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## U.S., France and Djibouti Practice Aviation Firefighting

Story by: Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Thomas

Camp Lemonnier Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department trained with Djiboutian and French first responders during an aviation firefighting exercise at Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport, Djibouti, May 16, 2024.

The exercise began with a notification to the U.S., Djiboutian, and French first responders informing them that an aircraft was on fire on the flight line. Djiboutian firefighters arrived at the scene to stabilize the simulated burning aircraft and assumed command of the incident.

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## Story Time With Firefighters at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickman Library

Firefighter Engineer Keahi Leith Bowden with Mia Marigliano (granddaughter of Jerry Garrett).

Also attending were: LT. John Fahling, FF Keanu Rosales & FF Carter Lai.

Special Thanks to CNRH F&ES for these great community events! (Courtesy Photo taken 26th June)



Supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family



Congratulations to our members of Navy Reserve (NR) Fire & Emergency Services selected by the U.S. Navy for the rank of Commander:

LCDR Robert Holtz NR F&ES Director

LCDR Caitlin Cusitello NR F&ES Commanding Officer Det B San Diego

LCDR Sarah Kuehl NR F&ES Commanding Officer Det C Jacksonville

A well deserved promotion!

**Communication Materials—National Firefighter Registry**

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry/nfrcomm.html>

**Firefighter Resources—NIOSH—CDC**

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/default.html>

**Navy F&ES is Hiring!** 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.



## Last Alarm, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Firefighter Tony McVey

It is with great sadness to pass along the passing of Firefighter Tony McVey, assigned to Navy Region Mid Atlantic, Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Firefighter McVey passed away on 27 May 2024, from an off-duty medical event. Tony was only 47 years old and had completed 24 years working with Navy F&ES. Our deepest condolences to the Navy Region Mid Atlantic Firefighters and the McVey family and friends. Firefighter McVey is survived by his wife and son.

A graveside service was held on Friday, 7 June at 11:00 AM at the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens (3920 Airline Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23321).

Rest in Peace, we have the watch.



## 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:

### ***San Diego Truck 11 Pushing Ceremony Video***

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### ***NAS Corpus Christi Making it Happen Fire Training Video***

[www.facebook.com/100000200734359/posts/8461061650577109/?mibextid=xfxF2i&rdid=YJxzJYs8RhTuBSCW](https://www.facebook.com/100000200734359/posts/8461061650577109/?mibextid=xfxF2i&rdid=YJxzJYs8RhTuBSCW)

### ***NDW - Box Alarm at the U.S. Naval Academy Video***

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### ***Communication Materials—National Firefighter Registry—NIOSH—CDC***

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry/nfrcomm.html>



### ***Firefighter Resources—NIOSH—CDC***

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/default.html>

## ARFF Level of Knowledge Questions:

1. Plugs made of wood or rubber are MOST likely to be used to: *(Select one)*
  - a. prevent punctures in the medium pressure air bags.
  - b. plug holes made in the skin of the aircraft.
  - c. plug leaking fuel or hydraulic lines.
  - d. eliminate electrical hazards during operations.
  
2. A grappling hook and rope sling are used for: *(Select one)*
  - a. catching, dragging, and lifting objects.
  - b. holding open door s on cargo aircraft.
  - c. forcing open doors and hatches.
  - d. setting prying tools into position.



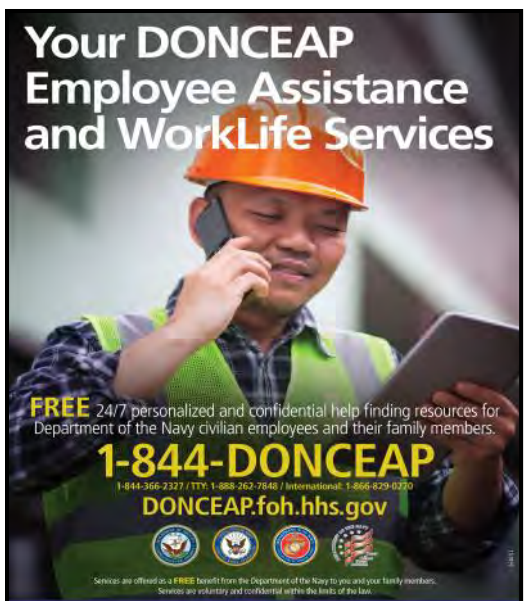
## Taking Care of Our Own

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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# Learning Opportunities

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

CPSE is looking for agencies to host the Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services workshop in 2024.

If you are interested in hosting a 2024 workshop, download the [hosting agreement](#) for more information.



## Center for Public Safety Excellence

### CPSE 2024 Summer Symposium - Atlanta, GA

\* August 5-7 - Quality Improvement for the Fire & Emergency Services Workshop - **Sold out.**

Contact [university@cpse.org](mailto:university@cpse.org) to join the waitlist.

\* August 6 - Advanced Accreditation Workshop

\* August 7 - In-Person CFAI Peer Assessor Training Program

Click [here](#) for all Summer Symposium Workshops.

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

Sept. 4-6 - City of Marion Fire Dept Marion, IA

Sept. 10-12 - Renton Regional Fire Auth, Renton, WA

Sept. 18-20 - Geneva Fire Dept Geneva, IL

Sept. 24-26 - Idaho National Lab Fire Dept Idaho Falls, ID

Sept. 25-27 - Augusta Fire Dept Augusta, GA

Sept. 30-Oct 2 - Wash Township Fire Dept, Dayton, OH

October 7-9 - Henrico County Div of Fire, Henrico, VA

October 15-17 - Charleston Fire Dept, Charleston, SC

October 21-23 - Poudre Fire Authority, Fort Collins, CO

November 5-7 - Bryan Fire Dept Bryan, TX

November 19-21 - Louisville Fire Dept, Louisville, KY

Click [here](#) for civilian workshops.

### On-Demand Training

Category 2: Understanding the Essential Elements of the CRA/SOC

Mentoring in the Fire & Emergency Services

Click [here](#) for on-demand training

### On-Demand Webinars and Resource Documents

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.

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

### 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 & Emergency Services White Paper](#)  
Handouts and videos on the critical issue areas.



# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County Touch-a-Truck Event

Story by: Fire Prevention Officer Jeff Porter, Commander Navy Region Northwest, NAS Whidbey Island



Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services, Battalion-3 with a combined effort from Fire Prevention & Active Duty ABH'S Volunteered for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County Touch-a-Truck Event which took place at the Baseball field parking lot on SW Terry Road in Coupeville WA.

First Responders and Representatives from Anania Trucking & Excavating, Central Whidbey Island Fire, Island County Sheriffs, Oak Harbor Police Department, Island County Transit, Whidbey Health EMS, set up for Students from the Coupeville Elementary as well as middle/high school age who attended the event. A separate group from the Boys and Girls club were also in attendance.



The Brothers Big Sisters of Island County matches youth facing adversity one-to-one with mentoring. Matches are made based on common interests, the needs of the little, & the skills & experience of the Big.



(Above) ABH2 Dakota Montoya, ABH2 Bruce Welch, and ABH2 Ryan Josephson show attendees ARFF truck capabilities during Touch a Truck Event. (Below) Inspector Jeff Porter and Inspector Ken Morgan provided children tour of brush truck. (Courtesy Photos).





# Practice Aviation Firefighting (*con't. from page 1*)



Shortly afterward, French firefighters arrived to rescue simulated casualties from the fire and transport them to a triage site. Camp Lemonnier Fire & Emergency Services transported the simulated life-threatening injuries by ambulance for intensive care.

“Practicing these exercises with our partner nations tests the capabilities, limitations and communication of firefighters and first

responders during a joint response,” said U.S. Navy Lt. Lucille Lu, Camp Lemonnier emergency management officer.



The exercise also enabled firefighters from the three nations to practice working through language barriers to enhance their collective capabilities.

“The ultimate goal is to work together and saves lives regardless of background, culture, ethnicity or religion,” said Lu.



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## Practice Aviation Firefighting (con't.)

Providing 24/7 airfield operations – including emergency management -- is part of Camp Lemonnier's world-class support for service members, U.S. assets and its 38 tenant commands. Deployed squadrons from the Air Force and Marine Corps use Camp Lemonnier's airfield to perform a variety of missions in the region including transportation of military personnel and supplies throughout the Horn of Africa.

Camp Lemonnier shares the airfield with Djibouti and France. Training to respond to airfield emergencies together enhances joint emergency preparedness and protects U.S., host nation and allied interests.



"This was the fourth trilateral training event between the U.S, Djibouti and France," said Lu. "I look forward to more joint training opportunities with our host and partner nations."

Camp Lemonnier is an operational installation that enables U.S., allied, and partner nation forces to be where they are needed to ensure security and protect U.S. interests. The installation provides world-class support for service members, transient U.S. assets and 38 local tenant commands. (U.S. Navy story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Thomas).



*Camp Lemonnier Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department trained with Djiboutian and French first responders during an aviation firefighting aircraft mishap and mass casualty exercise at Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport, Djibouti, May 16, 2024. The exercise was the fourth trilateral training event between U.S., French and Djiboutian first responders. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Thomas)*



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# Naval Base Ventura County Accepts New MAFTD



Story by: Assistant Chief of Training Tyson M. Cardenas, NBVC Federal Fire Department

**N**RSW is pleased to announce the addition of a 2025 Mobile Aircraft Fire Training Device (MAFTD) to its fleet. This state-of-the-art MAFTD Trainer will have significant impacts to training delivery and ARFF readiness for the Federal Fire Department Ventura County team. From May 20<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, personnel received advanced training by Alpine Metal Tech manufacturer technicians on the uses and training methods. Captain Andrew Sanchez (FFDVC) quoted, "The training was highly effective and efficient compared to our previous MAFTD trainer. This new training unit will be providing superior ARFF live fire evolutions for years to come to our members and supporting installations within our Region that we occasionally host. Being able to provide quality live fire training is crucial to our mission execution. We will continue to train ourselves on our newest MAFTD Trainer and are eager to keep learning new methods to maximize customer service excellence."



## MAFTD specifications and Training advantages:

The MAFTD design is a transportable aircraft based on the features of a fighter jet and cargo aircraft. It comprises of a two-axle fuselage/road trailer chassis structure and a three-axle tractor unit with a rear mounted removable control room skid. The skid also incorporates a 500 gallon LPG storage vessel with corrosion resistant coating. The control room is insulated and air conditioned and the unit can be operated either with the control cabin/LPG storage skid remaining on the tractor unit or lifted off onto the ground.

### Training Advantages:

- Fully self-contained mobile unit
- Legal to be driven in all US states
- Stainless steel construction for extended life
- Multiple internal and external fires for challenging training scenarios
- Advanced safety systems for firefighter safety and protection
- Exceptional references demonstrating functionality and longevity

This MAFTD purchase is a significant step forward in our mission to provide the best training to our firefighters and regional family. We remain dedicated to our department's values, continuous quality improvement, modernization, and most importantly, for the life safety to all who live, work or travel to Naval Base Ventura County.



# NS Mayport F&ES Observed EMS Week

Story and photos by: NS Mayport Fire Department



**D**uring EMS Week, the Mayport Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) actively engaged the base community with a series of well-coordinated events aimed at raising awareness and appreciation for emergency medical services. The week-long celebration featured a variety of activities, including CPR training sessions, fire safety demonstrations, and health screenings, designed to educate and empower base personnel and their families. The highlight of the week was a dynamic rescue simulation, showcasing the skills and teamwork of the EMS professionals in a realistic emergency scenario. Additionally, Mayport F&ES organized



a meet-and-greet with EMS personnel, providing an opportunity for the community to express their gratitude and learn more about the vital services these first responders offer. The events not only enhanced community engagement but also reinforced the importance of preparedness and safety within the base. Below captures some of the Mayport F&ES events throughout the base.

On Monday, May 20th, Mayport's emergency medical services team engaged in a series of comprehensive training sessions designed to sharpen their skills and ensure they deliver the highest standard of care to their patients. The day's classes

covered critical aspects of EMS operations, including Ambulance Safety, Stretcher Operations, and Pediatric Transport.

On Tuesday, May 21st, the Fire Department conducted an engaging Show and Tell event at the on-base Child Development Center. The event aimed to inspire the next generation of EMS workers by providing the children with an up-close look at the fire truck and ambulance. The children were thrilled by the demonstration, eagerly exploring the emergency vehicles and learning about their features and functions. Firefighters and EMS personnel explained the critical roles they play in keeping the community safe, answering a multitude of curious questions from the young attendees.



On Wednesday, May 22nd, the Fire Department organized an exciting outing at Pinz Bowling Center, where firefighters enjoyed a day of bowling and camaraderie. In addition to the recreational activity, the department set up a table to conduct



basic vital sign checks, promoting health awareness among the participants. A special thanks goes out to the MWR staff and Pinz Bowling Center for their support and cooperation in making this event possible. The event not only provided a much-needed break from the routine but also strengthened the bonds within the firefighting community, emphasizing the importance of both physical health and team spirit.

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# NS Mayport - EMS Week (Cont'.)

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Fire Department conducted a series of critical training sessions aimed at enhancing emergency preparedness within the community. The day began with a morning CPR class, where students learned essential skills in CPR and Basic First Aid. This training



equipped participants with the knowledge and confidence to respond effectively in emergency situations, potentially saving lives.



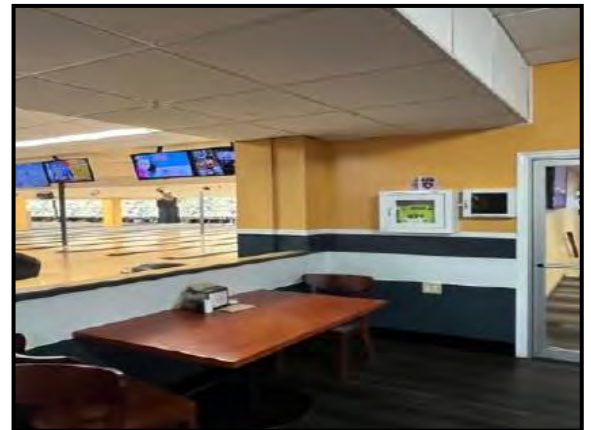
In the afternoon, all management staff at MWR received comprehensive Stop-The-Bleed training. This crucial training session focused on teaching staff how to control severe bleeding through the use of pressure, dressings, and tourniquets. Following the training, Stop-The-Bleed kits were strategically installed in the Beacon and the Bowling Alley, ensuring that these essential tools are readily

available in high-traffic areas. These training sessions not only empowered individuals with life-saving skills but also underscored the Fire Department's commitment to community safety.

On Friday, May 24th, the Fire Department hosted a much-needed relaxation day, providing an opportunity for firefighters and their



families to unwind and enjoy quality time together. The highlight of the day was a family lunch featuring a festive Taco Bar, where everyone gathered to share a delicious meal. The event was a collective effort, with each employee contributing to the feast, bringing various ingredients and dishes to create a diverse and appetizing spread. This collaborative approach not only



resulted in a sumptuous meal but also fostered a sense of community and teamwork among the department members and their families. The relaxation day and family lunch served as a perfect way to strengthen the bonds within the fire department, allowing everyone to relax, connect, and appreciate each other's company in a casual and joyful setting.

On Saturday, May 25th, the Fire Department wrapped up its week by inviting the base community to the fire station for medical questions or training needs, followed by a relaxing and exciting fishing tournament designed to determine the best anglers in the department. The event brought together firefighters and their families for a day of friendly competition and outdoor fun. Participants enjoyed casting their lines and reeling in their catches, with all fish caught being part of a catch-and-release practice. After posing for photos to commemorate their successful catches, the fish were carefully returned to their natural environments. The tournament not only provided a relaxing and enjoyable end to the week but also reinforced the department's commitment to environmental stewardship. It was a perfect blend of leisure and camaraderie, allowing everyone to unwind and celebrate their shared love for nature and fishing. Such activities are vital for fostering team spirit and providing a well-deserved break from the demanding duties of firefighting.





# Around the Firehouse

## NAS JRB Fort Worth

Firefighter Paramedic Nicolas Juarez and Jordan Mahaney showcasing their Ambulance to the On Base Child Development center kids.

They provided tours to over 115 kids. The idea of the tour was familiarize younger children with the equipment and processes to put them at ease in the event they ever ride in the ambulance.



## NSA Panama City

NSA Panama City Fire & Emergency Services instructed multiple CPR / AED classes for our tenant commands for EMS week. Thanks to Firefighters Jessica Lord, Jose Flores, and Tyler Glenn.





# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## Navy Region Hawaii

Story by: Regional EMS Chief Douglas Asano, Commander Navy Region Hawaii

Courtesy Photos

This year, National EMS week was celebrated 19–25 MAY 2024. The theme was “*Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future*” and celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our national Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems. National EMS week was first established by President Gerald Ford in 1974.



At Navy Region Hawaii, the Federal Fire Department (FFD) EMS mission took effect in 2001 with a single Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and six firefighter/paramedics serving the former Naval Station Pearl Harbor and the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The overall success of the program led to expansion of ALS units serving Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Kaneohe Bay, Schofield Barracks, and the Tripler/Fort Shafter area. Today, a team of 24 EMS professionals operate four ALS ambulances serving all branches of the military on Oahu, Hawaii and respond to approximately 2,800 EMS calls each year.

According to Regional EMS Chief Douglas Asano, *“It’s our Firefighter/Paramedics and Firefighter/EMT’s that really make our system great. They are a select team that are made up of great individuals who are the best at what they do. They are constantly adapting to the complexity around them and are exceptional at reacting to crisis and problems presented to them daily.”*



(Above photo) from left: Representing FFD Hawaii are (left to right) Regional EMS Chief Douglas Asano, Hawaii Governor Josh Green, and Battalion Chief Jason Lopez. (Courtesy Photos)

On 24 MAY 2024, Hawaii Governor Josh Green recognized all of Hawaii’s EMS providers by declaring

EMS as a vital public service, and members of Hawaii’s EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Present at the signing of the Governor’s proclamation were leaders from various 911 agencies that provide EMS services. Agencies included FFD Hawaii, Hawaii County Fire Department, Honolulu Emergency Services Department, American Medical Response, and Hawaii Life Flight.



(Left photo) Group photo EMS Providers: FFD Hawaii, Hawaii County Fire Department, Honolulu Emergency Services Department, American Medical Response, and Hawaii Life Flight. (Courtesy Photos)



# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Conducts FEP



## Commander Navy Region Japan Fire Trucks



(Left photo) CFA Sasebo fire vehicles inside the fire station standing the watch and ready to respond. (Right photo) NAF Atsugi Engine E7-4 in pristine condition. (Courtesy Photos)



# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## NAS Patuxent River Fire Department honors Brice Trossbach



The unveiling of Brice's locker, meticulously memorialized by the brethren of Pax Battalion, Fire Station 2.

On 23 June, 2024, in an informal ceremony and luncheon hosted at Pax Fire Station 2, the members unveiled Brice Trossbach's locker, preserved since his 06/27/2023 LODD, memorialized forevermore as a place of reflection and appreciation of the fireman we had the privilege of serving with.

Firefighter Brice C. Trossbach died in the line of duty while responding to an emergency on June 27, 2023.

Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/SpPhuXgPKzXxyVW/?mibextid=oFDknk>



## Chief Anthony Sickell Retires



After 29 years and one month of dedicated federal service, we bid farewell to District Chief Anthony Sickell upon his retirement from Fire District 1. He leaves behind a legacy of service and dedication, having served in various roles including Firefighter/Paramedic, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief of EMS, and District Fire Chief for Naval Station Norfolk, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, and Northwest Annex. We wish him fair winds and following seas as he embarks on the next chapter of his life. *Courtesy Photos.*

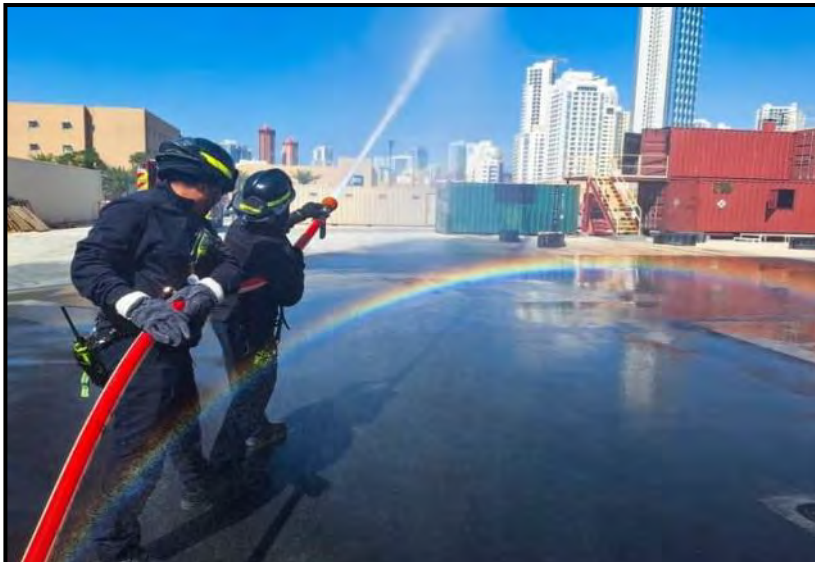


# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## NAS Key West Conducts F&ES NATOPS Validation



NAS Key West completed their F&ES NATOPS Validation on June 15, 2024 and received a 95% overall rating. (Courtesy Photo)



## NSA Bahrain Conducts FEP

(Left photo) NSA Bahrain firefighters practice hose lays drills and create a beautiful rainbow. (Courtesy Photo)



# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## NSA Crane Conducts FEP





# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## Chief John Lyon Retires, Naval District Washington

**J**une 5th, 2024 was Chief John Lyon last shift with Naval District Washington after 40 years of faithful service in a variety of positions within the department. He could have choose do to anything he wanted to do today, but instead he choose to spend his last 24 hours on the job riding the front seat of Rescue Engine 47. Then he choose to spend the first 4 hours of his last shift at the training building with our new employees running lines, throwing ladders, racking hose, dragging hose, and continuing to spread his passion for the fire service.

Congratulations on an amazing career, now enjoy your retirement!



*From left: Chief John Lyons and Regional Fire Chief Kevin Grindler pose for a photo on his last day at work. (Courtesy Photo)*



# Around the Firehouse (*con't.*)

## NS Rota Fire Training



The U.S Navy, Spanish Armada, and Rota's Protección Civil firefighters collaborated in a joint firefighting exercise, May 20, 2024. These types of joint evolutions happen all the time, but they never get old.

Great job team!





# Norfolk Naval Shipyard Drills Help Prepare Workforce for Real World Emergencies

Story by: Sussane Greene, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Norfolk Naval Shipyard Security Forces and Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services executed an active shooter drill with their community partners, Portsmouth Fire Rescue & Emergency Services and the City of Portsmouth Office of Emergency Management, Apr. 18, 2024.

More than 115 people participated in the drill that included simulated weapons fire, use of shipyard communications such as the Giant Voice and various simulated injuries to include bullet wounds, broken bones, lacerations, sprains, scrapes, and bruises.

“The integrated exercise on Apr. 18 is beneficial in a number of ways,” said Norfolk Naval Shipyard Installation Training Officer John Callahan. “Integrating with various response disciplines like Naval Security Forces, Fire & Emergency Services and the Emergency Operations Center Incident Management Team and our mutual aid partners, the City of Portsmouth, allows us to establish and maintain good working relationships with all response entities.”

Callahan continued, “Integration with all response disciplines allows us to ‘train like we fight’ and practice coordination and employment of all available capabilities. Our integration exercises are in line with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guiding principle of ‘whole community’, which means that emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility and calls for involvement from various partners. Identifying response capabilities and roles and responsibilities for all involved contributes to a more effective and efficient response, which can ultimately save lives.”



“Under the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), Norfolk Naval Shipyard and the City of Portsmouth Office of Emergency Management work collaboratively in an all-hazard capacity,” said City of Portsmouth Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Stephen Davis. “The active shooter/threat exercise on Apr. 18, 2024, within the confines of Norfolk Naval Shipyard, allowed both agencies to evaluate their preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities.”

Davis continued, “The City of Portsmouth’s goal is to assist Norfolk Naval Shipyard with any preparedness model from a human-made, technological, or a natural weather event. The City of Portsmouth’s Office of Emergency Management is a proud supporter of Norfolk Naval Shipyard and its mission.”

“Collaborating with mutual aid partners allows the Norfolk Naval Shipyard fire department to engage in joint training exercises and drills, which help standardize procedures and improve coordination among responding agencies,” said Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services District 2 Fire Chief Joseph Marsilio. “This enhances interoperability and ensures smoother operations during actual emergencies.”

“The success of responding to a real world emergency is dependent upon a cohesive relationship between the City of Portsmouth and Norfolk Naval Shipyard emergency responders,” said Shipyard Commander Captain Jip Mosman. “Teamwork is key to providing life-saving actions in a real world emergency.”





# Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services Hosts Fire Safety Event



Story by: Navy Region Northwest F&ES

Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services recently took part in the 37th Central Kitsap Family Day held at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds on June 1st, 2024. The event saw a strong turnout, although official attendance numbers are still pending.

During the event, the Fire Prevention Office organized a range of activities aimed at educating families on fire safety. The NRNW Fire Safety Trailer was a highlight, featuring demonstrations on kitchen safety, bedroom emergency exits, and hands-on fire extinguisher training.



Inspectors Hayes, Porter, Bustamante, and Dusek led the charge in providing valuable fire safety education to attendees. The kitchen safety demonstration focused on cooking and chemical storage safety tips, while the bedroom emergency exit demonstration included practicing smoke detection activation and planning emergency exit routes.



The hands-on fire extinguisher training allowed participants to select and use a fire extinguisher to extinguish a simulated BBQ fire, utilizing a state-of-the-art extinguisher trainer. The booth estimated that around 600 families from Kitsap County engaged with the fire safety message, emphasizing the importance of creating emergency action plans for their homes.

Training department showcased a helicopter fire and bunker drills to demonstrate their readiness to support surrounding fire departments. Chief Aboussleman highlighted the Navy's commitment to providing 24-hour mutual aid to the community.

The event served as a valuable opportunity for Navy Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services to connect with the diverse community and promote fire safety education.





# Navy Military Fire Officer of the Year

Naval Station Rota Fire Department would like to congratulate ABH1 Hayden Ballard for winning the Navy Military Fire Officer of the Year!!! Ballard is from Elgin, Texas and has been attached to Rota Fire Department since April of 2021. He is Rota's Top Tier performer and one of two Sailors in the region certified and readied to perform as a Fire Captain. He is directly in charge of his own crew to maintain ARFF operations, shipboard and structural missions to achieved 100% ART while safeguarding 12K personnel.

Ballard's mentorship and outstanding managerial skills developed 22 ABH junior Sailors to earn, 30 DOD certifications ensuring Rota Fire Department to operate like a well-oiled machine. He encourages his team to pursue education earning a total of 57 credit hours and harvested 2 degrees. Volunteered as the Fire Department Career Counselor and administered 23 individual counseling sessions, 30 overseas tour extensions and 4 re-enlistments to increase retention by 75%. ABH1 Ballard also served as the Command Sponsorship Coordinator and directly managed/organized the PCS of 89 inbound service members with accompanied families for as smooth transition process overseas. He was voted to serve as the President the Fire Fighter Association and orchestrated 7 fundraisers to earn \$5K to donate to charities in need.



(Left photo) from left to right: CNIC Director of Operations Majorie Lutz; ABH1 Hayden Ballard; CNIC Executive Director Timothy Bridges, and Director Navy Fire & Emergency Services Carl Glover pose during Annual awards presentation. (above photo) ABH1 Ballard is joined by his father Mr. Vance Ballard at Bancroft Hall during a tour at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. (Courtesy Photos)



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

Story by: Tom Shand

After the conclusion of World War II there were only a handful of Naval Fire Departments that operated aerial ladder trucks. Several departments were assigned American LaFrance JOX model midship ladders which were the first cab forward aerial ladder trucks produced as most manufacturers continued to build on conventional engine ahead chassis. In December 1945 American LaFrance announced their 700 series cab apparatus which placed the engine behind the driver's position with rear facing jump seats on either side of the engine box. For many years other apparatus builders scoffed at this design claiming that putting the driver and officer at the front of the apparatus would lead to more serious accidents and would never catch on with fire departments.

During 1952 the US Navy took delivery of their first 700 series unit with a model 7-75AJO 75 foot aerial ladder which was assigned to the Groton Submarine Base in Connecticut. This ladder truck was built on a 220 inch wheelbase with an overall length of 42 feet 5 inches. Most apparatus acquired during this period were built with open cabs to provide good visibility for the crew to perform an initial size up and make apparatus placement a little easier. The three section 75 foot ladder was constructed of Corten steel with two manual screw type jacks to provide stability for the aerial device along with 228 feet of ground ladders including one 45 foot and two 35 foot extension ladders.

The US Navy acquired several other 700 series American LaFrance 75 foot ladders between 1952 and 1956 and after this period no other ladder trucks were acquired until 1964 when several American LaFrance tractor drawn ladders were acquired for the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes and for the Naval Shipyards at Norfolk and Philadelphia. While American LaFrance was producing 100 foot midship aerial ladders dating

*(right) Groton Submarine Base  
Ladder 1 1952 ALF 700 75 foot  
#74-00012 #L-4632 (Photo by  
Glen Vincent)*



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

back to 1945, Seagrave did not build their first 100 foot midship aerial ladder until 1958 with a unit built for Syracuse, New York.

While several departments tried using rear mount aerial ladder built by Magirus, a German manufacturer including Chicago, FDNY and Philadelphia dating back to 1955, the concept of a rear mount aerial ladder did not catch on with departments until 1967 when Seagrave Fire Apparatus unveiled a 100 foot rear mount design, the first U.S. manufacturer to engineer this style of apparatus. After acquiring a demonstrator Seagrave rear mount ladder in 1969 over the next few years the FDNY placed into service fifty one 100 foot rear mounts from Seagrave to bolster their apparatus fleet.

Tractor drawn and midship aerial ladders dominated the U.S. Navy apparatus fleet until 1978 when two Seagrave SR-20756 model 100 foot rear mount ladders were placed into service at the Pensacola, Florida Naval Air Station and the Newport Naval Educational Training Center in Rhode Island. The two Seagrave rear mounts delivered to the U.S. Navy were painted bright yellow and built on 226 inch wheelbases with an overall height of 121 inches. These units were powered by Detroit Diesel 6-71N engines rated at 265 horsepower with Allison HT-70 six speed automatic transmissions.

The outrigger system was straightforward consisting of two A frame stabilizers with a jack spread of 12 feet 6 inches. Setting up the ladder for operations required the driver to engage the aerial PTO and then proceed to the rear body where the two jack controls were located to deploy the stabilizers, enabling the ladder to be rapidly placed into service. The cab and body were built with steel construction and provided room for approximately 208 feet of portable ground ladders that were carried on both sides of the body as well as at the rear under the turntable. The Pensacola aerial ladder was painted white and carried Seagrave serial number H-95251 and property number 74-00048 while the Newport aerial ladder was painted the standard gray color and was assigned serial number H-95256 with property number 74-00047.

Back in the day the marketing slogan utilized by Seagrave was "The Greatest Name in Fire Apparatus" with many municipal departments along with the U.S. Navy using Seagrave engines and trucks on a daily basis.



(above) Pensacola NAS Truck 1 1978 Seagrave SR-20756 100 foot #74-00048 #H-95251  
(Photo by Tom Shand)



# Out With The Old, In With The New!

Story by: Inspector Leilani Thompkins, Federal Fire Department San Diego



In a historic and heartwarming ceremony, Federal Fire Department-San Diego (FFDSD) will celebrate the arrival of its newest fleet member, Truck 11, at Station 11 on June 6, 2024. The department will honor the traditional "push-in" ceremony, a practice dating back to the 1800s where fire crews would push their horse-drawn or hand-drawn fire carriages into the station for initial in service.

The push-in ceremony symbolizes a new beginning and readiness to serve the community. This cherished tradition will see participation from fire personnel, active duty members of the base, and their families, making it a memorable and momentous occasion for all involved.

## Essential Training and Enhanced Capabilities

To ensure the seamless integration of Truck 11 into the department's operations, firefighters from Station 11 and neighboring stations will undergo comprehensive mechanical and operational training. A representative from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., the manufacturer of the new truck, will lead this training, equipping firefighters with the necessary skills to handle the new apparatus effectively.

Truck 11's arrival is particularly significant for Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) and its surrounding communities. The truck's advanced features will enhance the department's ability to respond to a variety of emergencies, including aircraft fires, hazardous material incidents, aerial rescues, traffic collisions, aircraft carrier-related occurrences, and high-rise building emergencies.

## Advanced Specifications of the New Truck 11

The newly commissioned Truck 11, manufactured in 2023 by Pearce Manufacturing, Inc., replaces the older Pearce Series 60 DLX 2002 model. The new truck's specifications are impressive and designed to meet the demanding and expanding needs of the communities we serve:

**Height:** 10 feet, 10 inches  
**Length:** 41 feet, 2.75 inches  
**Weight:** 69,500 pounds  
**Engine:** Cummins X12  
**Aerial Ladder:** 100-foot heavy-duty low profile steel  
**Horsepower:** 525  
**Tank Capacity:** 450 gallons  
**Pump Capacity:** 2000 GPM

These upgrades significantly enhance FFDSD's capability to respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently, ensuring the safety of all customers who live, work and visit the installation.



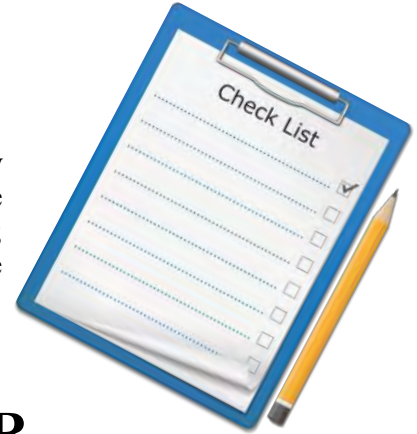
## Commitment to Excellence

The significant investment made by CNIC for FFDSD to acquire top-tier apparatus such as Truck 11 exemplifies our steadfast commitment to "Protecting Those Who Defend America". This new addition transcends mere equipment; it symbolizes the department's unwavering pledge to uphold elevated levels of safety and service within the community.

*(above) Photo of new Truck 11 next to Fire Station 11. (Courtesy Photo)*

As Truck 11 takes its place in Fire Station 11, FFDSD continues to stand ready, prepared, and equipped to meet any challenge, safeguarding the lives and property of those we serve.

# 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 other region evaluations; all before the CNIC validation team arrives. For more information, contact Eric Rhode: [eric.k.rhode.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:eric.k.rhode.civ@us.navy.mil)

## CY 2024 CALENDAR

### OVERSIGHT PROCESS:

ASSESSMENT → EVALUATION → VALIDATION

| REGION | INSTALLATION           | ASSESSMENT TYPE     | SCHEDULED DATES       |
|--------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 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                 | 5-9 August, 2024      |
| CNRSE  | NAS Pensacola          | NATOPS              | 6-8 August, 2024      |
| NDW    | NAS Patuxent River     | FEP                 | 19-23 August, 2024    |
| CNRMA  | Norfolk Naval Shipyard | 8010 Audit          | 26-30 August, 2024    |
| CNRSW  | NAS Fallon             | FEP                 | 26-30 August, 2024    |
| CNRMA  | NS Great Lakes         | FEP                 | 8-13 September, 2024  |
| CNRMA  | NS Norfolk             | NATOPS              | 10-12 September, 2024 |
| CNRE   | NSA Naples             | FEP                 | 16-20 September, 2024 |
| CNRE   | NAS Sigonella          | FEP                 | 23-27 September, 2024 |

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

#### Page 3 Answers for ARFF Level of Knowledge Questions

Question 1: Plugs made of wood or rubber are MOST likely to be used to... Answer: c. plug leaking fuel or hydraulic lines.

Question 2: A grappling hook and rope sling are used for... Answer: a. catching, dragging, and lifting objects.

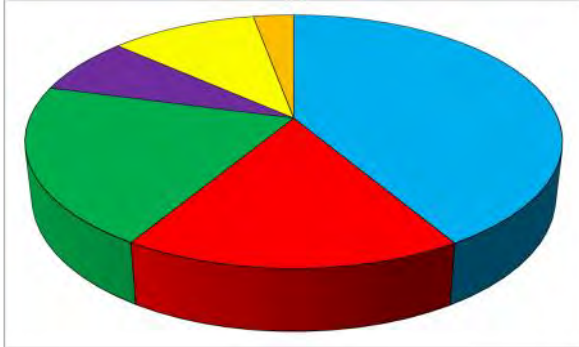


# ESAMS Corner Update

By: Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

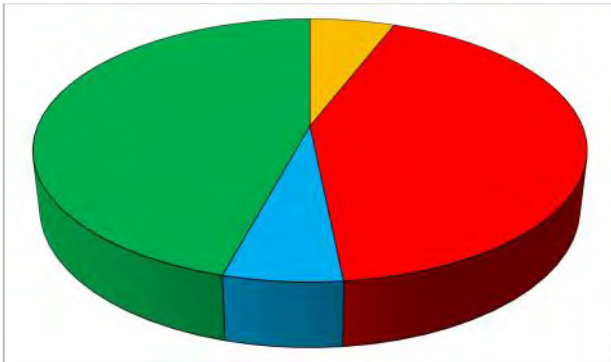
## CY 2024 Statistics (1 January – 31 May)

### Operations



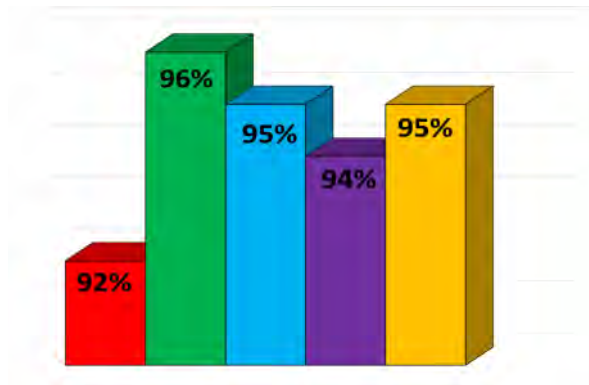
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| <b>Rescue &amp; EMS</b> | 9,033  |
| <b>Hazardous</b>        | 3,681  |
| <b>False Alarm</b>      | 3,491  |
| <b>Service Calls</b>    | 1,612  |
| <b>Good Intent</b>      | 2,303  |
| <b>Fires</b>            | 627    |
| <b>Total</b>            | 20,747 |

### Prevention



|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Fire Public Ed Classes</b>     | 1,578  |
| <b>Hot Work Permits</b>           | 11,065 |
| <b>Inspections</b>                | 1,560  |
| <b>Building Evacuation Drills</b> | 11,893 |
| <b>Total</b>                      | 26,096 |

### Training



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

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

Mishaps Reported: 3  
Total Lost Work Days: 15

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## Navy Fire & Emergency Services Lifetime Achievement Awards

Kim Tae Tang, 2010

John Robinson, 2014

Thomas, McCaffey, 2017

Cort Jamison, 2017

Ricky Brockman, 2019

Paul Murray, 2019

John Rodgers, 2019

Michael Murray, 2019

Janice Lozoya, 2020

Daniel Vogel, 2020

James LaConte, 2021

ABHCS Anthony Tranumn, 2021

🧑‍🚒 CDR Matthew Matthias, 2022

🧑‍🚒 Thomas "TJ" Maury, 2023

Gene Rausch, 2023

John Lyon, 2023