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The Last Alarm: Naval Air Station Patuxent River Firefighter Laid to Rest

Story by: Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Charlotte C. Oliver,
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They run in when others run out. They are the first ones in and the last ones out. They are the brave men and women of the fire service. Firefighters. Each has their own story of their call to service, and sometimes that service culminates with the ultimate sacrifice.

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From the Director



I'm pleased to see so many position opportunities at all grade – levels across Navy F&ES. Many of our departments are hiring multiple positions at various levels, as we push to have each location fully staffed.

On-board staffing is critical to provide the right number of responders each day to meet Installation manning levels, prevent excessive unscheduled overtime, and allow our members to take some well-deserved time off. Filling all required positions is a challenge with personnel transfers, retirements and lengthy onboarding timelines, preplanning helps stay ahead of the planned attrition and avoid gaps.

We are still catching up with some overdue items from the May 2023, Region Fire Chiefs meeting in DC. A while back Catherine Thomas

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Supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family



From the Director

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daughter of Hall of Fame (HOF) Inductee #002 James Manser recommended we develop a HOF Lapel Pin to providing on-going recognition. We are happy to report the pins have arrived and we were able to present the first pins at the awards recognition event. We have started the process of mailing the HOF pins to all of the prior HOF inductees.

A belated Welcome Aboard to our newest F&ES Shipmate, Chief Mary Anderson who joined the CNIC HQ Team on June 18. Chief Anderson previously served as the Fire Chief for Metro San Diego. Welcome Aboard Mary!

Thanks to all our Navy F&ES Teams and members who serve: ***Protecting Those Who Defend America***

Carl

Where America's Day Begins - JRM Seeks New Fire Chief

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Where America's Day Begins – Apply to lead a dynamic workforce in one of the U.S. Navy's best kept geographical secrets. Joint Region Marianas is at the center of the Indo-Pacific with our eye steadfast on the horizon in defense of America's primary logistical military installation west of Hawaii. This is a growing fire department with a staffing posture that will reach nearly 200 by FY26. JRM hosts a island-wide mutual aid agreement accounting for nearly 500 mutual calls annually.

Come test these uninhabited warm island waters!

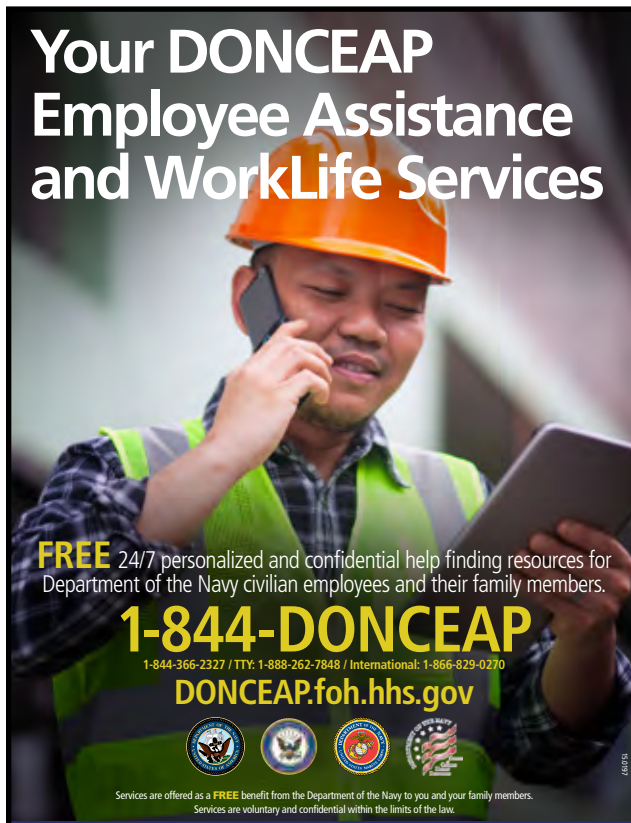


Taking Care of Our Own

From: CNIC Fire & Emergency Services

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

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The Last Alarm (con't. from page 1)

Firefighters from across the states of Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania gathered to say one final goodbye to one of their own. The funeral of Naval Air Station Patuxent River Firefighter Brice Trossbach was held at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department in Hollywood, Maryland, July 6, 2023.

Trossbach tragically died while responding to a mutual aid call of a structure fire in Leonardtown, Maryland, dedicating his life to protect and serve the community he loved. He was 25.

Trossbach grew up following his father's footsteps, often tagging along with his dad to the Leonardtown Fire Station. He began his own firefighting career at the age of 16, starting as a volunteer firefighter with that same Leonardtown fire department before joining the ranks of the Naval District Washington Fire Department in 2019.



(above) Naval District Washington Region Fire Chief Kevin Grinder speaks at the funeral service of Naval Air Station Patuxent River Firefighter Brice Trossbach, in Hollywood, Maryland, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by MCI Charlotte C. Oliver)



Those who knew Trossbach as that young man said it makes his loss especially hard.

Nearly 3,000 firefighters, friends and family attended his funeral with many reminiscing with stories of Trossbach.

Naval District Washing Region Fire Chief Kevin Grinder spoke of the profound loss of Trossbach.

(left) Naval Air Station Patuxent River District Fire Chief Clifford Montgomery speaks at the funeral service of NAS Patuxent River Firefighter Brice Trossbach, in Hollywood, Maryland, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by MCI Charlotte C. Oliver)

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The Last Alarm (con't.)



“The last ten days my faith in humanity has been renewed, even though my heart has been broken,” said Grinder. “I have observed hundreds of fire and EMS providers from around the DMV and around the country, stop what they’re doing, put their families and jobs aside to ensure Brice’s send off today was fit for a hero. To those you who put Brice’s send off as your top priority, I thank you.”

(left) NDW Region Fire Chief Kevin Grinder escorts the fiancée of fallen NAS Patuxent River Firefighter Brice Trossbach, in Hollywood, Maryland, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Charlotte C. Oliver)

Grinder thanked, not only the community Trossbach served, but his family as well.

“Thank you for sharing Brice with us and the entire St. Mary’s County community. Thank you for raising a son committed to his community and his friends and putting their needs above his.”

NAS Patuxent River District Fire Chief Cliff Montgomery shared found memories of the man affectionately called “Brucie”.

“In my career I’ve seen several line of duty deaths and I’ve wondered how these chiefs deal with this,” said Montgomery. “It’s a club I never asked to be member of, but I do know I’ll never be able to cancel my membership. The answer is this, we have to go on. We’re firemen, that’s what we do.”

(right) NDW Region Deputy Fire Chief John Gray salutes during the funeral procession for fallen Naval Air Station Patuxent River Firefighter Brice Trossbach, in Hollywood, Maryland, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Charlotte C. Oliver)



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The Last Alarm (con't.)

Fighting back tears, Montgomery said how firefighters take care of each other and take care of those they're in charge of.

Taking care of each other included Montgomery spending time with the firefighters that were with Trossbach at the time of his passing. Time spent gathering Trossbach's belongings, making his bed, folding his clothes, and closing his locker for the last time.

"There was no way them guys were going to let anyone else do those menial tasks that meant so much," said Montgomery, wiping his tears, and finished by telling some moments of that worse part of that day. "Engine 132 arrived on the scene and Brucie turned around and said 'we got work, boys.'"



(above) Nearly 3,000 friends, family, and firefighters from across the states of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania attended the funeral of fallen NAS Patuxent River Firefighter Brice Trossbach, in Hollywood, Maryland, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Charlotte C. Oliver)



(above) Personnel from commands across Naval Air Station Patuxent River line the streets of the air station to render honors to Firefighter Brice Trossbach as his funeral procession makes its way through base, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Anaid Balmes)

As pallbearers, consisting of family and fellow firefighters, escorted his flag draped casket to a waiting fire truck while two more held a massive American flag hung between the two from their extended ladders.

Following the service, dozens of fire apparatuses from Maryland and Virginia led the procession from the fire department to the Charles Memorial Garden for a graveside service. The procession made its way through St. Mary's County,

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The Last Alarm (con't.)



(left) From left, Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; Rear Adm. Nancy Lacore, Commandant Naval District Washington; Capt. Derrick Kingsley, commanding officer NAS Patuxent River render honors to Firefighter Brice Trossbach his funeral procession makes its way through base, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Samantha Gant)

passing landmarks that meant much to Trossbach and underscored his service to the Southern Maryland Community: Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Leonardtown and Bay District Volunteer Fire Departments, and the Trossbach family farm. Grateful members of the community lined the procession route along the way, braving the summer heat

to render honors to a fallen hero.

In the presence of hundreds of mourners, Trossbach was laid to rest in Leonardtown, his memory and sacrifice indelibly marked on all in attendance.

Trossbach is survived by his parents, Warren and Diane Trossbach; his fiancée, Cheyenne Sederbaum; and his brother Jared, his wife Kaitlyn and their son Rhett. 🧯



(above) Firefighter Brice Trossbach's casket is escorted through Naval Air Station Patuxent River during his funeral procession, July 6, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Samantha Gant)

Around the Firehouse

NAS Corpus Christi and Mutual Aid Partners Conduct Down Aircraft Exercise

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas conducted a downed aircraft exercise at nearby Naval Outlying Field Goliad June 3, 2023.

Coordinating with mutual aid responder agencies from Goliad County, including Goliad County Judge, Mike Bennett, Goliad County Emergency Management, and response units and Emergency Management from Bee County.

Both military and mutual aid partners were given a scenario consisting of NOLF Goliad fire crews being notified of a T-6 aircraft with two crewmembers on board crashing just off the runway while performing



eleven responding agencies participated in the exercise with a total of 64 participants.

Local area response agencies including NAS Corpus Christi, NOLF Goliad, Goliad and Bee counties were able to train on extinguishing these types of aircraft, crewmember recovery as well as other inter-agency operations.

NAS Corpus Christi Fire Chief Jeffrey Hawkins said, during the debriefing, that operations ran “extremely smoothly.”

(Photos courtesy of NRSE F&ES)



a touch and go operation. Upon arrival, crews noticed heavy fire on the aircraft spreading to the natural cover, with the wind direction. There were no initial signs of the crewmembers.

The exercise was developed for training and the exercising of the mutual aid agreements between NAS Corpus Christi, Goliad County and Bee County, along with Halo Flight and PHI medic services. Overall



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

New Equipment Arrivals Around the Regions

Recently, there have been several deliveries of new equipment vehicles around the regions.

We love a shiny new red truck!

(All photos courtesy of Tom Shand.)

Navy District Washington
NSA Annapolis' Quint 46.



Commander, Navy Region Hawaii's
new Truck 120.



Navy District Washington
NSF Indian Head's new Truck 20.



Naval Station Rota's new
Aircraft Rescue Firefighting 3-1.



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

NAS Patuxent River Responds to Structure Fire



Firefighters had the fire under control in approximately 20 minutes.

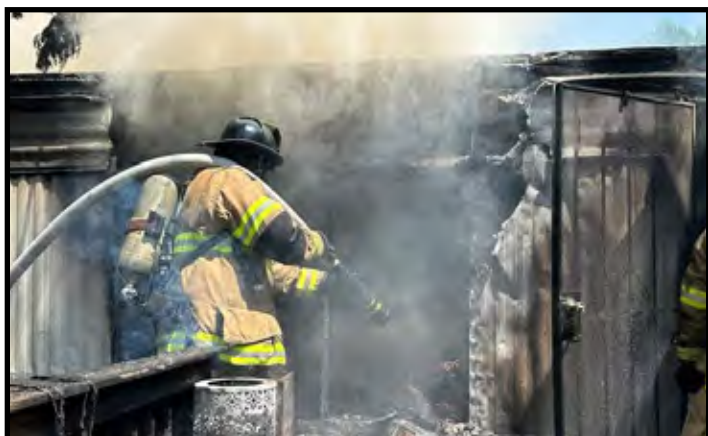
No injuries were reported, however the family lost their belongings along with their two dogs and cat in the fire.

SMECO and the Maryland State Fire Marshal was requested to respond to the scene.

Naval Air Station Patuxent River responded with multiple mutual aid partners to the report of a structure fire June 3, 2023.

Pax River's Engine 132 and Truck 13 responded, along with Valley Lee and Hollywood volunteer fire departments responded to the 21400 block of Dana Court in Lexington Park the reported trailer fire.

Crews arrived on the scene to find a single-wide trailer with fire showing with reports of animals trapped.



The American Red Cross also responded to assist the three displaced adults and one surviving dog.

The fire is believed to be accidental and is currently under investigation.

(Photos courtesy of NAS Patuxent River.)



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

Hawaii Fire & Emergency Services Participates in Tripler Safety Fair

Federal Fire Department Region Hawaii participated at the Tripler Army Medical Center's (TAMC) Safety Fair on June 28, 2023.

Members of Navy Region Hawaii Fire Prevention Division set up a booth, static displays, and activities to spread the message of fire and life safety, and emphasized the importance of fire safety in the home and workplace to visitors and employees of the medical center. Safety fair visitors and medical center employees were able to see real-life



examples of hazards that have caused fires. They were even able to participate in the use of the fire department's Bullex digital fire extinguisher trainer.

The displays, activities, and handouts left a great impression on a multitude of visitors. Through education and the public's help, Hawaii F&ES hopes they can help prevent accidental fires in the home and workplace.

BZ to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic F&ES District 3

Thank you the men and women of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic District 3 for all you do to protect those who defend America!



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

Fed Fire Ventura Provides Mutual Aid in Cliffside Crash

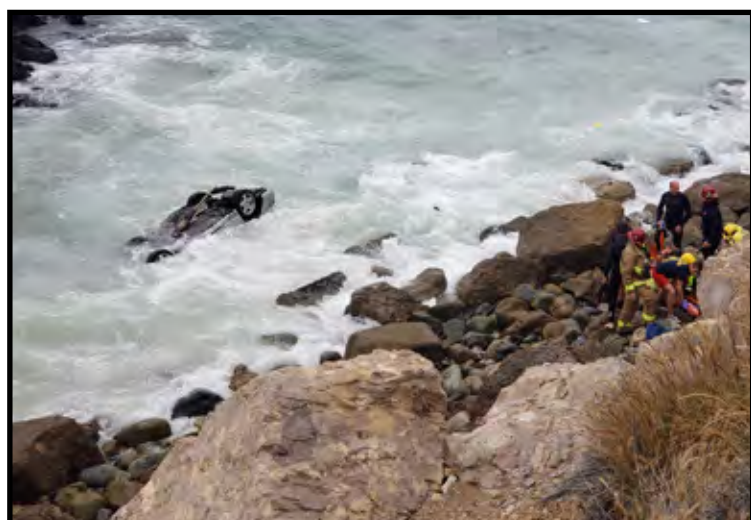


Federal Fire Ventura, California assisted with a single-vehicle crash on the Pacific Coast Highway that ended with the vehicle leaving the road and plunging in the Pacific Ocean, June 9, 2023.

Fed Fire Ventura arrived with Quint 72, and along with the Ventura County Fire Department, California Highway Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard were able to rescue the 18-year-old driver. Traffic was shutdown in both south and northbound lanes.

The driver was able to self-extricate from the car and climbed onto the hood of the car to await rescue. Quint 72 was set up to be used to act as a heavy lift, but due to adverse surf conditions the teenager was rescued by the Ventura County Aviation Unit via helicopter and transported to a local area hospital with serious injuries.

Due to surf conditions, the vehicle was unable to be recovered until a few days later.



Authorities stated that alcohol and drugs were not involved, but the incident still remains under investigation at this time.

(All photos courtesy of Federal Fire Ventura)



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

Great Lakes F&ES Places 3rd in NAVSTA Great Lakes Soap Box Derby

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services, District 10, Great Lakes, Illinois participated in the annual NAVSTA Great Lakes Soap Box Derby, June 28, 2023.



The build team consisted of Firefighter Jaemie McDonough, who was responsible for fabrication, and AC Sam Johnston, who built the steering system. A good car always needs to look great on the track, paint and decals were done by Lt. Teddy Marren. To top it off the team had a great driver as well with Firefighter Chad Homberg leading the team to a 3rd place finish!

Capt. Jason Williamson, commanding officer NAVSTA Great Lakes, loved their car so much it is now on display in the headquarters building until he retires.



Well done team!

(All photos courtesy of NRMA Great Lakes F&ES District 10)



Where America's Day Begins:

Joint Region Marianas Guam Seeks Entry-Level Firefighters

Op-Ed and Photos By: Fire Chief Shaun Rogers, Assistant Fire Chief of Training Joint Region Marianas F&ES



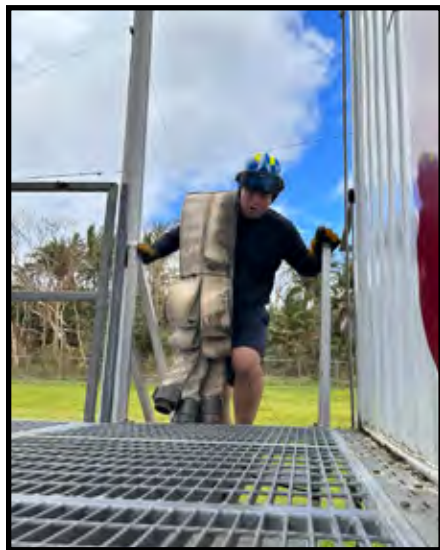
Joint Region Marianas Guam is seeking entry level firefighters to join their team where “America’s Day Begins”.

Applicants must have an aspiration to learn, passion to serve, and the physical endurance to do so. As Joint Region Marianas Fire and Emergency Services completes a hiring action for 19 trainees there is one thing apparent, the community answered the recruitment call with a diverse group of applicants full of heart and the *want* to be a part of JRM’s fire service.

This was most apparent during the Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT). This assessment determines the trainee’s ability to complete a set of firefighting tasks over ten minutes of consistent work. Grueling is an understatement when we are talking a 200-pound mannequin and charged hose line drags in our unique tropical heat and humidity. Adding to this was the lasting effects of Typhoon Mawar. This category 4 typhoon had ravaged

the Marianas Islands just days earlier. Most of the islands power was still out and a majority of the trainees still did not have running water. Every participant came with their own reasons to join the fire service, but it was apparent they wanted to be there.

The morning safety briefing and familiarization began promptly at 8:00 a.m. This was the first opportunity to meet the new hires since interviews and is the perfect opportunity to set the tone for the future of our fire service.



“This will be physically demanding, but give it your all,” said Fire Chief Christopher Connelly. These opening remarks by set the expectations. The anticipation could be felt in the room as each participant started the process with receiving a baseline vitals check and began the walk to the starting position. Endurance is the name of the game, grinding though all six of the stations is a marathon, as most complex fire scenes are.



The CPAT is a tried and true assessment for candidate physical ability and has worked well for Joint Region Marianas. The ability to recruit, interview, physically assess, and train the next generation of firefighters is an opportunity that isn’t wasted. Trainees quickly understand the strength, stamina and endurance required to be a firefighter, it really is humbling to watch. Upon completion of the CPAT, each trainee will receive a start date for the Region Fire Academy, training begins promptly and with the same expectations - this will be physically demanding, but give it your all. Welcome to the team! 🔥

NAVFAC Southwest Begins Construction on State-of-the-Art Fire Station Facility in NAF El Centro

Story By: Mario Icari

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest

Personnel with Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Southwest, Naval Air Facility El Centro, and contract partners attended a groundbreaking ceremony held June 22 in Naval Air Facility El Centro which commemorated the official start of construction on a structural and aircraft rescue fire station.



“This state-of-the-art facility, once completed, will safeguard the lives of emergency responders and protect essential equipment by adhering to the highest building and safety codes,” said Laurie Scott, NAVFAC Southwest commanding officer. “This project proves that together, we can construct a resilient facility that provides a beacon of safety and comfort for those who protect us.”

(left) NAF El Centro commanding officer, Capt. Michael Lee, speaks to attendees of the Structural and Aircraft Rescue Fire Station groundbreaking ceremony, June 22, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Marcio Icari)

NAVFAC Southwest awarded a contract, Sept. 1, 2022 in San Diego to RQ Construction of Carlsbad Calif., to execute work on the replacement project to replaces two structurally deficient 80-year old facilities, correcting four major seismic deficiencies, ten fire and life safety issues, and six American Disability Act violations across multiple building and fire safety codes with one code-compliant fire station facility. The facility, once completed, will meet today’s building and safety codes and will be better suited to protect emergency responders and essential equipment required to supporting the mission of Naval Air Facility El Centro.

The design for the Structural and Aircraft Rescue Fire Station, a planned 20,283 square foot facility, includes an apparatus highbay with support spaces for personal protective equipment (PPE) and spare PPE storage, hose storage, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) maintenance and compressor rooms equipment maintenance and wash, protective clothing laundry, emergency medical technician (EMT) storage, hazardous material equipment storage, fire extinguisher inspection station and maintenance area, a residential area with day room, kitchen and dining, dorm rooms, laundry, fitness and recreation rooms with training and administration spaces. The residential and administration portion of the facility is planned to have offices, dorm rooms, training room, computers for training and testing, kitchen and dining area, day room, fitness room, laundry room, and restrooms with showers.

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NAF El Centro Breaks Ground for New Fire Station (con't.)

Demolition includes the removal of the existing Aircraft Rescue Fire Station Bunkhouse and Aircraft Rescue Fire Station apparatus bay to support the construction and consolidation of the facility being constructed. The existing Aircraft Rescue Fire Station Bunkhouse and Aircraft Rescue Fire Station were originally built as a temporary wooden aircraft maintenance hangar and temporary storage facility in 1942.

In the 80's, the maintenance hangar was converted into a fire station to house federal fire vehicles and rescue apparatuses, and the temporary storage was converted into a bunkhouse in support of the fire station. A military construction project was originally submitted in 2003 to combine both the fire station and bunkhouse, as per requirements set forth in the building codes defining an actual fire station. To allow for the shortest response time to an emergency, the sleeping quarters were required to be in the same facility as the emergency response vehicles. On Sept. 30, 2021, Senate passed a Continuing Resolution that included a provision for \$565 million in Operations and Maintenance funding to be used for natural disaster recovery under the 10 USC 2854 Authority. The project to replace the dilapidated fire station and bunkhouse, which had accrued additional damage due to high-intensity earthquakes in 2020, was included in this funding set-aside.

Naval Air Facility El Centro, one of the Navy's premier tactical training air installations, supports the combat training and readiness of the Warfighter which includes air operations support to operational fleet and training squadrons as well as squadrons from other services (USMC, USA, USAF) and Allies.

NAVFAC Southwest supports planning, design, construction, real estate, environmental and public works for U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and other supported federal agencies in California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. 🔥



(above) NAF El Centro leadership, members of Public Works El Centro, and RQ Construction personnel pose for a photo at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Structural and Aircraft Rescue Fire Station, June 22, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Marcio Icari)

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.



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“ 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

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

- 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

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

- September 5-7 - Goodfellow Fire & Emergency Services, San Angelo, TX
- November 7-9 - Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Fire & Emergency Services, Souda Bay, Greece
- November 14-16 - MCBH K-Bay ARFF, Kailua, HI

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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.
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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 or 703-691-4620.

Back in the Day:

Fire Service Terminology

Story By and Photos From the Collection of: Tom Shand

Preconnected attack lines came into prominence after World War II when new engines were provided with rear body discharges for the first time. The hose bed configuration generally included several preconnected 1.50 inch attack lines equipped with Rockwood Navy fog nozzles, along with 2.50 inch or 3.00 inch hose for supply lines. During this period, crews were riding on the rear tailboard and had easy access to the hose bed area and could easily stretch and advance these lines based upon fire conditions upon arrival.

At some Navy installations, rigs which were not provided with rear body discharges were modified with attack lines loaded in place of the hard suction hose trays and connected directly to pump panel discharges. During the 1970's the Naval Communications Unit in Cheltenham, Maryland rebuilt a 1966 International R-190 750 gpm pumper using local resources to include a two preconnected crosslay hose beds over the fire pump. This set up was commonly referred to as a Mattydale crosslay hose bed.

Where and how this terminology was developed can be traced back to 1947 when Chief Burton Eno, from Mattydale, New York had the departments 1939 Buffalo Fire Appliance pumper modified with a plywood bin mounted transverse to the body where 1.50 inch hose could be loaded with a nozzle and preconnected to a side pump panel discharge. Mattydale is a suburb of Syracuse, served by a progressive volunteer fire department that today continues the tradition of having multiple preconnected attack lines on their apparatus.

Over a period of time other local departments began to modify their apparatus to provide this set up over the fire pump area. In some instances where the rig was originally built booster reels, these components were removed with plywood boxes installed to provide multiple



(above) Cheltenham Naval Communications Unit Engine 791 1966 International R-190 FTI.
(photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

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attack lines. During the 1970's the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire added these crosslay beds to their fleet of Mack pumpers and the Harrisburg Blitz Box was created, providing for six attack lines that were attached to pump discharges on each side of the rig.

Beginning in 1954 the Los Angeles City Fire Department began to operate with High Pressure Fog hose wagons outfitted with transverse hose beds that were enclosed in the body. These rigs were equipped with three hose beds carrying both 1.00 inch and 1.50 inch hose that would be supplied by manifold piping on each side of the body. This hose bed design carried over to their engine company apparatus with a similar



(above) Mattydale Engine 2 1939 Buffalo Pumper (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

design with these transverse beds located at the front of the body three individual discharges on each side of the body. These beds were bulk beds, each carrying 300-400 feet of hose to allow the crew to estimate the stretch and pull the appropriate amount of hose to reach the desired location. This transverse bed set up is still in use today on all LAFD engine companies.



Today, fire departments across the country utilize preconnected attack lines that are carried at the front portion of the body and depending upon geographic locations may be referred to as transverse beds, bulk beds or crosslay hose beds. When you hear the term Mattydale crosslays you now know the rest of the story as to how where this hose bed configuration came from and how this design became integrated into many new engine apparatus over the years. Chief Burton Eno was one of the many fire service visionaries who have contributed to the advancement and safety of personnel with his ideas Back in the Day. 🔥

(left) Example of Harrisburg Blitz Box Carlisle Engine 141 1961 ALF 900. (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

NSA Panama City Firefighters Receive Intensive Shipboard Training by Alabama Fire College

Story and Photos By: Michael Sparks, Director, Public Affairs Naval Support Activity Panama City

Naval Support Activity Panama City Fire and Emergency Services recently received a unique training opportunity to enhance their shipboard firefighting capabilities. Alabama Fire College provided a Marine Firefighter Course, which is the only ProBoard certified school with a mobile class that can teach Marine Firefighters on-site.

A total of 14 firefighters from NSA Panama City and three from Naval Station Mayport attended the 40-hour course. The training offered a comprehensive understanding of the priorities to focus on when dealing with a shipboard fire. Firefighters learned to be mindful of compartmentalizing fires and using fire protection systems in place to try and extinguish them or cool the area to ensure that it is safe enough for them to make entry.



Instructors accompanied the students to each of the different types of vessels onboard NSA Panama City. They talked specifically about how to preplan and implement best practices in a worst-case scenario. With shipboard fires being some of the most difficult fires to combat, the training covered the use of thermal image cameras to guide firefighters to and from the fire safely.



“Shipboard fires are confined space fires that are extremely hot, and the smoke makes it impossible to see,” said Thad Mapledoram, Fire Chief, NSA Panama City. “This training was fantastic in providing us ways to use the thermal image cameras to guide us to and from the fire safely.”

The course is only offered twice a year at Alabama Fire College, and the mobile training site has visited the installation only once before. However, all firefighters gave the course five-star reviews, with instructors

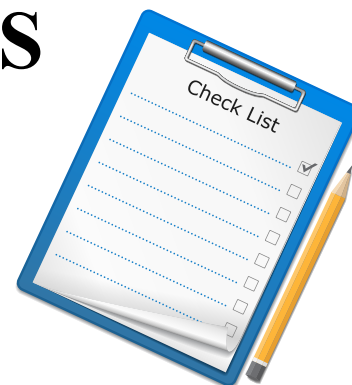
known for teaching from their real-world experience of fighting shipboard fires.

“NSA Panama City Fire & Emergency Services is the first installation in the South East Region to be 100% qualified and certified in accordance with our Scope of Service,” said Chief Mapledoram. “We are now better prepared and have increased knowledge on how to combat a Shipboard fire if one occurs at our wharf.”

This highly specialized training provided by Alabama Fire College has increased the readiness and capability of NSA Panama City Fire & Emergency Services personnel to respond to shipboard fires and onboard emergencies successfully. 🔥

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



REGION	INSTALLATION	ASSESSMENT TYPE	SCHEDULED DATES
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
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
CNRSW	San Diego Area Assessment	NAVIG	October 16 - Nov 2



Life Saving Awards



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

This calendar year, CNIC has awarded 41 individual Life Saving Award certificates. Awards that represent the ten lives that have been saved. This year also saw the release of the new Life Saving Award challenge coin.

As Joint Region Marianas cleaned up from Typhoon Mawar they took the time to hold an awards ceremony, which saw the first presentation of the new coin, May 2, 2023.



Rear Adm.

Benjamin Nicholson, commander, Joint Region Marianas, presented the awards to JRM Fire & Emergency Services Firefighter/paramedic Brent Moreland and Firefighter/EMT Jeremy Manibusan were the first to be awarded the new coin for their actions on Dec. 12, 2022, while providing mutual aid to Guam Fire Department with an unresponsive individual.

The patient had no pulse and GFD was performing CPR and had attached an AED but had not yet shocked the victim. JRM F&ES Fire Station 6 ALS Unit 6 arrived on scene and Moreland took over as the lead paramedic and working in tandem with Manibusan, continued CPR

and loaded the patient onto a stretcher and continued advanced lifesaving protocols, including administering two doses of Epinephrine and defibrillation.

As ALS 6 arrived at Guam Regional Medical Center, the patient was determined to have a pulse.

**FF/EMT Manibusan was unable to attend the ceremony and received his award at a later date.*

(All photos courtesy of Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs)



ESAMS Corner Update

By Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

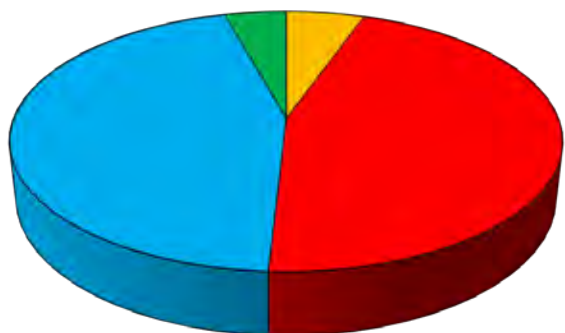
CY 2023 Statistics (01 Jan – 31 June)

Operations



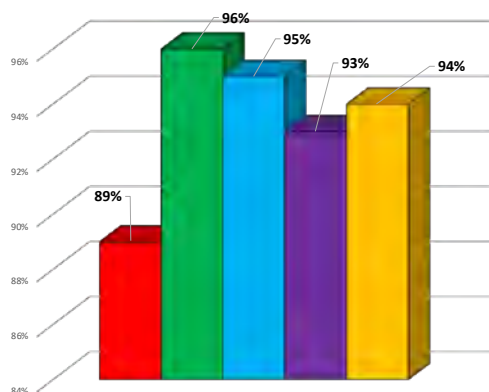
Rescue & EMS	11,105
Hazardous	4,939
False Alarm	6,786
Service Calls	1,918
Good Intent	2,520
Fires	704
Total Incidents	27,972

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	1,348
Hot Work Permits	14,457
Inspections	14,174
Building Evacuation Drills	1,706
Total	31,685

Training



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

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

Mishaps Reported: 18

Total Lost Work Days: 4



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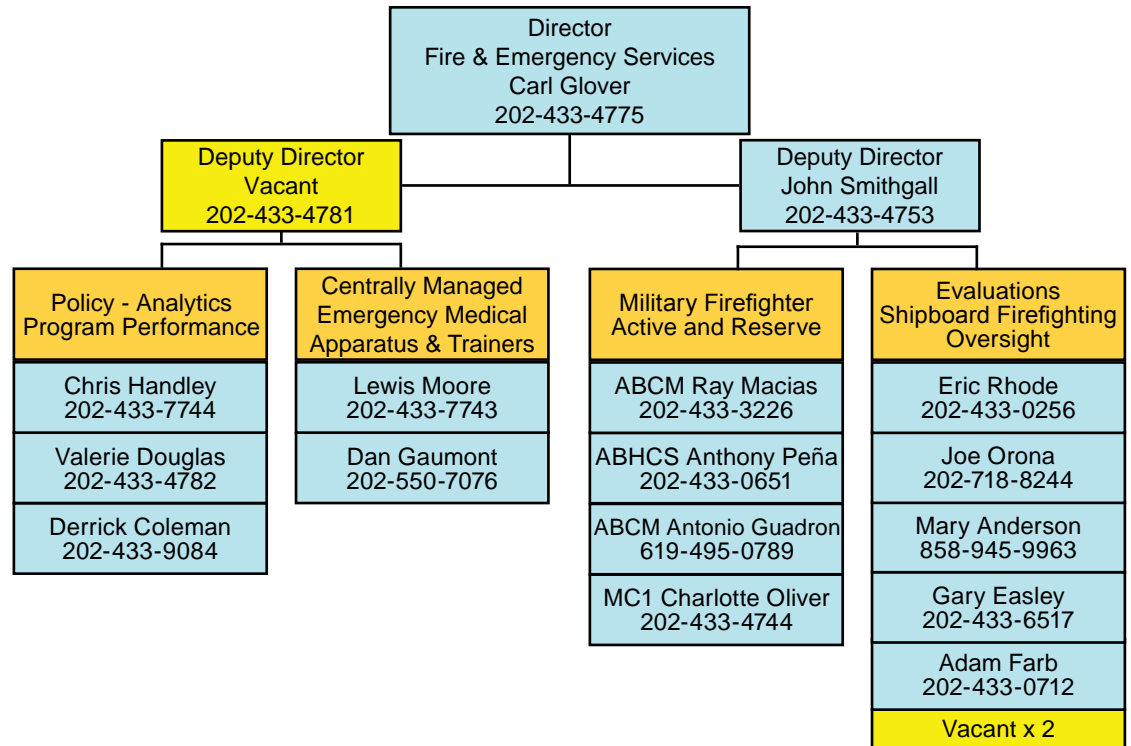


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