Frederick County Fire & Rescue

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Chamber Presents Public Safety Awards

The First Annual Public Safety Awards Breakfast, sponsored by the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, was held July 19, 2012, at the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Hall. Emergency Services Personnel from all over Frederick County came together to be recognized for their community service, and for specific acts of heroism. The Chamber extended their sincere thanks to all of the brave men and women who, every day, placed service before self, and kept our businesses and families safe.

The following awards were presented:

Gold Medal of Valor
Lieutenant Vernon Wachter, Fire & Rescue

Silver Medal of Bravery
Lieutenant Charles Scott, Fire & Rescue
Technician Daniel Hardin, Fire & Rescue
Firefighter Robert Ruch, Fire & Rescue

Silver Medal of Bravery
Lieutenant Warren "Jay" Schwab, Fire & Rescue
Technician Adam Steinberg, Fire & Rescue
Technician Leon Norris, Fire & Rescue
Technician David Millstein, Fire & Rescue
Firefighter David Hubler, Fire & Rescue
Firefighter Jason Patten, Fire & Rescue

Bronze Medal of Outstanding Performance
Detective Jorge Garcia,
Frederick Police Department

Life Saving Award
Paramedic Joshua Dishart, Fire & Rescue

Career Employee of the Year
Technician Christopher Mullendore,
Fire & Rescue

Volunteer of the Year
Reverend Byron Grayson,
Frederick Police Department

Standing L to R are: FF Jason Patten; FF Robert Ruch; Vol. Rev. Byron Grayson; Tech. Leon Norris; Frederick Police Det. Jorge Garcia; Tech. Adam Steinberg; Lt. Charles Scott; Paramedic Joshua Dishart; Tech. Daniel Hardin; Tech. David Millstein; Tech. Christopher Mullendore; Lt. Jay Schwab; FF David Hubler, & Lt. Vernon Wachter.

You're the best! You make us proud.

Annual Meritorious Service Awards Program Held

The Frederick County Fire and Rescue Service's Annual Meritorious Service Awards Program was held on August 26, 2012 at 2:00p.m. in the Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, located at the Frederick Community College. Those receiving awards were:

Gold Medal of Valor
Lt. Vernon Wachter, DFRS

Silver Medal of Bravery
Lt. Warren "Jay" Schwab, DFRS
Tech. Adam Steinberg, DFRS
Tech. David Millstein, DFRS
Tech. Leon Norris, DFRS
FF Jason Patten, DFRS
FF David Hubler, DFRS

Silver Medal of Bravery
Lt. Charles Scott, DFRS
Tech. Daniel Hardin, DFRS
FF Robert Ruch, DFRS

Life Saving Award
Medic Joshua Dishart, DFRS

Supervisor of the Year
Lt. Vernon Wachter, DFRS

Career Firefighter of the Year
Tech. Christopher Mullendore, DFRS

Distinguished Service Award
Tech. James "Matt" Friend, DFRS

Division Achievement Award
Tech. Francis Malta, DFRS

Division Achievement Award
FF Robert McCaa, DFRS

Unit Citation
Lt. Christopher Morlan, DFRS
FF.Michael Pittman, DFRS
FF.Brandyn Thomas, DFRS

Unit Citation
Vol. Deputy Chief Dwayne Ausherman, Independent Hose Co.
Lt. Edward Burke, DFRS
FF.Martin Love, DFRS
Vol. Sergeant Brian Joyner, Independent Hose Co.
Vol. FF Matthew Lyons, Independent Hose Co.
Tech. Brian Yankey, DFRS
FF.Michael Webb, DFRS
FF Aaron Waltz, DFRS
FF Daniel Winters. DFRS
FF Joshua Walter, DFRS
Lt. Christopher Morlan, DFRS
Tech. Larry Kessler, DFRS
FF Tyrone Jenkins, DFRS
Lt. Lenne Stolberg, DFRS
FF Kevin Goforth, DFRS
FF Jason Dickinson, DFRS

Unit Citation
FF Travis McVay, DFRS
FF Tyler Sherman, DFRS
Vol. FF. Rodney Linton, Jefferson VFC
Vol. FF. Todd Webber, Brunswick VFC

Unit Citation
Vol. Chief Brian Yankey, New Market VFC
Lt. Jeremy Wade, DFRS
FF Matthew Miller, DFRS
FF Kelly Lemmons, DFRS
Lt. Joshua Laird, DFRS
FF Charles Burleson, DFRS
FF Chad Johns, DFRS
FF Jeremy McNear, DFRS
Vol. Sergeant Gregory Lawson, New Market VFC
Vol. FF Bruce Johnson, New Market VFC
FF Kevin Goforth, DFRS
FF Timothy Richards, DFRS
Lt. James Davis, DFRS
Tech. Daniel Yaider, DFRS
FF Daniel Minnick, DFRS
FF Edward Godwin, Carroll County Fire and Rescue
FF Joshua Zimmerman, Carroll County Fire and Rescue
FF Ron Shipley, Carroll County Fire and Rescue
FF Christopher Dunn, DFRS
Lt. Michael Cole, DFRS

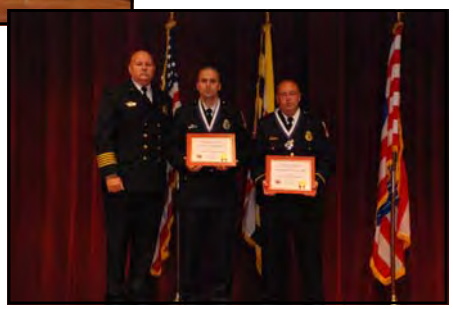
Unit Citation
Lt. Lenne Stolberg, DFRS
Tech. Francis Malta, DFRS
FF Jason Dickinson, DFRS
Vol. Lt. Peter Gorelick, Independent Hose Co.
Vol. FF. Kurt Hornicek, Independent Hose Co.
Vol. FF. Richard Lyons, Independent Hose Co.

Division Staff Service Award
Matthew Staley, DFRS

Citizen Life Saving Award
Jeff McCormick,
Morgan Keller Construction

DFRS Chief Thomas Owens with Gold Medal of Valor & Supervisor of the Year Recipient Lt. Vernon Wachter

Silver Medal of Bravery Recipients:
Lt. Warren "Jay" Schwab
Tech. Adam Steinberg
Tech. David Millstein
Tech. Leon Norris
FF. Jason Patten
FF. David Hubler
Lt. Charles Scott
Tech. Daniel Hardin
FF Robert Ruch not shown



Career Firefighter of the Year Recipient
Technician Christopher Mullendore

Distinguished Service Award Recipient
Technician James "Matt" Friend

Division Achievement Award Recipient
Technician Francis Malta

Division Staff Service Award Recipient Matthew Staley

Citizen Life Saving Award Recipient Jeff McCormick

Division Achievement Award Recipient FF Robert McCaa

Ceremony Highlights

Congratulations!

American Legion Awards Ceremony Held

The Francis Scott Key American Legion Post #11, held its 12th Annual Awards Banquet on

Friday, June 29, 2012. The American Legion presented Firefighter/EMT of the Year awards to Firefighter Jonathan McKee, Firefighter Dave Hubler, Firefighter Jason Patten, Firefighter/Technician Adam Steinberg, Firefighter/Technician Leon Norris, Firefighter/Technician David Millstein, and Lieutenant Warren "Jay" Schwab.

Firefighter Jonathan McKee was recognized for his assistance and bravery during a confined-space rescue in a grain silo.

Firefighters Hubler, Patten, Steinberg, Norris, Millstein & Schwab were recognized for responding heroically to the scene of a shooting involving multiple patients, all while facing the extreme danger of a shooter at large.

Myersville Receives EMS Care Award

On June 29, 2012 the Meritus Medical Center, Trauma and Emergency Services

awarded the EMS Excellence in Care Award to personnel from the Myersville Fire Company and the Frederick County DFRS. This award recognized those who responded to the scene of a motorcycle accident on Interstate 70, where the patient suffered critical injuries after striking a road sign. Thanks to the excellent care rendered by the Frederick County providers and the Meritus Medical Center, the patient was able to returned home to Seattle to recuperate fully after a two-2-week hospital stay.

In Frederick County, call 911 for Emergencies, or 301-600-1603 for Non-Emergencies.

Volunteer Orientation Training Class A Huge Success

Whether you are starting out as a volunteer firefighter, EMT, or in a non-operational role at your fire rescue department, there is something for you to learn at the Orientation Training Class, held every other month at the Public Safety Training Facility in Frederick. The seven-session course gives an introduction to Frederick County's Fire and Rescue Service and includes a tour of Communications and Trooper 3, as well as, CPR training, HIPAA, EEO, Bloodborne Pathogens, Introduction to Apparatus and more. To date, approximately fifty, new volunteers have attended the training class.

"The GEAR UP Orientation Training Class has been an excellent first step into the fire rescue service. It has taught me the basics of the service and has given me insight into what is to come. I'd recommend it to all who want to join this organization," says Nathan Gesse, of Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company.

The next Orientation Training Class (#5) will meet on Tues/Thurs evenings from 7-10pm on October 2nd – October 23rd. You must be affiliated with a Frederick County Fire Rescue department to attend, and, once registered, all sessions are mandatory.

Please register by contacting Mary Baker at 301-600-2282 or

mbaker@frederickcountymd.gov.

Volunteer Orientation Class #4

DFRS Welcomes New Paramedic

The Division of Fire & Rescue Services would like to extend a warm welcome to Matthew Hanks, our new full-time Paramedic.

Matt has been a part-time employee with DFRS since August of 2009, and he comes to us with a wealth of experience. Matt lives in Sykesville, with wife, Dana. He loves motorcycling, and he's very happy to be full-time with DFRS. We look forward to working with him in his new role.

Congratulations Matt!

Visit us on the web at www.frederickcountymd.gov

IAFF Local 3666 Offers MAYDAY Training

There is no call more challenging to fire ground operations than a MAYDAY call — that unthinkable moment when a firefighter's personal safety is in imminent danger. Firefighter fatality data compiled by the United States Fire Administration has shown that firefighters "becoming trapped and disoriented represent the largest portion of structural fire ground fatalities." The incidents in which firefighters have lost their lives, or lived to tell about it, have a consistent theme — inadequate situational awareness put them at risk.

Firefighters don't plan to be lost, disoriented, injured, or trapped during a structure fire or emergency incident, but fires are unpredictable, volatile and ruthless – they will not go according to plan. What a firefighter knows about a fire before entering a blazing building may radically change within minutes of entering the structure. Smoke, low visibility, lack of oxygen, structural instability and an unpredictable fire ground can cause even the most seasoned firefighter to be overwhelmed in an instant. It's not a matter of IF the MAYDAY happens, it's WHEN!

The guiding fire service philosophy for decades has been training for success — we teach how to put the fire out or mitigate other hazards and hope that everyone goes home. What we have failed to consistently do is drill for when failure *does* occur; without such training fire fighters do not have the practiced skills to rely on IF and WHEN they get into trouble.

The IAFF Fire Ground Survival (FGS) program is the most comprehensive survival skills and MAYDAY prevention program currently available within the fire service. Incorporating federal regulations, proven incident management best practices, survival techniques from leaders in the field, and real case studies from experienced fire fighters, the FGS program prepares all firefighters for when and if the unfortunate happens.

To register for this FREE training visit the health, safety, & medicine page at www.iaff.org.

The Frederick County Career Firefighters Association will begin selling their pink t-shirts soon.

Contact Technician Frank Malta, FS#2, B shift, for more information:

fmalta@frederickcountymd.gov

The Division of Fire & Rescue Services is currently recruiting qualified Part-Time Paramedics and Firefighterss. Those interested in additional details should access the County's website at:

www.frederickcountymd.gov

Application for the Part-Time positions must be made electronically through the County website. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

In Case You Were Wondering . . .

What is an Ambulance Company?

The fire and rescue service operates several types of tactical "companies" that perform specific functions during emergency incidents. The primary companies include: Engine Companies, Ladder or Truck Companies, Rescue Companies and Ambulance Companies. This article will focus on explaining the Ambulance Company.

The Ambulance Company is one of the basic service tactical companies in the fire and rescue service. As a basic service unit, ambulances are available in nearly every community fire – rescue station in Frederick County. The vehicle operated as an Ambulance is typically a medium duty truck or van chassis. These chassis are then converted to add a custom made patient module that is then mounted to the chassis. The patient module has a center aisle for the patient cot, seating for the patient attendants and a variety of internal and external storage compartments specifically designed to mount emergency medical equipment and carry supplies for treatment of the sick and injured.

Ambulance Companies primarily respond to medical emergencies and vehicle crashes to provide treatment and transport of the sick and injured, but they are also dispatched to other types of incidents to provide support services. For example, at the scene of a building fire, in addition to caring for any injuries that may occur, ambulance companies provide medical monitoring of firefighters during their rehab period and many ambulance companies in the county operate boats to perform water rescue when necessary.

Emergency Medical Services is the area of highest service demand, so ambulances are our busiest tactical units. In calendar year 2011, ambulances responded to nearly 20,000 incidents countywide, an average of 55 incidents per day.

An Ambulance is staffed by a *minimum* of two personnel that include an EMT Driver and an EMT Patient Attendant. This level of emergency medical staffing allows the

ambulance to provide a basic life support level of patient care and transport to a hospital. When the medical condition of a patient is serious or life threatening, an EMT-Paramedic is added to the ambulance crew. The addition of a Paramedic then allows the ambulance to provide an advanced life support level of patient care.

It's Back to School Time!

Frederick County schools opened on Monday, August 27th, and we would like to remind everyone, parents and drivers, to do their part to keep kids safe as they wait for the bus or walk to school. If you drive to work, please give yourself a little extra time for your commute — new bus stops and bus routes *could* cause delays.

Also, please be aware of cross-walks for those students who walk to school. Be prepared to stop and, as always, please be kind to crossing guards.

Top Back to School Safety Tips

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Reminder for your kids:

- They should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Make sure they always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them

"Keep Kids Safe" Child Safety Seat Program

Fully sixty-seven percent (67%) of the child safety seats checked so far this year were found to be installed incorrectly. If you are unsure as to whether or not your child's safety seat is properly installed, please contact the DFRS Child Safety Seat Hotline at 301-600-SEAT (301-600-7328) to schedule an appointment.

The remaining Safety Seat Checkpoint schedule for 2012 is as follows:

Date	Time	Place	Address
Friday, September 14, 2012	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Costco - Frederick	10 Monocacy Blvd. Frederick, MD 21704
Sunday, November 11, 2012	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Spring Ridge Fire Station Station 33	6061 Spring Ridge Pky. Frederick, MD 21701

October is Fire Prevention Month!

The history of National Fire Prevention Month has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 8-10, 1871. Over 300 people lost their lives, and over 3 square miles of the city was destroyed.

There are many things that people can do to improve their safety at home, school, or work! First, install smoke detectors in all hallways and bedrooms in your home. In Frederick County, if you need assistance in obtaining smoke detectors, go to:

smokealarm@frederickcountymd.gov. or call 301-600-7275.

Second, have an escape plan that includes:

- Two different ways out
- Someone assigned to help those that need help getting out.
- Someone assigned to call 911.
- A meeting place for everyone once they get out.

Third, if you do have a fire — **GET OUT and STAY OUT!**

Sparky the Fire Dog® says —
"Stay Safe!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2012

1 – Wing Night @ Thurmont Community Ambulance
8 – Flea Market @ Urbana VFD
8 – Bingo Bash @ Emmistburg VAC
15 – Country Breakfast Buffet @ Myersville VFD
17 – Annual Wayne Hinkle Memorial Golf Tournament @ Myersville VFC
22 – BBQ Chicken Dinner @ New Market VFC
29 – Money Bingo @ Thurmont Community Ambulance
29—Community Public Safety Open House @ New Market Food Lion
30 – "Blueville Beans & Bags" Chili Cook-Off @ Walkersville VRC

October 2012

6 – Sportsmens Raffle and Dinner @ Myersville VFD
7 – Bonanza Bingo @ Jefferson VFD
13 – 14 – Colorfest Apple Dumplings @ Thurmont Community Park for the Thurmont Community Ambulance
13 – Sportsman's Raffle @ Urbana VFD
13 – 3rd Annual Fall Mountain Car Show @ Myersville VFD
20 – Oyster & Shrimp Feed @ Thurmont Community Ambulance
20 – Country Breakfast Buffet @ Myersville VFD
21 – Fire Prevention Open House @ Urbana VFD
27 – Car show rain date @ Myersville VFD

Walkersville VFC ~ Bingo held every Thursday except during Carnival and Thanksgiving weeks!

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT INSURANCE PROGRAM

The ambulance Subscription Club Program is a supplemental funding plan designed to relieve patients and their family members from costs associated with an ambulance transport that is not covered by insurance. It is available to all citizens of Frederick County.

Types of Memberships & Rates

Senior Citizen (per person aged 60+)	**$15.00/yr**
Individual (Including Disabled)	**$25.00/yr**
Household (three or more)	**$50.00/yr**

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