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This Girl is on Fire

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“I’m going to be a firefighter, grandma!” Janice Kimata, Assistant Chief of Prevention for Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services, recounts the day she told her grandmother the news of her new job. “She said ‘no you cannot be a firefighter!’ so I said, ‘No, I’m telling you, I’m going to be a firefighter.’”

Kimata ran track in high school and eventually became a sponsored competitive runner. Although her track coach, who was also the fire captain, had told her she would make a great firefighter, she never thought about it

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From the Director



April's Special Edition Newsletter: As our readers may notice, this is a longer issue than normal, we've nearly caught up on the submissions from around the regions. Thank you to everyone that has submitted to *What's Happening*, please continue to do so!

BZ to the Navy F&ES Award Winners!

As you can imagine competition to be the Best of the Best for Navy F&ES is tough. Passing along my congratulations to all the annual award winners, runner-ups, and nominees from the regions (see pages 2 and 3). Additionally, I wanted to offer thanks to supervisors, chiefs, and regions for taking time to prepare the nomination packages to ensure proper recognition is provided to members and departments.

Special recognition is provided for the Navy F&ES Hall of Fame Class, as we will induct three past outstanding members this year, Asst. Chief Andrew Arndt, District Fire Chief Mark Hendley, and Fire Chief Joseph Clinton Booth Duke Sr. (deceased). We will also honor a very deserving recipient to the Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement Award, Cmdr. Matthew Matthias (deceased), HQ CNIC Reserves.

Note: The formal awards ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m., May 10, 2023 at the Navy Museum onboard the Washington Navy Yard, D.C., please come to show your support to the awards winners. We will also honor Gene

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Award Winners Announced!



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SUBJ/ANNOUNCEMENT OF CY2022 NAVY FIRE & EMERGENCY
SERVICES AWARD WINNERS//

1. It gives me great pleasure to announce the Navy winners of the CY2022 Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) awards. The following nine CNIC F&ES teams and personnel stand out as Navy F&ES award winners and will go on to represent Navy at the DoD level of competition.

- A. Small Fire Department of the Year: Naval Support Facility Thurmont.
Runner-up: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 10, Naval Station Great Lakes.
- B. Medium Fire Department of the Year: Naval Station Mayport.
Runner-up: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 6, Naval Submarine Base New London and Naval Station Newport.
- C. Large Fire Department of the Year: Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo.
Runner-up: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3, Virginia Beach.
- D. Fire Prevention Program of the Year: Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3, Virginia Beach.
Runner-up: Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka.
- E. Military Firefighter of the Year: ABH2 (AW/SW/IW) Edward Lujan, Naval Support Facility Thurmont.
Runner-up: ABH2 (AW) Lorenzo Resendiz, Naval Air Station Sigonella.
- F. Civilian Firefighter of the Year: Tylor Snell, Naval Station Mayport.
Runner-up: Daisuke Nagasawa, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka.
- G. Military Fire Officer of the Year: ABH1 (AW/SW/IW) Neil Ferrer, Gulf Coast F&ES.
Runner-up: ABH1 Jeremy Padilla, Naval Support Activity Naples.
- H. Civilian Fire Officer of the Year: Christopher Cruz, Naval Station Rota.
Runner-up: Kevin Moyer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

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Award Winners Announced! (con't.)



I. Fire Service Instructor of the Year: Joseph Tabor, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3, Virginia Beach.
Runner-up: Shinji Yuasa, Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo.

2. Additional Navy only award winners are:

A. EMS Provider of the Year: Albert Curley, Naval Station Mayport.
Runner-up: Kenneth Massengale, Naval Support Activity Annapolis.

B. Fire Inspector of the Year: Rudolph Medina, Metro San Diego.
Runner-Up: Stacy Cruz, Joint Region Marianas.

C. Fire Chief of the Year: David Michaelson, Navy Region Northwest.
Runner-up: Robert Wimes, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka.

3. Navy F&ES Hall of Fame:

A. Andrew Arndt, Assistant Chief (retired), Naval Station Great Lakes (formerly Navy Region Midwest).

B. Mark Hendley, District Fire Chief (retired), Naval District Washington Central Battalion.

C. Joseph Clinton Booth Duke Sr., Fire Chief (deceased), Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

4. Navy Lifetime Achievement Award:

A. Matthew Matthias, Commander USN (deceased), Commander Navy Installations Command.

5. Bravo Zulu and congratulations to all of our Navy F&ES award winners and nominees. Competition at this level is fierce and selecting this year's winners was extremely challenging. All nominees should be very proud of their professional achievements and well-deserved recognition. We value and appreciate the service of all of our F&ES personnel. Bravo Zulu!

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PHOTOS COMING SOON!



From the Director *Con't. from page 1*

Rausch, retired Deputy Director, for his contributions to the F&ES program. Immediately following the awards ceremony, we will have a luncheon for Gene, RSPV to Carl.

Last month we introduced a new staff member, Joe Orona, who is already integrated into our program and conducting site visits. This month I am pleased to introduce another new F&ES staff member, ABCM Antonio Guadron. Master Chief will be on active duty at HQ through the end of September. Antonio is also a full time Fire Captain in the Metro San Diego F&ES Dept., Currently stationed at NAS North Island. Welcome Aboard!

Stay alert for job announcements via email and usajobs, for more opportunities at CNIC F&ES. Thanks to all our Navy F&ES team and shipmates who serve: *Protecting Those Who Defend America.*

-Carl

Newest Additions to the N30 Team:



I want to introduce Aviation Boatswain's Mate Master Chief Antonio Guadron as our newest military Fire & Emergency Services specialist in N30. He will be managing HQ F&ES reserve teams, updating policy documents, evaluating major fire drills, and assisting with many other critical F&ES challenges.

ABCM is located on 3rd Deck, Room 305, please stop by to say welcome aboard.

Antonio entered active duty July 1996, and transitioned to the Navy Reserves September 2004. Additionally, in September 2004, he started working with Federal Fire Department in Lemoore, California as a Navy civilian. In December 2009, he transferred to Federal Fire Department San Diego. At that same time, Antonio joined Fire and Emergency Services Reserve team, where he continues his service. Master Chief is currently activated for active duty for operational support until September 2023. Antonio has a 13 year-old daughter. Welcome Aboard Master Chief!



I also want to introduce you to Mr. Joe Orona, as our newest Fire & Emergency Services Specialist. He will be assessing major fire drills, performing F&ES program assessments and be our main point of contact at our newly established office at NS Norfolk.

Joe comes to the F&ES Team from his position as the Navy Region Europe Africa Central Fire Chief. He retired from a 21-year Air Force firefighter career in 2010, and has been with Navy F&ES since 2011 where he worked at Navy Region Southeast, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, and NS Rota, prior to moving to NSA Naples as the region fire chief. During his active duty and civilian careers, Joe has traveled around the globe at various assignments, with more than 24 years at OCONUS duty assignments. In addition, he has deployed 6 times to the Middle East and South America. Joe is a lifelong sports enthusiast, but these days, he most enjoys traveling, surfing, and golfing. He is joined by his wife April and two middle school aged kids, Emme and Ty. Welcome Aboard Joe!



Taking Care of Our Own

From: CNIC Fire & Emergency Services

The Taking Care of Our Own Program was launched in October 2005 to provide a support network for federal civilian members of the DoD Fire and Emergency Services family. The Program provides a simple, systematic, DoD-wide means to help family members in crisis who have exhausted their leave. The program entails alerting all members of the family that a fellow member is suffering from a personal or family (medical) crisis and has been approved for Volunteer Leave Transfer Program. Each family member is asked to donate at least one hour of annual leave to the member in crisis so they can focus on recovering rather than worrying about loss of the pay check (the result of running out of leave). Participation in the program is completely voluntary and no member may be pressured to donate. The single requirement is that the leave recipient must be approved for the Volunteer Leave Transfer Program.

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much because she didn't know enough about the job to really be interested in it. However, after the tragedy of Hurricane Iniki in 1992, which destroyed her home and devastated the entire island, Kimata decided to start studying firefighting. She did this simply by buying books on the subject and reading during her free time. She then quickly realized that being a firefighter would be something she would love.

"I used to think, 'that's so boring,'" Kimata said, explaining that if she had known how exciting it would be, she may have started studying it straight out of high school.

When Kimata was called to do an interview with Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) 22 years ago, she was unaware that she also had to complete an agility course before she could be hired. She showed up in her comfortable clothes and shoes as instructed and had no idea what to expect. Having to do this just six months after giving birth to her first child, she was thankful for growing



(above) Janis Kimata, assistant chief of prevention for Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services, poses for a photo in one of the fire trucks at the firehouse on Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands. (MC2 Bodie Estep, U.S. Navy)

up running competitively and for continuing to run throughout her entire pregnancy. In the group of 20 who were completing the course, she was the only female.

"I had a man in that group who told me he was 50 years old at the time," Kimata said. "So I thought, if he can do it, I can."

Completing the initial agility test, however, was not Kimata's only challenge. She said there was a period of time when she had to deal with management that did not want females in the fire service and with peers and subordinates who gave her no respect simply because she was a female.

"I didn't want to give up," Kimata said, "because in the back of my mind I'm thinking that I don't want young girls to think I just took the easy way out, that I just quit and let them win. So I felt that I always had to prove that

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(above) A safety helmet belonging to Janis Kimata, assistant chief of prevention for Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services at the Pacific Missile Range Facility firehouse. (MC2 Bodie Estep, U.S. Navy)

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I could be an assistant chief, manage my guys, and do the job.”

Although Kimata has faced challenges working in the fire service, her career has held many more positives than negatives. One aspect of the job that she was not expecting was the community outreach. Having the opportunity to speak at schools turned out to be one of her favorite parts of being a firefighter.



(left) Janis Kimata, assistant chief of prevention for Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services, poses for a photo next to one of the fire trucks at the firehouse on Pacific Missile Range Facility Range Facility (MC2 Bodie Estep, U.S. Navy)

“I spend a lot of time going to schools, teaching classes and career days to try to get more females,” Kimata said. “It’s not for [the captain], it’s not for our department. I go because I love our career and I want the kids to know that females can do it too.”

Kimata has spent her entire career with PMRF. She recalls sending her resume in on the final day they were accepting applications and notes that they took a chance on her and gave her the opportunity to prove herself. Her dedication to the job led to her becoming the first female Chief Officer for the Barking Sands Fire Department and the second ever in Hawai`i. Although at this point the state and the county have reached out to her hoping to persuade her to join them, Kimata remains dedicated to PMRF. Having a work environment full of supportive coworkers and opportunities for growth helped show her that she was capable of almost anything.

“I used to always think because I’m female, I can’t do certain things,” Kimata said, “but it made me realize, I’m not going to use the words ‘I can’t’ anymore, I’m just going to say ‘I can try.’”

Being a firefighter is an exciting career full of surprises and opportunities. It is impossible to know what any day has in store, but Kimata has loved every day since making the decision to apply at PMRF. Being the only female in an all male environment has not stopped her from developing lasting relationships and unforgettable memories.



(above) The locker belonging to Janis Kimata, assistant chief of prevention for Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services, displays Kimata's firefighting personal protective equipment at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands (MC2 Bodie Estep, U.S. Navy)

“Finally [my grandma] said ‘ok you be safe’ and I said ‘Yeah I’m actually really enjoying it.’” 🧯

CNRJ F&ES Welcome Yokohama City Fire Bureau to Observe Shipboard Drill

By: Chief John E. Serrato, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Fire & Emergency Services Training Chief

Commander, Navy Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services personnel are well versed in an array of skill sets to assist various Navy assets. To maintain this proficiency, this includes a lot of shipboard drills, assisting a ship with their firefighting training.

CNRJ F&ES recently hosted the city of Yokohama's Fire Bureau's Super Rangers to share their vast knowledge of fighting a shipboard fire. The Super Rangers were able to observe a shipboard fire drill aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73), March 10, 2023.

Yokohama's Super Rangers perform a wide variety of highly specialized and high-risk emergency responses throughout the large port city of 3.7 million people.



(above) Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73) participate in a shipboard fire drill, March 10, 2023. (courtesy photo)



This drill provided the perfect opportunity to allow mutual-aid partner first responders from the Super Rangers to attend. While the drill was graded as satisfactory, the bilateral training opportunity was excellent.

Even though in their vast city, they had only limited awareness of a shipboard fire incident. They had many questions answered during the drill by a CNRJ F&ES

(left) Members of Yokohama City's Fire Bureau Super Rangers observe a shipboard fire drill aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73), March 10, 2023. (courtesy photo)

liaison officer, received a tour of the ship to enhance their knowledge, and participated in the after-action review with base first responders.

“We are thankful that the Yokohama Fire Department is able to observe our training exercise,” said CNRJ Fire Chief Robert Wimes. “We strive to continue our close working relationship with our host nation partners.”

Interactions like this are integral to CNRJ F&ES maintaining its close relationships with all our partners across Japan, reinforcing mutual cooperation, and enhancing the United States – Japan Alliance. 🔥

Shipboard Fire a Constant Threat: Bonhomme Richard Tragedy, an Enduring Lesson in Fire Prevention, Response

By: Ben Hutto, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Public Affairs

July 12, 2020 was a lazy Sunday morning at Naval Base San Diego. USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), had recently shifted homeport from Sasebo, Japan to San Diego and was docked pierside as it underwent maintenance availability period.

But, the silence of that morning was rocked by an explosion a few minutes before 9 a.m., changing everything for the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship.



(above) Sailors aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) stand by to receive cargo during a replenishment-at-sea, March 13, 2018. (MC3 Zachary DiPadova, U.S. Navy)

fire suppression systems had been disabled as crews worked to ready the ship for its next deployment. These conditions and more led to a shipboard fire that would not be fully extinguished for five days.

The intense heat from the flames melted metal and caused the flight deck to bulge and warp. The damage was so great that the forward mast of the ship collapsed under its own weight. Of the ship's 14 decks, 11 sustained significant fire and water damage. After the five day ordeal was over, 63 workers would be admitted into the hospital for minor injuries.



(above) USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) sails in formation with ships and submarines during RIMPAC July 25, 2006. (MCSN James R. Evans, U.S. Navy)

Below the decks, cloth, rags, paper, lithium batteries and other hazardous material had been improperly stored and created the ideal conditions for a fire. Additionally, during the refit process, the onboard



(above) Sailors aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) receive a messenger line from USNS Rappahannock (T-AO 204) during a replenishment-at-sea, March 13, 2018. (MC3 Zachary DiPadova, U.S. Navy)

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Bonhomme Richard Fire (con't.)

In the months following the fire, the Navy estimated it would require between \$2.5 - \$3.2 billion worth of repairs and an estimated five to seven years to rebuild and repair the ravaged ship. In light of those findings, the ship was taken out of service, decommissioned, had its critical components removed, and was sold for scrap.

While Bonhomme Richard was one of the Navy's most high profile ship fires, it is far from the only one in recent years. At Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, shipboard fires represent a constant threat that requires constant vigilance.

These fires are especially unique danger because of their location. Being out on the water or in dry dock, limits the ability for firefighters to gain access and fight shipboard fires as effectively as they can on land. The limited mobility and tight quarters combined with the obstacle of temporary service lines on ships also make factors like smoke inhalation, heat and flames much more difficult to avoid and combat.



(right) Sailors and firefighters from multiple fire departments in San Diego prepare to make entry to combat the fire aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), July 12, 2020. (MCI Jason Kofonow, U.S. Navy)

With all that in mind, PSNS & IMF is renewing its efforts on shipboard fire safety by calling attention to four principles every employee needs to know to keep our people and our ships safe:

Prepare: Be ready for a fire

When a fire breaks out, do you know what to do? The first step in preparation involves a trained workforce understanding safety plans and planning work to avoid fire risks. Our workforce must be able to identify the gaps in their training, the readiness of our equipment, and make a consistent effort to mitigate deficiencies.

Prevent: Minimize the potential for fire

What are you doing to prevent your work from causing a shipboard fire? This principle helps guide workers
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(above) Fire rages aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), July 12, 2020. (MC2 Austin Haist, U.S. Navy)

Bonhomme Richard Fire (con't.)



(left) A helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 3 pours water on the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), July 12, 2020. (MC1 Timothy Wilson, U.S. Navy)

as they make decisions regarding hot work. It also teaches workers how to manage risks in maintenance phases, change in equipment status and transitions (pierside to dry dock, etc.) that will need to be made to sustain an effective safety posture. Understanding how to properly store and contain materials that can feed a fire are also key components of this principle. To ensure prevention is being employed, leaders and team members need to accommodate oversight

from the shipyard's fire safety organization, ensuring compliance.

Protect: Allow firefighting teams to quickly respond to a fire

If a fire breaks out, do you know how to react? When smoke and flames break out does the workforce have clear and illuminated pathways to get to safety? Workers are asked to stay vigilant for signs of a fire. Under the Protect principle, workers will know how to notify and direct personnel to help support evacuation and allow firefighting teams to respond.

Respond: Take action to minimize the spread of fire

Do you know what to do when flames break out? The final shipboard safety principle helps workers in making sound choices if fire breaks out.

Employees should know how to respond immediately to threats, call for shore-based firefighters and rescue

(right) A helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 3 and Federal San Diego Firefighters combat a fire aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard, July 12, 2020. (MC3 Russell Lindsey, U.S. Navy)

assistance, and enact evacuation and accounting of personnel. Understanding concepts like controlling access points and air flow are also instrumental in keeping a serious fire from becoming a fatal fire.

While the work at PSNS & IMF never stops, an uncontrolled fire could undo all the work that goes into maintaining our nation's fleet. Many of the industrial processes used by our trades involve high-heat and pose a risk to ignite when energized. Shipboard fire safety is focused on minimizing these risks and overcoming the challenges they present. When we practice shipboard fire safety, we help ensure that our teammates go home safe to their families and that the Fleet is able to uphold its position as the most dominant naval force on the globe. 🔥



Passing of a Giant: In Memoriam, Region Chief Jack Woodard

By: Navy Region Northwest Deputy Fire Chief David Michaelson and
Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Charlotte C. Oliver, CNIC F&ES Public Affairs



(above) Fire Chief Jack Woodard in an undated photo. Chief Woodard passed away Dec. 21, 2022. (courtesy photo)

Jack had an equal passion for the U.S. Marine Corps. Born on July 17, 1964, in Lincoln, Illinois outside of Chicago, Jack enlisted in the Marines in 1982. Marine Corps memorabilia was proudly displayed in his office, beginning with a set of yellow footprints by the doormat, reminiscent of the same footprints that greet new Marine recruits at Parris Island, South Carolina, and San Diego. These footprints welcomed all who entered his office.

After serving four years as a Marine, Jack settled in Washington state, where he lived for the remainder of his life

Fire Chief (ret.) Jack Woodard passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at age 58, Dec. 21, 2022.

For 35 years, Chief Woodard led firefighters at Navy Region Northwest Fire and Emergency Services. His devotion, passion and dedication to the fire service was known throughout Commander, Navy Installations Command Fire and Emergency Services and his loss has been felt throughout the regions.

His knowledge of fire service traditions was second to none and that knowledge was immediately evident for anyone that entered his office. His office was lined with history, both of the fire service and his own personal history. Wall-to-wall, his office was chock-full of awards, model fire apparatuses, helmets, wall art, and collectibles.

(below) Members of the fire service stand at attention during Chief Jack Woodard's memorial service. (courtesy photo)



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Passing of a Giant (con't.):



(above) Chief Jack Woodard (center) and other members of the fire service pose for a photo during Chief Woodard's retirement ceremony. (courtesy photo)

When he became the EMS chief, he established the first AEMT program in the Navy. He taught confined space rescue, shipboard firefighting, CPR, first aid, and disaster preparedness across the neighboring counties and at the Washington State Fire Academy.

In 2006, he became the Battalion Chief of Battalion Two, covering four stations at Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor, and Keyport, and Naval Magazine Indian Island. In 2015, he moved up to the position of Assistant Chief of Operations and managed Battalion One, including Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton, Jackson Park, and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.



(above) Sailors and Marines salute as Chief Jack Woodard's procession passes by during Chief Woodard's memorial service. (courtesy photo)

He served on the investigation team for the 2020 fire aboard the now ex-Bonhomme Richard. In 2020, he advanced to region deputy chief, and his inspiring leadership continued as region fire chief. He also volunteered at Poulsbo Fire Department for eight years and served on the Poulsbo Fire Commission for 12 years.

Throughout his career, he always put people first by his generous support of others. This was instantly apparent
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Passing of a Giant (con't.):

for anyone who met him and extends a hand to shake. He'd counter with a smile and a great big bear hug that was quite fitting for a Chicago Bears fan.

Chief Woodard described how much he honored the NRNW F&ES brother/sisterhood in his retirement speech with a tribute to a recent personal traumatic event. His son, Garrett, suffered a cardiac arrest while working at PSNS in 2020. It was the exceptional work of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christopher Painter, who was on duty at the time, and the quick arrival of NRNW F&ES firefighters that saved his son, who made a full recovery.

“There is no greater reward and appreciation of working in this career field,” Jack stated during his retirement ceremony.

The true passion and devotion that was the character of Chief Jack Woodard cannot be replicated.

Fair winds and following seas chief, we have the watch. 🏹



Patuxent River Engine 132 and Truck 13 Respond to Local Subdivision Fire

By: Firefighter Robin Jones, Naval District Washington Patuxent River Fire & Emergency Services



(above) Firefighters from NDW PAX River and surrounding fire departments respond to a local house fire, March 20, 2023. (courtesy photo)

line from Engine 31 to the base of the fire as Trossbach worked the basement until the arrival of Engine 72 from Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighters swapped out Trossbach's air cylinder and he returned to manage the division battling to contain the basement fire.

Engine 132, the second arriving engine, advanced a second line off of Engine 31 to the second floor where the subjects were reportedly trapped. Firefighters established a water supply and threw ground ladders for rescues. Both victims were located within moments of Engine 132 & Co. 3's primary search.

Trossbach had one victim to the window, while Engine 132 Captain Mark Joy assisted Trossbach in removing the victim from the window. Engine 132's crew retraced their entrance to prevent the fire from extending up the stairs and worked to contain the fire on the first floor.

Truck 13 arrived as the second truck, and immediately started to perform a primary search of the first floor,

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Engine 132 and Truck 13 from Naval District Washington Patuxent River responded to a local subdivision house fire March, 20, 2023. The call came at 1:20 a.m. with multiple reports of subjects trapped inside the home.

The first arriving units confirmed the fire was in the basement of the balloon frame, single-family, two-story home, with at least two victims trapped on the second floor. Two other occupants had been able to exit the structure on their own.

Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Company 3 Battalion Chief 13 John Trossbach and firefighters from Engine 31 advanced a



(above) Firefighters from NDW PAX River and surrounding fire departments respond to a local house fire, March 20, 2023. (courtesy photo)

PAX River Responds to Subdivision Fire (con't.):

while the driver, Firefighter Corey Porter, raised ladders to the second floor, then the crew regrouped to conduct a secondary search of the second floor. Truck 13 worked tirelessly with the firefighters on the second floor on what proved to be a difficult and time-consuming removal of the second victim.

A second alarm was struck to call for additional resources and manpower, and additional EMS transport units with advanced life support were added. Truck 13's crew briefly exited the structure to change out air cylinders and re-entered to continue with the rescue attempt still in progress.

Crews operated continuously to hold the fire contained to the basement to help mitigate the spread to the first floor. Meanwhile crews above worked aggressively to remove the second victim. At 2:07 crews exited the structure with the second victim.

All crews were then called out of the structure for accountability, and all were accounted for.



(above) Firefighters from NDW PAX River and surrounding fire departments respond to a local house fire, March 20, 2023. (courtesy photo)



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It took 40 firefighters from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department and surrounding departments to control the two-alarm blaze. The additional special services performed a third search of each division and mopped up hot spots. The last of the fire in the basement was mopped up just prior to 3:00 a.m.

Despite an aggressive attack on the fire, tireless efforts of firefighters from multiple companies working alongside each other to perform rescues, both victims succumbed to their exposures. This incident remains under investigation by the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office.

“Our thoughts are with our community, the families and loved ones of the victims,” said Trossbach. “Despite valiant efforts from every crew on the scene both residents succumbed from injuries sustained from the incident. We extend our sincere condolences to the friends and families of the victims and also remind all homeowners to check your smoke detectors and ensure that you have functioning smoke detectors in your homes.”🔥

NAVAIR PMA-251 Senior Aviation Boatswain's Mates Visit NSF Thurmont

By: Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Anthony Peña, Military Firefighter Program Manager, Commander, Navy Installations Command Fire & Emergency Services



Captain Rodney Moss, Fleet Liaison Officer at NAVAIR PMA-251, and Lt. Cmdr. Caleb McDonald, NATOPS Program Manager and Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Program Team Lead, visited the aviation boatswain's mates stationed at Fire Station 51 at Naval Support Facility Thurmont.

NSF Thurmont serves as a presidential retreat that offers presidents and their guests an opportunity for solitude and tranquility, as well as an ideal place to host foreign leaders.

This visit allowed for the senior aviation

(above) ABH2 Stephen Dalton, from Baltimore, right demonstrates a computer system used at Station 51 at NSF Thurmont to Capt. Rodney Moss, Fleet Liaison Officer at NAVAIR PMA-251, left, Lt. Cmdr. Caleb McDonald, NATOPS Program Manager and Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Program Team Lead, center, March 22, 2023. (MCI Jerome D. Johnson, U.S. Navy)

boatswain's mate tour the firehouse and meet the hardworking Navy Fire & Emergency Services team primarily comprised of military personnel in the ABH rating. The visit concluded with a tour the installation and meeting with lead recruiter and installation leadership.



(above) ABH2 David Polanco, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, left, explains emergency equipment at Station 51 at NSF Thurmont to senior ABH personnel, March 22, 2023. (MCI Jerome D. Johnson, U.S. Navy)

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Senior ABHs Visit NSF Thurmont (con't.)

NSF Thurmont team members are some of the best in the Fleet. Each member is hand-picked from the fleet to be part of this Presidential team through the Navy Shore Special Program. Team members must be self-motivated, and seek to grow professionally and personally.

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(above) ABH2 David Polanco, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, center, explains emergency equipment used at Station 51 at NSF Thurmont to Capt. Rodney Moss, left, and Lt. Cmdr. Caleb McDonald, right, March 22, 2023. (MCI Jerome D. Johnson, U.S. Navy)

(below) Sailors and senior ABH personnel pose for a photo outside of Station 51 at NSF Thurmont, March 22, 2023. (MCI Jerome D. Johnson, U.S. Navy)



The Brown Shoe Files

Story By: District Fire Chief, Battalion 2, Kash Christopher
Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services
Photos Courtesy Of: Tom Shand

“Put Some Dirt On It.”

As the story goes, if you were to walk into a firehouse in the 70s and 80s, chances were that you would see a bunch of older men with a smoke in one hand, and a cup of coffee in the other. Their voices were deep and raspy, and usually accompanied with a cough. They were telling tales from their storied past, or what they did on their days off. Regardless of what it was, it usually ended with a hearty laugh, and after a pot of coffee and a pack of smokes, it was back to work. They were tough SOB's and had the scars to prove it. They wore the old brown, work boots from back in the day, thus earning the name, “The Old Brown Shoes”, because they represented a generation that fought in wars ranging from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and God bless them. The freedoms we enjoy as a nation were forged on the backs of men like them.



“Whatever You Do, Don’t Straddle the Hose Clamp.”

When I joined the USAF in 1986, I was assigned to Mather AFB, California. In that department, there were a few “brown shoes” remaining. Some had seen combat in Vietnam, and Korea, and one even joined the Army Air Force in 1947, which eventually changed its name to the United States Air Force. Those were the firefighters, Captains, and Chiefs that were running things. Regardless of the pain you were in, or any personal strife, you were having, the “brown shoes” would tell you to “Suck it up, throw some dirt on it, and get back to work.” Eventually, they’d pull you aside, give you some tough love, and try to correct the issue. It was their way. This article pays homage to the “brown shoes” but looks at things from where we are today. This “Brown Shoe File” looks at injuries on the job, and our desire to “tough it out”, when in all actuality, we should not.

The “Brown Shoe Files” are open.

When preparing for the physical demands of the job, firefighters are required to work out to keep themselves in shape (No...round is not a shape we want). A normal workout requires stretching, then anaerobic (weights), aerobic (cardio), then a good stretch afterward. However, that luxury is not afforded to us when it is 0300 when

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The Brown Shoe Files (con't.)



you are awakened from a deep slumber. A minute later, you are speeding down the road, trying to wake up, and before you know it, you are hauling tools and equipment, lifting ladders, and dragging hose up a flight of stairs. There is not a lot of time to physically prepare. It is the job we love, and without too much thinking, we do it. Often in the fire service, firefighters injure themselves, but instead of reporting the injury, we tend to “power through it” and drive on, pain and all. When the adrenaline wears off, and you are headed back to the station, the injury is now apparent, and the pain sets in. The “brown shoe” in us all will try to continue and hope that the pain subsides, and you can continue to work.

After all, no one likes those who are considered “weak”. Do not complain, do your job, and “throw some dirt on it”. In this case, the “brown shoe” would be wrong.

There are a myriad of things you must tell yourself, regardless of what you are performing, but for this article, I will name just a few. First, know your limitations. At 0300, you may be asked to move some heavy equipment, in the cold, pouring rain, and physically, your body is still stiff. A quick “stretch” in the cab will not get it done. Ask for some help before you do something to hurt yourself (usually it is your back). The second is to know the limitations of your crew. You may be a powerlifter, and the mere definition of a physical specimen, but that does not mean your crew is. Make sure they work within their capabilities and if necessary, lend a helping hand. The last, if you get hurt, stop what you are doing and report it. Before you try to “tough it out”, just know that you are doing more harm than good. According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2021, over 19,000 injuries—or 32 percent of all reported firefighter injuries—occurred on the fire ground. Try not to fall into that statistic. The overall goal of our job is to make it home “safe and sound” when our shift is done.



As I said in the beginning, the “Brown Shoes” would have toughed it out. However, some of them are the same guys who did not like to use those “heavy, cumbersome air packs” because it slowed them down (actually heard a guy say that), and some, died way before their time. Let us not go down that road.

Folks, be good to one another. The “Brown Shoe Files” are closed. 🔥

Around the Firehouse

Mayport F&ES Deputy Fire Chief Promotion

Congratulations to Chief Jose Cardenas for earning his promotion to the Deputy Chief position for Mayport Fire & Emergency Services.



Anyone who has encountered Deputy Chief Cardenas knows this promotion is very well deserved. Chief Cardenas spends countless hours working to improve our fire department in every way possible. Although he is extremely busy, he still always finds a way to make the time to help all our firefighters in anyway that he can. Since arriving to Naval Station Mayport, he has been an invaluable asset as his hard work, passion for the job, and mentorship go unmatched. We are fortunate to call him our new deputy chief.

Congratulations Deputy Chief Cardenas on your very well deserved promotion and thank you for all that you do for our department. 🔥

(left) Deputy Chief Jose Cardenas, left, and Naval Station Mayport Fire Chief Richard Henderson pose for a photo following Cardenas' promotion ceremony. (Courtesy photo)



PAX River Engine 132 Attends Live Fire Drill at New Structure

Navy District Washington Fire Department Engine 132 attended a live fire drill at a newly acquired structure in Hollywood, Maryland, March 18, 2023. Engine 132 was able to attend this training opportunity alongside multiple mutual aid partners including volunteer fire departments from Hollywood, who hosted the event; Leonardtown, Bay District, Seventh District, Mechanicsville, Second District, and Hughesville.

Acquired or donated structures are a luxury to fire departments, allowing firefighters to exercise and refine skills and tactics in a controlled manner, under real conditions.



In a residential structure, that is prepared for burns following National Fire Protection Association 1403 guidelines, firefighters experience true fire



(above photos) Firefighters from Engine 132 at PAX River attend live fire training with multiple local mutual aid partners. (Courtesy NDW PAX River)

Around the Firehouse (con't.)

PAX River Engine 132 Attends Live Fire Drill at New Structure (con't.)

behavior based of factors such as construction type and building conditions.



Engine 132's crew were able to participate in engine and truck company evolutions.

We thank the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department for the invitation, and for our continued working relationship with our mutual aid companies. 🔥

(left) Firefighters from Engine 132 at PAX River attend live fire training with multiple local mutual aid partners. (Courtesy photo)



PAX River Engine 141 & Truck 13 Respond Garage Fire

Navy District Washington Fire Department Patuxent River Engine 141 from Webster Field and Truck 13 responded to a residential fire, March, 20, 2023.



From the first arriving engine, firefighters laid supply a line partway down the drive prepared for a relay water supply, due to the length of the drive.

Engine 141 arrived to fire showing from the Bravo corner of an attached garage on a single family dwelling, and initiated an attack. Crews quickly determined during the initial attack that they were standing in a running fuel fire from portable fuel cans melting, and tactics were adjusted accordingly.

Truck 13, first arriving truck, initiated a primary search, confirming all occupants and pets were out of the structure. Truck

(above) PAX River Firefighters from Engine 141 and Truck 13 responded to a garage fire, March, 20, 2023. (Courtesy photo)

Around the Firehouse (con't.)

PAX River Engine 141 & Truck 13 Respond Garage Fire (con't.)



13 then worked to remove timber siding, and assist in remainder of fire suppression and mop up.

Crews successfully contained the fire to the garage with no extension to the home. 🔥



(above photos) PAX River Firefighters from Engine 141 and Truck 13 responded to a garage fire, March, 20, 2023. (Courtesy photos)



Navy Region Northwest Fire Department Responds to Structure Fire

Units from Navy Region Northwest Fire and Emergency Services, Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, North Kitsap Fire and Rescue, and Poulsbo Fire Department were dispatched

to a residential structure fire in the 18000 block of Clear Creek Rd., March 2, 2023.



(above and right) Firefighters from NRNW Fire responded to a residential fire March, 31, 2023. (Courtesy photos)

Initial reports were of an attic fire and that a resident was still inside trying to extinguish. The increased potential for rescue prompted an upgrade to second alarm and hailing additional resources from NKFR and Bremerton Fire Department.

The first arriving unit confirmed that the fire was still confined to the attic and that all occupants had exited the home.

Firefighters were able to fully extinguish the fire without further spread and damage is primarily limited to the attic space. The Kitsap County Fire Marshal responded and has a preliminary finding of a chimney fire that extended into structural spaces. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. 🔥

Around the Firehouse (con't.)

CNRJ Sasebo Participates in Exercise Reliant Gale 23



Commander Navy Region Japan Fire and Emergency Services, Sasebo participated in Exercise Reliant Gale 23 at Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo, March 21, 2023. Reliant Gale 23 is an annual exercise designed to test and evaluate an installation's level (left) Takumi Tagawa, left, and Shingo Harasaki, firefighters from Commander Navy Region Japan Fire and Emergency Services, Sasebo, respond to a simulated fuel spill during Exercise Reliant Gale 23 at Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo, March 21, 2023. (MC2 Quinton Lee, U.S. Navy)

of emergency preparedness, personnel accountability, and evacuation and recovery operations during a natural disaster.

The exercise included coordinating emergency response to a fire, with use of a ladder truck, response to an fuel spill, working with U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Branch Health Clinic Sasebo, including the transfer of victims via ambulance. 🔥



(above) Sailors assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Branch Health Clinic Sasebo transport Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Jyquan White on a gurney during exercise Reliant Gale 23 at Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo, March 22, 2023. (MC2 Quinton Lee, U.S. Navy)



Around the Firehouse (con't.)

Naval Station Mayport Fire Chief Retires

By: Lead Firefighter Matthew Mclaughlin, Naval Station Mayport Fire & Emergency Services



(above) Fire Chief Jamie Sherer speaks during his retirement ceremony April 6, 2023. (Courtesy photo)

Naval Station Mayport Fire & Emergency Services recently had the privilege to host a retirement ceremony for Fire Chief Jamie Sherer. Chief Sherer retired with over 33 years in the fire service. He has been a significant part of the history for not only F&ES Naval Station Mayport, but as well as Naval Air Station Jacksonville, First Coast Navy F&ES.

Chief Sherer started his career in the United States Air Force from 1984-1988 where he gained a wealth of knowledge in the fire service and realized he loved the job. After his Air Force career, he joined Florida's Avon Park Fire Department where he road

tailboard standing on the back of a P-8 during emergency responses. Most of those in the fire service today have never responded to an emergency standing on the tailboard, we have only heard glory stories about it from our revered and distinguished fire chiefs.

From 1993-1996 Chief Sherer decided pursue a passion of his and attended Pinecrest Bible Training Center, where he excelled in pastoral studies. Once he finished school, he worked at Naval Air Station Jacksonville where he started as a GS-3 firefighter and promoted all the way up the ranks to deputy fire chief. He was fortunate enough to work in Naples, Italy where his was the installation fire chief from 2017-2020. After a successful tour in Italy, he returned to Naval Station Mayport F&ES and finished his career at Navy Region Southeast to fill a vital position as special operations chief.



(above) Fire Chief Joe Orona makes a speech during Fire Chief Jamie Sherer retirement ceremony April 6, 2023. (Courtesy photo)

During Chief Sherer's retirement ceremony, speeches and presentations were given by Fire Chief (ret.) Randy Hall, Fire Chief Mark Brusoe, Fire Chief Joe Orona, Fire Chief Richard Henderson, Deputy Chief Jose Cardenas

(right) Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Ames presents a plaque to Fire Chief Jamie Sherer during his retirement ceremony April 6, 2023. (Courtesy photo)

and Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Ames. They brought to life both entertaining and memorable events throughout Chief Sherer's successful career. Additionally, he was presented an American flag that was flown over Naval Station Mayport, a engraved pick head axe, one of a kind handmade hazmat plaque, as well as a special announcement by dispatch marking his last day of duty.

A highlight during the ceremony Chief Orona surprised Chief Sherer with pre-recorded videos



from firefighters at Naval Air Station Naples F&ES congratulating him on a successful career and wished him the best in the next chapter of life. Although Chief Sherer will be missed at the fire station, we know his wife Jackie, daughter Moriah, sons Zachary and Xander will finally have him home every night, weekend, and holiday. 🧯

(left) Fire Chief Richard Henderson shakes hands with Fire Chief Jamie Sherer during Sherer's retirement ceremony April 6, 2023. (Courtesy photo)

(below) Firefighters from Naval Station Mayport pose for a group photo following Fire Chief Jamie Sherer's retirement ceremony April 6, 2023. (Courtesy photo)



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?

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Casey Introduces Legislation to Invest in Fire Stations

By: Rebecca Parsons, WTAJ Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WTAJ) – U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) is co-sponsoring legislation to help construct and upgrade fire stations across the Nation.

The Facilitating Investments Required for Emergency Services to All Towns in Our Nation (FIRE STATION) Act will invest in our public safety and security by creating a \$750,000,000 fund within the Federal Emergency Management Administration. These funds would be used to build, renovate, and modernize fire and EMS department facilities across the Nation.

“In all kinds of emergencies, firefighters and emergency medical technicians step up to perform essential, life-saving work for our communities,” Senator Casey said. “These heroes have difficult jobs that are too often made harder by crumbling facilities and a lack of resources. The FIRE STATION Act will not only build, renovate, and modernize fire stations across Pennsylvania and our Nation, it will invest in our safety and security and help ensure our first responders are well-equipped and empowered to come to the rescue.”

According to a recent national report on local fire departments across the U.S., 44% of fire stations are over 40 years old and are in need of significant repairs.

Additionally, 56% of stations lack exhaust emission control and are not properly equipped with cancer-preventing systems.

The survey also finds that many fire and EMS stations across the country have no backup power, have outdated ventilation systems and mold, or even lack crew quarters for female personnel.

This legislation is endorsed by:

- The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)
- Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

This legislation was introduced by the following senators and representatives:

- U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
- U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- U.S. Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)
- U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
- U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)
- U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
- U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)



U.S. Representative Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-9) led companion legislation in the House of Representatives. 

Naval Safety Command's New Approach to Assessments



By: Cmdr. Gary M. Shelley, Naval Safety Command Public Affairs

I'd like to take this opportunity to discuss the Naval Safety Command's (NAVSAFECOM) new approach to safety assessments, some of the changes you may see and our goal outcomes.

Since its re-designation in February 2022, NAVSAFECOM developed a new assessment process with a new focus on risk management as it relates to the updated Safety Management System (SMS). The Navy Safety and Occupational Health Manual, OPNAV-M 5100.23 CH-2, signed by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on Sept. 5, 2022, outlines and establishes the framework and requirements for instituting an SMS or Safety Management Plan (SMP) for Echelon II or III organizations and their subordinate commands.

The Navy SMS is the system-of-systems for risk management and assessing the effectiveness of risk controls. A critical part of the SMS framework is that it requires each level of command to consistently perform self-assessment and implement corrections and improvements, communicate risk up and down the chain of command, and account for risk at the appropriate level. It includes systematic procedures, practices and policies for risk management, with assurance and regulatory processes built into it.

Safety assurance involves the routine and formal assessment processes necessary to ensure safety requirements and standards are met. The NAVSAFECOM Assessment process is the assurance function under the Navy's SMS.

NAVSAFECOM's assessment process will determine whether an assessed command has effectively instilled behaviors of self-awareness, self-assessment, self-correction and continual learning to enable a defense-in-depth that ensures the command is Safe-to-Operate and Operating Safely through proper risk identification, communication and accountability at the appropriate level.

The Safe-to-Operate envelope includes all operating limits, procedures, training and operating conditions for all activities including routine, day-to-day operations; high hazard or special operations, or crisis and emergency event operations. To Operate Safely is to operate within established boundaries of the Safe-to-Operate envelope, also known as the "safety envelope." Organizations that develop assurance processes to identify and address risks when they are operating outside of the Safe-to-Operate envelope are executing an effective SMS.

As a key proponent of the CNO's "Get Real, Get Better" initiative, NAVSAFECOM has a significant impact because we now send assessment reports up to the CNO, ensuring transparent communication of risk at the highest levels of Navy leadership.

Our assessments adhere to the following principles:

- Risk identification focuses on risk awareness throughout an organization or unit, as well as the organization's awareness of normalized risk.

Naval Safety Command's New Approach to Assessments (con't.)

- Risk communication looks at effectiveness of tracking and communicating risk up and down the chain of command.
- Risk accountability evaluates how risk is assigned and if it is assigned at the correct level (normally the correct level is the level of the chain of command that can correct the risk – normally through policy or resourcing changes). Although risk accountability may be held above the unit level, the unit is still responsible to mitigate the risk to the best of their ability.

Historically, NAVSAFECOM's mandate included regular assessments at the Echelon IV and V-levels. To conduct the additional level of assessments (Echelon II and III), NAVSAFECOM formed the Assurance Directorate, comprised of senior military and civilian employees tasked with assessing the overall effectiveness of risk and safety management practices across the Naval Enterprise.

One area of focus is conducting local area assessments at the unit level (squadrons, ships and submarines), similar to what we have done in the past; but we are now also looking at facilities and infrastructure from a base operating services-standpoint. Again, we are looking at a command's ability to be self-aware, self-assess and self-correct to better measure if that command is safe to operate and operating safely.

The best units build on an exceptional self-assessment competency with "Get Better" self-correcting behavior: fixing small problems before they become larger issues; addressing root causes, not symptoms of problems; applying world-class problem-solving tools and best practices; setting clear cadences for accountability; and working collaboratively and quickly, elevating barriers to progress that cannot be resolved at the unit level. Simply put, this is what NAVSAFECOM is evaluating as our assessment teams make their way around the fleet.

Additionally, the assessment teams are evaluating commands' ability to instill behaviors that facilitate these principles and ensure the command is managing, mitigating and communicating risk effectively. This includes accurately identifying risk, communicating risk and taking accountability of risk at the right level.

The NAVSAFECOM mandate includes unannounced visits to 18 major fleet concentration areas annually to assess risk management behavior and compliance with established policy. Non-compliance inherently introduces risk of materiel failure and personnel injury.

The end goal is to ensure unit level commands have proper risk identification measures, good communication and appropriate risk accountability at the appropriate level within the chain of command.

While this new assessment process is a departure from how we conducted business in the past where only unit-level commands were assessed, the fact that higher echelon levels in the chain of command are also assessed will only further strengthen our Navy while fully supporting the CNO's, "Get Real, Get Better" initiative.

Our assessment teams look forward to seeing you around the fleet. Strive to ensure you are self-assessing, self-correcting, identifying and communicating your risk effectively to ensure accountability is held at the appropriate level. 🧯

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Region area installations should be aware of the Fire & Emergency Service assessment schedules for their locations so they can be prepared. To prepare, installations should conduct self assessments; regions should conduct CART or region review assessments; all before the CNIC assessment team arrives. For more information, contact Eric Rhode: eric.k.rhode.civ@us.navy.mil.

REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRSW	NAVBASE San Diego	FEP	May 7 - 13
CNRMA	NAVMAG Indian Island	FEP	June 12 -16
NDW	NAVBASE Kitsap	FEP	June 19 - 24
NDW	NSA South Potomic	FEP	July 9 - 15
CNRMA	NSA Mid South	FEP	July 29 - August 5
JRM	NAVBASE Guam	FEP	August 5 - 12
CNRSE	NAS Meridian	FEP	August 5 - 12
NDW	NSA Annapolis	FEP	August 20 - 26
CNRMA	NSY Norfolk	FEP	August 28 - 31
CNRSE	NSA JRB New Orleans	FEP	September 10 - 16
CNRSE	CBC Gulfport	FEP	September 17 - 23
CNRSW	NSA China Lake	FEP	September 17 - 23
NDW	NAS Washington	FEP	October 1 - 7
CNRJ	CFA Okinawa	FEP	October 22 - 28
CNRJ	CFA Sasebo	FEP	Oct. 29 - November 4
CNRNW	NAVSTA Everett	FEP	November 12 - 18
CNRSE	SUBBASE Kings Bay	FEP	November 12 - 18
CNRSW	NAF El Centro	FEP	November 27 - Dec. 1
CNRSE	NAS Kingsville	FEP	December 3 - 9
CNRSE	NAS Corpus Christi	FEP	December 10 - 16
CNRSE	SUBASE Kings Bay - TRF	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	May 28 - June 2
CNRSW	NAVBASE San Diego - SWRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	June 12 - 16
CNRK	Korea Area Aessment	NAVIG	May 07 - 13
CNRJ	Japan Area Aessment	NAVIG	July 09 - 29

BZ to NSA Bethesda for achieving a 100% score on **ALL** three FEP NFPA 1410 evolutions! FIRST EVER!





Accreditation Status



Good Afternoon All,

Last week was quite successful at the hearings for DoD agencies. Please congratulate the following that were accredited:

- Joint Base Andrews Fire & Emergency Services, Camp Springs, Maryland
- Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services, JB MDL, New Jersey
- Kaiserslautern Military Community Fire & Emergency Services, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Fire & Emergency Services, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina
- Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans Fire & Emergency Services, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Davis-Monthan AFB Fire & Emergency Services, Tucson, Arizona
- Naval Support Activity Bahrain Fire & Emergency Services Department, Manama, Bahrain
- NSA Mid-South Fire & Emergency Services, Millington, Tennessee

The next round of Navy agencies will meet the commission 28-30 August 2023 in Rosemont, IL (outside O'Hare International Airport). The Navy agencies to be considered for accreditation are:

- Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire & Emergency Services
- Federal Fire Department China Lake Fire & Emergency Services

Please see the following list of all the Navy F&ES agencies involved in the accreditation process.

Finally, effective this month, Chief Jim White, has taken on all day-to-day duties for CFAI. He is more than capable of taking accreditation to the next step. While I am still responsible for the program until the end of the month, I will stand by and support Jim as I walk into retirement. It has been an honor and a privilege to finish my fire service career assisting the very organization where it all started, DoD F&ES. I am very proud of what we have accomplished the past 10 years.

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(left to right) NAS Joint Reserve Base New Orleans F&ES, NSA Mid-South F&ES, and NSA Bahrain F&ES

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Accreditation Status Chart

U.S. Navy

ACCREDITED AGENCY
NSA Mid-South Fire & Emergency Services
NSA Souda Bay Fire & Emergency Services
Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire & Emergency Services
Navy Region Hawaii Fire & Emergency Services
Naval Base Ventura County Federal Fire Department
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services
Federal Fire Department San Diego
NAS Fallon Federal Fire & Emergency Services
Naval Support Activity Naples Fire & Emergency Services
Naval Station Rota, Spain Fire & Emergency Services
Naval Support Activity Panama City Fire & Emergency Services
NWS Seal Beach Fire & Emergency Services
NAS Fort Worth JRB Fire & Emergency Services
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services- District 5
NAS JRB New Orleans Fire & Emergency Services
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Fire & Emergency Services
NSA Bahrain Fire & Emergency Services

APPLICANT AGENCY
Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka
Joint Region Marianas Guam Fire & Emergency Services
NAS Jacksonville Fire Department
Federal Fire Department Naval Air Station Lemoore
CNRSW Federal Fire Department El Centro
Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire & Emergency Services

CANDIDATE AGENCY
Federal Fire Department China Lake

DEFERRED
Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire & Emergency Services

REGISTERED AGENCY
Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae
NCBC Gulfport Fire & Emergency Services
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic NAVSTA Great Lakes Fire & Emergency Services
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Naval Support Activity Crane
CNRSW Federal Fire Department El Centro
CNRJ Fire & Emergency Services NAF Atsugi
CNRJ/CFAO White Beach Fire & Emergency Services
Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo Fire & Emergency Services



MILITARY FIREFIGHTER HERITAGE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee has determined that this year they will award five (5) individual \$1000 scholarships. These awards will be paid directly to the academic institution for the student's tuition, books, fees and on-campus housing.

All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Board.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicant must provide the following to the Heritage Foundation Selection Committee; a completed application form, a copy of your letter of acceptance to college, submit a personal statement of interest (see format below), and request two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation should be from a teacher, employer, clergy, or a member of the community familiar with your goals. The second will be from a member of the DoD Fire & Emergency Services.

NEW:

A photograph and a biography must be e-mailed to the board members e-mail address at: info@mffhf.com along with the application.

While email is the preferred format, in the event you submit via U.S. Mail, all required documentation to the Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation must be postmarked no later than **9 June 2023**. You must also request a transcript from your current school. **A Transcript Request** form is included to request your transcripts. Transcripts also must be postmarked by **9 June 2023**. The selection board **will not** mail out transcripts requests on your behalf.

- Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation

Information is on our website:

<https://www.mffhf.com/scholarship-application>



MILITARY FIREFIGHTER HERITAGE FOUNDATION



Upcoming Training



DATE	NAME	LOCATION
May 3 - May 5, 2023	Quality Improvement Workshop	Big Sky Fire Department Big Sky, Montana
Aug. 28 - Aug. 30, 2023	Quality Improvement Workshop	Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Rosemont, Illinois
Nov. 7 - Nov. 9, 2023	Quality Improvement Workshop	Kingsport Fire Department, Tennessee

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

From: Mike Higgins, Center for Public Safety Excellence

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

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

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

WHO CAN APPLY?

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

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

CPSE University Workshops



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

Location

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

Time

0800-1700 hours each day

Professional/business casual
attire required

Host Agency Contact

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Registration Fees

Covered under DoD contract

Registration Closes June 13

[Click Here to Register](#)

Learning Objectives:

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

Benefits of Accreditation:

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

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NFPA Code Consolidation



The NFPA Standards Council is part way through an effort to consolidate various related NFPA standards into a single standard. They feel this will assist F&ES personnel in utilizing the documents and reduce conflicts that may exist between documents. The NFPA standards that will be consolidated are broken down into five groups. It is projected that by 2025, the proposed consolidation within the five groups will be complete. See below for clarifications, on Group 1 and Group 2.

NFPA Consolidated Changes in Effect

Group-1

New Standard

- NFPA 470: Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders, 2022 Edition
- NFPA 1140: Standard for Wildland Fire Protection, 2022 Edition
- NFPA 1225: Standard for Emergency Services Communications, 2022 Edition
- NFPA 1990: Standard for Protective Ensembles for Hazardous Materials and CBRN Operations, 2022 Edition

Previous Standard Numbers

- NFPA 472, 473, 1072
- NFPA 1051, 1141, 1143, 1144
- NFPA 1061, 1221
- NFPA 1991, 1992, 1994

Group-2

New Standard

- NFPA 440: Guide for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Operations and Airport/Community Emergency Planning, 2024 Edition
- NFPA 460: Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Services at Airports, 2024 Edition
- NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions, 2024 Edition
- NFPA 1660: Standard for Emergency, Continuity, and Crisis Management: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, 2024 Edition
- NFPA 1900: Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Automotive Fire Apparatus, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Ambulances, 2024 Edition
- NFPA 1910: Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles and Marine Firefighting Vessels, 2024 Edition

Previous Standard Numbers

- NFPA 402, 424
- NFPA 403, 405, 412
- NFPA 1031, 1035, 1037
- NFPA 1600, 1616, 1620
- NFPA 414, 1901, 1906, 1917
- NFPA 1911, 1912, 1925, 1071

Back in the Day: Oshkosh P-4A ARFF Vehicles

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Early innovations and advancements in ARFF vehicles were largely accomplished through testing and evaluation of different firefighting foams and systems. Beginning in 1968 the U.S. Air Force began a project to develop an ARFF vehicle to replace the aging 0-11 units that would provide both aircraft and structural fire protection. This resulted in a contract being awarded to Oshkosh Truck during 1971 for a total of 341 P-4 crash trucks.

This model served the Air Force for many years with other branches of the military specifying modified versions of this model. Beginning in 1975 the U.S. Navy placed 41 Oshkosh P-4A ARFF vehicles into service for use at installations to replace older MB model ARFF vehicles that were built by both Oshkosh Truck and the Walter Motor Truck Company.

The U.S. Navy designation, P-4A was built on a 170 inch wheelbase and an overall length of 25 feet, 5 inches. With a gross vehicle weight of 46,600 pounds these vehicles were a great improvement over earlier ARFF units with good acceleration with a top speed of 60 mph. The apparatus was powered by a Caterpillar 1693TA model diesel engine rated at 405 horsepower with an Allison six speed, twin disc automatic transmission.

The aluminum body was designed with an escape hatch on the cab roof with side crew cab doors and a



Back in the Day (con't.):

number of enclosed body compartments. The body was designed with rear hose beds to accommodate 500 feet of 2.50 inch hose along with 300 feet of 1.50 inch hose for structural incidents.

Firefighting equipment included a Waterous single stage pump rated at 1200 gpm with an 80 gpm foam pump. In the structural mode the pump could deliver 1000 gpm using left and right side 5.00 inch intakes and four 2.50 inch gated discharges. The P-4A was equipped with a 1500 gallon water tank and a 180 gallon foam tank. The manually operated roof turret had dual ratings of 400/800 gpm with a Santa Rose remote controlled bumper turret rated at 300 gpm. A single booster reel was outfitted with 150 feet of 1.25 inch hose that could produce flows up to 100 gpm.

A Feecon around the pump foam system supplied foam concentrate to the bumper and roof turrets. All of the Navy Oshkosh vehicles were originally delivered with a yellow paint scheme and minimal warning lights and graphics. Installations which operated these P-4A vehicles included Alameda NAS, Miramar NAS and North Island NAS in California, Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center in New Jersey and Glenview NAS in Illinois. These P-4A ARFF vehicles provided many years of reliable front line service with some units slated for rebuilding by several outside vendors.

Crash 11, a 1978 model P-4A was operated by the Naval Air Station at Alameda, California, assigned property number 71-02480 and retained its original factory condition. Crash 13 was assigned to Lakehurst NAEC; a 1976 model was modified by department members with the installation of roof mounted hard suction hose along with additional warning lights. This vehicle was assigned property number 71-02453 and retained its original chrome yellow paint scheme.



Back in the day these vehicles were the backbone of the U.S. Navy's ARFF vehicle fleet with several of these still operating at municipal airports. 🚒



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.

Below are the awardees from February to March of this calendar year. Bravo Zulu to all. Keep charging!

PROVIDER	REGION/LOCATION	INCIDENT TYPE
Captain/EMT Michael Loiacono	CNRMA – NSA Hampton Roads	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/EMT Thomas Farrell	CNRMA – NSA Hampton Roads	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/EMT Ryan Knutson	CNRMA – NSA Hampton Roads	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter Gregory Baker	CNRMA – NSA Hampton Roads	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Assistant Chief Chad Ulman	CNRMA – District 3	Traumatic Injuries - MVC
Firefighter/EMT Christopher Florio	CNRMA – District 3	Traumatic Injuries - MVC
Lieutenant/EMT Aaron Lara	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Engineer/EMT Matthew Newman	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Dies	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/Paramedic Lewis Plourd	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/EMT Nicholas Lee	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/EMT Keahi Lucas	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/EMT Ian Espejo	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/EMT Daniel Talioa	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/EMT Gabriel Cruz	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt
Firefighter/EMT Christopher Macalintal	CNRH – District 2	Cardiac Arrest – Suicide Attempt



Life Saving Awards

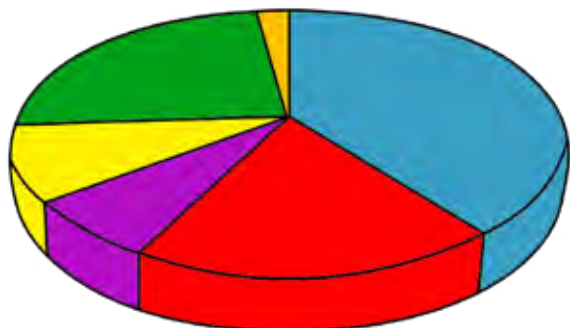


ESAMS Corner Update

By Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

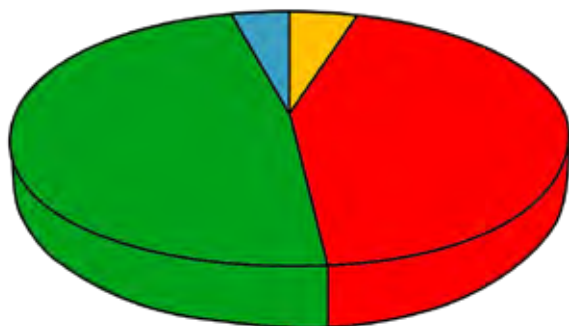
CY 2023 Statistics (01 Jan – 31 Mar)

Operations



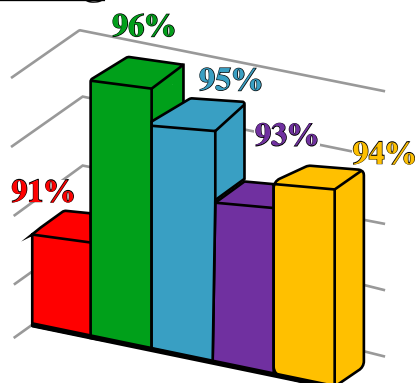
Rescue & EMS	5,632
Hazardous	2,571
False Alarm	3,396
Service Calls	973
Good Intent	1,314
Fires	330
Total Incidents	14,216

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	680
Hot Work Permits	6,758
Inspections	7,431
Building Evacuation Drills	764
Total	15,633

Training



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

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

Mishaps Reported: 5

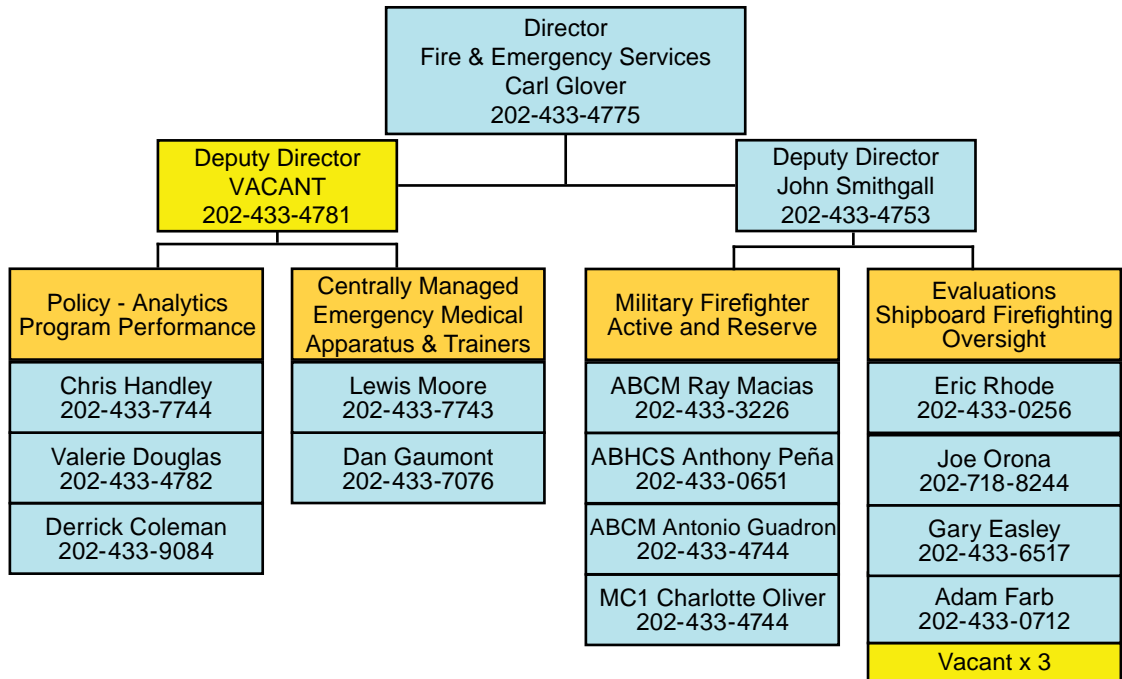
Total Lost Work Days: 0



Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)

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Navy F&ES Hall of Fame



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- 003 Clarence Rout, 2006
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- 005 Alvah Cuthriell, 2007
- 006 George McGuigan, 2007
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- 047 Mark Hendley, 2023
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