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The Heroic Off-Duty Firefighter: A Remarkable Display of Selflessness and Valor

Story by: Deputy Fire Chief Arnel Dorn

Commander, Navy Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services

Photos: Courtesy of Takeda Kouhei and CNRJ F&ES

In a world often oblivious to the unsung heroes among us, a recent incident has surfaced that vividly showcases the unwavering selflessness and extraordinary courage of an off-duty Fire Crew Chief, Takeda Kouhei a Japanese Master Labor Contractor the Commander, Navy Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services assigned to the Ikego Fire Department.

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From the Director



I wanted to pass along our sincere condolences and sympathy to the friends and families of Chief Ronny Coleman. Chief Coleman was a longtime contributor to our Newsletter for many years. His contributions to our Nation's Fire Service and Navy Fire Service will be missed. Rest in peace ... we have the watch.

This month we are passing along "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to Master Chief Ray Macias and Master Chief Antonio Guadron as they wrap up their temporary assignment at CNIC and return to Metro San Diego F&ES. Thanks for all their hard work, long hours, and significant contributions. BZ !

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Supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family



From the Director

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Welcome Aboard for our Newest HQ N30/F&ES Shipmate, Fire Chief Matthew McQuaig. Matt will be serve as a Fire Protection Specialist in our Assessment Branch, at our Ft. Worth office. Prior to transferring to CNIC, he had served as the Fire Chief for NAS JRB Ft. Worth.

As we previously mentioned, **Navy F&ES is hiring!** Almost all of our Regions and Installations have F&ES opportunities at various levels. The hiring managers are utilizing various tools to start and continue to hire until we are fully staffed, i.e., USAJOBS, hiring fairs, hiring flyers, direct hire, etc ... please pass along to anyone who may be interested in joining our team.

- Search Positions at: <https://www.usajobs.gov>
- Also, many of our direct hire locations have a local application process/email box to apply; contact the Region Fire Chief for details.

Thanks to all our Navy F&ES Teams and members who serve. Please stay safe, and ensure **Everyone Goes Home**.

Carl

In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that the Coleman family has shared that Chief Ronny J. Coleman, California State Fire Marshal, (ret.), passed away peacefully on Sept 19, 2023, at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento.

Chief Coleman was a 50-plus year veteran of the fire service. Following his service and leadership as the Fire Chief in San Clemente, California, and the Fire Chief in Fullerton, California, he was appointed as California State Fire Marshal from 1992 to 2000 by Governor Pete Wilson.

Chief Coleman was the past President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and has been a member and leader of numerous fire service committees and associations. He has given us all an incredible legacy with his dedication to our training and education.

Chief Coleman was a dedicated and longtime contributing author to our Navy F&ES Newsletter "What's Happening" for many years.

Condolence cards may be sent to:

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Rest in Peace Chief.

Hail and Farewell

Hail



Welcome aboard to our newest member to the N30 team, Fire Chief Matt McQuaig. Matt is a native of Folkston, Georgia and began his DoD Fire & Emergency Services career upon finishing Air Force basic training in June of 1995.

Over his 28-year journey, Matt has served at 11 DoD F&ES departments around the globe ranging from his firefighter days at Eglin Air Force Base; Matt has served as Chief Fire Officer at Langley Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Naval Air Station Sigonella, and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth.

Chief McQuaig joins our team from NAS JRB Ft. Worth where he served as the Installation Fire Chief from December of 2019 until recently. While assigned, he oversaw 43 personnel while protecting 10K+ plus joint warfighters in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

Matt's accolades include Navy Fire Chief of the Year, and Fire Chief of the Year for both Navy Region Southeast and Europe, Africa, Central Command(s). Additionally, Matt holds an associate degree in Fire Science and is a credentialed Chief Fire Officer with the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Currently, he resides in Ft. Worth, with his wife, Briana; with their 3 adult children living across the U.S.

Welcome Aboard Chief!

Farewell

Commander, Navy Installations Command headquarters bid farewell to Master Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Ray Macias and Master Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Antonio Guadron.



Thank you both for all your hard work and dedication for the last several months.

Both are headed back to San Diego to resume their careers with the Navy fire service.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmates!

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 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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“Heroic Off-Duty Firefighter” (*con’t. from page 1*)



This inspiring account revolves around the gripping narrative of how an off-duty firefighter who, devoid of any protective equipment, fearlessly dashed into a raging inferno within a Japanese noodle restaurant, exemplifying the very essence of heroism.

On the fateful Monday morning of Aug. 21, 2023, at approximately 5:10 a.m., Takeda-san embarked on his journey to commence a 24-hour work shift at Ikego Fire Department. While waiting at a traffic signal near the Ikego Housing Main Gate intersection, fate summoned him toward a heart-stopping scene. Through the billowing smoke and fierce flames erupting from a Japanese noodle restaurant, the blaring crescendo of a smoke detector rang out, setting the stage for an imminent calamity. Positioned beside the (left) Deputy Fire Chief Arnel Dorn (left) presents Fire Crew Chief Takeda Kouhei (right) a Life Saving Coin for his heroic actions when a fire broke out in a Japanese noodle restaurant, Aug. 21, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Takeda Kouhei and CNRJ F&ES)

restaurant’s entrance, a receptacle brimming with used cooking oil added a hazardous dimension to the situation, further exacerbated by a stack of cardboard boxes discovered perilously positioned beneath the outdoor staircase.

In a swift and decisive reaction, Takeda-san promptly engaged a passerby to alert the local fire department, thus setting a chain of events into motion. Without hesitation, he ventured to the building’s rear, assessing potential avenues of entry. Remarkably, an unlocked rear door granted him access. Inside the premises, his determined search revealed no occupants at that particular moment. Undeterred by the circumstances, Takeda-san ascended the exterior staircase, accessing the second floor of the building. There, amid the engulfing chaos, he stumbled upon an elderly gentleman in his 70s, peacefully slumbering in the living area. Swift action followed suit as Takeda-san roused the man from his sleep and efficiently orchestrated his safe evacuation from the perilous scene.

However, the narrative didn’t conclude with the evacuation. The elderly gentleman, driven by his resolve, attempted multiple returns to the blazing building. Takeda-san, embodying a sense of calm and reassurance, stood resolute, preventing any further endangerment. Alongside concerned neighbors, who had been drawn by the commotion, Takeda-san effectively managed the situation, a testament to his innate leadership qualities. Harnessing the support of these concerned neighbors, Takeda-san entrusted them with the responsibility of safeguarding the elderly man’s well-being. Soon thereafter, the local Zushi-City Fire Department arrived at the scene, swiftly initiating firefighting operations. With the professionals now at the helm, Takeda-san gracefully transitioned from the front line, proceeding toward his designated workplace. His departure, however, was imbued with the assurance that due measures were actively being pursued to manage the unfolding incident.

The aftermath of this gripping episode stands as a poignant testament to the unwavering commitment and boundless bravery etched into Takeda-san’s 40+ years of service with CNRJ F&ES, with retirement awaiting him in December of this year. Even in his off-duty hours, Takeda-san’s remarkable act of heroism resonated profoundly within the community, kindling a renewed sense of gratitude and respect for the gallant endeavors of firefighters who consistently lay their lives on the line to safeguard others. Bravo Zulu. 🔥

Around the Firehouse

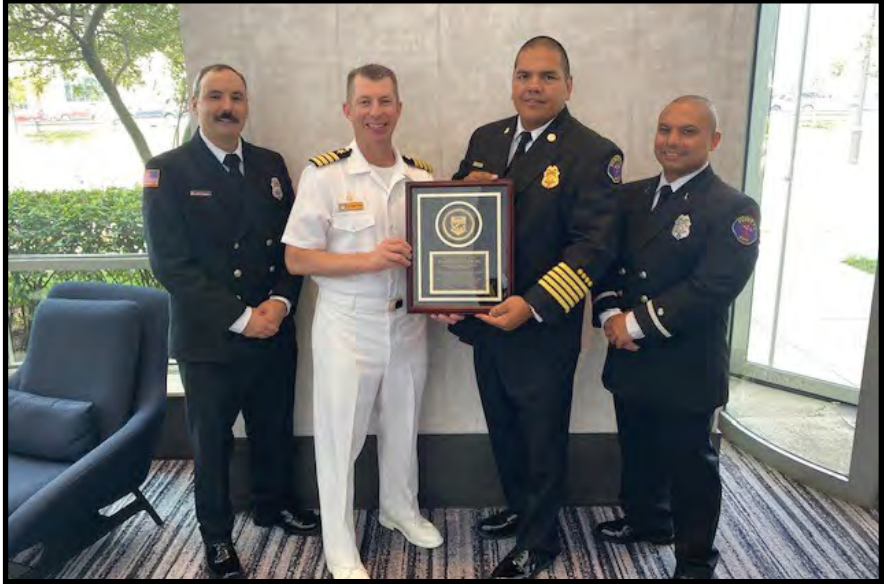
Fed Fire China Lake Firefighters Earn CFAI Accreditation

Federal Fire Department China Lake, led by Fire Chief Nathan Soria, along with Capt. Jeremy Vaughn, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake commanding officer, are proud to announce that Firefighter Justin McCleary and Engineer Edwardo Narvarte earned their initial accredited status at the CFAI conference in Rosemont, Illinois on Aug. 29. FFD China Lake became the fifth department in Southwest to achieve accreditation.

Achieving accreditation demonstrates a fire department's commitment to excellence and continuous improvement. It signifies that the department has met rigorous standards and has implemented effective policies and procedures to ensure the safety and well-being of both its personnel and the communities of the Navy

they serve. Accreditation also provides a framework for fire departments to evaluate their performance and identify areas for improvement. By undergoing this process, departments can enhance professionalism, increase trust, and ultimately improve the quality of service they provide to their communities.

(Photos courtesy of NAWS China Lake Federal Fire)



(above) Left to right: Nicholas Christensen, Eduardo Narvarte, Robert Sepulveda, Brynne Burrough, Steve Dirksen, Nate Soria, Jeremy Vaughan, Justin McCleary, Garrett Robillard (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of NAWS China Lake Federal Fire)



Around the Firehouse (con't.)

NAF El Centro to Receive New Vehicle

Naval Air Facility El Centro Fire & Emergency Services to receive a new quint truck to add to their arsenal of firefighting equipment.

Quint

Noun

Definition:

Derived from the Latin prefix quinque, meaning five, and refers to the five functions that a quint provides: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders.

(Photo courtesy of Naval Air Facility El Centro F&ES)



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

NCBC Fire Department Excels In Rapid Vehicle Fire Response

The Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Fire Department once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to public safety and its exceptional emergency response capabilities with a successful vehicle fire response.

On Sept. 7, 2023, at approximately 9:17 a.m., the NCBC Fire Department received a distress call reporting a vehicle fire on Olson Ave. Within minutes, a highly-trained team of firefighters and first responders from the NCBC Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

Thanks to the department's swift response and coordinated efforts, the vehicle fire was brought under control in a matter of minutes. The firefighters' professionalism and quick thinking prevented the fire from spreading to nearby brush and trees, minimizing potential damage and ensuring the safety of all involved.

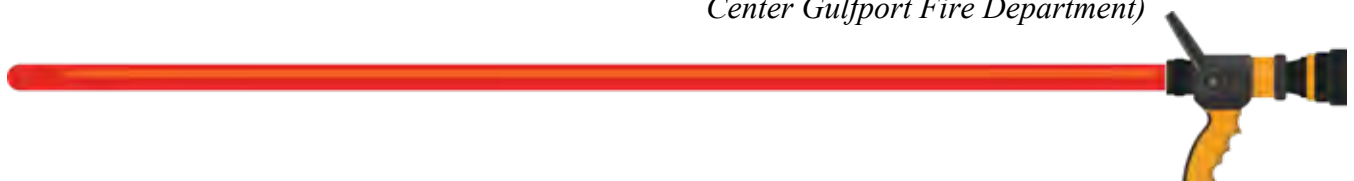


Fire Chief Chris Gerwick, head of the NCBC Fire Department, expressed his pride in the department's performance, stating, "Our dedicated firefighters train relentlessly to respond effectively to any emergency situation. This incident is a testament to their unwavering commitment to protecting our community."

The NCBC Fire Department also wishes to extend its gratitude to the local community for their prompt reporting of the incident and their cooperation during the response.

This successful vehicle fire response is yet another example of the NCBC Fire Department's dedication to serving and safeguarding the residents of NCBC Gulfport. The department remains committed to continuous training and improvement, ensuring that they are always prepared to respond to emergencies swiftly and effectively.

(Photo courtesy of Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Fire Department)



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

NCBC Gulfport Completes FEP

Firefighters from Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Mississippi Fire & Emergency Services recently completed the annual Final Evaluation Problem, better known as FEP, Aug. 8. FEP is part of a command's assessment of readiness and training. FEP tested the federal firefighters' abilities through several scenarios, including primary and secondary lines for a structure, a hydrant-to-truck master stream and replication a sprinkler connection.

Bravo Zulu Team!

(right) Firefighters assigned to NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services operate a portable monitor nozzle during a final evaluation problem exercise, Aug. 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Derek Harkins)



(above) A firefighter assigned to NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services pulls a hose during a final evaluation problem exercise, Aug. 8. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of NCBC Gulfport F&ES)



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Around the Firehouse (con't.)

NCBC Gulfport Completes FEP (con't.)

(right) A firefighter assigned to NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services dons his helmet during a final evaluation problem exercise, Aug. 8. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of NCBC Gulfport F&ES)



(above) Firefighters assigned to NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services perform a hose evolution during a final evaluation problem exercise, Aug. 8. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of NCBC Gulfport F&ES)



(above) A firefighter assigned to NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services stows a hose following a final evaluation problem exercise, Aug. 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Derek Harkins)



(left) Firefighters assigned to NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services stow equipment following a final evaluation problem exercise, Aug. 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Derek Harkins)





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Fire Service Scholarships and Leadership Related Special Projects Awards Available for 2023

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The Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation (YLD) is currently accepting applications for its 2023 Scholarships and Leadership Special Projects related to leadership development. The awards are in memory of Deputy Fire Chief James G. Yvorra, Emergency Medical Technician Donald E. Sellers, and Chief John M. Eversole.

Any active career or volunteer Fire, Rescue, EMS, or Emergency Management member or active duty or reserve U.S. military member who serves in an emergency response position is eligible. Annual awards are approximately \$3,000 each and five or more awards may be issued to U.S. citizens in 2023.

In addition to one award for firefighters, there is an award set aside for Hazardous Materials Responders, one for Emergency Medical Service Responders, and one or more for the Chief G. Crawford Wiestling Award. Special awards of greater value may be issued for leadership development related special projects proposed by individuals or groups.

To request an application go to <http://www.yld.org> and click “Applications”.

The deadline for applications is October 30, 2023 and awards are announced in late December.



Local Japanese Kids Firefighter Club Tour CNRJ Firehouse

Story By: Fire Chief Sean Rutledge Assistant Fire Chief of Prevention

Assistant Fire Chief of Prevention, Commander, Navy Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services

A remarkable event unfolded on Aug. 8, 2023, as Commander, Navy Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services played host to an exclusive visit by the Takatsu Boys & Girls Fire Club from Kawasaki City. The vibrant gathering took place at Fire Station 1 located on the Yokosuka Navy Base.

The inception of the Takatsu Boys &

(right) A firefighter from CNRJ F&ES discusses firefighting capabilities to the Takatsu Boys & Girls Fire Club, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAY F&ES)



Girls Fire Club was rooted in the idea of providing a protective and nurturing environment for children

during their summer and winter breaks. Boasting a rich history, the club has been committed to organizing educational field trips for young minds. The anticipation for a visit to an American fire station had been building among the club's members for some time, as expressed by the club's Chairman. Accompanied by ten dedicated facilitators, they brought along 30 children ranging from 2nd to 6th grade, encompassing a mix of boys and girls, to partake in the tour of the fire station.



(above) Firefighters from CNRJ F&ES dress out children from the Takatsu Boys & Girls Fire Club in bunker gear during the club's visit to the firehouse, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAY F&ES)

The visit to the station commenced with a warm welcome from Fire Chief Sean Rutledge, Assistant Fire Chief of Prevention. The children and their supervising staff were divided into three smaller groups

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Local Japanese Kids Tour Firehouse (con't.)



firefighter bunker and fire truck exhibit, allowing the young visitors to don actual bunker gear and explore the interior of a fire engine.

The assortment of attractions left an unforgettable impression on the children, evident in their wide-eyed curiosity and excitement. As a fitting conclusion, each child received a special gift bag, complete with a fire hat, symbolizing their memorable visit.

A group photograph was taken, capturing the (right) Firefighters from CNRJ F&ES teach members of the Takatsu Boys & Girls Fire Club how to stop, drop, and roll, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAY F&ES)

and embarked on a rotation through various activity stations. These stations were thoughtfully guided by operations and prevention staff members, who not only imparted knowledge but also ensured the safety and comfort of the young visitors. To combat the summer heat, a hydration station equipped with a misting fan was thoughtfully provided.

The planning of the station visit fell under the capable hands of District Chief Karagishi, Crew Chief Tanaka, and Lead Inspector Sato. Shift crews and fire prevention personnel collaborated to offer an engaging tour. The apparatus bay was unveiled to the children, serving as a backdrop for three distinct fire safety stations. The first station featured a water spray activity, where the children took hold of a fire attack line to spray a target.

At the Stop, Drop, & Roll activity station, fire inspectors educated vital fire safety techniques. The conclusion awaited at the

camaraderie with everyone proudly adorned in their fire hats. Assistant Chief Rutledge brought the station tour to a heartfelt conclusion with words of gratitude for the attendees and Fire Department staff for hosting this remarkable event.

One of the Fire Club facilitators graciously shared that the children were captivated by the experience, cementing it as an unforgettable highlight of their summer. 🔥

(right) Firefighters from CNRJ F&ES demonstrate firehose handling to members of the Takatsu Boys & Girls Fire Club pose for a group photo, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAY F&ES)



Mutual Aid Training in Sasebo, Japan

Story By: Fire Chief Byron Beasley

Regional Fire Prevention Chief, Commander, Navy Region Japan Fire & Emergency Services

In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at enhancing the preparedness and survivability of local firefighters, personnel from Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo Fire & Emergency Services delivered a comprehensive firefighter survival training program at the Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy in Omura City, Aug. 8, 2023.



Unprecedented Collaboration for Unmatched Training:

The event brought together a diverse group of participants, consisting of 48 new recruits from various corners of Nagasaki prefecture who are currently undergoing a rigorous six-month

(left) A CFAS F&ES firefighter explains firefighter survival to Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy recruits, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAS Fire & Emergency Services)

training program at the fire academy. These recruits are on the path to becoming firefighters for their respective local governments.

Under the guidance of CFAS's esteemed main instructor, YUASA, Shinji, and a team of four skilled instructors, the participants delved into an intense day-long training program that encompassed both classroom sessions and hands-on practical exercises. The training aimed to address critical aspects of firefighter survival that are often overlooked in traditional training settings.

A Day of Transformational Learning:

The training day commenced with a three-hour classroom session, during which the recruits were exposed to insightful Power Point presentations. The subjects covered included an introduction to CFAS F&ES, essential firefighter survival tactics, and the fundamental knowledge needed to establish Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT). The recruits gained a deeper understanding of the challenges they might face and the tools at their disposal to overcome them.

In the afternoon, the participants transitioned to the fire ground training area for a four hour hands-on experience. This immersive drill saw the use of



(above) Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy recruits practice firefighting drills, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAS Fire & Emergency Services)

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Mutual Aid Training in Sasebo (con't.)



(above) CFAS F&ES Firefighters and Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy recruits line up at the academy, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAS Fire & Emergency Services)

a variety of training props brought by CFAS, including the innovative Denver Prop, which facilitated realistic simulations of confined space scenarios.

The recruits engaged in dynamic scenarios that covered an array of crucial skills, such as:

- Executing a “Mayday” report
- Using a hose line to escape a facility when disoriented
- Mastering low-profile techniques to navigate through tight spaces
- Real-world entrapment scenarios
- Downed firefighter drags and carry techniques
- Denver Drill

Filling a Training Gap:

One of the most remarkable aspects of this training initiative is its uniqueness within the Japanese fire service landscape. CFAS stands as the sole organization capable of providing such specialized and comprehensive firefighter survival training in the local area. By bridging this training gap, CFAS has taken a pivotal step toward equipping local firefighters with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate the most challenging and high-risk emergency situations.



(above) CFAS F&ES Firefighters and Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy recruits pose for a group photo, Aug. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CFAS Fire & Emergency Services)

Looking Ahead:

The collaboration between Command Fleet Activities Sasebo and the Nagasaki Prefecture Fire Academy represents a progressive approach to enhancing the capabilities of local firefighters. As the partnership continues to grow and thrive, it is poised to contribute significantly to the safety and well-being of communities throughout Nagasaki prefecture and beyond.

This visionary initiative demonstrates that, in the spirit of unity and shared goals, the realms of firefighting expertise can join forces to create a safer and more resilient society. As CFAS continues to empower local firefighters with cutting-edge survival skills, the future holds the promise of more lives saved and more communities safeguarded. 🔥

Back in the Day:

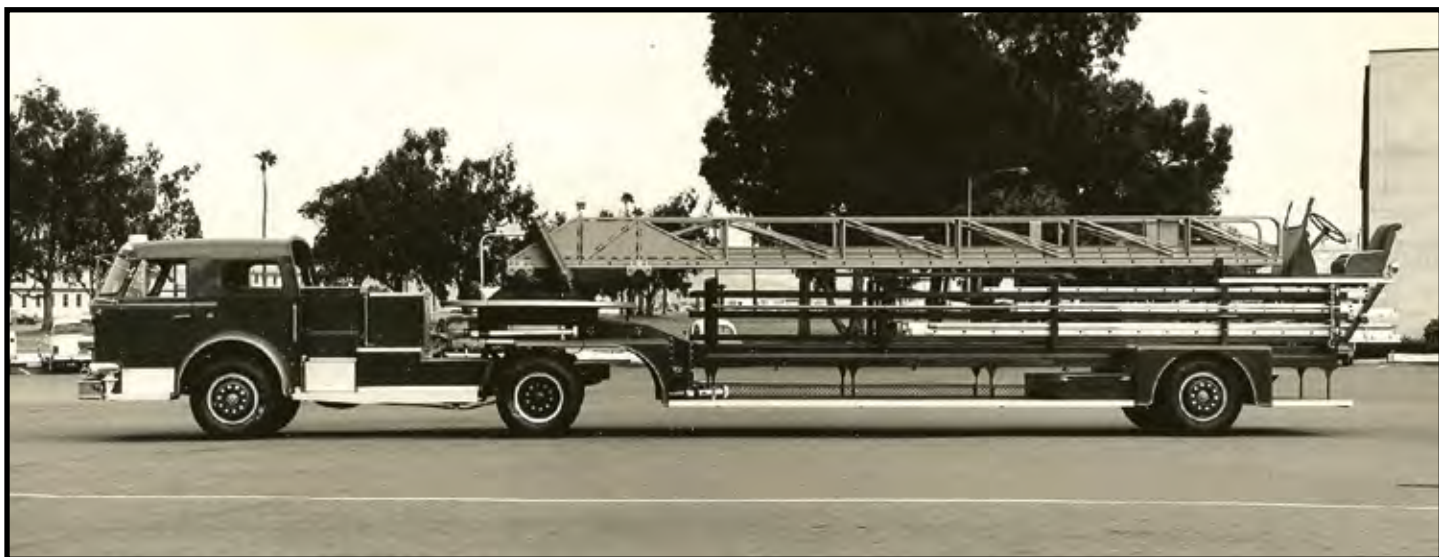
U.S. Navy Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladders

Story by and Photos From the Collection of: Tom Shand

Over the years U.S. Navy fire departments have operated with a wide range of apparatus built by virtually every major manufacturer including Mack, Maxim, Pierce, Seagrave, Ward LaFrance and others.

American LaFrance once headquartered in Elmira, New York produced hundreds of vehicles for use in military applications as well as apparatus for many branches of the military. After the conclusion of World War II, the U.S. Navy began to procure engine and ladder company apparatus that closely paralleled the design of vehicles that were being produced for municipal fire departments. These vehicles were often subject to rigorous testing at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds to validate their use for military departments.

Such was the case when the U.S. Navy sought to acquire several tractor drawn aerial ladders to replace some of the aging pre-World War II quads and city service units. American LaFrance produced a number of 85-foot tractor drawn ladders built on their 900 series model custom cabs. Several of these tiller aerial ladders were produced and assigned to installations at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, along with the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Several of these rigs replaced Peter Pirsch wooden, spring-loaded aerial ladders which were approaching twenty-three years old.



(above) Mare Island 1965 ALF 900 85 foot Tractor Drawn Ladder (photo from the collection of Tom Shand)

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Back in the Day (con't.):

The new American LaFrance rigs were powered with a Continental six-cylinder gas engine rated at 252 horsepower with a five-speed manual transmission. The tractor was designed with a 140-inch wheelbase and an overall length of 52 feet, 9 inches. While the apparatus was quite long the turning radius was only 24 feet which was considerably shorter than most pumpers of that era. The three-section steel aerial ladder was built with Corten steel and was provided with four manual swing out stabilizers with an outrigger spread of nine feet, four inches.



*(above) Great Lakes Naval Training Center Truck 1 1965 ALF 900 series 85
(photo from the collection of Tom Shand)*

By today's standards the trailer had limited compartment space with only two compartments on each side together with a transverse compartment that could accommodate a life net. The apparatus carried 208 feet of ground ladders which was the standard compliment carried by most ladder companies. The tiller man sat in an open seat arrangement that provided little protection from the elements other than a windshield. Warning lights on the Great Lakes unit consisted of a Federal model 17 beacon on the cab roof and a Mars light at the front cowl.

Navy property number 74-00037 served the Great Lakes installation for many years until it was replaced during the early 1980s with a Seagrave HR model 100-foot rear mount ladder. Each of the American LaFrance ladders were delivered with a red livery with several of these repainted safety yellow in later years.

During this era tractor drawn aerial ladders were the predominant type of ladder truck built for many departments. The entire ladder truck fleet of the FDNY were made up of tractor drawn units with the first rear mount ladder placed into service during 1969. The U.S. Navy acquired a mixture of tractor drawn and straight frame ladders from American LaFrance and Peter Pirsch with the last tiller units delivered in 1985 and 1990.

Hydraulic aerial ladders produced during the 1960s had very few safety features other than manual ladder locks and a control valve to lock in hydraulic pressure to the elevation cylinders. Ladders extension and retraction was accomplished using a cable drum with rollers utilized to isolate the ladder sections and assist in smooth operations. There were no safety interlocks on the outrigger system and most aerials could safely operate with 200 pounds at the tip when operating above a forty-five-degree angle when fully extended. While certainly primitive by today's engineering designs these tractor drawn ladders were the flagship apparatus used by departments "Back in the Day". 🔥

NSA Panama City Firefighter Saves Fellow Firefighter

From: Naval Support Activity Panama City Fire & Emergency Services

Firefighter Tyler Glenn received a Department of the Navy Civilian Achievement Medal for going above and beyond assisting a fellow Firefighter with a mental emergency, leading to a life saved.

“Receiving this award was an amazing gesture,” said Glenn. “In reality I truly don’t deserve this award, I was

just doing what any friend should do to help a friend in need.”

As with the military, first responders can struggle just as much with mental health issues. From finding that perfect work/life balance to coping with possibly traumas on the job, taking care of one’s mental health is paramount. Sometimes a finding that person to lean on can make all the difference.

“With the increasing mental health crisis in America we should all be alert to our friends, family and coworkers,” Glenn continued. “Not everyone is lucky enough to have a person when they are in need to reach out to, where in my case it was a fellow Firefighter that reached out to me all the way from across the country. At the end of the day if you see or hear something say something, it could be the difference in attending a funeral or having beers with a friend at a sports bar during football season”.

Bravo Zulu Firefighter Glenn and thank you for caring and helping others during their ultimate time of need!



(above) Cmdr. Michael Mosi (left), NSA Panama City, Commanding Officer, presents a Department of the Navy Civilian Service Achievement Medal to NSA Panama City Fire & Emergency Services, Firefighter Tyler Glenn. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of NSA Panama City Fire & Emergency Services)

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- November 7-9 - Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Fire & Emergency Services, Souda Bay, Greece
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- 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.
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- [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 or 703-691-4620.

IAFC Fed/Mil Section

The Federal & Military Fire Services Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) strives to meet current and future challenges and act as a strong voice for federal fire and emergency personnel worldwide. Their mission is to promote and support regulations and legislation that will result in greater safety to life and property and to better conditions for fire and emergency services personnel. The organization will provide federal and military fire and emergency services personnel with state-of-the-art technology, training, education, and information so as to reduce the loss of life and property from fire safety hazards in communities.

The IAFC Improves Your Resourcefulness

- Keeps you current on emerging national and international issues so you stay one step ahead.
- Increases your contacts and connects you with an international community of peers for sharing best practices and solutions to problems.
- Provides cutting-edge Information and training you need to do your job better and advance your career.
- Advocates for you and your department before top government regulators and legislators to get you essential funding and resources.

Recent successes include:

- Securing Federal firefighter presumptive disability.
- Enacting the mutual aid statute.
- Gaining the reimbursement provision of reciprocal fire protection services.

Section membership is open to IAFC members only. To join, please visit www.iafc.org/join. You do not need to be an Chief Officer to join the IAFC.

To order the IAFC Federal Military Section Commemorative Coin please visit the IAFC Foundation's website.

- **U.S. Navy Fire & Emergency Services IAFC Rep: Chief Justin Deemer; Battalion Chief of Training CNRMA District 5.** He can be reached via e-mail at: justin.a.deemer.civ@us.navy.mil



Brown Shoe Files:

“The Evolution of the Armchair Quarterback”

Story By: Fire Chief Kash Christopher

District Chief Battalion 2, Commander, Navy Region Northwest F&ES Services

Armchair Quarterback

Noun

Definition:

1. (colloquial, idiomatic, chiefly U.S.) A person who watches sports on television, typically American football, who often verbally suggests plays or critiques the players and coaches.
2. (figurative, colloquial, idiomatic, chiefly U.S.) A person who criticizes something in which they are not involved and lack expertise.

The Brown Shoe Files are open.

On Dec. 28, 1958, the NFL Championship Game between Johnny Unitas' Baltimore Colts and Frank Gifford's New York Giants was being played at Yankee Stadium. For 60 minutes, the two teams battled it out. After 4 quarters, the game was tied at 17, which meant overtime, a first for the league. After a three and out from the Giants, the Colts drove the ball 79 yards on 12 plays to the 1-yard line. Instead of running off the strong side of the line, Unitas called a weak side dive to Alan Ameche, who barreled into the end zone for the TD, thus giving the Colts a title, and propelling the NFL to what we have today, the most popular sport in the United States.

Meanwhile, in New York, a phenomenon happened the next day; every Giants fan in the tri-state area was incensed because the play calling in overtime was “garbage” and from their spot in the easy chair, they knew that EVERY PLAY called was an utter failure, and if they ran the plays that they were thinking, then there was no way that the Giants would have lost. It would come to be known as the “Armchair QB”, because every play they thought of was the right one. Soon, “Armchair



QBs” would pop up nationwide; experts from their living rooms, and on Sunday afternoons during the fall. “Brown shoes” were notorious “armchair experts” and if it was their team that lost, someone had to lose their job, because after all, a “play-action pass” was the only call to make.

Soon afterward, “armchairs” would morph into other sports. A few examples, the “armchair baseball manager” still can’t figure out why Bill Buckner was playing first base in the ’86 World Series, despite being a defensive liability. In 1984, every “armchair NBA GM” of the Houston Rockets and Portland Trailblazers would have chosen Michael Jordan before the Bulls

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landed him at number three, despite those teams filling a need, and the observation on Jordan being a sub-par shooter (he was at the time). Yes, once upon a time, the “armchair expert” was never wrong, and in a safe space where they did not have to face criticism if they were. However, with the advent of social media and instant information, “armchairs” opinions are now out there for all to see, and yes, some will have you shaking your head

We also have “armchair firefighters”, who fit the same mold as QBs, and sometimes, that’s not a good thing. Despite the limited information, they are always right, always perfect, and have no time for discussion. If you are a member of the numerous firefighter Facebook Groups, they will sometimes post a picture or video and say, “How would you proceed on this response”? Some of the responses are constructive, well thought out, and even state from the start, “With limited information...”. But you’ll also get some wild responses, some even humorous, and even argue their point over and over. In those settings, they are mostly harmless, because of the forum, and the not knowing the outcome of the video. It is when they venture outside those groups, and into others that it is better to be discreet than state your opinion.

An example I have seen is from over 10 years ago when a video of a firefighter who is on a roof of a rambler, just sounding away, apparently looking to find a spot to vent, despite the obvious conditions that warranted him getting off. He fell through and was seriously injured and by the looks, his career was over. Most of the comments were in support, thanking him for doing his job, and the obligatory “thoughts and prayers”, but there were a few comments from firefighters, questioning

why he was up there, and how it was an “utter failure of leadership and training”. What we tend to forget is that others reading your comments may be friends, family, co-workers, and loved ones, who don’t need to see your opinion. If you want to “armchair” it, then pick the right forum or just stay away from it if it involves an injury or death. In other words, leave the “armchair” to sports.



Speaking of making judgments, here’s a quick prediction for the upcoming 2023 for you NFL “experts” to chew on. In the AFC, the Cincinnati Bengals would be a trendy pick to unseat the Kansas City Chiefs as the AFC Champs. However, with Joe Burrow’s calf injury to start the season, I will stick with the Chiefs to repeat. As for the NFC, the 49ers have the most depth, led by the 2022 feel-good story in “Mr. Irrelevant”, QB Brock Purdy. How he handles his sophomore season will be the key for the Niners, who I will go with (Homer pick). Fitting that it comes down to the QB spot. HMMMMMMMMM...

Be safe, be good to one another folks, and enjoy the season.

The Brown Shoe Files are closed. 🔥

30 Recruits Graduate from Federal Fire Department Hawaii

Story and Photos By: Anna Marie G. Gonzales, Commander Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department celebrated the accomplishments of 30 firefighter recruits during a graduation ceremony held at the Hickam Tradewinds ballroom on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sept. 8.

The recruits successfully completed 26 weeks of extensive and vigorous drill training in fire response and emergency medical services from March through September at the Hickam Fire Training Facility.

“For the past 26 weeks, these recruits have completed a rigorous training regimen to bring them to where they are today,” said Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, during his opening remarks.

“This is a celebration of the commitment and dedication that firefighter recruits have made, and of the great things we can expect from them in the future,” said Barnett. “Today, as we graduate 26 federal firefighters and four state airports division firefighters, we celebrate the accomplishments of these 30 recruits.”



(above) CNRH Fed Fire Dept. hosted a graduation ceremony for firefighter recruits at Hickam Tradewinds ballroom on JBPHH, Sept. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna Marie G. Gonzales)

As recruits transition to firefighters, Gregg Moriguchi, regional fire chief for CNRH FFD, shared some advice to the graduating class.

“Members of the firefighter recruit class will no longer be referred to as recruits, they will be known as firefighters,” said Moriguchi.



(above) Firefighter graduates from CNRH Fed Fire Dept. take the oath of service during a graduation ceremony at Hickam Tradewinds ballroom on JBPHH, Sept. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna Marie G. Gonzales)

“Firefighters who choose to dedicate their lives to public service, stand ready to face uncertainty on every call for help and to be the first on scene. These are firefighters who come to the aid of those in need.”

“You must always be prepared to respond and act with courage, professionalism, dignity, and respect no matter what the circumstances may be,” he added. “Your training has prepared

Fed Fire Hawaii Graduates (con't.)



(above) Graduates from CNRH Fed Fire Dept. pose for a photo during the graduation ceremony for firefighter recruits at Hickam Tradewinds ballroom on JBPHH, Sept. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna Marie G. Gonzales)

you for that and I congratulate you on reaching this milestone.”

Micah Ohlen, one of the recruits, shared his personal journey as a recruit class leader and delivered a message to his fellow graduating class.

“We’ve learned the importance of knowing our tools and knowing the job well,” said Ohlen. “Everything that we have learned can be put down into one basic principle - work hard and don’t give up. It is our responsibility to be prepared for an emergency no matter what day it is, no matter the holiday or special occasion.”

“As a class we found pride in our ability to come together as one and have proven ourselves every day,” Ohlen added. “Throughout this journey, I have seen a transformation in my classmates, and I consider our class a family now.”

Each of these new firefighters will be reporting for duty at one of 13 fire stations located on military installations across Oahu.

You can view video of the ceremony here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh-K9-4ZH5o>

The new graduates of recruit class 2023 are as follows:

- Frank Abreu (State)
- Kameron Aceret
- Jonathan Akaka
- Kalakekoa Carnate-Albert
- Francis Aurellano
- Kahai Bustillos (State)
- Bree Chang
- Tyson Creekmur
- Noah Feato
- Colin Ferguson
- Kaipo Hayashida
- Henry Kahula
- Elijah Kainoa
- Tex Kang
- Justin Kanoho (State)
- Noah Leong
- Michael NacNac
- Jensine Nahoopii
- Kevin Nguyen
- Micah Ohlen
- Brian Polzien
- Kiai Thomas Ramos
- Jacob Romero (State)
- Keanu Rosales
- Laura Ruszecki
- Jarett Takahashi
- Eric Watanabe
- Elias Wong
- Tanner Wright



(above) A graduate from CNRH Fed Fire Dept. hugs a family member following a graduation ceremony for firefighter recruits at Hickam Tradewinds ballroom on JBPHH, Sept. 8, 2023. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna Marie G. Gonzales)

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
CNRSW	San Diego Area Assessment	NAVIG	October 16 - Nov 2
CNRJ	CFA Sasebo	FEP	Oct. 29 - November 4
CNRNW	NAVSTA Everett	FEP	November 12 - 18
CNRSE	SUBBASE Kings Bay	FEP	November 12 - 18
CNRJ	CFA Sasebo - SRF JPMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	November 12 - 18
CNRSW	NAF El Centro	FEP	November 27 - Dec 1
CNRH	JB Pearl Harbor Hickam - HRMC	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	December 3 - 8
CNRSE	NAS Kingsville	FEP	December 3 - 9
CNRSE	NAS Corpus Christi	FEP	December 10 - 16
CNRSE	FDRMC - Bahrain	MAJOR FIRE DRILL	December 10 - 16



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



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, 150 individual Life Saving Award certificates have been awarded and 30 lives have been saved.

Below are the awardees from Sept. 6 - Sept. 25, 2023. Bravo Zulu to all. Keep charging!

PROVIDER	REGION/LOCATION	AWARD#	INCIDENT TYPE
FF/EMT Thomas Harrell	CNRMA Dis. 1 NSA Northwest Annex	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Jonathan Simpson	CNRMA Dis. 1 NSA Northwest Annex	1	Cardiac Arrest
Capt. Robert Hill	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	5	Respiratory Arrest
Training Officer Kirk Prinsen	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	5	Respiratory Arrest
FF/Paramedic Joshua Gorr	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	5	Respiratory Arrest
FF/EMT Conner Riley	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	2	Respiratory Arrest
FF/EMT Dennis Weins	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	2	Cardiac Arrest
Chief Charles Benson	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	3	Cardiac Arrest
Capt. Robert Hill	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	6	Cardiac Arrest
Capt. Michael Bruner	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic Joshua Gorr	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	6	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic David Diehl	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	5	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic Glenn Depp	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	5	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Samuel Campbell	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	2	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Michael Collins	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	4	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Patrick Riley	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	2	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Dennis Weins	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	3	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Ethan Walz	CNDW – NSA Annapolis	2	Cardiac Arrest
Capt. Trevor Gaefcke	CNDW – NSF Indian Head	2	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic Roger Kennedy	CNDW – NSF Indian Head	2	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Abigail Brown	CNDW – NSF Indian Head	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Michelle Beall	CNDW – NSF Indian Head	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Michael Baker	CNDW – NSF Indian Head	4	Cardiac Arrest

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Life Saving Awards



PROVIDER	REGION/LOCATION	AWARD#	INCIDENT TYPE
FF/EMT James Rice	CNDW – NSF Indian Head	4	Cardiac Arrest
Capt. Charles Langley	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	3	Cardiac Arrest
Capt. Joshua Carlson	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic Joshua Sneathen	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic James Pizzadili	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	3	Cardiac Arrest
FF/Paramedic Mary Ann Harris	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Jonathan Young	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Keith Mitchell	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Daniel Burroughs	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest
FF/EMT Christopher Harley	CNDW – Joint Base Anacostia Bolling	1	Cardiac Arrest

From the Desk of Gary Easley:

Attention Hall of Fame members, we are pleased to announce that we have mailed out the new Navy F&ES Hall of Fame lapel pin to all our current hall of famers with current addresses on file with our office. If you did not receive your pin or that for a family member inductee, please contact Gary Easley to update your contact information and we will get a pin sent to you.

You may contact Gary by email: gary.m.easley.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone: (202) 433-6527.



Life Saving Awards

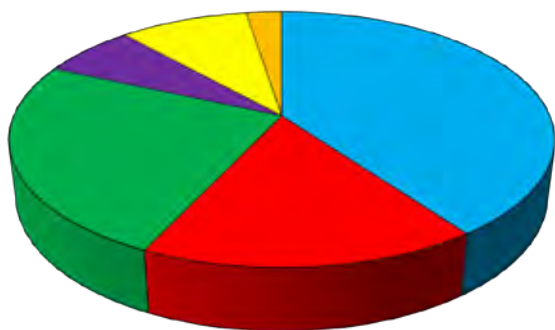


ESAMS Corner Update

By Angela Jordain, ESAMS Fire Technical Support

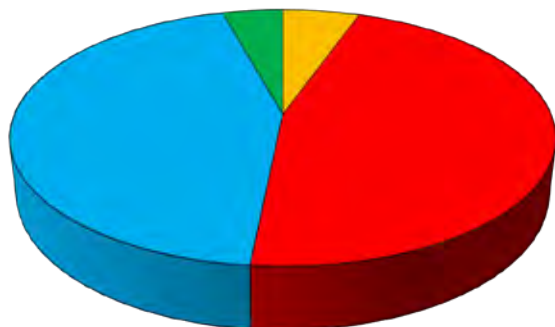
CY 2023 Statistics (01 Jan – 31 August)

Operations



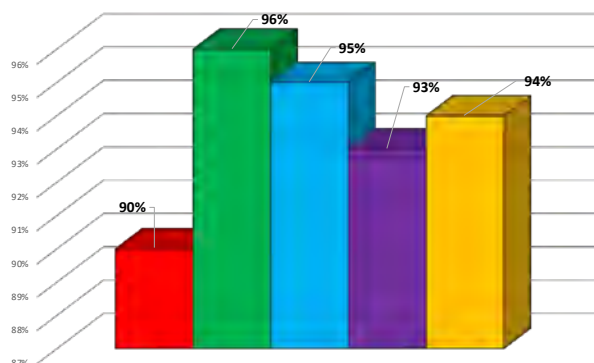
Rescue & EMS	15,259
Hazardous	6,468
False Alarm	9,413
Service Calls	2,544
Good Intent	3,470
Fires	963
Total Incidents	38,117

Prevention



Fire Public Ed Classes	1,810
Hot Work Permits	19,541
Inspections	18,691
Building Evacuation Drills	2,305
Total	42,347

Training



EMS	95%
Proficiency	90%
Emergency Management	96%
Safety	93%
DoD Certification	94%

F&ES on Duty Mishaps Report CY 23

Mishaps Reported: 23

Total Lost Work Days: 7



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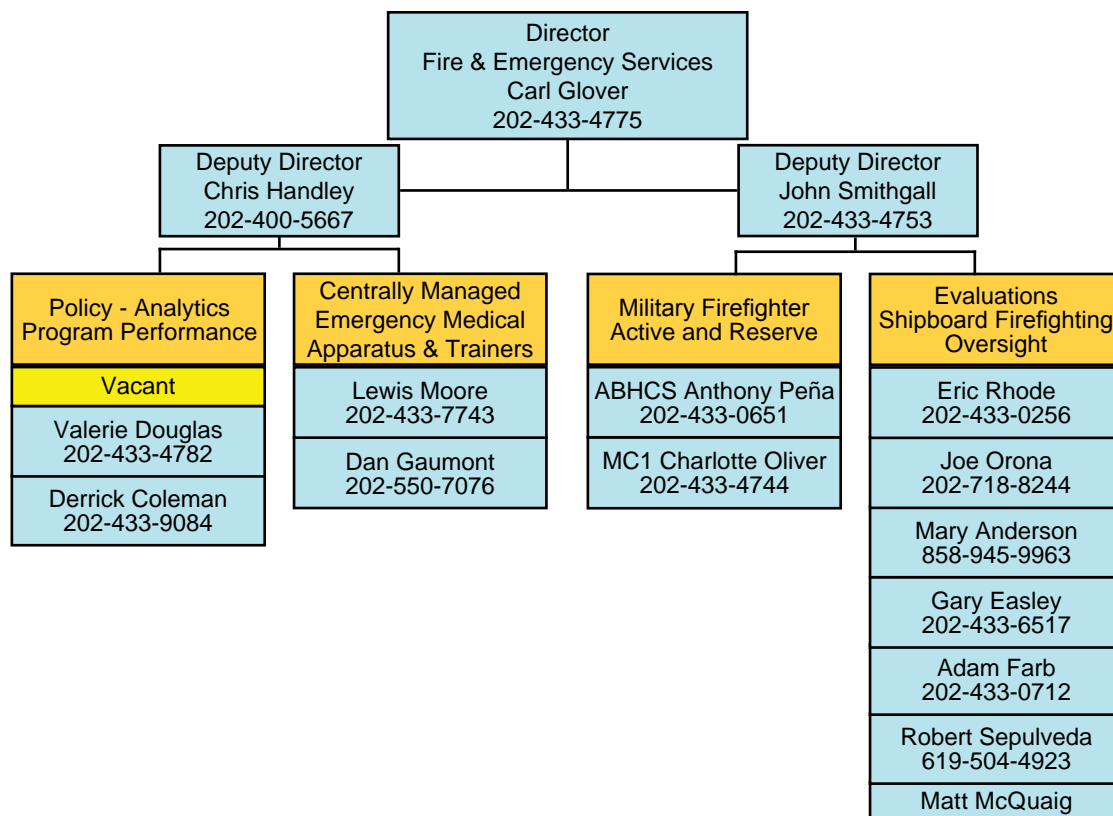
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Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement Awards

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2010 Kim Tae Tang

2014 John Robinson

2017 Thomas McCaffrey

2017 Cort Jamison

2019 Ricky Brockman

2019 Paul Murray

2019 John Rodgers


2019 Michael Murray

2020 Janice Lozoya

2020 Daniel Vogel

2021 James LaConte

2021 ABHCS Anthony Trannum

 2022 Cmdr. Matthew Matthias