



# What's Happening

Navy Fire and Emergency Services Newsletter  
*Protecting Those Who Defend America*



June 2023

Omni Cedo Domus

Vol 21. No.5

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Pax River Test Inter-Agency Ops  
*pages 1,4-6*

Director's Note/Welcome Aboard  
*page 1-2*

Taking Care of Our Own  
*page 3*

Around the Firehouse  
*pages 7-14*

Mutual Aid Agreements  
*pages 15-16*

Self Help Line/1 Small Act  
*page 17*

Training Opportunities  
*pages 18-19*

Back in the Day  
*pages 20-21*

Asian American and Pacific  
Islander Heritage Month  
*page 22*

Assessment Calendar  
*page 23*

Life Saving Awards  
*pages 24*

ESAMS Update  
*page 25*

Points of Contact/  
Legacy Leaders  
*page 26*

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

## Pax River Emergency Services Test Inter-Agency Operations with Aircraft Mishap Drill

By: Chief Mass Communication Specialist Patrick Gordon,  
Naval Air Station Patuxent River Public Affairs

An aircraft mishap is a worst-case scenario that no crew, in the air or on the ground, wants to respond to. But keeping skills sharp in the event of such an emergency can mean the difference between life and death. It was with that in mind that NAS Patuxent River Emergency Services held an integrated drill focused on aircraft mishap response at Outlying Field Webster May 16.

*Con't. on page 4*

## Last Alarm: NAS Patuxent River

Leaders and Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart to share with you of the tragic loss of Brice Trossbach, one of our own Navy firefighters. Brice died early the morning of June 27 in the line of duty while he and his department responded to a mutual aid call of a structure fire in Leonardtown, Maryland.

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

This quote speaks loudly of our brother Brice. He is a hero ... a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for others. He served honorably and with integrity. Even up to the very end, Brice fulfilled the firefighter's calling to protect our neighbors and their property.

*Con't. on page 2*



Supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family



## From the Director

*Con't. from page 1*



I ask that we keep Brice's family and friends in our thoughts, and pray that God protects them from strife. We send our deepest sympathy to the Trossbach family at this time of sorrow.

I also ask that we keep close to our hearts our brothers and sisters of the Naval District Washington and Naval Air Station Patuxent River Fire & Emergency Services team as they try to heal from this loss.

Arrangements are pending, and we will provide updates as they are finalized.

Finally, I ask that we vow to forever remember Brice and the sacrifice he made. Let us ensure his memory lives on.

Rest in peace brother. We have the watch.

*Carl*

## Newest Addition to the N30 Team:

I want to introduce our newest member to the N30 team, Fire Chief Mary Anderson. Mary is a native of San Diego, California and began her career in June 1995 at East County Fire Department in El Cajon, California.

In 2000, she graduated paramedic school and throughout the years she has worked for three fire departments within California in addition to private ambulance companies in San Diego and Bakersfield as a part-time paramedic in primary 911 systems until 2019.

Anderson's federal fire service began in 2005 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Fire Department in California. In November 2016, she became the Installation Fire Chief for Federal Fire Department San Diego under Navy Region Southwest Fire & Emergency Services. She oversaw 216 personnel staffing 12 fire stations located on the San Diego Metro Navy Installations.



Her accolades include two Life Saving Commendations, USMC Fire Officer of the Year, Navy Region Southwest EMS Provider of the Year, Navy Region Southwest Fire Chief of The Year and the Civilian Meritorious Service Award and Civilian Commendation Medal. She holds degrees in Emergency Medical Service Administration and Fire Science and is currently working on her Masters in Fire Administration and Investigation at Columbia Southern University. She resides in San Diego with her husband.

Welcome Aboard Chief!



# 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.

NAME	LOCATION	POINT OF CONTACT
Dana Woods	NAS Oceana, VA	marc.j.smith.civ@us.navy.mil
Edward Smith	Fort Leavenworth, KS	kelly.m.smith172.civ@army.mil
Frances "Missy" Thorpe	MCRD/ERR Paris Island, SC	david.gouldie@usmc.mil
Samuel Adam Martinez	MCAS Miramar, CA	sarah.faas@usmc.mil
Guy Peters	NAS Pensacola, FL	guy.a.mcfarland.civ@us.navy.mil
Curt Pechloff	Fort Benning, GA	stuart.a.namie.civ@army.mil
Zachary Rayfield	NSA Souda Bay, Greece	antigoni.vasiliad.gr@eu.navy.mil
Kenneth Little	Robins AFB, GA	forest.johnson@us.af.mil
Jon Stenstad	Eglin AFB, FL	michael.clayton@us.af.mil

**Your DONCEAP Employee Assistance and WorkLife Services**

**FREE** 24/7 personalized and confidential help finding resources for Department of the Navy civilian employees and their family members.

**1-844-DONCEAP**  
1-844-366-2327 / TTY: 1-888-262-7848 / International: 1-866-829-0270

**DONCEAP.foh.hhs.gov**

Services are offered as a **FREE** benefit from the Department of the Navy to you and your family members. Services are voluntary and confidential within the limits of the law.

**988** Suicide & Crisis **LIFELINE**

Dial 988 for 24/7 emotional support anywhere in the U.S.

Call 988  
Text 988  
Visit 988lifeline.org/chat

→ to reach a caring counselor.

UTHealth Houston | UT Physicians



## PAX River Conducts Aircraft Mishap Drill (con't.)

*Con't. from page 1*



*(left and bottom) NDW Fire Department firefighters attached to NAS PAX River extinguish a simulated aircraft fire aboard a Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Trainer during an aircraft mishap drill, May 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Billy Hegarty)*

The drill scenario centered around an in-air emergency that continued on the ground.

resulting in fire and injury to pilots and crew,” said NAS Patuxent River Installation Training Officer Matt Nalley. “The simulated scenario played out where the MV-22 would be in the pattern for approach and will experience a bird strike resulting in damage to the windshield and air-intake of both engines. The aircraft then continues the pattern for landing, while calling ‘mayday, mayday,’ before making a hard landing resulting in a post-crash fire and injuries among the crew.”

To ensure as realistic a scenario as possible, Naval District Washington Firefighters at NAS Patuxent River employed a unique training device – the Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Trainer (MAFT). The MAFT is an aircraft mockup that can produce smoke and fire throughout its structure to train firefighters specifically on aircraft fighting skills.



“The MAFT is a unique piece of equipment that is invaluable to the training of our fire teams, especially here at Pax River,” said District Fire Chief Clifford Montgomery III, Naval District Washington Fire Department - NAS Patuxent River. “Fighting aircraft fires requires special skills due to the heat and volatility specific to aircraft, their

*Con't. on next page*

## PAX River Conducts Aircraft Mishap Drill (con't.)

fuel, and other factors. Having the ability to train like we fight means that we can better respond should such a fire occur. And a better response means a better chance of saving lives.”

Other emergency services participated in the drill, responding as they would in the event of a real-world aircraft mishap. Joining NAS Patuxent River was the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, and Maryland State Police helicopter crew from Trooper 7.

“The inter-agency work we do with our community partners allows us to save lives throughout Southern Maryland,” added



*(above and below) Firefighters and EMTs from Ridge Volunteer Fire Department treat simulated casualties during an aircraft mishap drill at Pax River's Webster Outlying Field May 16. The drill incorporated inter-agency cooperation to replicate a realistic response to such an emergency. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Billy Hegarty)*

Montgomery. “And that’s a two-way street. Just like our NDW firefighters and Search and Rescue crews help outside the fenceline, so do local firefighters and police should we have an emergency on base. This drill honed their skills as well as ours, and helped us better understand how to work together if a real emergency occurs.”

The aircraft mishap drill was a multifaceted event, involving aircraft firefighting, rescue of injured personnel from a burning aircraft, and emergency treatment of injured personnel.

“It was pretty inspiring to see everyone spring into action,” said Nalley. “When you watch the team during a training scenario like this, it’s clear they take it very seriously. No one acts like it’s ‘just a drill,’ because that doesn’t do anyone any good. These teams really embody the spirit of ‘amateurs train



*Con't. on next page*



## PAX River Conducts Aircraft Mishap Drill (con't.)

*(right) Firefighters and EMTs from Ridge Volunteer Fire Department treat simulated casualties during an aircraft mishap drill at Pax River's Webster Outlying Field May 16. The drill incorporated inter-agency cooperation to replicate a realistic response to such an emergency. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Billy Hegarty)*

until they get it right, professionals train until they can't get it wrong,' and we saw a bunch of professionals today."

For more information on Pax River, visit Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NASPaxRiver](https://www.facebook.com/NASPaxRiver), and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/NASPaxRiverPAO](https://www.twitter.com/NASPaxRiverPAO). 🔥



*(above) District Fire Chief Clifford Montgomery III, NDW Fire Department - NAS PAX River, center, addresses firefighters and EMTs of the NDW and Ridge Volunteer Fire Departments during a hot wash of an aircraft mishap drill, May 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Billy Hegarty)*

# Around the Firehouse

## Navy Region Northwest Perform Rope Rescue

When Fire & Emergency Services are called to an incident on a submarine, it will garner a lot of attention. When it involves a rope rescue, it requires a team effort.

That's what happened when Navy Region Northwest F&ES Battalion 1 responded to a Technical Rescue, Confined Space emergency on the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Key West (SSN 722), May 16. A Sailor had dislocated their knee, and normal egress wasn't feasible.

Battalion Chief Shane Finch established incident command and began the process of getting the rescue, and support elements from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

"[Acting] Lt. Sean Dooley assessed the situation and determined this was a rope rescue response. Our personnel was topside, setting up the tripod for extrication, and down below packaging the patient," said Finch.



While F&ES personnel were setting up the rescue, other agencies played a part in the operation.

"The Sailors below were ensuring the access was clear and allowed our crew to work," Finch explained. "Due to the location of the sub and the terrain, a normal exit isn't feasible. So, we have to have Code 740 (cranes and riggers) respond and hook up a skid box and deploy it to the topside, near the logistics escape trunk."

Since the Sailor was experiencing a lot of pain, an advanced life support unit from Bremerton responded to administer an IV and pain meds. Overall, Finch said he was happy with the overall operation.

"There is a lot of moving parts in an operation of this magnitude. So to watch it come together in an emergency, just as we train for, was great to see."

*(Photos courtesy of NRNW F&ES)*



*Con't. on next page*



## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

### USS Nimitz Crash and Salvage Teams at the Ready

USS Nimitz (CVN 68) is currently deployed. Their crash and salvage teams are always at the ready during flight operations. These highly trained Sailors are from the aviation department, consisting of aviation boatswain's mates (handling).

Below are photos from current deployment. Bravo Zulu Shipmates! Keep Charging!

*(Photos courtesy of Nimitz media department, hooyah MCs!)*



Con't. on next page



## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

### NAS Sigonella F&ES Conduct Joint Training With Host Nation Firefighters

Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire & Emergency Services had the pleasure of supporting the Catania Vigili del Fuoco and the Italian Navy with our Helicopter Fire Training prop, May 18, 2023.

More than 40 Italian firefighters from the surrounding provinces within Sicily participated in the two day training event. The live fire training evolutions that were recently completed locally are typically held in Rome.

NAS Sigonella F&ES greatly appreciated the genuine camaraderie and the high level of professionalism by all in attendance.

*(Photos courtesy of NAS Sigonella F&ES)*



*Con't. on next page*

## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

### NRNW F&ES Plays Vital Role in Mitigation in Walla Walla Ferry Grounding

In what can be considered “the rarest of events”, Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services responded with mutual aid to a Washington State Ferry Boat that ran aground.



The “Walla Walla”, a four-engine jumbo class ferry, was en route to Seattle from Bremerton around 4:30 p.m. on April 15 when the vessel ran aground in Rich Passage near Bainbridge Island, just west of Seattle. On board were nearly 700 passengers and crew members. With ferry-goers panicking by attempting to “abandon ship” and jump into the Puget Sound, Bainbridge Fire Rescue declared a Level 3 Mass Casualty Incident. Four units from NRNW F&ES from Naval Base Kitsap responded to assist; Engine-61, Aid-61, Rescue-61 from Bangor, and Engine-79 from Keyport.

Engine-79 was assigned staging for Kitsap County Fire Crews. Rescue-61 performed traffic control of the area. Engine-61 went forward to the beach and assisted in lighting the response area. Aid-61 went with marine vessels assigned to the medical branch, where they performed triage on the “Walla Walla” vessel. In all, 13 departments state-wide responded to the emergency.

“Please accept my gratitude for your support from your agencies’ units on scene as well as the coordination of move-ups and backfill to ensure coverage in the rest of the county,” said Jared Moravec, Bainbridge Island Fire Chief.

Morevac would go on to say that four divisions were established to accommodate the Walla Walla and the receiving dock in Bremerton.

“Ultimately, the plan was changed to evacuate passengers via foot ferry,” he said. “A rep from the USCG brainstormed alternatives and got buy-in from the captain of the ferry. As this was implemented and worked, we began to gradually release units. In total, 695 passengers were evacuated this way over four trips.”



The initial finding is that contaminated fuel caused the engines to shut down.  
(Photos courtesy of NRNW F&ES)



*Con't. on next page*



## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

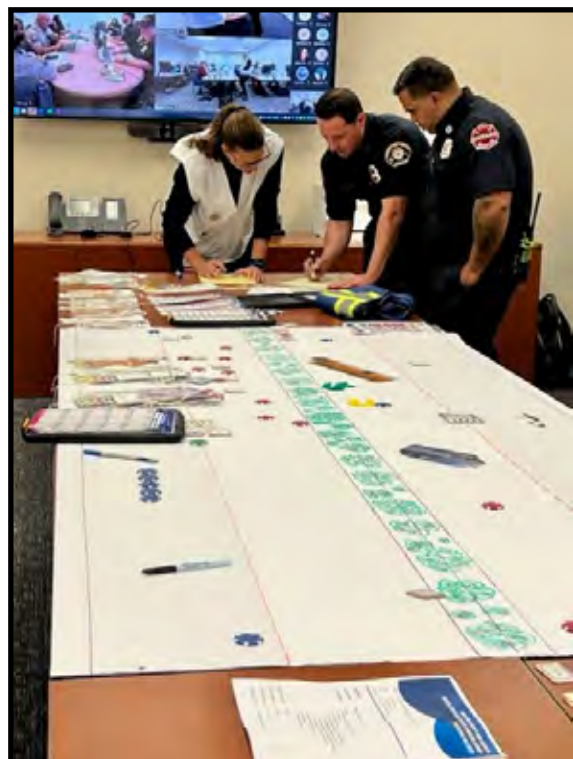
### Federal Fire Ventura County Participates in Joint Operational Area Emergency Medical Table Top

Ventura County Emergency Medical Services Agency planned and coordinated a multi-agency Medical Response & Surge Exercise May 16, 2023.

The exercise focused on emergency care and communication for a large number of pediatric patients. This 4-hour exercise took place across multiple locations simultaneously including the VCEMS offices, Ventura County Public Health building, Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and eight hospitals county-wide.

Federal Fire Ventura County Capt. Russell Shoumake participated as one of the primary players of the drill. Shoumake was an incident commander and part of the joint command staff. In this position, he coordinated the response, patient care, and transportation destinations for all "patients" for the exercise.

As the department's EMS program manager, Shoumake ensures personnel are trained and ready to perform life-saving



skills to protect the sailors, civilians, and family members of NBVC.

Participating agencies included; VCEMS, VCOES, VCME, VCHCC, Ventura City Fire, Federal Fire Ventura County, Oxnard Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Health Care Coalition, Ready Net, AMR, Gold Coast, Los Angeles

County Emergency Medical Services Agency / Regional 1 Disaster Medical Health Specialist, St. John's Hospital Camarillo, St. John's Hospital Oxnard, Ventura County Medical Center, Santa Paula Hospital, Los Robles Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital Ojai and Simi Valley Adventist Hospital.

*(Photos courtesy of Federal Fire Ventura County)*



*Con't. on next page*

## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

### Navy F&ES Remembers the Fallen

Navy F&ES paused this past Memorial Day to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

Today and every day, we remember those who have given their all for us. #MemorialDay

*(Graphic courtesy of Pierce Manufacturing.)*



### Navy Region Northwest Supports Summer Safety



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Fire & Emergency Services recently support the installation's annual Summer Safety Fair.

Bravo Zulu team!

*(Photo courtesy of NRNW F&ES)*



*Con't. on next page*



## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

### Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Promotes New Assistant Chief



**C**ongratulations to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic's newest assistant fire chiefs. Shawn Charity was promoted in a ceremony held June 4, 2023.

He was pinned by Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Payne and Captain Brian Chance. Chief Charity is currently serving as a Battalion Chief at Weapons Station Yorktown. He officially starts his new position as Assistant Chief of Operations for Fire District 2 (Norfolk Naval Shipyard & Weapons Station Yorktown).

*(Photo courtesy of NRMA F&ES)*



### Naval Station Newport Recognizes NRMD F&ES Personnel

**M**embers of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic stationed at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island were recently recognized in a ceremony at the firehouse.

The department also welcomed active duty Sailors and DoD civilians to join the ceremony.

Cmdr. Jason Hinkley, executive officer NAVSTA Newport, presented lifesaving awards to multiple individuals.

Bravo Zulu to all!

*(Photos courtesy of NAVSTA Newport F&ES)*



*Con't. on next page*

## Around the Firehouse (con't.)

### Patuxent River Responds to House Fire

A structure fire assignment was dispatched to report of a house fire in the Carpenter Park neighborhood on Naval Air Station Patuxent River, the evening of April 5, 2023.

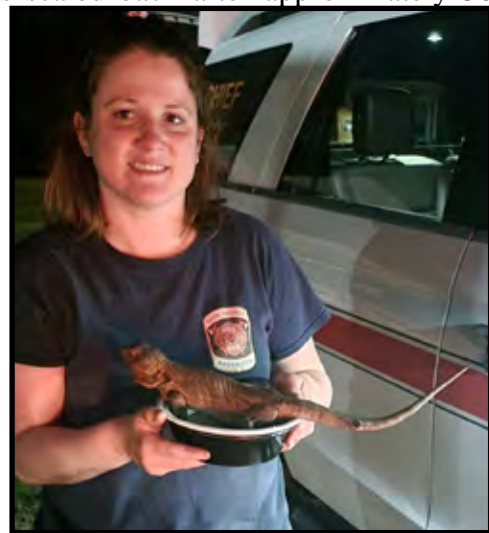
Engine 132, Truck 13 and Ambulance 139 arrived within two minutes to find black smoke billowing from the rear of the 2-story townhome. Chief 13 arrived, established the Carpenter Park Command, and requested structure fire assignment from St. Mary's County Communications.

Engine 132 forced the front door and found smoke throughout the home. They advanced the pre-connect to the second floor to find a room off in the bravo quadrant. Truck 13 split into two crews, laddering the alpha side, opening up and performing interior ventilation. The fire was knocked down in less than five minutes of the arrival of Pax River units.



As mutual aid companies arrived, Bay District Engine 91 and Tower 9 were requested to the scene to check for extension in the delta exposure, finding none.

The assignment was scaled back after approximately 30 minutes to two Engine and two Truck Companies. Chief 13 remained on the scene for the NDWFD Fire



Investigator to arrive and perform the fire cause determination.

While performing the Fire Investigation, Battalion Chief of Fire Prevention K. Montgomery found a reptile alive in the debris.

BC Montgomery was able to care for the animal with a donated tank from a neighbor, and was able to reunite it with the occupants.

Thanks to a closed bedroom door, and the prompt response and seamless working relationship between Pax and our mutual aid partners, the damage to the home was contained to the floor of origin.

Great job to all!

- District Fire Chief Montgomery

*(Photos courtesy of NAS PAX River F&ES)*





# Mutual Aid Agreements: Uninvolved or Fully Involved?

Op-Ed by: Assistant Chief of Operations/Training Joseph A. Scaglione,  
Naval Support Activity Panama City Fire & Emergency Services

Much like a fully involved structure fire, an “All Hands” approach is paramount to not only douse all the flames with agent but smother negative community relations in respective fire districts or areas of operation amongst first responders. Since the validation of five Bay County Mutual Aid Agreements (MAAs) in 2021, the Naval Support Activity Panama City Fire & Emergency Services (NSA PC F&ES), Florida, commonly known as “Navy Fire” within Bay County, has answered 145 calls for service to surrounding districts in an effort to strengthen community ties between the Navy installation and local emergency responders. Moreover, there is now utmost confidence from naval military leadership to recognize MAA partners have met 55 assistance requests onboard the installation for second due and full assignments to assist NSA PC F&ES single fire company.



Forged by new fire leadership at NSA PC F&ES, a more capable version of community engagement has taken effect. The new team has taken an aggressive offensive attack rather than a 30-year deficit of uninvolved posture. As a result, we have conducted extensive salvage/overhaul operations on past adverse relations with four fundamental tactics:

1. Community Builds Stability: Show up when called for service if you want the same in return when you need assistance for your agency. A testament to showing your MAA partners you're there to help when all other



fire districts are out of service is a constitution for receiving positive aid in return from outside agencies when you need it most at your location. An effective response force from an unincorporated area of Bay County and Panama City Beach Fire Departments has enabled a stronghold within the “Beaches Island” district for emergency response in NSA PC F&ES area(s) of responsibility, due in part, to any alarm necessitating a second due company and/or full assignment to the base will require a MAA request. In turn, it has entrusted a greater sense of public trust between Navy command and city leaders as a whole for fire protection on and off the installation.

2. Leadership Sustains Commitment: Many can reference literature about interagency coordination and planning and typically sign off all existing MAAs on file to validate annually. However, when can your agency account for the last time your management team attended a county-wide chief officer meeting and stated to the committee, “How can we help?” NSA PC F&ES sends a representative on behalf of the agency to converse amongst twelve neighboring fire departments every month. Most notably, all departments are now engaged with pursuing an ISO

*Con't. on next page*

## Mutual Aid Agreements (con't.)

fire rating or CFAI Accreditation credentialing to better serve and protect their communities. Even further, all bay county fire districts have collaborated to implement the first ever county-wide rapid intervention team standard operating procedure to encompass twelve surrounding fire departments.

3. Training Enacts Resiliency: An active approach towards scheduled interagency training and exercises to validate initial engine company operations, whether it be first, second, third, or fourth due assignments; emphasizes the need for proficiency and speed in operations is paramount to meet the main mission of suppression units getting a line into service in the fire area. To ensure proficiency, crews routinely drill on timed NFPA 1410 company-level evolutions to master the basic engine skills and have initiated multi-agency closest fire district in-service training to master the trade. In addition, the first joint training for onboard vessel familiarization was conducted for MAA partners, first Navy Fire participation in a county-wide minimum fire standards academy from new hires; backfill protection from MAA partners to the base was accomplished to facilitate high risk training scenarios such as NFPA 1403 Live Fire training and large-scale base events such as annual fireworks display.

4. Social Media Endorses Relationships: Network as much as possible via the installation's social media pages such as, Facebook and Instagram with the Public Affairs Officer as well as LinkedIn during interagency training evolutions, installation exercises, and drills as well as real-world incidents. Just ensure the media is filtered through the PAO before distribution. These avenues highlight the great acts of service firefighters have provided



to community and creates an astonishing esprit de corps amongst the crews. This not only benefited the agency from having a negative reputation within the community to raving reviews from surrounding city leaders in under two calendar years with the added factor of a promotional recruitment tool.

End Result: Shared resources are the answer. Outside of major metropolitan areas where any resource a Department of Defense installation may request is met in a moment's notice, suburban fire departments coupled with their DoD counterparts are

faced with other significant challenges seemingly to do "more with less" on a routine basis; whether it be funding constraints, understaffed companies, lack of proper resources and equipment which cripple small/medium size departments. This article aims to highlight some of the many successes NSA PC F&ES has endured over the past two calendar years through a collaborative teamwork approach and being fully involved in MAAs. Test your agency and apply a reality check through a performance gap analysis to see if this model can help with planning resources and timeframes survive and thrive in preparing for the future fire service.

On March 30, 2023, Navy Fire was dispatched to a multiple dwelling structure fire with a report of possible entrapment in the second division and heavy fire conditions in three of the four units. Navy Chief 403 was assigned as the incident safety officer and Navy Engine 421 was assigned rapid intervention team by incident command. No injuries were reported to occupants or responders, and the fire was brought under control by five engine companies, two rescue units, one ladder company and two chief officers. 🧯



## Safe Helpline: How it Works

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



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

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

—Sami, Safe Helpline staff member for over three years

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

—Sydney, Safe Helpline staff member for over ten years

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

—Jason, Safe Helpline staff member for over three years

## DID YOU KNOW?

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

## 1 SMALL ACT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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



**Project 1 Small ACT**



# Upcoming Training

At the Center for Public Safety Excellence® (CPSE®) we are excited to bring you the latest learning opportunities to advance your department and career.

## Peer Assessor Training Program

- August 29 - In-Person training, Rosemont, IL
- August 30 - In-Person training, Rosemont, IL

Visit the page below for Peer Assessor training program:

[https://university.cpse.org/catalog#form\\_type=catalog-quick-filter&page=1&webinar\\_type=0&sort\\_by=title\\_ascending&product\\_type\[\]=3272](https://university.cpse.org/catalog#form_type=catalog-quick-filter&page=1&webinar_type=0&sort_by=title_ascending&product_type[]=3272)

## DoD Only - Quality Improvement for the Fire and Emergency Services Workshop - 3 Days, In-Person

- June 28-30 - Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services Great Lakes, Great Lakes, IL (DoD Only)
- July 11-13 - Yokota Air Base Fire Department, Tokyo, Japan (DoD Only)
- July 12-14 - Creech AFB Fire & Emergency Services, Creech AFB (Indian Springs), NV (DoD Only)
- July 18-20 - MCBH K-Bay ARFF, Kailua, HI (DoD Only)

Visit the page below for DoD workshops:

[https://university.cpse.org/catalog#form\\_type=catalog-quick-filter&page=1&webinar\\_type=0&sort\\_by=title\\_ascending&product\\_type\[\]=544](https://university.cpse.org/catalog#form_type=catalog-quick-filter&page=1&webinar_type=0&sort_by=title_ascending&product_type[]=544)

## Quality Improvement for the Fire and Emergency Services Workshop - 3 Days, In-Person

- June 27-29 - Joint Base San Antonio Fire Emergency Services, San Antonio, TX (not under DoD contract)
- August 28-30 - CPSE, Rosemont, IL
- September 6-8 - Cape Coral Fire Department, Cape Coral, FL
- September 6-8 - Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue, Hilton Head Island, SC
- September 13-15 - Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- September 25-27 - Fenton Fire Protection District, Fenton, MO
- September 26-28 - Marysville Fire District Regional Fire Authority, Marysville, WA
- October 3-5 - York Area United Fire and Rescue, York, PA
- October 4-6 - Goodyear Fire Department, Goodyear, AZ
- October 17-19 - Spring Fire Department, Spring, TX
- November 7-9 - Kingsport Fire Department, Kingsport, TN

Visit the page below for civilian workshops:

[https://university.cpse.org/catalog#form\\_type=catalog-quick-filter&page=1&webinar\\_type=0&sort\\_by=title\\_ascending&product\\_type\[\]=486](https://university.cpse.org/catalog#form_type=catalog-quick-filter&page=1&webinar_type=0&sort_by=title_ascending&product_type[]=486)

*Con't. on next page*





## Upcoming Training (con't.)

### On-Demand Webinars and Resource Documents (click [here](#))

- We encourage you to take the time to access these free resources in the CPSE University:
- On-Demand Accreditation Videos -
- Writing the Four-Part Answer - A webinar explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.
- Performance Statements - A webinar explaining development of performance statements.
- Creating a Strategic Plan - A webinar explaining the creation of a community-driven strategic plan.
- Developing Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives - A webinar explaining how to develop effective goals and objectives for a strategic plan.
- [Tech Writing 101](#) - provides an overview of the Advanced Technical Writing Certificate Program at George Mason.

### Resource Documents

- [Annual Appraisals](#) - A handout to assist with developing annual appraisals.
- [Critical Tasking](#) - A handout to aid in conducting critical tasking for all emergency response types.
- [Engaging Stakeholders](#) - A handout explaining how to engage stakeholders in the CRA/SOC process.
- [Fire Department Strategic Plans and Community Master Plans: Are They The Same?](#) - A handout comparing and contrasting fire department strategic plans and community master plans.
- [Performance Statements](#) - A handout outlining how to develop performance statements.
- [Writing the Four-Part Answer](#) - A handout explaining development of the four-part answer for the self-assessment manual.
- [Completing the Designation Application](#) - Learn tips on completing the designation application for CFO, CTO, CEMSO, FM, or FO
- [21st Century Fire and Emergency Services White Paper](#) - Handouts and videos on the critical issue areas.

CPSE is looking for agencies to host the Quality Improvement for the Fire and Emergency Services workshop in 2023. If you are interested in hosting a 2023 workshop, download the [hosting agreement](#) for more information.

For questions or assistance contact [info@cpse.org](mailto:info@cpse.org) or 703-691-4620.

# Back in the Day:

## Fire Service Terminology

Story By and Photos From the Collection of: Tom Shand

The fire service over the years has developed a unique language that only members who served would understand. Listening to fire ground radio traffic it would be common to hear communications such as: holding one and one and the rest fast at minor incidents and using all hands, doubtful will hold at working fires. There weren't a lot of acronyms or abbreviations with some departments using 10-codes to alert the dispatcher and incoming units as to the conditions observed upon arrival.

Some fire service terminology is not universal and more regionally based upon local history and operational procedures. For example, if you are traveling on the west coast and stop for a fire station visit and ask to look at their apparatus, you will be introduced to the Engineer, who is totally responsible for the operation and care of the vehicle. The same person in New York City is referred to as the Chauffer, in Maryland the job title is Technician and in other departments the driver is called the Motor Pump Operator.

Master stream appliances, in particular, have different names dating back to when these appliances were permanently mounted on the apparatus and were called deck guns or deck pipes. While the appliances were capable of producing heavy streams up to 1500 gpm, their effectiveness was often limited by the initial engine placement and surrounding obstacles.

In later years Akron Brass developed an appliance that could be mounted above the fire pump as well as being removed for use on the ground. This deck gun



(above) FDNY Engine 10 1963 Mack C95F-1204 (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

Con't. on next page



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

was termed the Multiversal and was rapidly adopted by departments, including the FDNY, which outfitted all of their engines with this appliance beginning in 1958. Several U.S. Navy installations retrofitted their engine companies with portable deck guns including a 1965 American LaFrance Pioneer model pumper that served at the NSWC Carderock, Maryland.

Beginning in 1968, the FDNY began to specify a Stang gun mounted high above the fire pump to provide enough clearance to operate above the Conestoga style hose bed cover, with the delivery of twenty Mack CF 1000 gpm pumpers. The Stang gun could be supplied directly from the pump with 3.00 inch or larger piping or utilized in the portable mode with a folding mat to secure the monitor. Stang monitors due to their loop barrel design provided a superior stream and could easily outperform conventional deck guns that were available at the time. The Los Angeles City Fire Department utilized Stang monitors on their engine apparatus and referred to the appliance as a Wagon Battery.



*(above) Carderock Naval Ship R&D Center Engine 521 1965 ALF Pioneer  
(photo from the collection of Tom Shand)*

The Los Angeles City Fire Department utilized Stang monitors on their engine apparatus and referred to the appliance as a Wagon Battery.

The Philadelphia Naval Shipyard operated with several units that were equipped with Stang monitors. Engine 3 operated a 1978 Seagrave MB model 1000 gpm pumper that carried both a prepiped Stang monitor along with a portable deck gun. This unit was assigned Navy property number 73-02528.

Once New York began to outfit their engines and tower ladders with Stang monitors many other departments began to specify Stang monitors on their apparatus. The expression of “imitation is the sincerest form of flattery” dates back to 1820, and was certainly appropriate here as fire departments nationwide began to specify Stang monitors on their apparatus. The city of Syracuse, New York, equipped each engine company with a portable Stang gun with the Squad Company, organized in 1973, outfitted with six Stang guns for heavy stream work.

During the period of heavy fire activity during the 1970s, a frequent radio transmission would be “Use the Stang” which would indicate that heavy fire conditions were encountered. Master stream appliances have evolved over the years but are often referred as they were Back in the Day. 🔥

# Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

## Joint Region Marianas F&ES Honoring Mes Chamoru in the Fire Service

Story From: Joint Region Marianas Fire & Emergency Services

Since 1990, the month of May has been dedicated as Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The month celebrates the achievements and contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans.

On the U.S. Territory of Guam, Navy Fire & Emergency services look to the island's own past with the island's Chamorro people and firefighting.

In the mid-1800s, the island of Guam had its first firefighter. Francisco J. Cruz was hired by the government to lead an organized group of volunteers in extinguishing fires on the island. He and his team used traditional tools such as buckets, ladders, and axes to do their work.

Cruz was considered a hero to the locals, as he tirelessly worked to save lives and property. He also became respected among his colleagues for his skill, dedication, and passion for helping others. In recognition of his service, Cruz received a medal from the mayor in 1891. Cruz also invented several innovative tools and techniques to fight fires, including a hose system that allowed firefighters to quickly pump water from the ocean onto burning buildings. He also developed strategies for getting firefighting equipment into hard-to-reach places, such as roofs and other high locations.

Cruz was highly respected in Guam for his dedication to firefighting and his perseverance in the face of danger. He was known to have risked his life numerous times while fighting fires and was awarded a medal for bravery by the government. The legacy of Cruz lives on today as the Guam Fire Department (GFD) continues to serve its community with dedication and professionalism. The GFD carries on with Cruz's innovative ideas, using the latest technology and equipment to protect lives and property. Cruz's story serves as a reminder of Guam's rich history and is a source of pride for its people. He was an inspiring example to all who have chosen the profession of firefighting – risking one's life to save others.

Cruz's legacy is a reminder that Guam is a place of courage, dedication to duty, and hard work.

He set the bar for all future firefighters in Guam, and his story continues to serve as a source of inspiration for those who strive to make a difference in their community. 🔥



# UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

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



REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
NDW	NSA South Potomac	FEP	July 9 - 15
CNRSE	NSA Mid South	FEP	July 29 - August 5
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
CNRMA	WPNSTA Yorktown	FEP	September 17 - 22
CNRSW	NSA China Lake	FEP	September 17 - 23
NDW	NSA Washington	FEP	October 1 - 7
JRM	NAVBASE Guam	FEP	October 9 - 13
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
CNRE	FDRMC Rota	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	July 9 - 15
CNRJ	CFA Yokosuka - SRF JRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	August 28 - Sept 1
CNRMA	Portsmouth NSY	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	September 10 - 16
CNRNW	NWRMC Vigor Seattle	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	September 17 - 22
CNRSE	SRMC Mayport	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	September 25 - 29
CNRE	FDRMC - Bahrain	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	October 15 - 21
CNRJ	CFA Sasebo - SRF JRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	November 12 - 18
CNRH	JB Pearl Harbor Hickam - HRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	December 4 - 8
CNRJ	Japan Area Assessment	NAVIG	July 09 - 29
CNRSW	San Diego Area Assessment	NAVIG	October 16 - Nov 2



# Life Saving Awards



In calendar year 2022, 145 CNIC Fire and Emergency Services responders were awarded individual Life Saving Award certificates. A team effort that saved the lives of 31 individuals.

So far in CY 2023, 41 individual Life Saving Award certificates have been awarded and ten lives have been saved.

Below are the awardees from May 22 - June 24, 2023. Bravo Zulu to all. Keep charging!

PROVIDER	REGION/LOCATION	INCIDENT TYPE
Firefighter/Paramedic Timothy Rayborn	CNRSE – NAS/JRB New Orleans	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Bishop	CNRSE – NAS/JRB New Orleans	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Captain Earl Huser	CNRSW – NAF El Centro	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Captain Jordan Marasso	CNRSW – NAF El Centro	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Engineer Bradley Hoff	CNRSW – NAF El Centro	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Worley	CNDW – NSF Dahlgren	Cardiac Arrest - Medical
Firefighter Mark Tyrrell	CNDW – NSF Dahlgren	Cardiac Arrest - Medical



# Life Saving Awards



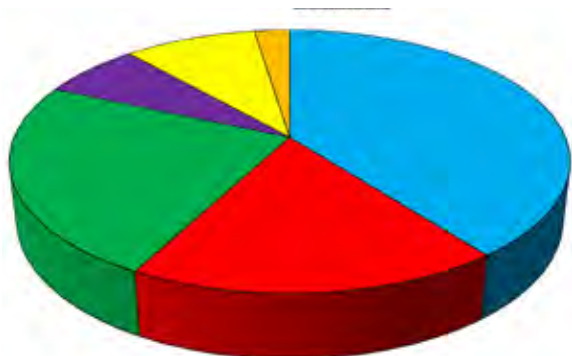


# ESAMS Corner Update

By Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

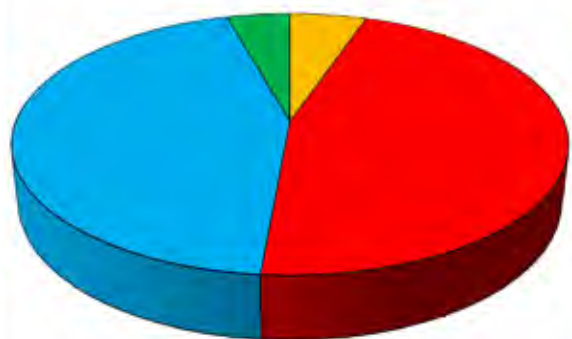
## CY 2023 Statistics (01 Jan – 31 May)

### Operations



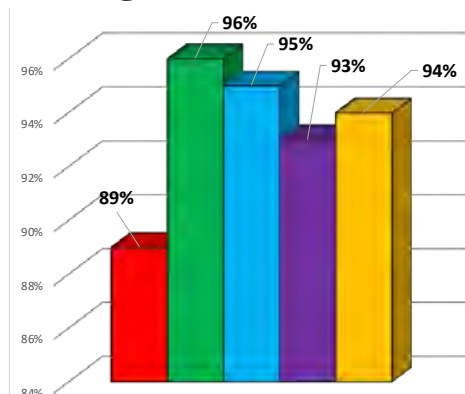
Rescue & EMS	9,279
Hazardous	4,275
False Alarm	5,591
Service Calls	1,607
Good Intent	2,134
Fires	572
Total Incidents	23,458

### Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	1,132
Hot Work Permits	11,964
Inspections	11,467
Building Evacuation Drills	1,366
Total	25,929

### Training



EMS	95%
Proficiency	89%
Emergency Management	96%
Safety	93%
DoD Certification	94%

### F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

Mishaps Reported: 17

Total Lost Work Days: 4



## Navy F&ES Points of Contact

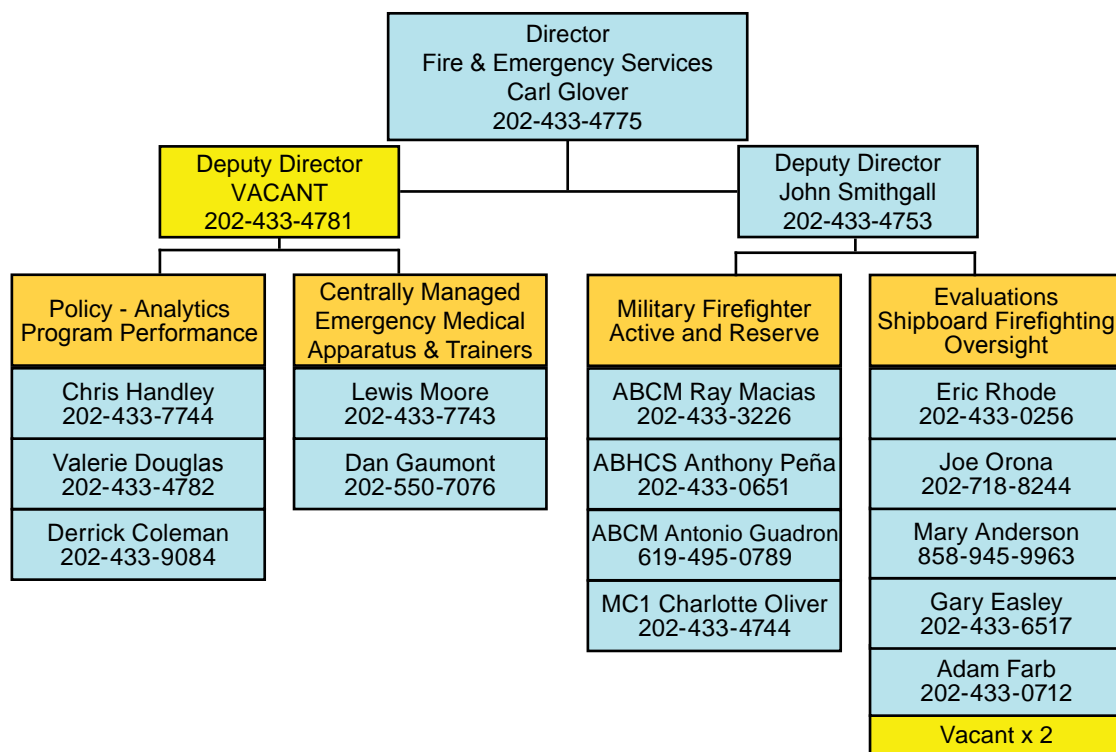
Commander,  
Navy Installations  
Command  
716 Sicard Street,  
SE, Suite 305  
Washington, D.C.  
20374-5140



## Navy F&ES Legacy Leaders

To submit to  
*What's Happening*  
send an e-mail to:  
Fire Chief Carl  
B. Glover Jr. at:  
carl.b.glover.civ@  
us.navy.mil

## Navy Fire & Emergency Services (N30)



## PAST NAVY F&ES DIRECTORS AND AREA FIRE MARSHALS

### DIRECTORS

Larry Duhrkoop  
Robert Darwin\*  
Richard Rightmer  
Orville Emory\*  
Bill Killen\*

### DEPUTY DIRECTORS

Robert Williams\*  
Eugene Carmody\*  
Ronald Guilliams  
Kevin King  
James Karcher  
Ricky Brockman  
Gene Rausch

### AREA FIRE MARSHALS

Harry Anderson  
William Baldwin  
A.H. Benson  
Francis Brannigan\*  
Dave Butler\*  
John Connolly  
John Crowell  
Jerry Dallas  
Ray Dratt  
Hugh Dykins  
Charles Gindele\*  
Bruce Goodwin  
Lee Green Erie Groft  
John Hannan  
L.G. Hart  
Bill Hennessy\*  
J. Ramon Hoshall  
Don Huber  
Jack Killsgaard  
Dudley King\*  
Bill Knight

### AREA FIRE MARSHALS (con't.)

Gerald Makowski\*  
James Manser\*  
Lewis Meyer\*  
Ralph Murphy  
Russell Noyes  
Richard Rightmer  
Clarence Rout\*  
Ira Simmons  
John Simpson  
Virgil Slater  
Douglas Thomas\*  
Bob Tofson\*  
Robert Valentine  
Andrew Weiss  
Don Weitkamp  
Bud Williams  
Dave Wise  
Don Young

\*Denotes also a Hall of Fame inductee.