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# Navy Wins DoD Fire & Emergency Services Awards

Story by: CNIC Public Affairs

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced the recipients for its prestigious Fire & Emergency Services Award (F&ES) for CY2023, recognizing exceptional service and dedication within the military's fire and emergency services community, on May 3.

Annually, DoD honors exemplary fire departments that have attained a superior level of excellence in supporting their mission and managing fire safety.

This year, the United States Navy has demonstrated outstanding performance in several categories achieving the highest degree of excellence in mission support and fire protection management.

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#### **From the Director**

We are pleased to see some of our long-standing projects starting to be implemented. As we mentioned last month, the Navy Fire Office Training Course is now up and running and we anticipate holding the Fire Officer class at least twice per year. Candidates should work with Region Fire Chiefs to reserve space in our next class, winter 2024.

We have completed a lengthy contract award process to provide firefighter ballistic protective equipment (BPE), for each riding position on all Navy F&ES response apparatus. The vendor has indicated the BPE should start shipping within a few months, more info will be provided to the Regions, as delivery starts. Similarly, the next round of facility Stop-the-Bleed Kits was also funded, and Regions will continue

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#### **From the Director**

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to roll out the program, based on Region priorities. The on-line ASHE responder training (hosted by NFPA) is in progress and members are taking the initial training; follow-on ASHE response training is being developed by our team and the multi-media training will become an annual refresher training requirement.

The new fluorine free firefighting foam (F3) is now approved and FY24 contracts are being awarded to complete the change out in all our ARFF apparatus to remove the legacy AFFF, rinse tanks/ systems, and install the new F3 foam. Most structural apparats will revert to F3 in 5-gallon containers with manual eductor only, for the rare occasion when a pumper needs to discharge foam. Trainings solutions/option for F3 are under development as well.

<u>Navy F&ES is Hiring !</u> Thanks to all our Navy F&ES Teams and members who serve, *Protecting Those Who Defend* America. Please stay safe as we enter the summer season.

Carl



From left: Navy Fire Deputy Directors Gene Rausch (Ret.) and Ricky Brockman (Ret.) pose with Director Carl Glover following CY2023 Navy F&ES Annual Award presentation. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Griffin Kersting



### **Message From Force Master Chief Andre Brown**

Shipmates & Colleagues,

A swe commemorate Military Spouse Appreciation Month, it is essential to recognize and honor the invaluable contributions and sacrifices made by our military spouses. Behind many Sailors stand a dedicated and resilient spouse who support their partner's service to our nation.

We acknowledge the sacrifice, dedication, and their pivotal role in the success of our mission. Military spouses demonstrate unwavering strength, flexibility, and resilience in the face of frequent deployments, relocations, and the demands of military life. Their sacrifices often go unnoticed, yet their unwavering support is indispensable to our service members' readiness and morale.

Military spouses endure unique challenges that build resilience and unity that strengthens our Armed Forces. Through recognition we honor our military spouses and reaffirm our commitment to supporting the entire military community and fostering a culture of appreciation and respect. On behalf of Commander, Navy Installations Command, I extend my deepest appreciation to our military spouses for their unwavering support and sacrifice. Your resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment inspire us all.

Thank you for your service to our nation.

## **Additional Fire Related Hyperlinks and Sites**

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

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*Navy Reserve F&ES Fire Academy Graduation Photos* <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1--frv5qNbnxoJSXiBEoDB-XQLW8GvhsL</u>

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#### NS Rota Structural Fire Training

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NAS Corpus Christi Training with US Customs and Border Protection's P-3 Aircraft

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#### NAS Corpus Christi ARFF Training

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#### NAS Corpus Christi Weekend Training Recap Video

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## **Taking Care of Our Own**

From: CNIC HQ Fire & Emergency Services

The Taking Care of Our Own Program was launched in October 2005 to provide a support network for federal civilian members of the DoD Fire & 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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## Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Spotlight: Al Balderama

Story by: Anna Marie G. Gonzales, Commander Navy Region Hawaii

A lbert "Al" Balderama is passionate about two things: firefighting and teaching others how to prevent fires. The battalion chief for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii's (CNRH) Federal Fire (FedFire) department, has been a firefighter for 43 years and takes pride in being a mentor for generations of future firefighters.

Balderama began his career with the Air Force as a firefighter and retired as an Air Force Master Sergeant after 23 years. Following active duty service, he was offered a job as a 911 dispatcher on Hickam Air Force Base. But he could not stay away from firefighting. . He soon returned to what he loved most – being a firefighter. Balderama returned to firefighting with CNRH FedFire, where he was eventually promoted to his current role as a battalion chief.

"I have always wanted to be a firefighter since I was a little kid," Balderama said. "I remember a time when my mother was roasting a turkey for dinner and it caught on fire. She tried to save the turkey from burning by throwing a wet towel over it but that only ignited the fire every time she opened the oven. So that was what inspired me to become a firefighter, I wanted to save lives...while my mom wanted to save the turkey."

Growing up as the eldest child of three children in a Filipino household, Balderama was seen as a role model for his younger siblings, who addressed him as "Manong," meaning older brother.

"Being raised by strict Filipino parents, it was instilled in us that you have to be good citizens and family," explained Balderama. "Family first is what I believe in ... My workplace is my second family."

Similar to being an older brother for his real family, he was also the "Manong" for his brothers and sisters in the fire department. He was a role model for younger firefighter recruits, Airmen, and other commands whom he trained over the years.

Al Balderama, battalion chief and Neil Fujioka, regional deputy fire chief, both from Navy Region Hawaii's Federal Fire department, discuss daily plans as part of an employee spotlight feature for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI). The Department of Defense recognizes May as AAPI Month, which celebrates the culture, traditions and history of Asian Americans, native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. (U.S. Navy photo by Melvin J. Gonzalvo)

"Back when I was in the Air Force, I'm proud I was able to be the training chief for up and coming Airmen, and firefighters when I was once a technical sergeant," said Balderama. "It's my passion to help and teach others about fire prevention and make them aware of what to do in terms of fire safety, whether you are a firefighter or not."

Balderama encourages new and future firefighters to take advantage of volunteer opportunities and above all, to treat others equally no matter what their background is.

"Just like the saying goes with Karma, 'what comes around, goes around.' Taking any opportunity you can to volunteer and help the community will work out in your favor no matter what culture you're from," said Balderama. "Honoring the month of Asian Pacific Islanders means a lot because we're so vast, there's many different cultures out there. And it's a time to honor their own culture."

"As a firefighter working with people from different backgrounds and treating everybody equally is one of the things I'm used to 24/7. You get to learn about everybody else's culture and respect their heritage, especially living here in Hawaii, we're so diverse culturally and in the department."

## Navy Wins DoD Fire Awards (con't. from page 1)

One Medium Category Installation Fire Department, one military firefighter, and one civilian firefighter

were recipients of awards for their superior job performance. outstanding contributions, and leadership.

"In every crisis, the spirit of service burns bright in our firefighters and emergency responders. Their selflessness inspires hope in our communities, touching lives with each courageous act," said Carl B. Glover Jr, Commander, Navy Installation Command F&ES Director. "We owe them a debt of gratitude, for they are the unsung heroes who rise to meet our greatest challenges."

Winning the Fire Department of the Year, Medium Category, is

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan. Their accomplishments include responding to 1,025 emergencies, organizing a 16-week fire academy, and publishing a multi-agency carrier Fire Response Plan that solidified an integrated fire response.

"I'm incredibly honored and proud at Winning the Department of Defense Medium fire department of the year is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of every member of our department," said John Serrato, Assistant Chief of Training, Yokosuka F&ES.

"This recognition validates our commitment to excellence in fire safety and emergency response. It's truly humbling to be recognized among our peers in the Department of Defense, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve and protect our community. This award is a reflection of our collective efforts, and I couldn't be more proud of what we've achieved together." *Con't. on next page* 

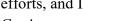
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## Navy Wins DoD Fire Awards (con't.)

This year's DoD Military Firefighter of the Year is Aviation Boatswain's Mate Aircraft Handler 1st Class Anna Perez from Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy. Her accomplishments include mitigation of 65 emergencies, protecting 10,000 personnel, and preserving 354 facilities. "As a military firefighter, my responsibilities include crucial fire protection and emergency services, which

include, fire prevention, suppression, rescue operations, and medical aid," said Perez. "These services are essential in ensuring the safety and security of our personnel,

infrastructure, and assets. The impact of our work is helps to maintain operational readiness, protects lives and property, and ensures the continuous execution of the Navy's mission."

This year's DoD Civilian Firefighter of the Year (FFOTY) is Jeffry Frawley from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas who served as the chief architect for the pre-fire plan program, updating 50 plans by identifying hazards, hydrants, and

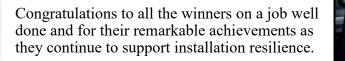
facility layout, which improved team safety and incident mitigation strategies. "To even be nominated for so many awards is an honor in itself, but to be awarded CNRSE, CNIC, and DoD FFOTY is absolutely the



pinnacle of my career," said Frawley. "It would bring recognition to the installation, showcasing our talent and dedication. Ultimately, it signifies that our efforts are being acknowledged and appreciated by others in the field."

These are nothing short of amazing accomplishments to say the least. Fire officers each receive an award for their superior job performance, outstanding contributions, and leadership for a DoD

F&ES organization.



Article link: https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/ News-Stories/Article/3781747/navy-wins-dod-fire-and-emergency-service-awards/









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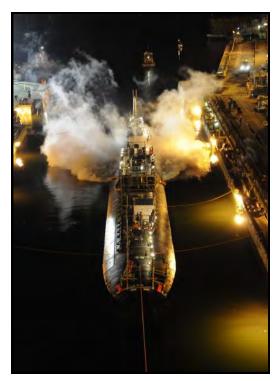
## USS Miami (SSBN-775) Fire Incident Changed the Navy 12 Years Ago

On 1 March 2012, Miami arrived at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for a scheduled 20month Engineered Overhaul (EOH) and system upgrades. On 23 May, a shipyard employee started a fire that spread to crew living, command and control, and torpedo spaces. Repairs were initially estimated to require three years and \$450 million, an estimate later revised to a range of \$450 million to \$700 million.

On 6 August 2013, Navy officials said that due to budget cuts, the vessel would not be repaired. The submarine was placed on the inactive list, then decommissioned on 28 March 2014.

At 5:41 p.m. EDT on 23 May 2012, fire crews were called with a report of a fire on Miami while she was being overhauled at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. At the time, the submarine was in the second month of a scheduled 20-month maintenance cycle, indicating that she was undergoing an extensive "Engineering Overhaul". The national media reported that seven firefighters had been injured. One crew member suffered broken ribs when he fell through a hole left by removed deck plates during the fire. It took firefighters 12 hours to extinguish it.

Initially, the U.S. Navy reported that the fire started when an industrial vacuum cleaner used "to clean worksites on the sub after shipyard workers' shifts" sucked up a heat source that ignited debris inside the vacuum. On 23 July 2012, however, civilian painter and sandblaster Casey J. Fury was indicted on two counts of arson after confessing to starting the fire. Fury said he lit rags on a berthing compartment's top bunk so he could get out of work early. On 15 March 2013, he was sentenced to more than 17 years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$400 million in restitution. As of March 2021, Fury was incarcerated at FCI Fort Dix in New Jersey.



USS Miami enters dry dock at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on 15 March 2012 to begin an engineering overhaul. She was severely damaged by fire two months later. (U.S. Navy photo by Jum Cleveland)

The debate over whether to repair or scrap Miami lasted more than a year. Within a month of the fire, Maine Senators Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe advocated repairing the submarine. In July 2012, Navy leaders asked Congress to add \$220 million to the operations and maintenance budget for emergent and unfunded ship repairs. In August, the Navy decided to repair the boat for an estimated total cost of \$450 million. The repair cost was expected to be trimmed by using spare parts from the recently decommissioned USS Memphis and by repairing rather than replacing damaged hull sections, as had been done with another Los Angeles-class boat, San Francisco. But both of these approaches proved unworkable with the newer Miami. As well, a detailed assessment raised the estimated repair bill to \$700 million.

On 6 August 2013, the U.S. Navy announced its intention to decommission Miami, concluding the cost was more than it could afford in a time of budget cuts. The sub was officially decommissioned on 28 March 2014, to be disposed of via the nuclear Ship-Submarine Recycling Program.

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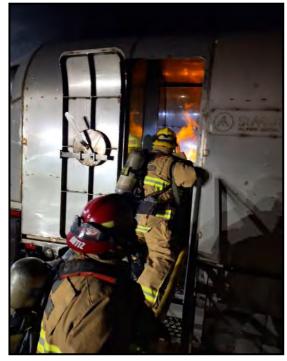
## **Blazing Success, Federal Fire Department China Lake, Mobile Aircraft Fire Training**

Story by: Assistant Fire Chief Shaun Rogers, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake



Federal Fire China Lake is taking proactive measures to ensure the highest levels of aircraft emergency response through the utilization of cutting-edge technology. The team at China Lake has embarked on





rigorous training sessions using the Alpine Metal Tech Mobile Aircraft Fire Training Device (MAFTD), this simulator is designed to get as real world as possible.

The MAFTD was delivered to the department in 2019 and provides an immersive and realistic environment for firefighters to hone their skills in handling aircraft fires. This innovative training

tool allows firefighters to simulate various types of aircraft fire emergencies, including engine, fuel, and cabin fires, all within a controlled setting. The MAFTD is equipped with advanced technology to mimic the smoke, heat. and intensity of aircraft fires, creating a challenging yet safe environment.

Six times each year China Lake Firefighters undergo simulated scenarios, this regularly conducted live fire proficiency training sessions ensures firefighters are better



equipped to protect lives, property, and aircraft assets. Recently during nighttime live fire training, members simulated a response to a C-130 reporting an aircraft fire. Crews were evaluated on response, radio communication, apparatus placement, initial fire attack, victim rescue and overhaul. During this controlled training environment members develop and practice different strategies and tactics which then get used in the real world.

This training aligns with Federal Fire China Lake's mission to provide exceptional fire and emergency services to ensure the safety of personnel and assets on Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. As the team continues to refine their skills with the MAFTD, they stand ready to respond to any aircraft fire emergency with precision and expertise.

## **Sasebo First Bilateral Live Fire Training** with Mutual Partners

Story by: Ken Adkins, Deputy Fire Chief, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo Japan

In an initiative aimed at bolstering emergency preparedness, Commander Naval Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services, Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo Fire Department lead bilateral live fire training with mutual aid partners across Nagasaki Prefecture.

As the sole facility of its kind for live fire training in Nagasaki and one of just two in Kyushu, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo assumes a pivotal role in fortifying the region's ability to



respond effectively to potential crises. This milestone represents a

significant leap forward in regional collaboration, ushering in a new era of partnership in emergency response efforts.



The comprehensive training initiative brought together representatives from various fire departments across Nagasaki Prefecture, underscoring CNRJ F&ES Sasebo's unwavering commitment to promoting regional cooperation and readiness. With a robust participation of 150 personnel, including participants from Sasebo, Nagasaki, Chuo, Goto, Kami-Goto, Iki, Matsuura, and Hirado, the impact of these collaborative efforts extends well beyond CNRJ F&ES's immediate sphere.



Furthermore, the training sessions featured exhibitions show casing the latest equipment and techniques, including a range of Japanese and American vehicle models. These demonstrations encompassed offensive live fire attack for kitchen fires, Denver drills, mayday protocols and firefighter bailout techniques. Each component was meticulously designed to equip participants with the essential skills required for effective emergency response.

Looking ahead, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering exemplary training and fostering

collaboration with local fire departments to ensure preparedness for any eventuality. Serving as the region's primary resource for emergency response training, CNRJ F&ES Sasebo continues to uphold its pivotal role in safeguarding communities across Nagasaki Prefecture and beyond. This inaugural bilateral live fire training sets a precedent for future collaborative efforts, emphasizing the importance of mutual aid partnerships in enhancing emergency preparedness and response capabilities.



## **NRNW Fire & Emergency Services 1st Academy Graduation**

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Story and photos by: Petty Officer 2nd Class Victoria Galbraith

Eight freshly pinned firefighters graduated from the Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services (NRNW F&ES) Fire Academy during a ceremony at the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Wash., May 3, 2024.

This is the first graduating class out of the NRNW F&ES Fire Academy. The academy is held bi-annually and runs for approximately four months. "They've all been working really hard," said Bruce Wold, Asst. Fire Chief, NRNW F&ES Battalion 2.

"All of them have pushed themselves and it's good to see." Each graduate is pre-certified as emergency medical technicians, certified in Firefighter I/II and HAZMAT Awareness and Operations after graduation. They then receive an International Fire Services Accreditation Congress certificate after completion of follow-on training at the Air Force Civil Engineering Center.

"I feel like we are setting the standard for the other classes," said Tailor Johnson, firefighter, NRNW F&ES Battalion 2. "When the other classes go through, they'll be able to look to us for guidance because we'll be on the floor with them and they can ask us questions." The course not only incorporates basic firefighter skills, but also teaches recruits procedures established to ensure a seamless transition when they begin working.

"Watching them mold as a team over the past few months was a flat out treat," said Kash Christopher, district fire chief, NRNW F&ES Battalion 2. "One thing that describes firefighters is how close knit they become. These new recruits have a good head start." Jeran McCormick, captain, NRNW F&ES Battalion 2, ended the graduation ceremony with words of wisdom for the new firefighters. "It's easy in our profession to think a call we go on is no big deal, but we need to remember that most of the time we are meeting people for

the first time on their perceived worst day," said McCormick. "Have empathy and give them your best."

Following their graduation, the new firefighters are assigned to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor or Bremerton. They will serve approximately 40,000 active duty and civilian



personnel, as well as the surrounding communities of Bremerton, Silverdale and Poulsbo. NRNW F&ES is a progressive fire service agency providing 24-hour emergency services on and off base. Their motto is, "Protecting Those Who Defend America".

# **Around the Firehouse**

#### Tom Shand "The Truck Guy"

By: Dan Gaumont, Navy Fire & Emergency Services

T om Shand was invited to the Navy annual award presentation festivities at NSA Annapolis under false pretenses and asked to attend the event to honor our award recipients and also to take photos of vendor demos later today. Our main intend was to honor him on his service to the U. S. Navy and retirement from our service.

There were some very special guests in addition to Tom and his dear wife Jackie. Tom's sister Lisa and her husband Frank Armstrong, Tom's sons; Ryan, Matthew, and Christopher, his business partner, and Retired FDNY Fire Captain and author Mike Wilbur, and friends Joseph Herr a former DC Chief Officer, Mike Pritchard, past Marine Corps Fire Chief and



executive with the U.S. Fire Administration and last but not least the person who helped set all this up without Tom's knowledge Mr. Chris Hecht, our fire apparatus consultant/subject matter expert and Fire Chief of the Sister Bay Fire Department in Wisconsin.

Tom is a 50 plus year veteran of the Fire Service. Started in the fire service in 1970 with the College Park Fire Dept here in Maryland. Possesses a Fire Protection Engineering Degree from the University of Maryland. Has approximately 30 years experience in various engineering and sales positions with fire apparatus manufacturers Saulsbury Fire Apparatus – NY, R. D. Murray – Hamburg NY, contributing editor to both Firehouse Magazine and Fire Apparatus Journal, inducted last into the Firehouse Magazine Hall of Fame. He is an acclaimed author with books covering: History of Hahn Motor, Young Fire Equipment, Syracuse Fire Department NY, and the Navy F&ES Newsletter, as the contributor to the "Back in the Day" section in this newsletter.



It has been my distinct pleasure to have worked with Tom and another subject matter expert David Rupert inspecting Navy Fire apparatus for the last 10-years. Tom has worked for the Navy 10-plus years. During that time Tom has shared with many, his vast fire apparatus and fleet management knowledge as our lead subject matter expert authoring our detailed fire specifications. apparatus His fingerprints are on all U.S. Navy and Marine Corps fire apparatus acquired since 2011.

Sadly, good things always come to an end and Tom's official connection to the Navy ended in May 2022 when he retired. Although no longer in an official capacity, Tom remains active with Navy Fire. The Navy still is an active participant and author with the monthly newsletter, an apparatus photographer and is always available for counsel and input regarding fire apparatus and fleet management.

#### Happy Retirement Fire Captain Luke Hagensick

A Retired US Navy Veteran [Dec.2014], having served at HM-15, NAS Alameda, NAS Corpus Christi, VX-1 NAS Pax River, and



then VR-53 NAF Washington/ Andrew's AFB; Luke returned to NAS Patuxent River as Firefighter Hagensick, [Apr.2001]

Proficient in Aircraft Rescue and Structural Firefighting, an ARFF, Engine, and Aerial apparatus Driver/Operator, Luke was promoted to Lieutenant in 2008, and after the fire department's regionalization into NDW, served the remainder of his fire career as Fire Captain, and as an Acting Battalion Chief. Fair Winds Captain Hagensick

Enjoy, and Many Thanks!





#### Former Navy Reserve F&ES Director Gets a Farewell

N avy Reserve F&ES leadership formally thanked Commander Westley Simancas for his contributions to the Navy Reserve F&ES team during his tour as the Navy Reserve F&ES Director. The new director is LCDR Robert Holt. The event was hosted at the Navy - Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, MD at the end o the Navy Reserve Fire Academy graduation.



(above) from left LCDR Robert Holt, Former Director Navy Reserve Fire & Emergency Services Cmdr. Westley Simancas, and ABCM Ali Razi, pose for a photo after presenting a farewell gift. (Courtesy Photo)

#### **Fire Chief Ronald Keith Creel Retirement**



**C**NRSE and NAS Meridian Fire Department announces the Retirement of Fire Chief Creel who led NAS Meridian 58 firefighters, keeping the installation and community safe for over 30 years. Chief Creel started his career as Firefighter in December 1994 and quickly climbed up the ladder.

He oversaw three fire stations and equipment valued at over 20 Million Dollars. His department was successful in passing the challenging Final Inspection Program; bolstering the highest score in the Region. Chief Creel will now enjoy more time with the family and continue with several hobbies he enjoys; fabricating signs, welding, building homes, electrical, plumbing.

We wish Chief Creel and his family Fair Winds and Following Seas.

We have the watch...

#### NAS Sigonella F&ES Host Joint Training

N aval Air Station Sigonella firefighters, The Vigili Del Fuoco (Italian Fire Department) and Maristaeli Helicopter Group (Italian Navy) pose for a group photo, May 18. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S., allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability in Europe, Africa and Central Command. (U.S. Navy photo by Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Samayaah Smith)



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Navy F&ES CY 2023 Annual Awards Presentation





Regional Fire Chiefs and Navy Fire & Emergency Services Director Carl Glover (center) pose for a group photo post Annual Award Ceremony hosted at US Naval Academy on 2 May 2024.

#### **Additional Photos Link:**

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## Naval Weapons Station China Lake Supports Richmond Elementary School Purple Star School Program for the Military Child

A pril 15th may have been tax day for most Americans, but in the town of Ridgecrest and at the temporary Richmond Elementary School this was time to celebrate Purple Star School Program for the military child.

The Purple Star School Program is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-



emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready.

Naval Air Weapons Station Commander Captain Jeremy "JV" Vaughan and Command Senior Master Chief Little, along with the Sierra Sands School Board members spoke on the unique challenges military children face with parents that mobilize and get re-assigned on regular rotations.

With the Richmond Elementary School loosing their campus on NAWS China Lake due to the 7.1 Magnitude earthquake in 2019 and community emphasizing the need to cultivate this program for our military children Fed Fire China Lake took up the banner to support both the local community and the military child.

Richmond Elementary is the first school in Sierra Sands School District to be officially designated as a Purple Star School. With continued community support and partnerships between NAWS China Lake organizations like FED Fire, a continued cultivation of diversity and teamwork will help our military children soar.



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#### NAS Meridian Deputy Fire Chief Awarded Firefighter of the Year

Deputy Fire Chief Twaskie Graham was recently named Firefighter of the Year by the Mississippi Public Safety Commission. He was honored at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mississippi Public Safety Awards Ceremony



which recognizes and honors men and women in the public safety profession who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. On May 22, 2024, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell acknowledged these courageous individuals for their outstanding service and contributions to their profession during a ceremony in Jackson. Other honorees included Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Prosecutor of the Year and First Responder of the Year.

"Deputy Chief Graham has served his community well, responding to emergencies I the city of Meridiam as well as at



Chief Graham poses with the Director of the Mississippi State Fire Academy Chief Kelly Elliott.



(above) Commanding Officer of NAS Meridian Capt. Luke Davis, Security Officer LT. South, Attorney General Lynn Finch, Lauderdale County Judge Veldore Graham, Commissioner of Public Safety Sean Tindell, Public Works Officer Damian Allen. (Courtesy Photos)

shall Mike Chaney.

"Congratulations Deputy Chief Graham. This honor is well deserved." Kelly Elliott, the Direct of the Mississippi Fire Academy, presented the Firefighter of the ear Award on behalf of the Commissioner Chaney who was unable to attend.

Deputy Chief Graham served on active duty and then as a reservist in the U.S. Navy from 1990-1996. He was hired with the NAS Meridian Fire Department in 1996. He is a native of Jackson, Mississippi.



(WTOK ABC 11, May 22, 2024) by Staff <u>https://www.wtok.com/2024/05/22/</u> nas-meridians-twaskie-graham-is-mississippi-firefighter-year/

the Naval Air Station," said Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Mar-

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## NAS Sigonella Hosted Joint Training

NAS Sigonella Fire & Emergency Services recently had the distinct pleasure of hosting and assisting Italian Firefighters from different provinces throughout the island of Sicily.

Over the course of 3 days, approximately 120 Italian firefighters conducted helicopter live fire training on NAS Sigonella. This particular live fire training is an annual Italian firefighter requirement that allows these professionals to maintain their Airport Firefighter national certification.

NAS Sigonella F&ES would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Comando Provinciale Vigili del Fuoco Catania, Comando Provinciale Vigili del Fuoco Ragusa, and the Maristaeli Catania for their joint support efforts in making this training venture possible.













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# NAS Key West F&ES: Joint Exercise Highlights Collaboration and Readiness

Story by: Assistant Fire Chief Forrest Baumfalk, NAS Key West Fire & Emergency Services

**Courtesy Photos** 

"There has been a report of a personnel casualty in the JP-5 Pump Room. All hands set general emergency and provide from Repair Locker 3!" The crew jumped into action across the US Coast Guard Cutter Thetis. On May 15, 2024, NAS Key West Fire & Emergency Services conducted a joint exercise with the USCGC Thetis (WMEC 910), focusing on inter-agency cooperation



and preparedness.

According to the scenario. crew а member had fallen from a ladder accessing the JP -5 Pump Room, sustaining lifethreatening injuries. The exercise



emphasized the need for coordination between the teams to manage critical situations. NAS Key West firefighters responded

swiftly, working

with the crew who had already begun caring for the patient. To extract the patient, a rope haul system was rigged. Establishing an anchor for the system was challenging due to the ship's layout and tight spaces, requiring technical awareness and ingenuity.

The restricting Pump Room made the rescue complex, with critical systems posing additional obstacles, testing rescuers' precision and adaptability. Further complicating matters, portable radios did not function within the ship, forcing the teams to rely on their training and

adapt quickly. Despite these challenges, the patient was successfully moved to the main deck



for medical care through coordinated manpower, showcasing the strength and cooperation of both teams.

This joint exercise tested the readiness and response capabilities of NAS Key West Fire & Emergency Services and the USCGC Thetis, reinforcing the importance of teamwork and problem-solving under pressure. The lessons learned and skills honed during this exercise will enhance the preparedness of both teams for real-life emergencies. LTJG Matthew Krupa, Damage Control Assistant, "... extracting personnel from spaces that are deep inside the ship is very difficult, exercising the MOU allowed for good training on both ends but also greater crew confidence in responding to emergency situations."

As NAS Key West Fire & Emergency Services continue to collaborate with different agencies, their commitment to safety and

excellence remains clear, ensuring readiness for any situation. The success of this exercise highlights the value of joint training operations in maintaining high standards of readiness and collaboration.

## **Navy Reserve Fire Academy Graduation**

Story by: ABCM Ali Razi, Navy Reserve F&ES at Commander, Navy Installations Command

T wenty students graduated from the Navy Reserve (NR) Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Fire Academy on board Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis, on April 26, 2024. The Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) program aims to train and equip Navy Reserve personnel as a firefighting force capable of rapidly mobilizing in cases of



natural or manmade disasters, as well as provide relief and support for routine base functions. The course runs annually and lasts nine weeks ultimately leading to the



completion of six certifications: First Aid Provider, Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Awareness, HAZMAT Operations, Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Aircraft & Rescue Firefighting. These graduates will also be awarded the Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) 786B - Shore Based Airport and Aircraft Firefighter.

This year's graduating class was comprised of Sailors located across six NR CNIC F&ES Detachments which includes Guam. Students received classroom and hands-

on training,

resulting in a distinctly high-performing and unified team. The graduates joined the more than 100 Naval Reserve Sailors capable of augmenting fire stations on installations both CONUS and OCONUS. Additionally, three Sailors joined the last portion of the Academy course, to participate in the Aircraft and Rescue Firefighting Course. These certifications earned reciprocate on the civilian side, allowing NR F&ES personnel to work at both military and civilian fire departments.





The NR CNIC F&ES program now boasts over 208 billets, with growth expected to continue, as requests for support come from around the world. Graduates stand ready to support emergency demand signals, postured to support a variety of contingent situations. NR CNIC F&ES is always searching for qualified or highly motivated personnel to join the team - to answer the call, "Ready Now. Anytime, Anywhere."

For information about the Navy Reserve F&ES program contact ABHCS Anthony Pena via email at: anthony.f.pena.mil@us.navy.mil or phone 202-685-0651.

(left photo) from left: Fire Chief William Bartenfelder from Naval District Washington F&ES receives a letter of Appreciation from the Director of Navy Reserve Fire & Emergency Services Cmdr. Westley Simancas. (Courtesy Photos)

# The Code

Story by: Mark Weil (Retired Assistant. Chief of Fire Prevention, U.S. Navy Fire & Emergency Services), Navy Hall of Fame #51

The fire inspector when it comes to being an effective inspector it is important to have a good grasp of the code. This is essential and fundamental to the inspector's job. Understanding how to apply the code and how it applies to the certain concern(s) in question is crucial.

Before we delve into the code and its fundamentals we will start with a brief history of the code. Webster's dictionary defines the code as a systematic statement of a body of law, especially one given statutory force. Through the history of time, this body of law and element has been executed in many different forms. Some of these early forms of code enforcement



included the Vigiles of Rome. These were fire brigades that introduced and enacted the code that said "If you have a fire, you will get punished". Unfortunately throughout history from Rome to the late 19th century the code was generally geared towards building standards and lacked an effective form of fire prevention and life safety point of view. This was until NFPA came on the scene and was organized by fire underwriters in 1896. And from that point on the code was able to seriously deal with the fire and life safety issues of the time and continues to be an effective enforcement tool for the fire inspector today.

When considering the model code and its processes the code is developed through a consensus standards process. This involves technical committees that are allowed to develop by an organization for adoption by governments, and other similar entities the code. Thus within this process consideration is given to accept and put into effect the code itself. Many code standards have different processes for code changes and adoptions.

However here we will focus on NFPA's process this includes:

- Step 1. Public input stage.
- Step 2. Public comment stage.
- Step 3. NFPA Technical Meeting.
- Step 4. Council Appeals and Issuance of Standard.

In this process and development NFPA uses various membership components to include:

- Insurance
- Business and industry
- Trade and professional associations
- Federal, state, and local government
- Health care facilities
- Safety equipment manufacturers and distributors
- Fire service
- Architects and engineers
- Other fields and disciplines

It should be noted that NFPA membership is not a requirement to serve on a Technical Committee or to participate in the process.

The codes by nature and design can afford the opportunity to combat the fire and safety problem in most jurisdictions with the processes discussed. But in some cases, the community may desire a standard of safety that exceeds the national norm. This is when the local amendments are considered and added to the code. This allows the jurisdictions the ability to address the community's fire and life safety issues specifically.

The model code process has evolved over time in the United States and it continues to progress to this day. As it has evolved it has been recognized as an effective instrument of safety in many fields. To ensure firefighter and public safety is at the forefront of change and new developments to the community at large.

## **Bonds and Expertise: Insights from the Southeast Fire Chiefs**

**F** ire Chiefs from across the Southeast region recently converged at Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth for a pivotal conference aimed at enhancing collaboration, sharing best practices, and addressing pertinent challenges within the firefighting community. The event, spanning three days, brought together Fire Chiefs and Chief Officers not only from seven states but also from Cuba, underscoring the importance of cross-border cooperation in ensuring public safety and disaster response efficiency.



## Day 1: Celebrating Excellence and Setting the Stage

The conference kicked off with the Command Navy Region Southeast Award Ceremony, a momentous occasion where outstanding contributions and achievements within the firefighting domain were acknowledged and celebrated. This ceremony not only served to honor department and individual successes but also fostered a spirit of camaraderie among attendees. Following the ceremony, attendees delved into the Command Navy Region Southeast Program



Briefs, gaining valuable insights into regional initiatives, challenges, and strategies for bolstering emergency response capabilities. The discussions set a robust foundation for the subsequent days' deliberations, providing a comprehensive understanding of the overarching objectives driving the conference.

#### Day 2: Engaging Dialogues and Expert Perspectives

Day two commenced with the Command Navy Region Southeast Fire Chief Installation Briefs, during which Fire Chiefs outlined their vision, priorities and challenges for their respective departments. This session underscored the continuity of leadership and the commitment to advancing the collective mission of safeguarding communities and infrastructure.

The highlight of the day was the presentations by esteemed guest speakers. Dr. Joseph Kotora, BUMED EMS Director, captivated the audience with insightful discussions on pressing topics related to BUMED EMS and Navy Fire. His expertise shed light on emerging trends, challenges, and innovative solutions within the realm of emergency medical services, inspiring attendees to elevate their preparedness and response capabilities.

Later, NAS Pensacola Fire Chief, Dan Chiappetta, shared invaluable lessons gleaned from the Dec 6, 2019 Active Shooter Incident. Through a candid recounting of the incident and its aftermath, Chief Chiappetta imparted crucial insights into crisis management, resilience, and the need for continuous training and readiness. His presentation served as a sobering reminder of the unpredictable nature of emergencies and the unwavering resolve required to confront them.

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# Bonds and Expertise (con't.)

#### **Day 3: Exploring Innovation and Nurturing Collaborative Partnerships**

The final day of the conference commenced with a fascinating tour of the Lockheed Martin F35 Aircraft Production line. This immersive experience provided attendees with a firsthand glimpse into cutting-edge technology and aerospace advancements, highlighting the symbiotic relationship between defense industries and emergency responders in ensuring national security and disaster resilience.

Continuing the spirit of collaboration, a panel comprising representatives from Labor Employee Relations, AFGE, and IAFF Unions engaged in constructive dialogues surrounding union issues and relations with management. This session facilitated an open exchange of perspectives, fostering mutual understanding and laying the groundwork for proactive engagement and conflict resolution strategies.

In conclusion, the Southeast Fire Chiefs Conference emerged as a pivotal platform for fostering unity, knowledge exchange, and professional growth within the firefighting community. As attendees departed with renewed insights, strengthened bonds, and a shared commitment to excellence, the collective resolve to safeguard lives and property against the ever-evolving threats of the modern world was palpable. Through ongoing collaboration and innovation, these dedicated leaders remain steadfast in their mission to protect and serve with unwavering dedication and resilience.





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# **Back in the Day: History of U.S. Navy Aerial Apparatus**

Story and Photos by: Tom Shand

C larence Meek, a fire service historian and FDNY librarian in April, 1958 wrote that the "Story of aerial ladder apparatus is not one of startling innovation, but rather a narrative of slow but steady development". Early aerial ladders were comprised of two wooden sections that were raised, extended and rotated by hand that were mounted to a turntable frame. The first self-supporting fire department ladder was developed by a New York City fireman, Daniel Hayes who was granted a patent for his design during 1868. Hayes entered into an agreement with the Lafrance Fire Engine Company of Elmira, New York in 1882 to manufacture and promote his aerial ladder design.

The first major advancement in aerial design occurred in 1902 when Seagrave introduced a spring raised ladder that consisted of steel reinforced truss ladder sections. Through the years, progressing from

horse drawn ladder trucks to motorized vehicles propelled the introduction of newer aerial ladders with Seagrave producing the first motor driven ladder truck in 1908. The fire service was slow to adopt motorized units with many departments opting to rebuild existing ladder trucks with two-wheel front drive tractors to replace the horse drawn apparatus. Much like today's aerial devices, the instructions to spot and operate a spring loaded, wooden aerial required a series of fourteen steps to successfully operate the ladder. Wooden aerial ladders continued to be built for many years with the last ones produced delivered to departments in Chicago and New York City during 1955.



(above) Syracuse New York 1900 Hayes Lafrance 65 foot horse drawn aerial ladder (photo by Tom Shand)

As technology advanced both aluminum and steel aerial devices began to appear after the depression as departments were able to acquire new vehicles. In 1935, Peter Pirsch and Sons delivered the first all metal, 100 foot hydraulically powered aerial ladder to Melrose, Massachusetts. This apparatus served the department for thirty six years until 1971 when replaced with a newer Peter Pirsch tractor drawn aerial. The Pirsch ladder was constructed with a riveted aluminum lattice design which was unique at the time as the majority of aerial ladders produced continued to be built with Douglas fir and oak with trussed beams.

Not to be outdone American Lafrance and Seagrave introduced all steel construction midship

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



(above) Advance Base Depot 1939 Maxim 65 foot aerial ladder. (bottom) Philadelphia Naval Shipyard 1941 American Lafrance JOX 100 foot aerial ladder.

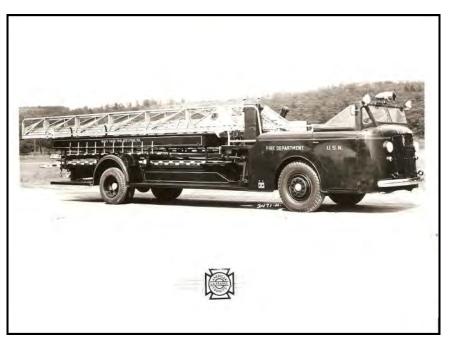
aerial ladders on their respective custom chassis. Several of the first powered aerial ladders acquired by the U.S. Navy were produced by Maxim Motors of Middleboro, Massachusetts in 1939 and were sent to the Naval Air Station Miramar and the Advance Base Depot in Davisville, Rhode Island. These units were early models of quints and were equipped with a 750 gpm pump, 150 gallon water tank and 65 foot midship aerial ladder. While the aerial was constructed of steel material the ground ladders were built of aluminum.

The U.S. Navy placed into service several JOX model aerials between 1941 and 1944 with units delivered to the Mare Island Shipyard and the Treasure Island Naval Station both in California and the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. These units were considerably shorter than a tractor drawn ladder with an overall length of under 42 feet. The JOX model was powered by a Lycoming V-12 engine rated at 190 horsepower and were equipped with two manual screw jacks to act as stabilizers with a third screw jack located under the forward mounted radiator. The standard JOX model was equipped with open ground ladder banks and arched rear fenders. Between 1938 and 1946 110

of these American LaFrance aerials in 65, 75, 85 and 100 foot models were produced. Forty five of these ladders

were 100 foot units which began to increase in popularity due to their maneuverability. Seven JOX model aerial ladders were built for the Treasury Department for export to Australia as part of the Lend/Lease program.

During World War II all fire apparatus production for municipal fire departments ceased with manufacturers shifting support to build vehicles to support the military fire service. Very few aerial devices were produced during this period. Part two will cover aerial ladder designs and their use in the military beginning with the decade of the 1950's.



## **Navy Wins DoD Military Firefighter of the Year**

Story by: ABHC Akiel Mayers, NSA Naples F&ES

A viation Boatswain's Mate Aircraft Handler First Class Petty Officer, Anna Rachelle Perez, assigned to Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, was announced as the 2023 Department of Defense Military Firefighter of the Year. She hails from Fertile, Minnesota and her personal commitment and dedication to the Navy have been a constant source of encouragement to those



around her.

Her multifaceted roles and contributions within the Fire Department transcends the expectations of her rank. She mitigated 65 emergencies, protecting 10,000 personnel and preserving 354 facilities with a total value of \$1.8 billion.



(above) ABH1 Perez receives new rank tab from Chief Ashley Kempton ((NSA Naples Operations Department Leading Chief) during pining ceremony.

Additionally she managed the training records for 64 department personnel and provided career development mentorship to both active duty and reserve sailors assigned. Her outstanding contributions, solid commitment to excellence, and profound impact on those around her stand as a testament to her character and quantifies her nomination for this prestigious award.

Petty Officer Anna Perez is the third female across DoD F&ES and first

female Sailor to ever win at this level. She is also the third Sailor to ever win this category. Last time Navy was awarded DoD Military Firefighter of the Year was 2011.



(above) ABH1 Perez poses with ABH1 Hayden Ballard (2023 Navy Military Fire Officer of the Year) in front of Bancroft Hall at the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. (Courtesy Photo) (bottom right) (from left to right) Aviation Boatswain's Mates pose for a picture: ABHCS Anthony Pena; ABH1 Hayden Ballard; Navy Fire & Emergency Services Deputy Director (ret) Ricky Brockman (Honorary Aviation Boatswain's Mate); ABH1 Anna Perez, and Region Fire Chief Korea Gilbert Chavez (Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate) (ret.) (photo by MC1 Griffin Kersting).

# **UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS**

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



## CY 2024 CALENDAR

VALIDATION

#### **OVERSIGHT PROCESS:**

ASSESSMENT



REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
CNRSW	Det. San Diego - Point Loma	8010 Audit	9-14 June, 2024
CNRE	NSF Redzikowo	FEP	9-14 June, 2024
CNRSE	NAS Key West	NATOPS	11-13 June, 2024
CNRSW	WPNSTA Seal Beach	FEP	24-29 June, 2024
CNRMA	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	Full Scale Exercise	24-29 June, 2024
CNRMA	NSY Norfolk	FEP	14-19 July, 2024
CNRSW	NAVBASE Coronado	FEP	14-19 July, 2024
CNRSW	NAVBASE Point Loma	FEP	21-26 July, 2024
CNRNW	TRF-Bangor	Full Scale Exercise	21-26 July, 2024
CNRMA	NSY Portsmouth	FEP	6-8 August, 2024
CNRSE	NAS Pensacola	NATOPS	6-8 August, 2024
CNRMA	Newport News Shipbuilding	8010 Audit	18-24 August, 2024
CNRMA	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	8010 Audit	25-30 August, 2024

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

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# Life Saving Awards



In calendar year 2023, 218 CNIC Fire and Emergency Services responders were awarded individual Life Saving Award certificates. A team effort that saved the lives of 42 individuals.

So far in CY 2024, 45 individual Life Saving Award certificates have been awarded and 9 lives have been saved.

#### Keep charging!

Provider	<b>Region/Installation</b>	Award #	Incident Type
Battalion Chief Kathryn Lucas	NDW - NSA Annapolis	4	Cardiac Arrest
Battalion Chief Charles Benson	NDW - NSA Annapolis	4	Cardiac Arrest
Captain Michael Bruner	NDW - NSA Annapolis	2	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic James Bower	NDW - NSA Annapolis	3	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Bryan Sohn	NDW - NSA Annapolis	4	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Michael Collins	NDW - NSA Annapolis	5	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Dennis Weins	NDW - NSA Annapolis	4	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Daniel Wines	NDW - NSA Annapolis	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jessica Dressler	NDW - NSA Annapolis	2	Cardiac Arrest
Captain Vernon Helmick	NDW - NSWC Carderock	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jeremy Smiley	NDW - NSWC Carderock	2	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Richard Nelson	NDW - NSWC Carderock	2	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Ryan Smith	NDW - NSWC Carderock	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Edward Quichocho	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	4	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT John Guerrero	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	4	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Adrian Echon	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jamie Torres	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Roby Garrido	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jesse Manglona	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Josh Palomo	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Jared Santos	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest

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Provider	<b>Region/Installation</b>	Award #	Incident Type
Firefighter/EMT Kerman Melisor	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Javis Duenas	CJRM - Joint Region Marianas	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/AEMT Shane Reed	CNRNW - NB Kitsap - Bangor	4	Traumatic Injuries
Firefighter/AEMT Erik McCalister	CNRNW - NB Kitsap - Bangor	4	Traumatic Injuries
Firefighter/EMT David Kleiss-Marvin	CNRNW - NB Kitsap - Bangor	1	Traumatic Injuries
Battalion Chief/EMT Rodolfo Carrera	CNRNW - NAS Whidbey Island	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Aidan Carpenter	CNRNW - NAS Whidbey Island	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Michael Maletto	CNRNW - NAS Whidbey Island	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Bradley Keen	CNRNW - NAS Whidbey Island	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Beshoy Atta	CNRNW - NAS Whidbey Island	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Gabriel Morrison	CNRNW - NAS Whidbey Island	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Worrell	NDW - NSF Indian Head	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter Stephen Palma	NDW - NSF Indian Head	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Nakamura	CNRH - JB Pearl Harbor - Hickam	5	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Kaleiko Iahi Awong	CNRH - JB Pearl Harbor - Hickam	1	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT John Fahling	CNRH - JB Pearl Harbor - Hickam	4	Cardiac Arrest
Firefighter/EMT Nicholas Errante	CNRH - JB Pearl Harbor - Hickam	1	Cardiac Arrest
Driver Operator David Kramer	CNRH - JB Pearl Harbor - Hickam	2	Cardiac Arrest

For any questions contact Gary Easley by email: gary.m.easley.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone: (202) 433-6527.



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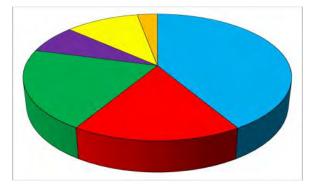
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# **ESAMS Corner Update**

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

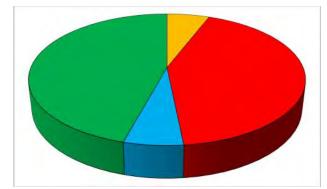
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#### **Operations**



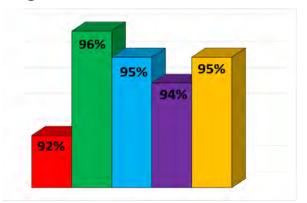
Rescue & EMS	7,056
Hazardous	2,934
False Alarm	3,486
Service Calls	1,259
Good Intent	1,797
Fires	495
Total	17,027

#### **Prevention**



Fire Public Ed Classes	1,207
Hot Work Permits	8,754
Inspections	9,425
<b>Building Evacuation Drills</b>	1,216
Total	20,602

#### **Training**



#### F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 24

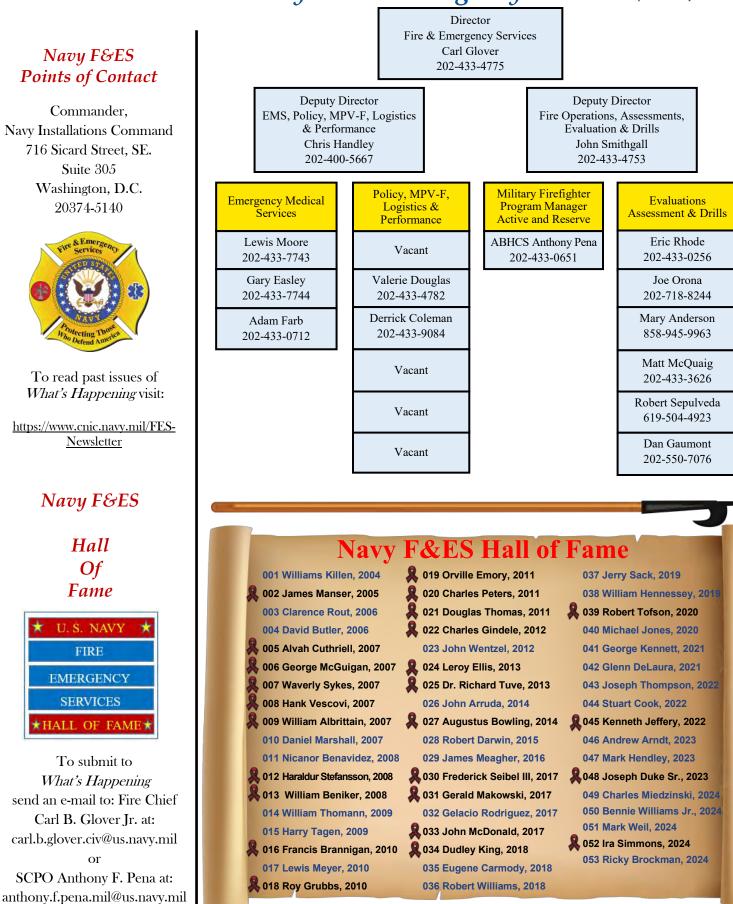
Mishaps Reported: 1 Total Lost Work Days: 15

EMS	95%
Proficiency	92%
<b>Emergency Management</b>	96%
Safety	94%
<b>DoD</b> Certification	95%



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## Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)



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