



**CHIEF'S CORNER**

**A Trip to Philly: What Can We Learn**

Hello everyone and welcome to the October edition of the Chief's Corner. I hope you and yours are doing well and enjoying this great fall weather. These last several days have been really nice with warm temperatures in the afternoon and cooling down at night. Just right for football and other outdoor activities. For this month's topic I am going to discuss a recent trip my wife and I took to the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia.

Several weeks ago, Rebecca and I took the Amtrak from Lynchburg to Philly to spend a few days exploring the historical aspects of the city and visiting some of the sights. We had a very nice relaxing ride and arrived at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station just after lunch. We loaded our luggage and walked a couple of miles to the hotel. After checking in the hotel, we decided to get a feel for the area and see what sights we would visit over the next two days. We walked a block to Independence Hall and then across the grassy area to the Liberty Bell. All of the important historical sites were within several blocks of each other and there were only a few other people visiting. This made the entire trip enjoyable and relaxing as well. I chose to discuss this trip because of the leadership lessons that can be learned by studying the founding fathers and the sacrifices they made to form this nation.

When the founding fathers met in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776, they knew that it would be risky. To even speak poorly about the King of England was considered treason and they were entertaining thoughts of sedition. When these men voted for independence and signed the declaration, they were making a huge sacrifice. They were pledging their support, their fortunes, and their very lives to the cause. If the whole thing went wrong they would literally pay with their lives. A quote from Ben Franklin sums up the situation: "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." The signers of the Declaration of Independence understood what would be required of them and they were willing to do whatever it took to be free.

To say these men were visionaries and leaders would be an understatement. They knew what leadership required and were willing to set the example and pay the price. We need learn from them and become better leaders ourselves. To be a leader you need to set the example and be willing to make the sacrifices. You must not be afraid to "step out there" and do something. Don't sit back and complain, do something about the situation. Take the risk! Leadership is hard. It opens you up to criticism and possible failure. But, to do nothing is much worse.

During a tour of Independence Hall, we visited the room where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were debated, drafted, and signed. While I was standing there I was thinking about what actually started there. The first attempt

at self-government by the people. This idea, born in Philly years ago, is still growing today. Countries (and people) all over the world are trying to copy this idea and attempting to establish a democratic form of government. Look at some of the events in the Middle East over the last year and the demonstrations in Hong Kong going on now. It all started with individuals who were willing to lead and take a risk. Imagine what we as a department can do if we are only willing to take a chance and "just do it."

While I was in Philadelphia, I also had the chance to read some famous quotes from Thomas Jefferson, one of the best known of the founding fathers and a favorite figure of mine. I thought you might enjoy some of them. As you read them remember when they were written and consider them in the context of today's world. We still have a lot to learn. Take a look at these...

"The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest."

"Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom."

"The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object."

"I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."

"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

The last one especially resonates with me. While you may not agree with all of these, I think they give us something to think about and we should learn from history.

Well, that is all for this month. I just wanted to provide some insight into the leadership displayed by the men who helped found this country and encourage fire department members to learn from them.

Keep up the great work and when you see a leadership void, fill it. Take care until next time and never forget the most important rule: "Everyone goes home safe at the end of the shift."

Chief

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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members who celebrate anniversaries with the department in October

### 36 Years

Eddie Campbell

### 33 Years

Ricky Bomar

### 28 Years

Thomas Mack

### 23 Years

Mike Richardson

### 22 Years

Tom Bartell  
Quincy Scott  
Sean Regan  
Allen Carwile

### 18 Years

Darrell Hamlett  
Roger Harris  
Warren Jamerson  
John Norman

### 16 Years

Jason Campbell

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Derik and Jessica Hudson on the birth of their daughter, Dendyl Bree. She was born September 4<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz.
- Congratulations to Zach and Amy Foster on the birth of their son, Henry David. He was born September 28<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz.

## CERTIFICATIONS

### Fire Instructor I

Andrew Jenks  
Eric Mendel

## FAREWELL

Farewell to Firefighter Chris Spencer whose last day with the Fire Department was September 30, 2014. We wish him well in his endeavors and thank him for his service.

## OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!



## LYNCHBURG TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW APPARATUS

By: Battalion Chief Keith Johnson and Captain Chris Adams

The Lynchburg Fire Department has taken delivery on three new Pierce fire apparatus and one new PL Custom Medic Unit.

The two new pumpers and a 105 foot all mechanical T-3 rear steer ladder truck are all on Dash CF chassis equipped with 1500 gpm PUC pumps and 500 HP Detroit engines. The pumpers carry 750 gallons of water and the ladder quint has 360 gallons on board.

The ambulance is designed with "the medic in mind," providing enhanced safety and efficiency. It is powered by a Kenworth T300 medium duty chassis.



### New Medic Unit Provide New Features!

By now many of you have probably had a chance to see the new medic unit that arrived on September 19, 2014. You have probably also noted some very significant changes with this medic unit compared to what we have been using for quite some time.

As we progressed through the process of building the specifications on this medic unit, we felt it was time for some changes. These changes were not to just say we wanted something different, but will have improved operational and safety features. Some of the things you will notice on the exterior are Kenworth chassis, roll-up compartment doors, and improved emergency lighting. Changes to patient compartment include improved restraint systems, electronic drug box locking system, and the new "medic in mind" layout that allows our providers to stay in one position in the medic unit while providing patient care.



We look forward to placing these apparatus in service in the near future.

## ANNUAL FALLEN FIRE FIGHTER MEMORIAL SERVICE

By: Battalion Chief Robert Lipscomb

The Lynchburg Fire Department held its annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on October 5, 2014 at the Firefighters Memorial Fountain in Miller Park.

This service honored 22 Lynchburg Firefighters and three area volunteer firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Retired Firefighter Glen Harrison and his son, Firefighter Tyler Harrison, placed the wreath at the fountain to honor the 22 Lynchburg Firefighters who made the supreme sacrifice. Members of the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department and Brookville Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department were present to place a rose in honor of members of their organizations who also made the ultimate sacrifice.

## EMSAT

An EMSAT webcast will be held on October 15, 2014 (B Shift) at 7:30 p.m.. The topic is Respiratory Distress in the Adult Patient. (The web address is: <http://www.whro.org/home/html/podcasts/oems>)

Category 1- ALS (Area 88) Assess & Provide Care Respiratory Distress in Adult Patient  
Category 1- BLS (Area 05) Medical Emergencies

Captains and Master Firefighters should have personnel complete an ALS and BLS roster and submit it to Captain Matt Millner in the Training Division.

## 9/11 STAIR CLIMB

By: Firefighter Marty Misjuns

The Fire Foundation's first 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb was held on September 13, 2014 and was a huge success!

We had approximately 150 participants, and raised about \$10,000. Below is information on how the funds that were raised will be used...

- Fifty percent of the net proceeds will be contributed to the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation.
- We are working with Kenny Kirby and the Central Virginia Firefighter's Association to acquire two sealift containers and fire bricks to build a flashover simulator at the training center. We are also developing a budget and determining what other items will be necessary to complete the project.
- We plan to hold a minimal amount of seed funding to conduct another stair climb next year.
- The remainder of the proceeds will be donated to the Central Virginia Burn Camp.



Plans will be underway beginning in November for the 2015 Lynchburg Memorial Stair Climb. Watch for information and opportunities on how to help from The Stair Climb Coordination Team! We had a great turnout for our first event, and look forward to seeing 343 participants next year! Thanks for your support!

## FIRST FRIDAY AT MUSEUM

By: Captain Jonathan Wright

On September 5, 2014, the Lynchburg Museum's "First Friday" event featured exhibits highlighting the history of the Lynchburg Fire Department (LFD). According to Laura Lembas, Curator of the Lynchburg Museum, the event "went well and the turnout was fantastic."



Among the items displayed were the 1943 Seagrave Pumper (Old Engine 1), a Sam Eastman nozzle, and a first generation defibrillator. One item receiving particular attention was the "LFD Chiefs" framed display. This display, with pictures of all nine of the Lynchburg Fire Department's Fire Chiefs, was organized and funded by the Lynchburg Fire Department Museum, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

The fire department's artifacts were chosen for display because of the department's long history with the city, according to Museum Director Doug Harvey. "They have a long history, and they care about their history," Harvey said of the Lynchburg Fire Department. "They've been an integral part of Lynchburg history for a long time, and they've saved a lot of heritage."



## 2014 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Once again, the Lynchburg Fire Department has partnered with local businesses to raise awareness and funds for The Centra Foundation's M.A.A.M. Fund (Mammograms Annually A Must).



2014 Shirt Design

M.A.A.M. is a local volunteer group associated with The Centra Foundation, whose mission is to raise awareness of the importance of screening mammograms. M.A.A.M. helps to fund and organize free mammography screening for the community and supports media campaigns to build awareness about mammography.

Members of the Lynchburg Fire Department will wear the "special edition" shirts during the week of October 13-18, 2014. In addition, shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be available for the public to purchase!

## 2014 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Once again, New Life Laser Engraving is offering Lynchburg Fire Department Christmas ornaments. This year, the ornament depicts the Fireman's Fountain.

The price of the ornament is \$10. For each ornament sold, New Life Laser Engraving will donate \$1 to The Fire Foundation. A sample of the ornament is available for viewing at Fire Administration in the Chief's Office.

To place your order, contact Tammy Sage in the Chief's Office (ext. 6341, or by email). The deadline to order is November 24<sup>th</sup> (Payment is due at the time your order is placed). Ornaments will be available for pick up the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>.





## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

By: Ann Jenkins

This year, the United Way is launching its "Education Readiness Initiative," with the goal of achieving 90 percent third grade reading proficiency by the year 2025. Early childhood education is the key to setting a child on the path to a lifetime of success. Statistics show that third grade reading proficiency is a strong indicator of whether a child will go on to graduate high school, go to college, or enter the workforce. Please take a few minutes to watch the video on the United Way website ([unitedwaycv.org](http://unitedwaycv.org) - "Meet Jamie"). This will help drive home the importance of the "Education Readiness Initiative."

By now you should have received your individual pledge form and information about this year's United Way campaign. Please take a moment to review the form and the brochure that lists all of the Central Virginia agencies that United Way helps fund. These organizations are doing great things like helping feed the hungry, delivering books to low-income children, or providing shelter to those in need, just to name a few. Thanks to the generosity of some local companies who are "Corporate Keystone Partners," 100 percent of every dollar you donate to the United Way's General Fund goes directly to their partner agencies, giving you the most "bang for your buck."

We all are stretched thin these days ... with our time, our energy, and our money. It's easy to say, "I do enough already," or "I can't afford to give this year." But remember, that even a small, one-time donation or a payroll deduction of just a few dollars a month can make a big difference in the community where you live and serve.

Once again this year we have decided to combine our annual fundraising campaign with the United Way October food drive. October is generally a challenging month for the local food banks in our area. In addition to the other good work of United Way, they also have an annual food drive in October. Last year bins were placed in all of the fire stations during the month of October and we will be doing so again this year.

As dedicated City employees, I know you all serve your community well every day ... this is the time of year when you're asked to do just a little bit extra...thank you again for everything you do.

## FLU SHOTS



The City will once again be offering free flu shots to all City employees on October 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Training Room (1700 Memorial Avenue) between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

In addition, as in the past, fire department field personnel will receive flu shots at the fire stations. Occupational Health staff will visit the fire stations October 28 (C-Shift), October 29 (A-Shift), and October 30 (B-Shift).

## 60 SECOND SAFETY

By: Battalion Chief Ricky Bomar

### WEAR

### YOUR

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### PROTECTIVE

### EQUIPMENT



#### Checking Power Equipment

- Helmet
- Hearing Protection
- Eye Protection
- Gloves
- Protective Footwear

#### Traffic Safety

- Traffic Safety Vest
- Protective Footwear

#### Structural Firefighting

- Turnout Gear
- SCBA
- Helmet
- Gloves
- Structural Firefighting Boots

#### Boat Operations

- Helmet
- Personal Flotation Device

#### Ambulance Operations

- Eye Protection
- Face Mask
- Medical Gloves
- Protective Footwear