as Security, Air Operations, and EOCs from both nations were actively involved as well.

**Cruz Receives Service Award**

Fire Chief Gifton Lawrence presented Mrs. Anita Cruz with her Civilian Service award for 40 years at Joint Region Marianas / Naval Base Guam. Mrs. Cruz has dedicated over 42 years of honorable service to the federal government. Her career started in 1979 and through various movements found herself working for the fire department in 1994. Mrs. Anita has committed herself to this great profession and has worked for five Fire Chiefs over her career. She has been recognized numerous times for superior career performance. To suggest that she has had an impact on the fire department would be a huge understatement. Mrs. Anita has been the glue that holds the department together. She is a mother to the firefighters, a mentor to her colleges and a warrior for the program. We simply can’t thank her enough for all her wonderful support and guidance throughout the years. JRM/Naval Base Guam is truly fortunate to have her on our side.
Training in Paradise: Technical Rescue

By Assistant Fire Chief Stephen Snider (Camp Blaz), Joint Region Marinas – Naval Base Guam and Camp Blaz Fire & Emergency Services

JRM F&ES crews spent the better part of October honing their skills on rescue services. For many, this was their first introduction into technical rescue, while other served as mentors and supported incident scene management.

The Island of Guam is a high trafficked tourist destination and an opportunity for many to explore a robust jungle-style atmosphere surrounded by beautiful peaks and valleys all the while soaking in some of the most pristine ocean views.

The Island of Guam has beautiful limestone cliffs, ranging well beyond 500 feet. Although in paradise, each year our firefighters respond to waterborne emergencies, lost or injured hikers, and traffic collisions that require a technical rescue response. In an effort to increase emergency response, 25 firefighters received certification last month in “Rescue Tech Level I” through the 554th Red Horse Squadron and Bucks County Community College.

Rescue Tech I begins by building a strong foundation of rescue equipment and knots, anchors, rappelling, belaying, self-rescue and pick-offs. Once the individual competencies are mastered, students learn about teamwork, mechanical advantage, raising and lowering systems, high lines, litter rigging and tendering. Throughout the course, the student's newly learned skills are put to the test through various low angle, high angle, and confined space practical rescue scenarios. The Instructors used various locations around the island where real world rescues have occurred in the past couple years. Using these locations makes the training more realistic, and prepares the students for possible rescue scenarios they might encounter in the future.
The mission of the National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC) is to preserve the perishable history of the fire services and fire protection disciplines. The Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders (HLLL) helps fulfill that mission by providing recognition to the individuals who have made significant contributions and have distinguished themselves in the service of Fire and Emergency Services and Fire Protection disciplines and who have become known/recognized in the national and/or international fire service arena.

Now in its 12th year, the 2022 HLLL inductees is the second largest class with 13 outstanding individuals. The HLLL Committee determined the following individuals met all of the criteria to be inducted into the National Fire Heritage Center's Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders:

**Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders:**
Class 2022
National Fire Heritage Center, October 21, 2021

**Chief Robert C. Andrews, Jr. (#98)** is a Texas Registered Professional Engineer (fire protection branch specialty), a Fellow of the Institution of Fire Engineers- United States of America Branch, and a Professional Member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). A graduate of the University of Maryland, he practiced fire protection engineering for over forty years. Chief Andrews was an active member of the fire service for 40 years, joining his local volunteer fire company in suburban Philadelphia when he was age sixteen.

**Meri-K Appy (#99)** served more than 40 years in the fire service and is one of the most recognizable leaders in the fire service nationally and internationally. Appy served as Vice President for Public Education at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) from 1989 – 2003, President of the Home Safety Council from 2003 – 2010, and President of Safe Kids USA until December 2011. She is the recipient of the 2006 Mason Lankford Award for fire service leadership by the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

**Stephen P. Austin (#100)** is a 55-year veteran of the volunteer fire service. A life member of the Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Company of Newark, Delaware, serving as a Fire Police Officer. He is also the Vice President of the Allison Hook & Ladder No. 2 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. After 37 years, Steve retired from the State Farm Insurance Company where he was a Senior Public Policy Analyst.

**Robert J. Brady, Sr. (1917 - 1992) (#101)** was the founder of the Robert J. Brady Company, an emergency services publishing company that developed the Brady Firefighting Series in the 1970s. The Brady Company subsequently developed textbooks and associated training materials that assisted in the training of firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics for decades. Mr. Brady played a critical role in the eventual selection and sale of St. Joseph's College to FEMA, which today is the home of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD.

**Fire Chief (Ret.) Randy R. Bruegman (#102)** began his career as a Firefighter in Nebraska and was hired as a Firefighter in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He has served as the Fire Chief for the City of Campbell, California; the Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; Clackamas Fire District No. 1 (Oregon); City of Fresno Fire Department, California and the Anaheim Fire & Rescue, California, retiring in 2018 after serving over 40 years in local government. In 2018, the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) established the Randy R. Bruegman Agency Innovation Award to recognize his quarter-century of dedicated service to CPSE between 1992 and 2017.

**Fire Chief (Ret.) Dr. Kelvin J. Cochran (#103)** rose through the ranks from a Firefighter in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1981 to Fire Chief from 1999 to 2008. Kelvin served as Fire Chief in the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

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TSP Contribution Limits Increase for 2022

The IRS announced in late 2021 that the annual contribution limit for employees who participate in 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the Fed’s TSP is increasing from $19,500 to $20,500. For employees aged 50 and higher who use catch-up contributions, the catch-up max remains unchanged at $6,500, but the new higher general contribution limit increases the total to an annual maximum of $27,000. Your election will carry over each year unless you change it.

More information at www.tsp.gov or email the Benefits Line at navybenefits@navy.mil.

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in 2008-2009 until called by President Barack Obama to serve as the U.S. Fire Administration Administrator 2009-2010. Convinced by the Mayor of Atlanta, Kelvin returned to the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department to serve a second term as Fire Chief in 2010-2015.

Fire Chief (Ret.) Harry E. Diezel (1940-2019) (#104) spent virtually his entire life serving his community and country. He first entered the fire service in 1958 as a volunteer member of the Fairfax County (Virginia) Fire and Rescue Department. His volunteer service was punctuated with the completion of military duty and included assignments to the 82nd Airborne and 1st Cavalry Divisions in South Korea. Chief Diezel assumed the position of Fire Chief in Virginia Beach on May 1, 1974, replacing the Department's first Chief, E.B. Bayne, after his retirement in June of that same year. Always a forward thinker, he hired the first African American, the first woman, the first Native American, and the first Asian American. Chief Diezel retired from the Virginia Beach Fire Department in 1997.

Fire Chief (Ret.) William D. "Bill" Killen (#105) is a Fire and Emergency Services Consultant and retired Fire Chief with 65+ year's fire risk management and fire and emergency services management experience, 44 years at the Chief Officer level. Chief Killen is one of four surviving members of the original Astronaut Rescue Team at the Kennedy Space Center Fire Department, serving on four Apollo and three Skylab missions. As President of the IAFC, he commissioned the National Mutual Aid System Task Force following Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, and developed and coordinat-ed the publication of "National Mutual Aid System for the Fire Service: A Strategic Plan," in 2006. Chief Killen is a charter member of the National Fire Heritage Center, received the Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017 and he was inducted into the Navy Fire & Emergency Service Hall of Fame in 2004. He was inducted into the Department of Defense Fire Service Hall of Fame in 2013.

Fire Chief (Ret.) Roger A. McGary (#106) is a Fire and Emergency Services senior-level leader/manager with over 50 years of experience in public and private emergency services organizations.

Patricia T. Mieszala, RN (#107) served more than 45 years as a special consultant for various fire service groups nationally since the mid-1970s. She is recognized nationally and internationally for her contributions to the fire and life safety education field, particularly her expertise in youth firesetting behaviors, prevention, and interventions.

Chief Donald B. Moltrup (#108) began his fire service career in 1962 as a firefighter and quickly rose through the ranks of the Hyattsville (Maryland) Volunteer Fire Department until his appointment as Chief in 1970. Working with Dr. John L. Bryan of the University of Maryland Department of Fire Protection Engineering, they developed one of the first "live in" programs for college students in the early 1970s, a program that continues to this day and in many areas.

Pamela A. Powell (#109) has served nearly 50 years as a staff member and special consultant for various fire service and other fire protection groups. She is a nationally recognized leader in fire and life safety education and fire protection publishing. Pam has served as a writer, editor, and managing editor for the National Bureau of Standards Center for Fire Research, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA-FPP), Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training, the National Fire Heritage Center and as a Technical Advisor for the Vision 20/20 Project.

Fire Chief (Ret.) Ronald Jon Siarnicki (#110) began his career as a firefighter with the Prince George's County (Maryland) Fire/EMS Department in 1978 and, over 24 years, progressed through the ranks to Chief of the Department. Prior to joining the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, he served as a volunteer firefighter with the Monessen Volunteer Fire Department, Hose House #2, in western Pennsylvania. In July 2001, he retired from the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department to take the position of Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. In this role, he has managed the Foundation's day-to-day operations to include the National Memorial Services, construction of the National Memorial Park, and the renovation of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In addition, he created the catalyst for the development of the Everyone Goes Home® Program designed to reduce the number of firefighter line-of-duty deaths that occur each year in the United States.
Mid-Atlantic’s McElroy Receives National Award; Toman Designated CNRMA F&ES Staff

In early October, the National Association of EMT’s announced that Firefighter-Paramedic Jeremy McElroy was selected as the 2021 NAEMT/NASCO Paramedic of the Year.

McElroy is a nationally registered paramedic and works for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services, in Norfolk, VA at Station 1 (Naval Station Norfolk). Jeremy has an immense impact on the quality of training throughout the department and is a champion of innovation and safety. Jeremy’s passion for teaching and his mentorship to new firefighters is a shining example of how to develop the next generation of EMS practitioners.

A prior U.S. Marine Corps Infantryman, Jeremy served two tours of duty, receiving a Purple Heart Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon. Jeremy has received two Navy Fire & Emergency Services Life Saving Awards, a Significant Achievement Award for his triage and treatment of a critically injured patient, and an Outstanding Pre-Hospital EMS Provider Award from the Tidewater EMS Council. A role model for his peers, Jeremy is dedicated to taking care of his military and civilian patients.

Captain Josh Toman was recognized in the Fall 2021 edition of Fire & Arson Investigation, the Journal of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), for earning the IAAI-FIT professional credential/designation. The FIT credential provides acknowledgement by an independent body that the individual has demonstrated competence on the applicable professional qualification standards, and recognition that the individual possesses fundamental knowledge required by the applicable professional qualification standards. Captain Toman is assigned to Station 9 (Norfolk Naval Shipyard) in CNRMA’s Fire District 2. Congratulations, Josh!

Fire Prevention Week 2021, Naval Base Guam

Naval Base Guam F&ES Staff

On October 1, 2021, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Captain Michael Luckett and Base Fire Chief Gifton A. Lawrence Jr. proclaimed October 3 through October 9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week for U.S. Naval Base Guam. NBG Fire and Emergency Services held events throughout the Installation, educating the community and workforce with the theme of “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.”

Prevention Chief Angel Roman, Fire Inspector Stacy Cruz, Lelani Quenga, and famous fire icon Sparky interacted with school age children to recognize the sounds of smoke detectors. While enforcing COVID protocols, fire station personnel distributed Grab-and-Go bags filled with fire safety educational items such as magnets, pamphlets, stickers, and coloring books at the NBG Orote Defense Commissary Agency store and all Navy Exchange retailers. The Fire Prevention Team and NBG Public Affairs extended public education to the Guam community by distributing Grab-and-Go bags to Marcial Sablan Elementary students.

The culmination of Fire Prevention Week was NBG Safety Day in partnership with NBG Security Forces, Naval Criminal Investigative Services, Base Safety, Fleet and Family Support Services, and Guam Navy Exchange. Static displays included fire apparatus, security patrol equipment, informational boards, along with Sparky and Fire Fighter Primo highlighting the shakabruh (literally, “hang loose, bruh!”) meet-and-greets.

Editor’s note: The shaka is a hand gesture where you curl your three middle fingers while extending your thumb and baby finger, sometimes (for emphasis) quickly turning your hand back and forth with your knuckles facing outward. In the Pacific, the shaka is used to express friendship, gratitude, goodwill, encouragement and unity. A little wave of the hand spreads a lot of aloha.
Expeditionary Members of the Week, Joint Base Little Creek-Fort Story
CNRMA F&ES Staff

According to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story Public Affairs Officer Michelle Stewart, “every successful week aboard JEBLCFS means a hard-charging Expeditionary Member of the Week.” On a weekly basis, a deserving member of the JEBLCFS team is designated to be featured.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel were featured in two (2) weeks in October. Congratulations to LT Brian Fillman, who’s Week of October 4-7 recognition included the delivery of a baby on a recent EMS call. Firefighter-Paramedic Frank Johnson was featured for the week of October 18-22, also for a baby delivery. Bravo-Zulu, Brian and Frank!

Both Lieutenant-Paramedic Fillman and Firefighter-Paramedic Johnson are assigned to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire Station 5, one of three stations on the Joint Expeditionary Base campuses.

Move-In Day Coming for Key West Firefighters
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A brand new Navy fire station at Sigsbee Park, Key West, FL is nearing completion. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a $7.8 million firm-fixed-price contract to certified small business Desbuild Incorporated out of Hyattsville, Maryland, for construction of the new fire station located in Sigsbee Park Annex at Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West, Florida in September 2019.

The new facility will replace the existing Trumbo Point Annex fire station, located inside a 1940’s World War II seaplane hangar, which was severely damaged by Hurricane Irma in 2017. The fire station will support operations at Trumbo Point Annex, Fleming Key, and Sigsbee Park, which include a Navy Research Lab, Special Forces underwater operations, military housing and various community support facilities and other Navy activities.

According to NAS Key West F&ES Fire Chief Dave Wilson, the one-story fire and rescue station, approximately 7,438 square feet in size, should be ready for occupancy in March 2022.
SECNAV Honors 2022 African American/Black History Month

What’s Happening Staff

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro issued the Navy’s formal commemoration statement for 2022 African American/Black History Month on February 1, 2022.

Each February, the Department of the Navy (DON) celebrates African American/Black History Month and the significant role that African Americans, both past and present, have played in the defense of our Nation. Within the DON, African Americans have served in ground and aviation combat units, aboard U.S. Navy ships and submarines, in diplomatic missions, and in many other critical positions supporting organizations around the world. Equally important is the role of our African American civilian employees serving alongside our Marines and Sailors in operational and support roles, as well as in critical science, engineering, and policy-making career fields. Their contributions and sacrifice to our Nation are not just a part of African American history, but American history.

In 2022, we recognize the accomplishments of our predecessors, including the 8 black Sailors who earned the Medal of Honor during the Civil War; the 14 black female yeomen who enlisted during World War I; and the Montford Point Marines who took part in the seizure of Okinawa during World War II. We also acknowledge the achievements of our present day teammates, Daquan Styles, Dr. Brandice Weathers, and CDR Desmond Walker, all recent winners of the 2022 Black Engineer of the Year Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Awards.

As of today, more than 114,000 members of the DON’s total force identify as African American/Black American. The DON strives to create an inclusive, accessible, and equitable environment for all employees. We are committed to attracting, developing, and advancing a highly talented and diverse workforce capable of meeting our many requirements. A diverse range of experiences, abilities and perspectives is critical to the DON’s mission and operational preparedness.

The 2022 theme, Black Health and Wellness, pays homage to medical scholars and health care providers.

Verification of Eligible Family Members Now Required in Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Program

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) provided original guidance in a release back in April 2021 on the requirement of employing offices and health insurance carriers to request proof of family members’ eligibility for FEHB coverage. Effective immediately, new hire employees and employees adding family members to their plans are required to provide supporting documents to verify eligibility for coverage.

Documents that can be used to establish eligibility include (but are not limited to) marriage certificate, birth certificate of children under age 26, final adoption certificate or decree, foster child certificate, and medical certificate of disabled child age 26 or older who is incapable of self-support.

Employees making an FEHB election to a Self and Family plan or Self Plus One plan will be notified to provide supporting documents of any family members listed on the health insurance plan. When submitting an FEHB election through the GRB (Government Retirement & Benefits) Platform, employees will be prompted to add the documents to verify family members. Supporting documents must be provided within 30 days.

Questions can be directed to the Benefits Line at 1-888-320-2917 or navybenefits@us.navy.mil.
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CNIC N36T/FEMA: K0449 (Virtual) ICS Train-the-Trainer

Course Dates: March 17, 21-25 2022

Course Length: 6 days in length. Class times are 1000 to 1800 (Eastern Time Zone)
Successful graduates of this course will earn both Navy CNIC N36 and FEMA ICS TtT certificates. There is mandatory homework and group collaboration that takes place before and after the instruction ends.

Course Description:
This course expands and improves student’s ability to deliver National Incident Management System (NIMS) curricula. Students are provided training on the delivery of ICS-100: Introduction to the ICS, ICS-200: Basic ICS for Initial Response, ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents, ICS 400: Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff—Complex Incidents, G0402 NIMS Overview for Executives and Senior Officials, E/L/G0191, Emergency Operations Center/ICS Interface.

Emphasis is placed on classroom-based deliveries. This includes compliance with the NIMS Training Program, adult education methodologies, deployment of course activities, pre- and post-testing, and ICS training program management.

Prerequisites — The following courses are required:
- IS-100.c, IS 200.c, 700.b, 800.d (all four most current version)
- ICS 300 Certificate dated May 2019 or later (Instructor Test (IT-300) in lieu of most current
- ICS 400 Certificate dated May 2019 or later (Instructor Test (IT-400) in lieu of most current
- E/L/G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface Workshop (this will be offered virtually by CNIC N36T on March 14, 2022 1000-1800 ET)

Prerequisites will not be waived

Formal instructor training is required such as the list below or demonstrated equivalent training: DoD/CNIC Instructor; CNIC Security Instructor; Fire Instructor II; College, private industry; E-141 Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills; Center for Domestic Preparedness Instructor Course; Valid teaching certificate, or equivalent.

Location & Technology:
This course will be conducted on TEAMS. Students must have the capability to use video, audio, TEAMS, and Microsoft Word. Students and instructors are expected to broadcast audio and video during portions of the course, to include while instructing and briefing. Students and instructors must attend a familiarization session prior to the start of the course to ensure familiarity with the delivery platform and to address any technological issues. Any student that does not attend the pre-course webinar will not be able to attend the course. This tech check date is March 10, 2022 from 1100-1200ET.

Attendance Requirements:
Students may not miss more than a total of 10% of the instruction and activities course to receive a certificate (this is no more than 3 hours and 30 minutes). Students will be required to attend a Pre-course familiarization Webinar for technical checks and course information. Students will perform a teach-back of an assigned unit from the ICS core curriculum as part of the course. Teach-backs are conducted as part of the assessment of instructor competence.

Target Audience: Participants who have a working knowledge of ICS through experience and training, and have experience delivering adult training. Participants must have worked as Incident Command, Command or General Staff positions on incidents, planned events, or exercises that were active for multiple operational periods or involved a written action plan, and involved multiagency coordination.

To Apply:
In order to be evaluated for admission into this course, send your request and proof of your prerequisites to cnic_n36t_sotg.fct@navy.mil. Applications without prerequisite documentation will be rejected. Applications will stop being reviewed after the course is full.

For additional information contact the course manager Ted Halpin, at theodore.w.halpin.ctr@navy.mil.
Thanks from Gene...

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The Fairfax County (VA) Fire Department responded to CNIC N30 Deputy Director Gene Rausch’s medical emergency at his home in late September 2021.

Gene, some of his family members, and CNIC N30 staff recently visited the Fairfax County station that houses those responders to express their thanks and gratitude for the assistance they provided to Gene.
Can’t Do This via Telework...

What better way to get out of the office? In mid-December Naval District Washington Executive Director Rae Sullivan was oriented to “a day in the life” of NDW firefighters. Way to go, NDW F&ES, on educating our senior shore leadership to the rigors and complexity of Fire & Emergency Services life!

CNIC FES Senior Fire Protection Specialist Dan Gaumont with Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) refurb unit at Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in November, 2021. The 1,500 gallon CFR is destined for Eastern Virginia.
CNRMA firefighters at Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Stations 9 and 11 were presented letters of appreciation from Norfolk Naval Shipyard Base Support Officer Captain Robert “Bobby” Dasher in December for their enthusiasm and resilience on Dec 11, 2021. For most of the morning crews performed public education and community affairs visits, including transporting Santa to the New Gosport Family Housing neighborhood in Portsmouth, VA. In the afternoon and late into the night crews worked through cold temperatures and constant rain helping to control a 4,500 gallon diesel fuel spill at Craney Island Fuel Depot. (Station 9 is at Norfolk Naval Shipyard; Station 11 is on the Naval Medical Center campus in Portsmouth).

Sparky and The Grinch? The Commander, Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW) Fire family was able to spread some holiday cheer in December at Naval Medical Center San Diego.
NAS Jacksonville; Oshkosh ARFF Night Operations

CNIC N30—2021 Christmas Party

NAF El Centro Fire Prevention Week 2021, Kickoff Pic
FROM THE TEMPORARY EDITOR AND PRODUCERS:

Dear What’s Happening readers…please accept our apologies for the delay in publication, and “consolidated” nature of this edition as we attempt to catch up. The retirement of long-time producer and editor Ricky Brockman was transition enough. Then the unexpected serious illness of our new producer and editor Gene Rausch was the one-two punch. Please forgive us as we attempt to ‘catch up’ on submitted news, as well as rebuilding the distribution list… and please keep Gene in your thoughts and prayers as his recovery continues.

There will be pieces and previously expected news and series that are missing from this edition as we continue to rebuild connections with contributors. Please continue to submit your news, photos, and newsletter ideas to Navy F&ES Director Carl Glover, via your regional fire chief. Let’s continue to highlight the good work of Navy Fire & Emergency Services, and the achievements of our personnel, through this great communications tool. In the meantime, as we re-build, your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated.

We sincerely hope you and all of your department members and family, command staff, and extended family had a wonderful holiday season. Best wishes for a productive and safe 2022!